



From doing the grocery to buying books by our favourite authors — we were doing it all remotely from the comfort of our homes. The pandemic taught us many things and the idea of a relaxed, peaceful Eid-ul-Azha sans the hassle of slaughtering the animal and processing the meat was just one of them.

The process of buying based on “live weight” is of course dubious. Who can tell, the cow may have had the best meal of his life just before weighing weighed! There is also a chance that your selection may be switched with another animal before the slaughter.

I, however, do not subscribe to such cynical notions. I still have faith in my fellow human beings.

Some shops, deliver the processed meat late on the day of Eid. Others deliver it on the second or even third day of Eid! These are all realities many have complained about. Questions about hygiene have also surfaced but let’s be real folks — our traditional way of slaughtering/processing meat is anything but hygienic in the first place.

The cattle market still holds an old-school charm but I have the conscious choice of opting for convenience over tradition. My decision to forego the chaotic charm of the cattle market in favour of an online order is simply a matter of convenience. For me, it is a pragmatic way of managing the challenges urban life throws at us.

May the spirit of sacrifice spread among all. Eid Mubarak!

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