



# ISMAILI MAIL BLOG NEWSLETTER

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## Introduction & Scope

Ismaili Mail Blog began as an individual initiative to reverberate the news and activities in the Ismaili Muslim Community across the globe and to help gather the news under one platform for easy search and reference.

The story materials are broader encompassing news about the Imam, as well as news and achievements of Imam Institutions and community members. In addition, there is material from a cultural perspective. Of particular focus has been Jamati engagement in civil society where ever the Jamat may be. The Blog mitigates risk by only posting vetted externally published materials, always providing references. Materials are vetted for risk to individuals, community, and by extension the Imam institutions and the Imam itself. The Blog allows for comments using a moderated feedback methodology, and does not allow debates or discussion forums. Being a Blog, it introduces the concept of tags, such that material can be viewed in a thematic way. The Blog intermixes with news items, existing materials from the IIS and the AKDN, such as the introduction to the community, the ethical framework, and other such articles.

Given the broad community of blog on the Internet, Ismaili Mail materials have also been introduced to other blogs, and have been picked up on occasion. Given the mix of Jamati, Imam, Cultural and Institutional news, it is able to introduce new target audiences to work of the institutions, and the ethics of the community.

With the multitude of events happening and news thereof, with regard to the Imam, the Imam Institutions and the community, Ismaili Mail is pleased to introduce a monthly Ismaili Mail Newsletter which summarizes the stories of the month. The stories/articles of the month have been categorized by topic for easy reference and each article has been provided with appropriate links/URL so you can easily click on them to visit the site for complete story.

Thank You.



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- Ashfaq Mohammed: Young IIT Architect student [View](#)
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- Statement by Senator Mobina Jaffer to the Canadian Senate [View](#)
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- Golden Jubilee Games: First ever, Global Ismaili Sports Tournament. [View](#)



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- A Muslim at the Catholic Worker [View](#)
- Rafiq Dossani's India Arriving: How This Economic Powerhouse is Redefining Global Business [View](#)
- The meaning of life - by Fayaz Alibhai [View](#)
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- Microscale culture of human liver cells for drug development - Salman Khetani [View](#)
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- Harvard News: Documentary Depicts Life Of Islamic Leader [View](#)
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- Colours of Paradise - Karimabad Hunza [View](#)
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- Reviewed: Volume 4 Bardic Divas, Volume 5 Badakhshan Ensemble and Volume 6 Alim and Fargana Qasimov [View](#)
- Eurasia Insight: Folk Music Once Again Thrives In Central Asia and the Caucasus [View](#)
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- Salgirah Mubarak! From Paul Levy [View](#)
- A NOBLE BIRTHDAY [View](#)
- Conservative MP Rahim Jaffer Delivers Khushiali Statement [View](#)
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- Various new articles at official Ismaili Community Portal [View](#)
- Conservative Government of Canada sends video greetings to His Highness the Aga Khan and the Shia Ismaili Muslim community [View](#)