

Dream is not what you see in your sleep, it is something that doesn't allow you to sleep (Abul Kalam)

Editorial Educational Empowerment, Not Simple Education

Sharjeel Ahmad



"A training (education) imparted to a mother [girl] is of far greater importance than one hundred (100) educated teachers."

We all acknowledge the importance of education in our lives. Numerous articles have been written on the educational empowerment in every magazine and platform. The Government of India has initiated numerous schemes specifically for the educational empowerment of girls. However, do we really appreciate these the way we should be doing? I am reminded of times when girls were not allowed access to modern education. Their role was restricted to bearers of domestic work; without conceding on their needs and requirements. We did have a few liberal families (like mine), who allowed girls to get conventional modern education; albeit professional education for girls was still a distant target.

That was past; things might appear to have changed now. Most of the families are now quite liberal when it comes to education of the girl child. Still other families insist that girls should not work in spite of holding a professional qualification. I still recall a few families back in my home town who would never even dream of women going to the mosques. On the contrary, the BIG question is – in this rapidly globalizing world, how do we ensure that Muslim Girls/Women get their due recognition and stance?

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"If you really love
 Rasoolallah
 Mohammad (Sallallah-o-
 Alaihe Wasallam) Follow
 him, through his authentic
 Ahadees"

The Prophet (peace be upon him)
 used to say: "The best of you are
 those who have the best morals."
 (Bukhari)

HOW TO ECONOMICALLY EMPOWER MUSLIMS OF INDIA

Zubair Ahmad

It is a well known fact that in spite of being the largest minority group (around 20 crores) and having politically and economically ruled this country for many centuries, Muslims in India are in a very pathetic state today.

Various recommendations of committees such as Sacchar Committee and Dr. Gopal Singh Committee etc., formed to analyze the state of Muslims in terms of their economic, educational, social, political and other contexts, very clearly specifies this troublesome situation.

By the grace of Allah, we could convert this adverse situation into a positive one by adopting & practicing the following things:-



1. Practically imbibing, communicating and making others follow the true Islamic Principles and teachings, which are no doubt the real cause of our success in this world and the Hereafter.
2. Endeavoring towards organized efforts by the aware and resourceful community members to trace and optimally utilize the "Awqaf" properties (those properties which had been given on waqf by Muslims)
3. Providing sincere and dedicated efforts by the educated and economically well offs of the community and country to collaborate and guide the downtrodden.
4. Promoting the concept of self help groups, cooperative formation, entrepreneurial development, and productive and positive cooperation of various small businesses.
5. Changing the mental outlook and negative behavior of the community by helping in building up successful business examples and motivating the individuals at the local and grass root level.
6. Bringing in beneficial awareness and information related to various Government Schemes, initiatives, and policies to the masses.
7. Facilitating and assisting in the provision of "Start up" information, capital procurement, Management Consultancy and moral and financial support to the individuals and groups who are willing to start new business ventures.
8. Setting up various institutes and establishments that could assess, motivate, train, counsel and guide the fellow community members.
9. Implementing initiative and efforts to establish the proper collection and distribution of "Zakah" funds.
10. Collectively building pressure on the policy makers to establish Interest free economic system i.e. Islamic Banks and interest free micro financing.
11. Popularizing the concept of Equity Based Venture Capitalism by building a rich pool of funds and a nation wide system.
12. Constructive and informative discussions and intellectual interaction related to these crucial aspects.

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Do you know?

About Uttar Pradesh

Capital	Lucknow
Chief Minister	Mayawati
Governor	T.V. Rajeshwar
Area	2,40,928 sq km
Population	166,052,859
No. Of Districts	70
Literacy	56.27%
Rank (pop. wise)	1st
Rank (area wise)	5th
Towns	704
Villages	97,942

BaKhabar Recommends

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Bakhabar Poll

What is the main reason of backwardness of Indian Muslim:

- a. Partition of country
- b. Lack of Leadership
- c. Illitracy
- d. Government suppression

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Poll Result of April 2009 issue

"Whose contribution among the following personalities is most relevant to Indian Muslims?"

a. Sir Syed Ahmad Khan	59%	<div></div>
b. Hakeem Abdul Hameed	5%	<div></div>
c. Dr. Zakir Hussain	5%	<div></div>
d. Molana Abul Kalam Azad	32%	<div></div>

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How to fight against Illiteracy

- There should be full focus on girl education.

- A team of dedicated people, with help from an organization, can adopt one village for 100% literacy project.

- open a library in every Mohalla/ village, to spread awareness about importance of education.

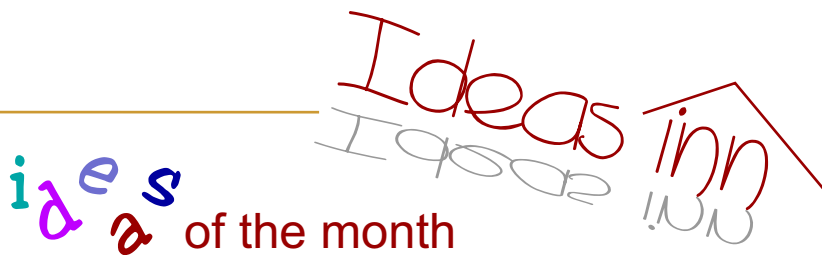
- Everybody, who earns well, should sponsor at least one student.

- Education should be top on priority, to increase literacy level of the society.

Let us come forward to shoot out evil practices, (its roots are embedded in illiteracy) which are spoiling our society.

Next topic for shoot out is "How to remove dowry system from the society"
Please express your views and suggest solutions within 50 words.

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To know and understand what every religion preaches, to be able to compare the values they carry, and to remove any misunderstandings that people may carry in their minds, a library containing only religious books should be maintained in all urban localities. Books written by scholars of Comparative Religion, like Dr. Zakir Naik and Ahmad Deedat, etc., their audio and video lectures, etc. may also be maintained in such libraries.

And among you there is he who dies (young), and among you there is he who is brought back to the miserable old age, so that he knows nothing after having known. (Surah: Al-Hajj, Chapter #22, Verse #5)
Would you wait for the "miserable old age" to work on your idea?

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on 12th April 09, in Shaheen Public School, Shaheen Bagh, Abul Fazal Enclave, Delhi-25.

The result is as follows:

(1) Waheeduz Zaman (9th standard)--- First Position

(2) Tahira Fatima (8th standard)----- Second Position

(3) Safina Anwar (9th standard)----- Third Position

Prizes:

(1) 1st ranker was given----- Three sets of pen(each set of 5 pens),Six note books and one dictionary.

(2) 2nd ranker was given ----- Two set of pen,Three note books,One dictionary

(3) 3rd ranker was given-----One set of pen, Two note books, One dictionary.



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Sparsh – My Experiments with Attitude

Sharjeel Ahmad

"Winners don't do different things, they do things differently."

When I was making my mark in the newly found domain of Instructional Design a few years after completing my MBA, our Management Institute thought of hosting an old students meet to help the current batch in their job placements. I received an email invitation for the same. The invitation was sent by an existing student, and was written a bit unprofessionally. Obligated by my habit of being obsessed with quality, I replied back to him, pointing out the areas of improvement; intending to highlight and check his professional attitude for his future experiences. He neither acknowledged nor replied back. However, he had taken it personally, and I became aware of it only when I attended the old students meet!

When I arrived at the venue, I discovered that this same person, Vikas (name changed) was hosting the function. To my utter surprise, he suddenly announced, "Today we have amongst us a very experienced senior who had pointed out certain errors in my email. We would like to invite Mr. Ahmad to say a few words about his corporate experience so that we may learn from him." A quite unexpected and appreciated gesture as it was; I could easily sense the revengeful attire in his speech. I was caught totally unnerved, and perhaps this was exactly what he wanted.

Well, I will not be an easy victim, I said to myself. I walked up the dais and started to speak. I constantly reminded myself that this is his revenge, and that I need to do something to make a mark and convey that I cannot be victimized in this manner. I was speaking about the things I did differently to achieve success. Then it immediately struck me. I said, "Vikas, can you please come up here and tell the people what I did with your email?" Vikas repeated the same sentence – "You pointed out some mistakes/errors in my email."

"Thank you Vikas. Friends, this is one thing that makes a winner – something that we call ATTITUDE. I did something and Vikas perceived it as an ERROR. Well, I perceive it as your AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT, not ERRORS or MISTAKES. There might not be much objective difference between the two, but surely these two differ widely in terms of attitudinal perception. I have been thinking, believing, maintaining, and practicing positive attitude all through my professional life till now. I strongly believe that this is one thing that makes up for all the other areas of improvement that you have."

I had made a mark that day, not just because I was able to outwit the revengeful attitude of Vikas. More so because after I had completed my speech, Vikas was the first person to come to me and congratulate me. He had started out in a revengeful mode, but had ended up upholding and appreciating my views. In summation, I was not just able to outwit him; I was actually able to help change his attitudinal perspective. What I learned was more important than just outwitting an individual – having a positive attitude combined with smart injunction; you can win over the adversities and turn your foes into friends. [I will cautiously not call this diplomacy; diplomacy is perhaps not aimed at making friends.] Today, I share a very conducive relationship with Vikas and we occasionally share our experiences to learn more from each other!



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سراج اکرم

پسندیدہ اشعار

غم سفر سے نہ گھرا قدم بڑھائے چل
کہ یہ غبار ہے منزل کی مانگ کا صندل (شمیم کرمانی)
کس کو خبر تھی آجایگا ایسا ایک زمانہ بھی
انسانوں کا شغل بنے گا لڑنا، خون بہانا بھی (عامر عثمانی)
یہ بزم آب و گل جتنی کہ برہم ہوتی جاتی ہے
محمد کی شریعت اور مستحکم ہوتی جاتی ہے (ماہر القادری)
وہ جس کے کام بھی اونچے ہیں، ہمتیں بھی بلند
وہی جہاں میں عالی مقام ہوتا ہے (انگرمشتاق رحیم آبادی)

ایک قطعہ

ماں کی ممتا کا کیا صلہ دیتے
چار پیسے نہ ہم نکال سکے
چار بیٹوں کو جس نے پالا تھا
چار بیٹے نہ اُس کو پال سکے



Help to poor Allah will help to you

A POEM: Dew Drops

Reflecting the lovely morning light,
Providing a great feast for the eyes,
Creating such a wonderful sight,
This natural beauty can tell no lies. As
the sun casts its fresh rays,
I glare at the morning dew,
As nature shows off her beautiful face,
I stand amazed at this glorious view.
Never have I seen such a sight
Thinking why not ever so anxious I felt
Sun in every drop looking so bright
Sure I am one day sun will also melt.

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غزل

Hasan Kamal

ہر اک فضا سے ہر اک شے سے جو خفا سا لگے
نہ جانے کیوں مجھے وہ آدمی بھلا سا لگے
نگاہ پارہ، دل آوارہ، شوق بنجارہ
کوئی بھی ایسا ملے، مجھ کو آشنا سا لگے
اسے جو دور سے دیکھوں تو میرا اپنا ہے
اسے قریب سے دیکھوں تو دوسرا سا لگے
وہ میرا کون ہے یہ تو خبر نہیں لیکن
اسے بُرا کہے کوئی مجھے بُرا سا لگے
میں آئینے میں اسے کب سے ڈھونڈتا ہوں حسن
جو مجھ میں ہے تو سہی، مجھ سے پر چھپا سا لگے

رسول اللہ ﷺ نے صحابہ کرام کو خطاب کر کے فرمایا: ”میری امت پر وہ وقت آنے والا ہے جب دوسری امتیں اس پر اس طرح ٹوٹ پڑیں گی کہ جس طرح کھانے والے لوگ دسترخوان پر ٹوٹے ہیں۔“ کسی کہنے والے نے کہا کہ ”جس زمانہ کا آپ حال بیان کر رہے ہیں، اس زمانہ میں کیا ہم مسلمان اتنی کم تعداد میں ہوں گے کہ ہم کو نگل لینے کے لیے قومیں متحد ہو کر ٹوٹ پڑیں گی؟“ آپ ﷺ نے فرمایا: ”نہیں، اس زمانہ میں تمہاری تعداد کم نہ ہوگی بلکہ تم بہت بڑی تعداد میں ہو گے، لیکن تم سیلاب کے جھاگ کی طرح ہو جاؤ گے اور تمہارے دشمنوں کے سینے سے تمہاری ہیبت نکل جائے گی اور تمہارے دلوں میں پست ہمتی گھر کر لے گی۔“

ایک آدمی نے پوچھا کہ ”اے اللہ کے رسول ﷺ! یہ پست ہمتی کس وجہ سے آجائے گی؟“ آپ نے فرمایا: ”اس وجہ سے یہ ہوگی کہ تم (آخرت سے محبت کرنے کی بجائے) دنیا سے محبت کرنے لگو گے اور (خدا کی راہ میں جان دینے کی آرزو کی بجائے) موت سے بھاگنے اور نفرت کرنے لگو گے۔“ (ابوداؤد و ترمذی)

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(Where are you right Now?)

Har Mirch

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* Dosti ka imtehan le lo takay baad me pashemani na ho.

* Insaan jis qabil hota hai wahi use milta hai

* Bolna aasan hai aur karma mushkil, amal ke bagair baton ki koi qadar nahi.

* Jo kuch kar nahi sakta wah bolta bahut hai.

* Aaj ke beshtar insaan ka chehra kayi tah me chhupa hua hai, asliyat samajhna bahut mushkil hai.

* Ahsan sirf Allah ki khushnudi ke liye karo, warna takleef hi hath lagegi.



The plan for extension of Haram (Kaaba)



A word to the Axis

Asif

You have the power to create,
As shall not let you hesitate,
To crucify the bombed-dead,
'Cause the dead has nothing to state.
His voice has no sound,
His pen lacks steam to frown,
Your color is white, his is brown,
And your writ runs across the town.
Your immense pride in your superior might,
Shall not let you a moment's insight,
How deeply unjust were you in your victorious fight,
When you scripted the narrative of my death,
And executed the script on my neck,
You then gave it a name – suicide!!
Long after my death though,
My eyes can see through the rubble -
You, sunk deep in the puddle of my blood,
Your stolen victory, meeting with history's mud!!



From the Doctor's Desk

SOMETHING ABOUT PAIN

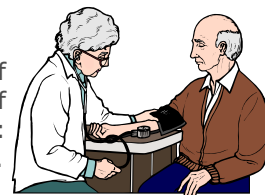
Dr. Moiz Shams, Aligarh

Pain is an important and serious symptom, and is one of the most common reasons for which patients seek medical care and attention. Some diseases and conditions can produce sudden and severe pain, while other disorders can cause chronic and sometimes disabling pain. COMMON TYPES OF PAIN: HEADACHE: It ranges from mild to severe.

(Tension headache to Migraine)

ARTHRITIS PAIN: The pain is usually related to wear and tear of the joints (Osteoarthritis) or swelling and thickening of the soft tissues in and around the joints (Rheumatoid Arthritis)

LOW BACK PAIN: It may be due to abnormalities of the spine or muscle strain, poor posture, and lack of exercise. DRUGS FOR TREATING PAIN: ACETAMINOPHEN-This is a non-Aspirin pain reliever.



ANTI-INFLAMMATORY MEDICATION - This reduces pain and inflammation, which includes Ibuprofen.

OPIOID BASE DRUGS - These are used to treat severe pain, mainly after surgery. Opioid-based drugs are often called Narcotics. SOME OTHER PAIN THERAPIES: PHYSICAL THERAPY: Includes Exercise and activities to help control pain and improve physical functioning.

PSYCHOLOGICAL THERAPY: The trained professionals provide psychological support, or techniques that help cope with pain.

RELAXATION TECHNIQUES: Stress and tension can make pain worse; therefore, relaxation techniques can help relieve stress caused by anxiety.

Important: PLEASE CONSULT YOUR DOCTOR BEFORE USING A PAIN KILLER. We often use Pain killers without consulting a doctor, which is a wrong practice. One should know the effect of use, the harm of over use, or improper use of a substance or drug for a purposes other than medication.



Gaya Muslim Girls Orphanage

Gaya Muslim Girls Orphanage Kolowna Cherki Gaya Bihar (A National Level Modern, Islamic-oriented model residential Institution for Girls) FACTS AT A GLANCE Situated on the Gaya- Sherghati road, 15 Km from Gaya, and 2 km away from Cherki.

Day of Establishment: 21st December 1986, with three orphan girls in a rented tiled house which has now been purchased.

Education: Primary, Middle, High School, Department of Hifz-wa-Tajwid (Memorisation of the Holy Quran), Home Science and Vocational Training. The Orphanage has (19) departments, four(4) important schools, and two(2) vocational training centers:

- The Gaya Muslims Girls Orphanage Urdu High School.
- Fatimah-tuz-Zahra Urdu Girls Middle School.
- Hazrat Aisha Siddiqua Urdu Nursery School.
- Department for Hifz - O -Tajweed (The Qur'an Memorization)
- Department of Adult Education.
- Zainab Bint Jahash Vocational Centre, Allama Syed Sulaiman Nadvi Computer Training Centre.

Total orphan girl students: (110) (present data may differ)

Strength of teaching and non-teaching staff: 30 (present data may differ)

Source of income: Donations from Muslim Ummah

The girls gain easy admission in different colleges and Arabic medium institutions after successfully passing the matriculation examination from the school of the institution.

Web site: <http://gmgo.org/default.html>



Dawah – Are We Wasting Our Precious Resources on It?

I worked for about four years in the tribal regions of Singhbhum and Dumka (both in Jharkhand state now), where I received the biggest surprises of my life - fortunately, at a young age of twenty-five. I had firm belief that Islam is the best religion, and there could be no fault in it; therefore, this has to be the best guide for the humanity. I came across a vast tribal population that had been baptized into Christianity. In trying to know the cause of this mass conversion of the tribal Hindus into Christianity, I found numerous Christian missionaries penetrating all parts of this region infested with dense forests and dreaded animals of all sorts. Christian missionaries had established schools to make the tribal people literate, and get them into the mainstream of education and employment. Every such establishment was backed by a health clinic and a church. My surprise was the complete absence of any Islamic establishment to impart either the mainstream education to this population or to provide any healthcare, leave aside the spiritual care. My biggest surprise was the existence of Christian missionaries near Dumka, where leprosy patients were being provided with the best possible care by Christians from around the world. This area is ill-famed for leprosy; therefore, no sane person would ever dare to live in this region. But, I wonder what inspired the Christian missionaries to throng the area and take care of the people's needs most sincerely. Interestingly, even the local government establishments would simply transfer their funds and responsibilities to these missionaries. I did not come across a single Muslim organization in the region serving the most important needs of the people. No wonders then, the people loved to baptize themselves voluntarily, and the population of Christians was growing very fast. Counter-missionaries, backed by their schools and clinics (which received funds from the government as well) started by Banbasi Kendras (an affiliate of RSS) had been successful in reducing the pace of mass-conversions into Christianity.

Unfortunately, I did not notice a single Muslim organization involved in welfare activities in this region, although I had firm faith in the fact that Islam urges every Muslim to indulge in a race with fellow

Muslims in doing good deeds (Quran, 5:48). Have Muslims lost this race to others as well, who had no obligations helping the human race? True that Muslims are not ready to help the lepers, the deprived masses in the tribal regions infested with dreaded wild animals; what about the Muslims elsewhere? How many charitable hospitals do we have in cities crowded with Christians and Hindus (Jains and Marwaris included),

or medical centers of repute, for that matter? How many centers of modern quality education do Muslims own where "others" make a beeline for admission? I found one positive side of Muslim organizations, though - they are pretty well entrenched in Dawah activities, educating people within the community itself (majority of the organizations through preaching in Masajid, or through imparting education by means of Madarasas) and reaching out to other communities (organizations mostly visible in urban centers) as well. It is another matter that the Dawah activities within the community have led to sectarian disputes so much so that each sect is blood thirsty of all the other sects, without waiting for Allah to decide! The Dawah activities involving "others" meet with occasional success that satisfies us greatly, and excites us when a high profile reversion (commonly termed as "conversion") to Islam takes place (like, Michael Jackson's). Alhamdulillah, the West has witnessed a rising trend in this respect, and hundreds of non-Muslims are indeed accepting Islam. However, unfortunately, here also I see the Muslim community losing the race, with hundreds of thousands of Muslims converting to Christianity, mostly in the African countries (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xdVnLalpeo>), where age-old strategy still works - first induce civil wars leading them into grave poverty, then send missionaries to "serve" them. Ultimately, evangelizing into Christianity becomes a natural next step as Jesus turns out to be the "saviour" of the humanity, seen as a divine intervention. The whole of Spain, in the West, abandoned Islam for Christianity (the remaining were driven out - Book: Spain in the Age of Exploration,

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By Millar and Southgate), similar to Philipines in the East (President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo comes from a noble Muslim family).

The "others" cause all the misery that comes our way - that's what our community believes - whereas, this is a community supposed to teach everyone the truth (Dawah) that nobody can cause even slightest of misery to anyone else against Allah's wishes, and that Allah is with the good-doers (Muhsinoon, the righteous, e.g., Quran, 16:128, 29:69), Muttaqun (pious, 2:194, 9:36, 9:123, 16:128), the momineen (believers, 8:19), and the sabireen (striving in Allah's path, with patience and perseverance - e.g., Quran, 2:153, 2:249, 3:146, 8:46, 8:66,). How do "others" succeed in their designs against those with whom Allah Himself is so closely associated [with the good-doers, the pious, the believers, the patient, and with Muslims (e.g., Quran 9:40, 47:35)]? Why is our Dawah ineffective, and that of "others" effective?

Dawah is an essential responsibility on every Muslim; there cannot be any dispute with respect to commandments of Allah, contained in various verses of Quran, such as, 3:104, 3:110, 12:108, 16:125, 41:33, and 103:1-3 etc, to invite people to the path of Allah's deen (the way of life - more than mere religion). Not indulging in Dawah may even be a sin, as Allah curses those who hide knowledge (Quran, 2:159) - this may be to kill the Brahminism at its root (Brahmins among Hindus, and the Jews in the era of Jahliyah, would hold the knowledge to themselves so that they could force everyone else to turn to them for every religious matter - this was intended to hold onto the reins of power as well as to earn a good living out of the knowledge they held). Appointed to lead the world (Quran, 2:143, 3:110, 22:78, etc), not making best efforts in spreading the deen of Allah may be construed as shirking away from the most important responsibility that a leader has.

Dawah is an individual responsibility of every Muslim, as well as a group responsibility of the entire Muslim community. All the prophets were sent to this earth for this purpose,

so all of their authentic sayings would surely be meant to invite the people to the ways of Allah and guide the humanity. Thus, every collection of Ahadees would surely urge people of knowledge to spread the knowledge, individually as well as collectively (e.g. Narrated 'Abdullah bin 'Amr: The Prophet said, "Convey (my teachings) to the people even if it were a single sentence,..." - Saheeh Bukhaari, Volume 4, Book 56, Number 667). There can be no doubt that all the sahabahs (companions of the Prophet Mohammed, Peace Be Upon Him) performed Dawah, the most important responsibility that has been

transmitted to us through the generations that followed.

Returning to the initial question - Is there a Muslim organization involved in welfare activities, even one-hundredth in size of the Missionaries of Charity, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), or the Red Cross Society? We are hardly doing any welfare activities (good deeds) in an organized manner - liberating people from debt or slavery (bonded labor), helping the widows or nursing the sick and the old (any old-age homes, anywhere?), or maybe helping the poor get educated or earn a living? Yes, we all do our little bit individually, but, is it really organized the way it should be? What do we do with our zakat money, which we are supposed to spend in eight areas as directed by the Almighty in Quran (9:60)? Has any other community been commanded to follow a mechanism as good as this? Still, why is everyone else doing better than us (Sachar committee's report says Muslims are now worse than the Dalits)? Even the one activity in which our presence can be seen everywhere (Dawah), is not effective! If we focus most of our energy on just one activity, why are we so ineffective?

Is it because we do not pray? Or, is it because we do not pray the way our prophet (Sallallah-o-Wasallam) used to pray? Is it that we lack the khushoo' and khuzoo' in our prayers? What do you think? Write to bakhabar@biharanjuman.org.

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Educational Empowerment....

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I foresee a heated argument on this aspect. In the early days, people had the general belief that girls should be restricted to religious education only because Hazrat Ayesha (R.A.) was an Islamic scholar. What they failed to realize is that Hazrat Ayesha (R.A.) was indeed an Islamic scholar – a scholar in the most novel field of exploration and research; i.e. Islam! If Hazrat Ayesha (R.A.) can be a world-renowned personality in the domain of Islamic education, why can't another Muslim girl be a renowned personality in biotechnology, the latest and most novel field of exploration and research? Why can't a Muslim girl be a renowned personality in software engineering? Why can't a Muslim girl be a renowned personality in management? Why can't a Muslim girl be a renowned personality in medicines? ... If you answer yes to these questions, how do you expect THIS Muslim girl to be renowned if she is stripped of the liberty to work? [Almost all these domains require practical working exposure.

] Let's not blame the situations and conditions [ambience, or mahaul, what we may call in Urdu] for not allowing Muslim girls to work. Let's see to it that we equip ourselves to counter the situations and conditions and provide a befitting ambience for them to work. [Incidentally, this would also be a more practical implementation of Pardah, wherein girls would observe it in both nature and spirit. In other sense, personally I would obviously not suggest Muslim girls working in notorious domains such as call centers.] Various software companies in Bangalore are providing a very conducive ambience for Muslim girls to work. Let's follow through. Let's try to live by the pledge of educationally empowering a girl to ensure that we produce more than 100 educated AND EMPOWERED people. Rest, Allah knows best!!



Water is PreciousDo not waste it

Hadith

An honest and trustworthy merchant will be with the martyrs on the Day of Resurrection. (Ibn Majah, Hakim).

The Idiocy of Humanity

While coming back from India after my annual vacations, I was browsing books at the airport. My eye stopped at the title 'The Idiot'. An unusual title; so I purchased the book and started flipping-off the pages. I found the book pretty interesting, and kept inside the hand bag and rushed towards the check-in area when the check-in of my flight was announced. Books are always a good companion while travelling alone, this time I had 'The Idiot'.

By the time I reached Riyadh, I had read more than fifty percent of the book and could not resist completing it in the next few days. The book details out the miserable condition of modern society, which the Russian author Fyodor Dostoevsky has very accurately depicted as the product of a popular belief in a single, unbalanced axiom: Materialism.

With his intention of portraying a truly beautiful soul, the writer places 'Myshkin', his main character as a saint like person in the fray of a contemporary society more concerned with wealth, power, and sexual conquest than the ideal of faith. The character of Myshkin is a complete misfit in the contemporary society, since he possesses the rare good qualities like innocence and honesty, which are popularly viewed skeptically, and are often interpreted as being social stunts or mental disorders. People cannot comprehend Myshkin, and he is assumed as mentally ill, foolish, and nothing more than an idiot (hence the title of the book).

In essence, I felt that this reflects the feeling of common people like you and me, and depicts the age old battle between intangible human soul and the tangible objects. In addition, the book very nicely portrays the social pit-falls of which we all are part and parcel. The failure as a human being at an individual level and the dysfunctional community are so embedded into each other that it looks all real to us and we never ever realize that we are at mistake. Bitter social scenarios full of selfishness, personalized objectives with power, money, and material gains, and feelings of attachment for one another have become fabricated, artificial, and superficial around us; quite unfortunately!

An introspection is deeply required; I feel we all should ask ourselves, not as a Manager or operator, not as an Indian, Pakistani, Saudi, not as white, not as a black, but as members of humankind. Why this idiocy of humanity? Why do we desist to redeem the freedom from corruptive controls? Can we call ourselves successful as human beings? I feel if we become good humans first, we can be successful in whatever capacity we work in our organizations and live our personal lives in this world. It's better said than done, and I am struggling to reach near that this objective, reminding myself that "Failure doesn't mean you are a failure, it just means you haven't succeeded yet, just keep on striving for the best".

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Water Bridge in Germany

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- L - Lead
- E - Enable
- A - Articulate
- D - Decide
- E - Encourage
- R - Reward

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Bihar Anjuman organized Quiz competition in Riyadh

Bihar Anjuman, Riyadh chapter successfully organized Quiz Competition and Sport competition, for the school students belonging to Bihar/ Jharkhand, on Thursday, 9th April 2009.

It was organized in the presence of Bhai Shakeel Ahmad (initiator of Bihar Anjuman, belongs to Samastipur, works in Dubai) who stopped over in Riyadh, on his return journey for Umrah.



Shakeel Ahmad explaining about aims and objectives of Bihar Anjuman

Janab Syed Muneeruddin Ahmad Sb presided over the meeting while Dr. Dilnawaz Romi was the chief guest.

Many veteran and respected people spared their Valuable time for this program.

BA Riyadh chapter wholeheartedly thanks all attendees.

Bhai Shakeel Ahmad took this opportunity to explain the aims & objectives of Bihar Anjuman/ RAHBAR, using a powerpoint presentation.

Dr. Dilnawaz Romi, the chief guest, mentioned in his short speech that he has never heard of any organization like this, before, and the working mechanism of Bihar Anjuman/ RAHBAR is appreciable and can be very useful for the entire community. He urged all the people in Riyadh to join the chapter and contribute in whatever ways they could. Dr. Romi committed his full support to the representatives of Riyadh chapter and expressed his confidence in the immense potential of our community members in Riyadh. His inspiring appeal had an immediate impact on many new attendees who came forward to fill in the membership form and expressing their desire to contribute.

The Quiz : It was conducted by Mr. Haseebur Rahman and Shakeel Durrani
20 questions were asked in quiz competition while 3 type of sports competition were conducted between different groups of age. (Questionair can be obtained on request)



Dr. Romi expressing his views about Bihar Anjuman

The winner of QUIZ competition were:

1. First Position Mr. Mohd. Hasan son of Mr. Ozair Ahmad
2. Second Position Ms. Enam Zia daughter of Mr. Ziauddin Ahmad
3. Third Position Mr. Naved Anjum son of Mr. Shabbir Anjum

The first position holder of Sports competition in different categories were:

1. Mr. Naved Anjum son of Mr. Shabbir Anjum (12-15 years)
2. Ms. Afnan Tayyab daughter of Mr. Tayyab Akhtar (9-12 years)
3. Mr. Syed M. Ihabur Rahman son of Mr. Haseebur Rahman (6-9 years)

All 6 winners were granted by the beautiful cups.



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