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After the release of our Summer Newsletter, Pakistani-Americans got a true moment of proudness of their Identity and heritage when Pakistan won the ICC championship in June, defeating its rival, the Indian team. What a phenomenal performance Pakistani team put together. It truly showed Pakistani's spirit of resilience and believing in their destiny. It made us especially very joyous to celebrate the PAFA's Independence Day Picnic, which brought hundreds of Pakistanis from Indianapolis and surrounding cities to celebrate **Pakistan's 70th Independence Day**. The large participation reflected the love of Pakistani-American community for their homeland and the adopted country.

As an on-going tradition, we continued to celebrate our musical heritage, **An Evening with Alamgir** in August. The Pakistan's legendary singer, Alamgir honored us with his great performance. It was a mesmerising evening and everyone was spellbound by voice and songs. Alamgir's message of love and peace was well received by not only by Pakistani community, but also by Indian and Bengali communities. Surprisingly, children's response to his heart felt music was very amazing. It showed that the power of music and culture needs no language to understand. Thanks to Alamgir fans, the event was sold out. I would like to recognise following community members for their financial support which made this event possible.

Dr. Asif Ansari, Dr. Aisha Zafar, Dr. Nadeem Ikblaque, Dr. Saira Wabeed, Dr. Waqar Mahmud, Seeds of Learning, Dr. Saeed Sheikh, Dr. Sobail Usman, Dr. Farrukh Shamim, Mr. Kashif Qasim, Mr & Mrs. Najam and Uzma Kazmi.

Pakistani community across Indiana were pleased to welcome two Pakistani celebrities presentation in Indiana. Nobel Laureate Ms. Malala Yousufzai and Gold Star Parent Mr. Khizr Khan. It was a matter of pride and joy for every Pakistani who attended those events to see how thousands of Hoosiers came out to listen to their Pakistani heroes. PAFA also participated in United Nations Day of Peace in Indianapolis. The highlight of the event was a cricket match between Pakistani and Indian community teams. I would like to acknowledge Mayor of Carmel, Mr. Brainard and Carmel Clay Parks for facilitating this event in West Park, Carmel, IN. Inshallah, God willing, with the community's support we will continue to bring our Quarterly PAFA-Newsletter and organize meaningful activities to promote positive image of Pakistan and Pakistanis living in Indiana. **Pakistan Zinda Baad - LONG LIVE PAKISTAN.**

ZAKIR AKBAR

Message from Consul General of Pakistan
Honorable Mr. Faisal Niaz Tirmizi

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Give glad tiding who patiently endure, who say when afflicted with a calamity: "To Allah we belong and to Him we return." They are those on whom (descend) blessings and mercy from their Lord, and they are the ones who receive guidance. (Quran Surah Baqarah 2:155-157)

- ✦ Mrs.Feroza Ansari Mother of Mrs.Uzma Kazm and Mother-in-law of Najam Kazmi passed away on Sept. 25, 2017 in Westfield, IN.
- ✦ Mrs Atiya Aslam, younger sister of Tauseef and Arif Kheiri passed away on Sep. 3, 2017 in Karachi after a brief illness.
- ✦ Mohammed Manzer, elder brother of Dr. Shahid Athar passed away on Aug. 2, 2017 in Virginia.
- ✦ Dr. Raza M. Sheikh father of Dr. Saeed Sheikh passed away on July 26, 2017 in Carmel, IN.
- ✦ Sultan Ariff son of Mr. Abdul Aziz and Mrs. Iffat Ariff passed away on July 18th, 2017 in a road accident in Indianapolis, IN.

Haj Mubarak!!

We would like to extend our greetings to Pakistani community Hujjaj who returned safely after performing their Haj.



**Consulate General of Pakistan
 Chicago**

CONSUL GENERAL OF PAKISTAN'S MESSAGE FOR PAKISTANI COMMUNITY IN INDIANA

It is an honour for me to be addressing the Pakistani-Americans in Indiana through the Newsletter of Pakistan American Friendship Association (PAFA). I congratulate the Pakistani-American Community of Indianapolis for their efforts in building PAFA, an initiative of around ten Pakistanis in 1973, as a platform for the dynamic Pakistani-American Community in Indiana.

While, I admire the successes of PAFA so far, I would urge the Pakistani-American community of Indiana to also reflect on the achievements of our motherland. Pakistan's economy is on the rise and the country is well on its way to becoming a regional economic hub. It is a matter of satisfaction that the nation is striving to address various challenges under a democratic dispensation. I am confident that our collective efforts marked by patriotism, sincerity, commitment and honesty would help us in steering our country towards greater prosperity and glory.

Taking this opportunity, I would also commend the efforts of Pakistani-American community for economic and social development of the United States. I request the Pakistani diaspora in Indiana that in addition to your contributions for your country of adoption within your professional domain, you may actively participate in the local politics as it is the need of time. This will also equip you with the tools to show the real vibrant colors of your country of origin to the larger American community.

Pakistan and United States have a long history of multifaceted bilateral relations. Both the countries worked as close allies in the global war against terrorism. The presence of strong Pakistani diaspora in United States is one of the strongest pillars of the ties between the two countries.

The Consulate General of Pakistan in Chicago is striving hard to serve the Pakistani-American community in Midwest US. Americans of Pakistani origin are being provided with one day visa service, whereas passports and NICOPs are being issued through online services. We frequently organize camp offices in various Midwestern States in order to provide services to members of our community at their door steps. We hope to hold consular camp offices in Indiana as well in the near future.

In the end, I would again commend the efforts of PAFA in providing a medium to Pakistani-Americans of Indiana to not only perform social services but also for taking proactive measures for the well-being of fellow Pakistanis.

Pakistan Zindabad!

(Faisal Niaz Tirmizi)
 Consul-General

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EDITORIAL

Dr. Rafat Siddiqui, PhD.



There is no doubt that education plays a vital role in the progress of any community. The society around us is constantly changing and our youth now, as well as the future generation will face intense competition in order to be tomorrow's leaders in their fields. Nelson Mandela once said "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Education can help us live a better life with others on the planet Earth or may be one day on some other planet. Pakistan is relatively a new country and we collectively are not well versed in understanding the problems coming from culture differences and tolerance of one another's beliefs and perceptions. We came to this country from a place which has systemic problems in education, economic, government, religion, and culture differences. Most of us are living here comfortably with immediate or extended families, and do not generally get bothered with these issues. Most of our kids are excelling in education and may be ready for a great start. However, there are others who are struggling in their education and having failing grades. These may be vulnerable to competition for job in the future to start a better life. Perhaps these need some coaching, guidance, and inspiration. We all have expertise in one or other subjects and perhaps we all can find someone to teach something. Remember that "The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires." – William A. Ward. Most of us excelled because we have had one or more great teachers and our community is full of people who can help inspire our youth from their success. There is an African proverb saying that **"It takes a village to raise a child."**

We all need to sense that we are living in this village and as a nation who is heading for maturity we all have some responsibilities. If we do not find someone here, then perhaps one can find a child in Pakistan where she can pay educational expenses of one child.



INDIANA PULSE

Dr. Waqar Mahmud, Md.



I feel blessed by the Grace of Allah that I live with a vibrant and dynamic Community of Pakistanis in Indiana, which we call our home. The company of community people, their friendship, and their love for Pakistan and the United States makes this place so special that after we moved here in the summer of 1999, I never looked back. The one thing, among many good things that I enjoy the most, is the gatherings of friends and families and diverse activities that take place in the community whether for fun or charity.

Time after Ramzan was hectic and it had passed quickly because of numerous dinners, graduations, and aameen parties. We were then blessed to celebrate Eid-ul-Azha on September 1st, 2017. The day began with the wonderful gathering of the congregation to offer prayers at the Grand Park indoor soccer field in Westfield, Indiana. Countless people attended the event with their families, including children and elderly parents who came from places both in and outside the USA. After the prayers and the Khutba, the meet and greet atmosphere was filled with joys, along with donuts, namak parays, tea and coffee. What a delightful occasion it was to see everyone celebrating this religious festival, as one big family, MashaAllah. Congratulations to the Al-Salam Foundation to arrange the celebrations.

Prior to Eid-al Azha, and thanks to PAFA, I attended two events almost back to back; one was the PAFA Annual Summer Picnic, which commemorated Pakistan Independence and was held on 19th August at the Cool Creek Park in Carmel, Indiana. The gathering was in high spirits and food items were just down right delicious. Then on 26th August, came the grand Musical Evening that extended the Independence Day celebration. The performance of Alamgir, the “Elvis of the East” was blast. The last time I attended his concert was some 25 + years ago, after my graduation from the medical college. His voice and his music is still the same if not better. The ambiance of the music, with refined Pakistani cuisine from Byriani House and the hot cups of tea one after the other made this evening very enchanting and exhilarating. It’s a gift of Pakistani culture that brings friends also from Bangladeshi community who well attended this evening & dazzled by Alamgir’s Urdu and Bengali songs.

Mr. Khan's lecture at ISNA and his interview conducted by John Krull (NPR) were magnificent. Mr. Khan impressed the crowd which was large at ISNA and then around 2000 people came to hear him at the St. Luke's Church. His knowledge and his wisdom touched and inspired everyone in the audience irrespective of their differences. But that is not all. We had Nobel Peace Prize Recipient Miss Malala Yousafzai who came to the prestigious DePauw University on the Labor Day of 2017. She was well received by a crowd of 5000 people who packed the arena. She shared the message of Peace, Hope and Tolerance with the audience and they embraced every word she said, wow! As a Pakistani-American I feel very proud that in the span of the first two weeks of September. I along with the fellow citizens of Indiana State feel pleased that Pakistanis where ever they are and despite of our shortcomings and stereotyping are making meaningful contributions in so many areas of civic, social, cultural and academic activities not just nationally but globally.



What it means to be a Pakistani-American?

Dr. Shahid Athar, MD.



To me, Pakistan is not just a country of 215 million people but an ideology based on the conviction that Muslims have a right to their belief and way of life. Being an ideology, Pakistan cannot be limited by geographical boundaries.

Pakistan has and will continue to live in the hearts of those who believe in Pakistan, whether they are Pakistani or not, whether they are in Pakistan or outside Pakistan. A large number of Pakistanis are now living outside with loose connections to homeland, but they are still Pakistani and Pakistan is for them.

Settling abroad have several challenges. The preservation of our national identity and roots is our major challenge. We need to constantly remind ourselves, our children and our American friends as to why and how Pakistan was created.

Wherever needed and possible, we should identify ourselves as of Pakistani origin and should speak high of their motherland. We should encourage to speak and teach our children at home their ethnic language be it Urdu, Punjabi, Sindhi or Pashto.

We should always give Pakistani names for their children though it may be difficult for their American friends to pronounce. We should dress on occasion a Pakistani dress and feel proud of being from Pakistan. Most importantly, we should have a Pakistani community and a sense of belonging to it. We should minimize our differences and promote brotherhood. We should share joys and pains and be close together like members of a family. We should promote, encourage and incorporate into our heart and mind a sense of belonging to Pakistan and to the community.

What should be our role and duties toward Pakistan? We must project a good image of Pakistan by our views and deeds. *If we ourselves are always critical of Pakistan and Pakistanis, how do we expect others to speak high of Pakistan?* We should generate as much friendship and good will as possible with Americans on a personal basis. Friendship of hearts is of greater importance than the treaties on paper between two governments. We should never hesitate to express their views and suggestions on the affairs of Pakistan in writing and in public. We should offer from time to time their advice and services to the Pakistani people or government, in their capacity when we visit there. Finally, we should help build Pakistan's economy by investing in Pakistan.

Children are very observant and fast learners. We should show our children beliefs, prayer and practices of our religion and then keep them in a community of other Muslim children in America, Pakistani and Non-Pakistani, white, brown and black.

Pakistan has faced many challenges imposed wars, division in 1971, political turmoil, earthquakes, terrorism, and floods and has always come out of it by the will of Pakistanis and help from God. All we need is to remain united and focused to our cause. Since 9/11 Pakistan has given many sacrifices in this war on terrorism to include loss of 10,000 soldiers and civilians and cost of 2.5 billion dollars. Extremism should be discouraged and opposed and never allowed to destroy lives and properties of innocent people. The government has duty to protect all Pakistanis irrespective of their faith affiliation.

International Day of Peace. Cricket 4 Peace *Tim Irwin*

On Thursday evening, September 21, in celebration of the International Day of Peace, cricket teams representing Pakistan and India met for a limited overs match at West Park in Carmel at an event hosted by the Pakistan American Friendship Association, the Indiana India Business Council, and the India Association of Indianapolis. The weather was more fitting of a summer day in Delhi or Karachi, with the high temperature reaching almost into the mid 90's amid high humidity. The unpleasant conditions did nothing to deter the players or their families, who gathered on the grassy lawns in the shade of a few scattered trees. Neither was Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard kept away by the conditions, as he participated in the activities, enjoying mango lassi and donning an India jersey in support of the local team.



With Mayor Brainard, City of Carmel, Raju Chintala, Indiana India Business Council, Sumeeta Bhatia, Vice Chairperson India Association of Indianapolis, Team Pakistan Captain, Usman Baig and

Below, Team Pakistan, played an excellent inning!

India, having won the toss, elected to chase, sending Pakistan to the pitch first in the late afternoon heat. The Pakistan innings were capped with a six on the final ball of their 10 overs, setting a target of 92 for India to take home a win. India, led by a strong cadre of batters, won the match with 94 for 1 in 8 overs. At the conclusion of the match, players and their families enjoyed fine food as the weather finally cooled slightly, and awards were presented.

Pakistan and India share an intricately intertwined and complicated history, which is often played out in friendlier, though not less serious terms, on the cricket field. By highlighting a friendly meeting of expatriates from both countries, playing a sport they both cherish dearly, community leaders hoped to fulfil the theme for the 2017 International Day of Peace:

“Together for Peace: Respect, Safety and Dignity for All.”



INDY STARS

(In this section PAFA highlights the significant community services of Indy Pakistani-Americans in USA and /or Pakistan. Please recommend us names for this section to info@pafaindy.org)

Dr. Haroon Qazi: One Man Medical Mission



In early 1984, Dr. Haroon Qazi, now a retired plastic surgeon at the Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis visited his home town Abbottabad in Pakistan and came across to “Bach Christian Hospital” somewhere between Abbottabad and Mansehra. Where he ran into Dr. Phyllis Irwin, a missionary doctor assigned to Bach Hospital. Interestingly, he found out that Dr. Irwin is a native of Noblesville, Indiana and she completed her residency at the same Methodist Hospital where Dr. Qazi performs surgeries. Interesting coincidence! This short visit of his to Bach Hospital turned into a life-term mission of his own.

Soon after, Dr. Qazi started his mission of performing plastic surgeries in the Civil Hospital of Abbottabad. During early 80s, plastic surgery was not developed in Pakistan and one could find plastic surgeon only in

Karachi and Lahore. As he recalls, “even Islamabad, the capitol city in Pakistan, did not have any plastic surgery facility.” On his visits, Dr. Qazi routinely performed cleft lips and palate, and burn deformities of hands and faces. In the total absence of surgical expertise and facilities, people with deformities, injuries and burns in remote areas of Pakistan had to live with their conditions rest of their lives. He started his self-funded medical mission in Ayub Medical Complex, going there religiously every year. Dr. Qazi has returned from his annual solo-medical mission just before Eid ul Adha. This time he operated 38 cases and trained 5 general surgeons. He also spent time training proper surgical techniques.



As mentioned above, all of his volunteer medical missions were self-funded. Now he has retired and slows down as old age is catching up. He is determined to perform these self-funded volunteer surgeries as long as he is able to but likes to see young doctors to be involved in such volunteer activities. His message to the Pakistani living in Indiana is to establish some kind of PAFA-medical mission fund and to serve poor or needy people in Indiana and/or Pakistan by donating time or money so that much needed medical help and medicine can be extended to most deserving.

Dr. Haron Qazi was one of the most active early member of **PAFA** (formally PFA) when it was established and he has served in various capacities including President, General Secretary and Treasurer *On behalf of the Pakistani community in Indiana, PAFA would like to express their gratitude and thank to Dr. Haroon Qazi for his dedicated service to perform unlimited plastic surgeries. Jazak Allah Khair. We pray for his long and a healthy life so more can get benefit from his dedicated work (Ameen).*

PAFA - Independence Day Picnic August 19, 2017



PAFA celebrated Pakistani Independence day picnic on August 19, 2017. Picnic was held at Cool Creek Park with its green open spaces and majestic trees. Many families attended with their children. Almost everyone was dressed in green and white outfits.

Children specially had made special effort to dress up in green and white. Most notable amongst the youth was the Sarfraz family who wore green T shirts and beautiful crescent and star embroidered onto their shirts.

Children had Pakistani flags painted on their faces. Everyone listened and song along to patriotic national songs, which brought back nostalgic memories of past celebrations.



The shelters at Cool-creek were all decked out in Pakistani flags. Families brought food to share and the tables were overflowing with a huge variety of traditional Pakistani dishes and desserts.

All guests also had opportunity to listen to the very talented Nabiha Gill who sang in her glorious voice. Towards the end, everyone sang the national anthem and to our surprise some teenagers knew all the words of the anthem most notable was Daniyal Tajwar who not only knew the whole anthem but sung it with great zeal and enthusiasm.



YOUTH CORNER

Sameen Siddiqui,

Junior Carmel High



- I once gave my husband the silent treatment for an entire week, at the end of which he declared, “Hey, we’re getting along pretty great lately!”- Bonnie McFarlane, from You’re Better Than Me.

- Don’t get upset if I ask you

where something is in Target when you choose to wear a red shirt and khakis to shop.-Humorist Reid Kerr

- A Canadian psychologist is selling a video that teaches you how to test your dog’s IQ. Here’s how it works: If you spend \$12.99 for the video, your dog is smarter than you.-Jay Leno
- How can you ever be late for anything in London? They have a huge clock right in the middle of the town.-Jimmy Kimmel
- I got my hair highlighted because I thought some strands were more important than others.-Comedian Mitch Hedberg
- Never trust a man when he’s in love, drunk, or running for office.—Shirley Maclaine
- Boy, what a bad guy that guy is, that Vladimir Putin. Obama is really getting tough with him. Now he’s wearing a much more aggressive shade of beige.-David Letterman
- I have left orders to be awakened at any time in case of a national emergency—even if I’m in a Cabinet meeting.—Ronald Reagan
- Being president is like running a cemetery: You’ve got a lot of people under you, and nobody’s listening.-Bill Clinton
- Father’s Day is important because, besides being the day on which we honor Dad, it’s the one day of the year that Brookstone does any business.- Jimmy Fallon



Zain Akbar,

Freshman, IUPUI



Just a few weeks ago I had the honor of hearing Malala Yusuf, a brave young Pakistani woman, who stood up to injustice in her village, give an inspirational speech about her fight for the right for girls all around the world to be educated.

She started off her speech by giving us a little background of where she grew up and how life was for a young girl like her. She grew up in a village where the birth of a son was celebrated and the birth of daughter was nothing more than another mouth to feed. But that was not her family saw it. They loved Malala ever since the day she was born and shaped the person she has become today. Then she spoke of the event that truly drove her name around the world. On her way home from school her bus was suddenly stopped and two men came saying they were looking for Malala Yusuf. They found her and then shot her in the head. Thankfully after months of care and many prayers Malala healed from her trauma a stronger person than when she was before and this started the spark in her to truly push for education for all girls around the world no matter what may be standing in their way. Throughout her entire speech I was captivated by every word she said and by her true determination to push through all the barriers she faced throughout her life. Her words truly spoke to me and have been in my thoughts any time I postponed my homework five minutes or when studying for the exam which is two weeks away, I make myself motivated to do studies right away, and not wait for the last minute. Her story inspired me to become a better student and be thankful for everything my life has granted me.



Medicare for all. Dr. Sulaiman Shaltoni, DDS



Senator Bernie Sanders introduced for debate on Wednesday, September 13, 2017, an idea of “**Medicare for all**” along with Doctors- and Nurses associations, Union’s activists and other co-sponsors which are numbering 17 as of Friday.

Hopefully from now until the next election cycle in 2018 and then 2020 there will be strong voices that represent real people in need to push forth legislations that can help meet the need for millions of Americans, who have large deductibles and co-pays premiums, pre-existing conditions, staggering debt, and out-of-pocket costs.

The current rates are projected for the next 10 years, and the total healthcare expenditure has been calculated to be 49 trillion dollars. Under a single-payer healthcare plan that number would be 32 trillion dollars, a savings of 17 trillion. Our taxes as a whole will increase slightly about 3 - 4%. But this will be more than enough to offset the skyrocketing premiums and out-of-pocket costs we currently have. It will also help for negotiating reasonable prices with drug companies and help the care providers to administer the standard of care based upon their patients’ needs and not what they can afford.

Continual engagement needs to be kept up with our representatives as this proposal is going to encounter fierce opposition. The American public is in favor of Medicare for all. It probably does not have a chance to pass in the current Administration. However, the current momentum for this bill is growing by the week. In our community, most of us may not have issues with health coverage now, as most of us are covered through employers’ program. However, it becomes important if you lost your job for any reason. As a community of all different kinds of professions and backgrounds, this is not an issue that should need much convincing to be active in for the health and well-being of our fellow citizen. We need to talk to each other and share our stories. Reach out to our local representatives in the State and Federal levels: Congressman Todd Young, Senator Joe Donnelly, and CongressWoman Suzanne Brooks. Share your story but also advocate for a healthcare system that benefits everybody.

*Information in this article was obtained from democracynow.org and The Young Turks.

Book Corner

(In this section we ask members to share your views on a book they have recently read, written by a Pakistani author and it is about Pakistan)



Anahita Ki Janam Basti , Author **Nuzaira Azam** **Mohammad Akbar, Washington DC**

The book was launched on July 22, 2017 by coordination of a number of academic and literary associations of Metropolitan Washington DC area. The inaugural ceremony was held at the Pohick Regional Library, Burk, Virginia and was presided by eminent scholar Professor Satyapal Anand. The event was attended by about 150 people and notable personalities including Dr. Moazzam Siddiqi, former in-charge of Language Service, Voice of America, Abulhasan Naghmi, a veteran broadcaster, Obaidur-Rehman Siddiqui, a lawyer and prolific writer, and Yusuf Rahat, a well-known poet.

The author, Nuzaira Azam, has been known for her frank and bold expressions of the political situation in Pakistan. In “*Anahita Ki Janam Basti*,” she has beautifully and truthfully described the political events in Pakistan and narrated personal accounts of the events she had witnessed in Karachi and Islamabad. Describing the political and social situation at that time, she recalled the hurdles female professional, including journalists, had to face. Such suffocating situation forced Anahita’s determination to express her views to the public. She felt a bit relieved that the situation was changing and expressed hopes for further improvement. As Dr. Annad stated “She has presented the factual accounts of the situation in a fictional form.” The book was dedicated to her teacher and mentor, Dr. Zakariya Sajid of the Journalism Department, University of Karachi. The author can be reached at 202 368 3019 for book purchase inquires.



Urdu Corner

If you are a writer yourself, we would encourage you to share your work with the rest of this community through this corner. You may also share the work of famous Urdu published poets or even short-story writers or novelists explaining why that specific work and/or artist appeals to you.

ابلیس کا اعتراف

(سوچتا ہوں کہ اب انسان کو سجدہ کر لوں)" (نامعلوم)

- ♦ تو نے جس وقت یہ انسان بنایا یا رب
اُس گھڑی مجھ کو تو اک آنکھ نہ بھایا یارب
- ♦ اس لیے میں نے ، سر اپنا نہ جھکایا یارب
لیکن اب پلٹی ہے کچھ ایسی ہی کایا یا رب
- ♦ عقل مندی ہے اسی میں کہ میں توبہ کر لوں
سوچتا ہوں کہ اب انسان کو سجدہ کر لوں!
- ♦ ابتداً تھی بہت نرم طبیعت اس کی
قلب و جاں پاک تھے ، شفاف تھی طینت اس کی
- ♦ پھر بتدریج بدلنے لگی خصلت اس کی
اب تو خود مجھ پہ مسلط ہے شرارت اس کی
- ♦ اس سے پہلے کہ میں اپنا ہی تماشا کر لوں
سوچتا ہوں کہ اب انسان کو سجدہ کر لوں!
- ♦ بھر دیا تُو نے بھلا کون سا فتنہ اس میں
پکتا رہتا ہے ہمیشہ کوئی لاوا اس میں
- ♦ اک اک سانس ہے اب صورتِ شعلہ اس میں
آگ موجود تھی کیا مجھ سے زیادہ اس میں
- ♦ اپنا آتش کدہ ذات ہی ٹھنڈا کر لوں !
سوچتا ہوں کہ اب انسان کو سجدہ کر لوں !
- ♦ اب تو یہ خون کے بھی رشتوں سے اکڑ جاتا ہے
باپ سے ، بھائی سے ، بیٹے سے بھی لڑ جاتا ہے
- ♦ جب کبھی طیش میں ہتھے سے اکڑ جاتا ہے
خود مرے شر کا توازن بھی بگڑ جاتا ہے
- ♦ اب تو لازم ہے کہ میں خود کو سیدھا کر لوں
سوچتا ہوں کہ اب انسان کو سجدہ کر لوں!
- ♦ میری نظروں میں تو بس مٹی کا مادھو تھا بشر
میں سمجھتا تھا اسے خود سے بہت ہی کمتر
- ♦ مجھ پہ پہلے نہ کھلے اس کے سیاسی جوہر
کان میرے بھی کُترتا ہے یہ قائد بن کر
- ♦ شیطانیٹ چھوڑ کے میں بھی یہی دھندا کر لوں
سوچتا ہوں کہ اب انسان کو سجدہ کر لوں!
- ♦ کچھ جھجکتا ہے ، نہ ڈرتا ہے ، نہ شرماتا ہے
نِت نئی فتنہ گری روز ہی دکھلاتا ہے
- ♦ اب یہ ظالم ، میرے بھکاوے میں کب آتا ہے
میں بُرا سوچتا رہتا ہوں ، یہ کر جاتا ہے
- ♦ کیا ابھی اس کی مُریدی کا ارادہ کر لوں!
سوچتا ہوں کہ اب انسان کو سجدہ کر لوں!
- ♦ اب جگہ کوئی نہیں میرے لیے دھرتی پر
مرے شر سے بھی سبوا ہے یہاں انسان کا شر
- ♦ اب تو لگتا ہے یہی فیصلہ مجھ کو بہتر
اس سے پہلے کہ پہنچ جائے واں سوپر پاور
- ♦ میں کسی اور ہی سیارہ پر قبضہ کر لوں
سوچتا ہوں کہ اب انسان کو سجدہ کر لوں!
- ♦ ظلم کے دام بچھائے ہیں نرالے اس نے
نِت نئے پیچ مذاہب میں ڈالے اس نے
- ♦ کر دیئے قید اندھیروں میں اجالے اس نے
کام جتنے تھے مرے ، سارے سنبھالے اس نے
- ♦ اب تو میں خود کو ہر اک بوجھ سے ہلکا کر لوں
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Urdu Corner - Contd.

If you are a writer yourself, we would encourage you to share your work with the rest of this community through this corner. You may also share the work of famous Urdu published poets or even short-story writers or novelists explaining why that specific work and/or artist appeals to you.

عرفان عابد
غزل

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بے وجہ کسی شئے کی تردید نہیں کرتے

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ہم بات میں تکلیف تمہید نہیں کرتے

بھولے سے کہیں ہم کو دشمن نہ سمجھ بیٹھیں
یاروں ہے ہم اس ڈر سے تنقید نہیں کرتے

ہر دور کے رنگوں میں ڈھالا ہے طبیعت کو
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VIEWS FROM HOMELAND

Franchise Houses

Shad Mahmud, Karachi



When Picasso visited *Horta de Ebo*, in the summer of 1909, he began to paint a series of landscape views. One of the best known of these works, "*Factory at Horta de Ebo*", showed an early development of Cubist style. If we add a centenary to the above cardinal number and keep the original 1492 route of Santa Maria by slightly altering the compass's pointer from 40.4° N, 3.7° W—(Spain) towards 24.9° N, 67.0° E— (Karachi), then undoubtedly keeping the landscape's traits of this region, Picasso would no longer required to manipulate the topographical features of the site which he did in his paintings. Generally, in Cubist artworks, objects are being analyzed, broken up and reassembled in an abstract form instead of depicting them from a single perspective. The artist depicts the subject from multitude viewpoints to represent them in a greater context.

In Karachi, the city is a sequence of ceaseless mixtures of ferric (iron) and gypsum (concrete) rising from the shaven surface of city's land. These constructions look alike with each other as if exhibiting a chain of franchised houses. The exteriors of these houses are mostly monotonous, dull and unexciting in all material sense offering negative or inadequate sight of admiration to the spasmodic onlookers. The magnitude of exasperation intensified by the addition of iron grills molded in all mode and forms of geometrical shapes and scales installed in every exposed location of the house. If by any chance, a cubist artist made a stopover here then he certainly need not to apply his/her art skills. One main concern is why people who could afford, go for ugly structure, when dealing with the design and architect of their houses. Here, they give priority to well-being more than well-living. Each portion of their poorly constructed multi story steep grottos represent Totem Poles like structure depicting the economic resilience of its dwellers. The whole visible area portray as avalanches of bricks accoutered with loads of iron bars render a suffocating impact. The entire situation contaminate the minds as well as the vision. In fact, our ignorance obscures our vision. Being ranked fourth in number as a major cotton producers of the world, there is a saying down that; "Ignorance and cotton naturally go together."

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