



Amroha International Society

This biennial newsletter provides information about the latest activities of the Amroha International Society and shares the stories and news of its members.

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AIS Cataract Camps

AIS funded two Cataract Camps which took place on 14th April and 23rd September 2011. At the April Cataract Camp, 310 patients were screened. Of these, 17 were identified as cataract patients and were transported to New Delhi for surgery. Of those who were tested by optometrists, 40 were given free glasses. Another 200 people were given medicine at no cost for minor eye problems. The September Cataract Camp was also highly attended, with 307 people screened. 24 were taken to New Delhi for a cataract operation. 49 people were given free glasses. See more photos of both camps on page 3.



Women being screened for cataract at the Cataract Camp on 23 September 2011

EDITOR'S NOTE

Since the last newsletter in March the Amroha International Society (AIS) has concentrated on getting our accounts audited and building our structure in Amroha. We have developed better contacts with both the governmental and voluntary sector. As a result Director of Student Welfare (DSW) of Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) and Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) are promoting our scholarships at present. We are pleased to receive many enquires. Some of our scholarship holders have requested computers from their sponsors. We are pleased to report that Arif Rizvi of Ottawa has paid for a computer for Abdul Samad of Jamia JMI. Abdul is one of our best scholarship holders scoring over 80% in his diploma of engineering course. In view of other requests for computers we have decided to make this possible for those students who have attained over 80% in their marks in the previous semester.

The eye camps on 14th April and 23rd September went extremely well. Check out the photos and stories in this newsletter. Due to heavy demand another eye camp is planned for 24th November 2011.

I want to express a heartfelt thank you to all those who have contributed to our "Eyesight Sponsorship Appeal". I urge you to help us obtain our target of \$10,000.

Our proposal to clean Amroha has been met with a positive response from officials and the Rotary Club of Amroha. The fact is that many diseases affecting the local population would be reduced if Amroha was made more hygienic and the quality of the drinking water improved.

Congratulations to Dr Zainab Khan for obtaining her Ph.D. from the Harvard Medical School and her brother Dr Abbas Khan for receiving the gold medal in his BDS from AMU. Bilal Abidi has gone to London for a masters course in Business in London Business School while his elder brother Suhail Abidi has gone to Stanford University for a MBA. Dr Nihal Naqvi a BDS from New Delhi is about to complete a post graduate diploma in Public Health Administration in London.

Thank you for your understanding of the editorial decision to reduce the number of newsletters to twice a year. However, we still want your personal and social stories and your photographs. Please keep sending them in whenever you get the urge. They will be filed and ready to go for the next newsletter.

Ikram Naqvi



Fundraising

Thanks to all those who have donated to our fund-raising appeal "Just \$50 can give eye sight to a poor Amhohi" through Everyday Hero. We have already raised \$2025. Through your generosity I am confident of reaching our target of \$10,000.

After the success with Anapurna restaurant, another three Indian restaurants in Hobart have put collection boxes out displayed with the AIS eye camp photos. It's amazing how much money can be collected by small change.

Regular Giving

AIS is now on the Regular Giving platform. You can donate regularly to AIS by going to the DONATE button on the AIS website.

Facebook

The AIS is on Facebook. It has 188 members at present.

Membership

Our membership has increased to 456 from 427 reported in the March newsletter. Please encourage your family and friends to register on line.

See the pie graph on page 6 for geographical representation.

Discussion Forum

This is your opportunity to share your thoughts with fellow members of the AIS. The following are few examples:

Tanveer Ali, 15 May 2011, said: "I agree with Maryam

that the AIS scholarship winners are high quality. Giving somebody education is the best way to help."

Shariq Hasan, 11 June 2011, said: "Very touched by the photos of last eye camp on 14th April, 2011."

Nargis Siddiqui, 12 July 2011, said: "Good to see this Eye Sight appeal going well. I urge all Amrohis to contribute so that our fellow Amrohis can have vision again".

Tanveer Ali, 25 September 2011, said: "Great news about another successful eye camp. Attracting over 300 people indicates need for such help. Please keep it up."

Maryam Jahan, 26 September 2011, said: "Like Tanveer Ali I also appreciate the work that you are doing to help poor Amroha people restore their eye sight. Great job".

AIS website hits

The AIS website continues to attract interest from people from all over the world. The number of hits continue to be between 7000 and 8000 which is quite remarkable. Thanks for visiting. We need to keep it interesting by your stories and photos.

Member's Gallery

Members are invited to put their family photos on the Member's Gallery of the AIS website.





AIS Scholarship Program

The AIS Scholarship Program is progressing well. The recent promotion in AMU and JMI has resulted in many enquiries.

Profiles of some AIS scholarship holders

Mohd Jawad has one brother and two sisters. The family lives in Imambara of mohalla Danishmandan. His father has a gas fitting shop in the Imambara. Jawad is doing Bachelor of engineering in a college near Amroha.

Abdul Samad's father Farmood Ahmad is a mason and his mother, Mrs Nazmeen Begum is a housewife. Neither have had the benefit of being educated past IIIrd standard. Abdul has three sisters and four brothers. He sent following letter on 26th September 2011:

This is Abdul Sami from Amroha. I am pursuing Dip. Mech. Engineering (Eve.) from Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi. I belong to a hardworking family in Amroha. My father, Mr. Farmood Ahmad, is a Mason and my mother, Mrs. Nazmeen Begum, is a Housewife.

They are not so much educated. I have a younger brother, Mr. Fayyaz Alam. He is learning Qur'an by heart (Hifz). My father was unable to provide me the fees and expenses for living here in New Delhi in 2008-09 to pursue my studies. However, the fee for Dip. Mech. Eng. and other expenses of living in Delhi was arranged with the help of Mr. Nasir Hasan. I also succeeded in getting a job with the help of Mr. Nihaluddin Siddiqui to meet out my expenses. He also guided me to obtain the Scholarship of ` 10,000/- per annum from Amroha International Society. This amount is of great help to me and peace of mind to meet out the expenses on my fees for self-financing course.

I would like to say that the AIS Scholarship is very useful to me and to the students like me as I was in dire need of money for continuing my studies here in JMI. It helped me so much.

Besides this, Amroha International Society has arranged to provide me a laptop for my studies. I was also in need of a computer (laptop) at this stage of my course for computer applications and practicing on

AutoCADD software and C/C++ languages etc.

I am so happy! I am really very thankful to AIS for this kind act because it could not have been possible for me without their help and support. I am also very grateful to the office bearers of the society and more particularly, to Mr. Ikram Husain Naqvi Sb. and Mr. Arif Husain Rizvi of Canada. I am also very thankful to Dr. Hasan Jamal Abidi Sb. and Mr. Syed Arif Mujtaba Naqvi Sb. for helping me in this endeavour.

At last, I hope that AIS will remain providing financial help to the brilliant and needy students in future and more & more students from Amroha Community will get benefitted from the Amroha International Society, Insha-Allah!

*Thanking you,
ABDUL SAMI*



Following the receipt of his computer from his sponsor Arif Rizvi, Abdul send the following letter, dated 29th September 2011:

Dear Sir,

This is to inform you that Dr. H.J. Abidi has handed over the Laptop (hp, Core i3) to me today just before sometime (at 11:00 AM) in his office in Dr. Zakir Husian Library (New), JMI.

I am so happy after getting it. This Laptop looks very nice. I like it very much. I hope that it will help me so much for my studies purposes, Insha-Allah!

Some photos, as per your requirements- Dr. H.J. Abidi Sb. giving me Laptop and other photo shows using it by me. I hope that Dr. Abidi Sb. will mail these photos to you as soon as he gets time out of his engagements today, Insha-Allah!

Sir, I shall be grateful to AIS for this kind act. I am also thankful to you

and to Mr. Arif H. Rizvi of Canada for helping me so much in this endeavour. Really it could have not been possible without their support and help.

I would like to request you all, for your kind "Duaye" & I am always ready for any help, I will try my best, Insha-Allah!

Thanking you,

ABDUL SAMI

*Jamia Millia Islamia,
New Delhi, India.*



Abdul Samad receiving his laptop from Jamal Abidi, AIS representative at JMI

News from AIS members

The latest news in the last half year

Graduations

Congratulations to:

Dr Zainab Khan for completing her PhD in Dentistry from the Harvard Medical School.



Zainab with proud father Prof. Huzoor Khan

Dr Syed Akhter Raza s/o Syed Ali Raza grandson of Syed Hakeem Raza (Danishmandan) for completing his Ph.D. in Computer Science from the University of Karachi. He was

working under the scholarship of the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan in the field of Time Series Modeling and its applications in high speed wireless networks. Currently Dr. Raza is working as an assistant professor in the education department. He also had a vast experience of teaching as adjunct faculty in Umaer Basha Institute of Technology University of Karachi and Institute of Business Administration (IBA) Karachi.



Syed Akhter Raza

Rabab Mustafa for graduating with a Masters in Psychology from Columbia University.



Rabab is left of her mother Rafia and proud father Ahamad Mustafa is in the middle at the back. Uncle (Chacha) Haider is standing on right hand side of Ahmad.

Births

Congratulations to Ada and Sheeraz Ziadi and grandparents, Rehbar and Tabussum Naqvi of London on the birth of Syed Armaan Hassan Zaidi, on 25 April 2011.

birth of their second child, a son, Noah, on 11 October 2011.



Noah Sydney Rache

Congratulations to Ali Johar Naqvi of Houston on the birth of their daughter Daryal.



Daryal Naqvi



Syed Armaan Hassan Zaidi

Congratulations to Yasmin Naqvi and Joel Rache on the

Awards

Congratulations to **Mohd Abbas Khan** in getting a gold medal from the AMU in the Bachelor of Dentistry (BDS) degree.



Mohd Abbas

To **Suhail Abidi** for commencing his MBA degree in the Stanford Business School.

To **Jawad Rizvi** who has started an MBA from Sculich School of Business from Toronto, Canada.



Jawad Rizvi

Admissions

Congratulations to:

To **Bilal Abidi** for his admission in Masters in Business degree in London Business School.

Journal publication

Dr Zafar Nafees has just published another paper in a reputable international journal. The title is "Intersection of chronic pain treatment and opioid analgesic misuse:ca". Dr Nafees is Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Psycho-analyst at University of Massachusetts, Boston.

Book launch

Yasmin Naqvi recently launched her second book, co-authored with Prof. Andrea Bianchi, entitled *International Humanitarian Law and Terrorism*, on 27 September 2011, in The Hague, the Netherlands. Yasmin is a lawyer at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

Anjuman Sadat-e-Amroha Picnic

The Annual picnic party was organized by Anjuman Sadat-e-Amroha Canada for its members on 1 July 2011. More than 125 members including men, women and children, attended the function. The kids enjoyed the games while their parents and elders had fun with the water alongside the picnic spot. The picnic continued till 6 p.m.



Iftar Party

Anjuman Sadat-e-Amroha arranged an Iftar Party on 7 August 2011. More than 100 persons including men, women and children, attended the party.

First Namaz-e-Maghrabain was offered and thereafter dinner was served. Members appreciated the function.



Wedding of Saleha and Hussain

Congratulations to Saleha Rizvi, daughter of Prof Anwer Raza and Riyaz Rizvi on her marriage to Hussain Asmi Zaidi, son of Syed Ashfaq Hussain Zaidi, on 12 August 2011 in Chicago.

The marriage was attended by 175 family and friends from the USA and India, including Manzoor Raza and family from New Jersey USA, Sadiqa Abbas and family from New Delhi, Prof. Humayun Raza Rizvi and family from Iowa Falls USA, Ashraf Raza Rizvi and family from Greenwich USA, Dr Sikander Madad and family from Long Island USA, Dr Syed Haider Naqvi with wife Aley Zehra and Prof. Naqi Akhtar and family.



Wedding of Sharal and Syed Waqar Zaidi

Congratulations to Rafiq and Razia Naqvi of London on the marriage of their daughter Sharal to Syed Waqar Zaidi on 7 October 2011, in London, United Kingdom.

The Mendhi ceremony on 30 September 2011 was enjoyed by 75 people.



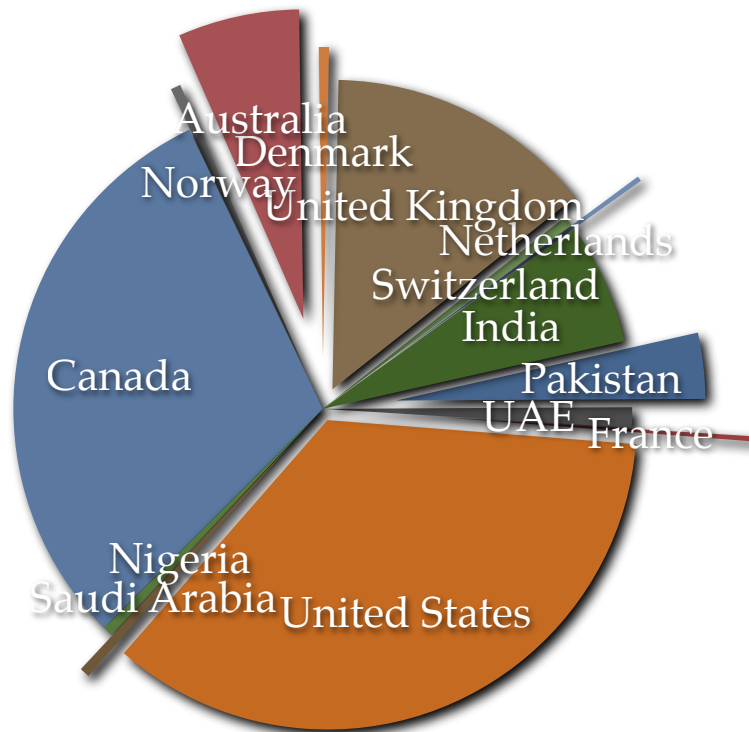
Wedding of Sahiba and Reesham

Congratulations to Alijah and Nuzhat Naqvi of Houston on the marriage of their daughter Sahiba to Reesham recently.



Where are AIS members?

This pie graph gives a view of where AIS members are currently living



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| ● India | ● Pakistan | ● UAE | ● France |
| ● United States | ● Saudi Arabia | ● Nigeria | ● Canada |
| ● Norway | ● Australia | ● Denmark | ● United Kingdom |
| ● Switzerland | ● Netherlands | | |

Contact

You can [email](#) your suggestions and comments about the AIS to the Co-ordinator, Ikram Naqvi, using the [mail option on the AIS website](#).

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