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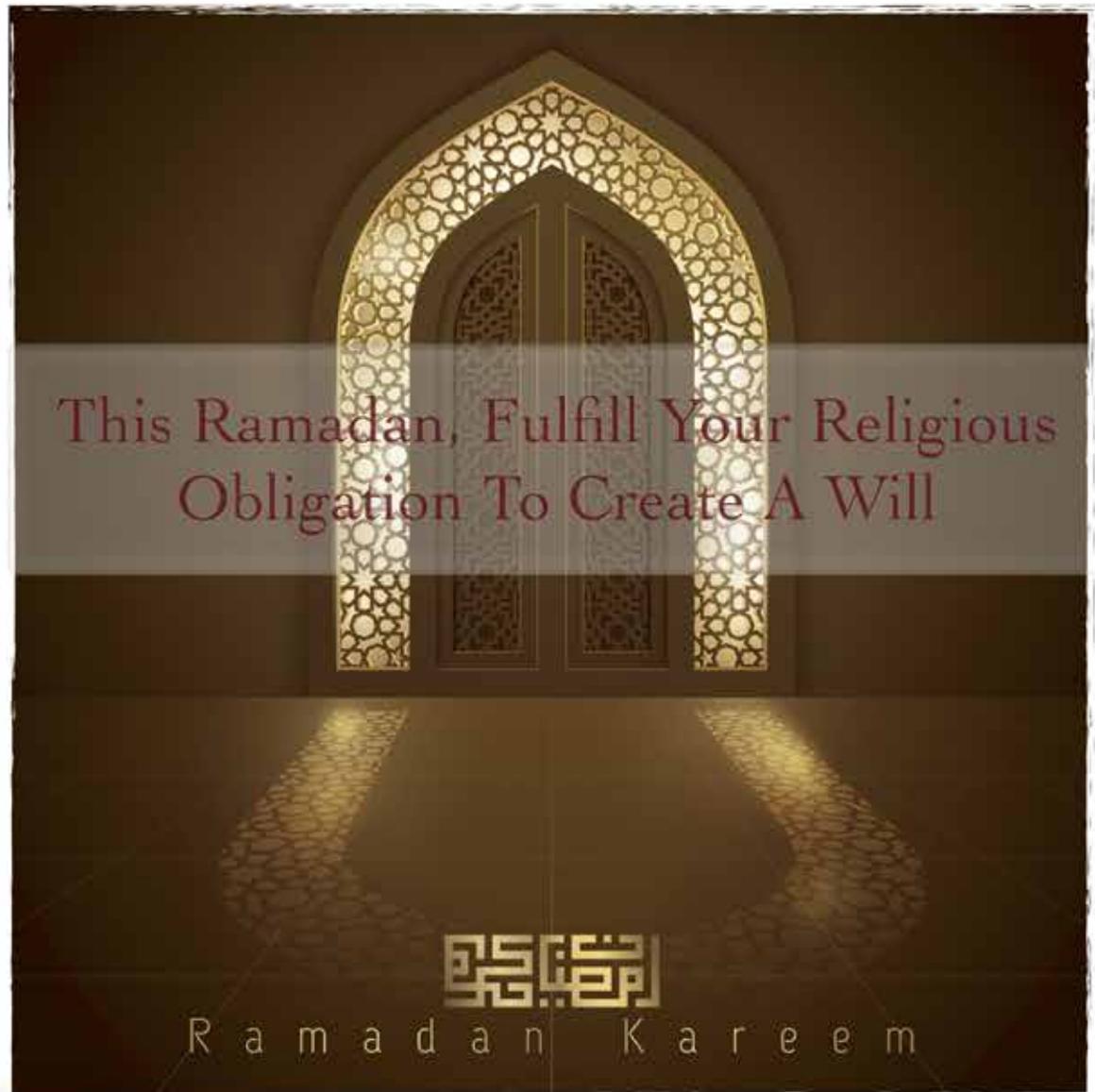
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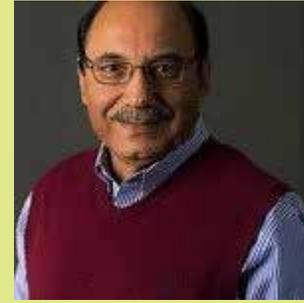
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Community honors bravery of stabbing victims in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore. -- Following a brutal stabbing on a MAX train that left two men dead and another injured, the Portland community came together to honor their bravery.

A vigil at the Hollywood Transit Center, where the stabbing occurred, brought out hundreds of people, including Mayor Ted Wheeler, U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley, and Commissioner Amanda Fritz.

They spoke of the courage of the three victims, who on Saturday were identified as 53-year-old Ricky John Best, of Happy Valley, 23-year-old Taliesin Myrddin Namkai Meche, of Southeast Portland, and 21-year-old Micah David-Cole Fletcher of Southeast Portland. Best and Meche were killed in the stabbing. Fletcher is expected to survive.

A number of Meche's family members spoke at the vigil. His sister described him as a loving and compassionate person.

"He worked for an environmental consulting agency as a career, just bought a house, had a girlfriend, wanted to get married and have babies," she said. Earlier in the day, a woman who identified herself as Best's mother didn't want to be on camera, but said he was a dedicated dad, had been in the military, and didn't stand for people picking on others.

"It hurts to know that somebody would harm somebody that positive," said Mandela Cordeta, who says he's known Fletcher for more than 10 years.

At the vigil, some people had messages to parents.

"Your son was amazing because he saved the lives of probably two Muslim women," said a woman wearing a hijab. Some of the speakers directed pointed questions at the crowd.



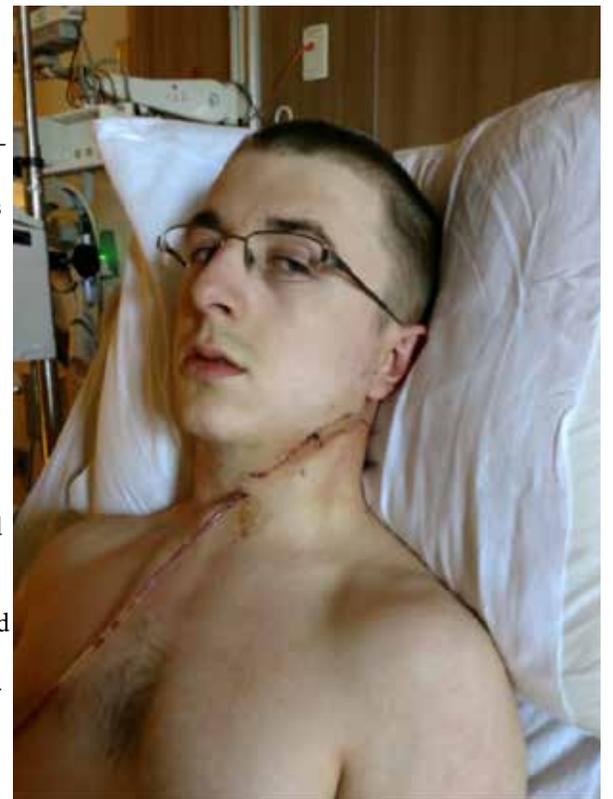
"What would you do," asked one man.

Whatever their purpose for coming, all the people with their candles, compassion and caring, showed how Portland comes together in times of tragedy.

Portland police spokesman Sgt. Pete Simpson said Christian was yelling hate speech on the train. While Simpson said the rants weren't exclusively anti-Muslim, he said at some point Christian began directing his speech at two younger women who were believed to be Muslim. Witnesses said one was wearing a hijab.

"[The suspect] was just cursing, cursing, cursing, and so the passengers were getting nervous so the girls moved to our area," said Arsenia Brittell, who was seated behind the driver of the train. "He was saying something about America, 'This a free country, I can do whatever I want,' and other people said, 'Calm down.'"

While Christian was yelling, other passengers began to try to de-escalate the situation. That's when Christian attacked three of the people who intervened, Simpson said.



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The virtues of Ramadaan

What is RAMADAN ?

Praise be to Allaah, blessings and peace be upon Prophet Muhammad the noblest of Allaah's creation and upon his family and companions and those who follow him.

Ramadaan is one of the twelve Arabic months. It is a month which is venerated in the Islamic religion, and it is distinguished from the other months by a number of characteristics and virtues, including the following:

1 – Allaah has made fasting this month the fourth pillar of Islam, as He says (interpretation of the meaning):

“The month of Ramadan in which was revealed the Qur’aan, a guidance for mankind and clear proofs for the guidance and the criterion (between right and wrong). So whoever of you sights (the crescent on the first night of) the month (of Ramadan i.e. is present at his home), he must observe Sawm (fasts) that month...” [al-Baqarah 2:185]

and it was narrated in al-Saheehayn (al-Bukhaari, 8; Muslim, 16) from the hadeeth of Ibn ‘Umar that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: “Islam is built on five (pillars): the testimony that there is no god except Allaah and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allaah; establishing prayer; paying zakaah; fasting Ramadaan; and Hajj to the House (the Ka’bah).”

2 – Allaah revealed the Qur’aan in this month, as He says in the verse quoted above (interpretation of the meaning):

“The month of Ramadan in which was revealed the Qur’aan, a guidance for mankind and clear proofs for the guidance and the criterion (between right and wrong)...” [al-Baqarah 2:185]

And Allaah says (interpretation of the meaning):

“Verily, We have sent it (this Qur’aan) down in the Night of Al-Qadr (Decree).” [al-Qadr 97:1]

3 – Allaah has made Laylat al-Qadr in this month, which is better than a thousand months, as Allaah says (interpretation of the meaning):

“Verily, We have sent it (this Qur’aan) down in the Night of Al-Qadr (Decree).

And what will make you know what the Night of Al-Qadr (Decree) is?

The Night of Al-Qadr (Decree) is better than a thousand months (i.e. worshipping Allaah in that night is better than worshipping Him a thousand months, i.e. 83 years and 4 months).

Therein descend the angels and the Rooh [Jibreel (Gabriel)] by Allaah's Permission with all Decrees, (All that night), there is peace (and goodness from Allaah to His believing slaves) until the appearance of dawn” [al-Qadar 97:1-5]

“We sent it (this Qur’aan) down on a blessed night [(i.e. the Night of Al-Qadr) in the month of Ramadan — the 9th month of the Islamic calendar]. Verily, We are ever warning [mankind that Our Torment will reach those who disbelieve in Our Oneness of Lordship and in Our Oneness of worship]” [al-Dukhaan 44:3]

Allaah has blessed Ramadaan with Laylat al-Qadr. Explaining the great status of this blessed night, Soorat

al-Qadr was revealed, and there are many ahaadeeth which also speak of that, such as the hadeeth of Abu Hurayrah (may Allaah be pleased with him) who said: The Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: “There has come to you Ramadaan, a blessed month which Allaah has enjoined you to fast, during which the gates of heaven are opened and the gates of Hell are closed, and the rebellious devils are chained up. In it there is a night which is better than a thousand months, and whoever is deprived of its goodness is indeed deprived.”

Narrated by al-Nasaa'i, 2106; Ahmad, 8769. classed as saheeh by al-Albaani in Saheeh al-Targheeb, 999.

And Abu Hurayrah (may Allaah be pleased with him) said: The Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: “Whoever spends Laylat al-Qadr in prayer out of faith and in the hope of reward, will be forgiven his previous sins.” Narrated by al-Bukhaari, 1910; Muslim, 760.

4 – Allaah has made fasting Ramadaan and spending its nights in prayer out of faith and in the hope of reward a means of forgiveness of sins, as was proven in al-Saheehayn (al-Bukhaari, 2014; Muslim, 760) from the hadeeth of Abu Hurayrah according to which the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: “Whoever fasts Ramadaan out of faith and in the hope of reward, his previous sins will be forgiven.” And al-Bukhaari (2008) and Muslim (174) also narrated from Abu Hurayrah that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: “Whoever spends the nights of Ramadaan in prayer out of faith and in the hope of reward, his previous sins will be forgiven.”

The Muslims are unanimously agreed that it is Sunnah to pray qiyaam at night in Ramadaan. Al-Nawawi said that what is meant by praying qiyaam in Ramadaan is to pray Taraweeh, i.e., one achieves what is meant by qiyaam by praying Taraaweeh.

5 – In this month, Allaah opens the gates of Paradise and closes the gates of Hell, and chains up the devils, as is stated in al-Saheehayn (al-Bukhaari, 1898; Muslim, 1079), from the hadeeth of Abu Hurayrah who said that the Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: “When Ramadaan comes, the gates of Paradise are opened and the gates of Hell are closed, and the devils are chained up.”

6 – Every night Allaah has people whom He redeems from the Fire. Imam Ahmad (5/256) narrated from the hadeeth of Abu Umaamah that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: “At every breaking of the fast, Allaah has people whom He redeems.” Al-Mundhiri said: there is nothing wrong with its isnaad; and it was classed as saheeh by al-Albaani in Saheeh al-Targheeb, 987.

Al-Bazaar (Kashf 962) narrated that Abu Sa'eed said: The Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: “Allaah has people whom He redeems every day and night – i.e., in Ramadaan – and every Muslim every day and night has a prayer that is answered.”

7 – Fasting Ramadaan is a means of expiation for the sins committed since the previous Ramadaan, so long as one avoids major sins. It was proven in Saheeh Muslim (233) that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: “The five daily prayers, from one Jumu'ah to the next and from one Ramadaan to the next are expiation for (sins committed) in between, so long as you avoid major sins.”

8 – Fasting in Ramadaan is equivalent to fasting ten months, as is indicated by the hadeeth in Saheeh Muslim (1164) narrated from Abu Ayyoob al-Ansaari: “Whoever fasts Ramadaan then follows it with six days of Shawwaal, it will be like fasting for a lifetime.” Ahmad (21906) narrated that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: “Whoever fasts Ramadaan, a month is like ten months, and fasting six days after al-Fitr will complete the year.”

9 – Whoever prays qiyaam in Ramadaan with the imam until he finishes, it will be recorded for him that he spent the whole night in prayer, because of the report narrated by Abu Dawood (1370) and others from the hadeeth of Abu Dharr (may Allaah be pleased with him) that the Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: “Whoever prays qiyaam with the imam until he finishes, it will be recorded for him that he spent the whole night in prayer.” Classed as saheeh by al-Albaani in Salaat al-Taraaweeh, p. 15

10 – ‘Umrah in Ramadaan is equivalent to Hajj. Al-Bukhaari (1782) and Muslim (1256) narrated that Ibn ‘Abbaas said: The Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said to a woman among the Ansaar, “What kept you from doing Hajj with us?” She said, “We only had two camels that we used for bringing water.” So her husband and son had gone for Hajj on one camel, and he left the other for them to use for bringing water.” He said, “When Ramadaan comes, go for ‘Umrah, for ‘Umrah in Ramadaan is equivalent to Hajj.” According to a report narrated by Muslim, “... is equivalent to doing Hajj with me.”

11 – It is Sunnah to observe i'tikaaf (retreat for the purpose of worship) in Ramadaan, because the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) always did that, as it was narrated in the hadeeth of 'Aa'ishah (may Allaah be pleased with her) that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) used to spend the last ten days of Ramadaan in i'tikaaf until he passed away, then his wives observed i'tikaaf after him.” Narrated by al-Bukhaari, 1922; Muslim, 1172.

12 – It is mustahabb in the sense of being strongly recommended in Ramadaan to study the Qur'aan together and to read it a great deal. You may study the Qur'aan together by reciting it to someone else and by having someone else recite it to you. The evidence that this is mustahabb is the fact that Jibreel used to meet the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) every night in Ramadaan and study the Qur'aan with him. Narrated by al-Bukhaari, 6; Muslim, 2308.

Reading Qur'aan is mustahabb in general, but more so in Ramadaan.

13 – It is mustahabb in Ramadaan to offer iftaar to those who are fasting, because of the hadeeth of Zayd ibn Khaalid al-Juhani (may Allaah be pleased with him) who said: The Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: “Whoever gives iftaar to one who is fasting will have a reward like his, without that detracting from the fasting person's reward in the slightest.” Narrated by al-Tirmidhi, 807; Ibn Maajah, 1746; classed as saheeh by al-Albaani in Saheeh al-Tirmidhi, 647. see question no:

And Allaah knows best.

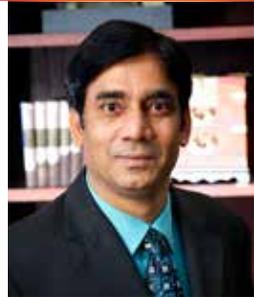
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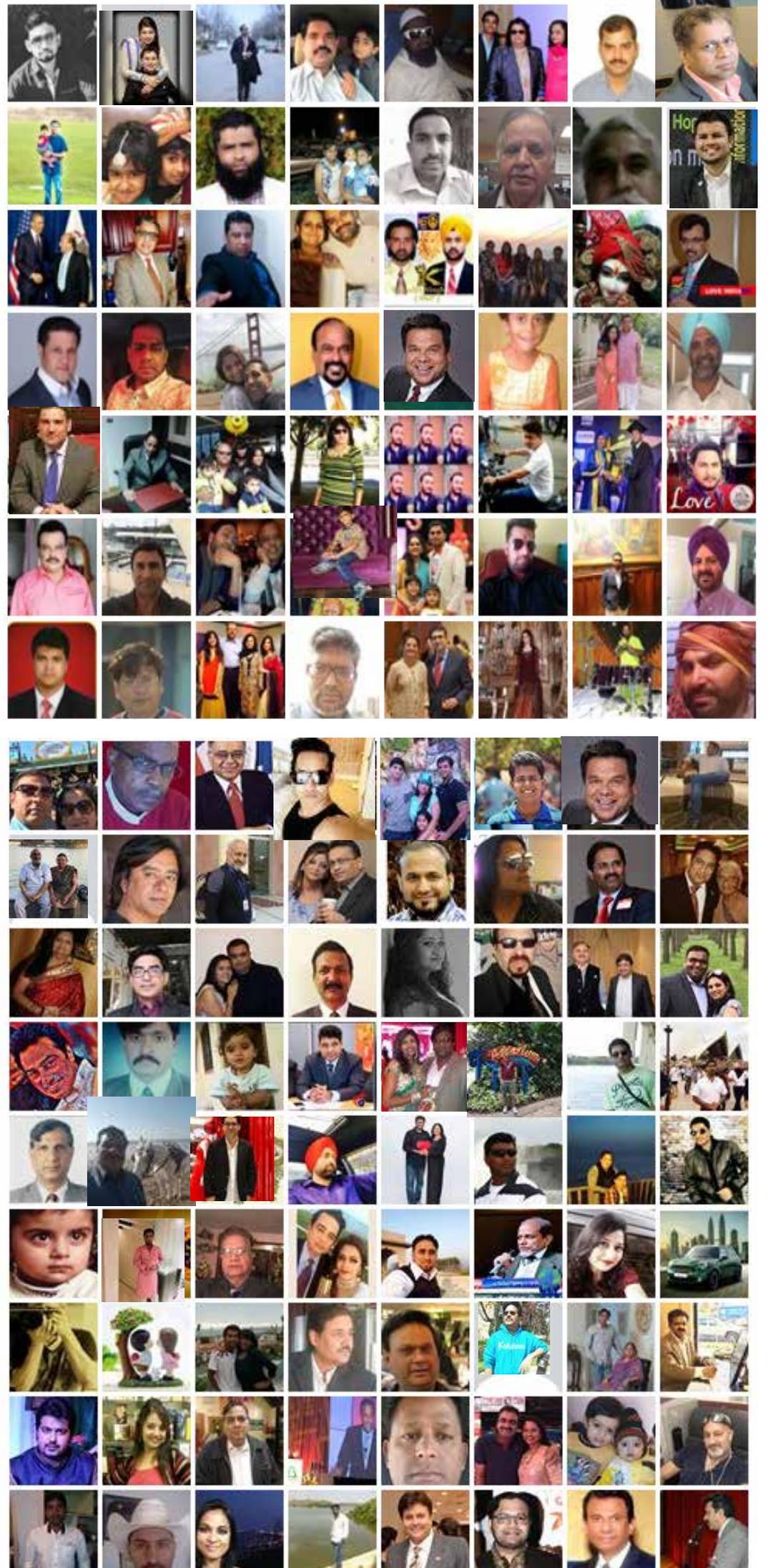
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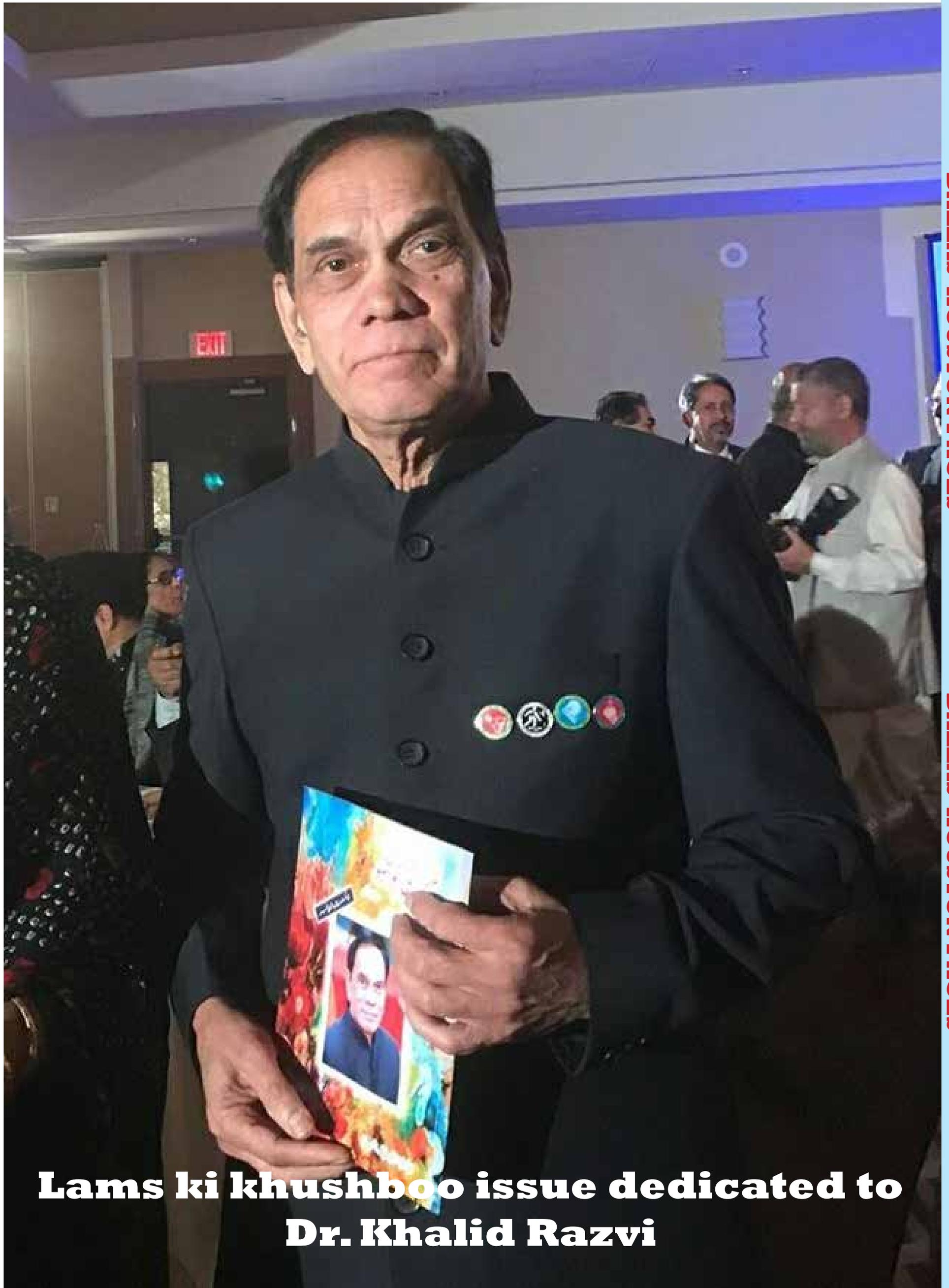


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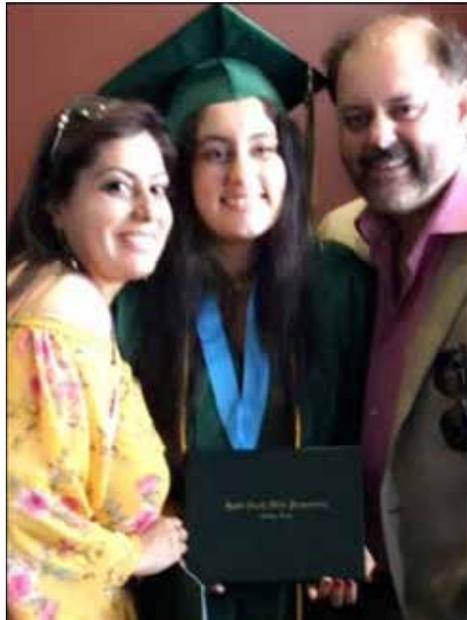
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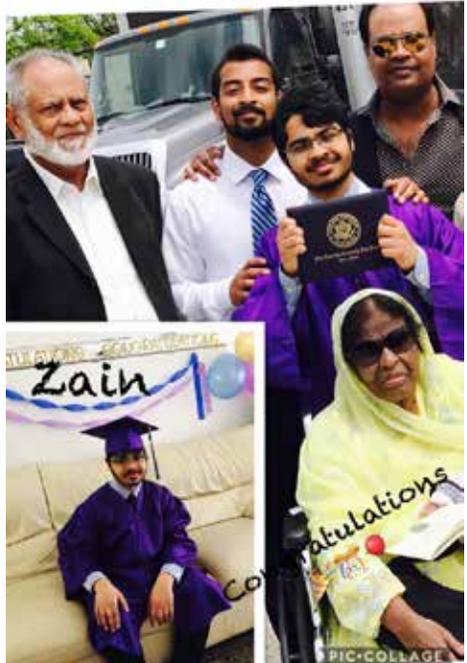
Ilsa Javed's graduation as Master in science. Seen here with parents Tahir Javed & Rubina javed, husband Qasim Salimi, father-in-law Hisham Salimi and brother-in-law Tarek Salimi.



New graduate Laaiba Raja with her parents Jehangir Raja and Dolly Raja



Congratulations to the Chotanis



Mujeeb Ahmed's son Zain Ahmed graduating high school.



Hambantota, an eye opener for Pakistanis

- Mohsin Mandavia

Have you read about Hambantota port of Sri Lanka? China sold Sri Lanka a plan to develop Hambantota Port during tenure of previous regime of Sri Lanka. China gave them a big loan (did not spend their own money) to Sri Lanka for developing Hambantota. With all their clout in Colombo, Chinese ensured that all the contracts of construction of Hambantota were secured by Chinese companies only. In a way, most of the money came back to China. Now the Hambantota is ready but not able to gather any revenue because it never could have...but Sri Lankans have a big debt which they cannot repay. Now the real game begins. Chinese are negotiating with Sri Lankans that they lease the port to them for forgoing the loan. What will happen now? Chinese will get Hambantota port and 2000 acres of land around it, and they will turn it in to military base. Hambantota is a good site for a military base but not for a maritime port. China gave a loan to Sri Lanka, which Sri Lanka gave to Chinese companies to build a port which will be used as a naval base by China. And China will get Hambantota port plus 2000 acres of land around it for free for 99+99 years. Sri Lanka lost their sovereign land for nothing. This has been called Debt Trap Diplomacy by foreign policy experts.

Don't shoot the messenger just because he is Indian.

I recommend you all read the CPEC Long Term Plan (LTP) document on Dawn's Exclusive on CPEC, and then every Pakistani should ask themselves the following:

- 1) Why was port of Gwadar leased out to the Chinese for 43 years for free? If not, how much money did China pay for lease of Gwadar?
- 2) How much tariff shall China pay for containers passing every year through Pakistan? Or has a lump some amount been decided?
- 3) Why is Pakistani taxpayer paying more than \$11 billion for construction of highways under CPEC scheme when China is going to be a primary beneficiary of those highways? Why cannot China pay at least half of that amount? And why is China charging interest rate that is higher than market rate? Why didn't China give an interest free loan?
- 4) Why shall China be acquiring large pieces of agricultural land in Pakistan to set up the so called demonstration parks in Pakistan, as mentioned in Dawn's exclusive on CPEC? Won't that acquisition give tough competition to small farmers and eventually make Pakistani farmers landless labourers in

Chinese farms on Pakistani farmlands.

5) Coal power projects would produce electricity at a very expensive price. And all the projects are guaranteed by Government of Pakistan. Any loss or inability to buy expensive coal based power shall be of Pakistani taxpayers. Why is that so?

The CRUX is that Pakistan hasn't negotiated CPEC in its favour. Slowly, Chinese will be running all the enterprises in Pakistan and they will have an extraordinary clout in determining the policy of various governments in Pakistan.

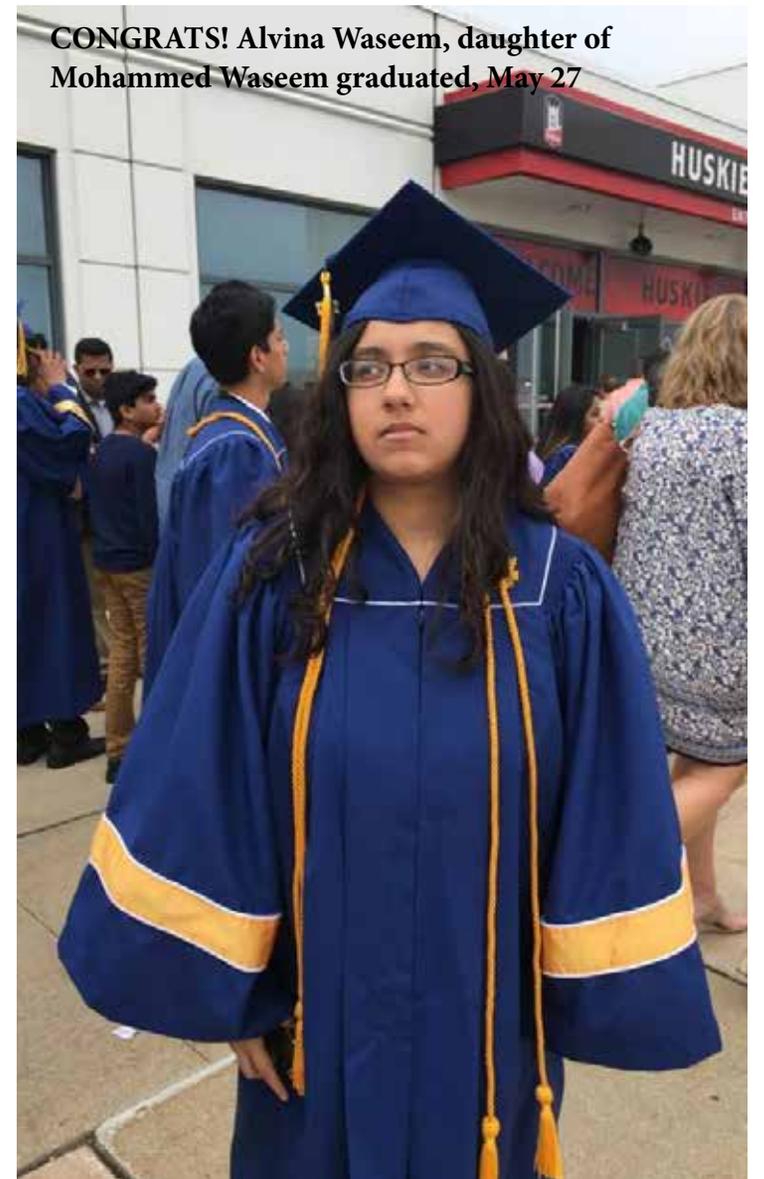
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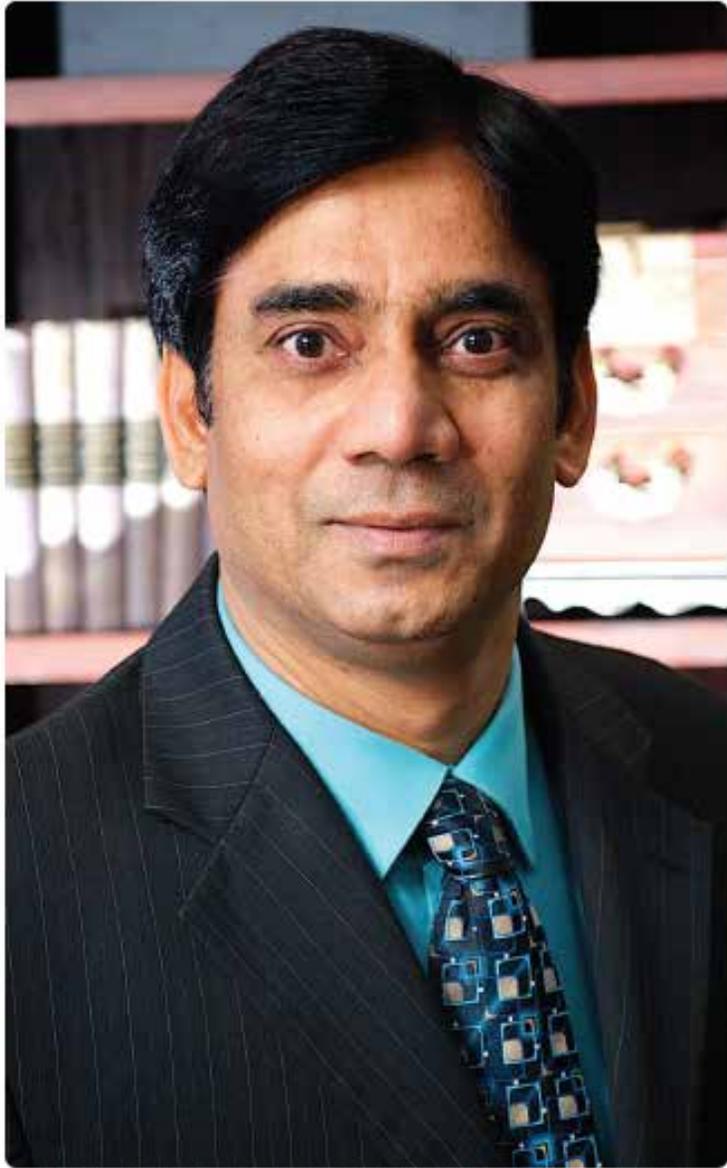
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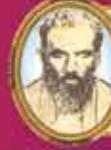


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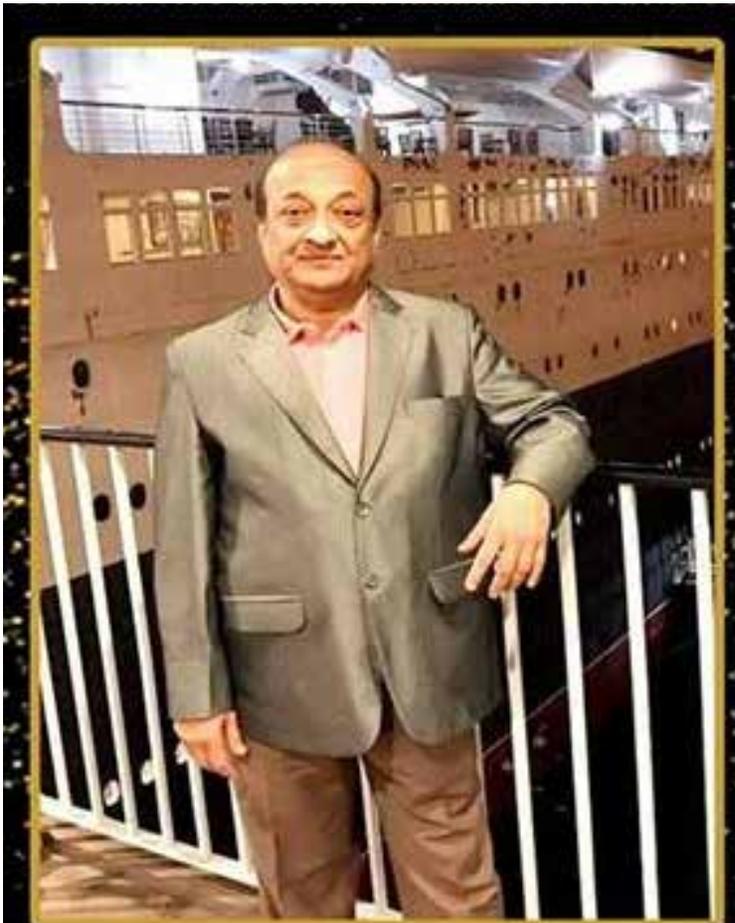




American Telugu Association (ATA) community dinner reception to Mr. Ramachandram Garu Vice Chancellor of Osmania university, Hyderabad was held last night at Masala Banquets , Naperville, Illinois . All the ATA team was present , in a short notice by Hanumanth Reddy Garu was able to pull crowd on a week day. Thanks Amar Natthem for sharing the pics.



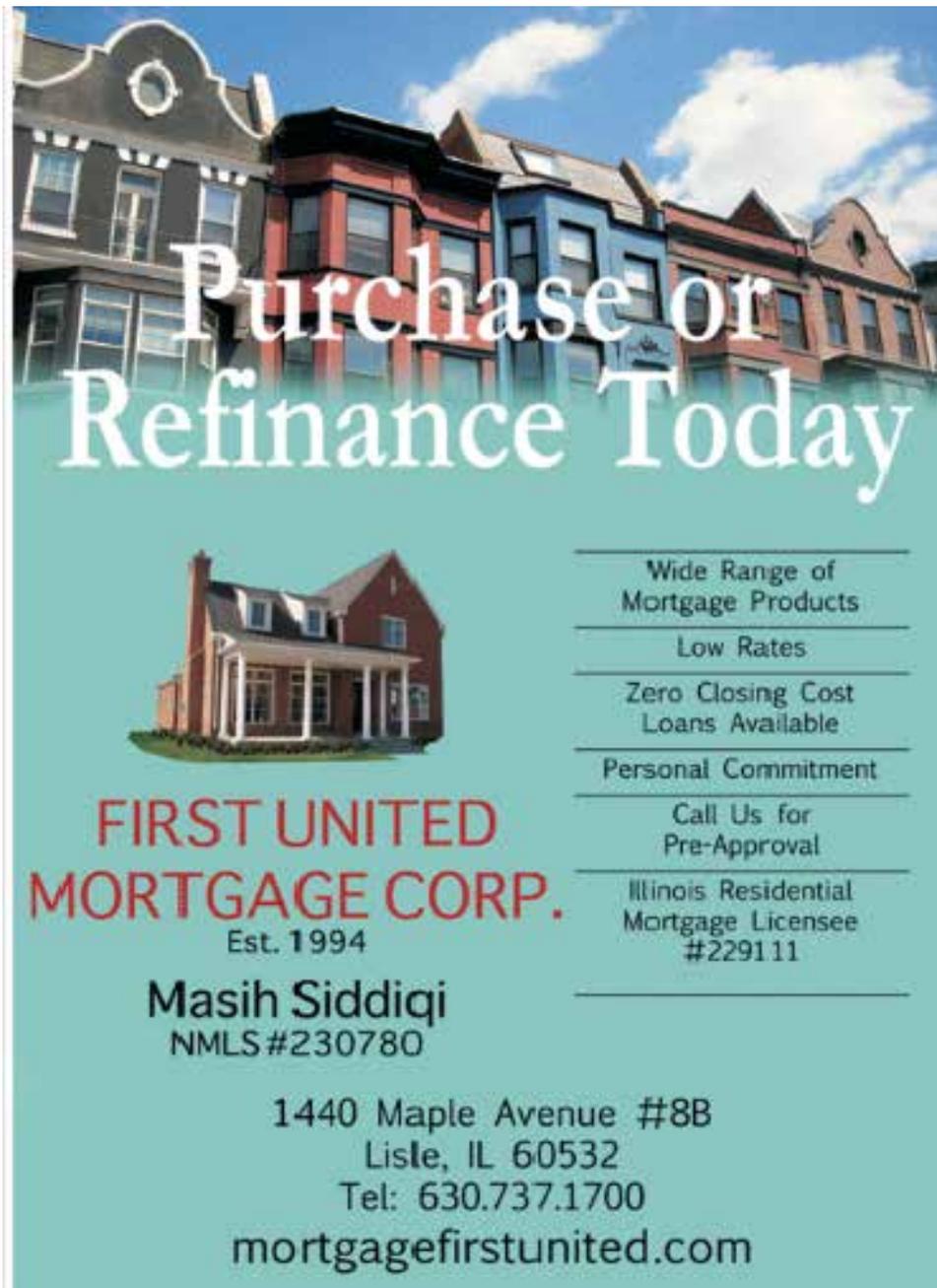
Had a very detailed conversation with Khan Lateef Khan sahab who is known to me and my family for over 45 years, the chief editor of Munsif Daily , chairman Munsif TV .



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Congresswoman Jan Schakowky's 16th Annual ULTIMATE WOMEN'S POWER LUNCH - Mujeeb Osman

This will be Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky's 16th annual Ultimate Women's Power Lunch. Jan Schakowsky has always stood up for women defended legislation regarding women and still does as co-chair of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues, and her female colleagues in Congress work to make sure that legislation regarding the rights of women are addressed. Jan is also a member of the House Budget Committee, as well as the House Energy and Commerce Committee, where she serves as Ranking Member of the Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection Subcommittee, and as a member of the Health and Oversight & Investigations Subcommittees.

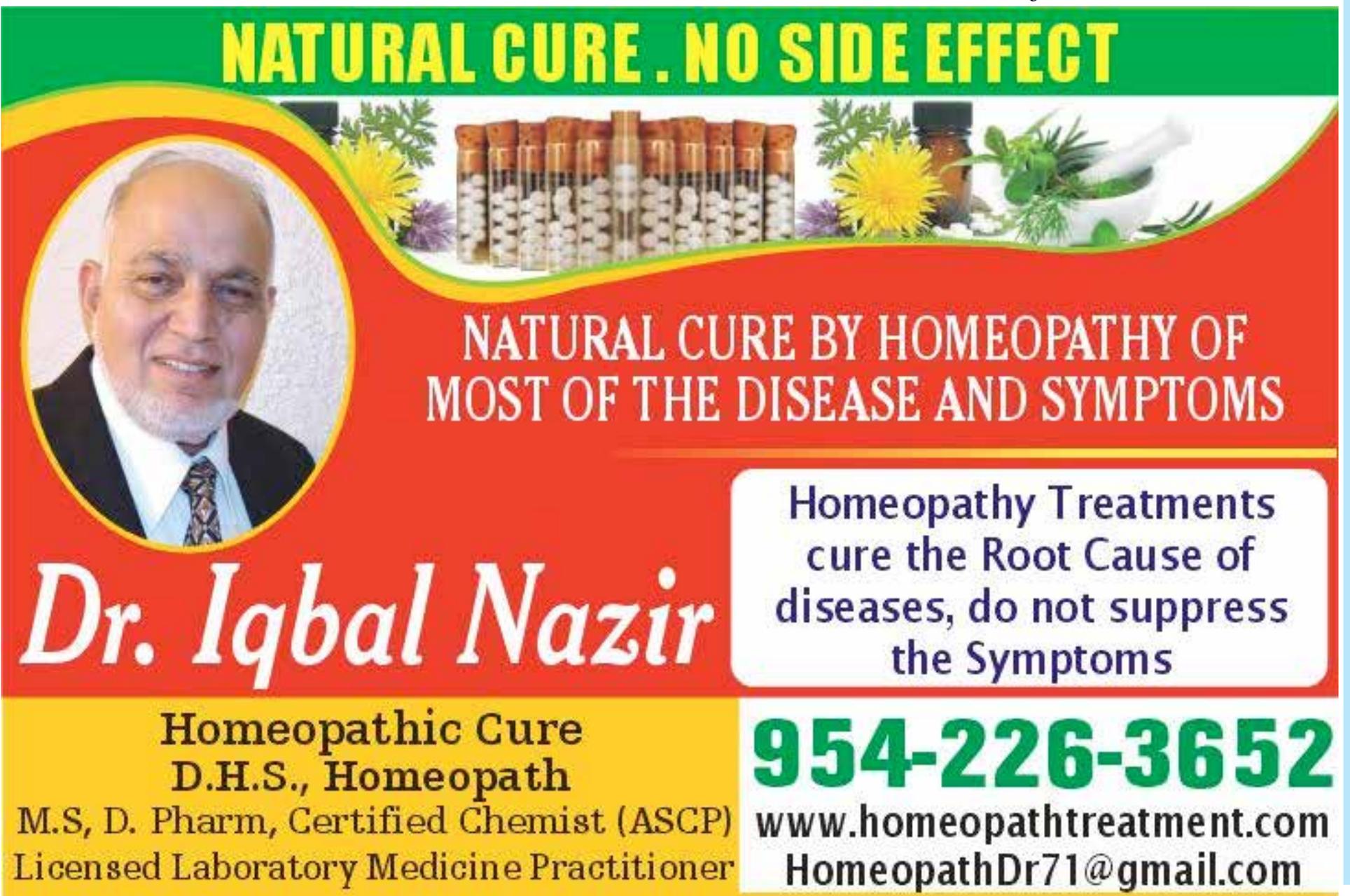


Jan has accomplished several feats along the years. In 2008 she helped write a passage of legislation making children's products and toys safe, Jan has worked to make life better for working and middle class Americans. She is in her tenth term, serving in the House Democratic Leadership as Chief Deputy Whip and member of the House Democratic Steering and Policy Committee. In 2009 and 2010, she played a leadership role in writing and passing the historic Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act that finally established health care as a right and not a privilege in the United States.



Jan, favors marriage equality, comprehensive immigration reform and is proudly pro choice. Jan was a founding member of the Out of Iraq Caucus in the U.S. House. She co-chairs the Democratic Seniors Task Force which focuses on addressing the needs of older Americans.

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Hadi School Achieves 'Lighthouse' School Certification

Hadi School of Excellence is awarded The Leader in Me, Lighthouse School status after the successfully review of the implementation of the student-led strategies based on bestselling author Stephen Covey's '7 Habits of Highly Effective People' during the annual 'Leadership Night' event. The Leader In Me is a "whole-school transformation process that empowers students with leadership and life skills to thrive in the 21st century. The process starts with a powerful paradigm: every child has unique strengths and talents that they can use to lead. This paradigm allows the staff and community to encourage the development of the whole child."

The Hadi School of Excellence annual Leadership Night event is designed to demonstrate the student's leadership skills. The entire program was developed and executed by the students and featured skits, plays, poetry by students of each grade. This was the 7th annual Leadership Night that was held on May 8, 2017 at Chandlers Banquets in Village of Schaumburg, Illinois.

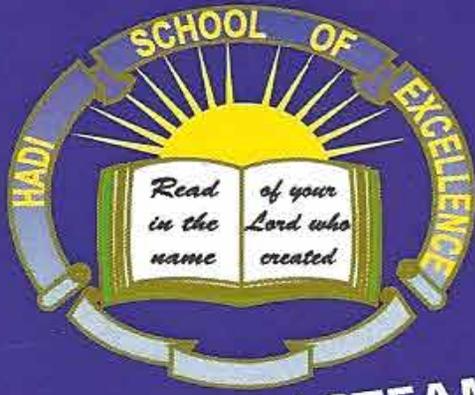
The Leadership Night event was attended by over 250 parents, community members and guests. The program started with the recitation of Holy Qur'an Surah Nur (Light) by the students. Dr. Ali Naqi Syed, board member the school, addressed the gathering and praised the efforts of students, parents and teachers. He emphasized the importance of education and skill development in children. He indicated that Hadi School has come a long way in the past 14 years of educational service to the community. He assured the commitment of the board to provide excellent services to the students in effort to cultivate leaders of tomorrow.

Students of each grade, from Pre-School to Sixth grade, gave performances that included skits, poetry in English and Arabic, school remembrances and more. The parents applauded graciously to see the wonderful performance and demonstration by happy and confident children. Many of the presentations were themed on leadership qualities, public speaking skills and demonstration of boldness and confidence.

Towards the end of the Leadership Night event, Jorge Garza, the Client Partner for Franklin Covey, made the announcement of the awarding of Lighthouse status amongst the cheering students, parents and teachers. Hadi School is the first Islamic School in the USA to achieve this recognition and one of only 300 Lighthouse schools in the nation.

Hadi School of Excellence has successfully incorporated the The Leader in Me program in its core curriculum since the year 2010. The School is located in Village of Schaumburg and is a registered Elementary school at Illinois State Board of Education. Registration is open for grades pre-school to sixth grade. For more information, please visit www.hadischool.org

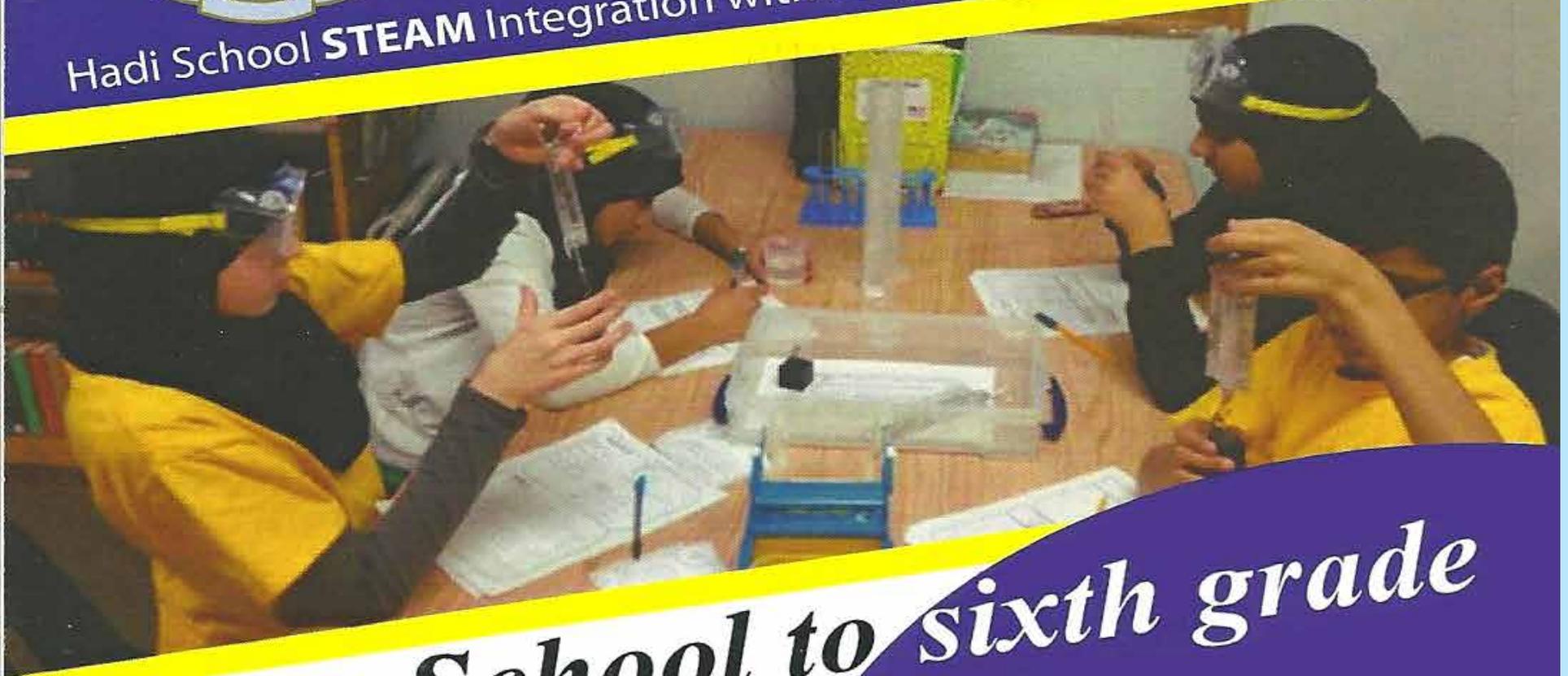




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Our Dreams - Through Kids?



ICO holds forum to discuss the cause and prevention on over-expectations and stress in our children Naperville, IL - May 27, 2017: Indian Community Outreach (ICO) hosted the interactive forum "Our Dreams - Through Kids?" as part of their series "Conversations". Held at Naperville Municipal Center, this forum was well attended, very successful and was moderated by TV Host Vandana Jhingan. The panelists included Dr. Viji Susarla, Child Psychologist, Ivette Dubiel - Director of Educational Equity School District 204, Jennifer Donatelli - Director of Curriculum and Instruction School District 203 and Naish Shah - Second Generation Indian American. With discus-

sions Queries concerns and questions by attendees Panelists answered them very well. It was very Informative and eye opener session. Krishna Bansal, the Chairman of ICO welcomed everyone and explained the need of having this discussion. "This 'Conversations' is to discuss and ask questions from experts regarding challenges and expectations that parents have from Kids. As parents, are we realistic or are we trying to make them super kids or expecting to live our dreams through them? Is this a new norm and is this OK? How does it impact the youth in their development and growth? We need to seriously think and discuss these important questions with experts" said Bansal.

not that important. Those who have failed or school dropouts are running the world and those with A+ are working for them.

Panelist Naish Shah while answering a question emphasized that as we try our marriage to work through adjustments and through give and take relationship that's how you work with your child. Do the best you can do and leave the rest.

Jennifer Donatelli & Ivette Dubiel explained the new standards announced by State for Social and Cultural needs. They emphasized on communications amongst us teachers, schools, communities are very important. Discussions revolved around identifying the fine line on motivating versus pushing children for career and extracurricular activities. A few of the important topics discussed were Social and emotional aspect in school that helps kids in shaping up, key for all the problems is communications, talk to children generally without any hidden agenda, appreciate the success and not always criticize, need to have different programs for first generation immigrant kids then treating them with general diversity programs, build the relationship as an parent - teacher - student, drawing boundaries for extreme situations, pushing vs advice on career and life and many more

Naperville City Council member John Krummen was a special guest. The event was attended by a diverse group of parents and children. The members of ICO Board and ICO Organizing team Krishna Bansal, Dharmisth Patel, Vinod Vasisth, Shree Gurusamy, Shishir Jain, Ashfaq Syed, Preeti Jani and Meghna Bansal attended and volunteered. The recording of this session is available at www.indiacomunityoutreach.org. ICO's Ideation and Intellection Forums are being hosted every other month to explore various topics. ICO is a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization initiated in 2013 by Naperville Mayor A. George Pradel and helps foster connections with residents of varied and diverse cultural backgrounds. Originations mission is to embrace, preserve and promote the cultural heritage and contributions of Indian Americans while educating them to get involved in America's growth. The vision is to form and be part of an all-inclusive society while contributing towards the betterment of our great country and our next generation.

More information about ICO and their upcoming events including participating / sponsoring details are available at the ICO website www.indiancommunity-outreach.org or by calling 630.300.0345.

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Vandana Jhingan, while moderating explicated "Parenting is the ultimate long-term investment. From the day child is born to the day he is educated and well established and even longer it is a constant practice around the world to have goals of ensuring children's health and safety, preparing children for life as productive adults and transmitting cultural values. With high-quality expectation from our child are we expecting too much from our kids? Parents may wish for kids to fulfill their unfulfilled dreams through our kids by putting pressure on them with the expectation to succeed and excel in Academics, Sports Music and arts? This is what the topic of discussion at Conversations with ICO to educate and empower the people". Dr. Viji said if you must choose between academic success and resilience, then choose resilience that the most important skills. Don't be overprotective. They are smart. Grades are



**Ramadan
&
Eid al Fitr
Greetings to all my
friends around the
world
-Sher Mohammed Rajput**

The Nigerian army has re-stated its loyalty to President Muhammadu Buhari in a bid to downplay fears of a possible coup d'état in the country while the head of state is on medical leave. Buhari, 74, is in the UK, for the second time since the beginning of 2017, for medical check-ups.

Is a coup d'état likely to happen in Nigeria while President Buhari is in the UK? Trending: Enormous emerald weighing over 600lb and standing 4ft tall found in Brazil Earlier this month, the army warned it had received information that "some individuals have been approaching some officers and soldiers for undisclosed political reasons". The Chief of Army Staff, Tukur Buratai, urged soldiers to abstain themselves from being involved in the country's politics.

As fears of a coup continued to spread, the director of Defence Information, John Eneche, said in a statement on 24 May that the army remained "totally loyal" to Buhari.

"The armed forces are totally loyal to the Commander-In-Chief, and are in complete subordination to civil authorities," Eneche said, according to the Premium Times.

"We are out there administering our troops to remain focused and be conscious of oath of allegiance that we have taken and are guided by the constitution of this country at all levels of command. I want to reassure the general public that there is nothing like that (coup) and nothing like that will ever be supported, will ever be encouraged.

**Where is
Nigerian
President
Muhammadu
Buhari?**

And should there be a sign of anything like that, there are extant and guiding rules and regulations which we normally follow," the statement continued.

Most popular: Siberia: Ancient grave reveals 'dancing' skeleton tied up after death in ritual burial

Buhari spent nearly two months on medical leave in London earlier this year. He left again on 7 May, handing over powers to Vice President Yemi Osinbajo.

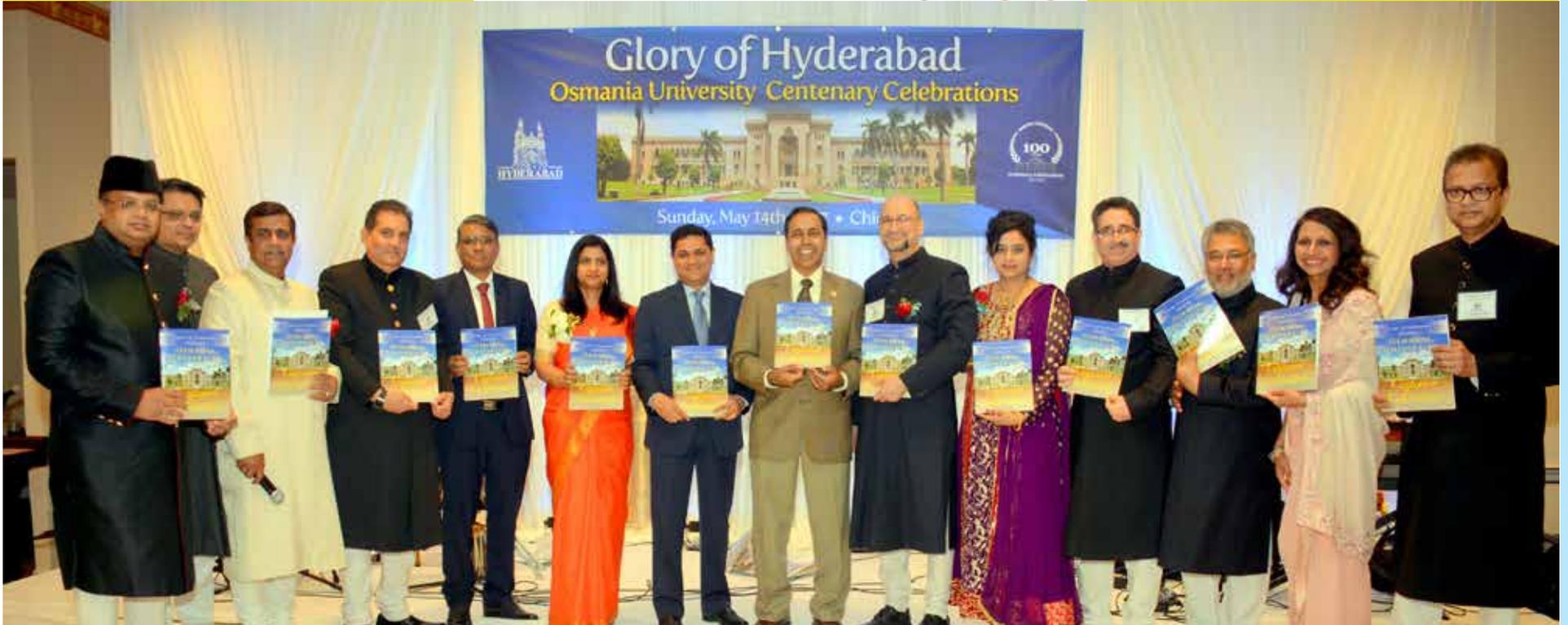
Buhari's medical trips, and mystery surrounding his medical condition, is sparking speculation on his health

and the future of one of Africa's largest economies.

Analysts have previously warned Buhari's prolonged absence could spark a power struggle ahead of the 2019 presidential elections, should the leader become incapacitated.

Analysts told IBTimes UK a coup is possible but unlikely. However, there are fears politicians loyal to Buhari, a Muslim from the north, could obstruct Osinbajo, a Christian from the south.





Professor S Ramachandram, Vice Chancellor of Osmania University, Ms. Neeta Bhushan, Consul General of India in Chicago, Hardik Bhatt, Chief Information Officer at State of Illinois, Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi and Glory of Hyderabad team releasing Osmania University Souvenir at Centenary Celebrations of Osmania University in Chicago organised by Glory of Hyderabad.

Osmanians from All Over the USA Converge in Chicago for the Centenary Celebrations of Osmania University

Chicago: People love their alma mater as much as their mother. This was proved beyond an iota of doubt in the Centenary Celebrations of Osmania University organized by Glory of Hyderabad on May 14th, 2017 at Shalimar Banquets, Chicago. Around 700 Osmanians, including youngsters, veterans, and super veterans from New York, Houston, San Francisco, Minnesota, Indiana, etc. attended the celebrations with gaiety and fervour. An innovative exhibition, an inspiring documentary, and an informative souvenir turned them emotional and made them recall their eventful times in the University and their loving teachers and great friends. They fondly remembered H.E.H. Mir Osman Ali Khan, the 7th Nizam of Hyderabad and founder of the University and its illustrious alumni, including former Prime Minister P V Narasimha Rao, former Lok Sabha Speaker Shivraj Patil, distinguished film personality Sham Benegal, former Governor RBI, Dr. Y V Reddy, etc.

Her Excellency Neeta Bhushan, Consul General of India in Chicago said that alumni of Osmania University, who are spread far and wide globally, are its greatest strength. She said that the organisation of the centenary celebration in Chicago was of special significance as Chicago was also known for its academic excellence. She called upon the alumni of Osmania University to cultivate a culture of giving back which is one of the most constructive and rewarding ways they can contribute to the betterment of their alma mater. "There is, therefore, a need to diversify and enrich the efforts to bring the alumni and alma mater closer together", she added.

Professor S Ramachandram, Vice Chancellor of Osmania University said that the University has emerged as a pace setter reflecting the agenda for higher education and carved out a niche as an icon of higher learning with international outlook and global outreach. He said that the University has become the most preferred destination for higher studies for foreign students and added that students from across the globe are pursuing their studies in the University. He said that such high profile educational institutions as IIMs, IITS, ISB, IISc, JNU, UoH, BHU, IIITs, etc., have made India a force to reckon with in the domain of professional education. He advised Indian Americans to send their children to India for pursuing their education so that they reap the dual benefit of high quality education and exposure to Indian values.

Congressman Raja Krishnamurthy underscored the need for greater collaboration between the universities of India and the USA. "They have their respective competitive advantages and their networking in the fields of teaching, research, and consultancy will prove to be a win-win

proposition", he opined.

Mr. Hardik Bhatt, CIO, office of the Governor, Illinois said that Illinois and Telangana States have signed an MoU to share expertise in the domain of planning and execution of smart cities and hoped that Osmania University, like University of Illinois, will be a key partner in Illinois' smart state initiative.

"Glory of Hyderabad, Chicago, has the rare privilege of being the only organization outside of India to host first historic event of Centenary Celebration of Osmania University", said Mr. Mir Khan, President, Glory of Hyderabad, with a sense of pride.

A highlight of the program was the honoring of the following Osmanians for their notable accomplishments on this auspicious occasion: Mr. Hassan Chishti- Lifetime Achievement Award for Outstanding Community Service & Literary Contribution; Dr. M M Taqui Khan- Distinguished Osmani & Scientist of International Repute Award; Mr. Syed Hashim Ali- Award for Distinguished Contributions as Civil Servant & Vice Chancellor (posthumously); and Professor S Ramachandram- Award for Distinguished Service to Osmania University. In addition, Her Excellency Neeta Bhushan, Mr. Raja Krishnamoorthi, and Mr. Hardik Bhatt were presented awards for their Distinguished Community Services.

Reminiscing about their student lives in the University, the Osmanians said unanimously, "Osmania University equipped us with a rare fusion of core competencies and time tested values, and thereby empowered us to prove our mettle across the globe and keep the flag of the University flying high".

The highly acclaimed singers, Nipa Shah, Hitesh Master Nayak, and Rajesh Chalam, performed live and mesmerized Bollywood music lovers. They kick started the scintillating evening with the most haunting melodies, followed by a wave of soulful numbers, and captured the hearts of the audience.

On this occasion, Siasat Calligraphy Exhibition was inaugurated. The visitors went around the Exhibitions and appreciated the rare calligraphy exhibits. An Exhibition of Osmania University was also inaugurated which was of help to visitors to understand the exciting journey of Osmania University during the last 100 years.

The memorable evening concluded with a sumptuous dinner which was relished by one and all. Earlier, Mr. Ashfaq Syed, Chairman Steering Committee, Glory of Hyderabad welcomed the gathering. Mr. Sami Siddiqi, Member, Steering Committee proposed a vote of thanks. Mr. Mohammed Faheem, Member of the Steering Committee was the Master of Ceremonies.



American Telangana Association plans to set up dedicated help-line for students in US

American Telangana Association, which held its first annual board meeting in Microsoft Office Seattle last week has discussed the possibility of setting up a dedicated helpline for students pursuing their higher education in the United States. The ATA meeting, which is the first national organization to conduct a board meeting in Seattle, has discussed goals of organization including by-laws, creating community service team in each city to help the community with emergency issues, immigration issues, student related issues by creating dedicated help line. The board has also discussed the agriculture awareness programs in mandal and village level for farmers in Telangana, and also promoting Perini dance in US. The meeting discussed the possibility of organizing Yadadri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Kalyanam by the temple priests in different cities of US to promote Yadadri temple.

American Telangana Association Board unanimously elected Satyanarayana Reddy Kandimallla as "President Elect" for the Convention to be held in 2018. Treasurer Chada Srinivas presented the organization finance report. The Board Meeting was presided over by president Ram Mohan Konda and Secretary Ravi Upad. The meeting was well attended by all the board members, Executive Committee, Regional Directors, Committee chairs, Advisory Committee, Overseas Coordinators members from different parts of the United States including Raghuveer



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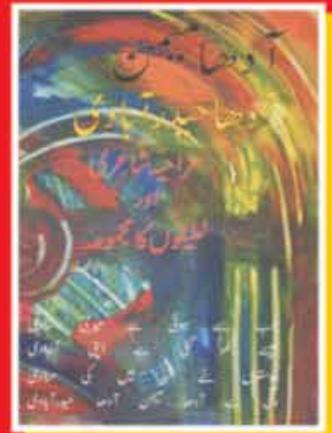
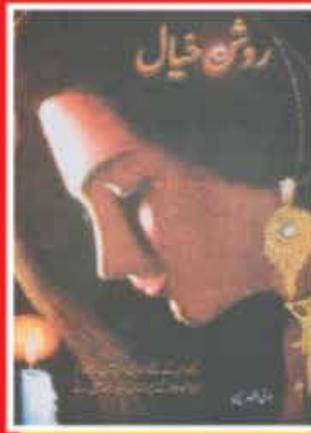
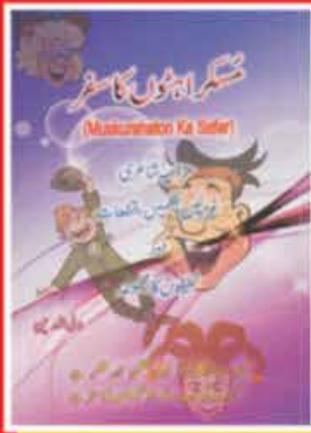
The president Ram Mohan Konda and the Board Members thanked the Local Seattle ATA Team Mahidhar Reddy, Naveen, Srinivas Reddy, Gopi, Srinivas Bandarapu, Raju, Sudheer and other members for Organizing the most successful meet

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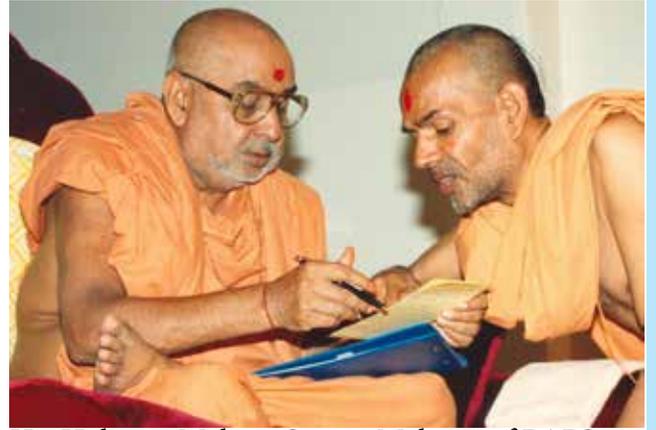
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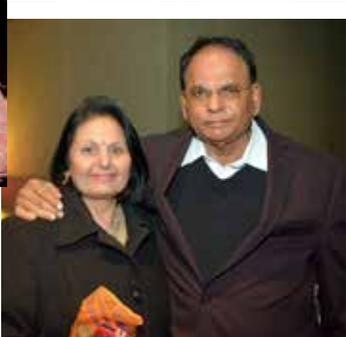


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Remaining Steadfast After Ramadan

Praise be to Allaah Alone and peace and blessings be upon (PROPHET MUHAMMAD) the one after whom there will be no more Prophets, and upon his family and companions and whoever follows them in truth until the Day of Resurrection

Sufyaan ibn `Abdillaah radhiallahu `anhu said: "O Messenger of Allah, tell me something about Islam, which I cannot ask anyone else besides you." He said: "Say: 'I believe in Allah' and then be steadfast (upon that)." [Saheeh Muslim (38)] The hadith is proof that the servant is obligated, after having emaan in Allah, to persevere and be steadfast upon obeying Him by performing the obligatory acts and avoiding the prohibited ones. This is achieved by following the Straight Path, which is the firm Religion without drifting away from it, to the right or to the left.

If the Muslim lives through Ramadan and spent his days in fasting and his nights in prayer and he accustomed himself to doing acts of good, then he must continue to remain upon this obedience to Allah at all times. This is the true state of the slave, for indeed, the Lord of the months is One and He is ever watchful and witnessing over his servants at all times.

Indeed, steadfastness after Ramadan and the rectification of one's statements and actions are the greatest signs that one has gained benefit from the month of Ramadan and striven in obedience. They are tokens of reception and signs of success.

Furthermore, the deeds of a servant do not come to an end with the end of a month and the beginning of another, rather they continue and extend until he reaches death. Allah says:

And worship your Lord until the certainty (death) comes to you. Al-Hijr: 99

If the fasting of Ramadan comes to an end, then indeed the voluntary fasting is still prescribed throughout the entire year. If standing in prayer at night during Ramadan comes to an end, then indeed, the entire year is a time for performing the night prayer. And if the Zakaat-ul-Fitr comes to an end, then there is still the Zakaah that is obligatory as well as the voluntary charity that lasts the whole year. This goes the same for reciting the Qur'an and pondering over its meaning as well as every other righ-

teous deed that is sought, for they can be done at all times. From the many bounties that Allah has bestowed upon his servants is that He has placed for them many different types of righteous acts and provided many means for doing good deeds. Therefore, the ardor and zeal of the Muslim must be constant and he must continue to remain in the service of his Lord.

It is unfortunate to find that some people perform worship by doing different types of righteous deeds during Ramadan. They guard strictly upon their five daily prayers in the masjid, they recite the Qur'an a lot and they give in charity from their wealth. But when Ramadan comes to an end, they grow lazy in their worship. Rather, sometimes they even abandon the obligations, both generally, such as praying in congregation, and specifically, such as praying the fajr prayer.

And they commit forbidden acts such as sleeping over the time of prayers, indulging in places of foolishness and entertainment, and mingling in parks, especially on the day of `Eed. Obtaining help from these evils is only through the grace of Allah. Thus, they demolish what they have constructed and destroy what they have established. This is an indication of deprivation and a sign of perdition. We ask Allah for His safeguarding and protection.

Indeed, this type of people take the example of turning in repentance and ceasing from committing evil deeds as something specific and restricted to the month of Ramadan. And they stop doing these (good) acts when the month stops. Thus, it is as if they have abandoned sinning for the sake of Ramadan, and not out of fear of Allah. How evil are these people who do not know Allah, except in Ramadan!

Truly, the success that Allah grants His servant lies in the fasting of Ramadan. His assisting him to do that is a great favor, thus the calls for the servant to be grateful to his Lord. This understanding can be found in the statement of Allah after completing the favor of the month of fasting:

(He wants that you) must complete the same number of days, and that you must magnify Allah (by saying Allahu Akbar) for having guided you, so that you may be grateful to Him. 2:185

The one who is grateful for having fasted, will remain upon that condition and continue to perform righteous deeds.

Verily, the true way of the Muslim is that of one who praises and thanks his Lord for giving him the ability to fast and make qiyaam. His condition after Ramadan is better than it was before Ramadan. He is more receptive to obey, desiring to do good deeds and quick to enforce the obligatory acts. This is because he has gained benefit from this prominent institute of learning. It is that of one who fears for having his fast not accepted, for indeed Allah only accepts from those who fear Him.

The righteous predecessors would struggle to complete and perfect their deeds, hoping afterwards, that it would be accepted and fearing that it would be rejected. From the reports of `Alee,

Be more concerned with having your deeds accepted than the deed itself. Did you not hear Allah say: 'Verily Allah, only accepts those from those who fear Him. (i.e. possess taqwaa):' [5:27] Lataa'if ul Ma`aarif, p.

`Aa'ishah said: "I asked the Messenger of Allah concerning the ayah: 'And the one who are given what they are given and their hearts tremble with fear.' Are they the ones who drink alcohol and steal?" He said: "No, O daughter of as-Siddeeq. Rather, they are the ones who fast and pray and give in charity yet fear that it won't be accepted from them. They are the ones who rush to do good deeds and they are the first to do them." Saheeh Sunan at-Tirmidhee 3/79-80

So be warned and again be warned of turning backward after having attained guidance of going astray after persevering. And ask Allah to provide you with duration in doing righteous deeds and continuity in performing good acts. And ask Allah that He grant you a good end, so that He may accept our Ramadan from us.

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NPP Supremo extends greetings to Muslims fraternity all over world At iftar Party

A special iftar party was organised by prof. Brim Singh, Chief patron National Panthers Party last evening at Jantar Mantar New Delhi.

Several notables from Delhi and other neighbouring states also participated in the iftar. Prof Brim Singh while addressing the friends on the occasion extended iftar greetings to the Muslim fraternity all over the world and wished slam (peace) to all corners in the world. Panthers supremo also conveyed best wishes to the Muslim brethren in Palestine and other Arab Countries hoping for peace and prosperity to all Muslim brethren all over the world
Mehfooz Khan
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Great director Dasari Narayan Rao passes away

Veteran director Dasari Narayana Rao is no more. He breathed his last May 30. The director had been unwell for quite sometime. Dasari Narayana Rao was admitted in the hospital in February when he complained of breathing issues. The 75-year-old director was admitted in KIMS and slowly he recovered and was shifted home. But he complained pain in chest four days ago and was immediately shifted to hospital and he breathed his last today.

The director had given some of the best films that Telugu industry has seen. Premabhishekam, Bobbili Puli, Sardaar Paparayudu, Meghasandesham, Osey Ramulamma and Tata Manavadu are some of his iconic films. He had directed 151 films in his long filmy career and had produced 50 films. Dasari Narayana Rao was survived by two sons. He launched a popular daily newspaper named Udayam to counter the effect of Ramoji Rao's newspaper Eenadu. Said to be a confidante of Congress President Sonia Gandhi, Dasari once again became active in politics after Congress Party came back to power in 2004. On 11 June 2013 Central Bureau of Investigation booked Dasari Narayana Rao for receiving Rs. 2.25 crores from Naveen Jindal in connection with Coalgate scam



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Welcome home

-Arif Ahmad

I love these two rejuvenating and patriotic words by the immigration officer at the airport. Welcome home, is Mozart to my ears after a long flight back to the American shores.

This time around things may just be a little different as we return home from Hajj at JFK, New York on September 6th, 2017. As much as I would have liked to take the connecting flight and sleep in my bed a few hours later, I know that may very well not happen.

Hajj, the pilgrimage to Mecca, is mandatory for all able Muslims once in their lifetime. This year it falls at the end of August and me and my wife, are planning on going.

The news is that since the Trump administration has taken over and in keeping with his campaign promises, there is extreme vetting of Muslims, among them many well settled everyday Muslim American citizens returning home from overseas trips. This process typically takes several hours, most of which is waiting time after an already long international flight.

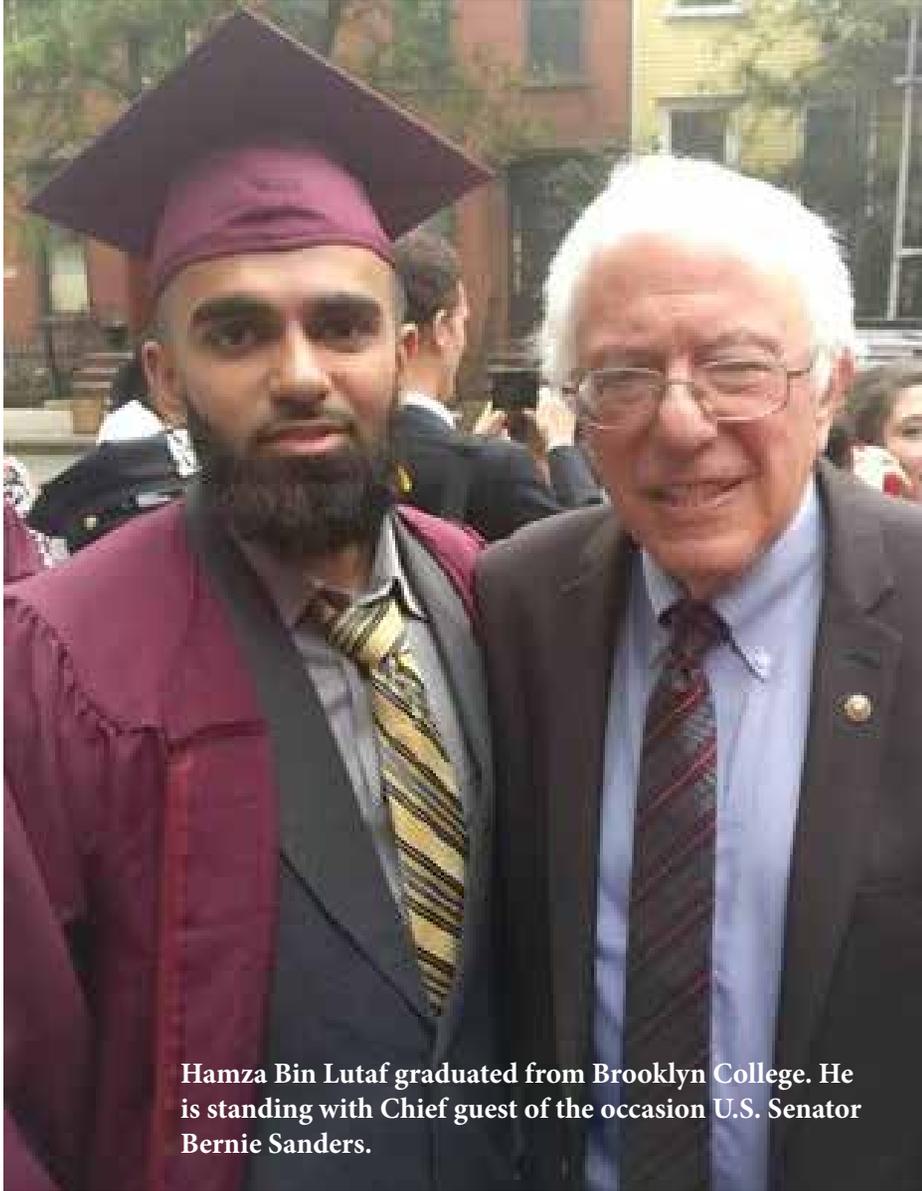
As we are going through the planning stages for Hajj, the question in my mind is the following. We arrive at the JFK around noon on September 6th. Should we plan on getting home that night with a connecting flight in a few hours or anticipate extreme vetting and several hours of

delay and thus plan on staying another day in New York and coming home on September 7th? How do you plan for something like this?

That I am in America for the last 25 years. That I am a physician with a busy practice, having jumped through all the hoops of immigration and being vetted several times in the process. That I am part and parcel of the mainstream American fabric and that I am an American citizen. Nothing seemingly matters. For I am a Muslim. For my name is Arif Ahmad.

An optimist at heart, I am a strong believer in destiny and that these testing times would eventually pass. I would, however, conclude by saying that this dangerous precedent of creating layers of citizenship is unconstitutional and never the way to make America great or safe again. If anything this hits us hard at the very core of "We the People." Ballieve me. Arif Ahmad





Hamza Bin Lutaf graduated from Brooklyn College. He is standing with Chief guest of the occasion U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders.



From the pen of Dr. Nasar Qureshi: Thankyou DOGANA executive committee and the hosts of 14th DOGANA retreat for a wonderful job done and surpassing all expectations. It was also great to see all Canada chapter friends. With Sohail Khan, Shahid Rashid MD, Aamir Jamal, Azim Qureshi, Muhammad Azim Qureshi, Lubna Naeem and Talha Siddiqui.

Tillerson Declines to Host Annual Ramadan Reception

Since 1999, Tillerson's five predecessors have held an annual event recognizing Ramadan and the importance of Islam within America.

According to two administration officials Tillerson has declined to host an event this year commemorating Ramadan. In a break from tradition this action has been viewed as instigating further hostility towards Islam.

It is unclear whether Tillerson's decision not to plan an event — was related to his ongoing implementation of massive budget cuts and shedding as many of 2,000 jobs. Offices like the one dealing with religious outreach are widely expected to be scrapped as part of the restructuring, although no final decisions have been made.

Tillerson issued a statement marking the start of Ramadan, calling the holiday "a month of reverence, generosity, and self-reflection."

The president did wish Muslims a joyful Ramadan but referenced terrorism in his Ramadan statement. The fact that he connects mainstream Islam and millions of peaceful Muslims with terrorism is troubling.



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Trump Reportedly Called Germans 'Very Bad,' Vowed To Stop German Car Sales In The U.S.

During a meeting with top leaders of the European Union, President Donald Trump said "the Germans are bad, very bad," according to participants in the room who spoke to German newspaper Der Spiegel.

Trump's specific criticism was that Germany's auto industry exported cars. "See the millions of cars they are selling in the U.S. Terrible," Der Spiegel reports he said. "We will stop this."

In January, Trump threatened to slap a 35 percent tax on German auto imports. "If

you want to build cars in the world, then I wish you all the best. You can build cars for the United States, but for every car that comes to the USA, you will pay 35 percent tax," he said. "I would tell BMW that if you are building a factory in Mexico and plan to sell cars to the USA, without a 35 percent tax, then you can forget that."

Trump's new comments impugning the Germans for exporting cars were made in a meeting with the European Commission president, Jean-Claude Juncker, and the European Council president, Donald Tusk.

Juncker, Der Spiegel reports, supported the Germans.

Another German newspaper, Süddeutsche Zeitung, reported that E.U. representatives felt their U.S. counterparts did not understand that the E.U. negotiates trade agreements as a single entity, rather than on a country-to-country basis. That is, the U.S. can negotiate trade deals with the E.U. as a whole, but not individually with the separate members of the E.U.

Der Spiegel reported that Gary Cohn, the director of Trump's National Economic Council, appeared to believe that the U.S. could negotiate different trade deals with Germany and Belgium.

This is not the first time this basic misunderstanding has cropped up. When German Chancellor Angela Merkel visited the White House in March, she had to explain how E.U. trade deals were negotiated almost a dozen times, a senior German official told the Times of London.

"Ten times Trump asked

[Merkel] if he could negotiate a trade deal with Germany. Every time she replied, 'You can't do a trade deal with Germany, only the EU,'" the official said. "On the eleventh refusal, Trump finally got the message, 'Oh, we'll do a deal with Europe then.'"

The White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment Thursday.

The revelations came hours after Trump publicly blasted the U.S.'s European partners in the NATO defense alliance, accusing them of owing American taxpayers billions of dollars because they have previously not met the alliance's defense spending requirements. He also failed to affirm that his administration would meet its commitment to militarily support them if needed.

The president has repeatedly questioned Washington's relationships in the region, cheering Britain's vote to leave the European Union and engaging positively with anti-EU politicians like France's Marine Le Pen. Top political figures and Europe analysts have already labeled his trip a major failure, and it's not even over yet: Trump is expected to now head to Sicily for a summit of the G7, a group of the world's most developed economies.



Why Trump's Pressures On Iran Won't Benefit America

Alireza Nader

Earlier this week, the re-election of Hassan Rouhani as Iran's president does not come as a great surprise. And it does not herald a new beginning in Iranian politics and foreign policy. But it does indicate a continuing evolution in Iran's society and perhaps one day its political culture.

Iran may have an authoritarian and at times rigid political system, but its people have consistently demonstrated a desire for change and progress. They have done so through the best means available to them: voting in tightly controlled and largely undemocratic local and national elections. But it would be unfair to describe those elections as completely fake or for show. The majority of Iranians take them seriously because the president does matter in Iran, no matter how curtailed his powers may be. And the person occupying the position can make a lot of difference in people's daily lives, for better or worse.

The Trump administration has demonstrated a renewed policy of pressure against Iran. But in doing so, it risks losing the ability to leverage the greatest potential source of change in Iran: millions of Iranians who have shown a desire for a better country at peace with the world. A U.S. policy of mere pressure and threats will not change Iran or its policies. Only Iranians can achieve change that can benefit America, but they will not do so under duress or intimidation.

Rouhani faced an uphill battle for re-election. He rescued Iran from its state of crisis by negotiating the nuclear agreement, but the economy has not improved greatly and most Iranians still struggle in their daily lives. Rouhani's supporters feared that public apathy could result in lower voter turnout, thus boosting Rouhani's chief rival, the arch-conservative Ebrahim Raisi. Relatively unknown among the public, Raisi nevertheless belongs in the top echelon of Iran's elite. He has held senior positions in the judiciary and has been linked to the mass execution of Iranian political prisoners. He is also rumored to be a potential successor to Iran's aging Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

While many Iranians may not love Rouhani, they fear Raisi. The ideological cleric represents a post-revolutionary Iran that has largely dissipated from the popular imagination. Most Iranians do not remember or care about the struggles that animated the Iranian revolution, namely American support for the Shah and resistance against "global arrogance." Rather, Iran's youthful and well-educated population wants greater opportunities to work, socialize, and worship more freely. Raisi reminded them of a dark and troubling time; while Rouhani has not delivered on most of his promises, he at least presents hope for a somewhat better future. This may explain the high election turnout of

70% and Rouhani's overwhelming win with 57% of the vote.

And it appears to be this limited hope that is sustaining Iranians through their numerous trials and tribulations. They have survived revolution, war, and repression, yet they still attempt to make change happen, even if it is at the margins. The 2009 mass protests and the subsequent government crackdown appear to have stifled but not extinguished a desire for progress. Iranians know that their regime cannot be violently overthrown or pressured into submission. So they have pushed the boundaries little by little, hoping for a break. They know that Rouhani's re-election will not bring a dramatic transformation, but they also know that the election of Raisi might have threatened their hopes and ambitions.

Khamenei's passing will present an opportunity for Rouhani to shape the succession and perhaps even become the new supreme leader. He will face great challenges by Iran's forces of reaction and he is unlikely to be a great force for democracy, but for most Iranians it is better to have Rouhani at the helm than a Khamenei or Raisi.

Any U.S. attempt to influence Iran must take the realities within Iran into consideration. Isolating and pressuring Iran will not alone lead to Iranian policies benefit-



ting the U.S. And Washington's total alignment with Saudi Arabia and other Arab states at the expense of Iran is more likely to make the average Iranian support his or her country's efforts against those states. Iranians may resent the Islamic Republic, yet they have even less love for the Saudi monarchy.

A U.S. policy of pressure will isolate Iran's people without compelling their government to change. Iran's regime may appear as radical and reactionary, but its society is vital and resilient.

Washington stands at a crossroads: embrace change in Iran or embolden the forces of reaction.

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Sibling Rivalry and Patriotism to Love and

Compassion - Dr. Navaneet Pandurangan

In the case of conflict, righteousness is often the cause of it, never love or compassion. Sometimes, we get so involved with dharma or righteousness that there is no room for love or affection. This mentality, on a larger scale, lead to global behavior such as war or war-mongering

Let us start by examining the pre-human stage of animals. Each and every animal had to compete for the same resources to survive. This process sometimes turned brothers into enemies and competitors.

In humans, rivalry comes in many forms - from sibling rivalry to family rivalry to group rivalry, faith rivalry to patriotism. Sibling rivalry starts at a very young age, and even before the second child is born. As the kids grow, they compete for everything, from toys to attention. Our siblings are our first rivals in life. In the bible, Cain was Adam's first born son. His intense jealousy of his brother Abel eventually lead him to his death. In a famous story in the Quran, Joseph's brothers are so jealous of that they effectively sell him into slavery. In Egyptian mythology, Osiris is killed by his brother Seth. In Greek mythology, Acrisius and Proetus fight when still in their mother's womb.

The second type of rivalry is that between families. Family conflicts abound in Hindu epics such as Ramayana, Bhagavat and Mahabharata. In Mahabharata, good people are on each side, and on each side, individuals fight for their side with a feeling of righteousness (dharma).

India and neighboring countries/continents share a common thread of tradition - these countries are brothers. Hinduism and later religions/cultures have many commonalities. In 1872, the amateur Assyriologist, George Smith found startling similarities between the Hindu Flood Legend of Manu (Vishnu's first avatar) and the Biblical Account of Noah. Both tell the same story, but thrive in different cultures now. This implies we all have the same origin.

We are all supposed to be brothers, but we fight for our respective countries now to uphold our righteousness. Those in one country are blind to other countries' righteousness. If you are in one religion, you take your righteousness to be blind to others. We salute people for their righteous causes either defending country or county. Most bring religions or gods if necessary to the war conflict to satisfy their agenda. Politicians might even go to the extent of becoming patriotic or becoming part of the major religion in that country. Albert Einstein once said "I am against any nationalism, even in the guise of mere patriotism."

We talk about love all the time but are often motivated by righteousness (dharma) using god, religion, nationality and patriotism. What is needed now is to grow beyond dharma, and to make spirituality, love and compassion priorities. After all, we all have the same sky, same moon, same sun and live in a single earth. For thousands of years, huge percentages of humans were controlled in the hands of warring and powerful kings that were considered

gods themselves. Even the modern world, humanity is still segregated with the walls of patriotism, nationality, race, and religion.

Albert Einstein once said, "We can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them." Change is the only constant.

Today, are we growing our culture or stuck in thinking archaically? Are we using modern knowledge in a balanced way? We evolved from animals, and we should evolve more to find more balance for life on earth.

We need to recognize that belief systems can sometimes be prisons, and bring humanity together using love and kindness. Current walls between cultures will need come down for the sake of our humanity's well being.

Globalization and the spread of technology is increasing awareness of cultures that are different from us. Luckily in the few centuries, this trend will bring us together and lead to global peace. We must strive to reduce passionate rituality and to instead grow our compassionate spirituality.



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Russian interference in US affairs

Khawaja Ashraf

We don't know if Russia is interfering in USA affairs or not, but we do know that Russia should not interfere in USA's internal affairs. Period. It is too dangerous. Russia and USA are super powers. They both are unquestionably very powerful countries.

Apparently, Russia denies that it is interfering in United States' internal affairs. However, not a single day goes without some type of Russian interference news in American media.

While President Donald Trump is on multiple countries visit, the New York Times has broken the story that in the presence of Russians in White House he made the remarks about fired FBI Director Mr. James Comey in which he called him a "Job Nut." Again, Russia has denied that there was any discussion about Mr. Comey in White House with President Donald Trump.

Who should Americans believe? New York Times or Russia? I'll rather believe New York Times. If New York Times says there was conversation between Russians and President Trump about Mr. Comey then there was a conversation. But this should not mean that media should take President Trump to task.

President Trump has already made things too difficult for him and for the United States. His off-the-cuff remarks cause a lot of turbulence in national and international media. Many media channels make fun of him for such remarks. Making of his fun is not limited to American media. Many media around the globe make fun of President Trump and ridicule United States because of him.

If we believe Russian denials, still somehow Russia has involved in United States politics. It is sufficient proof of Russian involvement that every day Russia has to deny its involvement. The American media everyday find a story which is linked with Russia.

Before, it was never like that. We never heard the name of Russia as far as internal affairs of United States were concerned. It all started with last days of President Trump's election campaign and it is still continuing. Before it was general Flynn, then new attorney general Mr. Sessions name was mentioned in the media, then President Trump's Son-in-Law Mr. Jared Kushner's name popped up; now, the focus is back on President Trump.

Common folks who cast their vote in election are agonized over this whole situation. They want things in Washington should move smoothly. Even President Trump's voters' base is disturbed over all this turbulence.

We don't know how USA will get over with this challenging situation. But we do know, we won't let Russian smile too long over this situation. The institutions in the United States are strong and functioning. They will reach the depth of these issue and give the correct answers to their citizens.

I am an American

We all love our parents so do we love our country. That's why we call our country fatherland or motherland. Wait a minute. It is not that simple. Word fatherland and motherland have two different connotations.

You may have asked a baby if he likes his mother more or father. Some babies get confused. They look at their mother and then father and then again at their mother. They cannot figure out what to say.

Some babies immediately extend their arms either to their father or mother and then smilingly give their decision. In response, they always get a big hug from their mom.

Gator Girl: 10-Year-Old Who Fought Off Alligator Reveals How She Cheated Death

A brave 10-year-old girl is lucky to be alive after successfully fending off an alligator that attacked her in Orlando over the weekend. Little Juliana Ossa knew exactly what to do to save her life.

"I was in the water and there was a mean nine-foot gator biting my leg," she told Inside Edition. "The alligator grabbed my leg, I tried hitting it to release me but it didn't work."

The situation happened Saturday at Mary Jane Lake, about 26 miles from Disney World. She was swimming in just a foot of water when the gator attacked.

She not only punched the beast in the nose, Ossa actually shoved her two little fingers into the gator's nostrils and pried his mouth open.

Thanks to what she learned at a nearby alligator park, Gatorland, the young lady knew how to handle herself.

"I used what they taught me at Gatorland, so I put my two fingers up its nostrils and it couldn't breathe and had to breathe from its mouth and then let my leg out," she said. "The gator didn't do anything because he was too busy biting my leg and too busy

Because, it is the mom who loves the both: the baby and the baby's father. After all, the baby is the fruit of their mutual love.

This was a side thought. I was in fact trying to expand on the concepts of fatherland and motherland and then my relationship to my country United States of America.

United States is not my country of birth. United States is my adopted homeland. Yet I love her as it is my motherland. You see, now I have introduced another term homeland. The matter is getting little complicated. Before we were dealing with two terms: fatherland and motherland. Now, we have to deal with three terms: fatherland, motherland and homeland.

Of course, these three words are synonymous---means they all three mean the same. When one uses the term 'fatherland' or 'motherland' or 'homeland' he means the same. Here we encounter another complication. Why there are more words than one to convey the same meanings.

There are many words to explain this linguistic phenomenon. One word is: tautology, which means grammar. There is another word: Polysemy. Linguists use the word tautology for a statement that is tautological, in simple words, an unnecessary repetition of meanings. Polysemy is a capacity for a sign such as a word, phrase or symbol to have multiple meanings.

Oh boy. I started with a simple question and then ended up in this morass. Neither I wanted to end up here, nor it was my intention to pull you through here. Therefore, I go back to 'fatherland', 'motherland' or 'homeland.'Ge

Fatherland was term adopted for motherland by Nazi Germany. All those countries which were on Germany's side used the word fatherland to appeal to the sense of nationhood to fight for their countries against allies.

Motherland is described a country regarded as a place or origin. In other words, a country where one was born. Not where someone migrated too.

After I have gone through all this detail as an immigrant I ask myself who am I?

My heart and mind says I am an American. America is my adopted homeland. See, now I have used the word homeland to express my identity. Germans can call Germany their fatherland, English can call UK their motherland, but when they migrate to the United States and become citizens here United States become their homeland.

I may not share my forefathers with the fellow Americans, but I do share my homeland with them and that is United States of America. One more point. There is term forefathers, grammatically correct, and allowed to be used in a phrase, but there is no term such as foremothers. You know why? Because, one can have only have one mother one motherland and that is one's homeland.

From coast to coast, in Woody Guthrie's words, 'from California to New York Island' there are Americans of all colors, races, creeds and denominations. They are all Americans.

I think like them. My frame of mind is like them. Therefore, I am one of them. I am an American.

with his claws in the sand. He didn't have any attack moves to take out my fingers."

"At 10 years old, to have that much where-withal to do what she did is incredible. We are so proud of her that she got out of there with as little damage as she got," said Tim Williams of Gatorland.

Read: Man Describes 1986 Gator Attack at Disney Resort: 'I Started Kicking at the Alligator's Head'

If you come in contact with an alligator, expert Jordon Munns told Inside Edition that you want to poke him in the eye or

the ear and you want to make as much noise as possible.

"Gators are afraid of humans," he said. "If you are screaming and making as much scene as possible while doing these things, there is a good chance the alligator is going to [think]: 'I am used to eating things that don't fight back,' and let go of you."

The young girl had gotten stiches on her leg and is on the mend.



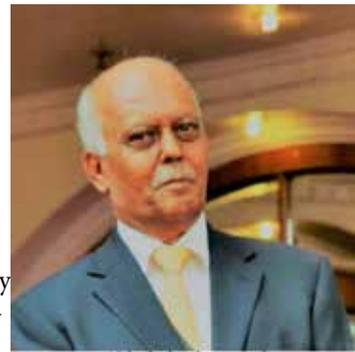
“ An Affair To Remember ” from the Land of Gold

By M.S.Zahed, Ex-CMD, HMT Ltd

Kuvalala-Puravareshwara or Lord of Kolar and that's how the Gangas called themselves who ruled the southern districts of Karnataka for over thousand years even after they had shifted their capital Kolar, later to Talakadu on the banks of river Cauvery, with its beautiful temples which were submerged in river sand for long and now they have been un earthed. Kolar Gold Fields (KGF) is situated about 30 Kms from Kolar, a town with hills and a famous tourist spot Anthara Gange . I have spent part of my childhood in Kolar and Anthara Gange was a very famous retreat spot with its spring flowing from centuries. Kolar is much older city than Bangalore and dates back to second century AD. The precious gold was discovered in KGF in the first millennium by Gangas and Cholas .British Army Capt John Warren camped at KGF in 1802 to continue mining where the Tiger of Mysore Tipu Sultan had also mined gold and silver till he died fighting in May,1799. Much later , an Irish soldier Lavelle, settled in Bangalore took a formal licence in 1873, and started mining gold and silver, but in 1905 a British Mining Co known as John Talyor and Co set up a full fledged mining operations with mines named as Champion, Nandidurg, Mysore . Champion Reef has the combined shaft depth approximately of 10 kms and arguably the deepest in the world. John Taylor and Company created jobs for thousands and especially, local and nearby tamils who were fully exploited under inhuman conditions and a miners community was created . Three suburbs sprang up within KGF, Robertsonpet, Andersonpet and Ourgaum. The Anglo Indian community which was struggling to find an identity were quick to grab an opportunity to work for their full blooded cousins to work in non mining supervisory and technical trades. Hitherto, the Anglo Indians employment was restricted to Railways, as Engine drivers, mechanics, guards, TTEs and women in offices . The community flourished in KGF with their exclusive churches, markets and clubs. They were good in sports too. John Taylor and Co, had extracted and taken away about 750 tonnes of gold by an estimate, By 60s ,mining of gold now owned by a PSU.,was not feasible due to rising costs and therefore the mining was stopped in 2001. The GOI considering the decline in output and to provide employment, GOI had set up Bharat Earth Movers Ltd (BEML) in KGF proactively, under MOD in 1965 itself. It could provide job opportunities to laid off employees from gold mines . Decades of working in mines had created an industrial community who had the aptitude for mechanical and mining trades and had long forgotten farming and other trades, the local strong Vysya community who had a thriving money lending to miners and jewelry business use to address them as “Black Germans” for their skills. In 1969,was the worst period for engineering graduates in

the state and for the first time thousands were unemployed. To provide some assistance to the graduates the Government introduced Trainee Scheme and I having just passed out, immediately got a Trainee's opening in BEML, KGF. I was posted as Trainee Design Asst to Drugov Dragovitch ,a Yugoslav Design Engineer and the leader of Yugoslav Technical team based in BEML as a part of technology acquisition.. Drago , as he was called by everyone was an young Serb engineer expert on wheeled tractors of high HP. BEML had three collaborations , TIGAR (Yugoslav), WABCO (USA) and Komatsu (Japan). The entire product range was then reserved for Defence and Border road projects. The higher range earth movers are basically two types, Wheeled and Crawler based. The advantage with the wheeled tractors was that it could be used as on road vehicles in India, perhaps one of the few countries where this is permitted. Wheeled tractors could be deployed much faster whereas Komatsu vehicles were mostly crawler based and WABCO products were huge, ideal for haulage. The need to set up BEML must have been felt during Chinese invasion into NEFA and our difficulties in logistics. BEML is the second largest earth mover manufacturer in Asia and in India it enjoys over 75% market share even now, with others like L&T,JCB sharing the rest. Arguably,BEML has Asia's largest Machine Shop with thousands of HMT machines. Drago, the Yugoslav had little knowledge of English and some words to speak, therefore he made a deal with me saying that I should teach him English and he would teach me design of earth movers, I agreed, occasionally he would try to teach me some sentences in Serbo Croat , his native language which is also poly centric, since Yugoslav was union of Serbia, Croatia, Bosnia, Herzigovina, Montenegro, Macedonia. I still remember one sentence “Molim Vas, daitemu chashu vode” meaning “please give me a glass of water “We use to spread the technical drawings on table and I would give English words of components , he would make the notes of words he had learnt that session. During the day he would attend some meetings with Mr,Bhargava, MD and in some meetings he would take me along. This working suited both of us and we were friends. The other Yugoslav technicians were working with Indian engineers in the Assembly and Testing depts.of vehicles. There used to be many Product Orientation Programmes for senior Military officers like Capts.,Majors, Lt.Col.s and above . I used to assist him while teaching the Army Officers by interpreting his English from mine and for the Programme which we both use to handle, I would get a “Certificate” as a participant. Some incentive for me to collect Certificates. The Yugoslav team were housed in a sprawling guest house, with a bar set up and cook trained to cook western dishes, Drago will insist that I go with their team to guest house . In the

guest house compound we all use to play foot ball, their favourite game, then have dinner and I use to return to my PG shared accommodation in Bharath Hotel located opposite Bus Stand. While everything was set and going on for some months now, one fine day when I was with him, Drago closed the door of the his cabin and asked me by handing over an envelop addressed to him to read its contents inside and he winked at me. As guessed by me, It was a “love letter” written with all flowery fine language to “Drago Dear” from Anglo Indian secretary Ms Rosy Harrington of MD. As expected, he was impatiently asking me to read and interpret the contents which I did and he was asking to repeat some flowery sentences and expressing his joy. I could realize that they both were in love for some time and so far perhaps, sign language has been in use and now the matter has come to writing. This explained his frequent visit to her office. Now Drago was being very friendly and requesting me to write his reply whenever he received a letter. I became his writer of love letters to Rosy who was very courteous to me whenever we had a chance encounter. The frequency of letters from one a day went up to two and sometimes three The attender use to bring letters without knowing the contents and perhaps considering them as official and confidential. Drago started visiting the Harringtons in Robertsonpet, sometimes for Dinners and Sunday Mass with them in their Church. I could appreciate the expression of love by a East European to an Anglo Indian girl clinging to somewhat West European culture flavoured by our own Indian culture. Drago and me went to a local Jeweller, and after lot's of searching, bought a ring for her and next Sunday he proposed to her . Marriage was solemnized in a simple Church Ceremony and very few friends were invited .He was very happy and handsome bridegroom . Around this time in early 1970, I got a job as Asst Engineer in ITI, and left BEML ,KGF. Drago and Rosy too left for Yugoslav shortly ,pity I could not see them off, at the end of one year of his deputation with BEML. He was in touch with me on phone for some time as and whenever he visited BEML India. I lost Drago for ever, when Bosnian war destroyed Yugoslavia of Marshall Tito's dream of Marxists land in the heart of Europe, and which was once a part of Ottoman Empire. Artificial boundries would vanish with time and they too perhaps have a life as any living organism. This would always be an affair to remember.



From Rao Kamran Ali:

Had a wonderful townhall with wonderful Congressman Mike Turner! Thanks to great friends who came from long distance. Thanks to my amazing friends and host committee members Imran Malik, Sharjeel Sajid, Aamer Choudhry, Sajid Inayat, Raza Khan, Mazahir Rizvi and Amjad Baig. No words to appreciate their dedication! Thanks to Riffat Chughtai and Mr and Mrs Mohammad A Ghani for traveling long distance to join us!

Aami Urdu Markaz, Riyadh hosts a Literary Sitting with Dr. Shahnaz Muzzamil.

Fayyaz Malik, Riyadh, KSA.

An evening in Riyadh when you get a chance to treat your ears with some beautiful Urdu poetry from a select group of poets, is all you need on a weekend. This was exactly the experience when a literary organization, 'Aalmi Urdu Markaz, Riyadh' hosted a literary sitting to honor the renowned poetess Dr. Shahnaz Muzzamil's visit to Riyadh. This visit coincided with the 30th anniversary of 'Adab Saraae International', a literary organization chaired by Dr. Shahnaz Muzzamil, providing the literati of Riyadh another reason to celebrate with her.

The literary get-together was arranged at the residence of Mr. Shoukat Jamal who represents 'Aalmi Urdu Markaz' as a secretary of its Riyadh branch.

Some of the finest Urdu poets were invited to pay homage to the 30 years long literary journey of Dr. Shahnaz. The guests' list included names like; Mr. Yousef Ali Yousef, Mr. Hasham Ahmed Sayyed, Mr. Saleem Kaavish, Mr. Meer Farasat Ali Khusrou, Mr. Ghulam Fareed Bhutta, and Mr. Sadaf Fareed. Some representatives of Pakistan Writers' Club (PWC); Mrs. Madiha Malik convener PWC's Ladies Chapter, Mrs. Shumaila Malik, Deputy Convener PWC and a senior member of PWC Mr. Fayyaz Haider Malik were also present among the guests.

Mr. Shoukat Jamal presided over the event and welcomed the honorary guest. He handed over the proceedings of the evening to Mr. Yousef Ali Yousef; a well-versed poet of Riyadh. Mr. Yousef opened the event with a brief history of 'Aalmi Urdu Markaz', which was initiated in 1995 as a platform to stimulate the love of Urdu language and literature among its speakers and reignite in them Urdu's cultural values.

Mr. Yousef, then briefed the audiences on life experiences and the literary achievements of the guest of honor. Dr. Shahnaz was born and bred amongst men of letters in her family. Her father and a close relative, Hasher Badayouni and Sha-

keel Badayouni respectively were two of revered poets of Indo-Pak literary circles. She started writing early and continued her educational endeavors after her marriage. After passing her Public Service Commission exams, she opted to manage libraries of Islamia College and Model Town, Lahore. Eventually, after getting retired from Quaid-e-Azam Library as a director, she established the foundations of 'Adab Saraae' in 1987. Since then, she has been serving the cause of promoting Urdu literature in various spheres of life.

At present she is working to accomplish the great task of interpreting the meaning of the Holy Quran in Urdu poetic verse.

After this introduction, the Musaira proceedings were opened by Mr. Youssef Ali Youssef. He mesmerized his listeners with his delicate use of Urdu expressions. Later, Mr. Youssef invited Mr. Sadaf Faridi, Mr. Meer Farasat, Mr. Fareed Bhutta, Mr. Hasham Sayyed and Mr. Saleem Kaavish on the stage to keep the audiences amused with their original poetic renditions. The poets covered delicate aspects of human existence in their poems. The listeners relished and cheered each and every line with generous applause. At the end of this purely delighted poetic session, the chief guest was invited to share her poetic prowess with the listeners. Dr. Shahnaz Muzzamil regaled her admirers with subjects in Sufi tradition with a pure spiritual élan and poetic flair. Her choice of words fitted the great thought of her poetry like perfectly chiseled gems.

At the end of this beautiful evening, the host serve the guests with a sumptuous dinner. Dr. Shahnaz Muzzamil presented the audiences with some of her published works. Thus a literary gathering came to a perfect end.



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From left Abdul Rahman Saleem, Mir Mohsin Ali, Mohammed Ateeq, Mohammed Azizuddin, Mohammed Farooqui Shabaz and Mohammed Kauser at the Annual Toastmasters Conference SATAC 2017 held at Princess Nura University.



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Mercury, Closest to the Sun

Mercury, the closest planet to the sun, has been studied by multiple spacecraft throughout the years. Scientists have uncovered some amazing findings about the small planet and have even mapped its entire surface. Here are 10 amazing facts about Mercury.

Most Extreme Temperature Fluctuations in the Solar System

Even though Mercury is the closest planet to the sun, its surface can still be extremely cold. The temperature during the day can reach 840 degrees Fahrenheit (450 degrees Celsius), but at night, temperatures can get as low as minus 275 F (minus 170 C). That fluctuation equals a temperature swing of more than 1,100 F (600 C), the largest of any planet in the solar system. Mercury is the smallest planet in the solar system. The diminutive planet is about 3,030 miles (4,876 kilometers) in diameter, making it about the size of the continental United States and only slightly bigger than Earth's moon. It's smaller than both Saturn's moon Titan and Jupiter's moon Ganymede. Pluto used to be considered the smallest planet

in the solar system, but it was downgraded to a "dwarf planet," leaving the distinction to Mercury. Scientists think that a huge asteroid slammed into Mercury about 4 billion years ago, creating a giant crater about 960 miles (1,545 km) across. Called the Caloris Basin, the crater could fit the whole state of Texas inside it. Researchers have calculated that the asteroid that created the basin had to have been about 60 miles (100 km) wide. Mercury zips around the sun faster than any other planet. It travels about 112,000 mph (180,000 km/h) along its elliptical orbit. The planet gets as close as 29 million miles (47 million km) to the sun, and as distant as 43 million miles (70 million km) from the sun. The planet takes only 88 Earth days to completely orbit the sun. Scientists think that there is ice inside Mercury's craters. The planet's north and south poles are cold and shadowy, which could allow them to retain water ice. Meteorites and comets could have delivered ice to those areas, or water vapor from Mercury's innards could have seeped out and frozen. Mercury's iron core takes up about 75 percent of the planet's

radius. The huge core has more iron in it than any other planet's in the solar system. Scientists aren't exactly sure how Mercury's giant iron core formed, but researchers think it has something to do with its formation. If the planet formed quickly, it could have left a thin shell of crust over the relatively large core. NASA's MESSENGER probe (short for MErcury Surface, Space ENvironment, GEochemistry, and Ranging mission), which has been orbiting Mercury since 2011, has beamed back some amazing images of the closest planet to the sun. Scientists have used those images to create the first-ever complete map of Mercury's surface. Mercury has the thinnest atmosphere of any planet in the solar system. The planet's atmosphere is so thin that scientists have another name for it: an exosphere. The moon and other bodies in the solar system also have exospheres, possibly making it the most common kind of atmosphere in the solar system, NASA scientists have said. Scientists have discovered that Mercury has streams of particles



sloughing off its surface. Researchers aren't exactly sure what is responsible for the shapes of the tails, but they think it might have something to do with the planet's magnetosphere and the sun's wind. A large part of Mercury could be covered in dried lava. The planet's northern plains appear smooth because lava may have poured over the surface, smoothing it out as it moved. Although scientists don't see volcanic activity on Mercury's surface now, many think it could be a good explanation for the way the planet looks today. The two crater rings in this image might have been smoothed by volcanic material, according to NASA.

Electrical Safety Month May

Three of the ten most violated (and cited) OSHA standards involve electrical safety? In fact, "Electrocutions" is one of OSHA's Construction Fatal Four. The Fatal Four is a list of hazards that accounted for over 64% of fatalities in the construction industry in 2015. Of the construction fatalities, 8.6% of them dealt with electrocutions. The following are some ways to prevent run-ins with electrical hazards: Make sure your lockout/tagout program is

up to date. Routinely inspect extension cords and electrically powered tools for wear and tear. If any extension cords or other electrical equipment have visible damage, ensure that they are removed from circulation immediately. Ensure that all personnel are equipped with the proper knowledge and experience to handle hazardous energy.

The Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) runs an annual campaign that focuses on mitigating electrical involved incidents by raising electrical safety awareness. What exactly are building codes? We have all heard of them, but some may not know what they're all about. Building codes are regulations that dictate the construction and maintenance of structures. They cover the minimum requirements needed to

protect the welfare of the persons occupying the building. The International Code Council (ICC) has a set of codes that many choose to follow instead of maintaining their own. The ICC's set of international codes include: International Building Codes (IBCs) International Residential Codes (IRCs) International Existing Building Codes (IEBCs)

Heat Illnesses Can be Fatal; Would You Know What to Do?

Your body is constantly in a struggle to disperse the heat it produces? Most of the time, you're hardly aware of it – unless your body is exposed to more heat than it can handle.

In 2014, 244 people died in the U.S. from exposure to excessive heat, according to Injury Facts 2017, the annual statistical report on unintentional injuries produced by the National Safety Council. Heat-related illnesses can escalate rapidly, leading to delirium, organ damage and even death. There are several heat-related illnesses, including heatstroke (the most severe), heat exhaustion and heat cramps. Those most at risk include:

- Infants and young children
 - Elderly people
 - Pets
 - Individuals with heart or circulatory problems or other long-term illness
 - People who work outdoors
 - Athletes and people who like to exercise – especially beginners
 - Individuals taking medications that alter sweat production
 - Alcoholics and drug abusers
 - Heatstroke
- Heatstroke can occur when the ability to sweat fails and body temperature rises

quickly. The brain and vital organs are effectively "cooked" as body temperature rises to a dangerous level in a matter of minutes. Heatstroke is often fatal, and those who do survive may have permanent damage to their organs.

Someone experiencing heatstroke will have extremely hot skin, and an altered mental state, ranging from slight confusion to coma. Seizures also can result. Ridding the body of excess heat is crucial for survival.

Move the person into a half-sitting position in the shade. Call for emergency medical help immediately.

If humidity is below 75%, spray the victim with water and fan them vigorously; if humidity is above 75%, apply ice to neck, armpits or groin.

Do not give aspirin or acetaminophen. Do not give the victim anything to drink.

Heat Exhaustion
When the body loses an excessive amount of salt and water, heat exhaustion can set in. People who work outdoors and athletes are particularly susceptible.

Symptoms are similar to those of the flu and can include severe thirst, fatigue, headache, nausea, vomiting and, some-

times, diarrhea. Other symptoms include profuse sweating, clammy or pale skin, dizziness, rapid pulse and normal or slightly elevated body temperature.

Uncontrolled heat exhaustion can evolve into heatstroke, so make sure to treat the victim quickly.

Move them to a shaded or air-conditioned area.

Give them water or other cool, nonalcoholic beverages.

Apply wet towels or having them take a cool shower.

Heat cramps

Heat cramps are muscle spasms that usually affect the legs or abdominal muscles, often after physical activity. Excessive sweating reduces salt levels in the body, which can result in heat cramps.

Workers or athletes with pain or spasms in the abdomen, arms or legs should not return to work for a few hours. Instead: Sit or lie down in the shade.

Drink cool water or a sports drink.

Stretch affected muscles.

Seek medical attention if you have heart problems or if the cramps don't get better in an hour.

The best way to avoid a heat-related illness is to limit exposure outdoors during hot



days. Air conditioning is the best way to cool off, according to the CDC. Also: Drink more liquid than you think you need and avoid alcohol. Wear loose, lightweight clothing and a hat. Replace salt lost from sweating by drinking fruit juice or sports drinks. Avoid spending time outdoors during the hottest part of the day, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wear sunscreen; sunburn affects the body's ability to cool itself. Pace yourself when you run or otherwise exert your body.

REDUCING RISK INSIDE AND AROUND THE HOME

In the kitchen,

Keep a distance between flammable objects (papers, curtains, plastics, etc.) and fire sources (oven, stove top, portable heater, etc.)

Use harmful products (cleaning solutions, lighters) with caution (follow instructions!) and keep them out of reach of children and pets.

Never leave sharp objects (knives) or other such tools and utensils misplaced or unattended.

Ensure electrical cords aren't draped across other appliances or the counter or stove top.

Leave space around appliances for proper ventilation.

In the bathroom,

Keep electrical appliances wrapped and away from water.

Use non-slip strips or floor mats

Always keep the room clean and as dry as possible.

In the bedroom,

Never smoke.

As always, ensure that everything else is a safe distance away from a source of fire or heat.

Opt for mattresses with open flame-resistant protection.

You're most vulnerable when you sleep. Even in bed, keep a phone, light, (and, if necessary, a weapon) within reach.

In the garage,

This is probably where you store most of your tools and equipment. Take precautions with flammable liquids, chemicals, and anything producing fumes.

Keep poisonous substances (paint thinner, antifreeze, rat poison, etc.) locked up and out of reach of children and pets.

Keep your space clean and organized, especially as many of your tools are sharp, heavy, or otherwise dangerous.

In the yard,

Surround your property with a sturdy fence (this is more for keeping in children and pets, but can also serve to remind strangers to keep out).

If you've got a pool, keep it locked down or fenced in when not in use.

Be careful when working in bad weather.

Use sand, salt, and good-traction footwear on ice and snow.

On the stairs,

Keep steps clean and dry.

Always install stable and sturdy railing on both sides of the stairs.

Ensure that the distance between the rails is narrow enough to prevent a child or infant from falling through.

Good rule of thumb: less than four inches!

Keep stairs well lit.

Guard against fire with these home safety tips:

Install smoke detectors, check them regularly, and replace the batteries at least once a year.

Avoid overloading outlets and extension cords.

Keep fire extinguishers handy and know how to use them.

Establish a safety exit, ensure all family members know and understand it, practice with drills, and ensure it's never blocked.

Never block or pile things on heaters or near heat-exuding appliances; give these a wide berth, plenty of breathing room, and make sure they don't get overheated.

Ensure that all materials are fire-resistant if you're renovating or just fixing up something around the house.

Never leave any type of fire or hot appliance unattended.

Remove dry vegetation around your home, especially during the dry seasons. Cover the fireplace with a stable and large metal fire frame.

Have easy access to important phone numbers: the police, the fire department, poison control, and trusted family, friends, and neighbors, in case of an emergency.

Clearly mark your street number on the mailbox, fence, gate, or wall so you can easily be located in case of an emergency. Consider investing on a home safety orientation training if you're working in the home care industry.

Easy ways to improve your balance

The body systems responsible for balance can be affected by gradual changes due to aging or side effects of medications. There are also a host of health problems that can lead to unsteadiness on your feet. But many stability problems caused by aging or conditions such as arthritis, stroke, Parkinson's disease, or multiple sclerosis respond well to exercises designed to

improve balance. Most likely, you already engage in some activities that help sharpen balance, especially if you're an active person. Other balance-strengthening activities are routinely taught in classes held at many YMCAs and senior centers. For example:

Walking, biking, and climbing stairs strengthen muscles in your lower body. A

recumbent bike or stair stepper is a safe way to start if your balance needs a lot of work.

Stretching loosens tight muscles, which can affect posture and balance.

Yoga strengthens and stretches tight muscles while challenging your static and dynamic balance skills.

Tai chi moves, which involve gradual

shifts of weight from one foot to another combined with rotating the trunk and extending the limbs, offer a series of challenges to improve your balance.

What if you're not at all active? Research shows that the right exercises can help sedentary folks dramatically improve their strength and balance at any age or ability level.

Chronic pain: The "invisible" disability

Sometime back in 2010, a good friend of mine from college who had since become a pediatrician posted a complaint on Facebook about "made up" health conditions. "Fibromyalgia, I'm looking at you," she wrote. At this time, pain was more of an occasional visitor in my body rather than the permanent tenant it has since become. Still, I was offended on behalf of those patients with the disease.

Fast forward to today and my life is all about pacing. This is because everything I do — cook, sleep, work, walk — takes time. This gradual approach to every aspect of my life is not about enlightenment or mindfulness. It is about pain. Or more specifically, trying to evade or minimize it. To minimize is key because I've learned it can't be avoided, at least not entirely, no matter my effort. For me, fibromyalgia became a default diagnosis — a catch-all phrase the doctors slapped on me to encompass all the aches and health complaints that had begun to persistently plague me. I received this diagnosis even as imaging showed degenerative changes and other damage in my spine and hips, even as endometriosis was confirmed to be spreading like strands of spider web inside my abdomen, wrapping its tendrils around

my organs with the insidiousness of an invasive plant. When the pain reached the point of making it impossible to work more than on a very part-time basis most weeks, I began to inquire about disability. But my doctors — the same ones who diagnosed me, treated me, and viewed my MRI results — all shook their heads and refused to sign off on any paperwork. "You don't seem sick," they said. This was the same line I was offered in college after extreme intestinal distress caused me to lose more than 20 pounds in a single semester. But the school nutritionist thought I just wasn't eating enough bananas. "You have such shiny, healthy-looking hair," she explained, pinching a lock of it between her fingers as though I were a doll on display. "People who are really sick don't have hair like yours." A colonoscopy showed nothing visibly wrong, so the doctor diagnosed me with irritable bowel syndrome and treated me as though I was a hopeless neurotic. "Stop being so stressed and eat your greens," he scolded. Two years later, a laparoscopic surgery would show widespread endometriosis, a large portion of it choking my colon. Its removal eased my GI complications considerably. But by then I learned

the hard lesson that doctors often erred on the side of disbelief when they couldn't see something plainly... or even when they could.

I have heard an extensive list of reasons why I can't be in as much pain as I say despite my test results... and besides my shiny hair, like: I am too young; I have good teeth; I'm too thin to have back problems. Yet, these haven't granted me immunity from illness, and they have not prevented pain.

Only recently has medical research started to catch on to what patients suffering from chronic pain have long known.

As reported in a New York Times Well column written by Tara Parker-Pope in 2011, a study by the Institute of Medicine discovered that pain can endure long after the illness or injury that caused its initial onset has been treated or healed, until it eventually evolves, or devolves, into its own disease. That is, pain is no longer indicative of another prognosis — it is the prognosis, and a disabling one at that. Specifically, under the strain of prolonged pain, nerves not only become super-sensitized to pain signals, but begin amplifying them. Once these changes occur, they can be extremely difficult to undo. Meanwhile,

most medical students are woefully lacking in training in chronic pain, usually receiving only a few hours' worth in their entire education. In fact, veterinarians receive more training on how to treat animals in pain than medical doctors do for their human patients. Unfortunately, without an adequate understanding of pain and its mechanisms, many medical practitioners are quick to downplay the experience of their patients as faking or exaggerating. What this translates into is denying a disability because it is invisible to the naked eye.

Wiser doctors needed

What would help me at this point would be to have practitioners who are not only more well-versed in chronic pain, but are willing to acknowledge its disabling impacts on their patients. In other words, doctors should start believing their patients when they say they are hurting. Validation is the first step toward a solution, or at the least, toward offering alternative adjustments and treatments that can accommodate a pain patient and bring them a better quality of life in the absence of a long-term cure.

Use everyday habits to keep your memory in good shape

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caregiving plan
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Your daily habits and lifestyle — what you eat and drink, whether you exercise, how stressed you are, and more — affect your mental health every bit as much as your physical health. A growing body of research indicates that regular exercise and a healthful diet can help protect your memory from aging-related decline.

Exercise
Physical fitness and mental fitness go together. People who exercise regularly tend to stay mentally sharp into their 70s, 80s, and beyond. Although the precise "dose" of exercise isn't known, research suggests that the exercise should be moderate to vigorous and regular. Examples of moderate exercise include brisk walking, stationary bicycling, water aerobics, and competitive table tennis. Vigorous activities include jogging, high-impact aerobic dancing, square dancing, and tennis. Exercise helps

memory in several ways. It reduces the risk of developing several potentially memory-robbing conditions like high blood pressure, diabetes, and stroke. Exercise is good for the lungs, and people who have good lung function send more oxygen to their brains. There is some evidence that exercise helps build new connections between brain cells and improves communication between them. Finally, exercise has been linked to increased production of neurotrophins, substances that nourish brain cells and help protect them against damage from stroke and other injuries.

Here are some ways to build physical activity into your daily routine:

Walk instead of driving when possible.

Set aside time each day for exercise. For extra motivation, ask your spouse or a friend to join you.

Use the stairs instead of the elevator.

Plant a garden and tend it.

Take an exercise class or join a health club.

Swim regularly, if you have access to a pool or beach.

Learn a sport that requires modest physical exertion, such as tennis.

Go Mediterranean

Mediterranean-type diets highlight whole grains, fruits and vegetables, and healthy fats from fish, nuts, and healthy oils. This eating style helps promote heart health and may also lessen the risk of memory and thinking problems later in life. In a study that followed more than 2,000 people over four years, those who most closely followed a Mediterranean-type diet had a lower risk of developing Alzheimer's disease. A later study suggested that following a Mediterranean-type diet could slow the conversion of mild cognitive impairment

into full-blown dementia.

The types of fat that predominate in the diet also seem to affect memory. As part of the national Women's Health Initiative, 482 women ages 60 and older were observed for three years. They reported on their diets, and researchers tested their memory and thinking skills at the beginning of the study and at the end. Those who ate more unsaturated fat (which is abundant in vegetable oils and fatty fish) and less saturated fat (from red meat and full-fat dairy foods) had significantly less decline in memory than those who ate relatively little unsaturated fat.

Eating several servings of fruits and vegetables can also protect memory. Foods from plants are chock full of vitamins, minerals, and other nutrients that may protect against age-related deterioration throughout the body.

Rupee may weaken to 68-69 levels by December 2017. Here's why

When most currency experts are giving a call that Indian rupee could be fairly valued, but with a slight strengthening bias, brokerage firm Edelweiss expect rupee to weaken to 68-69 a dollar level by December on global political risk and strengthening of the US dollar.

December is still some nine months to come and indeed the factors mentioned could materialise, pulling down rupee beyond its record low of 68.85 a dollar that it reached on 28 August, 2013. The rupee, for now, seems to be bullish. The recent move by the rupee was so strong that it triggered margin calls on many trading books and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had to heavily intervene to iron out volatility.

The rupee had moved from 66.61 a dollar to 65.82 a dollar on 14 March, a movement of 1.19 per cent, reacting to huge win of the Bharatiya Janata Party in the Uttar Pradesh elections. At 10.40 am, the rupee was trading at 65.11 a dollar.

“The rally in rupee reached higher levels post prudent budget, muted impact of demonetisation on GDP estimates and historic mandate in Uttar Pradesh to BJP further strengthened the rupee, making it more expensive than other peer currencies. We believe that the recent move in INR is partly frothy and may fade,” Edel-

weiss said, adding the narrowing inflation differential will be reversed as favourable base effects for India wade off.

“Though India’s macro remains stable, its suppressed inflation and differentials could widen causing INR to depreciate from current levels. We believe that INR may not be over-valued but it appears to be over-heated,” wrote Sahil Kapoor, chief market strategist and Shobana Krishnan, an economist of Edelweiss.

According to the report, real effective exchange rate (REER) of rupee shows it is quite expensive against the basket of currencies it is measured. REER is measured as the relative strength of rupee against its trade partner. Indeed, between March 2016 and February 2017, the REER of rupee has been on an incline.

REER value

However, the same report shows that the rise in REER in one month, between January and February, has been “too modest” in comparison with other emerging markets, mainly because of weakness in the dollar. REER for rupee has risen only 0.8 per cent against the dollar, compared with Mexico’s 5.1 per cent. However, rupee’s Asian peers have seen their REER falling against the dollar. Thailand has fallen 0.2

per cent, Indonesia has fallen 0.8 per cent and China’s REER against the dollar has fallen 0.9 per cent. This may indicate that rupee has a scope to fall.

Dollar index, which measures the greenback’s strength against major global currencies, have fallen to 99.294 against 102 in the start of March.

“Dollar had rallied in expectation of fiscal stimulus in US\$. In absence of any big announcement, dollar weakened,” the Edelweiss report said.

Rupee weakness could be warranted for pushing India’s export growth. Even as nowadays the quality of the exports have improved, considering it is now driven more by value and less by price changes, a weak rupee can further push the exports. And the central bank is well aware of that.



For now, the Reserve Bank has limited scope to intervene in the currency market, considering huge liquidity surplus after demonetization. But once this liquidity slowly neutralises, the central bank can intervene more actively to weaken the rupee, according to Edelweiss.

Some currency consultants have given a call that rupee would appreciate to 62-63 level by June-July and can strengthen further as the months pass, but clearly, Edelweiss doesn’t buy that.

BILLIONAIRE SAUDI PRINCE ANNOUNCES WORLD’S TALLEST TOWER TO BE COMPLETED IN 2019

Billionaire Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal, the richest man in Saudi Arabia, has said the world’s tallest building, the Jeddah Tower, will be completed in 2019.

Bin Talal, the chairman of Saudi Arabia’s vast Kingdom Holding Company, told reporters on the 28th storey of the construction site for the tower that his structure would oustrip a building being planned in Dubai also vying for the title of world’s tallest, the Saudi Gazette reported.

“It is a solid concrete building unlike the one announced in Dubai, which is considered as a skeleton. This is why our tower will be the tallest in the world,” he said. The spire-topped tower, initially proposed to reach 0.6 miles in height, was originally scheduled for completion in November 2014. However, a series of investment problems, including financial issues with the contractor Saudi Bin Ladin Group,

have regularly delayed the project.

The group was among construction firms in the kingdom that suffered financially after a collapse in oil revenues from 2014. It announced late last year it had completed payment to 70,000 laid-off employees, AFP reported. The Saudi royal, whose company has shares in Euro Disney, Apple News Corp and the U.S. bank Citigroup, said the final height of the building would be kept under wraps until six months before completion.

Construction will be slow and steady, the Saudi prince explained. “Construction of the Jeddah Tower will rely on cutting-edge technology, including the high-strength reinforced concrete and the pumps used to elevate it to record heights,” he said

Completion of the skyscraper is the first stage of a project Bin Talal envisages will

transform the city of Jeddah on Saudi Arabia’s Red Sea coast into a hotspot for tourism and business. The tower will be

the centerpiece in the Kingdom City project that will include other skyscrapers and apartment buildings.



Indian student from Andhra Pradesh killed in road mishap in US

HYDERABAD: An Indian student, pursuing masters in electrical engineering at Northern Illinois University, was killed in a road mishap in Illinois, US. The victim has been identified as Sai Kumar Adluri from Tirupathi in Andhra Pradesh. The car accident took place on early Sunday morning when the victim’s car was hit by another car from behind killing Sai Kumar on the spot.

According to Indian Students Association, Sai Kumar was a native of Sri Bomma Rajapuram (SBR Puram), near Puttoor, Tirupathi. He was supposed to graduate in December 2017

Friends of Sai Kumar described him as an ‘energetic cricketer’ who represented the university in the mid western championships. “He was a compassionate human being who never thought twice

before lending his hand for help. He was a brother everyone wished they had,” the Indian Students Association said. It has also set up a gofundme page to raise funds to help send the body back to India. “Sai and a friend was involved in an accident near the university earlier this morning and the other vehicle involved was the one at fault. Sai was not lucky enough to make it. The other person in his car is currently

undergoing treatment in a trauma center in Rockford,” the association said. The matter also brought to the notice of Telangana state NRI affairs minister K T Rama Rao for help in sending the body to India. A similar appeal was also made to Andhra Pradesh chief minister N Chandrababu Naidu and Union Minister for External Affairs minister Sushma Swaraj for help.

HASAN CHISHTI GETS LIFE-TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AND LITERARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Mr. Hasan Chishti, a long-time resident of Chicago, has carved a niche in the Hyderabad community for his commitment to literature, community service, and by helping uplift human values. Amiable, soft spoken and always ready to help others, Mr. Chishti is an active poet, journalist, and social worker.

Glory of Hyderabad is proud to honor Mr. Hasan Chishti with the Life Time Achievement Award for his outstanding Service and Literary Contribution. The prestigious award is bestowed on him on Osmania University's Centenary Celebrations, which is a continuation of many recognitions and honors he has received during his distinguished career.

On the 60th Independence Day celebrations in 2007, a Chicago based association conferred the Community Leadership Award on Mr. Chishti in recognition of his dedication to the principles of community service and inspiring community partnership among the Indian American community, in Chicago.

Mr. Chishti's work in compiling and publishing four volumes of "Mujtaba Hussain Ki Behtareen Tahreeren" was

recognized, in 2002, by the Delhi Urdu Academy which gave him an award consisting of cash, a shield, a certificate and a shawl for Vol 2 of these books. In 2003, Urdu Writers' Society of USA honored him with its Annual Literary Award in recognition of his commendable literary services. In 2001, American Urdu Writers' Society awarded him the prestigious Life-Time Achievement Award at an investiture ceremony in Los Angeles, California.

He represented the USA in an International Mushaira held in New Delhi, in 1988. He has been regularly contributing articles and news from Chicago for Siasat, a widely circulated daily newspaper published from Hyderabad, India. Before migrating to Chicago, while in Saudi Arabia, he founded "Bazm-e-Urdu" and "Hyderabad Association" and was President of both the organizations for six years.

Born in Hyderabad, India, he obtained a B.A. degree from Osmania University and served the University in various administrative capacities for about 26 years. In 1986, he migrated to Chicago and worked for Khan & Associates



and Pentagon Industries, for approximately 5 years. In 1991, Mr. Chishti started his own business.

America's Highest-Paid CEO Took Home \$237 Million in 2016

Lots of CEOs make big bucks. But which one earned the most last year? The answer is actually not entirely clear cut.

There are several different ways to calculate CEO pay. In March, Equilar posted its list, showing Charter Communications CEO Thomas Rutledge was No. 1 for 2016, with a pay package worth nearly \$100 million.

But Equilar's data only takes into account how companies themselves value what they've paid their CEOs. Bloomberg, meanwhile, just published a new list of the highest-paid CEOs that takes into account an executive's defined pay package in the given year, including stock options that may not have actually vested that year but which still count as holdings.

As a result, Bloomberg has come up with an index that will make four CEOs feel especially good about their earnings. That's because their 2016 compensation has been valued at nine figures. That's right: Their earnings aren't measured in the millions, but in the hundreds of millions.

The executive at the #1 spot on the list is

probably one that will surprise you—because he's only the CEO of a division within a company (Walmart),

not the top chief. It's Marc Lore, who founded Quidsi, the operator of Diapers.com and Soap.com, and sold it to Amazon.com, only to later launch Jet.com, another upstart e-retailer aimed at competing against Amazon. Lore then sold Jet.com to Walmart last year, and the transaction is responsible for most of his compensation in 2016. He now serves as CEO of Walmart's e-commerce division.

Here are the four executives with earnings in the nine figures in 2016, starting with Lore:

1. Marc Lore, Walmart U.S. E-commerce CEO: \$236,896,191. Most of Lore's compensation is tied to Walmart's acquisition of upstart discount retailer Jet.com, which



he founded, and is composed of restricted shares that will fully vest by September 2021, Bloomberg says.

2. Tim Cook, Apple CEO: \$150,036,907. Bloomberg notes Cook "received a megagrant of restricted stock units" when he became CEO in 2011 that are scheduled to vest over 10 years, and have annualized those returns. "Cook's 2016 payout was bigger than in previous years because of how Apple's board structured the distribution of shares."

3. John Weinberg, Evercore Executive Chairman: \$123,991,055. Last year Weinberg left Goldman Sachs for Evercore, "reaping sign-on awards worth \$124 million as of Dec. 31."

4. Sundar Pichai, Google CEO:

\$106,502,419. His "pay from Google parent Alphabet Inc.

is almost entirely in stock that's granted every other year," Bloomberg says. Meanwhile, Tesla CEO Elon Musk was just barely out of the nine-figure club, earning \$99,744,920 last year, according to Bloomberg's calculations.

What's also interesting is that Google's Pichai was the only executive from the 2016 nine-figure CEO list to also be make the cut the year before. Bloomberg's highest-earning executives list for 2015 included at least five CEOs in nine figures, topped by Patrick Soon-Shiong, a 63-year-old physician who received a \$329.7 million pay package as chief executive officer of NantKwest Inc., a cancer-research firm that went public.

Indian immigrant who was detained at Atlanta airport dies in custody

A 58-year-old Indian who was detained last week for allegedly not possessing necessary immigration documents while entering the US, died in custody at an Atlanta hospital, officials said.

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Trending: USS Ronald Reagan dispatched to North Korea waters

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Stewart Detention Center, died due to "self-inflicted strangulation". Patel is the eighth individual to have died in ICE custody this year.

Since 2003, around 165 people reportedly died under ICE's watch. Findings of the ACLU, Detention Watch Network and the National Immigrant Justice Center on immigrant deaths suggest that "instead of forcing changes in culture, systems, and processes that could reduce future deaths, ICE's deficient inspections system essentially swept the agency's own death review findings under the rug".

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Brief Encounters Nusrath Yar Khan

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There are times when one may spend the briefest time with another human and end up having lasting memories.

I have noticed this happening mostly when one is travelling; by train plane or bus or even by car.

I remember those days when my family and I would take a journey from Bombay to Hyderabad or Madras to Hyderabad, depending where my husband was posted. The moment the train started moving and the passengers settled in and relaxed to patiently wait for the end of the journey the hellos and name-exchanging started among the men. The women took a few more minutes to open up, unless of course it was a ladies compartment.

By the end of the 13 hours journey, we had exchanged our names, and a little of the family back ground; where the men were working and whether they knew so and so who also lived in that same area, or worked in the same place. We shared our

food, played games with the children and before parting promised to keep in touch. [which rarely happened].

And then on reaching our destination, we would go our own ways saying our hurried goodbyes, like we were desperate to get away from each other; our priority changing from the co passengers to our immediate family who would be waiting patiently for us on the grimy platforms.

This scenario would be almost the same if one were to take a plane. We spend a day together with our "next door" passenger on a flight, if we travel from here to America. We may embark together and disembark together; we may spend hours together on the flight but ultimately we part and merge with the ocean of people only to get lost in the milling crowds of this universe, never to see each other again. { But there are always exceptions to a rule}

Travelling to Goa on a ship's deck in our

adventurous youthful days, we came across a group of young boys, also vacationing on the ship deck, making merry with their guitar and songs.

We befriended each other although we were a young married couple and they were young bachelors. We spent the 10 days of the carnival with them, staying up till the wee hours of the morning, going to the beautiful Goa beaches, picnicking, sight seeing.

Trip ended, back in Bombay, we were hoping to keep in touch forever. Then the inevitable happened we got posted out and we lost touch and like they say its been donkeys years now and we have no idea where they are or if they remember the holiday or even us for that matter. Their faces are a total blur but the fun we had together, has been album-ed in our memory forever..

For months or years we may remember the faces, that had become a part of our lives

for that brief moment in time. Ditto with Conversations we had and the twenty four hour friendship that we shared in our Brief Encounters, till gradually the memory begins to fade and gets blurry. New pictures begin to take shape in our minds. The old ones get logged into the files of our memory, turning sepia with age. Such is life, thousands of humans of all ages, shapes and size, flit through our lives, day in and day out, but only a handful are remembered and even fewer, cherished for life.

Now its the age of the computers and digital cameras. You may never see a face 'live' ever but you can keep in touch by chatting, sharing thoughts and ideas with just a voice to hear a face to see, by just logging in and knocking messages on the key board.



Parents and Children Zakiah Sayeed

A plethora of feelings and emotions come crowding when we think of these individuals.

Children when they are little, we think of them as little flowers, only to be loved and nurtured, watered and cultivated for them to grow. How fast they grow! From the time of "Mom (or dad), tell me a story" at bed time, which keeps getting repeated immediately after you have finished the story the first time, and have to keep telling them more and more stories, till you feel the sleep stinging your eyelids, while your child is wide awake; from that time, to when they become teenagers, and tell you, "Mom, okay, enough already! I have heard that before!!" How does time travel so fast that while you think your child is still in the cradle of your arms, he has become a thinking man, with developed muscles and a heavy voice! It was just yesterday that he was born, and all you did was blink your eyes a few times!

The child grows up. He goes to high school, and college and graduates with great honors! He is a celebrated athlete. People talk about him and he finds a place for himself in the community. While he (or she) becomes a known figure, and is recognized, the parents become smaller and are sometimes forgotten. They continue to love him. They have sacrificed so much for the happiness of their child and continue to bask in the laurels and glories of their offspring. The process of parenting is a full time job. It has its own joys, trials, challenges and triumphs.

Western society considers children as grownups and doesn't mind when a

son has graduated high school and wants to find a job, and live outside the home in his own little pad. It cultivates independence and gives them the knowhow of managing their lives. We from the old world of pampering and taking care, have looked down on that type of independence and would like our child to stay in the same nest for as long as possible. While we do take our role seriously, I wonder sometimes if we are empowered to learn and develop the positive parenting skills.

Most of the families I have known, have had fabulous success with the parenting skills and have seen their children grow and do well in life. But recently I was talking to a friend, who knows for sure that he has been blindsided in his love for his child. The son is grown up, is married, and has a child of his own. He now talks to his father as though he is a man from another planet. The respect is gone; the loving embraces of the past, are just that.... forgotten in a nebulous haze of lost love. Any time he suffers a little challenge in his life and cannot take care of it, he ridicules the father (or mother), for the way he was brought up. He forgets that the parents are old and do not have the strength to bear the taunts or the insults his words bring to the old hearts. He forgets that it was the strength of these same old shoulders that carried him from childhood to adulthood, and that he climbed there to make for himself a better life. He forgets the innumerable sacrifices that the parents made for him, just so he could be allowed a seat in a prestigious school or follow a

far-fetched dream.

And yet, despite the slights and the hidden barbs that the child throws at the parents, they continue to love him. They still continue to hurt when he is hurt, and continue to want to do all the right things for him. When he is sad, they are grief stricken, and lose their appetite; and when he is happy, they talk endlessly about his successes.

They are parents, and they are made of a different clay and molded in a different form, so that they can tolerate all that comes to their

lot. They never want to see their child suffer, and hope that he will

be the best parent for his own children when they are born, and act and be a positive role model for his off springs.

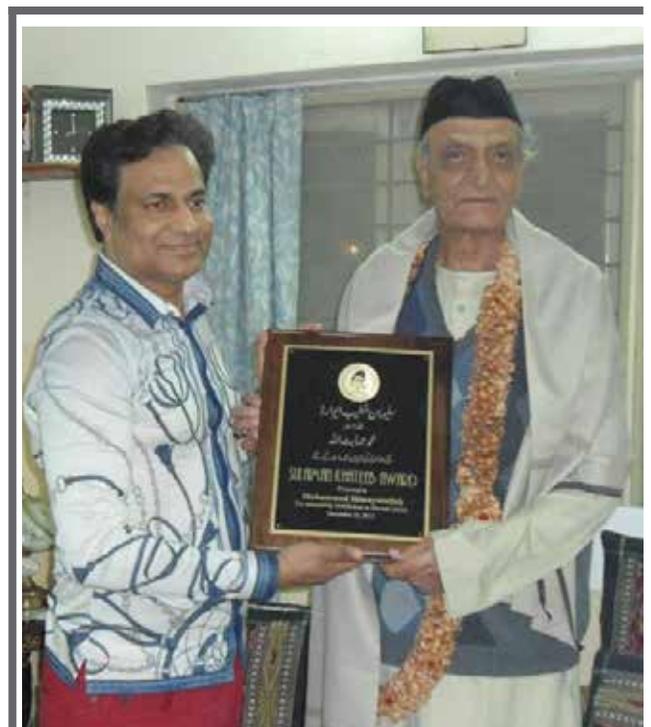
Having said the above, I should also say that the blame should sometimes land on the parents' shoulders, when one or both of them are alcoholics, and when the home environment is far from normal. I know that for certain, because working with abused children I have seen both sides of the coin.

The important thing in parenting, is to nurture the child's self-esteem, do not point the negative things that he (she) has done but to make him feel proud of the positive things that he has done.

Discipline the child so ac-

ceptable behavior can be implemented.

Discipline is important in every family. I have seen children take advantage of parents without any consideration of right or wrong. Above all, make time for your child and be a good role model. That alone will be so beneficial to both, the children and the parents.



"Famous Deccani Urdu Poet Mr. Mohammed Himayathullah passed away on Friday May 26th 2017 in Hyderabad, India. Late Himayathullah was 85 year old & was born on 25th December 1932. Sulaiman Khateeb Award 2012 was Presented to Mohammed Himayathullah for outstanding contribution to Deccani Poetry. In the Picture above: Khaja Khateeb, son of Sulaiman Khateeb with Mohammed Himayathullah.



Lalitha Kala Thorunam Public Garden Nampally Government of Telangana Minorities Welfare Department & State Urdu Academy organized Shaame-E-Ghazal Program by Famous Singer Pankaj Udhas. Deputy CM Mahmood Ali and MLC Farooq Hussain also seen.



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Janab Mohammed Bin Saleh passed away in Hyderabad. He was the brother of Zaheer Bin Saleh Urooj and Uncle of Saif Khan (Chicago) Picture Courtesy: Fareeduddin Sabiri (Chicago)

HINDI MOVIE RELEASE DATES

Opening	Name	Genre	Director	Cast
7 April	<i>Begum Jaan</i>	Action, historical drama	Srijit Mukherji	Vidya Balan, Gauhar Khan, Naseeruddin Shah
21 April	<i>Kaalakaandi</i>	Drama	Akshat Verma	Saif Ali Khan, Sobhita Dhulipala, Kunaal Roy Kapur, Neil Bhoopalam, Deepak Dobriyal
	<i>Noor (film)</i>	Comedy/Drama	Sunhil Sippy	Sonakshi Sinha, Kanan Gill, Shibani Dandekar, Purab Kohli
28 April	<i>Baahubali: The Conclusion</i>	Action/Drama	S.S. Rajamouli	Prabhas, Rana Daggubati, Tamannaah Bhatia, Anushka Shetty, Vivek Tiwari, Ramya Krishnan, Nassar
12 May	<i>Meri Pyaari Bindu</i>	Romance	Akshay Roy	Ayushmann Khurana, Parineeti Chopra
12 May	<i>Hindi Medium</i>	Romance	Saket Chaudhary	Irrfan Khan, Saba Qamar
19 May	<i>Half Girlfriend</i>	Romance/Drama	Mohit Suri	Arjun Kapoor, Shraddha Kapoor
26 May	<i>Sachin: A Billion Dreams</i>	Biopic	James Erskine	Sachin Tendulkar
2 June	<i>Toilet: Ek Prem Katha</i>	Romance/Satire	Shree Narayan Singh	Akshay Kumar, Bhumi Pednekar
9 June	<i>Raabta</i>	Romance	Dinesh Vijan	Sushant Singh Rajput, Kriti Sanon
11 June	<i>V FOR VIJAY</i>	Drama/Children	Chandra Sekhar Acharjee	Master Samir Goala, Chandra Sekhar Acharjee
25 June	<i>Tubelight</i>	Action/Drama	Kabir Khan	Salman Khan, Sohail Khan, Zhu Zhu

'Baahubali 2: The Conclusion' worldwide box-office collection: Film inching towards 1500-crore mark

Lo and behold! SS Rajamouli's magnum opus 'Baahubali 2: The Conclusion' is all set to create yet another record soon as it inches close to the 1500 crore mark. The film starring Rana Daggubati and Prabhas in the lead has had a triumphant run at the worldwide box-office till date, garnering an estimated Rs 1,294 crore in all languages, according to a report on Within its first week, the film received a phenomenal response at the domestic box-office with its

Hindi dubbed version collecting as much as Rs 245 crore. The film continued to roar at the box-office by starting off its second weekend with collections recording in at Rs 20 crore on Friday and Rs 26.50 crore on Saturday, Rs 33.50 crore approx on Sunday and Monday's collection recording in at approximately Rs 16.50 crore, thus taking the domestic collection to Rs 386 crore. While many suspect a third installment of the franchise, Rajamouli taking

to his Twitter handle shared that he's not planning to add any more sequels to the blockbuster franchise. "And with this last leg of promotion in London, my job with Baahubali film series is completely over. A big hug and thanks to everyone," he said. 'Baahubali 2' enjoyed a grand release in about 9000 screens worldwide. The film was scheduled to release in 2016, however, the makers moved the dates and released the film in 2017.



Tubelight trailer: Salman Khan shines bright in Bollywood's movie of the year

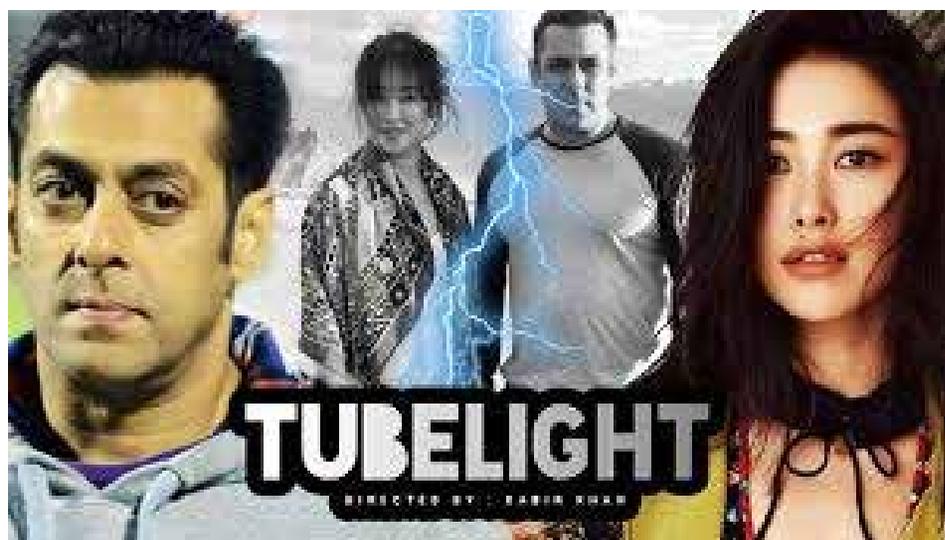
Salman Khan plays Laxman in 'Tubelight', an Indian man who falls in love with a Chinese girl. The first trailer for Salman Khan's next big film, Tubelight is here. The two minute seven seconds long trailer is vibrant, fun and has a lot of heart Salman makes first appearance at 55 seconds and seems to have certain special abilities (our own Indian Magneto?) which he uses to control his surroundings. The cinematography is brilliant and one is effortlessly transported back to the Indo-China war era.

Salman and a cute kid would certainly spell box office success.

This is Salman and Kabir's third collaboration after Ek Tha Tiger and Bajrangi Bhaijaan. Based in the 1962 Sino-Indian War, Salman plays Laxman, an Indian man who falls in love with a Chinese girl. Pritam has composed the film's music.

Shah Rukh Khan is said to have a cameo in the film.

Tubelight marks the Bollywood debut for Chinese star Zhu Zhu. It is a war drama shot in Ladakh and Manali.



Just like in Bajrangi Bhaijaan, there is an adorable kid involved. Probably, Kabir Khan has realised that a movie with

Rajinikanth's next film titled 'Kaala Karikalan'

It recently came to light that Rajinikanth would soon be starting work on his project with director Pa Ranjith. The movie that is supposed to be based in Mumbai will officially kick off on May 28. Now, the makers have finally narrowed down on a title. The Superstar's son-in-law Dhanush, who is bankrolling this venture, released the first poster for the film titled 'Kaala Karikalan'. He tweeted the posters saying, "More Wunderbar films presents... superstar Rajinikanth in and as #thalai-var164." Interestingly, the title posters were released in Tamil, Telugu, Hindi and English, thus implying that the makers are looking for a nationwide release of the film.

of Mahindra Group tweeted a poster of the movie saying: "Whoever knows the whereabouts of the Thar used for this shoot please let us know. I'd like to acquire it for our company auto museum."

The poster in question features Rajinikanth sitting atop a Maharashtra registration Mahindra Thar SUV with Mumbai's Dharavi in backdrop.

When one of his followers tweeted that it is a photoshopped image, Mahindra replied: "The car that was photoshopped is still a collector's item!"

Anand Mahindra, executive chairman



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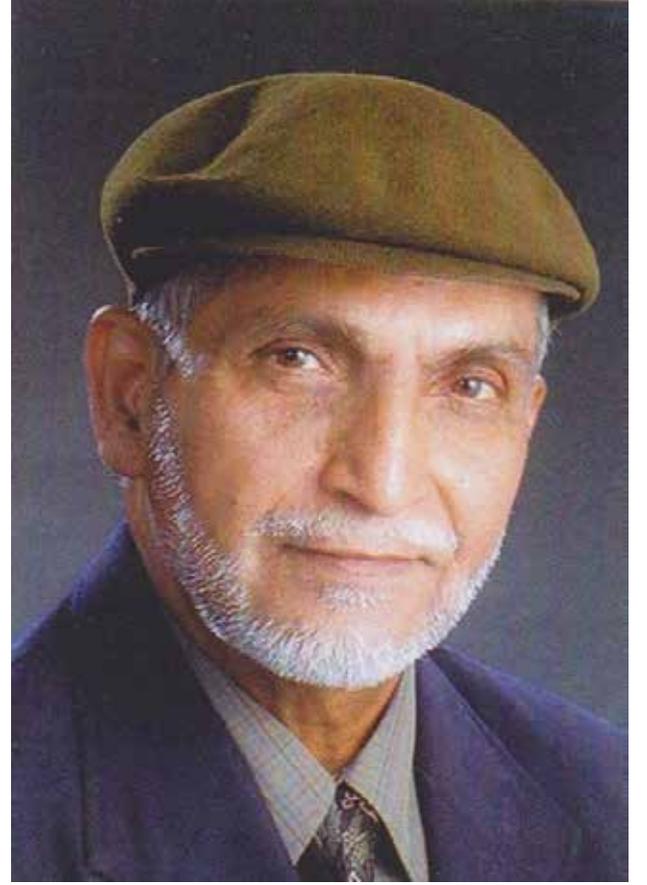
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The Legendary Poet of Hyderabad
Janab Ghouse Ahmed urf Ghouse
Khamakha has passed away.

May Almighty Forgive His Short Comings and Grant
Him Jannah.

Here what Khamakah Sahab said :

Buzdil hai voh jo jeetey ji marney sey dar gaya
Mayich tha jo kaam kuch aur kar gaya.
Jab maut aako karney lagi mujhko salaam.
My valeykum salaam bola aur mar gaya.



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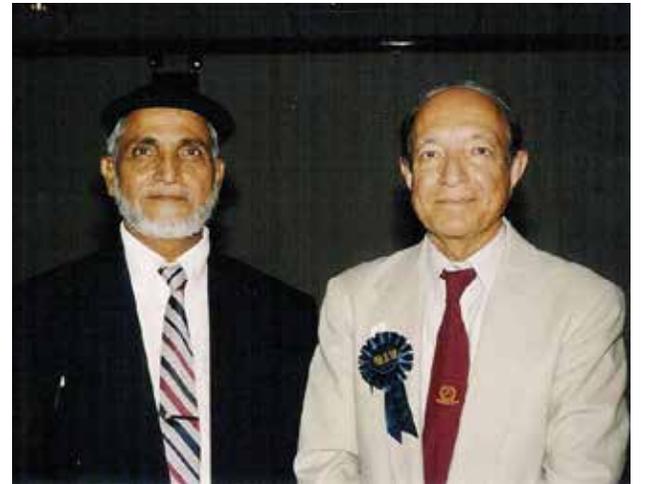
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Janab Hasan Chishti with Mohammed
Himayathullah and Ghouse Khamakha (Great
loss to Urdu Adab world with the death of these
two Deccani poets. May Allah give them highest
place in Jannah)

On the lighter side....

I'm at the library, and for some reason, when I plug my flash drive into the computer, it doesn't show up. I keep trying, but nothing happens.

As an IT major, I know I can figure this out. So I spend 15 minutes changing settings and inserting and removing the flash drive.

Then a girl sitting next to me taps my shoulder and says, "You're plugging into my computer, not yours."

Johnny's Father asked for the password to our Wi-Fi. "It's taped under the modem," I told him.

After three failed attempts to log on, he asked, "Am I spelling this right?"

T-A-P-E-D-U-N-D-E-R-T-H-E-M-O-D-E-M

A bank clerk is talking with her colleague. "I think now-a-days my beauty has been decreasing."

"Why do you think that?" asked the colleague.

"The men who are withdrawing cash at my counter are actually counting their money."

A not-so-smart lady called the airline booking agent to ask how long a flight was from Los Angeles to New York? The busy agent replied, "Just a moment."

The not-so-smart lady replied, "Thank you," and then hung up.

My friend Kimberly announced that she had started a diet to lose some pounds she had put on recently.

"Good!" I exclaimed. "I'm ready to start a diet too. We can be dieting buddies and help each other out. When I feel the urge to drive out and get a burger and fries, I'll call you first."

"Great!" she replied. "I'll ride with you."

Wife: "What are you doing?"

Husband: "Nothing"

Wife: "Nothing? You've been reading our marriage certificate for an hour."



Husband: "I was looking for the expiration

The person sitting next to me on a flight was a woman. Ever the charmer, I used one of my pick-up lines on her. I asked, "Does the airline charge you extra for sitting next to good-looking men?"

"Yes," she replied, "but I wasn't willing to pay."

A customer walked into our store looking for Christmas lights. I showed her our top brand, but—wanting to make sure each bulb worked—she asked me to take them out of the box and plug them in. I did, and each one lit up.

"Great," she said. I carefully placed the string of lights back in the box. But as I handed them to her, she looked alarmed.

"I don't want this box," she said abruptly. "It's been opened."

Where do fish keep their money?

"In the River Banks."

A woman walked into my father's carpet store. She'd just moved out of her parents' home and needed something for her new living room.

"Do you know how big the room is?" my father asked her.

"Yes," she said. "It's 22 flip-flops long by 18 flip-flops wide... and I wear a size 8."

Bob was in his usual place, sitting at the table, reading the news. He came across an article about a beautiful actress who was about to marry a man who was known primarily for his bad behavior and lack of good manners. He turned to his wife with a look of bewilderment on his face. "I'll never understand why the biggest jerks get the most attractive wives."

His wife replies, "Why, thank you, dear!"

Son to Dad: "What's the difference between an Egyptian mummy and our mummy?"

Dad to Son: It's simple son. When we see an Egyptian mummy, you get fear. But when we see your mummy, then I get fear!"

A career Army officer I once met was jumpmaster for his unit and was taking up a few novices for a drop. The flight was pretty rough, and after a while, the jumpmaster called off the jump because of high winds. As the plane headed back to base, and the pilot pulled off an unusually smooth landing, two of the neophytes got airsick.

"How come you could take that rough flight, but you couldn't handle the smooth landing?" asked the jumpmaster.

"Well, sir," one trainee explained, "We've always jumped out of planes. We've never actually landed before."

As my sister relaxed on the couch, her head comfortably leaning against the crook of her husband's arm, her cell phone beeped.

She looked at her phone. It was a text message from her husband.

The message: "Please Move."

"Dad, I want to become a politician," said Jim.

His father asked, "And what are you doing to become one?"

"Nothing, dad."

"Good, you're halfway there then."



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