Please join Annual Partition Center Conference Saturday, October 17, 2020 (see page 3)

Join ISPaD’s First Virtual Annual Indian Independence and Partition Commemorative On Saturday, August 15, 2020 From 11 AM till 12:30 PM

We are Expecting Speakers from the Subcontinent, the U.S., and from Other Places, with A Short Cultural Program

Contact

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Please check Indian Subcontinent Partition Documentation Project’s New Web at www.ispad1947.org

ISPaD Welcomes Two new Board Members:

M C DAS; BOARD MEMBER

Engineer, IT professional and social activist.

Das belongs to an East Bengali-origin (Bangladesh) Hindu family settled in Kolkata, India. Her father’s family hails from Faridpur and mother’s family is from My- mansingha. Her widowed grandmother and mother ground- ed then in East Bengali culture through food, stories of our ancestral home, religious practices (including bratha katha, puja alpona, fasting for puja etc.) After my mother and
grandmother’s death when Das was still in high school, her connection to East Bengal and Hindu religious practices faded away to a large extent. Her attachment to Hindu religion severed completely when she joined Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India in 1995 and was influenced by Democratic Socialist Federation (leftist) ideology. Das became an anti-Hindu atheist until early 2000s. In 2009/2010 she chanced to read Dr. Sachi Dastidar’s books on East Bengal. It opened a floodgate of memories of stories her grandmother and mother told them. After probing relatives about their experiences, MC came to know that Das’ father had come to Calcutta the day of Great Calcutta Killing on August 16, 1946, when the city and Bengal Province was ruled by pro-partition Muslim League Party, and narrowly escaped death. That experience traumatized him to such an extent that the father never talked about it for 60+ years!

Today Das is a Hindu agnostic. MC has taught their children basic tenets of Hindu religion – but never forced them to follow the religion. Das hopes that Bengalis of Hindu and Muslim faith will reconcile the common heritage, share and accept each other’s existence.

MR. SHUVO ROY, BOARD MEMBER
Educator, IT Analyst and Political Activist

Mr. Roy is a Bangladeshi-American social activist, organizer, and educationalist. He is the President of Secular Bangladesh Movement, U.S.A. He served as the Organizing Secretary of Sector Commander’s Forum (of Bangladesh Liberation War) Muktijuddha (Liberation Warrior) 71, and Executive Secretary of Muktadhara Foundation (of U.S.A which organizes book sale, social, and political events.) He has been a teacher in NYC school since 2016, and is engaged in activism. He is seen in all Bangladeshi-American events in New York, and has been active with our Partition Project as well. He has a bachelor’s and master’s degree from NY.

IT Analyst, Data & Personalization
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Our Big Loss

Probini Foundation and ISPaD: Indian Subcontinent Partition Documentation Project Tribute to Jay Hyman

From Facebook by Sachi G. Dastidar

We are deeply saddened to inform you that we have lost one of our closest friends from inception of our two non-profits: Mr. Jay Hyman. We are sorry to bring this news during Jewish holy days, and during Easter weekend. Sri Hyman, as he preferred to call himself, was a Probini Foundation Board Member, and during Probini Board’s last meeting on Saturday, 7 March 2020, that he joined driving 25 miles after finishing a class, also wrote a check for the cause, though he was struggling financially. He was known to Dastidar family since 1971, and was the first person Sachi met in the States. He was the first person Shefali met in America in 1974 at the JFK airport of New York. Sachi met his family in Miami and Brooklyn, and Sri Hyman came running to meet Sachi’s mother in 1987 when she visited New York offering her a Jewish calendar giving time of sunrise and sunset helping Ma, and several Jewish mementos and food.

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Donation, since December 15, 2019 till June 15, 2020, from the largest donation on down: Drs. Mihir & Tanvi Meghani ($1,0001), Ramen & Banani Nandi ($300), Drs. Sachi & Shefali Dastidar ($650), Dr. Bijoy B. Sarmaroy, Priyotosh Dey, Prof. Dr. Dipak Haldar, Prof. Jill Hamberg, Aloka Sinha, Sunita Datta, Dilip Chauhan, Allison McGoldvice, Charlene Yin, Mridul & Mamata Paul, Khoursheedul Islam, Jay Hyman, Prof. Dr. Mohindar S. & Harbhajan K Seehra, Jay Datta, Network for Good, GoodSearch Co.

Recent Visitor at Our Office : Indian Author Rajat Mitra, Mr. Jay Datta,

Food Donation: Swapna Mukherji, Sumedha Dastidar

Shuvo’s birthday gift in March 2020 via Facebook: Sunita Datta, Dilip Chauhan, Prof. Dr. Dipak Haldar, Allison McGoldvice, Charlene Yin, and Sachi G Dastidar. (In case you donate via Facebook, kindly inform us directly by email. We need donor’s address to send our receipts, newsletters and journal via U.S. Postal Service.)

ISPaD Office: Cost of the office space, utilities, insurance, etc. — running into hundreds of dollars per month — is being paid for by Dastidar family.
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Please join
Partition Center Conference

Saturday, October 17, 2020;
at the Partition Center Office,
85-60 Parsons Blvd, 1st Floor, Jamaica (Queens), New York City

Speakers: We are expecting presenters from the U.S. and Overseas
Partition Center Conference:
Division, Reconciliation and Union; 2020

If you would like to join please let us know by September 15, 2020. All are welcome.

We are seeking your participation. Attached is a note for sponsorship of the journal.

Date: Saturday, October 17, 2020  Time: 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM;
Followed by Social Hour.

ISPaD is Seeking Sponsorship for
The Partition Center Journal, and
The Annual Partition Center Conference
(A 501-C3 Tax-Exempt Not-for-profit Organization)

Rates for Message for 2020 Partition Center Journal
Publication Date: October 17, 2020

Sponsorship: $250 (includes a full page ad, mention in the Conference schedule and one ticket to the conference)
Full page: $150  Half page: $85  Quarter page: $50

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Ispad Board Members: Prof. Dr. Sachi G. Dastidar, Chair; Mr. Ramen Nandi; Prof. Dr. Tom Lilly; Dr. Shefali S. Dastidar; Dr. Dilip Nath, Mr. Shuvo Roy, and Mrs. Milita C Das; Project Coordinator: Mr. Shuvo G. Dastidar
Mr. Hyman had a master’s degree in Urban and Regional Planning and a master’s in Social Work. He worked at a senior center in Brooklyn, and died of Covid-19 virus.

Please join us in offering puja and prayer for his soul! On Shanti! Peace!

Mr. Hyman, left, with Mr. & Mrs. Sen

Mr. Hyman attended ISPaD Conf. front right

On April 15, 2020 puja-prayer for moksha (spiritual liberation) and mukti (salvation) for Jay Hyman was conducted by Hindu Monk Rev. Swami Satyapriyananda at Pranab Ashram in Bangladesh. Hyman, a Board Member, helped the ashram build a boys’ dormitory through Probini Foundation. Swami performed stuti (devotional praise) for Hyman at the beginning of the service.

Dear Ispad: You have been doing such a pioneering and important work. We are sending you a donation of $1,001 (one thousand one) dollars. Mihir & Tanvi, California

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Books Received:
Haldar, Deep. Blood Island: An Oral History of the Marichjhapi Massacre, Harper Collins, Noida, India; 2019. (Book on killing of hundreds, of Bangladeshi oppressed-caste Hindu refugees who took shelter at a Sundarbans forest island in Bengal, India as the state was ruled by privileged-caste Bangla Hindu refugees of Communist Party-Marxist.)

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Black Lives Matter
Movement:
Support
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Publications Available:
2019 Partition Center Journal (64-page, paperback) ......... $6 incl. post
Memoirs of Homeland: Refugees of 1947 Bengal Partition in India, Firma KLM, India; ......$12 incl. postage
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