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**The Great Partition and Its Effects: The Case of Ladakh by Dr Siddiq Wahid**

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In the context of world history, the 1947 partition of India into two new states was neither a sudden event nor without lasting consequences - politically, economically and socially. This is accepted wisdom for the Punjab and Bengal, and to an extent "mainstream" India and Pakistan. However, the remotest frontiers too were affected by this event in no less measure, and indeed perhaps more than the so-called "mainstream" societies and civilizations. The talk will seek to provide a sketch of a fresh perspective from "the periphery" to the "centre" on the phenomenon of the new state creation in the context of the partition of 1947.

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