DID YOU KNOW: The month of Rajab purifies the body, Sha’ban purifies the heart and Ramadan purifies the soul. [Nuzhat al-Majalis, Vol. 1, Page 209].

**Picks of the Month:**

- **News of the month:**
  - World Realtors Day At The Taj Coromandel, Chennai, 21st March, *Abdur Rahman Sait*
  - Farook Mahmood Sait – 2018 AREAA Global & Luxury Summit
  - A High profile Memon Mr. Riaz A. Rehman Chamdia FCA (originally Memon of Dhoraji), in his capacity as President of Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan (ICAP) recently visited Toronto. Canada Chapter of ICAP hosted reception in his honour. [information courtesy: Qasim Abbas] – Report
  - Memon Association Senior’s Dinner, March 25, 2018, Chief Guest: Iqra Khalid Member of Parliament, at Continental Buffet Mississauga [Pictures]
  - Second consecutive Memon Futsal tournament (with Ten teams of the Memon Community), *Sri Lanka*

- **Memon Publication Series:** *Memon Times* March 2018

- **Word of the Month, Memon:** Memon, has its origins in:
  - a) Momin;
  - b) Meymanah;
  - c) Mehman;
  - d) Ma’mun;
  - e) My-man;
  - f) Maimonides; Note: “Memon are also called “Sait” as a mark of respect (Source: All India Cutchi Memon Fed, 1993 on the occasion of the World Conference [details here])

- **Website of the month:** Cutchi Memon Jamath Bangalore; Website Launching Message from Jamath President [details]

**Good to know:** khutba al-nikah by Mufti Taqi Usmani

In Islamic Law, marriage is celebrated with two witnesses and terms of agreements (ejab wa qabul) acceptable to both parties. In addition, the Prophet (peace be upon him) set a way for this ceremony that he would deliver a talk (khutba) before the marriage agreement. In this sermon, God is praised, salutations are sent on the Prophet (peace be upon him), and three specific verses from the Quran are quoted. The Prophet (peace be upon him) has exhorted these three verses from the Quran to be recited during the marriage sermon. The first verse is from Chapter Women (Surah Nisa’, 1); The second verse is from Chapter the Family of Imran (Surah aal-Imran, 102): The third verse that the Prophet (peace be upon him) mentioned during the marriage sermon is from Chapter the Confederates (Surah Ahzab, 71).

[Source: Excerpt from a religious talk given by Muft Taqi Usmani in Urdu]