

# **Do you know ?**

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1. First famine broke out on earth in the time of Prophet Abraham.
2. Wearing shoes & caps began in the period of Prophet Sheith, son of Adam.
3. Cultivation of grapes began in the time of Prophet Noah.
4. Fatimid navigators invented *qutb-numa* (mariner compass) in Egypt, whom they called *samia*. The Europe indebted to the Fatimid after five centuries.
5. Prophet Solomon is believed to have invented soap.
6. Ammar bin Ali, an eye-surgeon in the time of Imam Hakim invented a hollowed metallic needle for the cataract operations.
7. Abu Ali Sina was first to find out existence of bacteria in the spread of epidemic.
8. Admission of women in police department firstly initiated by Imam Hakim.
9. World population was 25 millions in the time of Jesus Christ.
10. Imam Sultan Muhammad Shah had a privilege to build first mosque in Britain.
11. Naval Commander in Fatimid period was called *Amir al-Bahr* (Chief of the Sea), which came to be copied in Europe as *Admiral*.
12. One language was spoken in the world in the time of Prophet Noah.
13. Fatimid firstly designed World Map, showing cities, mountains, seas, rivers, etc.
14. Curfew Order was firstly introduced in the period of Imam Muiz in Egypt.
15. Prophet Idrees was first to write with pen.
16. Application of the ice-beg to the head of the sick was the invention of Abu Ali Sina.

17. Fatimid firstly developed techniques of attacking ships with fire-throwers, which the English employed five centuries later during routing the Spanish Armada.
18. Pir Shams was the first Punjabi poet.
19. Ali bin Yonus, an astronomer in the period of Imam Hakim invented pendulum and the sun-dial.
20. Services of the Ismaili *dais* were remunerated profession by Imam Aziz.
21. Horse-riding firstly started by Matushlakh, the successor of Prophet Idrees.
22. Fatimid was first in the world to start mock fights at sea.
23. Theories of astronomy for the first time were propounded by Prophet Idrees.
24. Imam Sultan Muhammad Shah was first in the world to be weighed in diamonds.
25. Wearing gown in the university was introduced by the Fatimid, known as *khafan*.
26. House made of bricks was begun in the time of Prophet Noah.
27. Sewing the cloth was firstly started in the period of Prophet Idrees.
28. Fixed Price system in the markets originally started by the Fatimid.
29. First to keep beard was Prophet Sheith.
30. Industry of Cairo produced such a fine cloth that a whole robe could be passed through a finger ring in the time of Imam Aziz.
31. Fountain pen was invented by Imam Muiz.
32. All animals were lawful in the time of Prophet Noah.
33. Mummies in Cairo were firstly discovered in the time of Imam Muiz, known as *mmyah*.
34. Hasan bin Sabbah was first to start Guerilla war.
35. Fatimid invented safe sulphur match five centuries before it was used in Europe.
36. Hazrat Ali was first to propound distance between earth and sun.
37. Pir Sadruddin was the first poet of Gujrati and Sindhi.
38. The tendency to celebrate Eid al-Milad al-Nabi for the first time on a larger and more festive scale emerged during the Fatimid era in 306/919.

39. Yasmin Ratansi is the first Ismaili Muslim woman elected in the Canadian House of Commons.
40. First to ride a horse was Prophet Ismael, son of Prophet Abraham.
41. Lalak Jan Shaheed is the first Pakistani Ismaili to have won posthumous award of Nishan-e-Haider.
42. Rasail Ikhwan as-Safa stands first encyclopedia in the world.
43. Imam Zayn al-Abidin was first expounder of the rotation of moon.
44. Imam Muhammad al-Bakir is credited to have propounded atomic theory firstly.
45. In 1781, William Herschel discovered a planet *Uranus* with the help of telescope. *Uranus* means faint. Before him, Imam Jafar Sadik discovered by calling it *Sukhainah* means slow or faint.
46. Imam Jafar Sadik recommended for the first time an invention of instrument to watch an object of a remote distance 50 times nearer. Galileo was destined to invent such instrument in 1610, that is Telescope, bringing an object visible 50 times closer to its actual distance.
47. Hazrat Ali was first to make metalled roads in Arab.
48. Hazrat Ali was first to patronize education during his Khilafat. Thus, about 2000 students were given free scholarship in Kufa.

**49. The Arabic word noor is used 49 times in Holy Koran.**

**“I say this day, because 25 years have gone by, and some of you have referred to me as the Imam of the Atomic Age. But I am the 49<sup>th</sup> Imam and there will be Imams in the future, and the Age will not be Atomic, it may be the Space Age, and may be it will be further than the Space Age, but all that means is that Allah’s presence is everywhere, all the time.” [Nairobi: 5<sup>th</sup> October, 1982]**

