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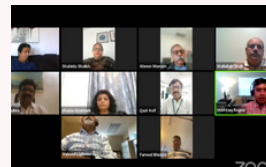
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Annual General Body Meeting at 39th Convention - Chicago

General Secretary Mushtaq Rajpar at AGM



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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT – Countering impacts of climate change in Sindh

SANA's annual conventions offer best opportunities for bringing scholars, experts, and leaders to sharing their thoughts on cutting-age subjects which affect our people. The 39th convention, held in Chicago, was a reflection in the same tradition.

The key speakers of the 39th convention highlighted potential threats to biodiversity, ecosystem, environment, and sustainable use of natural, financial, and human resources in Sindh. The deliberations were in alignment to the theme of the convention. The thought-provoking ideas and insightful analysis presented in the sessions will keep SANA and its members in right direction realizing SANA's Mission, Vision, and Objectives statements set by the current Executive Council (2023-2024):

SANA's Mission "To serve Sindhis and Sindh"; Vision "To see Sindhi North American community and Sindh prosper to their maximum potential"; and Objective "To unite all Sindhis living in North America to most effectively serve Sindhis globally and defend the historic national rights of our ancestral land, Sindh".

The cultural and natural resources can be protected by linking culture and nature focusing on credibility, conservation, capacity building, communication among communities. This link between culture and nature is called biocultural diversity – diversity of life in biological, cultural, and linguistic manifestations. Biocultural approaches explicitly build on local cultural perspectives – values, knowledge, and needs – and recognize reflections between physical environment and human well-being.

Biocultural diversity offers a better approach to understand the interrelationships between humans and nature. The complex environmental challenges require innovative and interdisciplinary evaluation and monitoring approaches to policy and action.

The successful organization of the 39th convention has revitalized the core and multifaceted functions of SANA. The current Executive Council, Local Organizing Committee/Sub-committees, donors, and volunteers deserve our collective appreciations. The most vibrant and efficient Media Committee enabled live coverage to reach out to a large cross-section of viewers around the globe.

On a final note, those of you who want SANA to expand its works, offer more resources, opportunities of growth and connectivity, come forward donate, volunteer, and lead. We must remember that the strength of Community organizations lies with members who offer their time, resources, and expertise.



SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

SANA's journey through 2023-the Notion of Next Level

Our current EC is soon going to complete its first year of two year tenure (2023-24). As I look back at what we have attempted to accomplish, I feel proud that with the help of so many volunteers, current EC was able to start new projects and expand our organizational structure by creating a new focused committees on a range of subjects by the interested community members. For us, we view the establishment of these committee as foundation to an expanded organizational structure, which would go long way.



Mushtaq Rajpar

The revival of our community magazine Sangat itself is a reflection on amount of work being done and worthy of reporting. Sangat's third quarterly issue is in your hands. Most recently, many friends have talked about taking SANA to the next level, and a necessary question related to the 'next level' has been what does it mean? It means different things to different people. For our current EC, it meant:

- opening up SANA to volunteers,
- A vibrant presence on Social media platforms
- A website that is reflective of our activities and runs social media feeds
- reviving chapters in major cities in North America, Chicago, Atlanta
- expanding SANA's footprint in Sindh: Housing projects, conferences on Sindh-issues,
- expanding scholarship programs to Chandika and Agriculture University Tando Jam
- Professional & Career development: helping professionals in their career development using technologies and turning SANA an inclusive platform where members are able to channel their energies and ideas to help others grow and progress.

Our Bylaws Committee, led by Sa'een Talat Talpur, has done a great job by reviewing current organizational structure and coming up with proposed changes, which soon we'll be putting up for a vote.

Understanding SANA's place and value to community here and in Sindh, being a Diaspora voice for Sindhi people and their rights, this EC has remained focused on preparing appropriate responses to the range of development in Sindh. Although being a Diaspora organization we have limitations in terms of how much we can work physically in Sindh, however our President Dr. Maqbool and other members of committees have already undertaken several visits to Sindh.

Next year on January 7, 2024, SANA will be hosting its third conference in a row in Sindh, this time focusing on the 'State of Human Development in Sindh'. And another plan, first time ever, to organize "First International Sindhi Conference" in Dubai, UAE, in December 2024, are some of steps that in our vision will take SANA to the next level of engagement outreach with our community and bringing people from Sindh, parts of India and globe together to celebrate Sindhi culture, language and explore new avenues of cooperation and progress.

SANA EC is very excited for organizing our first ever convention in Western Canada, in Alberta province, where we have two vibrant chapters.

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ZULFIQAR BHUTTO JR.

Wow, I think you already had your keynote. Can we have one more round of applause for Sohaya Abro? Thank you so much to the board of the Sindhi Association of North America for this generous invitation. And thank you all, our dear audience, for taking the time out of your evenings to be here.

It is a trying time for many of Pakistan, as our people face tremendous and inconsolable hardship. I ask that we start with two small prayers, something like a talaam to ground us in this space.

In the name of Allah, the most Gracious, the Most Merciful. We ask you, Ali, to come and offer us the most beautiful and most merciful prayers. May Allah and your Prophets be with you, O Muhammad and your Prophets, O Ali, O Ali, O Ali. In the name of Allah, the most Gracious, the most Merciful. Japa, adh satcha, jugaad satcha, hevi satcha, naanakko ho se, hihi satcha.

Much of my artistic practice is shaped by the fact that I am a child of exile, born in the masquas to a Lebanese mother and Sindhi father, Shahid Mir Muhtaza Bhutto. In his office in the masquas, there was a shelf with two glass bottles, one filled with water, the other with sand. They were the water and sand of the Indus, a river he said one day I would see. I have since then had the fortune of traveling down the Indus from Tashma Paraj to Ghaziqa, I have swim in the Indus, I have bathed in the Indus, I have brushed my teeth in the Indus, I have eaten from the Indus. I have seen her at her most voluminous in the Upper Sarai Devote, at her most spiritual conjunction in Sakkad, and at her most vulnerable at K.D. Vandit

, where, if the powers that be will, she is able to meet the sea. Yet I would never say that I have truly seen her. Her oxygen -rich alluvial waters are too murky, and so she continues to mystify, hiding what lurks beneath, It is her refusal to be completely legible that has insurated the men in power, who have imprisoned her through dams, barrages, canals, pollution, and narrow embankments that any true inhabitant of his great river system will tell you are nothing short of criminal.

slowly paddling down and camping each night on a different island.

In the 1840s, the British sent several expeditions down the Indus, or rather up the Indus from Karachi. A wild and unpredictable river that changed so regularly that no man could be trusted for more than a year.

It most baffled our former colonizers and sins where it separated into several streams, lakes, lagoons, that every summer and long soon transformed a desert into a lush, wet wonderland, that nurse jungles home to thousands of deer, otters, wolves, jackals, ainas, tigers, birds, crocodiles, and yes, at one time elephants, rhinos, and lions too.



Today, the Indus does not flow beyond Koutri Bharat in Heatherwood. She no longer meets the sea, her lover. Instead, the sea intrudes inland, slowly eating away at our coast. In fact, the entirety of the district of Tata was formed by the Indus.

Had the Indus not deposited her alluvium, her silt, her mud, there would be no huckley, there would be no Shah Jahan was, there would be no Sint. In the wet season, Sint was called the Mito's Wund, the sweet ocean. Rainwater would inundate hundreds of acres, hundreds of thousands of acres of land, and the Moana, and the Milva, and the Malha would travel up and down fishing. Our woollen, or dolphin, would travel in and out of different streams.

and then after a couple months, this Mitho Samund (Sweet Sea) would find its way into the big, the Vado Samund. Sakhar and Rory became a centre of British governance after the brutal annexation of the province of Sindh in 1849. In the 1850s, seeing the hills that towered over the Indus at this point, the British dreamed up a barrage.

An extensive series of surveys dismissed the idea, claiming that Sindh received the cumulative waters of all of Punjab's rivers. In the 1870s, the British began building barrages upstream in Punjab, diverting waters to feed new traps of cotton and sugar. By 1919, the winter level of the Indus and Sindh had fallen to dramatically lower levels, and the British believed that a barrage was essential and so we have the British Imperial Swam Song of Engineering, Sakhar Barrage, built in 1928 and completed in 1932. From this barrage, seven canals with brown trout drawing billions of quetses from our land river. With not one drop finding its way back into the understound stream, any excess water would either seep into the surrounding soil or evaporate in the hot, sandy summer sun. This evaporation would cause salinity and waterlogging, rendering 43% of all land and upper sands useless. In an era where humanity attempts to control all things natural, we realize that we do a disservice to no one but ourselves. The river and water systems of South Asia have never been static. They move as they will, creating and destroying civilizations, but always sustaining. The fish that they've forgotten about the modern drainage and the two are interconnected. The hydrological cycle depends on an unbroken circle. Storm clouds gather in the sea, they follow the delta to the mountains, they rain in the hills, they form glaciers and those glaciers melt into the river and the cycle starts all over again.

Pakistan has been in a drought since 1974. Moments like the flood of 2022 were once common. And additionally, all the dams in Bajaw and Khairab -e -Pafdufa, their water levels are going dangerously low and what is the response of our establishment but to build more dams and to make it legal to even say anything against them, build as many dams as you like but if the water of the Indus does not kiss the sea, then you will have no water in Bajaw.

As our mother Sindhu continues to be suffocated, her multiple streams confined to a single trickle and a dry dust bowl of a riverbed left for our people. So too are our opinions, our beliefs, our faiths and our identities strangled away from us. They are being eroded away like the mudflats of the Indus delta. Radical thoughts consumed and annihilated by a sea of intolerance. The river that once connected north and south of the mountain and ocean, Sindhi, Sraiki, Pashto, Indu, Bolochi, Punjabi has now become a dividing line between the powerful and the meek, the haves and the have -nots, free thought and stifling control. Poets, musicians and artists whose thirst and rush trope were inspired by the river and its surrounding gurus and pigs were once considered heroes and revolutionaries. The artist of today's Pakistan is called instead the witch and the sorcerer, and their work labeled a perverse corrupting force in a country that is looking for a new identity. An identity that does not include a free river, a free people, a kind people. Pakistan more and more chooses the politics

of death over life and of greed over generosity. My friends, brothers and sisters, how can I even tell you what has become of our sin? Our province is forsaken. Our rivers, our animals, our people, our mountains, all being stripped away from us for who certainly not for you. From Kashmour to KT Bander, Kirtar, Kaltur and the Karunthar from Haror to Amri and Uderola, we are being stripped away of everything. Pakistan is not on the forefront of the war against climate change as our senators would tell you. Pakistan is on the forefront of a war against its own people and ecology. We are a torn, divided, damned and intellectually drained Pakistan. Our river is dying and no dam can save her. If you wish to see more water in Manda, you must let me in this kiss the sea. It is the natural order. It is God's ordained order. It is science. And if you do not do this, it is driving 80% of your population.

The fight against climate change is not one of jargon and meaningless pledges. It is a question of unity embracing difference. At the end of the day it should not matter if your neighbour is trans, gay, straight, bi, Hindu, Muslim, Christian, Parse, Sikh, Sunni, Shia, Sindhi, Shidi, Baloch, Bazaar, Baldy, Merk, Female, Rich or Poor, eventually you'll both drown and this fight for our very existence do not place your faith in families like mine, in the line of gentry, the industrialist, the Sharif, the Khans, the Mullahs, and most certainly not the men in uniform.

Look instead, look instead in the eyes of the Hari, the Kisan, the Mazdoor, the Mirwar, the Mallah, the Bheel, the Bhaagni, the kholi, the Meghwar, the Saqib, the Bhajadra, the Hijrah, and in their eyes you will see our revolution.

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Chicago Convention Notes

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SANA's 39th annual convention was held in Chicago from July 1 to 4, 2023.

Day 1 , Saturday July 01, 2023.

The day starts with convention registration and welcoming guests till 6 pm. Around 6.30 the welcoming reception of the 39th convention of SANA kicked off with full zeal and zest. Initially, the elected executive council included Khalil Memon, Mushtaq Rajpar, Shahida Shaikh, and Asghar Pathan of SANA. All the LOC members started their welcoming notes with the poetry of Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai moderated by Rahul Bhimani. Overall, all the speakers reiterated the mission and vision of SANA along with appreciating the participation of Sindhi families from Canada and North America.

Following this, another session started around 7.30 PM under the theme. "Serving Sindh revisiting the strategies" The speakers in the session include Iqbal Tareen, Farhan Soomro, Dr. Maqbool Halepota, Dr. Valeed Shaikh. This session was moderated by Zulfiqar Khwaja. Speakers in this session ponder over several issues faced by Sindhi's residing in Sindh, Pakistan including forced conversion of Hindu girls, political instability Lack of governance, and lack of resources. Speakers emphasized that the solution-based approach can be essential to cope with the situation and move forward.

Dr. Iqbal Tareen emphasized the 5-point agenda for a transformation of Sindhi society through engaging youth in learning IT skills and indicated the role that SANA can uplift these ventures through its dedicated involvement.

Another speaker Mr. Irfan Soomro highlighted the contributions and efforts displayed by Sindhi across the globe to make the Sindhi people prosper and grow. He also emphasized the role political activism plays in mobilizing Sindhi youth. Following this, Dr. Valeed Shaikh emphasized the need of restructuring primary education as a viable approach to making our future better. Finally, the session was concluded with positive remarks from Dr. Maqbool Halepota emphasizing that despite all the shortcomings and problems SANA is focused on advocating for change in every capacity for the Sindhi people. Following the dinner, Day 1 ended with a musical night where all the Sindhi families rejoiced together and completely forgot their worries through traditional music and dance.

Day 2 Sunday July 02, 2023

Day two started at 8.30 am with breakfast among keynote speakers, most of the speakers rejoiced in their old memories and interacted with each other thoughtfully and along with a lot of laughter and planning for starting the day.

Session 1 Medical Session 9.30 am – 11. am

This session was based on medical physicians, it was moderated by Dr. Waleed, and the of the session were Dr. Raheel Memon, Dr. Siddique, Dr. Faiza Bhatti, Dr. Nusrat Shah, Dr. Maqbool Khaliq.

The session introduced the organization named Physician of Indus valley North America (PIVNA). The speakers highlighted the objectives of PIVNA, why it was created, and how it is serving Sindhi doctors. For all Pakistan-based medical doctors who want to come to the United States and start their practice here, this organization helps and supports them through mentoring, networking, and proper guidance depending on individual needs.

Dr. Siddique specifically highlighted the need for CV building as a key skill in the application process, Dr. Bhatti emphasized the trick and techniques to crack professional interviews and Dr. Raheel focused on the structure of personal statements. Following this discussion, the vice chancellor of Chandka medical university Larkana acknowledged the effort of PIVNA and reiterated the need for having such a platform for the medical doctors from far-flung areas of Sindh. The medical session concluded with the legendary effort of the executive director of NICVD who is a real role model for Sindhi doctors!

Session 2 UNTAPPING ECONOMIC POTENTIAL OF SINDH

The speaker of this session was Dr Qaisar Bengali, he is a renowned economist who works as a consultant with the government of Sindh on various issues and new developmental projects. The discussion was based on the turmoil in the economy of Sindh and what can be done to resolve them. Dr. Bengali emphasized the need for a growth center as a viable model to build infrastructure and industrial development. The discussion also leads toward what the Sindh government is doing in the context of climate change which is going to be a persistent issue in the future. He presented the success story of Chohar Jamali by the government of Sindh as an example along with the need that consistent efforts are required to replicate this example across Sindh. The session was extremely thought-provoking along with a lot of learning. The session concluded with several questions and answers related to the area. The session had a lot of participation from the audience, and it was such a joy to be part of it.

Day 3 Monday July 03, 2023

Session 1: Sustainable Development in Sindh

To counter the impact of climate change, it is extremely helpful to have a discourse on

that and SANA arranged this session quite brilliantly. session was moderated by Dr Maqbool and speakers include Zoya, Nazish Brohi, Dr Qaisar Bengali, and Mohibullah Shah. The speakers discussed the climate-induced problems in Sindh along with adaptation strategies to mitigate the effect of extreme weather events such as Floods. Nazish Brohi in particular embarked on a new dimension of social changes that occurred in the context of drought and floods in Sindh for many years. Building on that Dr Bengali provided an economic perspective and damages that further amplifies the vulnerabilities of the Sindhi community. Finally, Syed Mohibullah Shah pondered his thoughts over five barriers that are responsible for the vulnerabilities of the Sindhi community and emphasized that development is a continuous process rather than a segregated effort continued for a short period of time.

Session 2: Flood Diaries

The session was moderated by Fareed Bhutto and speakers include Dr Geet and Dr Amna Buttar, both speakers elaborated extensively on different facets of life of Sindhi people after the floods. They focused on social, cultural, and physiological hardships due to floods in 2010 and 2022. They also focused on training doctors or volunteers who are working in humanitarian crises about the issues of malnourishment which is a leading outcome of

extreme weather events like floods.

Session 3: Parallel Women Session

It was coincident that I was taken away from coffee to attend a women's session arranged by Madam Shahida Shaikh. I heard a conversation with Dr. Nazish Brohi and she described her experience with gender-based violence and the major takeaway from her discussion was that in order to understand and bring change we have to switch our lens of observation which will ultimately change our interpretation of things drastically.

I was not present in the general body so I cannot write about it.

Last Session

In the evening program, we have a dance performed by a great artist Suhae Abro, and a guest lecture by Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Junior although the lecture was meant to be on climate change it was more about environmental conditions and situations across Sindh. It was a more sentimental speech than a climate-oriented approach towards the problems of Sindh. In the end, it was great to listen to him and his thoughts about things.

39th SANA Convention- Chicago



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Nathan Torrence: Day 1 of 39th SANA Annual Convention Chicago Musical Evening



Suhaee Abro Performed at Gala Musical Evening



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SALMAN MAKHDOOM Performed Day 1 Musical Evening



Jatin Udasi Performed at Gala Musical Evening



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Shah Latif and the Challenges of Nature

In honor of the convention theme this year of the recent Impact of Climate Change and Floods in Sindh, I'd like to turn our attention to Shah Latif and see what wisdom we can gather from his poetry to give us inspiration and consolation. Shah Latif was intimately connected to his natural surroundings; so much that you might say that he gives a voice to the soil of Sindh itself. One of the few things that we can say for certain about the life of Shah Latif is that he traveled extensively throughout Sindh and the region: this much is clear from the wide variety of locations that he describes in his poetry. The story is told that, as a young man, Shah Latif fell instantly and deeply in love with the daughter of a family friend. Later on he would marry her, but at first her family objected in the strongest degree, sending the young Shah Latif into a frenzy of despair. Amid this madness of love, he set out from home with a group of wandering Jogis and took up their ascetic lifestyle for several years. He traveled with them far and wide: from his starting point near Hyderabad, to Keenjhar lake, down to Bhambhore, Malir, to the whirlpool of Kalachi, and then across the desert toward Las Bela in Balochistan, and on the pilgrimage of Hinglaj. Not only the simple fact of his visiting these places, but the way in which he visited them—as a faqir, free of worldly connections, among these holy men—must have helped him to form that very deep connection with his natural surroundings.



Today I will examine a variety of verses to help us to listen to the poetic voice of the land and, in particular for today, I'll be looking at the more dangerous side of the natural world. Of course, Shah Latif often celebrates the glorious, harmonious side of nature in Sindh, but nonetheless he depicts many darker and more threatening scenarios as well. I will attempt to look at these challenges through his eyes, seeking his means of solace in a difficult climate. And from that solace and wisdom that Shah Latif offers, I hope that we may find inner strength to serve the land that we love.

Many of you already know that I am gradually working to translate the Shah jo Risalo, one sur at a time. I have not been going in any particular order: generally simply picking surs which are of particular interest to me at a given time. As such I have translated Sur Suhnni, Sur Moomal-Raanno, Sur Pirbhaati, and many others. Last summer, in July, I thought it would be the perfect time to begin work on Sur Saarang, as the rainy season would soon be beginning in Sindh. My translation would begin to appear for my friends to read as the month of Sawan—the name from the Hindu calendar that Shah Latif often uses—was just approaching. At first, this went quite well, and my online readers and I rejoiced with Shah Latif at the coming of the rains, which he describes so beautifully, in verses like this one:

اڄ پڻ اتر پار ڏي، ڪارا ڪڪر ڪيس؛
وڃون وسڻ آڻيون، ڪري لعل لپيس؛
پرڻ جي پرڏيس، مون کي مينهن مڙيا.

**Today too, clouds hung in the north,
all black like maidens' braids;
Lightning, in its gown of red,
flashed forth its bright display;
My Love, from far away,
was brought before me by the rain.
(Sur Saarang I: 6)**

But I am not a speedy translator, and I was still sharing my work from Sur Saarang as July ended, and August began, and the rains became floods, and the floods became disasters. We all remember what happened in that August of 2022. I was still sharing verses in praise of the rain, inviting the storms to pour down upon Sindh: but what Sindh needed was exactly the opposite. The rains had come indeed, not as life-giving showers, but as a deep blanket of water that would cover vast portions of Sindh, drowning crops, ruining villages, incubating diseases, claiming lives of humans and livestock. From urban Larkana, where my own Sindhi family lives, my sister Marvi sent me video of the flooding in her street, which had poured into her car and crept into her living room. I looked on in helpless horror, as I am sure many of you did who also live here, as this calamity befell our distant and beloved land.

What beautiful images Shah Latif uses: the heavy clouds like maidens' braids, the refreshing rainfall that brings the Beloved before our eyes, the lightning red like the gown of a young bride.

Meanwhile I found myself in a bit of a quandary about my translations. Should I stop working on Sur Saarang for now, and return to it at some time when rains would be welcome again? Or should I continue the work for myself, but simply not share it yet? Stopping didn't seem right to me. Instead I felt I should encourage myself and my readers to look at these verses with different eyes. One thing I have found in Shah Latif, which continually renews my energy for working on him, is that he always has a message of encouragement for one who is willing to look for it. Often that comfort comes in the form of the deep compassion that Shah Latif feels for all his fellow beings. Even in Sur Saarang, one can find hints of sorrow, and a great deal of deep, inward emotion, such as in this verse:

[Saarang I: 10]

وَسَّ اَکَرِيں جَن، جِي هُونَد سِڪِيَن، مِينَهَن!
تہ هُونَد راتو ڏينهن، بس بُونَدِيئون نہ ڪرين.

If you learned to burst, o rain!
and gush, like lovers' eyes,
Then, night and day, the skies
would see no end of falling raindrops.
(Sur Saarang I: 10)

This beautiful couplet is one of many in which Shah Latif uses an image from nature to illustrate the emotional upheaval of the internal world. The Lover's heart, he suggests, showers more tears than the floods of Saarang: more perhaps, even than the floods that fell last year. They might be tears of joy or tears of grief, or any mixture of these, but the point is that the Lover—the human soul—is always destined for this sort of turmoil. It is his or her own natural habitat.

That verse from Saarang echoes the sentiment of a pair of verses from Sur Ripp:

ڪَڪَر مَنجھ ڪپار، جُھڙ نِيئون نہ لهي؛
اڄ مُنهنجي چت م، اُنا پرين آپار؛
آءُ سڄڻ! لھ سار، ورھ ويڙهي آهيان.

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مُون مَنجھيئي مِينَهَن ڪوہ ڪينديس ڪَڪرين؟
سَرلو سارو ڏينهن، مون پريان جو نہ لھي.

Stormclouds hang o'erhead;
my eyes are lost in dreary mist;
My Love, today, within my mind
in endless torrents spread;
O tend me! For I dread
the swirling sorrows' drowning
me.

Within me rains yet pour;
what use have I for other clouds?
His storms, whom I adore,
are with me ever, all around.
(Sur Ripp I: 9, 10)

In these verses we find ourselves again swirling in an emotional storm, which mirrors the turmoil of a natural catastrophe. And yet there is comfort to be found here: there is a deep understanding of the nature of suffering, whether it be physical or emotional, and with that understanding comes a sense of communion, a togetherness with Shah Latif himself, and thus a relief from loneliness. Beyond that is the hope that the verses offer of finding release and peace—even if that peace comes in the form of acceptance of the struggle. Latif says: “the storms of the Beloved are with me ever, all around.” The poet brings the suffering somehow into the realm of wonder. Yes, we suffer: but in suffering also is Love.

Shah Latif not only ponders the floodwaters of emotion in the abstract, but he also, within Sur Saarang, sympathizes directly with certain victims of flooding. Although most of the Sur celebrates the gift of rain to the earth, a pair of striking verses reminds us of the dark

Lateef's University Message

Atta Chaniho and Emily Hauze

On the subject of "University of Shah Lateef's Message", two researchers, deeply immersed in the poetry and thought of Shah Latif, of our times, American writer Emily Hauze, who has learned Sindhi to read and translate Shah Latif, and Atta Chaniho who has been filming pathways of Shah Latif. Session was moderated by poet, writer and journalist Hassan Mujitaba.



Atta Chaniho, Emily Hauze and Hassan Mujitaba.



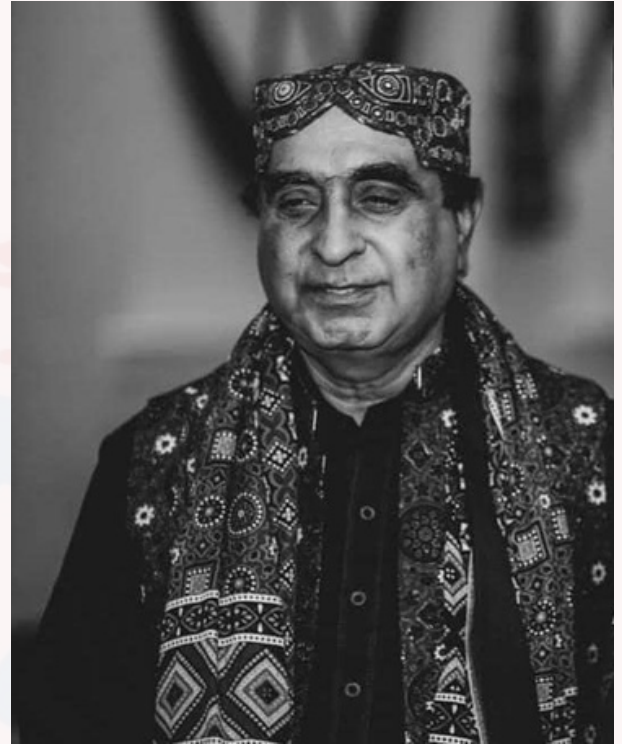
Atta Chaniho

In Loving Memory of Bashir Ahmed Shahani

By Talat Talpur

Dear fellow Sindhi and friends,

October 17th 2023 was a dreadful when we found out our beloved friend and confidant Saain Bashir Ahmed Shahani passed away near his hometown in Wharton, Texas where he spent late 30 years of his life. He was more than just a name; he was the embodiment of kindness, sweetness, gentleness, and generosity.



Bashir's journey began in the historic town of Larkana, where he received his primary and secondary education. His thirst for knowledge led him to Sindh University in Jamshoro, where he pursued higher education. It was during his formative years in the 1970s that he joined hands with great leaders like Maula Bux Laghari and Rasool Bux Paligo. At Sindh University, he wholeheartedly embraced the national movement of Jeay Sindh, a movement dedicated to safeguarding the rights of Sindhi people in their

beloved motherland. Unsurprisingly, he rose to become the President of the Jeay Sindh Student Federation.

This movement was a formidable force against the One Unit policy imposed by the Pakistani government, designed to merge the provinces of West Pakistan, thereby challenging the ethnic diversity of its people. Bashir's commitment to the cause was unwavering, and he paid a steep price, enduring imprisonment alongside other notable leaders like Saain Iqbal Tareen and Nawab Yousuf Talpur.

Bashir's unwavering spirit and dedication earned him the admiration and support of Saain Hon. G. M Syed, who provided financial assistance to help him establish his own business. This gesture spoke volumes about G. M. Syed's fondness for Bashir Shahani.

HYet, despite his success and new life, Bashir never severed his ties to his roots. His heart remained open to helping student leaders and their families, even after he moved to the United States in 1981. He continued to support his old friends from afar.



Life is a tapestry of unique stories, and Bashir Shahani's was no different. He returned to Sindh in 1986, yearning for the warmth of his family and friends. However, the call of the United States beckoned him once more in 1995.

Upon his return, Bashir, accompanied by his brother-in-law, Nisar Shahani found themselves in Westbury, Connecticut, where Saain Saeed Sheikh, a Sindhi brother, extended a helping hand by providing them with jobs at his convenience store. Always a risk-taker, Bashir drove a taxi to and from Bradley Airport in Connecticut, but after two years, he set his sights on Houston, Texas. Where he reunited with Saain Mahmud Dhari and Sadiq Dahri and many other Sindhi friends.

In Houston, Bashir became a mentor and a beacon of altruism. Anyone arriving from Sindh was automatically welcomed into his home, where he offered shelter and sustenance until they could stand on their own feet.

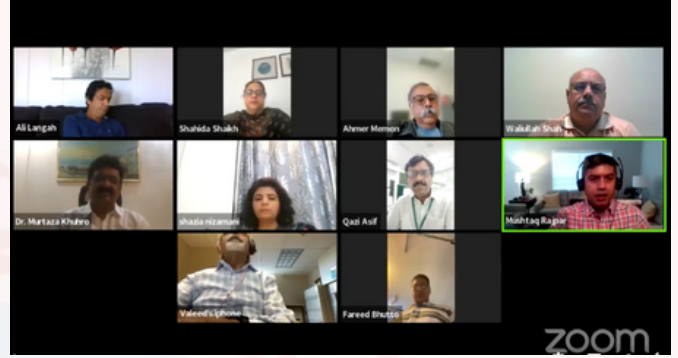
The Sindhi community in Houston fondly remembers Bashir for his kindness and boundless generosity. His culinary talents were legendary, and his ability to prepare "Pallo," a sweetwater fish reminiscent of the Indus River, became a cherished tradition. He would source Pallo from a Bangladeshi store, and we would gather to feast as if it were our last supper.

Bashir Ahmed Shahani's legacy is etched in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to know him. His selflessness, unwavering commitment to his roots, and his delicious feasts will forever be etched in our memories. He leaves behind a legacy of love, kindness, and compassion that will continue to inspire us all.

Rest in peace, dear Bashir. You will forever be missed but never forgotten.

آدمشماري جي نتيجن جا سنڌ جي سياست ۽ نمائندگي تي اثر - سانا ڪانفرنس

The Advocacy and Rights Committee of the Sindhi Association of North America (SANA) rejects the fraudulently engineered results of Census 2023 held in Pakistan, which sought to snatch away Sindhi people of their representation in the National Assembly and the provincial assembly by artificially reducing the population of five divisions Sukkur, Larkano, Nawab Shah, Mirpurkhas and BNA by 33 Lacs and increasing the population of Karachi by 11 Lacs.



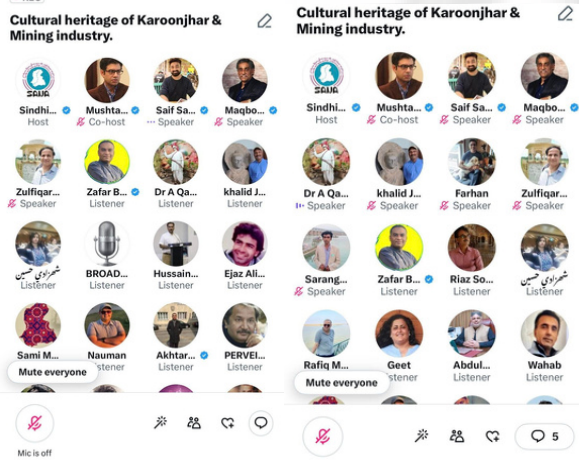
This total loss to Sindh 22 Lacs. Sindhis around the world demand an forensic audit of the Census numbers, criteria and logic behind consecutive extensions in the census data on blackmailing pressure of MQM-Pakistan. Sindhis around the world condemn the Sindh government for betraying the people of Sindh for signing and approving the results of Census 2023.

SANA believes the Census meeting was unconstitutional as it did not fill the constitutionally required quorum of elected Chief Ministers of the provinces, two of the members from Punjab and KPK were caretaker, unelected, it was not their mandate to vote on this census results. We believe the Fraud Digital Census 2023 in which the Federal govt has sought to change the demography of Sindh and Balochistan by reducing their in National Resources pool and Services. We took exception to the unconstitutional census as Article 51 which ordains that seats in National Assembly shall be fixed after the last preceding Census held after every ten years but this was conducted to please some ethnic groups after six years of 2017 Census by the Federal govt instead of Council of Common Interests. Council of Common Interests didn't conduct a census as provided under article 154 of the Constitution read with entry 9 of Federal Legislative list Part II. It was conducted and supervised by federal Govt: not CCI. In Sindh, the Size of average Household has been fraudulently shown 5.84% whereas in Punjab and KP household size is 6.43% and 6.94% respectively which is fraud apparent on the face of record. Sindh's houses stood at 98, 71,602 and as per average household size of Punjab and KP its Population stood at around 70, 000,000 (Seventy Million Souls) However, it has been artificially decreased to 56 Million by downsizing the average household size. This fraud has been committed through the so-called Digital census, the figures of which remained hidden from provincial govt and people of Sindh.

We reject fraud Digital Census and demand that by equalising the average household size, the population of Sindh may be declared at 70 million Souls. In order to divide people of Sindh on ethnic basis, growth rate in Kemari District of Karachi has been shown 2% while that of District Central has been shown at 4.30% as against 1.41% in 2017. Only on 16th May, 2023 Sindh population was declared 59 million but suddenly this figure too was altered to 56 million.

This dishonest and illegal Census would cost Sindh dearly in political representation and NFC share which are determined on the basis of population rather than equality as prevalent in civilised Federations. We took exception to the participation of Two Caretaker CMs in CCI meetings who under section 230 of Election Act, 2017 can only run day to day affairs and can't take CCI decisions. The CCI approval of fraudulent Digital census may be scraped forthwith and Provinces may conduct their own census based on NADRA and other records available with them as it's CCI subject and not domain of Federal planning Ministry.

SAVE KAROONJHAR



ڪارونجهر جبل جي اندر موجود ثقافتي ورثي ۽ مائنگ انڊسٽري بابت اڄ آنلائين لائيو سانا طرفان ٻه ڪلاڪ جو سيشن ڪيو ويو جنهن ۾ نامور اينٽراپالاجسٽ ڊاڪٽر ذولفقار ڪلهوڙي، لاهوتي جي باني سيف سميجي، ٿر تي تحقيق ڪندڙ خالد جوگي، سانا جي صدر ڊاڪٽر مقبول هاليپوٽو پنهنجا خيال وٺيا ۽ ڪارونجهر جي بچاء لاء ممڪن اپائن، ۽ قدامت بابت صلاح ڪئي وئي. سانا جي جنرل سيڪريٽري مشتاق راجپر جي ميزباني ۾ ٿيل ان سيشن ۾ 50 کان وڌيڪ دوستن شرڪت ڪئي.

ياربا! ڪارونجهر جي ڪور تي جڏهن مور ٽهڪا. ڪندو آهي، تڏهن هن کي سائون جا بادل جواب ڏيندا آهن ڇا ڪاٽي معرفت جي چوٽي ان کان مٿي ٿي سگهي ٿي؟

“O Lord! Nothing can be higher than peacocks singing in Karoonjhar and the clouds of the monsoon responding to their cries.”

Geography

Karoonjhar mountains are located in Nagarparkar near the district Tharparkar on the northern edge of the Rann of Kutch. They mostly consist of granite rock and are likely an extension of the Aravalli Range of India. The Aravalli range belongs to Archaen period, which makes it one of the oldest rock systems. Specialists have put the time period of the formation of these rocks at between 3.5 and 5 billion years ago.

The Karoonjhar area is geographically different from the surrounding desert and is very limited in expanse. The mountain range is around 19 kilometers long and 305 meters high. To the east of the main range lie smaller hills which are covered with sparse vegetation. From these hills originate two perennial springs, Achleshwar and Sardharo, and temporary streams, Bhetiani and Gordhro, which flow during the rainy season.

History

Karoonjhar has been mentioned in many verses of Sindhi and Gujarati poets. Myths and lores of Sadwant & Sharanga, Hothlal Pari (nature's fairy), Odho Jam (Sindhi lore) and Bherio Garori (wolf's ring) are regarded to this range. Hothlal Pari is considered to have had appeared first in the Karoonjhar mountains. In old times, Karoonjhar was also famously known as "Kinro". The mountain range has several places of historical importance, like Bhodeser Talao, Alakh Wao (hidden well), Anchlechure, Sardaro, Gao Mukhi, Punraj Gadr, Nani, Chandan gadr, Bhaun jo bheesro, Jharno and Bhaunro. In the past, many individuals were exiled to the Karoonjhar by monarchs of nearby states.

The range was once a stronghold of Jainism in the region. Researcher Mashkoor Phulkaro has written that there are at least 108 holy sites among the surrounding hills. Until 1226, the region of Thar was part of a large sea, and the current desert area served as a port and business centre for Jains who formed the business class. Subsequently, an earthquake in Parinagar, the main shipping port, changed its geography, forcing the Jains to move to Kutch and Bhuj in modern day India. Before their exodus, they had built several temples at Karoonjhar Mountain, Nagarparkar, and Parinagar. Of those, just four exist today, and only two of them are in good condition (in Veerawah and Nagarparkar). The last Jain family to leave this area did so in 1971.

Karoonjhar must be declared a World Heritage Site so that its culture, eco-system and way of life can be preserved

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SANA - Southern Alberta Chapter

SANA Southern Alberta sponsored Charity BBQ in Calgary on Sunday 27th August 2023, where participants donated from \$10+ towards Charity.

Around \$1000 were collected during the event. Community members from Medicine Hat, Red Deer, Cochrane and Edmonton participated during the Charity event.



Women at BBQ - Sothern Albert Chapter



BBQ - Sothern Albert Chapter

Northern Alberta (Edmonton) Chapter

SANA Edmonton chapter executives organizing a great BBQ event in June 2023 at Victoria Park Edmonton. The event was well organized to get the majority of the participation of the community with delicious BBQ



4 EC members of Edmonton Chapter



SANA-Ontario chapter

SANA-Ontario chapter for hosting a very successful annual function in Toronto



SANA-Washington DC chapter

واشنگٽن ڊي سي ۾ سانا جي مقامي چيپٽر طرفان عيد ملن پارٽي ۽ ڪميونٽي پڪنڪ ڪئي وئي جنهن ۾ ورجينيا ۽ ميريلينڊ جي سنڌي خاندانن شرڪت ڪئي پڪنڪ لاءِ هڪ سو وڌيڪ ماڻهن لاءِ سائين ٿناء الله شيخ مفت ۾ کاڌو مهيا ڪيو جڏهن ته شريڪ ٿيندڙن جي ڪنٽريوشن مان لاڙڪاڻي جي هڪ خاندان کي پنهنجي اجهي اڏڻ لاءِ 2 هزار ڊالر ڏنا ويندا

چيپٽر جي صدر عطاء الله شيخ، سانا جي مرڪزي جنرل سيڪريٽري مشتاق اچپر، سينئر ميمبر ڊاڪٽر حفيظ عباسي شريڪ ٿيندڙن کي پليڪار چيو.



50 scholarships to Agriculture University

SANA to give 50 scholarships to Agriculture University students-MoU Signed

The Sindhi Association of North America (SANA) has announced to award 50 scholarships to Sindh Agriculture University Tando students every year, starting from Current Semester fall 2023. The announcement was made by President SANA Dr. Maqbool Halepoto during visit to the University in Tando Jam where Mr. Halepoto signed a MoU with Vice Chancellor of the SAU Dr. Fateh Marri. The purpose of this MoU is to provide financial assistance to underprivileged students, promote knowledge and research development, and offer career counseling services to students.



During the meeting with the university high officials, President SANA. Dr. Halepoto also had the opportunity to explore various locations within SAU, held an interactive session with the faculty and the students and with the faculty members of Agriculture Engineering. Dr. Altaf Siyal provided an overview of SAU's Agricultural Engineering Faculty.

The MoU is part of the current Executive Committee of SANA to expand its flagship SANA FAME scholarship program to other academic institutions in Sindh, including Chandrika Medical College in Larkano, Sindh.

سانا صدر جو 52 زير تعمير جي گهرن جو دورو، متاثر خاندانن سان ملاقات

سان جو گهرن تعمير زير 52 ٺهندڙ سان تعاون مالي جي سانا لاءِ خاندانن متاثر ٻوڏ ۾ بروهي ڪوڙو ڳوٺ لڳ وارھ طرفان سانا هو شامل ۾ دوري ميمڻ طفيل ميمبر سينئر جي سانا گڏ سائس . ڪيو دورو هاليپٽو مقبول ڊاڪٽر صدر سماجي تنظيم سروسو ان منصوبي تي عمل ڪرائي رهي آهي جنهن لاءِ سانان طرفان 15 ملين روپيه ڏنا ويا آهن. سانا جي وفد ڳوٺاڻن، خاص ڪري عورتن سان ملاقات ڪئي جن جي نالي هي گهر ڏنا ويا آهن، گهرن جا مالڪا ته حق عورتن کي ڏنا ويا آهن سروسو جي مقامي عهديدارن سان صدر کي ٻڌايو ته زير تعمير گهر ايندڙ ٽن مهينن ۾ مڪمل ڪيا ويندا



لائيف ٽائيم اچيومنٽ ايوارڊ - قومي شاعر جمن دريدر



سانا طرفان سنڌ جي قومي شاعر جمن دريدر جي پٽ سگهڙ کي اڄ سانا جي صدر ڊاڪٽر مقبول هاليپٽو طرفان اعلانيل لائيف ٽائيم اچيومنٽ ايوارڊ سان گڏ 3 لک ڪيش چيڪ ڏنو ويو. شڪاڱو ۾ ٿيل سالياني ڪنوينشن ۾ هن سال شاعر جمن دريدر لاءِ ان ايوارڊ جو اعلان ڪيو ويو هو. سنڌي ٻولي، ادب، تحقيق، سماجي خدمتن جي مڃتا لاءِ سانا طرفان اهي ايوارڊ ڏهاڪن کان ڏيڻ جي شروع ڪيل روايت جاري رهندي اچي ٿي



President SANA, renowned oncologist from Arizona, USA, Dr. Maqbool Halepoto delivers speech at Chandika Medical College CMC in Larkano on invitation of VC Dr. Nusrat Shah. We look forward more to such kind of collaboration with universities in Sindh

SANA President Dr. Maqbool Halepoto receives warm welcome on his arrival in Sukkur. Civil society activists, writers and poets attend dinner reception hosted by his classmate Dr. Akbar Naich and Dr. Aisha Dharejo. SANA president was accompanied by senior SANA member Tufail Memon



رائيپور ۾ قتل ٿيل 10 سالن جي فاطمه ڦريڙو جي والدين جي مالي سهاتا



صدر ڊاڪٽر مقبول هاليپوٽو، فاطمه جي طفيل ميمڻ، نالي واري سماج سڌار ڊاڪٽر عائشه ڌاريجو، ڊاڪٽر اڪبر نايج

سانا جي صدر جي فاطمه جي وارثن سان سندن گهٽ خانواهن ۾ ملاقات. سانا جي صدر ڊاڪٽر مقبول هاليپوٽو جي فاطمه جي والدين سان سندن گهٽ خانواهن ۾ ملاقات. ڊاڪٽر مقبول سانا طرفان اعلانيل مالي سهاتا والدين جي حوالي ڪرڻ سان گڏ رائي پور جي پيرائي حويلي ۾ قتل 10 سالن جي فاطمه جي والدين، ڀائر ۽ پيئرن سميت حويلي جي ظلم جو شڪار ٿيندڙ سندس ٻن سوئڙن لاءِ ڪپڙا ۽ ڇپلون پڻ کين ڏنيو.

سانا جي 15 لک روپين جي مالي سهاتا فاطمه جي والدين لاءِ گهر، روزگار ۽ ٻارن جي تعليم تي خرچ ڪئي ويندي. سانا جي وفد ۾ طفيل ميمڻ، نالي واري سماج سڌار ڊاڪٽر عائشه ڌاريجو، ڊاڪٽر اڪبر نايج پڻ شامل هئا. سانا فاطمه جي وارثن جي مالي مدد ڊاڪٽر عائشه جي اڳواڻي ۾ ڪندڙ سماجي تنظيم ذريعي ڪري رهي آهي. جيڪا سندن گهر جي تعمير، ٻارن جي اسڪول ۾ داخلا ۽ سندس والد جي روزگار جي ذريعي کي يقيني بڻائيندي.

ڊاڪٽر مقبول هاليپوٽو فاطمه جي والدين کي ملندڙ ڌمڪين ۽ دٻاءُ جي مذمت ڪندي پوليس کي وڌيڪ سخت قدم کڻڻ لاءِ زور ڀريو، ۽ فاطمه جي والدين کي گذارش ڪئي ته هو کيس تان ڪنهن به صورت ۾ هٿ نه کڻن، سانا سميت سڄو سنڌي سماج هنن سان ساٿ ۾ گڏ آهي.

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Spotlight on SANA's Professional Development and Employment Committee 2022-24

The Sindhi Association of North America (SANA) is proud to highlight the stellar strides made by its dedicated Professional Development and Employment Committee for 2022-24.

Objectives and Vision

Established with the primary mission of nurturing and guiding North American Sindhis in their career journeys, the committee concentrates on several pivotal areas:

- Resourceful job searching
- Initiating self-employment and home-based/online businesses
- Exploring alternate careers, particularly in the medical and healthcare sectors
- Facilitating networking opportunities with fellow Sindhis in similar professions
- Offering insights on career transitions and enhancement

The committee has set forth a proactive methodology to assist community members:

- Disseminating pertinent information
- Hosting regular online seminars
- Serving as a bridge to create professional networks and circles



Milestones Achieved

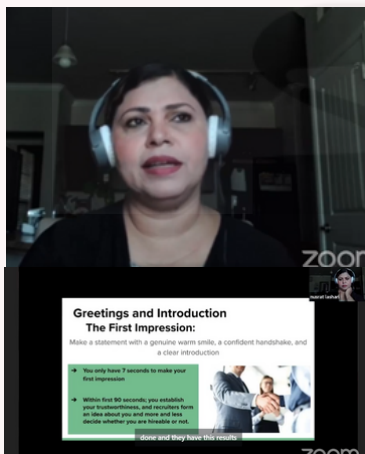
Since its inauguration in April 2023, the committee has impressively rolled out three insightful online seminars covering topics like Information Technology, healthcare job resources, and resume crafting techniques. For those who missed the live sessions, recorded versions are readily accessible for all SAN members.

Moreover, two more resourceful seminars are on the horizon. In October, the focus will be on Allied Healthcare job-seeking tools, followed by a November seminar, delving into the nuances of Professional Licensure and Certification in Canada.

The proactive engagement didn't stop there! The committee also spearheaded an outreach campaign during the Annual Convention in Chicago, IL, USA, in July 2023. The dedicated members counseled over a dozen community members through this initiative, offering tailored advice on resume drafting, job hunting, enhancing job interview skills, and professional elevation.

Looking ahead, 2024 promises to be equally exciting, with monthly online seminars planned, coupled with real-time online counseling clinics. These sessions aim to showcase and teach job-seeking and related skills to the members.

A Salute to the Pillars Behind the Success



The committee's achievements are credited to the relentless efforts of its esteemed members: Abdul Khalique Halepota, Mushtaque Soomro, Erum Ahmadani, Noor Khaskheli, Mir Sultan Talpur, Nadeem Khokhar, Saghir Shaikh, Nusrat Lashari, Asim Kaghzi, Anita Pirzada

In closing, the committee extends its heartfelt gratitude to the SANA executive committee and the larger membership for their unwavering support. We are excited about the future and remain committed to serving our community.

Saghir Shaikh and Nusrat Lashari (Co-Chairs). This article was drafted with the help of ChatGPT. September 2023.

فريده ميمڻ ۽ سانا ڪنوينشن



مان ۽ منهنجو گهر وارو احمد نديم ميمڻ سانا جا ساليانا ڪنوينشن پٺين پندرهن سالن کان هر سال ته نه پر جڏهن به موقعو مليو آهي ته ضرور شامل ٿيا آهيون جڏهن به شامل ٿيا آهيون ته هميشه محبت، پنهنجائي ۽ گهر پاتي وارو احساس کڻي موٽيا آهيون.

پٺين اٺن سالن کان هن ۽ ٻين سنڌين جي ميٽاڪن ۾ پنهنجي خرچ تي سنڌ ۾ خاص طور تي ادا منير پرڳڙي جي ٿر ۾ هلندڙ نلڪن ۽ کوهن ذريعي پاڻي پهچائڻ واري پروگرام کي اڳيان وڌائڻ لاءِ ڪجهه پنهنجيون ثقافتي شيون مناسب قيمت تي رکي چندو ڪٺو ڪندا آهيون. ان جي لاءِ سانا وارن جي ٿورائي آهيان جيڪو هو بنان ڪنهن اعتراض جي مون کي هي نيڪ ڪم ڪرڻ جي اجازت ڏيندا آهن.

هڪ هنڌ چار ڏينهن جي لاءِ پنج ڇهه سئو هر عمر جي ننڍن وڏن ٻارن وڏن پوڙهن کي ويه ٿيه اديون ۽ پائر گڏجي جنهن خوش اخلاقي سان انهن جو خيال رکن ٿا ۽ گڏوگڏ سنڌ جي مسئلن ۽ انهن کي سلجھائڻ لاءِ مختلف ماهرن کي سڏائي انهن تي ڳالھ ڪئي وڃي ٿي ۽ سنڌ جي سڃاڻپ کي مڃتا ڏني وڃي ٿي انهن جي لاءِ کين جس هجي.

هن ميٽاڪي ۾ هر ايندڙ پنهنجي ڪيسي مان خرچ ڪري اچڻ ٿا انجيڪري مان نقي سمجهان ته ڪنهن ٻاهرئين کي ڪنهن به قسم جو اعتراض ڪرڻ جو حق آهي.

اسان جيڪي اتي موجود هوندا آهيون ۽ جيڪو گهر پاتي ۽ پنهنجائي محسوس ڪندا آهيون ان جي لاءِ سانا جي ميٽاڪو مڃائڻ وارن کي سلام آهي. اعتراض ڪرڻ يا چند سازشي يا فيس بڪي ليڊر واريلا مڃائڻ ٿا ته اهي ويچارا پنهنجي عادت کان مجبور آهن ۽ پاڻ کي سياڻو سمجهن ۽ ٻين کي بيوقوف سمجهن جي ذهني بيماري جا شڪار آهن.



هن ڪنوينشن ۾ زلفقار پٽو جونيئر کي سڏائڻ ۽ سندس سنڌجي اصلي مسئلن تي ڳالهائڻ سنڌو جي جياپي لاءِ آواز اٿارڻ هن ڪنوينشن جو خاص پيغام آهي جنهن تي اسان سڀني سنڌين کي ليکڪ چئي ايترو ته گوڙ ڪرڻ گهرجي جو وس وارن کي ننڊ مان جاڳائي هن مسئلي کي حل ڪرائجي. هي مسئلو سنڌ ۽ سنڌو کي آهستي آهستي ختم پيوڪري انجي ڪري هينئر به نه جاڳياسين ته اسان پنهنجي ڌرتي وڃائينداسين.

هن سال به پٺين سالن وانگر اسان سنڌ ۾ مختلف ضلعن ۾ هلندڙ ماروڙن جي زندگي ۾ بهتري آڻڻ وارن ننڍڙن ڪمن جي لاءِ ڪجهه سامان وڪڻي چندو جمع ڪيوسين جنهن جي لاءِ مان سندن ٿورائي آهيان.

جيئن ته هي اهڙو موقعو هوندو آهي جتي اسان سڀ پرائڻ دوست گڏجن ٿا ۽ پنهنجي ثقافتي سامان کي فخر ۽ چاه سان پهريون ٿا ۽ اسان کي به سٺو لڳندو آهي ته سنڌ جي ثقافتي سامان کي گهر گهر پهچايون.

ائين ته اسان ڪنهن به طريقي سان چندو ڪٺو ڪري سگهون ٿا پر مهنجي خيال ۾ هن طريقي سان ٻه فائدا آهن هڪ ته اسان جو ثقافتي سامان گهر گهر پهچي ٿو ۽ ٻيو وڏو فائدو سنڌ ۾ ويل هنرمندن کي عزت سان ڪمائڻ جو موقعو ملي ٿو. اسان به ميٽاڪي ۾ سامان وڪڻي گڏڪيل پئسن سان ان سال جي ڪنوينشن جي نالي ڪري هڪ يادگار تحفي وانگر سانا وارن کي تحفو ڏيون ٿا.

Upcoming Events and Programs

SANA SINDH CONFERENCE January 7th 2024 KARACHI

SANA - 40TH ANNUAL CONVENTION JUNE 2024 CALGARY

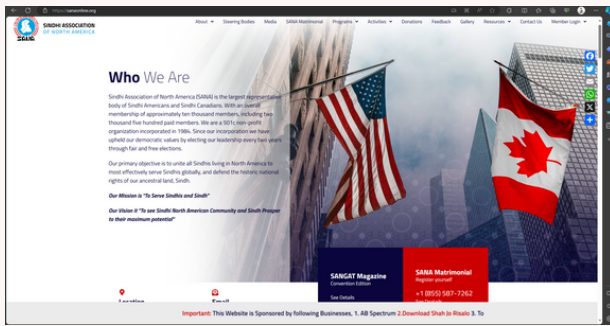
SANA - 1st International Sindhi Conference

December 2024 DUBAI

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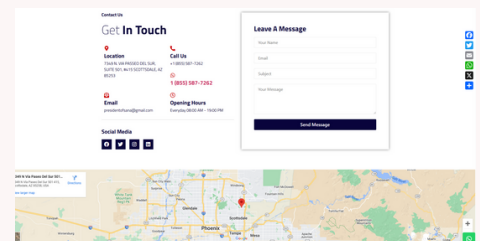
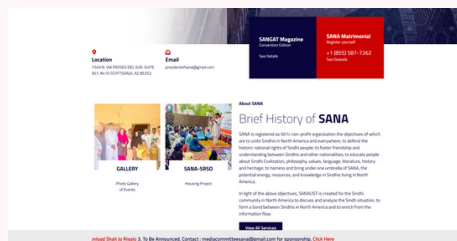
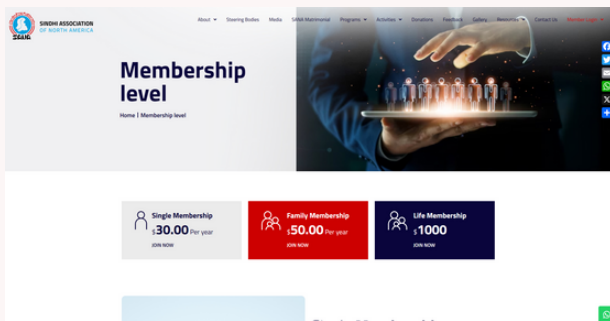
SANA's NEW Website launched

Our EC launched a new Website of SANA in Chicago Convention 2023, its more reflective of SANA's current project ideas and work.

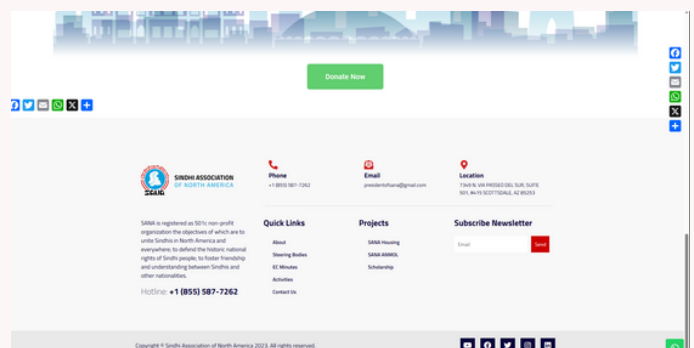


Some of key features of the new site are as follows:

- Our Projects are features on landing/home page
- Different Committees are listed in institutional structure of SANA including EC
- Social media fee scrolls down on home page including our Press Releases, and YouTube channel
- New Members won't become automatic, everyone who signs up for membership has to be approved by Membership Committee/Chair after due verification
- SANGAT Quarterly magazine is archived on the media section of the site.
- Membership list is now visible for all active members, EC, Election Commission and Membership Committee Chairman.



- Website provides you links to our Twitter, Facebook and Youtube accounts to follow
- Donations are now listed project-specific you can choose which project like to donate, including FAME Scholarship fund, SEHCAR (Emergency Fund) New Project Ali Nawaz Memon Opportunities Loans (ANMOL) (We already have raised \$13,000) for this project, our goal is to have \$50,000, please donate, help us create business, training and sustainable development and livelihood for our boys and girls in Sindh)
- FAME Scholarship we are now aiming at raising \$40,000 as we have included Chandika Medical University as new recipient of Scholarship fund.



Explore SANA website Sindhi Association of North America - www.sanaonline.org

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Respected Members,
We are happy to inform you that

SANA MEDIA COMMITTEE REPORT

SANA Family,

By Nauman Rustam Shaikh

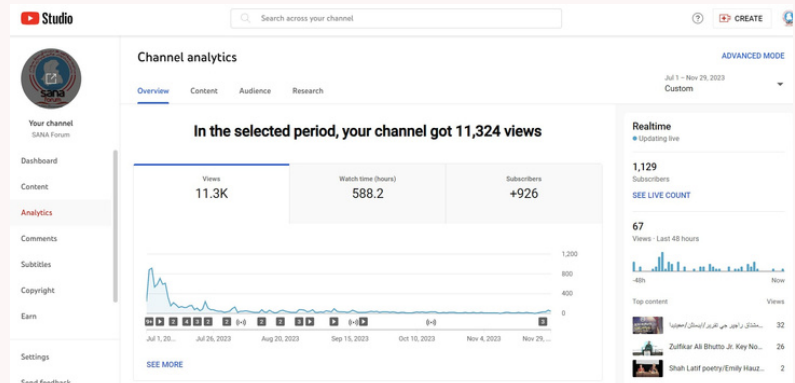
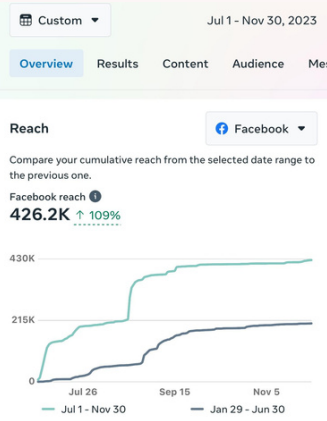
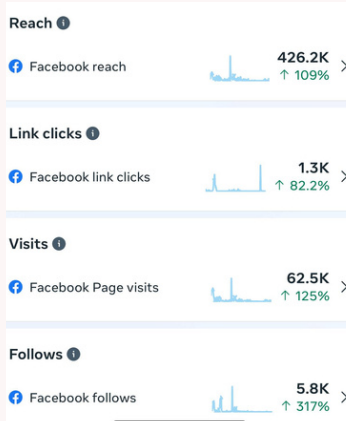
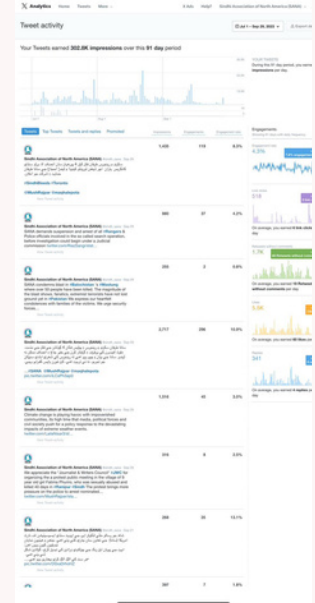
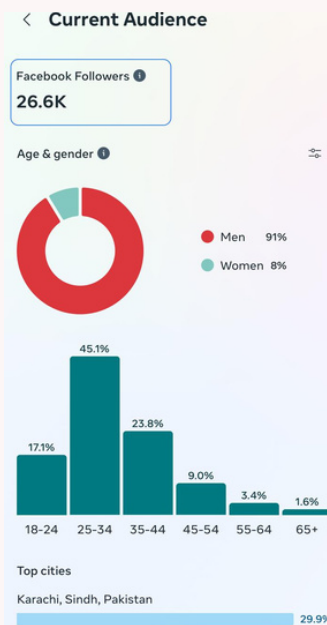
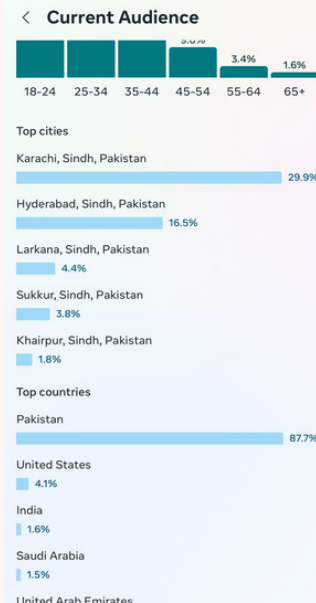
What a journey it has been for SANA Media, it has reached new heights specially from July 1st 2023 where all the events were broadcasted live on all our social media platforms.

Our Facebook has 26600 followers as of today, our reach on Facebook 427000 which is 109% compared to from January till June 2023. We have 62000 new visitors on our page and almost 6000 new followers.

Our Twitter reach is about 380000 and daily reach on average is about 3300 impressions.

Our YouTube Channel is growing fast and we have about 1129 subscribers gained about 926 new subscribers, we have about 11324 views and 588 watch hours.

Soon we will be able to generate income on our media platforms and I request all SANA Family to promote our media platforms.



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