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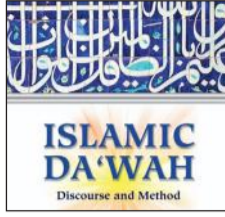
BADAMWARI RESIDENTS FUME AS TRAFFIC GRIDLOCKS BECOME DAILY AFFAIR

The residents of Badamwari in the old city are up in arms against what they call "indifference" of the authorities towards the traffic mess in the locality.

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INTRODUCING DR NAZIR AHMAD ZARGAR'S COMMENDABLE WORK ON ISLAMIC DA'WAH

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GOVT ASSURES UN-CUT POWER SUPPLY DURING NAVRATRI, RAMAZAN

Principal Secretary to Lt Governor, Nitishwar Kumar today assured the people of the Union Territory of uninterrupted power supply during the auspicious



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Evil is whatever distracts
- Franz Kafka

NEWS DIGEST

Commercial LPG Price Goes Up By Rs 250

NEW DELHI: Jet fuel prices on Friday were hiked by 2 per cent - the seventh straight increase this year - to an all-time high, reflecting a surge in global energy prices. Aviation turbine fuel (ATF) - the fuel that helps aeroplanes fly - was hiked by Rs 2,258.54 per **More on P6**

CRPF Man Dies Of Suspected Heart Attack

SRINAGAR: A Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) head constable died on Friday of a suspected heart attack in south Kashmir's Pulwama district. Head Constable K Vithal of CRPF110 battalion on Friday collapsed inside a **More on P6**

Commercial Explosives Seized In Kishtwar

JAMMU: Security forces on Friday recovered 20 kg of commercial grade explosives from a house in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district, officials said. Based on specific input regarding the presence of explosives, a joint search operation was carried out by the Army and **More on P6**

Engineer Arrested For Accepting Bribe

SRINAGAR: The anti-corruption bureau (ACB) on Friday claimed to have arrested an Assistant Engineer for demanding and accepting a bribe for processing the bills of a contractor. Shakeel Ahmad Dar, Assistant Engineer, Rural Development Department, Block Pahalgam, Anantnag was arrested the anti-graft body on the basis of a complaint alleging **More on P6**

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Militant Killed In Shopian Encounter

2 Soldiers Also Injured In Overnight Exchange Of Fire

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A local Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) militant was killed and two soldiers injured in an overnight encounter in south Kashmir's Shopian district, officials said Friday.

Police, army's 44 RR and the personnel of CRPF 178 battalion launched a cordon and search operation in Turkwangam area of the district on the basis of specific input suggesting the presence of militants, a police spokesperson said Friday.

During the search operation, he said, as the search party proceeded towards the suspected spot, the hiding militants fired indiscriminately upon them. He said the joint team retaliated to the firing setting off an encounter.

In the ensuing encounter,

the spokesperson said, one LeT militant was killed and his body was retrieved from the site of encounter. He has been identified as Muneeb Ahmad Sheikh of Tak Mohalla, Shopian.

As per police records, he said, Sheikh was a categorized militant and part of groups involved in several "terror crime cases" including attacks on police, security forces besides "civilian atrocities".

"Incriminating materials, arms & ammunition including a Chinese pistol, 01 magazine and 5 rounds were recovered from the site of encounter. All the recovered materials have been taken into case records for further investigation," he said.

In this regard, the spokesperson said, a case under relevant sections of law has been registered and investigation has been initiated. **More on P6**



Two women seated on a bench watch a hot air balloon taking off from Zabarwan Park in Srinagar city on Friday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

12 Rohingyas Detained In Ramban

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Police have detained 12 Rohingya Muslims in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district, officials said on Friday.

They had arrived at Dar village in Gool tehsil as part of a Tablighi group, the officials said.

The 12 members were then sent to jail in Hiranagar area of Kathua district, where most of the Rohingyas Muslims, who had illegally entered the union territory, are housed.

Police identified them as Ameer Hakam, Jaffar Alam, Mohammed Noor, **More on P6**

Female Teacher Absent Since 2018 Fired

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Friday terminated a female teacher from services over unauthorized absence from her duties for over four years.

On the recommendations of Chief Education Officer, Shopian, the designated committee reviewed the 'unauthorized absence case' of Heena Ramzan, posted at Boys Middle School Meemandar **More on P6**

J&K BUDGET 2022-23

UT, District Plans Must Be A Road-Map Of Development: LG



Observer News Service

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Friday told the administrative departments and district administrations that the Union Territory and district plans in budget 2022-23 must be a road-map of J&K's development, progress and prosperity; reflective of the needs and aspirations of the people.

Sinha made these remarks while chairing a high-level meeting to discuss ways for effective implementation of initiatives announced in J&K UT budget 2022-23 with an objective of sustaining growth momentum

and bringing about synergy and convergence among various departments, an official spokesperson said Friday.

The LG, he said, maintained that the action oriented plan is to reflect fast economic development, strengthening institutions for rapid social change while ensuring growth with equity so that every citizen benefits from J&K's prosperity.

He said that the LG asked the Administrative Departments and District Administrations to work in close-coordination and furnish the UT and District plans in consultation with public representatives and

other stakeholders to realize the vision of "Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas", bringing transformative changes in the lives of people without any discrimination.

"We have a substantial increase in the budgetary support for infrastructure development, education, healthcare, strengthening PRIs, facilitating investment & growth, employment, youth, women empowerment & social sector schemes to reach out to the last person in the last row," Sinha said.

According to the spokesperson, the LG advised for formulating works **More on P6**

TAX COLLECTION REACHED RS 15,180 CR with 25.33 % hike in the last FY; all Treasury Bills, verified Contractors and pending languishing projects bills, Rs 810 cr Power Purchase liability cleared. An increase of Rs 625 cr registered in Power receipts, besides Rs 600cr equity contribution of J&K in Kiru and Ratle projects were paid"

Pvt Member's Bill Seeking Rehabilitation Of KPs Moved In RS

Agencies

NEW DELHI: A private member's bill seeking social, political and economic rehabilitation of Kashmiri Pandits was moved in the Rajya Sabha on Friday.

Congress leader Vivek K Tankha introduced the 'The Kashmiri Pandits (Recourse, Restitution, Rehabilitation and Resettlement) Bill, 2022' in the Upper House.

The Bill seeks to provide for social, political and economic rehabilitation of Kashmiri Pandits, protection of their property, restoration of their cultural heritage, ensuring their safety and security, provision of rehabilitation and resettlement package to them.

Since the abrogation of Article 370 and 35 A from Jammu and Kashmir on August 5, 2019, there is talks about the rehabilitation



of displaced Kashmiri Pandits.

Aam Aadmi Party MP Sanjay Singh on Tuesday had also asked the government to allocate Rs 20,000 crore for the rehabilitation of Kashmiri Pandits during the discussion on the Finance Bill-2022 in the Upper House.

Srinagar Airport Offers Business Opportunity To Self Help Groups

Zaid Bin Shabir

SRINAGAR: In a first of its kind, the Srinagar Airport authority has decided to introduce a new scheme that would pave the way for Self Help Groups (SHG) to sell their products to passengers inside the Airport premises.

Underlining the importance of supporting Self Help Groups in Kashmir, the airport authority has decided to make this opportunity available to those SHG's which are concurrently registered with Deputy Commissioner Budgam.

Notably, this criteria has been set up so that no bogus Self Help Group makes its way into operating business from the Airport premises. "It's a great Opportunity for Self Help Groups to sell their products at our airport," Director Srinagar Airport,



Kuldeep Singh said. "Self Help Groups that are registered with the Deputy Commissioner, Budgam can sell their Food Items or Handicrafts or any other product to the passengers at our airport."

Pertinently, the authorities

have also eased the rental system for these Self Help groups to set up their business at the Airport. "The normal rental for the sale outlets and shops at our airport is about Rs 5 Lakhs per month. But we are offering these shops to the Self Help Groups at

a nominal rent of Rs 6,133 only for a period of 15 days. This amount includes GST and all other taxes," says Kuldeep Singh.

The airport authority has also made the process of applying for these shops painless and manageable as the desirous Self Help Group has only been asked to submit its details through the Airport Authority of India's official link.

"The link will open up our website with an application format. The SHG may fill up the necessary details and upload their PAN Card, Aadhar Card & Registration Documents, if any. The applications will be collected and compiled in the order of the seniority of the SHG. Here Seniority means first come first serve." The director said.

It is pertinent to mention here that the collected details will be further **More on P6**

Srinagar Sees Steep Rise In Corona Cases

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The capital city of Srinagar is witnessing a steep rise in daily Coronavirus cases as 18 more people tested positive for the virus on Friday, while 13 others were reported from different parts of the Union Territory.

According to officials, Kashmir Valley reported 30 new cases of Covid-19 on Friday while a single case was detected in Jammu division.

In the Valley, officials said, Srinagar reported the highest 18 new cases of Coronavirus, Pulwama 4, Anantnag 3, Kupwara 2, and one new case each in Baramulla, Budgam and Shopian. The three districts of Bandipora, Ganderbal and Kulgam witnessed no fresh cases of Covid-19. **More on P6**

Personality Traits Are Connected To Well-Being Post Retirement

ANI
 A recent study has found new links between older adults' personality traits, the routes they took to quit their jobs, and their well-being after exiting the workforce. The findings of the study were published in the journal 'PLOS ONE'.



As the world's population of older adults grows, communities and policymakers are increasingly interested in the well-being of those leaving the labour market. Researchers have begun to explore how different exit paths -- mandatory retirement versus voluntary retirement, for instance -- may be associated with subsequent life satisfaction. To help clarify, Kesavayuth and colleagues analysed data from more than 2,000 adults aged 50 to 75 who participated in the British Household Panel Survey. The dataset included an assessment of participants' "Big Five" personality traits -- a standard evaluation of personality -- and subsequent life satisfaction after participants left their jobs, whether voluntarily or not, without plans to begin working again. Statistical analysis of the data uncovered associations between the routes people took to exit their jobs and their subsequent satisfaction with life, income, and leisure.

Among people who retired early, extraversion was linked to lower satisfaction with life, income, and leisure. However, for people who stopped working due to ill health or caregiving demands, extraversion was linked to higher satisfaction with leisure time. The authors speculate that extraverts might miss social relationships at work, but might also be motivated to find sociable, rewarding hobbies.

However, these associations did indeed vary according to their personality traits. For example, the trait of conscientiousness was linked to increased satisfaction with

leisure time for older adults who underwent mandatory retirement, and to increased life satisfaction for people who became unemployed. The authors suggested that con-

scientiousness might act as a "psychological buffer," with conscientious individuals being more proactive in finding new fulfilling life patterns. Among people who retired

early, extraversion was linked to lower satisfaction with life, income, and leisure. However, for people who stopped working due to ill health or caregiving demands, extraversion was linked to higher satisfaction with leisure time. The authors speculate that extraverts might miss social relationships at work, but might also be motivated to find sociable, rewarding hobbies. Associations were also found for the traits of agreeableness, openness, and neuroticism. These associations do not confirm any causal relationships between the various factors, and proposed explanations can only be speculative at this stage. However, the findings could help guide targeted interventions and policies to boost the well-being of ageing adults. Such efforts could be especially relevant during the current mass exodus of workers from the labour force in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. The authors added, "Our study uncovered associations between the routes people took to exit their jobs and their subsequent satisfaction with life, income, and leisure. These associations varied according to people's personality traits. Conscientious individuals were more proactive in finding new fulfilling life patterns."

People's Neighbourhood Influences Their Sense Of Direction: Study



ANI
 According to a new study, growing up in rural or urban areas or, in cities of varying complexity, influences people's sense of direction in adulthood. The findings of the research were published in the journal, 'Nature'. First, scientists have found that, on average, people who grew up in the countryside have a better sense of direction than people who grew up in cities. The extent of this difference varies from country to country: very strong in Canada, the United States, Argentina and Saudi Arabia, much less so in Austria, France, India and Vietnam. The research team then looked at the maps of the major cities in these countries to categorize them according to layout complexity. While cities like Chicago are arranged in grids, with most branch lines at a right angle, cities like Paris form a more heterogeneous network, with nearly every angle present. Thus, ac-

ording to their results, growing up in a city with a complex topography confers a better sense of direction. The research also has shown that people generally orient themselves better when confronted with topographies close to those travelled during childhood. They are better at navigating great distances if they come from rural areas, and better on a grid plan if they grew up in a city "with right angles." These results were achieved with Sea Hero Quest, a video game developed to study Alzheimer's disease. After having memorized the game map, players are set objectives at several levels. It can be difficult to recruit participants to an experiment, and even more so to reproduce an experiment under identical conditions, and video gaming is a way to address these problems. For this study, from Sea Hero Quest we compared the sense of direction of nearly 400,000 people in 38 countries around the world.

Government Degree College (Womens) Kupwara, J&K- 193222

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No: GDCWK/22/1417 Dated 30-03-2022

QUOTATION NOTICE

Sealed quotations affixed with revenue stamp of Rs. 3/= and accompanied with CDR of Rs. 500/= are invited from GST registered professionals/companies for data entry on SOUL 2.0, classification, bar coding and pasting of RFID tags of about 750-800 newly purchased books. The quotation should reach to the office of the undersigned within 05 days from the date of publication of this notice. The work is to be completed within 07 days from the date of issue of work order.

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DIPK-14/22

UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR Office of the Executive Engineer, Construction Division

E-TENDER NOTICE FOR CIVIL AND SANITARY STAGE WORKS FOR THE YEAR 2022-23

For and on behalf of the University e-tenders for Civil and Sanitary Stage Works for the year 2022-23 Civil and Sanitary (In Single cover system) are invited on (Percentage % age) basis from approved and eligible Civil and Sanitary Contractors registered with Govt. of J&K/ other union territories and CPWD, Railways and other State/ Central Governments for the following:-

| S.No. | Name of the work | Earnest Money (L.S.) | Cost of tender document (In Rs.) | Time and date of opening of tender | Bid submission date | Class of contract |
|-------|--|----------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Civil and Sanitary Stage Works for Various Locations at Main, South, North and Kupwara Campuses for the Year 2022-23 (Group-A). | Rs.1.00Lacs | Rs.2000/- | 21-04-2022 (11.00 AM) | 31-03-2022 To 20-04-2022 (6:00PM) | A&B |
| 2 | Civil and Sanitary Stage Works for Various Locations at Sub office Jammu, Zakura, MirzaBagh and Naseem Bagh Campuses for the Year 2022-23 (Group-B). | Rs.1.00Lacs | Rs.2000/- | 21-04-2022 (11.00 AM) | 31-03-2022 To 20-04-2022 (6:00PM) | A&B |

The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the web site www.kashmiruniversity.net/ www.jktenders.gov.in.

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Office Of The Assistant Regional Transport Officer Budgam Kashmir

NOTICE



Where a application for transfer of ownership has been recieved from one. Shri : Feroz Ahmad Dar S/o: Ghulam Rasool Dar R/o: Natipora Budgam (Transferor) of Scooter (Chetak). Vehicle bearing registration number JK04A - 4535. Chasis number 80462 Engine no. 84268 Model 2006. in favour of Shri.. Mohammad Sarwar Malik S/o. Gh. Qadir Malik R/o Rawalpora Srinagar (Tranferee)



Now therefore it is notified for the information of the general public that objections if any to the proposed transfer of ownership shall be filed in writing in the office of the Assistant Regional Transport office ARTO Budgam within a period of 12 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper.

No. ARTO/ BUDGAM.8112
 Dated 01/04/2022

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Assistant Regional Transport officer Budgam Kashmir

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Within a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily News Paper Kashmir Observer. Seller and purchaser identified by the authorized representatives of M/S _STW Co Namely Bagh Hussain

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First Kidney Transplant Case Performed Under ABPMJAY Scheme At SKIMS

Observer News Service

Srinagar: First transplant case in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir has been done under Ayushman Bharat Scheme at SKIMS.

According to the statement, SKIMS is the first in the UT of J&K to conduct this procedure under the Ayushman Bharat financial scheme. The patient was provided all expenses under the said scheme.

Director SKIMS complimented Ayushman Bharat Cell for quick processing and disposal of cases and benefiting poor patients.

He said Ayushman Bharat Scheme is beneficial to one and all and the first transplant conducted by SKIMS under Ayushman scheme is a good beginning and expressed hope that more such patients will get benefited under the scheme.

HOD Urology & Kidney Transplant Unit SKIMS Dr. Mohammad Saleem Wani said under the Ayushman Bharat financial scheme first transplant was conducted today.

He said extending financial cover to such patients is need of the hour as many patients can't afford the treatment being expensive but now more poor patients will undoubtedly get benefited under Ayushman, he added.

Dr. Ghulam Hassan Yattoo HOD Hospital administration & Nodal Officer Ayushman Bharat SKIMS informed that one patient resident of Poonch was recently admitted for his kidney transplantation and all financial assistance was provided to him under Golden Card.

He further said that initially kidney transplant expenditure was not covered under the said scheme but now the financial cover has also been extended to patients who need kidney transplant and SKIMS is the first hospital to cover this procedure under the Ayushman Bharat Scheme.



Badamwari Residents Fume As Traffic Gridlocks Become Daily Affair

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: The residents of Badamwari in the old city are up in arms against what they call "indifference" of the authorities towards the traffic mess in the locality.

The garden located at the foothills of Hari Parbat Fort, is seeing attendance of thousands of locals and tourists who throng the garden to witness Almond Flower Bloom.

Nisar Ahmad, an Auto Rickshaw Driver had a tough time waiting for tourists outside the garden.

"The road outside Badamwari is

very narrow and full of potholes and the traffic isn't being managed either" he said.

Residents living in the vicinity of Badamwari say there is more to this locality than Badamwari.

The locality also hosts The Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences which witnesses rush of patients on a daily basis.

Misbah Farooq, who lives adjacent to the park says it has been two weeks that the locality is witnessing heavy traffic jams.

"We had to ferry a patient to the JLN Hospital but couldn't because of the traffic jams" Misbah said.

"When we couldn't reach the Hospital, we took advice from the Doctor on a Phone Call".

The locals say the Authorities are not deploying cops in the vicinity which is leading to Traffic gridlocks.

SSP Traffic Srinagar Muzaffar Ahmad Shah said that people from across Kashmir and other parts of the country are thronging Tulip Garden and Badamwari in large numbers which results in traffic jams.

"No more covid restrictions, arrival of Ramadan and narrow roads are the main reasons behind the Traffic jams" he said.

3 Mutton Shops And A Restaurant Sealed In Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Enforcement squad of Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA) Department on Friday sealed three mutton shops at different places of Srinagar. They were found selling mutton at very high rates other than fixed by the Government and one Restaurant was also sealed for violation of the Essential Commodities Act.

The action against the erring was taken in view of the complaints pouring in from different sections of the society regarding illegal enhancement of rates by the butchers.

The Assistant Director Enforcement, Kashmir further reiterated that the drive will continue and strict action under law shall follow against the violators.

He further said that the shopkeepers have been advised to refrain from overcharging and in case of violations their licenses will be cancelled.

TEDx NIT Srinagar Organize Competition At Tyndale Biscoe School

Observer News Service

Srinagar: TEDx National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar on Friday organized a mini TEDx talk competition at Tyndale Biscoe School. The event was attended by hundreds of students from the school.

TEDx NITSrinagar is being organized in various educational institutions of Kashmir by the Department of Training & Placement NIT Srinagar, under the guidance of Head T&P Dr. Obbu Chandra Sekhar.

The Chief Guests of the event were Director Tyndale-Biscoe and Mallinson Society Mr. Par-

wez Samuel Kaul and Principal The Biscoe & Mallinson School Mr. Alistair R A Freese. Syed Aga Hadi Riza (Curator - TEDx NITSrinagar) and Mir Faizan (Licensee & Organizer - TEDx NITSrinagar) were the members of the jury panel for the competition.

In his key address, Director Tyndale-Biscoe and Mallinson Society, Parwez Samuel Kaul appreciated the students for working so hard to prepare for this elocution competition. He also thanked the TEDxNITSrinagar organizers for bringing TEDx to Tyndale Biscoe School and encouraged students to think posi-

tively of the future and hope for a better tomorrow.

In his message, Director NIT Prof. Rakesh Sehgal said such events inspire the students to accelerate in their respective careers, fields and are important for their all-round development.

Prof. Sehgal appreciated the Head Training & Placement Department, Dr. Obbu Chandra, and his entire team for making the event a grand success.

Institute's Registrar, Prof. Syed Kaiser Bukhari said motivational talks help students to believe in themselves and empower their confidence. It is always essential for students to

stay motivated and have faith in themselves, he said.

On the occasion, Mir Faizan shared the journey of TEDx to Kashmir. He also made students aware of the topics to be covered during the mega TEDxNITSrinagar event.

He introduced TEDx and the Mini TEDxNITSrinagar competition to the audience and wished good luck to the participants.

Mir later thanked the sponsors of this event Broadway Education Hub, Resonance Eduventures, Chanakya IAS Academy, Web Cycle, and WHSS for supporting TEDs mission of sharing 'Ideas worth Spreading.'

Public Notice

My name has been wrongly written in my driving license bearing DL No: JK13200927684 as Ishaq Ahmed Padder While my correct name is .Ishaq Ahmed Padder
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R/O Checkiwangund Anantnag which needs immediate correction. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his / her objection in the office of the ARTO Pulwama within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.
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Office Of The Assistant Regional Transport Officer Budgam Kashmir

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Online applications are invited for the admission in various trades/courses for the academic session april 2022

| S.No | Name of Trade | Req Qual | Duration | Scheme |
|------|----------------------------|----------|------------|----------------------|
| 1 | Network Technician | Matric | Six months | NCVT (self-fi nance) |
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The online application forms are invited through the link <http://itiadmission.jkdsd.org> after the finalizing the online form the candidate has to pay fee for the trade in which he/she is seeking admission against cash receipt in the Industrial Training Institute kulgam w.e.f 01-04-2021 to 15-04-2022 .The criteria for seeking admission in ITI Kulgam is the candidate must possess the eligibility qualification & having minimum age of 14 years with no bar for upper age

The complete application form should be accompanied by self attested copies.

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- 1559 - England & France sign 1st Treaty of Le Cateau-Cambrésis
- 1745 - Austria & Bavaria sign peace
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- 1865 - Battle of Selma, Alabama, Union forces break Confederates defenses to secure the town
- 1883 - Battle at Bamako: French assault on Fabous arm forces attack
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- 192 - Albert Einstein lectures in New York City on his new "Theory of Relativity"
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From KO Archives
'I Want To Be With My Family Now'
Farooq Announces Retirement From Politics

Observer News Service

Jammu- The Chief minister Farooq Abdullah today made the dramatic announcement of his "retirement from active politics" when he said that he will not contest any more elections in future and nor will hold the post of the president" of the ruling National Conference. "I will not seek any election after the term of present Assembly is over and will quit as national Conference president, before the end of the term of my government" Abdullah said.

Farooq's announcement, both sudden and unexpected, stunned the entire House, especially the members of the ruling National Conference, which he made in course of his reply to the debate on the motion of thanks to the governor's address. "I want to devote my whole time to my family. Let the National Conference look for some new leader" Farooq said.

Abdullah's dramatic announcement was first taken by some members as an "April Fool" joke, but when he went on to talk about the issue, in course of his speech, the ruling party members could be seen in a state of shock and disbelief, both. Incidentally Farooq's "retirement" announcement comes within less than 24 hours of a similar statement made by the Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee in the Lok Sabha that it was his last election" and he would never contest again.

What has prompted Abdullah, to take such an extreme decision, political observers here believe, was the "poor performance of the National Conference" both on the political and administrative fronts, with senior leaders taking hardly any interest in strengthening the party at grass root level.

Abdullah expressed his displeasure over the performance of National Conference ministers, at the meeting of the party's working committee, at which he is reported to have openly talked about his intentions to overhaul his cabinet. "My first experience has not worked well. Now, there will be an altogether different team" Farooq is believed to have told his party leaders at the working committee meeting.

In his speech in the Assembly today, Abdullah showered praises on the BJP led government and appreciated its "secular pronouncements" expressing the hope that new government under the "inspiring leadership" Vajpayee would strengthen the country and promote brotherhood and amity. He also hoped that the tyranny of Pakistan on Kashmir would come to an end and "Azad Kashmir" under "illegal occupation of Pakistan" would once again become the part of this state. He referred to Pakistan's abetment to militancy and firing by its soldiers in border areas and said that Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee should "forcefully" tell Pakistan to stop all this. "We don't want war but peace. But at the same time we cannot allow the number of graveyards increasing", he said regretting that hot line between the Prime Ministers of India and Pakistan failed to stop the border firing.

Abdullah ruled out any talks with the militants or other people, outside the gambit of Indian constitution and said that no Indian Prime Minister can ever think of a dialogue with people who had no faith in Indian constitution. "Who can accept militants or Pakistan's illogical plea that Jammu and Kashmir is a disputed territory", he wondered and said that even those who were aspiring to sit on the chair now held by Vajpayee, could have afforded to yield to such an "absurd proposition".

Without naming Hurriyat leaders, Abdullah said that some elements who while living in India are freely visiting Pakistan high commission in Delhi, enjoy dinners, accept money and other facilities and dance to the tune of that country. It is the greatness of India to have such people here and asked "Is this possible in Pakistan". Without naming Mufti Mohammad Syed, who has been advocating an unconditional dialogue with the separatist political leaders and militants, Abdullah said those making such a demand should first consider the "national interest" before saying anything on the issue.

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ADVENTURES IN ARCHIVES

Defeating Smoking

The deadly grip of smoking, right from the initial, experimental puffs to the full blown habit of never being at ease without a cigarette clipped between the lips, is impossible to shake off without a high level of determination, and often, professional help. Blessed are those who never start, for they do not burn a hole in their pockets, nor run the risk of contracting a plethora of dreaded diseases, cancer being just one.

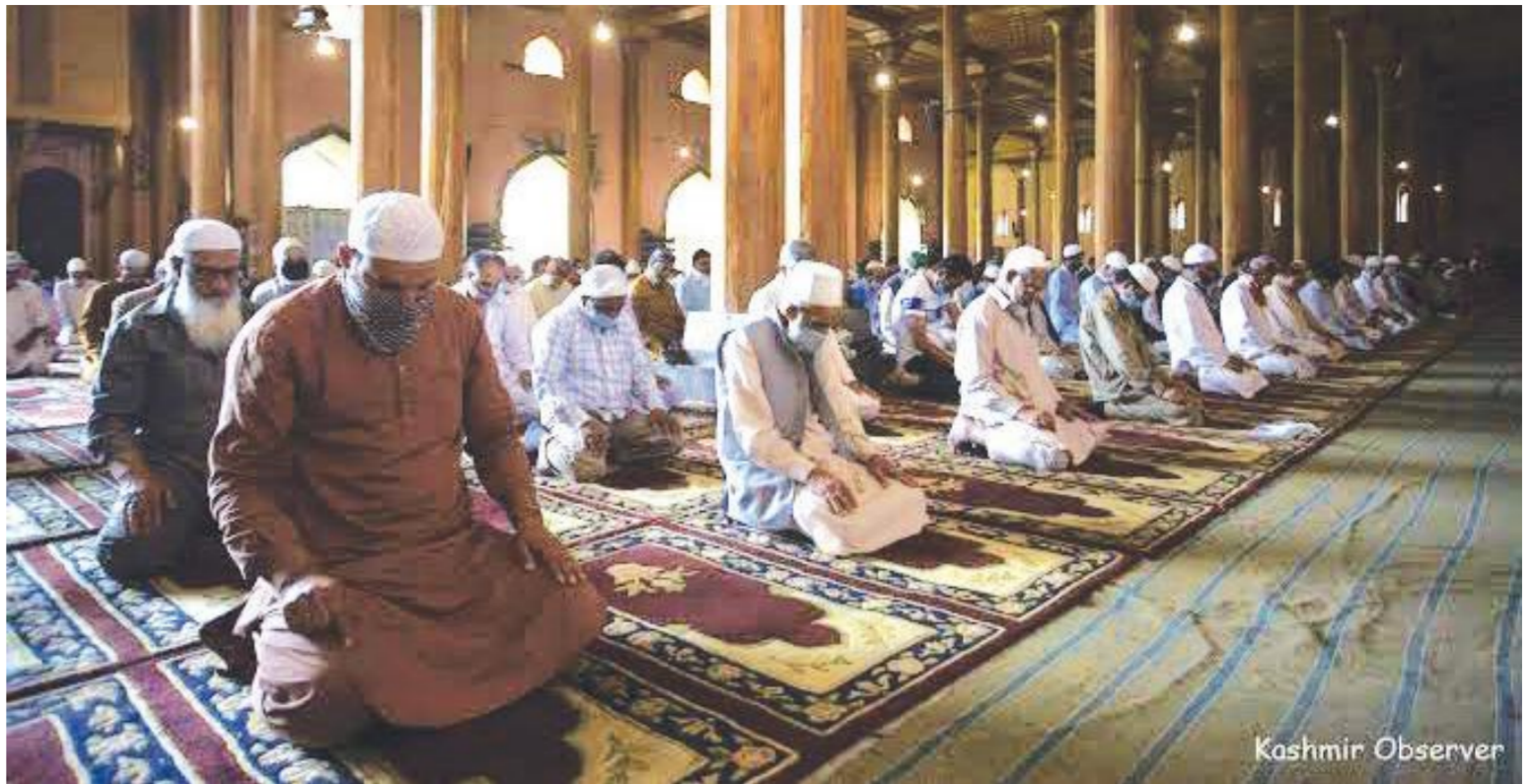
A hard-hitting campaign to offset the feeling of machismo of a young novice with the grim and gruesome image of hollowed out skull-bones could keep a lot of youngsters off the habit, and compel many a confirmed smoker to kick the addiction, but the government agencies concerned do not pursue the idea to its full potential, perhaps out of respect for the billions of rupees earned from the sale of cigarettes.

Given the hundreds of thousands of smoking related deaths every year in the country, one would have expected the government to launch a war on the scourge on every possible front – the ban of smoking in public places is a good step, but incorrigible smokers will find their secluded refuge anywhere to have their surreptitious puff. It is these die-hard acolytes who have to be won over to an alternative lifestyle which does not require them to put their health and wealth at risk. It is a psychological battle with long-held notions that has to be won, and health companies, which are at the forefront of enumerating the evils of smoking, could do their bit by devising antidotes that could help “victims” reduce their dependence on the lethal puff. Even the ban on smoking in public places needs to be enforced with a zeal rivaling that of a crusade if the non-smoking public is to be spared the toxic effects of inhaling carcinogenic fumes.

The cost of preventive measures, including the admittedly expensive anti-smoking publicity campaign and medical antidotes to the curse, should be offset with the cost to the nation in terms of dealing with the deadly diseases spawned by smoking. The figures of the liability in financial terms have not been communicated forcefully enough if at all such a study has been conducted in the country. The facts on this count could persuade policy makers and planners to devote adequate funding to the various aspects of the anti-smoking drive.

Of particular use could be generating a stigma against smoking through all means possible to make the act unattractive to youngsters, large numbers of whom are falling into the habit by the day. The menace has to be tackled using the same techniques as for promoting a product, only the corporate wagon has to run in reverse in this case. A beginning could be made by highlighting the blessedness of good health and the limitless possibilities of a healthy person, and juxtaposing it with the severe limitations of a victim stricken by smoking related diseases. Ad gurus could go a bit further by identifying non-smokers with those most successful with the fairer gender, and smokers among unsatisfying performers. By portraying the smoker as the one who loses the race for the damsel because of his unattractive habit, a large dent could be made in the incidence of smoking. If it really sets its mind to it, the media can turn non-smoking into a fashion statement, one that comes without a hefty bill. The prettiest damsel in this case could go to the hunk who has never touched a cigarette in his life. If the dream-sellers could conjure up feminine disapproval for the habit, it would act as a powerful disincentive to those inclined to grab a pack just to impress the ladies. But the question is: Will the ad world play?

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Fasting – Spirit and Body

Amir Suhail Wani

“This abstinence from otherwise legitimate things during fasting very much enables the believer to abstain from prohibited acts in other times of the year. In fasting does one realise his potential to overcome the forces of body and win over the forces of evil both within and without. Shall this realisation and spirit continue for the entire cycle of year, it is no wonder that one shall find God in his vicinity and one may discover, within his own self, the material and spiritual possibilities of which one has hitherto been unaware of

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin noted that man is not a physical being with spiritual possibilities, instead man is a spiritual being having physical form. This primacy of spirit, which is at the root of all religious traditions of the world forms a referent for understanding the concept of worship. Worship is essentially a phenomenon pertaining to spiritual domain. But for the fact man participates in corporeal existence, almost all acts of worship involve the participation of body. But the participation of body shall not blind us from looking into the spiritual and Transcendental aspects of worship which forms the heart of it. Like other religions, Islam too places primarily emphasis on the spiritual faculties of man and addresses it variously in various contexts. The institution and the concept of worship, as it exists in Islam aims at sacralizing the whole existence of man.

Islam is not content, nor does it approve, the gymnastics of limbs in acts of worship whereas the heart and soul of man remains oblivious of God. In all its acts of worship,

Islam seeks to impart in the very existence of man, the notion of God consciousness and imbue in him the spirit of divine presence. This is what Prophet (saw) wanted to emphasise when he said about prayers that if one can't see God while he is praying, he must remember that God is seeing him. This feeling of living “in presence of divine” lies at the core of entire Islamic tradition and it manifests in all of its manifestations.

The case of fasting is no different. Fasting reinforces our belief in the phenomenon that we are living in presence of divine. Fasting, as Maulana Maudoodi writes “is a form of Ibadah which is entirely private.... The private nature of God ensures that you have strong faith in God as the one who knows everything. Only if your faith is true and strong, you will not dream of eating or drinking secretly”. Now by the very nature of this proposition, anybody who fasts must believe that he is perpetually under divine surveillance. This sense invokes in man his dormant spiritual possibilities, which are otherwise subjected to latency by our gross engagement in the realm of matter. In fasting, we withdraw from the realm of Manifest matter and start our journey to the Transcendent realm of invisible with a belief and fervor, the impact of which is very much visible in our conduct during the “fasting duration”. But here lies the basic perversion of our thinking that it is

only “during fasting” or only during this particular month that the emotions of self and God consciousness touch crests in our lives. For the rest of time, our lives traverse the usual mundane trajectory of forgetfulness and God unconsciousness. We tend to gloss over the fact that Islam does not see worship as part of life, rather it sees life as a worship itself. The month of Ramadan is only a reminder to this end. Jigar Muradabadi beautifully verified it as:

“Mehvi Tasbee toh sab hai magar idraak kaha
Zindagi khud hi ibadat hai magar hosh nahi”

Presence has often been described as the summit of religious experience. Fasting is the prolongation and permanence of this experience. Fasting makes man to feel in presence of divine, in the very bosom of God, in perpetual Transcendence. Every time one feels hungry, tired, thirsty and fatigued, one is reminded of God, one recalls God. This connection building is what all our worshipping is about. Maulana Waheed Ud Din Khan while deliberating on the verse pertaining to fasting notes that “Ramadan is the month of heightened God-consciousness”. It is this God consciousness which holds man from indulging in acts of sin because he always finds himself existentially in presence of divine. In fasting the believer abstains from not only prohibited acts and things, but deeds and things which are very legitimate otherwise. This abstinence from otherwise legitimate things during fasting very much enables the believer to abstain from prohibited acts in other times of the year. In fasting does one realise his potential to overcome the forces of body and win over the forces of evil both within and without. Shall this realisation and spirit continue for the entire cycle of year, it is no wonder that one shall find God in his vicinity and one may discover, within his own self, the material and spiritual possibilities of which one has hitherto been unaware of.

Having said so much about the spiritual aspects of fasting, let's turn to its health and biological aspects (which are of course secondary but important). According to research conducted by neuroscientist Mark Mattson and others, cutting your energy intake by fasting several days a week might help your brain ward off neurodegenerative diseases like Al-

zheimer's and Parkinson's while at the same time improving memory and mood. According to Dr. Michael Mosley – author of The Fast Diet books – this eating plan can not only help people lose weight, but it offers an array of other health benefits. “Studies of intermittent fasting show that not only do people see improvements in blood pressure and their cholesterol levels, but also in their insulin sensitivity”. Prof Sassone Corsi observed that “In other words, fasting is able to essentially reprogram a variety of cellular responses. Therefore, optimal fasting in a timed manner would be strategic to positively affect cellular functions and ultimately benefitting health and protecting against aging-associated diseases”. In their research paper titled “Intermittent Fasting: The choice for a healthier lifestyle”, the authors, Kavitha Ganesan, Yacob Habboush, and Senan Sultan noted that “The systematic review found that intermittent fasting was effective for short-term weight loss among normal weight, overweight and obese people. Randomized controlled trials with long-term follow-up period are needed to follow the adherence to diet and long-term maintenance of weight loss without regaining the lost weight.

Future studies should also include specific subgroups of the population such as individuals with cardiovascular risk factors and type 2 diabetes mellitus as these patient population benefit more from weight loss which may modify the disease process. In summary, obesity and overweight is an international health crisis, and interventions such as ADF are needed to help people to achieve weight loss”.

With this abundance of spiritual and physical benefits it shall inspire us all the more to hold on to God's command that “Oh you who believe! Fasting is prescribed to you as it was prescribed to those before you, that you may learn piety and righteousness”. Even the Bible, as a former scripture goes on to say “Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my attendants will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish”.

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Freeze Out: On Fuel Price Hike After A 137-Day Pause

On Tuesday, after possibly the longest pause, of 137 days, in India's retail fuel prices in recent years, oil marketing companies raised petrol and diesel prices by about 80 paise a litre, following up with a similar increase on Wednesday. A 50 hike was also effected in domestic cooking gas prices. Fuel prices were last tweaked in November 2021, following the Deepavali-eve cut in petrol and diesel excise duties. The interregnum between then and now, coinciding with the five Assembly election battles, also witnessed the sharpest spike in global crude oil prices among recent instances of price freezes in India's “deregulated” petroleum products market. From around \$73 a barrel on November 4, crude prices

are now around \$110 after shooting past \$130, immediately after Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Ordinarily, oil marketing companies reset retail prices daily, based on an average of the previous 15 days' global prices for their preferred basket of crude. The Government has distanced itself from fuel pricing decisions, asserting there was no official directive to keep prices down. There is no evidence that oil firms had built up such large strategic reserves at earlier prices that they did not need to react to an over 50% cost surge for a commodity whose demand

is met largely through imports. That price hikes, in small doses, have begun only after government formation in poll-bound States, makes it abundantly clear that a nudge and a wink from the majority owner of the state-run oil players had goaded them into swallowing higher costs, compelling private players to follow suit to compete. Holding free market prices hostage to electoral politics, deployed ever so often in recent years, including the last time these five States went to the polls and the 2019 Lok Sabha campaign, is po-

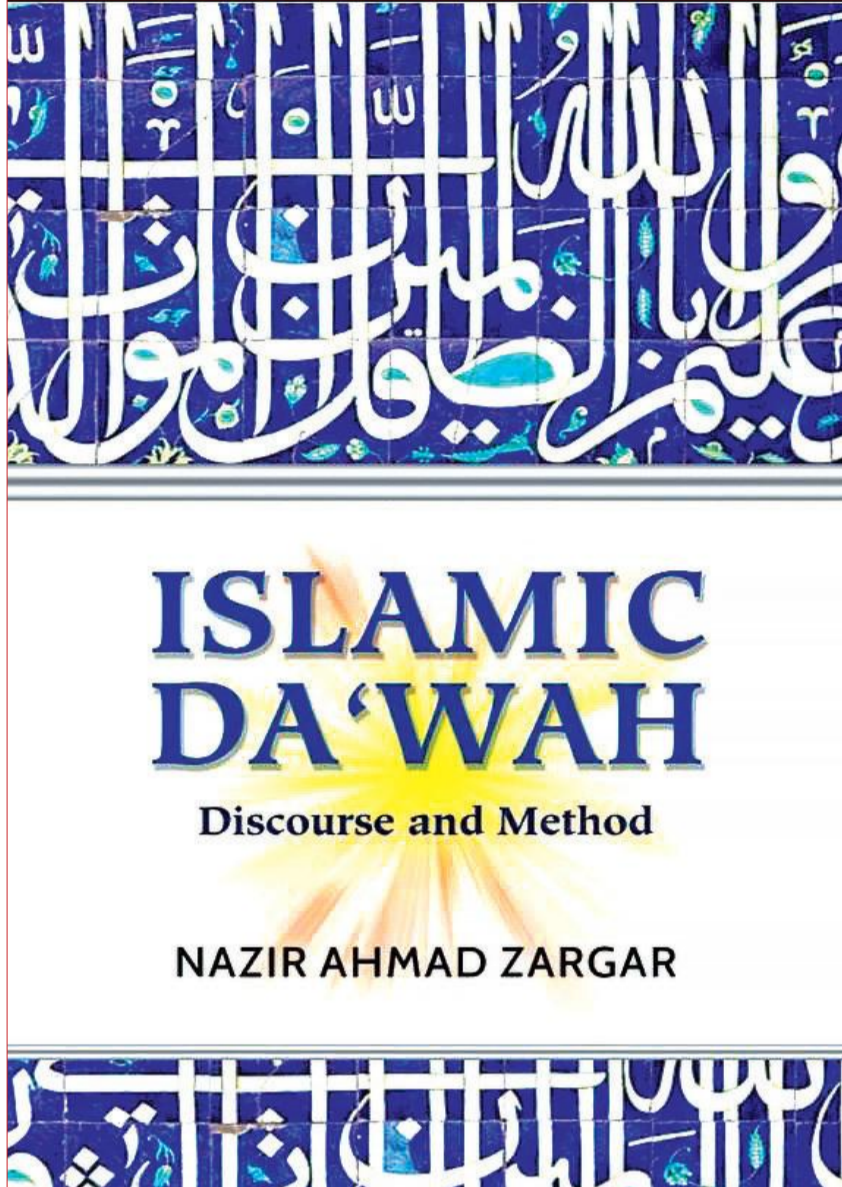
litically unfair, economically untenable and reflects an extremely cynical state machinery deployment tactic. That bulk diesel prices have been raised by 25 per litre to 122, indicates that several more hikes are in the offing to close the gap between costs and pump prices. Inflation, already above the comfort level, may rise further and the Government may intervene with more duty cuts at some point. But there are larger red flags to fret about. No sane global investor will bid for Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited, for instance, if pricing freedom is effectively cur-

tailed after an Election Commission of India (ECI) briefing. This practice warrants wider consternation, not only because it undermines a level-playing electoral field in favour of the ruling dispensation but also opens the door for more such creeping dictats or deviations from policy positions for temporary gains in voter perceptions. Just as mysterious fuel pricing decisions have become par for the course, other transient departures from stated policy can also become governance habits. While governments are obviously tempted to create optics of benevolence towards the common voter, the ECI needs to rise up to take a firm stand on reversals or deferrals of routine decisions in poll season.

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Introducing Dr Nazir Ahmad Zargar's Commendable Work on Islamic Da'wah

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“The book throws light on the conceptual aspects of Da'wah, development of Da'wah methodology, prominent Da'wah organizations, qualities of a Dai and communication skills, and current challenges and the Da'wah methodology to be adopted in contemporary global society

Dr Tauseef Ahmad Parray

'Islamic Da'wah: Discourse and Method' is a valuable addition and a commendable work on this subject which will prove helpful both to students and Da'wah activists—

Da'wah (preaching of Islam) is one of the notable topics in Islam and a significant genre of Islamic scholarship, to which both Muslims and non-Muslims have contributed significantly. Numerous works have been written on the subject of Da'wah—its philosophy, methodology, pedagogy, prominence, tactics, discourse, and other allied dimensions in various languages, especially Arabic, Urdu and English. Some recent works, whether from globally reputed publishing houses/ companies or from different parts of India, include: Patrick Sookhdeo, *Dawa: The Islamic Strategy for Reshaping the Modern World* (Isaac Publishing, 2014); Mathew J Kuiper, *Da'wah and Other Religions: Indian Muslims and the Modern Resurgence of Global Islamic Activism* (Routledge, 2018) and *Da'wa: A Global History of Islamic Missionary Thought and Practice* (Edinburgh, 2021); Wahiduddin Khan, *Da'wa Made Simple* (Goodword Books, 2015) and *Da'wa: The Mission of Muslim Ummah* (Goodword Books, 2018); Jamal Malik, Itzhak Weismann, *Culture of Da'wah: Islamic Preaching in the Modern World* (University of Utah Press, 2020); and Sheikh Khalid Amin, *Da'wah the Lost Art of the Call of Islam* (Book Power Publishing, 2021).

One significant addition to this rich genre of scholarship is Dr Nazir Ahmad Zargar's *Islamic Da'wah: Discourse and Method*. Published by Kitab Mahal Publishers (Lal Bazar Srinagar)—a unit of Sheikh Bashir Ahmad and Sons (Tarjan-e-Kutub)—the book discusses in detail all the dimensions of Da'wah vis-à-vis contemporary relevance.

Dr Zargar is a prominent writer and preacher on diverse aspects of Islam. He has received higher degrees (MA, MPhil and PhD) in Islamic Studies and has previously taught at Shah-i-Hamdan Institute of Islamic Studies (SHIIS), University of Kashmir (KU) and is presently working as Assistant Professor in the Department of Religious Studies at Central University of Kashmir.

Divided into six (6) chapters excluding Introduction, the book throws light on the conceptual aspects of Da'wah, development of Da'wah methodology, prominent Da'wah organizations, qualities of a Dai and communication skills, and current challenges and the Da'wah methodology to be adopted in contemporary global society. These chapters are preceded by 'Publisher's Note' (pp. 5-6), Preliminary Notes (pp.13-14), Acknowledgements (pp. 15-16), Transliteration Scheme (p.17) and Preface to the Second Edition

(pp.19-20) and end with a comprehensive Bibliography (pp. 273-79) and Index (pp.281-87).

The book has 'endorsements' from such reputed academics like Prof. S. M. Yunus Gilani (presently at IIUM, Malaysia) who happens to be the supervisor of the author; Prof. Naseem Ahmad Shah (former Dean, School of Social Science, KU) and Prof. Bashir Ahmad Nahvi (former Director, Iqbal Institute, KU). They describe this book, respectively, as "valuable/ quite useful", "unique/ commendable addition" and "worthy and laudable".

In the lengthy "Introduction" (pp. 21-58) the author provides a detailed contextual background for performing Da'wah as well as a brief outline of the whole work. Chapter 1, "Da'wah and its Significance" (pp.59-136) discusses at length meanings/definitions, importance, objectives and ways and means of Da'wah. Quoting amply from the Islamic primary sources (Quran and Hadith), the author puts forth the broader perspective of Da'wah when he states: "In the Islamic theology, the purpose of Da'wah is to invite people, both Muslims and non-Muslims, to understand Islam, its faith and practice" (p.60).

Chapter 2 presents a "Brief Historical Survey of the Development of Da'wah Methodology" (pp. 137-154). Here Dr Zargar divides it into three main phases—The Initial, Second and Third Phase, which cover the eras of the Prophet, pious caliphate and Umayyads and Abbasids, respectively—and begins with this statement which is crux of this chapter: "From the very beginning Islam bears the stamp of a religion if Da'wah that seeks to win hearts and minds to lead them to their Creator—Allah. As it was in the beginning, so has it continued to the present day" (p.137). This is followed by two more sections, which respectively focus on "Da'wah and the Later Generations" (pp. 146-151) and "Da'wah and Spread of Islam in India" (pp. 151-154). In the last section, he enlists four (4) major factors "responsible for the spread of Islam in India" which include: 1) Da'wah activities of the Sufis; 2) and Da'wah efforts of the Muslim traders (p. 151) as both have played a "commendable" and "prominent role" (p. 152).

Chapter 3, "The Contemporary Da'wah Movements" (pp. 155-191), discusses the contribution of four major Islamic movements/ organizations and "their Da'wah methodologies", namely al-Ikhwan al Muslimun/ Muslim Brotherhood of Egypt, Tablighi Jammat, Jamaat-i-Islami and Jamiyyat-i-Ahl-i-Hadith of India (p. 155) while not overlooking their "Weaknesses" (pp.188-191). In his analysis, the major factor responsible for the failure of these movements is that "they have not practiced perfectly what they preached" (p. 190).

Chapter 4, "Communicational Perspective of Da'wah" (pp. 193-212), discusses the essential qualities to be possessed by a Dai (both at individual level and as a member of any organization); different classes or types

of Mad'uwwin/ those who are invited and their qualities; and importance of language in Da'wah as a means of communication between Dai and his addressees. This chapter too is mostly based on the verses of the Quran.

Chapter 5, "Da'wah and Contemporary Global Society" (pp. 213-266), attempts to highlight in a detailed manner the nature and problems of the contemporary global society as well as the Da'wah methodology to be adopted within such circumstances so that to overcome the challenges of diverse nature (political, socio-cultural, civilizational, ideological, ethico-spiritual, etc.) and to meet the demands of the contemporary global society. For him, the contemporary society faces a "multi-faceted and multidimensional vacuum ... and no system or 'ism' other than Islam can fill this vacuum" (p. 253); therefore, "contemporary society demands that Islam should be presented as the most rational, problem solving and, above all, God-given Revelation for the guidance of man" (p. 263).

The book ends with chapter 6, "Conclusion" (pp.267-272), wherein the author highlights the role and significance of the Da'wah throughout history as well as focuses on the methods/ modes and the methodology to be adopted by the Da'wah organizations so that the negative image of Islam is replaced with its pristine image, which is mainly because of the "lack of well-organized Da'wah based upon the Quranic [principles of] hikmah and maw'izah hasanah"—i.e., wisdom and beautiful preaching, as in Q. 16:125 (p.267). Besides the movements or organizations, he also refers to "other ways and trends operating in many corners of the Muslim world to present Islam to the people of all shades" (p.268) and some of these include "inter-religious dialogue", "holding debates with people of other faiths", "freedom of choice" and "to participate in essay competition on a particular Islamic theme" (pp. 268-271).

Though the book is rich in its contents and discussions on varied aspects of Da'wah however there are many typo and technical errors from beginning to end; for example, 'analyzes', 'Meaning somebody's presence', 'brign/ opponents', 'chordial' revied' and '...organizations which conducting essay contests' (pp. 57, 59n, 268, 269, 272). The book consists of six chapters and in the outline provides in Introduction it mentions that it has only five chapters (p.57).

Keeping aside these slips, *Islamic Da'wah: Discourse and Method* is indeed a valuable addition and a commendable work on this subject and will prove helpful both to the students as well as to the general readers and Da'wah activists.

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Leave the Bad Habits Behind This RAMADAN

HANAN BASHER

I remember the first Ramadan I experienced during the pandemic where people around me, including myself, felt disappointed for not being able to go to the mosque and not being able to get-together for iftar. I guess for many of us, not being able to engage in our regular Ramadan activities had added or exacerbated the sense of isolation that we were going through physically because of the restrictions.

There was an interesting turn of events for some though and their Ramadan experiences were different as a result of Pandemic lockdowns, with a few mothers mentioning how Ramadan was great for them. For them, it was a Ramadan that the whole family was present together at home as was the case for many other families. They made time to recite Qur'an during the day, had iftar together and prayed taraweeh together. A good number of these families did not pray together and certainly not taraweeh because the fathers tended to go to the masjid and the mothers stayed at home with the younger children.

I give the above as an example of how our reality can be different to our expectations. That an expected loss could fruit an unexpected gain for us.

Doesn't fasting involve a loss although temporarily? Fasting in Islam is the abstaining from eating, drinking and intimate relations from dawn (fajr) to sunset (maghrib). For what purpose? For the purpose of gaining Allah's pleasure and attaining taqwa:

Staying with the theme of "loss", let's turn our attention to having a transformational Ramadan and assessing what the road ahead looks like for us. Firstly, I think thinking about

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obstacles now and addressing them can really help so asking yourself:

What are the small pebbles you can lose, get rid off, eliminate from your path?

THE TO LOSE LIST

These could be a range of things so sit and make a list, it may be words, actions and ways of thinking that you find unhelpful, even acknowledging they exist is a step to change and improve. They could be things that you consider outright 'bad' like overeating, gossiping or negative self talk. The 'to lose list' could include things that are no longer serving you like being too accommodating or being too firm with those in your life.



This way of thinking of goals to set is particularly handy if you have been feeling stuck and unable to move forward with your own vision in life. That your dreams have stayed dreams for so long and you seem to be hitting a brick wall in your attempts to transform them into realities. It is normal to experience moments and stages of struggle we all do go through stages of difficulty.

SETTING ACHIEVABLE GOALS

Often goals especially for Ramadan can be so unachievable that we begin to feel disheartened in even achieving them. One of the processes of setting achievable and exciting plans in setting our goals is actually being able to see and feel those goals. Setting micro goals and easy goals also can help us in feeling like we are progressing and achieving.

JOURNAL YOUR THOUGHTS

Sometimes pre-Ramadan we have a lot of thoughts on what Ramadan can look like and to process some of these thoughts starting with a pen and paper can really help us look at the brick wall and expectations. Perhaps explore your barriers and find out what they are. What are you ready to let go off and want to make this Ramadan an opportunity to do so?

Do your best to phrase your goals in a 'do' format and not in 'don't' format. Keep it simple and relevant, them

LANGUAGE MATTERS

Phrasing of your goal: this is particularly important in goals that involve stopping doing something or not wanting to do something. If I say, 'I don't want to be late to salah', my mind will form an im-

age. An image of me rushing wudu and rushing through the prayer to make it just in time'. Personally speaking, that image fills me with guilt and shame. Subconsciously I won't want to pursue a goal that makes me feel like that. However, if I say, 'I communicate with my Rabb (Lord) as soon as He calls me for success'. This time, I see myself smiling, I feel a warm fuzzy feeling in my chest as I imagine hearing the mu'thin say "Hurry to success!". That's something I would want to work toward. So consider the language you use when constructing plans and goals.

KEEP IT SIMPLE

When it's really simple, it is easier to accomplish and that builds confidence. We learn helpful practices and habits that will be valuable tools

to tackle the more complex and involved goals. So in the example about praying on time, the simplest first step for me could be to set an audible reminder for the time: an alarm or athan app or clock. It could be putting perfume on my prayer dress so I have a positive association with prayer. It could be asking family or friends to help me with task A? It could be eliminating task C altogether? It could be to keep my phone on silent so I am efficient with using my time.

KEEP IT RELEVANT

Think about what is important to you in your current situation and what goals actually work for you as ultimately you know your situation and what you need this Ramadan- it also allows the goals to be sustainable and achievable.

I began the steps of setting goals with the theme of giving up a bad habit and am aware that this could be one of the most challenging themes. It takes self awareness and digging deeper to uncover the real reasons for not letting go of the unhelpful habit or way of thinking. But it's worth it when you start pulling that wall apart and exploring it, piece by piece. Interestingly, some people realise that the wall was made of cardboard and walk right through it. Others found that while the wall was dizzyingly high it was also short and they walked around it.

Until next time... happy demolishing and May Allah grant us all a successful Ramadan that nourishes us and allows us to gain the pleasure of Allah. Ameen

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Srinagar Lifts UT Level Inter-District YSS Kabaddi Cup 2021 Title



Beats Jammu in finals, DC Budgam felicitates participants

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BUDGAM: Srinagar Kabaddi team on Friday lifted the title of UT Level Inter District Kabaddi Boys Open YSS Cup-2021. The tournament was organised by Jammu and Kashmir Youth Services and Sports, in which as many as 20 teams participated. Srinagar won against the Jammu team with almost 18 points lead in the final of the tournament held at Shaheed Aga Syed Mehdi Sports Stadium, Budgam. Speaking on the occasion as Chief Guest, the Deputy Commissioner Budgam, Shahbaz Ahmed Mirza congratulated both

winner and runner up teams for their exemplary performance throughout the tournament. The DC said that special focus is given for sports promotion in the district and efforts are on to ensure more better sports related facilities are created across the district. Lauding the YSS Budgam for holding a series of sports related activities in the district, the DC said the main objective of these tournaments is to build sportsmanship among the youth and provide them a platform to showcase their skills and talent. The DC also felicitated various sports persons for their exemplary performance in different sports activities on the occasion. Among others, District YSS Officer Masrat Jan, Dy. SP Headquarter Naeem Ahmad and other officers and officials were also present on the occasion.

BS&G Organises Trekking Expedition



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SRINAGAR: The J&K chapter of Bharat Scouts & Guides conducted a one day Divisional Level trekking cum environment awareness programme from Asthan Pora Brain Nishat to Gophabal Zabawan mountain here on Friday. The camp was flagged off by Farooq Ganderbali, a well known social activist, District commissioner adult Resources Scouts District Ganderbal and President Youth Development Forum J&K. About 100 scouts, Guides, Rovers & Rangers of District Ganderbal, Kupwara, Srinagar and Pulwama participated in the trekking programme. The programme was organised under the supervision of Gulshan Ara, State Commissioner Adult Resources Guide Wing cum Jt. State Administrative Officer J&K Bharat Scouts & Guides and with the guide of Sheikh Mohammad Shafi, Jt. State Secretary, Hamida Sheikh, Jt. State

Commissioner Rangers and Hamida Bano, Jt. State Organizing Commissioner Guides with the Support of Staff members of State Headquarter J&K Bharat Scouts and Guides Srinagar and escorting teachers who came from different districts. Basharat Saleem, District Organizing Commissioner (S) Pulwama Bharat Scouts and Guides, was also present in the programme and entertained all the participants during the trekking programme. All the participants enjoyed the programme to the fullest. Two expert Rovers from the locality guided the participants all along the track. The dedication of these two Rovers was highly appreciated by the Jt. State Secretary in his closing speech. The purpose of the trekking programme was to educate the participants about the environment and nature study and culture exchange between different Districts.

Baramulla Annual Cricket Award Ceremony Held



DC emphasises on youth to take full advantage of the platform

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BARAMULLA: In order to boost the morale of the cricket players and to encourage sports activities among the youth, an annual award ceremony was held on Friday at Dak Bungalow, here. On the occasion, cricketers were awarded for the best performance and contribution they have shown in the sports field. The Annual award ceremony was organised by Sultan Warriors Cricket Club which was presided over by Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Bhupinder Kumar as the chief guest. On the occasion, the DC extended his warm greetings to the

cricket players who have shown exemplary achievements and contributions in the cricket and hoped that they would inspire other youth to engage them in sports activities. He urged upon the youngsters to work hard in the sports field and come out as the legends in National and International level. The DC also sought suggestions from the prominent sports lovers and youngsters for the upgradation of sports infrastructure in the district during which he assured them full cooperation and reiterated that upgradation of sports infrastructure will be among the top priorities of the district administration. Meanwhile, media persons of the district were also felicitated on the occasion for their active cooperation in covering and highlighting the sports events in the district.

Qatar Stages Draw For World Cup Amid Protests



Agencies

DOHA: Coaches and football officials are gathering in Qatar for Friday's draw for the Middle East's first World Cup. There will be 37 nations involved in the draw ceremony but five teams will ultimately not reach the tournament, which begins on Nov. 21. The full lineup will not be known until at least June, when the intercontinental playoffs and the final European qualifiers are completed. The show at the Doha Exhibition & Convention Center starts at 7 p.m. (1600 GMT) and lasts one hour. Teams will be split into eight groups of four, with 16 advancing from the group stage. The day began with a protest

outside FIFA headquarters in Zurich. German artist Volker-Johannes Trieb used balls filled with sand to protest against the suffering of migrant workers in Qatar who have worked on the infrastructure related to the World Cup. **QATARI OFFICIAL: RAINBOW FLAGS MAY BE TAKEN TO PROTECT FANS** Rainbow flags could be taken from fans at the World Cup in Qatar to protect them from being attacked for promoting gay rights, a senior leader overseeing security for the tournament told The Associated Press. Major General Abdulaziz Abdullah Al Ansari insisted that LGBTQ couples would be welcomed and accepted in Qatar for the Nov. 21-Dec. 18 FIFA showpiece despite same-sex relations remaining criminalized in the conservative Gulf nation. But Al Ansari is against the overt promotion of LGBTQ freedoms as symbolized by the rainbow flag that FIFA and World Cup organizers had previously said would be welcome across Qatar's eight stadiums. "If he (a fan) raised the rainbow flag and I took it from him, it's not because I really want to, really, take it, to really insult him, but to protect him," Al Ansari told the AP. "Because if it's not me, somebody else around him might attack (him)... I cannot guarantee the behaviour of the whole people. And I will tell him: 'Please, no need to really raise that flag at this point.'"

FULL DRAW ANNOUNCED

Qatar will stage the first World Cup ever to be held in the Arab world. The tournament will also be the first World Cup not to be held in May, June, or July, instead of taking place in November and December, in a reduced timeframe of just 28 days. The draw for the FIFA 2022 World Cup in Qatar is over. Follow along to find the draw for Groups A-H below:

- Group A:** Qatar (hosts), Netherlands, Senegal, Ecuador
- Group B:** England, United States, Iran, Wales/Scotland/Ukraine
- Group C:** Argentina, Mexico, Poland, Saudi Arabia
- Group D:** France, Denmark, Tunisia, Peru/Australia/UAE
- Group E:** Spain, Germany, Japan, Costa Rica/New Zealand
- Group F:** Belgium, Croatia, Morocco, Canada
- Group G:** Brazil, Switzerland, Serbia, Cameroon
- Group H:** Portugal, Uruguay, South Korea, Ghana

JKP's Farooq Ahmad To Officiate At 2022 Asian Games In China

DGP J&K congratulates the official; says proud moment for J&K Police



Observer News Service

JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir Police's SgCt Farooq Ahmad Bhat has been selected as International Technical Officer (ITO, Race Official) in Dragon Boat Sports event for the upcoming 19th Asian Games 2022 Hangzhou, China. The Director General of Police J&K, Dilbag Singh has congratulated the police officer. In his message the DGP congratulated Farooq for his remarkable feat and said that it will inspire other sportspersons in JKP to work hard for achieving big goals. The

DGP said that the selection of the official is a proud moment for J&K Police and hoped that he will continue to work with more dedication in future also. The DGP wished him good luck for the assignment. Farooq Ahmad Bhat who is presently Assistant Coach Water Sports Team of J&K Police is International Dragon Boat Federation Grade-1 Race official and has represented India as Race official during World Championship at Kunming, China in 2017, and also as coach in World championship at Pataya, Thailand 2019.

India's GS Lakshmi Is Match Referee For Women's World Cup Final



Press Trust of India

CHRISTCHURCH: India's GS Lakshmi, the first woman ever in the ICC international panel of match referees, will be the match referee for the Women's World Cup final between England and Australia here on Sunday. Lakshmi also has the distinction of being the first woman match referee in men's ODIs, having stood in the role during the World Cup League 2 in the UAE in December 2020. The Women's World Cup final at the Hagley Oval will be overseen by four women match officials—the first such instance in cricket history. Australia and England are set to face off in the final after having outplayed West Indies and South Africa respectively in the semi-finals. South Africa's Lauren Agenbag and Kim Cotton of New Zealand have been named the two on-

field umpires, while West Indies' Jacqueline Williams will officiate as the TV umpire. Cotton was the only match official during the 2020 Women's T20 World Cup final between Australia and India at the MCG, having stood as the on-field umpire alongside Ahsan Raza. Williams, who hails from Jamaica, became the first female to officiate as the third umpire in men's international cricket in 2020, having fulfilled the role during West Indies' three-match home T20I series against Ireland. Langton Rusere of Zimbabwe has been named the fourth umpire. "As part of its strategic commitment to a gender-equitable sport, the ICC has focused on increasing the number of international female match officials, with women comprising eight of the 15 match officials at this event," the game's apex body said ahead of the summit show-down.

Australia's Labuschagne Says Learned From Babar's Masterclass



Reuters

LAHORE: Australia's Marnus Labuschagne did not allow the disappointment of defeat to interfere with his appreciation of Babar Azam's sublime century, saying he learned from the Pakistan captain's masterclass in the second one-dayer on Thursday. Babar orchestrated Pakistan's record chase of 349 with a masterly 114 of 83 balls, denying Australia an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series. The elegant right-hander, ably supported by fellow centurion Imam-ul-Haq, scored his 15th ODI century in 83 innings, which is the fastest by any batsman. "I enjoyed every minute of watching, it was a pity it was against us," Labuschagne told reporters after their six-wicket defeat in Lahore. "That was a very good innings. I sat back and I took some things on board for my own game to learn from that innings. "To score 100 off 73 balls, he barely put a foot wrong. It was

just phenomenal." Labuschagne praised Imam as well but felt dismissing Babar early in Saturday's decider, also in Lahore, was crucial to clinch the series. "I think if we can find a way to get him out early, put a bit more pressure on the middle to lower order, we have a chance," the 27-year-old said. "He batted us out of the game and fair play to him. It was a tremendous innings." Ben McDermott smashed his maiden international century for Australia and Labuschagne, who made 59, was elated to be at the non-striker's end when his childhood friend brought up his hundred. "We were best mates growing up in Australia. He was over at my house almost every second day, coming on the train home and we used to (play) in my backyard," Labuschagne said. "The hard work that he's putting in domestic cricket in the Big Bash and his four-day game as well has just come such a long way, and I was I was over the moon for him today."

Adidas Unveils 'AL RIHLA', Official Match Ball Of 2022 FIFA WC



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NEW DELHI: Sportswear giant adidas on Friday unveiled Al Rihla -- the official match ball for the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar. It is the 14th successive ball that adidas has created for the FIFA World Cup, designed to support the game at high speed as it travels faster in flight than any other World Cup ball. Al Rihla translates as "the journey" in Arabic and has been inspired by the architecture, iconic boats, and the flag of Qatar.

The ball was designed with the environment at its heart and is the first World Cup ball made using only water-based inks and glues. "Designed after rigorous testing in adidas labs, wind tunnels, and on-pitch, Al Rihla provides the highest level of accuracy and reliability on the field of play, due in part to its new panel shape and surface textures. "An innovative core within the ball is tuned to improve accuracy and consistency, supporting fast, precise play with maximum shape and air retention.

"The ball's polyurethane (PU) skin featuring micro and macro textures and a new 20-piece panel shape enhances aerodynamics to improve the accuracy, flight stability and swerve of shots," said the company in a statement. Al Rihla is the first World Cup ball in the 92-year history of the tournament which will directly contribute to raising funds to positively impact lives across the world, with 1 percent of Al Rihla's net sales going to the Common Goal movement, the release said.

IPL 2022: I Call Myself 'Spin-Fast' Bowler, Says Rashid Khan

'Prefer bowling at 100 kmph rather than 75 kmph'

Press Trust of India

MUMBAI: Rashid Khan has a fast bowler's mindset in a spinner's body with an uncompromising attitude when it comes to ripping his googlies and leg-breaks off the surface at nearly 100 kmph. At 23, the Afghan spinner is the most sought-after T20 freelancer on the global league circuit with 436 wickets in 312 games. Having started the season with an impressive 1/27 for Gujarat Titans, Rashid is extremely hopeful that he can replicate his Sunrisers Hyderabad form for the Hardik Pandya-led franchise. So is Rashid an "aggressive fast bowler at heart" or "a scientist" ready to pull off new tricks? "I am a "spin fast" bowler be-

cause of the pace at which I bowl. It is very hard to spin the ball at that pace and for that I think that it requires a different kind of skill-set," Rashid told PTI in an exclusive interview. "The speed at which I bowl is somewhere between 96 kmph to 100 kmph. It is hard to generate turn at that pace but I would rather bowl at that speed than bring it down to 70 to 75 kmph. "I have always been a big fan of bowling quick leg spin. I have just been trying different experi-

ments with my bowling in the nets and it's really helping," he added. "Consistency is in having that kind of mindset. Yes, that I am capable of delivering it in every stage and hard work and belief in skill sets is something I have always had," he stated. "Doesn't matter where I am playing, against which opposition and what stage of the match, as long as I have that belief and skills, as long as I am giving my 100 percent, that's what matters to me."

