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[Allama Muhammad Iqbal, The Reconstruction of Religious Thought in Islam]

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This Issue carries eight articles and a book review.

The first article in line is about Master Tara Singh who after being disappointed with the role played by Congress, the Muslim League and the administration of British India during the partition, decided to counter them through agitation in Punjab in order to secure the interests of Sikh community.

The second article provides a critical review of educational technology initiatives of the Punjab government in education sector, and also it evaluates the benefits of this meaningful step.

The basic objective of third paper is to focus the activities and organizational structure of Pakistani Sindhi diaspora organizations established in USA.

The fourth article aims at exploring different dimensions of politics centred to the Baradarism and its impact on the development of democracy in the province in general and on the district Sargodha in particular.

The fifth article discusses the opportunities and challenges radiating from the geopolitics of Balochistan vis-à-vis the New Great Game amid South Asia, West Asia and Central Asia.

The sixth article highlights the existing discrimination of gender in South Asian perspective particularly in Pakistan and brings recommendations for policy-makers.

The seventh paper brings forth the politics of regionalism in South Asia and focuses on the role of SAARC in the region.

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