

Eid-ul-Zuha celebrated with fervor and devotion

Bhopal: The city of Bhopal celebrated Eid-ul-Zuha, also known as Eid al-Adha, with great devotion and fervor on Monday. This significant Islamic festival, which falls on the 10th day of the Islamic month of Zil Hijj, witnessed a large turnout of worshippers at various mosques across the city.

The first Eid prayer was led by Shahar Qazi Syed Mushtaq Ali Nadvi at the Eidgah, marking the beginning of the day's religious observances. Following this, special Eid namaz was offered at Jama Masjid, Taj-ul-Masajid, Moti Masjid, and other local mosques, where congregants gathered in large numbers to offer prayers.

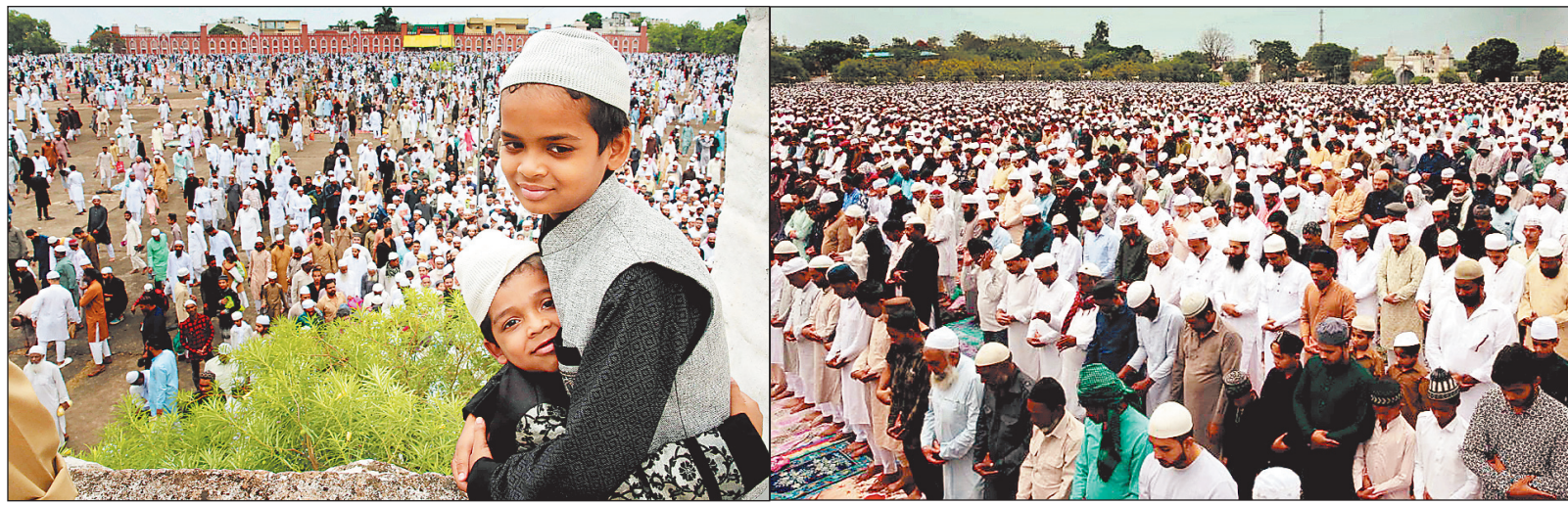
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Dr. Ausaf Shahmiri Khurram, President of the All India Muslim Festival Committee, stated that the festival of faith would continue for three days. He emphasized the importance of this period for the Muslim community, as it involves not only prayer and reflection but also acts of charity and community bonding.

Bhopal's markets bustling with activity

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▶ **Eid namaz offered in all major mosques; people exchange greetings and give alms**



Eid-ul-Zuha was celebrated in the city on Monday; the faithful offered special Eid namaz on the occasion. Photos by Ashraf Ali.

with activity in anticipation of Eid-ul-Zuha. For the past month, villagers from nearby areas have been bringing goats to the city for sale, a tradition central to the festival's observance.

The business generated by this festive occasion is expected to reach around Rs 70 crore, with major market areas such as Karond, Subhash Nagar, Gandhinagar, Ibrahimipura, Chowk

Bazaar, Nadeem Road, Jahangirabad, and Laxmi Talkies witnessing a significant influx of buyers and sellers.

Festive atmosphere was palpable

After the Eid prayers, people exchanged greetings and engaged in the traditional practice of giving alms to the poor, reinforcing

the spirit of compassion and community that defines Eid-ul-Zuha.

The festive atmosphere was palpable throughout the city, highlighting the cultural and social significance of this important religious event.

People, dressed in their best clothes, visited the homes of their friends and relatives where they exchanged greetings and enjoyed

delicacies. There was great enthusiasm among children and youngsters.

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The celebration of Eid-ul-Zuha in Bhopal showcased the city's vibrant cultural fabric and the deep-rooted traditions that continue to bring the community together in faith and festivity.

Bhanwarasala Pond in Indore to get new lease of life

Bhopal: Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav urged the citizens to combat wastage of water and embrace its conservation. Highlighting the declining groundwater levels as a major concern, CM Dr Yadav emphasized to plant trees progressively. Calling for collective action to replenish resources, the state government has launched the Jal Ganga Samvardhan Abhiyan in response to urgent needs, ensuring sustained efforts for water conservation.

Dr. Yadav was addressing the Shramdaan program organized to make an unusable pond located in Bhanwarasala of Indore city useful, increase its water capacity, and beautify it. Dr. Yadav accompanied by the Urban Administration and Development Minister Kailash Vijayvargiya and Water Resources Minister Tulsiram Silawat and other public representatives and citizens offered shramdaan.

CM Yadav emphasized the significance of the Jal Ganga Samvardhan Abhiyan, stating that it will significantly enhance the state's water resources and mark a substantial stride towards environmental enhancement.

Water Resources Minister Tulsiram Silawat said that the state government is working with a fresh resolve aiming at the development of the state. Focussing on water conservation and promotion in the state, work is being done simultaneously to renovate and deepen wells, step wells, ponds, and rivers and increase their water capacity in all the urban and rural areas of the state.

CM visits Shri Mahavir Tapobhoomi

Bhopal: Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav visited Shri Mahavir Tapobhoomi and worshipped Lord Mahavir Swami in the temple on Monday. Sachin Kasliwal shared that the Chief Minister sought blessings by offering a Shrifal to Acharya Gurudev Shri Pragma Sagar. During his discourse, Acharya praised Dr. Mohan Yadav, stating that he symbolizes a new path of development for Madhya Pradesh. He commended the Chief Minister for his dynamic and unforgettable contributions to the state.

Dr. Mohan Yadav, who has given a new impetus to the development of Ujjain, frequently seeks blessings from saints and engages in religious activities. Expressing his gratitude to Acharya Pragma Sagar Maharaj, Dr. Yadav remarked that receiving blessings from revered gurus feels like being in the presence of God. Dr. Yadav's visit to Tapobhoomi was for the inauguration of Shri Guru Gautam Swami Gurukul. The Gurukul, guided by Shri Mahavir Tapobhoomi founder Acharya Shri Pragma Sagar, will be run under the direction of Bal Brahmachari Arun Bhaiya.

Sandari is a water bag used in ancient times



Bhopal: Under the popular museum series 'Exhibit of the Month' of Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya, a traditional object is displayed for a whole month. The exhibit for the month of June 2024 is Sandari, which is a water bag made of leather. It is widely used Meghwal community from Kutch, Gujarat and is on display in the indoor exhibition building-Veethi Sankul. The 'exhibit of the month' was inaugurated by Dr Anil Kothari, Director General, MP Council of Science and Technology. This object has been prepared by Assistant keeper Mrs Garima Anand.

About the exhibit displayed in the exhibition, Garima Anand Assistant Keeper said that the Sandari is a water bag made of leather collected from the Meghwal community of Kutch. It was used in ancient times to keep water while traveling or to carry water easily from one place to another.

Sandari is one among the various ancient objects

like Matka, Surahi etc. which have been replaced by modern means and methods of water supply and collection. This object is special in itself as compared to the water storage devices available in various mediums like plastic, metal, glass and cloth etc.

There is no factual basis available as to when and where sandari or leather water containers were invented, but ever since mankind started using animal skin as a cover, perhaps since then leather has been used for protection from water and wind. Its ability to tolerate, adapt and resist would have inspired the creation of other useful items.

However, in the Indian context, it can be assumed that the extreme heat in this region and the need of water during the long distances of movement of the people in the respective areas may have inspired the creation of something which, besides being durable, should also be easy to carry and have high storage capacity.

Although the tradition of such objects has vanished and communities like Bhishti who mainly used it have been deviated to other professions, some of the makers are still continuing and transforming the heritage to their younger generations.

CM attends last rites of Minister Jatiya's wife



Bhopal: The last rites of former Union Minister Satyanarayan Jatiya's wife Kalavati Jatiya were performed at Chakratirtha in Ujjain on Monday. Karnataka Governor Gehlot and Chief Minister Dr. Yadav paid tribute to Jatiya's wife by offering a floral wreath on her mortal remains. Karnataka Governor Thawarchand Gehlot and Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav also attended the last journey of Smt Jatiya. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav expressed condolences and consoled the family. He prayed to God to grant the departed soul a place in his lotus feet and give the bereaved family the strength to bear this immense loss. Regional MP Anil Firojiya, MLA Anil Jain Kaluheda, MLA Dr. Chintamani Malviya, MLA Tej Bahadur Singh Chauhan, MLA Satish Malviya, Vivek Joshi, Bahadur Singh Bormunda and other public representatives attended the ceremony.

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