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Two Luminaries Honored for their Contributions to Sindhi Society and Language

G M Syed Memorial Awards 2010 Announced

<u>HOUSTON, TX.-</u> Sindhi luminaries, **Mr. Muhammad Usman Memon** (aka **Naz Sanai**) (48) of **Sann, Sindh** and **Dr. M. K. Jetley** (79) of **New Delhi, India**, were conferred with the prestigious 'G. M. Syed Memorial Awards 2010' in recognition of their contributions to *Sindhi identity, language and Sindhi Rights Movement*.

These awards were announced during the 107th Birthday Anniversary Commemoration of G M Syed, held January 2011 in Houston, TX. These awards are jointly sponsored by the World Sindhi Congress (WSC) and the G. M. Syed Memorial Committee, a Houston, Texas-based educational group.

G. M. Syed Memorial Awards are conferred to those whose work and dedication honor the memory of Mr. Syed, a visionary leader who pioneered the Sindhi freedom movement and was a beacon of the Sindhi people's struggle for national self-determination. Previous recipients include renowned Sindhi luminaries such as Mr. Keerat Babani of Mumbai, India; Mr. Ibrahim Joyo of Jamshoro, Sindh; Mr Sobho Gianchandani of Larkano; Mr. Mohan Gehani of Bhopal, India; Mr. Ghanshyam Hotumalani of Delhi, India, Dr. Motilal Jotwani of Delhi, India, Mr. Azad Kazi of Karachi; Mr. Khadim Hussain Soomro of

Sehwan, Sindh, Dr Safdar Sarki of Texas, USA, Mr. Abdul Wahid Arisar of Umerkot, Sindh, Mr. Sunder Agnani of Jaipur, India, Mr Khamiso Khan (Khaki) Joyo of Nawabshah, Sindh and Dr. Baldev Matlani of Mumbai, India.

Mr. Muhammad Usman (Naz Sanai) Memon (48), a writer, editor and a publisher, is currently the Chairman of the G M Syed Academy in Sann, Sindh. Through the Academy, Mr Sanai has published more than three dozen books written by and about G M Syed. For the last two decades, Mr. Memon has been the editor and publisher of a famous, progressive and literary Sindhi magazine named 'Keenjhar.' Mr. Memon is commonly known by his pen name of 'Naz Sanai' showing his affiliation with the town of Sann, where he was born and has carried out his work. Mr. Memon has written more than 30 articles and a book on G M Syed's life and philosophy. He also has organized numerous events



Mr. Muhammed Usman Memon (Naz Sanai)



and conferences on G M Syed. Mr. Memon is also active in several social and political platforms where he carried out the advocacy and message of freedom for Sindh and Sindhis.

The G. M. Syed Memorial Award is bestowed on Mr. Mohammed Usman (Naz Sanai) Memon "in appreciation for his work promoting the work and philosophy of Saeen G M Syed through books, writings and publishing."

Dr. M. K. Jetley (79) of New Delhi, India, a renowned linguist, researcher and academic, is the

Vice Chairman of Sindhi Academy, New Delhi and Convenor of Board of Sindhi Studies, C.B.S.E., New Delhi. Dr. Jetley was born in Hyderabad, Sindh and later on migrated to India. Dr. Jetley has forty years of teaching and research experience in Sindhi language, grammar and literature. Dr Jetley was affiliated with the University of Delhi for thirty years where he also served as the Head of Sindhi Studies, Department of Modern Indian Languages. Dr. Jetley has authored more than one hundred research papers and twenty books, most notably the compiled dictionary of Sindhi idioms and proverbs. Dr. Jetley is one of the pioneering researchers of Sindhi language in India and has been actively promoted Sindh language through research as well as platforms such as National Council of Promotion of Sindhi Language, Sindhi Academy, Sindh Advisor Committee of Ministry of H.R.D., New Delhi, and several other foundations working on promoting Sindhi Languages in India.



Dr. M. K. Jetley of New Delhi, India

The G. M. Syed Memorial Award is bestowed on Mr M. K. Jetley "in appreciation for his lifelong work on the promotion of and research on Sindhi language in India."

The G. M. Syed Memorial Committee is a Houston, TX-based educational group organized to promote G. M. Syed's message of non-violence, democracy, secularism and the right to self-determination for Sindhis and other oppressed nations within the international community. For more information, visit http://www.gmsyed.org.

The World Sindhi Congress (WSC) is one of the most prominent human rights advocacy organizations for Sindh and Sindhis. The main objective of WSC is to create a better understanding among the international community about the persecuted status of Sindhis in Pakistan and about the Sindhi people's struggles for their human rights, including the right to self-determination. WSC is a registered company in England and Wales, and in USA, organized to carry out non-profit activities only. For more information, visit http://www.worldsindhicongress.org.