

Batley cemetery burial update

As the local Muslim community will be aware, due to diminishing burial capacity at the Muslim burial area in Batley Cemetery, Kirklees Council has completed work on a new plot of land that has been developed adjacent to the previous burial area. A number of burials have already taken place within the new area.

As previously reported a number of times in Paigaam, the new land was previously used as a glass bank, therefore it was deemed to be unsuitable for use. Bearing this in mind, the Council released significant funds in order to undertake remedial work and develop the land to make it suitable.

The Council concluded the new land is only suitable for chamber burial. Therefore, following consultations with IMWS and the local community, the council are using the chamber burial system that has also been approved by our local Ulema.

This will have a cost implication for families as the chamber will cost an additional £600 which families are required to pay.

IMWS has been working with Kirklees Council for many years in relation to the extension of the Muslim burial area in Batley Cemetery.

Peter Margrave, Bereavement Services



Manager at Kirklees Council has provided an update in relation to the new burial area by confirming the previous plot of land used for burial is now full. The council has confirmed it is using the new area of land, located adjacent to the previous area which has recently been completed and ready for burial with a vault system.

“As of the 1st September 2023 Batley Cemetery Section X3 is closed to new burials,” said Mr Margrave.

“Kirklees Council have over the last 18 months or so been working on the extension in preparation for this time and I’m pleased to say that the first section of X4 is ready for burials.”

“If you have attended Batley Cemetery you will have no doubt seen the work taken to prepare the area for burials including paths, a new road & turning circle as well as the burial chambers which allow burials to continue to take place at Batley,” added Mr Margrave.

He said: “IMWS have asked that we confirm the cost of burial at Batley in section X4. The cost is £3,107 as of September 2023 and includes the internment, grave purchase and the cost of a burial chamber. Heckmondwike Cemetery has additional burial space, where we also use burial chambers as well as a limited number of timbered graves, depending on ground conditions.”

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Mr Margrave refuted concerns the council seems to be converting to Chambers of different types in all cemeteries and discouraging timber burial as this is cost saving for the council repairs and maintenance.

He said: "In regards to timbered graves, we will continue to facilitate these where ground conditions allow, however, timber graves do require longer ongoing maintenance as the timbers rot and collapse into the grave which of course distress for families.

Burial chambers don't require this level of maintenance, they are not prone to collapse and remain stable. The Service will continue to try to facilitate timber graves wherever possible (where ground conditions allow).

"However, it is important to understand that there may be a delay if you or your family chose to have a burial at Heckmondwike in a timber grave as these are not pre-prepared in advance, this might mean on occasions, a burial will not take place as quickly as we or you would like."



New Manager appointed by Milen Care

Milen Care, in Batley, have welcomed their new Manager to head up the team.

Raheela Hussain will oversee the provision of day care services and other preventative care measures to Asian elders and adults over 18 with a physical disability in North Kirklees.

Raheela told Paigaam that she is "very excited to take up the position with Milen Care. Milen is an excellent long-standing organisation that has been providing quality care for the local elders."

"I am delighted to join the team here at Milen. I am enjoying meeting and getting to know our service users. I'm looking

forward to managing the centre and continuing to provide high quality care," said Raheela.

Aziz Daji, Chair of Milen said: "I am pleased to welcome Raheela to our organisation. I look forward to working with Raheela to effectively manage and extend our services."

Milen Care was established in 1988 and is a well-known local charitable organisation that works in partnership with organisations such as Kirklees Council. Based at the Al-Hikmah Centre, Milen is one of very few care providers who provide a culturally sensitive service, tailored to the individual's needs and provided in a dignified manner, with

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Milen is a Charity Registered organisation and is managed by an annually elected Management Committee. Milen is open four days a week Mondays to Fridays.

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IMWS Health Mela a big success



The Indian Muslim Welfare Society held a Health Awareness & Community Mega Mela at its iconic Al-Hikmah Centre in Batley on Sunday 17th September 12.00 noon till 5.00pm.

They event attracted over 6 hundred people across the area who participated in engaging the community in a consultation process and raising awareness in relation to services provision. IMWS has long proven history of public engagement to address health inequalities & wellbeing issues in North Kirklees.



Health advice sessions along with a presentation by a panel of dignitaries including Batley and Spennings MP, Kim Leadbeater, Lesley Goodburn from NHS England, Dr Liz Mear Chair ICB Kirklees place committee, Kirklees Batley East & West Councillor & Shabiha Azam took place on the first floor whilst food, gift, make up, sweet stalls and other activities were organised to maximise the targeted audience as residents from across North Kirklees attended the event.



IMWS General Manager Nadeem Raja said the event was a great opportunity to highlight the health issues in the communities, sign posting and listening to the community to identify the gaps in service delivery. He said: "Attendees immersed themselves in arts and crafts and enjoyed a number of activities. The

turnout was amazing as people turned up in numbers; the kids loved the face painting and balloon modelling whilst the free advice on health and well being was very well received. A variety of stalls and local traders will contribute to the festive atmosphere.

"We would like to thank Locala, all our partners and the local community for being part of the Mega Mela. Finally, we would like to thank our team of staff for ensuring the event was a success."

IMWS Chair, Rafik Dabhad said: "We are delighted to host our annual community fun day, providing families with a wonderful opportunity to spend quality time together and celebrate our vibrant community. With a diverse range of activities and attractions available, there is something for everyone to enjoy."

Highlights of the event included: Huddersfield University health checks, IMWS champions leading on Diabetes, Cervical Cancer risk assessments & NO smoking campaign, Men's Talk theatre performance on Mental Health, Mohammad's digital story highlighting issues within the NHS addressing health inequalities, Mental Health Coaching & workshops, PCN engagements re health advice, kidney awareness sessions, henna painting, balloon artists, bouncy castles, face painting and much more.



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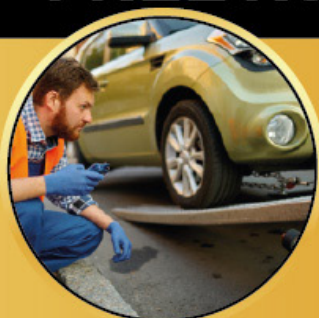
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Is the meat in Makkah and Madinah Halal?

Brazil is said to be the principal exporter of halal meat and poultry to the Arab world with \$17.74 billion worth of exported meat available in the biggest cities including the holy cities of Makkah and Madinah.

The main importers are Saudi Arabia (396,000 tonnes), the United Arab Emirates (239,000 tonnes), Yemen (85,000 tonnes), Kuwait (73,000 tonnes) and Libya (64,000 tonnes).

Upon investigation it has been revealed that along with countries such as Brazil, Holland, France and New Zealand, no one really knows what the Halal certification is in place, and if there is any sort of certification processes.

Do they allow stunning? Do they allow mechanical slaughter? Are the animals being slaughtered by Muslims at all?

Mufti Abdullah of Foodguide Services has cautioned the authenticity of the halal meat that is freely available in the likes of Makkah and Madinah. He said Muslims are obliged by the Shari'ah to eat only Halal and Tayyib foods and hence must be most circumspect when eating in the Holy Lands. Tayyib food refers to food that is Halal beyond doubt

He said: "It may be pertinent to mention here that at present, Argentina and Brazil, etc. are exporting a lot frozen meat to Arab countries, including Saudi Arabia. This

meat is not lawful for the Muslims as the animals are not slaughtered according to the way prescribed by the Shari'ah.

"The exporting firms very deceitfully put the Halal mark on their products while in reality they are not Halal. There are no Muslim butchers or supervisors attached to these firms and as such their statement cannot be relied upon.

"It is very important that the Islamic Organizations should probe into the matter urgently to ensure that the Muslim masses in Arab countries are not fed on this type of meat as, according to the Holy Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him), the prayers of a person nourished on unlawful food are not heard or accepted. This is a grave issue and should be taken in right earnestness by Muslim governments."

Mufti Abdullah also said Hajj or Umrah groups should procure meat which is not imported. "Don't eat at restaurants and takeaways before asking someone who is 'in the know' where you can buy Halal with certitude."

Another individual by the name of Abu Umar insists he has reached out directly to hotels and food outlets in the holy cities in order to ascertain whether the meat is halal. He believes thousands of Muslims travel from all over the world to the holiest of holy cities of Makkah and Madinah, little suspecting that they could be deceived

into eating haram.

He said: "I approached a particular hotel and asked about their meat, at first the response was dismissive, but after persistence they reluctantly let me have a look at the package boxes, it was clearly written in English; Import from Brazil 'HALAL' in big writing and just underneath it in smaller writing, was written 'some of the meat may be doubtful.'"

"My dear respected brothers and sisters in Islam, please remember that we are living in an age of commercialism and to get caught up in this trap is very easy, be careful of what you eat, especially in a place like the Haramain."

Abu Umar believes In order to benefit from such vast rewards and spiritually cleanse ourselves we take out time and money to travel to the holy lands. However, yet all this could become meaningless if even one morsel of Haram is consumed knowingly or unknowingly: "Fourty days of Ibaadat (worship) will instantly become nullified, not to mention the fact that all our duas will also be rejected."

It is very important that the public know whether the meat in Saudi is halal or not. We would urge the local Ulama group, Rabetah to look into this matter and provide more information for publication next month.

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Gujarati Writers Forum pays tribute to late Ismail Daji

Saturday the 9th of September saw the posthumous launch of an anthology of couplets by the late Ismail Daji 'Anees'.

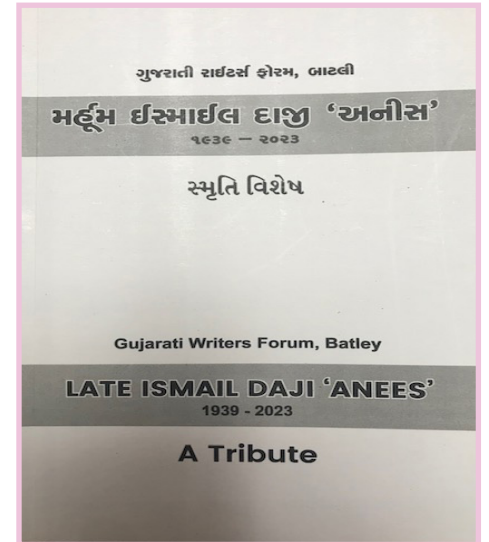
The programme, which was conducted by Intiaz Patel Varediawala, was held at the PKWA centre in Batley began with Tilawat E Quran by Hafez Ammar Daji .

Ahmad Gul, President of the Gujarati Writers Forum said Ismail Bhai will be remembered for his significant contribution to preserve and promote the Gujarati language, and literature in Yorkshire. Guests of Honour at the event included Abdul Karim Gheewala, Dr Abdur Rehman Rajpura, Aziz Daji and Adam Tankarvi, Cllr E Dockrat, Iqbal bhana, Y Sidat, R Dabhad, I Dhoriwala and Dr E Dadibhai.

who was also the Honorary General Secretary of the Gujarati Writers Forum. He said: "Ismail bhai was a nice poet who wrote poems under his pen name 'Anees'. He had a friendly and taciturn, honest and serious personality. He will be remembered as a fine poet, a literature lover, and a sincere community worker for many decades."

Dilaver Valli said Ismail bhai was well respected due to a number of infectious personal qualities: "He was liked for his personal qualities such as sincerity, integrity and honesty. His services to the community can be described as selfless. He was a worker at grassroots level and never aspired to be in a position of power. He won the hearts of people by his polite behaviour and unassuming nature."

Ahmad Gul and Shabbir Kazi on behalf of GWF to Ismail bhai's son, Munir Daji. Bedar Lajpuri, Sevak Alipori, Masum Karolia, Ahmad Gul and Shabbir Kazi read poetry on Ismail Daji. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Shabir Kazi.



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Kim Leadbeater MP column

Being an MP involves the challenge of constantly trying to balance dealing with a wide range of local, national and international issues.

Whilst I have spent a lot of time this week calling on the government to better support our local authority to ensure we don't lose valuable local services and facilities, I am also acutely aware of the horrific events happening much further afield, which I know have caused a great deal of distress and anxiety to many people.

The catastrophic earthquake in Morocco and the appalling loss of life in the floods in Libya have been heart-breaking to witness and once again local people have responded not only by keeping the victims in their thoughts and prayers, but also by donating to relief charities. The delay in getting help to the city of Derna has been scandalous and just reinforces the need for

a lasting political settlement and effective, stable government in the region.

These events put our troubles here at home into perspective, but nevertheless we have major challenges of our own to confront. The need to make very significant savings at Kirklees Council has led many people to approach me with their concerns about the consequences for local services and amenities.

I know this will be used as a political football which is why I am trying to deal with facts as much as possible. I have no control over the Council's finances, nor those of Kirklees Active Leisure (KAL), and I sadly have no control over the government either.

But I have spent several hours in Parliament having debates and meetings regarding the financial circumstances of

councils across the country. I have been holding urgent meetings with Council leaders and KAL to discuss what alternative arrangements can be made to protect vital services and amenities.

I am pleased that the new leadership on the Council is being open and ready to discuss the challenges they face. If you share my concerns about facilities including care homes, sports and leisure facilities and town halls, I would urge you to take part in the consultations that are getting underway.

And please be assured that I will do everything I can to fight for our precious local amenities and services across the whole of Batley and Spen. Thank you for reading and you can get regular updates on my work locally, nationally and internationally on my website www.kim4batleyandspen.com

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Hindu radicalism to blame for countless Muslim deaths

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They are part of public, over-ground groups like the Akhil Bhartiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP), the student wing of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS); and the Bajrang Dal, the militant youth wing of the RSS. All of them are affiliates of the ruling Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP), which gives them political clout and a veneer of respectability.

Members of the ABVP and the Bajrang Dal have been involved in numerous cases of physical violence against students and teachers, especially Muslims.

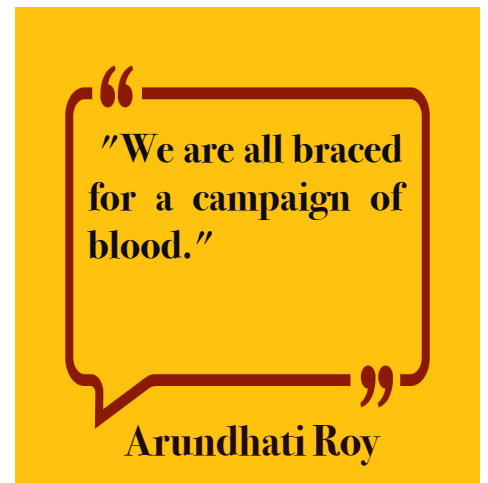
Recently, a video surfaced in India and went viral in which a young Hindu girl is seen singing "Desh ke gaddaron ko Goli maro." (shoot the traitors of the country). She is surrounded by people encouraging her.

The slogan has since been used in rallies and videos to target Muslims. This video encapsulates a reality that Hindus do not want to talk about. Another video of a school teacher asking her students to slap their Muslim classmate who had not done his homework made national news. Students came up one by one and hit the Muslim boy, as the teacher commented against his religion.

Internationally renowned Indian writer and Booker Prize winner Arundhati Roy, said she fears for the survival of her country's democracy due to the dangerous

rise of Hindu radicalism.

Ahead of India's elections next year, she says we are all "braced for a campaign of blood" after a surge in shocking attacks on Muslims, including many fatal, across the country in recent weeks.



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Signs of hearing loss

It's not always easy to tell if you're losing your hearing.

Common signs include:

Difficulty hearing other people clearly and misunderstanding what they say, especially in noisy places.

Asking people to repeat themselves listening to things or watching TV with the volume higher than other people.

Need difficulty hearing on the phone finding it hard to keep up with a conversation feeling tired or stressed from having to concentrate while listening.

Sometimes someone else might notice problems with your hearing before you do.

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Hearing loss in babies

Hearing loss can be harder to spot in babies. There is a checklist for how a baby makes and reacts to sound on GOV.UK that can help you notice the signs.

Causes of hearing loss

There are lots of possible causes of hearing loss. It may be caused by something treatable or it may be permanent. Your symptoms may give you an idea what could be causing it. But do not self-diagnose, see a GP for advice.

Symptoms

Gradual hearing loss in both ears

Possible cause

Aging or damage from loud noise over many years.

Symptoms

Difficulty hearing in 1 ear, earache, a feeling of pressure in your ear, discharge coming out of the ear.

Possible cause

Ear infection

Symptoms

Difficulty hearing in 1 ear, itchiness, feeling like your ear is blocked

Possible cause

Earwax build up

Symptoms

Sudden hearing loss after an ear infection, a very loud noise or a change in air pressure (for example, from flying)

Possible cause

Perforated Eardrum

Symptoms

Sudden hearing loss along with dizziness, a spinning sensation (vertigo) or ringing in your ears (tinnitus).

Possible cause

Labyrinthitis or Ménière's disease

See a GP if:

You think your hearing is getting gradually worse - you've had treatment for an ear infection or earwax build-up but your hearing has not come back.

You can also sometimes get a free hearing test at some pharmacies and opticians.

Ask for an urgent GP appointment or get help from NHS 111 if: You have sudden hearing loss in 1 or both ears.

Your hearing has been getting worse over the last few days or weeks.

You have hearing loss along with other symptoms, such as earache or discharge coming out of the ear.

It might not be anything serious, but it's best to get help as it may need to be treated quickly. You can call 111 or get help from 111 online.

Treatments for hearing loss

Treatment for hearing loss depends on what's causing it. Sometimes a GP may be able to treat the cause, for example: an ear infection might be treated with antibiotics.

An earwax build-up might be treated with ear drops or removed.

If your hearing loss is not caused by something a GP can treat, they may refer you to a hearing specialist for further tests and treatment.

Hearing aids and implants

If you have permanent hearing loss, a specialist will often recommend hearing aids. These will not make your hearing perfect, but they make sounds louder and clearer.

Do

Reduce background noise or move to a quieter area when talking to other people and face people when they're talking to you, so you can see their mouth, facial expressions and gestures.

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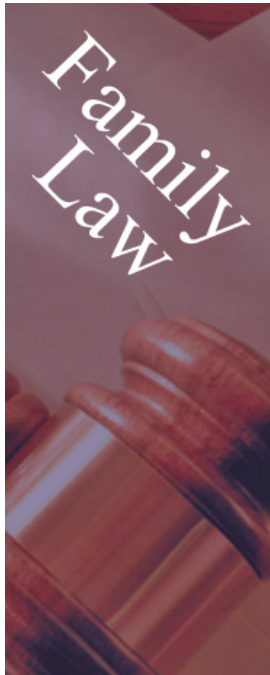
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બધુ છોડી ખાલી હાથ અહીંથી જવાનું છે.

ગુજરાતી રાઈટર્સ ફોરમ બાટલીના ઉપક્રમે મહૂમ ઈસ્માઈલ મોહંમદ દાજુ ‘અનીસ’ની શ્રધ્ધાંજલિ સભા અત્રેના પકવા સેન્ટર, બાટલીના હોલમાં આયોજિત કરવામાં આવી હતી. એમનો જન્મ આલીપોર, ઈન્ડિયા ખાતે ૧૯૩૮માં થયો હતો. વર્ષો પૂર્વે ૧૯૬૧માં યુ.કે. આગમન થયું ત્યારથી બાટલી ટાઉનમાં વસવાટ કરતા હતા. અહીંના જાણીતા સમાજસેવક અને ગઝલકાર હતા. એમનું જાન્યુઆરી ૨૦૨૩માં અવસાન થયું હતું. એઓ એમ.એસ હોસ્ટેલ સુરતની સ્ટુડન્ટ યુનિયનના સેક્રેટરી, આલીપોર મુસ્લિમ એસોસિએશન યુ.કે., ઈન્ડિયન મુસ્લિમ વેલ્ફેર સોસાયટી, બાટલી, ઈસ્લામિક કલ્ચર એન્ડ વેલ્ફેર એસોસિએશન, રેશ્યલ ઈકવાલિટી કાઉન્સિલ કર્કલીસ, બાટલી હાઈસ્કૂલના ગવર્નર, લેબર બેકર્સ એલાયન્સ લેબર યુનિયનના એક્ઝ્યુક્યુટીવ મેમ્બરના હોદ્દાઓ ઉપર રહી ચૂક્યા હતા. આમ વિવિધ સંસ્થાઓ સાથે અનેકવિધ પ્રવૃત્તિઓથી આજીવન જોડાયેલા રહ્યા હતા.

સભાનો પ્રારંભ હાફિઝ અમ્માર દાજુની કુરઆન શરીફની તીલાવતથી થયો હતો. સંસ્થાના પ્રમુખ જ. અહમદ લુણાત ‘ગુલે’ ગદ્ગદિત સ્વરમાં સૌને આવકારી ઈસ્માઈલભાઈ સાથે વીતાવેલી બાળપણની યાદો, મૈત્રીપૂર્ણ સંબંધો અને ગુજરાતી રાઈટર્સ (સર્કલ)ફોરમની પ્રવૃત્તિઓ સાથે શરૂઆતથીજ સંકળાયેલા રહી સાહિત્ય તેમજ વિવિધ ક્ષેત્રે મહૂમની સામાજિક, સાંસ્કૃતિક સેવાઓ અને સાથ સહકારને ઉજાગર કર્યા હતા.

આ પ્રસંગે ઈસ્માઈલભાઈની સ્મૃતિમાં એમના ચાહકો અને પરિચિતોએ એમના સંબંધો, જીવન કવન, સાહિત્યક, સામાજિક સેવાભાવના, વ્યવહાર, વિવિધ પ્રવૃત્તિઓનો ઉલ્લેખ કરતા લખેલા અંજલિ લેખો અને મુક્તકોનો સમાવેશ કરતી પુસ્તિકા ‘સ્મૃતિ વિશેષ’ ગુજરાતી રાઈટર્સ ફોરમ બાટલીએ પ્રકાશિત કરી હતી. જેનું ઈસ્માઈલભાઈની દીકરી ઝયનબબેન દાજુના હસ્તે લોકાર્પણ કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું. ઉપરાંત ઈસ્માઈલભાઈએ ગુજરાતી રાઈટર્સ ફોરમના સેક્રેટરીના હોદ્દા પર રહી તેમણે આપેલ મુલ્યવાન સેવા બદલ મરણોત્તર સન્માનિત એવોર્ડ એમના ફરજંદ જ. મુનીરભાઈ દાજુને અર્પણ કરવામાં આવ્યો હતો. જાણીતા ગઝલકાર આદરણીય અદમભાઈ ટંકારવીએ ઈસ્માઈલભાઈ ‘અનીસ’ની ગઝલ રચનાઓમાં નિરૂપાતી સંવેદના, ચિંતન અને સાહિત્યિક પ્રતિભાની ચર્ચા કરી હતી. જ. અસ્લમભાઈ બુલબુલીયાએ ઈસ્માઈલભાઈની પ્રાસંગિક ગઝલો તરઝુમમાં રજૂ કરી હતી.

મુખ્ય મહેમાન પદેથી જ. અબદુલ કરીમ ધીવાલા (લેસ્ટર) ડો. અબ્દુરરહેમના રાજપુરા, મૌલાના ડો. ઈબ્રાહીમ દાદીભાઈ, જ. અઝીઝ દાજુ તેમજ વિવિધ વક્તાઓ જ. રફીક ડભાડ, મહંમદ મુલ્લાં, કાઉન્સિલર ઈબ્રાહીમ ડોકરાત, ઈકબાલ ભાણા, યુસુફ

સીદાત, ઈકબાલ ધોરીવલાઓએ અંજલિ આપતા એમની સેવાઓ થકી સામાજિક ઉત્થાનમાં નોંધપાત્ર પ્રદાનને બિરદાવ્યું હતું. એમનો નિખાલસ સ્વભાવ અને સેવાભાવનાનો ઉલ્લેખ કર્યો હતો. વળી એમની સ્મૃતિમાં લખાયેલ મુક્તકો ‘સેવક’ આલીપોરી, માસૂમ કરોલ્યા, ‘બેદાર’ લાજપુરી, અહમદ ‘ગુલ’ વગેરે કવિમિત્રોએ રજૂ કર્યા હતા. સંસ્થાના ઉપ પ્રમુખ જ. શબ્બીરભાઈ કાજુના ઈસ્માઈલભાઈ ઉપર લખાયેલ મુક્તકો અને આભારવિધિ સાથે કાર્યક્રમ સમાપ્ત થયો હતો. આ તકે બાટલી, લેન્કેશાયર, યુ.એસ.એ. અને ઈન્ડિયાના આમંત્રિત શાયરો કે જેમણે આપણાં કાર્યક્રમમાં આજપર્યંત ભાગ લીધેલો તેવા ઈન્તેકાલ પામેલા શાયરો માટે મગફેરતની દુવા કરવામાં આવી હતી. મૌલાના ડો. ઈબ્રાહીમ દાદીભાઈની દુવાથી કાર્યક્રમ સમાપ્ત થયો હતો. સમગ્ર કાર્યક્રમનું સુંદર સંચાલન ઈમ્તિયાઝભાઈ પટેલ વરેડિયાવાલાએ કર્યું હતું.

ગુજરાતી ગઝલ, કાવ્ય, ભાષા, સાહિત્યના જતન અને પ્રસાર માટે આજીવન સખત મહેનત કરનાર અને સામાજિક યોગદાન આપનાર ઈસ્માઈલભાઈ દાજુ હંમેશા યાદ રહેશે.

શું આપણે હવે કોમી સંસ્થાઓથી દૂર જઈ રહ્યા છે ?

શનિવાર તારીખ ૧૬મી સપ્ટેમ્બર ૨૦૨૩ના રોજ ઈન્ડિયન મુસ્લિમ વેલ્ફેર સોસાયટી, બાટલીની એક સ્પેશ્યલ જનરલ મીટિંગનું આયોજન થયું હતું. જેમાં સોસાયટીના બંધારણમાં જરૂરી ફેરફારનો મુખ્ય એજન્ડા હતો. અને તેમાં મેમ્બરોની મંજૂરી અને મથેરાની જરૂરિયાત હતી. પરંતુ દિલગીરી સાથે લખવું પડે છે કે. આ મીટિંગની શરૂઆતની કામગીરી માટે ૧૨૫ સભ્યોની હાજરી (કોરમ) જરૂરી હતી. પરંતુ ફક્ત ૮૮ મેમ્બરોએ હાજરી આપી હતી. જેમાં મુખ્યત્વે મોટી ઉંમરના આપણાં સભ્યો હતા. યંગસ્ટરો (નવયુવાનો)ની સંખ્યા નજીવી હતી. પરિણામે કોરમના અભાવે મીટિંગ મુલતવી રાખવામાં આવી હતી. સંસ્થાના કમિટી સભ્યોની અથાગ મહેનત, અને યોજવામાં આવેલ એરિયા મીટિંગો તથા અન્ય કન્સલટીંગ મીટિંગમાં ખર્ચાયેલ સમય અને ખર્ચાઓ બરબાદ થયા હતા. વળી આ મીટિંગનું ફરીથી આયોજન કરવા સોસાયટીએ પાછી મહેનત કરવી પડશે.

આજ પ્રકારની મુશ્કેલીઓનો સામનો આપણાં એરિયાની બીજી મસ્જિદો કે કોમ્યુનિટી સંસ્થાઓએ પણ કરવો પડે છે. તો પ્રશ્ન જરૂરથી ઊભો થાય છે કે, કોમની ખીદમત માટે બનાવેલ આ સોસાયટી અને મસ્જિદોની સોસાયટીથી શું હવે આપણે દૂર જઈ રહ્યા છે? આ સંસ્થાઓમાં જોડાવાનું કે તેમાં કામ કરવા નામ નોંધાવાની તો દૂરની વાત છે પરંતુ આવી મીટિંગમાં બે કલાક હાજરી આપવા માટે પણ આપણાં પાસે સમય નથી? જો આજ પ્રથા રહી તો આવા ઈદારાઓ ભવિષ્યમાં કેમ ચાલશે અને તેના સંચાલન અને અસ્તિત્વ ઉપર એક મોટો સવાલ છે. આ એક ખૂબજ આઘાતજનક બિના છે. અને દરેકે તેના ઉપર વિચાર કરી મંથન કરવું જરૂરી છે. અમારી તો ફક્ત એજ વિનંતી છે કે, ઓછામાં ઓછું સોસાયટીઓની આવી મીટિંગોમાં કે જે વર્ષમાં એક કે બે વખત આવે છે તેમાં માત્ર બે કલાકનો ભોગ તો આપો.

૨૦૨૫માં લેન્ડલાઈન ફોનનો અંત

હાલમાં બ્રિટનમાં ધરના ફોન (લેન્ડ લાઈન) પીએસટીએન (Public Switched Telephone Network)થી ચાલે છે. આ ફોનલાઈને કેટલાયે વર્ષોથી લોકોની જરૂરિયાતોને પૂરી પાડી છે. પરંતુ હવે મોબાઈલ ફોન અને ઈન્ટરનેટ વગેરેની સુવિધાથી આ જૂની લેન્ડ લાઈન પ્રથાને ડીસેમ્બર-૨૦૨૫થી ખતમ કરી ઈન્ટરનેટ બેઈઝ સુવિધા શરૂ કરવામાં આવશે. જેના પરિણામે હાલના લેન્ડ લાઈન ફોન બંધ થશે. અને તેની જગ્યાએ બ્રોડબાન્ડ-ઈન્ટરનેટથી ચાલતા લેન્ડ લાઈન ફોનની સેવા મળશે.

જેનો અર્થ એ થયો કે, ૨૦૨૫માં જ્યારે આ ફોન બંધ થશે ત્યારે લેન્ડલાઈન ફોનના ઉપયોગ માટે બ્રોડબાન્ડ અને ઈન્ટરનેટના જોડાણની જરૂરત રહેશે. આ માટે આજનું જનરેશન તો એનાથી વાકેફ છે. પરંતુ મોટી ઉંમરના અને રીટાયર્ડ લોકો જેઓ ઈન્ટરનેટથી વધુ વાકેફ નથી અને તેમને એ વાપરતા પણ આવડતું નથી તેમને મુશ્કેલી પડશે. જો કે ફોન પૂરૂ પાડતી કંપનીઓએ બાંહેધરી આપી છે કે, ૨૦૨૫ પછી જેઓ આ નવી પધ્ધતીથી ફોન વાપરવા માંગશે તેમને બ્રોડબાન્ડ ઈન્ટરનેટનું જોડાણ ફ્રી માં લગાવી આપવામાં આવશે પરંતુ તેનું માસિક ભાડુ તમણે ચૂકવવું પડશે. આ સમાચારના મીક્ષ પ્રત્યાઘાતો જોવા મળે છે. ખાસ કરીને વૃદ્ધો જેઓ ઘરમાં એકલા હોય છે અને તેઓ ફક્ત લેન્ડ લાઈન ફોન જ વાપરે છે જેમને મોડર્ન ટેકનોલોજીની આવડત નથી તેમના માટે મુશ્કેલી ઊભી થશે. પરંતુ જેમ જેમ સમયની સાથે ટેકનોલોજીનું પ્રમાણ વધે છે તેમ તેની સાથે કદમ મેળવવું પણ જરૂરી થઈ જાય છે.

સૌથી વધુ શિક્ષકો ધરાવતું ગામ ચાંપલઘરા

દર વર્ષે પમી સપ્ટેમ્બરના રોજ ભારતના ભૂતપૂર્વ રાષ્ટ્રપતિ સર્વપલ્લી રાધા કૃષ્ણનના જન્મ દિવસને શિક્ષક દિવસ તરીકે ઉજવવામાં આવે છે. ભારત ખાતે આ વર્ષે પણ શિક્ષક દિવસની ઉજવણી થઈ હતી. સમાજનું ઘડતર કરવામાં શિક્ષકનું યોગદાન મહત્વનું હોય છે. વળી આપણી સંસ્કૃતિ પ્રમાણે આપણે શિક્ષકને માનની નજરે જોઈએ છીએ. ગયા મહિને પમી સપ્ટેમ્બરના રોજ ઉજવાયેલ શિક્ષક દિન નિમિત્તે એક ખાસ જાણકારી બહાર આવી છે. જેમાં નવસારી જીલ્લાના વાંસદા તાલુકાનું ચાંપલઘરા ગામનું નામ ઝળહળ્યું છે. ૧૦૬જારની વસ્તી ધરાવતા આ ગામમાં મોટા ભાગના શિક્ષકો છે. લગભગ દરેક ઘરમાં સરેરાશ બે શિક્ષકો જોવા મળે છે. અને કેટલાક ઘરોમાં તો બેથી પણ વધુ શિક્ષકો છે. જેમાના ઘણાં જે સ્કૂલમાં ભણ્યા છે ત્યાંજ શિક્ષકની નોકરી બજાવે છે. શિક્ષક તરીકે નોકરી કરતા કેટલાયે શિક્ષકો ખેતી પણ ધરાવે છે. હાલની નવી પેઢી પણ આજ કારકીર્દીમાં આગળ વધી રહી છે. ઘણાં શિક્ષકોએ ગામમાંજ લગ્ન કર્યા છે. ઘરમાં શિક્ષકો અને શિક્ષણને લીધે ઘરનું વાતાવરણ પણ શૈક્ષણિક જોવા મળે છે.

ભારત કેનેડાના રાજકીય સંબંધોમાં તણાવ

ગયા માસમાં ૧૮મી સપ્ટેમ્બરના રોજ કેનેડાના વડા પ્રધાન જસ્ટિન ટ્રુડોએ કેનેડીયન પાર્લામેન્ટમાં એક વ્યક્તવ્ય આપી ભારત ઉપર સીધો એટેક કર્યો હતો. જેમાં કેનેડા ખાતે ૧૮મી જૂન ૨૦૨૩ના રોજ એક ગૂરૂધ્વારની બહાર ખાલીસ્તાની નેતા હરદીપસિંહ નિજ્જરની ગોળી મારી હત્યા થઈ હતી તેમાં ભારત સરકારની સીધી સંડોવણીનો આરોપ લગાવ્યો હતો અને

કેનેડામાંથી ભારતીય રાજદૂતોને કાઢી મૂક્યા હતા. જેના જવાબમાં ભારત સરકારે પણ કેનેડાના આક્ષેપોને પાયાવગરના કહી કેનેડીયન રાજદૂતોને પણ ભારત છોડી જવા હુકમ કર્યો હતો. જસ્ટિન ટ્રુડોએ સખત શબ્દોમાં જણાવ્યું હતું કે, કેનેડાની ધરતી પર કેનેડીયન નાગરિકોની હત્યામાં કોઈ પણ વિદેશી સરકારની સંડોવણીને અમે સાંખી લઈશું નહીં.

હરદીપસિંહ નિજ્જર ભારત ખાતે એક પૂજારીની હત્યાના કાવતરામાં વોન્ટેડ જાહેર થયો હતો. તે શીખ અલગતાવાદી નેતા હતો અને ભરત સરકારે તેને આતંકવાદી અને ફરાર જાહેર કર્યો હતો. તેને ખાલિસ્તાન ટાઈગર ફોર્સ (KTF) ના મુખ્ય વ્યક્તિ તરીકે ઓળખાવ્યો છે. તે ભારત છોડી કેનેડા ચાલી ગયો હતો અને પછી કેટલાક સમય બાદ તેણે કેનેડાની નાગરીકતા મેળવી હતી.

૧૦મી સપ્ટેમ્બર-૨૦૨૩ના દિલ્હી ખાતે યોજાયેલ જી.૨૦ સમિટમાં કેનેડાના વડા પ્રધાન જસ્ટિન ટ્રુડોએ હાજરી આપી હતી અને ત્યાં એક ધ્વીતીય મુલાકાતમાં ભારતના વડા પ્રધાન નરેન્દ્ર મોદી સામે આ મુદ્દો ઉઠાવ્યો હતો. પરંતુ ભારત સરકારે કોઈ સીધી પ્રતિક્રિયા આપી ન હતી. જસ્ટિન ટ્રુડો સાથે મોદીની વર્તણૂક ઉપર પણ સવાલો ઊભા થયા હતા. આ બનાવના પગલે કેનેડાએ ભારત જતા કેનેડીયનો માટે ટ્રાવેલ એડવાઈઝરી નોટ જારી કરી હતી અને તેમને લડાખ, જમ્મુ કાશ્મીર, મણીપૂર, હરિયાણા વગેરે જેવા પ્રદેશમાં મુસાફરી ન કરવા સલાહ આપી છે. ઉપરાંત આ બાબતે અમેરિકા, યુ.કે., ઓસ્ટ્રેલીયા દેશોએ ચિંતા વ્યક્ત કરી કેનેડાના પડખે ઊભા રહ્યા હતા.

ઈન્ડિયન મુસ્લિમ વેલ્ફેર સોસાયટીની

MRI અપીલ

આપ સૌ જાણો છો કે, આપણી સોસાયટીએ પીન્ડરફીલ હોસ્પિટલમાં એક લેટેસ્ટ MRI મશીન ખરીદવા અને રીકવરી રૂમ તથા અન્ય સુવિધા માટે ખાસ સગવડ ઊભી કરવા મદદની અપીલ કરી હતી. જેનું કલેક્શન હજુ ચાલુ છે. કેટલાક ભાઈઓ એમાં હિસ્સો લીધો છે પરંતુ હજુ પણ ઘણાંઓએ હિસ્સો લીધો નથી. આ આખા પ્રોજેક્ટ માટે ૬ મિલિયન પાઉન્ડનો ખર્ચ છે. જેમાં ખુશીની વાત છે કે નેશનલ હેલ્થે પ.૨૫ મિલિયન પાઉન્ડ આપ્યા છે અને બાકી ૭લાખ ૫૦૬જાર પાઉન્ડ ચેરિટી આપવા વેઈકફીલ્ડ, ડ્યુલબરી, બાટલી વગેરેની તમામ કોમ્યુનિટીને જીમ્મેદારી આપી છે. જે માટે આપણી સોસાયટીએ પણ એમાં હિસ્સો લીધો છે. આ સુવિધાથી ખાસ કરીને આપણા બાળકોને અને બીજા દર્દીઓને પણ વધુ લાભ મળી શકશે. હાલમાં આ સેવા લીડ્ઝ અને શેફીલ્ડમાંજ હોય છે. વેઈટીંગ લીસ્ટ પણ લાંબુ હોય છે તેમાં પણ ઘટાડો જોવા મળશે.

હેલ્થની તમામ સુવિધાનો ઉપયોગ, આપણે બહોળા પ્રમાણમાં કરીએ છીએ અને તે સેવા મફતમાં મળે છે. આપણી પણ ફરજ બને છે કે, જ્યારે લાંબા સમય બાદ તેઓ આપણાંથી મદદની આશા રાખી રહ્યા છે તો આપણે જરૂરથી તેમાં ભાગ લેવો જોઈએ. મોરોક્કો ધરતીકંપ, લીબીયા ફલડ અપીલ, અને MRI અપીલની રકમ તમે તમારા એરિયાની મસ્જિદ અને અલ હિકમાહની ઓફીસમાં પહોંચાડી શકો છો.



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