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The first Muslim woman, Dr. Asma Banu, was Appointed the Principal of BMC



Dr. A.S. Asma Banu

Bengaluru (Salar News): For the first time in the history of Bangalore Medical College (BMC), a Muslim woman Dr. Asma Bano has been appointed as the Principal. Dr. Asma was appointed to MC in 2000 after completing her undergraduate and postregistration in medicine from BMRI. She was posted at Victoria Hospital. Seeing her interest and passion in the field of teaching, the students there considered her as their favorite teacher. After that, in 2005 she served as the head of the

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New Delhi: The uniform civil code issue is not only opposed by the Muslim community but also by a host of other religious communities and tribal groups. Even Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the ruling BJP could not have anticipated the furious opposition from his present and former allies when he brought up the uniform civil code issue at his party's gathering in Bhopal.

The AIADMK, the Akali Dal, and other allies of the ruling BJP have all expressed opposition to the proposed UCC, so it appears that the move has backfired. Even Sikh organizations warned of

Not Muslims only, all Religious and Tribal groups oppose UCC



severe repercussions if the government tried to impose UCC.

Ruling parties in the northeast including the NDPP in Nagaland,

the NPP in Meghalaya, and the MNF in Mizoram have opposed the common code on the grounds that it will affect the local tribes' customs and laws, Resolutions against the potential UCC move have been passed by several assemblies in the northeast. Additionally, they warned to break off all connections with the BJP if this step is taken.

While Tamil Nadu's main opposition, the AIADMK, maintained its opposition to the LICC

"Our stand on UCC is explained clearly in our election manifesto for 2019. Read it carefully, and you will understand it clearly," AIADMK general secretary and Leader of the Opposition (LoP), Edappadi K. Palaniswami, or

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MWL Chief's Sermon Writes a New Page in India's Jama Masjid's History

NEW DELHI (Arab News): According to the MWL website, it was the first time in 400 years that a religious figure from outside India had delivered a sermon at the Jama Masjid, Delhi. Al-Issa did so at the invitation of its imam and with a warm welcome from worshippers.

Constructed during the Mughal Empire some 400 years ago, the Masjid-e-Jahan Numa in the north Indian city of Delhi, popularly known as the Jama Masjid, is among the largest, most beautiful,



A standing-room-only congregation heard the first sermon in 400 years at the Jama Masjid. (Supplied)

and most cherished places of worship in the Indian subcontinent.

Although the complex can a c c o m m o d a t e 8 5,000 worshippers, it was standing room only when Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulkarim Al-Issa, secretary-general of the Muslim World League and chairman of the Organization of Muslim Scholars, delivered the Friday sermon on 14th July 23.

Al-Issa arrived in the capital New

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EPS, responded to the media when questioned about his party's stand on the UCC. He noted that the AIADMK's general election manifesto for 2019 mentioned the UCC issue a couple of times

In its chapter 14 titled "Secularism", the manifesto stated, "AIADMK will urge the Government of India not to bring any amendments to the Constitution for a Uniform Civil Code that will adversely affect the religious rights of minorities in India.'

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and ruling DMK chief MK Stalin said if the BJP government really wants to bring uniformity in personal laws it should first bring in the Hindu Marriage Act.

In the tribal state of Chhattisgarh, tribal organizations are also hostile to the UCC. A well-known tribal leader from the state and former Union minister Arvind Netam have cautioned the Modi administration against passing a UCC in a hurry, claiming that it would be impossible to implement in tribal communities without proper input.

80-year-old Netam, the head of the Chhattisgarh Sarva Adivasi Samaj, claims to speak for the state's more than 70 lakh residents and 42 different tribal groups.

In a news conference in Raipur, capital of Chhattisgarh, Netam stated: "A UCC will have an impact on all groups. India has a

Not Muslims only, all Religious and Tribal groups oppose UCC

reputation for being diverse. The Indian government shouldn't launch a UCC in tribal communities right away.

The party has sent a memorandum on the issue to President Droupadi Murmu seeking her intervention in the matter.

"Tribals do not have a codified law. We have customary laws that are well-accepted within our community. It's not that we do not want change... With time, customary laws change too. But we first want the Indian government to understand the tribal system and build confidence among them. Without consultation and dialogue, a UCC is impractical," Netam, who was a minister during Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's government, said. Article 13(3) (a) of the Constitution recognizes the customary rules of tribal communities. According to the Panchayat (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act and the Fifth and Sixth Schedules of the Constitution, the tribal people also have unique rights to land and property, he added.

"For example, marriage, divorce, land rights, religious customs, and several other community rules followed by the tribals will be unlawful if a UCC is implemented... I would say we tribals have the most advanced law when it comes to marriage. A tribal woman has a lot of liberty...

She can walk out the day after getting married, she can get a divorce and marry multiple times," Netam said.

Another tribal leader from Chhattisgarh Amit Iogi son of the state's first Chief Minister Aiit Jogi and heads the Janta Congress Chhattisgarh-Jogi (JCC-J), also supported Netam on this matter "Babasaheb (Ambedkar) could have put UCC in fundamental rights (of the Constitution), but he decided consciously to put it in the Directive Principles of State Policy because he believed that unless and until there is unanimity among all people, there cannot be a UCC," Amit Jogi said.

In Jharkhand, another tribal dominated, ruling JMM and other parties also registered their strong [protest to the move. It is to mention that tribal groups are demanding to be identified as separate religious groups in the forthcoming census. They claimed they are adherent of Sarna dharma which has nothing to do Vedic religion.

On July 4, here in the national capital, a gathering of Sikh organizations took place to talk about the UCC issue. They cautioned the leadership of Modi that attempting to impose UCC would have catastrophic repercussions for the integrity and unity of the country and that the Sikh community would oppose it tenaciously. The meeting was

addressed by former presidents of the Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee (DSGMC), including Paramiit Singh Sarna, Manjit Singh GK, and Harvinder Singh Sarna.

Sarna and GK talked to the media following the meeting to express their opposition to the UCC and how they thought it was an effort to splinter the country.

Speaking with Islamic Voice, Paramjit Singh Sarna said "We passed resolutions demanding the government withdraw the UCC proposal and the recently passed Puniab Government's revision to the Sikh Gurdwara Act".

Sarna asserted that it is useless to contact religious organizations regarding the Law Commission's proposed UCC before a draft has been submitted. Since we cannot express an opinion if we do not understand what is right or wrong about us.

Sikhism, according to Sarna, is a distinct religion that has nothing to do with Vedic religion, and the promises made to the Sikh community upon the country's independence have not yet been fulfilled.

Sarna criticized the AAP's choice to endorse the UCC in response to this correspondent's query and referred to the AAP as the "B-team of the BJP".

Earlier in a statement, SAD national spokesperson Daljit Singh Cheema said, "SAD is of the firm view that implementation of UCC is not in the interests of the minorities in the country. The 21st Law Commission has already opined in its consultation report that UCC is neither desirable nor feasible. Implementation of UCC will affect the civil rights of minorities, and unrest and tension will start in the country."

When questioned if Sikhs assert that they are an autonomous religion but are subject to the Hindu Marriage Act, Sarna said the Anand Marriage Act was partially acknowledged under the UPA government, and we are striving to have it fully accepted. Hinduism, which lacks uniformity

in every way, should adopt UCC if the government is so eager to do so. Sarna said.

After a meeting of Delhi-based Sikh activists on the UCC at Gurdwara Mukheriee Park the Sikh Collective announced the creation of the Sikh Personal Law Board.

"We are a unique and distinct religion but are already facing unification under the name of uniformity of civil laws," said Jagmohan Singh, activist and columnist on Sikh affairs.

A legal expert underlined that the UCC cannot be implemented until and unless Article 371 is scrapped from the statute book which grants security to tribal groups on matters of their customs and personal laws in 11 states including Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Madhya Pradesh.

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Delhi on July 10 at the head of an MWL delegation, following an official invitation from the Indian government. During his trip, he met Indian President Droupadi Murmu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and Minority Affairs Minister Smriti Irani. He also held meetings with senior Indian Islamic scholars and religious leaders of various faiths.

His visit was designed to promote fraternal and friendly dialogue, enhance understanding and cooperation, and discuss many topics of common interest between the faiths, officials said.

"The visit of His Excellency Dr. Mohammed bin Abdulkarim Al-Issa enhances the relations between the two countries as well as relations between Muslims and followers of other faiths in India," Mohammed Abdul Hakkim Al-Kandi, the imam of Jama Masjid, said in a video message for the MWL.

India is home to 1.4 billion people, including about 210 million Muslims who constitute the largest Muslim-minority population in the world. The majority of Indians are Hindus. Other minorities include Jains, Sikhs, Christians, and Buddhists. More than 75 years after India gained its independence, the

country has generally managed to

live up to the ideals of a society in which the followers of many religions can live in harmony and practice their faiths freely. However, inter-communal conflicts have routinely flared, leading to calls for mediation and dialogue.

Religious leaders who were present at Al-Issa's sermon and other events during his visit said they hoped it would further encourage.

Speaking to Arab News, Muddassir Quamar, professor at Jawaharlal Nehru University, said: "Saudi Arabia has been working toward building an interfaith dialogue globally. At a time when the world has witnessed so much division and tension among different cultures and faiths, greater interfaith dialogue can help heal humanity and develop lasting cross-cultural connections.'

He continued: "Saudi Arabia and India are close partners and the abode of two faiths. Islam and Hinduism. Both belief in peace and the universality of humanity, so the visit by Sheikh Al-Issa will help in developing even closer cultural relations between India and Saudi Arabia. Indian Muslims have seen the visit in a positive light."

One of Al-Issa's speeches in the Indian capital, at the Vivekananda

International Foundation, was attended by prominent religious leaders, intellectuals, academics, politicians, and parliamentarians. Among the attendees was Adil Rasheed, a senior Indian strategic affairs and defense policy analyst. "Dr. Al-Issa's message of religious harmony and peace was very well received," Rasheed told Arab

"His scholarship, wisdom, and oratory kept audiences rapt, interspersed with frequent rounds of spontaneous applause.

"Dr. Al-Issa's message of the correct upbringing of children, untainted by radical and extremist thought, was highly appreciated, as was his insistence on the need for constant dialogue between religions and civilizations as the only legitimate means for resolving disputes and misunderstandings." Rasheed's view was seconded by Siraj Kureshi, chairman of the India Islamic Culture Center. "Sheikh Al-Issa is a major personality and a scholar. He has a huge reputation, particularly in the Islamic countries, so wherever he goes people look at him with a lot of respect," he told Arab News. "The message he delivered to Indians was good. His topics were humanity, women empowerment, youth, and education among other

things. These are his qualities.

That is why people like him and listen to him attentively."

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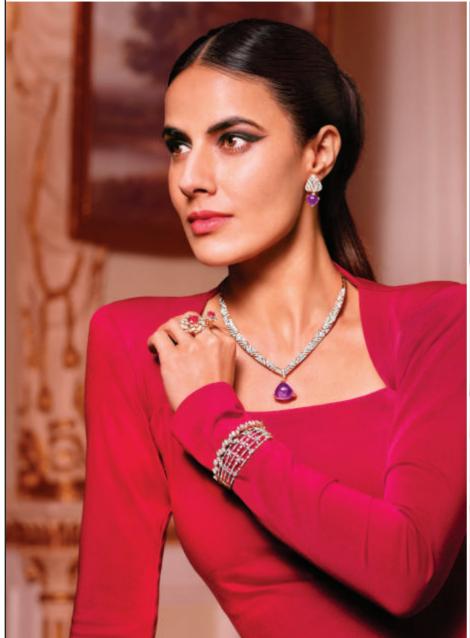
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Fathima Zahra tops Karnataka Masters in Urdu, wins 2 gold Medals



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Bengaluru: Fathima Zahra, a 40-year-old mother of two daughters, has topped the Karnataka state Urdu language exam for her Master's degree.

The woman, who works as an educational coordinator in Tumakuru district, decided to pursue her masters in Urdu since she always wanted to get a degree in her mother tongue.

After months of hard work, managing her fulltime work as an education coordinator and taking care of her family, she received two gold medals as the topper in the state one for scoring the highest marks in the State and the other for scoring the highest

marks among women in the State.

Fathima said, "I just wanted to get a Master's degree and thought people who have been pursuing literature will be the toppers, but I feel my hard work has paid off."

Fathima's story is an inspiration to women who think that their education stops after marriage. Coming from a minority background where the scope to shine has always been less, Fathima proved that it is never too late to learn something new, no matter how busy and occupied your life may be.

Fathima shared the message "If there is a will, there is a way" to all women and men in her community who were forced to drop out of their studies owing to various reasons.

She said, "I didn't study to receive gold medals. I studied because I have a passion for my mother tongue and motivation as well."

Fathima's story is a reminder that it is important to never give up on your dreams. No matter how difficult things may seem, if you work hard and never give up, you can achieve anything you set your mind to.

Talking about her study sessions, she said, "I had online classes for a while and my professors were also very helpful in sharing notes and knowledge. They assisted me so much and I am very thankful to them."

Fathima's story is also a testament to the importance of learning your mother tongue. She said, "It might not help you win your bread and butter, but it will help you know about your background which is important."

She also said that there is no age limit for education and it is never too late to learn. Fathima's achievement is a source of inspiration for all of us.

She shows us that it is never too late to learn something new, no matter how busy our lives may be. She is a role model for all women who want to pursue their education. (Source: News Trail)

After the Victory of Congress in Karnataka

Jameel Ahmed

This is the guidance to all Muslims in India...

Now that the Congress has won decisively with the full support of especially Muslims, the BJP and its cadre will be eagerly waiting to take revenge by playing Hindu-Muslim card somehow.

Muslims should, therefore be careful not to give any opportunity for opponents to fulfill their agenda. We need to exercise caution, not display arrogance, not take the law into our hands, not indulge in any kind of communal activities and speeches, religious conversion, love jihad, cow slaughter, etc., etc., and carry us as responsible citizens so that more and more peace-loving Hindus start recognizing us, respecting us, cooperating with us and stand with us in times of need.

Do not be under the impression that we will be safe under any circumstances simply because our govt., has been elected. Remember, AAP in Delhi was elected with full support of Muslims but during the Delhi riots

we were left alone to face the enemy.

Congress govt., will be favorable to us in policy matters but in day-to-day life we have to face the situation on our own.

Politics going forward will be more peaceful, pro-poor, and fair and just, transparent, etc., but no govt., will serve food on our table. We have to earn our living in honesty, get ourselves well ducated, skillful, and never indulge in unlawful activities.

Religion is purely personal and not for display. Never compare or criticize others' faith, beliefs, and practices.

Practice is more important than preaching. There is no substitute for hard work. We need not have a political outfit of our own. We should be a part of a larger outfit like Congress so that we are not ignored while making policies.

Let Almighty give us the wisdom to emerge as role models to others. **Jameel Ahmed** (Ajmir Group / Social Activist,

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Tamil Nadu State Urdu Academy chief meets Vellore collector on Urdu schools



Staff Writer

Chennai: The Tamil Nadu State Urdu Academy is working tirelessly to elevate the status of Urdu-medium schools and bring them into line with other government schools. In the state, there are over 270 Urdu-medium schools that offer instruction in all disciplines in Urdu to grade XII.

In order to intensify his efforts, Kumaravel Pandian IAS, the Vellore District Collector, was approached by Mohammed Nayeemur Rehman, Vice Chairman of the Tamil Nadu State Urdu Academy, who asked him to assist the district's Urdu Medium Schools in promoting educational activities and elevating the status of the schools.

Speaking for *Islamic Voice*, Nayeemur Rehman said Collector Pandian promised to do the needful in this regard. He claimed that 10–12% of Tamil Nadu's Muslim community speaks Urdu as their mother tongue. The majority of the Urdu-speaking population is concentrated in the districts of Krishnagiri, Dharmapuri, Viluppuram, Tirunelveli, Vellore, Ranipet, and Tiruchirappalli. 38 districts make up the state. Additionally, he made it clear that all subjects are taught in Urdu in schools, with Tamil and English offered as options. While only Urdu is taught as an optional language in some schools.

During their meeting, the Vice Chairman introduced the headmasters of government Urdumedium Schools to the collector. Basheer Ahmed, Managing Director, Indian Abacus, member of Urdu Academy Prof. Dr. J. Akbar Khan, Headmasters of Vellore Govt Urdu Medium Schools Shanawaz, Ajmal, Abdul Basith, Kuthbuddin, and Mrs. Shaheen Rahman were present in the meeting.

Muslim Estimated Population nearly 20 Crore:

Government

New Delhi: According to information provided to Parliament by the government on July 20, there will be an estimated 19.7 crore Muslims in the country in 2023.

Minority Affairs Minister Smriti Irani said Muslims made up 14.2% of the total population as of the 2011 Census, and their population share in 2023 was predicted using the same proportion of 19.7 crore. Irani's written response to a series of queries posed in the Lok Sabha by Mala Roy of the Trinamool Congress

According to her, there were 17.2 crore Muslims in India as of the 2011 Census. The country was expected to have 138.8 crore people in 2023, according to the technical group's study on demographic forecasts from July 2020.

"Accordingly, applying the same proportion of 14.2%, as was there in the 2011 Census, the projected population of Muslims in 2023 would stand at 19.7 crore," Irani said.

The minister also provided data on the rate of literacy, labour force participation, and access to basic amenities, including housing, water, and toilets. However, inquiries for so-called Pasmanda





Jamia Millia gets the nod for starting a Medical College



New Delhi: Vice Chancellor Najma Akhtar said the Union government has given Jamia Millia Islamia permission to launch a medical college. Speaking during the university's centenary convocation event on July 23. Akhtar said that during her time as vice chancellor, she had always advocated for a medical college on behalf of her colleagues and students.

"We have dentistry, physiotherapy, and first aid health centres, but a medical college has been missing in Jamia. As a VC, I have always requested a medical college, on behalf of my students and faculty. We requested the government of India for the same, and now I am happy to announce that JMI has been granted permission to establish a medical college at the campus," she announced at the ceremony.

Recently, the historic Jamia Millia Islamia held its centenary convocation ceremony at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi. The event's chief guest was Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, and the convocation was presided

over by Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan.

Our hard work has been successful. Our dream of several years has come true today," she said while thanking the Prime Minister, Education Minister, President, and Vice President.

The VC also spoke about JMI's ranking in the top three institutions in the NIRF Rankings for the second year in a row. "In the past few years, Jamia has also gained positions in the international rankings," she added.

Speaking at the event, Dharmendra Pradhan said that Jamia will be turned into an urban research centre for global health problems. "This should be our commitment," he added.

Akhtar also added that the University is planning to set up an international campus in the Middle East.

Recently, two IITs announced that their offshore campuses While IIT Madras' Tanzanian international campus will be up and running by October, IIT Delhi will establish a campus in Abu Dhabi.

Dr. Syed Nooruzzuha Barmaver becomes the first Bhatkally Ph.D. recipient in Neurogenetics

Bhatkal: In a momentous achievement, Dr. Syed Nooruzzuha Barmaver, son of Syed Nurulhuda Barmaver and son-in-law of Fazal Jukaku, has been awarded a doctoral degree in Neurogenetics from Tsinghua University Taiwan. This remarkable milestone not only marks Dr. Barmaver's personal success but also brings pride and recognition to the entire Bhatkal community.

As the first Ph.D. recipient in Bhatkal in the field of Novel Molecular Mechanisms, Dr. Barmaver has embarked on a groundbreaking journey in advancing the understanding of complex neurological diseases. His research has uncovered novel molecular mechanisms that underlie these conditions,



significantly contributing to the scientific community's knowledge in this area. Dr. Barmaver's work has gained global recognition, with his first study gracing the cover of the esteemed MBoC journal published by the American Society of Cell Biology.

The impact of Dr. Barmaver's research does not stop there. His second discovery research has been selected as the cover feature of the prestigious Traffic journal from Denmark, further solidifying his position as a trailblazer in the field of neurogenetics. Additionally, his third study has been successfully published by the renowned Nature Publishing Group, emphasizing the significance and quality of his contributions.

To add to his remarkable achievements, Dr. Barmaver has received eight prestigious awards, highlighting his outstanding academic excellence and research accomplishments. Among the accolades bestowed upon him are the Phi Tau Phi award, the Muming Poo award in neuroscience, and the Shen culture award. These honors serve as a testament to Dr. Barmaver's dedication, brilliance, and unwavering commitment to making impactful contributions to the field of neurogenetics.

(Source:

https://english.varthabharati.in/)

«Page 4 Muslim Estimated Population nearly 20 Crore: Government

Muslim population numbers received no response.

Roy had inquired about three things: whether there was any information on the country's Muslim population as of May 30; whether the government had any population statistics on Pasmanda Muslims; and specifics on the socioeconomic standing of Pasmanda Muslims.

Irani further said that as per the

Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) 2021–22 conducted by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), the literacy rate of Muslims aged seven years and above stood at 77.7% and the labour force participation rate for all ages stood at 35.1%.

The minister informed Parliament that according to the multiple indicator survey 2020-21 carried

out by the MoSPI to gather data on specific Sustainable Development Goal indicators, the percentage of Muslims reported having an improved source of drinking water stood at 94.9%, those reported to have access to an improved toilet stood at 97.2%, and Muslim households who had purchased/constructed a new house or flat for the first time after March 31, 2014, stood at 50.2%.

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The first Muslim woman, Dr. Asma Banu, was Appointed the Principal of BMC

biology department. In 2021, she was transferred to Vani Vilas Hospital.

The doctor said that teaching is her hobby and has written 60 articles on Neurosurgery.

She has also served as a B&S member at Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Science till 2016 and as Control Officer and Quality Head of MPO at BECRI. She was given many responsibilities in her career. She also started ETP in Victoria and Boring Hospitals. Firma Care Center was also started. She is the Nodal Officer of the

first hospital in Karnataka to be

service she was awarded the Kacha Gowda Award. Also honored with Priya Drashti Award, Paul Harris Fellow, and Rotary Awards. As BME Purcell, her speech was followed by leaders and dignitaries.

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Spl Correspondent

New Delhi: On July 5th, the All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) submitted its reply to the Law Commission of India. reiterating its continued resistance to any move on UCC. It emphasized the need for "majoritarian morality" to respect minority communities' rights to freedom of religion.

"Majoritarian morality must not supersede personal law, religious freedom, and minority rights in the name of a code that remains an enigma," underlines the 100-page document.

"The Goa Civil Code, as detailed out, is packed with diversity; even the Constitution of India has different provisions for different classes of persons and also for different regions. Even the Code of Civil Procedure does not apply uniformly across the entire territory of India. Even the Hindu Marriage Act, specifically framed to regulate the personal laws of one community, does not apply uniformly to all the Hindus in India, as stated already above. The Special Marriage Act takes the parties to the Hindu Succession Act and dilutes customary laws regarding prohibited degrees of marriage. These examples demonstrate just the tip of the iceberg," it further highlights.

Dr. S. Q. R. Ilyas, AIMPLB spokesperson told Islamic Voice

'Majoritarian morality must not supersede personal law':

Muslim Personal Law Board's Response to Law Commission



that, "Our response to the Law Commission on UCC is based on 5 points which include- I) Preliminary Issue, II) Response and Report of 21st Law Commission, III) Uniform Civil Code, IV) Existing Civil Laws, V) Conclusion."

"In the representation, we have answered how the justifications being given by some people and the political parties in favour of the UCC are useless," Dr. Ilyas said.

The Muslim Board argued that the Constitution itself is not uniform since it secures special rights for certain groups.

"The most crucial document of our nation, the Constitution of India, is itself not uniform in nature, prudently and with the intention to keep the country united. Different treatments, accommodations, and adjustments are the nature of our Constitution. Different territories

of the nation have been given different treatments. Different communities have been given different rights. Different religions have been given different accommodations," it said.

It also highlighted the fact that, unlike other personal laws, the Muslim personal law is "directly derived from the Holy Quran and Sunnah (Islamic laws), and this aspect is linked with their identity," Dr. Ilyas said.

"Muslims in India will not be agreeable to losing this identity for which there is space within the Constitutional framework of our

country. National integrity, safety, security, and fraternity are best preserved and maintained if we maintain the diversity of our country by permitting minorities and tribal communities to be governed by their own personal laws," it said.

In the first part of the Representation, the Board has detailed the preliminary objections stating that the content set out in the captioned Notice is vague, too general, and unclear.

The terms for the suggestions to be invited are missing. It appears that such a large issue has been floated in the public domain to seek a referendum as to whether the reaction of the general public also reaches the Commission in either equally vague terms or in a 'yes' or 'no'. We are making this submission for multiple reasons because this issue being a purely legal issue has also been fodder for politics and consumption of media-driven propaganda. This issue becomes further important because this Commission's predecessor had examined the very same issue and reached a conclusion that Uniform Civil Code is neither necessary nor desirable."

In the second part of the Representation, the Board has pointed out and annexed the detailed Response of AIMPLB to the 21st Law Commission on the same issue along with other communications.

The third part delves into detail on the country's pluralistic principles, vast diversity, and multiculturalism.

The fourth part deals with the existing legal paradigm.

a) Are the existing general/uniform family laws truly uniform?

b) Are the existing codified community-based personal laws uniform?"

Then the draft analyzed the existing civil laws and came to the conclusion that existing general/uniform family laws are not truly uniform, even existing codified community-based laws are also not uniform...It is stated that the Special Marriage Act(SMA), the closest and

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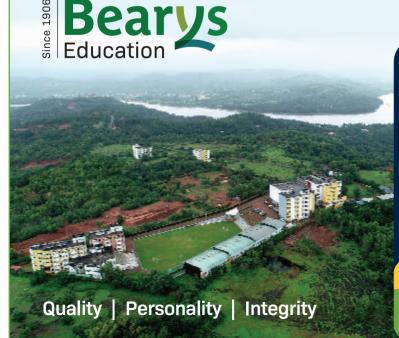
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Dr. Javed Jamil

Who are interested in UCC? The clamour for UCC comes from at least three forces.

First are forces of Hindutva (nor Hindu community at large), less out of any ideological convictions, and more out of desire to dominate. They think that for Hindus to be united as a monopolising power, best course of action would be to pose Muslims and their religion as threats to Hindua and their religion, and to ensure that they are not allowed to develop into a socially, economically and politically powerful community at par with Hindus.

Second is market forces that regard moral and family values enshrined in religions as a massive obstacle in their plans of turning human beings into commercial beings. They are particularly aggressive against Islam, because it has clear distinction between permitted and prohibited, and its followers are more determined believers in their religious system. They seek to commercialise every human weakness

Third is leftist forces whose socioeconomic ideology does not recognise religion altogether.

The myth of Uniformity: different laws in India

Laws are not only different in different states on the ground of their special status but also related to the issues of various prohibitions, taxes, etc. Articles giving different status to different states include:

- Article 369, Parliammt's right to enact different laws foor different states
- 371 {Special provision of Maharashtra and Gujarat 371A {of Nagaland}
- •371B {Assam}
- **371C** {Manipur}
- Articles 371D & 371E { Andhra Pradesh and Telangana }
- **371F** {Sikkim}
- •371G {Mizoram}
- 371H {Arunachal Pradesh}
- 371I {State of Goa}
- Art 370 has recently been abrogated.

Then, till recently there was Armed Forces Special Powers Act for Tripura.

Despite Hindi being National Language, language policy of different states is different. In Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu, languages other than Hindi are official.

Laws related to alcohol and cow slaughter are also different in different states. There is no ban on cow slaughter in Arunachal, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Tripura, Sikkim, Kerala and West

Reservation policy in education and jobs is different for different

In response to an invitation by Law Commission Big No to Uniform Civil Code

states and for different communities.

Even **tax policies** vary from state to state.

Directive Principles

First, Directive Principles are only guidelines and not enforceable

Second, Article 44 related to Common Civil Code is not the only directive principle not yet enforced. There are many others, which are much more important as they relate to the common masses. For example, there is a directive principle that the State shall work towards reducing economic inequality as well as inequalities in status and opportunities, not only among individuals, but also among groups of people residing in different areas or engaged in different vocations.

Hindutva Brigade does never raise this issue because their upper caste Hindu fellows are most responsible for the huge and ever increasing economic disparity in the country. And of course, they will not even like the mention of Economic Inequality between Hindu and Muslim communities, which again is quite big. It also says that "The State should work to prevent concentration of wealth and means of production in a few hands, and try to ensure that ownership and control of the material resources is distributed to best serve the common good". As we have seen in the Forbes' list of 100 richest Indians, wealth is concentrated only in the hands of Upper Caste Hindus, especially Vaishyas. But Hindutva Brigade not only does not talk about it but also keeps supporting measures that further accentuate this inequality. Let us enumerate some of the directive principles and their application.

Article 38 asks for efforts to develop a model which does not increase Economic Inequality. And the truth is that the successive governments have been doing exactly the opposite with economic inequality reaching dangerous proportions.

Article 39 asks for providing an adequate means of livelihood for all citizens, equal pay for equal work for men and women, proper working conditions, reduction of the concentration of wealth and means of production from the hands of a few, and distribution of community resources to "subserve" the common good. Again the government policies in last few decades have been just opposite, and the current BJP government has left even the previous governments far behind in pursuing the corporate agenda. For several years, I have been demanding introduction of Economic Disparity Index (General Rural-Urban and community to community) in the Annual Budget, But Economic Disparity remains the least talked about subject in the polity as well as the media. Articles 41–43 mandate the State to endeavour to secure to all citizens the right to work, a living wage, social security, maternity relief, and a decent standard. These provisions aim at establishing a socialist state but we have been witnessing a rapid privatisation of economy. Article 43 also places upon the State the responsibility of promoting cottage industries, and khadi, handlooms etc. Again, the small scale industry is being purposely strangulated through a coordination of the corporate sector and the Government.

Article 39A requires the State to provide free legal aid to ensure that opportunities for securing justice are available to all citizens irrespective of economic or other disabilities. Justice in the country is becoming costlier and costlier with the legal machinery becoming a big industry. Instead of crimes getting reduced, they are reaching greater heights with every passing day.

Article 43A mandates the State to

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Moin Qazi

The Partition of India brought a new configuration of Muslim leadership in its spate. After Partition, Jamate Islami was reorganized and moved to Pakistan as Jamaat-i-Islami Pakistan. The party's remaining cadre in India formed the Jamaati-Islami Hind, a separate organization that shares JI's ideological aspirations. The intellectual inspiration primarily came from Syed Abul Ala Maududi, an ideologue and a staunch proponent of political Islam.

With the division of original India, several towering personalities who held unbridled leadership and authority in undivided India moved to Pakistan. With them, there was an influx of Muslims from Indian provinces for what looked like better pastures in the new nation. However, a considerable population continued to remain in India.

Several national organizations earlier guided Muslims of the entire undivided India at the time of Partition. The Partition divided Muslims. A smaller section moved to Pakistan, but a large and influential area remained tethered to their original homeland, that is, India. One organization, Jamate -Islami - Hind, also got partitioned in the process. It splintered away from the original IIH and adopted leadership responsibilities for Muslims who remained in India The Indian wing of Jamaat-e-Islami (JIH) became the foremost organization for Indian Muslims JIH believed in giving confidence to Indian Muslims. It did not

75 Years of Jamaat-E-Islami Hind

compromise the philosophy of undivided JI. It preferred to focus on new political situations and concentrated on formulating policies that made Muslims adapt to the unique circumstances following the Partition.

Jamaat-e-Islami Hind's history demonstrates that it is a highly disciplined organization where monopolization of leadership at all levels is strongly discouraged, and ethical conduct is encouraged. This policy gives the cadre a clear perception of the internal cadre of the robust nature of the Jamaat's Discipline. It infuses confidence in them that leadership is based on meritocracy and has little to do with lobbying.

JIH was banned twice in Independent India, and its top leaders were jailed. But its cadre remained firmly moored to its mission despite the new development that created several problems and uprooted many families. Due to their efforts, JIH is a nationwide organization with a strong presence in South India. Its frontal organizations are active at the mohalla levels.

The public perception of JIH, which had suffered a temporary jolt, has changed, and .. During the covid relief work, the Jamaat collaborated with social groups across all spectrums to achieve maximum impact. Although it believes in establishing a society based on Islamic values, it shares platforms with secular and leftleaning people for evolving solutions to social problems.

JIH is highly active in every field - from media to human rights and rehabilitating displaced populations. The secular character can be perceived because JIH has



spread its network among civil society groups of many hues and stripes. The Jamaat has always coordinated with other likeminded Mulsim organizations under a single umbrella to achieve maximum results in social work. It is not a simple matter that hundreds of frontal organizations are affiliated with the Jamaat and are working in close collaboration with it in perfect coordination. JIH works very professionally. It has a very robust Human Resources Department, generating talented human potential and later getting absorbed in the corporate sector, where they hold important positions. This is something that other organizations may learn from JIH.

Indian Muslims contributed to the country's freedom struggle with the same sincerity as any other community. Whenever the country has gone through tough times, Muslims have strived to preserve the unity and sovereignty of the nation.

It is unfair to argue that Muslims have a caste system. Several Muslims who were insulated from the influence of mainstream Muslim organizations adopted local customs, which later became a norm. But the JIH is now holding regular camps and collaborating with several other organizations to cleanse the Muslim mindset of

these contaminated seepages. Jamaat Islami has used various tools in its policy toolbox to evolve strategies to end sectarianism. One of the positive objectives of the Jamaat is that it infuses the true spirit of Quranic teachings and precepts, which has now spread rapidly through the

rank and file of the community. There has been too much discussion on the religious aspects of the policy of the Jamaat. But closer scrutiny would show that the Jamaat indeed focuses on simultaneously building the ethical character of Muslims along the lines of the Our'an. The Jamaat also supports and encourages intellectual freedom and new research that can infuse fresh vigour into the organization. The best example of Jamat's social contribution is the remarkable and sacrificial work done by its vast cadre of volunteers during the outbreak of covid. There have been cases of community hospitals managed by Jamat's medical cadre. The provision of food grains and cooked food at rehabilitation camps were lauded even by government officials at the local and official levels.

The Jamaat has also repeatedly emphasized that it has risen above the repetitive arguments by its leaders where they used the logic based on the old reasoning that Indian Muslims had a choice to go to Pakistan. Still, they stayed back because of their loyalty to India. In many cases. Muslims had no choice because they were territorially so integrated and well-settled in several parts of the country that the logistical problem made it impossible for them to leave India.

On the positive side, we must now showcase the significant contribution of many learned Muslims who have imparted efficiency in many spheres. JIH has come a long way from the misperceptions about it and is now widely considered a custodian of secular Muslim culture. The perception of the intellectuals has also changed because Muslims' social work has been intensively visible even by the secular media. This is helping public acceptability for the organization, and the Jamaat is on its way to becoming a critical mainstream organization.



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OIC Hails the Adoption of the Resolution on Acts of Religious Hatred

Staff Writer

Jeddah: The Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) welcomes the adoption of the resolution on "Countering religious hatred constituting in citement to

discrimination, hostility, or violence" by the UN Human Rights Council as a significant step in strengthening the international community's efforts and resolve to reject the desecration of holy texts and religious intolerance.

Following a request by the OIC Group of countries in Geneva in reaction to a series of provocative acts of desecration of copies of the Holy Qur'an in a number of European and other countries, the resolution was approved during the urgent debate at the 53rd session of the Human Rights Council.

The unanimous resolution denounces the most recent deliberate and public desecrations of the Holy Qur'an and emphasizes the need to hold those responsible accountable in accordance with national commitments derived from international human rights law.

It also urges the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and all relevant special procedures to speak out against the advocacy of religious hatred. It requests the Human Rights Council to identify drivers and manifestations of religious hatred, outline existing gaps in laws, policies, practices, and law enforcement that impede the prevention and persecution of public and premeditated acts, and propose measures aimed at countering acts of religious hatred



that hinder the full enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Through the resolution, States are encouraged to adopt national laws and policies to prevent and counter acts and advocacy of religious hatred.

The OIC has always urged the international community to resolutely tackle the repeated incidents of desecration of holy books, the rise of xenophobia, Islamophobia, racism, discrimination based on religion or belief, hate speech, and incitement to violence.

It has called for the condemnation and rejection of the abhorrent Islamophobic actions that constitute incitement to hatred, exclusion, and racism and clearly undermine inter-religious harmony, dialogue, and peaceful co-existence of diverse communities, highlighting that these premeditated acts cannot be accepted under any justification or conflated with the exercise of the right to freedom of expression or opinion.

The OIC strongly believes that the adoption of the historic resolution by the Human Rights Council will open a new era in terms of dialogue and collective efforts aimed at curbing manifestations of religious hatred and incitement to violence.

In these challenging times, there is an urgent need to unite in upholding of the values of tolerance and peaceful coexistence among peoples and civilizations.

Following the adoption of the resolution, the OIC Secretary-General, Hissein Brahim Taha, has commended all the States that have

the States that have sponsored the draft resolution and those that have supported it.

He also commended the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the current Chair of the Islamic Summit and Chair of the OIC Executive Committee, for its commitment and initiative to convene an urgent meeting of the Executive Committee on this matter, which led to a successful debate at the UN Human Rights Council.

He reiterated the OIC's call upon the international community to stand firm against the manifestations of discrimination, intolerance, and incitement to hatred and to unite in the upholding of the values of tolerance and peaceful coexistence among peoples and civilizations.

He urged the international community to ensure the implementation and follow-up of the resolution adopted today, by the UN Human Rights Council.

A Muslim billionaire to turn a part of London's iconic Trocadero building into a Mosque



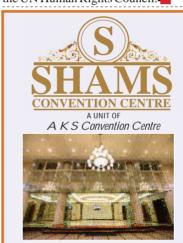
Asif Aziz is CEO and founder of the property group Criterion CaptionCredit: PA: Press Association

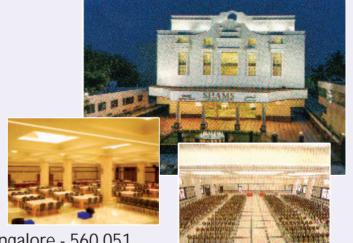
LONDON: Billionaire Asif Aziz known as Mr West End has obtained permission to convert a part of London's iconic Trocadero building into a mosque and Islamic center.

The 56-year-old Malawian property tycoon bought the famous landmark for over £220 million (\$287.7 million) in 2005 and canceled plans to convert it into a 1,000-capacity mosque in

2020 after complaints from farright groups and some residents. But in May 2023, he obtained permission to build a 390capacity mosque, which will be named "Piccadilly Prayer Space." The mosque is expected to be inaugurated within a few months, reports said.

Aziz's foundation wants the mosque to serve tourists and Muslims working in the area.





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Jsama Hasan & Matt Godwin

Millions watched recently as the UK's King Charles was crowned by the Archbishop of Canterbury in a ceremony steeped in the Christian tradition but attended by leaders of other faiths, who played prominent roles in the day's events. Less than a week later, Archbishop Justin Welby was generating headlines again, this time for criticizing the government's policies toward migrants from his place in the House of Lords.

As we argue in a new report released, faith plays a role in politics and public life in many countries. Hinduism in India, Buddhism in Sri Lanka, and Judaism in Israel remain sources of both unity and division. And for the world's more than 50 Muslimmajority countries, Islam has often been entwined with politics. Far from being static, countries where Islam is the largest religion have experienced an immense change in their systems of government and the formal role played by Islam. However, for too long, Islamists have dominated the political discourse.

Representing a theologically warped and troubling ideology, Islamists believe that it is an obligation for Muslims to reestablish a clerocracy reminiscent of the rule of the Prophet in the early years of the faith. Overlooking centuries of pluralism and political evolution in Muslim polities, their extremist interpretation is now systemic in the Islamic Republic's Iran and Afghanistan under the Taliban, while terrorist groups like Al-Oaeda, Daesh, and others attack and seek to replace the state throughout the Middle East and Africa.

We make the case that confronting these ideologies needs to go beyond the battlefield, to the battle for ideas. Moderate

A 'third way' of Moderate Muslim Politics Exists and should be Encouraged



Britain's King Charles walks after his coronation ceremony at Westminster Abbey, in London, Britain May 6, 2023. (REUTERS)

Muslims are by far the majority in every country, yet Islamists have for too long dominated Muslim thinking in politics. We argue that moderate Muslim voices must be strengthened and empowered as a "third way" between secularism not in keeping with Muslimmajority states and violent Islamism.

Understanding where and how to recognize and support moderate Muslims requires understanding political variation in Muslimmajority countries and we offer a new framework to consider dynamic change in these nations. Egypt, for instance, underwent a transformation from Islamic nationalism to Islamism and then back again in the last decade. In neighboring Tunisia, it went from Islamic nationalism to a secular republic. In Pakistan, the country has long oscillated between secular republicanism and Islamist thinking.

Many other countries, including in the Gulf region, have been working to modernize their states and societies, reducing the role of religious institutions such as the religious police, as well as encouraging the participation of women in business and public life. While many observers in the West continue to view some Muslim-

majority countries, especially in the Middle East, as "backward," they have failed to consider social and theological reforms. For example, the ongoing social reforms in Saudi Arabia have been championed by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman after listening to the Saudi public, especially women, and by encouraging jurisprudential deliberations by Saudi religious scholars

The country's feared religious police, the Mutawa, was reformed in 2016 into an institution with more moderate leadership and more of an advisory, rather than a disciplinary, role. The current Hajj season reminds us that, in 2021, the authorities removed the requirement for women to be accompanied by a male guardian (mahram) for the pilgrimage to Makkah.

Before that, in 2019, the Saudisponsored Muslim World League announced the historic Makkah Charter, after a conference attended by 1,200 Islamic scholars from 139 countries. Prominent participants and speakers at the conference hailed from 27 different Muslim groups and schools of thought, including Sunni and Shiite. The Makkah Charter calls for religious

dialogue, pluralism, partnership, and cooperation. Furthermore, it rejects ethnic or religious supremacy, affirming human fraternity and equality. It also promotes ethical global development, protection of the environment, and cultural and civilizational dialogue.

The impact of the Makkah Charter has been extensive. It was adopted unanimously by the Organization of Islamic Cooperation in 2020. meaning that it is recommended for use in religious, cultural, and educational institutions in OIC countries. The charter has also been launched and promoted in the US, continental Europe, and, this year, in London, where extremist groups attempted but failed to discourage British Muslim communities from engaging with it.

We argue that transformations such as these are leading many Muslim states on a pragmatic path toward what former US President Barack Obama called "civil religion," wherein state institutions are largely secular, but where people of faith are able to participate in public life informed and inspired by their religious values. As they move toward more pluralistic societies, Muslimmajority states should not have to make a false choice between secularism and Islamism but can take a third way where Islam remains a fundamentally important part of politics and public life.

The reelection of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan in Turkiye reflects the shifting contours in Muslim-majority states. A country that once embraced vehement secularism has now been led by an Islamist for more than two decades. As opposition parties in the country reflect on the recent election, they should turn away from the desire to exclude faith wholesale from public life and recognize the legitimate participation of moderate Muslims. Indeed, inclusion is probably the best approach to contesting Islamist thinking.

Next year marks the centenary of the official abolition of the Ottoman Empire, the world's last caliphate. Islamists will use this occasion to lament the end of a theocratic state, albeit a largely secular one, and to call for the return to the rule of those who they think know the mind of God Religion will always be important in Muslim-majority countries, as it is in many non-Muslim states, and the best way to confront violent Islamism is to recognize and support moderate Muslims in politics.

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The Saudi Ministry Has Opened various Options for Visit Visa



The Saudi Ministry of Haj and Umrah has introduced various options that are available for Muslims to make the pilgrimage during the 2023 Umrah season.

Muslims who wish to travel to Makkah during the Umrah season in 2023 have a number of options accessible to them, according to the Saudi Ministry of Haj and

Options such as the transit visit visa, family visit visa, personal visit visa, and visa on arrival were listed by the ministry. How to apply for these visa choices is provided here.

Visa For Family Travel

Family visit visa holders who wish to do Umrah must schedule an appointment using the Nusuk website.

Through a family member who lives in the Kingdom, they can obtain a family visit visa.

The applicant will have the status of Citizen/Resident.

Pilgrims can submit an application using the Ministry of Foreign Affairs single national website https://visa.mofa.gov.sa

The US Condemned the Desecration of the Holy Quran

WASHINGTO N: US State Department Spokesman Matthew Miller has said that the United States



condemned the desecration of the Holy Quran as it is a heinous act. Matthew Miller said in a press briefing, "We condemn the desecration of the Holy Quran, it is a heinous act, we appreciate the importance of the Holy Quran and other forms of worship and support the right to freedom of religion or belief for everyone."

Umrah insurance policy for pilgrims Mandatory

Riyadh: Umrah visa fees for foreign pilgrims going to Saudi Arabia for Hajj and Umrah include the insurance fee. Assistance is provided to the affected visa holder in case of four types of accidents. The Ministry of Hajj and Umrah of Saudi Arabia has clarified that the Umrah insurance policy is mandatory for pilgrims coming from abroad. It is included in the visa fee and provides comprehensive coverage to its holders. This policy provides financial assistance to the affected person in case of a health emergency, emergency covid infection, general accidents, and

deaths, or cancellation or delay of outgoing flights. The Ministry of Hajj pointed out in an informative infographic that an insurance document can be availed of up to 100,000 Rials.



Muhammad Alamullah

Sachar Committee (2005) After the report, it was said that Muslims have made a lot of progress as a whole, but one after the other, shocking revelations are coming out from the surveys and reports of several research institutes. are just recently in its June 30, 2023 issue, the leading English daily 'Hindustan Times' has published a very eye-opening report on Muslims in India. It includes the All India Debt and Investment Survey (AIDIS) and Periodic Labor Force. According to the survey (PLFS), followers of Islam in the country face significant difficulties and problems. They have the lowest level of assets and consumption compared to other religious groups in the country. According to the report, Muslims are considered to be the most economically disadvantaged religious group in India, and they constitute a large part of the country's poor population.

This assessment report shows that despite the fact that Muslims constitute less than 15% of India's total population, around 25% of street beggars belong to the Muslim community. This striking disparity highlights the economic hardships facing the nation, far greater than those faced by Hindus and followers of other religions. The Gallup Center, a global think tank, has recently stated that Indian Muslims may face different types of problems and sufferings in the near future than people belonging to other religious groups.

This is not a new problem for Indian Muslims. In 2010, a report by the National Council for Economic Research revealed that 31 percent of Muslims in India live below the poverty line. In 2013, a survey conducted by an organization under the Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation, Government of India confirmed that Muslims are one of the most economically disadvantaged sections of the country. Research like this clearly indicates that the problem is much deeper than we realize. Quartz, a digital media company known for its innovative business news coverage and analysis, pointed out in 2018 that despite India's progress in lifting nearly 170 million people out of poverty since 1990, Muslims This is a worrying sign.

Top journalists like Abhishek Jha and Roshan Kishore wrote in their analytical report in 'Hindustan Times' that misleading claims are often made about the faster population growth of Muslims in India than other religious groups. Explaining this, he writes that these claims are not based on accurate information. However, it is true that a large proportion of Muslims are poorer than their

Are Muslims Ready to Read the Inscription?



share of the population. They are mostly concentrated in the lower half of India's population. This concentration of poverty among Muslims highlights the unfair prejudices of the existing Indian system.

There are many obstacles that make it difficult for Muslims in India to progress economically. They face various challenges. These include limited access to education and discrimination on the basis of their religion. The most recent example of discrimination on the basis of religion is seen in Uttarakhand. where a hate campaign against Muslims has taken place. We saw the role of the state and central government with open eyes. Quartz researchers point out that Muslims face persistent prejudice across the country. However, there are no policies to protect their rights. They do not get any adequate support from the political system either. They say Muslims are often discriminated against and subjected to violence. According to government data, India has a history of communal violence. Between 2017 and 2021, nearly 3,000 incidents of such violence were recorded. It is a fact that the economic and social situation of Muslims in India is very serious and fundamental work is needed to improve them. But at every level, there seems to be a nest of the deaf and a watch of the blind.

Some studies show that Indian Muslims have the lowest enrollment rate in higher education. This difference can be attributed to various factors. A major reason is inadequate educational infrastructure in Muslim-majority areas, which suffer from a shortage of schools and trained teachers. This limits the availability of quality education for Muslim children. Socio-economic factors such as poverty and discrimination compound the challenges faced by Muslims, creating additional barriers to educational opportunities. Even more alarming is the fact that Muslim student enrollment is 8 percent has decreased. The report said Muslims were the only group to experience an absolute decline,

while other communities saw an overall increase in enrollment. Leading the decline are states like Uttar Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Bihar, and Karnataka. According to the researchers, the low share of Muslims in better jobs in India is not necessarily a result of discrimination in the employment process but may also be a result of educational attainment among job-seeking Muslims. It plays a big role. According to the report, communal politics does not play a direct role in determining the economic barriers faced by Indian Muslims but rather works behind the scenes.

The political representation of Muslims in the Indian government is declining significantly. In 2022, the ruling party was left without a Muslim Member of Parliament (MP) for the first time in its history, highlighting the declining representation and political status of Muslims politically. The absence of Muslim ministers at the central level at present is a shocking act of the present political system. All major political parties, including the Bharatiya Janata Party, are trying their best to get Muslim votes to win maximum seats in Parliament, but no party, even regional parties dependent on Muslim votes, can win seats in Parliament. It does not seem sincere towards increasing the representation of Muslims. Just consider that according to the 2011 census in a country with a population of one billion and thirty million, the number of Muslims is more than 14.5 percent, while their number in the parliament is only three and a half. is the percentage.

The government is continuously ignoring 15% of the population. You can imagine the problems faced by Muslims because of this, access to decent housing in an expensive and quality area, which plays an important role in determining one's overall quality of life. does, Muslims are deprived. They face discrimination in rent and even the wholesale estate market, which makes them feel insecure and

untouchable. Commenting on these conditions, Abhishek Jha and Roshan Kishore have written that there is a dire need for comprehensive measures to improve the educational and economic status of Muslims in India. According to him, it is important to raise the question of whether the current shift towards majority politics in India has covered the economic prosperity of Muslims and their identity has become the biggest crime for them.

Such barriers have been compounding the economic disadvantage faced by Indian Muslims, creating a trap of poverty for them that is now difficult to break out of. To effectively break these chains, a holistic approach is necessary, including the social, economic, cultural, and political factors that contribute to the current situation. By implementing inclusive policies, promoting equal access to education and employment. challenging stereotypes, and ensuring fair representation, India can strive to create a society where all citizens, including Indian Muslims, can flourish. Get equal opportunities. Only through a comprehensive and coordinated effort can we truly break down these barriers and pave the way for a more just and prosperous future for all

Expecting any positive action or help from the government in the current situation is nothing but stupidity and self-delusion of the first order. Therefore, if those who fill the breadth of the nation. whether they belong to any field of life unless they sit together and prepare a plan of action, there can be no hope of any improvement. Poverty brings with it all kinds of weaknesses. In a nation that does not have education and not have skills and resources, the "homecoming" of the next generation will be very easy and the present generation will leave this world in tears only over a uniform civil code and future generations will not It will leave the educated and economically backward. If anyone asks that a nation that has waqf properties worth crores of rupees, even its imams and muezzins yearn for meager salaries, its children are deprived of basic education, and the youth are forced to lead a purposeless life, its future is terrible. There is room for doubt in the darkness. So far, the government and archeologists have forced the historic mosques to be uninhabited, but if the situation continues to deteriorate, our beautiful mosques will be used for some other purpose. God, wake up and think.

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READERS RESPONSE



The decline of Muslim Students 'Ratio in Higher Education'

Sir.

The articles in the current issue i.e. July 2023 of *Islamic Voice* are very inspiring. The article "AISHE survey reveals the unprecedented decline of Muslim Students' Ratio in Higher Education" by Abdul Bari Masoud (page 1) must serve as an eye opener to the community. Unless the Muslim community works with missionary zeal to improve higher education levels among Muslims, it will be doomed. Regarding the article "Following Karnataka Elections, what should be the Strategy for the Upcoming Elections?" by Dr. Mohmmad Elections?" Manzoor Alam (page 5) is thoughtprovoking. No doubt Karnataka Model must be implemented in all states all over the country by the opposition parties. For this, they need to think beyond monetary gain and power-grabbing. They need to sacrifice for the higher good and fight unitedly against the ruling BJP. It is possible, provided in each constituency only one opposition candidate must contest. Mostly BJP has won below 50 percent of the votes Usually the votes for the opposition parties are divided. So, if unitedly the opposition can fight with one candidate opposing one BJP candidate in each constituency, there is a high chance that the opposition will win. In Karnataka, we are told that the opposition followed this strategy and won the elections.

Regards,

Pune.

Dr. Malika Mistry,

Harmony, not Uniformity

A survey conducted by the Anthropological Survey of India revealed that there are around five thousand communities in India. Karnataka alone has 299 communities. Each of these communities has their own laws of marriage, divorce, and inheritance. Some of them have customary laws. In our vast country there are varieties of rules and regulations, norms and customs followed. For example, while in some Hindu families' marriages between cousins are considered incestuous, in others it is not. Sections 29A, 29B, and 29C of the Hindu Succession Act conferring rights on daughters in joint family property applied to the southern states. Hindus have the Mitakshara as well as the Dayabhaga School of Law. A vast population of Hindu tribals is kept out of the purview of Hindu law.

On this Guruji Golwalkar Ji, while inaugurating the Deendayal Research Institute in 1972, said that a uniform civil code was not necessary for national unity. "For unity", he said, "we need harmony, not uniformity". He further observed: "I think uniformity is the death knell of nations. Nature abhors uniformity. I am all for the protection of various ways of life." (The Motherland, August 21, 1971).

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French poet, playwright and novelist Victor Hugo once remarked, "You can resist an invading army; you cannot resist an idea whose time has come." Today Artificial Intelligence (AI) is such an idea.

AI is no longer the domain of science fiction. It has become a reality thanks to profound technological advances. AI is bringing about a paradigm shift and cost savings in every sector. It has unleashed a "Fourth Industrial Revolution" that, as per PwC, will be contributing more than \$15.7 trillion to the world economy by 2030.

However, market experts and policymakers are of the opinion that if its development and implementation are not regulated properly, it has the potential to create social injustices on an epic scale. Therefore, every country needs to come up with legislation to regulate AI's development and implementation so that it could not become the bane for humanity.

According to Britannica.com, Artificial Intelligence is the ability of a digital computer or computercontrolled robot to perform tasks commonly associated with intelligent beings. It is frequently

applied to the project of developing

systems with the intellectual

How to Make AI Humane



"Artificial Intelligence can revolutionize our economy and society; however, it should be regulated to make it humane,"

processes that are characteristic of humans, such as the ability to reason, discover meaning, generalize, or learn from past experience.

Scientists haven't yet developed any programmes that could "match human flexibility over wider domains." However, there are areas, such as medical diagnosis, computer search engines, and voice or handwriting recognition, in which some programmes have become able to match human expertise.

Challenges of AI

Now the question is: why are we advocating for making AI humane and regulated? It's because AI is going to impact almost every aspect of human life. It is going to be quite a challenge to the right to privacy, as never before, as

personal data will increasingly become part of the AI matrix.

If AI is not regulated, it could further the gap between the rich and the poor and render a large number of people jobless.

In the field of education, we are going to step into a digital classroom driven by Artificial Intelligence. The age of chalk and duster is over. In this regard, we could come face to face with issues like conflicts between students and teachers regarding privacy and power dynamics.

Explaining the risks of AI in the domain of law enforcement, openaccessgovernment.org raises a hypothetical question: who will be responsible for the wrongful arrest of a person on the basis of an AI model's conclusion? The police officer who acted upon the AI's

prediction, the entire department for not having a human-in-the-loop structure to vet their AI properly, the compliance officer who signed the model off, or the developer who first deployed the AI model?

Later, the website rightly concludes that "if improperly handled, the complexity of AI opens up a bureaucratic nightmare that is rigged against those who may seek restitution or justice".

As the World Economic Forum has predicted that Artificial Intelligence and machine learning (ML) will be adopted on a large scale by 2025, the world needs to brace itself to face the challenges it will create for the labour market.

Dealing with the Risks of AI

If we seek to make the most of AI without it becoming the bane for humanity, we need to make sure that humans must be at its core. Programme developers, AI experts and data scientists should make every effort to mitigate undesired biases, keep AI processes accountable, and ensure privacy.

Regulation is a Must

However, it's not only the task of programme developers, AI experts and data scientists to make AI accountable, humane, and free from undesired biases. It is mainly the responsibility of the government of the day to see to it that instead of becoming a source of socio-economic growth and

development, AI does not become a scourge of the 21st century.

Role of Islam

Islam encourages economic activities and wealth generation. However, it disapproves of the concentration of wealth. Instead, it calls for a fair distribution of wealth.

Islam asks its followers to guard against greed and selfishness. It urges them to focus on life after death. "... the life of this world is but goods and chattels of deception." (Surah Al Imran, 3:185)

Islam urges its followers to extend a helping hand to the poor, the underprivileged and the marginalized sections of society. It inculcates a sense of fair play. It asks believers to treat people with generosity.

I would like to urge the legislators and policymakers to look at the teachings of Islam. I'm sure they will be surprised to know that Islam has answers to all the issues caused by human greed and selfishness.

Therefore, if legislators and policymakers work in conjunction with those responsible for developing and implementing Artificial Intelligence, come up with regulations to make AI humane, and keep Islamic ethics and laws into consideration, we hope that AI will bring great benefits to humanity.

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Joint Statement of Muslim Religious Leaders on UCC

Staff Writer

What is AI?

New Delhi: In the wake of the government's attempt to target Muslim Personal Law under the guise of a uniform civil code, prominent Muslim religious leaders issued a joint statement. They demanded that the Government of India completely abandon its plans to introduce the Uniform Civil Code. This code, if implemented, would undeniably impact Muslim Personal Law, jeopardizing the fundamental right of our country's citizens to freely practice their religionsa right safeguarded by the Constitution.

They said the religious identity of Indian Muslims is deeply linked with Muslim Personal Law, which is founded upon the Shariat Application Act of 1937. Numerous laws based on Sharia principles are directly derived from clear verses of the Holy Quran and reliable hadiths, and as a result, there exists a consensus among the Ummah regarding their authority. Hence, we firmly demand that the Government of India completely abandon its plans to introduce the Uniform Civil Code. We earnestly request Muslim citizens to actively respond to the 22nd Law Commission of India, which has sought public opinion on the matter of the Uniform Civil Code.

We urge every organization and individual, in their respective capacities, to submit their responses to the Law Commission via email or any other suitable means of communication.

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Syed Tahsin Ahmed

The title of the book "Madrasa Education in Jammu & Kashmir" gives the impression that the book is only about the madrasas of J&K. Of course, there is a Directory of madrasas in J&K, but the book extensively traces the history of madrasas in India and counters much of the criticism allegedly levelled against the madrasas.

AAEENA-E-MADARIS

This book is the English translation of the book "Aaeena-e-madaris" (2015) written in Urdu by Dr. Nisar Ahmed Bhat Trali who is a doctor by profession having done his MD (Medicine) and MD (Tibbe-e-Nabvi). The strenuous efforts put in by the author to write this book can be gauged from the fact that "Aaeena-e-madaaris" comprises 1520 pages in two big volumes. The author travelled about 22,000 km in challenging terrain and spent about sixty nights in different madrasas to collect the data. Out of the 499 existing madrasas, the author says 49 madrasas did not cooperate. The book has information about 450 madaris (plural of madrasa), of which 186 are located in Jammu province and 264 in Kashmir province.

THE ORIGIN OF MADRASAS

Adjacent to Masjid-e-Nabvi in Madinah, a shaded platform called Sufffah existed during Prophet Muhammad's (peace be upon him) time to impart education and this was the first madrasa in Islamic history. The author elaborates that there were arrangements for "Night Schooling" at Suffah so that people engaged during day time could also receive the benefit of education. Prophet Muhammad (SAW) established special educational institutions for Bedouin tribal Muslims in different Arab tribal regions.

Thereafter, the author traces the history of madrasas in the Islamic world. Mahmud of Ghazni, founder of the Ghaznavid dynasty who ruled from 998 to 1030 gets

Madrasa Education in Jammu & Kashmir

the credit for shaping the *madaris* in the present form. The Jamia Masjid in the capital city of Ghazni also had a madrasa with a library attached to it.

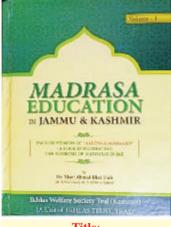
MADRASAS IN INDIA

Moving over to India, the author states that during Sultan Mohammad Tughlaq's rule (1325-1351) there were 1000 madaris in Delhi where apart from religious education, logic and mathematics were also taught. His successor Feroz Shah Tuglaq (1351-1388) made arrangements for imparting training in skill development to the slaves, in addition to religious education. He established separate madaris for ladies. The famous traveller Ibn Batuta mentioning the place Hanooz in south India records that "the women of this place are Hafiz-e-Qur'an."

Dr. Nisar Ahmed states that during King Humayun and Akbar's rule, there was the extra-ordinary expansion of *madaris*. Aurangzeb established madrasas not only in big cities but also in towns and rural areas. Aurangzeb gifted a grand house, famously known as Farangi Mahal to the Darul Uloom Madrasa Nizamia in Lucknow. For about three centuries, the *madaris* in India have followed the study curriculum of this madrasa which is popularly called *Dars-e-Nizami*.

FAMOUS PERSONS FROM MADRASAS

Interestingly the author mentions many prominent poets and writers who received education in madrasas. Faiz Ahmed Faiz became a Hafiz-e-Our'an from a madrasa in Sialkot. Asrar ul Hassan Khan, better known as Majrooh Sultanpuri, received his education from Madrasa Kanzul Uloom, Faizabad. Kaifi Azmi received their education from the famous Sultan-al- Madaris of Lucknow. Altaf Hussain Halee was a product of Madrasa Hussain Baksh, Delhi. Allama Shiblee Nomanee, Allama Neyaz Fatehpuri, Allama Aamir Usmani, Faza ibn Faiz, Rashid Khan and Allama Shafeeq Jonepori were all products of madrasas.



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The enrolment of Hindu students in madrasas was a tradition which existed till the last era says the author. Raja Ram Mohan Roy, the famous Indian reformer and one of the founders of the Brahmo Samai studied Persian and Arabic in a madrasa. Ustad Ahmad Lahori, the Chief Architect during the reign of Mughal emperor Shah Jahan and who was the key person in the construction of the Taj Mahal in Agra and the Red Fort in Delhi was also a madrasa student according to the author. Curiously, the author calls Ustad Ahmad Lahori a mason! Many of us may not be aware that India's first President Dr. Rajendra Prasad received his childhood education from a madrasa in Bihar.

MADRASAS IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR

The book traces the history of madrasas in J&K from the 14th century. Kashmir from 1339 CE to 1586 CE was under the rule of Shahmiri and Chak Sultans.

During this period Kashmir made unparalleled progress in art, knowledge, literature and history. Much before Akbar had established the Darul Tarjuma (Department of Translation), Kashmir was already working on translations. Sultan Zainulabdeen deputed his men to Turkey, Iraq and many places in India to procure Persian, Arabic and Sanskrit documents Sultan Zainulabdeen, Sultan Qutubudeen, Sultan Haider Shah and Sultan Yousuf Shah Chak not only promoted madrasas with religious and temporal education but were themselves, first-rate poets. The first poetess of this era was Lala Arifa. During the rule of the Sultans and particularly during Zainulabdeen's time, history, medicine, botany, chemistry, and many other subjects were taught in madrasas. Students were also being trained in archery, swordsmanship and horse riding. The Sultans endowed jagirs to the madrasas and therefore every village had a madrasa. Kashmir under the rule of the Sultans had been the hub of knowledge and literature.

DIRECTORY OF MADRASAS

I dwelled more on the introductory chapters of the book since they give rare insights into the history of madrasas. But the main thrust of the book is to enlist the madrasas in J&K in the form of a Directory. Each of the 450 madrasas listed has information about their location background, students' enrolment, curriculum, administrative pattern, infrastructure, financial details, the number of pass-outs, hafiz-e-Qur'an, visiting dignitaries and many other details. The pains taken by the author to collect such voluminous details are really astonishing. Of the 450 madaris, 340 are associated with Islamia Arabia Darul Uloom Deoband and the remaining belong to other schools of thought. Totally, the number of students enrolled in these madrasas as boarders is 24,665 and they have 4646 teachers and 1126 other employees. 2500 scholars have qualified from these

institutions besides 19,000 Hafiz. 210 publications have been brought out. The books available in the library of these madaris is 3,90,000. Modern schools are established in 94 madrasas and computer facilities are provided in 108 institutions says the author. However, the mere availability of computers is not a yardstick, but whether computer training is being given is a moot question. It would have been commendable if the author had estimated the number of children getting formal education from recognized schools. The book also deals at length with the biographies of the founders. Interspersed are quotations of eminent persons and Ahadees.

CONCLUSION

There is a chapter captioned "A passionate appeal to the nation...." which in reality is an address to the students of the madrasas. It paints a stereotyped picture of poor, sacrificing madrasa students pitted against rich and cruel men. This is a trite and superfluous chapter which could have been omitted. The translation and printing of the book is quite good. However, the editing of the book could have been better. Some articles are published before the Directory and some after the Directory section. All the articles could have been in one place, preferably before the Directory. The book is both a treatise on madrasas and also a Directory of madrasas in J&K. Despite the fact that the madrasas nowadays take the flak, sometimes unfairly, they have been rendering yeoman service for generations in providing basic and intensive religious education. This book holds a brief for madrasas in order to recognize their invaluable services. It does not dwell on their need for reformation and modernization which is an inadequacy. The strenuously compiled information about the 450 madrasas is a herculean effort and will prove to be useful as a Data Bank. Every library should have a copy of this book.

Pratinav Anil

A fresh take on the history of post-independence India, revealing how Muslim leaders in Congress and the community abandoned those they claimed to represent.

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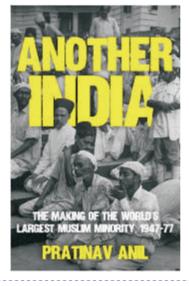
Another India tells the story of the world's biggest religious minority. We a ving together vivid biographical portraits of a wide range of Indian Muslimselite and subaltern, secular and clerical, activist and apoliticalit brings the experience of the country's Muslims under a single focus; and, by throwing light on the Indian Muslim condition the first thirty years of independence, reflects on the true character of

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democratic India. What we have here is a rather different picture from received accounts of the 'world's largest democracy'.

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Anil demonstrates how the Muslim elite encouraged depoliticization, taking up seemingly noble but largely inconsequential causes with little bearing on the lives of ordinary members of the community. There was no room for mass protests or collective solidarity in this version of Muslim politics. Another India explores this elite betrayal, whose consequences are still felt by India's 200 million Muslims today.

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Sarah Fatima

Once upon a time, there was a little boy named Ahmed. He often felt like he didn't quite fit in with the other kids in his class. They liked different things and did different activities, and sometimes Ahmed felt lonely and sad.

One day during recess, Ahmed seemed upset. He didn't enjoy his grilled cheese sandwich like he usually did. His teacher, Miss Noor, noticed and asked him what was wrong. Ahmed hesitated at first, but then he opened up about how he was feeling.

"I feel like I'm weird," Ahmed said, looking down at his shoelaces. "I don't fit in with the others."

Miss Noor took a deep breath and spoke kindly to Ahmed. "Ahmed," she said, "let me tell you something important. Every child is special and unique because Allah has made

The Prophet (Pbuh) said: "By the oath of that Being in whose hand is the soul of Muhammed, a believer is like a bee. It eats that which is pure and produces that which is pure and when it lands on a stem it does not break or spoils." (Musnad Ahmed)

From this hadith, we learn the following:

1. The bee only eats from sources

us all with our own special qualities and talents."

Miss Noor reminded him that just like every flower in a garden is different and beautiful, every child is special and valuable to Allah. Her words gave Ahmed hope and made him feel like he belonged.

"But how do I know what my talents are?" Ahmed asked, feeling curious and concerned

Miss Noor smiled. "Well, let's start with something you enjoy doing. Do you have any hobbies or things vou like?"

Ahmed thought for a moment before answering. "I like to draw." "Great!" Miss Noor exclaimed. "Drawing is a talent, and it's a wonderful way to express yourself. Maybe you could create something that shows how you feel or what

And Ahmed, did you know that

that are pure and wholesome. It

keeps away from repulsive things

and odors. Similarly, a believer

should only eat from that which is

2. The bee produces honey which is

also pure and wholesome.

Similarly, the words and actions of

a believer should only be good and

3. The bee does not break or ruin the

pure and wholesome.

vou think.'

Embracing Uniqueness Ahmed's eyes lit up with



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Allah is called Al-Musawwir, which means "The Fashioner" or "The Shaper"?

"No, I didn't know that. What does it mean?" Ahmed asked, intrigued. "It means that Allah is the one who makes everything in the world perfectly and beautifully," explained Miss Noor. "Your talent for drawing lets you appreciate the beauty of Allah's creations even

understanding. "That's amazing, Miss Noor! I will remember that every time I draw."

Miss Noor smiled proudly at her student. "I'm glad I could share this with you, Ahmed. Keep using your talent to make Allah happy.

Even though Ahmed had felt a little different before, Miss Noor's words opened up a whole new world for him

In the following weeks, Ahmed poured his heart into his artwork. He drew pictures of the world around him, his thoughts, and his feelings. As he continued to create, Ahmed found that he admired Allah's greatness even more. Each time he put pencil to paper, he was reminded of Allah's amazing creativity and power.

Soon, Ahmed started showing his drawings to others. His parents

proudly displayed his artwork on the walls, and his classmates were impressed by his talent. Ahmed even used his art to raise awareness. about important things happening in his community. He felt happy and grateful to make a difference with his talents

As time went on, Ahmed grew into a confident and talented young man. He knew he was special and valuable, just like every child in the world. Whenever he felt a little down or unsure, he remembered Miss Noor's words: "Every child is special and unique because Allah made everyone special." And he found comfort in knowing that he was loved and appreciated just the way he was.

Ahmed's journey had its ups and downs, but it helped him discover his true self and embrace his talents.

Be Like a Bee



pollinates them by carrying pollen

from one flower to another. Similarly, a believer should be gentle in his dealings with creation. His behavior should not cause harm or inconvenience to others Ibn Atheer Rahimullah stated that bees are similar to man in many ways: they are intelligent, they do not harm others, they fulfill promises, they cause benefit to others, they are content with little, they work in the day, they are averse to impurities, they eat halaal, they eat from their own hands, and they obey their leader. (Hayaatul Hayawaan)

Ali Radhiyallahu Anhu said, "Live amongst people like a bee amongst birds. Every bird regards the bee as insignificant, but if the bird knew the blessings that a bee carries in its belly, the bird would never behave the way it does. So, mix with people with your tongue and your body but remain aloof from them in terms of your actions and your heart. A man will reap what he sewed and, on the day of Qiyaamah, he will be with the one whom he loved."

(Sunan Daarami)

Umrah & Haii

Ahram Clothes and All

(Source: https://thejamiat.co.za/)

'Majoritarian morality must not supersede personal law":

Muslim Personal Law Board's Response to Law Commission

continuing model of uniform family law in India, is not 'uniform'. SMA not only has been designed as per the majoritarian morality but provides exceptions for customary

The same is reflected below:

Special Marriage Act, 1954 [S. 19-21A] Hindu Succession Act, 1956 [Sections 3(b), (d), 7(3)] take us to un-codified customs of Hindus Special Marriage Act, 1954 [\$.27(1A)(ii)]

Hindu Adoption and Maintenance Act, 1956

[(S 3(a) r/w 10(iii)]

Take us to un-codified customs of Hindus

In conclusion, the Board has submitted:

"What is a Uniform Civil Code? The answer seems simple but is entrenched with complexities. These complexities were realized by the Constituent Assembly back in 1949 when Uniform Civil Code was debated. A single-day debate witnessed strong opposition from the Muslim community. It is relevant to remember the clarification of Dr. Ambedkar at the end of the debate, "It is perfectly possible that the future parliament may make a provision by way of making a beginning that the Code shall apply only to those who make a declaration that they are prepared to be bound by it, so that in the initial stage the application of the Code may be purely voluntary."

Meanwhile, Muslim Board leadership also started an outreach program with other stakeholders. Dr. Ilyas said we got a positive response from Sikh and tribal leaders on the issue and had a good meeting with Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge and other leaders.



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Abdurrahman Anany

In the Quran, Allah SWT provides guidance and mercy for all humanity. A person who memorizes and recites the Quran will earn rewards and blessings here and in the Hereafter.

Would you like to know a secret to achieve success and respect in this life and the afterlife? Memorization of the Quran is the key. Memorizing the Quran may seem insignificant to you, but it contains many rewards, benefits, and virtues.

Let learn Benefits of Quran memorization in young age.

8 Benefits of Quran Memorization in Young Age

Memorizing the Quran at a young age brings numerous advantages that positively impact a child's life and spiritual development. Here are some significant benefits:

1. Strong Foundation of Faith

Memorizing the Quran effectively establishes a strong foundation of faith in young people. Memorizing the Quran from an early age instills a deep love and connection to Allah's words. Developing a solid foundation for a child's spiritual journey strengthens their faith.

2. Preserving the Quran

Children who memorize the Quran become stewards of a sacred tradition, preserving the divine words as they have been passed down for centuries. Being responsible for this timeless scripture cultivates pride and a

Benefits of Quran Memorization in Young Age



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3. Linguistic Proficiency

To memorize the Quran, a child must learn classical Arabic, which improves their linguistic skills. Through studying Arabic grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation, students become proficient in the language, enabling them to communicate effectively.

The process of memorizing the Quran requires discipline, concentration, and attention to detail. Developing these cognitive skills enhances memory, focus, and analytical thinking, fostering the intellectual development of young people.

4. Moral and Ethical Values

The Quran is a guide for righteous living. Memorizing its verses helps children internalize moral

and ethical values, shaping their character, behavior, and decision-making. Only Quran tutor can help you in getting moral and ethical values. So get hifz classes for kids and memorize Quran and enhance your moral and ethical values.

5. Spiritual Nourishment

It provides spiritual nourishment and tranquility to recite and reflect upon memorized verses from the Quran. The Qur'an gives children solace, guidance, and strength, and it encourages a sense of peace and contentment while helping them build a close relationship with Allah.

6. Cultural and Community Connection

Memorizing the Quran allows children to connect with their Islamic heritage, culture, and community. It opens doors to participate in Quranic recitation competitions, congregational prayers, and other spiritual activities, fostering a sense of belonging and unity among fellow Muslims.

7. Leadership and Communication Skills

Reciting the Quran in public settings is an important part of Quran memorization. This program aims to build confidence in children, enhance public speaking skills, and nurture leadership qualities within them, enabling them to share the teachings of the Quran with others to lead a better life.

8. Personal Achievement and Self-Discipline

For many young people, memorizing the Quran is a significant personal achievement representing great self-improvement. A successful career in a competitive field demands perseverance, self-discipline, and consistent effort over a long period. In addition to boosting self-confidence and preparing them for future endeavors, these accomplishments also teach them valuable life skills that can be applied in several areas in their future lives.

There are many benefits and rewards to memorizing the Quran in Islam, including blessings in this life and rewards in the Hereafter due to memorizing the Quran. Performing this worship is

an important worship that earns continuous blessings for the individual and their family.

Conclusion

In conclusion, memorizing the Quran at a young age offers many benefits, from spiritual growth and linguistic proficiency to intellectual development and moral values. It shapes children into individuals deeply connected to their faith, promoting personal and communal well-being while fostering a lifelong relationship with the divine words of Allah.

FAOs

Is it important to learn the Quran from a young age?

It is ALLAH's gift that they are capable of learning and memorizing. Therefore, children should learn and memorize the Quran at a young age.

Is it necessary to make dua for memorizing the Quran?

It is important to make dua for memorizing the Quran. It is said that Allah will make it easier for you to learn and memorize the Quran if you make dua while doing so. Memorizing the Quran has many benefits, including gaining Allah's pleasure, increasing knowledge, and strengthening your relationship with Him.

Why is it important to learn the Quran at a young age?

Islam's belief system is based on the Quran. Throughout their lives, Muslim children must learn the teachings of the Quran as they grow into adulthood.

Reading Books How Important is it for Children?



The first five to seven years of life are very important, this is the part of the age, during which habits and moods are formed. Keeping this importance in mind, efforts should be made to keep children engaged in good and useful activities at this age. It is said that a book is a man's best friend, in this case, a child's early life - if he is provided with the best friend's companionship, it will lead to the best offspring. If children are given books in their hands at an early age, they are attracted to reading and develop an interest in books. This is not just a hypothesis but an experience. Mothers who have introduced their children to storybooks, their children's ability to learn the language are many times better than other children. Children who love to study are creative and tend to be innovators.

Many people consider studying as just a hobby. People who read books regularly not only learn something new every day, but the quality of knowledge and intelligence in children is also higher than in other people. Reading a good grammar book will increase your vocabulary and improve your thinking skills. According to research, reading fiction books helps a lot in understanding the psychology of others and you can easily predict the feelings of your audience and vour robot.

15 minutes of reading a day will increase children's vocabulary.

Now the question arises that how to cultivate the habit of book friendship in children. According to experts, you can inculcate the habit of book-friendliness by following the methods. Build a library Even if it's a small one, try to build a bookshelf at home, it helps in making children fond of reading. Be an example yourself. The best way to develop a love of reading in children is to read books yourself. Read books sitting in a place where your children can see. It is important for parents to make themselves role models for their children.

POEM:

It's Maghrib Time

The sky, trees, blossoms, and birds,

Colors everywhere are vibrant and bright.

The sun now rests, the moon takes its place, A peaceful transition day turns into night.

Mothers hurrying children to tuition,

Father's returning to their abode.

You supplicate, seeking solace. In a world that's filled with uproar.

And then you hear the call to prayer,
Reaching the heavens, touching

countless hearts.

Men stride towards the mosque,
Women unfurl their prayer mats.

The creation prostrates before Allah, and silence descends. With peace, unity, and tranquility the beauty of Islam is experienced.

The charm of sunset made Muslims smile, Their faces glowed with blissful shine.

~Yumna Fazal

Successful Life

Zainab Khasal, Mawli



In our short life, there is nothing more beautiful and beloved than the concept and destination of a successful life. We want to be only successful in everything, everywhere. For this we are ready for all kinds of running.

Apply all your abilities. What is the end result? People have different goals. One wants to have all the comforts in his life. He wants his body, clothes, house, children, and beauty to reach the point where his eyes and heart can find pleasure. He who gets all this considers it successful and now he can enjoy himself and have fun.

But we can get all these achievements only till the last breath of life. Then the mud pit, loneliness. If all these blessings are used in gratitude and obedience to Allah, then the Garden of Paradise and the pleasures in the future and if all these comforts and blessings are against the will of Allah, then the

grave will be a pit of dirt and after the reckoning. He must live in the fire. A successful life can only be lived by those who do not envy people seeing them flourish and do not try to look down on them. Do not create difficulties in the way of its development. Our heart is the center of all kinds of thoughts. It is beyond our control to stop these thoughts.

We do not have the power to create these thoughts, but Allah has given us such power that we can replace bad thoughts with good thoughts in our hearts. Forgiveness of people avoids cruelty and obscenity. If it is committed and he immediately remembers Allah, asking for His forgiveness and refraining from committing sins, sleeping less at night, praying to his God, asking for His forgiveness, and understanding the rights of others in his wealth are very important for leading a successful life. It is necessary.



Taha Hassane

Muharram is the first month of the Islamic lunar calendar also called the Hijri year, which celebrates the migration of Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him. Muharram is the first month of the Islamic lunar calendar also called the Hijri year, which celebrates the migration of Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, and his companions from the city Makkah to the city of Madinah in 663. A day in the Islamic calendar is defined as beginning at sunset, and the Islamic lunar year is 11 days shorter than the solar year as counted by the Gregorian year. Because of that, the Islamic New Year does not occur on the same day of the Gregorian calendar every year.

Muharram is one of the four sanctified months about which Allah says in the Quran (9:36): "The number of months in the

Muslims Around the world welcome the New Islamic Year

sight of Allah are 12 (in a year). So ordained by Him the day He created the heavens and the earth; Of them four are sacred: That is the right religion. So wrong not yourselves therein."

Muslim scholars have stated that the rituals performed in these months have an effect on what a person does in the remaining months of the year.

Muharram marks the start of the Islamic New Year, signifying a time of renewal and spiritual contemplation. The significance of the month of Muharram is rooted in the fact that Allah chose it to be and commands His followers to not wrong themselves during this month. He encourages them to have pure intentions and righteous behavior, and use it as a period of prayer and reflection. This means Muslims are extra-vigilant during Muharram when it comes to how

to act, whether in relationships, in worship, at work, in time management or in how we take care of our health. With the right intention, every action is an opportunity for reward!

This is why Muslims increase their acts of worship during this sacred month.

The benefits and blessings obtained from fasting during Ramadan are bountiful. The same can be said for Muharram fasting. As Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "The best of fasts besides the month of Ramadan is the fast during Allah's month of Muharram."

The 10th Day of Muharram, known as the day of "Ashura," is a very significant day in the Islamic calendar. The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, has exhorted his followers to fast on this day. He is reported to have

said, "Fasting the day of 'Ashura,' I hope that Allah will accept it as expiation for the sins of the previous year." It is also reported that the Prophet, peace be upon him, and his companions used to fast on the 10th day of Muharram while they were in Makkah before the migration to Madinah.

When Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, and his companions migrated to Madinah, they found that the Jews used to observe the day of Ashura by fasting. The Prophet, peace be upon him, asked them the reason for their fasting. They said, "This is a blessed day,

on this day Allah saved the children of Israel from their enemy (in Egypt) and so Prophet Moses, peace be upon him, fasted on this day giving thanks to Allah." On that, the Prophet, peace be upon him, said, "We (Muslims) have more right to celebrate Moses' victory than they

have, so observe the fast on this day."

He then fasted on that day and commanded Muslims to fast on this day too.

In addition to fasting on the day of Ashura in particular, and Muharram in general, many Muslims prefer to pay their Zakat (alms giving) during this sacred month.

This year the month of Muharram marks the beginning of the new Islamic year 1445 AH (after Hijrah).

It's also the anniversary of the great trip of migration (Hijrah) of Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, to the city of Madinah, seeking safety for himself and his followers after spending 13 years of persecution and violence against them in Makkah.

This year, Muslims around the world and American Muslims welcome the new Islamic year 1445 praying and hoping to be full of blessings and prosperity for all. (Source:https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/)

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work towards securing the participation of workers in the management of industries. With the Left movement growing weak, there is none to speak for workers any more.

Article 45 originally mandated the State to provide free and compulsory education to children between the ages of six and fourteen years. This is perhaps the only directive principle which has attracted attention.

Article 47 commits the State to raise the standard of living and improve public health, and prohibit the consumption of intoxicating drinks and drugs injurious to health. Alcohol industry is growing leaps and bounds. Where Prohibition is introduced, the lobbies soon turn it into a failure. The consumption of alcohol and the attendant problems are creating havoc in society with huge rise in crimes including rapes, accidents and other alcohol and drug-related hazards.

The State is also mandated by Article 48 to organise agriculture and animal on modern and scientific lines by improving

In response to an invitation by Law Commission Big No to Uniform Civil Code

breeds and prohibiting slaughter of cattle. Again, what has been done cannot e regarded satisfactory.

Article 48A mandates the State to protect the environment and safeguard the forests and wildlife of the country, while Article 49 places an obligation upon the State to ensure the preservation of monuments and objects of national importance. There has been almost total failure on both fronts. With the growing industrialisation and urbanisation, environment and public health are the biggest sufferers.

Article 50 requires the State to ensure the separation of judiciary from executive in public services, in order to ensure judicial independence, and federal legislation has been enacted to achieve this objective. The interference of politics in judiciary is ever on the rise. When retired judges are made governors, the message to the judges goes far and loud: act in favour of the Government; and

you will have a grand future ahead after retirement.

"Fundamental Rights" is a part and parcel of every constitution throughout the world. "Fundamental Rights" implies rights of individuals in matters concerned with themselves, which in extension applies to the families and communities in matters that do not affect the other communities. Nobody has the right to enforce their own laws on them. Personal Law is something which is purely an internal matter of Muslims, which does not affect in anyway the other communities. If there are any issues with the way Islamic laws are interpreted and implemented, they must discuss it among themselves, and take corrective actions within the parameters of Islam, which provides the most balanced and scientific system of peace at the individual level, family level and social level. If certain problems are there, they should take stock of the situation, can benefit from the opinions of different schools of

thought within Islam instead of sticking to just one school.

If Muslims want to continue with Muslim Personal Law, notwithstanding the need of certain reforms needed to make it more in tune with the letter and spirit of Islam, it is because they have absolute faith in Islam as the guarantor of peace at every level, individual, family and social. We cannot have a compromise on this because compromise would mean accepting either older, distorted versions of other religions, which are not being followed even by their own communities, or accepting the modern principles, which are guided more by the commercial and less by health and peace considerations. Hindu religion in its original form had no system of divorce, because marriage was no agreement or contract like Islam but an unbreakable bondage in which the girl is donated by the parents to the husband. Older scriptures allow innumerable marriages of man, Krishna had 8 formal wives and several thousand other wives taken in marriage, as claimed by Hindu scholars, to end their captivity.

Some Hindu tribes do also have a custom of women having multiple husbands, a custom which has found proponents in some Hindu scholars of today who find it as the only option considering the declining women/men ratio in population. Hindu women in traditional religion also did not enjoy equal religious rights. Sati Pratha was considered a favoured position that a woman should ideally take at the death of her husband. There was of course no possibility of a divorcee getting married again. Hindus have compromised on most of these positions, and taking clue from Islam, they have allowed divorces and the marriages of divorcees and widows. There was no provision of inheritance to women, and here again they have taken a clue from Islam, the first religion to give women rights in inheritance in parents', children's as well as husbands' properties.

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Javed Akhtar

Our joint family home housed 14 of us from ages 5 to 95 years.

Today I watched both the houses abandoned and nature taking over the garden my mother used to tend for hours every day. The Jamun, the Drumstick a few Ashok, Neem, and Peepal have survived but all beauty is both transient and fragile and the law of entropy powerful. The lovely flowers of myriad colours are all gone. I wonder what happened to the peacock family that came every

day and ate from my mom's hand. The Bulbul, the sparrows, the parrots, spotted flycatchers, Cuckoos, a huge troop of monkeys that once in a month would upset the order of the place. *Once people leave, a home becomes a house*. Initially, I didn't feel like selling and now I don't feel like going. Time has taken away ten of its fourteen occupants.

I walk around our neighborhood and see the similar fate of so many homes once full of life is now replaced or lying still.

Permanent Address



Why do we stretch and stress to build houses? In most cases, our kids won't need it or, worse, fight over it.

What is this human folly of attempting permanent ownership in a leased life with an uncertain tenure given by a landlord whose terms are non-negotiable and there is no court of appeal

One day all we have built with love and EMIs will either be demolished, fought over, sold, or lie in ruins.

Every time I fill out a form that asks for a 'permanent address' I smile at human folly.

There is a Zen story that an old monk walked into a King's palace demanding he wanted to spend the night in this Inn and the guards told him, "What Inn, can't you see it a palace?". The monk said, "I came here a few decades back

someone was staying there, and a few years later someone else took the throne from him, then someone else. Any place where the occupant keeps changing is an Inn."

"كُور النَّا مُنْهِ الْحُودُ النَّبُنَا مُنَاعِ وَالسَّ الْأَكُورُ فِي دَارُ الْقُرَارِ " "O my people, this worldly life is only temporary enjoyment, and indeed, the Hereafter - that is the home of permanent settlement."

George Carlin says *"house is just a place where you keep your stuff as you go out and get more stuff". *

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Raselos

No matter how different from each other we may be, all of us humans face the same basic predicament: We take birth in this world, we spend at most a few vears here, and then we depart. What we might want to know, is the purpose behind this exercise. Is it simply for us to come into being, exist for a mere blip of time, and then be snuffed out of existence forever, as atheists might aver? Is it simply for us to have some fun and frolic, to make every effort we can in the short time we get here to have a 'good' time, as hedonists might believe? Or is there a higher purpose to it?

That there must be some higher purpose to our life on Planet Earth, to our spending a brief period of time here, is suggested by some basic facts of the cosmos.

The immense universe we live in contains billions upon billions of galaxies, and each of these galaxies contains billions upon billions of heavenly bodies. In terms of size, Planet Earth is incredibly minuscule compared to the rest of the vast universe, perhaps like the size of a single grain of sand when set against all the particles of sand on all the beaches in the world. And yet, despite all their investigations, scientists know of no other place in the entire universe where any form of life exists. This uniqueness of Planet Earth seems to suggest that it must have been deliberately crafted by its Creator with a very special purpose in mind to host life.

Furthermore, Planet Earth hosts hundreds of thousands of life forms or species, human beings

Why on Earth Are We on Earth?



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being just one of them. Yet, human beings are unique among the vast number of species that exist on Earth by having such faculties as reason, free will, and conscience, which enables them to exercise dominion over other species. This uniqueness of human beings among all the species that exist on Earth seems to suggest that they have been fashioned and sent here for a very special purpose, quite distinct from that of other species that share their temporary earthly home.

These two basic facts the uniqueness of Planet Earth among all the billions of heavenly bodies that exist in the universe, and the uniqueness of human beings among all the millions of species that exist on Planet Earth suggest that human life on Earth must definitely be for a very special purpose. It couldn't simply be, as many of us might like to think, merely in order for us to 'have a

good time' for a brief while, to eat, sleep, work, consume, perhaps marry and produce children (to copulate and then populate, one might say), and then, finally, to die.

Knowing the special purpose for our brief stay on Earth is crucial for the way we choose to spend our time here. This is an issue of immense existential importance for us, for only if we have a proper understanding of what this purpose is can we lead our life here in a manner that is geared to fulfilling this purpose. An erroneous understanding of this purpose is bound to result in our squandering our life, wasting what is likely the only chance that we will ever get to spend time on Earth

What the special purpose of our short stay on Planet Earth is something that if it could begin at a young age itself, with children being introduced to this vital subject in school and this being continued right up till the college level and even beyond. In this way, children can grow up with the understanding that our life here does have a purpose higher than mere existence or 'achievement' and 'enjoyment'. In turn, this might save very many people from wasting their lives, time, and resources on unwholesome purposes.

Growing up, not once did I hear anyone at home or school or elsewhere talk about the purpose of human life. No one I met, heard, or read ever even obliquely referred to the fact that our stay on Earth might have a definite purpose. How different my life would have been had I learned early on, through books, from the mass media, from my parents or my teachers or others, that we are here, on Planet Earth, for a certain purpose, a purpose that is beyond mere existence or simply trying to 'have fun and enjoy', 'make it big',

Extrapolating from my own personal experience till quite late in my life, I could say that perhaps many millions of people never feel they could or should even ask the question of what the ultimate purpose of human life might be, leave alone seeking to get an answer to it. From my own experience, I know how tragic the consequences can be of not knowing that our life on Earth has a higher purpose beyond the immediate, day-to-day purposes we set for ourselves wasted time, resources, and opportunities, being squandered on purposes diametrically opposed to what I now recognize is the purpose for our brief sojourn on Earth. On this basis, I know how crucial it is for people to consciously reflect on the purpose of human life, of our short stay on this planet so that we can try to lead it in the best possible way and not ruin it through unawareness of what is one of the most important

existential issues of all.

or become 'rich and famous'!

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existential issues of all.



Sana Rubiyana

Our mindset shapes how we experience life. A growth mindset is an openness to new challenges, facing discomfort, and continuous learning. A fixed mindset is shut down to self-reflection, any discomfort, and any new information. In other words, a growth mindset is an approach to life in which an individual believes that their talents. intelligence, and abilities can be developed further. People with a growth mindset seek opportunities to learn, gain new skills, and enhance their existing skills.

How to create a growth mindset:

My personality isn't fixed, personality traits can be influenced by the choices we make. Through commitment, practice, and dedication I can

Growth Mindset



expand who I am, regardless of where I come from.

I can be comfortable by taking small steps out of my comfort zone on a regular basis, I can teach myself confidence and resilience

Triggers are my teachers, when I am triggered, I sit with them. I reflect on why I'm feeling a strong emotional response and develop more self-awareness. I am always curious about how I react and behave.

I reflect on criticism and

feedback, by reflecting on it, I can look to see if there's any truth or helpful information that I might not be aware of without

taking it personally.

I see myself and other adults as fully capable. I make choices in my own best interest and allow others to do the same.

I examine my own stories; I am aware of the stories I create around what I experience.

I speak to myself in ways that allow me to feel empowered.

I don't expect to be good at anything new, I recognize practice is needed for me to be good or feel comfortable with anything new. I don't require perfection for myself or for myself.

I learn all I can, and I enjoy new information. New things help me make better choices and make me learn who I am.

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What is an allergy? An allergy can be described as the sensitiveness of a body to ALLERGENS or certain substances in the environment. An allergic reaction generally occurs within a few minutes after coming in contact with the allergen, or it may be delayed for several

hours or several days. Homeopathically, an invaluable remedy in maladies that begin suddenly is ACONITE NAPELLUS (Monkshood). If

used at once as soon as the symptoms occur-it takes care of them all. Used immediately, it works like a charm!

Almost any part of the body can be affected by allergies, mainly the nose, eyes, skin, chest, intestines, or ears. Pollen, dust, cosmetics, poisonous plants, serums, vaccines, etc. are commonly known to cause allergies as also oranges, milk, eggs, wheat, fish, chocolates, cabbage, potatoes, tomatoes, and strawberries.

An allergy that affects the nose and eyes is commonly known as Hay fever or Allergic rhinitis-a chronic state where day after day you sneeze 20 or 30 times. It is not an acute cold although the

Overcoming Allergies



symptoms are similar. The best way to deal with Hay fever is to fast on fruit and fruit juices for a few days and to get into the habit of regular exercise. You will build your physical resistance and not fall prey to every allergen that comes vour way.

A simple, ancient technique from Ayurveda is JAL NETI, or nasal douche (Nose Wash). Jal Neti helps flush out dirt and bacteria from the nasal passages. Clear nasal passages prevent infections and improve breathing and hence blood circulation. Your breath remains fresh, your eyesight improves, and you sleep even better. Take ten minutes out of your day to do JAL NETI and you can be free of sinusitis and hay fever for life. Migraine and asthma symptoms also get reduced immensely by this

practice.

Food allergies occur when the system is wrong overloaded foods such as alcohol, sugar, refined cereals, tobacco, and foods that contain preservatives, flavoring, and chemical additives put a lot of stress on the digestive system. For preventive purposes all Vitamin C complex foods, which are known as BIO-FLAVONOIDS are recommended. Vitamin

E also possesses effective antiallergic properties. Research by an Indian physician, Dr.Hemant Pathak has shown that the use of five drops of castor oil in a little juice or water taken on an empty stomach in the morning prevents allergies of the intestinal tract, skin, and nasal passages.

Stress is also a great contributor to allergic reactions in the body. When the mind is not at ease- you are tense and worried- you become an easy target for allergies. It is best to learn to relax, to unwind, to let go-for accumulating stress will only decrease your quality of liferemember ' Que Sera Sera ' whatever will be, will be...

(The writer is a Consultant & Teacher of Homeopathy)

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Permanent Address

As houses get bigger, families get smaller. *When the house has occupants, we desire privacy, and when the nest empties we crave company.*

Birds and Animals must be laughing at us humans that give up living in order to build their dream home and in the end, depart the Inn they mistook as a permanent residence.

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