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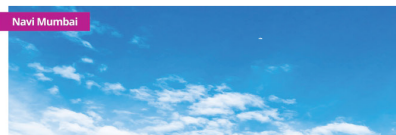
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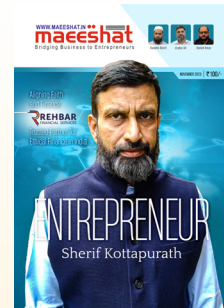
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From The Editor's Desk



By: Danish Reyaz

The United States remains a beacon of prosperity, and one of the reasons for its enduring success lies in its seamless absorption of immigrants and provision of opportunities for them to succeed. In turn, these immigrants significantly contribute to the nation's economy, cementing its status as a global economic superpower.

Among the multitude of immigrants who have achieved the American dream through hard work, Babu Khalfan shines as a fourth-generation Indian-origin Tanzanian national. His journey to becoming a pioneer in the signage business in New York City, and likely in the entire US, is a testament to his unwavering perseverance and determination. This issue of Maeshat magazine is dedicated to the inspiring and uplifting story of Babu Khalfan.

The first time I met Babu Khalfan was in July 2019 in Mumbai. He was visiting India to reconnect with his roots, which happen to trace back to Gujarat. At the same time, he was exploring the possibility of establishing the world's first signage institute in Mumbai. When I learned of this from him, I was instantly struck by his vision and determination to formalize and academically teach signage skills to young generation.

During the few days I spent with him, I had the opportunity to gain insight into Babu Khalfan's journey from Tanzania to America. His migration to the United States occurred

amidst political uncertainty in his motherland, which could have potentially jeopardized his business there. However, learning about his resilience and determination to not only rebuild but also thrive in a new environment was nothing short of inspiring.

While I had been searching for the opportunity to feature his story from the beginning, his stay in America was coming in the way. Nevertheless, it has finally materialized now, and more importantly, in our special Eid edition, which brings immense pleasure and satisfaction to me. I hope our readers will also find the story inspiring and interesting to read.

The new edition is also packed with several informative articles, opinion pieces, current news & events to add to the flavor like every month. So, what are you waiting for? Let's dive into it and enjoy reading.

Thank you!





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USTM VC Professor G. D. Sharma, received education leadership award in Pune



Professor G. D. Sharma, Vice Chancellor University of science and technology meghalaya and President of association of Indian universities was invited by QNEXTT international HR Industry Pune to address the CP HR Services Pvt Ltd Poone, leadership award ceremony. While addressing the representative from different Corporate leadership from India and South Korea and South Africa Asia, he emphasized the changing senerio

of higher education under NEP 2020. He told, now internship, experiential and project based learning under multidisciplinary approach is giving better scope to the students to choose courses as per their choices and potential. Dr Mohammed Bawaji Founder and Managing Director CP HR services highly appreciated the contributions made by USTM to create new approach in providing opportunities to the students of North

East India. The Korean Corporate extended opportunities for the students of USTM. The QNEXTT awarded USTM for Industry_Education Award for the year 2024_2025 for it contributions made in creating very good linkages with Industry and initiating Start up by tribal women of mizoram and Nagaland. The award was handed as leadership in education to Professor G. D. Sharma



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HDC Expands its Reach to Saudi Arabia, Continue to Boost Halal Industries in a USD3 Trillion Market



Halal Development Corporation Berhad (HDC) will be hosting the **Halal Economy Leadership Forum 2024 (HELF 2024)** with the objective of extending its global footprint, building upon the outstanding achievements of the World Halal Business Conference (WHBC) Circuit in London last year. HELF 2024 is an extension of the WHBC Circuit, tailored to align closely with its core goals and objectives of pioneering Halal thought leadership and knowledge on Halal Economy.

HELF 2024 is also jointly hosted by the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) and the Halal Products Development Company (HPDC). The forum aims to make a significant contribution to the development of the halal industries in both Malaysia and the Saudi Arabia, as well as across the OIC countries. This inaugural forum will be held in conjunction with **IsDB Private**

Sector Forum 2024 at Riyadh on 30 April 2024.

Under the theme “Navigating Future Opportunities, Embracing Innovation,” HELF 2024, will leverage the presence of key government officials from both countries, industry leaders, businesses, trade councils, and representatives from around the globe as well as the members of OIC countries to engage in discussions, endorsements, and networking opportunities. **The Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry, YB Senator Tengku Datuk Seri Utama Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz will deliver the Official Address,** representing the government of Malaysia.

Khairul Azwan Harun, the Chairman of HDC remarked, “HELF 2024 in Riyadh marks Malaysia’s inaugural endeavor to pursue collective economic advantages for the ummah

in the years preceding the annual HELF event. This initiative aims to foster mutual benefits among IsDB Member Countries (MC), Non-member Countries (NMC) and Observer Countries (OC).”

“As a multilateral policy platform, HELF 2024 will provide the necessary economic and trade instruments to develop, enable and integrate Halal Ecosystems between IsDB Member Countries (MC) among Non-Member Countries (NMC) and Observer Countries (OC). A Halal Ecosystem enablement fund shall be set up to perform these needs,” he added.

Azwan invited key decision-makers, diplomatic envoys, industry leaders, and government officials to attend this important forum. Currently, the top participating countries for delegates are Malaysia, Singapore, and the OIC countries, with efforts to attract more delegates from Africa and West Asia.

Professor Wael Hallaq awarded King Faisal Prize for Islamic Studies 2024

By: Shaik Zakeer Hussain



Prof Wael Hallaq Awarded King Faisal Prize For Islamic Studies 2024.

Professor Wael Hallaq, a distinguished scholar in Islamic Studies, was honoured with the King Faisal Prize for Islamic Studies 2024 in a ceremony held in Riyadh, marking the 46th edition of the prestigious prize.

Prof Wael Hallaq, a US national and the Avalon Foundation Professor in the Humanities at Columbia University, was recognized for his groundbreaking contributions in guiding the development of Islamic legislation and challenging the traditional narrative of the closing of the gates of ijtihad, the process of interpreting Islamic texts. His pioneering work has reshaped accepted paradigms in the field of Islamic Studies and garnered global recognition.

Hallaq’s extensive scholarly output, which includes over 60 books and articles translated into numerous languages, underscores his profound influence in the realm of Sunni fiqh (jurisprudence) and beyond. His relentless advocacy against the notion of closed gates of ijtihad has earned him widespread acclaim and established him as one of the foremost authorities in the field.

The King Faisal Prize, established in 1977, aims to honour individuals and institutions that have made distinguished contributions to various sciences and causes. Since its inception, the prize has recognized 295 laureates from 45 countries, encompassing diverse fields ranging from service to Islam to medicine and

science.

In addition to Professor Wael Hallaq’s accolade, the Service to Islam prize was jointly awarded to the Japan Muslim Association and Dr. Mohammad Al-Sammak of Lebanon. Meanwhile, in the fields of medicine and science, Dr Jerry Roy Mendell and Dr Howard Yuan-Hao Chang, both US nationals, were honoured with the prestigious awards, respectively.

Each laureate of the King Faisal Prize is bestowed with a generous endowment of \$200,000, along with a 24-carat gold medal weighing 200 grams and a certificate commemorating their outstanding contributions to their respective fields.

Danish Educational Trust Empowers 624 Students With Rs. 1.6 Crore Scholarship Across Karnataka

By: Shaik Zakeer Hussain



In a bid to bolster access to professional education for economically disadvantaged students, Bengaluru-based Danish Education Trust (R) awarded scholarships to 624 students pursuing professional education across Karnataka with a total scholarship amount of Rs. 1,60,00,000/- for the academic year 2023-24. The Trust selected students through an online application process at www.danishtrust.in.

The scholarship recipients are pursuing various professional courses, including Engineering, MBBS, Law, Journalism, Pharmacy, BUMS, BAMS, BHMS, Veterinary Science, Agriculture, and B.Ed, and are from economically underprivileged backgrounds.

Danish Educational Trust (R) was established in March 2006 by a group of concerned citizens led by philanthropist Mrs. Husna Sheriff, with the belief that education is the seed for development and progress. Since its inception, the Trust has continued its scholarship scheme for poor and needy students pursuing higher education.

Over the years, the Trust has sponsored the education of more than 4000 students, and this year's scholarship program is another step in empowering young minds to achieve their educational dreams.

Expressing her pride in the trust's achievements, Mrs. Husna Sheriff emphasized the importance of

empowering young minds through education. "We firmly believe in providing a platform for students to thrive academically, regardless of their socioeconomic background. By investing in their future, we are sowing the seeds for a brighter tomorrow," she remarked.

Looking ahead, Danish Educational Trust envisions expanding its reach further, with plans to increase the scholarship amount to Rs. 1.8 crore and support over 750 students in the upcoming academic year 2024-25. Such ambitions underscore the trust's unwavering dedication to fostering equitable access to education and nurturing the leaders of tomorrow.

India's Leading Islamic E-Commerce platform, islamicshop.in,

Joins Halal Expo and Conference in Johannesburg



The Halal Trade, Logistics and Manufacturing Expo and Conference, organized by Dadem Events SDN BHD, are gearing up to host a groundbreaking event from May 6th to 8th, 2024, in Johannesburg, South Africa. This dual event, featuring a conference and an expo, promises to be a pivotal gathering for stakeholders in the Halal industry, offering valuable insights, networking opportunities, and access to a diverse array of Halal products and services.

The two-day conference, scheduled for May 6th to 7th, will bring together 300 delegates and 30 industry captains and market leaders. They will convene to address crucial issues surrounding the harmonization of global Halal standards across manufacturing, supply chain, and logistics. With the aim of ensuring the integrity of Halal products reaching consumers worldwide, discussions will encompass topics such as Halal

trade, certification, and practical solutions to industry challenges.

Simultaneously, the Halal Trade, Logistics and Manufacturing Expo will take place from May 6th to 8th at the Gallagher Convention Centre in Midrand, Johannesburg. This inaugural expo in South Africa aims to position the continent as a global Halal hub, providing a platform for businesses to access a market of over 1.3 billion people with a GDP exceeding US\$3.5 trillion.

The expo will showcase strengths across various sectors in the Halal industry, including Food & Beverage, Food Technology, Pharmaceutical, Cosmetics, Logistics, Tourism, Islamic Finance, Education, FMCG, e-Commerce, Fashion, and Beauty.

Among the participants at the expo and conference is IslamicShop.in, India's Leading Islamic e-commerce platform. Started in 2015 by

Mohamed Maaz, IslamicShop.in sells a wide category of 'halal' products ranging from abayas to Islamic books, cosmetics, food products, perfumes, toys and gadgets, Hajj and Umrah packages, and more. It is the largest website of its kind in India and the only participant from India at this expo and conference.

"We are thrilled to invite delegates to join us in Johannesburg for this vital conference and expo," said a spokesperson for Dadem Events SDN BHD. "These events not only provide valuable insights into the Halal industry but also offer unmatched networking opportunities for businesses looking to expand their reach."

Businesses are encouraged to seize this opportunity to enhance their networking, engage with potential customers and partners, and explore new avenues for growth in the Halal industry.

Make the world your classroom of learning:

Dr. Mohammad Sayeed

Dr. Mohammad Sayeed, Expert Committee Member of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), loves life and believes that mere exploration of one's potential is not enough; 'Living' life is extremely important through learning the lessons of life through experiential and applied learning. With his vision statement, "The Purpose of Life is to Live a Life of Purpose," his charismatic presence is punctuated by his passion for people, education, travel, and making a difference in the lives of children, parents, and teachers. A passionate educational scientist, Dr. Mohammad Sayeed is a recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award for his contribution to the field of education and his NGO, 'Association for Service to Humanity'.

Dr. Mohammad Sayeed gave an exclusive interview to Maeeshat based on the learning pattern.

Excerpts from the interview.

Question:

In the present education sector, some people are working positively and others negatively in terms of direction for the community. How do you look at this scenario?

Answer:

I think that whatever available study resources we have. If we utilize it to the fullest extent, then all our universities and their students who are there in the world get its benefits. Today, what we are doing is leaving the strategies. We are re-inventing the strategies. For example, many people are making their own syllabus. If we look into the NCERT and its syllabus, then we will notice that many countries in the world have copied the NCERT syllabus. At this point (the academic year 2023–24), there are 360 videos

on mathematics. Its materials are free on the NCERT website. If we use it, then we will get its benefits. We have not utilized the teaching materials. We invest our time in finding new strategies. We talk about Finland and England. We should look into Motherland. What our motherland is doing

Question:

At this point, there is a craze for online education. The post-COVID era and lockdown paved the way for it. But students don't achieve what they were supposed to achieve during online classes. There is screen interaction between the teacher and student during an online class. However, there is direct eye contact or human interaction between teacher and student during offline classes. What do you want to say about this?

Answer:

It is 100 percent correct. Look, there should be a human touch. You can't make a crying child laugh during an online class. When a child is crying, one cannot hug him or her online. Online classes were a compulsion during the peak COVID period. Then the scenario was different. That is why online classes were conducted. Now, there is the hybrid system, which is continuing.

Question:

At this point, the trend of imparting religious learning (Deeni Talim) is being included in schools. Earlier, those teachings were restricted to madrasahs. Nowadays, school authorities have already made a syllabus for it. How is it beneficial?

Answer:

I have been associated with NCERT

for 15 years. I have been continuously telling madrasahs to get affiliated with NIOS, the respective state board, or at least the Urdu-learning board. Madrasahs should teach basic English, mathematics, and computer science. It is important to have schools in madrasahs. Nowadays, slowly, there is awareness among madrasahs about it.

Question:

You work as an educational consultant in different institutions across the country. People get benefits from it. Tell us something about it.

Answer:

My expertise is teachers' training through 'Emotional Intelligence'. I emphasize on emotions that could be utilized in the learning process. Teachers should use emotional intelligence to teach. The socio-emotional attitude and behavioral system work a lot. The guidance of parents is linked to emotions. Every word we speak is due to our emotions. I focus on the public speaking, language, and soft skills of students and teachers. I always say, 'Don't make your classroom your world. Make the world your classroom of learning.'

About Dr. Mohammad Sayeed

Dr. Mohammad Sayeed is a brilliant speaker, highly motivational trainer, respected senior mentor in guiding Turn Key projects for establishing new international, ICSC, and CBSC schools, and a mentor of 'School Health Evaluation Management'. He is an Executive Council Member of SMT University for Peace and Education and a Member of the Academic Council of Indian

that are benchmarks in the Indian education space.

A brilliant orator and highly motivational trainer, Dr. Mohammad Sayeed specializes in the psycho-social and emotional development of teenagers and young teachers. As a certified counselor, his experience and understanding of teenagers make his workshops very insightful. He has been a very good listener in dealing with educational, family, and prison counseling for 30 years.

"Our aim is to develop the best that is latent in children and prepare them for the challenges of the changing world through encouragement of self discipline & high intellectual achievements," said Sayeed, who is also A. M.E.S KIDS' s mentor.

He pointed out that the school is built up in an atmosphere of high moral and

spiritual values of respecting teachers, elders specially parents and become good human beings of high integrity and solid character and also influence others to be the same by sheer faith in a tradition which incorporates universal good in thought and practice.

The ideals and values are meticulously observed and transformed into practical ethics in public life. Every aspect of the personality is developed. "It is our Endeavor to make education a purposeful and enjoyable experience," he pointed out.



Babu Khalfan:

The Ideologue of Signage Industry



By: Danish Reyaz



In the aftermath of tragic event of 9/11, Babu Khalfan, a New York-based Corporation in New York City signage artist and the founder of architectural signage company called Signs and Decal, undertook a heartfelt endeavor, setting an example of compassion and love during the time of crisis. Bringing all his expertise into play, Babu created a poignant memorial from the steel salvaged from the wreckage of destroyed buildings.

His creation, a memento crafted from the very material that bore witness to unspeakable loss and devastation, served as a powerful symbol of remembrance and resilience. This solemn tribute honored the memory of those who perished in the attacks and

paid homage to the heroic efforts of first responders who selflessly risked their lives in the line of duty.

Babu's gesture of compassion and solidarity resonated far beyond the borders of New York City, as the memento was disseminated to fire departments and emergency services worldwide as a tangible reminder of the collective grief and resolve that united communities in the wake of tragedy. This led Babu to be honored with the rank of Honorary Battalion Fire Chief by the New York Fire Department in 2001.

This creative act of Babu Khalfan besides demonstrating his skills also provides a glimpse to his thoughtful

entrepreneurship that extends beyond mere business success. He runs a thriving signage business in New York City for the last five decades and also works for the upliftment of his community.

Babu Khalfan is an exceptionally driven individual committed to making a positive impact in every endeavor he pursues. Not only is he a successful businessman and generous philanthropist, but he also engages as a thinker, author, motivator, and mentor for aspiring young entrepreneurs.

His business acumen and community-focused mindset shine through in this in-depth cover story, shedding light on all facets and challenges of Babu Khalfan's journey, spanning from his origins in Tanzania to his pursuit of the American dream.

Background and Ancestry

Babu Khalfan was born into an ordinary family which barely could make both ends meet. His father, Mohammed Hussain Khalfan was a worker in a soap factory in Madagascar, who worked hard but had meagre earnings. Babu Khalfan was born on 17th April in 1945, and grew in financial adversity.

“Besides my parents, we had eight siblings-four brothers and four sisters-in the family. It was really tough for my father to take care of such a

large family. Nevertheless, despite our poverty, my father wanted us to succeed in life so that we wouldn’t have to endure the same struggles he did,” reminisces Babu Khalfan.

Babu Khalfan is a middle-height, stout, well-built man with unmistakable Indian facial features. He reveals that he has Indian ancestry, as his great-great-grandfather, probably from the Lohana caste in the western state of Gujarat, India, migrated to Eastern Africa. The British brought in Indian laborers and supervisors in large numbers during the late eighteenth century and early nineteenth century



to East Africa, which was also under British rule.

With a warm smile gracing his face, the amiable Babu Khalfan remarks, “Having Indian ancestry, growing up in Africa, and eventually settling in America, I consider myself a true cosmopolitan.” Indeed, his well-rounded upbringing has instilled in him a deep appreciation for diverse cultures and people. Babu Khalfan’s broad-mindedness has shaped his personality, imbuing it with positive ideologies and a tolerant outlook towards others.

Unfinished Education and His Artistic Inclination

A few years after Babu Khalfan’s birth, his father relocated the family to British East Africa, which then comprised present-day Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania, settling in the city of Lindi in South Tanzania, known for its sizable Muslim population.

Possessing a creative mind, Babu Khalfan was drawn to artworks, especially paintings. Even as a student, he utilized his painting skills to earn some money, supplementing his family’s struggling finances.

Reflecting on those days, he says, “I used to turn up at school with paint-stained shirts, which raised many eyebrows. I didn’t have the luxury of too many shirts to change into for school.”

In 1961, Babu Khalfan moved to Dar es Salaam, the business and the port city of Tanzania chasing working opportunities. Babu Khalfan attended St. Joseph Convent School while also pursuing his painting endeavors. Nevertheless, he couldn’t pursue his studies for long. Babu Khalfan’s impoverished financial circumstances forced him to cut short his studies. In a poignant turn of events, he was unable to sit for his class 11 exams due to unpaid fees, effectively bringing an end to his formal schooling. Reflecting on this setback, he shares, “It wasn’t a lack of ambition that stopped my studies, but rather the

financial constraints that stood in the way. Ultimately, I had to make the difficult decision to end my formal education.”

Choosing Signage as a Career: A Decisive Decision

Up until this point, Babu Khalfan had been working as a part-time signage artist at various shops, earning him praise for his skills. With no academic obligations now, he found himself with ample time to dedicate to his passion. At the age of 18, he made the decision to pursue the signage business as his career. However, due to his familial responsibilities, he couldn’t fully commit to his new venture. “Sign business didn’t yield much profit in those days, especially in the early stages,” he recalls.

Babu Khalfan devised a plan to earn money while still pursuing his signage business. He began teaching people how to drive during the day, earning enough to support his family. At night, he tirelessly worked to develop his signage business. This demanded a lot of hard work and sacrifice, from which he never shied away.

The Business Turning Point: A Pivotal Breakthrough

Babu Khalfan’s commitment to conducting business honestly earned him favor among British officials and engineers, gaining him recognition and trust from large companies. His integrity and dedication did not go

unnoticed, and soon he found himself receiving support and training from these established entities.

In 1968, a significant turning point occurred when a British engineer responsible for traffic signs took notice of Babu Khalfan’s work. Babu Khalfan recalls, “The engineer used to come to the bar across the street and see me painting all the time. Impressed by my work ethic and skill, the engineer approached me and inquired if I would be interested in creating traffic signs”



During this time, Tanzania was in the process of adopting the international sign system, leading to a substantial order of creating 8000 signs nationwide. At the age of 20, it was like a godsent opportunity for him, and he seized it with both hands. This major breakthrough propelled his business to new heights, and his reputation began to flourish within his business circle.

As his business flourished, Babu found the need to expand his operations, leading him to acquire an additional

factory. He embarked on tours across Europe, where he invested in advanced equipment and received essential training. “With a sprawling 5-acre factory, a skilled workforce, and a clientele spanning both private and public sectors, it truly felt like a dream come true to me at a young age,” he reflects.

The Political Turmoil

While Babu Khalfan’s business was growing by leaps and bounds, all thanks to his sincerity and hard work, the political landscape in Tanzania

was undergoing a tumultuous change. There was widespread resentment towards the Indian community, as they had made significant progress compared to the locals. Successive governments capitalized on this sentiment and fueled further discontent to win elections.

The government of Tanzania then embarked on a campaign to reclaim major businesses and assets from the Indian community in what was termed as a nationalization push. This move left the Indian community deeply apprehensive about their future, which ultimately led to their exodus to other countries.

The vindictive nature of the government also compelled Babu Khalfan to consider migrating to another country. “It was a heart-breaking moment for us because no

one ever thinks to leave their own country where they have grown and prospered,” he laments, recalling those uncertain times.

America Calling

Although Babu Khalfan’s business was at stake, he was hesitant to make any rash decisions. With age on his side, he had the luxury of starting afresh, but before doing so, he wanted to ensure the prospects of his business in any foreign land.

Babu Khalfan knew that the best place to embark on a new journey would be America, renowned as the land of opportunities, attracting immigrants seeking better prospects and entrepreneurs looking to establish their businesses. America has long been celebrated as a place where hard work and determination can lead to success.

Additionally, the immigration laws in the early 1970s were eased by the American government, leading to an influx of immigrants from around the world, a privilege previously reserved primarily for Europeans. This change provided a window of opportunity for Babu Khalfan to pursue his American dream.

Babu Khalfan sent one of his brothers to assess the prospects of the signage business in America. However, his brother lacked a business mindset and

made little progress. Consequently, Babu Khalfan called him back and decided to venture to America himself to test the waters firsthand. He says, “I knew it was going to be challenging, but I had faith in me and steely resolve to carve a niche for myself in the land of dreams.”

Making Dreams a Reality

Honesty and hard work were two cornerstones of Babu Khalfan’s success in Tanzania, and he carried these virtues to America. Upon his arrival in 1971, he eagerly searched

partnership with the owner. Babu Khalfan recounts, “The owner was a greedy man. Despite the profits, he wouldn’t give me my share of the money.” This negative experience finally prompted Babu Khalfan to start his own business.

Starting with limited funds and resources, Babu Khalfan ventured into the signage business in New York City with his company Signs & Decal in 1970. His prior experience in growing a business in Tanzania provided him with a foundation in navigating the competitive landscape of New York.

Reflecting on his journey, he emphasizes, “Understanding the intricacies of the trade is crucial, but it takes dedication, patience, and perseverance to truly succeed.”

Babu Khalfan reflects that as his business began to show signs of progress, his brothers also joined him to lend their support. However, in the long run,

their involvement didn’t contribute significantly, as they were more skilled craftsmen than business-oriented individuals. Consequently, Babu Khalfan suggested that they pursue separate paths and establish themselves individually. He explains, “It wasn’t wise to overcrowd a growing business without adding substantial value to it. Therefore, we made the decision to part ways and chase our individual dreams.” In hindsight, it proved to be a wise choice, as today his brothers are all well-established in

their respective ventures.

Following the separation, Babu Khalfan’s business began to thrive, attributed to his hard work, strategic acumen, and, above all, the trustworthiness he had earned. From its humble beginnings as a small fledgling company, Signs and Decal has evolved into the largest signage company in New York and arguably, the United States.

Signs and Decal as Industry Trailblazer

With over 54 years of stellar experience, Signs & Decal (SD Industries) stands tall as one of the foremost architectural fabricators in the US. Committed to excellence and innovation, SD Industries has extended its expertise from signage to architectural metal and glass, to custom lighting, among others.

At the heart of the company’s success is an unwavering focus on custom fabrication. Given the intricate and detail-oriented nature of architectural signage production, meticulous planning and long-term vision are essential. With a rich legacy of crafting bespoke solutions, SD Industries has earned the stripe as the go-to partner for leading projects.

Its work graces iconic landmarks such as the World Trade Tower, JFK Airport, La Guardia, Bank of America Towers, Penn Station, Grand Central Station, the Hudson Yard Project, and

many others. At the same time Babu’s contributions to the transportation sector are notable, with significant projects including work for the George Washington Bridge and over two hundred Amtrak stations nationwide. Babu Khalfan says, “Our signature touch can be found in most architectural landmarks that define the American landscape.”

SD Industries has a vast product line which include milled ADA signage, custom lighting fixture, plaques, dimensional letters and logos, channel letters, directories, stair rails etc. So

not just fabricators, but dream-makers. Our experienced and dedicated team transform visions into reality, ensuring every project exceeds expectations.”

According Babu Khalfan, SD Industries utilizes cutting-edge technologies and equipment to achieve awe-inspiring results. Yet, crucially, the company prioritizes eco-friendly practices to reduce its environmental footprint. Simultaneously, it attends to the diverse needs and aspirations of its clients nationwide, solidifying its position as an industry leader.

Transferring Skills

Babu Khalfan is a visionary man who believes in equipping the next generation with the skills needed to thrive in future, similar to his own journey. Therefore, under the aegis of SD Industries, he has established a comprehensive system that offers various industry-related services tailored to train and prepare youths for success.

“Being a successful skilled entrepreneur holds no significance unless one passes on the skills to others so that society as a whole prospers,” emphasizes Babu Khalfan. Having said that, he adds, “We have a diverse range of training programs from which everybody can benefit and chart their own path to success.”

JD Industries offers various design programs aimed at helping professionals acquire advanced skills, alongside engineering designs for



those seeking next-level expertise. Additionally, SD Industries also conducts workshops to assist individuals with basic to advanced-level signage, drawing, painting, and illumination, etc.

The Proposed Signage Training Institute

The signage industry has a bright future thanks to rapid industrialization and infrastructural development taking place worldwide. It is interconnected with scores of other industries, ensuring a continuous demand for signage and graphics.

However, despite its promising prospects, Babu Khalfan reveals a startling fact: there is no dedicated signage institute anywhere in the world where students can learn it academically. Babu Khalfan has made it his responsibility to establish a signage institute where students can learn from his decades of experience in this field. He is planning to open it in the bustling city of Mumbai, India.

While the Indian economy is burgeoning and developmental works are taking place at a fast pace, there is huge potential for the growth of the signage business in the country, which the young generation can seize to prosper.

Babu Khalfan highlights the increasing demand for effective signage due to the development of roadways,

buildings, and public spaces across the country. He emphasizes that signage is not a one-time investment, but rather subject to wear and evolving design trends. Signage needs to be updated every 10-15 years to adapt to changing aesthetics and technological advancements in the field.



According to him, investing in signage facilities in India now promises significant benefits in the next 10 to 15 years. As urban landscapes evolve, the demand for updated, impactful signage will continue to grow, offering a prime opportunity for investment and

development in the signage industry.

Furthermore, Babu Khalfan wishes to make this institute world-class so that it attracts students from around the globe. They can acquire impeccable skills at the institute and subsequently can go forth to serve in their own countries or elsewhere.

His Wife’s Influence in Business and Beyond

Babu Khalfan, after dedicating his heart and soul to his business and elevating it to eminence, his sons, Ali, Mohammed, Abbas, and Hasnain have taken over the reins and further expanded it. Like their father, they are hardworking individuals, leading to the business’s expansion threefold.

Babu Khalfan proudly states, “My children are incredibly motivated and capable individuals who have propelled my business to new heights.” However, he reserves a special place of admiration for his wife, Tazzim Khalfan. To him, she is the cornerstone of his life, and the entire family owes much of their success to her. Her unparalleled role in

raising children and steadfast support through life’s challenges is truly remarkable.

“She has stood by my side through ups and downs of my career and has always been encouraging partner in

my business,” Babu Khalfan praises her adding, “She is equally industrious and competent with her involvement in his endeavors.”

Whether it is Signs & Decal or Build a life Foundation, a charity organization they have founded, she has been there since their inception and has contributed significantly through her sharp acumen in management.

She is no ordinary woman. She has the ability to manage the household and business and charity endeavors simultaneously with rare ease and effectiveness. “At times, I marvel at what I could have accomplished without her unwavering support,” says Babu Khalfan, expressing profound admiration for his wife.

Build a life Foundation: A Beacon of Hope for the Education of Disadvantaged Children.

With her sons running SD Industries Babu Khalfan is left with much time nowadays. Although he allocates 40% of his time to the business, Babu Khalfan devoutly dedicates the rest of his time to non-profit charity work, supported by his wife. Together, they have established the Build a life Foundation, dedicated

to the education of underprivileged children. They’ve set up schools in Kanpur, India, and in Tanzania, along with hostels.

Behind the establishment of the hostels, Babu highlights a pressing issue: girls in Tanzanian villages are vulnerable to abuse by drivers when



commuting to school, often resulting in unwanted pregnancies and hence, the abandonment of their education.

Babu Khalfan recounts, “A woman pleaded with me to address the issue so that vulnerable girls wouldn’t endure such abuse and forsake their

education.” Inspired by this, Babu embarked on constructing hostels to offer these girls a safe haven and liberate them from the perils of commuting. He explains, “Initially, we built a hostel for eighty girls, and later another for eighty more, and this way it expanded, significantly alleviating the plight of girls who were once subjected to frequent physical abuse.”

Build a life Foundation also runs a school in Kanpur in India. Babu expresses his intention to expand it significantly for the benefit of local students. However, the project is currently stalled due to delays in government approval. Nevertheless, once approved, he is eager to commence the school’s expansion on immediate basis.

According to Babu Khalfan, the Build a life Foundation will eventually accommodate other community welfare schemes to serve society. However, its current focus is on building schools to provide education

for students from impoverished backgrounds and remote locations. Babu emphasizes that more schools in India, Tanzania, as well as other African countries, are in the pipeline to cater to a wider population of needy students.

A Man of Distinction and Author Par Excellence

Despite his incomplete education, Babu Khalfan has emerged as a figure renowned not only for his business acumen but also for his extensive knowledge of life ,,,,,,,,,,and the world. “Although my formal education halted midway, my passion for learning never waned. He attended evening class, attended c o r r e s p o n d e n t courses, and was going to classes for the education. I have a penchant for reading books on a wide range of subjects, from business to self-help to literature. Books, to me, are invaluable repositories of knowledge,” Babu Khalfan asserts.

His reading habit and creative inclination have led him to become the author of two books: “India 2000+” and “New York City: The Capital of the World.” In “India 2000+”, he shares his vision, ideas, and inspirations drawn from his life experiences. “New York City: The Capital of the World” is a coffee-table book exploring the history of New York.

With his profound knowledge, Babu Khalfan captivates audiences, delving into various aspects of life, society, and the nation, alongside his mastery of business. As a great motivator, he trains individuals to unlock their full potential and achieve greatness.

Babu Khalfan’s exceptional leadership in business and remarkable achievements in architectural signage manufacturing led to his recognition with the MSDA Regional Minority Manufacturer award in 2000. Furthermore, for his dedication to preserving the memory of 9/11, he was bestowed with the esteemed rank



of Honorary Battalion Fire Chief. This distinction is particularly rare, as since its establishment in 1979, only 268 civilians have received this prestigious honor.

Business Mantra for Youths

In the world of business, passion stands

as the ultimate driving force behind success. As a seasoned entrepreneur, Babu Khalfan’s journey exemplifies the profound impact of passion and perseverance. His experiences serve as a testament to the transformative power of unwavering commitment. With this wealth of knowledge, Babu Khalfan offers invaluable advice to the youth of today, guiding them in their quest for business growth and achievement.

Babu Khalfan has an optimistic outlook on the future of business. According to him, demand is surging day by day, and new technologies will drive it further. When it comes to choosing a business, there are countless options. However, he particularly emphasizes the enduring profitability of the manufacturing sector. He says, “Unlike many transient trends in business, manufacturing is an evergreen choice as it remains and will continue to remain a steadfast pillar of the economy.”

Having said that, he warns youth from getting carried away and advises them to

do their due diligence before taking a plunge. He says, “Nowadays, every information is a click away and there are plenty of books on various types of businesses available to help individuals equip themselves with all necessary knowledge to begin.”

For those with limited financial

resources, Khalfan offers pragmatic advice, advocating for partnerships and strategic employment opportunities. By demonstrating integrity and ingenuity in their work, individuals can earn the trust of business owners and position themselves for future opportunities.

Patience and perseverance are other essential virtues for achieving success in business. Babu Khalfan advises the youth to bear in mind that 5-10 years represent the minimum timeframe required. It typically takes about 10-20 years to cultivate a business and start reaping the rewards, once the customer base, capital. Infrastructure and operations are firmly established. Therefore, he urges aspiring entrepreneurs to remain resilient, avoid hasty decisions, and commit themselves wholeheartedly to the journey, investing their utmost dedication and effort to ensure success.

Simultaneously he also says, “Economy grows when there is thrust to business from the government side with dedicated programs and initiatives to draw in young entrepreneurs.” He cites example of America to illustrate as to why it is prosperous and powerful. According to him, the country actively promotes business through various governmental schemes. Businesses are not only encouraged but also empowered to flourish, laying the

ground work for sustained growth and innovation.

Concerned for Backwardness of Muslims

As much as he is a business veteran, he is also a keen observer of society and community dynamics, particularly concerning Muslims. He notes that



largely been unable to taste the fruits of prosperity.

Babu Khalfan asserts, “There could be many reasons, historical and societal, or even political, but most significantly, the lack of proper education and limited opportunities have compelled them to languish in poverty.” He further adds, “However, in a globalized world, rapid changes are occurring, and the accessibility and quality of education are improving, both at the public and private levels in these regions. Despite this progress, much remains to be done due to the densely populated nature of these nations. Additionally, after lagging behind for so many years, Muslims must exert extra effort to achieve parity with other communities.”

He also stresses the importance of incorporating skill development and fostering an entrepreneurial spirit from the school level. This approach ensures that upon completing their studies, students can secure employment with ease, provided there are enough

opportunities available.

A Strong Votary of Woman Empowerment

Women make up half the population of the Earth, yet due to the patriarchal mindset prevalent in society, they have long been deprived of their

rights, education, and livelihoods. However, thanks to changing times and several feminist movements, the world now recognizes the value of women’s empowerment. An empowered woman can better shape the future of her family for prosperity by ensuring better education for her children and also supplementing household income.

He cites the example of his wife, whom he says is a very competent woman with a great ability to manage both the home and the outside world. He says, “For too long, men have underestimated the capabilities of women. I am glad that mindset is now being defeated, and women are breaking barriers.”

According to Babu Khalfan, the notion that women have to bear children and take care of them until they grow up has worked against them. However, men didn’t realize that women have an innate ability to juggle responsibilities both at home and outside more efficiently than men do.

He further explains that women who are educated and working often stop

going to work after the birth of a child and never return because they become overwhelmed with the extra burden. However, he emphasizes that due to lack of awareness, women don’t realize that they don’t have to physically go to workplaces to earn



income all the time. The growing trend of working from home can prove to be a boon for such women who want to prioritize their household work while also pursuing their careers.

There are several job opportunities

related to law firms, online teaching, writing, internet marketing, and many other options that they can pursue to make their dreams come true.

Babu Khalfan states, “An educated and well-informed woman plays a vital role in the economy. Women have a better understanding of household needs compared to men, making them the primary purchasers and driving the country’s economy forward. Therefore, the more prosperous the women are, the better is the economy of that country.”

That being said, Babu Khalfan expresses dissatisfaction with the conditions of women within his own community and Muslim nations in general. He argues that the orthodoxy of confining women within the four walls is inhumane and goes against the spirit of Islam. “Wasn’t Khadija, the first wife of the prophet, a businesswoman

and continued to be so until her death?” he questions in frustration.

An Ideologue of Peace

The widespread Islamophobia prevalent across the globe is a significant concern for Muslims.

Not only does it undermine the confidence of the community, but it also has detrimental economic impacts. Muslims encounter prejudice in various aspects of life, compelling many to reside in ghettos and shanties that lack basic facilities and amenities. Islamophobia has led to the migration of Muslims, as seen in Myanmar. In such chaos and uncertainty, education is often neglected, adding to their woes.

Islamophobia has existed throughout history, but it has grown exponentially since the advent of social media platforms on the internet. This has enabled right-wing politics to gain ground worldwide, fueling hatred and prejudice against Muslims.

This issue could have been addressed by governments, the press, institutions, and civil society, but they have been found to be lacking in this regard. It is upon us to decide how to tackle this situation. We can either reactively fuel extremism or silently strengthen ourselves through education and increasing our contributions to our nations, making it harder for others to criticize Muslims.

Dogmatic religious leaders may inflame the passions of Muslims and incite reactive responses. However, a wise approach, like mine, recommends countering Islamophobia through education and prosperity. We should not play into the hands of fanatic leaders and myopic religious figures. Instead, we should work diligently to educate ourselves and prosper, thereby finding our rightful place and dignity in society without harboring ill will towards anyone.

Honesty Is the Best Policy

Babu Khalfan is a perennial optimist and a resilient warrior who refuses to be daunted by adversity. Instead, he seizes upon it as an opportunity and, through his unwavering

dedication, self-belief, and clear vision, transforms challenges into advantages. His remarkable journey of arriving in America with nothing but his skills and subsequently achieving great success speaks volumes about his character and determination.

“I never take shortcuts in life. Everything I have achieved, I have earned through sheer dedication and struggle,” he asserts. “Shortcuts may lead to dishonesty, which is unacceptable to me. Success devoid of honesty and transparency holds no value in my eyes. I refuse to compromise my morals or integrity.”

Babu Khalfan’s clients testify to his integrity. Rajeev Sharma, Director of Client Services at ITAC (New York City’s Manufacturing Extension Partnership Center), attests, “Babu Khalfan is a man of his word, and he also has the rare ability to train and bring out the best in people.” Sharma further emphasizes, “Due to his honesty, he commands respect not only among clients but also among his employees.”

Babu Khalfan’s reputation goes beyond mere business dealings; it is deeply embedded in his conduct. Regardless of what he does, he approaches everything with total honesty and conducts himself with grace and humility.

Conclusion

In the world of business, there are individuals whose leadership transcends boundaries, leaving an indelible mark on both industry and society. Babu Khalfan stands as a shining example of such exceptional leadership, with a career characterized by remarkable achievements and profound dedication.

His enthusiasm to impart skills to the new generation through a proposed institute is commendable, and his service for the education of the

underprivileged shines a light on his humane side. It demonstrates his deep connection to his roots and inspires others to follow in his footsteps.

His starting afresh in a foreign land and achieving eminence is a testament to his unwavering dedication and hard work, serving as a model for the new generation to emulate. Simultaneously, Babu Khalfan also elevates the honor of minorities in the US through his success.

With his liberal ideological outlook and extensive experience in social services, Babu Khalfan stands out among the crowd of community leaders who have been unable to guide the community toward success, prosperity, and countering Islamophobic prejudices. His pragmatic approach is invaluable for Muslims seeking to improve their circumstances.

The community requires hundreds and thousands of individuals with qualities and virtues similar to Babu Khalfan to truly alter their fate. However, are there enough such individuals? Certainly not. Therefore, the new generation should draw inspiration from Babu Khalfan’s life and remain focused on leaving a lasting impact on the minds of Muslims, who, in turn, will be motivated to change their unfortunate circumstances.

Maeshat Media sincerely appreciates Babu Khalfan’s role as a responsible entrepreneur dedicated to the social upliftment of Muslims, and wishes him all the best as we anticipate greater milestones ahead. We pray for his good health and continued success in all his endeavors.

NEET: Brilliant Result as usual for Al-Ameen Mission



By: Hafizur Rahman



Al-Ameen Mission was founded at a critical juncture in the life of Bengali Muslims. Right after gaining independence in 1947, they were lagged behind in every aspects of life. But in the mid 80s of the last century the Mission was established by M. Nurul Islam. He is a great visionary and is taking the Mission from one success to another. The Mission has been leading a silent revolution in the education sector now.

One of the major successes of Al-Ameen Mission each year is its outstanding result in All India Medical Entrance or NEET (UG). Every year scores of students from the Institute taste success. Every year number of successful students mounts. 2023 too was no exception to it. The tradition

goes on as usual.

For many years, Al-Ameen Mission had been producing doctors- 50, 100, 200 in numbers every year. But in 2021, there was a quantum jump; the number of students crossed 400. That year, 408 students got more than 550 marks in NEET (UG) examination. In 2022, the number rose to 550 students. In the current year i.e. 2023, it crossed 600. All total 627 students have got over 550 marks. All through these three years, students who have got more than 570 marks are as follows – 294, 433 and 502 students respectively.

Now let's look through some of the statistics of this All India Medical Entrance Examination. According to National Testing Agency, the



organizer of NEET (UG), in 2021 all total 16 lakh students sat for the examination. Last year this number had been more than 17 lakh. In 2023, the number had gone up to 20 lakh 38 thousand. It means that the competition is gradually becoming stiffer. But the students of Al-Ameen have taken the challenge head on. The success rate of the Mission has been increasing steadily as well. It is worth noting that the number of students as well as students getting higher marks has increased. For example, in 2021, 140 students got more than 600 marks; in 2022, it increased to 231 and in 2023, it has risen to 275. But it is also notable that same marks do not give same ranks every year. In 2021 a student who had got 550 had ranked 46675; in 2022 a student getting same marks had ranked 49114. In 2023, those same marks have yielded 65000 rank. The main reason is because number of ranking students is increasing. Every year the number of seats for studying medicine is also increasing. So there should not be

much difficulty in admission despite the fact that ranking against number is being pushed backward every year. For example, this year 50 new medical colleges have been given recognition. Out of these, 30 are government colleges. At least, 8 thousand 195 seats have increased. In West Bengal, there would be two new medical colleges. Seats have increased to 300. Currently, there are 5 thousand 125 seats for studying Medicine here.

This year, Ariful Haque has scored the highest marks as far as the students of Al-Ameen are concerned. He has scored 682 and has ranked 1339. He is from the village Muluk under Bolpur police station of Birbhum. Both of his parents are graduates. His father Rijuanul Haque is a police constable and his mother is a home maker. Ariful has studied in the Mission from class V. In 2019, he had scored 93.8% marks in the Madhyamik from Mission's Patharchapuri campus. After that he was shifted to the Nayabaz campus and in 2021, he scored 96.21% marks in Higher Secondary exam. He took

NEET coaching from Nayabaz. In 2022 he had scored 571 marks. Cut of marks was 573. So he lost the chance to study MBBS by a whisker. He had prepared for one year more and now this excellent result. Ariful had been a good student throughout but why he had taken two years to crack NEET? He replied that that throughout class XI and XII, there was lockdown, which hampered his study. That's why in the running year, he had scored 571 marks. His favourite subject is Biology. He has scored 355 out of 360 marks in Biology in NEET. Despite having Facebook, Instagram accounts, he kept himself away from it during his two year long preparation. He also said that he has cracked the exam because of the help and assistance from the Mission. Ideal environment to study under constant monitoring by the Mission is not possible in one's home. The role of the Mission in laying foundation for a student to excel is very vital. Ariful aspires to become a Neuro-surgeon. Besides study, he loves sports.

Robial Mondal has scored the second highest marks among the students of Al-Ameen Mission. His all India rank is 1571 and he has scored 680 marks. Robial’s elder sister Asmatara too has cracked NEET this time. She has scored 587 marks. They live in a remote village of Bankura district. Their father Rahmat Mondal has studied till class IV and is a farmer. Their mother, who is unfortunately no more, was illiterate. Robial has a younger brother too. Many of us have a misconception about Madrasah education. Al-Ameen Mission has debunked it long time back. Both Robial and Asmatara have proved this once again. Both of them have studied in Bogdohra Siddiquia Madrasah. They have appeared for High Madrasah examination one year apart. In 2017, Asmatara had scored 87.5% marks. Next year, Robial had scored 84.8% marks. After that they both came to the Mission. Both of them have studied in the Medinipur campus of the Mission. In the H.S exam, Asmatara and Robial had scored 86.6% and 96.6% marks respectively. In 2022, Asmatara had scored 569 marks in NEET, whereas Robial scored 567 marks. Both of them took admission in BDS. But they had dreamed about studying MBBS. To fulfill their dream, both of them had worked hard for one year and have succeeded. No doubt, it brought tremendous joy not only for the family but also for the whole village. Two meritorious students from a marginalised family, without a mother, had to struggle a lot. But Al-Ameen Mission stood by them with financial help. From Higher Secondary studies to NEET coaching, they paid minimum fees. Also, the Mission has declared that they would be given a sum of one lakh rupees as ‘Al-Ameen Merit Scholarship’ for their higher studies. Talking on the role played by the Mission, Asmatara remarked, the contribution of Al-Ameen towards my success is enormous. If the Mission

was not there, my dream would have remained unfulfilled.

Let us turn now to the third ranker of the Mission, Soheli Mallick. His rank is 1655 and has scored 680 marks. He got the same marks as Robial but because of percentile system his rank is almost 100 ranks lower than Robial. Soheli comes from Kumrul village under Indus police station of Bankura district. His father Fazlul Azim Mallick is a graduate but he is engaged in agricultural farming. Soheli’s mother Lailunnesa Begam has passed Madhyamik and is a homemaker. His elder brother Mobarak Karim Mallick is an alumnus of Al-Ameen Mission and is now studying electrical engineering at Jadavpur University. Soheli was admitted to the Mission in class VII. After studying there for two years, he again came back to the Mission and was admitted in class XI. In 2022, Soheli ranked 10th in state merit list. He secured 97.8% marks. Last year he got 530 marks in NEET. He took one year coaching at the Khalisani branch of the Mission. Coaching plus hard work has paid off. In future, Soheli wants to do MD in Medicine. Besides study, he loves to draw and play cricket.

Md Roenur Rahaman has scored 675 marks and has ranked 2226. He comes fourth among the students of the Mission. He comes from Nowdapara village under Doulatabad police station in Murshidabad district. Roenur was admitted to the Mission in class VII. In 2020, he got 94.71 % marks in the Madhyamik exam and 93.8% marks in the HS exam in 2022. This year he has cracked the NEET exam. Both the parents have passed Higher Secondary. His father Mohammad Golam Gaus is a farmer and his mother Dilruba Begam is a home maker. Roenur also has a sister. The family has only one and half bigha of agricultural land. Despite his paltry income, his father had a dream to make

his son worthy. So he admitted his son in the Mission. Also the Mission gave Roenur the opportunity to study with minimum fees. He has used this opportunity fully by cracking the entrance examination.

Among the Mission’s students the fifth rank went to a girl – Suhana Sultana. She has also got 675 marks. Her all India rank is 2260. There two more students from the Mission who have secured 675 marks. Suhana is from Kanaipur village in Birbhum district. Her father Mohammad Samsuzzoha is honours graduate in Chemistry. He has been a teacher at the Khalatpur campus of the Mission for a long time. Suhana has been studying in the Khalatpur campus from class V. Her brother Rounak Hasan is also studying there in class XI (Science). In 2020, Suhana got 96.4% marks in the Madhyamik. At the first attempt she had scored 538 marks in the NEET. She took coaching for one year in the Khalatpur campus. After that she has got this excellent result. She wants to be a gynecologist in future. Apart from Suhana, girls have done well this year from the Mission. Out of 627 students who have secured more than 550 marks, there are 132 girls i.e. 21%. Every year, more and more girls are getting chance to study medicine. There is no doubt that students from Al-Ameen Mission have a significant presence in it. Statistics shows that this year 87 girls have got more than 580 marks. For the past few years on average hundred girl students are getting chance to study medicine from the Mission. This shows that changes from within the Muslim society are taking place quite rapidly.

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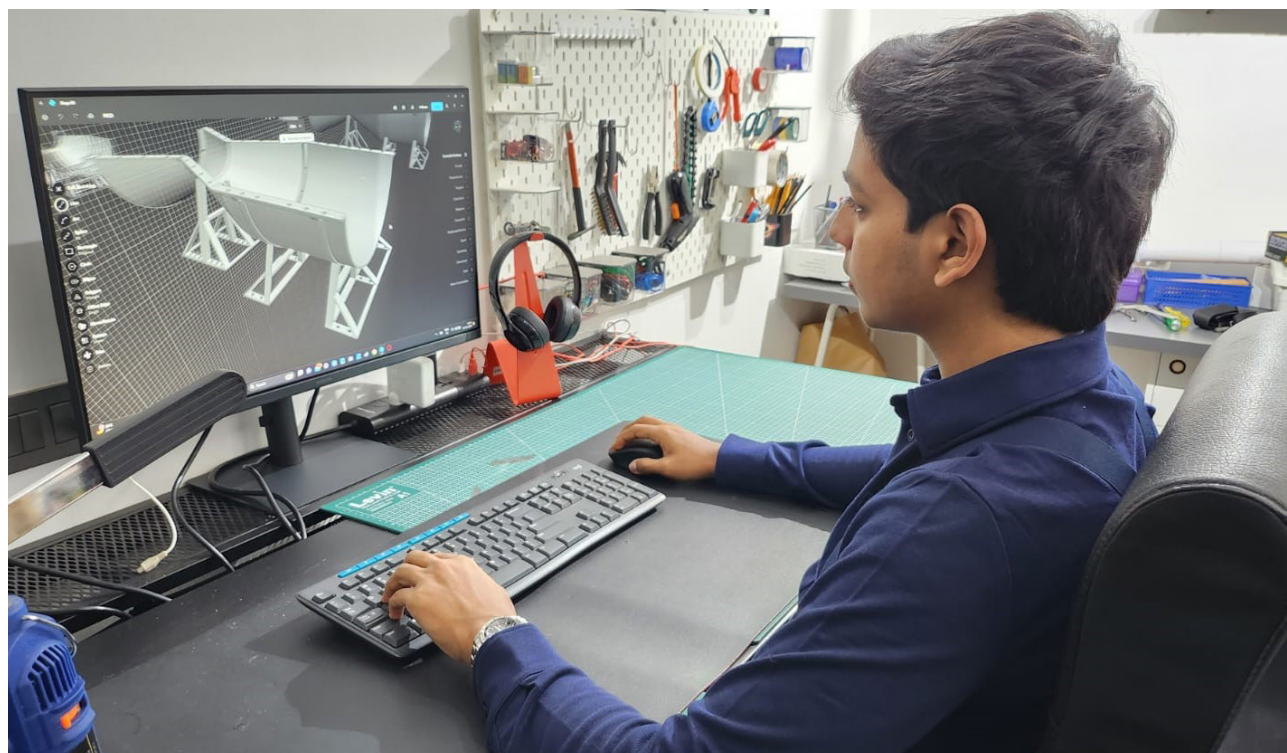
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“I am interested in high beta fusion reactor designs”

Subhaan Akhtar

Subhaan Akhtar has started research work on renewable energy sources at a very young age and wrote a 150-page book on Fusion Energy in English at the age of 14. During a special conversation with Akhlaque Shaikh (Career Counsellor), he tried to understand how his book, along with his interest in science, research and creative tendencies, will lead to new sources of energy in the near future. Subhaan is a student of International School, Goregaon, Mumbai, where he is studying from primary. This is an IB board school where he is studying science after scoring remarkable success in 10th exam. Subhaan has been actively participating in co-curricular activities since his early age due to which his personality, research and creative thinking developed.

Subhaan is researching on various sources of renewable energy with special emphasis on fusion power due to its clean, unlimited sources of energy. He is very passionate about renewable energy his focus is on understanding and solving energy needs in a sustainable way, with the goal of contributing to a world where energy is seamlessly integrated across the planet. His book covers a wide range of explorations of magnetic & deep-fusion concepts. Although his effort is more specific to Fusion Power. Here is the excerpts



Tell about your educational journey from primary till now.

I am a student at Oberoi International School, OGC, and am currently in the eleventh grade.

What types of research work are you doing?

In general, I am researching various sources of renewable energy, with a particular emphasis on fusion power due to its promise of a clean, limitless source of energy. For the book, this involved broadly researching various concepts of magnetic and inertial fusion, though I am extending this effort to more specific aspects of fusion power. For instance, currently, I am interested in high beta fusion reactor designs, that is, those with a high ratio of the plasma pressure to the magnetic pressure. These reactors include the likes of Spheromaks and Field-Reversed Configurations, which only received a brief treatment in the book. On the whole, though, I am still focused on fundamental plasma physics, as I wish to view the current global investment and research in fusion from a holistic perspective.

How you are inspired by this work?

I am inspired by the fact that fusion energy appears as a limitless, clean source of energy that can meet the rising global demand for energy in a manner that is sustainable and not detrimental to the health of the environment. Moreover, recent advancements in high-temperature superconductors and confinement mechanisms have made fusion power a viable source of energy, greatly improving its prospects of being developed and implemented within our lifetimes.

How will your research benefit the public?

At the moment my research serves only to inform a general audience about fusion, bridging the gap between popular science and physics textbooks. This would hopefully encourage individuals to take an interest in the subject of plasma physics and controlled fusion. Moreover, introducing more people to the subject may promote discussion and research that can lead to breakthroughs in the development of fusion reactors.

How did you come up with this project?

I was required in 10th grade to undertake a project that would help me develop skills and learn about a subject I am passionate about. For this, I found writing a book about fusion reactors to be an appropriate task, as it would allow me to develop research and communication skills, while at the same time learning about fusion power. I then looked at the current books about the subject but found that they were either too simple, lacking the substance to truly inform the reader, or too complicated, made for industry professionals and researchers rather than someone new to the subject. Hence, I decided that my book would bridge the gap between the two types of books available, addressing the problem students such as me face when it comes to researching such a topic independently.

What will you plan to do in the future?

I plan to continue researching the prospects of various renewable energy technologies, including controlled thermonuclear fusion.

What message would you like to convey to the students?

I would like to convey the importance

of undertaking a meaningful personal project as I did in order to gain a deep understanding of a particular subject. This would mean different things for different people, but ultimately it should be challenging enough to stimulate some level of personal growth and be impactful in some real sense. This means that it should go beyond the school curriculum, forcing you to go beyond your comfort zone, manage your time, and deal with setbacks. Overall, students should lay as much of an emphasis on the development of character as that of knowledge and skills, something which can only be achieved when they are fully committed to a task they find fulfilling.

Information about the book:

Amidst the climate crisis and the urgent need to shift from fossil fuels to renewable energy, fusion power stands as a promising solution. “Fusion Energy: Introduction and Magnetic Confinement” serves as a comprehensive guide, exploring the fundamentals of fusion and a variety of magnetic confinement devices. Beyond the Tokamak, this book delves into other magnetic confinement systems such as stellarators, pinch devices, and alternative closed configurations. Each chapter provides a detailed examination of these devices, providing readers with a deep understanding of the working principles behind them. The book covers a wide spectrum of topics, including the fundamentals of controlled fusion, historical perspectives, and the principles of magnetic confinement. Whether you’re a researcher, industry professional, or someone keen to explore the future of energy, this book is a valuable resource

Judges' Political Orientation and Rulings Inextricably Entwined



Frank F. Islam

Our federal judicial system was designed to be a place where decisions could be reached and rulings could be made in an objective and nonpartisan manner. Recent rulings, commentary, and research indicates this is not happening. In fact, the composition of a court and the political orientation of the judges have a substantial impact on a court's rulings.

Supreme Court Decisions and Rulings

We have been writing about the Supreme Court's Republican conservative membership and rulings for some time. In July 2022, after the Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, we provided the following analysis:

The five members of the conservative majority, in order of seniority on the court, are: Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito, Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh, and Amy Coney Barrett. Thomas, Alito, Kavanaugh, and Barrett are Catholic. Gorsuch is Episcopalian but was raised Catholic.

Gorsuch, Kavanaugh and Barrett were all appointed to the court by President Trump. During his campaign for the presidency in 2016, Trump promised to appoint justices who would overturn *Roe v. Wade*. These were his candidates for accomplishing that.

In his February 26 article for the New York Times, Jesse Wegman of the Times editorial board was harshly critical of the impact of this conservative majority on the court. In his piece titled, "The Crisis

in Teaching Constitutional Law," Wegman writes:

Many in the legal world still believed in the old virtues even after Bush v. Gore, the 5-to-4 ruling that effectively decided the 2000 presidential election on what appeared to many Americans to be partisan grounds. But now, the court's hard-right supermajority, installed in recent years through a combination of hypocrisy and sheer partisan muscle, has eviscerated any consensus.

Under the pretense of practicing so-called originalism, which claims to interpret the Constitution in line with how it was understood at the nation's founding, these justices have moved quickly to upend decades of established precedent—from political spending to gun laws to voting rights to labor unions to abortion rights to affirmative action to the separation of church and state. Whatever rationale or methodology the justices apply in a given case, the result virtually always aligns with the policy priorities of the modern Republican Party.

And that has made it impossible for many professors to teach in the familiar way.

"Teaching constitutional law today is an enterprise in teaching students what law isn't," Leah Litman, a professor at the University of Michigan law school, told me.

The Supreme Court's announcement on February 28 that it would convene a hearing on Donald Trump's claim of



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presidential immunity in the week of April 22 (now scheduled for April 25) added more fuel to fire that political partisanship plays a major part in its current decisions. It caused many legal experts to comment on the extended length of time it took the Court to decide to hear oral arguments on the former president's immunity claim and the fact that it would significantly postpone holding a trial on this claim, possibly until after the November presidential election.

In his article for The Atlantic, Paul Rosenzweig asserts:

None of this is accidental. None of this is required by law. If the Court were of the view that it needed to weigh in but wanted to avoid delay, it could have, and should have, chosen

to skip the appeals stage. If it was of the view that a unanimous, well written, narrow appellate opinion would suffice, it could have denied the petition for a hearing after the District of Columbia circuit court had issued its determination.

But it did not. The Court took all of the steps possible to slow the processing of the appeal down as much as the law permits. The only inference one can take from this is that a majority of the Court is making a concerted effort to delay the case.

David Leonhardt of the New York Times comes to a similar conclusion, ending his article on the Supreme Court's decision as follows:

When urgent action could help a

Republican presidential candidate in 2000, the court — which was also dominated by Republican appointees at the time — acted urgently. When delay seems likely to help a Republican presidential candidate in 2024, the court has chosen delay. The combination does not make the court look independent from partisan politics.

Circuit Court Decisions and Rulings

It's not just the Supreme Court where justices' political affiliations or partisanship come into play. Harvard Law School Professor Alma Cohen's recent discussion paper titled "The Pervasive Influence of Political Composition on Circuit Court

Decisions” discloses the breadth and depth of that involvement.

(The federal judicial system has three tiers: The bottom tier is federal district courts with individual judges. The middle tier is circuit courts which are federal courts of appeal with panels of judges. The top tier is the Supreme Court with nine justices.)

Ruth Marcus, an associate editor for the Washington Post and a Harvard Law School graduate herself, highlights the importance of Cohen’s discussion paper in her February 20 opinion piece, observing:

Federal judges have argued passionately to me that it deserves the public to reinforce the notion of judges as political actors. I think it’s the opposite: It would be keeping relevant data from readers not to include this information. In recent years, as judicial philosophy has become an increasingly important factor in judicial selection for presidents of both parties, I have made it a practice to note the identity of the president who nominated the judge or judges involved. If judges are behaving in ways that could be predicted by their political affiliations, readers deserve to know. If they are ruling contrary to what might have been expected, that’s significant, too.

Now comes an intriguing study by a Harvard Law School professor that buttresses my point — if anything, it suggests we have underestimated the impact of party affiliation on judicial outcomes. Alma Cohen, whose training is as an economist, examined 630,000 federal appeals court cases from 1985 to 2020 and found that the impact of party affiliation went far beyond hot-button issues such as guns or abortion.

Marcus goes on to note:

Cohen’s hypothesis is that Democratic judges and Republican judges

“systematically differ in their tendency to side with the seemingly weaker party.” For instance, in civil litigation between individuals and institutions, such as the corporations or the government, “panels with more Democratic judges are more likely than those with more Republican judges to reach a decision that favors the individual party.”

The same holds true for other types of cases. “In the categories of criminal appeals, immigration appeals, and prisoner litigation, increasing the number of Democrats on a circuit court panel raises the odds of an outcome favoring the weak party,” Cohen wrote.

Based upon our review of Cohen’s paper, among the findings that stand out, are the following:

- Political affiliations can help predict circuit court decisions in case categories that comprise more than 90% of all circuit court cases.
- Political affiliation is also associated with outcomes in a large set of civil cases between parties that seemingly are of equal power. In these cases, the more Democratic judges on the panel, the lower the odds of a panel deferring to the lower court decision.
- A lone Republican judge on a panel with two Democratic judges has a stronger “moderating” effect on the panel majority than does a lone Democrat on a panel with two Republican judges.

In her paper, Cohen makes the point that earlier research has found “party effects on certain sets of cases on ‘ideologically controversial issues’” and that “Democratic and Republican judges might even systematically differ in their personality traits and characteristics.” What Cohen’s research reveals for the first time is

the “pervasive” nature and impact of the political composition of the courts on virtually all decisions and rulings. As Cohen clarifies, “Political affiliations are shown by my analysis not to determine outcomes but merely to influence them.”

Within the Republican member judiciary, the nature of that influence appears to vary with judges appointed in the past having been more center-right in their orientation and decisions and Trump appointees being more far right in their decisions and orientation. Ian Millhiser presents an analysis of the impact of this in his April 3 Vox article titled “Why Republican federal judges are fighting among themselves”

The Need for Reform of the Courts

There is no magic judicial wand that can be waved to ensure that rulings are always equitable and nonpartisan in nature. Fortunately, there are numerous recommendations that have been proposed to reduce political influence at both the circuit court and the supreme court levels.

Cohen notes, at the end of the discussion paper, her research can be employed and expanded upon in order to evaluate the current state of the judicial system and reform proposals, including:

- The process of presidential appointments, not only to the Supreme Court but to circuit courts as well, and the impact of these appointments on “subsequent circuit court decisions”
- The process for, and filibuster rules governing, the Senate confirmation of the president’s judicial nominations
- Creating or requiring mixed-party circuit court panels in order to achieve more balanced decisions.

This additional analysis is important. More important, however, is that it

not create a state of analysis paralysis where one piece of research leads to another piece of research to another piece of research and no meaningful action.

We already appear to be in that paralysis state with regard to the Supreme Court. As we noted in a 2022 blog, in April 2021 President Joe Biden appointed a Presidential Commission on the Supreme Court to examine issues related to reform of the Supreme Court. The Commission submitted its analysis in a final report, which included arguments for and against changes to the current mode of operations but no definitive recommendations, in December 2021.

Cohen’s research is revelatory. It makes it apparent that political affiliations influence the large majority of courts’ rulings and the evolution of laws and legal doctrine across this nation.

Based upon those findings, we can state unequivocally that the need for court reform is critical and urgent. Because of this, we close with a slightly modified version of the ending of a blog that we posted in 2019 on the need for reform of the Supreme Court:

We believe in a strong, independent and impartial judiciary. We need that for the sake of, and to preserve,

American democracy.

This is why we need new rules of engagement for the courts. We need to reform the federal judicial system in a manner that ensures that the courts have the balance of power and provide the balance of perspectives envisioned

by the founders.

If they become merely an extension of a political party or an ideology, it puts the future of this democracy at risk. A democracy at risk cannot long survive.

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Falcon; Empowering nation, encouraging education



By: Dr Abdul Subhan

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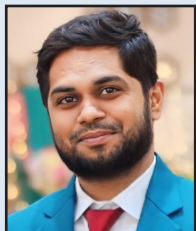
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1948 Hyderabad Massacre:

A Timeline



By: Talha Hussain Gulbargavi



Hyderabad - Osman Ali Khan, Asaf Jah VII, the last Nizam of the state of Hyderabad. (Courtesy - Wikimedia Commons)

Deccan state, whose geographical map has changed over the years, was spread over a vast area of 86,000 square miles until 17 September 1948 when Indian forces deposed the Nizam, Mir Osman Ali Khan ending his rule. The international status of the state of Hyderabad in terms of prosperity and glory is significantly well known. Lord Mountbatten mentions in his biography that after the Second World War, when England was economically weak, Osman Ali Khan's generous donations helped to a substantial extent.

The state of Hyderabad also paid for the cost of Makkah's water and Madinah's electricity. The magnificent Madinah Building and other buildings, which are still standing today, were constructed for the benefit of pilgrims travelling to Madinah and Makkah and their rent was delivered to Haramain. In order to house the pilgrims, the Nizam also constructed what is known as Rabat

buildings close to Haramain Sharifain.

Hyderabad was known as a symbol of peace and harmony, an example of Hindu-Muslim unity, and an example of knowledge and literature, in which scholars, intellectuals, thinkers, and historians from all over the world were paid four months in advance.

Establishment of Hyderabad State

When Nadir Shah's forces were ordered to exterminate the last man in Delhi, a white-haired elder, Qamaruddin Ali Khan placed his turban at Nader Shah's feet and begged for mercy on humanity. Nadir Shah, respecting the elder, ordered his troops to return. Qamaruddin Khan who was also known as Nizam ul Mulk later founded the Asif Jahi dynasty in the Deccan as the Viceroy and Mughal Governor of the Deccan. When he died in 1748 the State of Deccan extended to Pali and from



Hyderabad - Vintage photo of Charminar.

Konkan to Madras.

Then came the era of colonisation. Due to British-French intrigues, the battle for the throne continued with coups and assassinations among the latter's heirs. The state's dissolution did not leave a trace until 1948, and Hyderabad state's borders kept getting smaller over time.

A thorough examination of history reveals some harsh facts that are also instructive for the present. For two centuries, Britain continued to provide Nizam loyalty promises. On the other hand, millions of dollars and acres of land were fraudulently taken through conspiracies, blackmail, and malfeasance. Nizam put a golden band around his neck to symbolise his immense fortune. But on September 17, 1948, it snapped like a thread, leaving him alone and without someone to dry his cries of hopelessness.

Annexation to India

The eventual incorporation of the State of Hyderabad into India after the British left in 1947 was a logical and natural affair for which there were numerous grounds. Hyderabad was located in the centre of India's map and was encircled by the country's democratic, sovereign borders. If Nizam and others were given the chance to maintain their independence, it would be impossible to achieve the status of a country.

Second, given that Hyderabad was a state with a population of 16.4 million people, it was implausible that the Muslim Community, to which Nizam belonged, could have dominated the majority community for a protracted period of time given that its number was just 3 million (18%).

Third, it was untenable to continue to live in a society where kings reigned because independent movements all over the world had sown the seeds of democracy in people's hearts and

thoughts.

Finally, ports or airports are necessary for a state's international connectivity and survival, and the State of Hyderabad had no ports.

The Role of Muslim Leadership in Hyderabad

These factors made the annexation of Hyderabad to India inevitable, but it would have been a tremendous historical accomplishment if it had been carried out peacefully by raising public awareness. But unfortunately, Hyderabad's fall is not only a tragedy in Muslim History but also a stigma in the history of India itself, the cause of which was on one hand the Indian leadership which treated Hyderabad through prejudice and hatred.

The Muslim leadership, on the other hand, took a sentimental stance and occasionally made the error of responding to bigotry and hatred with more bigotry and hatred. The Nizam's government is a wall of sand that

will inevitably collapse,” Maulana Abul Ala Maududi stated in a letter to Qasim Rizvi nine months prior to Hyderabad’s fall. “All kinds of conflict should be stopped and a peaceful compromise should be reached with India at any cost,” he wrote. However, instead of heeding him, Qasim Rizvi tore down the letter. Even When Maulana Azad asked Nizam to immediately accede, the Razakar taunted him by childishly saying we will not surrender and instead take over the Indian subcontinent.

It is a piece of critical evidence in determining the direction of the thinking of the Hyderabad Muslim leadership at that time. Although the Muslim community had discovered Nawab Bahaduryar Jang to be a sound individual who understood the finer points of practical politics, nature had other plans for him, and he was supposedly poisoned to death. The former President Ali Khan claims in his book The Tragedy of Hyderabad that “if anyone was glad on the murder of Nawab Bahaduryar Jang, it was the Nizam.” The final ray of hope for Muslim leadership was extinguished with the passing of Quaid-e-Millat Nawab Bahadur Yar Jang. As the lamp went out, the country’s boat kept slipping under the waves.

This unexpected development brought Qasim Rizvi to light, who guided the Razakars down the path of destruction. The Nizam blamed him for all the mishaps when he resigned, but the mentality of Osman Ali Khan’s circle can be estimated from the fact that when the news of the killing of thousands of Muslims in Osmanabad, reached the Nizam it was in these words, “The punishment of Allah has descended on the government of the killers of Hussain”.

The Confrontation of Razakars, Communist and Extremist Hindu

Arya Samaj, Hindu Maha Sabha, and other organisations produced fabricated or exaggerated accounts of atrocities committed against Hindus outside of Hyderabad while the Congress was still outlawed in the state in order to stir up unrest on a national and international level. Although the public did not embrace these plots, Nizam’s silence allowed communalism to develop, which slowly but surely led to rioting. The Latur Riot was important in the history of Hyderabad and the first major victory for sectarian forces.

In 1939, the communist movement was born in the Telangana region, whose leaders included leaders and poets like Makhdoom Mohiuddin. This group first appeared to represent a midway ground between extremists of the Mahasabha Congress and the Razakars. However, it soon became a tool of anti-Nizam sectarian groups and instead turned the peaceful path of Hyderabad’s independence and accession to India against the Muslims. It became a front of sectarian forces.

The two sides had taken the path of confrontation. The Razakars were armed with antiquated weapons like muskets, clubs, and swords, while the sectarian cadres consisted of trained ex-soldiers with modern weapons. While the Razakars’ decentralised organisation meant that they would take hours and even days to arrive, Hindu radicals and communists would always attack with exact targets and massacre Muslims and Zamindars. The sectarian forces carried out their mission causing the bloodshed and then fled.

Nizam and Indian Leadership’s Political Manoeuvring

Both the leadership in Hyderabad and India had good intentions. Nizam asked for concessions in order to join the Indian union because of its peculiar condition. The foresight of Jawaharlal Nehru and Vallabhai Patel enabled them to foresee the negative effects of gaining a state through concessions.

Both sides continued their efforts. The Nizam wanted to meet the viceroy, Lord Mountbatten in Hyderabad till the last moment. A study of Mir Laeeq Ali’s meetings with Jawaharlal Nehru in Delhi in May 1948 and the earlier correspondence and Nizam’s agreement with General Chaudhary reveal that the Hyderabad government wanted a dignified settlement of the issue because militarily, it was already helpless and of no match. On the other hand, there was a complete economic blockade on Hyderabad by the Government of India. It became necessary to obtain a visa to India. In these circumstances, it was very clear that Hyderabad couldn’t demand and win independence.

Qasim’s Razakars, The Useful Emotional Idiots

It is still common practice today to force the weak to fight each other in order to eliminate them so that the oppressors are not held accountable for their actions. Propaganda Terms like Fundamentalism, Arms Embargo, TADA, EITA, etc turn the oppressed into the oppressor by swaying national and international opinion in the oppressor’s favour, as was the case in Hyderabad.

In order to combat communism and extremist organisations like the Hindu Mahasabha and Arya Samaj, among others, Razakars, a voluntary organisation founded on religious identity, was founded. However,

this was only an excuse for them to become useful tools in the hands of the Indian government’s political machinations. This group was made up of autonomous young people with little to no ties to the government. Hyderabad as a whole was represented as a Razakar State under its pretence. The flamboyance of its leaders at every turn created material for sentiment for the adherents and intimidation for the opponents.

The speeches of Razakar leaders at that time just served to stoke the flames in the already dire situation. On April 6, 1948, scandalous news was published in the Hindustan Times that Qasim Rizvi had decided to hoist the flag at the Red Fort. Ittehad-ul-Muslimeen denied that such a speech actually occurred. However, the arrow was fired, did its purpose, and Jawaharlal Nehru was able to justify the police action.

On April 24, he said in his speech at the All India Congress meeting that Hyderabad is a sore on India’s chest. He gave an ultimatum that Hyderabad should be prepared for either annexation or war.

Kashmir and Hyderabad Equation

India’s tough attitude can be understood after carefully studying the situation in Kashmir at that time. Within a year of independence, war broke out with Pakistan in 1948. It also had the same support from Pakistan in reaching a compromise by giving concessions to Hyderabad. There are reasons for Hyderabad’s harsh treatment.

From 1947 to 1948, the action on Hyderabad was stopped for one year using the Standstill Agreement. This was mainly due to the fact that Indian troops were fighting in Kashmir. The cases of both Hyderabad and Kashmir were included in the agenda of the

United Nations.

During this time, the Nizam helped the new state of Pakistan with millions of rupees after playing an active role in its establishment. But in any case, just like the British, it was the fate of the Nizam that the one on whom he threw his wealth failed to save him.

Nizam’s Mistakes that Cost him Dearly

During this time, the consequences of the mistakes that the Nizam continued to commit were incalculable. He paid a high price for his errors, which included the selection of General Idroos, the choice of Mirza Ismail as prime minister, and the entry of non-Hyderabad zealots like Nawab Ali Yawar Jang and Zainyar Jang.

On one hand, the Nizam expressed the government’s distance from the Razakars to the Government of India. On the other hand, on 6 May 1947, he allowed thousands of Razakar youths to parade on his birthday. Through pictures of these events, not only India but the whole world was led to believe that Nizam and Razakars are two sides of the same coin. Although the supposed reality was not like this, the Nizam was more suspicious of the Razakars than the Hindus.

When the standstill agreement could not be honestly implemented, there was finger-pointing, no solution, and no one who could pave the path for compromise. Bahaduryar Jung and Mahatma Gandhi, two figures who were regarded favourably by all, were both dead. Soon the means of transportation were stopped, oil, petrol, and chlorine for drinking water were stopped and cholera broke out in the city. The medical supply was stopped a long time ago. Nizam’s requests for the blockade of Hyderabad to lift were continually ignored.

Incidents of Military Engagement Started

At the Osmanabad checkpoint, fighting between the Indian army and the Hyderabad immigration force resulted in the deaths of many Jawans. Despite the potential of sectarian unrest and Pakistan’s involvement from a direct strike, the plan was completed in February 1948. The passing of Muhammad Ali Jinnah on September 11, 1948, turned out to be a good omen for the commanders and troops. Gandhi had already passed away and now even Jinnad was dead.

The military operation was named “Operation Polo”. The name was chosen to humiliate Nizam’s family. The Asif Jahi princes and Umra were not only fond of polo but also experts and were known to place bets worth thousands of rupees. While, Lord Mountbatten was assuring the Nizam that the Nehru government would protect him well. Indian troops entered from 22 directions and the heaviest attacks were from Sholapur and others from Beirawadi.

The Hyderabad forces, most of whose commanders were Muslims, continued to retreat while Razakars fought doggedly in the urban centres receiving heavy casualties. For four days, reports of thousands of Muslim deaths continued. Warangal, Bidar, and Aurangabad were bombarded and millions of people were left in the dust or displaced.

The UN Security Council was scheduled to discuss the situation on September 16. However, India avoided the conversation by characterising this as a police action against a few sectarian extremists. Hyderabad Army eventually gave up after four days of fighting.

Countries like the United States and Saudi Arabia declined to advance on the Hyderabad issue in light of the

Standstill Agreement.

On September 17, arriving at the radio station Nizam read out a single written announcement that he had resigned. Placing blame on Razakars and Qasim Rizvi on September 23, 1948, he said, “a small group which had organized a quasi-military organization surrounded the homes of my Prime Minister, the Nawab of Chhatari, in whose wisdom I had complete confidence, and of Sir Walter Monkton, my constitutional Adviser, by duress compelled the Nawab and other trusted ministers to resign and forced the Laik Ali Ministry on me. This group headed by Kasim Razvi had no stake in the country or any record of service behind it. By methods reminiscent of Hitlerite Germany it took possession of the State, spread terror and rendered me completely helpless.”

The Massacre

Communists, Arya Samaj and Hindu Maha Sabha workers made the soldiers identify the house and property of Muslims. Women were targeted and raped. Millions of children became orphans on the 17th and 18th of

September. This continued for several days. The gruesome details of these massacres have been described even by Congressmen like Sarojini Naidu and Mahatma Gandhi’s grandson, whose reports are still lying under a mountain of files with countless reports of riots like Bhagalpur and Bombay. In the name of “Police Action”, there was looting, arson, murder and gang rape on a mass level. The outcry by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and other Congress leaders forced Nehru to form the Sunderlal Committee report to look into the horrific genocide of Muslims. It was said that more than 200 thousand Muslims lost their lives, and it is estimated that 20% of the Muslim male population was wiped out in 3 days.

Sundarlal Committee Report

“Sundarlal Committee” whose reports were not made public until 2013 mentioned that “while Muslim villagers were disarmed by the Army, Hindus were frequently left with their weapons”. The report also added that “at several locations, members of the armed forces brought out Muslim adult males from towns and villages and massacred them in cold blood.”

The committee found that several armed and trained men belonging to well-known Hindu communal groups participated in and led the massacre.

The BJP’s Lust for Celebrating Muslim Genocide

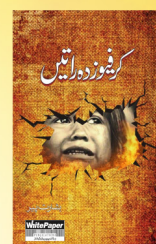
The wounds of the 1948 Hyderabad Massacre are still raw for Muslims today. Sadly, the Fascists are trying to celebrate 17 September as “Hyderabad Liberation Day”. The Nizam was a native of India and not an outsider like the Portuguese, against whom words like Liberation and celebration are used. But in their hatred towards Muslims, the BJP wants Indians to celebrate a genocide, the first one in independent India. This shameful behaviour towards Muslims and this inhumane lust to celebrate the genocide and one of the worst episodes of Indian history is deplorable.

17 September, is the day of Hyderabad of genocide, and not the day of “liberation”, the effects of which are being felt today. Does celebrating Hyderabad Liberation Day not undermine the history of a despicable human tragedy?



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AMU VC Naima Khatoon has authored 6 books, supervised 15 PhDs



Prof Naima Khatoon takes over as Vice Chancellor of the AMU

Prof. Naima Khatoon, whose appointment as the first woman Vice Chancellor of the Aligarh Muslim University created history, has authored six books in her field of specialization - Clinical, Health, Applied Social, and Spiritual Psychology.

With impeccable academic and administrative experience, Prof Naima Khatoon has so far supervised 15 doctoral theses.

According to AMU's release, Prof Naima Khatoon also taught at the National University of Rwanda, Central Africa for one academic year. Professor Naima Khatoon has so far supervised 15 doctoral theses as Chairperson of the Department of

Psychology of the AMU.

She has also delivered lectures at the University of Louis Ville, USA, University of Alba Lulia, Romania, Chulalongkorn University Bangkok, Hollings Centre, Istanbul, Turkey and Hollings Centre for International Dialogue, Boston, USA.

Naima Khatoon holds a PhD degree in Political Psychology for which she worked at Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi and Aligarh Muslim University. Her PhD thesis on 'A Comparative Study of Patterns of Political Segregation and Socio-Psychological Correlations in Hindu and Muslim Youth' shows her in-depth knowledge and understanding of some of the most

complex issues.

She tries to examine how parochial loyalties have become an impediment to nationalism in India.

It is a sincere attempt to understand the shortcomings in the integration of Hindus and Muslims in India.

Prof Naima held various positions such as Director, the Centre for Skill Development & Career Planning, AMU, and the Deputy Coordinator of UGC assisted Special Assistance Program on Spiritual Psychology in the Department of Psychology, AMU.

She has vast experience in educational administration as she served as Provost in Indira Gandhi Hall and twice in Abdullah Hall. She



also served as Deputy Director, of Residential Coaching Academy and Deputy Proctor of AMU.

She was elected twice to the Women's College Student Union. She has also held the post of Literary Secretary and Senior Hall Monitor of both Abdullah Hall and Sarojini Naidu Hall. She was awarded the Papa Mian Padma Bhushan Best Girl Award for all-around excellence.

Her appointment brings back the trend of the golden era of Islam when women were considered equal to men in trusting them for leadership positions.

This used to be a practice during Hazrat Muhammad's time. Aisha, his wife was known as one of the most influential scholars.

Later this practice was relegated to the background and patriarchal ideas became powerful. India was no exception until recently a positive trend could be seen.

Perhaps Prof Naima Khatoon's

appointment is an offshoot of the Government's success story in appointing Dr Najma Akhtar as Jamia Milia Islamia's Vice-Chancellor.

Padma Shri Najma Akhtar was known for innovations in educational governance during her four-decade career.

In her tenure, the Jamia Milia Islamia's overall ranking as an academic institute improved drastically. When she joined JMI in 2019, it was in the 12th position in the NIRF ranking. A year later it secured the 10th position and the 6th in 2021.

In 2022 JMI figured among the top three universities of India as per NIRF ranking. And from grade 'A' awarded by NAAC in 2015, JMI was awarded the most coveted A++ Grade in 2021.

JMI grew leaps and bounds in every domain of learning and education under her leadership.

Similarly, Prof Nilofar Khan was made the first woman VC of the University of Kashmir in 2022. She

too is a distinguished academician and administrator and has a teaching experience of more than 30 years.

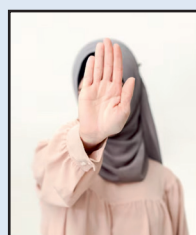
She has been working towards nurturing students' talents and empowering students by providing them with the required training and infrastructure to hone their skills and talent in academics and sports.

Other than appointing Muslim women in leadership roles in academics, the Government has also appointed Muslim women in other important leadership positions in Kashmir, such as Dr Darashan Andrabi as Wakf Board and Safina Beg as Haj Committee chairperson.

Such appointments not only provide Muslim women an opportunity to realize their full potential but also act as an inspiration for girls.

Such moves also bring a fresh perspective and approach towards effective leadership requirements and innovation.

A Maulana's noble initiative of water distribution in summer to the roadside vendors and beggars



By Nikhat Fatima



Maulana Abdul Qayyum Nadvi on his mission.

Maulana Abdul Qayyum Nadvi, who has been successfully running his book store 'Mirza Book world' in Aurangabad has hit upon another novel plan to quench the thirst of the poor and needy on the roadside.

Every day he buys some cartoons of 300 ml water bottles, refrigerates them overnight and in the morning around 10 am on his way to his book store, when the sun is already hot and shining bright, distributes the water bottles to the road side vendors, beggars and whoever asks for it.

He shared that he began this water distribution activity around 5-6 years back on the occasion of World Water Day. "At that time, I used to collect

empty water bottles from functions, events and gatherings, take them home, sterilise them with hot water, then fill them up, keep them in the fridge and distribute them in the morning to people who were thirsty and could not afford to buy a water bottle".

"Now, I no longer collect water bottles, I buy them. When my friends saw what I was doing they too joined in and together we pool the money and buy the water bottles. It is much easier," he explained.

Maulana Abdul Qayyum is not new to social work. He also supports the Mohalla libraries with his daughter Maryam Mirza who is running more



than 30 small libraries in the slums of Aurangabad. Many of the books in these mohalla libraries have been donated by the Maulana from his book store.

He runs a foundation called Read and Lead Foundation (RLF) which is mostly about promoting the culture of reading, preserving Urdu language and other social-charity activities with some of his like-minded friends.

"Books have always been my passion", he said. "And I chose the career of running a book store so I get to spend my time amidst books. I started the book store in 2002 but before that I used to sell the books on my bicycle cycling around the whole city. It was quite a struggle but it paid off when there were patron demanding books to be supplied in the libraries of schools and colleges," he added sharing his journey.

Apart from that he has also donated almost 50000 kiddy banks to children in schools in 30 English and Urdu medium schools for the children to save money and buy a book of their choice. His sole aim is to revive the dying culture of reading books.

"I want children to inculcate the habit of reading a book instead of spending their time playing games on mobile phones. Reading is such a rich hobby, it ignites imagination, helps the children to improve their vocabulary and grasping abilities. But today we see children are no longer interested in reading but after this kiddy bank campaign, I have received positive feedback from the school teachers that students are now reading books in their free time," he explained with a note of satisfaction in his voice.

His initiative of gifting kiddy banks was picked up by other schools who began gifting the same to their children to get them into the habit of saving money to buy books.

The Maulana then takes time in the afternoon when the sun is at its peak to ride around the vicinity with his bags of water bottles and distribute the cold water to the thirsty people irrespective of their caste, religion, gender, he sees on the roadside. His daughter ordered customised bags with the caption: 'Choti si neeki, Pyase ku pani' which can hold at least 50 bottles.

"Many passersby give coins to these beggars but when I give them

a water bottle, they are happy and utter blessings, their happiness clearly visible on their faces. It gives me satisfaction when I see them drinking the cold water", he shared beaming with happiness.

He also explains that he is not after recognition or awards. He does these activities because he wants his 5 children to look up to him and learn good values. Good morals and principles to lead a righteous life as per Islamic Values is the legacy I want to leave behind.

But awards have also come his way when he has been covered by the media for his earlier work of mohalla libraries, distribution of kiddy banks, promoting Urdu, water distribution program.

Nadvi's efforts for preserving Urdu through the foundation have not gone unnoticed. He received the 'Shaan-e-Aurangabad' award in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia in 2023 by the Aurangabad Jeddah Association. The Maharashtra Urdu Academy and the Telangana Urdu Academy have both awarded him. Many other organisations have felicitated him for his efforts to promote Urdu and reading culture.

PM Justin Trudeau to introduce 'halal mortgage' for Muslims in Canada

The Canadian government is exploring options to broaden access to financing alternatives, including halal mortgages. This initiative is part of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's efforts to support Canadians aspiring to become homeowners, with a particular focus on the Muslim community.

The 'Halal Mortgage' is a significant step towards ensuring that Muslims in Canada can adhere to their religious beliefs while purchasing homes. It is designed to comply with Islamic law, which prohibits the payment or receipt of interest (riba). Instead, the mortgage operates on a 'rent-to-own' model, where the bank purchases the property and then sells it back to the homeowner at a higher price, paid in installments.

"This could include changes in the tax treatment of these products or a new regulatory sandbox for financial service providers, while ensuring adequate consumer protections are in place," the government announced in its Budget 2024.

The Islamic faith considers the charging of interest to be a form of usury, and considers gains made through interest to be unjust.

Other Abrahamic faiths – like Judaism & Christianity – also consider usury to be a sin. However, financial institutions operating in the Islamic world are unique in offering mortgage and lending products that avoid conventional interest payments.

Mortgages compliant with Islamic law are already offered by some financial institutions in Canada, though none of Canada's five "Big Banks" currently offer them.

Prime Minister Trudeau expressed his enthusiasm for the initiative, stating, "Canada is a country that celebrates diversity and inclusion. This new 'Halal Mortgage' program is a testament to our commitment to fostering an inclusive society where everyone has equal access to opportunities, including in the housing



market."

The introduction of the 'Halal Mortgage' is expected to address the challenges faced by many Muslims in Canada who have found it difficult to reconcile their faith with the conventional banking system. Traditional mortgages often involve the payment of interest, which is considered usury under Islamic law. As a result, many Muslims have been reluctant to take out mortgages, limiting their ability to purchase

homes and build wealth.

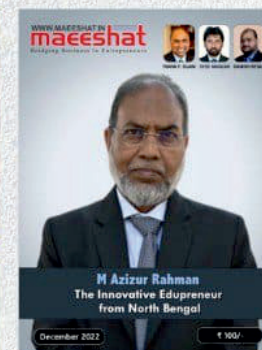
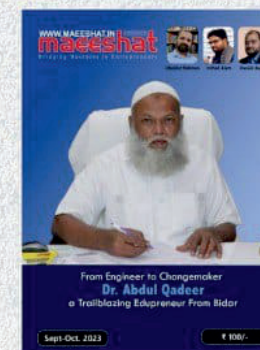
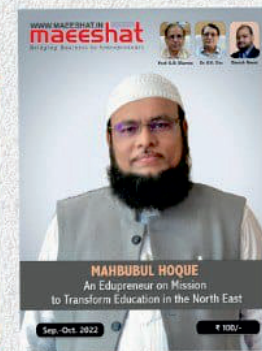
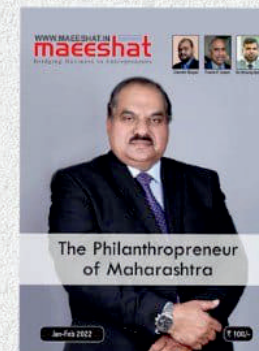
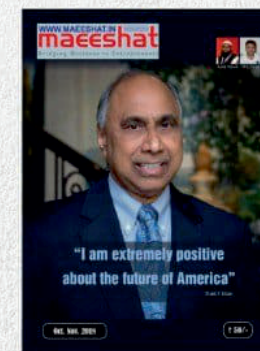
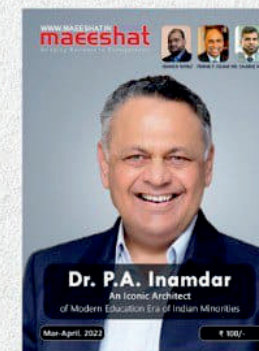
The new program will be administered by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) in collaboration with Islamic financial institutions. CMHC will provide the necessary funding to Islamic banks and credit unions to offer 'Halal Mortgages' to eligible homebuyers. The program will also include financial literacy and homeownership education to help potential buyers understand the terms and conditions of the Sharia-compliant mortgages.

In addition to the 'Halal Mortgage' program, the Canadian government is also exploring other initiatives to support the financial needs of its Muslim population. This includes the development of Islamic banking and investment products, as well as the establishment of a national zakat fund to support charitable activities in accordance with Islamic principles.

The announcement of the 'Halal Mortgage' program has been welcomed by Muslim community leaders and organizations across Canada. Farhat Rehman, President of the Canadian Islamic Congress, praised the government's initiative, stating, "This is a historic moment for Muslims in Canada. The introduction of the 'Halal Mortgage' program will not only facilitate homeownership but also empower our community to participate more fully in the Canadian economy."

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Ibn E Mariyam Play and Pre School: A Beacon of Hope for Specially-Abled Children in Kolkata



In a world where challenges often seem insurmountable and help feels out of reach, there are individuals who embody the spirit of compassion, offering rays of hope amidst darkness. One such beacon of hope shines brightly in the bustling city of Kolkata amidst the cacophony of life: the Ibn E Mariyam Play and Pre School.

This institution has begun its operations as a haven for specially-abled children. The name Ibn E Mariyam, which translates to “son of Mother Mariyam,” resonates deeply with both Muslims and Christians, evoking images of healing and compassion. Known as Isa Alaihissalam (peace be upon him) he

was revered for his ability to alleviate suffering and bring comfort to the oppressed and helpless.

In today’s world, where such compassion is needed more than ever, the Ibn E Mariyam Play and Pre School carries forward his legacy by providing special support and care to those in dire need - the little kids who are differently abled.

As a haven for specially-abled children, the Ibn E Mariyam Play and Pre School offers much more than just education. It serves as a holistic center for physical, mental, and emotional development, recognizing the unique needs of each child and offering tailored support to help them thrive.

One of the important aspects of the Ibn E Mariyam Play and Pre School is its focus on providing relief to parents who often grapple with the challenges of raising a specially-abled child. By offering a blend of physical exercise, education, and therapy, the institution aims to alleviate the worries of parents and empower children to reach their full potential.

In addition to its comprehensive approach to education and development, the Ibn E Mariyam Play and Pre School also places a strong emphasis on religious education. Recognizing the importance of faith and spirituality in the lives of its students and their families, the



school ensures that Islamic teachings are integrated into the curriculum, allowing children to learn and grow in accordance with their religious beliefs.

It has been found that despite the presence of various schools catering to special needs children, a significant gap remains in providing religious education to Muslim students. The Ibn E Mariyam Play and Pre School aims to bridge this gap by offering a nurturing environment where children can learn about their faith while receiving the support they need to thrive academically and emotionally.

The Ibn E Mariyam Play and Pre School has been established with this clear mission in mind. Danis Reyaz, Founder and Chairman of Maeeshat Foundation, under whose guidance the school operates, shares, “Kolkata is home to about twenty schools dedicated to educating specially-abled children, but none offer an environment where Muslim children with various disabilities can learn in accordance with their religious

beliefs.”

According to him, religious beliefs and morals should be instilled in children from a young age for their enduring impact on their lives. However, when it comes to differently-abled children, special effort is needed to educate them in this regard without adding undue burden to their regular education and development.

“We have dedicated teachers and staff who are trained to understand the unique needs of these children and provide them with a conducive atmosphere where they learn Islamic ethics in the most creative way, complementing their holistic education,” Danish Reyaz explains.

Since beginning its operations this month, the Ibn E Mariyam Play and Pre School has garnered widespread attention and support from the community. The outpouring of interest and inquiries about admissions indicates the pressing need for such a facility in Kolkata. With the admission process already underway, the school

is poised to make a meaningful impact on the lives of countless families in the city.

One of the parents says, “The Ibn E Mariyam has addressed the long-standing need of parents with special needs children, who aspire to provide them equal educational opportunities similar to their other children, especially in an Islamic environment. We are grateful to Danish Reyaz, the man with a mission, for taking this noble initiative intended for our children.”

As we look towards the future, it is clear that the Ibn E Mariyam Play and Pre School will emerge as a guiding light for the specially-abled community in Kolkata. Through its dedication to providing holistic care and education within an Islamic setting, the school embodies the timeless values of empathy, inclusion, and service, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts and minds of all who pass through its doors.

Saffronisation of Sainik Schools;

Alleges 'The Reporters' Collective'

By Sami Ahmed



The Reporters' Collective, a group of like-minded journalists who put the spotlight on those in power, has alleged that as many as 62 Sainik Schools in the country have been handed over to "Sangh Parivar, BJP politicians and allies".

The Collective's research-based article has been published on reporters-collective.in website. The Collective's article is based entirely on the data and details provided by the Ministry of Defence under the Right to Information Act.

The Sainik Schools provide a significant number of officers in the Indian army and other armed forces. It is managed by SSS (Sainik Schools Society). SSS is an autonomous body which is run under the Ministry of Defence.

In its report published on April 3 which has been authored by Astha

Savyasachi, the Collective claims that between 2022 and 2023, the central government has transferred a significant number of Sainik Schools to educational institutes that are linked with the RSS (Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh), other Hindutva organisations and leaders of the BJP (Bharatiya Janata Party) or its allies.

According to this report, out of the 40 Sainik School agreements so far, at least 62% were awarded to schools linked to such organisations.

Significantly, no such affiliation has been granted to any private schools run by Christian, Muslim or other religious minority organisations.

The glaring example of Hindutva infiltration in Sainik Schools is the case of the controversial Sadhvi Rithambhara. The government awarded Sainik School agreements to Ritambhara's Samvid Gurukulam



Nashik-based Bhonsala Military School band. Photo credit: bms.bhonsala.in

Girls Sainik School in Vrindavan and Raj Luxmi Samvid Gurukulam in Solan, the report said. They are said to be India's first military schools for girls. Ritambhara is the founder of Durga Wahini affiliated with the extreme right-wing group Vishwa Hindu Parishad.

It may be recalled that before 2022, thirty-three Sainik Schools were being run jointly by the Centre and various state governments. A year ago, the BJP-led central government invited the private schools/ institutions to partner with the SSS and run their own branches of Sainik Schools with partial financial support.

According to the report, between May 2022 and December 2023, seven of those schools that signed MoUs with the Sainik Schools Society belonged to RSS or its allied organisations.

Eleven schools run by BJP leaders, managed by their trusts or belonging to friends and political allies of the Hindutva group, signed a memorandum of understanding with the Sainik Schools Society. Six schools have close relations to Hindutva organisations or other Hindu religious organisations.

According to the report, Nasik's Bhonsala Military School was also approved to operate as a Sainik School. This school was established in 1937 by the Hindu right-wing ideologue BS Moonje. It is now run by the Central Hindu Military Education Society. This school was also in the news for the allegation that the persons accused in the 2006 Nanded Bomb Blast and the 2008 Malegaon Blasts were trained at Bhonsala Military School.

Former Lieutenant General Prakash

Menon told The Reporters' Collective that the concept for the Hindutva groups was to 'catch them young' which was "not good for the armed forces." He says that awarding contracts to such organisations would impact the character and ethos of the armed forces.

The Ministry of Defence has issued an unsigned rebuttal to certain journalists who published the story. Its statement says, "Articles have appeared in certain sections of the Press insinuating that New Sainik Schools are being allocated to institutions based on their political or ideological affiliations. Such insinuations are unfounded."

Zakat Center India

on a mission to financially empower the Muslim community

By Syed Khalique Ahmed

Zakat Centre India (ZCI) secretary Abdul Jabbar Siddiqui has highlighted the need to use Zakat collections for skill development and livelihood generation programmes for Muslims who are at the bottom of the labour force participation rate (LFPR) and worker population ratio (WPR) among various social and religious groups in India.

An analysis of the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) data for the period July 2022 to June 2023 says that WPR for Muslims for the survey period was 31.7 percent against national average of 42 percent. According to the PLFS data, WPR for Muslims fell from 35.5 in 2020-21 to 31.7 per cent in 2022-23. LFPR and WPR measures employment status among social and religious groups.

Based on these data, Mr Siddiqui says that only a little over 30 percent of Muslims in the age group above 15 per cent are employed getting regular salary and the whopping 70 percent of the Muslim population have no work at all. According to Mr. Siddiqui, this is one of the basic reasons for mass poverty among Muslims in India.

Mr. Siddiqui is not wrong. His observations are supported by Santosh Mehrotra, a professor of Economics in the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU). He says that among major religious groups, the labour force participation rate (LFPR) and WPR of



only Muslims have declined. (LFPR is the share of population which is looking for work, and WPR is the share of the working age population that has work).

But Mehrotra has made a mistake in his analysis. Based on declining WPR, Mehrotra has concluded that "Muslims are not looking for work" which is not true. Nobody wants to live in poverty. Everybody has an innate desire to increase his/her income.

But there are certain obstacles that come in the way of Muslims getting absorbed in the job market.

In a video he circulated on the social media to create awareness among the educated members of the community, Mr Siddiqui, who is also associated with the Jamaat-e-Islami Hind (JIH), one of the prominent Muslim organisations in India, says that it is not that Muslims are not willing to work or not looking for work.

According to him, Muslims are willing to work but they don't possess requisite skills and capital and also

the knowledge required to get absorbed in the job market.

But even if one has knowledge and skill, one requires working capital for starting one's own business and trade. According to Mr. Siddiqui, it is here that Zakat can play a vital role in providing capital to poor Muslims to set up their own businesses and become financially independent.

According to Mr. Siddiqui, Zakat money can be utilized in development of skill and generating livelihood activities for the poor Muslims. He said that if Zakat money is utilized properly, for example, to provide work to at least 80 percent of the Muslim population having no regular sources of income, the community can play a positive role in boosting national economy and bring happiness to the community, besides contributing to the gross domestic product (GDP) of the country.

Zakat Center India, according to Mr. Siddiqui, has been set up to make poverty-free Muslim community.

ZCI that began operations throughout the country in 2022 has so far impacted the lives of 6,000 people. Of the total money it spent since then, it spent 69.4 per cent on livelihood projects, making 1,058 persons financially self-reliant. The rest of the money was spent on developing skills and providing education, and ration to poor people.

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