



# AMROHA INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY

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*This is the society's second quarterly newsletter in which we will provide information to the Amroha community as we receive it. We encourage you to share your news.*

**Amroha International Society (AIS) was established in 2003 with the aim of:**

- a) *Improving contact and communication amongst those with origins in Amroha, living outside the sub-continent.*
- b) *Highlighting role models and developing an international network to assist and advise younger members of the community.*
- c) *Providing a mechanism by which charitable (educational/health) activities can be funded, implemented and monitored.*

## NEW WEBSITE

In our efforts to improve contact and communication we are developing a new and improved website which can be reached at [www.amrohainternationalsociety.com](http://www.amrohainternationalsociety.com). This site is under construction and we welcome any advice from the community to make the site easily accessible and interactive. The new site will have pages for your personal experiences and any photographs that you may wish to share with the Amroha community. We hope to add several new pages to this site which will include 'Tributes to our families' and present day success stories for examples of role models. Your contributions on your success stories and experiences as Amrohvis living outside the sub-continent are most welcome. We encourage you to share your stories and look forward to your contributions.

At present AIS has a very diverse membership with Amrohivs residing in Australia (Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Tarneit,) United Kingdom (London, Oxford,) France (Paris), The Netherlands (The Hague), Nigeria, Dubai, United States (New York, Roselle, Owings Mills, Morgantown, Austin, San Antonio, Houston, Dallas, Centennial, Chicago, Lisle, St Louis, Phoenix, San Diego, Brampton, Victorville, Santa Clara, Aurora, Etobicoke) and Canada (Toronto, Mississauga). We would like to reach other Amrohivs who have settled in other countries. Please encourage any Amrohvis to join our group.

**Please contact [ikenaqvi@hotmail.com](mailto:ikenaqvi@hotmail.com) with your advice and contributions and membership information or visit our website.**

In addition we have added several links to other websites of interest to our community. These include [www.amroha.com](http://www.amroha.com), (Pervaiz Naqvi, Virginia), [www.amrohatimes.com](http://www.amrohatimes.com), (Dr Nashir Naqvi and Syed Gul Hasan Naqvi, India) [www.amroha.info](http://www.amroha.info), (Akber Qureshi from Jeddah, Soudi Arabia) [www.amrohacanada.com](http://www.amrohacanada.com) (Canada) and [www.amroha.net.pk](http://www.amroha.net.pk) (Karachi), These sites provide a variety of information on our home town.



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## EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

A major objective of AIS is to provide assistance to our underprivileged students in Amroha.

AIS has thirteen scholarships available for under privileged students who have completed high school or intermediate college and who wish to continue their education but are not able to due to lack of funds.

The criteria for providing support are the following:

1. The monthly income of the family of the recipient should not be more then Rs 10,000.
2. The student's scores must be more then 60%.
3. The student will be able to provide evidence of enrolment in a three to four year program.

We are very grateful to all Amroha community members who have donated so generously to the scholarship fund.

Please visit [www.amrohainternationalsociety.com](http://www.amrohainternationalsociety.com) for a list of sponsors and further information.

With the help of several residents of Amroha we have begun to advertise the AIS scholarship program on the television in Amroha. We appreciate the help of Huzoor Khan, Ehteram Naqvi and Sibte Jamal.

With respect to the monies for sponsor ship for students AIS welcomes contributions of any amount in the form of cheques, money orders or by wire through Western Union, made out to Amroha International Society and sent directly to Ikram Naqvi to be added to the 'AIS charity/scholarship fund'. Small contributions (\$10-\$20) per month can also either be sent to Ikram Naqvi or transferred to an AIS account in the Commonwealth Bank in Hobart, account number 06 7105 10253899.

(Ikram Naqvi, 295 Tinderbox Road, Tasmania 7054, Australia).

Recently Catherine Gosden of Adelaide. Australia mother of Joel Rache, recently married to Yasmin Naqvi, has donated to the scholarship fund. We appreciate her donation.

## CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

We have begun our Tuberculosis (TB) eradication program, however progress is slow. We are keenly seeking advice from the local Medical facilities in Amroha to implement this program.



With reference to our "Clean up Amroha" program we have contacted the Amroha Administrative District Officer and hope to commence with this program in the near future...

### OUR FIRST ROLE MODEL

Anand Raj of Faredpur, a village in Amroha district now living in Austin,



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Texas had a dream. He describes his journey from his hometown to Austin where he is a very successful entrepreneur and computer technologist. He is the Co-founder and Director of Inventes Solutions based in Austin. We are very proud of Anand's achievements and wish him continued success in his endeavors. Please visit [www.amrohainternationalsociety.com](http://www.amrohainternationalsociety.com) to read Anand's contribution.

## NEWS OF INTEREST

### Amrohvi in a Bollywood film

Zehra Naqvi, daughter of Ikram and Jane Naqvi of Hobart, Tasmania has recently finished shooting her first Bollywood film "Goal" in London, directed by Vivek Agnihotri. Her co-stars include the heart throb John Abraham and, Filmfare award winner Ashraf Warsi who play the role of two footballers. Bipasha Basu and Boman Irani are also members of the cast. Zehra plays the role of Ashraf Warsi's wife.



Zehra is now filming "Shoot on Sight" a film based on the July 7 2005, London Underground bombings. Her co-stars are Greta Scacchi, an Australian actress (James Ivory's 'Heat and Dust' fame and numerous other films) and world renowned Nasruddin Shah (recent films include Monsoon Wedding).

Zehra is an up and coming star and a much sought after young actress in London. Zehra, who was born in Hobart, has a BA and a postgraduate Diploma in Education from the University of Tasmania (Hobart), as well as a Diploma in Drama from the National Arts School in Melbourne. She has a stellar career in the dramatic arts. Besides other numerous roles she had a star role in

the Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical "Bombay Dreams" which ran in London for two years. Zehra was recently married to Scott Cison of Chicago. A member of the world renowned

'Tricolore' group, Scott has a rich theatrical background and is a star in his own right. Further details on Scott can be found at [www.scottcison.com](http://www.scottcison.com). We look forward to further news of Zehra's career as an actress.

### Amroha's First Fulbright Scholars

The Fulbright Graduate Scholarships are sponsored by the United States Department of State for exceptional university graduates to pursue a graduate degree at a United States University. Syedda Quratulann Masood (Ani) and Syedda Noorulaan. Masood (Alia) daughters of Syed Anwar Saeed and Rehana are Amroha's first Fulbright Scholars. Both have obtained scholarships for graduate studies at Harvard University.

Ani who has an MBA in Business Administration from Karachi is working towards a Masters in International Development. Alia has a Computer Science and Social Services Degree from



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Karachi will also be studying for a Masters Degree in International development. Both girls will eventually obtain doctorates in this field. Congratulations to Ani and Alia and to their families for such an achievement.

## **Amrohvi at Yale Law School**

Congratulations to Fauzia Sultana and her family who graduated in May from New York University in Political Science and Middle Eastern Studies with Honors. Fauzia is the daughter of Mohammed Yusoff Dawood and Firyal Sultana living in West Virginia. Fauzia, who was born in Chicago, has been educated in various cities including Houston and Atlanta. She hopes to pursue a graduate degree in International Law at the Yale University Law School.

## **Amrohvis as Doctors**

Ferheen, Fauzia, Kamran and Ferhan all raised and educated in Karachi are children of Qamer and Syed Qamar Razi. All are Doctors and married to doctors. Ferheen, a trained psychiatrist, has a very successful private practice in Livingston, New Jersey. Her husband Fahim is also a psychiatrist. Fauzia will be completing her residency training in Internal Medicine this year and will continue on to do a Fellowship in Infectious Diseases. She lives in New York. Kamran and his wife Bushra are also psychiatrists and live in Syracuse, New York. Ferhan was trained as a dentist but is a very successful entrepreneur. He has opened the Darul Sahat teaching hospital and The Liaqat Ali Khan College of Medicine and Dentistry in Karachi. He plans to open a nursing school in the near future. His wife Sadaf is a Radiologist in Jinnah Hospital.

We are awed by these over achievers and very proud that they are very successful Amrohvis who are dedicating their lives to the community. Both parents are to be congratulated in raising such compassionate children. This family has to be the first of its kind in the Amroha Community.

## **Credit Suisse hires Amrohvi to Head Commodity Fund Sales Team**

Kamal Naqvi, the son of Ikram and Jane Naqvi of Hobart, Tasmania joined Credit Suisse as a Director and Head of Hedge Fund Coverage for its Metals Trading Alliance with Glencore International AG in June. He joins Credit Suisse from Barclays Capital, where he was responsible for the coverage of hedge funds and institutional clients across commodity products. Kamal joined Barclays Capital in December 2003 as Director in Commodities research. In October 2005, he joined the Hedge Fund Sales team with a particular focus on building the index investor business globally. Prior to Barclays, he worked at Macquarie Bank and CRU International Ltd, covering both base and precious metals markets. Kamal is based in London.

Kamal, who has a dual Bachelor of Law and a Bachelor of Economics (Honors) degree from the University of Tasmania (Hobart) was born in Canada and raised in Hobart. He is married to Sabiha and has two children Amaan and Aaliya.



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## London Calling

Aziza Naqvi daughter of Islam and Nikhat Naqvi (Melbourne, originally from Mohalla Katkoi) is leaving Hobart for London to join her brother Salman who has been in London for six months. Aziza, who is a trained beautician and has a very successful business in Hobart, will be obtaining further experience in this area in London. We wish her every success in her endeavor.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Houston

Congratulations to Askari and Zohra Naqvi for their daughter Ailia's wedding on July 27, 2007. "Little Amroha" in Houston will be the place to be for festive activities as Ailia weds Dr Sayyed Farhan Ali Jaffri. Farhan's family is from Peharsar in Agra.

### Sadat-e-Amroha Canada News ([www.amrohacanada.com](http://www.amrohacanada.com))

1. A Majlis-e- Aza was organized by Anjuman Sadat-e-Amroha on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2007.
2. Samin Naqvi son of Sadeqain Naqvi celebrated his first birthday on April 7<sup>th</sup> 2007.
3. A baby boy was born to Shariq Naqvi son of Hasan Hadi Naqvi on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2007.

AIS congratulate Samin, Shariq and Hasan Hadi on this wonderful news.

### Deaths

We were truly saddened to hear of the passing away of Dr Imam Murtaza and his dear wife from food poisoning in Amroha. Dr Murtaza who was 67 years old was a brilliant Urdu scholar and teacher and came from a family of scholars. His father Saafi Murtaza was an Arabic, Persian and Urdu teacher. Dr Murtaza was educated at Imamul Madaris Inter College in Amroha and obtained a PhD in Urdu. He was the author of several Urdu books on the history of Amroha. He was a dedicated community worker and was the National Secretary of Anjuman Tahaffuz Azadari which gives scholarships to poor Shia students. He was a pious and kind man. Many of us Amrohvis were his students and are left with wonderful memories of experiences with him.

We regret his passing away and our condolences to his family. Please remember him and his wife in your prayers.

### Books of Interest

The following books are available on the history of Amroha: *Kishwer-e-Aulia* by Ahmad Husain Saddiqui and *Tareekh-e-Amroha* by Mehmood Ahmed and Alhashmi Alabbasi, revised by Akber Qureshi ([www.amroha.info](http://www.amroha.info)). Information on both books can be obtained from [ikenaqvi@hotmail.com](mailto:ikenaqvi@hotmail.com)

AIS hopes that this update on our activities and news of our members will be interesting reading.



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