

HISTORY

The Question of Gopala's Accession : A Fresh Study

by Syed Amirul Islam

THE question of accession of Gopala (c. 750 A.D.), the founder of great Pala dynasty of Bengal...

immediate successor. In fact, the Brahmin Garga family served the Palas at least upto Narayanapala (861-917 A.D.)...

throne and it was his incident of compromise among the members of these dynasties that is metaphorically inscribed in Khalimpur plate that Prakriti put Gopala to the throne...

It should also be borne in mind that a man of plebeian or humble origin or a mere adventurer cannot capture throne until and unless he attains, during his time or at the time of his ancestors...



Dr. Zhivago Settles Down

THE venerable Egyptian actor Omar Sharif, now in the twilight of his years but still widely known as one of filmdom's outstanding entertainers...

continued. "But I never did anything about it. I didn't make it happen. It just did. Not everyone is lucky..."

I think cinema is extremely important in the culture of the masses of the people because it is a big thing in their life, especially the poor people...

A Reality Not Far from Imagination

I believe in the reality of fantasy. I believe that an imagined world or something remembered and cherished from memory is as real or legitimate as the actual thing...

Arriving in the drab and dusty city of Multan (Pakistan), I was discomfited to see an ordinary sized house set in an average sized garden!

One of my mistakes was in my giving Rome a Renaissance personality; it took me a while to realize that it is Florence which is the true Renaissance Art capital...

some familiar sites, and that is all Rome is to them. These are people who, in general, have forgotten the art of dreaming...

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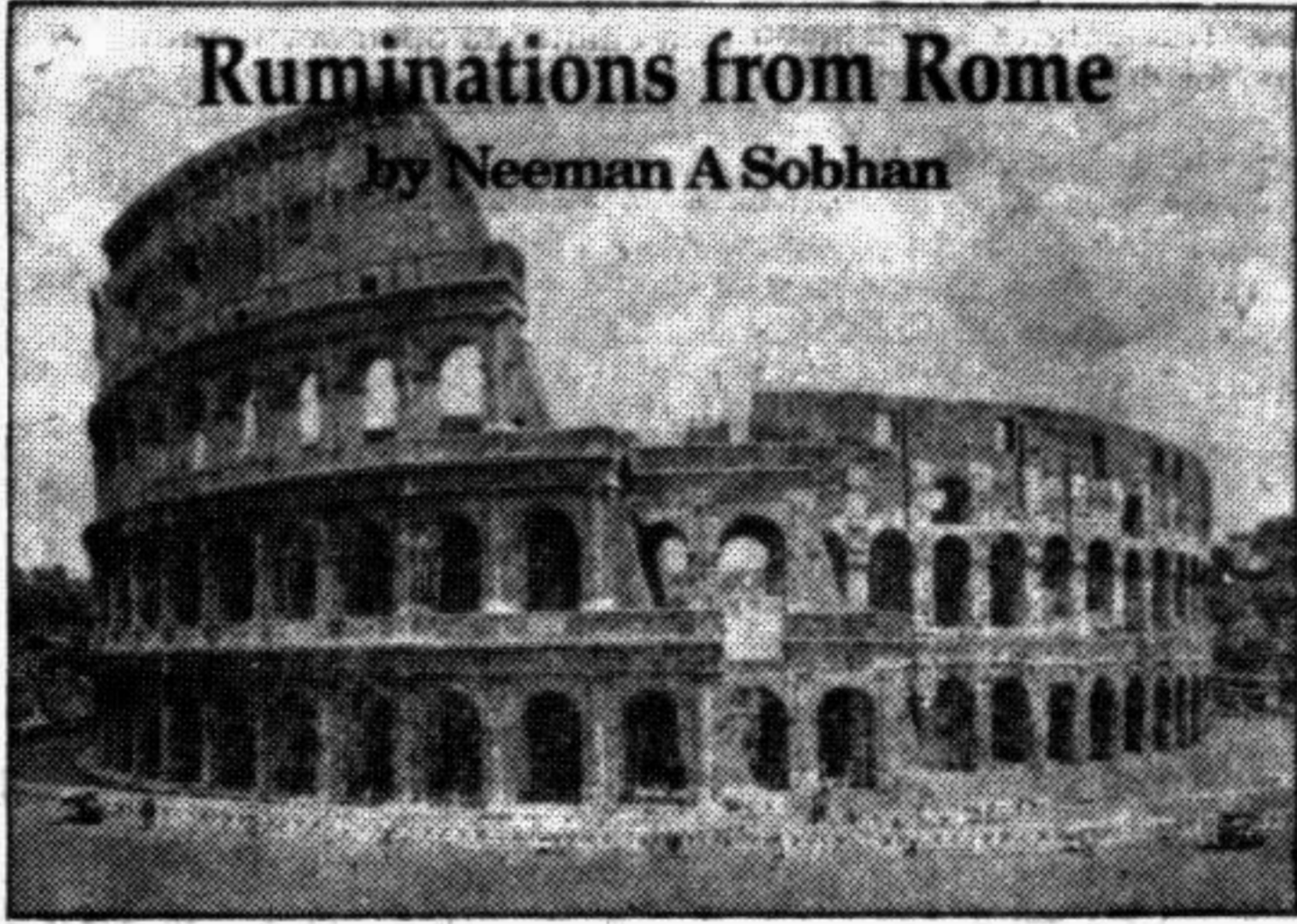
New Light on 'the World's Most Imprisoned People'

ABORIGINES? They are drunk, law-breaking layabouts who get special treatment from the government. That is the view of many white Australians...

Melinda Ham writes from Queensland, Australia. In the wake of an Australian National University report that the average Aborigine male lifespan is 54 compared with 72.8 for other Australians...



values." Stereotype No 3 is laziness. Nearly 40 per cent of Aborigines are unemployed, more than four times higher than the rate for non-indigenous Australians...



Ruminations from Rome by Neeman A Sobhan

Before I came to Italy, Rome to me was a mythical city rising from the mists of such Hollywood phantasmagorias as Spartacus, Ben Hur, Fall of the Roman Empire...

and so I entrusted myself completely into the hands of other people who introduced me to Rome, and professional guides who, presumably, knew it even better...

Lunching with friends at some picturesque Trattoria or Ristorante my attention would wander from the anti-pasto to the antiquated decorations of a nearby palazzo...

ACCORDING to a news report, dacoits robbed the passengers of a launch and injured the four member-contingent of Ansars guarding the vessel...

The Passing Show by Alif Zabr

Sitting Ducks! (avoid the weakest link). Lawlessness, violence, holdups, mugging have become the trend in the present changing society...

maintain. In fact our rural telephone system is using local wireless loops. The bus and launch owners (as also other vehicles) may take advantage of this facility...

More than 80 per cent of respondents emphasised the essential role of tribal elders in continuing their traditions. Births, deaths, marriages, government payments and other information is not recorded on the basis of whether a person is indigenous...

Then there are those 'realists' in whose imagination Rome is a city of bag snatchers, bottom pinching Romeos, gesticulating, murderous drivers, smooth talking cheats, dangerously gorgeous, sultry eyed women (and men, I may add)...

Of course nothing in Rome dies. It is transformed to a relic, then a ruin and finally, into the building blocks of history, much of which can pile up high enough to form quite a wall, making the spirit of the city, its essence, inaccessible to most unless one has the right password...

With the elation of someone coming home. I slowly worked my way back into the bosom of MY Rome: a comfortable combination of the everyday and the long ago. This time I was my own guide. I read and browsed and wandered and dreamed. And finally in dreaming about it, I discovered the true location of this city...