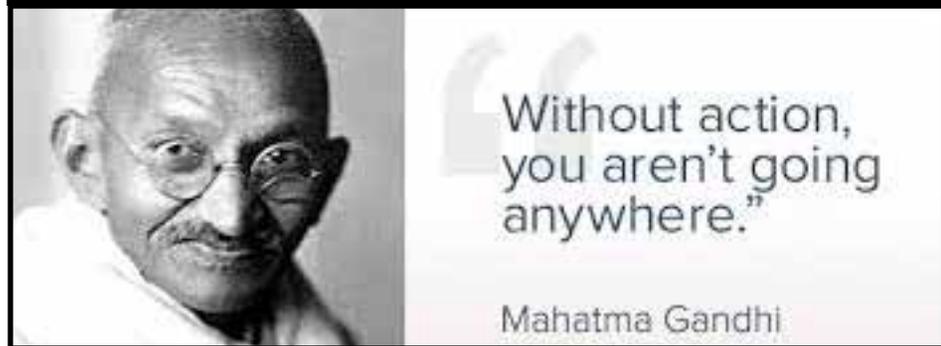


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Aung San Suu Kyi should be stripped of Nobel Peace Prize immediately

AUNG SAN SUU KYI is an apologist for genocide, ethnic cleansing and mass rape. For the past year, Aung San Suu Kyi has been State Counselor, or de facto head of government, in Myanmar, where members of the Rohingya Muslim minority in the northern Rakhine state have been shot, stabbed, starved, robbed, raped and driven from their homes in the hundreds of thousands. In December, while the world focused on the fall of Aleppo, more than a dozen Nobel Laureates published an open letter warning of a tragedy in Rakhine “amounting to ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity.”

In February, a report by the United Nations documented how the Burmese army’s attacks on the Rohingya were “widespread as well as systematic” thus “indicating the very likely commission of crimes against humanity.” More than half of the 101 Rohingya women interviewed by UN investigators across the border in Bangladesh said they had suffered rape or other forms of sexual violence at the hands of security forces. “They beat and killed my husband with a knife,” one survivor recalled. “Five of them took off my clothes and raped me. My eight-month old son was crying of hunger when they were in my house because he wanted to breastfeed, so to silence him they killed him too with



a knife.” And the response of Aung San Suu Kyi? This once-proud campaigner against wartime rape and human rights abuses by the Burmese military has opted to borrow from the Donald Trump playbook of denial and deflection. Her office accused Rohingya women of fabricating stories of sexual violence and put the words “fake rape” — in the form of a banner headline, no less — on its official website. A spokesperson for the Foreign Ministry — also controlled directly by Aung San Suu Kyi — dismissed “made-up stories, blown out of proportion.” In February, the State Counselor herself reportedly told the Archbishop of Yangon, Charles Bo, that the international community is exaggerating the Rohingya issue



Telangana Community members attended a meeting in Consulate General of India, Jeddah under the supervision of Consul General Mohammed Noor Rahman Shaikh along with other consuls to discuss about the preparations for the upcoming “Telangana Day” which is planned to be held tentatively in the first week of December 2017.

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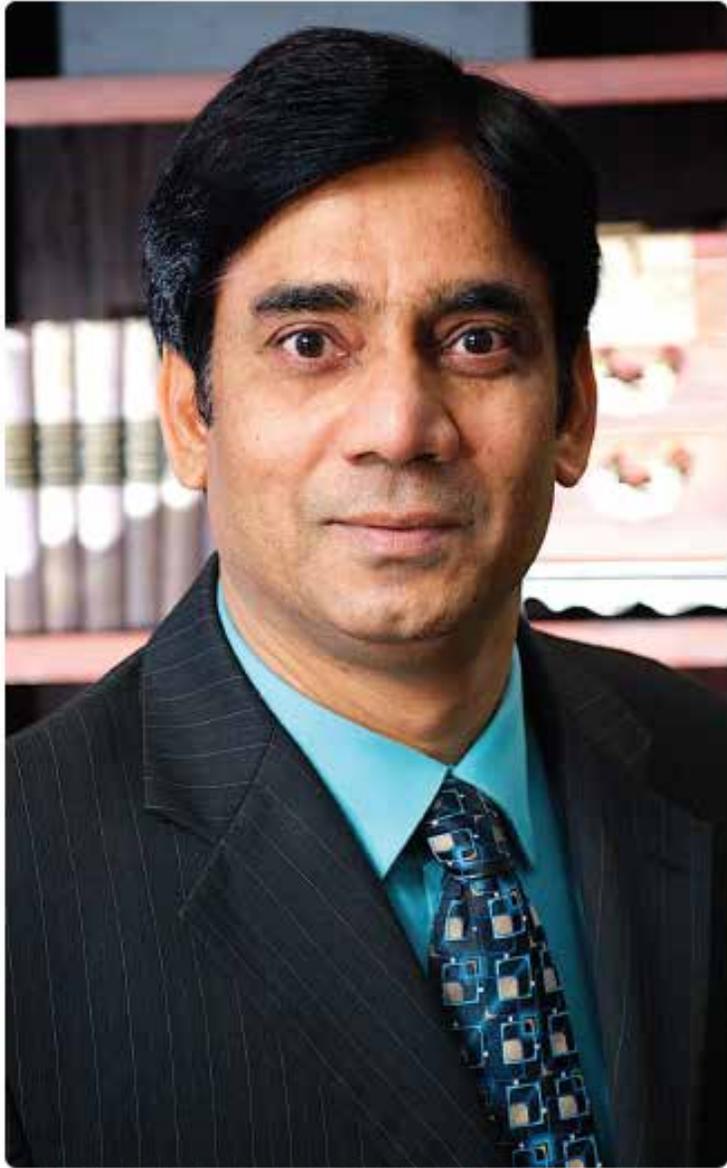
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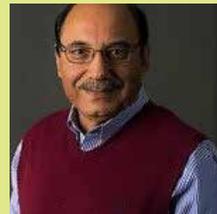
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What Pakistan must do to end murders in the name of 'honor'

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IN recent days, following a tip from a discreet informant, two bodies were exhumed from a graveyard in Sherpao Colony, Karachi. A post-mortem examination conducted thereafter revealed that the two individuals had been subjected to intense torture in their final hours: they had been beaten, tied to a charpai and electrocuted until they died, and then promptly buried under the cover of the night.

The bodies, it later transpired, belonged to two star-crossed lovers, both of them teenagers. As the police investigated further, it ended up unthreading the grisly details of a macabre tragedy. The young couple, it appears, had planned to elope, but before they could do so, their families found out. Initially, they decided to settle the matter amongst themselves, but a local jirga intervened, dismissed the settlement and ordered that the couple be killed instead. The parents dutifully obeyed. And all honour lost, was apparently regained.

If this sounds all too familiar, it is. This tragedy is as modern as it is ancient, as old as it is new. It is a story that we have heard countless times before, only rephrased, restructured and reordered: characters come and go, but the plot remains unchanged.

Murder in the name of honour has become a chronic pestilence in our society. We, in turn, have developed iron skins that seem to shield us from the true severity of this problem. Part of the reason for this insulation is that these incidents are isolated, fleeting, and underreported; they briefly haunt our national psyche, until they are quickly exorcised and replaced with more sensationalist, ticker-worthy news. Part of the reason however, is that we continue to genuinely understate the sheer magnitude and scale of 'honour' killings.

It is time to reimagine our conception of honour that is based on centuries-old ideas.

Let us put things into perspective. According to reports published by the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan, honour killings

took 869 lives in 2013. In 2014, this figure had jumped to 1,000 and in 2015, it edged even further up to 1,096. This means that every day at least two people in Pakistan are killed in the name of honour. If this is not staggering enough, let us also bear in mind that this is most likely a modest figure, since it is believed that a large number of honour killings remain unreported.

Notably, our state, which had long been accused of silent complicity, has recently been spurred into action. Law-enforcement agencies have discarded their previous sympathies and begun taking stricter action against the perpetrators. Last year, our parliament passed a momentous law, which not only classifies offences committed in the name or pretext of honour as fasad-fil-arz but also increases the maximum sentence for the crime to life imprisonment. Even the Council of Islamic Ideology has issued statements condemning this practice. Yet, despite these developments, honour killings are not merely continuing unabated, but as statistics indicate, they are rising in frequency.

At the heart of the persistence of this deplorable practice is its social and cultural acceptance. This acceptance is deeply linked with our long-standing prescription of an ancient, regressive and misogynistic notion of honour — one in which familial honour takes precedence over individual freedom, where honour is measured by the sexual chastity, piety and virtuosity of women, and where honour, if slighted, trumps even the sanctity of human life.

In his book, *The Honour Code*, the renowned philosopher and cultural theorist, Kwame Anthony Appiah claims that morally abhorrent practices such as honour killing are difficult to eradicate through external appeals to reason, law or religion alone. Instead, they can only be eliminated by bringing them into clear conflict with a society's idea of honour, dignity and respect.

Appiah proposes that rather than dismissing notions of honour as primitive or irrational, it is far more effective to harness their power by reshaping and reinventing honour codes, thereby turning them into a vehicle for social change. "The respect, or disrespect, of our peers is an immensely powerful mechanism,"

he says. "That is why honour — and its reciprocal sentiment, shame — is peculiarly well-suited to turn private conscience into public norms."

It is time to reimagine our conception of honour. In order to root out honour killing, we must make it 'dishonourable' to kill in the name of honour. We must realise that the true battleground for the fight against this barbaric practice is not on the floor of legislative assemblies, but in the social and cultural fabric of our society, in the minds and hearts of our populace.

Such a recreation of centuries-old ideas is not likely to be a small feat, for it requires us to dismantle existing hierarchies, discard feudal ethics and re-examine our familial and social structures. The state must play an active part in this reconfiguration. It must adopt a holistic policy on both the regional and local levels, mobilising every resource at its disposal to create a nationwide campaign that specifically denounces this scourge. Similarly, political leaders, educationists and religious scholars, from every strata of our society, must be galvanised to unambiguously decry this practice.

We must collectively and unequivocally, shame and condemn anyone who uses honour as an excuse or pretext to justify violence, and we must be heard loud and far. For unless we do so, our stories will remain populated with the same protagonists — dead, star-crossed lovers.

Postscript: It is bitterly ironic, but in the time that it took me to get acquainted with the gruesome murder of the teenage couple in Karachi, and to finish writing about them, a new incident of honour killing had already occurred in Peshawar, when a father killed both of his teenaged daughters as they attempted to flee his house. Why? Allegedly, they were having 'affairs'.

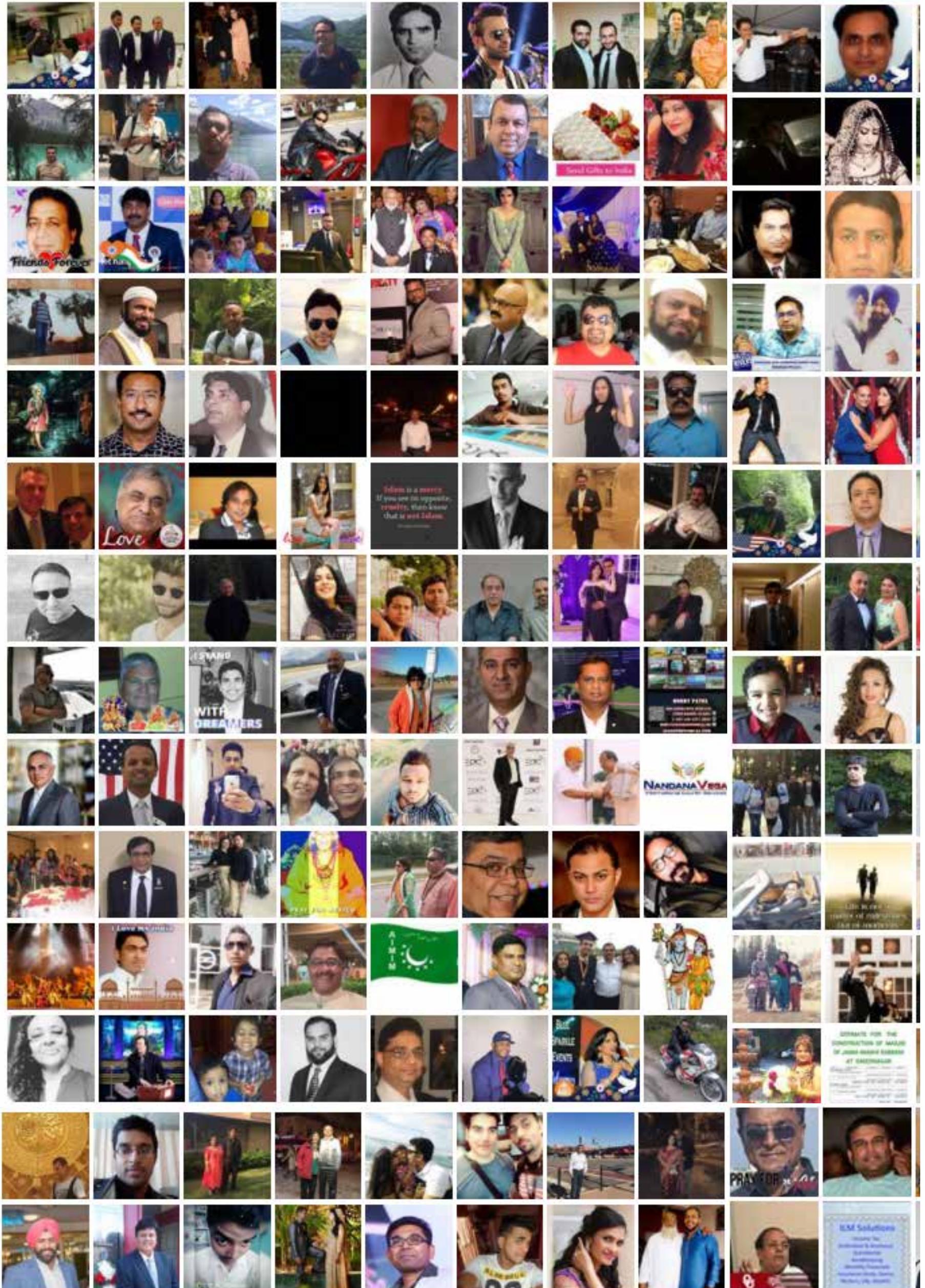
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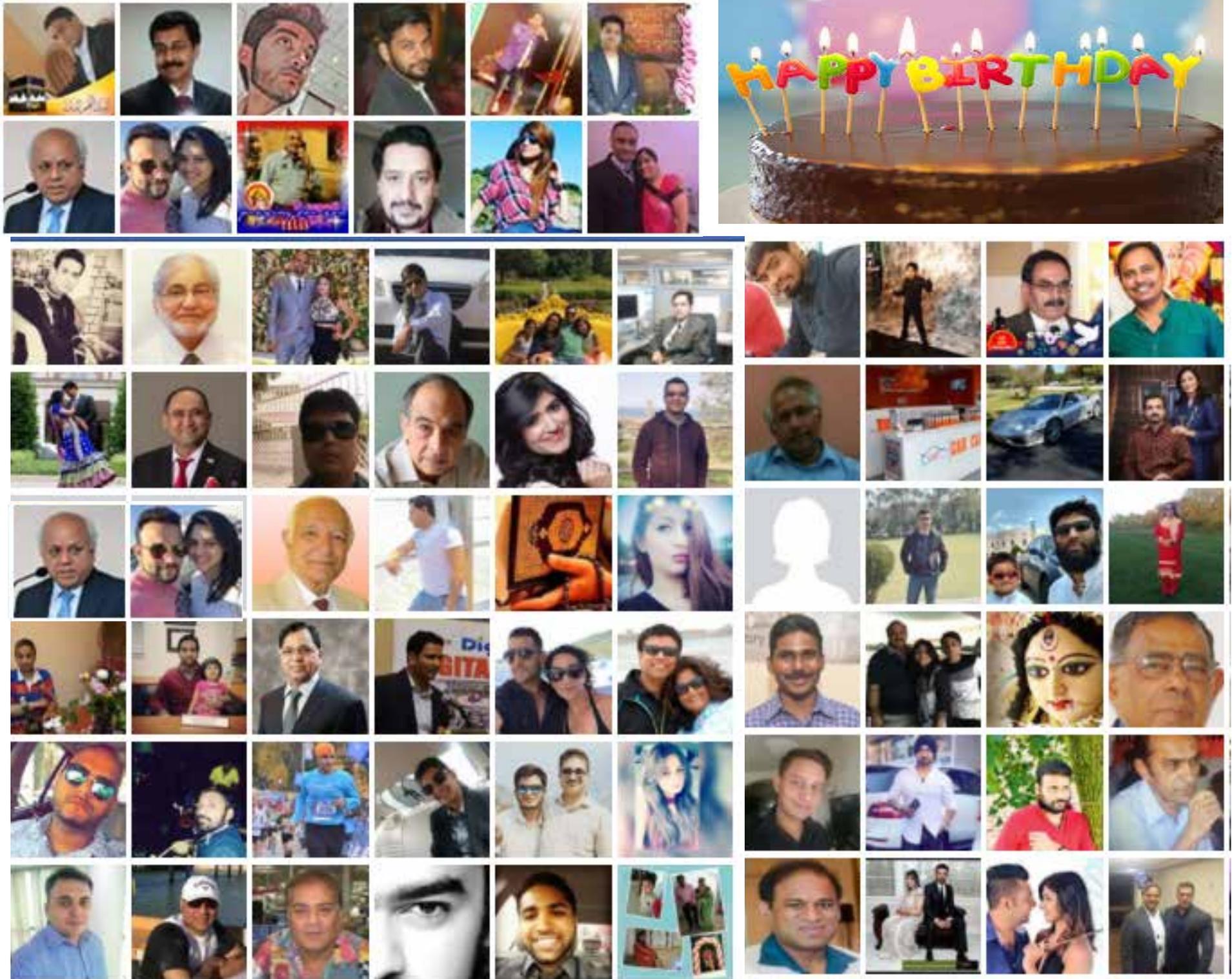
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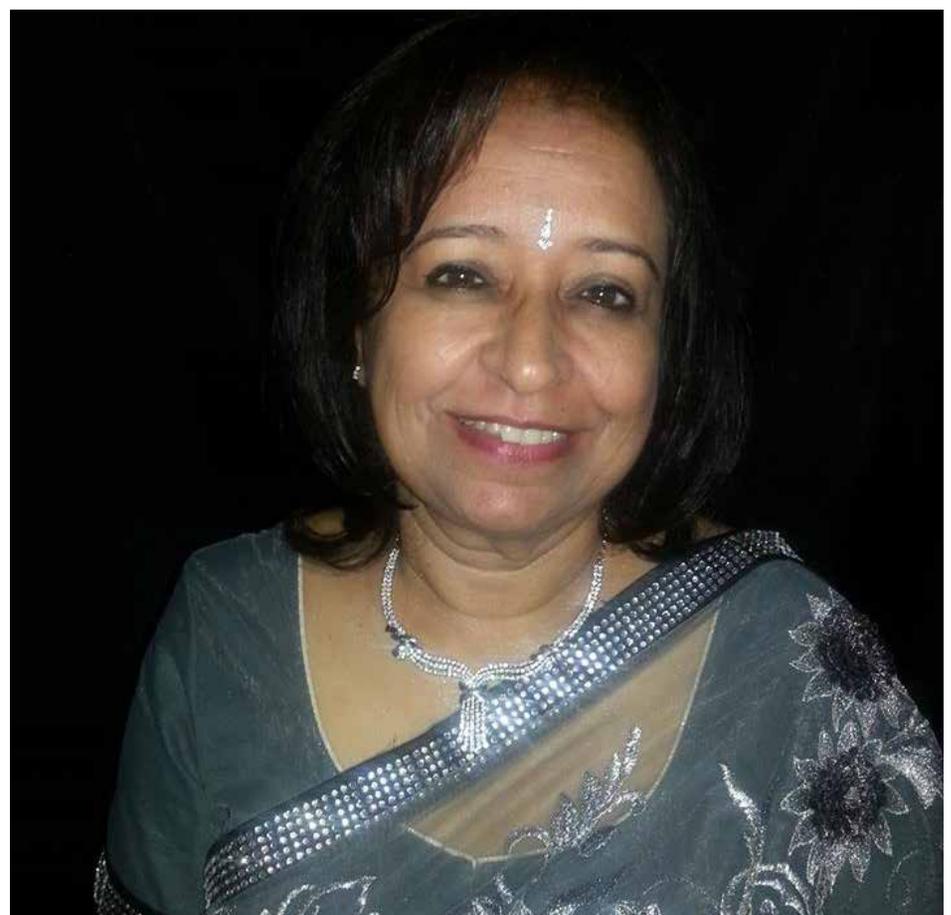
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HINDI POETRY COLLECTION RELEASE

Gurbachan Kaur Neelam released her first Hindi poetry collection JUGNU on Monday April 24, 2017 at Shree Ganesh Temple of Chicago. It was inaugurated by Honorable Consul Mr. Bhatti. This is a few of her selected poems of her collection of five decades. The event started with the lamp lighting by the Honorable consul Mr. Bhatti and distinguished guests Mr. Nimesh Jani trustee of Schaumburg Township, Mr. Sunil Shah, founder of FIA, Sardar Onkar Sanga ji and Priest Rohit Joshi ji chanted the mantras . Gurbachan Kaur welcomed the guests and explained a little about her passion of writing Hindi poetry since her childhood. She was very of her emotional when she explained how her kids and husband initiated her to print her poems into a collection so others can enjoy too. And JUGNU is the result of that try. Consul Bhatti , Nimish Jani ji, Sunil Shah ji and Onkar Sanga ji unvailed the curtain from the book's poster and claps from the audience followed. Gurbachan Kaur Neelam distributed a signed copy of the book to everyone at the audience free of charge to show her appreciation of their presence. Neelam ji read some of poems from the collection. The evening ended with light snacks. Gurbachan Kaur Neelam is a passionate Hindi lover from the childhood, and because of this passion she founded a not for profit 501(c)(3) federal tax exempt social club called HINDI LOVERS CLUB OF ILLINOIS seven years ago to promote Hindi language overseas. This club encourages kids and adults alike to keep Hindi alive in their household . The club organizes Hindi Divas as its annual event . Besides the annual event it organizes Hindi kavi darbar, free Hindi classes, invites Hindi poets and scholars from time to time. To know more about the club or to become a member please visit www.hindiloversclub.com. All proceeds from the JUGNU book sale will go to Hindi Lovers Club of Illinois to help promote Hindi overseas. The book Jugnu will soon available . Info will be at the website.



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Gulbarga NRIs in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
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Reported by: Engr.Mohammed Azizuddin- Riyadh Saudi Arabia Dt. 1st. Oct. 2017
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Sher-E- Karnataka (Tiger of Karnataka) Dr. Qamar Ul Islam passed away on 18th Sept. 2017. Former Minister & sitting MLA of Gulbarga North Zone no more. Also he was holding Secretary of AICC and In- charge of Kerala State Congress Party.

On 29th Sept. 2017 A Condolence meeting to pay homage to beloved Qamar Sahab held in Riyadh Saudi Arabia Organized by Gulbarga NRIs. A huge no. of Community members from Gulbarga , Hyderabad and other states attended. Very sorrow and sad atmosphere was created.

The program was started with recitation of Quran by Hafiz Aleemuddin sahab.
Welcome address and a brief biography presented by Dr. Sayeed Mohiuddin (Gulbarga NRI) :
Hazaaron Saal Nargis Apni Benoori pe rothi hai.
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Following Speakers spoke about great leader in a sorrow mood.

1) Engr. Mohammed Azizuddin (Hyderabad): He was student and Lecturer of KCT Polytechnic also relative to Qamar Sahab. He says his professional turning point was Qamar sahab and helped him a lot.
He said Gulbarga Muslims lost a great leader , no one

can born like him again, no one can be like him now. He asked to Community of Gulbarga to show a single person like him and not to talk bad about Late person, hadees to talk good about late persons and pray for their magfirath.
2) Engr. Azmath Ullah Baig-Khusro (Gulbarga) : Family friend of Qamar Sahab said about his relations and say may Allah grant him a best place in Jannath. Aameen
3) Mr. Liaqath Ali (Hyderabad): One of the friend and well wisher talked about Qamar sahab from the beginning of his political entry to till the death. He said Late. Gouse Kamushi Sahab of Tameer E Millath of Hyderabad was one of his elder and Qamar sahab was treating him as his teacher in Politics. Also he pray for Qamar Sahab's Magfirath.
4) Engr. Tafreeq(Shahbad) : He also talked about Qamar sahab good and pray for magfirath.
5) Mr.Abid Kamthan (Gulabarga): He said no one will take place of Qamar sahab. Pray for magfirath.
6) Engr. Hafeez Pyarey (Gulbarga) : He talk about the support & help to his father and pray for magfirath.
7) Engr.Abdul Hameed (Hyderabad): He said Qamar Sahab was the dynamic leader , use to attend his speeches in Hyderabad and pray for his magfirath.
8) Engr. Gulam Ahmed (Hyderabad): He heard about Qamar Sahab when he was student in KBNCE Gulbarga , his wish was to meet once to Qamar sahab which was not happened , sadly he said he got a chance at least to attend his condolence meeting and pray for magfirath.
9) Mr. Mohammed Saifuddin-Journalist (Hyder-

abad) : He was the one who has taken an interview of Late .Qamar Sahab at Bangalore on issues of Minorities , the document prepared by Qamar sahab was excellent and serving till now and also in future it will help said by Mr.Saifuddin.
He explained the whole day tour with Janab Qamar Sahab and the great experience with him.
10) Mr.Ateeq (Gulbarga) : Also talk about good and pray for magfirath.
11) Mr. Rizwan Shahid (Bihar): He was the student of KCT Engineering College , he talk about Qamar sahab a lot and pray for his magfirath.
12) Mr. Ibrahim Khaleel (Gulbarga) : He said from the childhood on the voice of Qamar Sahab he use to run and support his party till he became young, and pray for magfirath.
13) Supplication (Duaa) by: Engr. Hafeez Pyarey.
14) Vote of thanks By: Mr.Sadath Ali (Gulbarga) .

Followed by sacks and discussion in groups about beloved Late. Dr.Qamar Ul Islam.

At the last I Engr. Mohammed Azizuddin can say The name of Qamar Sahab will remain with the history of Gulbarga.

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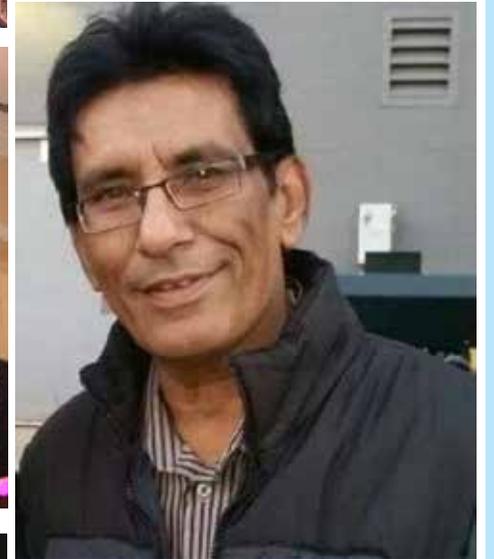
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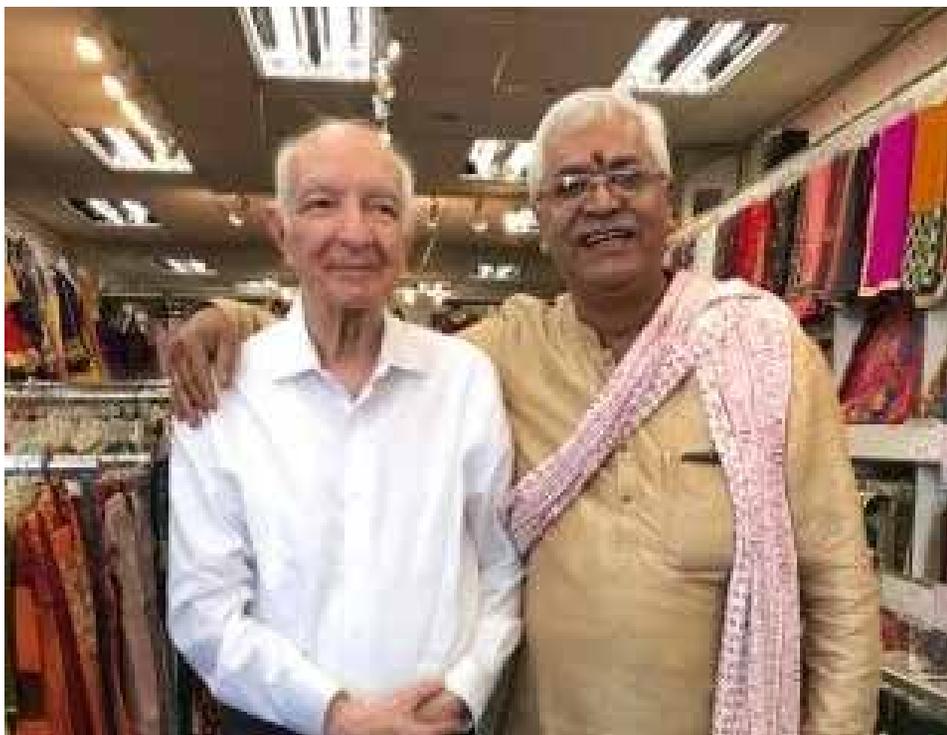
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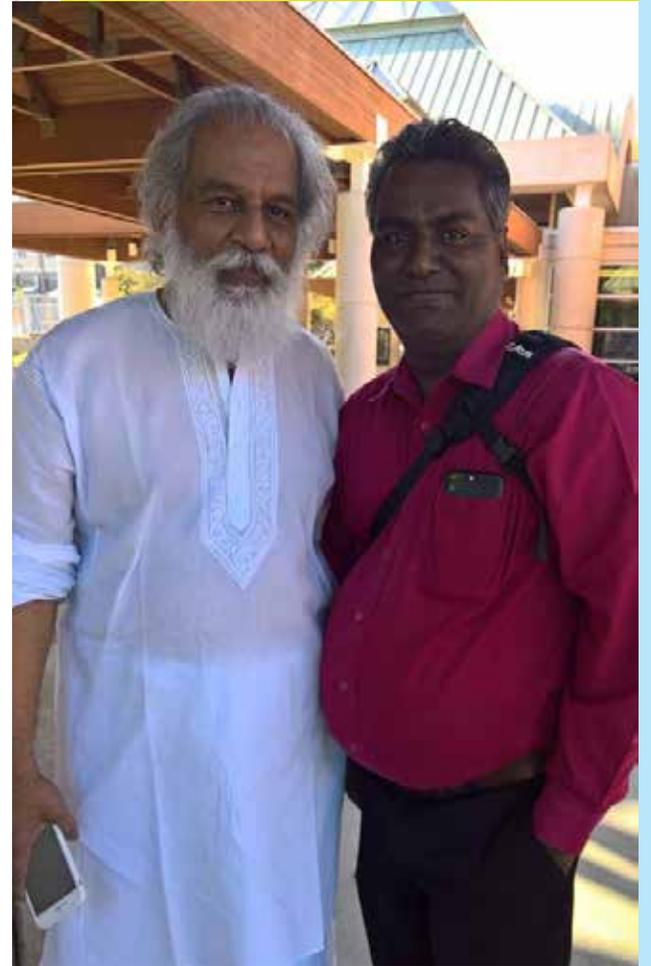
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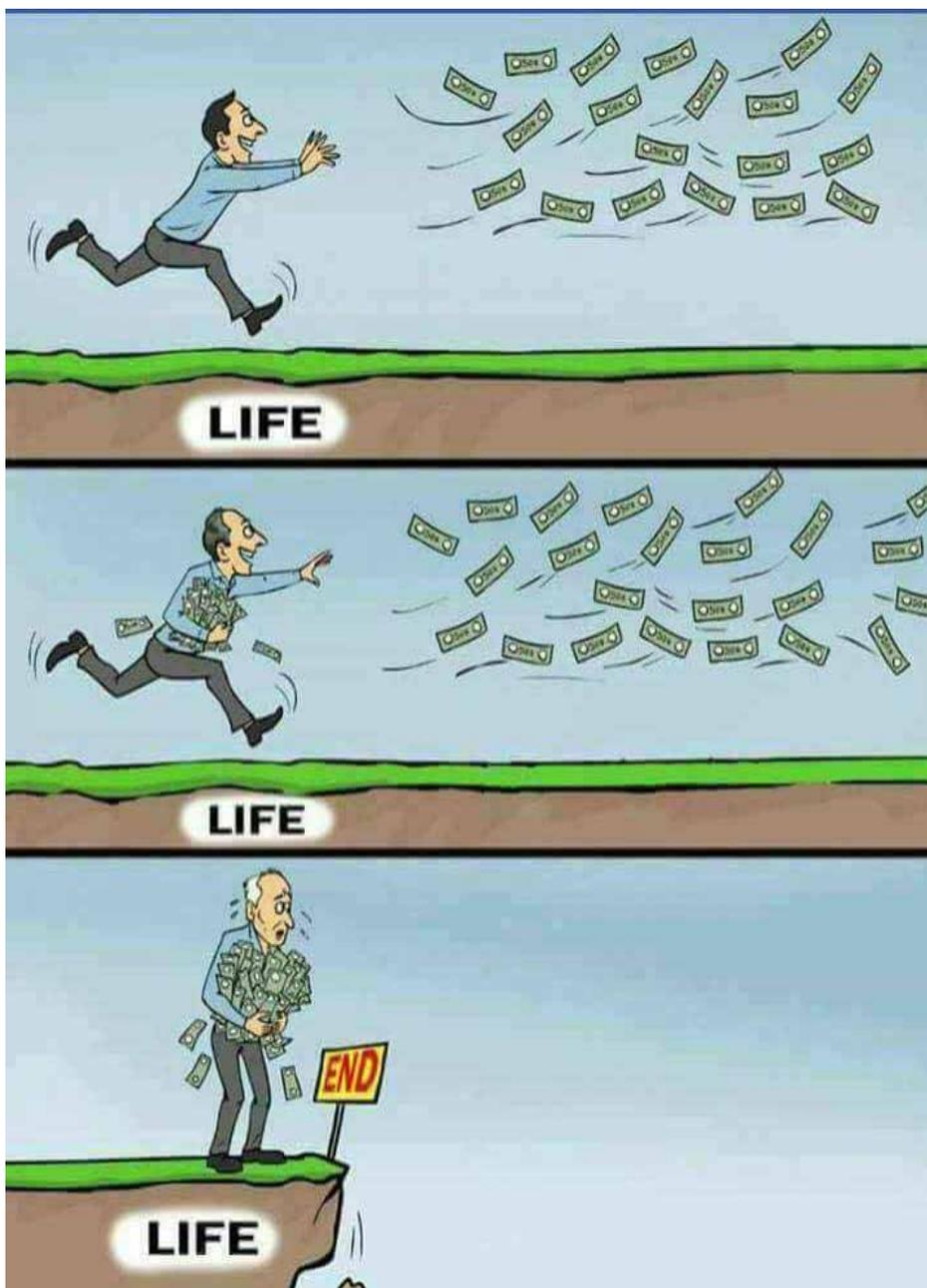
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Hindi Lovers Club of Illinois celebrated 7th Hindi Divas

Hindi Lovers Club of Illinois celebrated 7th Hindi Divas this year. First time in Hindi Divas event, Midwest Talent contest was organized which had 125 participants, 11 categories with \$1500.00 in cash prizes and trophies to encourage the kids and adults to take part in Hindi competitions.

There were VIP guests which included minister from India Khemchand ji (Advisory board member of Censor Board of Film Certification (CBFC) Ministry I&B Gov of India, Convener - BJP Communication Cell Delhi), Consul O.P.Meena ji, Nimish Jani, Sunil Shah, Santosh Kumar ji, Suryakant Khapekar, Sishir Ranjan, Ram Saini, Brahmakumari Jyotsana ji of Naperville center.

Program started with Ganesh Vandana by Natasha Trikha a well known singer of Chicagoland, with the background dance by Kalanidhi dance group of India who came specially to perform at the Hindi Divas event. This is their first tour of US which started with Hindi Divas event.

The lamp lighting ceremony was performed by all the present - VIP guests along with the President of Hindi Lovers Club Gurbachan Kaur, Secretary Anica Dubey and the Managing Director Jigar Shah. Acharya Rohit Joshi ji chanted the mantras along with the lamp lighting.

Past president invited the founder and president Gurbachan Kaur to say few words. Gurbachan Kaur thanked the audience for coming to Hindi Divas event instead of going to other 8 events going on at the same time and showed their love for Hindi. And she encouraged everyone to use Hindi in day to day talk at home and with their fellow Indians, that way we can bring Hindi to most spoken language in the world's in number one position from the present fourth position.

Talent Contest started after that. The first one was kids Kavya pathan, and kids recited poems in Hindi written by other poets and it was overwhelming. The kids were

phenomenal.

There were few speeches by dignitaries about the importance of Hindi language and they all praised how Hindi lovers club is promoting Hindi overseas. Khemchand ji insisted everyone to learn Hindi as it is very essential now to get jobs in communication, broadcasting and journalism worldwide.

The competitions went on till 10.30 PM with Hindi quiz in different areas as fillers to involve the audience. Every quiz winner got a prize from HLC.

Award ceremony took place at the end with trophies and cash prizes for first 3 winners in each category. Certificates were awarded to every participant in the contest followed by vote of thanks by club secretary Anica Dubey. She thanked all the participants, their parents supporters, vendors, volunteers and specially to the auditorium tech director Steve Cuney for his excellent work in managing the event.

The 400 plus audience were spellbound till the end with the interesting contests and the performances by the Kalanidhi group. Specially their Panchtatva dance about Akash(Sky), Jal(water), Agni(fire) Vayu (air), and Prithvi(earth) was just outstanding!

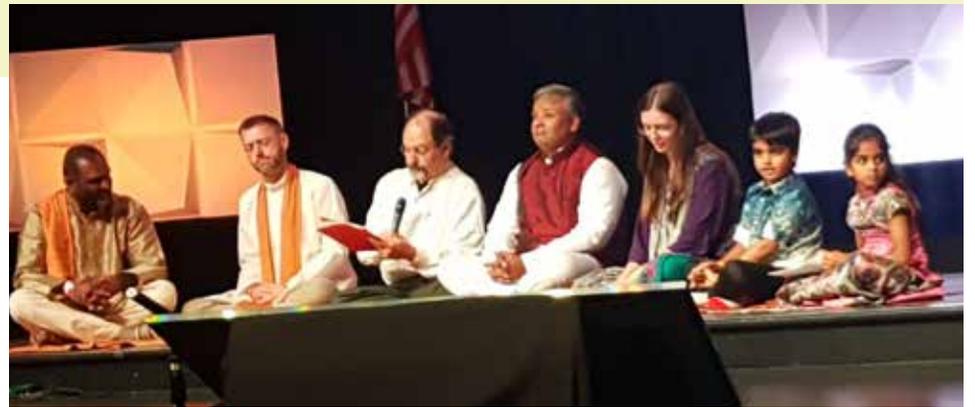
Hindi lovers Club decided celebrate future Hindi Divas celebration as Pravasi Hindi Divas in January from 2018 because of lot of events fall in the month of September and lot of kids and adults cannot participate because of other engagements.

The first Pravasi Hindi Divas will be in January 2018. Date and venue will be announced soon.

If want to be a part of Hindi Lovers Club of Illinois to



promote Hindi overseas please go to www.hindiloversclub.com, email: info@hindiloversclub.com or call 847 962 8595.



INTRODUCTION OF HINDI LOVERS CLUB OF ILLINOIS

Hindi lovers club of Illinois was formed in 2010 to promote Hindi language overseas. This club is a not for profit 501(c)(3) tax exempt social club. The main purpose of this club is to keep the Indian culture and its language alive in Indian communities overseas.

The club celebrates Hindi Divas as its annual event where it encourages the kids and adults alike to participate in ethnic dances, songs, essay competition to name a few activities in Hindi. From 2017 the annual event will be celebrated as the Midwest Hindi Talent Search. In addition to the annual event, Hindi lovers club of Illinois started free weekly Hindi classes for kids and adults, organizes Hindi poetry group and invites Hindi speakers and entertainers to encourage Indians to attend and enjoy the language.

As it is a believe that language makes us who we are. Therefore its very necessary to know where one came from and its culture and language. Hindi is the third most spoken language of the world right now and if our coming generation won't use it, soon it might lose its position.

India is one of the fastest growing country in the world in technology and United States is very keen to work with them. As Hindi is the National language of India, it can be understood in most of the states. Knowledge of Hindi language will be very helpful for investors in India and Hindi Lovers Club is trying to provide that by conducting free Hindi classes in Illinois.

Hindi Lovers Club of Illinois is dedicated to promote Hindi and would like to request you to encourage it by any way possible by you or your association in form of sponsorship, donation, partnership etc.

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CHARMINAR CONNECTION 2017 AWARDS AND GALA NIGHT

-Hyder Syed

“Baaz aukaat kisi kay milney say Adam; Apni hasti say mulaqaat bhi ho jati hai”

Such was my experience of the Charminar Connection 2017 Gala & Awards Night.

I am sure those who attended will concede with me while I write “fasana-e-mehfil” for the others who missed out.

Beautiful, pleasant Chicago evening, plush venue, valet parking, sherwani clad gentlemen, elegantly dressed ladies, well-crafted event program, sumptuous food, dance, music, recognition of writers, awards, and meeting old friends & getting to know new ones was the flow of the evening.

We all prayed Magrib while our dear friend Vijay Pargonkar and his beautiful wife offered gratitude to the lord solitarily before we commenced the proceedings of the evening. The program of the night flowed smooth with guests assembling in the lobby from about 6:30 PM strolling to meet their old

friends, taking pictures and enjoying the appetizers. The welcome desk was very organized as Badam ki Jaali and Ashrafi was handed to each guest checking in.

This was never an evening for hermits but for those Hyderabadies who have assimilated into the mainstream culture of meeting new faces and bonding with old friends. A very big THANK YOU to Janab Pervaiz Baig Sahab (founder of CC) and the Chicago organizing committee for putting up such a marvelous event. This event would not have been possible without the help of: Syed sharafat Hussain Sahab, Rahman Khan Sahab, Raees Mirza Yawer Sahiba, Dr. Muzafar Mirza, Iftekehar Shareef Sahab, Ali Jafer Sahab, Valarie Quadri Kumar Sahiba, Asad Khan Sahab, Khaja Kamaluddin Sahab, Mohammed ali Khan Sahab, Zehra khan Sahiba , The gracious Mrs. Asifa Khan Sahiba and The most aristocratic couple of Chicago Janab Sharfuddin Khan Sahab & Mrs. Laiq Sultana Owaisi Khan Sahiba.

NUSRATH YAR KHAN This ever glowing moderator is the back bone of CC Group and she was missing in action for the event.

A few notable and respected names that attended the evening were: Mriza Ahmed Baig Sahab and his better half Mrs. Mehboob Baig Sahiba, Ms. Jehan Ara Baig Sahiba, Janab Dilip Gir Sahab, Dr. Masarat Bala and Mrs. Nikhat Bala, Dr. Taj Uddin, Dr. Khalid Baig and Mrs. Suraiya Baig, Janab Imityaz Sahab, Janab Anees Sahab of Toronto, Zaki Ahsan Sahab, Zahyr Siddiqui Sahab and his Begum Fairy Siddiqui, Haroon Sahab, Janab Shakir Sahab and his begum (LA/Chigago), Dr. Saad Naseri and Drs. Sana Naseri and other very esteemed guests.

Sharafat Hussain & Raees Yawer rocked the stage with their perfect Emceeing skills and befitting sense of humor. The chief Guest Congressmen Raja Krishnamurty addressed the gathering and established a good connect with the attendees. Mr. Pervaiz Baig’s speech was also very

Hyder Syed is an acclaimed Indo Canadian Business Man invested in Finance and Real Estate.

His work extends Canadian borders into India where he has several significant investments.

In Canada, Mr.Syed serves as President and CEO of

CDM Insolvency inc. and Acura Development Inc.

His passions are seen through his continuous participation and dedication in many charitable ventures.

He sits on boards of several non for profit organizations that promote culture,



immigrant settlement and the needs of elderly community.



Raees Mirza Yawer

well received.

The Bride And Groom show was Organized by the following four amazing ladies:

Mrs. Fehmina Jafer Ali, Mrs. Maliha Imtiaz

Ahmed, Mrs. Ruhi Asad Khan & Mrs. Laique Owaisi Khan.

The Bride & Groom show was Emceed by Mrs. Naheed Murtaza an outstanding young Hyderabadi lady.

The adorable models were:

Mariam Ali, Sarah , Afrah & Fazal

They are the children of the above mentioned organizers of the Bride and Groom



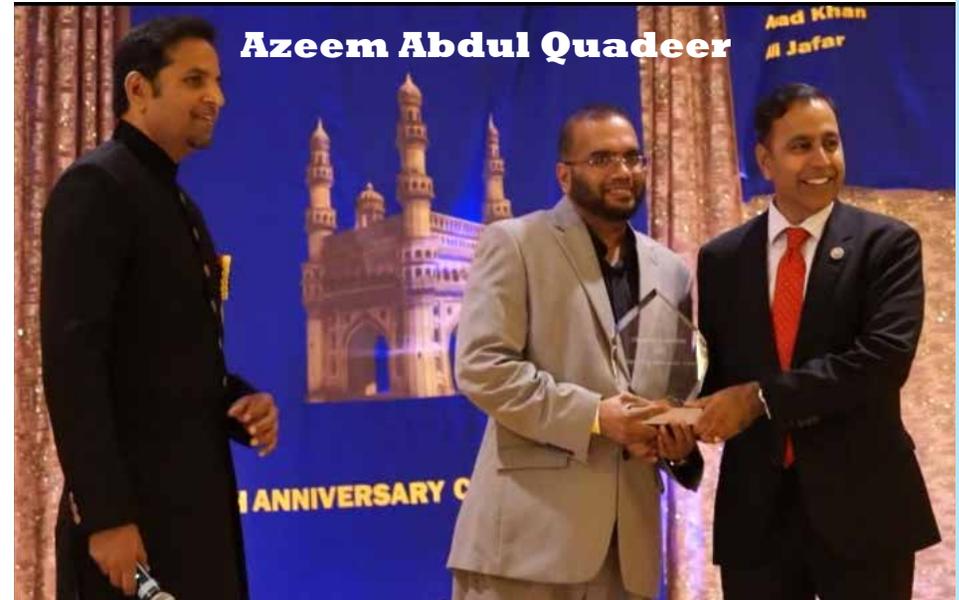
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CHARMINAR CONNECTION 2017 AWARDS AND GALA NIGHT



Show. Fazal (the groom) was Naheed Murtaza's son.

Dance performance by Priya and Riya and old Hyderabad Muhaveyray round got all audience involved in the evening.

Charminar Connection honored a few esteemed members of our community for their outstanding community service. The award recipients of THE 2017 CHARMINAR CONNECTION OUTSTANDING HYDERABADI AWARDS were:

Dr. Basheer Ahmed Raees Mirza Yawer Azeem Abdul Quadeer Dr. Mohamed Taskeen AliNiazee Iftekhar Shareef And Mirza Pervaiz Baig

The awards segment was hosted by me (Hyder Syed).

As you all know Charminar Connection is "A Glorified Congression of Best Hyderabad Writers" a true writers forum. Our writes exhibit varied colours, composite styles and contrastive perspectives.

It has been CC's tradition to acknowledged and honour it's writers. Although there were many good and compelling writers present at the Chicago event, due to logistical constraints a few were introduced on the stage by Faiz Khan. These remarkable Hyderabad writers who came to the stage were:

Rahman Khan, MAK Iqbal, Syed Saifiullah Quadri, Laique Sultana Owaisi Khan, Rafat Alam, Vijay Parga-

onkar, Syed Arif Hussain. Zahyr Siddiqi, Andleeb Wasif, Naveed Alther MD. and Jaweed Mohiuddin MD.

I also would like to acknowledge and honour our other writers, some who attended and others whom I personally missed at the event.

These astounding and celebrated CC writers are:

Malik Khan, Dilrus Beig, Bashir Beg, Noor Ahmed, Fazal Siddiqui Hakeem Akber Ali Khan, Arif Quadri, Hassan Chishti, Arvind Achariya, Mr. Narender Luther, Ateq Ahmed Syed Wajahat Hussain Mohammed Aleem Zakiah Sayeed Farzana SM Shahed Saud Siddiqui G M Quraishi Siddiq Burney Khaja Kamaluddin Ehtesham (Syed Hasan) Riyaz Uddin Rehana Khan Moqem Syed Mahmood Khan DC Andaleeb Wasif Nadir Yar Khan Iftekhar Ali Ahsan Syed Naseem Ahmed Syed Asad (Florida) Fatima Zarafshan Mulik Sayeedi Yousuf Sardar M Safiuddin Nanak Singh Nishter Fazal Siddiqui Kishwer Sultana M Wasif (Texas) Azmat Sharif Adila Quadri

most importantly Nusrath Yar Khan and others...

Though my heart is filled with more names of our phenomenal writers, I better stop here as the list is getting too long.

Shalimar Banquets was a perfect venue for the event. Owned by Faheem a young Hyderabad Entrepreneur, the venue provided Hyderabad touch to the evening. The food was Lukmi, Kebob, Biryani, Bagarey Baigan and The best was Double ka Mettha (Meetha). Congratulations Faheem, on the success of your venture.

Lastly, the musical entertainment segment was power delivered by local Chicago artists while Rafat Alam of Toronto mesmerized the audience with his Kishor Da hits. The night ended at 2:00 AM (at least for me).

Hyder Syed Toronto, Canada



MJCET Engineering Group 1988: Abdul Muqet, Abdul Quadeer, Asim Khan and Syed Arshad.

Zahid Ali and Khaja Nayeem

GOPIO Chicago Host 3rd Annual Business Convention & Gala

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Chicago IL: Chicago Chapter of Global Organization for People of India Origin (GOPIO) hosted 3rd Annual Business Convention & Gala on September 17th 2017 at Rosemont Hyatt Hotel. The event was attended by many corporate executives, State and local Government officials, Asian-American and small & minority business leaders and non-profit organization leaders. The objective of the event was to promote common cultural heritage and create binding relationship among business community.

Chairman and Founder of GOPIO Chicago Gladson Varghese welcomed all the Business Leaders, Political leaders and other esteemed guests. He also stated GOPIO is one of the largest Indian organizations outside India with Chapters in over 20 countries.

President and Founder Hina Trivedi in her Presidential address stated GOPIO Chicago is in the path of rapid Growth and invited all the business leaders to be part of the organization.

Hon. D.B. Bhati, Consul of India, Chicago, in his inaugural address said Business Conference like this is a first step to bring Indian Business owners under one umbrella, Indian Americans should expand their businesses to India as well, since India is one of the fastest growing economies in the world,

Raja Krishnamoorthi, US Congressman, who was the of the keynote speakers, congratulated GOPIO Chicago Leadership for hosting a Business Conference like this and he will support the Indian Community and GOPIO Chicago to create a business environment that will help to grow Indian businesses especially the startup companies.

State Representative Hon. Linda Chapa LaVia, said that businesses are failing mainly on account of lack of proper direction to grow and paucity of required funding to launch new technology products. She also Presented the Award to Lovely Varughese.

Mayor Mickey Straub said GOPIO Chicago created a platform for all the small and large Indian business owners to do business networking and grow their businesses.



There are several awards were presented during the event, Business man of the year given to H.R Pundit Corporation CEO Mr. K.K. Reddy, Community leader of the year award was given to Dr. Bharat Barai, Student of the year award was given to Ms. Payal Patel.

U.S. Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi Presented the Leadership award to Gladson Varghese, State Representative Hon. Linda Chapa Lavia presented Mother's Rights Award to Lovely Varughese, Community service Awards were given for the Excellent community service to Consul of India D.B. Bhati, Mayor Mickey Straub, Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi, Consul of India O.P. Meena, Humanitarian Award is given to Zahid Hameed, Sponsorship recognition is given to Lisa Victoria Waller, Syed Hussaini, Avani Trivedi, Abdul Gafoor, Manoj Kumar Singamsetti, Nick Gakhhal and Nambirajan Vaithilingam.

The event was attended by the following Board members: SaviSingh, Vikrant Singh, Syed Hussaini, Hement Trivedi, Sharan Walia, Nambi Vaithilingam, Vinoz Chanamolu, Chandrasekar Reddy, Manoj Kumar Singamsetti, Hitesh Gandhi and Laddi Singh.

The MC for the evening was Dr. Ajit Pant, President Hina Trivedi thanked all the dignitaries, GOPIO Board members, CEOs of various companies, Media, Sponsors and all the audience for their support for GOPIO Chicago.

The Business Conference ended with Bollywood style entertainment programs including Dances, Music and DJ. At the end of the program, Indian style Dinner and cocktails served to the guest.

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Gurbachan Kaur Neelam with Bollywood legendary singer Kavita Krishnamurthi and Subramaniam ji at the unveiling of Lata ji's signed oil painting at the Chicago Consulate office



Dr. Muzaffar Mirza, an eminent Community Leader of Chicago hosted fundraising for Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi at his Residence in Burr Ridge on September 9th 2017. The fundraising was well attended by Chicago Community leaders and friends of Raja.

Indian doctor in US chased, stabbed to death; patient arrested

An Indian doctor was stabbed to death in Kansas state of the US. One of his patients has been arrested as a suspect, according to police. Achutha Reddy's death in Wichita on Wednesday is the second killing this year of an Indian in Kansas where Srinivas Kuchibhotla was shot dead in February. Both hailed from Telangana.

The 21-year-old man, who was arrested as a suspect in Reddy's killing, was identified as Umar Rashid Dutt in jail booking records, according to TV station KAKE. The attack on Reddy, 57, began in his clinic and ended in a nearby lane as the fleeing doctor was chased down by the assailant, the police said.

Reddy, who introduced yoga in his treatment, was mourned by fellow doctors and the community, who held him in esteem. Police Lieutenant Todd Ojile said on Thursday in a media briefing video posted on the Wichita Police website that the office manager of Reddy's Holistic Psychiatric Services heard a disturbance in the doctor's office on Wednesday evening around 7 pm and saw the assault taking place when he went in.

The manager tried to stop the attack allowing Reddy to flee, but he was chased by the assailant and killed in a second assault in an alley behind the clinic, Ojile said. He said that Reddy had several stab wounds and was pronounced dead by the emergency medical team that responded.

The suspect was arrested near a country club a short time later, when a security guard alerted police to a man covered with blood in a car, Ojile said. He was still in custody on Thursday morning and Ojile said the case was likely to be given to the district prosecutor's office on Friday afternoon.

Pending the filing of formal charges, police did not give

out the arrested man's name, which was found by the media in jail records. According to TV station KAKE, a Wichita State University spokesman said Dutt was a former student and was last enrolled in the spring of 2015.

The Wichita Eagle newspaper said that Reddy, who graduated from Hyderabad's Osmania Medical College in 1986, did an internship at St. Louis University in 1994 and a residency at the Kansas University School of Medicine-Wichita in 1998. He practiced in Wichita for more than two decades and opened his own practice in 2003, the newspaper said.

In YouTube videos Reddy said that in addition to providing psychiatric care he also treated chronic physical pain and expounded a system he called "Absolute Yoga". He said that he had suffered chronic back pain for 10 years and that led him to conduct research and develop the system which emphasised having the "right mindset".

Fellow doctors and members of the community said his death was a loss to society. The Wichita Eagle newspaper quoted Denis Knight, president of the Medical Society of Sedgwick County, as saying: "The Medical Society is heartbroken over the loss of Reddy."

Achutha Reddy's wife, Beena Reddy, is also a doctor and Denis said: "Our thoughts and prayers go out to her. Reddy's death is a tragic loss to our community." The newspaper quoted Brenda Trammel, a psychotherapist at his clinic, as saying: "Reddy was an amazing, compassionate man who was kind and loving to anyone he met. He had a gift of knowing what each and everyone of us needed and gave it freely."

April Marie Schlenker from Kansas State University



said in a post on TV station KAKE's site: "Reddy was so unique to any one else I have ever met in the therapy/psychiatric world. He connected almost instantly with people. His eyes held wisdom and secrets and joy."

A former patient, Maria William, wrote, "He was always a good and caring doctor for his patients. Reddy you will be greatly missed by many people. Fly high with the angels." While some posters demanded hanging the killer or taking strong measures, a medical professional, Pedro Murati, said: "In these sad times we must remember what Achutha would have wanted after such a horror."

Projecting "anger towards the mentally ill would be the last thing on his mind", he added. In February, Kuchibotla's killing in Olathe by a white man shouting: "Get out of my country", has been denounced as a white racist hate crime, but Reddy's does not fit that description.

Kuchibotla's killer, Adam Purinton, 51, has been charged with first-degree murder and with attempted murder in shooting and injuring Alok Madasani.

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Press Release - PIO card holders to obtain machine readable OCI Cards, in lieu of the existing hand-written PIO cards

Washington, DC
September 28, 2017

International Civil Aviation Organisation has informed Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India that it will accept only machine-readable travel documents from October 2018 onwards. In this context, the existing PIO cards, which are hand-written, will become invalid travel documents, unless the PIO card holders obtain machine-readable OCI cards in lieu of their existing PIO cards before October 2018.

It is further informed that vide its notification dated January 1, 2015, Ministry of External Affairs had specified that existing PIO card holders, as on January 01, 2015, shall be deemed to be OCI card holders. Further, it had also informed that application for OCI cards in lieu of PIO cards may be on voluntary and gratis basis for the initial three months. Since then, this validity has been extended several times and presently such conversion, on gratis basis, is valid upto December 31, 2017.

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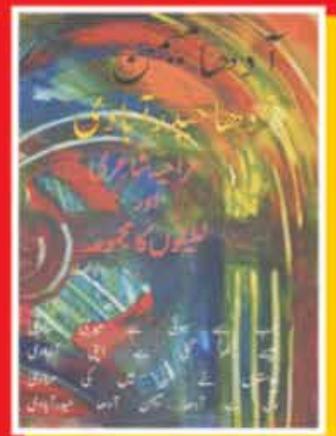
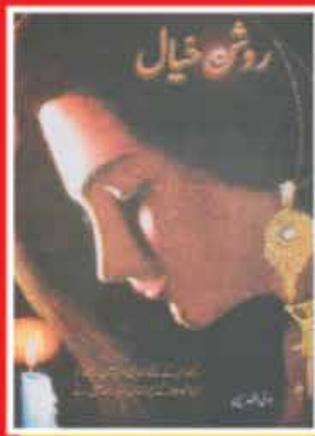
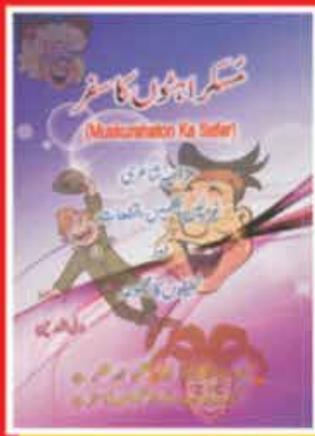
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Professor Emeritus Cherif Bassiouni passes away

-Ahmed Rehab

It is with great sadness to announce the passing of a legend, a mentor, and a father figure, Professor Mahmoud Cherif Bassiouni who transitioned at 8:40 am this morning after battling cancer and related complications.

Professor Emeritus Cherif Bassiouni stands in my mind as one of the all-time greats of the American Muslim community as well as one of the greatest contemporary legal minds to ply the trade. He is considered a pyramid of human rights law and a founding father of international criminal law, the latter of which saw him fight successfully for the creation of the first International Criminal Court in the Netherlands to prosecute the most severe human rights abuses that traditionally got a political pass.

The youngest and longest serving professor at DePaul (45 years of service), he also taught at universities around the country and the world and counts among his students well-known judges, jurists, governors, mayors, public servants, and diplomats.

Throughout the course of his career, he was appointed to 22 United Nations positions, and against all odds and the heavy rebuke of the international diplomatic establishment, he defiantly racked up his personal resources and connections and set out to single-handedly investigate the war crimes in Bosnia, a monumental effort that documented mass killings, human rights abuses, 67,000 cases of rape, and resulted in the prosecution of hundreds including the top man, Milosevic. At a ceremony honoring him at the Bosnian Islamic center, he gave them his grandfather's prize possession, the Kiswa (cover) of the Kabba, and it still hangs there on their wall.

Bassiouni, the author of 35 books, the editor of 45, and the author of hundreds of scholarly articles has left such an indelible mark on his discipline that it would be difficult for a student of international criminal law anywhere in the world not to have been assigned one of his works on the path to graduation.

He was the founder and president of three international human rights law institutes, in the US, France, and Italy.

A studious man who received his education in his native Egypt, France, and the US, he had a near photographic memory, and was known for the incredible clarity of his thought process and analysis, as well as verbal communication.

But beyond the special gift of mind, Bassiouni bore a personality to match: tough yet charming, commanding yet compassionate, no-nonsense yet with great wit, and most of all committed, courageous, laborious, unyielding - and deeply caring.

He spoke seven languages fluently, and authored works directly in several of them. He had a penchant for life and was a man of fine taste. His home on Chicago's lakefront felt like a mini museum with ancient artifacts from Rome, Greece, Egypt, and the Far East, collections of original law books and other works that were published as far back as the 1600's, and historical Islamic texts. In his study, hung two life-size portraits of his two grandfathers, one the head of the Egyptian senate in the days of the monarchy, and the other a jurist and a leader of the resistance against British imperialism. The latter, Mahmoud Bassiouni has a street named after him in downtown Cairo, a street that was the hub of the activists seeking freedom through the uprising of January 2011. Cherif himself was given an honorary street naming in Chicago, not far from his home. His summer home had displays of some of his favorite collections including military figurines, chess boards, old rifles, and huge model ships.

Bassiouni's efforts for human rights and his legal achievements saw him honored and awarded throughout his life. He received the highest civilian medals from several countries including France, Germany, Egypt, Austria, and Italy. He was awarded honorary citizenships from half a dozen countries and multiple honorary doctorates from several universities in the US, and Europe. His photo appears on a stamp in Trinidad and Tobago. He was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1999. His actual CV is 78 pages long by my count.

Though a larger than life figure whose role in history is aptly reserved, I knew Professor Bassiouni beyond the veneer

and pomp as a humble, kind, and thoughtful man. I first met professor Bassiouni when I was a 21 year old graduate student at DePaul who happened to knock on his door wanting to meet him. He greeted me, a total stranger and simple student, with the courtesy of a diplomat. He smiled, made eye contact, offered me a chair, and spent

as much time as I needed answering my questions about his work, politics, religion, and life, and offering me advice. I had no purpose being there, but to get to know him. He never asked me why I came or what I wanted. He let me in that day and never out. I recall a few years later sitting in the lobby of Winston Churchill's former home in Sicily where professor Bassiouni was holding a human rights training of Arab judges under the auspices of his Italian institute, there at his invitation and not afforded any formal duties but to observe, I was mesmerized at how versatile one man could be. Switching seamlessly from speaking Arabic to his guests, Italian and French to his assistants, and German and Spanish in calls in between. And not merely language versatility, but culturally, he was truly a man of many worlds. At home in the company of kings and heads of government, as he was with student gatherings; in Islamic religious settings as in international high society galas; listening to Um Kulthum as to some of his favorite classical symphonies.

The picture I chose to attach to this post is from a personal happy memory: his visit to our home to congratulate us on our first born, Mahmoud Shamsedine. He gifted him a beautiful copy of the Qur'an in a silver casing, and we surprised him with a portrait my wife, Sevi, painted of him that now hangs in his institute in Sicily.

Professor Bassiouni is survived by his loving wife, Elaine, and his loving daughter Lisa and his grandchildren Szofia and Antonio. He is also survived by a band of "sons" including Mohamed Helal, Laith Saud, Nehad el Gammal, Mohamed Abdel Aziz, Khaled Mohy, and myself. But most of all his favorite son, Yaser Tabbara with



whom he had a special bond over many years.

Last night, as he lay in his bed unresponsive but breathing, we believed he could hear us, I read into his ear from the Qur'an. I opened the book and the first verses my eyes fell open read:

Verily, We have given you a manifest victory.

That Allah may forgive you your sins of the past and the future, and complete His Favour on you, and guide you on the Straight Path; And that Allah may help you with strong help.

He it is Who sent down calmness and tranquillity into the hearts of the believers, that they may grow more in Faith along with their (present) Faith. And to Allah belong the hosts of the heavens and the earth, and Allah is Ever All-Knower, All-Wise.

That He may admit the believing men and the believing women to Gardens under which rivers flow (i.e. Paradise), to abide therein forever, and to expiate from them their sins, and that is with Allah, a supreme success.

When I got home, I remembered that these were the verses that coincidentally hung on a plaque above his head in his office for 45 years, a plaque that now hangs in mine since his retirement.

I ask Allah to forgive his sins and accept his soul to the highest level of heaven, and to grant his family patience and consolation.

Visiting Islamic scholar denounces suicide bombings, terrorism

Moon Khan

Naperville: Islamic scholar Javed Ahmad Ghamidi will be speaking in Naperville on Sunday, September 23rd, at Wentz Concert Hall, North Central College, 171 E Chicago Ave, Naperville, IL 60540. His speech begins at 5 PM.

Ghamidi states that establishing an Islamic State/Caliphate is not a directive of the Islamic Law. Suicide bombings are completely un-Islamic. Killing innocent human beings is a heinous crime.

Ghamidi argues that Jihad can only be waged by a state and only against those

perpetrating oppression and injustice. It cannot be waged by individuals or private groups on behalf of Muslims.

On tolerance, Ghamidi opines that respect for other human beings is essential. The Qur'an states that if God had desired all people to come to the same religion and the same path, it was easy enough for Him to do so. But this is not what He wanted. He wanted human beings to have freedom of choice.

Ghamidi is a strong advocate of democracy in Muslim countries and he believes it to be a directive of Islam. Monarchy, according to him, is a major cause that weak-

ened the Muslim institutions. Freedom of speech and expression is fundamental to democracy in his view.

Ghamidi explains that Islam teaches us that human beings have not evolved separately to belong either to the east or the west. They are all descendants of a single couple, Adam and Eve. All races are connected to each other in a relationship of brotherhood, a relationship that is based on humanity.

According to Ghamidi, Muslims must be law abiding citizens of the countries they reside in and work for promoting peace in the society. If they are persecuted in these countries, they must fight for their rights

but peacefully.



Muharram, Hijra and Ashura

-M. Basheer Ahmed M.D.



Muharram is the first month of the Islamic Hijri calendar. It is of a great significance as it marks the monumental journey which Prophet Muhammed and his companions embarked on some 1438 years ago from Makkah to Medina leaving behind their livelihood, property, assets and family members to avoid persecution and oppression. The people who migrated were referred to as Muhajireen. Allah says "A share shall be given to the poor emigrants who were expelled from their homes and their properties, seeking favor from Allah, supporting Allah and His Messenger. Such are indeed true believers." (59:8). Muhajireen were persecuted in Makkah by their communities because they choose to lead their lives as Muslims. In the next verse, Allah refers to the people of Medina who supported Muhajireen as Ansars, saying "they love those who seek refuge and find not have any want in their chests of what immigrants are given, but give them preferences over themselves. It is those who will be successful" (59:9). The welcome reception the Muhajireen received from the Ansars demonstrates a beautiful example of the humanitarian spirit as early as 1400 years ago. The Ansars willingly invited Muhajireen in their homes and shared their own food, resources and belongings with them without seeking any compensation in return. They gave of their own, willingly and enthusiastically, even when they themselves lacked the food and resources for their own kinfolk. Today, the Muslim world faces an unprecedented refugee crisis. Millions of people have been rendered without a place to call home across several countries in the Muslim world. But the recent atrocities and massive migration of ROHINGYA MUSLIMS is perhaps the most heartbreaking, further worsening the already dire refugee crisis. Allah, through His Messenger has bestowed us with the guidance in the example of Ansars' treatment of the Muhajireen. Are we fulfilling the right of those Allah has commanded us to be kind to? Are we truly supporting the refugees as has been commanded in the verses of the Holy Quran mentioned above?

The month of Muharram also marks Youm-e-Ashura or The Day of Ashura which is also one of the major commemorative events for Muslims. Ashura, which indicates the 10th day of Muharram, marks the martyrdom of Imam Hussain, the grandson of the Prophet of Islam Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) (this year on October 1st, 2017). Muslims all over the world commemorate the tragic events that occurred on this day in 680AD. Unanimously described as the battle between good and evil, Imam Hussein stood up against Yazid who was unilaterally made caliph (Khalifah) by his father Amir Muawiyya. On one side, Imam Hussain stood for the Qur'anic principles of Justice and demonstrated the qualities of the prophet in his character. On the other side, Yazid represented everything despised by Allah and His Messenger and who was corrupting Islam from within. When Imam Hussain was asked to pay allegiance to Yazid he refused. He disagreed with his appointment due to lack of democratic process which was turned into a dynastic rule and the questionable personal character of Yazid who showed no regard

for human life, human dignity or justice. Imam Hussain decided to go to Kufa on the invitation he received from Muslims there. While on his way he received the news of the martyrdom of Muslim Ibn Aqil at the hands of Yazid's representatives in Kufa and subsequent betrayal of many of his supporters who withdrew at the last moment. He and his family decided to carry onwards to have a dialogue with Yazid.

In the battle that followed between the army of Yazid and Imam Hussain's small group of followers, the inevitable ensued. Imam Hussain was mercilessly martyred alongside his faithful supporters and his male family members, including his 6 months old son Ali Asghar.

Muslims belonging to different sects and denomination commemorate the martyrdom of Imam Hussain but the Shia Muslims of course express their grief in a ritualistic way. They hold daily Sermons (Majlis) and narrate the events that led to his shahadat (martyrdom). The Sunni Muslims also evade any overt display of happiness such as wedding and birthdays. They also focus on fasting on 10th day of Muharram following the Sunnah of prophet. It is very appropriate to show the grief for martyrdom of imam Hussain, the grandson of Prophet Muhammed (PBUH), who gave his life to save Islam. But that should and must accompany taking of lessons from the events of Karbala.

In order to learn from and embody the spirit of sacrifice and commitment to Islam, we ought to go beyond commemoration and apply the very practical lessons from Karbala to our daily lives. I think it is extremely important that the message of Imam Hussain reaches the Muslim youth, regardless of their sect and denomination, to teach them the importance of spiritual, mental and emotional strength, courage and commitment like that of Imam Hussain in order to face calamities and yet stand firm on the principles of righteousness and justice.

The commemoration of Ashura across the world, especially in Muslim countries, serves as a constant reminder to the world to stand up for what is right, by any means possible. We must all be courageous and with an abiding commitment to stand up for justice and speak out against the evil that permeates our world today.

Since the martyrdom of Imam Hussain, the world has faced similar situations and we found the same human behavior that Muslims adopted towards Imam Hussain when he stood up for what was right. Ordinary people are fearful of the domination of those in power and fail to follow the path of righteousness in the footsteps of a true leader. The example of Hitler shows that it is easier for people, in a short period of few years and under the leadership of one of the worst human beings, to embrace a vile doctrine like Nazism. But what is even more unfortunate is the silence of others, who stand by the sidelines, and do nothing to help the oppressed.

Today, the Muslim world is ruled by dictators who op-

press and there is no leader like Imam Hussain whose footsteps we may follow. His sacrifice given in support of human rights, justice and to uphold human values had a profound impact on human ideals. Just as Patrick Henry of US said "Give me liberty or give me death" There are several world leaders who show courage similar to Imam Hussain and stood firmly against the oppressors by following the Imam's example. To name a few; Martin Luther King against racism in the US, Nelson Mandela against the most powerful apartheid government in south Africa and Mahatma Gandhi who stood against the British Empire to obtain India's independence. Gandhi had stated "If I had an army like the 72 soldiers of Hussain, I would have won freedom for India in 24 hours." He also said, "I learnt from Hussain how to achieve victory while being oppressed".

The oppression that Muslims around world face today is only the beginning. It is important now more than ever that the followers of the two major sects of Islam join hands together with the goal of developing one strong and resilient Ummah. Imam Hussain's lesson from Karbala should teach us that nothing is more than our commitment to keep Islam alive. Anti-Islamic forces are only looking to divide us and will oppose this movement but we must be outspoken about the importance and benefit of uniting the Ummah. Imam Hussain did not sacrifice his life for sectarian divide but to show us that our differences are inconsequential when it comes to Islam. Islam can only survive and thrive when we, Muslims of all sects and denomination, stand against the oppressive forces under the singular banner of Islam while keeping our differences aside just as it has been instructed by the Holy Quran.

"I did not rise up for the cause of wickedness, amusement, corruption or oppression, but I rose up to reform the Muslim community of my grandfather [Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)]. (Imam Hussain)
"Qatal E Hussain Asal Mein Marg E Yazeed Hai
Islam Zinda Hota Hai Har Karbala K Baad"
Let us keep Islam alive by uniting the Ummah and following Imam Hussain's legacy.

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Virtues of the month of

MOHARRAM

"The year is twelve months of which four are sacred, the three consecutive months of Dhul-Qadah, Dhul-Hijjah and Muharram, and Rajab Mudar which comes between Jumadah and Sha'ban." (Bukhari)

"The best of fasts besides the month of Ramadan is the fasting of Allah's month of Muharram." (Muslim)

"The one that keeps a fast in the month of Muharram will receive the reward of thirty fasts for each fast (in this sacred month)." (Tabrani)

"We are more closely related to Musa than you." So Prophet (PBUH) fasted Himself and also directed Muslims to fast on the day of Ashura as well." (Abu Dawood)

"One who generously spends on his family on the day of Ashura, Allah will increase (his provision) for the whole year." (Baihaqi)

WHY MUSLIMS FAST ON



When Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) came to Madinah, he found the Jews observing the fast on the day of Ashura. They (the Jews) were asked about it and they said: It is the day on which Allah granted victory to Moses and (his people) Bani Isra'el over the Pharaoh and we observe fast out of gratitude to Him. Upon this the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, We have a closer connection with Moses than you have, and he commanded to observe fast on this day.

(Sahih Muslim: 256)

EXCELLENCE OF FASTING ON THE DAY OF THE ASHURA

The Messenger of Allah (pbuh) said that I seek from Allah that fasting on the day of Ashura may expiate the sins of the preceding year.

(Sahih Muslim: 2746)



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A belief in unity: The life of Abdus Salam

Tasneem Zehra Husain

The name lay waiting, until he was born and all his life, Abdus Salam wore it as a mantle. Almost nine decades ago, Mohammad Hussain, a school teacher in Jhang, had a dream that his unborn son would go on to do great things and serve God. In gratitude, he decided to name this child Abdus Salam – the servant of peace.

The choice was inspired, for Abdus Salam was truly a messenger of peace and unity wherever he went. He was able to see the deep, underlying similarity between apparently disparate forces of nature, just as clearly as he could see through the layers of political and religious dogma, to the common bonds of humanity that unite us all.

In his 70 years on this planet, Salam worked tirelessly to reveal beautiful hidden structures – both mathematical and social – and bring together theories and people who were needlessly reft apart.

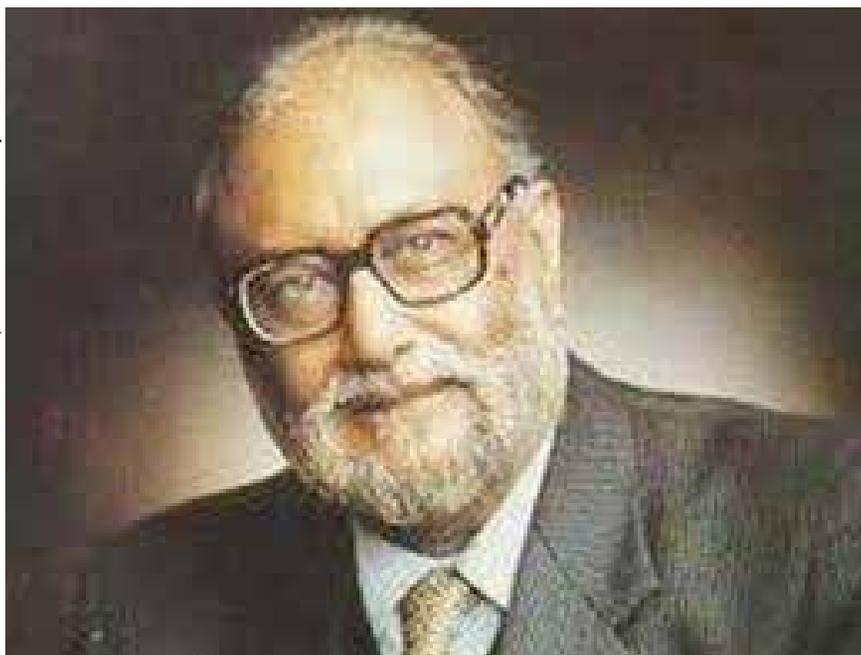
He credited this attitude to his faith, and said his emphasis on symmetry was something he had inherited from the culture of his religion. “The belief in unity, in there being one simple cause for [all] that we see, has a basis in my spiritual background,” he said.

Abdus Salam was born, on 29 January 1926, into a family of modest financial means, where education was valued highly. His parents encouraged, and delighted in the young boy’s curiosity, and in that sparse but supportive atmosphere, Salam began to blossom.

In his later years, he used to tell a story about when he was five and so engrossed in reading a book that he did not notice the cat running away with his dinner. That intense focus stayed with him throughout his life, as did his lively curiosity.

Salam had an active, wondering mind, always brimming over with ideas. He kept track of these through notes scribbled on whatever he could find – from envelopes to scraps of paper, to the backs of posters. No ‘writable’ surface was safe.

His son tells an amusing story about the time Abdus Salam had lunch at the Buckingham Palace with the Queen and Prince Philip. After all the guests had left the table, Salam went back and asked if he could take his napkin – he had written some notes on it.



Abdus Salam was a truly cultured man and extremely well spoken. He read widely – spanning the spectrum from Islamic history to P.G. Wodehouse. Salam was a man of many interests. He was able to enjoy the beauty of Punjabi poetry, as well as the comic antics of the Marx brothers.

Although he lived away from Pakistan for well over half his life, no one could mistake Abdus Salam’s roots. Tied up forever in our memories of him is the indelible image of a turbaned man in an achkan and curling khussas, receiving the Nobel Prize.

A citizen of the world, at ease with people of all cultures and persuasions, he remained proudly Pakistani to the end of his days, and was – despite governmental attempts at disowning him – perhaps the best ambassador the country has ever had.

A journalist once asked Salam how he felt about the fact that his extraordinary accomplishments had now branded Jhang as the birthplace of one of the greatest scientific minds of the century, whereas previously the only claim to fame this small village had, was due to the folktale of Heer Ranjha. With wit and humility, Salam answered;

There are over 325 Nobel laureates in the world, but only one Heer.

Salam was firmly committed to the cause of science in Pakistan, and he worked tirelessly to increase the ex-

posure of, and create a better intellectual environment for, Pakistani scientists.

He played a critical role in establishing Pakistan’s Atomic Energy and Space Research agencies PAEC and SUPARCO, and even initiated an annual physics conference in the hills of Nathia Gali, to which he attracted many international luminaries.

Salam was the beloved mentor for an entire generation of Pakistani students, some of whom (most notably the twin brothers Riazuddin and Fayyazuddin) become physicists of international repute in their own rights.

But while Salam’s nationalistic zeal brought out his generosity and spirit of service, it did not limit his outlook. One of his most famous students was the Israeli physicist Yuval Ne’eman, who pursued a PhD under Salam’s supervision while serving as Israel’s Defense Attache in the UK.

Where others might have seen this as a source of conflict, given the prevailing tensions between Israel and Pakistan, Salam viewed neither political nor religious differences as boundaries. Although a devout believer in his own faith, he did not feel the need to either apologise or proselytise – a quality that is becoming increasingly rare in Pakistan.

Salam’s motivations for working on the Electroweak theory might have had their origins in faith, but his collaborator on this work – Steven Weinberg – is an avowed atheist. The two not only worked together to produce a Nobel Prize winning theory, they also maintained a life-long respect and affection for each other.

There is no doubt in my mind that Abdus Salam would not have realised even a fraction of his potential, had he been unable to see across apparent – but artificial – boundaries.

Today, in a Pakistan that is increasingly divided, along religious, ethnic and political lines, I think we would do well to look on Salam’s life as a lesson: our hearts and minds shrink or expand to fill the spaces that are available to them; the more fences we erect, the narrower the lives we confine ourselves to; should we elect to break down walls instead, a vast, exciting world of possibility lies open, with room for each of us to live up to our potential.

AR Rahman has big plans for celebrating his 25 years in music

That’s right folks, it’s been 25 years since the maestro got on everyone’s radar with his work in Mani Ratnam’s *Roja*. Feel old yet?

To commemorate his silver jubilee, the two-time Oscar winner is planning a multi-city tour titled AR Rahman ENCORE - The Concert.

According to Indian Express, the tour will travel to Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Mumbai and Delhi and will have many talented musicians from across the country joining the legend on his celebration.

Says AR Rahman about his 25 years in music, “It has been an incredible journey over these last 25 years. Sometimes when I ponder I get goose bumps because the Almighty has been kind in giving me happiness that has only multiplied year after year. I’ve been immensely blessed to have the love and support of my fans, friends and family.”

“From husband to father to composer to mentor, I have embraced different roles but the music has always been constant. Music for me serves as the spiritual bond between the audience and myself. I am excited to be performing at home after such a long gap,” he adds.



Ganesh Celebrations at Devon Ave, Chicago

CHICAGO: Devon Ka Raja – Lord Ganesh – came and left bidding adieu to his large number of followers after a brief visit and promising that He will be back again next year around the same time. This was greeted with a chorus of joyous cry Ganpati Bappa Moria!

This was the sight at 2623 W Devon Avenue where Devon Ka Raja stayed during his brief visit that ended on Thursday September 15. This marked the culmination of the 10-day Ganesh Festival hosted by the Regal Foundation, a Chicago based no profit organization.

Each day of the festival was celebrated with twice daily aartis, daily evening pujas dedicated to a different deity, and each night culminating with Garba, a traditional celebratory dance.

The last day celebration was a sight to watch. Despite it being a working day, hundreds of Lord Ganesh devotees flocked from all parts of Chicagoland to Devon Avenue to be part of the huge crowd of followers bidding adieu to Devon Ka Raja and also pray whole heartedly for his coming back next year to bless them and their loved ones.

The Ganesh Visarjan parade along Devon Ave was a mini mela with hundreds of worshipers chanting, dancing and playing with Gulal (a color). Along the route, Lord Ganesh showered the surrounding businesses and homes with His blessings, pausing for a special prayer offered by Regal Traders, Hindi Lover's Club, Udipi Palace, Uma Sarees, Sukhadia's Sweets, New Taj Appliances, Sahil, India Sari Palace, Resham's Handicrafts, My Niketan, Punjabi Dhaba, Hi-India Newspaper, Lakshmi Jewelers, Patel Handicrafts, Patel Brothers, Fresh Farms International Market, Andaaz Jewelers, Joy Allukas, Kamdar Plaza, Raj Jewels, Vitha Jewels, NP Jewelers, Uru-Swati, and Sari Sapne.

After the procession the priest and worshipers bid Ganesh a final farewell as they submerged Him into water. Local businesses along with many volunteers dedicated hours of assistance, offerings of sweets, food and flowers, and praise to the Lord Ganesh, without whom this event would have met the success that it deserved.

Ganesh Chaturthi celebration next year will begin on August 28, 2018. Visit their website for more information: www.devonkaraja.com

In addition to hosting the annual Ganesh Chaturthi, Regal Foundation is striving to meet the needs of the community by establishing a permanent Ganesh Temple on Devon Ave. For more information visit www.shreeganeshempleofchicago.com

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IT'S PAYBACK TIME TO OUR ELDERLY PEOPLE

By: Ms. QUNDEEL AYMEN

1st October is celebrated as International Day for the Older People.

Our elders have seen their days; they have worked & toiled for their family and for their country. Hence, we must celebrate this day as a payback to our elderly people.

Life and Death are the two utmost inevitable truth & realities. Without any exception, from Cradle to Grave, every living being has to pass through different stages of life - that is from childhood to youth and finally to the treachery of old age. However, every stage of life has its own charms and beauty.

People who yearn for eternity are really naive. A person attains old age and in a way accumulates a lot of valuable treasures of experience - most of them are harsh and bitter. One invests his/her entire life for the betterment of his family, but when he/she approaches the old age he/she finds that the investments made did not give useful & gainful returns.

At that turning point everybody often abandon them and they often land in an old house. This is the tragic end of an old age.

Old age is quite mature stage of life. Every society is duty bound to take care of them and utilize their services in the best manner possible.

It is often seen that an old person is no better than a child who is just born and is learning in his/her mother's lap. The question remains as to why an old person behaves like a child? The answer is very simple. The earth is round - like a circle - and likewise life is also round and moves in a circle - from a child to an old and back to a child.. It begins from nothingness and ends also on nothingness. An old person pampers his family throughout his life and brings the best what he can. When he smells the flames of old age, his expectation level rises. Here he forgets that "Expectations always hurt".

The basic human rights become shaken and the inequality prevails. Unfortunately, no specific provision has been legislated in the present world order. In most societies, after retirement, there are no adequate pension schemes. There is no health allowance; there is no special facility for them.

Older persons are the inseparable blocks of social and na-

tional fabric. They are essential for the integrity of the family. On metaphorical grounds, the world is the true manifesto of a station; where passengers come and go. The stay is not very long - and not for good.

One day our parents are passing their days in the old house, and the other day we will be lodged - in the same place. We have to raise a voice for our own future security measures.

In conclusion, we must make it a point to celebrate our elderly people and celebrate 1st October every year as a dedicated day for our elderly people.

And, other than the old house, some kind of a platform in terms of societies or organizations must be formed where the potential of the elderly could be gainfully utilized.

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- Arif Ahmad

(Dedicated to all who inspired and guided us and hoping this will do the same for others) Behind me in line getting on the bus to the Airport was this big heavy set guy, reeking of alcohol, unsteady on his feet. His belly touched me. I moved away with an, excuse me. He again drifted closer. A little irritated I said excuse me again, pulled Farah and myself out of the line and let him get ahead. Is this my introduction to patience? O, boy. This may be a long two weeks.

Tentative, unsure, nervous is how I would describe my feelings. A day before leaving I felt a little heavy and dragging some. Farah and I were heading out for Hajj. It is sweltering there, 100 F plus, millions of people, the smell, the sounds, dirty bathrooms, surely it would be a nightmare and especially with my baggage. I repeatedly prayed for ease and grace. I was not sure of either.

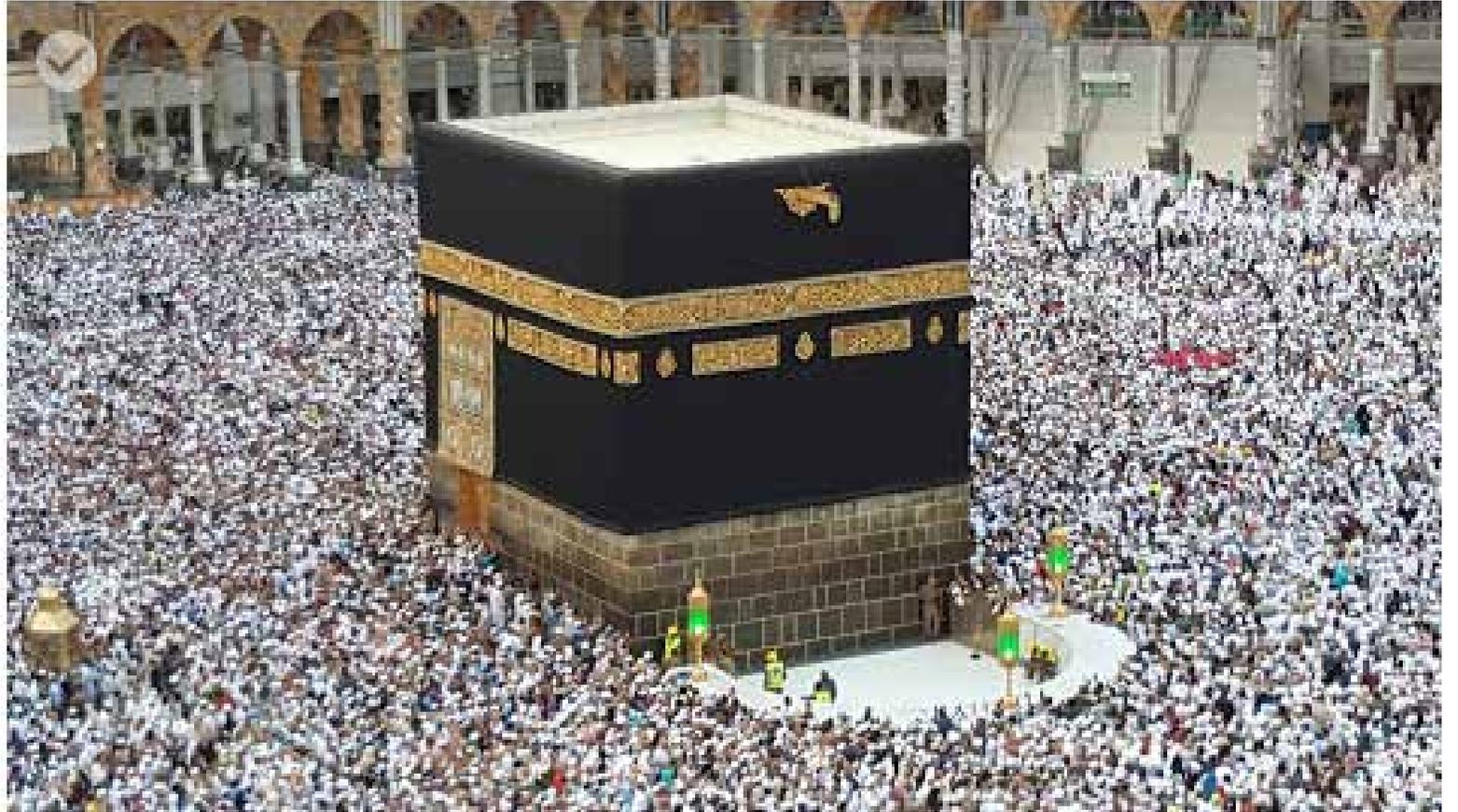
Hajj is a once in a lifetime mandatory ritual for all physically and financially able Muslims. I was reasonably trained and had a plan in place. S is for smile, P is for patience. You are at Hajj. I was tested right at the beginning getting on the bus, and I got some irritated. I failed early on and doubled up on my resolve to do better.

Chicago, New York, Medina went smoothly. We got out in a reasonable time from the Airport. Medina is where Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, is buried along with many of his companions and family. Got there at Asr time and rushed to Masjid Nabawi (Prophet Muhammad's Mosque and burial place, Roza) for prayers.

I had previously visited Riadhul Jannah (the green carpeted part of Masjid Nabawi, called a part of paradise with heightened significance for prayers) in Umrah and was sure and ready that it was not going to happen this time around with the high Hajj traffic. Except for the kid in me. After Asr prayers, I tried getting in line for the Roza without success. The guard waved me towards the line for Riadhul Jannah, a little smaller which as you exit leads to the Roza.

In the line, I got talking to a black young man about 6 inches taller than and in front of me. I asked him a question to try and refresh my memory of the place. As we were talking and moving forward, he made room effortlessly with his presence, and I would just fill up the space he was creating behind him. Another person behind me, his first time there, started asking me about the place and where which made me feel some important and relevant. A couple of minutes it seemed later, I looked down, and I was standing on the green carpet. Just like that. In Riadhul Jannah, I try to keep it short, so others can use the limited space and walked out by the Roza, paying my respects, all this within the first hour of being in Medina. Such hospitality and without much difficulty or effort. I just could not stop crying. That is the beauty of this trip. The tears usually have a mind of their own. Welcome to Medina.

In Masjid Nabawi I am like a kid in a candy store. This is a beautiful mosque in more than one ways, and I just cannot have my fill. At times I would just stand watching, admiring. Other times I would imagine going back in time and watch history unfold. At another occasion, I ventured to the roof. Compared to the air-conditioned and comfortably carpeted ground floor the roof is tiled and must have been 90F even at night. It was beautiful and empty except for this one guy who sat there, prayer rug laid out,



Quran in hand and with a view of the Green Dome and the Minaret. I walked up to him and told him he had the best seat in the house. I am not sure if he understood. Most of the Hajj groups had already left. The last day before we left Medina it felt we had the Masjid to ourselves. I had my fill if there is ever such a thing.

Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, was unable to read or write. Yes, he was illiterate. He was given the Quran, a book which does not cease to amaze for the wisdom it holds. Medina is a welcoming place, always kind, always sweet. My unease had eased off some, though not completely. Surely Mecca with the rituals (Manasik) is where we would get hit hard with all kinds of difficulty. Day one of the rituals, an early start from Medina to Jeddah and then to Mecca wearing two white unstitched sheets, the Ihram. Over the next few days the Manasik with Umrah (Tawaf, Sae'e), Arafat, Muzdalifah, Mina, Stoning, Tawaf, cutting of hair, Mina, Stoning, Tawaf, etc. Arafat is the main part of Hajj. It was kind to us with gathering clouds, winds and rain that afternoon which made our stay and commute to Muzdalifah all that easy. The move to Muzdalifah only took 2 hours where we fell asleep after the prayers. Mina was comfortable. Stoning with the large crowds well managed. The Tawafs were a labor of love with that magical house Kaaba in full view. Sae'e was soothing knowing that all the Muslims were following in the footsteps of an Egyptian slave girl. Getting out of the Ihram, shaving of the head and a shower was an enjoyable treat, something to look forward to. We were able to check all the boxes. It was a spiritual, physical and mental boot camp more so anticipatory than in reality. One night in Mina I went for a walk outside our camp. There were people everywhere, on the footpaths, entire families and seemingly very happy and content. I returned a more humble and appreciative person.

We had no hardships at all. Nothing untoward, nothing we could not handle. The logistics and surroundings were good. The much-anticipated difficulties never occurred. The crowds were a miracle of its own. This massive unrehearsed hoards of people from all over the World which kept doing the rituals in a very organized manner. The expected issues and fears never materialized.

Between the rituals and prayers, one is always short on sleep but halfway through I felt a wind beneath my wings which carried me through. It felt as if on cruise control. Things were happening without putting in too much effort. By this time my fears were replaced by an unexplainable sense of tranquility and peace. Farah in parallel was

doing even better than me. Always a step or two ahead of me, I was struggling to keep up with her. Once I tried to take it easy at the prayer time and not go to the Masjid, and she would have no part of it, and I am so glad for that. The scenes stay with you. A bent over old, hand in hand, couple crossed us at double our speed during Tawaf. You lift your hands for prayers, and you see Kaaba across them. Like the trailer of a movie, you see the clip of the day of judgment with the masses and all except that I could separate myself some with my status in this World, but not that day.

On our way back I was a doctor to several sick companions. The husband of one of them asked me. What is your secret? Why are you not ill and still so upbeat? He caught me off guard, I did not have a good answer and just shrugged my shoulders.

Then as I thought it over, it dawned on me. The experience of Hajj is irrespective of the social status or the country you come from. There were people doing all the Hajj on foot and seemed very excited and content. There were individuals with no shade or comfort, by the roadside and seemingly happy just to be there, to be able to do Hajj. It is all about your attitude. I repeat, it is all about your attitude and the plan made out for you is based on that. The first big guy at the very beginning who irritated me brushed up my preparation with S for Smile and P for Patience. The second one at Masjid Nabawi walked me into Riadhul Jannah, easing my stress and tension.

I also learned that for those few weeks the journey is the destination. When the going is easy, you remember God for you are at Hajj. When it is not very easy, you remember God for you are at Hajj. Praying looking at Kaaba, eating, sleeping, waiting in line, all the time you are at Hajj, in attendance with God and the Giants of history. Many of the Manasik, most of us, would only do once in our lifetime, so enjoy for you are at Hajj.

Now that I look back I believe that at Hajj you are a guest and your host is God and the Prophet. Your experience and how you are received depends on the kind of guest you are, the effort you are putting in and the will to back it up. The more you try to be a good guest, the better you will be received, and the greater your experience shall be. This is the biggest miracle of Hajj. I guarantee you this.

Indian American couple makes \$200 million donation to a Florida university

BY INDIA NEW ENGLAND NEWS

By Arun Kumar

Fort Lauderdale, Florida—An Indian American doctor couple has pledged \$200 million to a Florida university to advance healthcare in the state and internationally to underserved communities in India and Africa.

Zambia-born India-educated cardiologist Dr. Kiran C. Patel and his wife, pediatrician Dr. Pallavi Patel announced the single largest donation made by an Indian American individual or family in the US at a press event here Monday.

The largest philanthropic gift in the history of Nova Southeastern University (NSU) in Florida will significantly expand its programmes in osteopathic medicine and healthcare sciences.

The commitment from the Patel Family Foundation includes a \$50 million gift and an additional \$150 million real estate and facility investment in a future 325,000 square-foot medical education complex in Tampa Bay, about 400 km from here in Clearwater.

With the Patels' gift, NSU has renamed two of its colleges as Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine and Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Healthcare Sciences.

AERIAL RENDERING SHOWING PLANS FOR NSU'S NEW TAMPA BAY REGIONAL CAMPUS, WHICH WILL INCLUDE A NEW SITE FOR NSU'S COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE.

"I feel that it is more important than ever

to advance the current state of health care," said Kiran Patel.

"It is rare for someone to have the opportunity to impact the world in this way, and, as an immigrant to the United States, I am particularly honored to be able to make a difference in people's lives around the world," he said.

"This partnership will benefit thousands of patients, students and doctors," added Dr. Pallavi Patel.

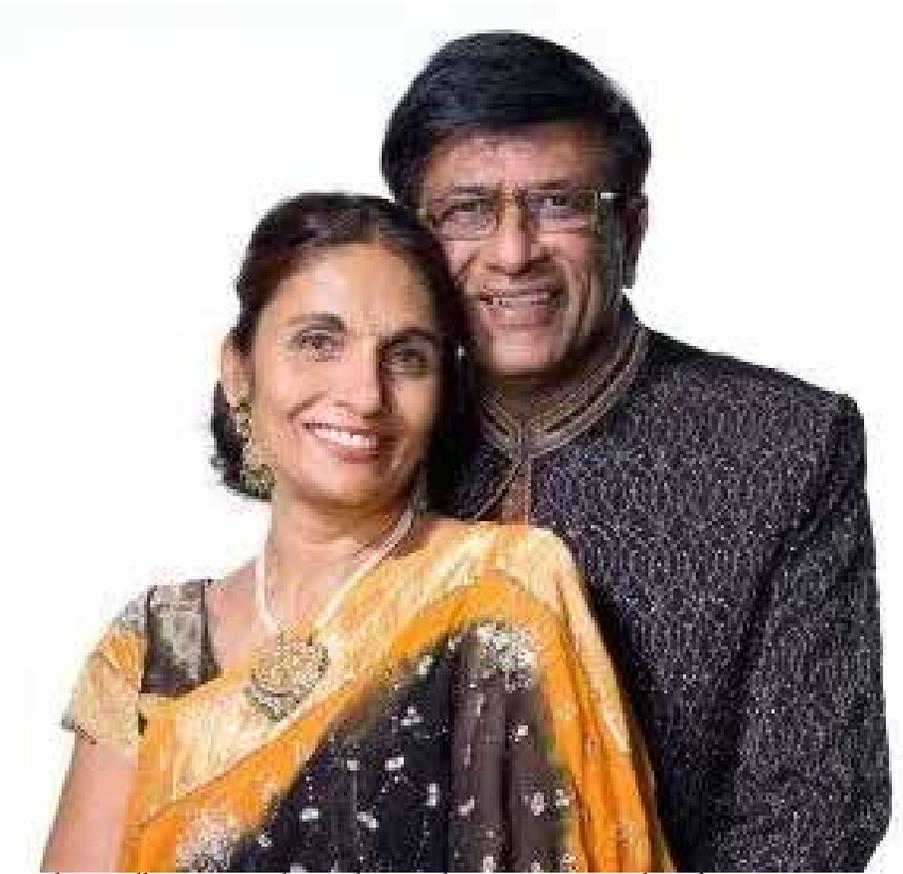
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Patel's gift will provide support for equipment and the hiring of additional faculty and staff in the Tampa Bay area, as well as an endowment to sustain the operation of the college's new location besides an endowed scholarship fund for students.

The Patels' goal is to be involved in the training and education of generations of physicians and other healthcare providers who will serve in areas with the greatest need across the country and worldwide.

KIRAN AND PALLAVI PATEL
As a result of the Patel Family Foundation's commitment, beginning in fall of 2019, NSU has applied for a class of 150 osteopathic medicine students to be taught on Florida's west coast at the new NSU Tampa Bay Regional Campus in Clearwater.

Meanwhile 230 new osteopathic medicine



students will continue to begin their studies each year at NSU's Fort Lauderdale/Davie campus.

"This partnership will benefit thousands of patients, students and doctors," added Dr. Pallavi Patel. "Over the next 20 years, NSU will train thousands of new doctors and other health care professionals who will directly touch millions of lives, making a real difference."

"This is indeed a landmark day and the historic day for NSU and the Patel family," said NSU President Dr. George Hanbury,

announcing the gift.

"This gift and financial commitment from our innovative and visionary donor-couple will allow NSU to help fill the growing need for physicians and health care professionals, particularly in underserved, multicultural and international communities," said NSU Chancellor of the Health Professions Division and Interim Chief Operating Officer, Fred Lippman.



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Mexico Border Wall Project

- Mohammed Safiuddin, Ph.D

One of the pet projects presidential candidate Donald Trump sold to his supporters was "Great Wall of America" to be built by Americans but paid by Mexicans. After moving in to the Oval Office, now President Donald Trump is asking the middle class American taxpayers to foot the bill, since reimbursement from Mexicans is uncertain. The top 1%, including the Cabinet Secretaries, won't be paying for this either since they have been promised tax cuts.

Here, I offer a project plan for building this "Great Wall of America", without getting us taxpayers involved in paying for it.

1. Set up a not-for-profit corporation "Donald Trump's Wall Inc."
2. This not-for-profit corporation to issue bonds for financing the project, like any other business entity would do.
3. Sell the bonds to the Trump Administration's Cabinet Secretaries with deep pockets and Wall Street connections, including the Trump Organization that owns buildings and golf courses around the world, and supporters in the Republican Party.

4. Hire a design-consulting firm to develop three alternative designs for the project.

5. Develop cost-benefit evaluation criteria to evaluate the three designs.

6. Select the best design.

7. Issue bids for the construction of the wall and issue contract(s) to the successful bidder.

8. Send the bill(s) to the Mexican government for reimbursement.

9. Meanwhile, sell the wall space to advertisers all along its length. Use the revenue for O&M and to pay dividends to bondholders.

10. If the Mexicans pay the bill(s), liquidate all the bonds of bondholders. If not, transfer the wall ownership to Donald Trump Organization, to take over the responsibility for liquidating the bonds. If Donald Trump Organization fails to honor its obligation, then let the Donald Trump's Wall Inc. file for bankruptcy, which President Donald Trump has plenty of experience to do.

On the other hand, transportation civil infrastructures such as highways and bridges are critical to the growth of our economy and hence belong to the public domain, and should be

funded by taxpayers. Prime Minister Nehru of India had come to visit President JFK in 1963. As they were riding in the motorcade, the PM told the President that America had such a strong economy that it could afford great highway infrastructure.

President responded, telling him that America had a strong economy BECAUSE it had such a great infrastructure of highways, referring to the Interstate Highway System funded through the "Highway Trust Fund" from gasoline taxes. The ROI on these projects cannot match the ROI of other investments such as manufacturing facilities, and other business ventures. Taking funds away from civil infrastructure projects to build the wall should not be an option.

Rebuilding of infrastructures in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico damaged by the



hurricanes should be our top priority. There are 540 billionaires in the United States, with a combined net worth of \$2.399 trillion, according to Forbes 2016 list of the world's richest people [Mar 5, 2016]. A small 2.5% Hurricane Tax on the net worth of these billionaires for 5 years would generate close to 300 billion dollars for this effort. Humbly Submitted by, Mohammed Safiuddin,



A Paradise in Thousand Islands

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

I use to frequent the corridors of Ministry of External Affairs during my tenure as Head of International Operations in mid nineties. There, I could hear whispers about the strategic importance of Maldives to India being in the Indian Ocean and in the close maritime proximity of the Coast of Malabar. Maala Divaina as named is "Necklace Islands"

in Sinhala language, also called Maladweepu (Garland of Islands) in our own Kannada language. It is said, Indian presence in the group of atolls is strategically essential and therefore, the Government of India regularly doled out aid to Maldives through its International Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) projects to build its Airport, then Indira Gandhi Hospital etc. We too, were benefitted through this generosity and were awarded a contract to build an Engineering Training Centre on a turnkey basis.

Building a multi storeyed building in an Island with no building materials available locally was a planning and supply logistical nightmare. We hired a contracting firm, from Chennai to do the civil works which were extensive and designed as an architectural beauty. The major problem was to carry out construction in Male, the capital of Maldives, was that every raw material including sand, cement, Steel and every little thing had to be shipped out from Tuticorin port. Consolidation and chartering small ship was a major issue those days. The two Vanniar brothers, our contractors, worked very hard to complete the construction. In the final phase the granite tiles in the front elevation were falling off due to self weight and no amount of glue and cement could hold the tiles, problem assumed greater importance as there was no solution at sight and project was getting delayed for this simple issue. Architect was specially flown in from Chennai and together they came up with a solution to bolt the tiles to the wall, overnight engineers flew to and fro to Chennai to fetch sufficient number of bolts to fasten the tiles and to hasten the completion. Our mechanical engineers worked round the clock and completed the erection and commissioning of machines which were meant for training of Maldivians youth.

A date had been fixed for Mr. Saifuddin Soz, the then Minister of Environment and Forests under PM IK Gujral to inaugurate and handover the Centre to Maldivian President Mohammed Gayoom a very dear friend of India. I accompanied the official delegation, we were all received with all the pomp as we were the donors. As it appears, the place gives more importance to Indian Ambassador than any other human being on the islands, a privilege that Indians enjoy in Maldives. We were housed in one of the



atolls in a luxurious resort, the bedroom had entire floor of toughened glass and lying down, I could see lighted sea bed which could have been few meters below, very colourful, teeming with Star fish. Brittlestars, sea urchins, sea cucumbers, Octopuses, squids, sea mammals and a variety of colourful fish. I could hardly sleep watching the coral reef throughout the night and feeling strange sense of peace away from all professional work. Next morning, I had the luxury of bathing in the open as the bath was outside open to sea but very private, a rare luxury. Next day, after the inauguration ceremony, a state dinner was organized in the honour of visiting delegation. During the course of Dinner, I was chatting with several ministers and their spouses, and lo, I was shocked to learn that in Maldivian society marriages, divorces and remarriages are very very common and some women change husbands often, when they feel dissatisfied. I met a spouse of a minister who was ex-wife of three ministers at different times, and was absolutely under no emotional discomfort discussing her status. In fact her ex-husbands were enjoying dinner with her and her present husband. This reminds me of an eulogy recently written by Chidanand Rajghatta, the ex-husband of Gauri Lankesh, who was silenced by an extremist's gun. While writing about her, he touched the heart when said that even after divorce, she use to keep enquiring about his well being and advising him about his household issues. Maldives is a very evolved and very simple rational society and wonderful neighbour and a great place to visit.

Some Health Tips from Hakeem Akbar Ali Khan (London)

Skin burn:

As everybody knows, if someone is burned with oil or hot water/tea we pour plenty of cold water on effected part/parts for a few minutes. Also use ink, boiled egg, boiled potato etc.

Here I am posting formulas for burns from oil, metal, fire etc. If the marks are new or old and skin turned permanently Black, need not have plastic surgery.

Take Turkish coffee as required (Quantity) make a paste with Olive oil by rubbing in mortal and pastel.

Apply this paste on effected parts. In sha Allah a few application will do the job.

If skin is turned white/pinkishby burn: (This formula is not for Leau-

koderma/ Baras/ Vitiligo which is due to lack of pigmentation not burn).

Take about 15 Haleela (Also known as harde, Harar, Myrobalan fruit) though its called fruit but it is not. Its a nut used in medicines. Most Punjabi/Gujarati shops in western countries sale it.

Take these nuts of good quality. It should be fresh, Yellow in colour without any marks on it.

Take few of these nuts and remove the inner stone and throw it away. Take the shell and make a fine powder (Must be very fine powder)

Take 1 table spoonful of this powder (Depends how much skin is effected) and add 1 table spoon water, mix well and leave it for this runny liquid for an hour till it turns

into paste by itself. Apply this paste all over the effected skin. It dries within minutes. Keep spraying water on it to keep it moist. Within a few weeks you should notice the skin coming back to original complexion.

Its very hard if skin is stretched. If these formulas work, I request to pray for my late parents for their maghfirat.

For Dark pigmentation on cheeks. alcohol is involved in the following formula

Take fresh mint leaves (About 20) and rub hard with Brandy (1/2 a cup) with mortal and pastel make a very fine paste, strain and store it in air tight bottle and apply on cheeks 3 times a day. Mint fragrance will take over brandy's smell. Do not



use liquidiser it wouldnt work. This will remove Dark pigmentation from your skin in few days.

The fiery end of the last Egyptian colony

For three centuries, Egyptians ruled the land of Canaan. Armies of chariots and 10,000 foot soldiers under the pharaoh Thutmose III thundered through Gaza and defeated a coalition of Canaanite chiefdoms at Megiddo, in what is now northern Israel, in 1458 B.C. The Egyptians then built fortresses, mansions, and agricultural estates from Gaza to Galilee, taking Canaan's finest products—copper from Dead Sea mines, cedar from Lebanon, olive oil and wine from the Mediterranean coast, along with untold numbers of slaves and concubines—and sending them overland and across the Mediterranean and Red Seas to Egypt to please its elites.

Jaffa Gaza Clay Coffins(© The Israel Museum, Jerusalem, Nachom Selpak) Jaffa Faience Horus Eye(Courtesy Aaron Burke)Wealthy Canaanites adopted many Egyptian customs anddecorative motifs,

such as clay coffins (top) dating to the 13th century B.C. from Deir el-Balah in Gaza and the Eye of Horus (above) such as this faience one found at Jaffa in Israel. As with many colonial ventures before and since, military conquest led to a new cultural order in the occupied lands. Across Israel, archaeologists have found evidence that Canaanites took to Egyptian customs. They created items worthy of tombs on the Nile, including clay coffins modeled with human faces and burial goods such as faience necklaces and decorated pots. They also adopted Egyptian imagery such as sphinxes and scarabs. For the Egyptians, Canaan was a major trophy. Artists in Egypt carved and painted narratives on the stone walls of temples boasting about vanquished subjects and depicting Canaanite prisoners naked and bound at the wrists.

Yet Egypt's presence in Canaan ended

sooner than the pharaohs might have expected. With Canaan under assault from seaborne invaders and hit by drought so severe it caused food shortages, Egypt's colonial rule began to crumble around 1200 B.C., starting in the north and gradually spreading south. Egypt did not fall alone. The eastern Mediterranean's two other great powers of the day, the Hittites in central Turkey and the Mycenaean in Greece, saw their capitals sacked and their governments fail. They



all toppled in the pan-Mediterranean Late Bronze Age collapse of the twelfth century B.C. Egypt's 2,000-year-old dynastic system survived, but it lost its trade ties throughout the Mediterranean and its valuable outposts in Canaan.

Types of moons

There are eight different phases or "types" of the moon: new, waxing crescent, first quarter, waxing gibbous, full, waning gibbous, last quarter and waning crescent. These phases repeat themselves approximately every 29.5 days. During the revolution of the moon around the Earth, the moon reflects the sun's light in various ways depending on its position in the sky. This reflection of light makes the moon appear as if it is changing sizes. "Waxing" and "waning" are two terms used to describe the moon's phases. To "wax" means to increase or to grow; this "growing" refers to the illuminated part of the moon. To "wane," on the other hand, means to shrink or to be diminished; the "shrinking" is in

reference to the part of the moon that is lit up. Many cultures have their own names for the full moon that are still referred to colloquially today. For example, January's full moon is referred to as the "wolf moon" in reference to the howling of hungry wolves during this midwinter time. Another well-known example is the "harvest moon" that is observed each September. This moon acquired its name due to this being the time of the year that autumn's crops are usually harvested.



A New Age of Governance in the Sub Continent

by Gulam Samdani

At the pre-dawn of Independence of India and even the day of 15th August 1947, majority of India did not know what type of Government or country they were getting. There was apprehension in the North, there were riots and killings. Apart from the exhaustion of annexation, south remained mostly exempted from Majority-Minority riots. Even with those riots and the uncertainty of India's identity 75 percent of the religious minorities decided to stay in India. It cannot be reasoned to be just because they had trust in Nehru - Gandhi secular legacy. The killing of the Mahatma Gandhi would have been a lot more a reason for the minorities to flee India; it was the death of the man who called the majority religion followers to be his one eye and the minority religion followers to be his other eye. The minorities of the country stayed put in India. Then eventually with the efforts of Dr Ambedkar and other drafters of the constitution a western foundational constitution, decorated with Indian culture came into force on 26th January 1950. So in total Indian minorities had 3 years of uncertain future but they stayed put in India.

It is hard to dwell back on the actual reasons they stayed behind, on the other hand you can safely assume two main reasons, an inability to go or they felt safe enough and were ready to compromise with whatever came their way in the form of the new government. I believe it to be the later reason, because not a having a good financial ability or the inability to migrate did not stop the other 25 percent minorities that left.

Fast forward to post 2013 with the formation of majority government by the political outfit backed by the Sangh Parivar, history has come to full circle to its state of confusion and uncertainty for the minorities, even though the Prime Minister heading the government has continuously stressed his vision of equality towards all citizen.

There are two factors creating the confusion and uncertainty, one being the inability of the opposition to be a reasonable power and the other being the true missioned representatives of the government in power that don't

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the private under the table deals with so called oppressive regimes, but it used to keep a more moral high ground view when it came to speaking out on issues relating to people being oppressed in countries. With the present government under Namo the approach is different, the approach is we speak in public what we will speak in private, be it Middle East issues or the present ongoing issues in Asia. Government has been very clear that they will always take and talk the decision that favors India and not try to be a saint in the world.

A very recent deviation that is visibly distasteful to even the sleeping United Nations has been the approach towards refugees, India welcomed Afghan refugees with open arms in the 1980s with the soviet invasion, while during the ongoing Myanmar crisis we are taking a more closed view of considering practicalities.

Though the stance taken by India towards the refugees of Myanmar may seem more like a practical approach to avoid socio political issues, for the minorities looking it through their lens there is clear discrimination when other refugee tribes belonging to non-minority religion are being offered citizenships.

We can call it discriminatory approach or many other things, but at least there is no deception involved in the approach of the present government, they came on the ticket of providing a Hindu Rashtra, and they have been sticking to their ideals and fulfilling their election promises. Minorities can just hope positively, stay put and pray that the direction the government takes both at central and state levels is towards a real Ram Rajyam depicting the ideals of Sri Ram in mercy, kindness and justice.

speaking with political correctness. A clear differentiation has been observed from the workings of congress to the presently elected government. Congress was more a central controlled government. A Nehru legacy that was the main cause of strife between Nehru and Jinnah, which in turn led Jinnah to side with Muslim League's demand for a partition. It did not allow its state governments to follow independent routes and ideas to governance, and then there was the politically correct side of Congress that actually suppressed freedom of speech to keep minorities feeling valued, an example of the political correctness being the banning of the book "Satanic Verses" in India. Comparing that to the actions of the present government headed by Sri Narendra Modi (Namo) applies a decentralized architecture, which allows two states ruled by its own party to rule the states per the local leaderships understanding and state cultural ethos, a good example being Maharashtra and Goa, this new way of ruling is the major reason for uncertainty and confusion among the minorities.

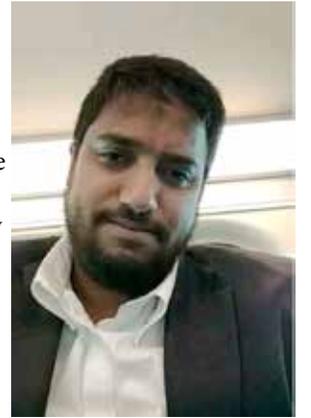
The other aspect of the confusion and fear is the lack of political correctness of the True to the Mission leaders in the ruling party. They speak of an idea very much appealing to the ears of the majority but very new and un-nerving to the ears of the minorities. If you stand with the policies that are being implemented which will characterize you as a patriot or you are not a Patriot, if you speak against the policies. And in many instances even when certain people had legitimate concerns they were categorized as unpatriotic because they came out in the open with their views of discontent. It's not that they don't believe in freedom of speech, on the other hand it's the idea that speaking publicly about discontent advertises discord and multiplies discord a million times on the social media, which in essence near them could derail the development plans and policies of the government. Another deviation of from the Congress lead government being that the stances taken by the government towards external issues. In the congress era government

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War and its Spare Parts!

Like "spare parts", the debris is seen in different streets collected in little mounds~ so many arms, legs, hands, heads and feet.

I wonder about the feet~ did they belong to an athlete. Killed while he was running to a safe haven?

Heads, with perhaps a story that was brewing in it, or a poem? Arms outstretched, fingers trying to scribble the date in the mud?

Which mechanic would want these spare parts that even in their darkness speak untold stories with a screaming voice!



Please! Let no blood flow along the streets where once children played~ and laughter was heard in homes that welcomed strangers.

There is destruction now-- havoc, exodus reincarnated, fear oh such intense fear, and helplessness!!

Enough! Please!!

**Zakiah Sayeed
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Make Aadhaar mandatory for NRI marriages: Expert panel to MEA

NEW DELHI: Aadhaar should be made mandatory for the registration of NRI marriages in India to tackle desertion and other marital issues, an inter-ministerial committee has recommended to the Ministry of External Affairs.

The proposal by the special committee on Indian passport holders getting married in India is aimed at protecting the rights of women who are deserted by their NRI husbands or become victims of domestic violence and dowry harassment abroad.

"It has been proposed that Aadhaar be a must-have for registration of NRI marriages (in India)," said a source privy to the contents of the report submitted to the MEA on August 30.

The Unique Identification Authority of India is working on a policy for the Aadhaar enrolment of NRIs, Overseas Citizens of India and Persons of Indian Origin. At present, all residents including Indian nationals and foreigners with valid visas can enrol for an Aadhaar number.

The panel also recommended that India amend its extradition treaties with various countries to include domestic violence as a criterion for seeking the custody of an accused.

An official in the ministry of Women and Child Development (WCD) said tracking an offender in NRI marriages was often difficult.

"The main issue is that serving of notice is difficult because you don't have the address," he said.

The report is only limited to NRIs and not anybody else of Indian origin living abroad, the source said.

"We are only dealing with those who hold an Indian pass-

port," the source added.

The committee also suggested that the National Commission for Women (NCW) be made the nodal authority for looking into disputes arising out of such marriages.

According to an NCW report, about 1300 such cases were registered by its NRI cell between 2005 and 2012.

The panel mooted that special teams consisting of officials of the MEA, Home Affairs and WCD be deputed in "10-15 countries" from where such cases emanate.

Apart from the UK, US, Canada and Australia, teams should also be posted to African and West Asian nations, it said.

The expert panel on NRI marriages was constituted last year under the chairmanship of retired Justice Arvind Goel, former chairman of the NRI Commission of Punjab, and comprises officials of the ministries of WCD, Home Affairs, MEA and the department of Telecommunications.

The NCW report commissioned in 2011, titled Laws Relating to NRI Marriages and their Impact on Women, lists the problems faced by women in such marriages.

"It has been noticed that sometimes the particulars of employment, immigration status, surname, property, earning status, marital status and other material particulars are wrongly supplied purposely by the prospective groom to con a girl into marriage for ulterior motives," it said.



While hearing a batch of petitions challenging the Centre's move to make Aadhaar mandatory, the Supreme Court last month unanimously declared that the right to privacy was a fundamental one+ .

The judgement was limited to the issue of right to privacy and the question whether Aadhaar violates the right to privacy will be dealt with by a three-judge bench from November.

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Muslims of Bengal are embracing education to break free from a certain way of life and an age-old stereotyping. How are they going about it?

By Sonia Sarkar | The Telegraph

CALCUTTA: Saira Banu consciously pulls the yellow dupatta over her head with her skinny fingers as she walks through the corridor of the Calcutta Medical College (CMC). She is a third-year undergraduate student at CMC and her classes have just got over. On her way back to the hostel, she stops outside the emergency ward, where some patients are awaiting attention.

“The poor who come from various far-flung districts look absolutely clueless. I try to get them appointments with the right doctor so that their treatment is not delayed further,” says the 20-year-old.

Saira's empathy is natural. This young woman from Murshidabad's Chaksapur, a little over 280 kilometres from Calcutta, has seen poverty very closely. She and her three siblings were brought up by their mother, Anjura Khatun. Their father, who suffered from a mental ailment, stayed at home.

Anjura, a bidi roller, made a hundred rupees a day - not enough to raise four children by any stretch. There were many nights when Saira had to sleep hungry. There was never enough money for Saira's father's treatment either. But through all this Anjura remained adamant that each of her four children should attend school.

Saira and her elder brother, Sahidul Alam, turned out to be top performers at the local government school. Says Sahidul in fluent English, “Our father used to throw our books into the water; he never wanted us to study. Because of his mental condition, he didn't even realise that it was a wrong thing to do.”

Sahidul graduated from Calcutta's Institute of Post Graduate Medical Education and Research (SSKM Hospital) last year. “I felt an internal push to get out of this situation. Besides, our mother never wanted us to work as a daily wagers like she did.”

A quiet revolution is taking place in the Muslim households of Bengal. Like Anjura, more and more people are pushing the next generation to embrace education. And lending support to this burgeoning aspiration are several private educational institutions run by educated Muslims.

These institutions help students from the community prepare for competitive exams. In the past five years, at least 50 of them have come up across the state. Together, their effort is also breaking the stereotype of Muslims as a community not inclined to education, or only to religious learning - a tool often used to damn them.

Al-Ameen Mission is possibly the oldest of the lot. With funds collected through zakat or charity, donations from educationists, noted personalities, state and central government scholarships, the Mission runs several residential schools. It also runs residential coaching classes for engineering and medicine aspirants across Bengal and in neighbouring Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand and Tripura.

The institution might run on charity but when it comes to granting admissions, it is anything but charitable. It con-



ducts entrance tests to pick the brightest minds. “Most of our students score over 80 per cent in the higher secondary [Class XII] examinations. On an average, 1,400 appear for the engineering and medical entrance examinations every year; 30 per cent crack them,” says M. Nurul Islam, general secretary of the Mission. Sahidul and Saira are among its success stories.

According to Nurul Islam, most students are keener on medicine. That's what he has noticed over the past five years. Does it have anything to do with the state of health-care - poor or unaffordable - that they have seen in their immediate set-up? Perhaps. In the meantime, the rising number of Muslim students in state-run medical colleges lends credence to Nurul's observation.

When S.K. Enayat Ali, son of a tubewell repairer, cracked the medical entrance examination in 2001, there were only three Muslims in his class at NRS Medical College and Hospital. In Saira Banu's class of 250 students - CMC's entrance batch of 2015 - there are 30 Muslims. In the past four years, at least 1,689 Muslim students have got through to various government medical colleges across Bengal. According to 2017 estimates, over 332 Muslim students have got admission in government medical colleges.

Of course, not everyone is cheering. Questions have been raised about the Mission's success rate. This year, a case was filed by one Samir Ghosh at the Calcutta High Court, challenging the results of students of Al-Ameen Mission in the 2016 West Bengal Joint Entrance Examinations - an entrance exam for undergraduate engineering, pharmacy and technology courses. That the petition was disposed of by the court is another matter. Detractors suggest that the institution has a “deal” with the state government and that is how the Mission students qualify competitive exams. Nurul Islam's rebuttal: “The case against us has been disposed of, so that's the answer to these allegations.”

Truth is, for years a large section of Muslims in Bengal remained unlettered. Following Partition, many well-to-do Muslims left for what was then known as East Pakistan; another lot left in 1964, after the Calcutta riots. Among those left behind were small-time peasants, artisans and landless labourers, most of whom could not afford higher education.

After the land reforms during the 1970s, the economic condition of Muslims improved, but they continued to lag in terms of economic development as compared to the state's non-Muslim populace. Most of them remained self-employed - working as farmers or tailors or bidi rollers. And while over the years, the literacy rate of Muslims in the state has gone up - from 54.7 per cent in 2001 to 68.7 per cent in 2011 - it is still way lower than the literacy rate of other communities in the state.

Former IAS officer Nazrul Islam runs schools, colleges and technical institutions in his native Basantapur village in Murshidabad. But the chairman of the Basantapur Education Society makes it clear that his efforts are for both Muslims and non-Muslims of the area. He says, “In 1976, I was the only graduate in my village. Now, there are doctors, engineers and PhD holders from here.”

Enayat Ali is from Hooghly. He is pursuing a Doctor of Medicine course from NRS. He talks about how children in his village want to know where to study after Class X, how to prepare for competitive exams, how to get scholarships. “Even parents now understand that sending children to work on the farm won't really help.”

Bengal's Muslims are also challenging the misconception that girls from the community are not encouraged to study. The female literacy rate among Muslims has gone

up to 64.8 per cent in 2011 from 49.75 per cent in 2001. Nurul Islam of Al-Ameen Mission says, out of the Mission's 393 students who got into medical colleges last year, 80 were girls. “One-third of the 13,000 students in our educational institutions are girls,” he adds.

Social scientists hail the trend. “First, this is going to bring about a socio-economic change in the community. But what is most important is that this mainstreaming of Muslims might change the notion of non-Muslims about them. Eventually, the prejudices and stereotypes could be reduced,” says Maidul Islam, assistant professor of Politi-



cal Science at the Calcutta-based Centre for Studies in Social Sciences.

Some say they can understand that biases and perceptions hardened over the years will not vanish overnight. Mohammad Faruquddin Purkait, director of the AshSheefa Group that runs residential coaching centres for medicine and engineering aspirants, adds, “A section of non-Muslims still wonders how poor Muslims become doctors and engineers; they want them to remain maulvis or rickshaw-pullers or tailors for generations.”

Sometimes, these prejudices can be very blatant in day-to-day life, says Sahidul. He recalls one time when a Muslim woman was admitted for the delivery of her fifth child. “The doctors were ridiculing her and the community for having multiple children. But the moment I entered the ward, one of them said, ‘Shush... the doctor is a Muslim.’”

The still younger lot are plain weary of this kind of stereotyping. Take the case of Mohammed Hasanujjaman of Malda. A student of Class IX in Al-Ameen Mission School and the son of a farmer, the teenager keeps a beard, prays five times a day and also dreams of becoming an engineer. “I want to tell people that not all Muslims are radicals,” he says. “We are the new agents of change and society must accept us.”

Nothing succeeds like success. A degree of acceptance, no matter how minuscule, is coming about. Going by the results of the Muslim-run institutions, non-Muslim families, too, have started sending their children to these places.

Saira Banu talks about a professor in her college who applauded her in front of the whole class when he learnt she was a Muslim. “He said, ‘It's not a big deal when a student of an elite Calcutta school gets admission in CMC, but it's a huge achievement for a poor Muslim girl from Murshidabad to be here.’ His words boosted my confidence.”

Saira says, “Earlier, I was a bit shaky. Now, I don't have any inhibitions.” Sahidul, who is getting their father treated by a top Calcutta doctor, echoes her sentiments. He adds, “I don't want to run away from my past anymore; I have realised that my past is my biggest strength.”

Addiction - A community problem

-Umar Farooq, M.D., CMD,

While there is a back and forth by many townships looking to sue drug companies and impose taxes on narcotics, no one is focusing on the millions affected that need treatment.

Suing pharmaceutical companies and decreasing the production of narcotics by 25 percent will help prevent new users but definitely will not help people already addicted to the narcotic pain medications; in fact, it will do quite the opposite. They will resort to other more dangerous and cheaper means to fulfill their addictions, like heroin, which is not only cheaper, but more readily available.

In fact, it's estimated that 75 percent of heroin users started off on pain medications.

In Bensalem alone, nonfatal overdoses have risen by 556 percent in just a decade, and the township is looking to sue for tens of millions of dollars that came out of taxpayers pockets. But no one is addressing the root of the problem.

People who are addicted to opioids seriously need help.

Increasing the price of the pills or making them harder to get might decrease the number of new addicts, but what about the over 2 million people who have prescription opioid use disorders? These regulations do not help them at all. This strategy will force them to turn to other means to fulfill their addictions. According to a recent survey, more and more of today's opioid addicts are shifting from prescription narcotics to heroin.

We are starting a Home Town Community Project, which involves the community getting together and working together to spread awareness of the matter. Addiction is a disease and we need to treat it as a disease. Addicts need to know that if they need help, we are ready to help them.

We have a multidisciplinary approach and have collaborated with doctors across America to find the most effective way to overcome this disease. The solution involves a psychosocial component that gives them support through

the whole process as well as a therapeutic component that helps them cope with cravings and withdrawals. But that's not all.

Community support is necessary. There is only so much that can be done by one group and I think its due time that we come together as a community and help our fellow community members overcome their addiction problem.

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Duality of Political Thought and system

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Almost all political experiments have failed in Pakistan. The reasons may have been varied, but Pakistan has become gradually a country of full of contradictions. Sometimes, these contradictions turn into individual vendettas, casts feuds, and tribal wars in tribal areas.

It should not have been like this, but somehow the controlling social trends turn political contests into personal rivalries. I can quote many examples to underscore this point, but for the sake of brevity I won't do it. I'll stay focused on what I am trying to say.

Having several political parties is unnatural. Political parties should represent political thoughts, instead, political parties in Pakistan work as family businesses. Amazingly, the leadership of one of political parties was transferred to son/husband through a will by a murdered political leader. The murdered leader was known world over as a democrat. She had also emerged as a political leader after judicial murder of her father.

The personalities driven political businesses are a serious hurdle in the development of appropriate political system in Pakistan. Without appropriate and rationale political system, Pakistan cannot go nowhere.

The reason for this flaw is the disappearance of natural political thought and establishment of a political system based on that thought.

What is that political thought that should be the base of a viable political system. I think every society, and Pakistani society is no exception, is woven with two type of social forces: 1) progressive, and 2) orthodox or conservatives.

Dr. Vemuri S. Murthy installed as the President of the Chicago Medical Society

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Chicago IL: Dr. Vemuri S. Murthy, a Chicago-based Anesthesiologist and resuscitation expert has become the 169th President of the prestigious Cook County Medical Organization, The Chicago Medical Society (CMS) in a well-attended inauguration ceremony @ Maggiano's Banquets in Chicago on September 12, 2017. He is an alumnus of Guntur Medical College and All India Institute of Medical Sciences (New Delhi) in India and Rush Medical Center in Chicago.

The Chicago Medical Society is one of the largest county medical societies in the nation, representing approxi-

Progressive forces want to move society forward. They are not afraid of change. They always look for yet better solutions of all problems. Orthodox or conservative forces are reluctant to change course. They insist on and want to stick to what they have. The idea of change is a bad dream for them. They are always afraid of change. The worst among those orthodox are political active religious parties. They are not only afraid of social changes, they as a matter of fact want to recreate the past in the present age and time. Islam based political parties are the worse.

The question is how to harness progressive and conservative forces in a political system--a political system which can serve the people in the best possible way? The people should feel represented in the real sense and the country should progress as the needs of its citizens grow with the passage of time.

In this respect, I am great admirer of American political system. American forefathers were smart enough to capture the essence of duality of political thought by creating GOP and Democratic Party.

Every US citizens can register as members of GOP or Democratic Party. It does not prevent them to voting for the candidates of opponent party. However, it facilitates the citizens to put their political ideas in action along with like minded people across the country. This unites two voters sitting three thousand miles apart from each other one is New York and the other in California.

Without going into further depth, my recommendation to Pakistani establishment which makes things happen in Pakistan is it should eliminate all political parties through

mately 17,000 physicians offering their services to about 5 million people.

A past Chairman of the Anesthesiology department @ West Suburban Medical Center in Oak Park, Illinois and past President of the Indian American Medical Association, Illinois (IAMAIL), Dr. Murthy has been a veteran volunteer of the American Heart Association for many years and is a member of the International Committee. A pioneer of resuscitation education in Indian Medical Colleges, he is an advisor to the training centers and a visiting University Professor. A "Champion of Global Health" and recipient of several national and international awards for his contributions involving resuscitation and public health education, he is leading a national Hands-only community CPR project in India involving the University of Illinois @Chicago, IAMAIL and Share India.

In his inaugural address, Dr. Murthy stressed the need for

a legal action and instead create two political parties:

1) A progressive party, and
2) A conservative party. These parties should be organized from town level upward district, divisional, provincial and to federal level.

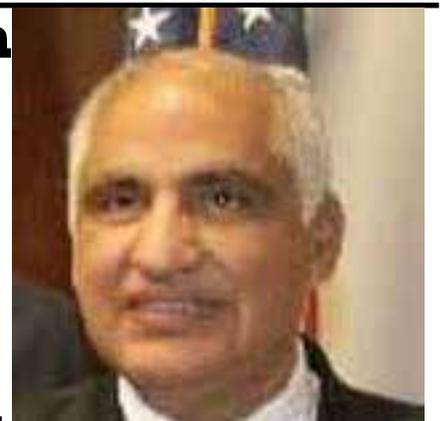
All citizens should be legally made bound to act within those two parties. Election authorities should not recognize or entertain any third party in electoral process. The independents may be allowed in case some citizens do not want to work within the frame work of two political parties.

The two party system is the only active, effective and natural way to politically organize a society and rule a state with peoples' representation. I have called it a natural way because in nature only two opposite forces make any phenomenon to take place. You need a negative and a positive charge to light up an electric bulb. The same principle works at universal level.

I can go on and on to further elaborate the duality of political through through universal examples, but I will stop here because I have made my point across.

I would like to hear anyone's views who reads this write-up. Thank you

more active physician participation in organized medicine through the Medical Societies in this age of rapidly changing healthcare arena affecting physician practices and patient care. He also encouraged the younger physicians including medical students and residents to become members of a medical society even before they start their medical practices. He mentioned the advantages of CMS membership such as advocacy, education, informational exchange and networking. Chicago Medical Society has been serving the interests of physicians in Cook County and promoting quality patient care for several decades and as the incoming President, Dr. Vemuri S. Murthy is committed to this mission!



How much income you have to earn to be considered middle class in every US state

The American middle class just got a little richer.

On Thursday, the US Census Bureau released its 2016 American Community Survey, an annual survey that measures various economic, social, and housing data among US residents.

According to the survey, the national median household income rose to \$59,039 — an increase of 3.2% from the previous year and the American middle class' highest income level to date, beating the previous record of \$58,655 in 1999 (all numbers are adjusted for inflation).

In spite of slightly higher incomes, the American middle class has been shrinking for decades. But a majority of

people consider themselves to be a part of it — even if they technically aren't.

Defined by Pew as those earning 67% to 200% of the median income — \$39,560 to \$118,080 in 2016 — only about half of Americans can call themselves middle class. Lower-income households account for 29%, while upper-income households make up the rest, according to Pew.

But that is simply a midpoint for the country.

The household income required to be considered middle class is different in every US state. For instance, a person earning \$41,754 in Mississippi falls squarely in the middle class in that state, while someone earning that



same amount in New York just misses the middle-income threshold.

Will China Invade North Korea and Take Its Nuclear Facilities?

This article first appeared on the American Enterprise Institute site.

On the surface, China's North Korea policy seems relatively consistent. China is keen to demonstrate that it is cooperating with international efforts to rein in North Korea, including allowing the passage of various U.N. Security Council sanctions on the regime.

But China has also been unwilling to push the Kim regime as much as the United States wants, primarily for fear of provoking reckless behavior on the part of Kim Jong Un, as well as the loss of any influence China has left.

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In a picture released September 13, 2016, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un inspects Farm No. 1116 under Korean People's Army Unit 810 at an undisclosed location in North Korea. KCNA/AFP/Getty

However, if one looks a bit deeper, China's North Korea strategy is evolving in subtle and significant ways.

1. China is no longer wedded to the preservation of the Kim regime.

Over the past three years, Chinese President Xi Jinping has been surprisingly vocal in support of Korean reunification in the long term—though through a gradual, incremental peace—even if it entails the demise of North Korea as a sovereign state. Polls suggest that Chinese public opinion generally supports moving away from North Korea.

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2. Chinese interests in a Korea contingency have expanded beyond concerns about a refugee spillover to include nuclear security.

Chinese military capabilities have improved greatly over the past 10 years, and the missions the People's Liberation Army (PLA) may be involved in have expanded in tandem. Training, equipment, exercises and aspects of the reorganization suggest contingency plans are likely in place for a mission to secure North Korean nuclear weap-

ons and fissile material.

Chinese leaders may intervene to seize North Korean nuclear facilities to prevent North Korean use or the U.S., Japan or South Korea from striking them, which could result in cross-border contamination.

3. China is unlikely to fight to protect the Kim regime, and its defense and political officials do not expect to be invited to intervene.

Most recognize that Chinese forces may even be opposed by North Korean forces but will at least have an advantage because Kim will orient his forces south to deal with U.S. and South Korean forces.

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4. The PLA may move into North Korean territory to ensure a degree of control over the conflict and its outcome.

China will need to be involved in any contingency on the peninsula to ensure that Korea reunifies on terms favorable to Beijing. The last thing China wants is North Korean instability or an outcome that strengthens the U.S. role in the region.

However, Beijing is more likely to pressure Pyongyang and risk instability if it believes it stands to benefit regardless of how North Korea responds.

5. Explicit planning for contingencies on the Korean peninsula is still too sensitive for China.

However, the United States and China could begin coordination efforts indirectly, such as through civilian training or technical exchanges on nuclear issues, or through supporting China's expanded involvement in international nuclear security exercises. U.S. experts and officials could also push to observe China's national level nuclear emergency joint exercises, such as the Shendun series.



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4 ways to eat your way to lower cholesterol

Many people can reduce cholesterol levels simply by changing what they eat. For example, if you are a fan of cheeseburgers, eating less meat (and leaner cuts) and more vegetables, fruits, and whole grains can lower your total cholesterol by 25% or more. Cutting back on saturated fat (found in meat and dairy products) and trans fat (partially hydrogenated oils) can reduce cholesterol by 5% to 10%.

Stick with unsaturated fats and avoid saturated and trans fats. Most vegetable fats (oils) are made up of unsaturated fats that are healthy for your heart. Foods that contain healthy fats include oily fish, nuts, seeds, and some vegetables. At the same time, limit your intake of foods high in saturated fat, which is found in many meat and dairy products, and stay away from trans fats. These include any foods made with “partially hydrogenated vegetable oils.”

Get more soluble fiber. Eat more soluble fiber, such as that found in oatmeal and fruits. This type of fiber can lower blood cholesterol levels when eaten as part of a healthy-fat diet.

Include plant sterols and stanols in your diet. These naturally occurring plant compounds are similar in structure to cholesterol. When you eat them, they help limit

the amount of cholesterol your body can absorb. Plant sterols and stanols are found in an increasing number of food products such as spreads, juices, and yogurts.

Find a diet that works for you. When a friend or relative tells you how much his or her cholesterol level dropped after trying a particular diet, you may be tempted to try it yourself. If you do, and after a few months you discover that you're not getting the same benefits, you may need to chalk it up to genetic and physiological differences. There is no one-size-fits-all diet for cholesterol control. You may need to try several approaches to find one that works for you.

Although diet can be a simple and powerful way to improve cholesterol levels, it plays a bigger role for some people than for others. Don't be discouraged if you have followed a diet but not reached your goal blood level. Keep it up. Even if you do end up needing medication to keep your cholesterol in check, you likely will need less than if you didn't make any dietary changes.

Making sense of the statin guidelines

For years, doctors prescribed cholesterol-lowering statins based largely on cholesterol test results. The goal was to lower total

cholesterol to under 200 mg/dL, and LDL (bad) cholesterol to under 100 mg/dL. But in late 2013, new guidelines on statin use issued by the American Heart Association (AHA) and the American College of Cardiology (ACC) proposed a major change to that strategy.

These guidelines shifted from a numbers-based approach to a risk-driven approach. Instead of aiming for a specific cholesterol value, doctors were urged to look at a person's entire cardiovascular risk profile when considering treatment. This is a reasonable approach that can help better define when to initiate drug therapy.

The 2013 guidelines were met with more than the usual criticism, however. In fact, they've generated considerable debate over their departure from the approach of earlier guidelines. The new guidelines don't, for example, specify normal and abnormal levels for total cholesterol, LDL, HDL, and triglycerides, as past versions have done. Perhaps the best way to look at these guidelines is as a scientific statement reviewing what has been definitively established to date.

Who should take a statin?

The latest guidelines recommend a daily statin for individuals who fall into the following four categories:

anyone age 21 or older with a very high level of harmful LDL cholesterol (190 mg/dL or higher)

anyone who has cardiovascular disease, including stable or unstable angina (chest pain with exercise or stress); has had a heart attack, stroke, or transient ischemic attack (“ministroke”); has peripheral artery disease; or has had bypass surgery or angioplasty to treat a cholesterol-clogged artery

anyone age 40 to 75 who has diabetes

anyone age 40 to 75 who does not have cardiovascular disease but has a greater than 7.5% chance of having a heart attack or stroke or developing another form of cardiovascular disease in the next 10 years (as determined using the online risk calculator cited below).

That last category represented a major shift. In principle, if doctors follow the guidelines and start treating people who don't have heart disease but are at risk for it, several million more people will take a statin every day. It's not yet clear if that has happened, however, as studies examining this question have offered differing results.

3 posture tips to get the most out of a core workout

Good posture is important, even during exercise. Quick posture checks before and during a core exercise routine can help you avoid injury and squeeze the biggest benefit from your workout. Here is what you need to know:

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- chin parallel to the floor
- shoulders even (roll them up, back, and down to help achieve this)
- arms at your sides, elbows relaxed and even

- abdominal muscles pulled in
- hips even

- knees even and pointing straight ahead
- feet pointing straight ahead
- body weight evenly distributed on both feet.

Stay in neutral. Neutral alignment means keeping your body in a straight line from head to toe except for the slight natural curves of the spine. Whether you're standing or seated, that means your spine is not flexed or arched to overemphasize the curve of the lower back. One way to find neutral is to tip your pelvis forward as far as is comfortable, then tip it backward as far as is comfortable. Neutral is roughly in the middle. If you're not used to standing or sitting up straight, it may take a while for this to feel natural. A neutral wrist

is firm and straight, not bent upward or downward.

Get the angle. When angles appear in exercise instructions, visualize a 90-degree angle as an L. To visualize a 30-degree angle, mentally slice the 90-degree angle into thirds, or picture the distance between a clock's minute hand and hour hand at one o'clock.

Want to bring more power to athletic pursuits? Build up your balance and stability? Or are you simply hoping to make everyday acts like bending, turning, and reaching easier? A strong, flexible core underpins all these goals. Core muscles need to be strong, yet flexible, and core fitness, like that found in the Special Health Report Core Exercises: 5 workouts to tighten your abs, strengthen your back, and improve balance, should be part of every exercise program.

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Achieving and maintaining good posture during your workouts takes a little practice. If possible, look in a mirror when exercising. Try to take a few moments each day to practice better posture, too.

HINDI MOVIE RELEASE DATES

Opening	Name NA	Genre NA	Director	Cast
July 7	<i>Guest in London</i>	Comedy	Ashwini Dhir	Kartik Aaryan, Kriti Kharbanda, Paresh Rawal, Tanvi Azmi, Ajay Devgn(Cameo appearance), Sanjay Mishra (actor)
	<i>Babu Ji Ek Ticket</i> <i>Bambal</i>	Social Drama	Arvind Tripathi	Rajpal Yadav, Sudha Chandran, Bharati sharma, Milind Gunaji
	<i>Mom</i>	Thriller/Drama	Ravi Udyawar	Sridevi, Akshaye Khanna, Adnan Siddiqui, Sajal Ali
14 July	<i>Jagga Jasoos</i>	Comedy/Romance	Anurag Basu	Ranbir Kapoor, Katrina Kaif
July 21	<i>Munna Michael</i>	Action/Romance	Sabbir Khan	Tiger Shroff, Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Nidhi Agerwal
	<i>Daddy</i>	Crime/Drama	Ashim Ahluwalia	Arjun Rampal, Aishwarya Rajesh, Nishikant Kamat
	<i>Lipstick Under My Burkha</i>	Drama	Alankrita Shrivastava	Konkona Sen Sharma, Ratna Pathak Shah, Aahana Kumra, Plabita Borthakur, Sushant Singh, Vikrant Massey, Shashank Arora, Vaibhav Tatwawadi, Jagat Singh Solanki
July 28	<i>Mubarakan</i>	Comedy/Romance	Anees Bazmee	Anil Kapoor, Arjun Kapoor, Ileana D'Cruz, Athiya Shetty
	<i>Indu Sarkar</i>	Drama	Madhur Bhandarkar	Anupam Kher, Neil Nitin Mukesh, Kirti Kulhari, Tota Roy Chowdhury
August 4	<i>Jab Harry Met Sejal</i>	Romance	Imtiaz Ali	Shah Rukh Khan, Anushka Sharma
	<i>Yeh Hai India</i>	Patriotic/Drama	Lom Harsh	Gavie Chahal, Deana Uppal, Mohan Agashe, Mohan Joshi
	<i>JD</i>	Drama/Thriller	Shailendra Pandey	Govind Namdev, Aman Verma, Vedita Pratap Singh, Arvind Gaur
August 11	<i>Toilet: Ek Prem Katha</i>	Romance/Satire	Shree Narayan Singh	Akshay Kumar, Bhumi Pednekar, Divyendu Sharma, Anupam Kher
August 18	<i>Haseena: The Queen of Mumbai</i>	Biographic	Apoorva Lakhia	Shraddha Kapoor, Sharman Joshi, Siddhanth Kapoor, Ankur Bhatia
	<i>Bareilly Ki Barfi</i>	Comedy/Romance	Ashwini Iyer Tiwari	Ayushmann Khurrana, Rajkummar Rao, Kriti Sanon
August 25	<i>A Gentleman</i>	Action/Romance	Raj and D.K.	Sidharth Malhotra, Jacqueline Fernandez, Darshan Kumar, Suniel Shetty
September 1	<i>Baadshaho</i>	Action	Milan Lutharia	Ajay Devgn, Emraan Hashmi, Vidyut Jammwal, Ileana D'Cruz, Esha Gupta
September 8	<i>Poster Boys</i>	Comedy	Shreyas Talpade	Sunny Deol, Shreyas Talpade, Bobby Deol
September 8	<i>Love Per Square Foot</i>	Romance/Comedy	Anand Tiwari	Vicky Kaushal, Angira Dhar
September 15	<i>Simran</i>	Drama	Hansal Mehta	Kangana Ranaut, Sohum Shah
September 22	<i>Bhoomi</i>	Action/Drama	Omung Kumar	Sanjay Dutt, Aditi Rao Hydari
September 29	<i>Mangal Ho</i>	Sci-Fi/Comedy	Pritish Chakraborty	Pritish Chakraborty, Anushka Ramesh, Sanjay Mishra, Annu Kapoor
September 29	<i>Judwaa 2</i>	Action/Comedy	David Dhawan	Varun Dhawan, Tapsee Pannu, Jacqueline Fernandez
October 6	<i>Mein Terrorist Nahi Hoon</i>	Action	Arjin Uppal	Gulshan Grover, Rahul Dev, Afiq Muiz, Chacha Maembong, Farida Jalal
6 October	<i>Chef</i>	Drama	Raja Krishna Menon	Saif Ali Khan, Sobhita Dhulipala
October 18	<i>Golmaal Again</i>	Comedy	Rohit Shetty	Rohit Verma, Ajay Devgan, Parineeti Chopra, Neil Nitin Mukesh, Tabu, Shreyas Talpade, Tusshar Kapoor
	<i>Secret Superstar</i>	Musical Drama	Advait Chandan	Zaira Wasim, Abin Muhammed, Aamir Khan, Meher Vij
November 9	<i>Drive</i>	Action/Romance	Tarun Mansukhani	Sushant Singh Rajput, Jacqueline Fernandez
	<i>Omerta (2017 film)</i>	Drama	Hansal Mehta	Rajkummar Rao
November 17	<i>Padmavati</i>	Period Drama	Sanjay Leela Bhansali	Deepika Padukone, Shahid Kapoor, Ranveer Singh, Aditi Rao Hydari
December 1	<i>Tumhari Sulu</i>	Comedy Drama	Suresh Triveni	Vidya Balan, Manav Kaul, Neha Dhupia
	<i>102 Not Out</i>	Drama	Umesh Shukla	Amitabh Bachchan, Rishi Kapoor
December 8	<i>Fukrey Returns</i>	Comedy	Mrighdeep Singh Lamba	Pulkit Samrat, Varun Sharma, Ali Fazal, Manjot Singh, Richa Chadda
	<i>Parmanu: The Story Of Pokhran</i>	Action/Drama	Abhishek Sharma	John Abraham, Diana Penty, Boman Irani
December 22	<i>Tiger Zinda Hai</i>	Action/Drama	Ali Abbas Zafar	Salman Khan, Katrina Kaif, Paresh Rawal, Sudeep, Angad Bedi, Girish Karnad, Kumud Mishra

Aditi Rao Hydari: Ranveer is my first hero, and I'm his first heroine

Sakshma Srivastav

Aditi Rao Hydari is currently gearing up for the release of her upcoming movie 'Bhoomi', which will mark the comeback of Sanjay Dutt on the silver screen. The actress is also shooting for Sanjay Lela Bhansali's magnum opus 'Padmavati', and is all praise for the filmmaker.

"He's a taskmaster. I enjoy working with such people who like to challenge you, put you in a difficult situation that gives you an adrenaline rush out of it. Sanjay sir is very strict, and won't let you go till he gets his shot right. It's very difficult, but he brings the best out of you. And, he's doing this because he has the passion for cinema every single frame, every single scene. What more can I ask for as an actor?"

Talking about working with Ranveer in 'Padmavati', she said, "Ranveer is very focused, but off the sets he's a lot of fun. We both worked together seven years ago on a project when we were both unemployed. So, we have that bond. Ranveer is my first hero, and I'm his first heroine. We're very comfortable with each other. It's a lot of fun

working with him."

Her upcoming film 'Bhoomi' is being compared with Sridevi's 'MOM' and Ranveena Tandon's 'Maatr' as people are predicting it will have a similar storyline. To this, she asserted, "I've heard a lot about 'Mom', but every movie is different. The situation is different, and circumstances are different. It's not like three people are making the same movie. Crime against women occurs in so many different ways everyday that we can make one movie on this chapter, and have a new story every time."

Recalling an emotionally exhausting scene from the sets, the actress said, "It was terrible! Usually, I'm fine with crime, fighting, love making and intense scenes nothing bothers me. I would never have problems. But all the physical stuff was terrible. You're being manhandled, pushed around... it was really bad; it's horrible. I'm not saying what the situation is, but it's violent and it makes you feel humiliated. At one point, I felt so humiliated, I burst into tears."



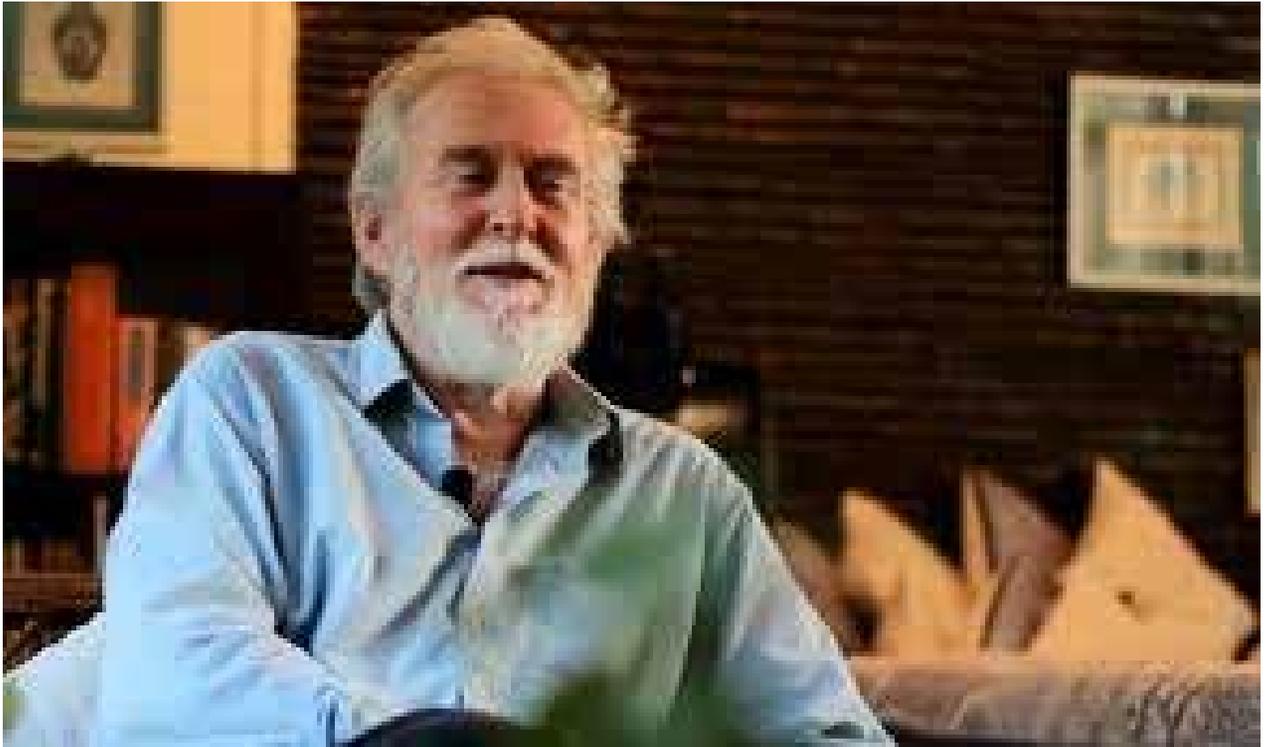
Tom Alter, Padma Shri actor and writer, dies aged 67

Veteran film, television and theatre actor and Padma Shri Tom Alter has died aged 67. The renowned actor and one-time sports writer and author had been battling stage four skin cancer.

Alter acted in over 300 movies apart from numerous TV shows, most famously as the gangster Keshav Kalsi in the hit soap opera Junoon which ran for a record five years during the 1990s. In addition to acting, Alter also ventured into direction and was a sports journalist in the 80s and 90s. He was the first person to interview Sachin Tendulkar for TV when the cricketer was yet to debut for India. Alter has written three books, one non-fiction and two fiction, and in 2008 was awarded the prestigious Padma Shri by the Indian government in recognition for his services to the field of arts and cinema.

A statement released on behalf of his family said: "It is with sadness we announce the death of Tom Alter, actor, writer, director, Padma Shri, and our dear husband and father. Tom passed away Friday night at home with his family and close family members in attendance. We ask for their privacy to be respected at this time."

Born in the hill station of Mussoorie in 1950, Alter was a third-generation American in India who studied at Woodstock School in the Himalayas and then briefly at Yale University in the USA, before returning to India in the early 70s. In 1972, he was one of three men - the others being Benjamin Gilani and Phunsok Ladakhi - chosen from over 800 applicants across north India to be enrolled in at the prestigious Film and Television Institute of India in Pune, where two years later he graduated with a gold



medal diploma in acting.

Alter's first release was Ramanand Sagar's Charas in 1976, in which he played the role of superstar Dharmendra's boss, a CID official. Among his notable roles during the first decade of his acting career were Satyajit Ray's Shatranj Ke Khiladi (1977), Shyam Benega's Junoon (1979), Manoj Kumar's magnum opus Kranti (1981) and Raj Kapoor's Ram Teri Ganga Maili (1985). Other notable directors he worked with during the 70s and 80s were V Shantaram, Hrishikesh Mukherjee, Manmohan Desai, Subhash Ghai, Chetan Anand - who gave him his first break in the Dev Anand-starrer Saheb Bahadur - and Vidhu Vinod Chopra, who gave him the pivotal role of the gangster Musa in the critically acclaimed hit Parinda.

In the 90s, Alter was seen in many films, prominent among them Mahesh Bhatt's Aashiqui, Junoon and Gumbrah, Ketan Mehta's Sardar and Priyadarshan's Kala Pani. During this time, he

also acted in regional cinema - Bengali, Assamese, Telegu, Tamil and Kumaoni films. Among his foreign films are Richard Attenborough's Gandhi and One Night with the King, in which he acted opposite his idol, the legendary Peter O'Toole.

On TV, Alter's leading work came in Junoon, Zabaan Sambhalke, Jugalbani, Bharat EK Khoj, Ghutan, Shak-timaan, Captain Vyom, Mere Ghar Aana Zindagi and Yahaan Ke Hum Sikandar. Most recently, he was seen in a pivotal role in the ongoing serial Rishton Ka Chakravayuh on Star Plus. At the time of his death, Alter had approximately 16 unreleased films lined up as well as a web series by Eros Now titled Smoke.

Throughout his cinematic and television career, Alter remained busy with theatre, having co-founded Motley Productions with Naseeruddin Shah and Gilani in 1979. His prominent stage work includes the two-and-a-half-hour-long solo play in Urdu, 'Maulana', 'Babur ke Aulaad', 'Lal Qile ka Aakhri Mushaira', 'Ghalib ke Khat', 'Trisanga', 'Teesveen Shatabdi', Copenhagen' and the theatrical reproduction of William Dalrymple's 'City of Djinnns'. In early 2017, Alter enacted a festival of his various plays in Hindi, English, Hindustani and Urdu titled 'Jashn-e-Maazi: The Play of History' which featured 19 of his portrayals and adaptations of leading historical figures such as Maulana Azad, Mirza Ghalib, Manto, Saahir Ludhianvi, Rabindranath Tagore, Bahadur Shah Zafar, Alfred Einstein and Mahatma Gandhi.



Hrithik to play Anand Kumar in biopic Super 30

The actor has been confirmed to play Anand Kumar in biopic Super 30.

According to Mumbai Mirror, the film will be helmed by Queen director Vikas Bahl.

The film will follow the journey of mathematician, Anand Kumar, and how he trains 30 capable yet lesser privileged students for the prestigious entrance examination for the Indian Institute of Technology, and succeeds. He now has an educational programme called Super 30.

Hrithik had met with Kumar during a special episode of Amitabh Bachchan's Kaun Banega Crorepati which raked in thousands of viewers.

Hrithik Roshan met with Anand Kumar
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Anand Kumar confirms the news of Hrithik portraying him, saying, "I am happy that Hrithik will play me because he is the best choice for the role. His dedication towards his work and the kind of versatility he exhibits as an actor is very inspiring. Being a rooted and passionate person myself, I feel that he will bring an emotional depth to my life on screen. I am excited to see Hrithik as Anand Kumar essaying my emotional journey."

He adds, "I totally trust Vikas with my story and I am confident that he will make a sensible and heartfelt film about me and what I strive to do."



The biopic will be produced by Madhu Mantena and Phantom Films and Priti Sinha's Reel Life Entertainment.

Says director Vikas Bahl, "Truth, they say, is stranger than fiction. Anand sir's life story is the most beautiful and shocking example of it. His mission to share his knowledge and educate children to get them and their families

out of poverty is unprecedented. Fighting circumstances, lack of resources and the system that only wanted to pull him down, he is the true hero of today's India. I'm excited to take his story to the world."

The film has not yet gone on floors, but we are definitely keeping an eye on updates!

The Final Exit Movie Review

Reza Noorani,

STORY: Fashion photographer, Vidyut Sehgal (Kunaal Roy Kapur) has several distractions in his life, namely drugs, alcohol and women. He is also deeply troubled by his dreams in which he sees a mysterious woman posing around a strange shrine. Soon, the woman enters his bedroom and an entity seems to be sending him videos that seem to call him out to the place he has been seeing. His friend suggests he see a doctor, who advises him to abstain from substances. But when none of it helps, he decides to follow a marker sent to him on his phone and reach the mysterious place of his dreams.

REVIEW: The film is a genre-bender, which starts off as a horror, moves on to be a supernatural thriller

and finally ends up being something entirely different. The journey you embark on with protagonist Vidyut is baffling in every sense of the word. His quest to the mysterious place takes several detours. While some detours are interesting and scary, like the eerie hotel he stops at, other detours don't make much sense. Until the first half, you're with the guy on his weird trip, anxious and a tad excited to know what's next. But the second half gets tedious and you hope that the takeaway is interesting.

It's a brave effort on the part of filmmaker Dhwanil Mehta and is more along the lines of Anurag Kashyap's No Smoking. But while No Smoking was a



true open-ended puzzler, this one merely teases and provides you with some answers eventually.

The set design and cinematography are superlative. The sombre colours and the dark hues lend a sort of morbid character to the entire film and help with the scary parts. Kunaal performs reasonably well in his first serious outing as a person thoroughly confused about the meaning of life. However, his character is written out as rather one-dimensional. We're sure there's more to the actor and would be great to see him in a more complex role.

While the philosophical turn the film takes is interesting, it's a tad too metaphysical. A different kind of horror, go for this one if you're interested in a good dose of philosophy with your horror.



Alia with 'Raazi' director on Kashmir sets

After finishing the first schedule of their film in Punjab, the cast, and crew of 'Raazi' headed to Kashmir. The film's leading lady – Alia Bhatt, has been regularly posting scenic pictures from their shoot. She recently shared a few glimpses of the Dal Lake and this time around she posted a picture with the film's director Meghna Gulzar. The two ladies share warm chemistry in the picture that sees them seated together against a picturesque background. 'Raazi' features Vicky Kaushal as the male protagonist. 'Raazi' is being produced by Jungle Pictures and Dharma Productions and is scheduled to release on 11 May 2018

Alia Bhatt is currently in Kashmir to shoot the second schedule of her upcoming film 'Raazi' which also starring Vicky Kaushal. The actress seems to be enjoying each and every moment the scenic valley, now that she has her BFF keeping her company. Alia headed out to Kashmir with her friend Akansha Ranjan in tow and going by this picture, the two girls seem to be having a gala time. Akansha took to Instagram to share a picture which she captioned, "Not so quiet kahwa evenings." Alia shared the same picture which she captioned saying, "Forever kinda mood." The two can be seen sharing a hearty laugh on the lawns while draped in colourful shawls.

'Raazi' is a Meghna Gulzar directo-



rial which is being produced by Jungle Pictures and Dharma Productions and is scheduled to release on 11 May 2018. The ever-so-bubbly Alia Bhatt never fails to impress the audience on and off screen. She is a ray of sunshine and is always spreading positive vibes around. Alia recently took to Instagram and shared a picture, where she's seen sporting a white graphic tee that has "PERFECTION IS BORING" printed on it. She captioned the image as, "always monkeying around.." The effervescent actress is seen having a hearty laugh and in high spirits. On the work front, Alia is gearing up for Meghna Gulzar's 'Raazi' opposite Vicky Kaushal. In the film, Alia will be seen essaying the role of a Kashmiri spy. Jungle Pictures & Dharma Productions' 'Raazi' is set to release on May 11, 2018.

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Ex-constable Abdul Qadeer passes away

On December 8, 1990, Abdul Qadeer was arrested on the spot for killing the then Superior Assistant Commissioner of Police N. Sattaiya at Chhatrinaka police station at the peak of communal riots in the old city in which over 200 people died and hundred others injured.

The state government and police gave the former constable the image of 'Muslim fanatic and a Hindu hater' before the honorable court.

On December 31, 1992, the court had found the then 29 year old Police Constable Abdul Qadeer guilty and awarded him life imprisonment of killing his senior on-duty from his service weapon.

He said he paid a serious price but at that time he thought it was the best thing to do.

"I was witnessing the injustices of police on the people especially Muslims, higher police officials were encouraging riots and rioters and sometimes they even instigat-



ing the riots by burning a property of a particular community and then blaming it on another community. They even gone to the extent of playing the voice recording of screams for help, when local people came out for help they will open fire on them. I was disillusioned by seeing my superiors in those communal acts. That is why I took that drastic step," he was quoted as saying to Two Circles.

In 2004, after completing 14 years imprisonment, he was released on parole for 1 month for the first time.

He was granted parole in view of his failing health and on many occasions like festival and wedding of his daughter.

Qadeer, a diabetic patient, claims to have underwent police torture even after the conviction.

On 29 March 2016, Abdul Qadeer was finally released after serving 25 years and 3 months of imprisonment in a Hy-

derabad jail at Cherlapalli jail, on humanitarian grounds.

The Government of Telangana responded positively to numerous appeals and representations for commuting his life imprisonment.

Telangana government released 251 prisoners from jail in accordance with the decision taken on the occasion of Prisons Day on 26th January 2016. Abdul Qadeer was one of the prisoners.

He thanked the TRS Government for granting him the release.

Mr. Zahid Ali Khan, Editor of Siasat Urdu Daily with Former Police Constable, Mr. Mohammed Abdul Qadeer. Mr. Zahid Ali Khan, Editor of Siasat Urdu Daily with Former Police Constable, Mr. Mohammed Abdul Qadeer. (Photo Mazher) Mr. Zahid Ali Khan, Editor of Siasat Urdu Daily with Former Police Constable, Mr. Mohammed Abdul Qadeer. (Photo Mazher) Mr. Zahid Ali Khan, Editor of Siasat Urdu Daily with Former Police Constable, Mr. Mohammed Abdul Qadeer. (Photo Mazher) Mr. Zahid Ali Khan, Editor of Siasat Urdu Daily with Former Police Constable, Mr. Mohammed Abdul Qadeer. (Photo Mazher) Mr. Zahid Ali Khan, Editor of Siasat Urdu Daily with Former Police Constable, Mr. Mohammed Abdul Qadeer. (Photo Mazher) Former Police Constable, Mr. Mohammed Abdul Qadeer released from jail (Photo Mazher) Former Police Constable, Mr. Mohammed Abdul Qadeer released from jail (Photo Mazher)

He meet Mr. Zahid Ali Khan of Siasat Urdu Daily and told that he deserves all praise for the continuous efforts he made for his release. He also thanked Mr. KCR, Mr. Mahmood Ali and Mr. Narasimha Reddy.

During his meeting with Mr. Zahid Ali Khan, he contacted Justice Markandey Katju to thank him. He told that due to the letters written by Justice Katju, his release was materialized.

It may be mentioned that Mr. Zahid Ali Khan wrote letters to Dr. YSR, Dr. K. Roshiya, Mr. N. Kiran Kumar Reddy and Mr. KCR in which he had invited their attention that Abdul Qadeer's one leg has been amputated and to keep him in prison after the completion of life sentence would tantamount to injustice.

Justice Katju had also written to Mr. Kiran Kumar Reddy giving legal justification for the release of Abdul Qadeer. Later, Justice Katju also wrote a letter to Mr. KCR demanding his release.



Ustad Yakub Ali mesmerizes audience at Urdu Maskan Hall, Hyd



Galaxy Musical Academy and Events Management organized Eid Milap Event at Urdu Maskan Khaja Shoqe Hall. Ustad Yakub Ali mesmerised the audience till late night on Sep 9th. Tabla Nawaz Syed Osman accompanied on Tabla. Also there was friendly appearance of well known international ghazal singer Sultan Mirza.

Mr. Farooq Hasan MLC was the Chief guest and Prof S A Shukoor, Secretary Director Urdu Academy was special guest of the evening. Special thanks to conveners Ahmed Mukesh and Waheed Khan, organizers Md. Saleem, Danish Khan, Mohsin and anchor Ms Noor Mariya.



L/R janab naseeruddin saheb /Janab Khaja Kamaluddin/ janab shah muzafer hus-sain saheb / Pro. Aqheel Hashmi saheb / janab sayeed saheb at a marriage ceremony in hyderabad.

Waheed Ahmed Advocate State Waqf Board Member and State President T.M.A.F thanked and Salute to CM K. Chandrashekar Rao Sir of TS Govt for applauded to decision, Mr. K.Chandreshekar Rao Sir for getting the certificates of the Institution recognized by Osmania University. The CM Sir has fulfilled his promise.

According to Dean Faculty of Oriental Languages, OU, the university has recognized the certificates issued by Jamia Nizamia. Osmania University issued an order on 21st September in this regard.

Osmania University's Standing Committee at its meeting held on 28th and 29th August had recognized Maulvi of Jamia Nizamia equivalent to matriculation, Aalim to pre-degree, Fazil to BA and Kalim to MA.

Those who clear Kamil examination of Jamia Nizamia may seek admissions into Ph.D. programs in the Dept. of Arabic of OU.



State Council of Higher Education also Okayed it.

Waheed Ahmed Advocate also thanked to Deputy CM Mahmood Ali Sir , Dy CM Kadiam Srihari Sir , Dynamic In charge Minister Hyd K.T.Rama Rao Sir , VC of OU and Standing Committee for this gesture. He advised the Muslim youths to avail of this facility



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صبر کا پھل میٹھا ہوتا ہے کہتے ہیں لوگ
زیادہ صبر کرنے سے پھل سڑ جائے گا
ایکشن سے عوام کو کیا ہوگا فائدہ
ایک لیڈر کو ہٹاؤ گے دوسرا آ جائے گا
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غزل

تسلیم الہی زلفی - (کنیڈا)
خوش مزاجی چھپا کے دیکھوں گا
میں تجھے آزما کے دیکھوں گا
فاصلے سے لگے گا اور اچھا
میں اُسے دور جا کے دیکھوں گا
کیا خبر تھی مجھے، کہ تیرے خواب
تیرے پہلو میں آ کے دیکھوں گا
کتنے پت جھڑ ہیں تیرے آنے میں!
کتنے موسم پتا کے دیکھوں گا؟
میں جو اندر سے ٹوٹ پھوٹ گیا
خود کو باہر سجا کے دیکھوں گا
سُرسر اٹھا کر مجھے بھی جینے دو!
پھر کبھی۔۔ سر نہکا کے دیکھوں گا
اب نہ دیکھوں گا آنکھ بھر کے اُسے
اب تو گھونگھٹ اٹھا کے دیکھوں گا
کیا عجب اس دفعہ وہ آجائیں
میں انہیں پھر بنا کے دیکھوں گا
میں کبھی دھیان میں تجھے لاکر
رنگ قدر رسا کے دیکھوں گا
کتنا با ظرف ہے تو میرے لئے
تیری عزت بڑھا کے دیکھوں گا
اپنے حاسد کی تربیت کے لئے
ہاتھ زلفی ملا کے دیکھوں گا



توفیق انصاری احمد
غزل

جواب جس کا نہیں، وہ جواب ہیں، ہم لوگ
زمین پر ہیں مگر آفتاب ہیں، ہم لوگ
سنجھل کے دیکھو، ذرا ہم کو، دیکھنے والو!
نقاب رُخ پہ ہے، زیر نقاب ہیں، ہم لوگ
نئی حیات کا، پرچم ہے، ہاتھ میں اپنے
نئی ڈگر کا، نیا انقلاب ہیں، ہم لوگ
ہمارے نام سے، زندہ ہے، وقت کی تاریخ
زمانہ جس کو پڑھے، وہ کتاب ہیں، ہم لوگ
شباب و شعر کی مستی، بتاری ہی ہے یہی
کسی کا جام، کسی کی شراب ہیں، ہم لوگ
کیا ہے اہل تجسس نے، منتخب جس کو
نگاہ وقت کا، وہ انتخاب ہیں، ہم لوگ
حساب والو! ہمارا حساب، مت پوچھو
جہاں بھی ہم ہیں، وہاں، بے حساب ہیں، ہم لوگ
قلی قطب کے ہیں، چندا کے دیس والے ہیں
ولی کی فکر ہیں، خسرو کا خواب ہیں، ہم لوگ
ہمارے دم سے، غزل کی ہے، آہرہ توفیق
غزل کی روح، غزل کا شباب ہیں، ہم لوگ
☆☆☆



غزل

جسے وہ ڈھونڈ کے گلبرگہ ہو گئی ہوگی
پرانی کتنی وہ تصویر ہو گئی ہوگی
اُس ایک حرف کو جو درد کی امانت تھا
زباں تک آنے میں تاخیر ہو گئی ہوگی
ملے تو گرد سفر تھی بدن پہ دونوں کے
وہ گرد تجھ کو بھی زنجیر ہو گئی ہوگی
کسی کا کون یہاں انتظار کرتا ہے
ہوائے شام عناں گیر ہو گئی ہوگی
وہ داستاں کہ مرے روز و شب کا حاصل تھی
لرزتے ہاتھ کی تحریر ہو گئی ہوگی
جو تونے ڈالی تھی اک روز بے خیالی میں
اُس اک نگاہ کی تشبیر ہو گئی ہوگی
پھرے ہیں ہم بھی کنڈل لئے کبھی شاپین
عجیب عمر تھی تقصیر ہو گئی ہوگی
شاپین



شاہ فیض الدین نسیمی (شکاگو)

کھلتے ہوئے پھولوں کی بہاروں میں کبھی ڈھونڈ
فطرت کے مصور کو نظاروں میں کبھی ڈھونڈ
وہ ماہی بے تاب جو مچلے کبھی اچھلے
پتے ہوئے دریا کے کناروں میں کبھی ڈھونڈ
مل جاؤں گا شاید میں کبھی خود سے الجھتا
یادوں کے کسی کوہ کے عاروں میں کبھی ڈھونڈ
دنیا کے جھیلوں سے گزرنے کا قرینہ
پیغام مقدس کے سپاروں میں کبھی ڈھونڈ
جہرمت میں جو اوجھل ہے کوئی کوکب روشن
افلاک کے پھیلے ہوئے تاروں میں کبھی ڈھونڈ
پھر بھی تو وہ کھلتا ہوا خوشبو ہی بکھیرے
اس غنچہ خوش رنگ کو خاروں میں کبھی ڈھونڈ
کیوں شدت آفات زمیں پر ہے مسلسل
کیا راز ہے قدرت کے اشاروں میں کبھی ڈھونڈ
وہ عزم جو گم ہو گیا قدموں کی تھکن میں
امید کے موہوم سہاروں میں کبھی ڈھونڈ

On the lighter side....

“You see, doctor, I’m always dizzy for half an hour after I get up in the morning,” said Carla.
 “I have the solution for you,” replied the doctor.
 “Really, what is it?”
 “Well, try getting up half an hour later.”

A speeding driver was pulled over by a policeman. He asked the policeman, “Why was I pulled over when I wasn’t the only one speeding?”
 The policeman replied, “Have you ever been fishing?”
 The man then said, “Yes, I have.”
 “Well, have you ever caught all the fish?” asked the policeman.

Teacher: “Hello, students! Can anyone tell me, what does the green dot on a ‘Tiger Biscuit Packet’ indicate?”
 After a few seconds of silence, one student replies.
 “Hello, ma’am. The green dot means that the Tiger is ‘Online.’”

A bent-over old lady hobbled into a doctor’s office. Within minutes, she came out again but miraculously, she was standing up as straight as could be.
 A man in the waiting room, who had been watching her, said in amazement, “My goodness, what did the doctor do to you?”
 The old lady replied, “He gave me a longer cane.”

“Cash, check or charge?” the cashier asked after folding items the woman wished to purchase. As the woman fumbled for her wallet, the cashier noticed a remote control for a television set in her purse.
 “Do you always carry your TV remote?” the cashier asked.
 “No,” she replied. “But my husband refused to come shopping with me, so I figured this was the most evil thing I could do to him.”

I never made a mistake in my life!
 I thought I did once, but I was wrong.



Many years ago I had stopped in to bring my girlfriend some pizza while she was babysitting.
 We received a call that her grandmother had been taken to the hospital, so I agreed to watch the children, so she could meet her family at the hospital.
 Well, the parents were at a movie and these were the days before cell phones, so I couldn’t get in touch with them. I thought I was doing pretty well, though. At bedtime I sent the kids upstairs to bed and settled down to watch some TV.

One child kept creeping down the stairs, but I just kept sending him back to bed.
 At 9 pm the doorbell rang, it was the next-door neighbor, asking whether her son was there.
 I said, “No.”
 Just then a little head appeared over the banister and shouted, “I’m here, Mom, but he won’t let me go home!”

A widow recently married a widower. Soon after the marriage she was approached by a friend who laughingly remarked, “I suppose, like all men who have been married before, your husband sometimes talks about his first wife?”
 Oh, not any more, he doesn’t,” the widow replied.
 “What stopped him?”
 “I started talking about my next husband.”

Four high school boys afflicted with spring fever skipped

morning classes. After lunch they reported to the teacher that they had a flat tire.

Much to their relief she smiled and said, “Well, you missed a test today so take seats apart from one another and take out a piece of paper.”

Still smiling, she waited for them to sit down. Then she said, “First Question: Which tire was flat?”

Boss: “The word ‘Impossible’ does not exist in my dictionary!”

Secretary: “Well Sir, maybe you should have checked it first before buying it.”

In court, the judge asked the accused, “Did you take Mr. Fred’s wallet?”

The accused replied, “Yes, yes I did. I didn’t want him to shoot himself.”

Confused by the reply, the judge asks, “Why do you think he’d shoot himself with his wallet?”

“Because it was loaded, your honor.”

A mother complained to my wife, a schoolteacher, that other students were stealing her daughter’s pencils.

“It’s not the money, it’s the principle,” she insisted. “My husband took those pencils from work.”

John: “My grandpa is 98 years old, and he doesn’t even use glasses.”

Jack: “Wow, that is incredible!”

John: “Yep, he drinks straight from the bottle.”

A woman rushes into a hardware store and says, “Can I have a mouse trap, please? And will you be quick, I’ve got a bus to catch!”

“Sorry, ma’am,” said the store clerk, “but we don’t sell ‘em that big!”



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