



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 Camp

AIS funded a cataract camp on 12 September 2012. 328 patients were provided with eyesight care. 28 patients went to the Venu Eye Hospital in New Delhi for cataract operations. AIS provided for free 55 pairs of prescription glasses and medicine for minor eye problems to 234 people. The Venu Eye Hospital doctors came to Amroha for a follow up visit to patients on 11 October.

See more photos of the Eye Camp on page 3.



AIS Cataract Camp on 12 September 2012

EDITOR'S NOTE

The AIS Eye Camps continue to attract 300 to 500 patients. The last eye camp held on 12 September helped the eyesight of 328 patients. Of these people, 28 patients had cataract operations. A follow up visit was conducted by the Venu doctors on 11 October and went very well.

Volunteers are critical to our work. We are proud to have many religions represented in our volunteers. I continue to build on the volunteer base during my visits to Amroha.

During these visits, I also meet with the Director of Student Welfare (DSW) of Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) and of the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) and our coordinators Professor Huzoor Khan and Dr Jamal Abidi. They do a great job of promoting the AIS scholarship and facilitating the sending of applications.

It is always good to know the background of our scholarship holders. I would like to thank them for their cooperation.

It is encouraging to get nearly 10,000 hits on the AIS website monthly. Thank you for your feedback through the AIS website, some of which is shared in this newsletter.

Many of our young AIS community members have recently had great successes in graduating from schools and universities. You are an inspiration for us all. Congratulations!

Thank you for sending stories for the newsletter. In particular, thanks to Ali Goher of Houston and Asif Naqvi of Toronto in this regard.

The stories of AIS members and their friends and family are always welcome. Please keep sending them for our next newsletter.

Finally, since we are nearing the end of the year, I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year!

Ikram Naqvi



Fundraising

Thanks to all those who have donated since the last newsletter. Our fund-raising appeal "Just \$50 can give eye sight to a poor Amrohi" through Everyday Hero on the AIS website continues to attract a good response.

Maryam Jahan (24 September 2012)

Great news that 328 patients came to our last eye camp on 12th September. Good to know that 28 people had cataract operation. Thanks for informing us.

Tanvir Ali (11 September 2012)

I agree with Waseem sahab that the quality of the scholarship holders is impressive. Their background suggests that these are students who the AIS should support.

Ram Chand (10 August 2012)

I add my comments to those of others that the AIS newsletters are always informative and interesting. I look forward to them.

Regular Giving

You can donate regularly to AIS by going to the DONATE button on the AIS website.

Facebook

It's good to see increased participation on the AIS Facebook. It has 188 members at present.

AIS Website

We had a record 10,256 hits on the AIS website in September.

Thanks for visiting. Your stories will keep the website interesting.

Membership

Our membership has increased to 458 since our last newsletter. Please encourage your friends and relatives to register as members on the AIS website.

See the pie graph on page 6 for geographical representation.

Member's Gallery

This is for you to post your family photos to share with fellow Amrohis.

Discussion Forum

Feedback is always welcome. This is your opportunity to share your thoughts with fellow members on the AIS website. The following are a few examples:



AIS Cataract Camp

12 September 2012



AIS Scholarship Program

New AIS scholarship holder

AIS has recently granted a scholarship to Kafeel Khan who is doing a B.Tech in Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) in New Delhi. Kafeel scored 88% marks last year.

He wrote following:

"My father is a teacher of mathematics up to class 8. The monthly income of my father is hardly 5000 rupees. Because of our poor economic conditions I never had any private coaching. I went to Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya school from class 6 to 12. This is a government school where the study is free. I got admission in B.Tec in JMI. I have two sisters. The older one is undertaking a BA degree in JMI. My younger sister is in class 10 in Amroha. My family lives at Mohalla chilla Amroha.

I am very thankful to you sir for granting me this scholarship

My father was struggling to pay for the education expenses for me and my older sister. She boards in

a private hostel. With your scholarship money I can now pay the fees for her and myself. I am very thankful to you sir. Because of your help we will not be a burden on our parents. Your work is very appreciated. I am very lucky to be a part of it.

Thank you.



**New AIS Scholarship recipient
Kafeel Khan**



Graduation of an AIS Scholarship holder

It is very heartening to know about the future activities of our scholarship holders.

Congratulations to Noor Mohammed, one of our scholarship holders, for completing his B.Tech from Aligarh Muslim University and who is now doing MTech (chemical engg) at the prestigious IIT Delhi.



Noor Mohammed

News from AIS members

The latest news in the last half year

Births

Congratulations to Husain and Saleha Zaidi of Chicago and grandparents Anwer and Riyaz Rizvi of New Delhi on the birth of Rida Batool in Chicago on 5 October. Anwer and Riyaz Rizvi came to Chicago for the birth.



Baby Rida Batool with her parents, Husain and Saleha



Baby Rida Batool with her grandparents, Anwer and Riyaz

Congratulations to Farhan and Aliya Jaffri and grandfather Askari Naqvi of Houston on the birth of Mohammad Ali on 1 November.

If you have news you wish to share with the AIS community, let us know so we can include it in our next newsletter.

Sadat-e-Amroha Annual Qawali

ASA's Annual Qawali at Rim Jhim Hall in Houston took place on Saturday, 6 October. The Qawali by famous Riyaaz qawal began at 9.30 pm. Refreshments were served before and during the qawali.



Sadat-e-Amroha Canada Eid Function

A very successful Eid function of Sadat-e-Amroha Canada took place at the Grove Park Community Centre in Toronto on Saturday, 27 October. The programme included dinner and music.



Graduations

University graduates



Sarah Haider, daughter of Syed Naeem Haider Naqvi and Mamoonah Bano of Houston graduated from the University of Austin.



Aziza Naqvi, daughter of Islam Naqvi of Melbourne and Nikhat Alvi of Hobart graduated from the University of Tasmania with a Bachelor of Business Administration.

High school graduate



Sheeraz Naqvi, son of Manzar and Huma Naqvi of London graduated from Oxford Brookes University, in Law, LLB.



Syed Ali John Naqvi, son of Syed Naeem Haider Naqvi and Mamoonah Bano graduated from Clear Lake High School on 3 June 2012.

Pre-school graduate



Faraz Naqvi, son of Manzar and Huma Naqvi of London graduated from Cass Business School, City of London University in Investment Banking and International Finance.



Zoe Rache, daughter of Yasmin Naqvi and Joel Rache, graduated at 2 and a half years old from the Juniors to the Seniors in Big Bens Childcare Centre in The Hague, the Netherlands.

Charity Walk

Sheeraz Naqvi participated in a walk to raise funds for cancer. He wrote following about his experience:

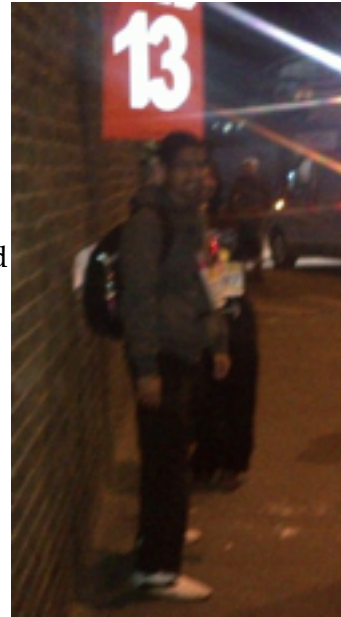
"On Saturday the 29th of September 2012, I participated in a half-marathon (13.1 miles) walk in London. I took part in this walk for two purposes: to raise

money for Children's Cancers (Cancer Research UK) and to beat a personal target. Although I anticipated crossing the finish line within 7 hours, I managed to complete the course in 4hrs and 27mins. We started walking from the famous Battersea Power Station and passed many iconic landmarks along the

way, including the London Eye, Parliament and London Bridge. As there were more than 10,000 people taking part in this years' half and full marathon, the burst of energy and atmosphere was spectacular!

Having taken part in such a grand event for the first time, I certainly beat my

own expectations, and would most definitely do the walk again – next time the whole 26 miles! I also managed to raise a bit more than my target for which I thank everyone who contributed".



Sheeraz at the 13 mile mark

Sadequain Foundation

The Sadequain Foundation continues to produce great work regarding Amroha's best artist Sadequain. You can buy your personalized copy of *The Saga of SADEQUAIN, Mystic Expressions of SADEQUAIN* and *The Legend Of SADEQUAIN* by contacting sadequainfoundation@gmail.com.

An excellent illustrated talk was given by Dr Salman Ahmad of San Diego on "Sadequain: His life and Work" at the Pakistan High Commission in London on 30th October.

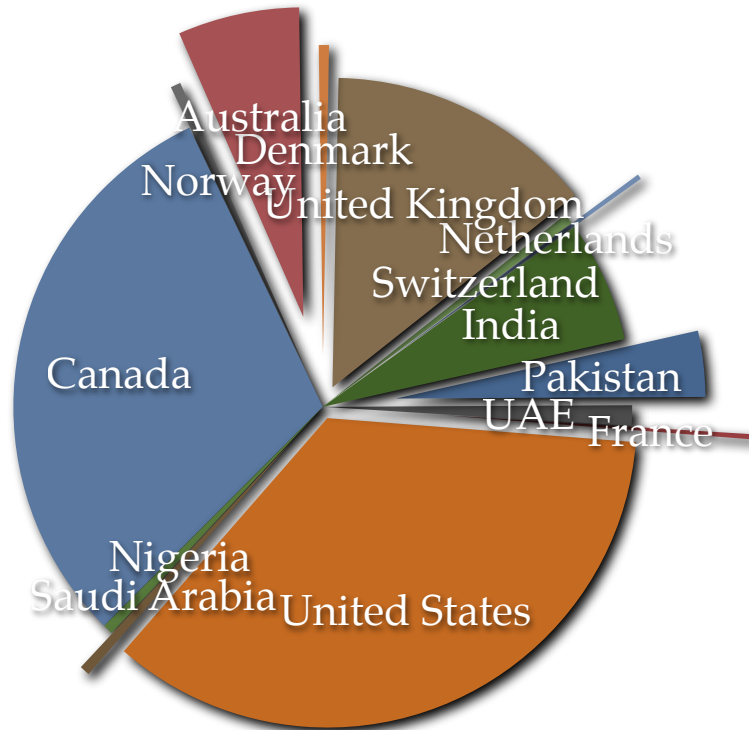
Sadequain was one of the most significant artists and poets from the Indian subcontinent. Salman Ahmad is his nephew. He is the co-ordinator of the Sadequain Foundation of USA. He has published 10 books on Sadequain and curated more than 24 exhibitions in the past 5 years.



Ikram Naqvi (left) with Salmad Ahmad (right) in London

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 | | |

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