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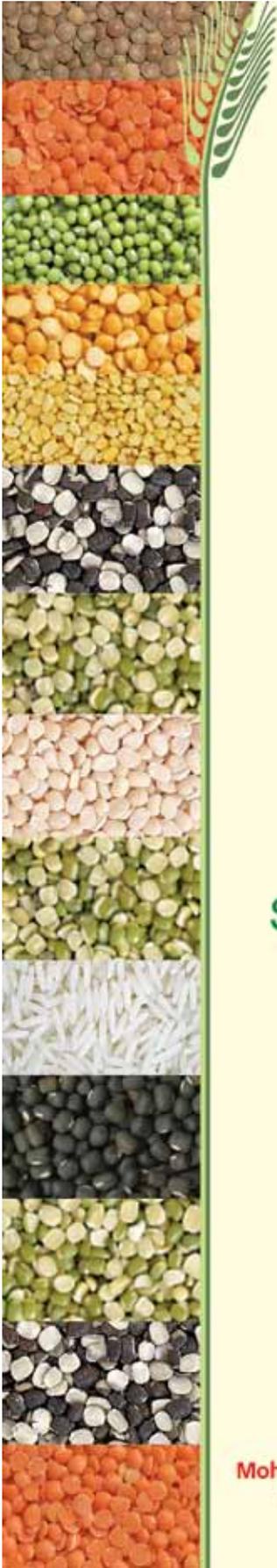
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MEMONS IN NORTH AMERICA

The Memon Community, in the historic perspective, has many remarkable credentials. This includes some significant contributions to the formation of nations and their consequent growth and development. The Memon Community, as a matter of principle, has shown strong loyalty to the country in which it lives in and plays a commendable part in its economic growth and overall development.

Although Memons are generally well-known for their trade and business acumen, their role in key factors of nation building such as education, health care, business, trade, manufacturing, shipping, construction, cement industry, steel industry, aviation, timber, textiles, communication, transport, information technology, banks & financial institutions, investments, shares & securities, etc has been outstanding.

Besides, the Memons are holding key posts in diplomatic missions, religious organizations, universities, law courts, national assemblies/parliaments of countries and government, semi-government and non-government agencies. There are countless number of professionals such as bankers, chartered accountants, engineers, doctors, architects, lawyers, IT Consultants, software engineers, educationists, journalists, authors, poets, stage artists, etc. and are playing their positive role in overall economic growth of the nation.

The Memon Alam has decided to portray the stories of Memons living in distant countries and peek into their socio-cultural and welfare activities. Keeping up with the tradition of philanthropy, these Memons have always stepped forward to help their less-fortunate brethren and formed Jamats and Associations in the countries where they have made their new home.

Memon Alam hopes to venture into different countries and regions in the future and try to highlight the Memon personalities along with information about their family history, their achievements and their philanthropic activities. As you are aware, one of the aims and objectives of WMO is to bring all the Memons living all around the world under a single platform and Memon Alam is one of the ideal tools for this purpose. In this regard, the Memon Alam would appreciate feedback, information and photographs from our readers and well-wishers about the Memons living in various countries.

To begin with, this issue of the Memon Alam focuses on MEMONS IN NORTH AMERICA (i.e. the United States of America and Canada). North America is considered a land of opportunities and some Memons have been able to make the best out of this opportunities. Many Memons have settled in various cities and suburbs of the United States and Canada and by the Grace of Almighty Allah have been very successful in their endeavors. We take this opportunity to thank some of our dear well-wishers in United States and Canada for their quick response in submitting information and photographs for publication in this issue.

It may be noted that one of the forthcoming issues of the Memon Alam will highlight MEMONS IN INDONESIA where only a few Memon families live.

The Theme for May 2014 is “LEGENDS NEVER DIE” it’s the sequel of ARY Special featuring more of legendary life of Haji Abdul Razzak Yaqoob (ARY).

Pir Muhammad A. Kaliya
Chief Editor

Glimpses of Memon Presence, Identity, Culture, Heritage, Unity and Brotherhood in Canada

By: Qasim Abbas, Toronto, Canada



Memons in Canada are estimated to be 700 families. Two Memon Jamaats have been formed in Greater Toronto Area, which is part of Greater Toronto City in the province of Ontario. These two Memon Jamaats are Memon Association of Canada and Nasserpuria Memon Jamaat, Canada. Both Jamaats have good number of Memon families as their members. Both Jamaats have been proved as chain for the Memon Community, since they serve as bond of unity among Memon families of Canada. On various festive occasions, they arrange get-together programmes of Community

members and these programmes bring various families together. These two Jamaats also serve the purpose of central platform for Memon Community in Canada.

In such programmes e.g. festival of Eid-ul-Fitr, Eid-al-Ad'ha, Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi (S.A.W.) etc. as well as other programmes e.g. Summer Picnic, Sports Festival, Social meet etc. Community Members meet and greet each other showing Memon identity, culture, heritage, unity and brotherhood. On foreign land, Memon Jamaats are the source of bond of unity among Memon Community Members. Memon Community Members living in Canada have settled

here from different parts of the world, and when they meet on festive occasions under the umbrella of Memon Jamaats, it creates the atmosphere of Memon identity, culture, heritage, unity and brotherhood among themselves.

The get-together programmes of Memon Jamaats on various festivals are reported in local media as well as in publications at home and this platform provides opportunity for Jamaats to project the image of Memon Community as well as it keeps alive Memon spirits i.e. Memon presence, identity, culture, heritage and unity of Memon Community in Canada.



High Profile Memons in Canada

Mohammed Nafees Zakaria Consul General of Pakistan, Toronto

Aeronautical Engineer by qualification
Joined Foreign Service of Pakistan
(November 1988)

Served at the Ministry of Foreign
Affairs (May 1990 – November 1992)

First Diplomatic Assignment abroad
to Embassy of Pakistan, Abu Dhabi, UAE
(1992-1996)

Served at Ministry of Foreign Affairs as
Section Incharge / Director, Iran & Turkey
(1996-1999)

Served at Embassy of Pakistan, Jakarta,
Indonesia (1999-2001)

Served at Embassy of Pakistan,
Bangkok, Thailand as Deputy Chief
of Mission and Alternate Permanent
Representative of Pakistan to United
Nations' Economic & Social Commission



for Asia and Pacific (2001-2006)

Served at Ministry of Foreign Affairs as
Director in-charge of Arab Affairs (February
2006 – September 2006)

Served at Ministry of Foreign Affairs

as Director Personnel (September 2006 to
March 2007)

Civil Services Career Course at
National Institute of Public Administration
(NIPA) March – August 2007.

Served at Ministry of Foreign Affairs
as Director General Services (August 2007
– January 2008)

Served at Ministry of Foreign Affairs as
Director General (Europe) (February 2008
to April 2009)

Served at the High Commission for
Pakistan London as Minister (Political),
Consul General and Deputy High
Commissioner (April 2009 to December 2012)

Presently serving as Consul General of
Pakistan, Toronto

Married with three children

Judge Rafiq Rokerya Citizenship Judge, Canada



Rafiq Rokerya FCGA is a Canadian of
Pakistani origin. Graduated from Concordia
University, Montreal, Quebec and obtained his
Professional designation CGA from Ontario
in 1984. He is a senior Manager in the field of
Accounting and Taxation for last 38 years in
Canada and has been a community supporter
for over 31 years.

Services to the Community and Profession

Rafiq has served in many capacities over
the years. He is a steadfast leader, a committed
and hardworking community volunteer. Rafiq
volunteers for fund raising activities in South
Asian community. He manages various people,
builds effective programs, and maintains the
efficiency of non-profitable organizations.
He understands the goals and purposes of the
organization and through his hard work and
dedication; he brings honor to his profession
and community.

Rafiq is the founding member of the

Memon Association of Canada, a not for
profit organization that connects Memons in
Canada and USA which addresses the social
and economic issues and interactions with new
Canadians. He also provided a unique approach
to increasing education and awareness of
community issues and resources by co-hosting
and producing a radio show for the South Asian
Community. This show enables many South
Asian newcomers to learn about various social
and government services.

Rafiq was awarded FCGA designation
in 2011, which is the highest national award,
granted by the CGA Canada to exceptional
CGA's who have brought distinction to the
profession. Rafiq was recognized for his
exemplary service to the association, the
accounting profession, and the community.

Rafiq has been volunteering his time by
serving as Vice Chair on the Mississauga Appeal
Tribunal for the past 4 years. Rafiq prepares for
hearings, conducts hearings, makes rulings, and
writes decisions for the Tribunal. The members
of the Appeal Tribunal conduct hearings in
accordance with the Act and other applicable
laws and with the policies, procedures, and rules
of the Tribunal. He has also been serving as a
Chair on the Election Finance Committee for
the City of Mississauga for the last 6 years. This
is also a volunteer Citizen appointment.

Awards and Recognition

1. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
Diamond Jubilee Medal – 2012 in recognition
of contributions and outstanding dedicated
services to the community.

2. CGA Ontario Distinguished
Service Award 2010 & the Fellowship
CGA award -2011

3. Civic Award of Recognition of City of
Mississauga – Mississauga Appeal Tribunal -
2010

4. Civic Award of Recognition of City
of Mississauga – Election Finance Committee
-2010

5. Recognition for volunteer work with
events for Canadian Multicultural; Presented
by Hon. Peter Kent, PC, MP, and Minister of
Foreign Affairs.

6. Volunteer Services recognition;
Presented by Hon. Deborah Grey, M.P.

7. Dedicated services to the GTA
community; Presented by Jim Karygiannis,
M.P. Scarborough-Agincourt.

8. Volunteer Service Award: Presented
by South Asian Community Association for
seniors and new comers.

Community Involvement

1. Volunteer work, fund raiser and
Coordinator of event security for various non-
profitable organizations of Greater Toronto
Area, 1990 – Present.

2. Member of the Hazel McCallion Senior
Public School, School Council, 2005-2006.

3. Treasurer of IPC, Charitable
Organization, Mississauga, 2004-2006.

4. Co-hosted a weekly radio talk show on
radio station AM 530 dial, 1999-2004.

5. External vice-president of the Day
Student Association of Concordia University
1977-1978.

Dr. Amin MuhammadGadit

Professor of Psychiatry at Memorial University of Newfoundland, University of Toronto and McMaster University

Dr. Amin Muhammad acquired his basic medical graduation degree from Dow Medical College, Karachi-Pakistan in January, 19984. After completion of internship year from the Civil Hospital that was attached with the medical school, he worked with UNICEF in the project related to health education of women and children in a number of villages of Pakistan. He was actively involved with a number of other voluntary health projects for which he received wider appreciation and was given a number of awards. He then acquired a local diploma in Community Health Sciences before proceeding to the Republic of Ireland in 1988 where he formally entered into a rotational training program in Psychiatry. He completed his residency program through various accredited hospitals in Ireland and earned a number of qualifications in the discipline of psychiatry. His postgraduate qualifications are: FRCPsych (UK), FRCP (Ireland), FRCPC (Canada), PHD (Anglia Ruskin University, UK), Board Cert in Psychiatry (University of London, UK), Diplomate in Psychological Medicine (Ireland), Diploma in Clinical Psychiatry (Ireland), MCPS (Pk). Upon completion of his training in Ireland, he returned to Pakistan in 1994 and took up a position as Assistant Professor of Psychiatry in a private medical university of Karachi until 1997. He then joined another prestigious institution at that stage as Associate Professor of Psychiatry and head of the department. In the year 2001, he was promoted to the rank of full Professor and was given additional charge



as Vice Principal of the medical school. He has a very long teaching career and has taught a variety of groups ranging from lay people in the community to medical students, residents, postgraduate doctors and allied mental health professionals. He participated in a large number of international conferences. His voluntary health projects remained an important feature in his entire career. He became resource person for a number of government and non-government organizations, became member of a number of international organizations and contributed a lot to the lay press and academic journals. To his credit are more than hundred research papers and seven books. He participated in a number of media talks in Canada and in Pakistan.

Produced two documentary films on the mental health in Pakistan. His big project on mental health entitled “Manora Health project” was instrumental in bringing down the morbidity pattern of mental illness in a fisherman community located at Manora and Bhit islands in Karachi-Pakistan. He was a recipient of life time achievement award on two occasions and fellowship of American Psychiatric Association. He came to Canada in September, 2004 and joined as Consultant Psychiatrist with River Valley Health Region 3 in New Brunswick until 2006 when he was offered a position of Full Professor of Psychiatry with tenure in the Memorial University of Newfoundland. His academic activities in terms of research and teaching have since continued in full swing. He is also an internal examiner for the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, Canada, reviewer of twenty prestigious international journals, member of Cultural Consortium Group attached with McGill University, recently became founder member of the new College of Psychiatry of Ireland and developed the discipline of Transcultural Psychiatry at Memorial University of Newfoundland. He is a resource person for the Department of Justice for the issue on ‘Honour Crimes’. Dr. Amin Muhammad has recently moved to Ontario and is now a faculty member with University of Toronto as Full Professor. He has been conferred the “Distinguished Fellowship Award” of the Canadian Psychiatric Association in September 2013 in Ottawa, Canada.

Mrs. Irum Kasim

First Canadian Memon lady in real estate business in North America

Mrs. IrumKasim is one of the first Memon lady realtors (dealing in real estate) licensed in the province of Ontario in Canada. The couple is also one of the first husband wife Memon realtor team in Ontario affiliated with REMAX CANADA, Canada’s biggest real estate organization. Both Irum Kasim and Tarique Kasim migrated to Canada 14 years ago from Karachi, Pakistan. Over few years they have also actively participated in Memon Association of Canada. Mrs. Irum Kasim belongs to Vanthali Memon Jamaat of Karachi.



Mrs. Irum Kasim with husband Mr. Tarique Kasim and two daughters



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The Memon Association of Canada

(Based on information and feedback received from Founder Members of the Association)

(Submitted By: Mr. Qasim Abbas, Toronto, Canada)

Memon Association of Canada (MAC) is a Memon Organization of Canada, which serves the purpose of a central platform for Canadian Memons. It is based in Greater Toronto Area, which is represented by many cities in Ontario surrounded by Toronto City.

MAC was established in the year 1981 in the province of Ontario by some Memons of Greater Toronto Area. The

objectives of the Association were to serve the social, educational, economical and financial needs of Memon community of Canada as well as to retain the identity, to project the image, to preserve heritage and culture of Memons and also to preserve, maintain and advance the social, moral and intellectual Islamic standards.

In its first meeting held on 27th September 1981, the elected office

bearers were Usman Suleman as President, Haji Karim Dhukai as 1st Vice President, Dr. Abdul Ghani Omer as second Vice President, Farooq Karim as Secretary, Hassan Macci as Treasurer and 9th Executive Committee Members.

The earlier name under which the Association was established was "Al Mecca Association of Canada". However, later on 26th February 1984, the name was amended/ revised as



Current President (2014)



Mr. Mohammad Amin Jangda

Past President (2013)



Mr. Ismail Mirza

SOME OF FOUNDER-MEMBERS OF M.A.C.



Mr. Yakub Dawood



Mr. Vali M. Bhalagamwala



Mr. Farooq Karim



Judge Rafiq Rokerya



Mrs. Parveen V. Bhalagamwala

“Memon Association of Canada” and it was registered with the authority with this new name.

In 1984, first Ladies Committee was also formed under the umbrella of MAC and first Ladies Committee Members were Mohatarama Aisha Bai Omer, Amina Bai Dawood, Hinat Bai Ahmed, Parveen Bai V. Bhalagamwala, Razia Bai Ghazi, Miss Batul Bai Macci and Shafia Bai Khan.

During all these years, founding members Mohataram Yakub Dawood, Judge Rafiq Rokerya, Farooq Karim, Vali M. Bhalagamwala, Mohatrama Parveen V. Bhalagamwala etc. have played active role in various activities of MAC.

Judge Rafiq Rokerya, being Certified General Accountant together with another founding member Mohataram Farooq Karim had played active role in writing the Constitution of MAC and also had made efforts to get MAC registered as Charitable Organization with the Tax Authorities of Canada. It was registered in the Holy Month of Ramadan of year 1984. and then the Association was able to enjoy the benefits of its charitable status.

Presently Memons in Greater Toronto Area are estimated to be 400 families. Each year MAC is organizing get-together of Memon families on the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr, Eid-al-Ad’ha, Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi etc. and also

arranges summer picnic in the open park, as well as indoor and outdoor sports and also other social activities. MAC also recognizes the younger generation of Community by arranging Qir’at, Na’at(S.A.W) and speech competition programmes for community students and also awarding them Trophies, Certificates and Prizes for their academic achievements. Also MAC recognizes Community Members, who are rendering self-less services to the Community and to General Public in the area of social and humanitarian services.

In past, MAC has worked shoulder to shoulder, with other social and humanitarian organizations in order to render services to less privileged people of Canada. These include food banks, shelter for homeless etc.

Under the umbrella of MAC, two wings have also been established to promote and assist Community’s professionals and businessmen. These two wings are Memon Professional Forum and Memon Business Council. Separate office bearers are elected for these two wings and advice and guidance from them are always available to community members.

Any member of Memon Community, irrespective of their origin, can become member of MAC at very nominal annual fee. On all festive occasions arranged for Community Members, MAC subsidizes the cost of

attending dinner and the subsidy is from members, who sponsor the event with their generous contribution.

In order to assist community members in the field of matrimonial affairs, which is of prominent importance for community members, particularly in foreign land and away from homeland, MAC has plan to provide assistance for matrimonial services with the collaboration of Canada based Memon entity www.memonshadi.ca .

MAC has also future plans to acquire property of its own in order to have its own premises as Memon Community Centre / Memon Jamaat Khana. With the cooperation of all Members, this will be achieved, In Sha Allah.

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For this long successful journey of 30 plus years of MAC serving Canadian Memon community, all the praise and credit go to the founder members and then subsequent office bearers, who have served the community to keep the community united and have tried to retain identity, heritage, culture, tradition and hospitality of Memon Community.

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THE NASSERPURIA MEMON JAMAT, CANADA

(By: Abdulhamid Hathiyan, Toronto, Canada)



Shabbir Bagha, Chairman, Trustee Board, Nasserpuria Memon Jamaat, Canada receiving the certificate of ownership of the burial rights from Sabhi Ehsan, Chairman, Toronto Muslim Cemetery Corporation. The site for burial has been purchased for Nasserpuria Memon Jamaat, Canada from Toronto Muslim Cemetery Corporation.

footsteps of their forefathers while for others political circumstances have led them to settle in countries such as UK, Holland, USA, Australia and Canada.

CANADA, THE LAND OF OPPORTUNITIES

It was in 1972 that a young doctor, Dr Mohamed Hussein Mithoowani, saw Canada as a land of opportunities and great promise where he settled with his young family in Strathroy, Ontario, a small town where he continues to practice medicine to this day. Around this time there was turmoil in Uganda during the reign of Idi Amin when many of our families were forced to abandon the country and settle in different parts of the world. Some went to the UK, while others came to the USA and Canada. Barkat Parpia settled in Montreal while the families of Hassan Macci and Abdulmajid Macci settled in Toronto. Shafi Yakub soon followed to enhance his education and made Toronto his home. He was later joined by his father late Ahmed Yakub and rest of his family. Noordin Kasmani settled in Vancouver and brother Amin Bharadia came for studies but later returned to Kenya.

Political uncertainty in Kenya in the late 1980's saw a number of families emigrate here. Family of Nazir Ahmed Salyani settled in 1985 and Ghulamabbas Kadernani's family came here in 1987. The late 1980s saw a wave of our member's venture to Ontario whose slogan was "yours to discover" which said it all. Families of Saidina Bagha, Kulsumbai Esmail, Abdulkader Yakub, Sidik Noormohamed, Abdulhamid Hathiyan and Sherali Kasmani all settled in Toronto. Hussein Kasmani, Ebrahim Memon (Zizimawala), Asif Mamdani and Mohamed Kadernani soon followed them in the early 1990's while Tufeil Khandwalla opened a business in Stratford, Ontario and Shahzad and Riyaz Bagha settled in London, Ontario

MONTHLY "YASEEN" SESSIONS

As is well known we are a community-based people where the Jamat plays an integral part in our lifestyles. With the numbers growing in this new homeland comprising a very different culture, language and religion, a need for our members to meet was felt and so monthly "Yaseen" sessions were organized in early 1990's. These were

The origins do not depict the destination. From humble beginnings in the parch lands of a small dusty and desert like village of Nasserpur, Sindh, to the true north and one of the coldest countries in the world. Obviously this requires a lot of courage, valiance and adventurism. While generations have elapsed, the route has not been direct. It has come via Mandvi in Cutchh and then to East Africa, more so Mombasa, where the community has flourished and blossomed having established itself firmly. Who would have thought that there would be a Nasserpuria Memon Jamat in a western country where the sun never sets for months in certain areas. No one, but where Allah (s.w.t) wills, no one can stop it. This was to be and Alhamdulillah it is.

It all started around the year 834 AH (1460) when some elders of the Lohana Community residing around Thatta in Sindh accepted Islam at the hands of Peer Yusufdin Saheb. Once these influential people accepted Islam many families followed their footsteps and came to be known as "Momin" which subsequently changed to "Memon." The new converts spread to the surrounding settlements such as Nasserpur, Banoth Wandya, Cutchh, Kathiawar etc. Amongst those who settled in Nasserpur were Nathoo and Panjoo who then migrated to Mandvi in Cutchh and came to be known as Sindhi

Memons with the surname of Nasserpuri. The families grew into a small community. Most were business people with some having talent as traditional healers. Once properly settled in Cutchh, the Nasserpuri Sindhi Memons acquired properties and built mosques. They expanded their business and started exporting their merchandise, which included weaving, and handloom products to East Africa. This was done by using dhows, which sailed with the help of the monsoon winds. Between 1832 and 1845 the first families settled in Zanzibar and later accidentally reached the town of Mombasa, which has now become the hub of all Nasserpuria Memon activity. Slowly most Nasserpurians moved to Mombasa and firmly established themselves mainly as business people. Activities were organized and sacrifices in the form of cash and kind (which included properties) were made to safeguard the religion and communal heritage.

On 15th October 1926 the Jamat in Mombasa became formalized with a constitution. There has been no looking back since then and one development has followed another with mosques, schools, clinics, home for the widows etc being built and continues to prosper even to this day. Some members have ventured and explored to other parts of the world following the

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held on rotation basis at different homes every month and brother Abdul majid Macci was asked to coordinate with the help of Abdul hamid Hathiyani, Munir Macci and Osman Yakub. The monthly gatherings continued enthusiastically and were well attended and supported by even those who came on short visits such as late Abdul Rehman Macci and Mohamed Bashir Hathiyani who eventually settled here with the rest of his family. These “Yaseen” sessions continued for almost two years but finally came to a close due to some unforeseen circumstances.

THE LINK WITH USA

By the early 1990's it had become evident that more of our brothers were also settling in the USA especially in Minneapolis. A need was felt to improve and strengthen the communication between our brothers in Minneapolis and Toronto. Br Abdul hamid Hathiyani from Toronto with the help of Hassan Musani and Jaffer Ahmed from Minneapolis finalized the arrangements to have a Memon Sports Festival in Minneapolis. During the Easter holidays in 1992 Brother Abdulhamid Hathiyani led a group on a 20 hour drive to Minneapolis for the first ever gathering of Memons in North America. Munir Macci took care of the accounts and Osman Yakub was the captain of the volleyball team. Others who accompanied were Hussein Kasmani, Kassim Kasmani, Mohamed Kadernani, Mohamed Shuaib Yakub, Salehmohamed Macci, Riyaz Bagha and Shezan Arbi Vayani. This four-day trip was truly a memorable event with brothers getting to know each other for the first time. The close relationships built at that time continue to this day. Volleyball



and soccer were the highlights of the trip. Most important however was the gathering of the community for the first time. It was acknowledged that such gatherings were very important and should continue in future to bring the two peoples together. Members in Minneapolis reciprocated this and made a trip to Toronto in 1995. designed by brother Abdulhamid and hand carved “Mashallah” Trophy was donated by the Hathiyani family that saw the beginning of sporting competition between members from USA and Canada with the hope that it would one day become an international Memon sporting festival. Some members from Ontario also participated in gatherings of Memons from North America organized

in Minneapolis and Rockford.

THE FIRST TORONTO MEETING

Meanwhile, more of our members continued to settle both in Toronto and other parts of Canada. Zuber Bagha and Shamshudin Kadernani saw the growing multicultural city of Toronto as the ideal place to settle while Yahya Khandwalla and Saleh Parpia settled in the scenic Vancouver. Most of our members who have settled in Canada have been professionals. Iqbal Goralwalla studied in Edmonton and settled in Toronto and was joined by his father Haji Goralwalla and later by Mohamed Goralwalla. In the recent past, the families of Munir Kasmani, Omar Bharadia, Amir Sokwalla and Shabbir Bagha settled in Toronto. We saw the passing away of our elder Ahmed Yakub. May Allah rest his soul in Jannah. Ameen.

Although there was no formal organization, private functions such as marriages continued to take place. The marriage of Mariam Abdulkader Yakub to Mohamed Zahir Abdulrazak Salyani in July 1994 was the first marriage for our Jamat members to be held in Toronto. As the families grew so did the children and as a result of the matrimony, Sidik Noorani, Farook Nathani, Abdul Gafoor Noorani and Ahmed Bachani settled in Toronto. A meeting was called in February 1999 at a party room made available through the efforts of Mohamed Zahir Salyani where an interim committee of four members was elected with the mandate to work on the constitution for a Canadian Jamat and organize functions and activities. An interim committee was elected with brother Hassan Macci as the Chairman, Osman Yakub as





CONSTITUTION AND OFFICIAL REGISTRATION

All this time the Jamat had functioned without any formal guidelines. An important committee was commissioned to work on the constitution. It consisted of elders Abdulkader Yakub, Abdulrahim Goralwalla and Abdulhamid Hathiyani as the coordinator. On November 10, 2001 the draft constitution was presented to the Jamat at a meeting, which has come to be known as the “constitution meeting.” It was held at Iqbal Restaurant. After a good discussion and a few amendments the constitution was adopted with an overwhelming majority thus creating history for our Jamat and giving us a firm foundation and a guiding principle. This pioneering event was soon followed by another historic milestone when the Jamat officially got registered with the Government of Canada on March 11, 2002 as a non-profit charitable organization. The first officially registered office bearers thus became Abdulhamid Hathiyani as the President, Ghulamhabib Yakub as the Actg. Vice President, Mohamed Zahir Salyani as the Hon Secretary and Mohamed Kadernani as the Hon Treasurer. To commemorate this historic achievement our first publication “An Najm”, A Rising Star, was initiated with a 2-day event organized in August 2002. These momentous achievements gave further boost to the morale and spirits and our own Website - www.nmjcanada.com - was launched in May 2002 to keep our members and others all over informed of our activities.

These have been major steps in our short history of Nasserpuria Memon Jamat Canada paving the way to many positive things to come, Inshallah.

Members of NMJ Canada Jamat have been actively involved with Memon Association of Canada (MAC). Brothers Mohamed Bashir Hathiyani and Abdulhamid Hathiyani have been the Vice Presidents of MAC.

the Vice Chairman, Iqbal Goralwalla as the Secretary and Zulfikar Hathiyani as the Treasurer. A number of programs and Eid functions were organized but the highlight was the Y2K Memonfest, which was held in Toronto in July 2000. This was indeed a memorable gathering with participants from Kenya, UK and the USA all having a good time. As has been customary of Memon gatherings, the volleyball event between USA and Canada was another important item along with participation and activities of the children here.

FUNGO MEETING

In October of 2000 an important meeting was called which has become synonymous as the “fungo” meeting. Here it was unanimously adopted that the Canadian Jamat would be an independent Jamat and not a chapter under any other Jamat. This clarified the direction the Jamat was going to take. Later in March 2001 elections were held and Abdulhamid Hathiyani was unanimously elected with a young team to lead the Jamat. This new and young committee acknowledged that in this new homeland of ours each of our families faced immense challenges while resources to deal with these problems relevant to our religion, culture and heritage were minimal. The committee recognized that we needed to operate like a family. It established a vision and for the first time created a structure to deal with issues such

as education, immigration, health, social and community affairs, sports and youth, communication etc.

GROUNDBREAKING EVENTS

A network of subcommittees embarked on different programs leading to numerous groundbreaking events and activities. A medical fund was set up to help members in need for medical emergencies. A number of educational lectures focusing on religious, medical and economic issues were organized. The Education and Community Affairs Committee focused on the youth and organized activities and educational seminars such as “University and Beyond” for our youth. To safeguard our religion and cultural heritage this committee has also established the first of its kind “Heritage Classes” at the Hathiyani residence, thus planting the seeds for an educational institute in future. Apart from focusing on women’s issues, the Women’s Committee has played an active and vibrant role in organizing all the Jamat’s activities and programs. Sports and Youth Committee has organized sporting activities with a focus on establishing a sports club for our Jamat. For the first time a volunteer base was formalized under the Volunteers Committee. The marriage of Zahir Bagha to Rehana Bagha was the first marriage registered by our Jamat in August 2001.



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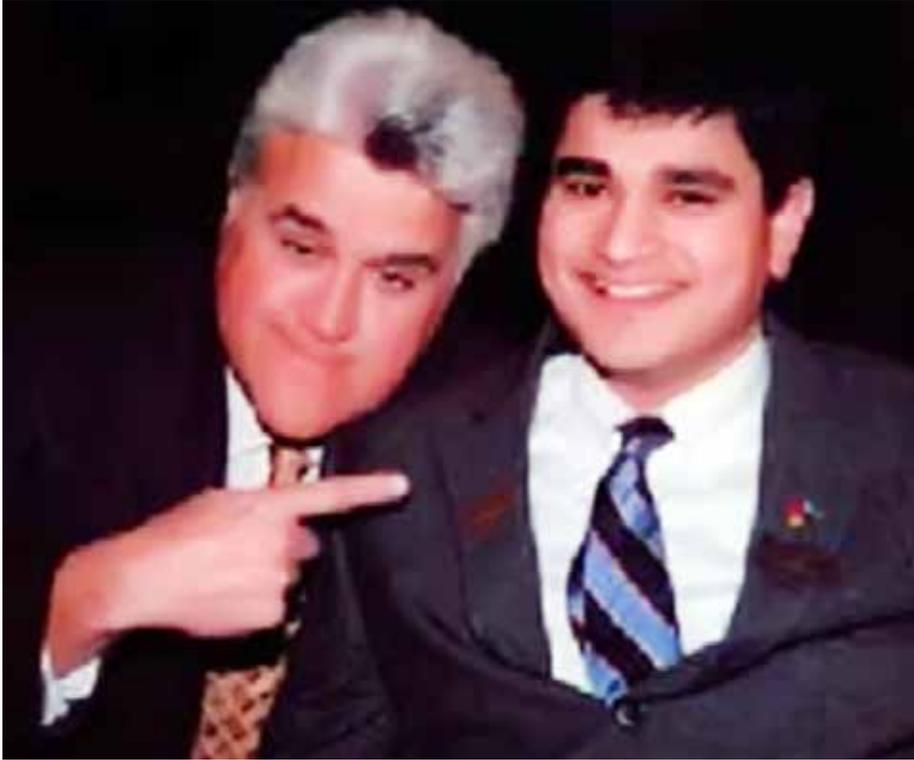
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Pakistani-American Atif Moon rises to the Occasion

By Ed Rampell



“Tennis anyone?” is so commonplace an expression that it’s become a cliché. What if you wanted to play -- but were born with Neuroblastoma, a tumor on the spinal cord? Atif Moon, born to Pakistani American parents, came into the world in 1985 with this late stage cancer and was not expected to survive. However, his father and a diverse team of doctors that worked together to rescue the baby, succeeded in eliminating the cancer. By the time Atif was a month old he had undergone three surgeries. Against all odds the infant -- who even then proved to be a scrappy survivor -- lived. However, the condition caused Atif to have scoliosis and to be paralyzed from the waist down. Barring a medical miracle, he’ll have to use a wheelchair for the rest of his life.

The disease has been just the first of a number of hurdles which the wheelchair-using youth has had to leap over. According to the Mayo Clinic, neuroblastoma “is an uncommon type of cancer” -- but then again, Atif is an uncommon type of individual. The life story of this remarkable lad in the wheelchair inspires one to stand up and cheer. Despite his disability and a series of surgeries, the athletics-minded Atif earned a Master’s degree, interned for the White

House and pro-sports teams, worked for The Tonight Show, coped with prejudice, addressed large audiences, won tennis tournaments and accolades on and off the court and is striving to score Paralympic gold.

Independence has been a lifelong challenge and quest for Atif. Ho-hum tasks able-bodied people take for granted can present formidable obstacles for the disabled. Routine chores such as going to the bathroom, changing clothes or just getting from around can loom like the twelve labors of Hercules for the infirm. For instance, due to his curved spine during his childhood Atif began each morning with his parents putting his back brace on.

“The turning point in my life was going to UCLA in 2003,” said Atif. Although he had a license to drive (albeit in a specially equipped vehicle with modified hand controls connected to the foot pedals) when he was 17, the commute from Palos Verdes to the Westside of LA was daunting. The freshman decided to give living on his own in a dorm on campus a shot. His confidence was bolstered by UCLA’s supportive, accommodating disabilities office and accessible campus, with handi-vans for

transporting disabled students across the hills from dorms to classrooms on the university’s extensive grounds. At his father’s alma mater Atif majored in business economics and joined the Muslim Students Association, “making cool friends and learning about my religion.”

Atif may have sometimes “felt out of place” because as a Muslim he was expected not to eat pork, pray five times a day and the like, “but I didn’t feel any prejudice, everyone was pretty nice” about practicing his faith. After 9/11, “I didn’t face anything differently from before in terms of discrimination,” says the Californian, who adds that his experience might have been different if he lived in a region where “residents aren’t around Muslims much and they just go by media stereotypes.”

The Los Angeles-born and raised Muslim adds: “Only in America is where we can all practice our religion. There are so many people from different backgrounds practicing religion in their own ways, and we’re fortunate to be able to do that here. Versus other countries where it’s strictly if you practice another religion something can happen to you. So I think it’s great that we have the opportunity to practice our faith in America,” where there is also a greater acceptance of disabled people and accessibility for them, compared to many other countries.

To foster greater awareness and tolerance Atif and Munir co-founded the Center for Global Understanding in 2007. “Its long term goal is to break the stereotypes people have about each other, with different cultures and backgrounds... Just being visible, showing that Muslims are also involved in the community and we’re just Americans, like anyone else,” explains Atif. According to its mission statement CFGU “is a non-profit civic and an educational organization designed to bring people together by developing human capital.”

That same year Atif graduated from UCLA with a BA. He went on to earn a Master’s in sport management in 2011 at Cal State Long Beach; to attend the accelerated 18 month program he commuted from Palos Verdes, driving a modified Honda Element with a ramp on the passenger side that allows him to roll into the vehicle, transfer to the driver’s seat and lock his chair in. Atif’s

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dream is “to work for a sports organization, a team or network, more on the business-side, like marketing.” Since his boyhood Atif has been an avid fan, with his father taking him to UCLA basketball and football games, Lakers and Kings’ games.

Not all of Atif’s internships have been sports related. From September to December, 2006 he moved to Washington, working for the White House’s Office of Presidential Scheduling, Invitations and Correspondence, located about three blocks from the Executive Mansion. “There was no issue with my being Muslim; everyone was accepting of me, and wanted to learn more about my religion as they didn’t get exposed to Muslims,” asserts Atif, who lived in DuPont Circle in the UCDC Center for University of California students and faculty. “It was scary at first, living so far away from home, not knowing if I’d be able to get around and have access. But there were ramps everywhere, the metro system was excellent. I made good friends. It was a great experience.”

While he enjoyed those brushes with the high and mighty of politics and show biz, sports remains his passion, serving to build him up, body and soul. “Tennis has given me the mental and physical discipline, and it applies to other areas. Just being focused -- when you’re on the court tennis is one of the rare sports where you’re on your own. You’re not allowed to be coached during a match. If it’s singles, it’s just you and your opponent... I love the competition, finding ways to deal with adversity... Exercising in general is good and I love the sense of accomplishment.”

The competitor adds: “My goal is the Paralympics,” the Olympic counterpart for physically disabled athletes, scheduled to take place September 2016 at Rio de Janeiro. In all likelihood, if Atif represents the US at Brazil, he’d be the first Muslim American to do so. Atif previously competed in the B Division of the semi-finals at the US Open in St. Louis and in 2012 won the Jana Hunsaker Memorial Tournament at Flushing Meadows, NY, in both the Men’s B Singles and Doubles categories. Currently ranked in the A Division, Atif is training to move up to the Open Division, the Paralympics’ highest classification for wheelchair tennis.

Wheelchair tennis requires a unique set of skills, as the player must propel the chair using both arms, then swat the ball with the hand holding the racket. In between sets Anthony and Atif good-naturedly banter about the Lakers and Bruins; with eyes closed they sound just like any other jocks. One almost expects them to snap towels at each in the locker room.

Anthony Lara has coached Atif for

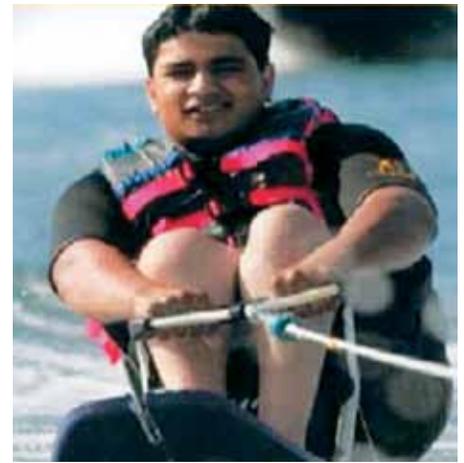
about five years but has known him since he was a “wide eyed child” on the courts. Since then, “Mr Moon has grown up in so many ways that made me respect him even more, not just as an instructor but as a friend. This young man in what he has accomplished has gone far beyond the tennis court... I’m quite proud of him. He’s one of my top students -- he has goals. In the next four years he wants to represent his country in the Paralympics at Brazil... Atif is very unique, inspirational; he lives life to the fullest, on and off the court.”

In addition to tennis trophies, Anthony is referring to Atif’s other accolades, which include being honored as one of “Ten Outstanding Young Californians 2008” by the California Junior Chamber and being recognized by the US Jaycees as one of the “Ten Outstanding Young Americans 2009.” For the latter Atif had to travel to Florida, wear a tuxedo and speak to a crowd of 500 at the black tie awards ceremony; as far as he knows he’s the only Muslim American to win this prize, whose recipients have included Ted Kennedy, Bill Clinton and Elvis. He has also joined Toastmasters in order to master public speaking so he can bring his inspiring story to a wide audience.

A series of surgeries have periodically sidelined Atif, causing him to lose “big mo’.” But he always gets back up to ride in the saddle again, making comebacks on



and off the court. The rod put inside of Atif’s back in 1998 broke in mid-2000 and he had another operation that December. In August 2001 it was discovered that the new rod had broken, too, necessitating a lengthy, complex surgical procedure. After losing about a year and a half, later in ’01 Atif was able to get back on the courts and resume exercising. However, in 2008 he started feeling intense pain in his back and side; after being examined by a number of doctors Munir noticed in an X-ray there was a break in the latest rod, too. The Moons



set out to find another doctor who came up with a new plan of action and performed another surgery in 2009 that lasted 14 hours and caused a lung to deflate. “Since then, my back has been great, and after a year I started playing tennis again,” says Atif, who has also undergone osteopathic treatment and taken up swimming.

With the unwavering devotion of his dad, step-mom Elena and big brother Amar, Atif has not only survived but thrived. “My dad always taught me to aim high and told me to try new things. He’s always pushed me to do things; he’s been very supportive.” Independence is essential to Atif and sports have played an indispensable role in expanding his self reliance. “I just don’t like relying on other people to do things for me. It’s just a sense of more freedom; feeling good that I don’t need anybody’s help. People with disabilities want to be independent, to be able to do things by themselves. I’ll still ask for help if I need it, but if I can do something I try to do it myself. I also like the challenge of trying to figure things out.” In addition to competing in the Paralympics Atif hopes to marry someday.

Atif means “compassionate.” His will, determination, intellect and spirit are not confined to a wheelchair. He is not a passive victim but rather an active survivor and liver of life. Despite everything that life has thrown at the freewheeling Atif, he remains ready to roll. Atif is enabled by his chair to be ambulatory and do everyday things while a souped-up wheelchair makes it possible to play tennis competitively. Along with the chairs, a customized car, his faith, the love and dedication of family and friends, when combined with his guts, drive and sheer determination, this remarkable young man is not “wheelchair-bound”: He is indeed Atif unbound.

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Chicago Memon Association 2012 Election Report

Report: Abdul Ghaffar Variend

Note: (The Members Elected are working till date)

A General meeting was called by the Current President of Chicago Memon Association, Mohataram Imran Aziz Katiya on December 19, 2011 at Delhi Durbar Restaurant on Devon Avenue, Chicago, IL at 8:30 pm. The purpose of the meeting was to elect a new President for the year 2012.

Agenda of the Meeting:

1. Recitation of Holy Qur'an

2. Dua'a-e-Maghferat for late mother of Pervaiz Usman
3. President's Speech
4. Election of New President for the year 2012

5. Introduction of new cabinet
6. Dinner
7. Open floor discussion and Q&A
8. Conclusion remarks, if any

The meeting started with recitation of Holly Quran by former President Mohataram Ahmed Karim Jangda followed by Dua'a-e-magherat for Pervaiz Usman's

late mother Khadija Usman, who passed away in Karachi, Pakistan recently.

Brother Rafiq Mota circulated photos of his visit to Nusrat Foundation in Karachi, Pakistan and explained the use of money donated by all Memon Brothers from Chicago. The project is progressing very well and certainly more monetary support is needed for the purchase of more chairs for handicap children.

Approximately more than 40 notable and active members were present to witness the process and to show support



for Mohataram Imran Aziz Katiya. In his opening remarks, President thanked each and every one from his team for their support including all volunteers and thanked them for making all four events successful, which was the first time in the history of Chicago Memon Jamaat. At this time, the President asked and endorsed current V-P Mohataram Anis Ghaniwala to take over the President's

responsibility for 2012.

Brother Anis Ghaniwala indicated that it will be his pleasure to serve the community however; he preferred that respected Imran Aziz Katiya to continue his presidency for one more year and asked all the members to raise their hand in support of the motion. All present members supported the motion in favor

of Mohataram Imran Aziz Katiya to continue his good work for one more year. Mohataram Imran Aziz Katiya accepted and promised to do even better job along with his team members. One of the proposals suggested by the President was to arrange a future event to gather All North American Memon Jamaats in Chicago under one roof.

After this, dinner break was announced and member enjoyed the dinner.

Brother Abdul Ghaffar Variend, current Webmaster of Chicago Memon Association and Host & CEO of Memon Point web site www.memonpoint.com presented copies of August 2011 issue of Memon Alam to President Imran Aziz Katiya, Vice President Anis Ghaniwala

and Secretary Jawed Khandwala. These copies were received from World Memon Organization's Pakistan chapter office in Karachi for Chicago Memon Association. They were very appreciative and expressed their pleasure that the August 2011 issue contained reports of Chicago Memon

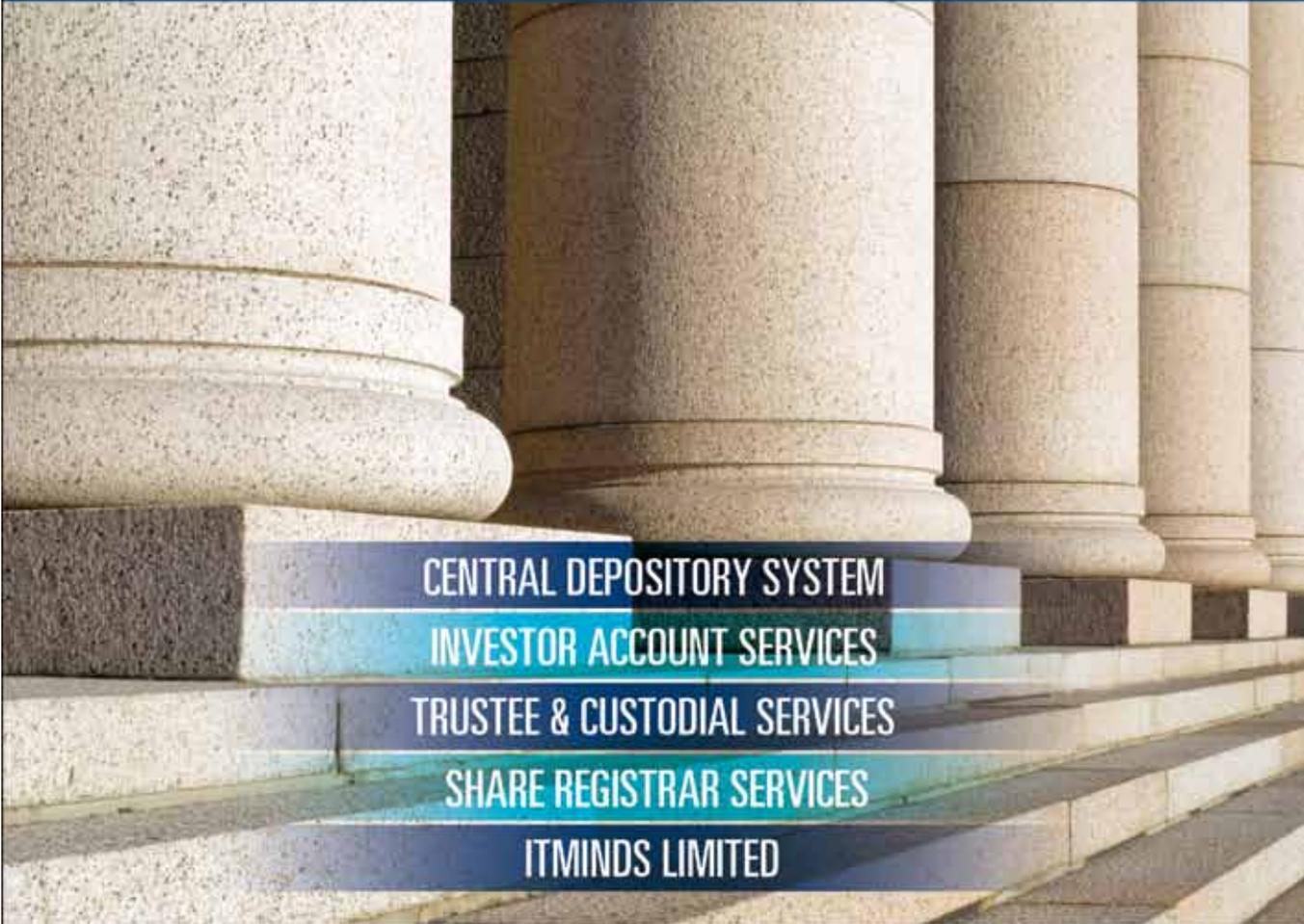
Association Eid-ul Fitr Dinner and get together program. At this moment, Brother Abdul Ghaffar Variend briefed them about the importance of community magazine Memon Alam and also the role of W.M.O. in global unity of Memon community.



L-R Anis Ghaniwala, Imran Aziz Katiya, Ghulam Panawala Abdul Ghaffar Variend and Jawed Khandwala
Abdul Ghaffar Variend and Jawed Khandwala

In closing the event, Mohataram Imran Aziz Katiya thanked each and every one personally for being supportive and for being a part of an important process and meeting. The meeting adjourned around 10:30 pm.

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Memon Business Council & Professional Forum established in North America

(Report: Qasim Abbas)



In Association's Last program of Eid-E-Milad (S.A.W), held in February 2011. It was decided to form MEMON BUSINESS COUNCIL and MEMON PROFESSIONAL FORUM NORTH AMERICA for the purpose of bringing community's businessmen and professional on one central platform of MEMON ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA and recognizing their contribution in Canada's trade, business and economy and also in safeguarding their interest in their respective fields. In view of the above aims and objects, membership forms for proposed MEMON BUSINESS COUNCIL and MEMON PROFESSIONAL FORUM NORTH AMERICA were sent to all members of MEMON ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA in May 2011. The response was very encouraging and then it was decided by the Executive committee to call the meeting of prospective members in order to form officially MEMON PROFESSIONAL FORUM NORTH AMERICA. Thus the first such meeting was held on 28th June 2011, at Haveli Restaurant in Mississauga.

Mohammad Ayoub Wali Bumbia became the President, Mohammad Ali Khandwala, the Vice President, while Mohammad Ikhlq Memon, Mohammad Hanif Ghazipura and Hanif Qasim Darwarwala were nominated as the Executive Committee Members of the Memon Business Council.

Ovais Iqbal became the Chairman, Shiraz Suleman the Vice Chairman, while Ali Shaukat, Zeeshan Qasim, Mohammad Junaid and Sarfaraz A.Sattar were nominated as the Executive Committee Members of the Memon Professional Forum North America.



Memorable Visit of Abdul Ghaffar Variend of Chicago to Karachi

Vice President, WMO North America and Qasim Abbas of Toronto, Memon Writer, Reporter and “Memon Alam” Patron in February 2014

Report: Abdul Ghaffar Variend and Qasim Abbas

Last time Abdul Ghaffar Variend visited Karachi was in the year 2008. Now after 5 years, he visited Karachi in February 2014 for 3 weeks. During his stay in Karachi, his days were very busy meeting relatives, friends and office bearers and members of various social, community and literary organizations. Abdul Ghaffar and Qasim

Abbas were welcomed with open arms and along the way they met Politicians, Philanthropists, Executives, Social Workers, Gujarati and Memon Writers and Poets, Businessmen and Directors as well as relatives and old friends. Each event was documented and photographed. Here are brief detail of such meetings and programs held in honor of Mr. Qasim

Abbas and Abdul Ghaffar Variend. Mr. Qasim Abbas, equally a Memon social worker from Toronto, Canada, was also visiting Karachi in February 2014 for 3 weeks during those days.

Almost all programs were held by various organizations and individuals jointly in honor of Abdul Ghaffar Variend and Qasim Abbas.

Visit to Mr. Umer A. Rehman, ex Memon Alam Honorary Editor at his office in Khudadad Colony:



They begin their very first visit to Mr. Umer A. Rehman, a living Memon Historian, Veteran and Legendary Memon Celebrity, Ex- Honorary Editor of “Memon Alam” by Memon Alam Trust, now editor, Gujarati Section of “Memon Alam” Published by World Memon Organisation Pakistan Chapter On February 10, 2014, both visited Mr. Umer A. Rehman at his office at Khudadad Colony in Karachi and had mutual discussion on affairs of the Memon Community.

Visit to Mr. Munshi Dhorajvi, Memon Writer & Poet at his office in New Memon Masjid:



On the same afternoon of February 10, 2014, both visited Mr. Munshi Dhorajvi (Mr. Yaqub Kaludi), Office Secretary, New Memon Masjid, Gujarati writer, columnist, reporter, authors of many books and Memoni and Gujarati poet at his office in New Memon Masjid, Boulton Market, Karachi and had mutual discussions.

Visit to Memon Industrial & Technical Institute in Korangi:



On February 11, 2014, Abdul Ghaffar Variend was invited to visit Memon Industrial and Technical Institute (MITI), located in Korangi, Karachi. The visit has been reported in Memon Alam February 2014 issue. (Qasim Abbas had already visited MITI on 11 May 2010, which was reported in “Memon Alam” June 2010 issue). Abdul Ghaffar Variend was given a detailed tour of this ultra-modern Vocational and Training Institute with all types of modern equipment along with Messrs. Pir Mohammad Kaliya, Shoaib Ismail Mangroria and H. M. Shahzad.

Lunch hosted by Mr. A. Razzaq Thaplawala, Memon Writer in Karachi Gymkhana:



On February 11, 2014, lunch was hosted by Mr. Abdur Razzaq Thaplawala, a prominent Memon professional, writer and historian in Karachi Gymkhana. Among others, who joined were Messrs. Pir Mohammad Kaliya and Abubakar Ismail Saboonwala.

Visit to Memon Medical Institute & Hospital in Safoora Goth:



Mr. Peer Mohammad Diwan, the Founder Chairman of Memon Medical Institute & Hospital (MMIH) had invited Abdul Ghaffar Variend and Qasim Abbas to visit MMIH located in Safoora Goth on February 12, 2014. They were given a detailed tour of this ultra-modern Hospital with all types of modern facilities compared with hospitals in Europe and North America.

Lunch hosted by Mr. Amin Dosani, Bank Executive in Bar-BQ Tonight Restaurant in Clifton:



On February 15, 2014, lunch was hosted by well-known Memon personality and Bank Executive, Mr. Amin Dosani at Bar-BQ Tonight Restaurant in Clifton. At this event, prominent social icon, a Memon lady Dr. Saira Bano Khanani of Kalia Group also joined Abdul Ghaffar Variend and Qasim Abbas.

Visit to All Pakistan Memon Federation Headquarters and Sports Complex in Muslimabad:



On February 17, 2014, Abdul Ghaffar Variend and Qasim Abbas were invited to a reception to visit All Pakistan Memon Federation Headquarter and its three stories Sports Complex in Muslimabad. Abdul Ghaffar Variend and Qasim Abbas were given tours of all the sections of the Headquarters and also of the entire three stories Sports Complex, which is located opposite APMF Headquarter. APMF President, Mr. Aziz Memon, Mr. Shoaib Ghaziani and various office bearers were present there. Both the guests were introduced to the office bearers. Flower bouquets and traditional Shawls were presented to both the guests.

Visit to Pakistan Memon Women Educational Society's Girls Boarding House in P.E.C.H. Society:



On the evening of February 17, 2014, Mr. Qasim Lawai, Honorary General Secretary of Pakistan Memon Educational Society invited us to visit the Girls Boarding House, in which approx. 30 Memon girls, who are orphans are housed. It is a Boarding House cum School and all the expenses, including boarding and lodging of these girls are borne by the Society.

Dinner hosted by World Memon Organization, Pakistan Chapter at Karachi Club Annexe:



On the evening of February 17, 2014, a dinner was hosted in honor of visiting Abdul Ghaffar Variend and Qasim Abbas by office bearers of WMO Pakistan Chapter in Karachi Club Annexe. The dinner was attended by various Memon celebrities including Messrs. Pir Mohammad Kaliya, Shoaib Ismail Mangroria, Abdul Razzaq Thaplawala, Aziz Memon, Qasim Lawai, Farooq Faria and many other prominent personalities and WMO Board of Directors.

Visit to World Memon Organization, Pakistan Chapter Headquarter at Muslimabad:



On February 18th, 2014, Abdul Ghaffar Variend and Qasim Abbas were invited to visit WMO Headquarter in Muslimabad and meet Mr. Pir Mohammad A. Kaliya, Secretary General World Memon Organisation (WMO) and Chief Editor, Memon Alam and staff responsible for Memon Alam publication, which included Brother Abdul Hameed, Sister Mrs. Hina Shahbaz (Hina Yahya).

Reception by World Gujarati Organization and Pakistan Gujarati Journalists Association in Karachi Arts Council:



On February 18, 2014, joint reception by World Gujarati Organization (WGO) and Pakistan Gujarati Journalists Association (PGJA) in Karachi Arts Council. Various Gujarati as well as Urdu writers, authors, columnists, journalists, poets and social workers were present. These included Messrs. Munshi Dhorajvi (Mr. Yakoob Kaludi), Abdul Sattar Khamosh, Nasim Osman Osawala, Chandrakant Chohan, Aziz Vali, Ismail Behlim, Khatri Ismat Ali Patel, Zakaria Siddique, R.V. Master and many prominent personalities. Flower bouquets and books were presented to both the guests.

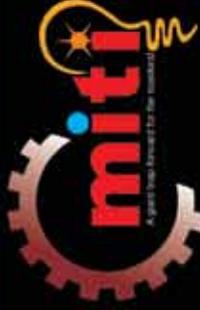
Lunch hosted by Mr. Haroon Madni, Executive, Karachi Lions Club in China Town Restaurant, Clifton:



On February 19, 2014, Mr. Haroon Madni, an executive of Karachi Lions Club hosted lunch in honour of both the guests at China Town Restaurant in Clifton.

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Visit of Dr. Mobashir Ahmed Bhatti President of Pakistan Association Integrative Medicine With Madam Sarwat ARY on 19th April 2014



Dr. Mobashir Ahmed Bhatti—President of Pakistan Association Integrative Medicine along with Madam Sarwat ARY (Daughter of

Mr. Haji A. RazzaqYaqoob late) visited MITI on April 19th 2014

They were received at MITI by Mr. H.M.

Shahzad –Assistant Secretary General WMO and Chairman MITI along with Mr. Shahab Hasan –C.O.O MITI.



They were taken around the Institute and shown the facilities provided for the students including the class rooms and workshops. They visited both the Male

and Female sections where principals of relevant sections welcomed them and showed them the class rooms. They also conversed to the students about their



learning and training at MITI and saw their project works. They appreciated the learning spirit of students and complimented them.



Dr. Mobashir got inspired by the creative work of students; he not only gave highly appreciation but also gave a proposal for the job placement strategy for the graduates of MITI. Mr. H.M Shehazad thanked him and welcomed his initiative.

At the conclusion of the visit, Dr. Mobashir shared his excellent experience with these encouraging comments in the visitors' book.

“This is a wonderful project and serves the nation at large and I highly appreciate Haji Sahab contribution and all my support to expand this project if available. Congratulation for the successful venture”



Dr. Mobashir Ahmed Bhatti
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Visit of Mr. Asad Ali – the C.E.O of Husaini Haematology and Oncology Trust on March 12th 2014



Mr. Asad Ali – the C.E.O of Husaini Haematology and Oncology Trust made an exclusive visit of MITI on March 12th 2014. He was

accompanied by Mr. Shoaib Ghaziani from WMO. They were received at MITI campus by Mr. H.M. Shahzad –

Assistant Secretary General WMO and Chairman MITI. Admin. Manager Mr. Furqan Aziz welcomed them and managed the visit.



They were taken around the Institute and shown the facilities provided for the students including the class rooms and workshops. They visited Technical and IT departments

where they saw the students involved in their respective studies and engaged in carrying out various training activities. They also communicated to the students about their

learning and training at MITI and saw their projects with keen interest. They also appreciated the dedication and hard work of class instructors.

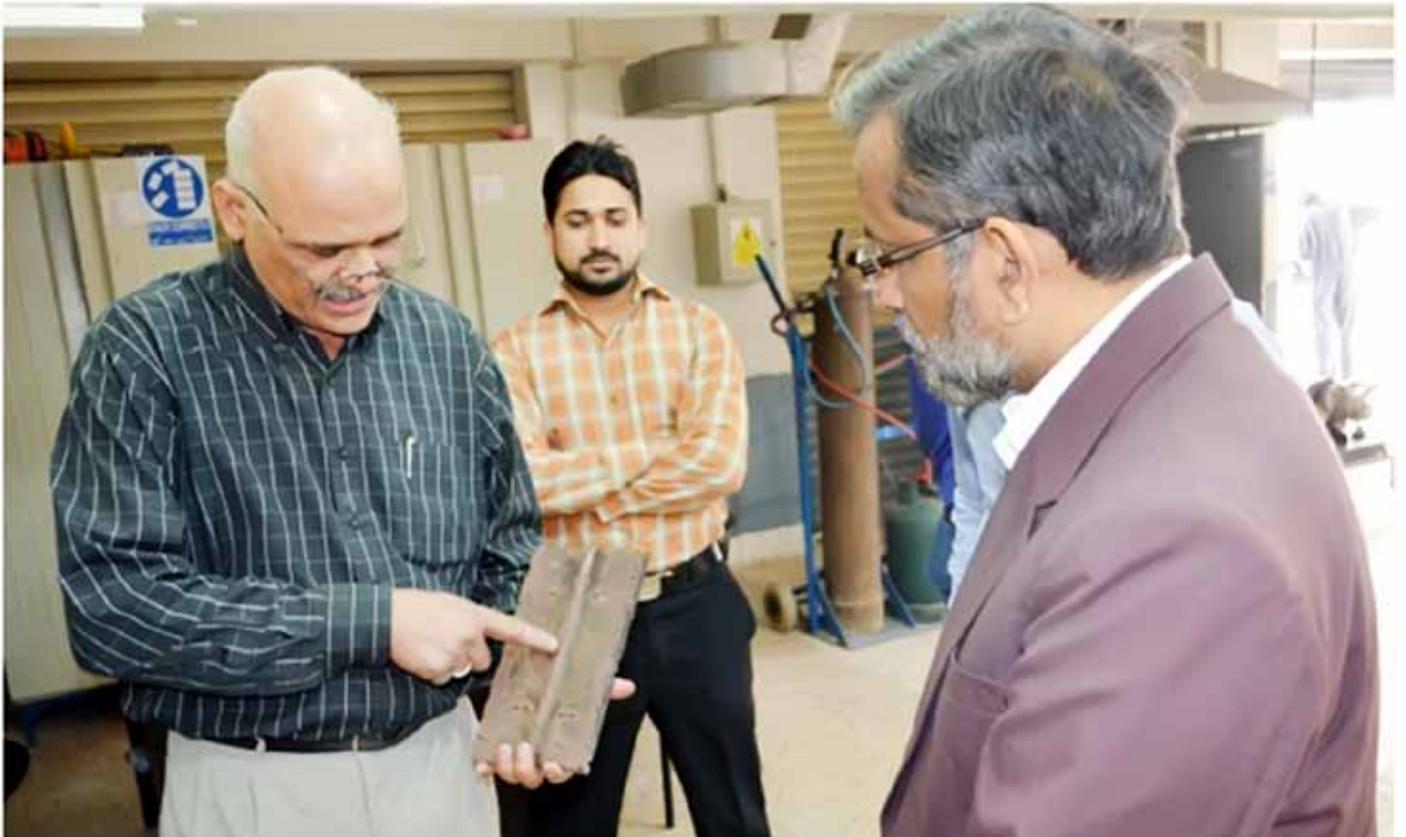
Mr. Asad Ali especially showed keen interest in Cupping Therapy and gave the proposal to work with Husaini Trust to

establish a blood bank at MITI. He also discussed many new ideas pertaining to medical field and showed strong interest

to work with MITI Hijama Therapy. His ideas and inputs were welcomed by Mr. .M Shehazad.



At the conclusion of the visit, he complimented profound regards and wishes for the management of MITI and wished to do collaboration with MITI in such noble work





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Visit of Mr. Zubair Bandukda, President of Textile Institute of Pakistan (TIP) & Mr. Abdul Majeed from National Foods Ltd on 17th April 2014

Mr. Zubair Bandukda – President of Textile Institute of Pakistan (TIP) & Mr. Abdul Majeed from National Foods Ltd. visited MITI on April 17th 2014



They were received at MITI campus by Mr. H.M. Shahzad – Assistant Secretary General WMO and Chairman MITI along with Mr. Shahab Hasan – C.O.O MITI.



They visited the Institute and saw the facilities available for the students including the class rooms, Practical Labs

and Technical workshops. They visited both the Male and Female sections and admired the creative work of students.

They also cherished the learning spirit of students and complimented the dedication of teachers and instructors.



They were very glad to see the artistic projects. Mr. Zubair offered to support the cause of MITI at national forums

and among members of TIP. Mr. Majeed offered to participate in the adult's literacy program by providing books and training

for teachers. Mr. Majeed also offered to help by providing products of National foods for the cooking classes.



Chairman and C.O.O MITI thanked and asked the guests to accept

our students to visit their facilities and also arrange internships for our

students. They agreed to look into such possibility.



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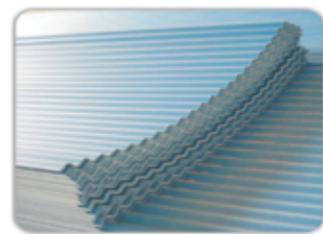
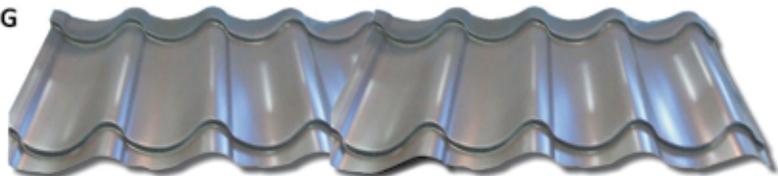
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Memon Professional Forum organized Introductory Career Counseling Session

Report on Introductory Career Counseling Session for Parents and World Oral Health Day on Sunday 23rd March 2014 at APMF Auditorium, Federation House, Karachi



Memon Professional Forum (MPF) organized Introductory Career Counseling Session for Parents & World Oral Health Day Celebration in collaboration with World Memon Organization (WMO), All Pakistan Memon Federation (APMF), APMF Education Board and training partner Intellect for the first time uniting all APEX bodies of memon jamats at one platform. The program was held at All Pakistan Memon Federation House Auditorium at 5:00 pm. The session started with recitation of Holy Quran by Mr. Abdul Aziz Tayabani, Member Managing Committee MPF followed by the Naat-e-Rasool (S.A.W) by Miss Haania Rizwan.

Masters of ceremony were Ms. Hena I. Ahmed MC Member MPF and Mr. M. Rizwan Usman Honorary Secretary General MPF. They first of all thanked to Secretary

General WMO Mr. Pir Mohammed Kalia, President WMO Pakistan Chapter Mr. Sohaib Ismail Mangroria, President All Pakistan Memon Federation Mr. Abdul Aziz Memon and President Memon Professional Forum Mr. Mahmood Parekh, dignitaries, office bearers & members managing committees for their presence at one platform at memorable day of 23rd March 2014. Mr. Mahmood Parekh President Memon Professional Forum was invited to address the Jam packed auditorium before the crowd of more than 300 audiences. He appreciated that we are all at one platform. He welcomed the presence of Mr. Abdul Kader Jaffer former Ambassador of Pakistan in United Kingdom amongst the guest.

He explained the purpose of conducting this program jointly is to get involved all apex bodies of Memon Communities and this event is organized for parents as they

find out how they can help their children make better educational choices and to start early on a career which is better for them, to motivate parents as learning students do not have knowledge about themselves that what inner qualities and talent they possess and what matching early career they start, as in our community there are lot of problems students and their parents face, particularly where student is female. As there is a concept that what female have to do to be educated more, when she had to marry and busy in her home and kids in future. He also briefly informed about the MPF and their activities.

Then Mr. Abdul Aziz Memon President APMF was invited to share his thoughts. He said that All Pakistan Memon Federation Education Board is working very hard in coordination with all the Memon schools to improve the level of education and grant scholarship for the needy students.



Then Secretary General WMO Mr. Pir Mohammed Kalia was invited to speak. He informed that vigorous efforts have to be made to raise the literacy ratio of Memon Community, at present 40% Memon Community is living below poverty level, therefore joint efforts have to be made to improve the poverty level and raise the literacy ratio of the Memon community. The next speaker was Mr. Shoaib Ismail Mangroria President WMO Pakistan Chapter. He informed that WMO has initiated the process to educate the community; huge amount is distributed every year for the education of the community & WMO is available to support at every step.

The special guest Mr. Abdul Kader Jaffer was invited to address the house. He said he is pleased to be here in the coordinated program of three Memon mega organizations striving for raising the level of education of the community. He said we must produce Jinnah, Liaquat or Allama Iqbal to improve our community in particular and the country. He informed the audience that Insha Allah in August 2014 he will make opening ceremony of the school at Hub, Dist.Lasbella, he further narrated that his father has gave him 240 acre of land, which he has utilized for middle school on 55 acres, secondary school on 25 acres and 135 acres on college, he will invite Memon dignitaries on this grand opening.

Before the tea interval the training partner INTELLACT spokesperson Ms. Ambreen Qureshi was invited to explain before the PARENTS and students how the MBTI identifies optimal Career options for their children. Ms. Ambreen after short introduction invited Mr. Saad Masud (certified trainer) to take the floor and explain to the Parents and Students the MBTI technique. (MYERS BRIGGS TYPE

INDICATORS) was introduced in 1943. MBTI means identification of personality. It provides 22 ways to identify personality to adopt career. It is not about the making smart choice for now; it is about making a smart choice for life. Mr. Saad Masud with the help of multimedia explained in detail the various options of personality identification, which are suitable for particular career. It is based on most authenticated

Personality assessment tool MBTI which is used in more than 70 countries of the world.

Mr. M. Rizwan Usman Hon. Secretary General MPF offered vote of thanks at the end of first session. He emphasized the importance of education particularly higher education to meet the future challenges. If we as a community will not keep our pace in fast paced global digital era then we will get behind as a community and as a nation at large.

He invited Mr. Mahmood Parekh President MPF, Mr. Pir Mohammed Kalia Secretary General WMO, Mr. Abdul Aziz Memon APMF to the stage to distribute the mementos to speakers of the career counseling Ms. Ambreen Quereshi and Mr.



Saad Masud.

It was announced at the end of first session that joint students assessment session will be held on 19th April 2014 at MPF for the students who will submit their forms for student career drive.

World Oral Health Day

The world Oral Health Day is annually observed on March 20th among the countries of the world. The day is focused on providing awareness to the people about the importance of lifelong care of oral cavity, especially teeth and gums. It was sponsored by World Dental Federation, the theme of this year is celebrating “Healthy Smile”.

The second session began after the tea break for world oral health day Mr. M. Rizwan Usman Hon. Secretary General invited key note speaker Dr. Naveed Rahid to take the floor and explain the motive for observing the world oral day every year. Use of pan, gutka and chalia is dangerous for the Human life. During the discussion one Cancer Patient Mr. Bashir Latiwala was invited on the dais to describe himself what was his condition and how he has been saved by the Doctor from Cancer diseases. He requested the public not touch Pan, Chalia and Ghutka and save yourself from the Cancer, because the use of pan, chalia, Gutka & etc exacerbates the situation. Cigarettes and shisha smoking are also contributing factors.

All these things cause oral complication like mouth tumours and cancers, tooth staining, plaque, foul smell and such other maladies. The assistance of the oral health care professional is inevitable in this regards.

Dr. Zubair A.Abbasi Head of Dentistry & Oral Maxillofacial surgery KMDC with help of Multimedia Presented “Pre cancer & Cancer our biggest worry”. He put the question to the audience

“What is Health” as defined “Health is a dynamic state of complete physical, mental, spiritual and social well-being



The program was witnessed by following OB's and members of WMO, APMF and MPF and APMF Education Board

Mr. Pir Muhammed Kalia, Secretary General (WMO), Mr. M. Shoaib Ismail Mangroria, President - PC (WMO), Mr. Gul Muhammed, Chairman WMO Education Board, Mr. Shoaib Ghaziani, Treasurer, Mr. Bashir Latiwala, Mr. Abdul Aziz Memon, President (APMF), Mr. M. Saleem Parekh, V. President (APMF), Mr. Arif Haroon Panjwani, Chairman Career Counseling Committee (APMF), Mr. Mahmood Parekh, Treasurer (APMF Education Board), Mr. Afzal Qazi (APMF Education Board), Mr. Mahmood Parekh, President (MPF), Mr. Ashraf Ayub Mandvia, Sr.V. President (MPF), Mr. M. Rizwan Usman Hon. Secretary General (MPF), Mr. M. Hanif Balagamwala, Joint Secretary (MPF), Mr. Danish Arif Patel, Treasurer (MPF), MC Members (MPF), Mr. Itaf Lateef, Mr. Khalid Latif, Mr. M. Shoaib Ebrahim, Mr. Abdul Aziz Tayabani, Mr. Saleh Saleem Memon, Arch. Shareesh Danish, Mr. Nasir Iqbal Memon, Ms. Sadia Iqbal Memon, Ms. Gul-e-Sharmeen, Mr. Farooq Kassam Basathia, Mr. Waseem Raza Patel, Ms. Hena I. Ahmed and MPF Members Mr. Mohsin Adhi, Mrs. Farzana Munaf, Mr. Noman Abdul Hameed. and many more attended the program.

and not merely the absence of disease or infinity". He informed the type of oral cancer facts Oral SCC is the common cancer in SIND, FIRST common in male and second in female.

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Dr. Aizan A Khan Prof of Dow University Karachi also advised not to touch the pan, Chalia and ghutka chewing as this produce the cancer which is not curable if ignored for long time.

Vote of thanks was offered to the guests by Mr. Arif Haroon Panjwani of APMF and Mr. M. Rizwan Usman Hon. Secretary General MPF for their participation. Special thanks were expressed to M/s. Shield Corporation for sponsoring the event in the end Gift hamper were distributed amongst the participants. In the end delicious dinner was served to the participants.



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A Event by Youth Wing World Memon Organization-Pakistan Chapter, “Feminar”

Held on Sunday, 23rd March 2014 at ARENA

Report by: Ms. Sumrin Imran
(Vice-Chairperson, International Youth Wing WMO)

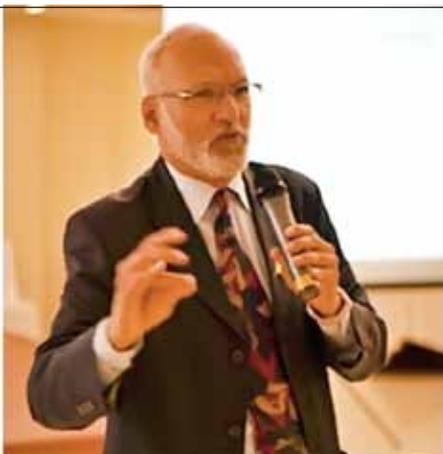


WMO youth Wing Pakistan Chapter has been dedicated in bringing a positive social change by organizing informative, motivational seminars and workshops. To continue its mission this Youth Wing organized a session purely dedicated to young ladies of the Memon community. The event was named as “Feminar” and its aim

was to instill a sense of self awareness, social responsibility, and importance of education among the girls of the Memon community.

The event was scheduled on 23rd March, 2014, with registrations opened only for girls aged 16- 26 years. It was made obligatory for the girls to be accompanied with at least one parent. The event was held at Jade Hall in Arena,

Karachi. The Vice President WMO Pakistan Chapter “Mr Shoab Ismail” also graced the event with his presence with family. The Senior members of Ladies Wing Ms Hawa Abdullah, Amina Gany and her auspicious team members Madam Hameeda Iqbal, Madam Aisha Anwar, Madam Abida Dada, Bilquis Tabani also attended to encourage the Youth team.



The event started at 11:15 am with recitation Holy Quran by Amna A.Rehmen. She then invited the event leader, Reeda Shekhani to officially start the event. The devoted & dedicated event leader Reeda Shekhani welcomed the guests and then invited a renowned scholar and

trainer Mr. Abbas Hussain to speak on his topic “Parenting for 2020”. Abbas Hussain is a seasoned professional with more than 20 years of experience as a motivational speaker. He spoke about the parenting challenges in the 21st Century. He highlighted the problems today’s parents face in forms of media

influences, information overload and deteriorating moral values. He gave some very useful tips to help children gain a sense of responsibility and how parents can adapt to the dynamism of today’s society. After his speech, he was presented with a memoir plaque by the chairman Mr Altaf Vayani.



Ms. Sumrin Imran then spoke to the audience about her experience as woman from a Memon community. She emphasized the importance of learning about your history, culture and values. She motivated the girls to never stop the process of learning and to keep growing as responsible citizens. She emphasized education of girls as they



were future mothers who would have to face even tougher parenting challenges. Sumrin concluded her speech by inviting Ms. Anupama Pratipati who is the Chief of Political & Economic at the US Consulate Karachi. She spoke about her experiences as a girl from an unprivileged background in India and how she made

her way up the career ladder despite facing hindrances. She also told stories of various courageous women in Pakistan who had managed to earn decent livelihoods despite being challenged by highly unfavorable circumstances. Her stories were a source of inspiration among the girls and their parents.



Ms. Reeda Shekhani then invited Sumrin to introduce two successful women to the audience. The first was Dr. Farzana who despite being visually impaired had done double masters in Islamic Studies and had also done her Ph.D in Islamic Studies. Not only that, she belongs to the Memon community and is a proud example. She spoke about the support she received from her family in her achievements. The second was Ms Sadia Omar who is an occupational therapist, and she encouraged the girls to explore diverse fields of career and education.

She was followed by Ms Shireen Naqvi who in herself is an inspiration for women all over the world. She is not only a very successful trainer but a devoted wife and a dedicated mother. She emphasized



the importance of civic sense and how our society utterly lacks it. Our day to day behaviors shape the way we build our social

life. An awareness of our responsibilities can help produce conditions that are conducive to growth and success.





The Vice President WMO “Mr Shoab Ismail” appreciated the efforts of the youth wing and stressed the importance of a socially responsible memon youth. He then presented a plaque to Ms. Shireen Naqvi.

The chairman Mr Altaf Vayani thanked all trainers and office bearers of WMO-PC specially Mr Shoab Ismail for his generous support in all the endeavors taken by the youth wing. He stressed that it was

due to his unconditional and unwavering support that the youth wing had been able to accomplish such highly attended and empowering events. He presented Mr. Shoab Ismail a “Sword” which in Islamic culture a symbol of courage and bravery. Mr. Shoab is undoubtedly a knight in the shining armor for the unprivileged class of Memon community. The chairman then spoke to the audience about his

experience as a father and sang a popular song Maan, which moved the audience to tears. Needless to say Mr Vayani, is not only an able leader but also an inspiring vocalist. He also presented memoirs in form specially printed “Mugs” to his team and acknowledged Ms. Rehana Gabrani as the best team player of the event due to her untiring efforts in making this event possible.



The audience was then moved towards the Arena’s RANGOLI Hall where Food Gala was arranged. The audience also had gaming coupons where they could avail

games in Arena including bowling, ice-skating, rock-climbing etc.

It proved to be an eventful, fun-filled and learning day for the audience. WMO

youth wing team at Pakistan managed to achieve its purpose to serve the community by introducing them to the fruits of knowledge, learning and dedication.



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Jetpur Memon Youth Wing Grand Carnival, 14



On 2nd February 2014, a Memon Family Festival was organized by Jetpur Memon Youth Wing by the name of GRAND CARNIVAL '14', at Sir Adamjee Institute, Hussainabad, Karachi. The Festival was inaugurated by Mr. Ahmed Chinoy, the Chairman CPLC and Ex-President All Pakistan Memon Federation at 1 a.m. The thought behind organizing this program was to star this New Year more eventful and provide a place of enjoyment for the families on a Sunday. Another major reason was to provide for ways of promoting small enterprise of Jetpurians exclusively and other Memon Communities through this platform.

The Carnival was able to attract a mere crowd of more than 4000 people and strictly families. A big gathering was seen at the Mela from morning till evening. The

Carnival included of different stalls of different companies where goods were sold at competitive prices. The Carnival included stalls including items like Kurtis, jewellery, G-Right cell phones, books, shoes, bags, gift wrapping, kitchenware, various food stalls, diapers, boutiques, Danish Motors, daily foods, unstitched lawn suits and many more.

The Entertainment area included puppet shows, magic shows, fire show, debate competition, jumping castles, face painting, swings for children, various food items to fill ones appetite and lucky draws for the visitors. The stall of Memon Book Foundation of Pakistan's stall under the supervision of Mr. Usman Batliwala was exceptional among other stalls and attracted huge public because of quiz and speech contests of Memoni Words and Urdu Literatures and so many lucrative prices

were distributed among the people.

The event turned out to be a huge success gaining a lot of media coverage and going viral with its big turnout audience. Mr. Asif Majid Panawala, the chairman of Jetpur Memon Association, Mr. Suleman Ahmad Faludia, General Secretary of Jetpur Memon Youth Wing, Mr. Rehan Rauf Panawala, Co-Chairman of Jetpur Memon Youth Wing Mr. Aziz Memon, President APMF, Saleem Parekh, Vice President APMF Abdul Ghani Bhangra General Secretary APMF and Management Committee member of Jetpur Memon Association attended the Carnival lucky draws were conducted by Mr. Rehan Rauf Panawala at the end of the event which included gifts from Danish motors, MTN associates, G - Right cell phones and Ayesha Bawany School.





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The World Memon Organisation, Pakistan Chapter has recently established the WMO Education Endowment Fund to facilitate Memon students to pursue higher and professional education by availing loans, which are repayable in easy installments without any kind of markup or charges.

The WMO Education Endowment Fund will help countless students, especially the white-collared members of the Memon community, who cannot afford the high costs of modern day education but at the same time do not qualify for Zakat. The WMO Education Endowment Fund is a major step to bring about progress and prosperity in the Memon community.

We humbly request the members of the World Memon Organisation (WMO), the Trustees of World Memon Organisation Charitable Foundation (WMOCF), our valued donors, well-wishers and philanthropists to join us in this noble endeavor to bring about an Educational Revolution in the Memon Community by contributing generously to the WMO Education Endowment Fund.

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ગુજરાતી વિભાગ સંપાદક: ઉમર અ. રહેમાન ખાનાણી

રાજકોટ મેમણ બોર્ડિંગ હાઉસની વર્કિંગ કમિટીની શોક સભા

બોર્ડિંગના પ્રમુખ જનાબ શેઠ હાજી અ. ગની બેગમોહંમદ બાવાણી સાહેબ તા. ૧૯-૧૦-૨૦૨૩ના રોજ રાતના એક વાગે જેતપુર મુકામે ગુજરી જવાની ખબર મળતાં વર્કિંગ કમિટીની એક સભા જનાબ આઈ. વી. લખાણી બી.એ. જુનાગઢ સ્ટેટના વકીલ સાહેબના પ્રમુખપદા હેઠળ મળી હતી. જેમાં દિલગીરીનો ઠરાવ નીચે મુજબ પાસ થયો હતો.

મેમણ બોર્ડિંગ હાઉસની વર્કિંગ કમિટીની આ સભા મેમણ બોર્ડિંગના માનવંતા પ્રેસીડેન્ટ શેઠ હાજી અબ્દુલ ગની બેગમોહંમદના ખેદજનક મરણ માટે અત્યંત દિલગીરી જાહેર કરે છે. મહુમ્મે મુસ્લીમ કોમના ખરા હમદર્દ અને સેવક હોવા ઉપરાંત ધી રાજકોટ મેમણ બોર્ડિંગ હાઉસમાં શરૂઆતથીજ એક અગ્ર મેમ્બર અને ટ્રસ્ટી તરીકે અને છેવટે બોર્ડિંગ હાઉસના પ્રમુખ દરજ્જે અનેરી સેવાઓ કરેલ છે કે જે સેવાઓ બોર્ડિંગની તવારીખમાં સોનેરી અક્ષરે લખાયેલ રહેશે. મહુમ્મના મરણથી કોમને અને ખાસ કરી મેમણ બોર્ડિંગ હાઉસને ન પૂરી શકાય તેવી ખોટ ગયેલ છે એમ આ સભા માને છે અને દુઆ ગુજારે છે કે ખુદા મહુમ્મને જન્નત નશીન કરે અને તેમના કુટુંબીજનોને તેમની ખુદાઈ બરદાસ્ત કરવા સબર આપે.

ઉપર મુજબનો ઠરાવ ચોમેર તરફથી આવતાં સર્વાનુમતે ઉભા થઈ મંજૂર કરવામાં આવ્યો.

અને યોગ્ય જગાએ ઠરાવ મોકલાવી આપવા સેક્રેટરીને સભા સત્તા આપે છે.

બાંટવા

બાંટવા મેમણ સમિતિના મેમ્બરોએ સ્કૂલ ફંડ માટે નીચે

- ૧-૪-૦ " સુલેમાન દાઉદ
- ૨-૮-૦ " સુલેમાન અ. કરીમ નારગોલવાળા
- ૨-૮-૦ " આદમ ગની-ઈસા નુમા

મુંબઈ:



પ્રમાણેનું ફંડ મેમ્બરો પાસેથી એકઠું કર્યું છે. ખુદા આ દાનવીરોને અજરે ખેર આપે.

- ૫-૪-૦ મિ. હબીબ સાલે મોહંમદ
- ૨-૮-૦ " નૂરમામદ ઈબ્રાહિમ તોલા
- ૧-૪-૦ " સાલે મોહંમદ કાસમ
- ૨-૮-૦ " ઓસમાણ સાલે મામદ
- ૨-૮-૦ " આદમ કાસમ
- ૨-૮-૦ " ઉમર હાજી મૂસા
- ૨-૮-૦ " ઉમર ઈબ્રાહિમ દીવાન
- ૨-૮-૦ " ઈસ્માઈલ મૂસા દીવાન
- ૨-૮-૦ " તેયુબ ઈબ્રાહિમ હાજી લતીફ

તરફથી તેઓ હાલ બેલગામ રહે છે.

- ૨-૮-૦ " નૂરમોહંમદ આ. ગની ફાંસીઆ
- ૨-૮-૦ " અબ્દુરેમાન હાજી હબીબ શરીફ
- ૨-૮-૦ " સુલેમાન આદમ
- ૨-૮-૦ " ઉમર ઓસમાન બીલ્લા

કચ્છી મેમણ કોમના પહેલાં બેરીસ્ટર મિ. હુસેન ઈલ્યાસ બી. જુનવા સ્ટીમર મારફત મુંબઈ તા. ૩૦-૧૦-૨૯ના રોજ પધારતાં આવકાર આપવા 'કચ્છી મેમણ'ના પ્રમુખ તથા કેટલાક મેમ્બરો તેમના સગાવહાલાઓ અને મિત્રમંડળ ઉપર હાજર રહી પ્રમુખે બેરીસ્ટરને મુબારકબાદી આપી ભલી દુઆ ચાહી હતી અને ફૂલો અર્પણ કર્યા હતા.

કચ્છી મેમણો માટે મહુમ્મ શેઠ રહેમાન માલેદીના ટ્રસ્ટ ફંડ ઘણાં કાર્યો કરવા ઘગશ ધરાવે છે, તે ટ્રસ્ટ ફંડના મેનેજિંગ ટ્રસ્ટી શેઠ હાજી આદમને ધન્યવાદ ઘટે છે. ટ્રસ્ટ ફંડમાંથી કચ્છી મેમણ નહિ હોવાથી ઠેરાન થતા ગરીબો માટે ડો. માસીના હોસ્પિટલમા બે નાની ગોઠવણ કરેલ હોવાથી ગરીબ કચ્છી મેમણ ભાઈઓને આશિર્વાદરૂપ થઈ પડ્યા છે.

નિખાલસ, વિનમ્ર અને ખામોશ કોમ સેવક

હકીમ અબ્દુરહેમાન મારફાણી

જન્મ ૧૩મી મે ૧૯૦૨: મૃત્યુ ૧૭મી ફેબ્રુઆરી ૧૯૭૨

ભાગલા પહેલાં અને ભાગલા પછી મેમણ બિરાદરીની સેવા કરી ગયેલા આગેવાનોમાં અ. રહેમાન મારફાણીનું નામ નોંધપાત્ર છે.

તેમનો જન્મ ૧૩મી મે ૧૯૦૨ના રોજ રાજકોટમાં થયો હતો. તેમના પિતા કાસમભાઈ પણ હકીમ હતા. અબ્દુરહેમાન અને તેમનાથી પાંચ-છ વરસ મોટા ભાઈ યુસુફ બંનેએ તિબ્બી દવા પદ્ધતિનો અભ્યાસ કરીને હકીમ તરીકે લાયકાત મેળવી હતી અને બોર્ડ ઓફ ઈન્ડિયન સિસ્ટમ ઓફ મેડિસીન હેઠળ રજીસ્ટ્રેશન કરાવ્યું હતું.

હકીમ અ. રહેમાનના જીવનના શરૂઆતના વરસો અંગે બહુ ઓછી વિગતો મળે છે. ભણતરમાં તેઓ મેટ્રીકથી એક-બે પગથિયા રહી ગયા હતા અને એનું કારણ એ હતું કે ૧૯૧૭ની અસહકારની ચળવળમાં તેમણે અભ્યાસ છોડીને મંપલાવ્યું હતું. તેઓ એ લડત દરમિયાન કેટલોક સમય ભૂર્ગભમાં પણ ચાલ્યા ગયા હતા અને ગુપ્ત રીતે સરકાર વિરુદ્ધ બ્રોડકાસ્ટો પણ કરતા હતા, એમ પણ સાંભળવા મળ્યું છે.

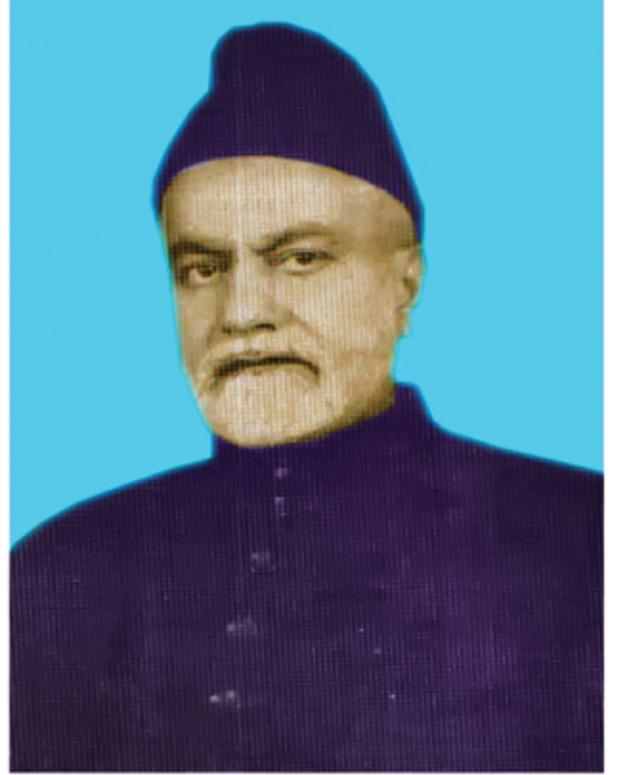
તેમના જાહેર જીવનના ભાગલા પહેલાના રાજકોટના જીવન અને ભાગલા પછીના કરાચીના જીવન એમ બે ભાગમાં વહેંચી શકાય છે.

વ્યવસાયી નજરે જોતાં તેઓ એક અત્યંત સફળ હકીમ હતા. રાજકોટમાં તેમના બે દવાખાના 'મારફાણી દવાખાનું' અને 'મારફાણી

કેમિકલ વર્ક્સ' આવેલા હતા. આમાં તેઓ જુદા જુદા રોગો પર અકસીર અસર કરી જતી દવાઓ અને તબીબી ક્ષેત્રે વપરાતું પ્રવાહી સોનું સુદ્ધાં તૈયાર કરતા હતા, જેનું કાઠિયાવાડની અંદર તેમજ બહાર સારા જેવું વેચાણ થતું હતું. કેટલાક દેશી રજવાડાઓ અને તેમના ઉચ્ચ ઓફિસરો માટે હકીમ સાહેબ 'ફેમીલી ડોક્ટર'નો દરજ્જો ધરાવતા હતા.

જાહેર જીવનમાં તેઓ રાજકોટમાં ભાગલા પહેલાંના અઢી દશકાથી અત્યંત સક્રિય પરંતુ એટલી જ ખામોશ ભૂમિકા ભજવતાં રહ્યા હતા.

રાજકોટ કાઠિયાવાડનું રાજદ્રારી કેન્દ્ર હતું અને વધુમાં મેમન કોમ અને સમગ્ર મુસ્લિમોને લગતી કેટલીક સામાજિક અને રાજદ્રારી લડતોના મંડાણ પણ રાજકોટથી થયા હતા. ૧૯૨૮ની ગુજરાત-કાઠિયાવાડ મુસ્લિમ એજ્યુકેશનલ પરિષદ, માળીયા મસ્જિદ પ્રકરણ, ઉના-દેલવાડા પ્રકરણ, ધોળ કુરબાની પ્રકરણ હળવદ પ્રકરણ, પહેલી મેમણ કોન્ફરન્સ, મહાત્મા ગાંધી સામેની લડત, કાઈદે આઝમનો પ્રવાસ અને બીજી ઘણી બધી યાદગાર પરંતુ હવે



ભૂલાઈ ચૂકેલી મુંબેશો અને લડતોનું મુખ્ય કેન્દ્ર રાજકોટ હતું. રાજકોટની આ બધી લડતો-મુંબેશોમાં આગેવાનો અને કાર્યકરોનું જે એક ચોકકસ જુથ હંમેશા મોખરેનો ભાગ લેતું હતું એમાં હકીમ આ. રહેમાન મારફાણી શામેલ હતા. એ જુથના માણસો ઉસ્માન ઈસાભાઈ મેમણ, અ. રહીમ મારફાણી, અ. ગની મેઘાણી, હાજી દાદા હાજી વલી મોહંમદ, અ. ગની જુનાણી વગેરે હતા. હકીમ અ. રહેમાન મારફાણી આ બધી લડતોમાં સક્રિય પણે શામેલ હતા પરંતુ તેઓ નેતાને બદલે હંમેશા કાર્યકર તરીકે કામ કરવાનું વધારે પસંદ કરતા હતા.

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લીગી હતા. રાજકોટની મેમણ બોર્ડિંગની કમિટીના મુસ્લિમ એજ્યુકેશનલ બોર્ડના અને બીજી કેટલીક સેવાકીય સંસ્થાઓ અને તેમની સમિતિઓના તેઓ લગભગ કાયમી સભ્ય હતા. રાજકોટના બાલાશ્રમના બાળકોનો તેમજ બીજા અનેક ગરીબ દર્દીઓનો તેઓ મફત ઈલાજ કરતા હતા. તેઓ મુસ્લિમો જેટલાજ હિંદુઓમાં પણ લોકપ્રિય હતા. હિંદુ નેતાઓ પણ તેમને માનની નજરે જોતા હતા. ઘણા અગ્રગણ્ય હિંદુ કુટુંબો સાથે તેમના અતિ નિકટના સંબંધો હતા.

૧૯૪૭માં ભાગલાના એક-દોઢ મહિના પછી તેઓ સહકુટુંબ કરાચી હિજરત કરી આવ્યા અને નવેમ્બર માસમાં નાનકવાડામાં અત્યારે તેમનું જે દવાખાનું આવેલું છે એજ સ્થળે દવાખાનું શરૂ કર્યું. એ સમયે નાનકવાડાના હિંદુઓની મોટી વસ્તી હતી. જાન્યુઆરી ૧૯૪૮ની શરૂઆતમાં કરાચીમાં કોમી રમખાણો ફાટી નીકળ્યા. સમાજવિરોધી તત્વો નાનકવાડામાં રહેતા હિંદુઓ પર તૂટી પડ્યા અને લૂંટફાટ ચલાવી. આ સમયે હકીમ. અ. રહેમાને તેમના મોટા ભાઈ હકીમ યુસુફે, તેમના મોટા પુત્ર એહમદે અને થોડા બીજા માણસોએ જાનના જોખમે પોતાના હિંદુ પાડોશીઓનું રક્ષણ કર્યું હતું. હકીમ સાહેબ અહીં આવ્યા પછી તરત જ સરકાર તરફથી બંદૂકનું લાયસન્સ મળ્યું હતું. કેટલીક વાર તેઓ અને તેમના કુટુંબના પુરૂષ સભ્યો બંદૂકની અણીએ સમાજવિરોધી તત્વોને આગળ વધતા અને લૂંટફાટ ચલાવતા રોકી દેતા હતા.

હકીમ સાહેબના મોટા પુત્ર ડો. એહમદ એ સમયે બલોચ રેજીમેન્ટ હસ્તક ચાલતા યુનિવર્સિટી ઓફિસર્સ ટ્રેઈનીંગ કોર્સમાં જોડાયા

હતા. હિંદુ પાડોશીઓના જાનમાલને બચાવવામાં તેમનો યુનિફોર્મ પણ મહત્વનો ફાળો આપી જતો હતો. તેઓ આ પાડોશીઓને સહીસલામત રેલ્વે સ્ટેશન, એરપોર્ટ કે બંદર સુધી પહોંચાડી આવતા અને ભારત રવાના કરી દેતા. ઘણા હિંદુ એ સમયે પોતાની હજારો રૂપિયાની કિંમતી ચીજો હકીમ સાહેબ પાસે અનામત તરીકે મૂકી ગયા હતા અને હકીમ સાહેબે શરીઅતે મોહંમદીને યુસ્તપણે પાબંદ રહીને એ અનામતોની હિફાઝત કરી હતી. હકીમ સાહેબ અને તેમના કુટુંબીઓએ જેમના જાન-માલ બચાવ્યા હતા એવા સંખ્યાબંધ હિંદુઓએ ભારત પહોંચ્યા પછી તેમની નાતજાત અને કોમના ભેદભાવથી પર એવી પરોપકારી માનવસેવાને અંજલિ આપતા પત્રો તેમના પર લખ્યા હતા. એ પત્રો અત્યારે પણ હકીમ સાહેબના પુત્રો પાસે જોઈ શકાય છે.

હકીમ અ. રહેમાન અને હકીમ યુસુફ મારફાણીનું નાનકવાડાનું દવાખાનું તેની સ્થાપના સમયથી જ ઉમદા રીતે ચાલી રહ્યું છે. રાજકોટની જેમ અહીં પણ કેટલીક અકસીર દવાઓ દવાખાનામાં જ તૈયાર કરવામાં આવે છે.

હકીમ. અ. રહેમાનના મોટા ભાઈ હકીમ યુસુફ પાકિસ્તાન આવ્યાના પાંચ-છ વરસ પછી નિવૃત્ત થઈ ગયા હતા અને તેમનું ૧૯૬૮માં અવસાન થયું હતું.

કરાચી આવ્યા પછી હકીમ અ. રહેમાન મારફાણીની ખામોશ કોમ સેવક તરીકેની કારકીર્દી ચાલુ રહી હતી. એ દરમિયાન ૧૯૬૦માં તેઓ નાનકવાડા યુનિયન કમિટીના ચેરમેન અને સુધરાઈના સભ્ય ચૂંટાયા હતાં અને પાંચ વરસ સુધી એ હોદ્દા પર રહ્યા હતા. એ દરમિયાન

તેઓ સુધરાઈની આરોગ્ય સમિતીના ચેરમેન તરીકે પણ કેટલોક સમય આપ્યો હતો. તેઓ વધુમાં પશ્ચિમ પાકિસ્તાનના તબીબોની સંસ્થા પાક જમીયતે અતિબુબાના કેટલાક સમયથી પ્રમુખ હતા અને તેમના અવસાન સમયે પણ તેઓ આ હોદ્દા પર હતા. આટલા અપવાદને બાદ કરતાં તેઓ કરાચીમાં પણ ક્યારેય કોઈ સંસ્થાના હોદ્દા પર આવ્યા નહોતા.

હકીમ અ. રહેમાન અત્યંત દીનદાર અને શરીઅતના પાબંદ હતા. તેમની નમાઝ અને રોઝા ભાગ્યેજ કઠા થતા હતા. ૧૯૫૯માં તેમણે હજ અદા કરી હતી. અલ્લાહની મહેરબાનીથી તેઓ તેમના જીવનના છેલ્લા મહિનાઓમાં વૃદ્ધાવસ્થાને લીધે કમજોરી અનુભવતા હતા એને બાદ કરતાં તેઓ ક્યારેય બીમાર પડ્યા ન હતા. તેઓ મોઢા મોઢ ખરી વાત કરી દેવામાં માનતા હતા અને પીઠ પાછળ ક્યારેય કોઈનું બુરૂં બોલતા ન હતા. સિદ્ધાંતના તેઓ પાકા હતા. મેમણ ફેડરેશનની રચના જમાતવાર ધોરણને બદલે વ્યક્તિગત સભ્યપદના ધોરણે જવી જોઈએ એમ તેઓ માનતા હતા અને એ માન્યતાને છેવટ સુધી વળગી રહી ફેડરેશનની પ્રવૃત્તિઓથી હંમેશા દૂર રહ્યા હતા. તેઓ સિદ્ધાંત અંગે કોઈ પણ બાંધછોડ કરવામાં માનતા ન હતા. તેઓ પાંચ પુત્રો અને ચાર પુત્રીઓનું બહોળું કુટુંબ ધરાવતા હતા. હકીમ અ. રહેમાન મારફાણીનું ૧૭મી ફેબ્રુઆરી ૧૯૭૨ની વહેલી સવારે ચાર વાગે હૃદયરોગના હુમલાથી અવસાન થયું હતું અને મેમણ આલમે એક એવો નિખાલસ, ખામોશ અને વિનમ્ર કોમસેવક ગુમાવ્યો હતો જેની જોડ અત્યારના જગતમાં ભાગ્યે જ જોવા મળે છે.

સિંધની સાલ અજાયબીઓ

દુનિયાની સૌથી પ્રાચીન સંસ્કૃતિઓમાં મહેરાન ખીણની સમૃદ્ધ સંસ્કૃતિનું આગવું સ્થાન છે જે કોઈ જમાનામાં સરસ્વતી-સિંધુ સંસ્કૃતિના નામે ઓળખાતી હતી. આ વિસ્તાર અત્યારે તો પ્રાંત પૂરતો સંકોચાઈ ગયો છે પણ પ્રાચીન જમાનામાં અહીંના લોકો જીવનના દરેક ક્ષેત્રમાં પૂરી દુનિયામાં સૌથી વધુ પ્રગતિશાળી હોવાનું પુરાતનશાસ્ત્રીઓએ અહીંથી હાથ કરેલા પ્રાચીન અવશેષો દ્વારા સાબીત કર્યું છે. અહીં વિવિધ સ્થળે સાત એવી જગાઓ છે જેને સિંધની સાત અજાયબીઓ ગણાવી શકાય છે.

મોહન-જો-ડેરો

મોએ-જો-ડેરો અથવા મોહન-જો-ડેરો પર જગતભરના



પુરાતનશાસ્ત્રીઓ-સંશોધકોનું ધ્યાન કેન્દ્રિત રહ્યું છે અને આ સૌથી પ્રાચીન સંસ્કૃતિને વિશ્વ સંસ્થા યુનેસ્કોએ આંતરરાષ્ટ્રીય પુરાતન વારસાના સ્થળ તરીકે માન્યતા આપેલી છે. માનવ સમાજના ઇતિહાસનો આરંભ અહીં શરૂ થયો હોવાના અને અહીંથી જ પૂરા દક્ષીણ એશીયામાં સંસ્કૃતિ ફેલાયાનું ઇતિહાસમાં નોંધાયું છે.

મોહન-જો-ડેરો નામનું આ પ્રાચીન સ્થળ સિંધમાં લારખાના શહેરથી થોડે દૂર અદભૂત શહેરી બાંધણીના અવશેષો રૂપે સંશોધકો ઉપરાંત એ વિષયમાં રસ ધરાવતા દેશી-વિદેશી સહેલાણીઓના આકર્ષણનું કેન્દ્ર બની

રહ્યું છે.

અવશેષોના ઊંડા અભ્યાસ અને આંતરરાષ્ટ્રીય સંશોધનમાં જણાયું છે કે અહીં લગભગ ૫૦૦૦ વરસો પહેલાં બહુ જ સુવ્યવસ્થિત રીતે રહેતી ઉચ્ચ સંસ્કૃતિ ધરાવતી એક વસતિ હતી. આ શહેર એ જ સ્થળે ઓછામાં ઓછા સાત વખત તૂટ્યું અને ફરીવાર બંધાયું હતું. આ બધું ઈસ્વી સન પૂર્વે ૩૩૦૦થી ૨૬૦૦ના ગાળામાં થયું હતું. ૧૯૨૨માં અહીં પ્રાચીન અવશેષો મળી આવ્યા પછી નિષ્ણાંતો દ્વારા વ્યવસ્થિત ખોદકામ કરાતાં પૂરા શહેરની બાંધણી ઉપસી આવી હતી, જે સમયગાળાને જોતાં સૌને આશ્ચર્યચકિત કરી ગઈ હતી. શહેરના અવશેષોને જોતા ચોખ્ખું જણાઈ આવે છે કે અહીંના લોકો દરેકે દરેક જાતની ટેકનોલોજીમાં એ જમાનાના દુનિયાના બીજા કોઈ પણ વિસ્તારની પ્રજાની સરખામણી અનેકગણા આગળ હતા. અહીંનો સમાજ ભણેલ-ગણેલ વિદ્વાનોથી ભરેલો હોવાના સંકેતો મળી આવે છે. મોહન-જો-ડેરો શહેરની બાંધણીને જોઈને આજના ભલભલા આર્કિટેક્ટો અંજાઈ જાય છે. શહેરના રસ્તા અને ગલીઓમાં સુરેખ રીતે ગોઠવાયેલી મકાનોની હરોળ તો ઠીક પણ પાણીના નિકાલ માટે ત્યાં સીવરેજની વ્યવસ્થા કરાઈ હતી તેનો એ જમાનાના લોકોને કેટલો ખ્યાલ હતો તે પણ આશ્ચર્યજનક છે. મોહન-જો-ડેરોથી પ્રાચીન યુગના વાસણો, પૂતળાં અને ઘરેલુ વપરાશની અનેક ચીજોના અવશેષો મળી આવ્યા છે જેના પરથી સાબીત થાય છે કે એ સમાજ માટી પથ્થર જ નહીં બલ્કે લોખંડ, ટીન અને ત્રાંબા સહિતની ધાતુઓનો ઉપયોગ કરતાં જાણતો હતો. ટ્રાન્સપોર્ટની પદ્ધતિ જ નહીં બલ્કે અહીંથી મળેલા માનવ અવશેષોની

ચકાસણી કરતા જણાયું છે કે એ લોકોને મોંમાં દાંતના ચોકઠાં બેસાડતાં પણ આવડતું હતું. અહીંથી સંગીતના વાંજીત્રો, કાંસકા, પ્યાલાં, કટોરા, ઓજારો અને સાબુ તથા દવાઓનો ઉપયોગ કરાતો હોવા સહિતના ૬૦૦ જેટલા જુદા જુદા મહત્વના અવશેષો પ્રાપ્ત થયાં છે. નવાઈની વાત એ છે કે મોહન-જો-ડેરોમાં કોઈ મહેલ કે ઈબાદતગાહના કોઈ અવશેષો મળ્યા નથી.

પાછલાં એક હજાર વર્ષનો ઇતિહાસ તપાસીએ તો માનવી લગભગ જંગલી કબાઈલીઓ જેવું જીવન ગાળતો હોવાનું જણાઈ આવશે. એવામાં પાંચ હજારથી પણ વધુ વરસો પહેલાં મોહન-જો-ડેરોના લોકોની આવી સમૃદ્ધ જીવનશૈલી ખરેખર અદભૂત છે.

સિંધની મહાન દીવાલ રાનીકોટ

સિંધમાં હેદ્રાબાદ શહેરથી ૯૦ કિલોમીટર અને જામશોરો જીલ્લામાં સનથી ૩૦ કિલોમીટરે આવેલો રાનીકોટનો કિલ્લો દુનિયાનો સૌથી મોટો કિલ્લો છે, જે ૧૬ કિલોમીટર લાંબો છે. ચીનની ગ્રેટ વોલની જેમ રાનીકોટનો



આ કિલ્લો પણ સિંધની મહાન દીવાલ સમાન છે અને યુનેસ્કોએ રાનીપુરને પણ વિશ્વ પુરાતન વારસાનો દરજ્જો આપ્યો છે.

રાનીકોટનો કિલ્લો અલગ અલગ જગ્યાએ કોઈ સ્થળે પાતળો તો

કોઈ જગ્યાએ જાડો છે અને ઊંચો-નીચો છે અને સરેરાશ ૩૦ ફૂટ ઊંચો છે. પણ કિલ્લાનો પાયો દરેક જગ્યાએ ૬ ફૂટ પહોળો છે. સમુદ્રની સપાટીથી ૨૦૦૦ ફૂટ ઊંચા રાનીકોટના કિલ્લાની મોટાભાગની દીવાલો નક્કર કાળમીઠ પથ્થરની બનેલી છે. કિલ્લાની અંદર પ્રવેશ કરતાં જ અંદર બીજા અનેક નાના કિલ્લા ઉપરાંત પહાડીઓ, ખીણો, પુરાતન ઈમારતો તેમજ નીગરાની માટેના ટાવરો જેવા મળે છે. રાનીકોટની અંદર બીજા ત્રણ કિલ્લા છે જે મીરીકોટ, શેરગઢ કોટ અને મોહન કોટના નામે ઓળખાય છે. શેરગઢ કોટ સફેદ પથ્થરનો બનેલો છે. મોહનકોટના પ્રવેશદ્વાર નજીકથી એક ઝરણું વહે છે જેને પરીયાં-જે-તરૂ (પરી તળાવ) કહેવાય છે. દંતકથા પ્રમાણે પુર્ણીમાની દરેક રાતે આ તળાવમાં પરીઓ નહાવા આવતી હતી.

દુર્ભાગ્યે રાનીકોટ કિલ્લો ક્યારે કોણે અને શા માટે બંધાવ્યો તેની ઇતિહાસમાં સ્પષ્ટ વિગતો મળતી નથી અને વિવિધ અભ્યાસીઓ તેના જુદા જુદા વૃતાંત વર્ણવે છે.

કોટ ડીજી-જે-ડેરો

હેંદ્રાબાદથી મુખ્ય હાઈવે પર રાનીપુર અને ખેરપુર વચ્ચે કિલ્લાની અંદર વસેલા કોટ ડીજી-જે-ડેરો ગામને મહેરાન ખીણની પ્રાચીન સંસ્કૃતિના પુરોગામી સ્થળ તરીકે જોવામાં આવે છે. સિંધના રોહરી સ્ટેશનથી કોટ-ડીજી નજીકમાં છે. અહીં પણ એક પ્રાચીન કિલ્લો તેમજ જુના જમાનાના માટી અને પથ્થરોના બનેલા મકાનો મોજુદ છે.



મોહન-જે-ડેરોની સમકાલીન સંસ્કૃતિ

કોટ ડીજી-જે-ડેરોમાં પણ પાંચેક હજાર વરસો પૂર્વે મોજુદ હોવાના અવશેષો પ્રાપ્ત થયા છે અને કેટલાક અભ્યાસીઓ કહે છે કે અહીંની સંસ્કૃતિ તો મોહન-જે-ડેરોથી પણ સહેજ વધુ પ્રાચીન જણાય છે. કોટ ડીજી-જે-ડેરોમાં પ્રાચીન યુગમાં પ્રચંડ આગે તબાહી મચાવી હોવાના અવશેષો મળ્યા હોવાથી અહીંની સંસ્કૃતિના ચીહનો નષ્ટ થઈ ગયા હોવાનું જણાવાઈ રહ્યું છે.

અમરી

અમરી ગામ પણ કોટ ડીજી-જે-ડેરોની જેમ મહેરાન ખીણના પ્રાચીન કાળના ગામમાંનો એક છે અને મોહન-જે-ડેરો જેટલી જ પ્રાચીન સંસ્કૃતિના અવશેષો અહીં પણ મળ્યા હતા. હેંદ્રાબાદથી ૧૧૦ કિલોમીટર દૂર દાદુ રોડ નજીક અમરી ગામ આવેલું છે, જે કીરથારની પહાડીઓની તળેટીમાં વસેલું રળીયામણું ગામ ગણાતું હતું. મહેરાન ખીણના નીચાણવાળા



વિસ્તારમાં અમરી એક મહત્વનું વેપાર ધામ હતું. પ્રાચીન વાસણોના અહીંથી મળેલા અવશેષો આગવા પ્રકારના છે જેને ખાસ “અમરીવેર” તરીકે ઓળખવામાં આવે છે. અમરીમાં પણ લગભગ ૪૫૦૦ વરસો પહેલાં આગથી તબાહી ફેલાવાઈ હોવાના અવશેષો મળી આવ્યા છે.

કાહુ-જે-દરો

સિંધના શહેર મીરપુર ખાસ નજીક કાહુ-જે-દરો પ્રાચીન બૌદ્ધ યુગની શીલ્પકળાના અવશેષોનું સ્થળ છે. અહીં ખોદકામમાં એક બૌદ્ધમઠના અવશેષો પણ હાથ લાગ્યા હતા અને

પૂરો વિસ્તાર ૩૦ એકર પર પથરાયેલો છે. બ્રિટીશ રાજમાં સિંધના એક ગવર્નર જનરલ જેન જેકબે ૧૯મી સદીમાં આ સ્થળમાં દિલચસ્પી લેતાં તેની વિધિસર નોંધ લેવાઈ હતી.

લાખન-જે-ડેરો

આ સ્થળ સખ્ખરની ગોઠની હાલ ખોસો નજીકના મીલ વિસ્તાર સાથે જોડાયેલ છે અને તેની શોધ થયા બાદ ખેરપુર વિદ્યાપીઠ અહીં ખોદકામ કરાવતા અહીંથી અનેક પુરાતન અવશેષો અને ખાસ કરીને પ્રાચીન ઘરેણાના અવશેષો હાથ લાગ્યા હતા. વધુ સંશોધન કરતાં અહીં મોહન-જે-ડેરો અને કોટ ડીજી યુગથી પણ વધુ પ્રાચીન એટલે કે લગભગ ૭૦૦૦ વર્ષ પહેલાની પ્રાચીન સંસ્કૃતિ મોજુદ હોવાનો ચોંકાવનારો સ્ફોટ થયો હતો.

મકલી

કરાચીથી લગભગ ૧૦૦ કિલોમીટર દૂર નેશનલ હાઈવે પર ઠંકા નજીક આવેલી મકલીની પહાડીઓ વચ્ચે આવેલું પ્રાચીન કબ્રસ્તાન દુનિયાનું



સૌથી મોટું કબ્રસ્તાન છે. ઠંકા શહેર પોતે સિંધની સંસ્કૃતિનું ધામ રહી ચૂક્યું છે જ્યાંની શાહજહાં મસ્જિદ પણ મકલીની જેમ યુજોના પ્રાચીન વારસાની યાદીમાં શામેલ છે. મકલીના કબ્રસ્તાનમાં સુફી-સંતો, વિદ્વાનો, કવિઓ, સાહિત્યકારો, દાનવીરો, રાજા-રાણીઓ અને ગવર્નર જેવા અમલદારોની સવા લાખ જેટલી કબરો મોજુદ છે. ૧૩૪૦ના સુમ્મા વંશના રાજ્યકાળથી મોગલ કાળ સુધીની નામવર વ્યક્તિઓની કબરો તેમાં શામેલ છે.

રખે એમ સમજતા કે આ કદાવર પક્ષી તોફાનથી કરીને રેતીમાં મોં ધૂપાવી લે છે ?



લાંબી લય ડોક અને લાંબા લસ પગવાળા મોટા કદના શાહમૃગને પર તો હોય છે પણ તે ઉડી શકતા નથી અને તેમ છતાં તેની ગણના પક્ષીની નસલમાં થાય છે. એ રણપ્રદેશનું પક્ષી છે અને મોટે ભાગે આફ્રિકાના રણપ્રદેશમાં વધુ સંખ્યામાં જોવા મળે છે. રેતાળ વિસ્તારમાં તે નાના-મોટા છોડ ખાઈને જીવે છે અને તેમાંથી જ પોતાની જરૂરીયાતનું પાણી મેળવી લે છે.

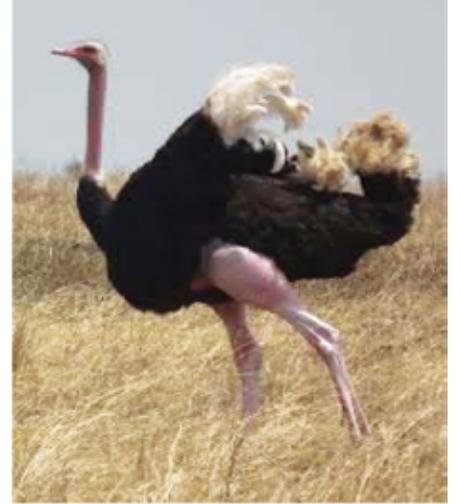
શાહમૃગ હવે તેના અંગ્રેજી નામ ઓસ્ટ્રીચથી વધુ ઓળખાવા લાગ્યું છે. તે ઉડી તો શકતું નથી પણ તેની દોડવાની ગતિ બહુ તેજ છે. સરેરાશ છ થી નવ ફૂટનું વિશાળ કદ અને ૧૦૦ થી ૧૬૦ કિલો જેટલા ભારે ભરખમ શરીર સાથે પણ શાહમૃગ કલાકના ૫૦ કિલોમીટરની ઝડપે દોડી શકે છે અને તેની છલાંગ પણ બહુ લાંબી એટલે કે ૧૦ થી ૧૬ ફૂટ જેટલી હોય છે અને છલાંગી-છલાંગીને દોડે તો તેની સ્પીડ વધીને

શાહમૃગ

કલાકના ૭૦ કિલોમીટરથી પણ વધી જાય છે. શાહમૃગના આ લાંબા ટાંટીયા ભયાનક હથિયાર પણ બની જાય છે અને નહોરવાળા બે અંગૂઠાવાળા પંજની જોરદાર ઝાપટ કોઈપણ માણસને કે શિકાર કરવા આવેલા સિંહ માટે મરણતોલ સાબિત થઈ શકે છે.

આ અનોખું પક્ષી ઘરતી પરના કોઈપણ પ્રાણીની સરખામણીમાં સૌથી મોટી આંખો ધરાવે છે. તેની એક એક ચાંચ બબ્બે ઈંચ લાંબી હોય છે. તેની આંખ તેના મગજ કરતાં પણ મોટી હોય છે.

શાહમૃગ નાના-નાના ઘણા રૂપમાં રહે છે. એક ઘણામાં વધુમાં વધુ એક ડઝન શાહમૃગ હોય છે. દરેક ઘણની એક નર શાહમૃગ સરદારી કરે છે. પૂરા ઘણની દેખરેખની જવાબદારી આ સરદારની હોય છે અને પોતાની આણ હેઠળ તેની સાથે શોભે એવી જોરાવર માદા શાહમૃગ સાથે પ્રણય કરવા ઉપરાંત કેટલીકવાર ઘણની બીજી માદાઓ સાથે પણ શરીર સંબંધ માણી લે છે.



ઘણના બીજા નર-માદા સભ્યો સામસામાં સંબંધ જોડી લેતા હોય છે અને તેમની પ્રક્રિયા ઘણી હદે વ્યવસ્થિત હોય છે. શાહમૃગ આપસમાં હળીમળીને રહેનાર પક્ષી છે. દરેક માદા શાહમૃગ પોતાના ઈંડાં તો પેલા સરદારની પ્રેયસીના માળામાં જઈને મૂકતી હોય છે જોકે તેમના પોતાના માળા અલગ હોય છે અને સરદારના માળા કરતાં સારા પણ હોઈ શકે છે. તમામ માદાઓએ મૂકેલા ઈંડાંઓને પેલો સરદાર અને તેની રાણી મળીને સેવતા હોય છે. શાહમૃગનું એક એક ઈંડું મરઘીના સામાન્ય કદના ઈંડાંની સરખામણીમાં બે ડઝનગણા મોટા હોય છે અને કોઈપણ પક્ષીના આ સૌથી વિશાળ કદના ઈંડાં છે.

શાહમૃગનો મુખ્ય આહાર છોડવા, મૂળીયાં અને બીજા વગેરે છે એટલે તેને શાકાહારી ગણી શકાય, પણ રણમાં છાશવારે મળી જતાં કીડાં-મકોડા કે ગરોળી વગેરે પ્રાણીઓ લાગમાં



આવી જાય તો તરત જ ઝડપીને ખાઈ જાય છે. એવી સામાન્ય માન્યતા પ્રચલિત છે કે રેતીનું તોફાન આવવાનું હોય તો શાહમૃગ ભયભિત થઈને પોતાની લાંબી ડોક રેતીની અંદર ખોસીને છૂપાવી દે છે એમ સમજે છે કે આ રીતે આવનારી આફત ટળી જશે. આ માન્યતાને પ્રતાપે લોકો ઘણીવાર મુશ્કેલીનો સામનો કરવાને બદલે છટકી જવાની વેતરણ કરનારને હિંમત અપાવવા ખાતર શાહમૃગ અને તેની રેતીમાં માથું ખોસવાની ટેવનો મુહાવરો ટાંકતા હોય છે. પણ આ માન્યતા સાવ ખોટી છે. શાહમૃગ આફતથી ડરીને નહીં બલ્કે એ તોફાનથી બચવા માટે રેતી પર સાવ સપાટ થઈને સૂઈ જાય છે અને શરીર તથા લાંબી લચકદાર ડોક પરના પીંછા રેતી સાથે એવા ભળી જાય છે કે દૂરથી જોઈએ તો એમ જ લાગે છે કે શાહમૃગ ડરી જઈને માથું રેતીમાં ખોસીને પડ્યું છે !

શાહમૃગના વિશાળ કદને કારણે માનવી તેના પર બેસીને સવારી પણ કરી શકે છે અને તેને રેતીના રથ તરીકે પણ ગણાવી શકાય છે. શાહમૃગ પક્ષીની સરેરાશ જિંદગી ૩૦ થી ૪૦ વર્ષ જેટલી હોય છે.

કાશીફ પોતાના આંગણના ખૂણામાં ખોદેલા એક ખાડાને પૂરી રહ્યો હતો ત્યારે પાડોશી મૂસા કાકાએ પૂછ્યું કે, “શું કરે છે બેટા !?”

“મારા એકવેરીયમાં પેલી ખૂબસુરત ગોલ્ડફીશ નહોતી ? એને દફનાવી રહ્યો છું. એ ઊંચારી મરી ગઈ છે.”

કાકાએ નવાઈથી પૂછ્યું: “આટલી નાનીશી માછલી માટે આવડો મોટો ખાડો ?”

કાશીફે ખાડા પર છેલ્લી માટી પાથરતાં ફોડ પાડ્યો કે, “મારી માછલી તમારી બેવકૂફ ઊલાડીના પેટમાં હતી ને, એટલે !”

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મેમણી મુક્તક

ના તમજના બાગે જન્નતજી
ના હસરત હુરો મલાયકજી
અરમાન હકળી ઝલક દાદારે મુસ્તફાજી
‘ભા’ સુધારી ડીયે હાલત દો જહાનજી

રસ્તે મેં આવી મુસીબત કેતરી ?
રસ ઈન્મેં કોઈ કે નાય
પુગી નાવ કિનારે કડે ?
રસ ઈન્મેં જમાને કે આય.

મીંજે પછી પણ યાદ મીંજી અચની જરૂર
મીંજે પછી પણ અવાજ મીંજી ગૂંજની જરૂર
બો હાથ વિચમે રખ્યાશી મેમણી લીપી કે અસાં
દુઆ ‘મેમણી કોમજી’ ‘ભા’કે મીળની જરૂર

પાંજી બોલી, મેમણી બોલી
નાંચ ઈન્સે, મીઠી કોઈ બોલી
ગર્વસે બોલો, મેમણી બોલો !

જો બોલો પાંજી કે પાં પોતે જ ના જો બોલું
બનીને મેમણ પાં પોતે જ જો શરમાયું
ગીનીને બોલી ઊછીની, પાં પોતે જ વાપરું
ડીનાશી કુરો વારસો ! પાં એતરો તો વિચારું ! !

બોલો તો મેમણી બોલો,
બીજેકે પણ મેમણી બોલાયો
સમજી ના શકે, આઈ ઈન્કે પણ સમજાયો
જુબાનમેં કે બોલનમેં,
આઈ જરાય ના શરમાયો
મેમણી આઈ બોલી પાંજી,
આઈ ઈન્કે ખૂબ ફેલાયો

ધોરાજી યુથ સર્વિસીઝ ફાઉન્ડેશન એવોર્ડ સમારંભ

ધોરાજી યુથ સર્વિસીઝ ફાઉન્ડેશનનો ૨૩મો એવોર્ડ સમારંભ ૨૮મી માર્ચ ૨૦૧૪ના યોજાયો હતો જેમાં ધોરાજી મેમણ બિરાદરીના ૧૯૯ વિદ્યાર્થીઓ અને ૧૯૨ વિદ્યાર્થીનીઓને એવોર્ડ, પ્રમાણપત્રો અને ગોલ્ડ મેડલોથી નવાઝવામાં આવ્યા હતા.

સમારંભનું મુખ્ય મહેમાનપદ અમેરિકાથી આવેલા એજી માર્ફકો સિસ્ટમ્સના પ્રમુખ ડો. આસિફ એ. ગોડીલે સંભાળ્યું હતું. તેમણે પોતાના સંબોધનમાં કહ્યું હતું કે કેળવણીના ક્ષેત્રમાં કામચલાઉ થયેલા આ બુદ્ધિમાન વિદ્યાર્થી-વિદ્યાર્થીનીઓને તેમની મહેનત બદલ જેટલો મુબારકબાદનો હકદાર ઠર્યો છું તેટલો જ યશ તેમના માવિત્રો અને તેમના શિક્ષકોના શિરે રહેવા પામ્યો છે. તેઓ પણ ધન્યવાદને પાત્ર છે.

તેમણે આજના તમામ ટેલેન્ટોને માર્ગદર્શન આપતા જણાવ્યું હતું કે કેરિયરની પસંદગી વખતે રહેજે નિરાશ થયા વિના દુનિયાને ખુલ્લી નજરથી જુઓ, વિશ્વ ખૂબ જ વ્યાપક છે અને ડગલે ને પગલે તમારા માટે ઉજ્જવળ તકો ઊભેલી છે. જગમાં દૌલત જ સર્વ કાંઈ નથી. તમને જે વિષય પ્રત્યે લગન અને શોખ હોય તે વિષયમાં પ્રવીણ બનીને આગળ વધો, દૌલત અને નામના તમારી પાછળ દોડશે.

સંસ્થાના પ્રમુખ મુહમ્મદ ઈકબાલ માંડવીયાએ પોતાના આવકાર પ્રવચનમાં સમારંભમાં પધારનારા, તમામ ટેલેન્ટો,

વાલીઓ અને આમંત્રિતોનો આભાર માન્યો હતો અને યુથ સર્વિસીઝની તાલીમી સેવાઓના પ્રતિદિન વિકાસ માટે સમસ્ત બિરાદરીના સહકારની યાચના કરી હતી.

ધોરાજી યુથ સર્વિસીઝના માનદ મહામંત્રી જ. અશરફ ઉસ્માન ઢીબે સંસ્થાની વાર્ષિક પ્રવૃત્તિઓની ઝાંખી કરાવતા જણાવ્યું કે સંસ્થાનું તાલીમી વૃક્ષ દિવસે દિવસે વધુ ફળદાર થઈ રહેલ છે. આજના એવોર્ડ પામનારા ૩૯૧ ટેલેન્ટોમાં ૫૦ ટેલેન્ટો એવા છે જેમણે સંસ્થા પાસેથી સ્કોલરશીપ

મેળવી છે એમાંની ૨૦ વ્યક્તિઓએ પોતાની તાલીમ સંપૂર્ણ કરીને સ્કોલરશીપ પરત કરી છે. જેમાં ડોક્ટરો, ચાર્ટર્ડ એકાઉન્ટન્ટો, માસ્ટર્સ બેચલર્સ વગેરે શામેલ છે. આ તાલીમના સંદર્ભમાં દર વર્ષે ૪૦થી ૫૦ પરિવારો પોતાના પગભર થઈ રહ્યા છે.

તેમણે કહ્યું કે ધોરાજી યુથ સર્વિસીઝ 'શાહીન'ના ઉપનામે એક વિશાળ તાલીમગાહ તામીર કરવાની યોજના ધરાવે છે. તેમણે તમામ ડોનર્સનો આભાર માન્યો હતો અને અમેરિકાથી આવેલા ડો. આસિફ ગોડીલ અમીન નવિવાલા અને ભારતથી આવેલા પ્રોફેસર સજજાદ જદીરાનો પણ હાર્દિક આભાર માન્યો હતો.

સઉદી અરબની મેમન વેલ્ફેર સોસાયટી

જુદાહમાં સ્થાપવામાં આવેલી મેમન વેલ્ફેર સોસાયટી-સઉદી અરબનો મુખ્ય ધ્યેય જરૂરતમંદ લોકોને તાલીમ અને આરોગ્ય ક્ષેત્રે મદદ કરવાનો છે. એ સિવાય તે બેરોજગાર લોકોને યોગ્ય કામધંધો અપાવવા, જુના વસ્ત્રો એકઠા કરીને પાકિસ્તાન અને ભારતના ગરીબ લોકોને પહોંચાડવા, છોકરા છોકરીઓ માટે યોગ્ય રીશ્તા ગોતવામાં માબાપની મદદ, હાઈસ્કૂલના વિદ્યાર્થીઓને કેરિયર ગાઈડેન્સ પૂરું પાડવા તેમજ મદદ તથા ઓરતો માટે અલગ અલગ તાલીમી સેમીનારો અને સામાજિક અવસરો યોજવા જેવા સેવાકાર્યો કરે છે.

તાજેતરમાં મેમન વેલ્ફેર સોસાયટીની ચુંટણીઓમાં પ્રમુખ તરીકે આરીફ મેમન અને મહામંત્રી તરીકે તેયબ મુસાનીને ૨૦૧૪ અને ૨૦૧૫ના બે વર્ષના ગાળા માટે

ફરીવાર બીનહરીફ ચુંટવામાં આવ્યા હતા.

ઓહદા સંભાળ્યા બાદ તેમણે પાછલા ગાળા દરમિયાન ઉત્તમ કામગીરી માટે ઘગશ સાથે નિખાલસ સાથ આપવા બદલ પેટ્રનો તેમજ એડવાઈઝરી કમિટી તથા મેનેજિંગ કમિટીના સભ્યોને પણ અફર રાખવાની જાહેરાત કરી હતી.

સંસ્થાની કારોબારીમાં પ્રમુખ અને મહામંત્રી ઉપરાંત બીજા સભ્યોમાં યુનુસ હબીબ (નાયબ પ્રમુખ), અ. રશીદ કાસમાની (જોડીયા મંત્રી), શોએબ સિકંદર (ખજાનચી) તેમજ કલીમ એહમદ, ડો. હામીદ અ. કાદર, મો. ઈસ્માઈલ બદી, ઈકબાલ અડવાની, યુનુસ અ. સત્તાર, ઈરફાન કોલસાવાલા અને એહમદ કમાલ મક્કીનો સમાવેશ થાય છે.

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آہونٹ آہونٹ میں فروٹ



محترمہ خدیجہ روکڑیا میمن برادری ”کینیڈا“ کی معمر ترین خاتون



محترمہ خدیجہ روکڑیا جو کہ 97 برس کی ہیں، یہ میمن برادری کی معمر ترین خاتون ہیں جو کینیڈا میں رہائش پذیر ہیں۔ وہ کینیڈا میں پچھلے 40 برس سے مقیم ہیں، محترمہ خدیجہ نے پہلی ہجرت بمبئی سے قیام پاکستان کے وقت 1947 میں کی اور پھر دوبارہ 1973 میں روکڑیا خاندان کے اچھے اور بہتر مستقبل کی غرض سے کینیڈا منتقل ہو گئیں ان کا بیٹا رفیق روکڑیا اعلیٰ تعلیم یافتہ اور میمن برادری کی قابل احترام سماجی اور نامور شخصیت ہیں اور فی الوقت کینیڈا میں (Citizens Judge) شہری جج کے عہدے پر فائز ہیں۔



شمالی امریکا سے آئے ہوئے میمن سماجی قائدین عبدالغفار ورنند اور قاسم عباس کے اعزاز میں استقبالیہ

عالمی گجراتی تنظیم کے پاکستان چیپٹر اور پاکستان گجراتی جرنلسٹ ایسوسی ایشن کی طرف سے شمالی امریکہ سے آئے ہوئے میمن سماجی قائدین محترم عبدالغفار ورنند، شکاگو اور قاسم عباس، ٹورانٹو کے اعزاز میں آرٹس کونسل کراچی، میں ایک مشترکہ استقبالیہ



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ورلڈ میمن آرگنائزیشن کی طرف سے شمالی امریکا سے آئے ہوئے میمن سماجی قائدین عبدالغفار ورنند اور قاسم عباس کے اعزاز میں عشاءِ عالمی



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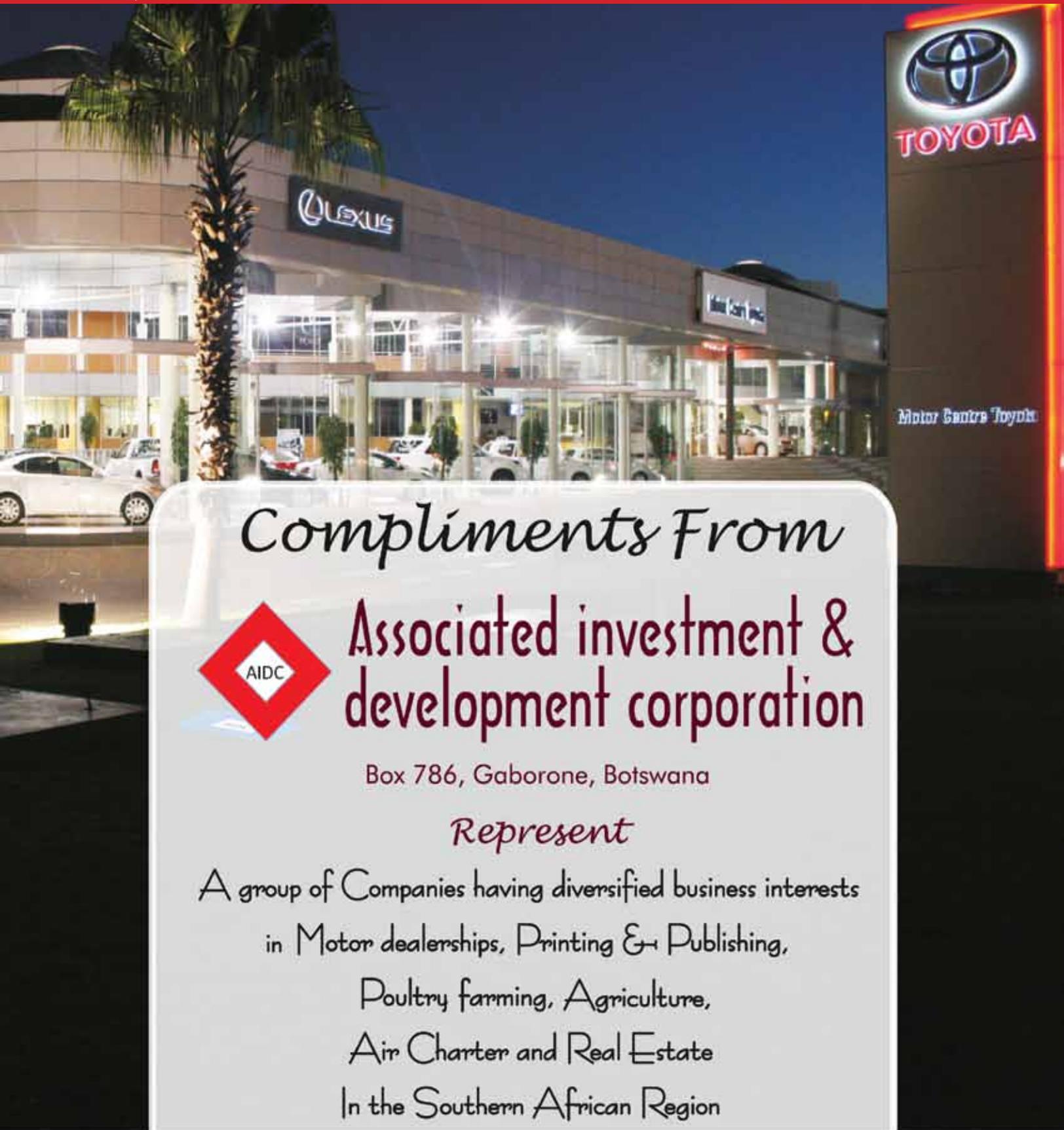
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