

EDITORIAL

With a heavy heart, we are presenting our first issue of the Journal of the Pakistan Historical Society *Historicus* of 2019, without the guidance and supervision of our mentor, Prof. Dr. Ansar Zahid Khan, who left us on 19th February 2019 to his journey to eternity. This year we have been deprived of another renowned historian, Prof. Dr. S.H.M. Jafri. May Allah rest their souls in peace.

Due to protracted illness and sad demise of our Editor-in-Chief, Prof. Dr. Ansar Zahid Khan, we have decided to publish both the issues as a combined issue. This combined issue (No. 1 & 2 of 2019) has ten research articles beside part VII of the “Memoirs of Khwajah Muhammad Bux” as well.

The first article “Trust-Based Relations in Delhi Sultanate Power Politics” thoroughly discusses the process through which nobility was acquired, cultivated and sustained in the Delhi Sultanate.

“Dissenting Jinnah” is another article focusing on the unmatched personality and one of the distinguished characters of our history, Quaid-i-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah.

Shah Enayat was a political activist Sufi, who had played a powerful role in the political and socio-religious history of eighteenth century Sindh. The third article “Shah Enayat” analyses the role of this famous Sufi.

A historiographical overview of descriptions related to civil society in the historical writings in the Subcontinent, has been taken in the fourth article “Writing History of Civil Society: A New Trend and its Challenges.”

The Nawab period of 18th century Bengal has not been so far properly focused by historians. The fifth article “Society, Culture and Inter Communal Harmony during the Nawab Period (1727-1739) in Bengal” has filled this vacuum.

The sixth article “Muslim Mystics of the Punjab and the Pakistan Movement” is good research. It seeks the role played by mystics of the Punjab to popularize the cause of Pakistan among masses and how they proved themselves as a powerful force during 1946 elections and again in 1947.

A good study of ancient society focusing a single item of jewellery

and its impact on modern society has been presented in the seventh article “Neck-Jewellery Depicted in the Panels of Gandhara Art: Their Classification, Comparison, and Continuation in Modern Cultures”.

The eighth article “Co-relation between Power Deployment and Socio-Political Movements: The Case Study of Ayub Khan’s Regime” analyzes the nature and mechanism of power structure during the Ayub regime in Pakistan.

“A Critique of the Theocratic Model of the Sultanate of Delhi”, the next study, tries to clarify the misunderstandings about the term of “Theocracy”.

The last article “Soil Scientific Analysis: A New Direction toward Environmental Reconstruction” throws light on the environmental reconstruction of human paleo landscape by the soil micro morphology.

Part VII of the Australian businessman’s autobiography “Memoirs of Khawajah Muhammad Bux” is published in this issue.

An Index of Vol. LXVI (2018) issues is included as well in this issue.

Three obituaries are also part of this issue.

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