



It's Eid time!

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Today the ray of light that streams through the glassy window of your bedroom has something remarkable and special in it. This speciality lies not only in the dawning rays of light but also in everything, everywhere. Yes you are right in guessing, it is the Eid day. A day which is full of activity, festivity, celebrations and entertainment. It's your day, it's my day and it's a day of for everyone.

As soon as the last week of Ramazan starts, the preparations for Eid gather momentum. The shopping for new attires, shoes, perfumes and eatables is done. The ladies seem to be interested in paying for everything they come to like for example from a nail polish to a heavily embroidered dress. The Chand'raat adds colour to the festivity and excitement of Eid. The females do their last minute shopping, apply mehndi on their hands, give final touches to their homes and make sure that they have enough eatables to feed an army of guests.

No doubt this blessed day has arrived with all its specialities and brilliance and the precious gifts adds to its brilliance. The young children are vigilant in collecting and counting their rapidly increasing Eidee.

After a year's long wait, the blessed day of Eid has arrived but wait a second, the Satan is free of course and it is also his day to feast as he is back after a month's absence. It's time to be beware of him as he can trap any human being at any time.

Greeting cards from our loved ones are on the table with their refreshing and colourfully vibrant look that adds to our



pleasant mood. To select a greeting card is an interesting as well as a difficult job because when you have lots of options it becomes difficult to select the best one. Eid cards are decorated and put for sale in almost every shop in every corner of the country and one can see all the hustle and bustle in these shops, especially during the last two weeks of Ramazan.

On especial days like Eid etc, the youth, notably those belonging to the privileged classes, sometime act irresponsibly. It has been observed that motorcyclists take out the silencer of their motorbikes, do wheeling and zigzagging at a high speed on main roads and in streets as well, putting at risk the lives of others and themselves. Let us make a pledge on this Eid day that this negative trend will be

avoided and as a result things will look more beautiful than ever.

A typical Eid day starts with friends and relatives call one another or come to visit. At times it becomes difficult to accommodate all those guests in one drawing room. Sometimes a friend is standing on the gate and the cousins occupy the drawing room. It all happens almost to everyone. It seems unmanageable to attend all of them, but one can do so if only a few minutes are given to each of them. At that moment, it seems the only way out of it. There is a great hullabaloo every where, and greetings are in the air. It looks as if the entire world has been changed on this very day, everything seems to be going in the right direction and everyone is happy. In such an enjoyable

situation, some times one seizes the opportunity and steps out the gate to greet one of his friends to whom he has been unable to meet for quite some time.

Eid is a festival that is a blessing for us provided by our religion and it has immense importance in our lives. Now time to see what Ramazan has taught us to practise. What we have been taught in the month of Ramazan should be practiced afterwards as well. The duties to Allah Almighty and the rights of mankind should be carried out as instructed in Islam. Islam is an upholder of peace and the festival of Eid is a symbol of peace, happiness and brotherhood. That is why Eid is celebrated and taken as a special day. When you have three peaceful holidays in a row and

followed by a blissful Sunday, it becomes all the more enjoyable. In that case, a student cannot hide his excitement as he is in a state of extreme joy and happiness. Being a student, I can easily comprehend the way the happiness combined with Eid leaves a positive influence on students. In any case, holidays are certainly a source of pleasure for students and they feel right related. Eid not only gives them holidays but also immense delight and ecstasy.

Every Muslim has the right to celebrate this especial day but what about those who are helpless before their fate? Those who are underprivileged, should also have the right to celebrate this very day. Beggars are found alongside the roads, wearing rags. Before celebrating any occasion, one has to look around and try to make the deprived ones happy too. One must also realise that including others in one's happiness is also important. By making others happy on such occasions, one can extract the maximum pleasure out of them.

Three or more absorbing days after Eid, I usually find myself on bed suffering from indigestion. Is it usual to fall ill as Eid goes by? The answer is yes for those who like to eat too much and cannot easily digest their food. Eating sweet dishes of different varieties and other kinds of tasty food is indeed hard to digest after fasting for a month. One must be choosy as well as careful in eating and one should not overeat. There is no doubt that one cannot resist tasting the scrumptious Eid dishes after every fifteen minutes. The problem also lies in not only overeating but also eating at irregular intervals.

Eid is a festival, a religious ritual, a social gathering and above all an event full of pleasure and excitement. Everybody should celebrate it in the true spirit, leaving behind all differences. Let's turn a new leaf and reform us from the platform of Eid. So come on, let's celebrate Eid joyously. ■