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Press Release

**Eid al Adha is the occasion that marks generosity, compassion and sacrifice; the Grand Mufti of India**

New Delhi: Grand Mufti of India, Sheikh Abubakr Ahmad, has extended his wishes and prayers on the Feast of Sacrifice. Eid al-Adha is an occasion to mark the sacrifice and dedication of human beings to God. This festival and the sacrifice of animals is a metaphor that holds significant importance in our faith, commemorating the devotion and sacrifice of the Prophet Ibrahim, He said.

Eid al-Adha, also known as the Festival of Sacrifice, teaches us profound lessons of faith, obedience, and selflessness. It reminds us of the supreme act of surrender to the will of Allah demonstrated by Prophet Ibrahim when he was commanded to sacrifice his beloved son, Ismail (Ishmael). In His mercy, Allah provided a ram as a substitute, highlighting the importance of trust, patience, and faith in our Creator.

It is also highlighting the message that ritual murder, which was prevalent in ancient societies, is anti-divine and inhuman, as God doesn't allow to sacrifice of Ismail. It symbolizes our willingness to give up our desires and priorities for the sake of God. It urges us to embody generosity, compassion, and solidarity, reaching out to those in need and ensuring no one is left behind.

The Grand Mufti urged the believers to remember the less fortunate, the impoverished, and those facing hardships. Our duty as Humans is to share our blessings and lend a helping hand to those in need. Let us strive to positively impact society by extending our support, love, and care to all, regardless of their backgrounds.

He also said and prayed that the Eid al-Adha encourages us to foster strong family bonds and community unity. It is a time for gathering, sharing meals, exchanging gifts, and spreading joy. Everyone should use this occasion to strengthen kinship ties, mend broken relationships, and spread love and harmony.

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