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Congratulations, class of 2017. It is a great pleasure to learn about so many outstanding achievements of our youth. This makes not only your parents proud, but also the entire Pakistani community.

PAFA has had a great start this year. The **Meet and Greet** session was well attended. The purpose of the M&G was to listen to the Community and find ways for the Community to come together to make Indiana a better place. I would like to assure our community members that PAFA, with your support, will do its very best to showcase a positive image of the Pakistani community. The subsequent, **Mother's Day Event** was a great success too. ZN Fashions, who are famous for arranging events in big cities, accepted our invitation and showcased women's dresses, jewellery, and other accessories from 8 high-end vendors. I was very pleased to see that the event was not only attended by our Pakistani community, but it was also very well received by the Bangladeshi, Indian, Middle Eastern and other members of the American community.

In this quarter we are focusing on building the **Pakistani Community Business Alliance** to help our community businesses and consumers. PAFA is very grateful to our sponsors who are supporting the PAFA mission. We also have the **Pakistani American Medical Mission** in progress. I have heard several great stories about physicians from our community who are serving underprivileged communities in both USA and Pakistan. We are working to shape these individual efforts into a more stable and visible activity which will help us portray a positive image of Pakistan.

Finally, I would like to remind you all that **Pakistan's legendary singer, Alamgir**, is coming to town on July 15th. I look forward to your generous support of our cultural Icon. PAFA is a 501 C(3) not-for-profit organization. Your membership and contributions are tax deductible. We hope you support PAFA to play a vital role in representing Pakistani-Americans in Indiana.

Regards,

Zakir Akbar

President - 2017

COMMUNITY NEWS



**Class of
2017**

PAFA heartily congratulates you on your graduation and wishes you all the best in your future endeavours. (Note: We appreciate everyone who the provided the following information about their friends and family).

- Azeem Khan- HSCH
- Bilal Mozaffar- HSCH
- Hafza Farooq- HSCH
- Hamza Azeem- ESCH
- Hiba Butt- HSCH
- Hira Akbar- HSCH
- Huda Khalid- HSCH
- Humza Syed- HSCH
- Rayyan Waseem - HSCH
- Saad Syed- HSCH
- Sarah Ali- HSCH
- Shiza Adnan- HSCH
- Sumera Syed- HSCH
- Usama Kamran- COLL
- Yaseen Bari- HSCH
- Zain Akbar- HSCH
- Zain Azeem- MSCH
- Zain Tufail- HSCH
- Zara Azeem- ESCH

EDITORIAL

Dr. Rafat Siddiqui

Success may mean different things to different people. Generally, success means accomplishing goals that you can be proud of; feeling that tingle of excitement about what you can do, or continuing to do what matters to you through hard times. Success does not come by itself. General Colin Powell once rightly stated, ***“There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure.”***

Preparation is the key to every success and it is typically based on accomplishing some goals. It is planned on the basis of past experiences, observations, and/or failures. Success often requires sacrifices such as time or money. To really attain success, the preparation itself should be exciting in order to motivate a person to engage in hard work. However, our goals change as time goes on and, ultimately, require different approaches to achieve success in every task we take on.

PAFA's success will depend on how it can best serve the Pakistani community and present a positive image of Pakistan in both Indiana and the USA. It is not an organization of a few people; rather it is a community organization. PAFA's success will signify the success of all Pakistanis living in Indiana. It may not directly affect a person or a group, but its success will help the Pakistani community as a whole. As a nation that is relatively new, we need to learn from our past experiences and prepare ourselves for the future to successfully accomplish PAFA's mission.

Helping this organization with time and/or money is our obligation, and we should support it no matter what circumstances are now, what our past affiliations were, or what our future course will be. If we use this approach today, we will get a reciprocal benefit tomorrow. Otherwise we may be fools to think we can achieve a greater cause by acting individually or in some fractionated groups. Sometimes a little sacrifice can go a long way for a greater cause. Your support to PAFA and its Newsletter will help project all of us as a Great Nations, who knows how to act responsibly.



FROM YOUR TREASURER

Muhammad Ali

Greetings to everyone. I have taken the task to see your investment in PAFA, through your memberships, sponsorships, and donations, is best utilized to serve our community. My key objective is to have our financial record transparent and electronically available to any member to see how the money is generated and utilized. As a 501 c(3) organisation, it is prime important that we have all the transactions well documented and timely audited. My goal is to establish an electronic documentation recording system that will help PAFA in the future to have all documentation archived and available if for any reason we are subject to an IRS audit. When I took charge, our financial situation was not very healthy, but the whole PAFA executive team is working to generate much needed revenues. Please consider joining as a new member or renew you membership to help achieve PAFA's goal to serve Pakistani Community in Indiana and to present a positive image of Pakistan. I would greatly appreciate if you have any suggestion or comments to improve PAFA activities. I am sure, with your help, we will shine.

Obituary

* Give glad tiding who patiently endure, who say when afflicted with a calamity: "To Allah we belong and to Him we return." They are those on whom (descend) blessings and mercy from their Lord, and they are the ones who receive guidance. (Quran Surah Baqarah 2:155-157)

♦ Mr. Firoz Ahmed, brother of Mr. Asfahan Khan (Wife: Saeeda Khan) passed away in India on March 24, 2017. May Allah reward him the highest place in Paradise. Please pray for his forgiveness

♦ Mr. Shabhat Hussain, father of Seema Alvi (Husband: Irfan Alvi) passed away in India on March 27, 2017. May Allah reward him the highest place in Paradise. Please pray for his forgiveness.

♦ Mrs. Saghreen Begum, mother of Shariq Hussain (Wife: Saba Hussain), Shahid Siddiqui (Wife: Sofia Siddiqui), Nigar Moazzam (Husband: Moazzam Khan), and Khakhashan Nayyer (Husband: Nayyer Siddiki), was passed away in India on April 3, 2017. May Allah reward her the highest place in Paradise. Please pray for her forgiveness.

♦ Mother of Dr. Ibad Ansari (Wife: Dilshad Ansari) passed away in Chicago, Illinois on May 21, 2017. May Allah reward her the highest place in Paradise. Please pray for her forgiveness

♦ Mr. Akhtar Qureshi, husband of sister Yasmeen Akhtar and cousin of Rizwan and Saima Qureshi passed away on May 21, 2017 in Zionsville, Indiana. May Allah reward him the highest place in Paradise. Please pray for his forgiveness.

INDIANA PULSE

Dr. Waqar Mahmud

I am very pleased to see that PAFA is back in its full swing as seen in the April 21st PAFA Meet and Greet (M&G) and May 14th (Mothers' Day) Fashion Show events. For almost a year and a half, the cultural horizon of the Pak-AM Community in Indiana lost all its luster and colors. The stage was empty, lights were out, silence prevailed, and the milieu overall was dormant. Things turned around as my email started to ring with invites of these events and it is a very fortunate thing to witness PAFA back in full action.

Recently, I attended the **Mother's Day Fashion Show** and saw a sea of people from diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds. Women and children in high spirits were moving from one booth to the next. What PAFA has achieved in organizing this Fashion Show is to provide a platform to the vendors, who are all women and work very hard to keep their art of dress making alive. Without a doubt these Pakistani dresses are haute couture up to the last details. PAFA successfully created a conduit to bring the businesses of the fashion world to its beholder, which is the Pakistani Community in Indy. The dresses and the jewelries made by our Pakistani fashion designers were at par with products from fashion powerhouses such as Burberry, Channel, Gucci, Giorgio Armani, Louis Vuitton, and Tumi. Building upon this hugely successful event, **ZN Fashions** are looking forward for a mega event in future.



The **PAFA Meet and Greet** on April 21st was a wonderfully, joyous evening that took place after a prolonged pause. The event was filled with good food, music, and spirited conversations. The environment was captivating, the Pakistani cuisine was delicious, and the music was ecstatic. This evening reflected in its essence a desire and a hunger that exist in our community. There is a real dearth of these types of venues, so all praise goes to PAFA for pulling it off.

Late at night, as I was driving back home, I rolled down the window of my car and the spring breeze came gushing in. As my car was strolling down the silent night, I was experiencing feelings of serenity similar to what I used to experience back home, some 25 years ago. I used to attend evenings like this, filled with the aroma of Pakistani Cuisine with music from giants like Mehdi Hasan, Ghulam Ali, NoorJehan, Nayiarra Noor, Tina Sani, Alamgir, and many more. So I am thankful to PAFA, who despite its limited resources, is working very hard to keep our cultural traditions alive.

PAFA - Meet & Greet Highlights



PAFA - Eid Millan Dinner with Alamgir



Please join us to welcome Pakistan's
legendary Pop-Singer Icon - Alamgir on
Saturday July 15th at Maple Glenn
Elementary School, Westfield, IN.

Youth Corner

(The purpose of this section is to engage our community to highlight youth issues. Parents and youth are invited to contribute in this section. Your thoughts, ideas, and past experiences may help someone to make progress in the right direction)



Teaching Refugee Children: Mariam Iqbal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Iqbal Khan, recently graduated from IUPUI with a B.S in Elementary Education and ESL. As a proud Pakistani-American Muslim woman, she has been given numerous opportunities to help serve those in need which has always been her dream. She had the honor of working with and teaching refugee children from many countries right here in Indianapolis.

She is finally preparing to cross another wish off her list: teaching abroad. She said that "with Allah's help, I'll be teaching in China this summer. I cannot wait to experience a new lifestyle and I'm hoping to run into Pakistanis on the other part of the world." **Good Luck and all the best for a successful mission-PAFA.**



Bilal, son of Ayesha and Hisham Mozaffar, graduated from High School with 6 scholarships, including the National Merit Scholarship which is awarded to the 99.5th percentile of graduates nationwide. He is headed to IU-Bloomington.

Congratulations to Bilal and his proud parents!



Noor and her Lemonade stand

Noor Raza set up a Lemonade Stand on 21 May, 2017 to help raise money for UNICEF. Noor Raza is the daughter of Naeem and Maryam Raza, currently living in Fishers, IN. She is a 5th grade student at Sand Creek Intermediate School, Fishers IN and a recipient of the Presidential Award of academic excellence in 4th Grade. Noor Raza is the great granddaughter of Pakistan's famous writer "Naseem Hijazi" (may his soul rest in peace). She has a special corner in her heart for the needy kids and that's why she wanted to contribute to UNICEF. Her slogan for her work is "EVERY CHILD COUNTS". **Great**

Ameen Celebration

Congratulations. Aleeza Khan, d/o Shakeel and Taubassum Khan, successfully completed the recitation of the Holy Quran. Her Ameen was held on May 20, 2017 at ISNA.



Zain and Zara, and their proud parents Azeem and Arjumand Niazi, have something special to celebrate this summer. Zain, a student at Park Tudor, successfully graduated from middle school. His essay was selected from amongst 75 student essays of 8th grade to be read in front of the entire audience at graduation. Zara graduated from Town Meadow Elementary School and received a presidential award.



Youth Corner - Contd.

Do You Know: Interesting facts about Pakistan

Sameen Siddiqui, 11th grade, CHS

- ✦ Largest contributor of UN Peacekeeping Missions
- ✦ Hosts the largest number of refugees in the world
- ✦ World's largest deep-sea port-Gawader
- ✦ World's largest irrigation system-Indus Basin
- ✦ World's largest man-made Forest-Changa Manga
- ✦ World's biggest biometric data base-NADRA
- ✦ World's largest supplier of Footballs-Sialkot
- ✦ World's largest paved International road-Karakoram Highway
- ✦ Asia's largest bird sanctuary –Haleje Lake
- ✦ 3rd largest English speaking country in the world
- ✦ 6th largest youth population in the world
- ✦ 6th largest Military force in the world
- ✦ 15th largest trader of goods in the world
- ✦ 7th largest pool of scientists in the world
- ✦ 3rd in the top 10 Freelancer countries in the world
- ✦ 3rd largest city in the world-Karachi
- ✦ 2nd largest salt mine in the world-Khewara
- ✦ 4th largest milk producer
- ✦ 4 time Hockey World Cup Champion (Record)
- ✦ Total Population = 190 millions

Benazir Bhutto

Leila Knox, 8th grade

"Pursuing peace means rising above one's wants, needs, and emotions." Benazir Bhutto was a confident and smart woman; she attended many colleges such as Oxford University, Radcliffe College, and Harvard University. She inspired people all over the world with her confidence, bravery, and intelligence. She was the Prime Minister of Pakistan twice. Although she wasn't liked by everybody, she wanted to send a message to the world that feminism is important and, as Prime Minister, she started many projects for the improvement of Pakistan. Her early life, contributions to society, and achievements have really changed people and made her a powerful woman that many people look up to.

Benazir Bhutto was born on June 21, 1953 in Karachi, Pakistan. Her family followed the Muslim faith but she received her early education in a Catholic school. She received private Arabic lessons and learned nonreligious subjects. She was very interested in her father's work. Her parents were often away on trips related to her father's jobs in the Pakistani government. She pursued her college education in the United States. From 1969 to 1973, she attended Radcliffe College in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She went to study at Oxford University in the United Kingdom from 1973 to 1977. She studied philosophy, political science, and economics at Oxford University. In the United Kingdom she completed a course in International Law and Diplomacy. She graduated with a degree in comparative government. Her parents were Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Nusrat Bhutto. She came from a very privileged family. She had three siblings Murtaza, Shahnawaz, and Sanam Bhutto. She had three children Bilawal, Bakhtawar, and Asifa Zardari.

She stood for women's education so women could have the ability to work. Her daughter's Bakhtawar and Asifa encourage girls to go to school in Pakistan. As the prime minister of Pakistan she set free political prisoners and worked towards providing fundamental human rights. She is the author of two books, *Foreign Policy in Perspective* and her autobiography called *Daughter of the East*. Her legacy includes The Benazir Income Support Program which assisted women in Pakistan with financial help. She became a leader in exile of the PPP (Pakistani People's Party) which was her father's party. She had made it clear to people who were with her in a struggle for restoration of democracy that Pakistan could be saved by maximum autonomy to the provinces because the country had been problematic. She was assassinated on December 27, 2007. Benazir was addressing a rally and she had appeared on the sunroof to wave to the crowd and was shot in the head. Her death was declared at Rawalpindi General Hospital. Her untimely death has created a vacuum in not only her party but also in Pakistani politics. She was sometimes controversial, but she remains an inspiring figure to those who see a role for women in civil society in democratic Pakistan and in other societies around the world.

Sir Allama Mohammad Iqbal: the architect of Pakistan

Shahid Athar, MD

Dr. Mohammad Iqbal (1877-1934) was not just a poet, but also a Muslim thinker, philosopher, and a scholar of Arabic, Farsi, Urdu and English. He was born in Sialkot (now in Pakistan) and is buried in Lahore. He was a descendent of a Kashmiri Brahmin family. His father, a Sufi Muslim, told him "Son! When you read Quran assume it has been revealed on to you and God is talking to you directly. Only then you will get its message." This advice changed Iqbal's understanding of the Quran. He was educated in a missionary school, then at the Government College in Lahore where he studied law. He was admitted to bar at law in London, and did his PhD in philosophy in Munich, Germany. There is a chair named after him at the University of Heidelberg. His dorm room now has been converted into a museum. He was knighted in 1922 by the British Queen. He went to Europe to study philosophy and came back to the colonial India transformed as a committed Muslim thinker, poet, and philosopher. He challenged Indian Muslims to rise up to their potentials as a Muslim Ummah. He was not only influenced by many European philosophers including Sir Thomas Arnold but also by many Muslim thinkers including al-Ghazali, Jalaluddin al-Rumi, Jamal al-Din al-Afghani and Shibili Nomani. Iqbal is claimed as an inspirational figure in India, Pakistan, and Iran. Allama Iqbal is also called al-Rumi al-Thani or the second Rumi. He said of himself "Brahmin zadeh rimaz ashnaye Rum Tabriz ast" meaning the son of a Brahmin is well versed in the knowledge of Rumi and Shams in the secrets of life.

In 1986, the first International conference on Iqbal was held in Tehran, Iran and addressed by Ayatollah Ali Khamieni who said of Iqbal, "The greatest advice of Iqbal to humanity is: have a heart like Jesus, thought like Socrates, and a hand like the hand of Caesar. He went to Europe and became a philosopher but he did not surrender to the West; rather he conquered the West." In 1930 he became president of the All India Muslim League which under the leadership of Mohammad Ali Jinnah led to the birth of Pakistan in 1947.

For Your laughter

"LAUGHTER IS THE BEST



REVENGE FOR ANGER."

- Dalai Lama

Blonde Joke:

A blonde goes to work in tears. Her boss asks, "What's wrong?"

She says, "My mom died."

He told her to go home, but she said, "No, I'll be fine."

Later that day, her boss finds her crying again. He says, "What's wrong?"

She replies, "I just talked to my sister, and her mom died, too!"

Problem Solved

An elderly lady phoned her telephone company to report that her telephone failed to ring when her friends called - and that on the few occasions when it did ring, her pet dog always moaned right before the phone rang. The telephone repairman proceeded to the scene, curious to see this psychic dog or senile elderly lady.

He climbed a nearby telephone pole, hooked in his test set, and dialed the subscriber's house. The phone didn't ring right away, but then the dog moaned loudly and the telephone began to ring.

Climbing down from the pole, the telephone repairman found:

1. The dog was tied to the telephone system's ground wire via a steel chain and collar.
2. The wire connection to the ground rod was loose.
3. The dog was receiving 90 volts of signaling current when the phone number was called.
4. After a couple of such jolts, the dog would start moaning and then urinate on himself and the ground.
5. The wet ground would complete the circuit, thus causing the phone to ring.

Which demonstrates that some problems CAN be fixed by pissing and moaning.

Book Reviews

Between The World and ME, By Ta-Nehisi Coates

Reviewed by Maarij Syed, PhD
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

The business and pleasure of reading books tends to be intensely personal. For that reason joining a book club can be a proposition of dubious merit. What makes it worthwhile is the company of intelligent people and, let's face it, amazing snacks. We have met for the last couple of years on a quarterly basis to discuss what we have read. One valuable take-away, now more important than ever, is to learn about different points of view, and not just tolerate them but use them to educate your own opinion and worldview.

Our last book was "Between the World and Me" by Ta-Nehisi Coates. It was an attempt on our part to read something that speaks to the recent history and cultural struggles that define contemporary America. Mr. Coates is a well-known (some might say, notorious) figure in the arena of cultural commentary. He is a longtime contributor to The Atlantic. The book takes the form of a letter to his adolescent son. As a literary device it works well and conveys the raw emotional punch of an African-American father sharing his indescribable anxiety and fears with his young son who will find his place in an America where post racial utopia now seems as distant as it once seemed at hand in 2008, where the police are seen as predators by young black men, and where one misinterpreted physical gesture or angry outburst can be your last. The book is a long letter from a father who recounts his own coming of age to his son, and wants him to know that ultimately his father can only do so much to protect him in a world that is wary of black men. This is the part that will make real the struggles of people whose lives may seem very distant to the "dreamers" living in complacent suburbia. Where the book has garnered much praise for its articulation of the existential nightmares of survival and stigma of secondhand citizenship in African-American communities, it has also come under criticism for sloppy analysis and over generalisations of issues and their purported solutions. While I leave it to the reader to decide the balance of praise and criticism, my opinion is that the book was not meant to be a sociological analysis; instead it follows a long tradition of African-American intellectuals who have looked at the wider society and have felt as outsiders. It is a book about belonging with strings attached.

It is a book that provides an illuminating insight into a vibrant intellectual culture that too often is only viewed through the lens of popular entertainment and sports. It held a special appeal for me as part of a group that also strives to be part of the melting pot but finds that there are obstacles to navigate. I will end with the words of the doyen of American prose, Toni Morrison: "This is required reading."

Prof. Syed likes books, sometimes more than people and is aware that this is not a good thing. He is a founding member of Azad Book

Forty Rules of Love, by Elif Shafak

Reviewed by Uzma Kazemi, CPA
Senior Vice President, PNC Bank

A novel within a novel, The Forty Rules of Love tells two parallel stories that mirror each other across two very different cultures and seven intervening centuries.

Forty-year-old Ella Rubenstein is an ordinary unhappy housewife with three children and an unfaithful husband, but her life begins to change dramatically when she takes a job as a reader for a literary agency. Her first assignment is a novel intriguingly titled Sweet Blasphemy, about the thirteenth-century poet Rumi and his beloved Sufi teacher Shams of Tabriz. The author is an unknown first-time novelist, Aziz Zahara, who lives in Turkey. Initially reluctant to take on a book about a time and place so different from her own, Ella soon finds herself captivated both by the novel and the man who wrote it, with whom she begins an e-mail flirtation. As she reads, she begins to question the many ways she has settled for a conventional life devoid of passion and real love.

At the center of the novel that Ella is reading is the remarkable, wandering, whirling dervish Shams of Tabriz, a mystic provocateur who challenges conventional wisdom and social and religious prejudice wherever he encounters it. He is searching for the spiritual companion he is destined to teach. His soul's purpose is to transform his student, Rumi—a beloved but rather complacent, non-mystical preacher—into one of the world's great poets, the "voice of love." Rumi is a willing student, but his family and community resent Shams deeply for upsetting their settled way of life. Rumi is admired, even revered in his community and Shams must lead him beyond the comforts of his respectable way of life, beyond the shallow satisfactions of the ego.

In essence, both Rumi and Ella, through their relationships with Shams and Aziz, are forced to question and then abandon the apparent safety and security of their lives for the uncertainty, ecstasy, and heartbreak of love. Neither Shams nor Aziz can offer anything like a promise of lasting happiness. What they can offer is a taste of mystical union, divine love, the deep harmony that arises when the false self—constructed to meet society's demands for respectability—is shed and the true self emerges.

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Along the way, Shams imparts the forty rules of love, essential Sufi wisdom that Shams both preaches and embodies. He repeatedly defies social and religious conventions, putting himself in danger and drawing down the scorn and wrath of the self-righteous, literal-minded moralists who surround him. He inspires Rumi to become the poet he was meant to be, one of the world's most passionate and profound voices of wisdom. Similarly, Aziz—and his story of Rumi and Shams—inspires Ella to step out of a marriage that has become emotionally and spiritually stifling for her.

It is not an easy story that Elif Shafak tells, nor an entirely happy one. There are costs, she seems to say, to living an authentic life. But, as the novel shows, the costs of not living one are far greater.

About the Author: Elif Shafak was born in Strasbourg, France, in 1971. She is an award-winning novelist and the most widely read female writer in Turkey. Critics have hailed her as one of the most distinctive voices in contemporary literature in both Turkish and English. She is also the author of the novel *The Bastard of Istanbul* and her memoir, *Black Milk*. Her books have been translated into more than thirty languages. Married with two children, Elif divides her time between London and Istanbul.

Urdu Corner

Chaand Mubarak

Dr. Nahyan Fancy
DePauw University

There was a request from a fellow Program Director for some poetry related to Ramadan and/or Eid for this newsletter. Religious festivals have long held a special place in the cultures of South Asia and so are often evoked in Urdu poetry, be they Ramadan, Eid or even Holi and Diwali. The readers will undoubtedly have their favorite poetry on Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr, possibly from very well-known poets too. However, I found the following quatrain to be most apt for two reasons.

First, it introduces the readers to satirical/humorous poetry, an art-form that has always had a very strong following. Satire and comedy play an important role in South Asian literature and have deep roots in the Islamic Arabo-Persianate world (Who says Muslims can't have fun or even poke fun at themselves?). One amazing element of humorous poetry is that it sticks closely to all the principles of Urdu poetry (and is often delivered in poetry recitals with all the etiquettes and gestures appropriate for non-humorous poetry). The following quatrain from Athar Shah Khan "Jedi" follows all the rules of a standard ghazal, and is in fact in the same meter as the famous naqsh faryaadii, the first ghazal of *Divan-e-Ghalib*.

Second, the quatrain refers to a long tradition associated with Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr, the sighting of the new moon--a festive occasion in which entire neighborhoods participate, often by ascending to the roofs and balconies of their homes and apartments. Of course, the intentions are not always innocent. I shall let the quatrain explain.

chaand raat aaye to dekhe.n sub hilaal-e-Eid ko
ik humaara hii naseeba haDDiyaa.n tuRwaa gayaa
chhat pe the hum chaand ke nazzaare me.n khoye huwe
bus achaanak chaand kaa abbaa wahaa.n par aa gayaa

چاند رات آئے تو دیکھیں سب ہلالِ عید کو
اک ہمارا ہی نصیبہ بڈیاں تڑوا گیا
چھت پہ تھے ہم چاند کے نظارے میں کھوئے ہوئے
بس اچانک چاند کا ابا ویاں پر آ گیا

Pakooroh kee Fazeelat

پکوڑوں کی فضیلت کے بارے میں عرض ہے کہ یہ پکوڑے افطاری کا دوسرا اہم رکن ہے۔ پکوڑے اکیلے فرض نہیں ہوتے تھے اس کے ساتھ سموسے اور کچوڑیاں بھی برابر مانی جاتی ہیں۔ اگر کسی مجبوری کے تحت پکوڑے نہ مل سکیں تو آپ سموسے اور کچوڑی سے کمی پوری کر سکتے ہیں اور لذت افطاری میں کوئی فرق نہیں آئے گا۔

یہاں یہ جاننا ضروری ہے کہ گھر کے بنے ہوئے پکوڑے افضل ہیں اور ثواب بھی زیادہ ہے۔

رمضان کے روزے تمام مسلمانوں پر فرض ہوتے ہیں لیکن پکوڑے برصغیر خصوصاً پاکستانی لوگوں کے حصے میں آتے ہیں۔

ضرورت ایجاد کی ماں ہے مگر پکوڑوں کا شجرہ نسب تا حال معلوم نہیں ہوسکا مگر انکو بنانے کے کام میں زیادہ تر ماؤں کو ہی دیکھا گیا ہے۔

پکوڑے مختلف شکلوں کے بنائے جاتے ہیں سب سے مشہور شکل کوئی شکل نہیں ہے گول چکور لمبے نیز ہر قسم کے پکوڑے یکساں مقبول و مشہور ہیں پکوڑوں کو مختلف چٹنیوں کے ساتھ کھانا ثابت ہے لیکن عصر جدید میں کیچپ و غیرہ کا استعمال بھی سامنے آیا ہے۔

اب تک پکوڑوں کی سب سے زیادہ قسمیں شیف ڈاکر اور زبیدہ آپا نے ایجاد کی ہیں

- ابھی تک پکوڑوں کو کسی بھی محاورے کے طور پر استعمال نہیں کیا گیا مگر بعض افراد کی ناک کو پکوڑے سے تشبیح دی جاتی ہے جو کہ اسلامی اور اخلاقی طور پر درست نہیں ہے۔

یہاں یہ بھی مفروضہ غلط ہے کہ سکندرا عظم یہاں پکوڑے کھاتے آیا تھا۔ اس بارے میں ابھی تک کوئی سند موجود نہیں ہے۔

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۱- دسترخوان پر اس جگہ بیٹھیں جہاں آپکا ہاتھ ہر چیز تک جا سکے

۲- شربت کا جگ اپنے سامنے مگر تھوڑا دور رکھیں ورنہ سب آپ سے شربت مانگتے رہیں گے

۳- دوسروں پر نظر رکھیں اور چیزوں پر بھی دیکھیں کون سی چیز جلدی ختم ہو رہی ہے وہ پہلے کھائیں

۴- ہر پانچ منٹ بعد تھوڑا سا شربت پی لیں تاکہ ٹھونسسی ہونی چیزیں نیچے ہو جائیں مزید نعمتوں کی جگہ بنتی رہے

۵- کھجور کی گٹھلیاں اپنے ساتھ والے کی گٹھلیوں میں پھینکتے رہیں تاکہ آپ کا دامن صاف رہے

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