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## Editorial

On the occasion of 62nd anniversary of India's Republic Day, BaKhabar team extends its warm wishes and greetings to all the readers and patrons. Social networking has come of age, with efforts like Bihar Anjuman through which benevolent brothers and sisters pool ideas and resources to bring about some positive change in the society's social and economic fabric. But, social networking could ever bring down a dictator of a country is something nobody had imagined. When Facebook became a tool of revolution in Tunisia, many of us might have thought this could succeed in a small country. But, when the same Facebook networking brought about a revolution in Egypt, the world got awestruck. It only shows how modern technology can help the evolutionary and revolutionary processes bridge the challenges of time, distance and space in a way that leaves the world stunned.

If technology can be used to speed up a positive change, it can even be used to destroy much more speedily. But, just because it could be used for destructive purposes as well, we cannot advocate keeping our hands off; constructive use of technology must be encouraged. It is technology

that has given India its glorious place, so much so that the world is looking forward to India becoming a super power soon. And, it is speedy adoption of the latest technology by China that makes it flood the entire world market with the latest products at the most affordable prices.

Technological prowess can only bless an educationally empowered nation. While India shines and helps the world shine, Indian Muslims must play their role with greater conviction. It is time to put our mind, body and soul to their best use; to join hands, to ally, cooperate and collaborate, towards a common goal of educationally empowering the community and the society, as fast as possible. Bihar Anjuman has only taken the first few baby-steps towards this goal, the outcome of which proves that the direction is right; this must encourage and inspire all of us to work harder and faster. If we continue without losing our focus, help would come from all around and from the skies as well, hands would be extended from all sides, and we would soon be able to prove the worth of our existence, insha-Allah.

Wishing great times ahead for one and all,



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ہم بلبلیں ہیں اسکی یہ گلستاں ہمارا



# How to Overcome Laziness

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**Work hard at something that is productive, and cast off idleness**

## Har Mirch

Seraj Akram



- agar gaur kiya jaye to yah ahsas hoga ke hamara jo masla 30 sal pahle tha wahi 10 sal pahle aur wahi masla aaj bhi he aur afsos ki bat he us par sochne aur kuch karne ka tariqa bhi

hamara wahi tha jo aaj he. to kya hame apne soch aur tariqa kar par gaur nahi karna chahie.

- aakhir wah kaun sa asbab he ke jab bhi deen aur islam ki bat hoti he to roza, namaz, hajj aur zakat tak hi hamari soch mahdud kyon ho jati he. taleem, haya, khidmat khalq, safayi, halal kamayi, saadgi, ittehad ki taraf hamara dhyon kyon nahijata?

- muslim ke masle par kafi bahas hoti he lekin kuch is par bhi kyon zor nahi diya jata ki, Urdu media din ba din zawal pazeer kyon hota ja raha he? hamare zabt ki salahiat itni kam kyon hoti ja rahi he, shiddat pasandi kyon badhti ja rahi he samaj me?

Laziness is the enemy of productivity. If we were lazy, there is no way we could accomplish meaningful things. We may procrastinate doing things, or even if we do them we may do them only half heartedly. There is no way we can produce high quality results that way.

So we need to overcome laziness. While I can't say that I've been completely successful in overcoming it, I'm happy with my progress. Here are some tips I find useful to overcome laziness.

### 1. Exercise

You could feel lazy if you do not have enough energy to do your activities. Exercising is a good way to increase your energy level so that you feel energized and alert throughout day.

### 2. Have a good rest

Not having enough rest could also make you lazy. How can you feel enthusiastic if you are sleepy? So make sure that you have good rest.

### 3. Set a minimum time limit to get started

The most difficult thing is to get started – the rest will be easier. So set a small amount of time, like 15 minutes or even 5 minutes, and decide to work on the task until the time is up. After that, it would be easier to decide to continue.

### 4. Create a sense of urgency

This is among the most effective ways to defeat laziness. If you have a sense of urgency, it will be much easier to get up and do what you need to do. One way to create a sense of urgency is by setting a deadline. You can read more about it on my article about sense of urgency.

### 5. Look at the benefits

One reason we become lazy is because we only see the difficulties of the tasks ahead without thinking about the benefits we will get when we finish them. So focus your mind on the benefits instead of the difficulties.

### 6. Set a reward for yourself

If the benefits are too far in the future, they might not be strong enough to motivate you to act now. In such cases, you can give yourself a more immediate reward. You may allow yourself to eat your favorite meal or watch a movie as your reward for completing the tasks.

### 7. Think about what will happen if you don't do it

While thinking about the benefits can motivate you, thinking about the disadvantages if you do not do the tasks can also motivate you. What are the consequences if you do not do what you are supposed to do?

### 8. Find partners

Partners can motivate you to overcome laziness. While inner motivation is the best, sometimes we also need motivation from the outside.

### 9. Aim to minimize idle time

Make it your resolution to minimize idle time. Try to be in the state of doing as often as possible. If you have this mindset, it will be easier to overcome laziness.

### 10. Divide the task into manageable chunks

We could be lazy if we feel overwhelmed by the scale of the task. In such cases, divide the



task into manageable chunks, and then tackle them one by one. Remember, the way to eat an elephant is by taking one small bite at a time.

### 11. Decide what the next physical action is

We may procrastinate because we are not sure what to do next. So look at the task and decide what the next physical action is. Once you know exactly what to do, it will be easier to start.

### 12. Do one thing at a time

It may seem obvious, but we could be lazy because we try to do more than one thing at a time. That makes us feel overwhelmed. So select just one thing at a time, do it, and ignore the rest.

### 13. Challenge yourself

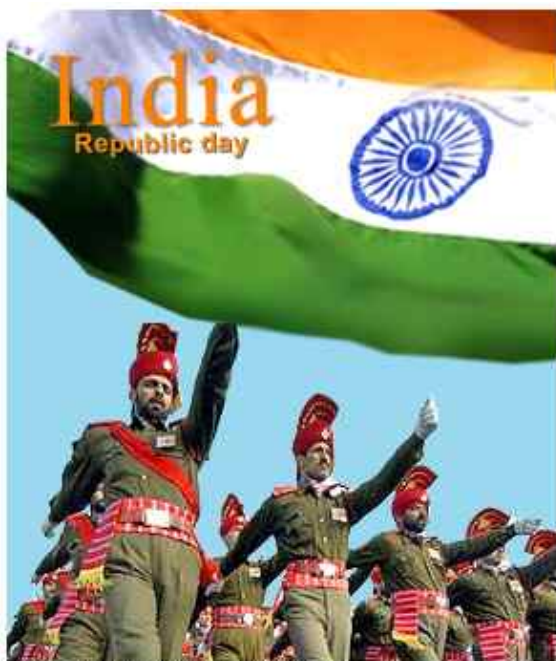
Make the tasks fun by turning them into a challenge. Can you accomplish those tasks? Many people can, so why can't you?

### 14. Write down your progress

You will be more motivated if you can easily see the effect of laziness. One way to do that is by tracking your progress daily. Put a mark whenever you complete a task. Laziness will give you an empty sheet, and you can easily see how bad it is.

### 15. Watch other people's progress

Knowing how far behind you are compared to other people could also motivate you. Watch good performers in your field and let their performance inspire you.



Indian Republic Day (26 January)

**Calamities should strengthen your heart and reshape your outlook in a positive way**

# Do You Respect Yourself..?

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Well, we all want to be respected by others, but most of us take it for granted without doing much effort for that. If you look around and study successful people, you will notice that they are very much likable and people certainly have positive impression about them and they are respected by others in whatever profession they are.

**Important Measure of Success:** Infact, respect of others is one of the most important measures of success. It has been noted that successful people really work very hard to earn the respect of others. The others do not mean only people outside of home but it starts from the home itself. We must try to earn the respect of our parents, the respect of our spouses and children, then the respect of our peers and colleagues, and the respect of mankind at large. The best example is of course our Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).

**Respect Yourself:** To be successful, it is very important that we shall respect ourselves first and we shall feel good about ourselves, our thoughts, our actions and our profession. And it has been proven that we truly respect ourselves when we feel that we are respected by others, and we shall go to great lengths to earn and keep that respect. When we feel that someone respects us for who we are and what we have accomplished, we tend to be more open to that person's influence.

Here are four methods which can be used to increase the respect you get from people:

1. Increase your competence. People respect ability and skill, as long as you are noticeably good. This means trying to be a jack-of-all-trades doesn't work. Concentrate your efforts. Choose a useful ability and hone yourself into the Mozart of that ability. If the skill is used at your job, your increasing competence may bring you a new pay level too. Work on improving your ability whenever you can. Become a master in whatever you do and love that.

2. Use good manners. Without using please and thank you and would you mind, without saying hi to people and learning their names and interests, you will not earn people's respect. Even if you're competent, you will be resented rather than admired. People do not like and respect arrogance. Unfortunately most of us in our community lack such mannerism.

3. Speak up rather than smolder. Do it with good manners, but speak. It takes courage to speak up, and people know that and respect it. But when you speak up, make requests rather than simply complaining. Don't say what you don't like about what's already been done; say what you'd like to see in the future. And think it through beforehand so you say it well. But in the process make it sure that you don't criticize the people but criticize politely about the method if you don't like.

4. Keep your word. Be careful about what you promise or what promises you imply. Be very clear with others about what they can expect from you and clear and careful with yourself about what you can expect from yourself. And then do everything you can to never disappoint. Keep your word. Think of your word as sacred and treat it so. It produces one of the finest experiences known to humankind: trust. People will learn they can count on you, and you will learn you can count on yourself.

Don't worry about whether or not people like you. Concentrate on competence and good manners and saying what you need to say with smile, and you'll get more than liking. You'll get even more than respect from others. You'll earn the reward that might matter more than any other: You'll respect yourself to be a successful individual.



ابوہریرہ نبی صلی اللہ علیہ وآلہ وسلم سے روایت کرتے ہیں کہ آپ صلی اللہ علیہ وآلہ وسلم نے فرمایا سات آدمیوں کو اللہ اپنے سائے میں رکھے گا جس دن کہ سوائے اس کے سائے کے اور کوئی سایہ نہ ہوگا حاکم، عادل اور وہ شخص جس کا دل مسجدوں میں لگا رہتا ہو اور وہ دو اشخاص جو باہم صرف خدا کے لئے دوستی کریں جب جمع ہوں تو اسی کے لئے اور جب جدا ہوں تو اسی کے لئے اور وہ شخص جس کو کوئی منصب اور جمال والی عورت زنا کیلئے بلائے اور وہ یہ کہہ دے کہ میں اللہ سے ڈرتا ہوں اس لئے نہیں آسکتا اور وہ شخص جو چھپا کر صدقہ دے یہاں تک کہ اس کے ہاتھ ہاتھ کو بھی معلوم نہ ہو کہ اس کے دانے ہاتھ نے کیا خرچ کیا اور وہ شخص جو خلوت میں اللہ کو یاد کرے اور اس کی آنکھیں آنسوؤں سے تر ہو جائیں۔ صحیح بخاری

## Failure Doesn't Mean-----

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Failure,

It Means-----You Have Not Succeeded.

Failure Doesn't Mean-----You

Accomplished Nothing,

It Means-----You Have Learned

Something.

Failure Doesn't Mean-----That You

Have Been A Fool,

It Means-----You Had A Lot Of Faith.

Failure Doesn't Mean-----You've Been

Disgraced,

It Means-----You Were Willing To Try.

Failure Doesn't Mean-----You Don't

Have It,

It Means-----You Have To Do

Something In A Different Way.

Failure Doesn't Mean-----You Are

Inferior,

It Means-----You Are Not Perfect.

Failure Doesn't Mean-----You've

Wasted Your Life,

It Means-----You Have A Reason To

Start A Fresh.

Failure Doesn't Mean-----You Should

Give Up,

It Means-----You Must Try Harder.

Failure Doesn't Mean-----You'll Never

Make It,

It Means-----It Will Take A Little Longer.

Failure Doesn't Mean-----God Has

Abandoned You,

It Means-----God Has A Better Way For

You.

**Assume an easy-going attitude and avoid anger**

## Islamic Online University (IOU) launched

From the 1st of April 2010, Dr Bilal Philip's Islamic Online University (IOU) launched the world's first tuition-free, Bachelor of Arts in Islamic Studies in English completely online. A major new step towards helping Muslims across the globe fulfill the Prophet's command to seek knowledge of the religion and correct their understanding of its tenets.

After successfully running a collection of 20 free diploma courses since 2007 in which more than 30,000 students are currently registered from more than 177 different countries, Dr Bilal has taken the bold step of offering a BA along similar lines.

There are no fees for the courses. However, there is a fixed modest registration and examination fee each semester which is calculated on a sliding scale (from \$10 to \$50) depending on the student's country of residence. Enrollment for the fall semester (September 2010 - January 2011) has just begun at [www.islamiconlineuniversity.com](http://www.islamiconlineuniversity.com) and for further clarification or help, the registrar may be contacted at mobile: +974 5554 3968, office: +974 44868458 and email: [registrar@islamiconlineuniversity.com](mailto:registrar@islamiconlineuniversity.com)



A skydiver pulled off an amazing stunt when he climbed out from the cockpit of a glider and crawled along the wing - then somersaulted under the wing and stepped onto the wing of a second glider travelling below. He then moved back onto the main fuselage of the second glider while the first rider turned upside down and flew overhead so that the skydiver could reach up and form a human link between the two planes. The spectacular stunt was carried out by Salzburg skydiver Paul Steiner 2,100 metres in the air with both gliders travelling at 100 miles an hour above the mountains in Styria, Austria

حَدَّثَنَا مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ الْمُثَنَّى حَدَّثَنَا عَبْدُ الرَّحْمَنِ بْنُ مَهْدِيٍّ قَالَ حَدَّثَنَا شُعْبَةُ عَنْ حَبِيبِ بْنِ عَبْدِ الرَّحْمَنِ عَنْ حَفْصِ بْنِ عَاصِمٍ قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ كَفَى بِالْمَرْءِ كَذِبًا أَنْ يُحَدِّثَ بِكُلِّ مَا سَمِعَ . صحیح مسلم  
حضرت ابوہریرہ سے مروی ہے کہ رسول اللہ صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم نے فرمایا کسی شخص کے جھوٹا ہونے کے لئے یہی کافی ہے کہ وہ ہر سنی ہوئی بات کو بیان کر دے۔ صحیح مسلم

اے لوگو جو ایمان لائے ہو، جب کسی گروہ سے تمہارا مقابلہ ہو تو ثابت قدم رہو اور اللہ کو کثرت سے یاد کرو، توقع ہے کہ تمہیں کامیابی نصیب ہوگی۔ اور اللہ اور اس کے رسول کی اطاعت کرو اور آپس میں جھگڑو نہیں ورنہ تمہارے اندر کمزوری پیدا ہو جائے گی اور تمہاری ہوا اکھڑ جائے گی۔ صبر سے کام لو، یقیناً اللہ صبر کرنے والوں کے ساتھ ہے۔

## Train yourself to be prepared for the worst eventuality.

Children have a very delicate mind and need equally delicate, gentle, sensitive and sensible approach of parenting. There are 6 ingredients of parenting recipe:

- Happy Bonding
- Understanding
- Care
- Need
- Respect
- Discipline

**Happy bonding:** For small kids love is equal to happy times spent together. They do not understand the philosophical and emotional meaning of love before they are 5-6 years old. They want quality as well as quantity of time from parents in order to feel loved. It is easier to discipline those children who feel unconditionally loved by their parents.

**Understanding:** It is very important for parents to understand at what stage of development the child is in. This helps in better understanding of what to expect and what not to expect from the child. For example, a 3 year old understands 1 to 1 relationship only and feels dismissed when 2 people interact with each other. Disciplining him/her to keep quiet when papa-mumma are talking is beyond his maturity level. Also, it is very important to understand the child's feelings and emotions behind his/her actions/behaviour. Unless feelings are addressed, behaviour cannot be corrected.

**Care:** Children feel loved when they are taken care of. When parents take care of kids' basic needs, kids feel connected and wish to follow what is told to them. Besides taking care of needs, it is equally important for parents to make kids feel that parents care about them too. This gives kids a sense of security and the need to rebel goes down.

**Need:** Since children are dependent on parents for many small and big things, they know how much they need their parents around. Since parents often do not verbalize how much they need kids, the kids start feeling powerless, useless in the house. Their 'wrong' behaviour often stems from this feeling of uselessness to see how much power they hold. If parents start verbalizing that they need kids as much as kids need them, the power struggle gets minimized.

**Respect:** parents demand respect from kids, but do not worry too much about giving respect to kids. Simply agreeing to what kids are saying is not equal to giving them respect. To respect a kid means, to listen intently, to intervene appropriately when required, to ask for opinion, to inform about things happening planned in the house for family members etc. kids shouldn't be given open ended choices, because such choices generally get rejected by the parent who just offered them. For example:

**Parent:** do you want dinner?

**Kid:** no

**Parent:** but its time for dinner now

# Parenting simplified

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**Kid:** ok. Give (perplexed, why he was asked if he wanted to eat or not)

**Parent:** what do you want for dinner?

**Kid:** pizza

**Parent:** pizza?? You know we don't have time to order for pizza. I am making chapatti. Do you want some?

**Kid:** no

**Parent:** why? Everyone is having chapatti tonight. Sit down on the dining chair. I will serve you dinner now

**Kid:** but I don't want to have chapatti. (perplexed why he was asked what he wanted for dinner in the first place)

**Parent:** oh god! You cant tell me at the last minute what you want. Now eat what's being served.



By this time the child feels confused, rejected, ridiculed and downsized. This can lead to many problems later.

### The right approach might be:

**Parent:** dinner is ready. Do you want to eat now or after finishing your puzzles?

**Kid:** after finishing my puzzle

**Parent:** so that should take you 10 minutes, right?

**Kid:** yes

(after 5-6 minutes)

**Parent:** 10 minutes are going to be up soon. Hope you are solving your puzzle fast.

**Kid:** yes I am.

(4-5 minutes later)

**Parent:** dinner time now. Come

**Kid:** but my puzzle is not finished

**Parent:** I am sorry to hear that. You thought it would be finished in 10 minutes, but it's taking you longer. Let's do one thing. Finish your dinner first and then finish the puzzle with more energy that you will get from the chapatti.

A child, whose choices have been respected like this, is more likely to follow what the parent is saying. In order to be sweet and loving parents, parents shouldn't allow any disrespect from their kids either.

**Discipline:** Many of us think that discipline and punishment are synonyms of each other. When we hear the word discipline we think of

strictness, shouting, beating etc. discipline and punishment are entirely different in their approach, focus, consequences. Punishment has been a widely accepted, preferred and easy method of fostering discipline for children who do not comply to parents' demands. Discipline aims at:

- understanding of right and wrong
- understanding of consequences of behavior
- understanding safety
- developing self control

While discipline aims at teaching right from wrong and focuses at the behavior, punishment attempts at stopping the wrong and focuses at the child. Some consequences of punishments are:

- Anger
- Fear/phobia
- Depression
- Defiance
- Dependence

### Few tips for right approach to discipline:

- Appreciate good behavior not just good performance
- Say "YES" much more than you say "NO"
- Give your child some rights and freedom of choices
- Be consistent not adamant
- Don't say what you wont do
- Have different approach for intentional and accidental actions
- Remove from the scene of crime, if ok.
- Get down to the child's level and listen what he/she has to say before passing any judgment
- Focus should be on the behavior and not on the child
- Refrain from any name-calling and hitting
- Give a time-out if the unacceptable behavior continues, say, after trying to control 3 times

Aim of giving time-outs:

- To get some breathing space for yourself and the child to prevent hitting and name-calling
- To give a clear message of what is not acceptable 'ATALL'

### Method of giving time-outs:

- Time-out doesn't mean locking the child in a room
- Ask the child to sit on the 'soothing-chair'
- Tell him/her why time-out has been given and for how long
- Tell him/her that you expect no activity during time-out
- Leave the place, but keep the child in sight
- At the end, shower the child with love, hugs and strokes
- Explain in short about the right and wrong.
- Use time-outs judiciously.

"Children need time out after they act out, but parents need a time out before they act out"- a wise parent



**Relief comes from one hour to the next. Indeed, with each difficulty there is relief.**



**ICC Cricket World Cup 2011**

Group A: Pakistan, Australia, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, Canada, Kenya

Group B: India, England, South Africa, West Indies, Bangladesh, Netherlands, Ireland

**World Cup Notes:**

- Every team will play 2 warm-up matches before the start of WC. Pakistan's two warm-up matches are against Bangladesh and England on February 15 and February 18 respectively.

- Pakistan's all matches are in Sri Lanka and day/night. All will start at 2.00pm PST/9.00am GMT

- Top four teams from each group will qualify for Quarter-Final, which would be first knock-out stage of World Cup.

**12. 9,195 members @ Bihar Anjuman's Yahoogroup**, the lifeline of the community, on 30th November 2010, in comparison with 8, 901 members a month back – almost 300 new members in a month, *alhamdolillah*. Visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/biharanjuman/>, created on 14th June 2001, it remains at the top of all online groups from Bihar or Jharkhand. If you are not a member, as yet, but your heart beats for your homeland, get in, and walk along towards the 10,000 membership level.

**13. 4,289 friends of Bihar Anjuman's facebook page:** Facebook Profile of Bihar Anjuman, created on 23rd March 2010, has jumped from 3,945 friends, last month, to this level, now ... Become a friend, now! <http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100000909102297>



**Cricket World Cup 2011 Time Table**

Match No.	Date	Teams	Venue
1	19 Feb	India vs Bangladesh	Dhaka
2	20 Feb	New Zealand vs Kenya	Chennai
3	20 Feb	Sri Lanka vs Canada	Hambantota
4	21 Feb	Australia vs Zimbabwe	Ahmedabad
5	22 Feb	England vs Netherlands	Nagpur
6	23 Feb	Pakistan vs Kenya	Hambantota
7	24 Feb	South Africa vs West Indies	New Delhi
8	25 Feb	Australia vs New Zealand	Nagpur
9	25 Feb	Bangladesh vs Ireland	Dhaka
10	26 Feb	Sri Lanka vs Pakistan	Colombo
11	27 Feb	India vs England	Kolkata
12	28 Feb	West Indies vs Netherlands	New Delhi
13	28 Feb	Zimbabwe vs Canada	Nagpur
14	1 Mar	Sri Lanka vs Kenya	Colombo
15	2 Mar	England vs Ireland	Bangalore
16	3 Mar	South Africa vs Netherlands	Mohali
17	3 Mar	Pakistan vs Canada	Colombo
18	4 Mar	New Zealand vs Zimbabwe	Ahmedabad
19	4 Mar	Bangladesh vs West Indies	Dhaka
20	5 Mar	Sri Lanka vs Australia	Colombo
21	6 Mar	India vs Ireland	Bangalore
22	6 Mar	England vs South Africa	Chennai
23	7 Mar	Kenya vs Canada	New Delhi
24	8 Mar	Pakistan vs New Zealand	Pallekelle
25	9 Mar	India vs Netherlands	New Delhi
26	10 Mar	Sri Lanka vs Zimbabwe	Pallekelle
27	11 Mar	West Indies vs Ireland	Mohali
28	11 Mar	Bangladesh vs England	Chittagong
29	12 Mar	India vs South Africa	Nagpur
30	13 Mar	New Zealand vs Canada	Mumbai
31	13 Mar	Australia vs Kenya	Bangalore
32	14 Mar	Pakistan vs Zimbabwe	Pallekelle
33	14 Mar	Bangladesh vs Netherlands	Chittagong
34	15 Mar	South Africa vs Ireland	Kolkata
35	16 Mar	Australia vs Canada	Bangalore
36	17 Mar	England vs West Indies	Chennai
37	18 Mar	Sri Lanka vs New Zealand	Mumbai
38	18 Mar	Ireland vs Netherlands	Kolkata
39	19 Mar	Australia vs Pakistan	Colombo
40	19 Mar	Bangladesh vs South Africa	Dhaka
41	20 Mar	Zimbabwe vs Kenya	Kolkata
42	20 Mar	India vs West Indies	Chennai
43	23 Mar	First Quarterfinal	Dhaka
44	24 Mar	Second Quarterfinal	Colombo
45	25 Mar	Third Quarterfinal	Dhaka
46	26 Mar	Fourth Quarterfinal	Ahmedabad
47	29 Mar	First Semifinal	Colombo
48	30 Mar	Second Semifinal	Mohali
49	2 Apr	FINAL	Mumbai

**حدیث رسول مقبول ﷺ**  
ایماندار مرد اور عورت مرتے تک اپنی جان اور اولاد اور مال کی مصیبت میں ہمیشہ جتلا رہتے ہیں حالانکہ ان پر کوئی گناہ نہیں ہوتا  
(روایت حضرت ابو ہریرہ)

**فرمان الہی**  
لِيُنْفِقَ ذُو سَعَةٍ مِّنْ سَعَتِهِ. وَمَنْ قَدِرَ عَلَيْهِ رِزْقُهُ فَلْيُنْفِقْ مِمَّا آتَاهُ اللَّهُ. لَا يَكُلِفُ اللَّهُ نَفْسًا إِلَّا مَا آتَاهَا سَيَجْعَلُ اللَّهُ بَعْدَ عُسْرٍ يُسْرًا  
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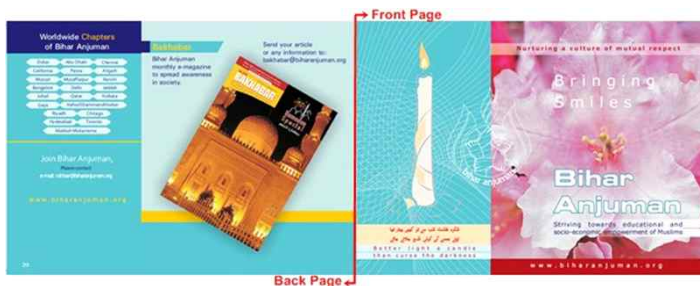
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# ANJUMAN'S ACTIVITIES

## Quick Update on Bihar Anjuman's Activities during January 2011

### Bihar Anjuman invited to make a presentation at IMEFNA (Chicago, USA) "Excellence in Education" seminar in Hyderabad:

After Organization of the Year 2010 Award (4th December, Delhi), yet another recognition comes its way, alhamdulillah. IMEFNA, a leading US based Indian Muslim welfare organization has requested Bihar Anjuman to share its experience of educationally empowering the Muslims of Bihar and Jharkhand. The title of Bihar Anjuman's presentation will be "Bihar Anjuman: Bringing about a paradigm shift in managing Organizations". This seminar is expected to



provide an excellent opportunity for the Indian Muslim intelligentsia to share their learning with each other and help in developing some fruitful working relationships. Following 20 page coloured brochure of Bihar Anjuman is being arranged (from Delhi) to be distributed to the guests. Muslim NGOs of Southern India are known to have done some real good work, and this interaction is likely to take the learning across state borders, insha-Allah.

### 11th RAHBAR Coaching centre @ Kishanganj to start classes from 1st April 2011:

It is indeed very pleasing to share this good news with you that the efforts of brothers Anzar Alam <alam.vizag@gmail.com> and Mohd Mudassir Alam <mdmudassiralam@gmail.com> have finally resulted in Kishanganj getting a RAHBAR Coaching centre (<http://Kishanganj.biharanjuman.org/>) Alhamdulillah. Kishanganj, which has 70% Muslim population, the plight of most of them is worse than expected, let's pray that this centre is able to deliver the desired results of changing the future of at least 60 families. Help us help them. Motivate the poorest of poor of Kishanganj students to get enrolled into this coaching centre so that their future could be shaped for better, insha-Allah. Help them in whatever ways you can, by gifting them books, by providing them career-related counselling, by instilling hopes in them and their families. Non-meritorious of today may turn out to be the meritorious of tomorrow, insha-Allah, with your help.

### Manager appointed by Bihar Anjuman's 1st office in Patna assumes office w.e.f. 2nd January 2011:

Md. Qamar Alam, S/o Md. Muzaffar Alam, a resident of Milkiana, Near Old Imarat Shariah, Phulwari Sharif, Patna, has been appointed to manage the affairs of Bihar Anjuman, with special focus on managing the coaching centres of Bihar and Jharkhand. He will be paid a monthly salary of Rs. 6,000 plus T.A. (actual travelling expenses) plus Rs. 100 per day of



travel to cover for food and living expenses. Total payments to the manager would not exceed Rs. 10,000 per month – this amount is sponsored by a Mumbai-based trading organization which is sponsoring the RAHBAR Coaching Centre, Patna (salary of 3 teachers, each getting Rs. 3,000 per month, direct from sponsor). Members have been requested to donate for rent, furniture, cleaning of office, refreshments, and electricity bills, etc. for the office. The manager went through an orientation program conducted by Patna chapter. His first official duty came unexpected. As Imarat Sharia's employee, in-charge for it is, had resigned, the submission of application for Bihar Anjuman's first ITI had to be taken up by Mr. Qamar. Messages to Mr. Qamar and Patna office can be sent on [bapatnaoffice@gmail.com](mailto:bapatnaoffice@gmail.com).

4. Md. Qamar Alam, Bihar Anjuman's manager (Patna) inspects first RAHBAR Coaching centre, and submits his maiden report: RAHBAR Coaching centres being the priority responsibility of Mr. Qamar, he made his first visit to RAHBAR Coaching centre, Alwar, on 25th January 2011. After successfully submitting the application for 1st ITI of Bihar Anjuman in the ministry of labour, Govt of Bihar, he monitored the working environment of Patna coaching centre, discussing all matters related to the project with Patna chapter's representatives, to get better understanding of the objectives of the project and its guidelines. The report submitted by him has been shared with the yahogroup members. Although there is scope for improving the reporting quality, the 1st report serves the basic purpose of finding the gap between coaching centre's actual compliance and the specified guidelines.

### Application submitted for 1st Government approved RAHBAR technical institutes (ITI), set to start in 2011.

After Bihar Anjuman's moderators formalized this new project's guidelines, on the pattern of the RAHBAR Coaching projects - the ITIs, to be established in every district of Bihar and Jharkhand, one in each district (and just one until all districts get covered), based on a tripartite agreement between RAHBAR (owner of project; will raise funds for equipping the laboratories and workshops, monitor its functioning), Imarat Sharia (consultant for the project; will manage the institute's entire operations), and Local Infrastructure Providers (LIP will provide minimum infrastructure required for the RAHBAR ITI, free of cost). The trades and intake capacity depend on the availability of infrastructure. First ITI, in Madrasa Islamia, Shahpur Baghauni (district Samastipur), will have the trades of Electrician (84 seats), Plumbing (42 seats) and Draughtsman (Civil: 42 seats).

Financial Requirements to be met by Bihar Anjuman (funds to be raised for each ITI): Rs. 500,000 (Rs. 5 lakhs) to Rs. 600,000 (Rs. 6 lakhs) to equip the workshops for the proposed trades. An inspection will be done by govt inspectors, between 1st March and 20th May, of ITIs for which an NOC has been issued. During this period, the workshops and class-rooms, etc. must be fully equipped in order to get the final approval.

All members of Bihar Anjuman are urged to initiate efforts to establish an ITI in their respective districts, after downloading the guidelines from <http://iti.biharanjuman.org/> and discussing any issues by sending emails to [ITI@biharanjuman.org](mailto:ITI@biharanjuman.org)

### Gopalganj to become 1st district to have a 2nd RAHBAR Coaching centre:

The sponsor, brother Athar Hashmi from Muzaffarpur (employed in Papua New Guinea), insisted that his sponsorship should be invested in Gopalganj, and honouring this benevolent desire, the moderators have approved the centre subject to strict compliance with the guidelines that are applicable to all other coaching centres. The centre, to start at Meerganj, Hathwa, will be managed by a committee of local residents led by brother Prof Arshad Masood Hashmi (professor, Deptt of Urdu, Gopeshwar College, Hathwa), the sponsor's brother. There is a general policy of one-centre-in-one-district which can only be changed when an individual sponsor insists on contributing funds for a particular district itself. Although, we encourage everyone not to put forward any such condition so that the message of Bihar Anjuman's projects and intended benefits could reach all nooks and corners of Bihar & Jharkhand without any bias in favour of, or against, any particular area. Bihar Anjuman salutes the determination of these brothers whose commitment towards the community is an auspicious sign that Muslims of Bihar & Jharkhand would soon witness the changes that we have long desired, insha-Allah.

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## 10th RAHBAR Coaching Centre @ Olhanpur, Chapra (Saran district) arranges 2nd awards ceremony [9th January 2011]:

In spite of very low temperature, students and their guardians were found to be enthusiastic about being present in the program. The Chief Guest on this occasion was Mr. Shakeel Ahmad Ata, Professor, Ram Jaipal College, Chapra. The program was started with Tilawat e Quran by Janab Mohd. Arshad Ali sb. After the introduction of chief guest and Bihar Anjuman's coaching project to stip drop-out, followed by the speech by chief guest, who urged the students and guardians to take maximum benefits from this opportunity. The vote of Thanks was given by local team leader Janab Abdus Salam Khan sb.

Next awards ceremony at this centre will take place on 20th February, and the chief guest would Dr. Imteyaz Ahmad Khan Sb, from UK, who is visiting his native village for a week.

For further details of this awards ceremony, pls visit its website: <http://saran.biharanjuman.org/>

## RAHBAR Coaching Centre, Muzaffarpur:

6th Awards Ceremony on 9th January 2011: Cold waves fail to dampen the spirit of students, their guardians and the committee members, alhamdulillah.



6th Awards Ceremony RAHBAR Coaching Centre, Muzaffarpur [http://muzaffarpur.biharanjuman.org/] 9th January 2011

Details of awardees in the three categories and more photographs can be seen at the centre's website @ <http://muzaffarpur.biharanjuman.org/>

## 3rd Awards ceremony @ RAHBAR Coaching Centre, Jamshedpur, 9th January 2011:

The following dignitaries were present to grace the occasion:

1. Chief Guest: Janab Mosanna Usmani Sb, Senior Manager Personal-TRF JSR



2. Janab Dr Shah Hasan Usmani Sb, Director M O Academy and Patron RCC-JSR
3. Janab Sami Ahmed Khan Sb, Principal M O

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Academy and Convener RCC-JSR

The program started by the recitation of the Holy Qura'an by Ms Hazra Khatoon, student of RCC-JSR.

Janab Sami Ahmad Khan Sb welcomed the guests. Janab Mosanna Usmani Sb



Explained the importance of education and advised the students to avail the opportunity of free coaching provided by Rahbar Coaching Centre-Jsr. He also advised good students to share their knowledge with weaker students.

The awards of Rs. 100 was given away by the Chief Guest, Janab Mosanna Usmani and Janab Dr. Shah Hasan Usmani to the students who excelled and stood 1st and 2nd in their Tests conducted during December 2010. Finally, the vote of thanks was delivered by Janab Sami Ahmad Khan after the song Taalib Elm Ki Dua, sung by the students of RCC-JSR.

Details of awardees in the three categories and more photographs can be seen at the centre's website: <http://jamshedpur.biharanjuman.org/>

## RAHBAR Coaching centre, Patna, conducted 17th Awards ceremony on 27th January 2011:

1. Chief Guest: Dr.Khursheed Mallick Sb, IMEFNA (Chicago, USA)
2. Janab Shoib Khan, IPS., Retired DIG
3. Jb. Haseeb Ahmad Sb, Manager, Learning Centre in Sharif Colony
4. Jb. Hakim Maulana Md. Shibli Sb, Imam Karbala Masjid.
5. Jb. Najmul Hassan Najmi Sb, Co Convener, Patna Chapter
6. Jb. S.M.Saifullah Sb, young BA member
7. Jb. Maulana Anisur Rahman Qasmi Sb, Nazim Imarat Sharia and Chairman Bihar State Hajj Committee
8. Jb. Manzurul Haque Sb, Retired Attorney Judge, NSG.
9. Er. Shahid Ameen Sb (MIT 2010).
10. Janab Najmul Hassan Najmi Sb, Co Convener, Patna Chapter, proprietor of Najam Foundation School
11. Janab Br. Enam Khan Sb, convener of Patna chapter, and in-charge of the coaching centre

The programme started with recitation of Quran by a girl student. Br. S.M.Saifullah announced the name of award winning students and awards were given by our chief guest Dr.Khursheed Mallick sb. He drew the attention of students towards the guests who were sitting in front of students. This is only possible due to education. He urged the students do real hard work. He said, "I wish to become a student all over again, if Bihar Anjuman helps me in my studies. I would not have to go through the challenges that I had to,

during my first innings, because then, there were no such NGOs helping the educational pursuits of the needy. You are really lucky that you get such support. You must make the best use of this support of BA."

Br. Shoib Khan Sb gave last advice to outgoing students of grade 10 and wished them a great success. Nazim Imarat Sharia prayed for their success. Br. Najmul Hassan Najmi thanked the guests. Programme ended in Nazim sb dua. List of awardees are available at <http://patna.biharanjuman.org/>



## 26th January Sings a Song (Indian Republic Day)

-Sherwani Mustafa (sherwanimk@yahoo.com)

Every year, I appear with a shining story,  
Many scandals are added to my glory.  
My guardians have a distinguished tale,  
No matter, if they are male or female.  
A selfless spirit, they possess and hail,  
In Swiss banks, they have put me on sale.  
Through their deeds, speaks my health,  
These scams are only a sign of my wealth.  
I want to finish this lowly depressed class,  
Let the poor die, as in heat, dies the grass.  
They are the darkest patches on my name,  
Let them not spoil my burning flame.  
My grandeur can be seen at India Gate,  
Do not fail to come to Delhi on this date.  
Make up your mind, else you will be late,  
You will really see, how strong is my fate.



## gift of your life

Make a gift of your life and lift all mankind by being kind, considerate, forgiving, and compassionate at all times, in all places, and under all conditions, with everyone as well as yourself. This is the greatest gift anyone can give



## خبروں کی خبر

Seraj Akram

- ek naik musalman naujawan ke achche akhlaq se mutassir hokar Sadhu Nityanand ne bomb blast case me apna jurm qabula

aur paigamber Mohammad SAW aur unke sahabion ke akhlaq se mutasser hokar duniya ne islam qabul kiya, lekin afsos aaj hamare kirdar se gair muslim mutassir hone ke bajaye mutanaffer hi hote hain.

- Bad unwani se pura daish behaal.

jab tak hame sirf dusre ki bad unwani nazar aati rahegi aur apni nahi tab tak daish se badunwani jane wali nahi, balke badhaali aur badhne wali he.

- Church par hamle me RSS ka hath nahi...ek khabar

agar isi tarah court bhi sarkar ke dabaw me faisle sunati rahi to phir garibon ko insafto milne se raha.

- Modi ki tarif karne par Maulana Wastanwi ke bayan par hangama.

bina hangama kiye bhi sharafat se ehtajaj ho sakta he. isi rawayye se aaj ka muslim itna badnam ho chuka he, lekin phirtarz-e-amal me koi tabdili nahi.

-System me tabdili hona chahie...Rahul Gandhi

Agar aap bhi sarkar chalane ke bawajud ek aam admi ki tarah appeal karte rahengay to tabdili kaun karega. garib awam jise mahngai ne 2 waqt ki roti muhayya karne ke alawa kuch sochne ki fursat hi nahi deti.

- Italy ke wazir azam Burlenski ne apne ghar me ayyashi ke liye 14 auraton ko rakhe hua he.

yahan ek se ziyadah shadi karna gunah he, 100 se gair qanuni sex karna nahi?

- Bihar me doodh aur mahenga...ek khabar

koi bat nahi, TV, Computer to sasta ho raha he na?

# It's time to move ahead

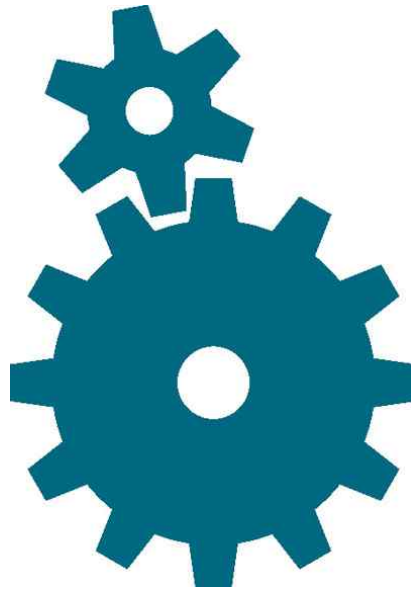
-Ashi (a sister member of Bihar Anjuman writing under her pen name)

There's an overwhelming condemnation over Maulana Ghulam Mohammed Vastanvi's endorsement of Gujarat's progress. Seldom did Mr. Vastanvi imagine that his remark will disturb the simmering state of the community all across the country. I, somehow, tried to fall in the similar line of vituperation pouring on Maulana Vastanvi. But before entering the travesty of condemnation, I decided to come across the pros and

dividends of 'Vibrant Gujarat' would land the Gujarati Muslims nowhere. For no reason, Mr Modi can inscribe a provision to give the benefit of state's infrastructural development to a selective mass. And if at all there is partisanship at the administrative level, raise voice and register similar collective disgust over the malfunctioning of government machineries in the state.

But it seems that we have developed the habit of making hill out of a mole. For, there are several offensive acts taking place not just within the country but outside as well, given that to malign the name of Islam is in vogue these days. We are so immersed into puny little controversies that we, knowingly or unknowingly, tend to overlook the actual problem. The problem is not that one appreciate one's good work, the problem would be, if at all, that someone occupying such a high office could have negated the ghastly shadow darkening the character of man behind 'good governance' in Gujarat. We must stop being parochial and demonstrate such anguish over the universal agenda of playing politics under the name of jihadis and Islamists. Moreover, subsequent loud-mouthing over such issues by the clerics and politicians of high stature does provide the rabble-rousers with fodder they desperately need.

Even people stoop so low that they nullify Maulana Vastanvi's statement in the light of his not suffering from any economic loss in the pogrom nor undergoing the pain of any woman in his family being raped. Had it been so we could have easily alienate ourselves from lodging strong resentment over sacrilegous (remember global uproar over Florida Pastor Terry Jones's giving a call to burn Islam's holy book on the anniversary of the September 11 attacks last year) taking place too distant in time and space we reside in. It's high time we relinquished the maniac vision to justify anything and everything with that siege mentality that prohibits us perceiving things in right context. And it is for no reason that Maulana Vastanvi needs to apologize publicly or step down.



cons of the entire episode. Thanks to the modern era of rationalism!

Maulana Vastanvi dared give his thumbs up to the growth of Gujarat or let's say inclusive growth as it is "not discriminating against the Muslims". He says that the Gujarati Muslims were not discriminated against and that "all communities" prosper in the state. He called 2002 Gujarat riots "a blemish for India" and asked the community to move on. Though he maintained to reiterate the tragic riot, he could not escape the ire of his fellow brothers.

He does not deny, like rarely-found political species regardless of the taboo they walk with, that the Chief Minister of Gujarat owes an explanation to the nation, to the community and to the humanity at all. Also, the dilly dally (read biased) approach to provide the victims with justice and the compensation adds to the woes. As one of the chief clerics from New Delhi has rightly pointed out that "nobody who seeks justice can reconcile with this" (Maulana Vastanvi's remark). But to stick to the past and not to have the



(An Angolan won a record 20 years in the Guinness Book of Records after having her mouth stretched to 17 cm in length. Joaquim Francisco Sunday managed to fit even a can of soda in the mouth. According to the judges of the book, this is the world's largest registry. The record says he was famous after showing its done for the world. Joachim, also known as "Jaws of Terror," recently appeared on an Italian TV show. (Reuters / Guinness World Records)



**If you desire peace, tranquility, and comfort, you can find it all in the remembrance of Allah swt**

# Sachin Tendulkar and Dr. Zakir Naik: Two Gems from Mumbai

By Shakeel Ahmad shakeeluae@gmail.com

"Oh! He should have leveraged his front foot to play this ball towards that gap between the covers and square-leg." "Oh no! What is Tendulkar doing? If only he had played it on the back-foot, this would be a sure 4". Salil kept on moving from one edge of his seat to the other, sometimes pushing himself forward, sometimes backwards, constantly advising Tendulkar on each ball, his movements almost accurately reflected his advice as if Tendulkar was



watching him and would heed to the advice when he takes the next ball on.

It was 6th January

2011, and the 3rd and India's final test match of this series against South Africa finally came to an end. Indian news channels were pouring laurels, congratulating "Indian giants" coming out of South Africa without losing the test series, for the first time ever. To me these channels sounded more jubilant than the ordinary Indians back home who always demand "give me more". But, I had not expected anyone to curse Tendulkar for losing an excellent chance to win this series, particularly after the team came back so strongly after an innings-defeat in the inaugural match of the series to win the second test convincingly. Newlands Cricket Ground of Cape Town had created history with many firsts in this last test match, but Salil was still expecting more. He said, "This target was achievable, what is this target of 340 runs? They make this much in 50 overs of a one-day match and come so close to it, even in a T20 match!"

"Tendulkar's 51st century in this test has made him greater than Sir Don Bradman". "In a year in which everyone thought he would declare his retirement, he scored 7 centuries (2010), as if he has just begun!" "He has set records that would remain unbeatable forever." Such comments reverberated on all the channels that remained busy singing Tendulkar's praise despite the match ending in a draw.

"But why do you blame Tendulkar for this?" I did not like the curses Salil was throwing on Tendulkar whose number of records is no match for even the number of test matches played by many of his team-mates! Salil jumped on me, "Can't you see, this guy made only 14 runs in the 91 balls he faced, just to remain "not out" and

better his average! He always plays for himself, not for the team!" He continued, "Look at Jacques Kallis, he made a century in the first innings, and repeated the feat in the second innings as well, the first by any South African on home grounds. This should be the spirit! His innings saved South Africa's honour and the series. From 130 for 6, Kallis played a game for his team to reach an unbeatable score of 341. And, Tendulkar played the game for a draw!" It was becoming unbearable for me, now, so I cut him short, "Salil, you say the score was unbeatable, then what else would he have played for? And, was it not a team decision to play for a draw?"

Sometimes I get so upset with Salil, I resolve to break my habit of watching the cricket matches together, and never to invite him again. But, habits die hard. Or, maybe, I like the company of sceptics! His name sounds so close to Zaleel, sometimes I love to call him that way, and he never minds; other sceptics who easily find avenues of criticism where none exist, would make my life hell if I call any of them this way! Maybe it's this level of his tolerance that forces me to break my resolve each time there is a cricket match.

Tendulkar has been the most complete batsman of his time, the most prolific runmaker of all time, and arguably the biggest cricket icon the game has ever known. His century as a 19-year-old on a lightning-fast pitch at the WACA is considered one of the best innings ever to have been played in Australia. His greatness was established early: he was only 16 when he made his Test debut. He was hit on the mouth by Waqar Younis but continued to bat, in a blood-soaked shirt. He currently holds the record for most hundreds in both Tests and ODIs. First double-century of one-day cricket is in his name; he is about to score 100 international hundreds, which like Bradman's batting average, may last forever.

"The only challenge he has is to beat himself every time he walks out there because he has done almost everything." ... Sri Lanka captain Kumar Sangakkara

"I've never imagined that someone can go this level and play for more than 20 years. It's an incredible feat." ... Graeme Pollock

For Salil and commoners like us, sitting in the cozy sofas of our air-conditioned drawing rooms, or sipping tea at a village roadside tea-shop, it is so very easy passing on comments against Tendulkar, giving him advice on what he should do and what he must not. Each one of us, and most of those in the cricket stadium, is expert of the game for all the Tendulkars of the world, and for that matter, of all the games. How does it matter if some of us can't even lift a bat! Still, we feel every ball would go for a four or a six if only we were on the crease! But, are we really ready to introspect and find out why we would remain just spectators the whole of our lives, while the Tendulkars bring laurels to themselves, to their societies, and to the nations they belong?

Internet has made for the experts in us extremely convenient to flood the entire world with our "valuable tips". Be it Tendulkar of cricket or Zakir Naik of comparative religion! Both come from Mumbai, but there is far more common between the two. Both have been able to



accomplish what no one had imagined in the past, and what would be near impossible for anyone to achieve in the future. Zakir Naik has brought about a revolution that forces everyone, belonging to any religious faith, to look into their respective religious scriptures and those of others, thus making them look out-of-their-boxes. Young professionals who used to be out of touch with religion, did not know of their faith beyond the rituals and festivals, are now connected with the divine sources and explore the basis (and basics) of faith. Those who were scared to express the desire to adopt Islam as their way of life are able to express their desire in front of hundreds of thousands of people watching them in programs like the annual peace conferences of Mumbai, and millions of people watching on Peace TV. Those who accept Islam today do so based upon knowledge and conviction so they are able to confront any of their society members on all questions that they ask. "Veda says God is one, but we were kept away from it so that we don't find the truth", or "Ramayana and Upanishads tell us that cow is not god and its meat can be eaten", or "Christ was a prophet of God, not His son; the coming of prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was already mentioned, by his name, in the Bible and Vedas and in all the books claimed by people as divine". He has references in his hands to show to the family members, friends, and society's moral-keepers to prove what he says. The common Muslim, new or by inheritance, feels empowered once he opens his hearts to what Zakir Naik says. He is strong in his belief that Quran is the only divine book which remained untampered by humans, and can never be tampered in future; he can prove it in a few minutes. He doesn't need to make weak arguments like "my parents told me so" - no more dawah (invitation to authentic divine guidance) with worthless logic like these. Zakir Naik is a challenge to the mullahs who just want Muslims to be blind followers rather than educationally empowered, informed, and confident.

But Zakir Naik is no different from Tendulkars of the world, every Tom Dick and Harry thinks himself capable of passing comments against him, criticizing him, and giving him free advice! I think the sheer volume and intensity of the rhetoric against him proves that Zakir Naik is already a Naik (leader). May Allah save him and all of us "from the mischief of the envious one as he practises envy" (Quran, 113:5)!



**Do not expect gratitude from anyone**

## Show of Strength

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A couple of days back, Shakeel bhai had requested me to write an article for BaKhabar, and I had told him I would definitely try to send one soon, Insha Allah. Then, I could not think of a palpable topic to write on; however, a recent incident set me thinking; and then finally writing this...

It happened just a few moments back, when I was having tea at one of the roadside dhabas on Ansari Road, Daryaganj near my office. We normally take a small break and go out to have tea on the roadside dhabas in the evening. Numerous small shops are also aligned on the roadside, which primarily include automobile technicians, welders, and others alike, who work on denting, painting, and repairing of automobiles. The



dhaba in which we have tea is next to a welding shop. I found two people discussing something interesting in this welding shop. One person was saying, "Humein hi rokhte hain; koi topi wale ko zara rok kar dekhayein." [They always stop us only; they dare not stop the people wearing caps (implying Muslims).] The other person says, "Haan, musalmanon ko kabhi na rokeinge bina helmet ke, hum Hinduon hi rokhte hain aur phir fine maarte hain. Unhein to bolte hain aye jaane de, bachche hain". [Yes! They never stop the Muslims who do not wear helmets. Only stop us Hindus, and then slap fines on us for not wearing helmets. Even if they come across a Muslim not wearing a helmet, they let them go stating that they are merely children kidding.] The two people were probably discussing some incident where one person [a Hindu] had been stopped and fined by the traffic police for not wearing helmet while driving a two-wheeler!

The conversation was interesting; and I was astounded for a few moments. My immediate reaction was pretty emotive and I wanted to respond harshly, but could not. Then I set thinking – what they are saying is actually correct. My office at Daryaganj is very close to Jama Masjid area of Old Delhi – a place heavily populated and dominated by Muslims. Bikers with small beards, eyes carefully and deeply lined with kajal/surma, wearing white caps, and eerily and dangerously driving two-wheelers without helmets [and honking whenever given a chance] is a normal sight in this area. This fashion of driving out there is probably a birthright for them – a legacy they have inherited for being born Muslims and living in that area [call it my ghettoized predilection, but this is how it is]. The traffic police dare not touch them; for they know what it could imply. You never know who could turn out to be a relative or acquaintance of some influential political figure or an Imam out there. It would mean inviting instant trouble, with a grave communal turnkey and the morbid and furious anti-Muslim antithesis. So, how could they afford to stop such a person who was not wearing a helmet?!!

Talking about helmets, I am reminded of another incident that happened probably four-five years back, while I was employed with a company in Hyderabad. This is another place strongly dominated by Muslims. The rule of helmets was not very strict in Hyderabad those days, and transport authorities in Hyderabad had then declared it to be followed strictly. The entire Muslim population [a strong majority, again comprising mostly residents of the Old City of Hyderabad, in and around Char Minar area], had vociferously revolted against this decision – claiming it to be subversion of freedom!! It had really left me appalled with respect to what the Muslim minority is hell-bent on doing whenever they are in majority. I would copiously add here that Hyderabad motorists and two-wheelers are probably world's most dangerous – I was involved in the worst accident of my life because of this [Alhamdulillah, I did not get much hurt, though; but it could have actually been fatal. I was riding my two-wheeler then while

driving back home after office, and was struck down by a car that was initially parked on the roadside and suddenly took to the main street without noticing that I was driving there – this is how they generally drive, where you have to fend for yourself. I was thrown across the middle of the road, where a trail of cars was coming, and I was saved by inches when the nearest car screeched to a sudden halt, spurring a series of collisions behind it. Had the driver taken a second longer to brake, it could have ended differently, but all thanks to Allah.] But then, what subversion of freedom do we find in wearing helmets?! Till the time I stayed in Hyderabad, the rule of wearing helmets on two-wheelers could not be implemented because of the turmoil and uproar against it!

The story doesn't end here; and it's not just about helmets. It's more about something called "show of strength!" Something similar is witnessed on occasions such as Yaum-e-Aashurah, where Tazia processions are acclaimed as show of strength... I remember once while in AMU, one of my friends had marked how Muslims thronging the roads during Jumma and Eid prayers presented a show of strength of the Muslims. The indication was to the fact that the traffic at almost all the roads in Aligarh used to come to a standstill during Jumma prayers, at times actually forcing the other citizenry into uncalled for problems. I was really amused and elated by this thought then, not anymore now. Is it really what we call show of strength?? Show of inferiority?!! Admitted that we are in minority [one of my friends has a different angle to this – he calls us as second largest majority – which makes more sense!!]; does that rationalize and endorse callous show of strength by subduing the rules and regulations whenever we are in majority?? What kind of show of strength is this?? Which strength of ours are we trying to show off?? Strength of numbers was never a parameter of pride for the Ummah. Remember that the Muslims were very few in number when they became victorious in the Battle of Badr. What brought about that victory was not show of strength amounting to numbers – it was the show of strength of their character and identity of being a Believer – which was endorsed by Almighty Allah Himself. How much of strength of character and identity of a Believer do we have now?? How many of us are able to show the strength of our character and identity in our respective societies?? I would leave this question unanswered – to be answered individually by every Believer.



**Remember that you are better off than many others.**

Among the believers who show most perfect faith are those who have best disposition and are kindest to their families. (Tirmidhi). (Sayings of Muhammad. by Prof. Ghazi Ahmad).

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What is the main source of entertainment for our society

1. TV/Drama/Cinema
2. Sports/Game
3. Backbiting/Commenting
4. Study, other social activities

### Haram se bachiye kyonki...

1. haram khane walon ki dua qabul nahi hoti
2. chehre ki ronaq khatm ho jait he
3. bil aakhir ruswai muqaddar banti he
4. Aakhirat kharab hota he
5. Dil sakht ho jata he
6. aane wali nasl par bura asal hota he.

## Bihar Anjuman's update

### Tragic or Shameful?

**5 sponsors available for Coaching centres, but NO CENTRES ready to grab this opportunity...!!!** After receiving the first corporate sponsorship for the coaching projects, in October, from an Indian trading company which runs a top-class international school of its own, apart from a special colony for orphan children well-equipped with modern amenities, Dammam and Abu Dhabi chapters of Bihar Anjuman joined the club of sponsors, alhamdulillah. In January 2011, confirmation has been received from 5th sponsor, alhamdulillah. This, insha-Allah, proves that we can see our dream of coaching centres in all the 62 districts of Bihar and Jharkhand come true easily. **Sponsors are available, but where are the hands that can establish and manage the coaching centres?** This question was raised in the yahogroup, but still, nobody has done enough in this respect. One online member challenged the entire group with a proposal to give his district all the coaching centres, and he would establish and manage them all before anybody else does. But, unfortunately, there is still deadly silence all around ...!!

**Is it shameful? Or, is it tragic? Or, both?**



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