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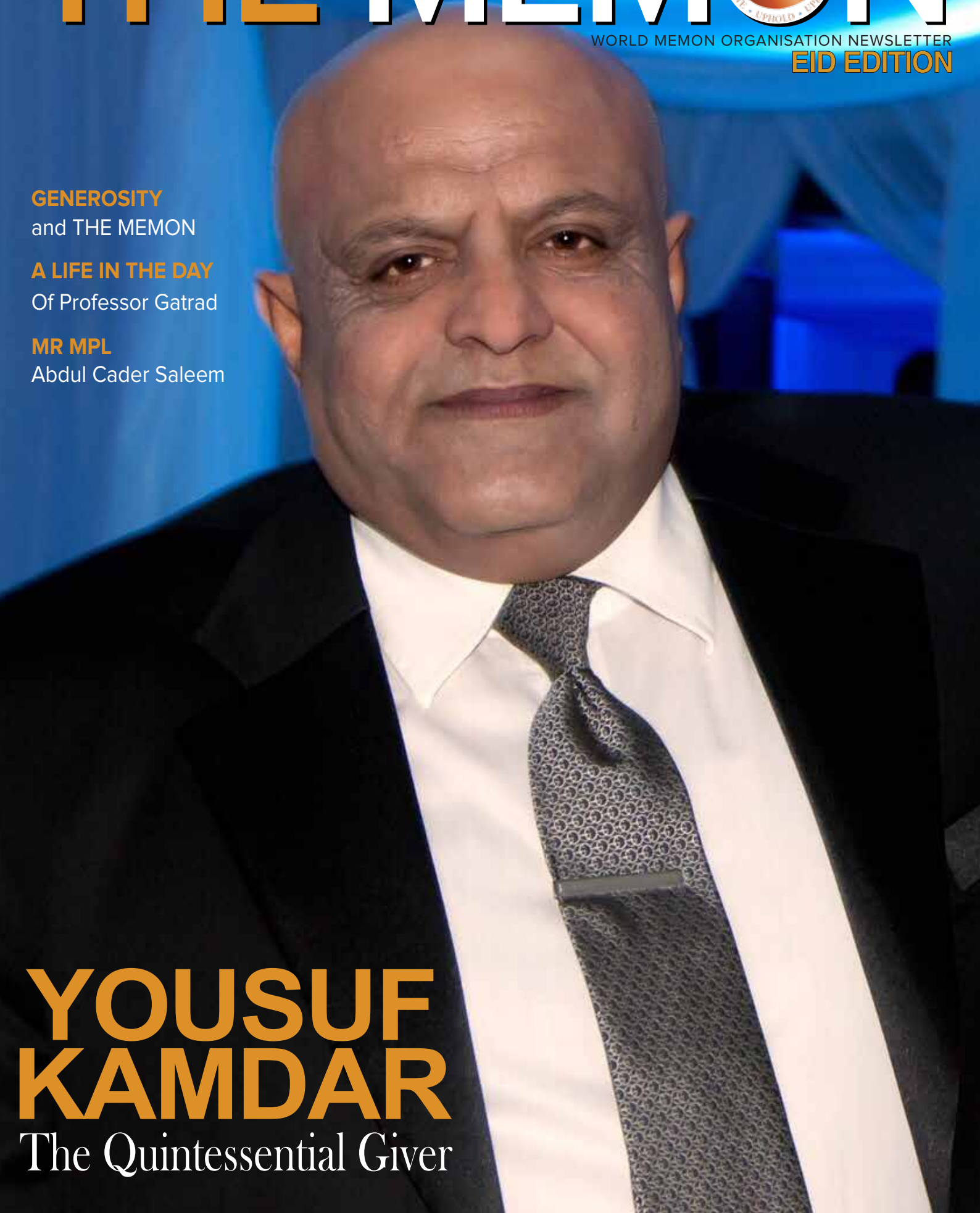
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A LIFE IN THE DAY

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The Quintessential Giver

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Generosity and The Memon

"He became so accustomed to opening his hands in charity, to such an extent that were he to order his fingers to close, clinging to something, they would not obey him.

You see his face lit up when you came to him, Asking.
As if you are giving to him, what you are asking of him.

He is an ocean of giving from any direction you approach him.
His depth is goodness and generosity is his shore.

If he had nothing in his hand other than his very soul,
he would give that away.
So let one asking of him be mindful of Allah."

In ancient times, those were verses written by poets to glorify the generosity of their magnanimous kings.

In today's world we may not find a liege worthy of rendition of a complete poem but we can share the exemplary kindness of a few benevolent men and women, to inspire others towards Serving Mankind.



Serving Mankind

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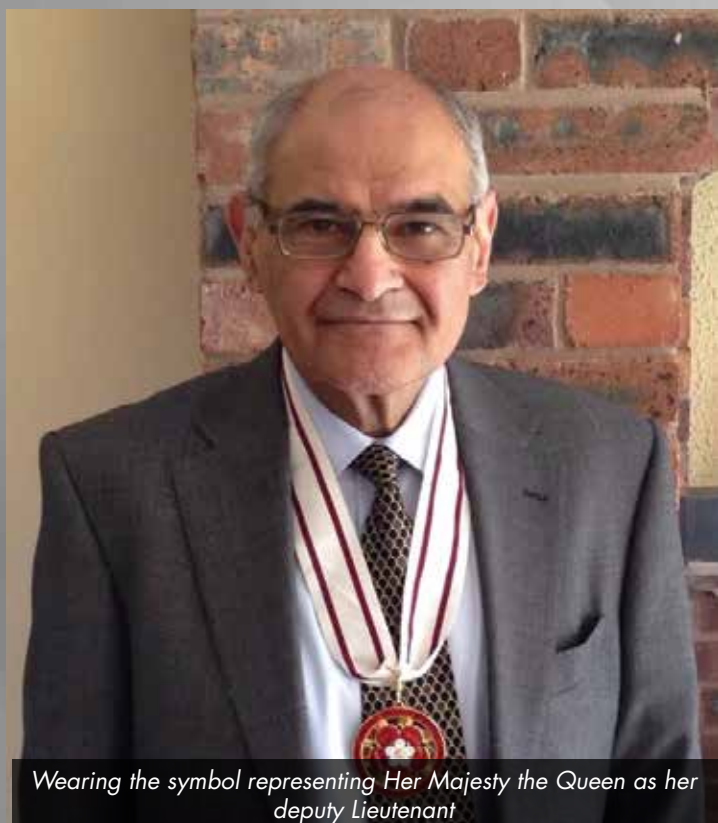
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Wearing the symbol representing Her Majesty the Queen as her deputy Lieutenant

PROFESSOR A RASHID GATRAD OBE DL

Bringing hope - serving mankind: all in a day's work for Professor Gatrad

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Cert Med Educ (Dundee). Fellow of the Higher Academies*

Professor Gatrad was born in Malawi (Africa) into a Memon family of Osman Adam. He was educated in Zimbabwe, and then Leeds (UK) where he studied Medicine. He worked as a postman for a time, to support himself at the University there.

In 1983, with great difficulty, he broke through the glass ceiling and became one of the few non-white acute consultant paediatricians of the day. It was his 'Neeyat' to build a mosque, once this was achieved. After planning and fund-raising, it took him 10 years to finish the project at a cost of £1.3m. Masjid al Farouk was the first purpose built mosque in Walsall (UK). He then convinced his family to donate all the land and buildings in Lalpur, India and built an orphanage which presently houses 200 children, who receive education with provision of sewing machines and computers.



Masjid al Farouk

He is now Professor of Paediatrics and Child Health at the Universities of Wolverhampton and Kentucky (USA) where, in 2000 he was recognised with an Award of Merit and selected as the 'International Clinical Tutor of the Year'. He was subsequently made a postgraduate examiner, for those becoming child specialists, by the Royal College of Paediatrics. He has been a post graduate Tutor for all doctors in Walsall and also president of the Midlands Regional Paediatric Society - in charge of continuous medical education of a body of over 200 consultant paediatricians in the region.

He has, by invitation from the BBC, appeared in over a dozen programmes in the 80s called 'Gharbar', to help the Asian community in the UK understand the health system. Subsequently he was commissioned by the Department of Health to produce videos of medical conditions such as dangers of the high lead containing eye make up 'Surma' - subsequently banned in the UK, and German measles prevention. For this last accomplishment he was invited to meet Princess Diana who was the patron of the Rubella Society at that time.

He holds 2 National Clinical Excellence Awards and has halved the mortality of new-born babies in Walsall (UK). As director of children's services, he set up one of the first paediatric assessment unit in the country that was visited by Frank Dobson, the then Secretary of State for Health. This model was emulated around the country, as it improved the immediate care of a very sick child and saved NHS millions of pounds!

His research work formed the basis of the national Hepatitis B vaccine programme and through the PhD that he completed in 4 years whilst fully employed, he is now a world expert in differential growth of children from different cultures. He has co-authored two books ('Caring for Muslim Patients' - a Forword by HRH Prince of Wales and 'Palliative Care for South Asians' - Hindus, Muslims and Sikhs - Forword by the Chief Medical Officer, Sir Liam Donaldson) both of which were launched to great acclaim in the House of Lords.

He has been past editor of various journals and has over 80 publications in international medical journals - many of these relate to Muslims, such as birth customs, end of life issues, safety of children from abuse in Madrassahs and Hajj. His international leaflet on 'Health at Hajj' was endorsed by the Department of Health. Included in his many medical papers are: complex heart disease in children of cousin marriages and medical management of conditions such as persistent crying in babies, a baby with blood in stools and babies with odd shaped heads.

As Chief Executive of the charity Midland International Aid Trust, he set up in Pakistan a cleft lip and palate centre, breast care service for women, artificial limb fitting centre (named after his father) and a cataract centre. Recently, he has also built a new maternity/children's hospital in Gujarat (Pakistan) and named it after his mother, Jubaida.



Jubaida Gatrad Maternity and Children's hospital in memory of Professor Gatrad's mother.

In Durban, S. Africa, at the Albert Luthuli Hospital, working with Dr Ebrahim, he set up an intervention heart surgery programme for children, which is carried out by a world renowned cardiologist, Dr de Giovanni, who travels there on 'Gatrad Travel Bursaries'. These bursaries are regularly given out by him every year to health care professionals who go out to teach and train in poor resourced countries, which have also included Pakistan and Nigeria.

His older sister, Razia, has polio and therefore he helped the Rotary club with the campaign to eradicate it and was awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship 'In appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations between peoples of the world.'

Over the years he has sent discarded but functioning NHS equipment such as hospital beds, anaesthetic machines etc to various countries such as Nigeria, Malawi, India and Pakistan. His humanitarian work extends to 15 countries including Syria, Gaza, Gambia and Haiti. For his humanitarian work he was invited to meet Tony Blair, when he was Prime Minister. In the recent calamity to befall Nepal his team provided helmets to those digging for bodies and within 4 weeks he raised £50,000 for food and thousand shelters there.



Prior to assisting in operation of cleft abnormality in twins at the Cleft Centre Gujarat, Pakistan.

He is a globally renowned paediatrician, philanthropist, humanitarian, visionary and an academic who has changed lives of hundreds of thousands of people, not only in poor resourced countries but also in the UK where recently he raised over £100,000 for local hospices and received the Mayor's Civic Award for this.

In 2002 he was awarded an OBE. In 2013 when presenting him with the 'Freedom of the Borough of Walsall', the Mayor said 'He has done what would take others two lifetimes to do. I don't know when he has time to sleep!'

Following this in 2014 he was made Deputy Lieutenant to the Her Majesty the Queen. In September 2015 the University of Wolverhampton will award him an Honorary Doctorate for his local, national/international humanitarian work.

So does he have time for hobbies? Prof Gatrad said 'My very good friend and mentor was Aziz Osman Gani (from a well-known memon family in Malawi) who many will remember as a prolific all round cricketer in Malawi. I played cricket with him, mainly as an opening seam bowler and a slip fielder. Twice I played for Malawi against what was Mashonaland and Matabeleland (Zimbabwe). When at the secondary Founder's High School in Bulawayo, I was chosen to play for the school side against teams from Zambia and East Africa. I Coached school children in the UK until recently and at my 68th birthday also gave up playing tennis because of back problems.

When asked about his achievements and retirement plans Prof Gatrad stated: 'all this would not have been possible without the unstinting support from my wife and two children. However, my inspiration comes from my mum and dad who often, with their duas, told me that - in life one should try and be 'beyond' outstanding and maximize one's potential. Therefore with wanting to be a doctor at the age of 5 years, it is something that I am not going to give up easily. Even though I am 69 years of age now, I am definitely not thinking of retiring. I am sure Allah Subhanal-lahhotaalah will continue to give me further wonderful opportunities to serve Him and in the process continue to realise my parent's dream of shining a light, at least in some corners of the world, where misery lurks.'

Further information can be obtained from www.professorgatrad.com and www.miatwalsall.org.uk

YOUSUF KAMDAR

"THE QUINTESSENTIAL GIVER"

"I BELIEVE NO JOB IS TOO SMALL"

I started work as a 12 year old, scrubbing cups and plates at the Karachi Cotton Exchange. The invaluable experience of working in the cotton industry at a tender age came in good stead when I headed the largest textile conglomerate of South Africa.

"I BELIEVE NO KINDNESS IS TOO LITTLE"

When I first came to South Africa with nothing in my pocket and sold toothbrushes at a street corner of Pietermaritzburg, I remember sharing my meals with other street dwellers. Today, by the grace of the Almighty I continue to feed thousands.

The Holy Quran says

"The likeness of those who spend their wealth in the Way of Allah, is as the likeness of a grain (of corn); it grows seven ears, and each ear has a hundred grains. Allah gives manifold increase to whom He pleases. And Allah is All-Sufficient for His creatures' needs, All-Knower." (2:261)."

I firmly believe that The Almighty Allah SWT is All Knowing and gives just rewards for your efforts, whether its sincerity in your work or your endeavours towards Mankind.

Alhamdulillah."



Albert Einstein once famously quoted, "Try not to become a man of success, but rather try to become a man of value."

With the admirable Yousuf Kamdar we have the most extra ordinary success story of a man whose exceptional generosity precedes his outstanding accomplishments in the world of business and properties.

Mahomed Yousuf Ibrahim, affectionately known as Yousuf Kamdar was born in Pakistan on the 25th of December 1961. Chairman of the flourishing, global KAMDAR GROUP, he has overcome numerous odds and challenges in life to scale great heights of success. Starting with nothing but 20 cents in his pocket Yousuf is an exemplary icon of hard work, fortitude and motivation for young entrepreneurs.

He started his first business venture at Pietermaritzburg (South Africa) in 1987, gaining invaluable experience that set up the foundation for the Kamdar Group.

In 1992, he bought into Quince Products, a pillow manufacturing company and subsequently acquired the entire shareholding. He expanded the manufacturing line and embarked on an acquisition drive transforming this business into the largest textile manufacturing concern supplying major chain-stores in the region. In 1995, he consolidated the different factories into one facility under the Quince Brand. During this time, Yousuf gained an enormous amount of respect in the industry, and in 2003, facilitated the setting up of a massive fabric dying plant in Mooi River which was later sold and became a confidence booster for the local economy.



Yousuf made a conscious decision to transform his property investment portfolio into a Business and launched a property development company with a focus on inner city development. Over the years, the company had invested widely in property and had by now accumulated a vast and diverse portfolio. His property portfolio has expanded to include commercial, residential, industrial and the leisure industry and his highly skilled team of professionals offer expertise in urban renewals, retail-commercial-industrial property development, project management, property asset management, land acquisition, portfolio management and residential conversions. The group has also ventured into development of high profile projects with meticulous selection of locality and clients like the "new Kamdar House project in Umhlanga" in 2014, a prestigious new A-grade office development located at the Ridgeside Office Park, the "Kamdar Industrial Park Development" at Curnabia Umhlanga planned for 2015 and many more projects under consideration and planning.



The foray into properties has been one of the most profitable and landmark ventures of the KAMDAR group which was followed up with a global expansion into electronics, housing, manufacturing and air-conditioning.



His accomplishments are noteworthy, keeping in mind the rapid growth of the organisation from national to global in a very short period of time. Yousuf's acute sense of entrepreneurship coupled with his independence, vision, acumen and passion for business are the pillars of his success.



He was nominated & finalist in 2010 for Islamic finance business awards "Business Man of the Year" category. He attributes all his achievements to the support of his wife and his family.

Yousuf has not forgotten his humble roots or the hardships he has faced over the years. He is committed to several philanthropic causes and supports a number of charities.

Eradicating hunger, educating the youth, rehabilitation and helping our memon brethren to break free from the shackles of poverty are causes very close to his heart.

Yousuf is passionate about empowering and uplifting mankind and is therefore an active and committed WMO trustee.

Irrespective of race, religion or community, Mr. Yousuf Kamdar is the epitome of WMO's efforts to serve Mankind globally. Donating wheelchairs to the afflicted in South Africa, feeding the devout Muslim labourers of Dubai, arranging community meals on a daily basis for the underprivileged in Durban during the entire holy month of Ramadan or standing up for the innocent victims of the inhuman Xenophobic attacks. These are just a handful of worthy causes amongst many to which Mr. Kamdar has dutifully contributed.



A loving husband, caring father, doting grandfather, business and property magnate, philanthropist, an exemplary human being and our dear friend, Yousuf Kamdar bha.

ABDUL CADER SALEEM - MR. MPL

“The Cricketer who bats for humanity”

"Humility is the foundation of all virtue. Pride turned angels into devils whereas humility makes angels out of men."

As we read about one of the most humble and virtuous Memons in Colombo whose generosity is legendary, we will also learn why he is considered the guardian angel of the Memon cricketing community.

Mr. Abdul Cader Saleem was born on the 31st of July 1958, Eldest Son of Marhoom Haji Salay Gulam Kader Hadfa of Upleta, India.

A.C. Saleem is the Chairman of one of the family's leading Business concern, M/s. Pulses Splitting & Processing Industry (Pvt) Ltd. He also heads MISA Tea Plantations and M.I.S. Polysacks which are the subsidiary groups of the Company.



M/s. Pulses Splitting & Processing Industry (Pvt) Ltd., is one of the biggest Splitting & Processing Industries in Asia. It is equipped with modern technology and state of the art machinery with a daily capacity of 400 mega ton production. A large direct and indirect task force of around 350 workers produce Red Split Lentils for both the export and the domestic market capturing a market share of almost 60 percent.

M/s. Pulses Splitting & Processing Industry (Pvt) Ltd., has won several accolades and awards over the years:-

Gold - NCE Exports Award 2009, 2013

Silver - Agri Business Award 2010 - National Agribusiness Council

A very generous man who does extensive charitable work for the upliftment of the Memon Community in Sri Lanka and extends his steadfast support to uphold humanity around the globe. Ramadan ration distribution is an endeavour, very close to his heart. Each year around 2500 food packages are delivered across the country, through out the holy month of Ramadan to our less fortunate Muslim brothers and sisters. This is just one of the many benevolent causes supported by him.

A crusader for several worthy causes. Mr. A C Saleem enjoys steadfast support and immense goodwill amongst the global Memon and Muslim communities who contribute wholeheartedly to endorse his humanitarian endeavours whenever they are called upon.

A.C Saleem is the Vice President of The World Memon Organization - Fareast Chapter. He is also a Trustee at Al Maqbool Trust and member of Memon Support, a Charitable organization which helps the underprivileged.

A family man with four children, a motivational figure for youngsters and a die hard cricket enthusiast. The man who gave birth to the Memon Premier League(MPL), a spectacular, international cricket tournament for the global Memon youth. It can be said that the MPL exists thanks to only one gentleman called AC Saleem and you will be forgiven if you think that the C in his name stands for Cricket.

As age catches up with Mr. Saleem, he may not accumulate as many runs on the cricket field but he continues to score, unabated for Humanity.



The Inspirational Indians



"It is more blessed to give than to receive". An inspiring thought of the Gem of a Memon Community

Mr Iqbal Memon Officer

He is the man who doesn't need any introduction anywhere. An inspiration to many. He is honored globally as a Memon Ratna. He Dedicated his Life for upliftment of our community. He motivated many youths to come ahead and work for the betterment of the community.

He is a President of 'All India Memon Jamat Federation' the biggest parent organization in the World representing the entire Halai Memon Community throughout India having membership exposure to 500 jamats under its institution.

His gentleness is not limited to the Memon community. He supports Humanity and is a Symbol of Unity.

We salute his spirit.

Mrs Raziya Chashmawala

A life lived for others is a life worth living "words that Mrs. Raziya Chashmawala lives by.

She is a Social worker for the last 30 years. She works tirelessly for the underprivileged in terms of providing health care, education and is a strong advocate for women empowerment and widow upliftment.

She calls herself a grass root level worker with pride and is personally in contact with the less fortunate whom she helps through her various charities. She travels to slums and distributes ration & clothing to the deserving and does the utmost to alleviate their pain and sufferings.

We appreciate her selfless contribution towards our community and humanity.



Mr. Zikar Virani

'One day all Memon children will be educated' a vision of MR. ZIKAR VIRANI

The man behind 3 educational institutes in Una & Verawal, Gujrat which impart free education. He stands by his belief that the way to uplift a community is through education. He has enabled innumerable memons to stand on their own feet, Some of them are now practicing doctors. Despite being a busy businessman, he makes sure he takes out quality time to work for our Memon community upliftment.

We acknowledge his valuable contribution towards the community and humanity.

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29TH AUGUST	-	MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (MC) MEETING
30TH AUGUST	-	TRUSTEE MEETING, LADIES TRADE EXHIBITION, MPL FINALS & GALA DINNER
31ST AUGUST	-	LADIES MEETING & INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE
1ST SEPTEMBER	-	AGAM & MC MEETING