Mr Sunil Shah and others with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his recent visit to US
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Telangana to celebrate Engineers Day on July 11th
Honoring Ali Nawaz Bahadur

Nawab Ali Nawaz Jung was the first chief engineer of the Hyderabad state. During his tenure as Chief Engineer, large irrigation works including Osman Sagar, Himayat Sagar etc. were conceived, launched and executed. Nawab Saheb was responsible for construction of several buildings and bridges including major bridges over the Godavari and the Manjira. Extension of telephone service to the districts was due to his initiative. He was responsible for large irrigation projects viz., Wyra, Paler, and the Fateh Nahar. One of his prize design projects was the Nizam Sagar dam.

Mir Ahmed Ali, Nawab Ali Nawaz Jung Bahadur, was born in Hyderabad on 11th of July, 1877. His father, Mir Wahid Ali, was Assistant Secretary of Daftar-e-Mulki. He studied at St. George's Grammar School, Madrasa-i-Aliya and then joined Nizam College. In 1896 he was sent to England on State scholarship to the famous engineering college of Coopers Hill where he had an exceptionally brilliant career, topping the list of successful candidates and gained several scholarships in various branches of engineering.

He returned to Hyderabad in 1899 and joined the Public Works Department as an Assistant Engineer. In 1913 he was made the Secretary to the Government P.W.D. and Telephones Department. In 1918, he became Chief Engineer and Secretary. In 1929, he was invited by the Bombay Government to report in collaboration with Sir M. Visweshwaraya on the financial and technical aspects of Sukkur Barrage, and his services were acknowledged by the Bombay Government.

In recognition to his services, the famous Ali Sagar of Nizamabad was named after him. Every year on July 11 on the occasion his birth anniversary engineers’ day is celebrated across Telangana, but no official ceremony is held. Now that the Telangana is a separate state he should be remembered on grand level and several places can be named after him.

Mohammed Riyaz Ahmed
Eid celebration in New York

Mayor Houston Sylvester Turner extends greetings on this auspicious occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr to the Muslim community at wonderful Eid millan party hosted by prominent community personality Dr Asim Shah at his residence. More than 300 prominent personalities including counsel general Pakistan Aisha Farooqui, Business tycoon Tahir Javed, Zafar Tahir, Dr Ali Gardezi and elected representatives were also present on this occasion.


Mohsin Mandavia at Eid prayer hall

Mr and Mrs Kalee Kidwai with friends
YARA

Out in the wilderness, and this feeling
The rhythm, and this something
All around in them all being
With no beginning,
or end
My own though inevitable, impending

Miracles large and small
Here nothing on show is in my control
So much life so full of life
Silver exuding moon, sun pouring gold
The umpteen shades of green
Smiling for no reason, crazy I ain’t

Still that presence
One calming influence
Feel it at times
Besides my weight in sins
Yes
Yara
Bandeya
Bulleya
What is Taqwa?
Is this Khuda?

Footnote:
Khuda is God.
Taqwa is God consciousness.
Bulleya is Bulleh Shah, a Sufi, poet, philosopher
of the yester years.
Bandeya a person, a creation of the Divine.
Yara is an informal close friend.
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MEET ABDUL EL-SAYED, Democratic Candidate for Governorship of Michigan

Abdul El-Sayed was born and raised in Michigan. His family reflects the diversity of our state, including immigrants who left Egypt in pursuit of greater opportunity in America, and farmers, teachers, and small-business owners who have lived in Gratiot County, Michigan for generations. Abdul is a product of Michigan public schools. He captained his high-school football, wrestling, and lacrosse teams, and went on to play lacrosse for the University of Michigan. He graduated in 2007, where he was honored to deliver the student commencement speech alongside President Bill Clinton.

Abdul went on to become a Rhodes Scholar, earning a doctorate from Oxford University and a medical degree from Columbia University. As a public health professor, Abdul became an internationally recognized expert in health policy and health inequalities.

At 30, Abdul became the youngest health official of a major American city when he was brought home by Mayor Mike Duggan to rebuild Detroit's Health Department after it was privatized during the city's bankruptcy. As Health Director, he was responsible for the health and safety of over 670,000 Detroiters, working tirelessly to ensure government accountability and transparency, promote health, and reduce cross-generational poverty. After witnessing the systematic failures of government only a few miles away in Flint, Abdul worked hard to ensure that children attending Detroit schools and daycares were drinking lead-free water. He has also served expectant mothers and women by creating programs aimed at reducing infant mortality and unplanned pregnancy. He built a program to give schoolchildren across the city glasses if they needed them. Abdul also stood up for children with asthma by taking on corporations that wanted to pump more harmful pollutants into our air, working with them to reduce emissions and invest in parks.

Though the work continues, under Abdul’s leadership, the Detroit Health Department has become a state and national leader in public health innovation and environmental justice, in one of the fastest municipal public health turnarounds in American history.

Abdul is called to public service by a core belief in people. He believes that all people can thrive when we value each other and our communities, we seek to protect and defend our vulnerable, and when we create the kinds of opportunities that empower people to dream for a better future.

Abdul lives in Detroit with his wife, Sarah, a mental health doctor. He loves water sports, working out, good biographies, coffee, and Michigan sports.
Arshad Mahmood Choudhry With Naheed Khan renowned politician
And was political secretary Benazir Bhutto,s at New York

Dr. Rao Kamran Ali hosted potential Lieutenant Governor of California Dr. Asif Mahmood

Sreedhar Gudala: Telangana State Formation Day Celebrations in NJ-USA

Siraj Hirani with Shahnaz Hirani - Dallas

Azhar Pasha of Rahbar Foundation with Team at departing Lunch at Chilis to see off one of the team member.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY JULY FRIENDS

CONGRATULATIONS JULY FRIENDS
Chicago and Consul General of Chicago staff under the leadership of Ms. Neeta Bhushan ji for a successful Yoga day event in Chicago where over 3000 people participated.
EID CELEBRATIONS

Pic#1 Dr. Zaid Dr. Zeeshan Qureshi Dr. Adeel Khan. Pic#2 Dr. Zeeshan Qureshi Dr. Shamsa Qureshi Dr. Iram Qureshi and Dr. Adeel Khan

Mr Waliuddin and Roshan Waliuddin enjoying the Eid

Hassan Butt. Nabeel Ahmed Butt after graduation with Aminah Childress Momin at Selam Academy, Richardson

Shaikh Omar Saleman and Azeem A. Quadeer of Asia Times after Eid prayers in Irving, Texas

Dr Saif Khan

Mizan Rahman
With Raihan Rahman.

Osham Idrees and sons from Columbus, Ohio
BLOOMINGDALE, ILLINOIS, June 25, 2017 - The June 2017 Bhartiya Senior Citizens of Chicago (BSC) Program was organized to highlight massive issue of blindness in India and to engage BSC members to help needy blind people in India. In addition, to empower our younger generation, two educational topics were discussed. These three topics were delivered by Dr. Manu Vora, President of Blind Foundation for India (BFI) and Fulbright Specialist appointed by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational & Cultural Affairs. Deputy Counsel General, Shri O. P. Meena was Chief Guest at the Program. There were around 500 people in attendance including about 12-15 youngsters. The Program was well received by all the attendees.

Dr. Vora highlighted the plight of over 15 million blind people in India which translates to one out of every three blind people in the world. He also shared exponential power of prevention such as $1 of Vitamin A drops administered from age 4-6, prevents the child from going blind. Also, in India it costs only $20 per Cataract operation, compared to $4,000 in the US, a multiplier of 200. With the lead from Haribhai Patel, President of BSC, there was an outpouring support to BFI resulting in a generous collection of $20,000 during the Program towards donation of a Medical Mobile Van in India.

The first education presentation focused on how to get admission at Elite Schools (Ivy League). Dr. Vora shared a roadmap to follow to successfully secure an admission at an Elite School. This includes eight key areas comprising: 1) Most Difficult Course Work Available, 2) High School GPA, 3) Class Rank, 4) SAT I Score, 5) SAT II Subject Scores (English, Math, Science, etc.), 6) Customized Letter of Recommendations, 7) Essays (Authenticity and Love of Learning), and 8) Community Service (Within and Outside School). If these issues are planned well in high school, they may open doors for scholarship for an undergraduate study.

In the second education presentation Dr. Vora provided tips on how to succeed at an University. He focused on the importance of proper planning and selection of a branch of study based on individual interests and strengths. He gave a peak into the power of ‘Theory of Strength and how it can aid in a successful journey at an university and in professional careers. He emphasized critical skills needed to succeed in the 21st Century and how to shore up soft skills. Clearly, the guidance he provided is useful for having a fulfilling, meaningful, and successful professional careers.

After three presentations, Dr. Prataprai Kabariya entertained the audience with his Kathiawadi Diaro. Haribhai Patel, Rakshika Anjaria, Dr. Pratima Shah, Parashottam Pandya, and Jayanti Oza felicitated Deputy Counsel General Shri O. P. Meena and Dr. Manu Vora. A delicious dinner was enjoyed by all the attendees at the end.
Late Dr. Sadiq Naqvi, a famous Poet-Historian from India

Dr. Sadiq Naqvi passed away in Chicago on June 20, 2017. He was an author, a teacher, a poet, a sportsman and a historian it is amazing that all these are the attributes of one man. Dr. Sadiq Naqvi is expert in all these fields.

He as a historian had attended many international seminars. During his visit to U.A.E, he had attended an international conference on Indo-Arab relations in Ras Al Khaima. There he was the Indian representative. He had also presented a paper on his views in the conference, which was widely printed in both Arabic and Urdu.

Dr. Sadiq Naqvi was born in Hyderabad, India in an educated family who has done a great service to the community. His grand father (maternal) was a great poet. His poetry was always on Islam. Dr. Sadiq's mother Sakina Begum “Iffat” was a poet too. Her book on Nawha “Subut-e-Najaath” is still famous. Dr. Sadiq’s father late Syed Ahmed Hussein Naqvi was a famous lecturer at Govt. City College, Hyderabad. Dr. Sahib’s uncle a journalist Syed Badshah Naqvi has published a book on Urdu dramas “Urdu Me Drama Nigari”. It was the first of its kind and still has its value. It is included in the reference books. Syed Badshah Naqvi has a hand in the upbringing of Dr. Sahib and his education as his father was busy in the playing field. To show his gratitude Dr. Sadiq dedicated his book “Roshan Zawiee” to his uncle.

Dr. Sadiq Naqvi was lucky to inherit his flair for poetry from his mother and sportsmanship from his father. Dr. Sadiq Naqvi started writing poetry in 1955. At that time he was still a student. He was impressed by a great Urdu poet Allama Najm Afandi of India and Pakistan and was his student. After Afandi Sahib’s migration to Pakistan and later his death, Dr. Naqvi did not have any teacher and started writing poems on his own.

Dr. Sadiq’s life as a youth was spend on the sports ground. He was the Captain of Table Tennis Team at City College, Hyderabad and was in the Cricket Team too. After school he joined Nizam College, Hyderabad for further studies. There he was a team member of Football Team and also Athletics. In the year 1958 he represented Inter University Football tournament (Osmania University, Hyderabad). He was member of two famous Hyderabad clubs “Hyderabad Rovers Club” “Hyderabad Arsenal Club” and played lots of tournaments on their behalf throughout India.

In the year 1959 he achieved the B.Sc. Degree and started his career as a teacher at All Saints High School Hyderabad. He use to teach Mathematics and was also given the job of coaching students for cricket. In 1962 he joined Sainik School Vishakapatnam (A.P.). There too he was in charge of the sports and N.C.C sections. In 1971 he was transferred to Hyderabad Public School Begumpet.

In the year 1978 he was assigned to Osmania University as a lecturer of History. Later he was promoted to Reader. Apart from being busy with his career he continued his studies. In 1965, he completed his M.A in History from Aligarh Muslim University, along with this he did Diploma from National Institute of Patiala in Football. Then in 1970 in spite of being busy in his career he did his Master of Philosophy and also took two months coaching to join N.C.C., Army and Navy. In 1978, he took Persian Language Special Diploma and PhD Degree. His thesis for the PhD was "Muslim Religious Institutions and their role during the Qutb Shahi Period".

When he joined Osmania University he said good-bye to sports. “The pen which was always in his hand started its work more swiftly. He is an expert in the medieval history and has published more than 26 articles in history in Urdu and English. He compiled many valuable books in English and Urdu which are as follows:

1- Qutb Shahi Ashur Khanas of Hyderabad
2- Muslim Religious Institutions and their role during the Qutb Shahi Period
3- The Iran-Deccan Relations
4- Azadari Its Spread and Impact On Dakhni Culture
5- Tareek Aur Adab Ka Bahami Rabt( The Interaction between History and Literature)
6- Roshan Lakeerain (collection of Urdu poetry)
7- Roshan Zawiee (collection of Urdu poetry)
8- Jazb-e-Sadiq (collection of Urdu poetry)
9- Ashk-e-Sadiq (collection of Urdu poetry)
10- Fikr-e-Sadiq (collections of poems in the praise of Holy Prophet of Islam (S.A.W).

After his retirement from Osmania University as a professor Dr. Sadiq Naqvi is regularly invited to various national and international seminars. He is also invited to recite his poems in the distinguished literary gatherings in India and abroad. He is an active member of a literary institution in Hyderabad known as "Bab-ul-Ilm Society". He is also the publisher, printer and editor of an Islamic Research Journal in English “The Noor” which is distributed worldwide.
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Chicago IL: Sister Shivani, an internationally renowned inspirational speaker, begins a 14-city speaking tour of North America with the theme of “Awakening.” Sister Shivani presents spiritual solutions to the complex problems of contemporary life through a TV program called Awakening with Brahma Kumaris and a YouTube channel with over 33 million views and over 160,000 subscribers.

Sister Mohini, Regional Coordinator of the Brahma Kumari for the Americas, explains the focus of the tour: “These programs are about spiritual awakening that is, awakening to the true self. We all have an inner potential which we are unaware of. When we awaken to it, we can use it in life. Spirituality is the process of awakening to our inner peace, our inner strength, and our purpose in life. Awakening to our spiritual resources brings clarity and comfort about what is in front of us now and what our future will bring.” The tour is intended to encourage people to discover and develop their inner resources to resolve conflicts and improve relationships and performance. A spiritual “awakening” can open doorways to new types of solutions and higher levels of freedom and satisfaction.

Sister Shivani practices Raja Yoga Meditation as taught by the Brahma Kumaris (brahmakumaris.us). She became a popular presenter on the “Awakening” Kumaris TV show by applying Raja Yoga to the common challenges of life. Her unique blend of common sense practicality and unarguable spiritual principles has endeared her to an international audience thirsty for solutions that really work.

Sister Shivani has travelled throughout India, UK, Asia Pacific, Africa and Middle East to conduct lectures, workshops, and TV and radio shows on themes such as emotional intelligence, leadership skills, parenting and relationships, self-realization and the practical technique of Raja Yoga Meditation. If you are not familiar with Sister Shivani, this YouTube link can show how she brings a spiritual lens to practical issues:

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Happy to share the with lot of good work from our core team members that ITServe Chicago Monthly Meet on June 2nd with Raja Krishnamoorthi and Satish Nannapaneni was a success with good participation from local members and some detroit members. Thanks to Satish Nannapaneni coming from Houston to attend our monthly meeting and initiate the policy advocacy fund mobilization initiative and would like to thank murugesh kastilingam / sivasankar moopanar for bringing in raja krishnamoorthi for our itserve meeting.

Appreciate and thanks to the following pledges towards the policy advocacy fund.

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Wishing Happy Birthday to Babu Varma

“All Birds find shelter during a rain. But Eagle avoids rain by flying above the Clouds. Problems are common, but attitude makes the difference!!”

-A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
MAFS Seniors enthral the audience at Mini Fund Raiser

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Chicago IL: Over 300 seniors and prominent community members attended Metropolitan Asian Family Service’s Mini Fundraising dinner on May 20, 2017 at 1421 S. Roselle Road Schaumburg, IL 60193. The celebration started with the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the Schaumburg Adult Day Care location by Congressman Raja Krishnamurthy & State Rep. Ms. Mussman. This was followed by Lighting of the auspicious Deep by prominent leaders of the community like Congressman Raja Krishnamurthy, Vipan Wadhera President of Hari Om Mandir, Krishna Bansal Outreach Coordinator Naperville Village, Jay D’Mello MB Financial, Syed Mohammed, manager, US Bank, Carneel Mohammed, Private Banker, Chase Bank, Dr. Firdaus Jafri President MAFS, Neil Patel, Owner, MedStar and Mrs. Santosh Kumar Executive Director MAFS.

In his opening remarks the Chief Guest, Congressman Raja Krishnamurthy spoke about the importance of such community services provide to the seniors which also helps their children to continue to work without stress and worry. He also commended the MAFS team for serving the community on all fronts for over 3 decades. Keynote Speaker State Rep. Michelle Mussman recognized the efforts Executive Director Mrs. Santosh Kumar has made to help the community and provide services to as many people as possible in Chicago area.

Mr. Krishna Bansal in his opening statement said that he counts himself as part of MAFS family and urged the community to come forward and join in MAFS mission of serving and caring. Mr. O.P. Meena Indian Consul, Chicago appreciated the services provided by MAFS and spoke very high about MAFS’s efforts to make Yoga Day a big success and invited the whole community to join the upcoming Yoga day being held in Naperville, IL on June 24, 2017. Guest speaker Executive Director of CLESE Marta Pereyra spoke about the years she has been associated with MAFS and congratulated MAFS for its extraordinary efforts to serve the community in spite of budget cut for social services.

In her speech Executive Director Mrs. Kumar said that due to the recent budget impasse we are at the threshold of our limits and Community members should understand these facts and come forward to support these programs if we are to continue to serve our seniors now and in the future. She thanked all the dignitaries for their presence and support. She also thanked all the seniors for showcasing such a heartwarming programs that made everyone laugh and remember their own hay days. She appreciated MB Financial Bank for donating $1000 for the good cause of MAFS. Mrs. Kumar also remarked that she feels an inner sense of satisfaction when she sees the seniors dancing, singing and enjoying themselves now vis-a-vis when they had joined the center in a sad and depressed condition. She thanked Board president Dr. Jafri as a pillar of the organization, other board members, staff members, managers, ADS staff, who are working in front and behind the scene to make MAFS a well reputed social service organization. She also showcased few key staff members from the public benefit program Ms. Connie Dogaru, Ms. Meenu Jethi and Mr. Harish Mahajan for their exemplary work for the community.

The entertainment program began with Ganesh Pushpanjali by Kalapadma Dance Academy choreographed by Ruth Varghese and performed by Anjali Varghese, Jenish Bulsara, Eshana Patel, Shreya Rawal, Maya Patel and Krishna Shah. The Seniors’ performances began with a rocking show by Niles ADS seniors performing "Woh Ladki Hai Kaha". Schaumburg ADS seniors followed by showcasing “Zindagi Zinda Dil Ka Naam Hai” ably introduced with a speech from ADS senior Jayesh Desai. Not to be left behind Naperville ADS senior Tabassum Rabbini received a standing ovation after performing on “Inhi Logo Nein” from the movie “Pakeezah”. Naperville ADS seniors gave another Dhamakedar dance performance with "Bollywood Ka Safar", a medley of songs from the black and white era of 1960 to the colored times of today. The performances were ably ended by Chicago ADS seniors showing their various talents (Hoonar) and demonstrating “Unity in Diversity” by their costumes from different states of India.

Realtor Nasir Jahangir at work
American Telangana Association (ATA) celebrated 3rd Telangana Formation Day at Ramada Inn banquet hall, Chicago, IL with more than 500 telanganites and telugu families from all over USA.

The day was full of activities that unfurled with major decisions taken by American Telangana Association Board.

Day started at 9 AM with American Telangana Association Board meeting in Renaissance hotel conference room, Schaumburg, IL to appoint new board, elect new office bearers (EC) and finalize location for the upcoming 2nd Telangana World conference.

Meeting started with Ganesh prayer and Observed one minute of silence in condolences to late Sri. Madhava Reddy garu, Sri Vidya Sagar Rao garu and Sri Palwai Govardhan Reddy garu.

Secretary, Ravi Upad started the meeting with quorum present. ATA Board approved the last board meeting minutes and requested the team to share their experiences and inputs on the previous conference which would help taking steps to improve next conference.

President Ram Mohan Konda, conference convener Vinod Kukunoor, Co-Convenor Nagedra Aytha, President elect Satya Kandimalla, Founding Directors Karun Madhavaram, Narendar Chemarla, Srinivasa Chada, Kalyan Anandula and Trustees shared their experiences, thoughts and thanked each and every individual who helped and supported the memorable first Telangana World Conference in Detroit on July 10th, 2016. Some of the suggestions and recommendations from trustees and guests were to celebrate one or two signature ATA events in all the cities across USA in association with local organizations, improvise ATA-themed by appointing more number of coordinators and volunteers in each city.

ATA Founding directors dissolved the entire current board of trustees to give opportunity for new leadership to take shape. The new board was constituted to include passionate and enthusiastic young and dynamic members. The board thanked all trustees who voluntarily exited from the board for giving the opportunity to inject new blood in the organization.

The outgoing President, Rammo han Konda, handed over the Gavel to the incoming President, Satyanarayana Kandimalla. The new board has taken Oath to protect the organization constitution, bylaws, and promote its vision and mission.

The new Board unanimously elected the following office bearers Vishnu Madhavaram (Secretary) Pratap Chintalapani (Treasurer) Raghuvneer Maripeddi (Joint Secretary) Mahidhar Reddy (Joint Treasurer)

After electing new office bearers the board elected Vinod Kukunoor as president-elect and Karunakar Madhavaram as BOD Chairman (July-2017 to Dec-2020). Board also appointed Narendar Chemarla as Executive Director and Anil Dhanapuneni as National Coordinator. The new board discussed the Agenda for the next two years on ATA activities. In his inaugural speech, President Satyanarayana Kandimalla thanked the outgoing board and EC for their efforts in transforming the organization into one of the most dynamic and vibrant national organizations in the country.

Three cities Chicago, Dallas and Houston had given the presentations to host 2nd Telangana World Conference in 2018. Houston was selected to host the conference from June 29th to July 1st. Bangar Reddy Aaloori was unanimously elected as the Conference Convener.

Cultural Performances for folk, Tollywood, Bollywood songs by local talent and musical night was led by renowned singer in Chicago land, Praveen Jaligama, Singer Janardhan from Atlanta, Mani Raju and Madhu Gandhi from Columbus, OH. They entertained the guests with diversified and upbeat songs on Telangana. A special dance was performed by David who came from Columbus. ATA team recognized all the performers with plaques and certificates. Children outperformed the cultural segment. ATA thanked Media partners TV5, ManaTV, YOYO, V6, T-News, NTV, TV9 and Swayesw Media.

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President Ram Mohan Konda, conference convener Vinod Kukunoor, Co-Convenor Nagedra Aytha, President elect Satya Kandimalla, Founding Directors Karun Madhavaram, Narendar Chemarla, Srinivasa Chada, Kalyan Anandula and Trustees shared their experiences, thoughts and thanked each and every individual who helped and supported the memorable first Telangana World Conference in Detroit on July 10th, 2016. Some of the suggestions and recommendations from trustees and guests were to celebrate one or two signature ATA events in all the cities across USA in association with local organizations, improvise ATA-themed by appointing more number of coordinators and volunteers in each city.

ATA Founding directors dissolved the entire current board of trustees to give opportunity for new leadership to take shape. The new board was constituted to include passionate and enthusiastic young and dynamic members. The board thanked all trustees who voluntarily exited from the board for giving the opportunity to inject new blood in the organization.

The outgoing President, Rammo han Konda, handed over the Gavel to the incoming President, Satyanarayana Kandimalla. The new board has taken Oath to protect the organization constitution, bylaws, and promote its vision and mission.

The new Board unanimously elected the following office bearers Vishnu Madhavaram (Secretary) Pratap Chintalapani (Treasurer) Raghuvneer Maripeddi (Joint Secretary) Mahidhar Reddy (Joint Treasurer)

After electing new office bearers the board elected Vinod Kukunoor as president-elect and Karunakar Madhavaram as BOD Chairman (July-2017 to Dec-2020). Board also appointed Narendar Chemarla as Executive Director and Anil Dhanapuneni as National Coordinator. The new board discussed the Agenda for the next two years on ATA activities. In his inaugural speech, President Satyanarayana Kandimalla thanked the outgoing board and EC for their efforts in transforming the organization into one of the most dynamic and vibrant national organizations in the country.

Three cities Chicago, Dallas and Houston had given the presentations to host 2nd Telangana World Conference in 2018. Houston was selected to host the conference from June 29th to July 1st. Bangar Reddy Aaloori was unanimously elected as the Conference Convener.

Bangar Reddy along with Texas hosting team thanked the board for the opportunity and welcomed everyone to the Convention. An amount of $500,000 was raised for the convention on the spot out of which 200,000 was raised from Houston by Sreedhar Kanchanakuntla, board of trustee.

The next board meeting will be held in the Convention City, Houston, on September 9th 2018.

In the evening 3rd Telangana Formation Day Event started with a welcome address by Narendar Chemarla. Lighting of the lamp by Satyanarayana Kandimalla, Karunakar Madhavaram, Vinod Kukunoor, Bangar Reddy and Srinivasa Reddy Gajji which was followed by a Ganesh prayer by Teja and Abhigna. Two minutes of silence was observed by the guests in remembrance of founding father Sri. Madhava Reddy Rabbili garu, Telangana State water board advisor Sri. Vidya Sagar Rao garu and veteran congress leader and Rajyasabha member Sri. Palwai Govardhan Reddy garu.

Cultural Performances for folk, Tollywood, Bollywood songs by local talent and musical night was led by renowned singer in Chicago land, Praveen Jaligama, Singer Janardhan from Atlanta, Mani Raju and Madhu Gandhi from Columbus, OH. They entertained the guests with diversified and upbeat songs on Telangana. A special dance was performed by David who came from Columbus. ATA team recognized all the performers with plaques and certificates. Children outperformed the cultural segment. ATA thanked Media partners TV5, ManaTV, YOYO, V6, T-News, NTV, TV9 and Swayesw Media.

ATA Chicago team thanked Telangana state government Tourism and Cultural departments for their support, all the guests who attended 3rd Telangana formation day and all the volunteers who relentlessly worked hard to make the event a great success.
Congrats to Dr Naveen Aman and son Mayor Gopal Lalmalani with Mukesh Shah, Sunil Shah, Umang Patel, and many other community leaders, who flocked to Washington DC to be with India’s Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

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Illinois has compiled $14.6 billion in unpaid bills. It’s running a deficit of $6 billion, and its pension liability has soared to $130 billion. That’s not the worst of it. The state’s nearly two-year failure to pass a budget has sent its bond ratings careening toward junk level, downgraded a staggering eight notches below most other states. With university enrollments plummeting, large-scale social service agencies shuttering and the Chicago Public Schools forced to borrow just to stay open through the end of this school year, Illinois is beginning to devolve into something like a banana republic — and it’s about to have the most expensive election the state has ever seen.

Illinois has already poured $14 million into his campaign for a general election that’s still 15 months away. “Illinois is operating in a way 49 other states would never try to operate,” said Laurence Msall, president of the Civic Federation, a nonpartisan fiscal watchdog group. “There is permanent damage that is being done that will take decades to repair.” The devastation of the state’s finances has taken its toll on Rauner politically, despite his investing heavily on TV, digital and robocall messaging — in 2016 alone, Rauner contributed more than $50 million to his upcoming campaign. In March, 58 percent of those polled reported having an unfavorable view of the Republican, according to a poll conducted by the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, up from 32 percent in 2015.

AUSTIN (KXAN) — People are moving to Texas in droves and if it feels like you’re meeting more transplants from California, you’re not alone. According to a study by the Texas Association of Realtors, more people from California are moving to Texas than any other state. In 2015, 65,546 people left California to settle in the Lone Star State. On the flip side, California is also the top state for outgoing Texans, with nearly 42,000 Texans moving there in 2015. The report shows most of the Californians coming to Texas are leaving the Los Angeles area.

“The data in this report came as no surprise to Texans, especially those who have transplanted from California,” said Attorney General Paxton in a press release. “It talk to people almost every day who made the trek from California to Texas, and without fail, they tell me their move is due to either greater job opportunities, much lower-priced housing, an escape from a left-coast political climate, or just a better quality of culture and life.”

In the same year, Texas experienced a net gain of out-of-state residents with more than 107,000 people moving to the state than Texas residents moving out of state. At the county level, Harris County led the state with a net gain of approximately 19,000 residents relocating to the country from out of state. Travis County ranked fifth, behind Tarrant County. So where are Travis County residents moving to? The report shows Williamson County gained more than 4,800 people from Travis County in 2015, followed by Hays County with 2,733 people. While Texas is popular, Florida actually ranked first in the number of people moving to its state.

**How Illinois became America’s failed state**

_Natalia Korecki_

Junaid and Hashim attained the title of a “Hafiz” after investing over three years to memorize the Quran by heart and got Rs. 1,500 as a reward from their mother. It was their first Eid after becoming a Hafiz and they wanted to look their best. To celebrate and shop, they planned a visit to Delhi’s Jama Masjid and promised to return before sundown. One of the two could not. Junaid was allegedly stabbed to death and four others were injured on board a Mathura-bound train when an argument over a seat turned into religious slurs and triggered a mob attack on family members returning home from Eid shopping. The incident took place between Okhla and Asoti in Haryana, a distance of about 60 km. The four injured told Hindustan Times at Khaddwali, a small village in Haryana’s Faridabad district, the attackers repeatedly called them “anti-nationals” and “beef eaters”, threw their skull caps on the floor, caught their beards and taunted them with words such as “mulla”. Junaid was so happy that he will be formally felicitated for their achievement on Eid. Since Ramzan started, he and Hashim had been reciting the Quran everyday at the mosque. They wanted to look good, so they specially went to purchase a new set of clothes to Jama Masjid. Their mother asked them to fetch the best sawaiyan and sweets to be served on the festival. He promised to reach home early, but what reached home was his dead body. How could those men be so cruel to have pierced my son’s body like that,” Jallaluddin, Junaid’s father, said.

“He was a child. He was just 16. How could they hate us so much to have killed him so brutally? When I reached the spot, my son Hashim was sitting on the station with Junaid’s body soaked in blood in his lap,” he added, even as he was being consoled intermittently by fellow villagers in Khadwali, Haryana.

Jallaluddin had reached Ballabgarh station to pick up his sons so that they could go to open the fast together, but when he reached the train had already left. Family members lament Junaid’s death. “Sakir (Junaid’s elder brother who boarded the train at Ballabgarh after being informed about the attack) called me saying that he was going to the station to pick up the boys. He asked me to come to the station as well. He never told me that there was a problem. When I reached the station, the train had already left. When I could not locate the boys I called Sakir, he also did not take the call. Junaid and Hashim too did not pick. I thought the boys must have left. What did I know that they were fighting for their life,” he said. Saira, Junaid’s mother, was oblivious to the news of her son’s death. Till Friday morning she was not informed about it. When the women from the village started visiting her to console her, she wondered why they were there. “Women kept coming and asking me about Junaid. I wondered why they were referring to him in the past tense. No one ever told me that he was no more. How could they hide it from me,” she said, fighting back her tears.

“I got to know only when his body returned home this morning. When he did not reach home last night, I kept asking his father about his whereabouts but no one answered me,” she said. Saira said she will never be able to celebrate the festival of Eid. “This time it was special. My sons became the Hafiz. The preservers. And a day later I lost him. How can this be justified. How am I to cope up with this loss?”

NEW DELHI: Uzma Ahmed, the Indian woman who alleged she was forced to marry a Pakistani man at gunpoint, painted a grim picture of her ordeal in Pakistan. "It's easy to enter Pakistan. But it's nearly impossible to leave. Pakistan is a death trap. I've seen women who go there after arranged marriage. They're miserable and living in terrible circumstances. There are two, three, even four wives in every house," a visibly emotional Uzma said at a press conference on Thursday. Uzma, who returned to India earlier in the day after crossing the Wagah border near Amritsar, revealed there were many women like her still trapped in the town of Buner, Pakistan.
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Sometimes, the smarter monkeys that live in African forests die sooner than their counterparts. Why is that? The reason is, the intelligent ones may sometimes learn how to crack the poisonous nuts better than the average monkey.

Einstein's equation $e=mc^2$ is less than an inch long, and yet, it can generate enormous amount of energy from tiny amounts of matter. In 1945, the first atom bomb was dropped in Japan leading to enormous destruction, making it equivalent to smart monkeys learning how to crack the poisonous nuts. This technology was released seventy years ago, in the infancy of nuclear science. The latest technology may have the potential to turn the earth into a fiery surface. By design of these systems, more power is given to a handful of political authorities, meaning that a single button press or decision can bring about the end of the world. Both heroes and villains may meet the same fate.

Understandably, many religious traditions worry about the end of days (Bible and Hinduism). All religions mention creation (flood story in west or first Vishnu avatar in east) and the end (Judgment day or middle east or Kali-Yuga in eastern culture).

Noah’s ark story was an escape plan through a boat. A similar story exists in Hinduism as first avatar of lord Vishnu and is referred to in the Quran (Nuh). These plans were a mark of great ancient intelligence. About 65 million ago, the majority of dinosaurs did not survive the meteoric impact or volcanic eruptions. They didn’t have the capacity to formulate an escape plan.

Human species transitioned from an animal stage into a religious and civilized society. But this religiosity was still rife with rituals such as animal sacrifices and Vedic/Bible human sacrifices/body part mutilations/superstitions. Science is sometimes considered as a direct threat to religious tradition, but it is actually necessary for spiritual enrichment and self-realization. Traditional religious concepts have been sufficient for survival in the current planet so far, before humans have started cracking new poisonous nuts (atom bombs, next world war).

Humans must transform from being primitive and religious to reaching a compassionate and spiritual stage. AnekKantaVada is a Jain concept of many-sidedness truth and can be illustrated through the parable of the “blind men and an elephant”. Humanity should strive to develop a AnekKantaVada type of tolerance. Swami Vivekandanda once said “As different rivers, taking their start from different mountains, running straight or crooked, at last come into the ocean”. Think about rivers as different ideologies and religions merging into a truth of singularity. Only illusion of maya makes us view them as different - but in reality, they are different versions of the same truth. A popular Indian guru Sadhguru says “I refuse to recognize people as Muslims, Christians, or Hindus. I see human beings as human beings”. We are different rivers carrying same water to the world of ocean.

A famous George Santayana quote is ‘Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it. Paleontological records serve as a lesson, as the majority of dinosaurs exist today only as fossils. Humans must learn the lessons from “End Times” references in the ancient cultures and modern biological studies to save life and humanity. Even more importantly, we must strive towards spirituality and be accepting of everyone around us.”
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Many people struggle with being over-weight, or even obese. It’s a common topic at office visits. As a doctor, I know that excess weight is associated with potentially serious health conditions — high blood pressure, high blood sugar, high cholesterol — not to mention sleep apnea, fatty liver disease, and back and knee problems, among other things. Patients may also worry about their appearance. Whether a patient is at risk for medical problems due to being overweight, or if it’s a personal health goal, then it’s my job to provide counseling. In my experience, most patients consider weight loss drugs or surgery only as a last resort. “I want to lose weight naturally,” they say. Once we screen for (and treat) any contributing medical problems that could be causing weight gain (low thyroid function, polycystic ovarian syndrome, prediabetes, among others), or psychological issues (bulimia, binge-eating disorder, depression, anxiety), I encourage a diet- and lifestyle approach for many reasons, among them my own personal experience.

A real-life weight loss story

A few years ago, I had a personal weight loss journey. I had had two pregnancies back-to-back, and had gained considerable weight, to the point where my own body mass index was over 30 (obesity range). I was many months postpartum and realized that the “baby weight” wasn’t going anywhere. As a matter of fact, I had gained even more weight since my daughter was born. At that point, I had a quandary: many people can identify with: I was one of two working parents, with kids between the ages of two and two-and-a-half. How on earth does one tackle weight loss when one is busy and distracted? What I did was fairly basic, and there is research to back up this approach. Here’s what worked for me.

I resigned myself to the fact that, hey, it took me 18+ months to put on the weight, so it would probably take 18+ months to lose it. As much as I knew about nutrition, I felt like I needed guidance. So I researched a bunch of popular diets and philosophies.

I chose a whole-rounded, nutritious diet plan consisting of a wide variety of fruits, vegetables, lean proteins, and healthy fats and carbohydrates. It was a popular commercial diet in which I modified to suit my preferences (most of the diets out there are fairly similar). I never bought any of their prepared foods, and used their menu only as a guide, substituting what I liked or had in the pantry where necessary. I got a small pocket notebook, and started keeping track of everything that I ate. Each page represented a day’s intake, and I counted calories, as best I could. Once a week, I would record everything I ate, and jotted that down as well. Exercise in those early days consisted of only a few minutes of sit-ups, push-ups, and other in-place calisthenics at nighttime, after the kids had gone to sleep (and before they woke up again overnight!). Yes, I had the occasional slice of cake, glass of wine, chunk of chocolate, piece of baklava (a major downfall!), or other treats. I forgave myself those indulgences, as well as any “vacations” from my dieting, logging, and exercise. I would just pick up where I left off and keep going. And there were stops and starts, and the scale went up and down, but over time, the pounds slowly, slowly came off. As the months went on, I was able to rejoin my gym and add one or two weekly workouts to my routine. As my muscle tone increased, so did my metabolism, and the weight came off faster.

It took over two years, but I lost 50 pounds. In the three years since, I’ve maintained that weight loss within five pounds. What does the science say about my approach? Let’s take a look.

Diet and weight loss

Studies have shown that just about any diet will result in weight loss, if it’s one that someone can follow.1,2 Esteemed Yale physician and nutrition expert David Katz examined over 58 popular diets and found that the most successful in terms of both weight loss and nutrition consist of “real food.” By that he means plants, whole grains, nuts and seeds, as well as more (ideally, from animals that ate plants).

Basically, foods closer to nature. The other key is minimizing processed foods, including sugars and flours.3 Without realizing it, I followed Katz’s advice: I ate mostly fruits and vegetables, nuts, seeds, and dairy. I occasionally had whole grains like quinoa or farro, even rice or corn chips. And, of course, an occasional treat. But I had sworn off sugars and flours, for the most part. Behavior change and weight loss is hard to track of how much we eat. But a lot of research shows that when we keep track of intake, we eat less. This is called self-monitoring, and why writing down what I ate and weighed helped me.4,5,6 There are so many ways to do this nowadays: from the old-school paper and pencil method, to apps like MyFitnessPal, or the Weight Watchers points system.7 Another key approach: forgive your failings.8,9 It’s important to show that people who “mess up” their diet plan and then “give up” end up gaining weight, while people who forgive themselves and move on continue to lose. It’s called self-acceptance.8,9 Look, we’re human. Birthdays, office parties, weddings, random movie nights: they happen, and we celebrate by having the amazing chocolate cake, or Betsy’s famous buffalo chicken dip, waaaay too much champagne, or buttered popcorn. Expect this, enjoy, and then move on.

Exercise and weight loss

Most major weight loss is followed by weight gain, as people revert to their old habits. But, some folks manage to keep it off. How do they do it? Researchers have found that maintaining a healthy diet, ongoing self-monitoring, plenty of self-acceptance, as well as a high level of physical activity are all associated with keeping the pounds off.10 When I feel like I’m slipping, I start logging again. Nowadays, I use an online fitness app on my phone to more easily keep track of my daily food intake. Red wine and dark chocolate are always in stock in our house, and that’s OK. Exercise is important, too, but in my book, any and all physical activity counts. Two or three workouts a week help me maintain muscle tone and cardiovascular fitness. If I can’t get to the gym, I run. If I can’t run, I do something at home, like five minutes of in-place kickboxing moves, or dancing around the living room like a crazy person with my kids. I take the stairs wherever I am as often as possible. I use a carry basket at the grocery store, and switch from arm to arm while I shop: biceps curls! Hey, it all counts!

Staying at a healthy weight for life

The old adage is “eat less, exercise more,” and this is still true, to some extent. But human beings are psychologically and sociologically complex creatures, and that adage is a lot harder to follow than it sounds. For average adults who do not have contributing medical or psychological issues, a nutritious plant-based diet low in processed foods and carbohydrates, consistent self-monitoring of intake and progress, forgiving oneself when expected lapses occur, all combined with regular physical activity, can result in weight loss for life.
Thank God some things in life don’t change

-Nusrat Yar Khan

Thank God some things in life don’t change. I was happy to discover when we went to Hyderabad end December for a niece’s wedding, which turned out to be great fun what with so many relatives having flown down from all over the globe to share in the happiness of the family and to rejoice with them.

We still follow the same rasams, starting from the manjhay, mehndi, sanchak and leading on to the nikha and jalwa and walima. The one ceremony we have cut off for years is chowthi, which we as children used to enjoy as it was a fight between dulhay walas vs. dulhanwalays with bunches of maat ki bhaji. Never knew what the significance of that ceremony was. There is still zanana, mardana but not so stringent any more.

Dholak kay geet still abound and the mirasans still sing in their tuneless voices! The bands still blare; lilting tunes of the shehnai still give the feeling of a shadi ka ghar. If the band is not blaring at the vidaey of the bride then it is the dhapda, sorry, the marfah with the siddis beating away at their drums, at their ear drum busting best, in front of the baraath with youngsters dancing to the beat of their drums.

There was a lot of naach every evening with, believe it or not, the jhatka matkas of only Hindi music. No place for English music even though a number of relatives had come from abroad; just goes to show that no matter which part of the world they are living in the youngsters keep in touch with their Indian music and by extension, their Indian roots. By speaking in Urdu and by their Hyderabadi Adaabs they showed their Hyderabad connection, a connection nourished by parents who love the city of their forefathers.

The five jumagies that follow at the end of a wedding do not follow the same pattern as in days gone by. Parties for the bride and groom are given by close family members but they need not be on Fridays; the family members who come from abroad being in a hurry to get back home and more importantly the couple have their honey mooning plans!

All in all, if you are visiting Hyderabad it is good to go to a wedding where one meets the relatives at one shot instead of running around in this traffic spending more time commuting than actually being with your near and dear ones.

The food that used to be spread out on dastarkhans in our childhood days progressed to the chowkhies and now to buffets and tables and chairs. I much prefer the food being laid on the tables rather than pushing our way or being pushed to get to the tables where the sumptuous food is spread out. Why do we have this habit of crowding at the food tables instead of forming a decent line and waiting our turn to fill our plates?

The food is no more just the traditional cuisine; the caterers have added a whole variety of new dishes to the list. At one dinner we had all Arab food, at another Chinese and at yet another Continental. One day it was pure vegetarian which I thought was great. Of course the main courses consisted of Hyderabadi food.

All the rasam ki kishties with the clothes and accessories of the bride as well as the kishties brought for the groom are still displayed for all to admire on the mehndi and sanchak days.

One gets to see more shamlas and fewer rumi topis, in fact one can count the rumi topis on ones finger tips. Kurta pyjama and sherwani for the men has really taken off in a big way with such eye catching embroidery work on them and not just black and white any more.
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Mother Locked In Family Detention Attempts Suicide To Free Her Kids

AUSTIN, Texas’ B A woman locked at a family immigrant detention center tried to take her own life this month in what legal advocates described as a desperate effort to free her two kids. Samira Hakimi, an Afghan national, has spent the last six months detained with her two young children despite a federal ruling that dictates they should have been released within three weeks. The case reinforces the longstanding concerns of immigrant rights groups that say asylum-seeking families should not be forced into prolonged detention.

“They told us you will only be a couple of days in there,” Hakimi told HuffPost. “I never thought that I would be detained here for such a long time. That I’m detained here because I’m from Afghanistan and that’s all. But I’m human.”

In Afghanistan, the Hakimi family had established a high school and multi-branch private university that used Western curricula, taught in both English and Dari and offered more than half its scholarships to women, according to lawyers representing Hakimi and her husband.

Since 2013, the Taliban repeatedly threatened the family for its work. To avoid the danger of commuting, the family moved onto the university campus and contracted private security guards that year.

It wasn’t enough for them to feel safe. “We could not go outside,” Hakimi said. “My children could not go to school. We thought they might be kidnapped. This was always in my mind... They have their lives to live. They should live happy and free from every small thing, going to school and enjoying their lives.”

Last year, they fled Afghanistan with Hakimi’s brother-in-law and her pregnant wife, who were facing similar threats. In December, the two families crossed into the United States from Mexico through a legal port of entry, where they all asked for asylum. The men were separated and sent to all-male immigrant detention centers, where they remain. Hakimi and her kids, as well as her sister-in-law and her newborn baby, were sent to the South Texas Family Detention Center in the town of Dilley and later transferred to the Karnes County Residential Center outside San Antonio.

Hakimi passed her “credible fear” interview in the first step toward applying for asylum. It’s common practice for Immigration and Customs Enforcement to free people who pass these interviews so they can pursue their cases in immigration court, but ICE declined to release her and her children. The agency did not respond to a request for comment explaining why it refuses to release them. Hakimi’s sister-in-law is also still at Karnes with her 10-month-old baby. Hakimi told HuffPost she had suffered from bouts of clinical depression before being detained. Advocates with RAICES, a nonprofit that provides legal services to detained families, say she had attempted suicide in the past and told medical workers at Karnes that her condition had worsened as her case appeared to stall. Neither medicine nor therapy would alleviate the problem, she argued. Her depression stemmed from remaining locked up in the detention center with her children.

As the months dragged on, she lost hope. “Here, no one talks to us,” Hakimi said. “They don’t give us the reason why I’m detained here. I never thought that I would be detained here for such a long time.”

Her son came to her one day asking her why other families were allowed to leave but not them. “That was really triggering her,” Amy Fisher, RAICES’s policy director, told HuffPost. “She was crying and really despairing. And she went into this thought process, when she was really low, thinking, ‘Well, if I’m no longer here, may be my children can be free.’”

U.S. District Judge Dolly Geeruled in 2015 that the policy violates a longstanding federal settlement called the Flores Agreement, which requires children to be held in the least restrictive setting possible and to generally be released from detention. To comply with the ruling, most families are released from detention within three weeks.

But Hakimi and her children still have no idea when they’ll be freed. The uncertainty of her case likely played a key role in her deteriorating mental health, according to Luis Zayas, the dean of social work for the University of Texas at Austin. Zayas has interviewed dozens of detainees at Karnes and says clinical depression and high levels of anxiety are common there.

“We see it constantly,” Zayas said. “It’s not necessarily an intrinsic form of depression, based on brain chemicals or a longstanding depression but it’s what we call ‘reactive.’ It’s related to the environment the person is in, especially over a long period of time.”

Zayas had not interviewed the Afghan woman, but evaluated another woman who attempted suicide at Karnes in 2015. He said he saw parallels in their cases. Both of them had histories of depression and suicidal thoughts prior to entering detention.

Suffering through a period of prolonged confinement can push people back to their worst states of mind, particularly if they have a history of mental illness, according to Zayas. The problem is particularly acute with people in family detention, where the vast majority file claims for asylum or other humanitarian exemptions from deportation. “These families aren’t prepared to be there because they’re not criminals,” Zayas said.

“This is what happens when people get desperate,” Zayas added. “This woman is suffering a mental health crisis. But we know where it’s coming from. We know what we can do to stop it.”

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How Tatas can promote inclusive growth

Syed Safiullah Quadri and Javid Hassan

Though India has natural resources, lack of adequate working capital prevents their exploitation to the optimum level. This is where the Indian Diaspora could pitch in with their valuable resources to prop up the Indian economy. Despite a significant 8.9% drop in remittances last year, the country still retained the top spot in inflows amounting to $62.7 billion last year as against over $68.9 billion in 2015.

Reports also reveal that NRIs are a major source of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), market development (outsourcing), technology transfer, charity, tourism and donations to political parties, besides contributing their technical knowhow to India.

The NRIs/PIOs have set up various NGOs back home for promoting education, healthcare, water management, environmental preservation and other socio-economic projects. They could mobilise their resources for tackling them one at a time based on a specific theme selected at the annual PBD function. It could be on the model of UN-sponsored events like the World Health Day or World Literacy Day with a new focus each time.

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation showed the way when it launched, together with the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Science and Technology (Govt. of India), the 'Reinvent the Toilet Challenge - India'. The initiative was jointly funded by the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC), New Delhi, and the Gates Foundation. As a result, India's first water-less, eco-friendly toilet made headlines in 2014—a great tribute to Mahatma Gandhi and the importance that he attached to a Clean India.

The Tata Group, a major player in the automobile industry, could usher in the dawn of a new revolution on wheels in honor of its founder, Jamsetji N. Tata, next year to mark its 179th birth anniversary. Such an initiative will click with Ratan Tata, chairman emeritus of Tata Sons, and N. Chandrasekaran, Executive Chairman of the Tata Group, besides the Indian Diaspora. They could come on board the Tata bandwagon, besides reinventing the wheel for growth and development.

Swasth India, a Mumbai-based healthcare service provider, which has picked up Rs 20 million (US$4.64,26) in investment from Ratan Tata, is looking to raise $2 million to expand its footprint across the country.

Reinventing the wheel for inclusive growth is an idea whose time has come. India’s literacy rate at 74.04%, its 143rd ranking out of 188 countries on the new health index, and the fact that 80.4% of Indians have no toilet facilities underline the need for rolling out van-based community services in education, healthcare, sanitation, etc. Lab-to-land linkage on wheels helps where facilities on the ground do not exist.

After the Green Revolution, let there be a wheel revolution for liberating India from socioeconomic backwardness. It will be a logical follow-up to Gandhi Ji’s freedom movement through his spinning wheel and a relevant theme for the 2018 PBD Convention.

The way forward is to have a new KNOWHOW division in the auto industry for promoting Knowledge on Wheels and Healthcare on Wheels. Together, they provide the knowhow for bridging the gap through investment in van-based services in those and other sectors.

Innovative mobile services in this category include franchising (with over 700 business options), retail marketing, small-scale industries (via mobile factories for making nuts, bolts and other accessories as in Singapore), Right to Education for the children of low-income groups, mobile courts, mobile canteens and banks in under-served areas.

As for technical training, Bosch Power Tools, India’s leading power tools manufacturer, has launched its Bosch Vahan project (a mobile training van with all the power tools and accessories). It reaches out to carpenters, plumbers and electricians in rural areas to give them hands-on training onboard.

In a related development, Nita Ambani’s Reliance Foundation has launched in Mumbai an innovative digital learning van for promoting digital literacy among 100,000 school children belonging to the under-privileged class.

“A Diamond is Forever”- So is a Human

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Among the natural stones and minerals, God has granted the Diamonds a unique status. Similarly, among the living creatures, God has granted the Humans too a unique status by blessing them with the faculties of Mind and Soul. According to well-accepted beliefs of billions of us, He even asked the angels to prostrate in respect to Adam, the first human being He created.

A diamond is valued by its brilliance, which depends upon its four basic properties referred to by the four ‘Cs’: Col-or, Clarity, Carat Weight and Cut. Consider- izing the greed of some of our corporate America’s now disregarded top executives, and some corrupt politicians, a ques- tion arises. Do we value a person by how much financial wealth and/or political power he/she has amassed? Or, is it possible to express the value of a person by his/her brill-liance using measures similar to those used for dia-monds? Starting with a brief exp-la-nation of the four Cs of diamonds, an at-tempt has been made to answer these ques-tions in this short essay.

Four ‘C’s of Diamonds:

As the saying goes: “A Diamond is Forever”. For centuries diamonds have been the most admired and valued pos-ses-ion of individuals from kings and queens to peasants. They are displayed in muse-ums, and have adorned crowns, scepters, tiaras and jewelry. They are used in wed-ding and engagement rings to symbolize love between couples. They have even been used for obscure display of wealth through multi-million dollar evening gowns worn at Hollywood award ceremonies.

From its basic chemical composi-tion standpoint, a dia-mond is nothing more than just pure carbon crystallized under very high pressure. However, its brilliance comes from the total amount of light, which is reflected out of it. The first three of the four Cs of a diamond are inherent and due to nature, while the fourth—the Cut—is acquired through skills of the dia-mond cutter and polisher.

The Color: This property of dia-monds ranges from icy winter white to warm summer whites and is graded on a scale from D [colorless] to Z established by the Gemological Institute of America (GIA). Color differences among diamonds are subtle and, therefore, are graded in comparison to a master set under controlled lighting conditions. A truly colorless stone at the “D” level allows 100% of the entire spectrum of visible light to reflect out of it, maximiz-ing its brilliance. Such diamonds are a rarity and hence command a top rate.

The Clarity: This property refers to inclusions in a dia-mond. Inclusions are a natural property in the form of mineral traces or fractures occurring during the crystal- lization process under the earth’s pressure. They may appear as tiny crystals, clouds and/or feathers. These inclusions are so small that they can only be detected through a jeweler’s magnifying loupe with 10x or higher magnification. This property is ranked on a scale of perfection ranging from Flawless (F) to Included (I) by GIA. Typical rankings in between these two extremes are VS1 (Very Very Slight Inclu-sions), VSI (Very Slight Inclusions), and SI (Slight Inclusions). Again, flawless dia-monds are extremely rare and hence are considered highly valuable. Greater a dia-mond’s clarity, lower the loss of light with-in it. Hence more brilliance it displays and higher it is on the value pyramid.

The Carat: With density consistent among all diamonds, the physical size of a diamond is expressed by its weight in car-ats. A carat is a unit of measurement of weight equivalent to 200 milligrams. For very small diamonds, a unit of carat is divided into 100 points. Larger the physical size of the natural rock, larger the finished diamond, greater its brilliance since more light is reflected from it. Hence higher it is valued.

It is part of the Foundation’s Education for All (EFA) initiative launched in 2010. The van is equipped with computers, internet and other facilities for transforming it into a School on Wheels (SoW). It has thus redefined the proverb, ‘As we sow, so shall we reap?’

Another lucrative proposition for PIOs/NRIs is producing an educational documentary that could be screened for students travelling by school vans. It should expose them to how schools in other countries teach the impor-tance of work ethics, time management, creative thinking, accountability, self-discipline and other core values.

There is a potential market for such a product since, according to the Legatum Prosperity Index 2016, India stood at 104 among 142 countries that were evaluated in these sectors. It is way behind other developing countries like the Philippines (76), Malaysia (51) and Sri Lanka (59), to name just three.

The parameters for evaluating a country’s prosperity in-clude, among other factors, healthcare (where it is ranked 113th), education (102nd), business environment (86th) and governance (47th). At another level, India stood 60th among the 79 developing countries in 2017 Inclusive Develop-ment Index (IDI), says the World Economic Forum’s (WEF) ‘Inclusive Growth and Development Report’.

In the light of these findings, untapped business oppor-tunities exist for the Indian Diaspora either through FDI or the ‘Make in India’ route. Karnataka is offering full support to investors in Bangalore’s Hebbal Tech Park, a commercial complex built on three acres, with three floors allocated for shopping malls and a food court along with dedicated parking for easy access. Investors can look forward to assured rental of 10% from Day 1, the promotors claim.

The upper 10 floors are meant for corporate office space, including IT and Non-IT software development compa-nies or R&D centers with individual offices. Opportuni-ties are knocking on the doors of PIOs, NRIs and other stakeholders during the run-up to the next PBD Conven-tion. (Concluded)
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**India Movie Release Dates**
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— AZIZ NASEER

THE FUN TRIO IS BACK

RESHAM CHAKRABORTY

DECCAN CHRONICLE

Ismail Bhai, Saleem Phoku and Jahangir — do these names ring a bell? Yes, the core team of the movie, Angrez, is back now with a bang, after a decade. Their latest film, Salaam Zindagi, has just released. Raring to share his thoughts about it, Saleem Phoku aka Mast Ali, says, “It took 10 years for the three of us to get together yet again, but the wait was not intentional. The story ideas that were coming our way didn’t require all of us to be together.”

Adding more about the storyline, Naseer says, “We play two brothers, Imaran and Irfan, who have seen mostly failures in life, live a boring and monotonous life, doing odd jobs for survival. Things change when the two set off to US with their old friend Usman Irfan, played by Dheer Charan Srivastav aka Ismail Bhai.”

The shooting for the entire movie took 28 days, including the offshore segment. Sharing some info about the Deccani movie industry, Naseer says, “The only challenge that we have is to get our industry at par with any other regional movie industry. Every region gets the support for their movies from the respective state government, but as of now we haven’t got any for Deccani. It’s high time that the government comes forward to support us too.”

Support or not, the Deccani movie industry has a rustic flavour of its own and can’t be ignored. It is not only well received in Hyderabad but in different parts of India and abroad. “Last week we held a special screening of Salaam Zindagi at Mumbai and the response was fantastic. It was a great moral booster,” says Syed Hussain, director of the Salaam Zindagi.
Celebrity News

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 Rajnikanth in and as #thalaivar164.” Interestingly, the title posters were released in Tamil, Telugu, Hindi and English, thus implying that the makers are looking for a nation-wide release of the film.

Bairavaa movie Typical Vijay

Bairavaa movie cast: Vijay, Keerthi Suresh, Jagapathi Babu, Daneal Balaji and Sathish
Bairavaa movie director: Bharathan
Bairavaa movie rating: 2
A lot is riding on the success of Vijay’s latest film Bairavaa. It is the actor’s 60th film, which is directed by Bharathan. The actor-director duo’s previous outing in 2007 titled Azhagiya Tamil Magan was a box office flop. Vijay surprised everyone when he agreed to team up with Bharathan once again at a crucial stage of his career. After his 50th film Sura tanked at the box office, the actor showed a great improvement with the choice of his films that helped him to regain his star value at the box office. And his last film Theri was a blockbuster hit. All Vijay’s achievements in the film industry in the past decade sort of hinge on the commercial success of Bairavaa as it is his milestone film.

The film is very unlikely to receive positive reviews from the critics, given that it is a typical Vijay film. What matters the most for the filmmakers is how the audience responds to it. With so much at stake, unlike ATM, Vijay and Bharathan have not tried anything new in this film. They have remained honest to the tried and tested formula, which has worked for Vijay all along. The filmmakers have played very safely to ensure the core fan base, which could make or break this film, of the actor is satisfied.

Raabta Movie Review

Toilet: Ek Prem Katha

There are too many obvious influences: the saccharine first half is full of walk-and-talks in a beautifully shot European city (Before Sunset); the tribal past is right out of Game Of Thrones — Dothrakis are replaced by Murakis and astronomy is given similar importance; a scene towards the end is a forced throwback to Titanic. As much as you can force influences into a love story, you can’t force love itself. Neither with good-looking actors flirting with chocolates and flowers. Nor with an ambitious flashback that adds years as opposed to maturity to the plot. But Raabta relies on this kind of forced love rather than the force of love.

Sushant Singh Rajput is a fine actor but lacks the casual charm required to make the self-important Shiv lovable. Jim Sarbh’s dialogue delivery is painfully awkward; he doesn’t have the gravitas required for spouting those evil-genius kind of lines in Hindi. Kriti Sanon surprises. She looks good and seems to have honed her acting skills.

Actors Akshay Kumar’s happiness level is ‘100 %’ because the trailer of his new film, Toilet: Ek Prem Katha, is a super hit. Toilet: Ek Prem Katha, which spreads awareness about sanitation and the importance of building toilets, The Shree Narayan Singh-directed film also stars Dum Laga Ke Haisha actress Bhumi Pednekar.

Jaya (Bhumi Pednekar) is asked to join the ‘lota party’ soon after she gets married to Keshav (Akshay Kumar). Jaya challenged the old societal norms but eventually leaves her husband’s home. Thereafter, Keshav starts a battle against open defecation by building toilets. He struggles to change the mindset of his father, who believes that the ‘Tuls’ (a sacred plant) and a toilet cannot exist in the same premises.
Muzammil Khan selected for IAS

A.K. Khan, IPS, former Director General, Anti Corruption, and presently Advisor to the Government of Telangana, and his son Muzzamil who ranked a record 22nd in whole of India in I.A.S. meeting the Chief Minister KCR. Muzzamil is only 27 years. Mr A.K. Khan said: “It’s a great feeling for any father, but it was a big struggle and I am really proud of my son who secured a top rank. I am happy that the legacy of IAS officers will continue in our family.’ Mr Muzammil Khan, 27, who finished his electrical engineering from BITS Pilani, said: “It’s a great relief after four long years of hard work and preparation. It was an expected result but it’s a big relief now and I am very happy now.”

He said he was inspired by his parents and the family. “I will just take a short break and after that, I will start figuring out what I want.

Sarib Rasool Khan at Eid Celebrations

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Adil and Suhail hosted a Jashn-e-Eid party at The ITC Grand Kukatiya this Sunday evening of the 1st of July 2017. It was a pleasant gathering of a few of my good friends and well wishers and proved to be a great opportunity to meet the ones I couldn’t greet in person this Eid.

For me Eid has always been a time for celebration and delight, showing my gratitude to Allah (swt), for meeting relatives and this party proved to be a perfect evening to extend the Eid festivities and meet as many friends as possible. The sumptuous spread of delicacies and the live soulful music made it a wonderful evening to spend with my friends. Amongst those present were Mr. Krishna Prasad - IPS and Director General of Police, Mr. Farooq Hussain - MLC Telangana, Mr. Abdur rehman, Sohail, waliullah, Rashed. Ateeq Siddiqui, feroz khan, basharath khan, Hasnain mehdi khan, Khaleeq Ur Rahman, Mr. Hamed Saberi - Managing Director of Saberis, Mr. Hasnain Saberi, Mr. Ali Akbar Saberi, Mr. Farooq Hussain - MLC, Mr. Mohammed Azam son of the Deputy Chief Minister of Telangana, Mr. Aamer Javed - youth leader of NSIU, Mr. Jaber Patel - Chairperson of Indo-Arab Mohib baig, Friendship Foundation, Mr. Ibrahim Patel, Ms. Anika Khara - Fashion Consultant, Mr. Mohsin Khan son of Mr. A.K Khan sahab - Special Advisor to the Chief Minister of Telangana, Mr. Abbas - Restaurateur of Fanoos, Mr. Arshad Ali Khan and my team members Dr. Nashiuddin and Dr. Nooruddin Afzal.

I am thankful to my Adil and Suhail for their personal invitation and warm hospitality. And for being such gracious hosts and making it a cherishable evening.

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**Why Trump’s Pressures On Iran Won’t Benefit America**

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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 president who has 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.

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 turn out 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 benefiting 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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کم کم انسان میں محبمیت کے ذرائع پر نظر کیا جاتا ہے۔ ہماری صورت حال کے علاوہ ہمارا دن سے کئی اہم کچھاتیں ہیں جنہیں ہم نہیں دیکھتے۔

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Interviewer: What drives you?
Candidate: The bus mostly.

Interviewer: I mean what motivates you to get out of bed in the morning?
Candidate: Missing the bus!

On the lighter side....

I was getting ready for a doctor’s appointment and remembered how my mother once told me, “An apple a day, keeps the doctor away.”

Taking her words to heart I decided to bring an apple. Needless to say, it was shot day, I didn’t like needles and was thinking, “There must be some way out of this?” So without thinking, I threw my apple at the doctor. He hasn’t spoken to me since.

People’s parents actually give them sage advice, like “Do what you love, and the money will follow” or “The early bird gets the worm.”

All I remember is, “Don’t fill up on bread.”

Two political candidates were having a heated debate.

Finally, one of them jumped up and yelled at the other, “What about the powerful interest that controls you?”

And the other guy screamed back, “You leave my wife out of this!”

It’s okay to watch an elephant take a bath... Because they always have their trunks on!

I can’t tell the difference between a rose and a dandelion.

So when it came time to fix up my garden, I had no clue which plants to keep and which ones to remove.

Until, that is, my mother gave me this handy tip: “Pull them all up. If it comes back, it’s a weed.”

Wife: “Whenever I keep money in my purse, our son steals it! I don’t know what to do!”

Husband: “Hide it in his books. I know he will never touch them.”

Fric: I was going to dance down a spiral staircase for your birthday, but I decided not to.
Frac: Why not?
Fric: Because I am a Fred Astaires.

Jonathan asked his young son, “Greg, do you think I’m a bad father?”

“My name is Andrew,” replied his son.

Three dogs met on a street corner. The first was a beautiful black poodle with a big blue ribbon around its neck, and it said, “My name is Fifi, spelled F-I-F-I.”

The second was a pretty white poodle with a red satin ribbon around its neck, and it said, “My name is Mimi, spelled M-I-M-I.”

The third was a dirty old mutt and said, “My name is Fido, spelled P-H-Y-D-E-A-U-X.”

I had a wooden whistle; it wooden whistle.

I bought a lead whistle; they wooden lead me whistle.

I got a steel whistle; it steel wooden whistle.

They gave me a tin whistle; NOW I tin whistle!

It seems that every time John, our piano tuner, comes to our house, he scolds me for waiting too long between tunings. I agree with him that it should be done every six months, but I don’t really think about it until the piano sounds off-key. Last time he came over, I was on the defensive.

“If you would send out a postcard reminder like the dentist,” I declared, “I would make sure to call you for an appointment in a timely fashion.”

Without hesitating, he replied, “From now on, when the dentist sends you a postcard, call me.”

My wife and I have very different body clocks. At sundown she is practically ready for bed. I, meanwhile, am a night owl.

Recently, after a long, hard workday, I announced around 8 p.m. that I was exhausted and ready to hit the sack. Suddenly my wife nearly leapt into my arms.

“Oh, honey,” she purred into my ear, “I just love it when you talk early to me.”

Patient: Doctor I think I’ve been bitten by a vampire.

Doctor: Drink this water.

Patient: Will this make me feel better?

Doctor: No, but I’ll be able to see leaks and know where the vampire bit you.