

# Oeuvres of Universal Validity: Hillol Ray and the Odyssey of His Epic Life

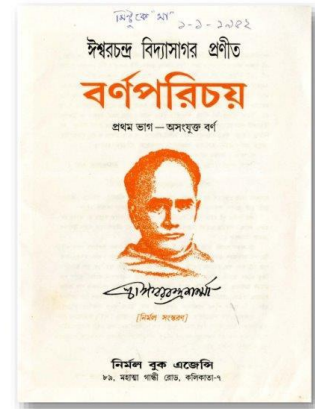


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Mr. Nibaran Chandra Ray (Born at 7:00 PM on Sunday and passed away at 7:00 PM on Sunday)



Mrs. (Mother) Ray  
Circa 1949



This book "Barno Porichoy" (alphabet familiarity) was given to me by my mother on January 1, 1952. She used this book to teach me Bengali alphabets, and writing. Her dedication, method of teaching, with occasional spanking (as needed), laid the foundation of my reading and writing ability throughout my life. Her silhouette touches, and my pleas with tears, are wrapped up in this book. Very recently, I found this book on my birthday (October 6), buried under the piles of manuscripts of my Bengali and English poems. This book will remain as a permanent addition of my collections and display on the library shelves, at my residence "Milestone" in Garland, Texas, USA.

**Barno Porchoy book given to Hillol Ray by his mother Mrs. Augur Lata Ray on January 1, 1952**

## Early Childhood, August 15, 1957

Location: Hijalpokur Village, Habra Thana (Police Station), 24 Parganas North, West Bengal State, India



From l to R: Chanchal Ray, Hillol Ray, and Kallol Ray

## Hillol Ray: August 15, 1957

Location: Hijalpokur Village, Habra Thana (Police Station), 24 Parganas North, West Bengal State, India



Hillol Ray August 15, 1957

Special Note: Due to the scarcity and unavailability of a camera in the remote village of Hijalpokur, Habra, on the day of the competition event. Hillol's photo was snapped on August 15, 1957, as a part of his recognition (First Place Winner in Rural Talent Search Competition - RTSC, held on July 4, 1957). This special ceremony was organized in a way to coincide with the celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of India's Independence Day, on August 15, 1957, at Habra. A professional cameraman was brought in from the nearest city, Calcutta (now known as Kolkata, about 30 miles away from Habra), to capture the photos (including this) of the rural commemorative events. The flower in Hillol's pocket was placed in as a token of appreciation and recognition by the RTSC Organizers of 1957.

## HABRA HIGH SCHOOL (Multipurpose) 1964



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June 1971



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**First Row (Ground Level; From Left to Right):** Surath Dutta Roy, Amal Dasgupta, Pratim Roy, Dr. S.K. Mukherjee (Head of the Department, Civil Engineering), Ujjal Paul, Anjan Saha, Sekhar Chakraborty  
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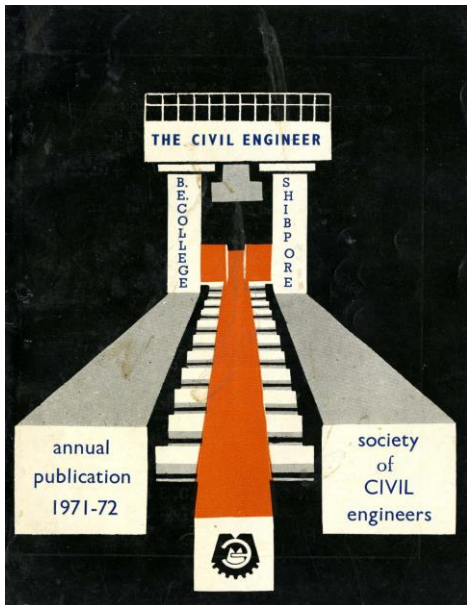
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Cover Design: Hillol Ray

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**SPECIAL NOTE**

The AIR INDIA plane ticket (shown here), purchased on March 18, 1975, chronicles the first air-flight in the life of Hillol Ray, from Calcutta/Kolkata, India to New York, USA. Upon completion of Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from Bengal Engineering College, Shibpur (now known as IITEST), he immigrated to USA with only three (3) dollars in his pocket, a small suitcase (half full), National Science Foundation (NSF) Fellowship, and love with blessings from his parents, maternal grandparents, uncles, and the remote villagers of his place of birth: Habra, Hijalpur, 24 Parganas North, West Bengal, India.



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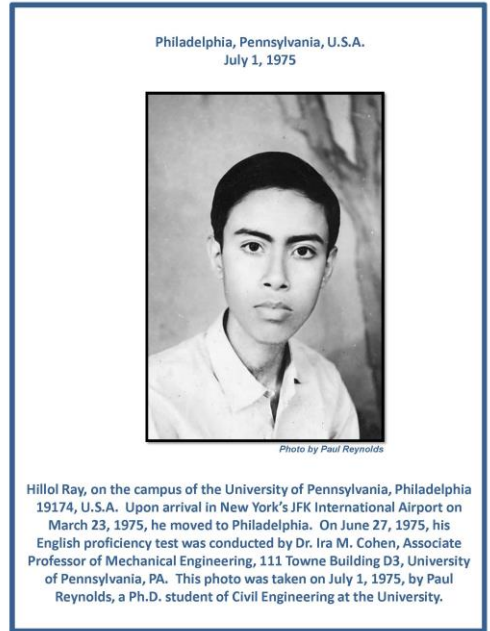
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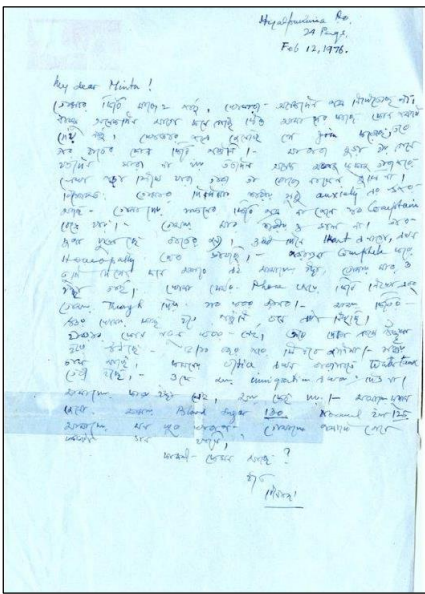
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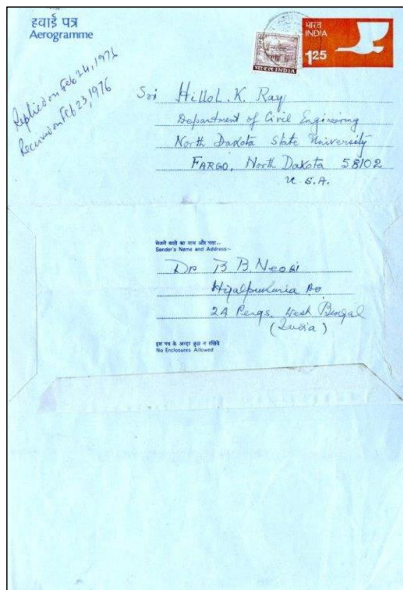
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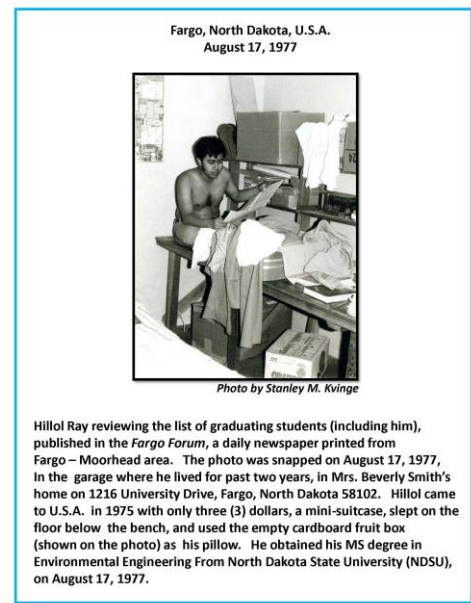
**Hillol Ray**  
**Circa 1976**



Letter from Dr. Benode Behari Neogi (maternal Grandfather(Dadu); Page 1 of 2 February 12, 1976



Letter from Dr. Benode Behari Neogi (maternal Grandfather(Dadu); Page 2 of 2 February 12, 1976



Hillol Ray reviewing the list of graduating students (including him), published in the Fargo Forum, a daily newspaper printed from Fargo - Moorhead area. The photo was snapped on August 17, 1977, in the garage where he lived for past two years, in Mrs. Beverly Smith's home on 1216 University Drive, Fargo, North Dakota 58102. Hillol came to U.S.A. in 1975 with only three (3) dollars, a mini-suitcase, slept on the floor below the bench, and used the empty cardboard fruit box (shown on the photo) as his pillow. He obtained his MS degree in Environmental Engineering From North Dakota State University (NDSU), on August 17, 1977.

### Brownbuilders Of Note

**Hillol K. Ray**, Environmental and Environmental Engineer, Master Engineering, presented a paper entitled "A Preliminary Report on the Investigation of the Chlorinated Methyl Methane and Ethane Compounds" as an Honorary at the 31st Annual Conference of the U.S. Water Pollution Control Federation on the 2nd-5th October 1978 at the Sheraton Hotel in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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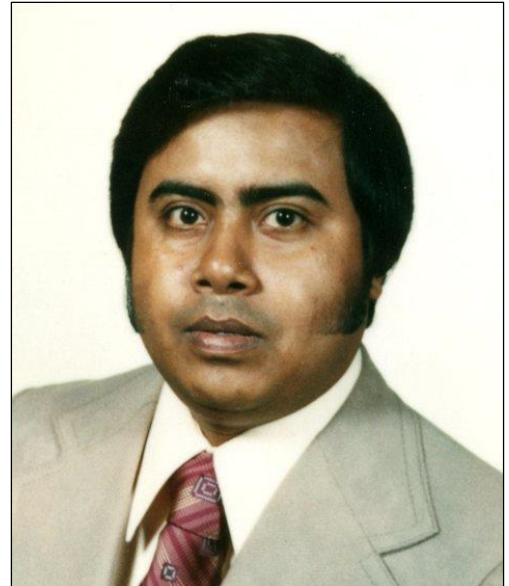
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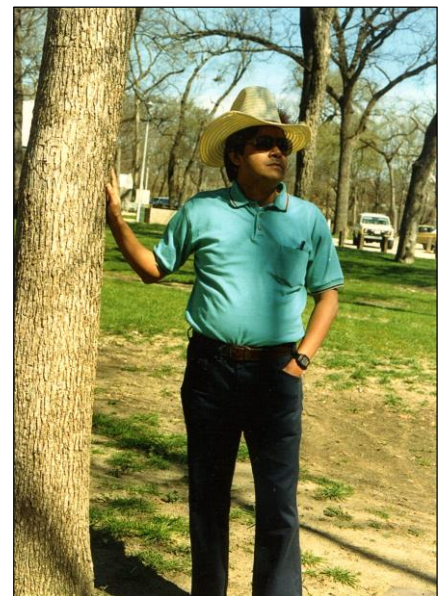
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Hillol Ray  
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Hillol Ray  
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**Personnel Jottings**

Congratulations are in order to Hillol Ray of E & E's Dallas office for his appointment as a Fellow of the Royal Society for the Promotion of Health. From now on, it's Hillol Ray, FRSH.

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Dallas, Texas, U.S.A.  
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Photo by Peter Samuelson

Hillol Ray swearing-in at the "Naturalized U.S. Citizenship" Ceremony in Dallas, Texas

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**E & E In the News**



PIPELINE, the newsletter promoting Allied Chemical Corporation's Clarifloc® polymer product line, has run a most interesting pair of crossword puzzles prepared by none other than E & E's own Hillol Ray, a senior environmental engineer in the Dallas office. One of Hillol's puzzles was entitled, "Water Supply Engineering" and another, "Industrial Hazardous Waste Management." To obtain copies of the newsletter, write: PIPELINE Editor, Allied Chemical Corporation, Water Treatment Chemicals Department, P.O. Box 1139R, Morristown, New Jersey 07960.

As reported in the July 4th Fort Worth Star Telegram, Hillol K. Ray was one of 300 immigrants who became United States citizens as part of the nationwide Liberty Centennial Celebration. An environmental engineer at E & E's Dallas office, Hillol has written a book entitled *Amazing History of an Immigrant* in his native Bengali language.



This is to certify that

*Hillol Kumar RAY*


was admitted as a

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with the Membership Number of 050994/7512 and shall be entitled to every style and privilege associated with this grade.


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Signed *R. [Signature]* Director

**Founder Fellow Institution of Diagnostic Engineers England  
Circa 1990**

Garland, Texas, U.S.A.  
November 26, 1991



Mrs. Angur Lata Ray  
(Mother of Hillol Ray)  
In the backyard of "MILESTONE", Garland, Texas

Instructor, Philosopher, Guide, Friend, and Architect of my lifelong fate-  
And 'cause of her, I am what I am today, and unable to repay her my debt!! - *Hillol Ray*

Garland, Texas, U.S.A.  
December 25, 1991




Mrs. Angur Lata Ray  
(Mother of Hillol Ray)  
In "MILESTONE", Garland, Texas

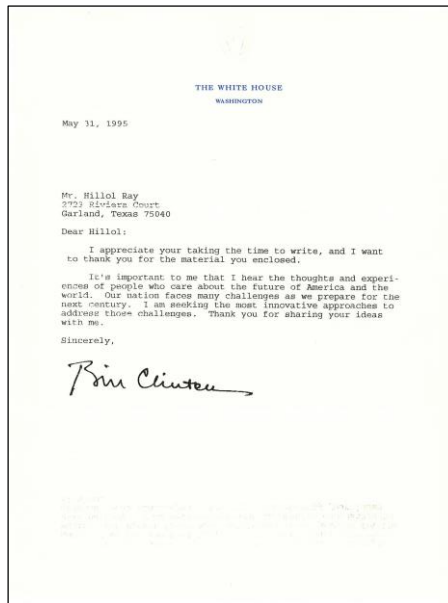
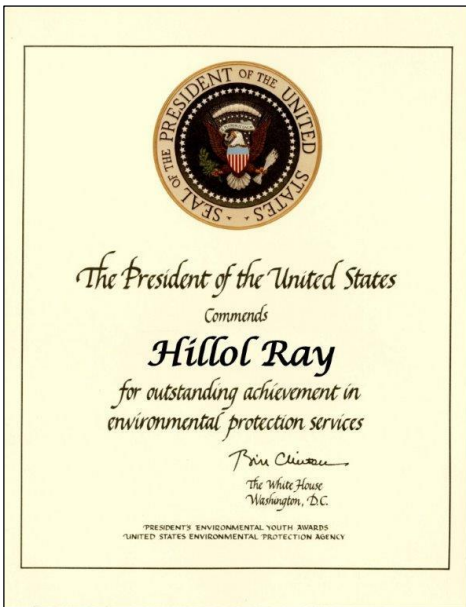
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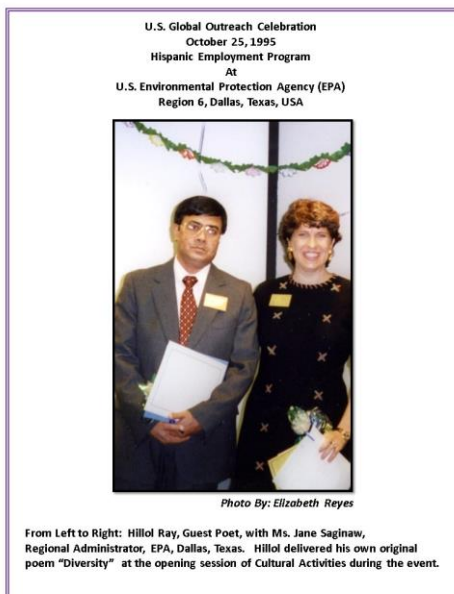
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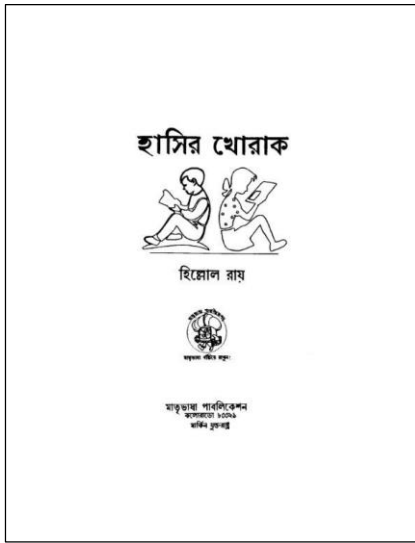


**Movie Actress Aparna Sen in "Milestone"  
July 3, 1992**



**Hillol Ray  
April 3, 1995**

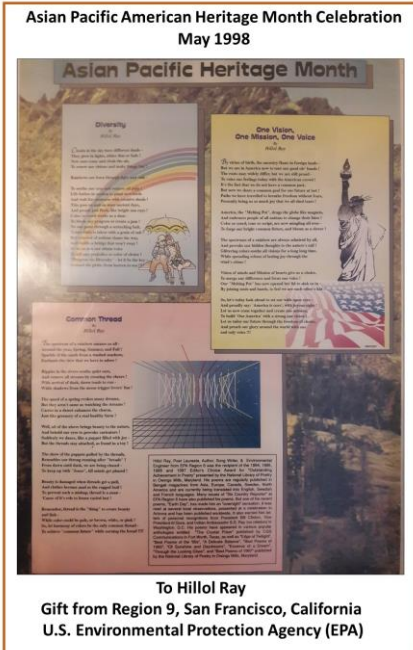




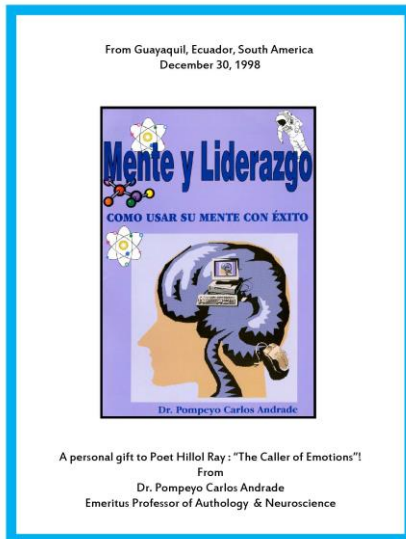
Hasheer Khorak  
Circa 1996



Hillo Ray of Garland, a native of Calcutta, says he'll pass the letter he received from Mother Teresa last week on to his sons, along with memories of her good works.



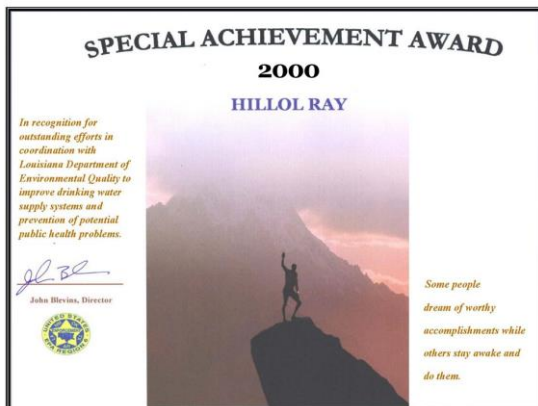
To Hillol Ray  
Gift from Region 9, San Francisco, California  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)



Gift from Dr. Pompeyo Carol Andrade  
Page 1 of 2  
January 15, 1999



Gift from Dr. Pompeyo Carol Andrade  
Pages 2 of 2  
January 15, 1999



Meeting of the Greatest Minds in Milan, Italy  
April 22, 2001  
(From Left to Right): Hillol Ray, with Italian Translator, Ms. Georgia Lauzi in Milan, Italy

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Celebration  
May 2002



Gift to Hillol Ray from  
Region 8, Denver, Colorado  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)



From R to L: Hillol Ray, at his Residence "Milestone", with the "King of Bauls", Purna Das Baul of West Bengal, India  
May 31, 2002

Certificate of Appreciation



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United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)  
Region 6, Dallas, Texas



Photographer: Bruce Fitch

From L to R: Hillol Ray receiving the  
"Customer Service Award" from Mr.  
Lawrence Starfield, Deputy Regional  
Administrator, EPA, Dallas, Texas



Hillol Ray  
August 2, 2002



January 15, 2003

From L to R: Hillol Ray and Dr. Partha Chattopadhyay  
at his residence in Salt Lake City, Kolkata, India.

Dr. Chattopadhyay was affiliated with Ananda Bazar Patrika for more than four (4) decades, and was the travelling journalist with Mrs. Indira Gandhi, Prime Minister of India, until her assassination on October 31, 1984..



# Bison Briefs

Summer 2003

North Dakota State University  
For Alumni, Parents and Friends  
NDSU

## Engineering alumnus speaks through poetry

Hillol Ray, MS '78, has never hesitated to speak — or write — his mind. He has been writing poetry since he was 9 years old. When he was in elementary school, the Calcutta, India, office was using persuasive writing to reach national audiences. "When I was in sixth grade, I wrote a letter to the editor of a national newspaper, *Amalambika*, in Calcutta. It was regarding teacher non-protestations and the role India should play," Ray said.

Ray always has been an advocate for environmental protection and sustainability and has used creative writing to convey his views on conservation, equality and peace. His personal convictions carry over into his professional life. As an environmental engineer with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, he manages the Drinking Water Supply Enhancement Program in India.

Ray earned his master's degree in civil engineering, but he continues to use poetry to speak his mind. Poems like "Baraboo," "Mountains: Architects of Perceptions" and "Our Ailing Planet: As It Moments" project his concern for nature and the sustainability of Earth. His poetry has reached a global audience, being published in magazines, Web sites and anthologies in Asia, Europe, Canada, Sweden, and North America.

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### BALTIMORE POWWOW AREA COUNCIL 2010

### LOOKING TO 103 CORE THE FUTURE VALUES Skits EARTH DAY

Adapted from a poem by Hillol Ray

Divide into pairs. Have the boys hang a poster around their neck with different recycle items. Bottles, can, newspaper, etc.

### LOOKING TO 103 CORE THE FUTURE VALUES



Fresh air and clean water nourish our souls,  
Without them, we suffer, and pay a heavy toll!  
Banning pesticides and lead in gasoline -  
Made the giant move to make the nature clean!  
Recycling became a daily household chore -  
To reduce costs and protect the seashore!  
Reduction of emissions created the flow:  
Of cleaner air, and polluters took a blow!  
The situation has changed over twenty-five years,  
And laws are in place to remove our fears!  
Now, always think "Earth Is In Your Hands",  
Here at home or in foreign lands!  
So let us follow these few simple rules,  
Conserve the water as much as you can,  
While you are bathing or washing the van!  
Recycle and prevent pollution at the source,  
Plant the trees in open private space,  
To create the shade and cool your face!  
Well, now you know what you have to do -  
And celebrate "Earth Day" without further ado!

BALTIMORE POWWOW  
AREA COUNCIL 2010

## Boys Scouts Earth Day, April 2004 Baltimore U.S.A., Pow Wow Skits Earth Day Poem by Hillol Ray

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## Special Recognition Ceremony August 29, 2004 United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 6, Dallas, Texas



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From l to R: Hillol Ray is being recognized by the EPA Regional Administrator, Mr. Richard Greene, for his significant role in representing the EPA Region 6 to other EPA Regions nationwide, through his keynote speeches and own original environmental poetry reading



EPA Region 6 Awards  
2003-2004

## Earth Day 2004 Celebration U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 3, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania April 20, 2004



Photo by Luis Rodriguez

Hillol Ray, Guest Poet,  
receiving the Award from Mr. Thomas Damm,  
Director, Office of Communications  
and Government Relations, EPA Region 3,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

## Earth Day Celebration 2004, Keynote Speaker at the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region III, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania April 20, 2004



Photo By: Mr. Luis Rodriguez

From l to R: Ms. Bonnie Turner Lomax, 2004 Regional Earth Day Coordinator, Mrs. Seema Ray, Wife of Keynote Speaker, Hillol Ray (with Award in Hand), and Mr. Thomas Damm, Director, Office of Communications and Government Relations, EPA Region III.

## Certificate of Recognition United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region III, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA Earth Day Celebration, April 2004



Awarded to  
Hillol Ray, Guest Poet and Keynote Speaker

Guest Interviewee, WGTW-TV 48  
 Program: "48 Update", April 22, 2004  
 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA



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From l to R: Hillol Ray Being Interviewed by the TV 48 Anchor.  
 The program was televised on May 14, 2004 at 7 PM (EST)



Hillol Ray  
 Lecturing outside in Dallas  
 Circa 2004

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**大学生**  
China Campus

零距离聆听  
**酷DJ**  
我是一个北京小妞

**Hey, We Action**  
动物保护在行动

There are no happy jobs  
only happy workers

**My English Mum**

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Hillol Ray (左)

Observe  
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Under broad daylight, an Engineer's profession - but not desk, is passionate just like others through **lasting years** for the care of our **gaming planet**, and dreams for **intermittent cooperation** towards an environmentally, economically, and socially sustainable world for **present and future generations** in which **humanity can thrive**.  
 — Hillol Ray (1) (观察)

**环保是所有人的战争**  
 ——专访“地球日诗人”Hillol Ray

环保是所有人的战争  
 Do you think that we can control the deterioration of our environment or are we losing the battle?  
 The answer seems to be yes or no, depending on the approach that we like to take. With the imposition of new technologies, detection limits, information superhighway,

along with global awareness of pollution mechanisms, we are in a better position than we were maybe a century ago. New regulatory agencies, and summit are being held to discuss and exchange the pollution control mechanisms in the developed and developing nations. The interdependent world now offers better opportunities towards a better control of pollutants in the environment. The United Nations (UN) over the years has become the front-runner in our struggle to combat pollution. If such funds and awareness continue, we will be able to control the deterioration of our environment. But at times, we all know, the decisions of UN are awayed by the hegemonic powers and political inclinations. Coalitions of agreements made today by the members of UN may not be honored several years down the road.

《地球日》的意外成功  
 On what occasion did you compose your poem "Earth Day"?  
 It's vividly I remember the day April 22, 1995, when I composed the poem "Earth Day".

On the occasion of 25th Silver Jubilee Celebration in United States, I was invited to give a lecture on Earth Day and several articles on Earth Day met inspired me to expose the awareness about the health pulse of our ailing planet. My professional association with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) coincided with my "Ray Vision" in no time, and consequently, I started my thoughts about Earth Day Poem in about seven (7) minutes. I never realized that this will create an "overnight sensation". After the poem reached various destinations via e-mail and postal mail, I began to receive personal appreciations and compliments from around the globe. I was overjoyed upon receipt of letters of personal appreciation for this poem from U.S. President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore, Jr. I recall the day at my home, MILESTONE in Garland, Texas, USA, when the mailman delivered these two envelopes and told me "Sir, you have got two pan pals from the Whitehouse. It's truly awesome". To our amazement, I opened those envelopes in front of the mailman, and he was so surprised.

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 Earth Day

Hillol Ray  
 The **DFW** Green Alliance awards and congratulates you for having supported EarthFest for the **Metroplex™ Planet Peace**.

To protect the environment is a noble endeavor and you should be proud of your efforts as an Earth Day volunteer.

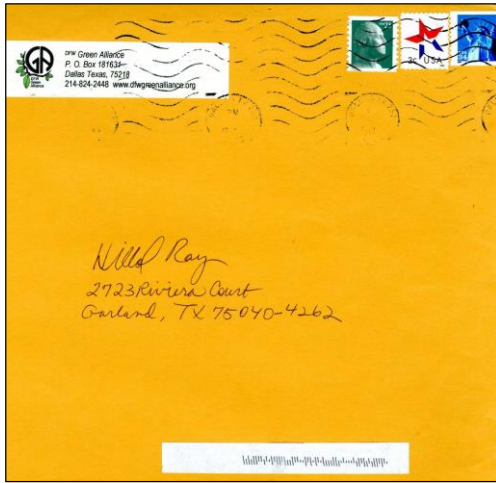
With all of us working together, our combined actions make for outstanding contributions as members of a true sustainable and caring community.

You have rightly earned this special recognition and the lasting gratitude of all those you have delighted with your special gift of love for the planet and earth stewardship.

Keep DFW teamed and green,  
 Susan Gregory, 2005 DFWGA EarthDay Coordinator  
 Rita Clarke, 2004-2005 Coordinator  
 Vanessa Zamora, 2004-05 Student Representative

DFW Green Alliance P.O. Box 198217 Dallas Texas 75219  
 earthday@green.org \* 214-624-2443  
 This year was sponsored by DFWGA  
 www.dfwgreenalliance.org

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Re: Event Participant Confirmation for "EarthFest for the Metropolis™" 2005  
Saturday, April 23  
8016 Doran Circle at Northwest Highway & Buckner Blvd.  
Flag Pole Hill, White Rock Lake Park area (not on the lake) Rain or Shine

Dear EarthDay VIP, Hillol Ray

The 5th Annual EarthFest for the Metropolis™ Fundraiser at Flag Pole Hill is just days away. Event organizers are looking forward to your arrival and to your "PLANET PEACE" outreach message at the year's EarthDay celebration. We thank you from the bottom of our green hearts for the time you give to be a part of this very special event.

This letter is to confirm your EarthDay VIP event participation, and to let you know a welcome packet with detailed event information will be waiting for you at the festival on Saturday, April 23, 2005 in the pavilion area at the DFWGA Check-in/Registration table between 10 am - 5 pm.

If you are also a business sponsor that has requested booth space for display, be sure to check in at the same location by 10:30 am and be set up by 10:45am. The press will interview early birds who are set up by 9:45 am to make the noon network news. EarthFest sponsor Texas State Shredding will be accepting two boxes per person of any kind of paper you wish to have shred. As a responsible company they also recycle all they professionally shred.

Please be present at the stage from 11:00 am to 12:45 am in addition to your performance time so that you may be recognized for your support. In case of an emergency that would keep you from participating, call 214-824-2448 within 24 hours of the event. Booths will have your company's registered name tagged on your table the event morning. If you have any questions, specific requirements, please call 214-824-2448 right away or email us. Continued pledges are needed. Please spread the word. Thank you to those of you who have already pledged a group, business, your time, resources, etc. You will receive a hard copy of this letter via email.

Again, thanks for your participation.

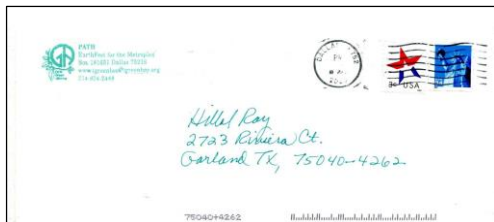
*Susan* *Let's focus on you to keep you present!*

Go to [www.dfgreenalliance.org](http://www.dfgreenalliance.org) to download all forms, flyers, etc.

Susan Gregory  
DFWGA EarthDay Coordinator  
214-824-2448 earthday@greenbee.org  
P.O. Box 181631, Dallas, Texas 75218  
After April 11, 2005 send all mail to:  
7045 Connettee Lane  
Dallas, Texas, 75214

Directions to Flag Pole Hill: Enter event at the west entrance to Doran Circle of NW Highway; Flag Pole Hill is located at 8016 Doran Circle, Dallas, Texas 75238, which runs like a horseshoe north of Northwest highway just east of Buckner Blvd. Enter Doran Circle at the west side at the white stone Park office building, east of W. Lawther and the White Rock Lake DART train station.

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The DFW Green Alliance is a supportive and resource-sharing green network that works to educate, empower, and activate the community for a healthy planet.

2005 EarthDay - EarthFest for the Metropolis™ "Planet Peace"

May 15, 2005

Dear EarthDay Friend, Hillol Ray

Heartfelt thanks go out to you for helping make this year's EarthDay event on April 23rd at Flag Pole Hill another eco education success. Many of you were a part of the DFWGA's first grassroots organized EarthDay collaboration in 2001 at the same location themed "Be Green. Change One Habit." The Alliance is proud to say that many groups were able to make that theme real and as a result they gave years less through four of the event's ninety percent return rate. Along with the hard work of all of the DFWGA group members and volunteer staff we did it, and we all truly treasured the delight of bringing in new groups, many who participated this year and last year for the first time.

Every expression and expansion of the green education network jumpstarts our passion for the environment and renews our faith that we can make a big difference by working side by side. You have proved "Planet Peace" does begin at home. Your donations, dedication to the urban environment, leadership skills, input, and hard work is being present over the years has collaboratively helped gain an unprecedented reputation for the Alliance among federal, state, city, and business officials while helping eco education move up the priority list and DFW into the 21st century.

As a group and supporter, the Alliance has successfully fulfilled the goals and the objectives of its 2001 Charter. Meeting its completion, the last and final goal of the five-year Charter is to establish a permanent eco education hub - an outreach post for green nonprofit groups to interact with the public on a year-round basis.

The fiscal agent for the DFWGA, PATH (501c3), which presently assumes a good portion of the DFWGA duties, is looking for new board members to serve and guide its eco education campaign to help implement the newly adopted "Top Good To Three Away" school recycling program that the City of Dallas will launch this fall for DISD and Dallas residents. Making a program of this magnitude a reality took many, many, citizen - council meetings, briefings, letters, and calls, but could not have been done without the enormous effort and resource hours of Frammiel's Crew (DFWGA 2004 Eco Hero Recycling Award winner) and Crew Company's Susan Wallace, who have tirelessly supported DFWGA member groups and other individuals working on the Mayor's Recycling Task Force since 2002. The shared vision established a long list of resident perks and benefits: recycling with efficiency, economy and convenience, free compost, mulch, classes, etc., a strengthened city-to-city recycling network, getting school children to get their parents into sustainable state of mind, and the list goes on. PATH is accepting bios for board candidates through June 30. Contact me via email or phone (along with applicant recommendations). Board opportunities include minimum one-year board service. The TOTTIS school program will launch August 2005.

DFWGA needs your site link, input and registration updates! Be sure to check out the DFW Green Alliance website at [www.greenalliance.org](http://www.greenalliance.org) or [www.dallasrecycles.us](http://www.dallasrecycles.us) for '05 follow-ups, awards, photos, etc. You may be there! We are hoping to have site updates complete the end of May. Your input is invaluable for successful events and programs in the years to come.

Peace,

*Susan* *It was great meeting you and your wife. Thank you, Hillol!*

Susan Gregory Drechsler  
DFW Green Alliance 2005 EarthDay Coordinator

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The poem "Tower of Strength", a personal tribute to Mrs. Peggy Michaud, composed by Hillol Ray, was read and displayed at the main entrance door of the funeral home, in Denver, Colorado, USA, by the family members. This poem was placed in frames, and distributed among family members, as a part of the family heirloom. Appreciations to Hillol Ray poured in from the Michaud family, residing all over the USA.

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**Neighbors IN THE COMMUNITY**



**Dreams and Challenges of APAs**

To be born with a silver spoon in mouth is nothing but everyone's hope — But reality is the key for each of us. That we need to deal with our coped. Sublime feelings play the ring tones. On our eyes and ears — And the percussions ripple through reverberations of joy and tears.

So, this celebration in May signified the renewal of handling in each year. And promoted dreams and challenges. For harmony on American soil without any fear. Rejuvenation is the mantra that we love, And should promise to keep. Regardless of tantrums from time to time. And plant seeds of oneness.

America, the melting pot. Loves to embrace the huddled masses on earth. And offers dreams and challenges to humanity. Since our conception and birth. Rainbows under the diversity. We'll glitter as this nation lifts off.

— Hillol Ray

**Heritage month celebrates Asian Pacific Americans**

By HILLOL RAY


Over the past 26 years, the month of May has been celebrated as Asian Pacific American Heritage month. Created by a Congressional bill in June 1977, APA Heritage Month is a celebration of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. It is a time for us to honor the contributions and accomplishments of Asian-American Pacific Islanders.

AAPI immigrants came to the United States to discover the promise of our nation and realize their dreams. Along the way, they faced many challenges and adversities, but their immense contributions have enriched the American society. Through the recognition of their accomplishments, we celebrate the importance of diversity — the greatest asset of our nation. The theme for 2006 National APA Heritage Month was Dreams and Challenges of Asian Pacific Americans.

Hillol Ray is a Garland resident.

**AAPI: Dallas Morning News  
 June 1, 2006**

**Federal Women's Equality Day 2006 Celebration  
 Infomart, Dallas, Texas  
 August 26, 2006**



Hillol Ray, (3<sup>rd</sup> from L to R), Guest Poet, is being recognized by the Event Organizers. Mr. Ray delivered his speech and own original poem "Women Empowerment: Today's Vision for Tomorrow's Mission" at the Luncheon Session

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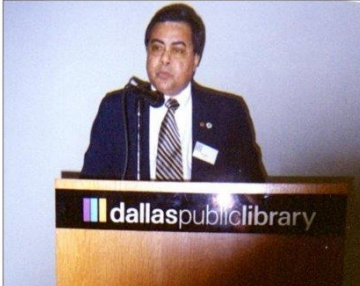
**NFIA Annual Convention Honors Five Indian Americans**



Minister for Overseas Indian Affairs Vayalar Ravi (third from right) personally presented the awards to the recipients on behalf of the NFIA. (Michel Potts photos)

Recipients were (right to left): Hillol Ray, Viji Prakash, Giriraj Rao, Dr. Mani Bhaumik, and Dr. C.R. Viswanathan

**Second International Book Fair,  
 Dallas, Texas, USA July 6 - 8, 2007  
 Organizer: J. Erik Jonsson Central Library  
 (aka Dallas Public Library)**



Guest Poet, Hillol Ray, reading poems (July 7, 2007 @ 1:30 P.M.) from his book, "Poems For the Third Millennium"

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**The Polynath**

Hillol Ray is an amazingly talented ARI, A, poet, writer, and speaker by choice. His community working as a member of the consulting firm, Hillol Enterprises, Inc., is a testament to his US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in Dallas, Texas. He has been a star of awards in all areas of work as well as in the literary world.

Born and raised in Kalyani, Odisha (India), he has been writing poetry since the age of six. Among the accomplishments and accolades in recognition and awards, Hillol received the Medal in 2007, and Conferral in Regional Customer Service in 2005, both awarded by EPA in Dallas, Texas.

In 2006 he was the NFIA (National Federation of Indian American Associations) award winner from the US in the Liberal and Fine Arts category. His biography, mentioned in the Dallas Herald and International Directory of Independent Leadership, both published by the American Biographical Institute in North Carolina.

**We are all supposed to cheer on this Earth,  
 While joy and sorrow always come upon our land!  
 Daylight flows dusk towards the gloomy night,  
 And bring us each a joy to renew our spirit!  
 Fresh air and clean water nourish our souls,  
 Without them, we suffer, and pay the heavy toll!  
 Now, always thank Earth to its "Good Neighbor,"  
 Here at home or in foreign lands!  
 So let us follow these few simple rules:  
 To avoid the agencies of all future souls!  
 Contain the water as much as you can,  
 When you are bathing or washing the car!  
 Recycle and prevent pollution at the source,  
 While care should be taken and the toxins forest!  
 Plant the trees in open private space,  
 To create the shade and cool your face!  
 Try to carpool with a friend, or share a ride -  
 To control the air and emission into land!  
 Dispose of pesticides in a real safe manner,  
 And label before you bury 'em under a banner!  
 Organize all efforts to discard the waste,  
 EPA may be called to quench any quest!  
 Invite friends to attend the Earth Day Acts,  
 And define such role to convey all facts!  
 Renewed the joys for a job well done,  
 To share the benefits and all the fun!  
 Well, now you really know what you have to do  
 And celebrate "Earth Day" without further need!**

He was inducted into the Nobel Laureates and Einstein Tribes Americans in USA, was conferred the "University Post" title by the University of Michigan Medical School in Detroit, was listed in the Who's Who of Asian Americans, and Who's Who in Science and Engineering.

Here we provide one of his poems presented at the Third International Women's Peace Conference 2007 in Dallas.

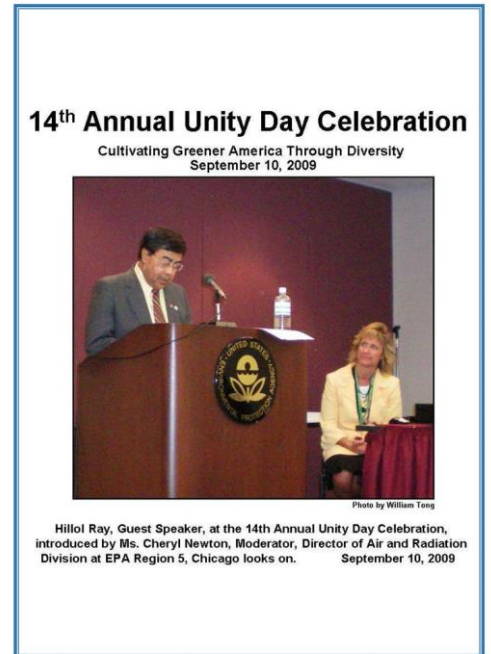
**the united states environmental protection agency**  
 Awards to  
**Hillol Ray**  
 the  
**Bronze Medal for Commendable Service**

*In recognition of outstanding efforts in implementing a Consumer Confidence Rule strategy which resulted in significant improvement in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act*



*Greg A. Cooke*  
 REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR, EPA, REGION 6

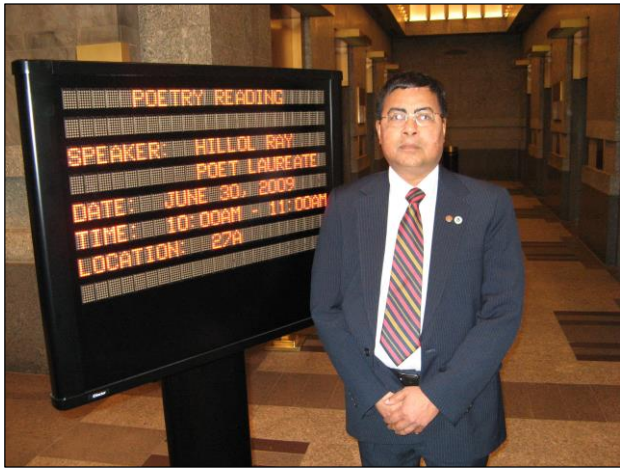
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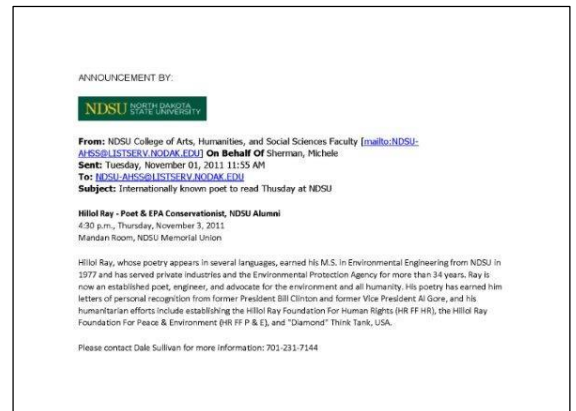
Hillol Ray  
EPA Region 2  
June 30, 2009



Miguel Flores, Hillol Ray and  
Larry Starfield  
EPA Region 6 Presentation Award  
August 19, 2009



Hillol Ray's Resident Milestone at Night  
October 17, 2009



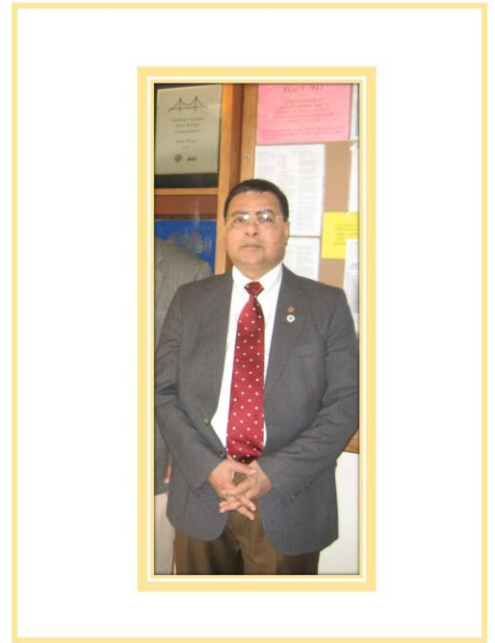
Hillol Ray with Seema Ray and Michael Miller Director  
NDSU Library  
November 2, 2011



Gary Smith NDSU  
November 2, 2011



**Hillol Ray with Dr. Dale Sullivan and Dr Kevin Brooks Chairman English NDSU November 3, 2011**



**Hillol Ray NDSU November 4, 2011**



**NDSU Gift**



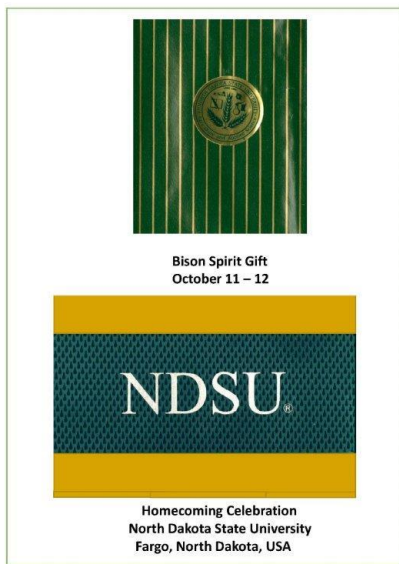
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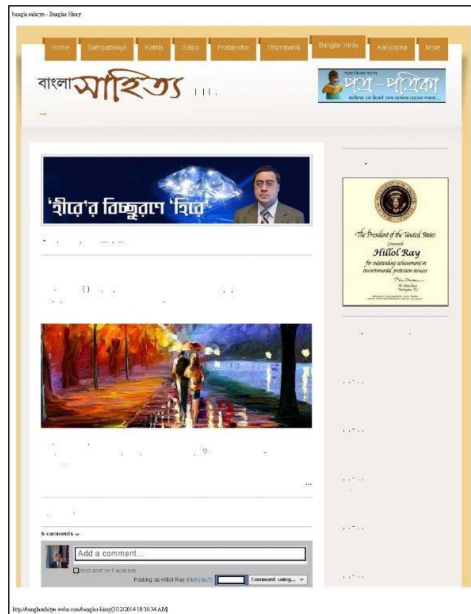
**Seema Ray, Mr. Eakalak and Hillol Ray At NDSU At Civil Engg Library November 4, 2011**



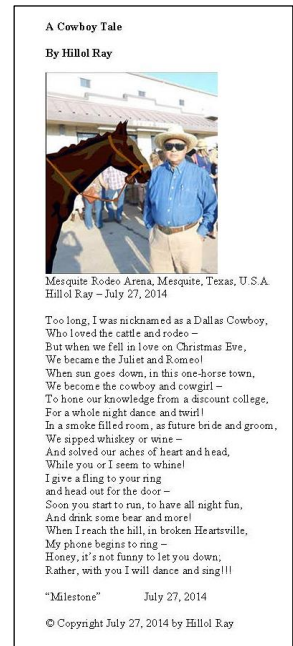
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**Homecoming NDSU Bison Spirit Gift  
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**Fargo Photo  
May 14, 2015**





**Hillol Ray**  
103 Rd Floor  
July 22, 2015

**নজর রাখুন**  
আসছে সুদূর প্রবাসের  
**'বাংলার হিরে  
বাঙালির হিরে'**  
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Announcement From  
Moramer Katha Sahityo Shongshod  
West Medinipur, West Bengal, India

**মোরামের কথা**  
সাহিত্য সংগ্ৰহ

সনামগ্রাম, বনোঙলি, পশ্চিম মেদিনীপুর, পঃ বঃ, ভারত  
ফোন নং - ৯২২০৩৫, ফোন বি- ৯৭৩২৫ ৬৯৮০৭

**সম্মাননা পত্র**  
বিশেষ রত্ন শ্রী অর্পণ গর্ব  
কবি - মোরামের কথা

যেহেতু 'মোরামের কথা' সাহিত্য সংগ্ৰহে 'বাংলার হিরে' এবং 'বাঙালির হিরে' নামের দুটি গল্প সংগ্রহের জন্যে অসামান্য পরিশ্রম ও সৌহার্দ্যের সাথে অসংখ্য লেখককে প্ররোচিত করেছেন এবং 'মোরামের কথা' সাহিত্য সংগ্ৰহের মাধ্যমেই 'বাংলার হিরে' এবং 'বাঙালির হিরে' গল্প দুটির প্রকাশিত হয়েছে। তাই 'মোরামের কথা' সাহিত্য সংগ্ৰহের মাধ্যমেই 'বাংলার হিরে' এবং 'বাঙালির হিরে' গল্প দুটির প্রকাশিত হয়েছে। তাই 'মোরামের কথা' সাহিত্য সংগ্ৰহের মাধ্যমেই 'বাংলার হিরে' এবং 'বাঙালির হিরে' গল্প দুটির প্রকাশিত হয়েছে।

সম্পাদক  
চন্দন মলিক

সহযোগিতায়ঃ  
জানুয়ারী, ২০১৫

**Moramer Katha Sahityo Shongshod**  
**Award 2015**  
**"Foreign Jewel:: India's Pride"**



**Mr. Coleman**  
EPA Region 6  
April 12, 2016



**Hillol Ray**  
April 21, 2016

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From: Jean  
To: moramkath@rediffmail.com  
Subject: very excited by your Earth Day poem  
Date: Mon, 20 Mar 2006 14:46:48 -0800 (CST)

Hi Hillol,

I am an editor of the magazine China Campus from China. The magazine is the biggest tabloid magazine for all the university students throughout China. We are planning a feature on the Earth Day 2006, and I was so excited to read your poem by chance! Thank you Hillol for your talented poetry and kindness. I sincerely hope that you will accept my interview through email and do a favor.

Looking forward to your mail.

Jean

☆ 知道 2006 年 最 火 爆 的 电 子 邮 箱 吗 ?  
★ 达 1.1 亿 中 国 人 正 开 着 2000 兆 免 费 邮 箱 , 总 流 量 达 280 兆 美 元 大 洋 !

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Hillol Ray shared Somoyor Shobdo's photo

**হিলল রায়**  
**সাহিত্য**  
**পুরস্কার**  
সময়ের শব্দ  
১২তম বছরের শব্দ

Somoyor Shobdo ১২ সময়ের শব্দ ট্রাস্ট ও পত্রিকার বার্ষিক অনুষ্ঠান

আমেরিকা প্রেসী কারীজ ট্রাস্টের হয়ে পেশায় পরিচিতি বিজ্ঞানী, দেশায় সাহিত্যিক অমূল্য। কর্মজীবনের অধিকাংশ সময়ই কাটিয়েছেন বাংলা ভাষা ভাষিকের বাইরে। তবুও কিছু কিছু ক্ষেত্রে তাঁর সাহিত্য চর্চার সময়ে অবকাশ হইল। বিশেষ খেতাব নিরঞ্জন বাংলা ভাষার জন্য কাজ করে যাচ্ছে তিনি। হাঁটখোঁই আমেরিকা সোইট হাউস থেকে মাসের টেরিস তাঁর কাজের প্রসঙ্গ নিয়ে সন্দেশ সন্দেশ, বহু বাংলা বইয়ের লেখক ট্রাস্টের হয়ে। রাসমনিত অনুষ্ঠানে উপস্থিত করে সাহিত্যের প্রতি তাঁর ব্যবস্থা ও দেশাত্মবোধের বিস্তারিত বিস্তারিত সমস্যা কামানার সময়ে শব্দ এর এই বছরের সাহিত্য সন্দেশ ( নতুন প্রকাশনা ) পান্দেশ ট্রাস্টের হয়ে।

বিশিষ্ট সাহিত্যিক বিদ্যুৎ চট্টোপাধ্যায় এর পরিচালনায়, বিশিষ্ট সাহিত্যিক ও সমালোচক মল্লিকের নির্দেশে দেশাত্মবোধ আমেরিকা বার্ষিক অনুষ্ঠান পুরস্কার তুলে নেন বিশিষ্ট সাহিত্যিক কবি।

মেট্রো ০৪ ট্রাস্টের বনমটর অধিনায়ক তুলে নেন অন্য অমূল্য সাহিত্যিক। বনমটর সঠিক করা হয়েছে।।

**১২তম আছি**

সময়ের শব্দ সময়ের শব্দ ট্রাস্ট ও সময়ের শব্দ পত্রিকার বার্ষিক অনুষ্ঠান ও সম্মাননা জ্ঞাপন সময়ের শব্দ  
১৩ই নভেম্বর, (বুধবার) ২০১৬ । বিকাল - ৫টা । স্থান - ইন্ডিয়ানসিটি ইন্সটিটিউট অফ ম্যানেজমেন্ট

উদ্বোধক - ব্রাহ্ম বসু, নাট্যকার ও মাননীয় মন্ত্রী পঃঃসরকার ও প্রধান অতিথি - শীবেন্দু মুখোপাধ্যায়

সময়ের শব্দ আঞ্চলিক সন্দেশ:- শীবেন্দু মুখোপাধ্যায়, অক্ষয় বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়, সুনীল ব্রহ্মস জলুড়ী, সত্যীন্দ্র মুখোপাধ্যায়, অর্পিতা ঘোষ, স্বপ্নকান্ত ভট্টাচার্য, অপরাধিতা আচার্য, প্রমোদজিৎ ও অন্যান্য অতিথি ও অতিথিগণ - সত্যীন্দ্র মুখোপাধ্যায়, তপস্বীশ ও আয়েশা ঘোষ ঠাকুর, অমিত, অরিন্দম, সুভাষা, শর্মিষ্ঠা ও অন্যান্য মুক্তা - তিথি কুমার, হিরা, সুকন্যা রায় ও অন্যান্য

সময়ের শব্দ সাহিত্য পুরস্কার:- স্বপ্নকান্ত ভট্টাচার্য, অমিত বসু রায়, শৌভিক বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়, বিদ্যালয় রায় ও সীমা বান্যাকী রায়

সময়ের শব্দ আচার্যীর আপ্যায়ন পুরস্কার:- সায়নী ঘোষ ও কৃতিকা জৌমিক

**সময়ের শব্দ বনির্ভর প্রকল্পঃ ১০০ জন ছাত্র-ছাত্রীকে স্বদারশিপ প্রদান**

সাহিত্য পাঠ - শিবি চট্টোপাধ্যায়, বিদিশ চট্টোপাধ্যায়, অকশোয়ার(রাহুল) বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়, বিশাল ঘোষাল, ইন্দ্রজিৎ মুখোপাধ্যায় ও অন্যান্য সাহিত্যিক ডঃ সিদ্ধার্থ চক্রবর্তী, প্রমোদজিৎ ও অন্যান্য অতিথি ও অতিথিগণ - সত্যীন্দ্র মুখোপাধ্যায়, তপস্বীশ ও আয়েশা ঘোষ ঠাকুর, অমিত, অরিন্দম, সুভাষা, শর্মিষ্ঠা ও অন্যান্য মুক্তা - তিথি কুমার, হিরা, সুকন্যা রায় ও অন্যান্য

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ডঃ অমরেন্দ্রনাথ বর্দন  
সময়ের শব্দ পরিচালক

শ্যাম কুমার চক্রবর্তী  
সময়ের শব্দ ট্রাস্ট

অর্থ রায়  
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**Kindness of Strangers: An American Story**

Hillol Ray

November 13, 2016, was a special day for me. I learned that day that I had received an award for literary excellence from a well-known Indian organization. My friends and family gathered at my home that evening to celebrate the news, and the evening party went well and peacefully.

Maybe because I was overworked or overexcited, I did not sleep very well that night and woke up at 5 am, rather early for me. After morning rituals, I had a light breakfast. With my breakfast in hand, I left home at about 6:30 am.

The DART (Dallas Area Rapid Transit) bus stop to which I was to walk was a block from my home. Bus #513 is a convenient mode of transportation from my home to downtown Garland. The bus departs every 45 minutes from this residential stop, located at the intersection of Newman Street Road and Mark Drive. It takes about 20 minutes from my bus stop to the Garland Metro Rail Station. The Rail Station is also operated by the DART Agency. Exactly at 6:45 AM (the scheduled departure time), I boarded the Bus #513. Soon I realized that I was without my bus token (Dallas Area Rapid Transit), my wallet, my "Smart Card" (for entry into office door and computer), and my office and home keys. I had left everything at home!

This embarrassing incident happened on the morning of November 14, 2016, probably because I had stayed up late the previous night for the party. This was the first time in my life that I was facing an unfortunate situation of this type!

Every weekday morning, I am the first passenger to hop on Bus #513. The annual pass for the DART Buses and Metro Trains is purchased by the office and provided to the employees. It costs to be shown in the bus drivers and mobile ticket checkers of the station, upon boarding and an entrance. In case of failure to produce the annual pass, the passengers may not be allowed by the driver to board the bus. The mobile checker of the bus then may issue a replacement ticket for a heavy fine (up to \$100 amount) and jail sentence as well.

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Anyways, upon boarding the Bus #513, I immediately realized that I was without my annual pass, wallet and photo identification cards (both as Driver's License of my state. This was essentially normal except in a coincidence. Consequently, I hid the bus driver. "I am sorry. I do not have the annual pass and wallet with me right now. Please let me get off the bus so that I can go home to pick them up and take the next bus at 7:30 AM." Looking at my worried face and hearing my pleading voice, the driver realized my plight. I continued to request the driver to let me get down from the bus right away, but he kept on asking and telling me, "Don't worry. Take it easy. I was not quite surprised and became increasingly more empathetic. So, I hid the driver. "I hid the DART bus without a token, the mobile ticket checker may issue me a replacement ticket with a heavy fine. And that won't be the end of it. Even if I get my replacement pass for the train ride this morning, it will be in the evening when I board the train and the bus token hasn't yet arrived. He already knew that I do not have the wallet or each of my credit cards with me to buy the ticket in the evening."

But the bus driver kept on helping me, "Don't worry. Take it easy. I give more routes and services. On the way to Garland Metro Rail Station, there are several bus stops. Passengers were boarding and disembarking from the bus to let it avoid at the first stop at the intersection of Wood and 39th Streets. Just before I was getting off at the first stop, the driver handed me over a "Day Pass" ticket (valid till 8:30 AM), valid for bus and train rides for the next 24 hours. He presented the Day Pass from the reading machine bus box, located next to his own seat, and told me, "I am giving you this Day Pass, valid for 24 hours from now, and you should have to insert your train and bus tokens, to go back home in the evening!"

I had relied upon receiving the Day "Day Pass". The driver even asked me, "Do you need some money for your lunch today? You don't have the wallet, credit cards or cash with you. So... I replied, "Thank you for your offer and kindness. I always have some my food and fruits around my desk and at the refrigerator in the office kitchen/break room, just in case of an emergency like today."

"Are you sure? Otherwise I will be happy to give you some money for lunch," the driver asked me one more time before I disembarked.

"Yes, I am positive, and thank you so much for your thoughtful. Have a nice day! I replied with a smile.

I walked on the train platform within ten minutes. The "Blue Line" train took me back off from the Garland train station immediately. I got off at my destination, the Akard Station in Downtown Dallas, at around 6:30 AM.

I took the few minutes to reach my office building. Without a "Smart Card" I couldn't get into my office on the 13th floor, because each entry opens with an individualized code and a smart card. About five minutes later, another employee came by the same door, and with his substitution, I piggybacked to get inside my office.

Seemed like I was having a "bad day" day! This another problem appeared when I tried to log in to my office computer without the smart card. Consequently, I called the Security Department. And at their advice, I had to personally appear there without my photo identification card. Upon arrival, I was heavily humiliated to request for a "Temporary Smart Card" without my ID card. But the staff in charge told me, "I recognize you very well, Mr. Ray. "Really? How and why? I supposed. "Could you be the resident postman in our agency," she replied with a big smile.

With her assistance and issuance of a Temporary Smart Card, I returned to my office desk. In about ten minutes. As I recall now, my morning (8:15 minutes) was spent by hopping over various hurdles. During the same break, I was recapitulating the activities of the morning hours of today, including the love and kindness of the bus driver and the lady in charge of security department, in the evening, with the "Day Pass" in my pocket I had no trouble to return home from the office via train and bus safety.

On the following morning at 6:45 AM, I boarded the Bus #513, and the same bus driver welcomed me with "Good Morning, please hop on." "Today I have the wallet, ID cards, and the Annual Pass for the bus and train ride," I told the driver.

As I mentioned earlier, I am usually the first passenger to hop on the Bus #513 from Newman Street Road/39th Street intersection. So, I contacted the driver, and the driver released the benefits to me as Nicholas Stone. After an initial courtesy of exchanging our names, I explained to Nicholas the reason for my daily bus and train ride to go to office and elsewhere. "To minimize and control the emissions from the private individual vehicles and to keep our environment clean, I use public transportation whenever I can." Nicholas was very happy to discuss my topic.

Every month Nicholas was a bus driver. I noticed that he was sincerely eager to listen and learn and was genuinely kind and patient. During the few minutes of conversation on the bus, Nicholas wanted to know what I do for a living. I replied, "I have a job and am doing it, whenever and wherever! End time, "I suppose" seems, what other, long lives in Bengal and India."

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"Really? What's Bengal?"

In my response, I hid about the Bengal language, the Bengali language "Tiger", etc.

Nicholas asked me with a big smile, "Where can I see your settlement?"

He always suggested, he searched the Google search box on his laptop and typed in my name.

"Is this you, Mr. Ray? And, oh my gosh, you are saying that you write it. I don't think so. I am sure, you write and not "sensible". She laughed about together in the bus.

Bus was moving and we both were appreciating the destination, Garland Metro Train Station. I asked Nicholas if I could "sensible" or "write" a short story on him, about giving me a free "Day Pass", and how he had met me "Nicholas Stone".

With my usual polite smile, Nicholas replied, "I am so honored. Mr. Ray, that a person of your stature will take the time to talk about me in a story and share it with public via Facebook, with title, and video messages. That would be perfectly alright. Mr. Ray, I don't see any problem about giving you a free "Day Pass" and allow you to use my real name in your story."

"Would it be acceptable to DART?"

"Yes, why not?"

"Nick, OK, just let me know how you manage to hand me over a free "Day Pass", like yesterday? Won't the Account and Budget Management System Office of DART take disciplinary action and interrogate you about the discrepancy in accounting?"

"Not only. Many passengers board the bus and upon seeing the full fare, may do not take or use the ticket or "Day Pass". So, I was designed to help you out in your need yesterday, and you can help someone today. Good will bless you."

"Thank you, Nicholas, and have a blessed day." I replied.

After this conversation and getting off from the bus #513, I rushed towards the incoming train, destined for downtown Dallas.

Upon arrival in my office at 7:45 AM, I thought that it would be great if I composed the video incident in a story form and scripter Nicholas by giving her a hard copy so that he could share it with his friends.

During my lunch break from the office that day, I composed and printed the story about Nicholas and his kindness that demonstrates American love and caring attitudes in their "land sense. So, suddenly my heart simply opened up, and I lived my lives as "I love Thee, Nicholas and America!"

On the morning of November 16, 2016, when I boarded the Bus #513, I gave a printed hard copy of the story to Nicholas. He was surprised and enjoyed. "I can't believe that you really composed it for me," said Nicholas. "Why I request you to read it for me via mail as an attachment. I would like to send it to my parents and friends."

As per his request, I e-mailed this story to him from my home that evening.

"My parents and friends love your story, and they convey their thanks to you for helping them to compose it," said Nicholas with love. I boarded the Bus #513.

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**Profiles of Members of EPA's Asian-American and Pacific Islander Community: Hillol Ray**

Hillol Ray, Civil and Environmental Engineer Compliance Assurance and Enforcement Division Water Quality Enforcement Branch Dallas, TX (EPA Region 6)

Where were you born?  
Kolkata, India

What brought you to EPA?  
During my formative years in India, I worked "hand-on" with Mother Teresa, and the "poorest of the poor" street children, who lived with asthma and lung disease, in polluted environment of the slums. They did not have the safe water to drink, clean air to breathe, and uncontaminated soil around their playgrounds. Their deplorable conditions deeply touched my heart, and prompted me to work "hand-on" with Mother Teresa. On the advice of Mother Teresa, I wanted to create an awareness about the environment, particularly on the issues of asthma and children's health. So, upon my graduation in Civil/Sanitary Engineering, I was offered National Science Foundation Fellowship to conduct graduate research in Environmental Engineering at North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND. I came to USA with only three dollars in my pocket and a briefcase. During my graduate research, I had the opportunity to work with EPA's Office of

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Research and Development, along with the U.S. Department of Energy and several other federal and state offices. I was highly impressed with the type of work that EPA does to protect the public health and environment of our nation. I decided "This is it", and joined EPA in July 1992.

What type of work do you do at EPA?  
In July 1992, I was appointed as the Program Manager to oversee and coordinate the Drinking Water Quality Enforcement in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana. From January 2011, I have been managing the enforcement activities, related to the Underground Injection Control program in Oklahoma and New Mexico. As part of my outreach activities, I got the opportunity to work very closely with industries, state and local enforcement agencies, as well as with the general public. Beside my professional technical work at EPA, I have composed and recited my own original poems about Earth Day, environmental pollution and solution, etc. in various EPA regions. My poems on environmental issues, dealt with by EPA and the United Nations, have been recognized by people around the world. I have represented Region 6 in other EPA regions and been interviewed on TV and radio. Through my reading, writing, and speaking ability in four languages, my poems and articles on environmental issues have reached the Asian American and Pacific Islander and other communities for the past five decades.

What is your highest level of education? What was your major?  
I obtained my Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering with a minor in Sanitary Engineering from the University of Calcutta and a Master of Science degree in Environmental Engineering from North Dakota State University.

What message would you like to send other Asian Americans who are considering college or a career in environmental protection?  
"Undoubtedly EPA is a great place to work, and to apply your knowledge and ingenuity of environmental science and engineering. As a member and part of the Asian American and Pacific Islander community, I am excited about the grassroots initiatives, offered by the EPA, to safeguard the environment, and protect public health and sustainability for the citizens of United States and the world. I deeply appreciate the opportunity provided to me by the EPA to fulfill my dreams, and with patience and perseverance, you may have yours too."

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