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# POLICY TO PRACTICE PODCAST

The CDPP launched the "Policy to Practice" podcast featuring development sector experts. The podcast aims to enlighten a diverse audience on global issues, fostering conversations with experts to simplify complex concepts related to social, cultural, economic, and technological development.

## #1 Featuring Mr. Gie Goris

Mr. Gie Goris, a Belgian writer and journalist, spoke on his experience with India and his expertise on the Global South. He provided insights into various issues that potentially held India back from achieving superpower status and explored strategies to address these challenges.



## #2 Featuring Prof. Abdul Shaban

Prof. Abdul Shaban from TISS Mumbai explored the profound impact of technology on local communities and minorities. He discussed the erosion of local voices and cultures, emphasising how dominant groups with technology access wield influence. The discussion called for equal opportunities for all to engage in the digital age and exercise their citizen rights.



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## #3 Featuring Mr. Ashhar Farhan

This episode features the renowned Entrepreneur and Technologist, Mr. Ashhar Farahan. The Co-Founder of Daana & Lamakaan delves into the captivating facets of Artificial Intelligence, delving into topics such as the future of AI, its profound impact, regulatory considerations, and, ultimately, how Indians can adeptly embrace the advent of this revolutionary technology.



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# ONLINE BLOGS

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## Three new bills introduced in an opposition-less parliament



In a surprising turn, India introduced three groundbreaking bills—Bharatiya Nyaya (Second) Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha (Second) Sanhita, and Bharatiya Sakshya (Second) Bill—reshaping the country's legal framework. Despite the suspension of 141 Opposition MPs, the bills address criminal justice, criminal procedures, and evidence, with notable changes like community service as punishment, redefined sedition laws, and electronic records as primary evidence. While the bills aim for modernization, concerns arise over issues like police custody duration, property attachment, and admissibility of electronic records. The unique legislative circumstances raise questions about representation and prompt vigilance regarding the bills' impact on India's legal landscape.

## How 'BoycottMaldives' may impact crucial ties between two neighbours



.Controversial remarks by Maldivian ministers on social media led to their suspension. The incident, amid diplomatic tensions, suggests a potential shift in alliances. Despite strains, India remains a crucial partner for the Maldives in tourism, defense, and economic projects, but the dispute has also impacted the business sector. The incident highlights the complex nature of Indo-Maldivian relations in the strategically significant Indian Ocean Region.

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## Highlights from ASER 2023 Report



The ASER 2023 'Beyond Basics' survey assessed education and skills of Indian youth aged 14-18. It revealed disparities in enrollment, vocational training, foundational skills, and a digital divide. The findings stress the need for targeted interventions in education, vocational training, gender inclusivity, digital literacy, and financial education to ensure holistic development and unleash the full potential of India's youth.

## Barriers to Higher Education for Persons with Disabilities



This article explores challenges faced by persons with disabilities (PWD) in higher education in India, despite legislative efforts and government initiatives. Barriers include low enrolment, physical infrastructure limitations, delays in accommodation processes, negative perceptions, and inadequate support services. A comprehensive approach is crucial to foster inclusive higher education, addressing legislative, infrastructural, and attitudinal aspects, ensuring meaningful inclusion and empowerment for PWD.

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# EVENTS

CDPP conducts a Bazm event on the second Wednesday of every month. Apart from Bazm, a talk and a book discussion was held.

**CELEBRATING 5<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**بزم کا خصوصی اجلاس**  
**BAZM SPECIAL SESSION**

on Friday, 5 January, 2024 at 05:30 pm  
at **Lamakaan**, Near GVK One, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad

This special celebration brings together some of the stalwarts of the Bazm-e-Sukhan

The agenda will feature select recitals of the best of Urdu poetry by

ASHHAR FARHAN | ELAHE HIPTOOLA | GAZALA SIDDIQI | GUL-E-RANA  
HUMERA SAYEED | MOHAMMED ZAHEER | R P JOSHI | SATISH KUMAR  
SATYA PRABHAKAR | SHOBHANA T. | UMAIR ULLAH KHAN | ZIA NADEEM

PROF. ASHRAF RAFI and SMT. LAKSHMI DEVI RAJ | DR ATIYA MUJEEB AREFI  
will Preside over the Event | Presenter

The evening will also feature a release of Satya Prabhakar's 2024 edition of the much acclaimed and successful *Alfaz Ki Mehfil* and Asrar Ahmed Khan's *Daman-e-Gulchein*

Dinner at Lamakaan follows

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**Talk by**  
**Dr. Muqtedar Khan**

*A professor in the Department of Political Science and International Relations at the University of Delaware. He got his PhD in International Relations and Islamic Philosophy from Georgetown University. He established and was the first Director of the Islamic Studies program at the University of Delaware.*



**Topic of Discussion:**  
**India and its Minorities:  
What Does the Future Hold?**

**Date:** Friday, January 19, 2024.  
**Time:** 2 PM Onwards

**Location:**  
CDPP Office, Office#3, Serene Heights Building, #10-3-303  
Humayun Nagar, Masab Tank Hyderabad 500028 Telangana

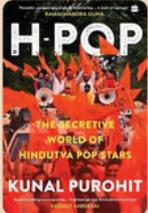
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**Book Discussion with**  
**Kunal Purohit**

The author is an award-winning independent journalist, documentary filmmaker, and podcast creator. He writes on the intersections between development, social justice, international relations, and politics.

*Can a song trigger a murder? Can a poem spark a riot? Can a book divide a people? Away from the gaze of mainstream urban media, across India's dusty, sleepy towns, a brand of popular culture is quietly seizing the imagination of millions, on the internet and off it.*

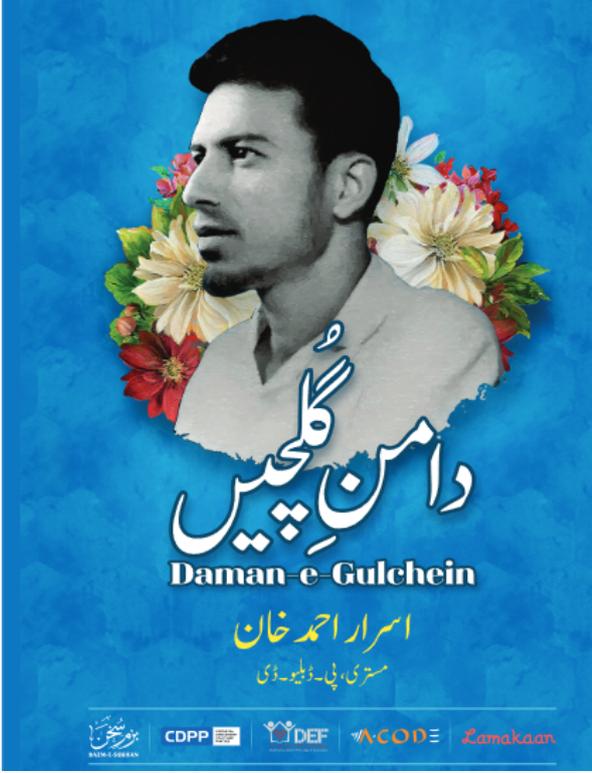


**Date:** Monday 29th Jan 2024  
**Time:** 11:30 AM onwards

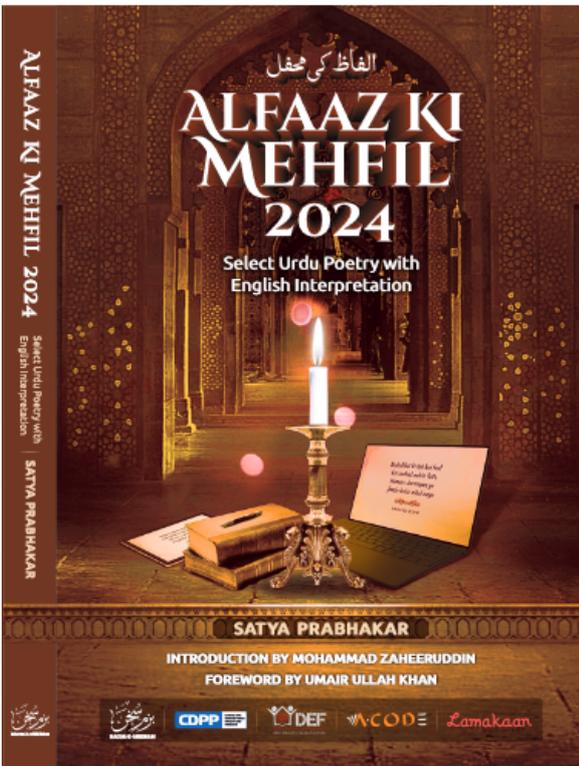
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This unique book is an invaluable contribution from an individual who has closely observed and studied Urdu poetry for the past 70 years. The book touches upon various walks of life and caters to a diverse audience. The carefully selected and finely translated content in this this volume brings to life a slice of modern history in post independence India through its kaleidoscopic popular culture.



This book comprises a curated compilation of Urdu poetry along with its English translations. The book aims to present the beauty of Urdu poetry to a wider audience by providing translations for readers who do not understand Urdu language.

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