

Akhi Ayman: Forgiveness is more powerful than carrying a Knife

The world of social media is awash with Islamic speakers. However, on a recent visit to Batley, one such individual, who has addressed tens of thousands of Muslim youngsters, stood out as a shining example of courage, perseverance and determination.

During an intense speech at Snowdon Masjid, renowned speaker and youth activist, Akhi Ayman spoke about his extraordinary life, showcasing how he overcame a life of crime through sheer dedication and a relentless passion for ensuring youngsters do not end up into the same pitfalls he fell into, thus ensuring his story has such a profound impact,

countless individuals worldwide have turned away from a life of crime, whilst many, after hearing him speak, have entered into the fold of Islam.

During his speech at Snowdon Masjid, Akhi lamented the lack of etiquettes and manners amongst Muslims coming to the Masjid.

“Since when has the religion become a joke?” he asked.

“When we come to the masjid, where are our etiquettes and our manners?”

“When it comes to good deeds be stingy.

Be the reason why someone else falls in love with Islam. Create competition with each other in order to please the Almighty.”

Akhi also praised a number of local Muslims who inspired two youngsters to take their Shahada at Snowdon Masjid.

“Shout out to the Muslims who surround them. Your character, your conduct and your manners has made two people want to take their Shahadah.”

After the two reverts recited their Shahada’s, a number of loud ‘Takbeers’ rang out across the Masjid.



A knife will only bring misery

Akhi Ayman's life story is a testament to the power of the human spirit and the transformative potential of determination and compassion. He was born in Mosul in Iraq and arrived in the UK when he was 9 years old.

The 30-year-old, one of 7 siblings, lived in Iraq long enough to experience a difficult life, experiencing the poverty. However, his family seemed to be content with what little they had.

However, upon arriving with his family in Lewisham, London, shortly after the 9/11 terrorist attacks in New York, Akhi was the victim of bullying, due to his middle eastern heritage and lack of proficiency in the English language.

"9/11 had a big toll on us. Coming to the UK and being blamed for 9/11 because I'm from Iraq and at the same time being bullied," said Akhi. "I didn't know how to speak English. People would pick on me, there was a lot of bullying involved."

Akhi does not shy away from the fact that he has been to prison for over two years. However, he expresses a great deal of remorse for his actions, insisting forgiveness is better than carrying a knife to harm someone.

He said: "I prefer not to say what I went inside for but I hurt someone pretty bad. I believe at the time it was justified but I found a lot of information about the person we hit up. When I came out of Jail, I did go to see him and apologise to him

and explain why I did it. I also found out that the person who was telling me to do this with him, was nothing but a liar and someone who just had hate towards him. There were in-house family issues that I did not know about and this resulted in me going to prison.

"I also found out that the person that I hurt was Muslim so I had to ask for his forgiveness. I came out of jail in 2014 and had to go to see him and he forgave me and to this day, I still see him."

Akhi also spoke about being stabbed and pleaded with youngsters not to carry weapons, explaining that he has been stabbed twice. The stabbings have had a profound impact on his daily life. He could also not bear seeing his mother having to visit him in jail. "I couldn't let her go through that again," said Akhi. "

The procedure of being searched, taken to separate room and looking underneath her headscarf. "Ever since my mother passed away, I've been in a distant zone. She passed away in Makkah. The first occasion I was stabbed was at a train station. Someone I knew, did salaams with me, and then after he let, he gave a knife to someone else to stab me. I was helping a lady with her buggy, to get onto the train.

"He stabbed he in my thigh after a back and forth and it was my knee cap that stopped it. I knew where this person lived but I made an oath to the Almighty and I made an oath to my mum and dad as my brothers are already in jail."

"I'm a nobody, I'm not a person of knowledge. I live with a bag in my stomach because of the second stabbing, I was stabbed in the side of my buttock and the knife came out of my stomach. I'm insecure to a different level.

"There have been instances where there has been overflow in my bag, especially when I'm stressed and have had waste leaked all over my thighs. I'm embarrassed for myself, let alone people around me. People do not see what goes on behind closed doors, the mental battles and the paranoia. My mental state is fried."

Akhi's journey has inspired countless individuals worldwide. He has touched the lives of many, leaving an indelible mark, reminding us all that the pursuit of Islam, no matter how daunting, can lead to a better, more equitable world.

Akhi also warned youngsters against the dangers of smoking vapes, stating most contain urine. To clarify, most contain the '2 aminooctanoic acid' which is an amino acid found in the biological products of mammals, including faeces, urine and blood.

"Bad company means some are smoking weed, some are linking girls and many are vaping. Nowadays everone is doing nasty vaping. Some brothers are wearing a thobe and vaping! Come on bro. If you do your research you will find vapes contain urine. I will not share food with those who vape as I do not want to contaminate my food. It's a disgusting habit."

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Khalid to ‘defeat the peak’ for Macmillan

A visually-impaired man from West Yorkshire will take on his second challenge for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Khalid Hussain, 61, from Heckmondwike in West Yorkshire, is gearing up for his second walking challenge as he negotiates the highest mountain in Wales despite having no vision at all.

A retired social worker for Kirklees Council, Khalid referred many cancer patients to Macmillan during his professional career and was always impressed with how well his clients were looked after.

“I decided to support Macmillan because in my professional life I came into contact with lots of nurses and I found the style of working and culture within Macmillan to be extremely useful,” said Khalid.

“I made a commitment after Covid that I would do something to support Macmillan and give something back because they had delivered results for my clients at the time.

“I just wanted to give something back to the community – the community that helped me to get a job,” continued Khalid. “I actually enjoy it and I want to make a difference to people’s lives. If I can make a change to one person’s life with the event I do, it gives me motivation to do more.

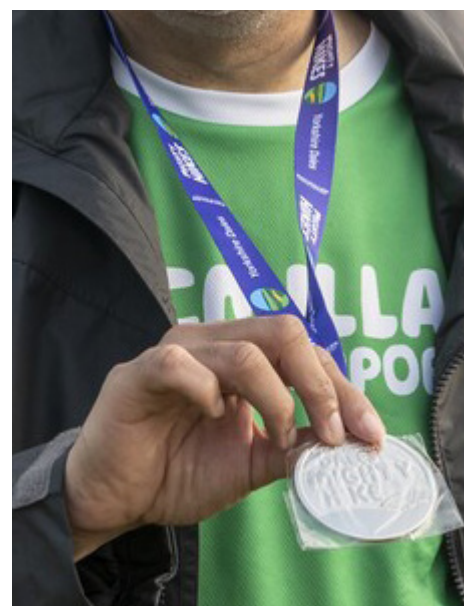
“I want to show kindness to another human being and that’s what motivates me. I want to go the extra mile to do it. I can get out of bed and think ‘I’m helping Macmillan today’ and then Macmillan can help improve the quality of people’s lives.

“In Yorkshire there is the call centre for Macmillan and they need staff who are trained. It costs a lot of money but if that service wasn’t offered, how would people get information and advice?”

In 2021, Khalid took to the Yorkshire Dales for Macmillan’s famous ‘Mighty Hike’ and traversed the wet conditions for 13 alongside a guide, despite having never walked further than three or four miles before.

This time around, Khalid is aiming to ‘Defeat the Peak: Snowdon at Night Challenge’ on September 2nd alongside his sighted assistant and raise £1,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Khalid continued, “When I did my first challenge, there were many people there doing it for various reasons, including people going through treatment for cancer. This time, we will be walking for eight hours or so and, yes, my legs and feet will hurt, but it is nothing compared to what people are dealing with when going through cancer.”





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Tues			Free Ladies aerobics Starts 12 th September 5.00pm-6.00pm Please wear trainers.
Wed	ESOL Entry 1 Speaking and Listening (Free) (1/2) 10am-12pm Full ESOL Entry Level 1 Reading (Free) 9.30am-12pm		
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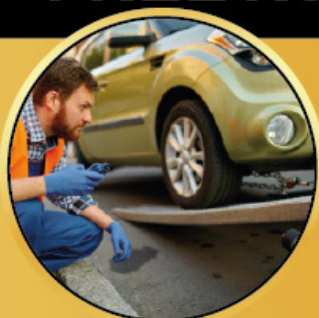
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Hunt on after racist incident in Tesco Batley

The hunt is continuing for a man who racially abused and threatened to assault a number of Muslim Women in Tesco Batley on a Saturday night.

Paigaam understands a young mixed race woman was racially abused and threatened when she challenged a man who made racist comments towards Muslim women in store.

Upon being politely asked to refrain from using racist and foul language in front of his daughters and the general public, the man launched into a foul-mouthed tirade, before belittling the woman with extremely cruel words of a misogynist nature.

As the man attempted to square up to the woman, a shopper, who had just entered the store, asked the man to step back from the woman immediately. However, did this not discourage the man to launch into yet another alcohol fuelled tirade, at two other Muslim women in the self-checkout area.

Whilst everyone else watched, the shopper who initially asked the man to back off, once again stepped in. This led to the thug once again try to square up to the woman he had initially threatened.

However, the thug went on to approach the man who had asked him to back off previously. Despite the severe provocation, the calm and collected individual reminded the aggressor that

CCTV was in operation and that he would not hesitate to defend himself if the situation escalated. A member of staff asked a duty manager to come down and help defuse the situation, however, no help was forthcoming.

Once police were called, the thug ran out of the store. The man who stopped the situation from escalating, went into the car park to take a picture of the perpetrator's vehicle. However, he had fled the scene.

The security guard, on site at the time, has repeatedly been threatened and abused by customers. Calls to hire more staff, of a younger age, to look after the security station, during Saturday nights in particular, have as of yet, fallen on deaf ears.

When contacted by Paigaam, a Police Officer told Paigaam no further action would be taken as the victim could not be identified, despite the fact that Police who arrived on the scene, were seen speaking to the principal victim.

However, when Paigaam contacted the West Yorkshire Police Press Office, the following statement was given: "Police were called to the Tesco store on Bradford Road Batley at 11:34pm on Saturday August 12 to a report a man was using racially abusive language to persons present.

"Officers attended but the male left

the store prior to police arrival. He was described as white and 6ft tall."

Chief Superintendent Jim Griffiths, District Commander of Kirklees Police, said: "A racially aggravated hate crime has been recorded in relation to the incident and is being investigated.

"As District Commander, I want to assure readers that hate offending is absolutely not tolerated in communities and all reports are thoroughly investigated with lines of enquiry explored.

"I would ask anyone who saw or has information about the offence to contact Kirklees Police on 101 referencing crime number 13230449552. Information can also be given anonymously to the independent Crime stoppers charity on 0800 555 111."

Paigaam has sent a request for comment to Tesco's press office, however the company has not yet responded.



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British Muslims Can Now Perform Umrah Without a Visa

British Muslims who intend to visit Saudi Arabia in order to perform Umrah are no longer be required to obtain a visit visa before travelling and can stay for a period of up to six months upon entry.

This is because Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs has launched the new Electronic Visa Waiver (EVW) for UK and Northern Ireland residents who intend to visit Saudi Arabia for a variety of purposes such as visiting the holy cities of Makkah and Madinah to perform Umrah, business, tourism, study and treatment.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs said that although the EVW will allow for UK residents to visit Saudi Arabia without the need for a visa, this is only applicable upon a single entry for an individual to stay for a period of up to six months only.

How Can you Apply?

According to Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the waiver can be obtained by filling out the designated application form on the Unified National Visa Platform at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

It's important to keep in mind that the application can be submitted between 90 days and 48 hours before the date of travel to Saudi Arabia.

Once the application has been filled in, approval will be sent via e-mail within 24 hours of applying.

Why has Saudi Arabia Introduced the EVW?

The EVW and many other processes to ease travel between foreign countries and

Saudi Arabia have mainly been put in place as part of Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030. With an aim to increase tourism within the Kingdom, the country is doing what it can to reinvent the country as a tourist magnet by means of three themes as part of the Vision 2030 being a vibrant society, a thriving economy and an ambitious nation.



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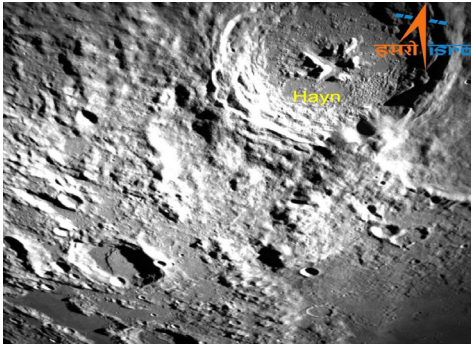
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Muslim scientists play pivotal role in landing spacecraft



Two Muslim scientists have played a pivotal role in landing a spacecraft near the south pole of the moon. The successful landing of Chandrayaan 3 on the Moon's south pole has ignited a sense of festivity and pride within the Muslim community.

Jamia Millia Islamia graduate, Areeb Ahmed, an ISRO scientist hailing from Khatoli, Muzaffarnagar, emerged as a

central figure in this achievement. As a key member of the Chandrayaan-3 team, Areeb Ahmad played an instrumental role from the mission's launch to its successful landing.

Celebrations in the Muzaffarnagar district included fireworks with many people from a plethora of backgrounds taking the time to congratulate the devoutly religious Areeb family. The second Scientist, Sheikh Muzammil Ali, from Adilabadi, originally from Kaghaz Nagar, has been hailed for also making a significant contribution to the Chandrayaan 3 mission.

His involvement in the ISRO team that achieved the lunar landing brought immense pride to the Muslims of

Telangana. His dad, Sheikh Makhdoom Ali, Sheikh Muzammil, showcased his joy and immense gratitude for his son's accomplishment, viewing it as a divine blessing and a moment of national pride. Sheikh Muzammil Ali's educational journey has showcased dedication and determination.

After completing his education from various esteemed institutions, he cleared the ISRO exam in 2016, leading to his appointment as a "Scientist Group Gazetted Officer" in 2017.

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Muslims in Haryana facing ethnic cleansing

Since the ruling extremist Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata party (BJP) came to power in 2014, led by prime minister, Narendra Modi, incidents of violence against the minority Muslim community, who make up about 14 percent of the population, have increased significantly.

With only a few months left before India's general elections, tensions have been rising. Hindu extremist groups have been leading processions through Muslim-majority areas and chanting racist slogans, leading to reprisals on the part of Muslims.

Hardline vigilante Hindu rightwing groups, emboldened under the Modi regime, have carried out sustained persecution and lynchings of Muslims and held a growing number of rallies and marches platforming anti-Muslim hate

speech and genocidal calls to violence. In BJP-controlled states, Muslims have been described as "intruders", faced discriminatory policies and had their homes bulldozed.

Yet, as India heads towards an election next year with Modi expected to win a third term, many fear such flares-ups of violence will continue to worsen as the pursuit of electoral victories splinters society further down religious lines.

In the Haryana state alone, following clashes that killed six people, the demolition of about 1,200 homes and shops in a Muslim-majority area has taken place.

Although the demolition drive has been halted for now after the Punjab and Haryana High Court made strong

observations, asking if the act was an exercise of "ethnic cleansing" by the state, the demolitions are seen by many Muslims as the latest in a trend of violence in India during Modi's nine years in power in India.

Modi has so far not commented.

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do not smoke
try to keep your blood pressure at a healthy level
A healthy diet**

Eating an unhealthy diet that is high in fat will make hardening of the arteries (atherosclerosis) worse and increase your risk of a heart attack.

Continuing to eat high-fat foods will cause more fatty plaques to build up in your arteries. This is because fatty foods contain an unhealthy type of cholesterol.

There are 2 main types of cholesterol:

low-density lipoprotein (LDL) – this is mostly made up of fat plus a small amount of protein; this type of cholesterol can block your arteries, so it is often known as “bad cholesterol” high-density lipoprotein (HDL) – this is mostly made up of protein plus a small amount of fat; this type of cholesterol can reduce deposits in your arteries, so is often known as “good cholesterol”

There are also 2 types of fat – saturated and unsaturated. Avoid foods containing high levels of saturated fat, as they increase levels of LDL cholesterol in your blood.

Foods high in saturated fat include:

pies
fried foods
sausages and fatty cuts of meat
butter
ghee
lard
cream
hard cheese
cakes and biscuits
foods that contain coconut or palm oil

You should aim to follow a Mediterranean-style diet. This means eating more wholegrain bread, rice and pasta, and fruit, vegetables and fish, and less meat.

Replace butter and cheese with products based on vegetable and plant oil, such as olive oil.

Oily fish, such as herring, sardines and salmon, can form part of a Mediterranean-style diet, but there’s no need to eat this type of fish specifically to try to prevent another heart attack.

Also, taking omega-3 fatty acid supplements, or eating foods fortified with omega-3 fatty acids, has not been found to help prevent another heart attack.

Never take a food supplement without first consulting a GP. Some supplements, such as beta-carotene, are potentially harmful.

Smoking

Smoking is a major risk factor for heart attack because it causes atherosclerosis and raises blood pressure.

A GP can refer you to a local NHS Stop Smoking Service, which will provide support and advice about the best ways to quit.

You can also call the NHS Smokefree Helpline on 0300 123 1044 (England only, from Monday to Friday 9am to 8pm, and Saturday and Sunday 11am to 4pm). Specially trained helpline staff offer free expert advice and encouragement.

If you are committed to quitting but do not want to be referred to a stop smoking service, a GP should be able to prescribe treatment to help with withdrawal symptoms you may experience.

Find out about quitting smoking.

High blood pressure

Persistent high blood pressure (hypertension) can put extra strain on your arteries and heart, increasing your risk of a heart attack.

High blood pressure can often be reduced by eating a healthy diet, moder-

ating your alcohol intake, maintaining a healthy weight and doing regular exercise.

Diet and high blood pressure

The advice on eating a healthy, balanced diet also applies if you have high blood pressure. In addition, cut down on the amount of salt in your food.

Salt raises blood pressure. The more salt you eat, the higher your blood pressure. You should aim to eat less than 6g of salt a day (2.4g sodium) – that’s around 1 teaspoonful.

Find out how to cut down on salt.

Eating a low-fat diet that includes lots of fibre – such as wholegrain rice, bread, pasta and plenty of fruit and vegetables – has been proven to help lower blood pressure. Fruit and vegetables also contain vital vitamins and minerals and help keep your body healthy.

You should aim to eat 5 portions of fruit and vegetables every day.

Weight

Being overweight forces your heart to work harder to pump blood around your body, which can raise your blood pressure. Use the BMI healthy weight calculator to find out if you are a healthy weight for your height.

If you do need to lose weight, remember that losing just a few kilos will make a positive difference to your blood pressure and health.

Exercise

Being active and doing regular exercise will lower your blood pressure by keeping your heart and blood vessels in good condition. Regular exercise can also help you lose weight, which will help to lower your blood pressure.

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Time: 5.45 pm

(Asar Namaz will be performed at 5.30pm)

Venue: Al- Hikmah centre, 28 Track Road, Batley

(Food will be served)

Agenda:

1. Tilawate Qur'an
2. Welcome by the Chair
3. CIO
4. Proposed Structural Changes
5. Draft CIO Constitution*
6. Question and Answers
7. Vote on the Proposed Constitution
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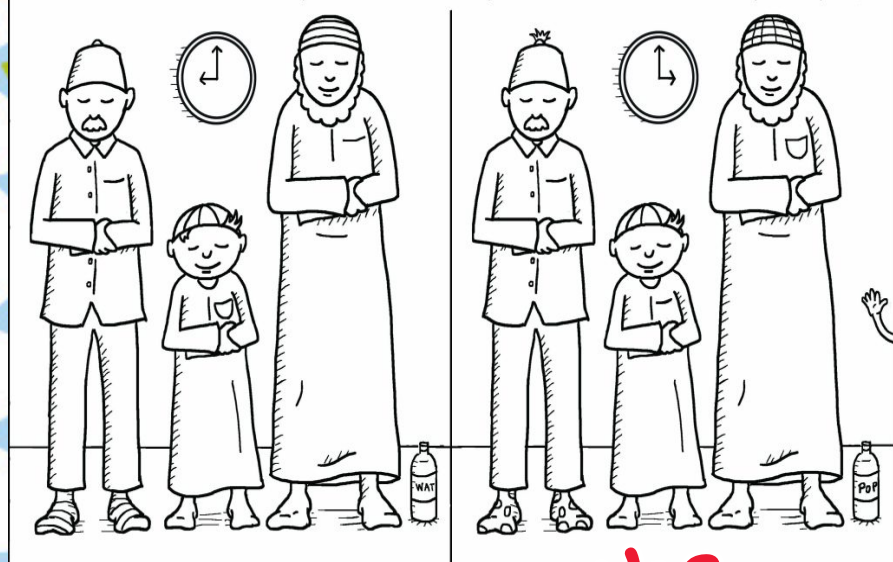
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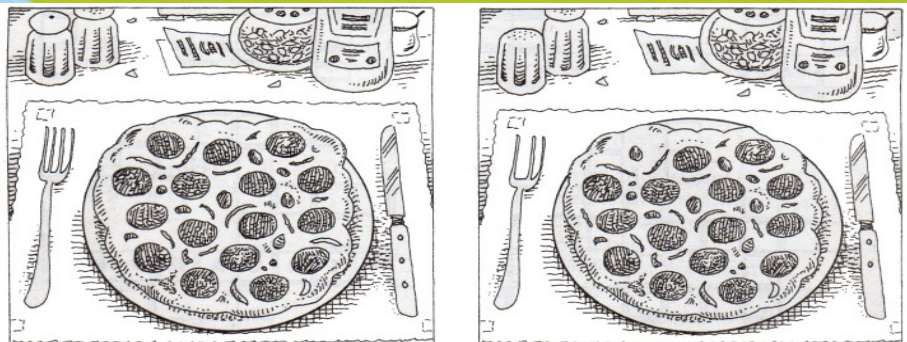
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આ છોકરાએ કહ્યું મારા પિતા આ દુનિયામાં હયાત નથી. મારી મા લોકોના કપડાં સીવીને મને ભણાવી રહી છે. આંખની નજરની કમજોરીથી તે સારી રીતે કપડા સીવી શકતી નથી. જેથી હું તેને એક ચશ્મા ખરીદીને આપવા માંગું છું. જેથી તે વધુ સિલાઈ કામ કરી શકે અને હું સાડું ભણતર મેળવી શકું, મોટો માણસ બની શકું અને માને સુખ આપી શકું. ટીચરે કહ્યું તારી આ સમજ જ તારી કમાઈ છે. અને ટીચરે તેને પૈસા આપતા કહ્યું મારા વાયદા મુજબ આ ૧૦૦ રૂપિયા અને બીજા આ ૧૦૦ રૂપિયા મારા તરફથી ઉધાર આપું છું. જ્યારે તમે કમાઉ ત્યારે મને પરત કરી દેજો. મારી ઈચ્છા છે કે, તમે મોટા માણસ બનો અને જિંદગીમાં ખૂબ આગળ વધો, એમ કહી તેના માથા ઉપર હાથ ફેરવ્યો.

આ વાતને ૧૫/૧૭ વર્ષ વીતી ગયા. એક દિવસે બહાર વરસાદ પડી રહ્યો હતો અને તેજ સ્કૂલનાં ક્લાસરૂમમાં વર્ગ ચાલી રહ્યો હતો. અચાનક સ્કૂલની બહાર લાલ લાઈટ વાળી જિલ્લા કલેક્ટરની એક ગાડી આવી ઊભી રહી. સ્કૂલના સ્ટાફ, ગાર્ડ વગેરે ચોકી ગયા. સ્કૂલમાં સન્નાટો છવાઈ ગયો. પરંતુ આ શું કલેક્ટર વર્ગમાં દાખલ થઈ એક વૃદ્ધ શિક્ષકના પગે પડી ગયા. અને કહ્યું સર! હું દામોદર દાસ ઉર્ફે ઝંડુ છું. અને તેમારા ૧૦૦ રૂપિયા ઉધાર પરત આપવા આવ્યો છું. વૃદ્ધ શિક્ષકે પગે પડેલ વિદ્યાર્થીને પોતાની બાહોમાં જકડી ભેટીને રડવા લાગ્યા. શિક્ષકની ખુશીની કોઈ સીમા ન રહી. પછી ઘણી વાતો તે કલેક્ટર સાથે થઈ અને શિક્ષકે એક નિરાંતની સાંસ લઈ બીજા વિદ્યાર્થીઓને સંબોધીને કહ્યું, પોતાના આત્મવિશ્વાસ અને મહેનતના બલ ઉપર તમે તમારું ભવિષ્ય લખી શકો છો અને જો આપણને ભાગ્ય લખતા ન આવડે તો પરિસ્થિતિ આપણું ભાગ્ય લખી દેશે. શિક્ષકે ખૂબજ ઉત્તમ વાત કરી અને તેનાથી જરૂર આપણે બોધ લેવો જોઈએ.

ઈન્ડિયન મુસ્લિમ વેલ્ફેર સોસાયટીની સ્પેશ્યલ જનરલ મીટિંગ

આપણે જાણીએ છીએ કે, હવે દિન પ્રતિદિન સમય અને પરિસ્થિતિ અનુરૂપ સરકાર અને બીજા સેક્ટરોમાં નિયમો, કાયદાઓ બદલાઈ રહ્યા છે. અને આપણા ઓર્ગનાઈજેશને પણ તેમના સાથે સંકળાયને કામ કરવું પડે છે. આપણી સોસાયટી ચેરિટી સ્ટેટસથી ચેરિટી કમીશન સાથે રજીસ્ટર છે. આપણે છેલ્લે ૨૦૧૨માં આપણાં બંધારણમાં જરૂરી સુધારા કરી તેને અપડેટ કર્યું હતું. હવે લાંબા સમય પછી સમય અનુકૂળ સોસાયટીનું કામકાજ સરળતાથી અને આસાનીથી આગળ વધી શકે તે માટે આપણી સોસાયટીના બંધારણમાં અને માળખા (સ્ટ્રક્ચર)માં થોડો સુધારો કરવાની જરૂરિયાત ઊભી થઈ છે. બંધારણમાં ફેરફાર વગેરે માટે સોસાયટીએ સ્પેશ્યલ જનરલ મિટિંગ બોલાવી મેમ્બરોને તેની જાણકારી આપી તેમની સંમતિથી આ કાર્યવાહી કરવી પડે છે. જે અનુસંધાને સોસાયટી મારફતે નીચે મુજબ સ્પેશ્યલ જનરલ મીટિંગનું આયોજન કરવામાં આવ્યું છે.

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જેથી દરેક સભ્યોને વિનંતી કરવામાં આવે છે કે, ઉપરોક્ત તારીખ અને સમયે જરૂરથી હાજર રહી તમારા વિચારો રજૂ કરવા વિનંતી છે. ફક્ત એકજ એજન્ડા ઉપર આ મીટિંગનું કામકાજ રહેશે.

એથનિક માયનોરિટીના લોકોની અસુરક્ષિત નોકરીમાં ૧૩૨ ટકાનો વધારો

બીબીસીના એક રિપોર્ટમાં બહાર આવ્યું છે કે, ૨૦૧૧ કરતા હાલના રિપોર્ટમાં એથનિક માયનોરિટીના લોકો પોતાની નોકરીમાં વધુ અસુરક્ષિત (ઈનસીક્યોર) છે. ટ્રેડ યુનિયન કાઉન્સિલે બી.બી.સી. ન્યુઝ સાથે રિપોર્ટની આપ લે કરતા જાણવા મળ્યું છે કે, ૨૦૨૨માં ૨૦૧૧ના વર્ષ કરતા ૧૩૨ ટકા એથનિક માયનોરિટી વર્કરની નોકરીઓ અસુરક્ષિત છે. અસુરક્ષિતનો મતલબ એ છે કે, શોર્ટ ટર્મ અને શુન્ય કલાક કોન્ટ્રાક્ટ છે. એનો અર્થ એ છે કે, કાયમી નોકરીની શક્યતા ઓછી છે અને ફીક્સ (ગેરન્ટેડ) કલાકોની ગેરંટી મળતી નથી.

૨૦૧૧માં યુ.કે. ખાતે ૩૬૦૨૪૧ એથનિક માયનોરિટી વર્કરો ઈનસીક્યોર હતા, જે ૨૦૨૨માં વધીને ૮૩૬૩૩૯ થયા છે. એટલે કે, ૧૩૨ ટકાનો વધારો નોંધાયો છે. યુ.કે. ખાતે હાલમાં ૩.૯ મિલિયન લોકો ઈનસીક્યોર વર્ક કરે છે. જેમાં ૨૧.૫ ટકા એથનિક માયનોરિટી વર્કરોનો સમાવેશ છે. આવી નોકરીઓમાં નોકરી ગમે તે સમયે ચાલી જવાની સંભાવના હોય છે. અને જેની સીધી અસર નોકરિયાતની ફેમિલી ઉપર પડતી હોય છે

ચૂંટણી પહેલા ભારતના રાજકારણમાં ઉઠલપાઠલ

આ વર્ષના આખરમાં ભારતમાં મધ્ય પ્રદેશ, રાજસ્થાન, છત્તીસગઢ અને તેલંગના રાજ્યોમાં વિધાનસભાની ચૂંટણી આવી રહી છે. અને ૨૦૨૪માં પાર્લામેન્ટની ચૂંટણી પણ યોજાશે. પરિણામે ભારતનું રાજકારણ ગરમાયું છે. દેશમાં હાલમાં જે બનાવો બની રહ્યા છે તે જોતાં લાગે છે કે, ચૂંટણી માટે હાલનો સત્તા પક્ષ બીજેપીએ પોતાના પ્રયત્નો શરૂ કરી દીધા છે. ભાજપની બે ટર્મ એટલે કે, ૧૦ વર્ષ ૨૦૨૪માં પૂરા થશે. અને કોઈપણ ભોગે ત્રીજી ટર્મ જીતવા મરણીયો જંગ ખેલશે. જેના સ્પષ્ટ લક્ષણો દેખાઈ રહ્યા છે. તેમના માટે દેશ ચલાવવા કરતાં ચૂંટણી જીતવી અગત્યનું છે.

પરિણામે જોવા મળે છે કે, મણીપુર જેવા રાજ્યમાં બીજેપીની સરકાર હોવા છતાં છેલ્લા ચાર માહિનાથી ત્યાં બે સમુદાય વચ્ચે હિંસા થઈ રહી છે. જેના ઉપર સરકાર કંઈ બોલતી નથી અને હિંસા રોકવાના પ્રયત્નો પણ કરતી નથી. ત્યાં હજારો લોકો ઘરના બેઘર થયા છે. સેંકડો ચર્ચને સળગાવવામાં આવ્યા છે અને લોકો રેફ્યુજી કેમ્પોમાં બદતર જીવન જીવી રહ્યા છે. ઉપરાંત હરિયાણાં કે જ્યાં પણ બીજેપીની સરકાર છે ત્યાં નુહ અને બીજા એરિયાઓમાં હુલ્લો થયાં. જ્યાં મુસલમાનોના ઘરો, દુકાનો વગેરેને સળગાવવાના અને તોડી પાડવાના અનેક બનાવો બન્યાં. મુસલમાનો જીવ બચાવવા ત્યાંથી પલાયન થયા. દેશમાં અનેક જગ્યાઓ ઉપર મુસલમાનોની હત્યા, મોબ લિંચીંગ હવે સામાન્ય થઈ ગયું છે.

હાલની સરકારને હરાવવા વિપક્ષ જોર લગાવી સંગઠિત થઈ રહ્યો છે. તેમણે I.N.D.I.A. નામથી સંગઠન બનાવ્યું છે કે જેથી મોદીને સીધી ટક્કર આપી શકે. રાહુલની ભારત જોડો યાત્રા પછી કોંગ્રેસ પાર્ટી પણ વધુ મજબૂત બની સક્રીય થઈ રહી છે. રાહુલ ગાંધીના સરકાર સમક્ષ સીધા સવાલો અને જનતા સાથે તેમનો સીધો સંપર્કથી તેમની લોકપ્રિયતા વધી રહી છે. સંસદના હાલના મોન્સુન સત્રમાં સરકાર અનેક વિધાયક બીલો લાવી જેમાં દરેક બાબત તે પોતાના તરફી બનાવવા માંગે છે. તેની સીધી ચર્ચા પણ પાર્લામેન્ટમાં તેમણે કરવા દીધી ન હતી. કેટલીક વખતે વિરોધપક્ષના નેતાઓએ અવાજ ઉઠાવ્યો તો તેમને સંસદથી બહાર કાઢી બરતરફ કરવામાં આવ્યા. સંસદમાં બીજેપી તરફથી અનેક જુદા પ્રવચનો કરી વિરોધપક્ષો ઉપર પરિવારવાદ, ભ્રષ્ટાચારના આરોપ લગાવવામાં આવે છે. જ્યારે કે, તેમનાજ પક્ષમાં ભ્રષ્ટાચાર પરાકાષ્ટાએ છે.

દેશમાં મોંઘવારી, બેકારી, ખાદ્ય વસ્તુઓની અછત, સરકારી વિભાગમાં ખાલી પડેલ નોકરીઓની ભરતી ન કરવું વગેરેથી પ્રજા પિડાઈ રહી છે. જ્યારે સરકાર લોકોનું ધ્યાન આનાથી હટાવી નકામા મુદ્દાઓ તરફ અને હિન્દુત્વના એજન્ડા તરફ ખેંચે છે. મીડિયાને ગોદી મીડિયા બનાવી પોતાના કન્ટ્રોલમાં કરી લીધી છે. પરિણામે સચ્ચાઈ સોશિયલ મીડિયા સિવાય બહાર આવતી નથી.

બીજેપી અને મોદીની શાખ હવે ઘટી રહી છે. તેમને પણ દેખાઈ રહ્યું છે કે, ૨૦૨૪ની ચૂંટણી જીતવું તેમના માટે સહેલું નથી.

જેથી જ્યારે ચૂંટણી યોજાશે ત્યારે તેઓ કેવા કાવતરાઓ રચશે તે જાણવું, સમજવું મુશ્કેલ છે. તેમનો હેતુ ભારતને હિન્દુ રાજ બનાવવાનો અને સંવિધાનને પણ ફરીથી તેમને અનુકૂળ લખવાનો છે અને તેના પ્રયાસો હવે થઈ રહ્યા છે.

કર્કલીઝ કાઉન્સિલનો બિનજરૂરી ખર્ચ ઉપર પ્રતિબંધ

યુ.કે.ની વેસ્ટ યોર્કશાયરની કર્કલીઝ કાઉન્સિલે તેમની હાલમાં મળેલ મીટિંગમાં નક્કી કર્યું છે કે, બિનજરૂરી ખર્ચ ઉપર સંપૂર્ણપણે પ્રતિબંધ લાદવામાં આવે. આ મીટિંગમાં એ પણ જણાવવામાં આવ્યું હતું કે, જો બચત કરવામાં ન આવે અને ખર્ચાઓ વધતા રહેશે તો તેમણે સેક્શન ૧૧૪ની નોટીસ આપી કાઉન્સિલને દેવાદાર (બેન્ક્રપ્ટ) જાહેર કરવાની ફરજ પડશે.

કાઉન્સિલે નોંધ્યું હતું કે, તેના ૨૦૨૨-૨૩ના બજેટ મુજબ ૨૭ મિલિયન પાઉન્ડનો વધારાનો ખર્ચ કર્યો છે. અને આ રીતની કાઉન્સિલની નાંણાકીય પરિસ્થિતિને નકારી કઢાય એમ નથી.

પોલ ડેવિસ કેબીનેટ મેમ્બરે મીટિંગમાં જણાવ્યું હતું કે, આ રિપોર્ટ કાઉન્સિલની નાંણાકીય સ્થિતિને ઉજાગર કરે છે અને આવતા બજેટ ઉપર પણ સંપૂર્ણપણે કાબુ મેળવવાની જરૂરિયાત દર્શાવે છે. કોસ્ટ કટીંગ (ખર્ચમાં કાપ)ના પગલા ભરવાનું અને એમાં હવે આગળ વધવાની જરૂરિયાત છે અને સેક્શન ૧૧૪ઈસ્યુ કરવાથી બચવાની પણ જરૂર છે. જેમાં બિન જરૂરી ખર્ચ, નોકરીઓની ભરતી ઉપર કાબુ અને કાઉન્સિલની માલિકીની મિલ્કતનું ઝડપથી વેચાણ કરવું જરૂરી છે.

યુનિશન યુનિયને જણાવ્યું છે કે, કાઉન્સિલના ઓવર સ્પેન્ડીંગ (વધારાના ખર્ચ)ના લીધે ૨૫૦ જેટલી નોકરીઓ જવાનો ખતરો છે. જેથી સ્થાનિક જરૂરી સર્વિસીસ ઉપર તેની મોટી અસર પડશે. સેક્શન ૧૧૪ની નોટીસનો નિર્ણય કાઉન્સિલના ચીફ ફાયનાન્સ ઓફીસર લે છે.

૮ લાખ લોકોએ ભારતની સિટિઝનશીપ છોડી

છેલ્લા પાંચ વર્ષમાં ભારતીયો તેમની નાગરિકતા છોડી બીજા દેશોની નાગરિકતા લેવાના આંકડાઓ ખૂબજ ચિંતા દર્શાવે છે. રાજ્યસભામાં એક સાંસદે પૂછેલા પ્રશ્નમાં જણાવવામાં આવ્યું છે કે, છેલ્લા પાંચ વર્ષમાં ૮ લાખથી વધુ લોકોએ ભારતની સિટિઝનશીપ છોડી અન્ય દેશોની સિટિઝનશીપ મેળવી છે. ભારત દેશ છોડવાના કારણમાં જાહેર થયું છે કે, અન્ય દેશોમાં કારકીર્દી, ઉત્તમ જીવન, શિક્ષણની સારી તકો, સ્વચ્છ હવા, આરોગ્ય સંભાળ અને દેશમાં સમાન નાગરિકતાના કાયદાઓ છે. ભારત છોડી જનારાઓમાં અને બીજા દેશોની નાગરિકતા મેળવવામાં અમેરિકા, કેનેડા, બ્રિટન, ઈટલી, ઓસ્ટ્રેલીયા જેવા દેશો મોખરે છે. ૨૦૧૮થી છેલ્લા પાંચ વર્ષમાં હાલની સરકારની નીતિ, હુલ્લો, રોજગારની તંગી, મોંઘવારી અને અસલામતીના કારણે લોકો વિદેશ તરફ જઈ રહ્યા છે. આ ઉપરાંત ભણતર અને નોકરી મેળવવા વિદેશ જનારા લોકોની સંખ્યામાં પણ ઘણોજ વધારો જોવા મળે છે.



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