## Bilal Nama: A Memoir by Brig. (Retd) Muhammad Bilal Yusuf

## "From Heart Surgery to Village Soul: A Life in Service"

By Shaukat Ali Jawaid

LAHORE: Brig. (Retd) Muhammad Bilal Yusuf is a renowned cardiac surgeon who retired from the Armed Forces Institute of Cardiology (AFIC) many years ago. After his retirement, he spent around fifteen years in the United Kingdom. I happened to meet him a few months ago unexpectedly through the courtesy of Prof. Amjad at a mosque in Lahore during a gathering of the Tablighi Jamaat, of which he is an active member.

I had known him during his service at AFIC, and this reunion after many years led to a conversation about his professional life. Following our discussion, I

1976. One of my relatives, he says, late Sajid laid the foundation of the present Dera who was son of my uncle Mumtaz who had joined Army as soldier, never got married and instead looked after his whole family brothers and sisters. He spent one and a half lac rupees from his gratuity which he got after retirement and made the Dera Iqbal Lodge beautiful. He developed gangrene and died of septicemia after surgery in CMH Bahawalpur while I was in

England, in March 2022.

My father, he writes, died

during surgery for Pituitary tumors

at Lahore in 1973. We had taken six

hundred rupees loan from uncle for

surgery of my father at Lahore. We

tried and went to various places

so that my brother gets some job

in place of our father who was an

Overseer in Canal Department but

in vain, it was difficult times for

the family. One day he decided

to go to Governor House and met

Malik Ghulam Mustafa Khan the

Governor of Punjab, who wrote

to the Chief Engineer Bahawalpur

## Dis-satisfaction, is a very serious and dangerous psychological disease and those who suffer from it always remain deprived of God's blessing

wrote two columns based on his experiences. Later, he shared with me the soft copy of his memoir titled Bilal Nama - his autobiography written in Urdu, and interwoven with expressions in Punjabi and Saraiki, full of romantic couplets and selection of few folk songs.

Reading it required considerable time and attention. The memoir is a literary treasure—a masterpiece filled with wisdom. Page after page contains pearls of insight, although the narrative is somewhat disorganized and suffers from frequent repetition across different

In one poignant reflection, he writes that trees also have lives and emotions, and therefore deserve love and care. Throughout the memoir, Brig. Bilal attempts to convey numerous thoughts and important messages, often symbolized through two trees in his native village: the Bargad (banyan tree) and the Beri (jujube tree). He even spent over one lakh rupees on the maintenance of the Beri tree, a sum donated by his son Haris, who is also a cardiac surgeon. This amount contributed to the development of the village – spanning twenty-five acres and originally planned by the British in 1910.

Though a devout Muslim associated with the Tablighi Jamaat for nearly four decades, Brig. Bilal possesses a deeply romantic personality, which is evident throughout the memoir. I have tried, to the best of my ability, to summarize what he intended to convey. Below are selected excerpts from Bilal Nama. "Pervaiz Iqbal Muhammad Bilal

Bin Yousuf was born in Sutlej Valley in Chak No. 02 Fatah near Chistian in Bahawalnagar District, State of Bahawalpur. Chist city is named after a village Chist in Afghanistan. Baba Taj Sarwar Shaheed came from that village and settled here in 1265 to preach Islam; thus, the city got the name of Chishtian. His father was an Overseer in Irrigation Department. They had a big family eleven brothers and sisters. After early education in different areas where his father served, he could not manage to get admission in Nishtar Medical College Multan but was short listed for the reciprocal reserved seats in East Pakistan. Hence, he got admission in Raj Shahi Medical College in 1971. However, due to the 1971 crisis, could not complete studies there and all students from West Pakistan were airlifted in C130 on March 25th 1971 and he was accommodated at Nishtar Medical College Multan from where he graduated in 1975. In Raj Shahi he did learnt some Bengali romantic dialogue but after 1971 tragedy they had to return to West Pakistan which did not provide him any opportunity to use those romantic

It was in November 1976 that to see me working as House Officer when he had just completed MBBS at Mayo Hospital saying how he managed to pass. All our teachers he asked his mother that he want were trained in England and they to get married. The marriage was would often say "when I was in arranged soon and he got selected England", I often thought will I as Capitan in Army in December ever have a chance to visit UK. I

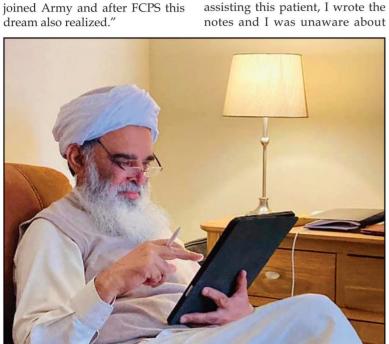
received a message from my senior cardiac surgeon that in Theatre NO. 3 a CABG is planned and I should harvest the vein for that, open the chest and put the patient on heart lung machine I was frustrated and was thinking when I will become the first operator and for how long I will keep on doing all this for my seniors. After

Registrars and always gave a VIP

"While serving at AFIC I

treatment to my son.

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Brig. (Retd) Muhammad Bilal Yusuf

the identity of the patient. After

three weeks our Commandant

Maj. Gen. Yousuf called me in

his office where prizes were

being distributed and I also got

a beautiful carpet which was sent

by the patient who had CABG and

I had assisted the senior surgeon.

Then I realized that the patient was

Governor of Baluchistan who had

Merit prevails in Army

here merit always gets importance.

There is a transparent system

One good thing in Army is that

sent this gift for me.

At Mayo Hospital, there was a different environment in the Operation Theatres while Prof. Zafar Haider and Prof. Rashid Oureshi used to operate than the one when Prof. Riaz Ahsan Siddiqui used to be operating. As

After the death of my father, it was Governor Punjab. Malik Ghulam Mustafa Khar who ordered Chief Engineer Bahawalpur to give job to my brother. It worked and my brother became the caretaker of the whole family

to give him job immediately and soon as he will finish the operation, it worked. He got a job and also started sending me Rs. 150/- per month for my studies. During those days brother Azhar became the caretaker of the whole family. My mother died in 1992

My son Haris spent sixty lac rupees on renovation of this Dera Igbal Lodge. Elder brother of my father Rana Sharif, cousin Nadir Havat and Khalid Havat are still remembered by the village as singers. The following Ghazal was very popular which they used to

> نس طرح مجولے کا ول أن كا خيال آيا ہوا جا نہیں سکتا ہمی شيشے میں بال آیا ہوا جس نے ہو توڑا دل میرا وے رہا ہے یہ وعا آنگھوں میں اشک آیا ہوا

#### A Journey of Perseverance, Service and Return to Roots

"While at Nishtar once there was a strike and Prof. Zafar Haider he will ask to put on the Tape

اے دل کہیں سے اُن کو اِلیے میں ڈھونڈ لانا جنا کہ رُت جوال ہے اور ہم ترس رہے ہیں کالی گھٹا کے سائے جوبن کو ڈس رہے ہیں ڈر ہے نہ مار ڈالے ساون کا کیا ٹھکانہ موسم ہے عاشقانہ پھرتے ہیں ہم اکیلے بانہوں میں کوئی لے لے خر کوئی کہاں تک شنائیوں سے کھلے دِن ہو گئے ہیں ظالم راتیں ہیں قاتلانہ

His exist from AFIC for higher training in cardiac surgery was also eventful. "I was told you are unfit for training in cardiac surgery. Thanks to the then Surgeon General Lt-Gen. for two years. On return whenever I had a chance to meet him, I always kissed his hands. I got an assignment in Royal London Hospital in cardiac surgery. I was quite popular among the cardiac

surgeons who often called me

Recorder the famous song:

of promotions. If one keeps on working silently with devotion موسم ہے عاشقانہ and dedication and keep on taking the next step as an opportunity arises, you do not need any recommendations. You get a signal from Army "are you ready for this next course". Never say No and grab that opportunity. I completed all the steps like army

notification of my training in UK inning very carefully, be friendly essential element.

in Pakistan Army. However, December 2005, got registered his advice is that play the last with the commandant, don't create any problems for yourself

"Ghulam Rasul who went to Field Martial though I was Major. UK for training with me one day

Group photograph of perhaps a Nishtarian's Get Together.

at all involved. I tried to clear this misunderstanding after meeting him but failed. Prof. Rashid Qureshi was my examiner but

thought I was also one of those When I went to UK again, one said that his registrar asked him do had by now become consultants. My son Haris got job in London Chest Hospital as the consultant

trouble makers though I was not of those surgeons was my best you know driving, golf, swimming, reference. All those Registrars computer? When his answer was No he said from where have you come to England. He does not know that I was the best graduate Prof. Zafar Haider was surprised was my colleague when we were of my college, qualified all exam

in surgery in first attempt and I have been selected by Army for training in UK. I am very much disappointed in front of him." I just sympathized with him and

> قدر یکھلال دا بلبل جانے صاف دماغا ل والی قدر یکھلاں دی گدھ کی جانے مردے کھاوں والی ا

Few years ago, I saw him again a very smart person, who retired as Brigadier. Best swimmer, computer expert, holding a pilot license what to talk of driving a car. I still could not find why he could not become General

Brig. Bilal has depicted a beautiful picture of village culture, dishes, recipe in rainy days like Pooray and Gulgulay and since I myself hail from a village enjoyed it the most. He describes the marriage ceremonies, food being served in clay pots, indigenous production of Vermicelli's etc. I realized the importance of Ironing the clothes after marriage and when I got service in Army, he recalls. He joined Tablighi Jamat while at Nishtar though for a short period he also got affiliated with amiat because of Ehsan Bari. Yet another revelation in this

Memoir is when he writes that 'In the Board when the promotion was being considered, I was rejected twice. But later there were direct interview in GHO and according to reports the chair said "I am not concerned with any of your grading. Include Bilal's name in the list of Brigs." I could

never get an outstanding report.

when you make up your mind to do something good and positive, there are many who come forward to help you.

## The TJ Group

"Having said good by e to cardiac surgery now my daily routine is playing golf for three hours early in the morning, reading and writing for three hours, then rest for some time. After Asar prayer moving with the TJ group. I had joined this group many years ago and I think this is one of the best programme to bring positive change in the society. It revolves around love for the humanity, working for the welfare of the people, joint discussions in the group, sacrifice, patience and prayers. No expectations from any one only God Almighty will give

TJ group's basic structure these days is daily spending two hours in the nearest mosque, discussions with friends for the welfare of the country and the world, working for education, inviting the public towards religious activities, and spending three days every month in one of the nearest village, city, town, serving for forty days in the country and then visiting other countries to spread the message of Islam. I am an old member of the Raya Democratic Group in Defense Lahore. It consists of about fifteen professionals who are all experts in their respective field.

#### Family reservations about Village Project

When I decided to build a house in the village, my wife vehemently opposed my idea of village project

saying that with advancing age,

one also loses the power of rational

thinking. Why you are bent upon

wasting money. However, my

Radiologist son opined that I

## My Tableeg Walk and involvement in welfare work has changed the whole complexion of the village

Gen Mahmud Akhtar Surgeon General of Pakistan Army once asked me, every one working at AFIC had outstanding grades why you have average. I had not so good relations with my senior colleagues in AFIC for almost six years. My Mentor Gen. Rafi advised me to build house in Rawalpindi-Islamabad first and then think of a residence in village. Under his guidance I built a house in DHA Phase-I in Islamabad. These days it is extremely difficult to die and get buried in cities. I got in love with my village for various

reasons and an important reason

was because of my marriage with

He retired form Army in

with General Medical Council

of UK. Soon got a locum for ten

days, later extended to three

that job for ten years in Edinburgh

While in England swimming

with young nurses in hospital

swimming pool endangers his

Eeman, but he does not mind

swimming with elderly Mems

because a prescription by a doctor

is handy. Swimming in Raya Club

is the biggest luxury of the world.

## Sutlej Valley Project played a vital role in the development of Bahawalpur State. It was the greatest gift of Nawab of Bahawalpur

map reading, grading surgery Capitan to Major. FCPS Part-2 which takes eight to ten years then one can think of higher positions by disagreeing to anything but supplement it with some flattery, if need be, which is considered an

separate swimming pools for men to village was planned." and women. One of his sons is a consultant psychiatrist in Manchester UK, other is a radiologist also in Manchester UK while third son is a cardiac surgeon at Shifa International Hospital in

On return from UK in June 2022, we decided to visit our village he writes "I saw the village after fifty years and it was full of dirt everywhere. Nobody 1. The village project which he ever bothered for cleanliness and improving the environment. That was the time I decided to make my 2. Water filtration plant village as one of the best villages as seen in the First world. I believe

should go ahead and do whatever I think is the best. Other son Cardiac Surgeon Haris said let us build a house on hill Staton to spend summer instead of wasting one crore rupees in the village. My son Suhaib who is a psychiatrist in Manchister thought it was total waste of money spending in the village. But I had decided to take up this challenge and build my Five-star residence in the village at any cost. I also wanted to be buried after death in the family graveyard near the village. My cousin Abu Zar was the manager of this project who got it completed. "Rajput's, he writes, do not like selling Desi Ghee in Bazars. Our parents

had very difficult times but they

overcome all the troubles in life. "I had built Taj Mahal for my Mumtaz in the village secretly and it was named BZ Lodge. (Bilal Zahida) just like Emperor Shajahan had built Taj Mahal months. Eventually continued in for his Wife Begum Mumtaz in Agra India. My village always keeps on calling me and I love this land. During the May 6th 2022 meeting of the family, I was given one and a half acre of ancestral land. I decided to go ahead with my project. While Shahjahan got carpenter from Bukhara I managed to get a carpenter Ali swimming pool in Lahore he says Muhmmad from my village. He started working on the project But the only difference here is on May 12th 2022. When brother that unlike in UK, here we have Shahid died on June 5th 2022 a visit

#### **Returning Home:** A life rooted in Legacy

Dis-satisfaction, he writes, is a very serious and dangerous psychological disease and those who suffer from it always remain deprived of God's blessing. We must realize that a vast majority of us are living much better lives

## Operation NorthStar -102

- had conceived consisted of the
- Renovation of the central water CONTINUED ON PAGE-5

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to Heer Waris Shah and Yousuf

Zulekha stories in Punjahi under

would listen how the Prophet

Yousuf was being thrown in the

Well by his brothers, they would

my interest in folk singing often

practiced and mastered it."

Sutlej Valley Project

numerus officers in the Complex.

State of Bahawalpur was one of

the thirty-six states of Punjab. He

also laid the foundation of Sutlei

Valley which played a vital role

in the development of this area.

In the next ten years three Dams

were constructed on River Sutlej

i.e. Panined, Suleimani and Islam

Headworks. These projects were

initiated in 1921 and completed

between 1922-1933 which was

Whenever we Nishtarians have

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- reservoir & repair of its feeding channel
- the trees during afternoon. These 4. Preservation of the old village two Punjabi books were very popular. When the elderly people
- 5. Revamping the village Chowk (square)
- 6. Renovation of Dera Igbal (guest house)
- feel very uncomfortable. 7. Restoration of the animal drinking water pond a get together my friends knowing 8. Village sewage system repairs
- request me to recite the old song of lishment Bagla Wala. One of my friend class 10. Construction of a community fellow Ghulam Rasul is pathologist

9. Guggan Medical Center estab-

- 11. Playground revival
- 12. Yousuf Orchard establishment 13. Toba Janat Bibi Duck Pond
- 14. BZ Lodge (Five-star residence)
- 15. Bilal Lane Farmhouse 16. Iqbal Lodge (residence and

guesthouse) Operation NorthStar 102 was initiated in 2021 which consisted of the fifteen projects mentioned

above. Yousuf orchid was also established. Toba Jannat Bibi was converted into a modern Duck Pond and named after her. It was completed in three years. Iqbal lodge is named after my grandfather. Central pond of water was

renovated within few months at a cost of fifteen lacs for which almost everyone in the village contributed. Village pond used for animals drinking water was priority No.2. This project was opposed by many which did create lot of resentments. Three contractors were changed during the process. It took three years to complete it and it was named Toba Janat Bibi who used to live in one corner of this pond. When I went to the village in February 2024 it presented a refreshing look full of

clean water, with ducks. "Yousuf Orchard in fact was a combined project of the whole family but I never knew that such combined projects never get completed and that is exactly what happened. Our family lands were given on contract and at the end of year the whole income used to be distributed among all the elven shareholders of the family. By 2022 this project had totally flopped. This project was abandoned and I decided to have a solo flight which was named as Bilal Lane Farm House. It consisted of Yousuf Orchid, Farm Hut and Igbal Lodge a residence for ourselves. My wife and children were not at all interested in this project but I continued working on the project silently. I got a map prepared and started working on this project. My cousin Abu Zar was appointed as Manager for this project. He got both the project completed in two years' time. Construction of Residence was completed in the village in 2024. It has all the facilities which one

can think of in a city. In good old days in villages,

no such event has ever been seen since then. The then chief Minister Bahawalpur Hasan Mahmood played a vital role in its success and the tickets were sold through Patwaris. Many renowned cricketers from Pakistan who were members of the team included Abdul Hafeez Kardar, Haneef Muhammad, Alimuddin, Imtiaz Ahmad, Waqar, Maqsood and the bowlers included Fazal Mahood, Khan Muhammad, Mahmood Hussain and Shujauddin Indian team also included many renowned cricketers. Haneef Muhammad

The first Cricket Test was played test which is world record.

Royal family members from

These days it is not pigeon but hunting, Tilor hunting is also very obiles which are used to convey

We must learn lessons from

Wars. Let us improve our economy,

millions of people dying while

migrating from one area to another.

Amreeta Preetam's song in Film

اج لکھال دھیاں روندیاں، تینوں وارث شاہ نول کہن

أنه درد مندال ديا درديا، أنه ويكه اپنا پنجاب

اج بیلے لاشاں وچھیاں تے لہو دی بھری چناب

کے نے پنجال پانیاں وچ دتا اے زہر ملا

تے اونہاں پانیاں دھرت نوں دتا زہر پلا

د هرتی تے لہو ویا تے قبرال پیال چون

اج پریت دیال شهزادیال، وچ مزارال رون

اج سبھے قیدی بن گئے، حسن عشق دے چور

اج کھول لیائے لب کے، وارث شاہ اک ہور

He has also narrated the famous

story of Hazrat Abu Mughasul

Hassan Bin Mansoor who was a

Majzoob who spent over fifty years

in Riaz (spiritual discipline) and

"Anul Haq". Religious scholas of

Baghdad gave a Fatwa to kill him

was cut to small pieces but even

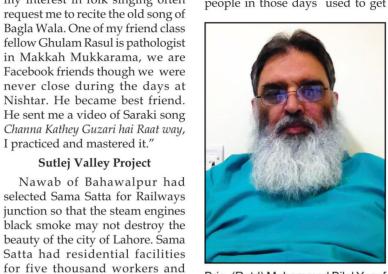
then, the voice of Anul Hag could

be heard from these pieces. ( Ref.

Kartar Singh made it immortal:

#### Historical Facts

achieve self sufficiency so that we Sadiq Egerton College in do not have to join others wars Bahawalpur was founded in 1886, and are able to take independent Bahawal Victoria Hospital was decisions. The 1947 partition saw established in 1896 while Iamia Abbasia was founded in 1925. On October 7th 1955 Bahawalpur State under the guidance of Nawab of Bahawalpur Nawab Sadiq Muhammad Khan decided to اج آکھال وارث شاہ نول، کتھوں قبرال وچوں بول merge with Pakistan. Hand Pump تے اج کتابِ عشق دا کوئی اگلا ورقه پھول was introduced in Egypt 2500 BC. Qabal Maseeh which shows how ك روئى سى دهى پنجاب دى، تول لكھ لكھ مارے بين people in those days used to get



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water form Rive Neel. First steam train was run by George Stephen in 1825 and the first modern train started running between Liverpool and Manchesdter in 1830

#### Cricket: A Passion **Through Time**

A Cricket Match organized from 15-18th January 1955 was a great event in Bahawalpur and

TJ group has the best programme to bring positive change in the society. It revolves around love, humanity, welfare of people, sacrifice, patience and prayers

the greatest Gift of Nawab of

Bahawalpur. Mai Moran was a dancer who was the lover of Maharaja Ranjeet Singh. She used to live in red light area of Lahore. After conquering Lahore Maharaja wanted to see Mai Moran. She refused to come hence Maharaja went to see her at her residence. Ranjeet Singh issued currency coins in her name in 19th century and issued many orders from her residence. Mai Moran never became a Oueen as Maharaja never married her but due to her beauty, she conquered not only Punjab but Shere Punjab Maharaj Ranjeet Singh as well. Ranjeet Singh was born in 1870 in Gujranwala, laid the foundation of Sikh State in Punjab in 1801. Moran Mai mosque is still seen in that area.

Once while playing golf at Rawalpindi Club, I started singing was very famous in late 50s.

واسطا ہے رب دا توں جاویں وے کبوترا چھٹی میرے ڈھول نو ل پہنچاویں وے کبوترا آو کھیاں تے لمیاں منزلاں نے تیریاں ویکھیں کتے حوصلہ نہ ڈاھویں وے کبوترا

scored 142 runs Mahammad Hussain and Fazal Mahmood took seven and six wickets respectively. This test ended in a Draw

on March 15-19 1877 between England and Australia. It was played in Melbourne. First night cricket test match was played between Australia and New Zealand on 27th November 2015 at Adelaid Oval in Australia. In 1956 Jim Laker took ten wickets in a match and nineteen wickets in the

Nishtarians get-together hosted by Mai, Gen Muhammad Aslam in Rawalpindi in 2018 which was a great event. It is a treat to listen to his jokes as well. Jokes about

fruits of Ludhiana can only be listened from him in these peculiar gatherings. Village life: After final retirement and having said goodbye to cardiac surgery, having spent over fifteen years in UK visiting many counties of the world I decided to settle in a village as done by my grandfather ninety years ago. In the Western world, villages are neat and clean with all the facilities. We too can

improve our villages and ensure

neat and clean environment.

no one has stopped us to learn

Yousuf Orchard, then visit the farm of elder brother, work for some time in the orchard farm and look after the fruit trees. Then meet the village people from Asar to Maghreb. My Tableeg Walk and involvement in welfare work has changed the whole complexion of the village. Visit to Fish Pond. water filtration plant, Nando shopping complex, Yousuf Lodge and Chairman Abdul Aziz Community center is always fascinating. Now I am also planning for Bilal Golf range. During visit to village, free consultation and provision of drugs, looking after the cleanliness of the whole village, serving Tea and Kino fruit from from experience of others. Let my Orchard Farm for the guests

among the fruit trees in my

## Just like a country village is also a unit and it cannot progress unless there is complete unity among the people

everywhere and we do have some playgrounds as well.

Village Politics: Too many Chaudhris in every village have destroyed everything while on the contrary when one visits villages in the developed world, they have everything well planned. one day loudly started saying It is extremely important that every village must have some administrative structure which with three hundred lashes. When is the only way forward for he did not die, it is said, his body development.

Darul Noor, Lahore 2012 Page-311). بھی کنگر کو بنا دیتے ہو ہیرے کی گئی بھی ہیروں کو بھی مٹی میں ملا دیتے ہو بیج یوسف کو بھی مصر کے بازاروں میں خر کار شهٔ مصر بنا دیے ہو خود ہی لگواتے ہو پھر گفر کے فتوے اُس پر خود ہی منصور کو سُولی یہ حچھڑاھا دیتے ہو

Village Melas: In 60s Melas under government patronage became very popular in the villages where famous folk singers like Inayat Hussain Bhatti and Manzoor Ihalla used to sing. Theatre companies

Commenting on today's politics in Pakistan, he writes

that "While it is difficult to find a metal or aluminum lota (water vessel) nowadays, plastic lotas are cheaply available. But in Pakistan's Parliament, the 'price' of one lota is rumored to be between twenty to fifty crore rupees. Some Americans joke that for twenty billion US dollars, they could purchase the entire Pakistani Parliament."

"Just like the whole country the village population is also split in different groups. PML-N, PPP and PTI. Their leaders come at the time of elections and then they disappear. We are ourselves

### One does not feel like leaving the village as the life in UK Islamabad & Lahore has no attraction as compared to the village life which is no less than a Jannat

used to visit different villages and it was a great entertainment for the village population in those

He has lot of good words to say about his class fellow Mai. Gen. Muhammad Aslam who retired as Vice Chancellor of University of Health Sciences. Cardiac Surgery at UHS. I could not get this title of Professor during my entire service but my friend had accomplished it in no time. He holds regular meetings of Nishtarians, he just needs some

responsible for our destruction as we listen to their false promises. Just like a country village is also a unit and it cannot progress unless there is complete unity among the people. If a village gets destroyed it is because of the foolishness of the people who live there. Now when I visit the He is immensely impressed with village it is always fascinating even made me Hon. Professor of life, after Fajar prayers I walk around the whole village, look at central water reservoir where ducks and pigeons are enjoying and swimming, then go to see the under construction Guggan Medical Center, then visit the

us ensure that dirt is not littered is a routine and all this has made my village Jannat. I am just a small land holder but all the big landlords love me the most. All of them have lost their Ego. One does not feel like leaving the village as the life in UK Islamabad and Lahore has no attraction as compared to the village life. The whole village now says: ا بھی نہ جاوْ حچھوڑ کر کہ دل ابھی بھرا نہیں

# انجھی انجھی تو آئے ہو بہار بن کے چھائے ہو

His contentment is visible from the fact that he considers himself now like Nawab of Bahawalpur who spends six months in UK and six months in Pakistan. "I do the same now but the only difference is that while the Nawab had an English wife as well while I have iust one, the original one. During my six months stay in Pakistan I spend few days in Islamabad, then for few days stay in Lahore but most of the time is spent in the

گھر کو جانے والے راہتے اچھے لگتے ہیں جسے دل کو دَرد پرانے اچھے لگتے ہیں پُھول گگر میں رہنے والو آکر دیکھو تو اینے گھر کے کانٹے کتنے اچھے لگتے ہیں

Here are a few more couplets for the readers to enjoy which I have selected from numerous poems, ghazals and folk songs covered in his memoir. I thoroughly enjoyed reading this Memoir and hope you will enjoy too. The message here is " let us resolve to improve our villages and stop this rush of migration from villages to cities which has also created lot of

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