Ghusl Mayyit

Issue No.1- Giving Ghusl, Kafan, prayer and burial of the Muslim dead body are obligatory upon all Muslims equally, as Wajib-e-Kifae which means if some people undertake to fulfill the obligation, others will be relieved of the responsibility. But if no one undertakes to do so, all will be equally sinful.

Issue No.2- It is necessary to take permission from the guardian of dead person for Ghusl, Kafan, prayer and burial (if available).

The method of Ghusl of Mayyit

Issue No.3- It is obligatory to give three Ghusls to a dead body. The first bathing should be with water mixed with "Sidr" (Beri) leaves. The second bathing should be with water mixed with camphor and the third should be with unmixed (pure) water.

Issue No.4- If "Sidr" leaves and camphor or either of these things is not available the dead body should be given Ghusl with pure, unmixed water instead of the Ghusl which is not possible.

Issue No.5- Ghusle Mayyit is Ibadat, and one who gives Ghusl to the dead body should perform the act with the niyyat of Qurbat, that is, obedience to the pleasure of Allah.

Issue No.6- Ghusl to a Muslim child, even illegitimate, is obligatory. Even if a foetus of 4 months or more is still-born it is the obligatory precaution that to give it Ghusl.

Issue No.7- It is unlawful for a man to give Ghusl to the dead body of a woman and for a woman to give Ghusl to the dead body of a man.

Issue No.8- A man can give Ghusl to the dead body of a little girl, who is less than 3 years, and similarly a woman can give Ghusl to the dead body of a little boy, who is less than 3 years.
Issue No.9- Ghusl for a dead body is similar to Ghusl of Janabat. It is necessary to wash the head and neck, and then the body should be washed on the right side first, and then the left side.

Issue No.10- If water is not available or there is some other valid excuse for abstaining from using water for the Ghusl, then the dead body should be given one tayammum instead of each Ghusl.

Issue No.11- A person giving tayammum to the dead body should strike his own palms on earth and then wipe them on the face and back of the right hand and then the left hand of the dead body.