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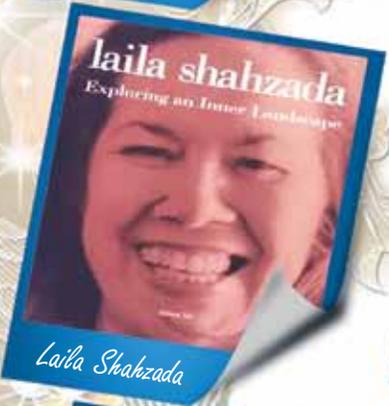
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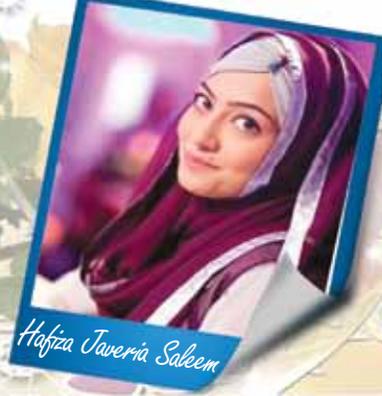
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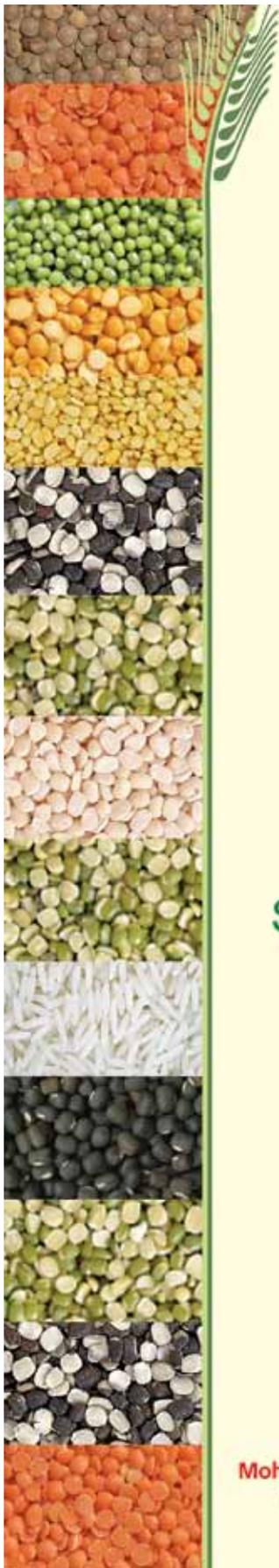
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Memon Women in the Frontline

Before the advent of Islam, women did not enjoy any status or rights in any society of the world. One example which we are all aware of is that in the pre-Islamic Arabia, newborn daughters were buried alive by their fathers.

But Islam has duly given women their rights and a status equal to men. Their invaluable role as a daughter, sister, mother, homemaker and nurturer of her children and family, has been recognized and respected.

According to the sayings of the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H):-

Whosoever has a daughter and does not bury her alive, does not insult her, and does not favour his son over her, Allah will enter him into Paradise (Ibn Hanbal, No. 1957)

Paradise lies in the feet of the mother (Ibn Majah, Ahmad)

There is a general presumption that women of the Memon Community are plain homemakers and stay in their house looking after the day to day household affairs and take care of the children. But it is a pleasant surprise to note that many of our Memon sisters have scaled great heights in their respective careers and have become a source of immense pride to the entire Memon Community.

Recently, the Ladies Wing of the WMO Pakistan Chapter organized a unique ceremony by the name of PRIDE OF MEMON ACHIEVER'S AWARD on 24th September 2014 at Karachi, wherein the remarkable achievements made by some of our Memon Sisters in their respective fields were recognized and acknowledged.

Since this event is a milestone in the history of the Memon Community, wherein our Memon Sisters made us proud by their unique achievements, we have decided to dedicate the entire issue of MEMON ALAM to them with the theme "**Memon Women in the Frontline**".

The WMO has always strived to harness the potential of well-to-do Memon Women so that they can channelize their time, money and efforts to work for the betterment of the less fortunate Memon women. For this purpose, Ladies Wings were established in all Chapters of WMO. The Ladies Wing of WMO Pakistan Chapter is doing an excellent job since its inception. We congratulate the Office Bearers and entire team of the WMOPC Ladies Wing for all their accomplishments over the years and for organizing the recent unique Award Ceremony. Such awards and recognitions will definitely encourage more and more of our sisters to reach out to greater heights.

We hope that this Award Ceremony will become an annual event so that no Memon Lady, who has important achievements to her credit, be left without being duly honored.

We wish the best to all Memon Women Achievers and urge all our Memon Sisters, especially the younger generation to pursue maximum possible education and acquire useful skills.

As the saying goes:-

You educate a man... you educate a man only.
You educate a woman... you educate a generation.

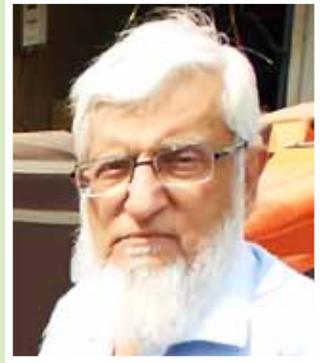
Pir Muhammad A. Kaliya
Chief Editor

Pir Muhammad Kaliya

Secretary General, WMO

It is a matter of great pride as a Memon to celebrate victorious achievements of our Memon Women. The Members of Ladies Wing Pakistan Chapter need greater appreciation on their past contribution and on especially this wonderful idea of acknowledging Memon Women on their great and extraordinary achievements.

I congratulate the Ladies Wing on organizing World Memon Organasiation "PRIDE OF WOMEN ACHIEVERS AWARD 2014" and all the Award winners. I wish for them more success. May Allah S.W.T bless them with more zeal. and Insha Allah we together will unite, uphold and uplift the Memon Community, Muslim Ummah and the whole human race.



Shoaib Ismail Mangroria

Vice President, WMO

I always support all the volunteers who work selflessly and devote their time & energy for the vision to prosper as a Memon Community. From the core of my heart I congratulate Ladies Wing Pakistan Chapter for organizing this program World Memon Organasiation "PRIDE OF WOMEN ACHIEVERS AWARD 2014"

It gives me great pride as a Vice President WMO, to visualize the immense potential that our women have excelled in unique paradigms of life.

Ladies Wing PC have always amazed with their programs they organize.

This program has not only inspired our new generation but also given us a sense of fulfillment as a Memon Community.

I wish all of you best of luck.



H.M Shahzad

Assistant Secretary General, WMO

Chairman MITI

It gives me immense pleasure as Assistant Secretary General, WMO and Chairman MITI to congratulate and acknowledge Ladies Wing Pakistan Chapter for organizing World Memon Organasiation "PRIDE OF WOMEN ACHIEVERS AWARD 2014" Ladies Wing PC has always played a very prominent role. I have full faith capabilities

of Women in general I would also take this opportunity to pay tribute to all the mothers of the world and my own mother, Hajiani Aisha bai whose Prayers have given me so much respect. I feel extra pride when I see memon sisters, and daughter's performing with excellence. At MITI, I try to introduce and support all the measures that are helpful in empowering women to come forward and educate and groom themselves in different areas.

At MITI we have designed numerous innovative course for ladies so that they do not only Groom themselves but also raise the standards of their living which will definitely have an overall impact on the society. As I know that women can reshape our destiny I have always supported all projects for the welfare of the community as a whole May Allah S.W.T bless us with true spirit and guidance to serve.



World Memon Organization Ladies Wing of Pakistan Chapter



On behalf of Ladies wing of Pakistan Chapter, we feel honored being women and part of Ladies Wing of World Memon Organization. We have the privilege to represent, serve and raise the voice of women on an international level. The Ladies Wing of WMO is actively involved in various socio - cultural and welfare activities for the welfare and well being of the Women of Memon Community in particular and women of all communities in general. The Ladies Wing holds get-togethers, seminars, social gatherings, exhibition, sales and charity events from time to time.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ladies Wing of South Africa who contributed US\$ 10,000 for disbursement to “children with special needs project” It was announced at the 2013 Annual General Meeting in Dubai, that this \$ 10,000 would be divided \$ 2000 for each chapter and the ladies wing of each chapter was requested to identify a suitable project and disburse these fund. The details of utilization of these fund is present in “Over view of ladies wing activities” in Memon Alam October 2014.

All the members of Ladies Wing Pakistan Chapter feel exuberant on organizing the event WMO “PRIDE OF MEMON ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2014”. It was a brain child of Tabassum A.Qadir, who has now shifted to South Africa. Tabassum’s contribution to strengthen the Ladies Wing of Pakistan Chapter has been marvelous, it was her dream project which inspired all of us to

take up this difficult task.

It’s a matter of great pride for all of us as Memon Women who ardently support and excel in all the roles they play.

All Women devote their lives nurturing their children and this itself is a mighty epic. The errand of recognition awards was undertaken to spot light the achievements of Memon Women in various and unique spectrums.

Pride of Memon Award has paid tribute to Memon Women, who broke the traditional obstacles and stood out exceptional, phenomenal astounding, prodigious, spectacular and now are laudable role models. The explicit, captivating, enchanting, and exquisite profiles of these amazing women is present in this issue October. 2014, of Memon Alam, “Memon Women in the Frontline”, also reveals the self worth of these inspiring women as women and member of Memon community. We admire them all and congratulate them for all their accomplishments.

This is just a beginning to discover and acknowledge the precious pearls of our Memon community. Ladies wing Pakistan chapter, after utmost efforts brought this idea to full fruition but may be missed some very important women unconsciously due to time constraints.

Inshaa Allah we will continue this tradition of acknowledging talented Memon Women by organizing “PRIDE OF MEMON ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS” in future too. We are grateful to all our sponsors, supporters, well -wishers, volunteers WMO staff, Memon

Alam team, Chief Editor Pir Muhammad Kalia, Editor Hina Yahya, Layout Designer Mr Farooq Saati, Mr Saleem Surthy, Mr Abdul Hameed, sponsors of this program Bonanza, Wall Master, Global Associates, Pioneer Cables, Mr. Altaf Vayani, Chairman Youth Wing Pakistan Chapter, Sumrin Kaliya, Sadia Umar and Yusra Imran for assisting in this program.

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The ladies of the Memon Community worldwide are requested to join the WMO Ladies Wing, wherever they are, at a WMO Chapter closest to them. Further, the ladies of the Memon Community are requested to become members of WMO. The Annual Membership is only US \$25.

Remember us all in your prayers for all our future ventures and if you can in anyway support us or want to join us, do write to us. We look forward for your contributions and suggestions

A noteworthy piece of gratitude to Zaitun Matcheswala for reviewing and editing the profiles of WMO “PRIDE OF MEMON ACHIEVERS AWARDS 2014”
Best regards,
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Hawa Abdullah

Chairperson, International Ladies Wing, WMO



Hawa Abdullah is a renowned social worker of the Memon community in Pakistan

Hawa's gentle manners, kind nature and unassuming personality has earned her much love and respect from people from all walks of life, especially her team workers. Hawa Abdullah was born in Pretoria, South Africa but has settled in Karachi, Pakistan since her marriage in 1965, She is blessed with four children, In the early years, she was a busy housewife raising her children and following up on their education. When the children were grown-up, Hawa Abdullah turned her attention towards the less – fortunate and dedicated her time money, and efforts for social and welfare activities.

Hawa Abdullah is a very active member of All Memon Women's Association (AMWA) which help needy and deserving members of the society to become self – reliant. She is a former president of Women's International Club and at Present serving as an Advisor to the club. She is the president of Karachi Ladies Association

which is one of the oldest Ladies Association in Pakistan. Mrs. Abdullah is actively involved in the Ladies Wing of the World Memon Organization (WMO) since its inception. She was the Chairperson of WMO Ladies Wing (Pakistan Chapter) for three consecutive years. Presently, she is serving as the Chairperson WMO International Ladies Wing which is a global body for Memon Ladies.

Her major involvement has been the Ma Ayesha Memorial Centre (MAMC), Karachi, a comprehensive Rehabilitation Centre for Neuro Muscular Disorders. This Centre is run by her Family Trust with the motto "MAMC GIVES WILL TO LIVE" and renders services for care and control of neuro muscular disorders to humanity at large.

Hawa Abdullah is an active member of BUSY BEE LADIES CLUB actively engaged in providing financial assistance in basic education to deserving children. She is also a member of the Executive Board of the prestigious Ida Rieu Welfare Association of

Karachi, engaged in serving the blind, deaf and senior citizens. Recently, Mrs. Abdullah has formed an Organization called Age Response Care gives Community with other Social volunteers being its main objective being the welfare of senior citizens.

Hawa Abdullah loves gardening and has made it her life time hobby. She is active member of Amateurs Gardening Club the Floral Art Society and now President of Ladies Horticultural Club. She has a flare for cooking and invites regular gathering for teaching and learning cooking.

Amina Ali Ganny

Chairperson, Ladies Wing, WMO Pakistan Chapter



Amina has also been an active member of AMWA for over 30 years and WMO for over a decade. Currently, she serves the organization as the Chairperson WMO Ladies Wing Pakistan Chapter.

Amina has been involved in social work over 40 years influenced greatly by her legendary the renowned philanthropist Father, Ibrahim Bawany Since then she has been involved

in various organizations working for the people of Pakistan focusing on disaster relief humanitarian issues, education and empowering women. The greatest of her achievements perhaps is Rehnuma Trust located at Sherpaobasti, this organization started with a few friends in a single room rented in a house which has now grown into being a cornerstone in the local slum area educating over 600 children annually.

Hamida Iqbal Bawaney

Treasurer, Ladies Wing, WMO Pakistan Chapter



Hamida has been active member of World Memon Organization is also an active member of inner wheel club, an associate Organization of Rotary International.

She is an active and dedicated social worker and has been rendering vibrant

support and guidance to various social and philanthropic organization in execution and implementation of such projects, in particular including dowry .

Hamida Iqbal Bawaney is a graduate and also holds Diploma in Flower Arrangement from Japanese Cultural Centre.

Aisha Anwar

Co-Chairperson Ladies Wing

Born in Karachi, her early education was from Karachi American school then A.A degree from Richmond American University, UK.

Aisha has been blessed with a family that is well known throughout the Asian subcontinent for its generosity and good deeds. She has had the privilege of working with various groups and friends and tries hard to maintain the Bawany family tradition of charity. Being the daughter of Zakaria Ahmed Bawany she feels she has a long way to go.

Working with WMO means reaching out to a larger group of people thus requiring more effort and time to reach goals. Her work as Executive Director of Pioneer Cables Ltd, running a home and charity work is very demanding but she considers it a blessing from Allah to be able to give time for the right causes.

She has won awards in poetry and photography. She was General Secretary for Woman's International club, Karachi, and is member of Ikebana International and Floral Art Society.



Shameen Bawany

Public Relations Officer Ladies Wing

Shameem Bawany has been an active member of the WMO since its very inception. She is very proud of the progress the WMO has made and envisions the organisation to grow into a bigger global presence, hoping to reach out to the international Memon Community to form a wider integrated network with different sects within the community coming together under one umbrella. However despite its success she feels that it could further benefit from a Memon Community Hall, and a sort of 'Job Center' for our enterprising Memon

ladies specifically; which would aid them in gaining employment or help them set up small businesses. Mrs Bawany is confident that if the WMO continues to adapt its programmes according to the changing needs of the Memon community it will blossom from strength to strength, fulfilling its mission of having a wider reach for the deprived in areas such as: food, housing, education and dowry assistance as well as generate larger funding for the needy. In the next five years Mrs Bawany wishes to continue her services for the welfare of Memons around the globe.



Abida Dada

Memon Connections Ladies Wing

Abida Dada, fashion Designer, Homemaker and philanthropist, has been working towards the betterment, of not only the Memon community, but also Pakistani society. Despite being a mother of three offspring's she is a pioneer in the world of fashion and has

been involved in the Pakistani fashion industry for over 4 decades. Abida has always made time for her passion for social work, specifically focusing on alleviating poverty and improving educational infrastructure within the country.



Bilquis Tabani

General Secretary Ladies Wing



I started out as a dedicated homemaker but soon found I needed more to maximise my potential. I always had a love affair with flowers and this led me to be one of the founding members of the Amateur gardeners club and the Karachi Floral Art Society. This soon extended to doing interiors, wedding florals and event management. I have also participated in many International Flower shows.

I have been associated with WMO for six years now and have contributed in various ways to the organisations efforts and matrimonial services.

I am proud to be a memon and of what my community stands for. As a baradari we have always been pioneers in helping the society around us and have admittedly done a lot for both our Community and country. For me the last roadblock for us, as a Community is the curse of illiteracy- my vision is therefore to eradicate illiteracy from

the Memon Community and all our young boys and girls must be degree holders (or on their way) by 2018.

With a view to achieving this ambition through the WMO, I would like to see us build a lovely community centre in a nice locality. This would serve a two fold purpose; Firstly it would give us a much needed space to conduct community building, educational and social activities. Secondly the revenue generated can be directly applied to a scholarship fund for deserving student who do not wish to accept zakat. We can also have a huge-wedding hall of high standard which will not only provide job opportunities but would also be a steady source of funds. We can have grand fresh flowers decorations which can be re used for all the various events and nothing would be wasted, as Memons we do not like to waste. Moreover it would give memons the option to have grand weddings whilst

secure in the knowledge that their money will be utilised for a good cause and they will be contributing to something bigger.

This project is one that is close to my heart and in line with my 20 years of experience in event management and interior design. I believe that if correctly developed this centre can become the cornerstone of our community, a unique social enterprise that would be by the people and for the people.

Abida

Moosa Vayani (Panjwani)



I entered the social working sector back in 1978. It's been almost 36 years and my experience has been wonderful, exciting and stimulating. What motivated me more was the involvement of my family in the social work. It was all their influence. My grandfather Abdul Ghani Abdul Karim Panjwani was the president in 1950's and my father Suleman A. G. Panjwani had been helping the needy in every possible way he could. Also, my uncle Dr. Essa Panjwani was the first doctor of Okhai Memon community and he treated many people free of cost. I always had a desire to help people in crisis, people with economic challenges and be involved with social change within our Okhai Memon community.

I was appointed as a General Secretary of Okhai Memon Youth Service in 1979 - this program provided the skills and confidence to be an effective social worker and counsellor. Moving on, I became the president of Okhai Memon Anjuman Girls Wing in 2000. I looked over the kids who were mentally and

physically challenged. My focus was entirely on the orphans and widows who needed moral support. The sole motive was to take them out of their deprived shell and make them understand their strengths. I feel proud to say that I was successful in providing them with good education and skills at minimum charges. Today these kids are capable of handling both household and education, which surely is an achievement for us. Currently, 300 girls are learning arts and crafts in the vocational activities which was offered complementary in the first three months, after that minimum charges were charged. Now I have a better understanding of the world of oppression and abuse as well as the hope, resilience, self-empowerment and the willingness to change and grow.

Moreover, I entered the World Memon Organisation in 2001 which was a huge platform and gave me a chance to serve the community in an even better way. Later, I handled its marriage bureau too. It was a great experience meeting different families and helping them. I used to take divorce cases too and I made sure

none of my clients leave my office with discontentment.

Presently, I am in charge of Okhai Memon Anjuman's marriage bureau and I work both in the office and in the house.

It's been an amazing journey and I absolutely love my work. It makes me internally happy when I see the destitute children smile. I believe everyone should be given the privilege and opportunity to unveil their true strengths and overcome their weaknesses. It's a beautiful life and everyone should live it to the fullest.

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An Overview of Activities of Ladies Wing Pakistan Chapter (2010-2014)



The World Memon Organisation (WMO) is an international umbrella organization of the Memon Community serving the poor and needy through its eight chapters around the world – namely Pakistan, India, Far east, Middle East, Europe, Africa, North Africa and North America. Besides, the social, cultural and economic status of all Memons – whether men, women or the youth.

For this, the World Memon Organisation (WMO) has well-established Ladies Wings and Youth Wing in all its chapters. The Ladies Wing of the WMO Pakistan Chapter is one of the largest and most active of them all.

Introduction to the Ladies Wing

The Ladies Wing of WMO Pakistan Chapter is actively involved in a variety of activities for the welfare and well-being of the women of the Memon Community. The Ladies Wing is proud to have a team of dedicated women who are putting their skills and innate talents to the best possible use for the betterment of Memon women and children.

Harnessing the Potential of Memon Women

The women of the Memon Community are bestowed with immense talent and the Ladies Wing is striving to encourage them to cultivate in themselves the spirit to serve the less fortunate members of the Memon Community under the banner of WMO.

For this purpose, the Ladies Wing regularly holds get-togethers, seminars,

functions and other such gathering where awareness about WMO is created and efforts are made to bring the women of the Memon Community together on a single platform and motivate them to devote their time and energy for social work and charity.

Such programs and get-togethers also provide a forum for dialogue and discussions with women of similar interests. They also help create awareness of issues pertaining to the women workers themselves and to the entire Memon Community at large. Such get-togethers offer the women an opportunity to interact with other members of the organisation share ideas and undertake constructive social work for the community.

The women of the Memon Community,

especially those from affluent families, have always responded positively to the efforts of the WMO Ladies Wing. This is evident from the number of new lady members of WMO. The members of the WMO Ladies Wing are also involved in fundraising for various events and projects. The WMO Ladies Wing always tries hard to promote WMO as an international NGO on every possible occasion.

We take this opportunity to sincerely thank the members of WMO Ladies Wing and all its well-wishers for their generous donation and continues support.

The WMO Ladies Wing in 2010

The Ladies wing is striving to harness





the potential of dedicated women workers to cultivate in them the spirit to serve the less fortunate members of the Memon Community under the banner of WMO.

The WMO Ladies wing has organized the following events over the past one years. We would like to point out, at this juncture, that plans for other programs were dropped after the floods in Pakistan.

TEAM - Together Everyone Achieves More

Team was organized by the membership Division of Ladies Wing on 17th March 2010 at the Sunset Club, Karachi. This seminar has conducted by torque (School of Leadership).

Objectives of Event:

- To bring together Networks of women from our Memon Community at one platform and motivate women endowed with talents, energy to devote their energies and time for social work and charity.
- To provide a forum for dialogue and discussion on issues of social welfare and culture.
- To promote awareness of issues relevant to ourselves and our community.
- To plan leisure activities activities for women enjoy themselves and meet others with similar interests.

Objectives Achieved

It was a very interactive seminar and 104 ladies actively participated. It was fund and all the Ladies participated actively. 50% cost of the program was covered by Registration fees and 50% was paid by WMO.

The participants were divided in 10 groups and given the task to come up with different objectives. Evaluation form of the event were filled by the participants for survey. The women enjoyed the program and also showed keen interest in becoming

members of WMO.

2.WMO's Stall at SAARC Fair

The WMO Ladies Wing always tries hard to promote WMO as an international NGO. In this regard, a stall of WMO was setup by the WMO Ladies Wing at the fair Held by the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) on 6th March 2010 at the Marriot Hotel, Karachi. At this stall, pamphlets and CDs of WMO were distributed and the visions were briefed about WMO and its vision.

3.Flood Relief

Soon after the devastating floods all over Pakistan, Mrs. Amina Ganny (Vice Chairperson, Ladies Wing.) along with Mrs. Tabassum Abdul Qadir (Secretary, Ladies wing) took the initiative to go to

the most remote area of Kohistan. The valley wich was cut-off from the rest of the world because its 25 mile long road and the two bridges which connected it to the nearest town were swept away by the floods. Responding to the distress signals, the lady members took an alternate route crossing Babusar Pass (16,000 feet) and traveling down the Chilas valley to reach Kandian. In all, it was a grueling 20-hour journey over bumpy rods and gushing streams. This remote area is among the poorest in the country. Its people lead tough lives in difficult terrain which make them self-reliant and uncompromising on their basic needs. When we talked with them about the need to work together and in partnership, they responded with uncharacteristic warmth. Thereafter, food for more than 1000 people was distributed.

Later on, the ladies wing members also visited Flood Relief camps at Jamshoro and Razzakabad and distributed relief goods to about 300 families.

They also visited the Flood Relief camp at Gharo organized by WMO and Shaikhani Foundation, along with the other members of the Board of Management of WMO on 19 September.

Meray Angney Mein

The WMO Ladies Wing held its 1st Event of Mother and Daughters Gathering under title theme of "Meray Angney Mein" for matrimonial purpose. The Targeted audience were mother and eligible daughters and mothers of eligible sons.

The event at Royal Rodale, Defence Housing Authority, began with brunch and spanned 4 hours. After the brunch at restaurant, all participants were seated in





Banquet Hall. The program started with opening remarks by Mrs. Samreen followed by welcome speech by Chairperson, WMO Ladies wing, Mrs. Hawa Abdullah.

There was an icebreaking activity where participants were given different colors of ribbons and were shuffled to different tables having flags of their respective colors. This activity allowed them to have networking with other participants.

Next activity was "I AM" where own visiting card was made by each participants and the cards were rotated on the table they were sitting to know more about each other. Cards were then collected by volunteers to have data of all participants and for lucky draw. Thereafter a renowned singer Ms Asma Ahmed made all participants sing along with her.

After ever one two songs there was announcement of different categories of lucky draws. For example: any one having birthday in October. Any one wearing black dress with red purse. Any one wearing purple and many different categories.

The aim was to bring more and more participants on forefront. The program ended with lot of appreciation and demand for such events every 2 month. Hopefully the WMO Ladies wing will keep the spirit continue and will come up with more exciting events in future under the mission statement: **Entertainment with Purpose**".

Self-Funding

The WMO Ladies wing has generated funds through registration fees and tickets for the above mentioned programs and does not depend entirely on WMO for funding. Only if the case need be, a small share has been sought from WMO.

The Program Together Everyone

achieves More (TEAM) was financed with two-thirds of the funds raised by donations and tickets while the remaining one-third was contributed by WMO Pakistan Chapter.

The event Meray angeny mein was entirely financed by tickets and contributions from the members of WMO Ladies Wing.

The expenses of the stall at the SAARC Fair were also taken care of by the members of the Ladies wing.

The WMO Ladies Wing in 2011

Activities & Events of WMO Ladies Wing during 2011

The WMO Ladies Wing has been actively engaged in collecting funds and relief goods for the Flood Relief Work in 2010 and 2011. So far, a considerable amount has been collected by the Ladies Wing besides donation in kind. Till date, an amount of Rs.1,627,500/- (US \$ 18,500

has been collected for the Flood Relief Work and goods worth about Rs. 150,000 (US \$ 1700) have been also collected.

2. WMO President's Housing Scheme:

The Ladies Wing has been actively collecting donation with the aim to finance one house under the WMO President's Housing Scheme. Till date, an amount of Rs.843, 000/- (US \$ 9,580) has been collected. The WMO Ladies Wing objective was aiming to collect PKR 1 million (USD 12, 000) to completely finance one house and we are happy to say that we are almost there in achieving this target.

3. Matrimonial:

The Ladies Wing Continues to help parents find suitable matches for their children in a very confidential manner and great care is taken in protecting the identity of each individual. A number of marriage relationships have also been finalized.

4. JAGO – Women Power Conference:

This conference was a call to women in positions of power to stand up against the issues and social injustice faced by the women of the Memon community. The purpose of the conference was to motivate and encourage the women in key positions to come forward and act as a bridge between the privileged and deserving. The first part was held in January, 2011 and was sponsored by Ms. Ajjo, a leading fashion Jewelry Designer. The Conference was dedicated to empowering women to bring hope, healing and changes into their own lives and to the world around them and served as a call to women of all ages and backgrounds to become the leaders. The second part of the conference was held in March, 2011 at a



member's residence.

The jago event was Organized by WMO Ladies Wing at Sheraton with a view to bring one one platform all the influential memon women and encourage them to participate in welfare and community service activates of WMO. The event was preplanned in a careful way. The team was asked for nominations regarding such memon women who had made a mark on the socio economic strata and ascended the ladder of success in lives. The nominated ladies were extended invitations for tea at Sheraton.

The event was facilitated by Ms. Urooj Mazhar who is a turning officer at torque. She is a well known trainer and motivational speaker. The audience were later encouraged to brainstorm more ideas by which the Ladies wing could perform diverse social work functions. the were also convinced about the importance of team work and then around __ teams were formed the ladies eagerly participated in the whole event and zealously included their names in various teams. The whole event was sponsored by Ms. Ajjo who is a leading fashion jewellery designer. The event turned out to be a huge success as it not only promoted the cause of WMO but also managed to expand the network of WMO Ladies wing. Membership were also given to the interested ladies and more were encouraged to be members of the WMO family.

5. Cricket World Cup:

The Ladies Wing had successfully arranged a very festive Get-together at the Royal Palm where the semi-final cricket match between Pakistan VS India was shown live on big screens. A variety of food stalls were also setup at the venue. The event was attended by a large group of youngsters along with their parents.

6. Grand Eid Milan:

This was a Bowling and Brunch Get-together for the WMO members to share the Eid festivities. The event, held on 17th September 2011 at royal Rodale Club, Karachi, was a guests attended the event.

7. Symphony of Fashion:

A Fashion show & Exhibition was held on 17th December 2011 at South End Club, Defence, Karachi.

A fashion Show titled "Symphony of Fashion" was organized by the WMO Ladies Wing on Saturday, 17 December 2011 at South End Club, Defence, Karachi. The aim of this event was to promote lady designers of the Memon Community and give their creativity and skills a proper exposure.



Sponsor of Symphony of Fashion:

An Exhibition was also arranged along with the fashion Show, Where the participating Memon Women set up their stalls to exhibit their handwork. The exhibited items included garments, handicrafts, art work, home accessories and many other items.

The Members of the Ladies Section, Memon industrial & Technical Institute (MITI), A project of WMO, also took part in the exhibition.

The fashion show, symphony of fashion, and the exhibition, were sponsored by leading national and international brands and companies of Pakistan.

All programs and events organized by the ladies Wing of WMO Pakistan Chapter have been appreciated by all and attended by a good number of participants. The Ladies Wing of WMO Pakistan Chapter is striving hard in its Mission to harness the potential of Memon women to pursue and fulfill a just and noble cause, that is to serve humanity.

The Ladies Wing Pakistan Chapter in 2012

Activities & Events of WMO Ladies Wing during 2012

1. Free Medical Camp:

Ladies wing of World Memon Organization held free Medical camp in collaboration with Zubida Medical Centre, Dhoraji Colony at Kaka Bawany centre. A counter for dental check up also set by Jinnah Dental Hospital. A professional team of PharmEvo (Pvt) Limited, a pharmaceutical company, assisted for laboratory test of the visitor.

The team of doctors and paramedical staff from Zubaida Medical centre, conducted Blood Grouping, ECG and test of sugar, colestrol etc, under the direct supervision of Mr.Sidduq Umer Shekha, Executive Director of ZMC.

There was big rush for free medical test and queues of visitors were formed. Around 225 female visitor availed free medical check up.

Besides Medical camp, five stalls of household items lik crockery, toys, purses, Garments, clothing etc. were also installed. These items were brought in various cartons and offered for sale at cheaper rates. The Office Bearers were also busy in attending to the visitors. Some vendors displayed their items on the floor which also attracted the visitors and very soon disposed off.

The prices of commodities gradually declined with the sell of better quality items the event ended with lunch to the organizers and the coordinators.



(L-R) Mr. Rafiq Tabani, President, Mrs Bilquis Tabani, Ms. Shamiem Kazmi & Syed Makhdoom Ali Riyaz, Vice President



The Audience

9. Comedy Play at PACC:

The Ladies Wing of the WMO Pakistan Chapter regularly hold seminars, get-togethers and other socio-cultural events for the benefit of the women of the Memon Community in Pakistan.

In this regard, the WMO ladies Wing held a Grand event at Pak American Cultural Center(PACC) on Friday, 20th April 2012 at 8:30 p.m. At the event, the team of ZHRSSS Production Presented two plays of about 45 minutes each. The plays were both educative and entertaining. About 150 People(both men and women) attended the event.

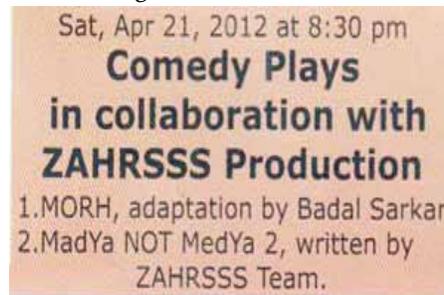
Refreshment were served in the break between the two plays wherein tea and snacks were served.

The WMO Ladies wing introduced a novel way to collect funds for children with special needs by distributing clay Money Boxes (Piggy Bank) to all the participants. The participants were requested to deposit coins and loose change in the piggy banks return the same at the next ladies wing event. Anybody who has saved the most amount would be given a prize.

The WMO Ladies wing is extremely

grateful to PACC and its president, Mr. Rafiq Tabani for the arrangements which were made free of cost.

The expenses of the refreshments were self-financed by the members of the Ladies Wing.



All women of the Memon Community are cordially invited to join the WMO Ladies Wing and help serve the less fortunate in the most befitting manner.

Self-Funding

The WMO Ladies Wing has always strived to generate funds, through registration fees and tickets, for most of its programs and events and does not depend entirely on WMO for funding. Only if the

case need be, a small share has been sought from WMO. Al Hamdulillah, the WMO Ladies Wing has raised the funds for all its programs in the year 2012 and did not ask WMO for any financial assistance from WMO.

3. In the hot sizzling month of June, an Indoor Pool Party was organized at the residence of Farah Chapra, it was a very fun filled event, many exciting games were played and gifts distributed, the purpose behind this programme was collection of zakat before Ramadan. Refreshments were served after the party.

The Ladies Wing 2013

The Ladies Wing of the WMO Pakistan Chapter is the oldest and largest Ladies Wing of all the Chapters of WMO. It has the most membership and can be termed as the most active Ladies Wing.

Over the years, many memorable events and useful activities have been carried out by the Ladies Wing. Among them, the Ladies Wing of WMO Pakistan Chapter had taken a bold step to take part in the flood relief activities carried out by WMO and joined the Office Bearers of WMO in visiting flood affected areas, relief camps and tent villages. The Ladies Wing had also collected cash and kind to help the flood victims.

The Ladies Wing of WMO Pakistan Chapter actively canvasses for Zakat and Donations which are then handed over to WMO House. Besides, at every event, efforts are made to introduce women to the noble work done by WMO and encourage them to join hands with WMO by becoming its members and also contribute their skills, time and money for philanthropic activities, especially for the less-fortunate women of the Memon community.

During the year 2013, over Rs. 1 million (US \$10,000) were collected exclusively by the Ladies Wing. The Ladies Wing has contributed 1 house, after collecting money



Ms. Shamein Kazmi presenting mementos to Ms. Hawa Abdullah President, Ladies Wing World Memon Organization & Mr. Rafiq Tabani



from various contributors, to the WMO President's Housing Scheme, where one house costs about US \$ 12,000.

1. A special get-together was held just before the Holy Month of Ramadan, in the end of June 2013, to canvass for Zakat and Donations. This get-together also included an Islamic Lecture and a Question & Answer Session from view point of the upcoming Holy Ramadan. At this event, a prize was distributed to the highest collector in the **Matki Scheme**. As you know, the Matki Scheme had been

Institute Hospital, which is a prestigious healthcare project of the Memon community in Pakistan. Over 300 participants made this charity event a grand success. BEO, a renowned lady comedian, left the gathering in fits of laughter. This was followed by High Tea. At this Charity Event, an amount of Rs. 436,000 (US \$4,360) was raised (after all expenses) which was divided equally between WMO and MMI.

4. The Ladies Wing is studying a project for adoption – the Madressah Ayesha Lil Banat Faizan-e-Hamza &

Ladies Wing of WMO Pakistan Chapter is under consultation with the Office Bearers of WMO Pakistan Chapter regarding taking over the management and financing of the Madressah cum School. As soon as a decision is reached, the Ladies Wing will inform the International Ladies Wing and the Board of Management for approval of the project.

I wish to thank all the members of the Ladies Wing of the WMO Pakistan Chapter, the Office Bearers of Pakistan Chapter and WMO Headquarters, and also the team at



launched by the International Ladies Wing earlier. The proceeds from the Matki Scheme will be handed over to certain institutions which cater to special needs, such as the handicapped or mentally retarded.

2. Earlier, in April 2013, a social get-together was held at the residence of Mrs. Rehana Bawany wherein about 130 ladies attended. At this gathering, guidance was offered regarding the elections that were to be held in the country in May 2013. One special feature of this gathering was that all women were asked to come in traditional Memoni dresses and Memoni dishes were served. This helped the younger generation to understand their rich culture, heritage and tradition.

3. On 24th October 2013, the Ladies Wing held a grand Charity Event in collaboration with the Memon Medical

Montessori Pre-Primary School, which is located in Baldia Town, an area of Karachi where many poor families live. The area has quite a few Memon families. The

the International Ladies Wing.

Let us pray to Almighty Allah to help us serve humanity in the most befitting manner. Ameen.





Events of 2014

Children with Special needs

The International Ladies wing launched a Program to support “Children with Special Needs”.

The Support will be provided to organizations in a member countries involved in helping CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS in form of financial and organizational support through this initiative. The Ladies Wing will closely work with identified organization to develop long term corporation in carrying out initiatives which will make a real differences in the lives of “Children with Special Needs” so that these children can grow up to be productive citizens in the world and gain acceptance in the society without any stigma attached to their disabilities.

Objectives

1. Create a common Objective/ Cause for all the ladies wing from different chapters would have an opportunity to come together for a common cause.
2. Greater participation of the ladies and youth in the activities of the WMO
3. Help Economically and Socially dis-advantaged children to progress in life and give them a second chance.

An Art Competition was held among the children of community to design a LOGO for the project and the winner master Elan Gadit of UK was presented with a Lap Top by WMO President Abdul Satar Dada during the AGM.

As an initial Fund raiser all chapters under took to distribute money boxes (Tills) among the young children in the community, among Memon commercial organizations and other commercial establishment. The Tills will be collected by the Ladies wing everyone month (or whenever a till is full) and the money will then by deposited in the WMO chapter account for disbursement to the central body.

WMO Africa Women’s wing had pledged an amount of US 10,000 to initiate this project. At present applications from the various chapters of WMO Women’s wing around the globe are forwarding their applications to assist these physically challenged children. The decision as to which applications to assist these physically challenged children. The decision as to which applicants will be successful will be done by making advice with all the representative of all the different chapters. WMO Africa has continuously over the past few years been involved an a distribution of wheel chair Campaign.

The International Ladies Wing, Pakistan Chapter, had Initiated the Mutka Fund, Whereby members of the Ladies Wing in Pakistan were asked to save money for a noble cause.

Under the mutka fund, an amount of PKR 50,000 was collected by the WMO international Ladies Wing (Pakistan). After adding some more money, two air conditioners costing PKR 69,700 were donated to the Imran Rehabilitation centre, Karachi, where special children are taken good care.

Imran Rehabilitation Center

Imran Rehabilitation Center (IRC) for cerebral palsy is one of its kind special centre, for the brain injured physically and mentally disabled children. IRC has been working for the welfare of special children for more than eight years now. “IMRAN REHABILITATION CENTER” (IRC), is aproject of “Sharif Haroon Memorial Trust” (reg).

PRIDE OF MEMON

Ladies Wing World Memon Organization Pakistan Chapter, organized a program on 24th OCTOBER 2014, PRIDE OF MEMON, Achievers The idea behind organizing this event was to honour, Memon Women, who have achieved recognition in various fields.

The program started with Tilawat-e-Quran by member Ladies Wing Mrs Abida Punjwani. The opening speech was given by Vice Chairperson Ladies Wing ,Miss Aisha Anwar. The Program was hosted by Sumrin Imran.

The Chief guest of the occasion was Bilquis Edhi.

The awards were given in three categories , namely Recognition, tributes and Achievers. The award winners of different categories are as follows.

Hajiani Khadija ,Marium Faruqi , SherBano Katchi, Laila Shahzada, Aamena Ghani, Bilquis Bano Edhi, Tabassum A Qadir, Dr. Zaitun Shah Matcheswala, Mariam Issa, Sabina Khatri, Mariam Saeedullah Khan, Sidra Iqbal, Shireen Anwar, Rabia Garib, Tara Uzra Dawood, Dr. Farzana Poonawala, Kulsoom Rafiq, Sherbano Karim, Farhat Rasheed, Hafiza Javeria Saleem, Munzalin Munaf, Farzana Munaf, Abida Memon, Zarina Fazal, Dr. Lubna Kamani, Mariam Arif, Frida Ghaffar, Naqsh Hamdani, Midra Hamdani, Farseen Hamdani

In the end vote of thanks was given by Mrs Hameeda Iqbal. The Program was greatly appreciated by the audience.



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Pride of Memon Achievers Awards 2014



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Post humous Tributes Pride of Memon Achievers Awards 2014 by WMO Ladies Wing Pakistan Chapter

Hajiani Khadija Ma

Born in Bantva, Kathiawar in 1900 she came from a modest family. Despite having no formal education she undertook the mission of providing educational opportunities to Memon Girls.

Following the management of the madrassa at Akuli Mosque in Bantva, she formed a ladies forum by the name of 'Zanana Council' under which she started a madrassa 'Ziant ul Islam' Eventually it became the alma mater of 635 girls where they acquired religious education in Urdu and Gujrati and also learnt sewing.

After partition, with support from Ms. Fatima Jinnah, she started a girls' school in



Nankwada, Karachi called the 'Memon Girls School'. She also formed a Ladies Organization

in the name of 'Pakistan Memon Women Educational Society' which was forerunner of 'Raunaq-e- Islam Girls' Primary School'. Later she started another school in Federal B Area Karachi, and upgraded her schools to Secondary Level. She started a Girl's College in thickly populated area Mithadar-Kharadar.

Her efforts were acknowledged by Bantva Memon Jamat in 1978 when she was awarded a 10 tola Gold Medal, seventy five thousand rupees cash and many gifts in a grand ceremony. The gracious lady donated all this to the Jamat for the cause of female education and went home only with her Holy Quran, Tasbeeh and the prayer mat. She will be remembered as a pioneer of Memon Girls Education.



Marium Faruqi

Born in Pune in 1924, Marium, daughter of Sir Ibrahim, a well-known businessman, who also launched an Urdu weekly 'Muslim' and established a primary school in Haroon Hall in India before partition.

She studied Persian at college and did her undergraduate in Urdu and Persian. In Pakistan Maryam worked with Mrs Qazi Issa on the National Guard Movement in preparing young women for emergencies. She also worked with the Women's Muslim League.

Her passion for teaching started from the veranda of her home; with six tables and a few

chairs and led to the establishment of Happy Home School. Her spirit and enthusiasm is clearly reflected by the fact that despite her old age and failing health, she continued to lead the institution, vigorously climbing stairs and moving across corridors, only to make sure the school is functioning proper.

She was awarded Gold Medal from the University of Bombay for acquiring First Merit Position 1945, Award of Fulbright Hayes Scholarship for Educational Administration and Supervision in the USA in 1960 - 6, President's Award for Literacy 1987, Award by Hamdard Naunehal Assembly 1988, Pakistan National Unity Award for her success in education by Pakistan

National Unity Council, Award for outstanding services for youth cause by Galaxy of Youth Pakistan 1997, Star Woman Award 1998 by Star Girls & Women Foundation, Prime Minister's Madar-e-Millat Award 2003, Lifetime Achievement Award by KFC 2007,

Fatimat-uz-Zohra Award 'For the Struggle she Initiated and her Commitment' by Working Women, Organization (Trust) Pakistan – 2007, Third Senior Citizen Award by Mera Ghar Welfare Association – 2008, Life time Achievement Award by the Directorate of Private School

Education 2009, Woman Educator of the Year Award by Pakistan Excellence Awards Foundation, Islamabad 2009, Life time Achievement Award by the Hamdard Foundation 2009, Lifetime Achievement Award by the Board of Intermediate Education Karachi 2010.

SherBano Katchi

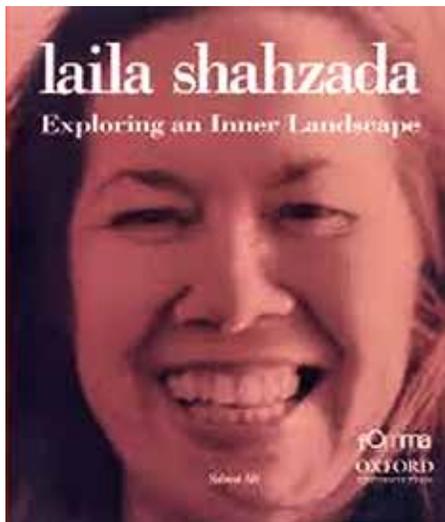
Coming from a philanthropic family, SherBano was educated in fine arts and was encouraged to be a compassionate lady for the needy. During the 1980's she became the founder Vice President of Ladies Wing of the World Memon Foundation. She devoted her time and energy to the cause of uplift of Memon women in her role. Later when World Memon Organization was formed under the visionary leadership of ARY, she joined WMO and served as First Chairperson of Ladies Wing in Pakistan



She organized health campaigns, for making women aware of good nutrition and safety measures to avoid diseases. These campaigns also addressed medical problems faced by the children, and the elderly. She has also been promoting youth of the community through events, promoting employment and entrepreneurial opportunities.

She was honored by the Okhai Memon Jamaat. All Pakistan Memon foundation and WMO who have presented her shields in recognition of her endeavors.

She was an extraordinary entrepreneur besides, her family business she successfully ran her own silver jewelry business.



Laila Shahzada

Laila Shehzada amongst Pakistan's most internationally renowned artists. She studied with the Royal Drawing Society, London and was the first women painters in Pakistan to gain international recognition, with exhibitions around the world including Pakistan, London, Paris, Tokyo, Monte Carlo and New York. She was the first artist to draw inspiration from the archeological sites of the Indus valley and Taxila region. Laila played an important role in initiating and popularizing the ancient history of Pakistan by producing series of paintings which depicted the long lost civilization using its surviving artifacts.

Laila was honored in Pakistan by the President's Award, the Tamgha-e-Imtiaz in 1986

and the Pride of Performance in 1995, when she participated in a group show at the Shorouks International Gallery, Regent Street, London. She was the only Pakistani to be honored with the Key to the city of New York.

In the 1980s, she was selected to participate in an international display at the Westminster Gallery, London and her work was shown in an exhibition at the Barbican Gallery. On 14th August 2006, the Pakistan Post issued a Rs. 40 sheetlet of stamps to posthumously honor 10 Pakistani painters. Laila Shahzada is among those 10 painters.

Salwat Ali wrote a book on her by the name Laila Shehzda: Exploring an Inner Landscape produced by FOMMA- Foundation for Museum of Modern Art aimed at introducing outstanding contemporary artists and architects.

Aamena Ghani

Aamena was among the few Memon women who were lucky to receive higher education. Aamena got her higher education from Aligarh Muslim University. This university was founded by Sir Syed Ahmed Khan, who recognized the role of education in the empowerment of the poor and backward Muslim community.

Aamena was born in Bombay in the famous Mitha family. Her leadership qualities were evident from the very



beginning. During her education at the Aligarh University she remained very active and was the General Secretary of the Muslim Girls College Students Union. After her arrival to Pakistan she keenly participated in social service. Her contributions were noticed by the United Nations and she was sponsored to attend several conferences and seminars. In 1965 she was appointed as Director of Social Welfare Department by the Government of Pakistan. She was awarded a prestigious scholarship by the United Nations and went to New York for Community Development Training.



Bilquis Bano Edhi

Bilquis Bano Edhi is wife of Abdul Sattar Edhi, a humanitarian, a social worker

and one of the most active philanthropists in Pakistan. She was born in Karachi, where she joined the nurses training course at the Edhi Nurses Training Centre when she was in the 8th grade. Bilquis was one of the few Muslim girls there, because, at the time, nursing was not considered a suitable profession for a Muslim women. Nevertheless she was determined to become a nurse so she studied diligently, was passionate about her work and quickly became a first rank nurse.

She has been working with the Edhi Foundation – A Foundation which was started by Abdul Sattar Edhi with the mission to provide aid to Pakistan's poor and down-trodden, and has become Pakistan's major relief organization under the leadership of the husband and wife - team of Abdul Sattar and Bilquis Edhi. She heads the Bilquis Edhi

Foundation, holds the honor of being awarded the prestigious 'Hilal-e-Intiaz', and with her husband received the '1986 Ramon Magsaysay Award for Public Service'. She is also the recipient of the 'Lenin Peace Prize'.

Her charity runs many services in Pakistan including a hospital and emergency service in Karachi. Edhi foundation is a major resource for assisting victims of disaster internationally. With all of the love and attention Bilquis gives the thousands of children rescued by the Edhi Foundation, this is why she is often called, 'The Mother of Pakistan'. She regularly visits Edhi Homes all over Pakistan to monitor their activities and give suggestions and recommendations on how she feels the work should be done. She is also instrumental in making Edhi Homes 'Centers of Excellence' – in the true sense of the word.

Dr. Zaitun Matcheswala

Dr. Zaitun Shah is the daughter of famous leader Haji Umar Ahmed Matcheswala, a close political associate of Quaid-e-Azam. She is a woman with immense brilliance and academic achievement that is unparalleled. She completed her PhD from St. Anthony's College, Oxford University. She was the only Asian lady who enjoyed the privilege of being the fellow of the Wolfson College at Oxford University and when the Islamic Culture Foundation was established in Oxford in 1971, she was appointed its Executive Director. It was dedicated towards promoting intercultural understanding by the publication of classical texts from Arabic, Persian, Turkish and Urdu. She worked as the General Editor of the series in which 76 authors and scholars worldwide participated.

She has written a book 'Life and Times of Sir Syed Ahmed Khan' which was published by Oxford University Press and a collection of her



poems titled '99 Poems' has been published by Foundation for Islamic Culture.

She served as Professor and Advisor in Kuwait University, and also worked as the

advisor to Director of De-Colonization at the UN Institute of Training and Research Unit.

She returned to Pakistan at the invitation of Government of Pakistan and was appointed as the advisor to the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs Division. She simultaneously supervised the University Grants Commission, now HEC. She has also served as the advisor on Environmental Conservation and Education to Chamber of Commerce and has been the advisor in the committee for development of Educational Curriculum for Post Graduate Degrees in Baqai University.

She has organized the Karachi Stock Exchange Institute for Training and Research. She speaks on the Development of Women, Higher Education, Pollution and Environment and has been key note speaker at House of Lords for the Millennium Group on 'Empowering Women for Peace and Democracy' hosted by Women's Federation for World Peace. For aspiring young ladies of our community Dr. Zaitun is a role model.



Mariam Issa

A humanitarian and socialworker Mariam is a woman who has devoted most of her life to community service both in USA and Pakistan. She has served on several boards, Asian Pacific American Heritage as President, Asian American Coalition, Pakistan-Association of Greater Houston as President, Pakistan Association's Board of Trustee, Ancestral Film Festival, Blaffer Gallery, Express Theatre, Asia Society, Advisory board of UNICEF, Census 2000, Asia World Expo, as President of South Asian Chamber of Commerce and many more.

She founded the Pakistan-American

Volunteers Association to educate the American people about the rich heritage of Pakistan. The projects like March of Dimes, The Rehab Mission, the Asian Arts Festival and the Houston International Festival were among the achievements of this organization under the visionary leadership of Ms. Mariam Issa. She also raised funds for Red Cross Relief fund for September 11 and for the documentary movie ; 'Muhammad; The Legacy of a Prophet'. This movie served immensely to diffuse the antagonistic views about Muslims in USA after 9/11 incidents. It was shown in 52 States of USA by PBS television stations.

She served as Vice President of Houston Mayoral Advisory Board for International-

Affairs and Development Asia and also Pakistani American Women's Association. Houston's Channel 11 honored her in Asia's selected program called 'Making History Today'.

She worked with Rotary Club

International installing 500 hand pumps in Sindh and Balochistan and was awarded the Paul Harris Fellow Award for this commendable achievement.

She was featured in the directory of

'Who's Who of Asian Americans' because of her accomplishments in the city of Houston. An avid political activist she campaigned for many political leaders out of which President Clinton, Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama etc.



Tara Uzra Dawood

Tara Uzra Dawood is a Canadian-Pakistani entrepreneur, money manager and freelance journalist. As CEO of Dawood Capital Management Ltd., she provides financial advice for individuals and corporate sector in Pakistan, and with her team she

facilitates financial security for women through her brainchild LADIES FUND and of children BABY FUND and CHILD FUND.

She is Editor-in-Chief of LADIES FUND Magazine, Pakistan's first magazine for women professionals and entrepreneurs. Tara is a strong advocate of educational opportunities and recently spearheaded the LADIES FUND Fellowships and Scholarships Programs. She founded, Dawood Global Foundation which is comprised of five wings: Investors and Supporters, Management, Brand Ambassadors, an Advisory Council, and a Student Advisory Board and Volunteers.

Tara was selected as Canada's Youth News Representative, which is the youth wing of the Associated Press. With her entrepreneurial savvy as a young journalist, Tara established a network of links with cosmetic labels, record labels and movie studios in Canada, the United States, and Europe. Tara has studied at Cornell

University, Oxford University, and Harvard Law School with distinctions, and became a member of the New York Bar. Tara relocated to Pakistan, where she revamped the venture capital company, Pakistan Venture Capital Ltd. and followed this with the creation of her namesake company, Dawood Capital Management Ltd.

She lectures internationally on the role of Women Entrepreneurship and has spoken as a keynote speaker at conferences in Turkey, Sweden, Chile, UAE, Malaysia, North America, Pakistan and Europe. She has contributed greatly to the role of women in the economic realm of Asian and developing countries.

Being on the board of a number of high profile organizations. Tara is a columnist and freelance writer for magazines and online media, such as 85 Broads, the Toronto Sun, and the Girl Friday column for The Friday Times of Pakistan.

Dr. Farzana Poonawala

Dr. Farzana is Pakistan's first visually impaired woman to acquire a Ph.D in Islamic Studies. Being a woman of immense moral strength, courage and determination she never let her blindness become her weakness.

After obtaining her B.A from St. Joseph's College in 1979, she completed her M.A in Philosophy Travelling to University of Karachi was a greater challenge, yet she continued her passion for education. In 1999 she did her Ph.D in Islamic Studies studying scholars like Shibli Nomani, Allama Muhammad Iqbal, Ghulam Ahmed Pervez and others. She is deeply impressed by Abul Ala Maududi and was fascinated by his writings since her childhood. Dr. Farzana



has done a certificate course in Arabic-Tadreesul Quran .

She has been teaching at the PECHS college for the past 20 years and imparting knowledge of Holy Quran to children. She

reads the Quran in Braille and has memorized many of its chapters. Further she converted the Syllabi, course materials and various Dictionaries into Braille so that blind students can be benefited. So far, she has converted more than 200 such material into Braille.

Dr. Farzana's achievements have been recognized and honored by the Rotary club, the All Pakistan Memon Federation, Aero Asia, Fanus (Narcotics) and many individuals. She has also been awarded Tamgha-e-Husn-e-Karkardagi by the Government of Pakistan.

Dr. Farzana is the President of Pakistan Braille Society and an active member of the Pakistan Association of Blind. She has presented many papers on Social Integration, Blind Women in Society etc..



Tabassum A Qadir

A woman with 'never-say-die' spirit, Tabassum A.Qadir, is presently the Managing Director of Pak Africa Aviation and currently pursuing her career in South Africa.

She started a textile exporting business at age of 22 from home under the guidance of her father in law. She then expanded the business in Africa and can be called the only woman entrepreneur of Pakistan who has travelled African countries like Uganda, Sudan, Angola, Zambia and Nigeria amongst other African countries.

This dynamic lady is amongst few women of Pakistan selected by United States for a leadership program. Her textile company provided a boost to Pakistan's exports and she won an award in Expo 2010 for Textile Exports.

With her travelling experience in Africa, she has now dared to enter the Aviation world and is currently busy launching an Airline in South Africa with a mission to connect Africa!

The stories of her success do not end here. She has made immense contributions to the WMO Ladies Wing, in projects like White Elephant Sale, Mere Angny Main etc.



Farhat Rasheed

Farhat is a strong and determined girl with a passion for doing something different and unique in life. She was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy at the time of her birth, which limited her physical abilities and restricted her to wheel-chair. However, she has never allowed her disabilities to prevail over her abilities. Farhat is a Gold Medalist in MBA Marketing from IoBM, has worked in Unilever Pakistan Limited as Assistant Brand Manager and is now helping in her family business. She runs her own rice brand “Shahenshah”.

Farhat initiated the group ‘SHOW YOU CARE’ (SYC) which is a voice for all

physically challenged individuals to rise and live independently and to make Pakistan a wheelchair friendly country. SYC has successfully organized plays, seminars and talks targeting top architects, builders, government officials, private owners and general public. SYC successfully convinced some private owners to make ramps at their restaurants; some of which include Chen One. Pizza Hut at Muhammad Ali Society, Gelato Affairs etc.

Pakistan, though is a signatory to UN Convention On The Rights Of Persons With Disabilities, the disabled here are confined to their homes or go to special schools. Special people are not “Disable”, they are “Differently Able” emphasizes Farhat.

Shireen Anwar

Chef Shireen Anwer, famous cooking expert in Pakistani culinary field is a Memon to be celebrated by the community.

Shireen Anwar had an interest in cooking and she pursued her passion in the culinary arts and worked as a teacher in “Western Food Institute New York”. Returning to Pakistan she resumed her profession. She has 27 years of culinary experience and has 2 cookbooks to her name. She has got several award from Pakistan, UAE, America, and London. She additionally started giving cookery classes by name of Triple ‘S’ Kitchenette that clothed to be an outstanding success over the years.



Her unwavering passion to create amazing recipes, her warmth and charisma has all lead to the huge success of the cooking show Masala Mornings on Masala TV. The show has completed more than 700 episodes. She is the author of best-selling cookbooks. The World on Your table, An Invention to Pakistani cooking & Beijing Bangkok. She focuses in a large range of food ranging from oriental to continental but prefers desserts and baking. Her simple homemade 30 minute recipes guide women and men around the world to create delicious and healthy family meals. At present she has an unconditional fan following from all over the world especially in Pakistan and America.



Sidra Iqbal

Sidra Iqbal is a TV host, Pakistani drama actress, director, columnist, model, anchor person and runs an organization as well. After graduating from Quaid-e-Azam University Islamabad, she completed her Masters from Cambridge University. Sidra Iqbal is the first and the only Pakistani to win the prestigious English Speaking Union’s International Public Speaking Championship in London, UK. She emerged a winner among 58 participants from 28 different countries, and was awarded the Winner’s Certificate by HRH Prince Philip the Duke of Edinburgh. Subsequently, Sidra became the First Pakistani to be invited as a

Judge to the same esteemed international pavilion, with co-judges like Lucy Hockings (Presenter, BBC World).

Sidra is a prominent television broadcaster in Pakistan and has a number of signature shows, productions and momentous media appearances to her credit. Sidra became The First Pakistani Anchorperson to host the official digital platforms of the International Indian Film Awards 2012 (IIFA), the mega Bollywood extravaganza of immense global popularity in Singapore, a project that expanded Sidra’s fans base across borders.

She is an entrepreneur and founder of Statuspro 360, one of Pakistan’s foremost Integrated Brand Communications firms.

Rabia Garib

Rabia Garib is the Chief Wrapper at ToffeeTV.com, a digital initiative that produces songs, stories and activities for children primarily in the Urdu. Some content items have also been translated and published in Memoni. She combines her experience in digital and mainstream media to produce fun content that can hold the attention of young children, while delivering educationally rich learning.

ToffeeTV, a company co-founded with Talea Zafar, won an award in the Best eLearning category at the PASHA ICT Awards in 2011. It has been a recipient of the



Social Innovation Fund and more recently, has won as the Best Entertainment App in India’s Billionth Awards.

Rabia previously headed the local edition

of CIO magazine in Pakistan and has been involved in the tech media space. She has worked on, scripting, producing and anchoring some of the first technology programs for television and radio across various channels. In 2012 she was named as part of a group of 100 Women Who Matter by Newsweek Pakistan. She has written for and been published by countless journals and magazine. She was selected as an Eisenhower Fellow and represented Pakistan in the 2-month Multi Nation Program amongst 24 other countries. She presently coordinates her batch of Fellows and is also the country coordinator for Pakistan.

Mariam Saeedullah Khan

An artist of international repute Mariam, her art work displays her wide experience of Italy, Germany, China and Japan as well as her initial introduction to her discipline in Lahore. In her studio one discovers art of the Moghul emperors on a larger scale.

Mariam was the first foreign artist to have received an award from the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Tokyo. Her work has been exhibited in Christies, acquired for the permanent collection of the Rockefeller Foundation and presented to America's President Ford. The



Pakistan Government chose Mariam's work to present to the late Shah of Iran. Her work has been exhibited in prestigious galleries and museums internationally.

In Pakistan Mariam became the Karachi Consultant for Sheraton, and most of the big hotels commissioned her paintings. She inducted some of the Japanese techniques into Mughal paintings. She now shows her work at the Momart Gallery, Karachi, where, the singular beauty of her work continues to fascinate the viewer. There is a timeless quality to her work which explains the Japanese title given to her: Tranquility.



Sabina Khatri

Sabina is an example of women who despite unfavorable circumstances managed to achieve a lot in their lives. With an immense desire to bridge the social gap between the poor and rich, Sabina ventured into a project called the 'Kiran Foundation'. setting up government schools in Layari, under the Government of Pakistan's 'Adopt a School Program'. Sabina through this school system started training young children and their parents to make them presentable, polished and groomed enough to pass on merits in schools where children from higher middle class were admitted. Kiran Foundations children now have secured admissions to prestigious schools like St.Micheal, Happy Home, Army Public School,

Habib Public, Nasra and Aga Khan. From the platform of NEED they found donors, to promote educational equality in the society

Today Kiran School has 60 students studying in different schools and 23 kids preparing for the next year portraying Sabina's dream of a better Pakistan

Under the NEED forum, Sabina was instrumental in collecting funds for 2010 floods. They collaborated with HANDS, and adopted a camp in Thatta working for the rehabilitation of these families. Currently NEED camps hold 63 families. Under immensely scarce resource, negligence from government and challenges of money shortage it is the people like Sabina who make us feel that we still have a better future for Pakistan.

Kulsoom Rafiq

Kulsoom Rafiq, is a poet, a social worker and an academician and has been working in social service for the last 35 years. She extended advisory services to Karachi Metropolitan Corporation and later became the First Memon Lady to become the Councilor twice. She has also been the Member of Sindh Assembly and has been nominated for several conferences and trainings by Government of Pakistan. She received various awards, 6 Gold Medals and 100 prizes for her contributions in academia and



public sector.

In her contribution to the Memon Community, she has served as the Chairperson of All Pakistan Memon Federation, has been associate editor of Monthly Memon Times, and advisor to AMWA. She is a member of WMO, APWA, SWO and various other organizations.

She is a poet of Urdu and Gujrati and has attended over 45 Mushairas and has published several ghazals and essays in Akka-s-Nov, Roop, Mshriq, Aghaz, Jung and Hurriyat.

Recognition Award Pride of Memon Achievers Awards 2014 by WMO Ladies Wing Pakistan Chapter



Sherbano Karim

Sherbano Karim belongs to a profession not many Memon women venture into. In 1992

she was appointed as Civil Judge on the basis of her knowledge of law, practice and procedure and basic understanding of how to carry out function in and out of the court room. She was posted in interior Sindh which was a challenge living alone without family members.

She is the first lady judge of the Memon community. Due to her integrity, hard work and good reputation she was promoted timely as Senior Civil Judge and then as Additional District Judge. Currently she is a District and Sessions Judge.

Being a judge her primary function is administration of justice and responsibility is to interpret and apply rule of law to ensure

constitutionality. Besides routine work and cases she also dealt and decided heinous cases like murder, Hudood cases, criminal, and civil, rent, family, guardianship, labour and banking cases. During her service she attended various courses, seminars, symposium, conferences, workshops. She was also nominated for colloquium for judges on the Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights in Singapore.

She is also doing Ph.D. from University of Karachi and has taught law in Islamic Mission Women University Karachi. Her whole tenure shows that she played an active role in managing cases to ensure they proceed as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Hafiza Javeria Saleem

Javeria Saleem is famous for reciting Naat , as an anchor person and for her melodious Qariya-e-Quran in Pakistan. She was eight years old when she performed first time on Television on ARY QTV. She has performed on many national and international channels like PTV, Geo TV, ARY Digital, ARY QTV, Metro One, Hum TV, Shifa TV (USA), Noor TV (UK) and has been interviewed in many national and international Newspapers and Magazines.

She has been acknowledged throughout the Islamic world for her melodic and spell-



binding recitations that poetically praise Allah and his beloved Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W). She won ‘All Pakistan Naat Competition’ in 2004 organized by QTV. She was awarded the ‘Best female Qariya in Pakistan’. She was awarded ‘Youngest Qariya of Pakistan’ award and cash prize of Rupees 2,25,000 from the Government of Pakistan. She got “Best Female Naat Khuwan in Pakistan” from PTV.

She has released 3 albums and has performed in many countries such as India, South Africa, Mauritius, Dubai and Bahrain. She was the first lady who performed in Bahrain.



Munzalin Munaf

As the First Lady Pilot in Memon community Munzalin graduated with a Commercial Pilot License with Instrument Rating (CPL/IR). She has flown 200 hours on Cessna-172, while

doing 200 hours she cleared her Solo Flight, Passengers Rating and Instrument rating score. On the basis of CPL/IR she can apply at any international airline. Many young girls are not aware that it is a career option for them and this perception needs to be changed.

Farzana Munaf

Farzana Munaf is a Woman of Action who became Chief Financial Officer in an Investment Committees and has served in the Board of Directors with an overall responsibility of Finance Department in Pakistan Reinsurance Company Limited.

She was awarded with a Gold Medal for her position in ICAP as the First Female student in Pakistan to secure this position. She has been associated with renowned firms like Ford, Rhodes, Robson, Morrow (FRRM), Pakland Group, National Invest Trust Limited, First Women Bank Limited and House Building Finance Corporation



and has almost 24 years of experience. She was a part of IBA as Director Finance and

has delivered lectures to students of Benazir Bhutto Shaheed Youth Development Program (BBSYDP). She has presented technical papers in ICAP seminars and has conducted lectures for many years on auditing and accounting for ICAP students. She conducted trainings for FRRM trainees and represented FRRM in a workshop by M/s. Coopers and Lybrand, London.

She is keen to continue promoting Chartered Accountancy among the new generation of business talent. She believes that Chartered Accountancy is one qualification where you train to turn theory into actionable opportunity – and that’s what sets it apart.

Abida Memon



Abida Memon has achieved great success in Government Service. She has been Assistant Director, Deputy Director, and Director at various Government agencies,

like, Sindh Small Industries Corporation, Minorities Affairs Department, Coastal Development Authority, Environmental Protection Agency etc.

Apart from her contribution to Public Service she has been a part of community service to Memons in her role as Governor, at Kutchi Memon Students Federation, and also has been a part of the United Memon Women Organization. Her desire to serve also made her work for women in places like Women Development Association and she served as the Vice President of Business and Professional Women.

She has won many awards and shields for her service to Pakistan Railway, Sindh Rural Women Association, Mehran International Press, World Biographical

Society, and All Pakistan Memon Federation.

She has conducted training sessions at Sindh Board of Technical Education, National Centre for Rural Development, Youth Employment and Entrepreneurship Conference, and Academy for Rural Development in Peshawar.

Her one of the greatest achievement is her Life Time Achievement Award that she was given by Al Umeed Rehabilitation Association.

Working in Government Sector for Memons is a difficult task, and being a woman it becomes tougher. Abida has proved to be a resilient lady and has managed to not only survive but succeed in this male dominated profession.



Zarina Fazal

Zarina is a Pharmacist by Profession and a Social Worker by passion. She is the founder member and General Secretary of United Memon Women Organization. Through this platform she served the community by distributing medicines and arranging numerous free medical camps in nearly 100 slum areas of Karachi.

It was one of such camps when she came across the misery and problems of special children. The kind of pain the parents of such children go through compelled her to start exploring this more. After achieving Masters in Special Education she continued to work at the Rehabilitation Centre by the name AURA for

special children. During this time she conducted several training sessions, workshops and seminars. She started her own Rehab Center for Cerebral Palsy and Mental Retardation (IRC) which is now operating successfully according to international Standards. At this center all basic needs of the patients are met by providing services like Physio, Occupational and Speech Therapy. Through her efforts she is trying to help the special children overcome their disabilities and be able to lead a better life. Her Center has one of the rarest, state of the art equipment SNOEZELEN, which was only made possible because of her continuous collaboration with experts at the Bloorview Kids Rehab in Toronto Canada.

Dr. Lubna Kamani

Dr. Lubna Kamani is one of the few very accomplished gastroenterologists in Memon community. She has completed her FRCP (London) and FCPS (Pakistan) in Gastroenterology.

She has been a high achiever since the beginning of her educational life,. She won a Gold Medal from Baqai Medical College, a Gold Medal for Best Graduate in Ophthalmology from Karachi University and a Silver Medal in Arts from Tokyo, Japan. Her series of achievements did not stop here and after achieving multiple postgraduate qualifications to her credit she ventured into



teaching medicine and research. She won Best Poster Prize at annual research interest in 2007 from Aga Khan University Hospital, prize for Best Poster at Postgraduate Medical Education Conference and also won the prize for Best Oral Presentation at Pakistan Society For Liver Disease Conference (PSSLD). She has 13 Research Publications to her credit in International and National reputed research journals. She also managed to secure a research grant from Aga Khan University Hospital.

Dr. Kamani has been publishing public awareness articles in Newspapers and Magazines to create an understanding of various diseases in the society.



Maqboola Dojki

Ms Maqboola Dojki has B.S from Central Michigan University, USA and is a Registered Medical Technologist from American Society of Clinical Pathologist and Registered Biosafety Professional from American Society of Biological Safety Association.

She is currently working as Manager, Microbiology and is responsible for technical supervision and administration of Microbiology section of Clinical laboratories She has facilitated and coordinated Clinical Trials, drug trials and research projects with organizations like Marie Adelaide

Leprosy Center, Masoomen Hospital, OJHA Institute of Chest Diseases, Indus Hospital, London School of Hygiene and tropical medicine UK and Karolinska Institute Sweden. She has several national and international posters and publications and is Treasurer of Pakistan Biological Safety Association. She was selected as Master Trainer by US State Department for developing Biorisk management system at Aga Khan University .She also served on committee "Biosafety Professionals Accreditation Working Group" formed by International Federation of Biosafety Associations (IFBA).

Mariam Arif

Mariam Arif is No.1 Female World Youth Scrabble Champion 2014. She is an International scrabble player and represented Pakistan in 9th World Youth International femal Scrabble Championship 2014 which was held in Colombo, Srilanka and achieved 3rd position being the first Memon girl who achieved this rank. She won First Prize Of Team Unity at 28th Brand's Thailand International Crossword Game King's Cup 2013 representing Pakistan at the World Youth Scrabble Championship



- 2012, held at Birmingham, UK and her team secured Third Position all over the world. She also secured 11th position at Malaysia, Penang Scrabble Championship 2013 and represented Pakistan at the World Youth Scrabble Championship - 2013 held at Dubai - U.A.E. and achieved 8th position all over the world.

She has participated in co-curricular activities in her school including debates, quiz competitions, spelling contest. She is a regular speaker at Radio FM 101 and every Sunday appears on children's 'live program' of radio Pakistan under the title 'Bachuu Ki Dunya'.

Farida Ghaffar

Farida Abdul Ghaffar studied architecture and planning at Dawood College of Engineering & Technology (DCET) and NED University in Karachi. Graduated in 1993, Farida has worked as project architect, feature editor (ARCHI TIMES and A+I), architectural photographer, trainer (RDI, Islamabad) and faculty member at DCET, UET Peshawar (then NWFP UET) at its Abbottabad campus and Department of Architecture & Planning at NED University, Karachi. She is currently enrolled in a Masters Studies course in Urban and Regional Planning at NED and simultaneously engaged as faculty at the same department where she has also been entrusted upon the responsibility of heading Heritage Cell since past 3 years.



Parallel to running her own practice as an architect, she has undertaken various portfolios voluntarily to serve professional bodies of Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners and

Institute of Architects Pakistan. She writes for local architectural magazines and assists the Editorial Board of the peer reviewed 'Journal of Research in Architecture & Planning' being published by the department of Architecture and Planning, NED University biannually.

Currently she holds the honorary posts of Executive Committee Member, Pakistan Council of Architects & Town Planners, (2013-2015) Treasurer, KBA CARE Group, (2014-2016). Member Strategic Advisory Board (SAB), Memon Professional Forum (2014 onwards) Member Working Committee, The Pakistan Memon Educational and Welfare Society Chairperson - Ladies Wing, Junagadh (Dhorajiwala) Memon Association, Karachi.

Trustee and Honorary Director, Rabia Moon Institute of Neurosciences (Trust), Karachi.



Anjum Khamisani

Anjum is a professional in Health Management Information Systems. She has worked as Manager Health Information Management Services Systems in Aga Khan Hospital, and Ziauddin Hospital. She has managed a team of 125 employees along with

storage, retrieval, archiving and timely purging of all medical records. She was also trained at the Washington Adventist Hospital, MD, USA. She has done her Masters in Health Informatics from University of Victoria in Canada. She is probably the first and only Memon Lady holding this degree.

Midra Hamdani

Midra is an energetic, dynamic speaker and debater. She has won top positions in more than five Declamation contests and has brought home Trophies and Awards to make her parents proud.



She has also been actively participating in National Games like Throw Ball, Basket Ball and Taekwondo etc. and has won Silver Medals in National Level Taekwondo Championships. She writes articles for various newspapers and has an interest in Media. She secured 2nd Position in All Karachi Theater Competition.



Farseen Hamdani

Farseen Hamdani, the Taekwondo Champion, another proud name of Memon Community. She was awarded a Silver Medal at Sona National Solidarity Taekwondo Championship. She got Gold Medals in Sindh Games From Karachi Division, and at Twentieth Quaid-e-Azam

Championship. She also won a Gold Medal from Pakistan Railway in National Taekwondo Champion Ship.

Farseen has won three Bronze Medals in various National Level Taekwondo Championships and was awarded one at Korean Ambassador National Championship. She also won a Silver Medal in Intercity Karachi Championship

Naqsh Hamdani

Naqsh Hamdani is a young emerging Taekwondo star. She has made Memon community proud by her achievements in Taekwondo championships. At the age of only 13 years she has won the Gold medals; in the National Taekwondo Championship, Sindh Olympics Games, Twentieth Quaid-



e-Azam Championship, Intercity Karachi Championship and was the Youngest Gold Medalist at National Games in 2012.

She has won three Silver Medals in National Games, one in Sindh game and a Bronze Medal in Korean Ambassador National Championship. She also won two Bronze Medals in National and Provincial games.

A noteworthy piece of gratitude to Zaitun Matcheswala for reviewing and editing the profiles of "PRIDE OF MEMON ACHIEVERS AWARDS" 2014



APPEAL FOR DONATION FOR THE WMO EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND

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.

May Almighty Allah reward you abundantly in this world and the hereafter. Ameen.

Pir Muhammad A. Kaliya
Shoaib Ismail Mangroria
H. M. Shahzad

Peer Muhammad Diwan
Gul Muhammad Jan Muhammad

Abdul Sattar Dada

“Presidential Order of Meritorious Service”



Mr Abdul Sattar Dada, President of the World Memon Organisation, Chairman of the A.S.Dada Foundation and also Chairman of the Associated Investment and Development Corporation, has been awarded the “Presidential Order of Meritorious Service”, by the President of Botswana, Mr Ian Khama.

The work of the foundation is driven by a passionate belief of a responsibility to protect human dignity and promote kindness to all. The A.S.Dada foundation has just responded to the President’s Housing Appeal by building further 14 houses for the destitute, besides the hundreds the foundation has donated over the years.

Mr. Abdul Sattar Dada has a magnificent contribution not only in Botsawana but all over the world.



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WMO ROZGAR SCHEME

On 28th October 2014, 10 more rickshaws were distributed among the needy families of Memon Community.

The Rozgar Scheme was launched in May 2011. Under this scheme, Auto Rickshaws and Sewing Machines are

provided to poor and deserving members of the Memon Community to help them earn a decent livelihood. WMO officials and all the beneficiaries are extremely grateful to Mr. Farooq Ahmed of UAE for his initiative and continuous financial support. The

response to the Rozgar Scheme has been overwhelming. So far, 408 applications for Auto Rickshaws and 454 applications for Sewing Machines have been received. Under this Scheme, hand pumps have also been installed in remote villages of Sindh.

Particulars	No. of Applicants benefited	Amount Spent
Auto Rickshaws (Zakat)	43	7,787,000
Sewing Machines (Zakat)	381	2,501,790
Hand Pumps (Donation)	20	100,000
TOTAL		10,388,790

The above table shows the position as on 31st December 2013.



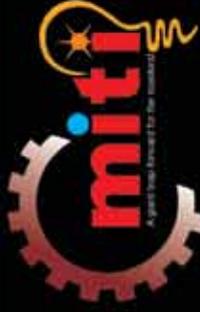
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Excellence is not an act, it's a habit. This is true for MITI. Last five years have seen remarkable growth for MITI in terms of awareness, positive word of mouth, operations and new course launches to name a few. The result can be summed up in the Chairman's words:

"More than 50,000 successful students are our ambassadors who are spreading the

philosophy of MITI throughout the world."

Once the exams are over, it is time to welcome new faces in MITI which happens to be through orientation. And believe it or not, this is not a normal day, not even for the management staff and instructors. New students bring a new air of excitement along with them and MITI's team is waiting for it.

As the clock hits 9 am, the sound of

footsteps slowly and gradually fills the environment from quietness to the hustle and bustle of a huge magnitude of new faces gathering up in MITI's foyer, glowing with excitement, carrying hope and waiting for the mystery to finally reveal itself.

One word from the podium and the atmosphere drops back to utter silence. Guess what?

The orientation has just begun.

RECITATION OF THE HOLY QURAN

It is our core identity that we begin every event with the name of

Allah which it is evident from the fact that verses recited from Holy Quran always happen first thing. Every word

hammers on the heart and opens it up for something better to sink in.



NATIONAL ANTHEM

Today what we need the most as a nation is to be one. In the words of the great Quaid-e-Azam: 'Provincialism is a curse.' And if you are there at the ceremony,

you can't help being amazed at the unmatched unity at play. All the students stand in neat and organized rows alongside each other singing national anthem as one, irrespective of his or her

ethnic background. with unity faith a This is a strong evidence of the MITI's philosophy of serving the youth without discrimination as to the caste and creed.



CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

Mr. H. M. Shahzad, Chairman MITI and Assistant Secretary General was requested to come to the stage and share his invaluable insight with the students. It was not long before he made clear what a new student is expected to follow during the course of their stay at MITI. This is what he said.

“This is not a coincidence that you are here at MITI. Nature wants you to change your destiny and your admission here is just the beginning. You are here for a brief period of about 4 months so make sure that this turns you into an individual who is ready to play a focused and beneficial role for the society when he passes out.”



COO'S ADDRESS

Mr. ShahabHasan, Chief Operating Officer MITI, remained focused on sparking the motivation factor. He deliberates the scope of the courses both national and international, how students' achievement at this course can bring them on an entirely new course of life. He even went a step further elaborating the surprise rewards regarding punctuality.



SUCCESS STORY

Celebration spray showered from all around on the stage, clapping echoing and eye of the camera constantly focused on taking multiple shots. Reminds you of a celebrity, right?

This is a warm welcome meant for certificate awarding ceremony of Mr. Syed Wajahat Ali, brought on a wheelchair, a man of immense determination despite being physically handicapped. But he was not like that just one year back when he joined MITI in

'Computer Hardware' training. He was very disturbed and disappointed by his physical limitation and was underperforming when he caught his instructor's eye, who motivated him and made him realize that he still had a lot to be grateful for.





Wajahat not only started up a small computer hardware workshop in his own home during the very training and started generating livelihood but also continued with the same spirit and enrolled into 'Mobile Repairing'

training at MITI. Following is what he had got to say:

"I can't thank my instructor enough for making me realize that I wasn't useless and

could still go on. If it weren't for MITI, I wouldn't have been able to be where I am today. I want you all to benefit from this blessing."

RULES & REGULATIONS

Discipline and cleanliness are two building blocks of MITI and strong adherence to these principles is MITI's policy.

It's time for orientation's host to take the reins makes it clear to the students that there is no compromise on this. He also communicates different shapes and forms the students might get in the way of these principles. He even pinpoints incidents from the past so as to leave no room for doubt. He stimulates students for goodwill gesture to take them on board and students show their agreement as one voice.



STUDENT'S DISPOSITION

Now that the students get into MITI's philosophy, they are shown their respective classrooms and workshops where they belong and made conversant with the layout. The quirky feeling, that students have, will gradually evaporate.

Moreover, the instructors elaborate the syllabus, schedule of the course and different activities and last but not least the dress code.

Without any delay, the formal training will now begin as per schedule.





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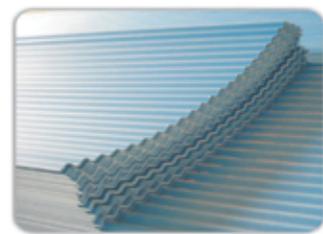
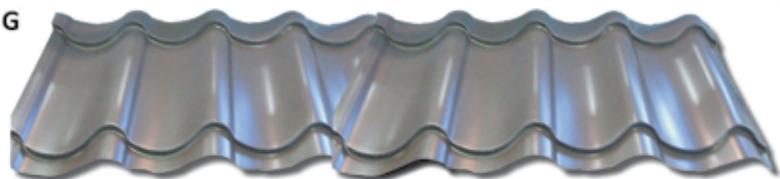
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Mariam Issa distributed solar lights in the remote areas of Sevan Shareef

Mariam Issa is a humanitarian and social worker of Memon Community. She distributed solar lights in the remote areas of Sevan Shareef. These people have been living in darkness their whole life and there is no chance of getting lights for another 20 years. These lights are the most valuable thing they have received in their life. The longevity of these lights are over 25 years and they only have to change the batteries once a year. Dr. Mehdi Shah who is the Sajjad-e-Nasheen of Sevan Shareef. The new solar lights have also a USB connections, they can charge their cell phones too.

The benefits of these solar lights.

- 1.They do not have to buy kerosine.
- 2.Save money on bus fare they do not have to go to the city to buy it.
- 3.The women are making quilts in the night under this bright light and selling it in the market. During the day these women go out and work in the fields.
4. At night these children can study who are now going to school.
5. During a storm some of the huts would catch fire.Now they do not have that problem any more.

6. These \$28.00 lights have changed their lives and brought in more income. These lights are only given to household where there are children and women.

Mr. Pervaiz Lodhie provided these lights at a special price, the big donors Farida Rokaida, Dr. Shenaz Karim and Mariam's husband and her friends supported her in this venture of generosity. They have brought

happiness into many lives.

Some photographs distributing those lights with Dr. Mehdi Shah and there is one interesting photograph of Mariam Issa and a goat.This goat was presented to her because she did not have dinner with those villagers.

This shows the hospitality of the simple villagers.



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Memon Association of Canada hosts welcome reception in honor of new Consul General of Pakistan in Toronto Mr. Mohammad Nafees Zakaria



(Report: Qasim Abbas, Toronto)

Memon Association of Canada hosted welcome reception in honor of new Consul General of Pakistan in Toronto Mr. Mohammad Nafees Zakaria on in Subhani Banquet Hall in Mississauga. The reception was attended by Memon Community members and their families. Mr. A. Ghaffar Variend, Honorary Advisor, Chicago Memon Association and host of Memon web site www.memonpoint.com also attended the reception.

The program started with recitation of Holy Quran by Vice President Mr. Mohammad Amin Jangda, who had recited Surah Al-Asr, followed by its English translation by a Community Member and Jamaat Reporter Mr. Qasim Abbas. The Master of Ceremony was Executive Committee member Mr. Tarique Kasim.

He requested President Mr. Ismail Mirza



to come on the stage. With the clapping from audience, Mr. Ismail Mirza came on the stage and delivered his brief speech welcoming the Chief Guest Honorable Consul General of Pakistan in Toronto Mr. Mohammad Nafees Zakaria and thanked him for sparing his time

to attend the reception in his honor.

The Master of Ceremony Mr. Tarique Kasim then invited Association's founding President of the Association Mr. Yakoob Dawood, who also welcomed the Chief Guest. Then a founder member of the Association Mrs. Parveen Vali Bhalagamwala came on the stage and welcomed the Chief Guest and then she invited Chicago Memon Association's Honorary Advisor Mr. A. Ghaffar Variend on the stage, who also welcomed the Chief Guest and thanked the Association for giving him opportunity to attend the reception.

Then the President invited Chief Guest, Honorable Consul General of Pakistan in Toronto Mr. Mohammad Nafees Zakaria to come on the stage and address the audience. With the clapping from audience, the Chief Guest came on the stage and delivered his speech. He spoke on peace, harmony among mankind. He emphasized on bilateral relations between Canada and Pakistan in various fields. He thanked the Association for giving him opportunity to meet Community members.

A Community member Mr. Qasim Abbas presented to the Chief Guest three publications namely latest issue of "Memon Alam", official journal, publication of World Memon Organization, an English book "Rare speeches and pictures of Quaid-e-Azam" and an Urdu book "Junagadh - Ujre Dayaar ki Kahaani".

At the end, dinner was served and after dinner the President thanked the Chief Guest and Community members for attending the reception.



Memon Association of Canada hosts Dinner Reception in honour of visiting Vice President, World Memon Organization North American Chapter and other dignitaries



(Report: Qasim Abbas, Toronto, Canada)

Memnon Association of Canada hosted Dinner Reception in honour of Mr. A. Ghaffar Variend, visiting Vice President, World Memon Organization North American Chapter, Mr. Qasim Lawai, General Secretary, Pakistan Memon Women Educational Society and Chairman, Education Committee, World Memon Organization and Mr. Tayyab Moosani, General Secretary, Memon Association of Saudi Arabia on 18 August 2014 at Haveli Restaurant in town of Mississauga, Ontario, Canada.

Canada's Citizenship Judge Mr. Rafiq Rokerya, Association's founder members Mr. Vali M. Bhalagamwala and his wife Mrs. Parveen V. Bhalagamwala, Association's former president Mr. Ismail Mirza, executive committee members of the Association and

other community members with their wives had attended the programme.

The president of the Association Mr. Muhammad Ameen Jangda and former president Mr. Ismail Mirza welcomed distinguished guests and paid tribute to them for their selfless services for the community and introduced guests to the audience. Then three distinguished guests



spoke about mission and activities of their respective organizations in Pakistan and Saudi Arabia. Mr. A. Ghaffar Variend, Vice President, W.M.O North American Chapter spoke about future strategy of the Chapter including proposed convention of all Memon Associations of North America in near future and establishment of proposed women wing in near future for women's role and mission in North America under the umbrella of North American Chapter.

In the and three distinguished guests were awarded with memorable shields from the Association in appreciation of their long



services for the community. Maghrib Salaat was performed with Jamaat at appropriate time at the place specially earmarked for prayer in the restaurant. After excellent dinner, the president and former president thanks the distinguished guests and all participants.



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ગુજરાતી વિભાગ
સંપાદક: ઉમર અ. રહેમાન ખાનાણી

‘હિદાયતુલ મોઅમેનીન’ના માસિક ૧૯૦૩ના અંકો પરથી આ માહિતી અહીં ‘મેમણ આલમ’ના વાંચકો માટે રજૂ કરૂં છું. ગુજરાતીમાં પ્રથમ ‘મેમણ ઇતિહાસ’ લખનાર મેમણ અબ્દુલ્લાહ ઇસ્માઈલ આ પત્રના એડીટર અને મેનેજર હતા અને મેમણ ઇબ્રાહિમ દાઉદ પ્રકાશક હતા. આઠ દાયકા પહેલાંના આ માસિકમાં વિશ્વભરના મેમણોના સમાચારો એકઠા કરવામાં જે મહેનત તેના તંત્રી ઉઠાવતા હતા તે ખરેખર અચરજ પમાડે એવી અને માન ઉત્પન્ન કરે એવી છે. ઉપરાંત તેમાં પીરસાતી મઝહબી, સમાજ અને તાલીમી માહિતી, વાર્તાઓ, ઇતિહાસ લેખો વગેરે જેતાં તંત્રીની વાંચન પસંદગી અને લોકરૂચીને ધ્યાનમાં રાખ્યા છતાં પોતાના ધ્યેય પર કાયમ રહ્યાની પ્રતીતિ થાય છે. ઝેંશી વર્ષ પહેલાંની આ સામગ્રી સામાન્ય વાંચકો અને મેમણ ઇતિહાસના સંશોધકો માટે અને હાલના સામાજિક અગ્રેસરો અને કાર્યકરો માટે પણ રસપ્રદ અને ઉપયોગી નીવડે એવી છે.

—સંપાદક

ધોરાજીમાં ધૂમકેતુ

૧૯૦૩ રમઝાનની પચ્ચીસમી તારીખે રાતના આઠ વાગે અચાનક આસ્માનમાં રોશની થઈ. ઉત્તર દિશાથી એક પૂંછડીયો તારો ખર્યો જેની રોશની ત્રણ મિનિટ સુધી રહી હતી. અહીં સવાલ મહિનામાં ધરતીકંપ પણ થયો હતો જેનાથી કશી નુકસાની નહોતી થઈ.

નાગાસાનો ઉર્ષ

ધોરાજીમાં નાગાસાનો ઉર્ષ ચાર દિવસ રહ્યો હતો. તા. ૯ થી તા. ૧૩-૫-૧૯૦૩ સુધી તાયફાને રૂ. ૩૫૦૦ની પેદાશ થઈ હતી. બાકી ચાહ, મીઠાઈ, સમોસા અને ફોનોગ્રાફની દુકાનો લાગી હતી. બીજે મેળો મિયાં રૂસ્તમનો તા. ૧૬મીથી શરૂ થયો હતો તેમાં મજલીસ વગેરેની ધામધૂમ થઈ હતી.

પ્લેગની બિમારીમાં

૧૭૭ મરણ: ૨૩૩ જખ્મી

૧૯૦૩ મરકીના રોગથી ધોરાજીમાં ૨૩૩ બિમાર થયા છે જ્યારે ૧૭૭ મરણ પામ્યા છે. જેમાં ૯૨ મુસલમાન અને ૮૫ હિંદુ વર્ણના

છે. બિમારીના લીધે ઘણા હિંદુઓ નાશી ગયા છે અને મુસલમાનો ઈમાન રાખીને બેઠા છે. ત્રણ દિવસ થયા જમાતના હૂકમથી નિશાન કાઢી ઈદગાહ ઉપર નફલ પઢવા

પુલાવ ગરીબોને જમાડવામાં આવ્યો હતો. અરધા અરધા શેરના સાકરના પડીકા નિશાળોમાં વહેંચી વિદ્યાર્થીઓને છુટી આપવામાં આવી હતી. થોડી મુદતના સોળ કેદીઓને



મુસલમાનો જાય છે. ત્રણ ફકીરોને ખવડાવીને તેમજ ત્રણ રોઝા રાખીને ખુદા પાસે દુઆ માગવાની અપીલ કરાઈ છે.

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સાતમા એડવર્ડના રાજ્યાભિષેકની ખુશાલીના પ્રસંગે ઠાકોર સાહેબના હૂકમથી ધોરાજીમાં પચ્ચીસ-ત્રીસ મણ ચાવલનો મીઠો

છોડી મૂકવામાં આવ્યા હતા. આ દિવસે કચેરી બંધ રાખવામાં આવી હતી.

સખત ઠંડી: લસણની તૈયારી

ધોરાજીમાં ઠંડી સખત પડે છે. આખો દિવસ ટાઢ રહે છે. સવારના સાતથી નવ વાગ્યા સુધી ઝાકળ રહે છે. ઠેકઠેકાણે તાપની સગડીઓ બાળી માણસો તાપણી કરે છે. સર્વે ઘરમાં લસણ ખાવાની તૈયારીઓ ચાલી

રહેલી માલુમ પડે છે. ખરાબ હવામાનને કારણે ૨૦૦ માણસો સાથે કચેરી ઉપલેટા ઉપાડી જવામાં આવી છે.

ધોરાજીમાં અનાજ વગેરેના ભાવ

બાજરો-એક રૂપિયા છ આને મણ જુવાર-બાર આને મણ મગ-એક રૂપિયા દસ આને મણ અડદ-એક રૂપિયા ચાર આને મણ ચણા-માર્કેટમાં હજી નથી આવ્યા ચોખા-બે રૂપિયા, ત્રણ રૂપિયા અને સાડા ત્રણ રૂ. મણ તલનું-તેલ છ રૂપિયા મણ ટોપરાનું-તેલ-દસ રૂપિયા મણ દેશી ઘી- તેરથી પંદર રૂપિયા મણ ગોળ-ત્રણથી સાડા ત્રણ રૂપિયા મણ ટોપરાં- સાડા સાત રૂપિયા મણ સફેદ સાકર- સાડા સાત રૂપિયા મણ ખડસલો-સવાચાર રૂપિયાના એક હજાર પુળા કડબ-સાડા છ રૂપિયા એક હજાર પુળા ૧ બેલા-પચ્ચર જુનાગઢી-છ થી સાત રૂપિયે નંગ ૧૦૦ નળીયા-અઢી રૂપિયા નંગ ૧૦૦૦ મોઆ-સાડા પાંચ રૂપિયે નંગ ૧૦૦૦ ચાક-તેર રૂપિયા નંગ ૧૦૦ દાડમ-જામનગરી એક રૂપિયો મણ અદરખ-અઢી રૂપિયા મણ પોપેયા-સવા બે રૂપિયા પાકો મણ

હાલ ઉપર મુજબના ભાવ છે. બિમારીને લીધે વેપાર મંદા ચાલે છે. (ઈ.સ. ૧૯૦૩ના આપેલા આ ભાવને ધ્યાનમાં રાખીને એ કાળમાં ખેરાત ફંડમાં રૂપિયા કે બે રૂપિયા આપનારની કેટલી બધી એહમીયત હશે તેનો અંદાજે લગાવવા વાંચકોને વિનંતી છે. જેની વિગત આગળ ઉપર આવશે.)

વાસાવડની એક ચાદગાર અને શાનદાર શાદી

વાસાવડ, ૧૭ જાન્યુઆરી ૧૯૦૬ના અત્રેના જાણીતા માનવંતા શેઠ હાજી અલીમામદ ઓસમાણના પુત્ર

હાજી હાશમભાઈની શાદી શવ્વાલ માસની પંદરમી તારીખના થઈ હતી. આ માંગલિક ઉત્સવની ધામધૂમની વિગત નીચે મુજબ છે: શેઠ સાહેબના મકાનનાં ચોકમાં ભારે ભપકાદાર માંડવો શણગારવામાં આવ્યો હતો તેમાં ફૂલવાડી, છત તથા તખ્તા જડવાનું કામ કરવા માટે ખાસ માંગરોળથી કારીગરો બોલાવવામાં આવ્યા હતા. માંડવા પર મીનાકારીનું સુંદર કામ હોવાથી માંડવો ભારે શોભાયમાન અને ભપકાદાર લાગતો હતો. શાદી પ્રસંગે આખા

બિલાસપુર (છત્તીસગઢ)માં વિસ્તારિત જમાતખાનાનું ઉદઘાટન

રવિવાર, ૨૧ સપ્ટેમ્બર બિલાસપુર (છત્તીસગઢ)માં બિલાસપુર મેમણ જમાતખાનામાં નવા કમરાઓના ઉદઘાટનનો ભવ્ય સમારંભ યોજાયો હતો. છત્તીસગઢ સ્વાસ્થ્ય, નાગરિક વિકાસ અને વાણિજ્ય ખાતાના પ્રધાન અમર અગ્રવાલના હસ્તે ઉદઘાટન કરાયું હતું. આ જમાતખાનાના નિર્માણ માટે અગ્રવાલે ૧૭ લાખ રૂપિયાનું અનુદાન આપ્યું હતું અને ઓલ ઈન્ડિયા મેમન જમાત ફેડરેશન તરફથી ત્રણ લાખ રૂપિયાનો સહયોગ અપાયો હતો. રાત્રે આઠ વાગ્યે કાર્યક્રમની શરૂઆત થઈ હતી અને પ્રારંભમાં જમાતના સેક્રેટરી અનવર સખાણીએ જમાતની કામગીરીનો અહેવાલ રજૂ કર્યો હતો. જમાતના પ્રમુખ ડો. અમીન ભાભાએ સ્વાગત પ્રવચનમાં અમર અગ્રવાલ તરફથી સહયોગ અને અનુદાનને બિરદાવીને જમાત વતી તેમના પ્રત્યે આભાર વ્યક્ત કર્યો હતો અને જણાવ્યું હતું કે બિલાસપુરને સદનસીબે એવા વિધાન સભ્ય મળ્યા છે જેઓ કોઈ પણ પ્રકારનો ભેદભાવ રાખ્યા વિના દરેક સમુદાયના વિકાસ માટે સહયોગ પૂરો પાડતા આવ્યા છે.

અતિથિ વિશેષ જનાબ ઈકબાલ મેમણ ઓફિસરે પોતાના પ્રવચનમાં અગ્રવાલજીને સંબોધીને જણાવ્યું કે અત્રે અસ્તિત્વ ધરાવતા આ જમાતખાનાની ભવ્ય ઈમારતનો શિલારોપણ વિધિ આજથી પંદર વર્ષ પૂર્વે ૩૧-૧૦-૧૯૯૯ના રોજ અગ્રવાલજીની

ગામના મુસલમાન ભાઈઓ તથા હિંદુ ગૃહસ્થો તથા બહારગામના પરોણાઓ ભારે મોટી સંખ્યામાં જેવામાં આવતા હતા.

ખોજ, વોરા, મેમણ અગ્રેસરો અને રાજદરબારો તરફથી ભેટ

નામદાર વરરાજા હાજી હાશમને હિંદુ-મુસલમાનો તરફથી ફૂલોના હાર પહેરાવી, માન આપી સલામી લીધી હતી અને મળેલી બેઠકને હજારો ગજરા અને હારો મુનીમ સાહેબોએ વહેંચી આપ્યા હતા.

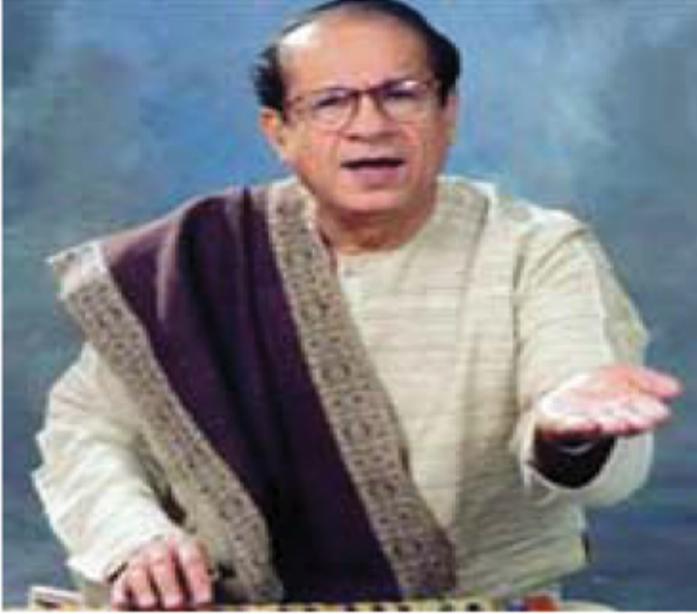
સાથે વેરાન ભૂમિ પર કરાયો હતો અને બિલાસપુરના મેમણ પરિવારોના સહયોગ સાથે અમારું સ્વપ્ન સાકાર થયું. અગ્રવાલજીને મારો અનુરોધ છે કે જમાતખાનાના પ્લાન મુજબ જે વીસ કામગીરીઓ અધૂરી છે તેને પૂર્ણ કરવામાં પણ અમને સહયોગ પૂરો પાડે. આ જમાતખાનું કોમની અમાનત છે. અત્રે કોઈ પણ પ્રકારના ભેદભાવ વિના શિક્ષણ વિકાસ, મેદી કલાસીસ, તબીબી સહાય, કોમ્પ્યુટર કલાસ, લોનહાર બેટી કાર્યક્રમ હેઠળ કન્યાઓનો વિકાસ અને અન્ય સામાજિક કાર્યો કરાય છે. આ પ્રસંગે ઈકબાઈભાઈએ ફેડરેશનના પ્રમુખ જનાબ ડો. નાસીર ફૂલારાનો શુભેચ્છા સંદેશ પણ વાંચી સંભળાવ્યો અને ફેડરેશન તરફથી સંભવ તમામ સહયોગ માટે ખાતરી આપી. અમર અગ્રવાલજીએ પોતાના પ્રવચનમાં જણાવ્યું કે જે પ્રકારે આ જમાતખાનાનું નિર્માણ તબક્કાવાર થયું એ જ રીતે મારી પણ રાજકીય ક્ષેત્રે પ્રગતિ અને પદોન્નતિ થતી રહી છે. છત્તીસગઢમાં મેં હરદંમેશ એવું અનુભવ્યું છે કે મેમણ સમાજ ખૂબ જ શાંત પ્રકૃતિ ધરાવતો દેશભક્ત અને સેવાભાવિ સમાજ છે. મારા તરફથી તમને હંમેશાં સંપૂર્ણ સહયોગ મળતો રહેશે તે વિષે હું તમને ખાતરી આપું છું. આ પ્રસંગે બિલાસપુર મેમણ સમાજ તરફથી અમર અગ્રવાલજીના હસ્તે જનાબ ઈકબાલ મેમણ (ઓફિસર)નું 'વકાર-એ-મિલ્લત' એવોર્ડ એનાયત કરીને સન્માન કરાયું હતું.

જનાબ હાજી રીઝવીએ સુંદર રીતે કાર્યક્રમનું સંચાલન કર્યું હતું અને આમંત્રિતોનો આભાર માન્યો હતો.

આજ જાનેકી ઝીદ ના કારો.....

યાદગાર ગીત-ગઝલોના મેમણ ગાયક

હબીબ વલીમોહંમદ



અને અહીં ત્રણ દાયકા સુધી રહ્યા બાદ બી.કી.ન. જીવનના ત્રણ દાયકા ફરીથી અમેરિકામાં રહ્યા હતા.

હબીબ વલીમોહંમદના અવાજમાં દર્દભરી મીઠાશ હતી. તેમના કંઠે ગઝલ સાંભળવાની મજા

સ્થાન મેળવી ગયેલા મુકેશ પણ શામેલ હતા. પણ હબીબ વલીમોહંમદ એ તમામ ગાયકોમાં શ્રેષ્ઠ ઠર્યા હતા. બાદમાં હબીબ વલીમોહંમદે 'કમલ રોય'ના નામે ફિલ્મી ગીતો ગાવાનું શરૂ કર્યું હતું. તેમના પહેલા ફિલ્મી ગીત 'ઉઠ ગયે મનકી નાઉકે માઝી'ની ધૂન જાણીતા સંગીતકાર ઓ.પી. નેચરે તૈયાર કરી હતી. સાથે જ બીજા બે ફિલ્મી ગીતો 'તેરે મુલ્મકી તુઝસે ફરિયાદ છે' તેમજ આશા ભોંસલે સાથે ગાયેલ 'આજ એકબાર તુઝે સીને સે લગાલું'નું રેકોર્ડિંગ પણ કરાવ્યું હતું.

હબીબ વલીમોહંમદ બહાદુર શાહ 'ઝફર'ની ગઝલ 'લગતા નહીં છે દિલ મેરા ઉજડે દયારમેં' ગાઈને ગઝલ ગાગકીમાં ઝંપલાવ્યા બાદ ગઝલના શોખીનોમાં તેઓ ભારે લોકપ્રિય બની ગયા હતા. એ પછી તો મિર્ઝા ગાલિબની 'યે નથી હમારી કિસ્મત-કે-વિસાલે ચાર હોતા' જેવી ગઝલો તેમના કંઠે ગવડાવાઈ હતી અને ગઝલો માટે એ જમાનાની સંગીતકાર સરસ્વતી દેવીએ ધૂન તૈયાર કરી આપી હતી. સરસ્વતી દેવીને ભારતી ફિલ્મોની પહેલી મહિલા સંગીતકાર ગણવામાં આવે છે. ભારતી ફિલ્મોની ટોચની હિરોઈન મીનાકુમારી હબીબ વલીમોહંમદના ચાહકોમાં શામેલ હતી.

પાકિસ્તાનની સ્થાપના સાથે તેમનો પરિવાર પાકિસ્તાનમાં આવી વસતાં એ જમાનામાં સમૃદ્ધ લાહોરના ફિલ્મ ઉદ્યોગ તરફથી હબીબ વલીમોહંમદને અનેક ઓફરો

પોતાની આગવી છટા અને ધારદાર મીઠાશભર્યા અવાજમાં ગઝલો ગાઈને સંગીત ક્ષેત્રે નામના મેળવી ગયેલા હબીબ વલીમોહંમદ મૂળ મેમણ બિરાદરીના ઉદ્યોગપતિ તબાણી પરિવારના નબીરા હતા. ૧૯૨૪માં રંગુન (બર્મા)માં જન્મેલા હબીબ વલીમોહંમદ બાળપણથી જ ગાયનના શોખીન હતા અને માત્ર ૨૦ વર્ષની વયે ભરચક મેદની સમક્ષ સ્ટેજ પર ગઝલો ગાવાનું શરૂ કરી દીધું હતું. તેમને એક બહુરાષ્ટ્રિય નાગરિક ગણી શકાય કેમ કે રંગુનમાં જન્મેલા હબીબ વલીમોહંમદે પોતાના જીવનકાળના આરંભના ૧૫ વરસો ભારતમાં ગાળ્યા હતા તો બાદમાં ભણવા માટે અમેરિકા વરસો સુધી રહ્યા હતા. ત્યાંથી પાછા આવીને ભારતમાં બીજા ૧૦ વરસો રહ્યા હતા. એ પછી પાકિસ્તાનની સ્થાપના થતાં તેઓ પાકિસ્તાન આવી વસ્યા હતા

અનોખી હતી એવા એ અખેડ ગાયક હતા. એક જમાનામાં અતિશય લોકપ્રિયતા મેળવી ગયેલા સુપ્રસિદ્ધ ગાયક કુંદનલાલ સાયગલ (કે.એલ. સાયગલ)ના અવાજ પછી તેમના ચાહકો નવા નવા આવતા બીજા ગાયકોમાં સાયગલના અવાજની ઝલક ગોતતા હતા. એમ. કલીમ, હેમંતકુમાર અને મુકેશ જેવા ગાયકોએ કે.એલ. સાયગલ જેવા સૂરમાં ગાવાની કોશિષ કરી હતી પણ વલીમોહંમદે સાવ સહજ ભાવે ગાઈને સાયગલના ચાહકોના દિલ જીતી લીધા હતા. તેમણે ગાયક તરીકે કારકિર્દીનો આરંભ ૧૯૫૦ના દાયકામાં બોમ્બેમાં કર્યો હતો અને ૧૯૫૧માં ગ્રેટ ક્લુબ ગાયન સ્પર્ધા જીતીને તેઓ મશહુર થઈ ગયા હતા. એ ગીત હરિફાઈમાં ૧૨૦૦થી વધુ ગાયકોએ ભાગ લીધો હતો જેમાં બાદમાં બોલીવૂડના ટોચના ગાયકોમાં

આવવા માંડી. છેવટે તેઓ પાકિસ્તાનમાં આવી વસ્યા અને ગઝલ ક્ષેત્રે એક નવા પ્રકરણના મંડાણ થયા. તેમણે એ જમાનામાં સાઉથ એશીયાની શ્રેષ્ઠ ગઝલો આપી અને સાઈહના દાયકામાં મહેદી હસનના આગમન સુધી હબીબ વલીમોહંમદ લોકપ્રિયતાની બુલંદી પર રહ્યા હતા. થોડા વરસો સુધી તેઓ પોતાનો શોખ સંતોષવા માત્ર ખાનગી મેહફીલોમાં ગાતા રહ્યા પણ બાદમાં ચાહકોના આગ્રહથી ફિલ્મો માટે ગાવાનું શરૂ કર્યું. ૧૯૭૦ના દાયકાના બે ફિલ્મી ગીતો ‘આશીયાં જલ ગયા-ગુલીસ્તાં લૂંટ ગયા’ અને ‘રાતેથી ચાંદની-જોબન પે થી બહાર’એ ધૂમ મચાવી દીધી. એ વખતે મહેદી હસન ઉપરાંત ફરીદા ખાનમ, અમાનત અલીખાન અને ઈકબાલ બાનુ જેવા ધૂરંધર ગઝલ ગાયકો વચ્ચે હબીબ વલીમોહંમદે પોતાનું આગવું સ્થાન બનાવી લીધું. એ જ ગાળામાં ૧૯૭૩માં ‘બાદલ ઓર બિજલી’ ફિલ્મ માટે ‘આજ જનેકી ઝીંદ ના કરો’ ગીત ગાઈને તેઓ સફળતાના શિખરે પહોંચી ગયા. એ ગીતની ધૂન સંગીતકાર સોહેલ રાનાએ તૈયાર કરી હતી. બાદમાં મોટા મોટા ગાયક-ગાયિકાઓએ ચાહકોની ફરમાઈશ પર એજ ગીતને પોત-પોતાના અંદાજમાં ગાયું હતું. ભારતી ગાયક આશા ભોંસલેએ પણ એ ગીત ગાયું હતું. હબીબ વલીમોહંમદના બીજા લોકપ્રિય ગીતો-ગઝલોમાં ગૌરી કરત સિંઘાર, કબ મેરા નશમન એહલે ચમન, ન કિસી કી આંખકા નૂર હૂં વગેરે શામેલ હતા.

હબીબ વલીમોહંમદે ગાયેલા બિન ફિલ્મી ગીતોમાં વતનપ્રેમના ગીતો ‘એ નિગારે વતન તું સલામત રહે, રોશન રખ્શાં-નેચરો તાબાં,

સોહની ધરતી-અલ્લાહ રખ્ખે વગેરે ભારે લોકપ્રિય થયા હતા.

હબીબ વલીમોહંમદે ગાયનના પોતાના શોખને વ્યવસાય બનાવ્યો નહોતો. એ પોતે ખમતીધર ઉદ્યોગપતિ પરિવારના હતા અને તેમણે કરાચીમાં શાલીમાર સિલ્ક મિલ્સની સ્થાપના કરી હતી જેમાં તેમણે અમેરિકામાં કરેલા એમબીએના ભણતરથી મળેલા જ્ઞાનનો ઉપયોગ કર્યો હતો. ઉદ્યોગ ક્ષેત્રે પણ તેમણે કામ્યાબી મેળવી હતી. તેમના મોટાભાઈ અશરફ વલીમોહંમદ તબાણી પણ ટોચના ઉદ્યોગપતિ હતા અને બાદમાં રાજકારણમાં પ્રવેશીને થોડા સમય સિંધના ગવર્નર પણ રહ્યા હતા.

પાકિસ્તાનમાં ગીત-ગઝલો ગાઈને નામના કમાવ્યા બાદ હબીબ

વલીમોહંમદ અમેરિકામાં જઈ વસ્યા હતા. ત્યાં પણ તેઓ ગઝલો ગાવાના શોખને ખાનગી મેહફીલોમાં ગાઈને પોષતા રહ્યા હતા. અમેરિકા-કેનેડામાં વિવિધ મેહફીલોમાં અને આઝાદી દિન જેવા પ્રસંગોએ યોજાતા સમારંભોમાં પણ હબીબ વલીમોહંમદને આગ્રહ સાથે નોતરવામાં આવતા હતા. અમેરિકામાં જ કેલિફોર્નિયા મુકામે તેમનો ૮૪ વર્ષની પાકટ વયે યોથી સપ્ટેમ્બર ૨૦૧૪ના રોજ ઈન્ટેકાલ થતાં તેમના ચાહકોમાં શોક વ્યાપી ગયો હતો.

હબીબ વલીમોહંમદ આજે આપણી વચ્ચે નથી, પણ તેમની અમર ગઝલો હંમેશા એ મેમણ વીરલાની યાદ અપાવતી રહેશે.

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પ્રકારોમાં ટેસ્ટ ક્રિકેટ સૌથી જૂની પ્રણાલી છે. એક મેચમાં ચાર ઈર્નીંગ હોય તો તેને ટેસ્ટ ક્રિકેટ કહેવાય છે જે પાંચ દિવસ સુધી રમવાનો નિયમ શરૂઆતથી જ ઘડાયેલો છે. પહેલી સત્તાવાર ટેસ્ટ મેચ ૧૫મી માર્ચ ૧૮૭૭ના રોજ મેલબોર્નના ક્રિકેટ ગ્રાઉન્ડમાં ઓસ્ટ્રેલીયા અને ઈંગ્લેન્ડ વચ્ચે રમાઈ હતી. ઓસ્ટ્રેલીયાએ એ મેચ ૪૫ રનથી જીતી લીધી હતી.

વન-ડે ઈન્ટરનેશનલ ક્રિકેટનો આરંભ ૨૦મી સદીમાં થયો હતો. શરૂમાં તેને લિમીટેડ ઓવર્સ ક્રિકેટ અને લિમીટેડ ઓવર્સ ઈન્ટરનેશનલ જેવા નામ અપાયા હતા. વર્લ્ડ કપની મેચો વન-ડેના ધોરણે રમવામાં આવે છે. પહેલી વન-ડે ઈન્ટરનેશનલ મેચ પાંચમી જાન્યુઆરી ૧૯૭૧ના દિવસે ઓસ્ટ્રેલીયા અને ઈંગ્લેન્ડ વચ્ચે

રમાઈ હતી અને એ મેચ પણ ઓસ્ટ્રેલીયાએ પાંચ વિકેટથી જીતી લીધી હતી. વન-ડે ઈન્ટરનેશનલ મેચ પણ સફેદ રંગની કીટસ અને લાલ રંગના બોલથી રમવાની પ્રથા વરસો સુધી ચાલતી રહી હતી.

એ પછી કેરી પેકરે ૧૯૭૦ના દાયકામાં વર્લ્ડ ક્રિકેટ સીરીઝ ક્રિકેટ ટુર્નામેન્ટનો આરંભ કર્યો અને વન-ડે ક્રિકેટમાં રંગીન યુનિફોર્મ, રંગીન બોલ અને કે એન્ડ નાઈટ મેચોનો ચીલો પડ્યો. બાદમાં લિમીટેડ ઓવરની મેચોને ૨૦ ઓવરની મેચમાં પલટી દેવાઈ જે આજે ટી-ટવેન્ટીના નામે લોકપ્રિય છે. પાછલી સદીના ક્રિકેટની સરખામણીમાં આજનું ક્રિકેટ દેખીતી રીતે વધુ નવીનતાભર્યું અને વધુ ઝડપી છે, પણ જૂના શોખીનો કહે છે કે નવા ક્રિકેટમાં જૂના ક્રિકેટ જેવું શિસ્ત, જોમ કે સ્પોર્ટ્સમેન સ્પીરીટનો અભાવ વર્તાઈ આવે છે.

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અ ગિ ચ ૧૨ - અ ગિ ચ ૧૨ ખેલાડીઓની બે ટીમો વચ્ચે રમાતો ક્રિકેટનો ખેલ પાકિસ્તાનનો સૌથી વધુ લોકપ્રિય ખેલ છે. ક્રિકેટનો ઇતિહાસ લાંબો અને રસપ્રદ છે.

ક્રિકેટની રમતનો આરંભ ક્યારે થયો એ વિષે પાકે પાચે કોઈ કશું કહી શકતું નથી પણ રોમન સામ્રાજ્યના અંત પછી આ ખેલ શરૂ



થયાનું મનાય છે. સાઉથ ઈસ્ટ ઈંગ્લેન્ડના અંધારા જંગલોમાં વસતા અંગ્રેજ છોકરાઓએ ક્રિકેટની રમત શરૂ કરી હતી. ક્રિકેટનું અસલ નામ 'ક્રેકેટ' હતું. ક્ય ભાષામાં તેનો અર્થ 'લાકડી' થાય છે. છોકરાઓની આવી રમત જોયા બાદ પુખ્તવયના લોકોએ ઈસવી સન ૧૬૧૧માં ક્રિકેટ રમવાનું શરૂ કર્યું હતું. જો કે એ જમાનામાં ચર્ચમાં જવાને બદલે ક્રિકેટ રમવામાં મશગુલ રહેલા બે પુરૂષોને સજા કરવામાં આવી હતી. ૧૮મી સદી અગાઉ ક્રિકેટની રમત માત્ર ગામડાના ખેલ તરીકે રમાતી રહી હતી.

બાદમાં નોર્થ ઈંગ્લેન્ડમાં ક્રિકેટનો ખેલ ધીમે ધીમે લોકપ્રિય થવા માંડ્યો હતો અને ૧૭મી સદીના અંત ભાગમાં ઈંગ્લેન્ડની કોલોનીઓ મારફત ક્રિકેટનો ખેલ નોર્થ અમેરિકા સુધી ફેલાઈ ગયો હતો. ૧૮મી સદીમાં ઈસ્ટ ઈન્ડિયા કંપની મારફત ક્રિકેટ વેસ્ટ ઈન્ડીઝ તથા ઈન્ડિયામાં પહોંચ્યું હતું. ૧૮૭૭માં ઓસ્ટ્રેલીયામાં અને

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૧૯મી સદીના આરંભમાં તો ન્યુઝીલેન્ડ અને સાઉથ આફ્રિકામાં પણ ક્રિકેટની રમત રમાવા લાગી હતી.

શરૂ શરૂમાં ક્રિકેટ રમવાનો આરંભ કલબ

ક્રિકેટ તરીકે થયો હતો અને ૧૮૩૯માં સસેક્સ વિસ્તારમાં અનેક કાઉન્ટી કલબો સ્થપાઈ હતી, પણ પહેલી આંતરરાષ્ટ્રિય ક્રિકેટ મેચ ૧૮૪૪માં અમેરિકા અને કેનેડા વચ્ચે રમવામાં આવી હતી. ન્યુયોર્કમાં સેન્ટ જ્યોર્જ કલબના મેદાનમાં એ મેચ રમાઈ હતી. ઈંગ્લેન્ડના વ્યવસાયી ક્રિકેટરોએ ૧૮૫૯માં અમેરિકા જઈને ક્રિકેટ ટૂરોનો

આરંભ કર્યો હતો. ઈંગ્લેન્ડની ટીમ બાદમાં ૧૮૬૨માં ક્રિકેટ રમવા ઓસ્ટ્રેલીયા ગઈ હતી.

પહેલી સત્તાવાર કાઉન્ટી

એમ્પિયનશીપની રચના પણ ઈંગ્લેન્ડમાં ૧૮૯૦માં થઈ હતી જેનું પુનરાવર્તન ૧૮૯૨માં ઓસ્ટ્રેલીયામાં

કરાયું હતું અને ન્યુઝીલેન્ડ, સાઉથ આફ્રિકા તથા ઈન્ડિયાની રણજી ટ્રોફીની ટીમો તેમાં શામેલ હતી.

રસિક વાત એ છે કે ૧૮૯૦માં એક ઓવરમાં માત્ર ચાર બોલ કરાતા હતા જે બાદમાં વધીને પાંચ બોલની ઓવર કરાઈ હતી અને છ બોલની ઓવરની વર્તમાન પ્રણાલી ઈસવી સન ૧૯૦૦માં પડી હતી. ઓસ્ટ્રેલીયાએ ૧૯૨૨માં આઠ બોલની ઓવર રાખવાનો અખતરો કરી જોયો હતો. છેક ૧૯૪૭ના ક્રિકેટના કાયદા સુધી એક ઓવરમાં મેચના સંજોગો અનુસાર છ થી આઠ બોલ ફેંકવાની છૂટ રખાઈ હતી. ક્રિકેટના ખેલની વ્યવસ્થા માટે ૧૯૦૯માં ઈન્ટરનેશનલ ક્રિકેટ કાઉન્સિલની સ્થાપના કરાઈ હતી. ઈમ્પિરીયલ ક્રિકેટ કોન્ફરન્સ, ઓસ્ટ્રેલીયા, સાઉથ આફ્રિકા અને ઈંગ્લેન્ડ તેની સ્થાપક ટીમો હતી. આ સંસ્થાનું નામ ૧૯૬૫માં ઈન્ટરનેશનલ ક્રિકેટ કોન્ફરન્સ કરી દેવાયું હતું પણ ૧૯૯૯માં તેને ફરીવાર ઈન્ટરનેશનલ ક્રિકેટ કાઉન્સિલ કરી દેવાઈ હતી. તમામ ઈન્ટરનેશનલ ક્રિકેટ મેચોની વ્યવસ્થા આ કાઉન્સિલને સોંપાયેલી



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ભારતી ઉપખંડ જૂના ઓળખાતી ચાદર આ ત્રણે રાજ્યોમાં



પ્રચલિત છે જ્યારે કે વેપાર-ઉદ્યોગ માટે અથવા તો ચોકકસ ઉદ્દેશ કે ઓસરી કે પરશાળ તરીકે ઓળખાવવાનો આજે ચીલો પડેલો છે.

પૂરા વિસ્તારની અ િ થ િ ક મુશહાલીના આ પ્રસ્તાવને અમલી ધોરણે સફળ બનાવવા માટે આ વિસ્તાર ના

જમાનામાં વેપાર, સંસ્કૃતિ, નવા નવા સુધારા અને રૂઢાની માર્ગદર્શનનો ગઢ રહી ચૂક્યો છે. અત્યારે ભારતના બે રાજ્યો ગુજરાત અને રાજસ્થાન તથા પાકિસ્તાનનું સિંધ સરહદી ધોરણે જુદા ભલે પડી ગયા હોય, પણ તેમનામાં ઉપરોક્ત સમાનતાઓ આજે પણ મોજુદ છે, જેને વેપાર-ધંધા અને સંસ્કૃતિના વિશાળ ધામ અને લોકો વચ્ચે મેળ-મિલાપના કેન્દ્રમાં પલટાવવી જોઈએ. આ ધ્યેય હાસિલ કરવા માટે જયપુર, ગાંધીનગર અને કરાચીમાં એકીસાથે હેતુપૂર્ણ પગલાં શરૂ કરવા જોઈએ. આ રીતે રચાતા સમાન મથકને ‘અજરક-કોરીડોર’નું નામ આપી શકાય. પુરૂષો ખભા પર રાખે છે એ ખેસ કે અજરક તરીકે

ઈતિહાસને સમજવાની અને એક વ્યવસ્થિત વ્યૂહ રચવાની જરૂર છે, જે છેવટે કરાચી અને મુંબઈ (મહારાષ્ટ્રમાં હોવા છતાં)ને જોડી શકે છે. ત્રણે રાજ્યોના મુખ્ય પ્રધાનો શ્રીમતી વસુંધરા રાજે, શ્રીમતી આનંદીબેન પટેલ અને સૈયદ કાઈમઅલી શાહ વેપારીઓ, આગેવાન રાજનેતાઓ અને વિવિધ ક્ષેત્રોના નિષ્ણાંતોને લઈને કોઈ એક જગાએ મળી બેસે તો મુનાબાઓ-ખોખરાપાળના સંપર્ક રૂટનો ભરપૂર લાભ તેમજ ગુજરાત-રાજસ્થાનને સિંધ સાથે જોડવાનો વ્યૂહ ઘડાઈ શકે છે અને અજરક કોરીડોરની રચના થઈ શકે છે.

અત્યારે તો ભારત અને

પાકિસ્તાનના વેપારીઓ કે સરકારી અધિકારીઓ જ્યારે પણ મળે છે ત્યારે સૌ પ્રથમ તો મોસ્ટ ફેવર્ડ નેશન (સૌથી માનીતા દેશ)નો દરજ્જો આપવા અથવા તો ભારતથી વાઘા સરહદ મારફત અત્યારની ૧૩૭ આચરમોની મર્યાદા ખતમ કરવા પર જ વધુ ધ્યાન આપે છે. જ્યારે કે મુનાબાવ-ખોખરાપાળ રૂટના વિકાસ થર એકસપ્રેસ ટ્રેનની અવરજવર વધારવા, ખોખરાપાળ સરહદથી ટૂકોની આવ-જા માટે ચેકપોસ્ટ સ્થાપવા કે મુંબઈ અને કરાચીમાં ડેપ્યુટી હાઈકમિશનો ખોલવા જેવા મૂળભૂત મામલાઓ પર ભાગ્યે જ વાત કરાય છે. ટૂંકમાં કહીએ તો ‘અજરક કોરીડોર’ની અવગણના કરાઈ રહી છે.

પશ્ચિમ પંજાબ અને પૂર્વ પંજાબ વચ્ચે સંબંધો ગાઢ બનાવવાની પ્રવૃત્તિઓમાં તાજેતરના દિવસોમાં જબરો વધારો દેખાયો છે અને વાઘા-અટારી સરહદે સારી સગવડોને પ્રતાપે માલ-સામાન અને લોકોની અવર-જવર સરળ બનાવાઈ છે. બીજી તરફ બલોચિસ્તાન અને સિંધના શહેરીઓ આવી પ્રવૃત્તિઓથી વંચિત છે. જો કે એક જમાનામાં પાકિસ્તાનથી ભારત ખાતેની ૭૫ ટકા નિકાસ તેમજ ભારતથી ૪૦ ટકા આયાત સિંધ-રાજસ્થાન રૂટ મારફત થતી હતી. અત્યારે તો દસ્તાવેજો વગરના માલની હેરાફેરી સિવાય આ રૂટ પર કોઈ અધિકૃત વેપાર થઈ રહ્યો નથી. રૂટનો ઉપયોગ કરાય તો અનેકગણો લાભ થઈ શકે છે જેમાં તબીબી સારવાર, મજાહબી સ્થળોની મુલાકાતો અને તાલીમી કેન્દ્રો સુધી પહોંચની સફર,

પુરૂષો ખભા પર રાખે છે એ ખેસ કે અજરક તરીકે ઓળખાતી ચાદર આ ત્રણે રાજ્યોમાં પ્રચલિત છે જ્યારે કે વેપાર-ઉદ્યોગ માટે અથવા તો ચોકકસ ઉદ્દેશ કે ઓસરી કે પરશાળ તરીકે ઓળખાવવાનો આજે ચીલો પડેલો છે.

તેલ-ગેસ અને કોલસાનો કારોબાર, ટેકનીકલ નિપૂણતાના વિકાસ, હસ્ત ઉદ્યોગ અને કપડા ઉદ્યોગ જેવા અનેક ક્ષેત્રોના વિકાસ જેવા ફાયદા શામેલ છે. આ રીતે અજરક કોરીડોર જરૂરી કરે છે.

જે લોકોના કુટુંબો કે સગા-સંબંધીઓ સરહદ પાર છે એવા ખાસ કરીને ગુજરાત-રાજસ્થાન અને સિંધના શહેરીઓને અત્યારે કઠિન પરિસ્થિતિનો સામનો છે. રાજસ્થાનના જોધપુર અને સિંધના ઉમરકોટ વચ્ચેના ૪૦૦ કિલોમીટર જેટલા 'ઘાટ' વિસ્તારમાં વસતા લોકો રિવાયતી, મઝહબી, સામાજિક અને નસલી બંધનોથી બંધાયેલા છે. ૧૯૬૫માં યુદ્ધ પછીથી પ્રતિબંધ મૂકાતાં આ લોકોની સરહદની આરપાર આવ-જા અવરોધાઈ ગઈ છે અજરક કોરીડોરથી આ લોકોની મુશ્કેલીઓ સરળ થઈ શકે છે.

સિંધ અને ગુજરાત વચ્ચેની સરહદ પરની પરિસ્થિતિ પણ હતાશાજનક છે. પહેલાંના જમાનામાં આ બંને રાજ્યો વચ્ચે માલ-સામાનની સારી એવી અવરજવર રહેતી હતી. મેમણ, ખોજ, બોહરી અને વ્હોરા જેવી નસલી વેપારી બિરાદરીઓ અહીં વેપાર-ઉદ્યોગમાં નોંધપાત્ર સ્થાન ધરાવે છે. સિંધમાં કરાચી ઉપરાંત આંતરિક સિંધના બીજા કેટલાક શહેરીમાં આ બિરાદરીઓ મોજુદ છે. આ લોકો ફળદ્રુપ સંપત્તિ સમાન છે. જેમનો અજરક કોરીડોરમાં વ્યાપાર અને મૂડીરોકાણના વિકાસમાં ઉપયોગ થઈ શકે છે.

વાઘા-અટારી રૂટ પર માલ-સામાન અને લોકોની અવર-જવર પર અંકુશ અને નિગરાની સરળતાથી ચાલી રહી હોવાથી ભાત અને પાકિસ્તાન વચ્ચે વ્યવહારનો બીજો કોઈ માર્ગ ખોલવા

સામે જોરદાર વાંધો લેવાતો રહ્યો છે. એવી ગેરસમજ ફેલાયેલી છે કે રાજસ્થાન-સિંધ-ગુજરાત રૂટ ખોલવાથી ભારતી માલની આયાત બેફામ બની જશે અને લોકોની અને ખાસ કરીને સિંધના હિંદુઓ તેમજ ૧૯૪૭માં ભાગલાં સમયે ભારતથી પાકિસ્તાન આવેલા શહેરીઓની આવ-જા નિયંત્રણમાં નહીં રહે. સિંધ અને ગુજરાત વચ્ચે તો આજે પણ સડક, રેલ્વે કે હવાઈ માર્ગે કોઈ સીધો સંપર્ક નથી. આ બંને રાજ્યોના મહત્વના શહેરોને સડકોના નેટવર્કથી જોડીને તેને રાજસ્થાન સુધી વિસ્તારી શકાય છે જેનાથી માલ અને લોકોની અવર-જવર ઝડપી અને સરળ બની જશે. મુનાબાઉ-ખોખરાપાળ રેલ્વે લાઈનને ગુજરાત સુધી સ્હેલાઈથી લંબાવી શકાય છે. વહાણવટાના કોઈ સીધા સંપર્કનો અભાવ પણ વેપાર આડેની એક મોટી રૂકાવટ છે. પાકિસ્તાનથી જેટલો માલ ભારત ખાતે નિકાસ થાય છે એનાથી વધુ માલ ત્યાંથી આયાત થતો હોવાથી બંને દેશોની સરકારોએ ભારતી શીપીંગ લાઈનને સિંધના કરાચી બંદર અથવા પોર્ટ કાસિમ તથા ગુજરાતના કંડલા કે મુંદ્રા બંદરો વચ્ચે જહાજ સર્વિસ શરૂ કરવાની છૂટ દેવી જોઈએ. આવી મોટી પહેલ અજરક કોરીડોરની અગત્યતા વધારી શકે છે.

ભારતના વડા પ્રધાનપદે એક

ગુજરાતી શખ્સ નરેન્દ્ર મોદીની ચૂંટણીને ગુજરાત અને સિંધ વચ્ચે રિવાયતી સંબંધોના પુનઃજન્મ તરીકે જોવામાં આવી રહી છે. સખત નિવેદનો છતાં એક નવી શરૂઆત થવાની તેમજ ગુજરાત-રાજસ્થાનની નેતાગીરી તેમના સિંધી સમોવડીયા નેતાઓ સાથે રાજદૂતીય સંબંધોના મહત્વને સ્વિકારે એવી આશા રાખી શકાય છે. આ ત્રણે રાજ્યોની વેપારી બિરાદરીનો ટેકો અને સહયોગની તત્પરતા એક પ્રોત્સાહક બાબત છે અને ખાસ અગત્યની વાત તો એ છે કે તેમની વચ્ચેનો સુમેળ પૂરા વિસ્તારમાં રહેતા લોકોની ખુશહાલીના પ્રયાસોમાં પૂરક બની શકે છે. અજરક કોરીડોરની કામ્યાબીનો આ સાર છે.

ભારત અને પાકિસ્તાનના હિતો ધરાવતા લોકો વચ્ચેની બેઠકોમાં અકસર એક કાવ્યની આ હૃદયસ્પર્શી પંક્તિને ટાંકવામાં આવતી રહી છે:

‘એક શજર એસા લગાયા જાયે,

જુસકા હમસાયા કે આંગન મે ભી સાયા જાયે’

(કરાચી ચેમ્બર્સ ઓફ કોમર્સના ભૂતપૂર્વ મેમ્બર પ્રમુખ જનાબ મજુહ અઝીઝના એક અંગ્રેજી દૈનિક ‘બિઝનેસ રેકોર્ડર’માં પ્રગટ થયેલા લેખનું સંક્ષિપ્ત)

સદ્દી

અજકાલ જે જવાન જો કરનું હોય રાબતો
સ્ટોક એક્ષોજ મેં ઈનજો પૂછો પતો
રોકે નથો વેપારમેં હી કાવડયો રતો
સઢો રમેતો શેર જો મૂડી ફિરાયતો
પહેરેતો ઉંધી-ટોપી તડે ગીત ગાયતો
‘ઈક બેવફાકા શહેર હે ઓર હમ હે દોસ્તો’

-મુન્શી ધોરાજવી

અમદાવાદ હાલાઈ મેમણ જમાતનો વિદ્યાર્થી સન્માન સમારંભ

રવિવાર ૭ સપ્ટેમ્બરના રોજ હાલાઈ મેમણ મોટી જમાત, અમદાવાદ તરફથી વિદ્યાર્થી સન્માન સમારંભનું પાલડી સ્થિત ટાગોર હોલમાં આયોજન કરાયું હતું. ઓલ ઈન્ડિયા મેમન જમાત ફેડરેશનના ઉપપ્રમુખ જનાબ ઈકબાલ મેમણ ઓફિસર તથા આઈસીએઆઈની અમદાવાદ શાખાના અધ્યક્ષ શ્રી નિકેતન તલાટી (ચાર્ટર્ડ એકાઉન્ટન્ટ) આ સમારંભમાં મુખ્ય મહેમાનો તરીકે હાજર રહ્યા હતા.

બપોરે ૩.૦૦ કલાકે તિલાવતે કલામે પાઠ સાથે કાર્યક્રમની શરૂઆત થઈ હતી. અમદાવાદ જમાતના પ્રમુખ મુહમ્મદ શરીફ નૂર મુહમ્મદ મેમણે સ્વાગત પ્રવચનમાં મહેમાનોનો પરિચય કરાવ્યો હતો તથા અમદાવાદની જમાતની કામગીરીનો અહેવાલ રજૂ કર્યો હતો. તેમણે વધુ માહિતી આપતાં જણાવ્યું હતું કે તેઓ વર્ષ ૨૦૦૨ થી ૨૦૦૬ સુધી જમાતના પ્રમુખપદે હતા તે દરમિયાન જમાતખાના (કોમ્યુનિટી સેન્ટર)નું મેમણોની ભરચક વસતિ ધરાવતા દાણી લીમડા ખાતે નિર્માણ કરવા માટે જમીન ખરીદવામાં આવી હતી. વર્ષ ૨૦૧૩માં તેઓ ફરી પ્રમુખપદે ચૂંટાઈ આવ્યા બાદ કોમ્યુનિટી સેન્ટરના નિર્માણ માટેની પ્રવૃત્તિઓને વેગ અપાયો હતો. રૂપિયા ૬૦ થી ૭૦ લાખના ખર્ચે આ સેન્ટર આકાર પામી રહ્યું છે અને આગામી ત્રણ ચાર માસમાં બાંધકામ પરિપૂર્ણ થઈ જશે.

તેમણે વધુમાં જણાવ્યું હતું કે વર્ષ ૨૦૧૦માં જરૂરતમંદો માટે મકાનોની કોલોનીનું નિર્માણ કર્યું હતું અને આ મોટી કામગીરીમાં જનાબ ઈસ્માઈલભાઈ કેબ્રુએનવાલાનો બહોળો સહકાર સાંપડ્યો હતો. હાલ

આ કોલોની જ્યાં આવેલી છે તે જમીન પર જ વધુ બાવન મકાનોનું નિર્માણ કરવાનું આયોજન કરાયું છે અને આ મકાનો જરૂરતમંદોને ફાળ વાશે.

જમાતના ૧૬૦૦ સભ્યોને આવરી લેતી એસએમએસની વ્યવસ્થા શરૂ કરાઈ છે, જે હેઠળ સુખ-દુઃખના પ્રસંગો વિષે તમામ સભ્યોને તરત જ વાકેફ કરાય છે.

મુખ્ય મહેમાન તરીકે પધારેલા શ્રી અનિકેત તલાટીએ તેમના પ્રવચનમાં શિક્ષણના મહત્વ પર ભાર મૂક્યો હતો અને પોતે કેવા કપરા સંજોગોમાંથી પસાર થઈને ચાર્ટર્ડ એકાઉન્ટન્ટ બન્યા તેનું વર્ણન કર્યું હતું.

અમદાવાદ જમાતના અગ્રણી મહિલા સભ્ય ડો. સાઈમા મેમણે પણ શિક્ષણ વિષે માર્ગદર્શન પૂરું પાડ્યું હતું.

અતિથિવિશેષ જનાબ ઈકબાલ મેમણ ઓફિસરે શિક્ષણના મહત્વની સાથોસાથ સામાજિક દૂષણો તથા કુરિવાજો તેમ જ કુસંપ થકી સમાજને કેટલું બધું સહન કરવું પડે છે તે વિષે સવિસ્તર પ્રવચન કર્યું હતું. તેમણે જણાવ્યું હતું કે બાળકોનાં સન્માનની સાથે આજે અમદાવાદ જમાતની વેબસાઈટ અને ઓલ ઈન્ડિયા મેમન જમાતની વેબસાઈટ પર ઉપલબ્ધ વિવિધ સેવાઓ જેવી કે લગ્ન વિષયક (મેટ્રિમોનિયલ), નોકરી વિષયક, કોમ્યુનિટી સર્વે ફોર્મ્સ, વેબસાઈટ રજીસ્ટ્રેશન ફોર્મ્સ વગેરેનું આજે મારા હસ્તે લોન્ચીંગ કરાઈ રહ્યું છે. મારા માટે ગર્વની બાબત છે અને અમદાવાદની હાલાઈ મેમણ મોટી જમાત માટે પણ આ ગર્વ

લેવા જેવી બાબત છે. કારણ કે ફેડરેશનના પ્રમુખ ડો. નાસીર ફૂલારાએ આ સેવાઓનો શુભારંભ તમારી જમાતના કાર્યક્રમમાં કરવાની અનુમતિ આપી.

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علی جناح کو کاٹھیاواڑ کے دورے کی دعوت دی اور بھی لوگوں نے جدوجہد کی جس میں سر آدم جی داؤد بھی شامل ہیں۔

تقریب کے مہمان خصوصی جناب حنیف طیب نے اپنی تقریر میں یہ کہا کہ تقریب میں ان کی ایچ ایم شہزاد سے جام کے بارے میں بات ہوئی جام سنت رسول ہیں سنت طریقہ ہے بہت سی باتیں سیکھی اور سمجھنے کے لیے MITI جاؤں گا جام مشکل سے مشکل بیماریوں سے شفا پاتا کرتا ہے۔ سنت نبوی ﷺ پر ایمان ہو جانا چاہیے اسی میں فائدہ اور بھلائی ہے جماعت کی سطح پر تعلیمی پروگرام بچوں اور والدین میں علم کے شعور کو عام کرنے کا بہترین طریقہ ہیں۔



مستقبل نہیں تعلیم حاصل کریں۔ تعلیم سے زندگی سنور جاتی ہے تعلیم ہوگی تو دنیا بھر میں مقام حاصل کرو گے، تعلیم اسی چیز کا نام ہے اگر والدین کسی وجہ سے بچوں کو تعلیم نہیں دلا سکتے تو جماعت سے رابطہ کریں اور جماعت کا کام ہے ان بچوں پر خصوصی توجہ دیں، WMO تعلیم کی بنیاد پر بہت بڑا کام کر رہی ہے۔ 11500 بچے رجسٹرڈ ہیں جنہیں تعلیمی وظیفہ دے رہی ہے WMO کا پروگرام



ہے کوالٹی تعلیم بہترین اسکولوں میں بچوں کو اعلیٰ سے اعلیٰ تعلیم دلوائیں تاکہ بہتر مستقبل کے ضامن بن سکے جام نگر مین جماعت کے وکیل اور عہدیداران کا فوکس صرف تعلیم ہو تعلیم کے حوالے سے بھرپور تعاون WMO جام نگر مین جماعت کے بچوں کے لیے کریگی WMO سے جماعت فائدہ حاصل کریں جام نگر مین جماعت کی بہنیں اپنے بچوں کو تعلیم کی طرف متوجہ کریں تعلیم ہر دور میں جہالت کے خلاف ہتھیار ہے۔ تعلیم کے ساتھ ساتھ ہنر بھی ہوتو پائی اور بچے کو ہنر بھی سکھائیں کیونکہ تعلیم کے ساتھ ساتھ ہنر بھی ہوتو گھر مضبوط ہوتا ہے الحمد للہ MITI ہنر کے ساتھ ساتھ نوکری بھی فراہم کرتی ہے، سعودی عربیہ، دبئی، قطر، دوحہ، جیسے ملک ہم سے ٹیلنٹ یافتہ نوجوان اچھی باعزت نوکری کے لیے مانگتے ہیں، انہوں نے مزید کہا کہ ہر عید من جام نگر مین جماعت میں



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1971ء میں جب جناب محمد یوسف اور زینب بائی امریلی سے کراچی آئے تو زیب النساء کی عمر صرف ڈیڑھ سال تھی، کنڈرگارڈ تک وہ رونق اسلام گریڈ اسکول میں زیر تعلیم رہیں ابتدائی تعلیم انہوں نے کاسمو پولیٹن پرائمری اسکول سے حاصل کی اور پھر وہ میٹرو پول سیکنڈری اسکول میں داخل ہوئیں وہ ہمیشہ پہلی سے پانچویں پوزیشن پر امتحانات پاس کرتی رہیں۔

1962ء میں میٹرک پاس کرنے کے بعد انہوں نے ایس ایم سائنس کالج میں داخلہ لیا اور 1964ء میں انٹر پاس کر کے ڈی جے سائنس کالج میں داخل ہو گئیں دو سال میں انہوں نے بی ایس سی کا امتحان پاس کیا، تعلیم کے علاوہ وہ دیگر مصروفیات میں بھی برابر حصہ لیتی رہیں۔

1965 میں کراچی کے چودہ کالجوں کے بین الاقوامی موسیقی کے مقابلے میں انہوں نے ڈی جے کالج کی طرف سے حصہ لیا اور اول نمبر لیکر حسن علی ٹرافی جیتی 1966ء میں کراچی ٹی بی ایسوسی ایشن نے تب دق کے مریضوں کے مسائل کے موضوع پر مضمون نویسی کا ایک مقابلہ منعقد کیا تھا جس میں محترمہ زیب النساء نے پہلا پرائز حاصل کیا تھا۔

1968 میں انہوں نے کراچی یونیورسٹی میں ایم ایس میں داخلہ لیا اور 1968 میں Genetics میں ایم ایس سی کیا اس کے بعد انہوں نے Plant taxonomy مضمون لے کر 1969 میں دوبارہ ایم ایس سی کی ڈگری حاصل کی اس طرح انہوں نے میمن برادری کی پہلی ڈبل ایم ایس سی قانون بننے کے اعزاز حاصل کیا۔ ڈگریاں حاصل کے بعد وہ کراچی یونیورسٹی میں امریکی پی ایٹل 480 کے تحت Flora of west Pakistan کے تحقیقی پروگرام سے منسلک ہو گئیں اور چند ماہ تک وہیں کام کیا اس کے بعد وہ جامعہ ملیہ میں بیوٹی کی، لیکچرار ہو گئیں، اس طرح گزشتہ تیرہ سالوں سے مختلف اعلیٰ درس گاہوں میں وہ درس و تدریس کا پیشانیہ بنے ہوئے ہیں۔ آپ نے 1979ء میں نائجیریا کی حکومت کی درخواست پر لڑکیوں کے کالج میں درس و تدریس کی خدمات دو سال تک انجام دیں اس کے بعد پاکستان آ گئیں، نائجیریا کی حکومت نے ان کی عمدہ خدمات کو دیکھتے ہوئے انہیں پھر بلائے کا فیصلہ کیا لیکن آپ نے پاکستان میں رہ کر معلمی کا پیشانیہ بنانے کو ہی بہتر سمجھا اس وقت آپ ہالم آباد گورنمنٹ کالج میں سینئر لیکچرر حیثیت سے کام کر رہی ہیں پاکستان میمن ایجوکیشنل اینڈ ویلفیئر سوسائٹی پچاس سالہ گولڈ جوبلی تقریب میں صدر مملکت جناب ضیاء الحق کے ہاتھوں انہیں گولڈ میڈل دیا گیا اور اعلیٰ قومی خدمات پر خراج تحسین بھی پیش کیا گیا۔ (کتاب میمن شخصیات 1985 میں شائع ہوئی)

عمر عبد الرحمن (میمن شخصیات)



آج سے پچاس سال قبل کی بات ہے میمن برادری میں اپنی بچیوں کو تعلیم دلوانا نہ سمجھا جاتا تھا اور جن چند بچیوں نے میٹرک پاس کیا تھا انہیں بڑے حیرت و تعجب سے دیکھا جاتا تھا لیکن اب خدا کا شکر ہے کہ حالات ایسے نہیں رہے کہا جاسکتا ہے کہ اب تعلیم نسواں کے بارے میں میمن برادری کی سوچ میں حیرت انگیز انقلاب برپا ہوا ہے اس کا ایک ثبوت زیب النساء ہیں جو ڈبل ایم ایس سی سی ہیں اور اس وقت ناظم آباد گورنمنٹ ہوائز کالج میں سینئر لیکچرار ہیں۔

زبیب النساء کی والدہ کا نام زلیخا بائی (عرف عام میں جیلو بائی) والد کا نام محمد دادا کا نام یوسف خاندانی نام، ڈیوالا، اور جائے پیدائش امریلی ہے ان کی والدہ امریلی میمن ایسوسی ایشن کے اعزازی جنرل سیکریٹری رہ چکے ہیں جناب محمد خود انٹرک پڑھے ہوئے ہیں جبکہ زیب النساء کی والدہ کی تعلیم

صرف تین انگریزی کتابوں تک محدود تھی ان کے والدین کا کہنا ہے کہ ہم خود تو پوری تعلیم نہ پاسکے لیکن بچوں کو تعلیم دلوانا کراچی ادھری خواہش کو پورا کیا ہے۔ ویسے بھی موجودہ حالات میں اعلیٰ تعلیم کے بغیر کہاں گزارہ ہے؟

زبیب النساء صاحبہ کی چھوٹی بہن حمیدہ بانو بی اے اور بی ایڈ کی ڈگری حاصل کر چکی ہیں انہوں نے مغلہ کالج پشاپور پڑھا ہے ان سے چھوٹے بھائی محمد یونس نے بھی کام کیا ہے محمد اقبال فرسٹ انٹر کانس میں رضیہ بانو فرسٹ انٹیر آئرس اور سب سے چھوٹی بھیلیاں گل یا سمین اور گل نسرین میٹرک میں ہیں۔

جناب محمد یوسف گزشتہ نو دس سال سے ماہانہ چار یا پانچ سو روپے مشاہرہ پر ملازمت کر رہے ہیں۔ اس تنخواہ میں پانچ بچوں کو انگریزی میڈیم کے اسکولوں میں تعلیم دلوانا یقیناً کوئی آسان کام نہیں اور اس کے لیے انہیں بڑی قربانیاں دینی پڑیں گوکہ میمن ایجوکیشنل اینڈ ویلفیئر سوسائٹی سے امداد ملتی تھی لیکن اس سلسلے تمام اخراجات پورے نہ ہوتے تھے۔ چنانچہ زلیخا بائی نے قسطنطنیہ پر سلائی مشین لیکر کام شروع کیا جب سچے کالج میں پہنچے تو اخراجات اور بڑھ گئے بہر حال والدین اب بھی اپنے ارادے پر قائم تھے چنانچہ انہوں نے رن ٹاءڈ میں واقع اپنا مکان چھڑی پر وے کرناظم میں کرائے کے مکان میں رکھ کر اپنی پڑ بھائیوں کو بھی لے کر لیا۔

ان کا کہنا ہے کہ جب ہم اتنی قربانیاں دے کر اپنے بچوں کو تعلیم دلوانا ہے تھے تو ہمارے بعض رشتے دار خصوصاً لڑکیوں کو اعلیٰ تعلیم دلوانے پر کھنکھاتی کر رہے تھے اور کہہ رہے تھے کہ آخر لڑکیوں کو اس قدر تعلیم دلوانے کی کیا ضرورت ہے لیکن ہمارے خیال میں موجودہ حالات میں لڑکیوں کو بھی اعلیٰ تعلیم سے آراستہ کرنا ضروری ہے یہ عام مشاہدے کی بات ہے کہ جب ہمارے معاشرے میں عورت بے سہارا ہو جاتی ہے تو گزراوقات کے لیے اس کے پاس دوسروں کے گھر میں عورت کے پاس تعلیم کا زور ہوتا ہے ہوا عزت روزگار حاصل کر سکتی ہے۔ اس کے علاوہ عورت کے لیے تعلیم یوں بھی ضروری ہے کہ وہ اپنے بچوں کی اچھی

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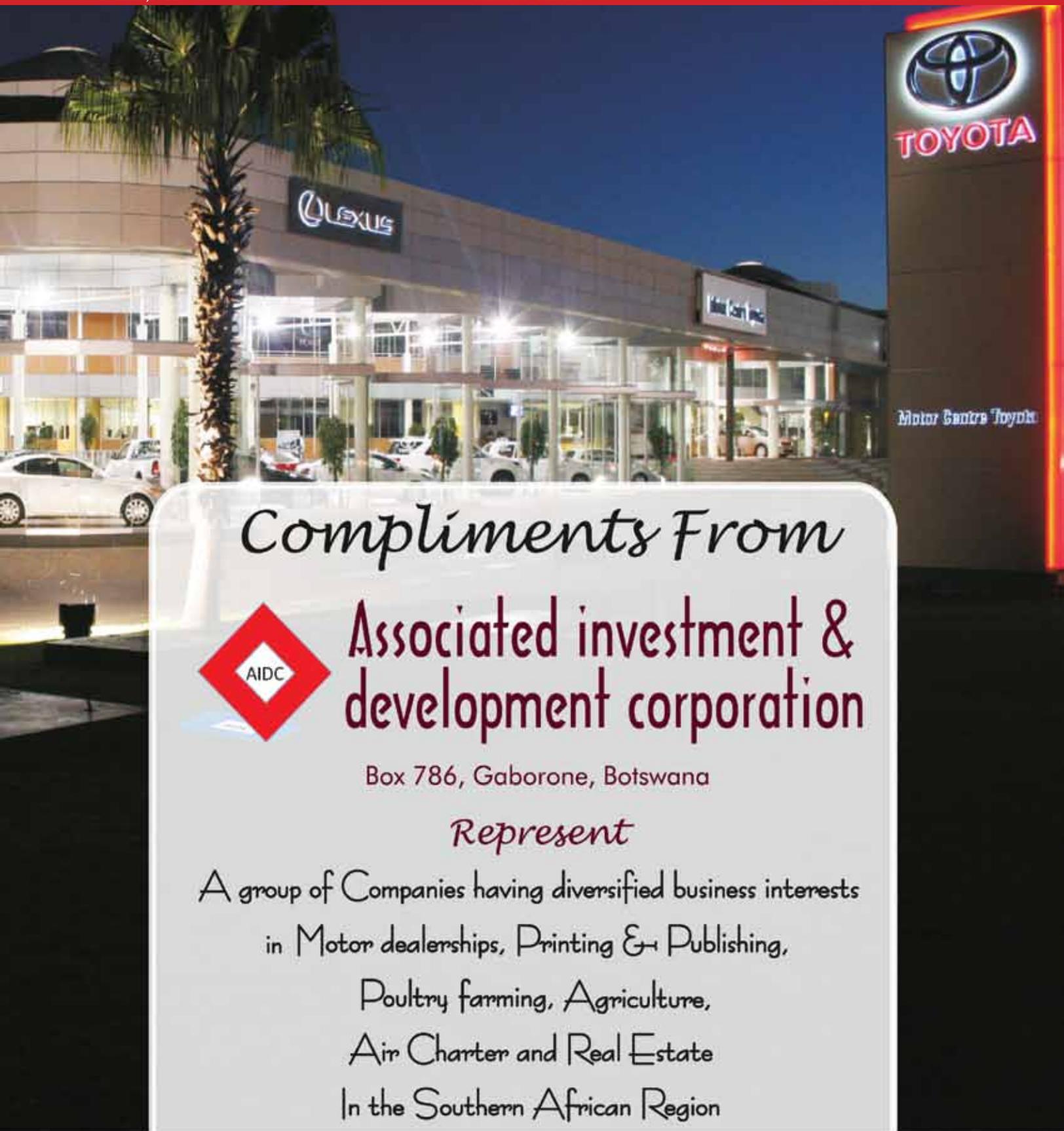
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