



# Amroha International Society

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

**A Quarterly Newsletter**

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## Amroha's second AIS Cataract Camp

*The second AIS Cataract Camp in Amroha was held on the 4th of January 2009.*

The Venu Eye Institute (VEI) team consisted of two ophthalmologists, four optometrists and six paramedics. They arrived in Amroha on the 3rd of January and stayed in the Satyam hotel situated near the venue of the camp. AIS provided dinner and, the following day, breakfast and lunch.

The camp was promoted by announcements broadcast from a bicycle rickshaw, the distribution of pamphlets and the posting of banners throughout Amroha two days prior to the camp. Two local papers also published short stories about the camp.

The camp lasted from 9 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. 118 women and 86 men registered,



**Patients after operations from the AIS sponsored Cataract Camp in Amroha on 4 January 2009**

15 of whom were selected for surgery. These people were taken to the VEI Hospital in New Delhi in their two vans. One was not operated on due to other health problems. She was given medication and will be operated on once her condition improves.

The Amroha team led by Anil Singh was fantastic. AIS members Hasan Hadi Naqvi of Toronto visiting India after 61 years and Kamal Naqvi of London came to the eye camp. A team of the VEI doctors came to Amroha on the 4th of February for follow-up.

In my analysis of the people who attended the eye camp, I was staggered to find that 36 percent of the females were under 40 years old, 8 percent were under 20 years and 3 percent were below 10 years of age. For the males, 46 percent were under 50 years, 7 percent under 20 years and 4 percent under 5 years old. The next AIS Cataract Camp is scheduled for 23 April 2009.

*Story by Ikram Naqvi*

*See photos of the Cataract Camp on page 3.*

## EDITOR'S NOTE

*AIS has made considerable progress in the last quarter.*

*We now have a team of dedicated people led by Anil Singh in Amroha.*

*My meetings with Professor Siddiqui of the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) and Professor Zubair Meenai of Jamia University were very fruitful in promoting our scholarships. For those students that we select we will pay the fees directly to the universities.*

*Professor Huzoor Khan in AMU and Dr Jamal Abidi in Jamia University will be our contacts at their respective universities.*

*I also had a useful meeting with Dr Abhas Sinha, Head of Outreach Services at the Venu Eye Institute. We will announce a few exciting developments on this in due course.*

*I was encouraged by the positive response to my written proposal to clean Amroha by the Chief Medical Officer, Dr Ramesh Kumar.*

*The biggest highlight of my recent visit to Amroha was the Cataract Camp on the 4th of January 2009.*

*The Chief Medical Officer was very helpful in approving our application for the camp. He has offered his help for our projects in future.*

*In addition, the possibilities of making our contribution to eradicating TB in Amroha are exciting. More on this to follow.*

*Ikram Naqvi*



## Meeting with the Venu Institute Director of Outreach

Dr. Nitin Verma, an ophthalmologist in Hobart, Australia, and I had a very fruitful meeting with Dr. Abhas Sinha, Director of outreach services and Dr. Gupta of the Venu Eye Institute on the 24th of January 2009 at the Institute.

We discussed the long term relationship between AIS and the Institute. It was decided to have two camps and two follow-up visits to Amroha per year for now. Agreement was reached on cost and the responsibility of the AIS team in Amroha. We will be making announcements of exciting developments in the near future.

## AIS Scholarship Program

I had meetings with Professor Siddiqui of the Aligarh Muslim University and Professor Zubair Meenai, Jamia University, New Delhi, about promoting the AIS scholarships.

As a result of their promotion of the scholarships we have received four applications from the AMU and three from Jamia University. We are processing them at present.

## Cleaning Amroha

*Some of the biggest health problems in Amroha are choked nalees (with plastic bags) and poor drinking water.*

I was delighted by the positive response to my submission for "Cleaning Amroha" by the DM, Chief District Health Officer, Chairman of Amroha Municipal Council, President of the Rotary and Lions Club.

## TB program

The Chief District Health Officer has agreed to provide TB medicine to our volunteers. It is a nine month course. Volunteers are trained to make sure that patients take their medication regularly. Unfortunately many stop taking medication once they feel better after

few weeks. It becomes very difficult to cure them after this. AIS team member Anil Singh has been in touch with the Chief Medical Officer. More information will be given later.

## AIS Amroha Team

We are very lucky to have a dedicated team led by Anil Singh in Amroha now. Our team members are Anil Singh, Radhe Shyam, Bhumvesh Sharma, Suhail Naqvi and Mutahir Husain.

## Facebook Amrohvis

There are many Amrohvis on Facebook. We will try to encourage them to visit [www.amrohainternationalsociety.com/](http://www.amrohainternationalsociety.com/) and hopefully register as members on line.

Please visit Facebook on the following address: <http://apps.facebook.com/causes/217801?m=3f1cca43>

## AIS Website

The number of monthly hits on the AIS website continues to be over 6000. It was 7300 in December 2008, 6500 in January 2009 and we recorded 7480 hits - the highest hits on record - on the AIS website in February 2009. Most hits were in Australia, India, UK, Canada and US. Thanks for visiting. We are in the process of making some exciting changes in the website to make it easier to navigate and more enjoyable.

## Donations

Our charity work in Amroha is not possible without the generosity of our donors. Thanks to Qamar Ali Abbasi, Noreen Abbasi, Anjum Abbasi-Voight, Mehmood Naqvi, Askari Naqvi, Catherine Gosden, Lainey Barry, Sabiha Naqvi, Kamal Naqvi, Shaji Siddiqui, Safia Sultana, Joel Rache, Yasmin Naqvi-Rache, Suhail Naqvi, Jane Naqvi and Ikram Naqvi, Zehra Naqvi-Ciscon and Scott Ciscon. We also thank those donors who did not want their names published.

## Membership

Our membership has now grown to 357 people representing 20 countries.



AIS Cataract Camp Volunteers with Ikram Naqvi, AIS Coordinator

# Images of the AIS Cataract Camp



Advertising the camp by rickshaw announcements



Patients being examined by doctors



Patients after operations



Patients being taken in the bus

*"I am so grateful to the Amroha International Society for their scholarship. My father was struggling to pay for my education".*

*Mohd Furqan*



*"On behalf of my father I would like to thank the Amroha International Society for this scholarship".*

*Ali Haider Naqvi*

# AIS Scholarship Winners

*AIS has awarded scholarships to eight worthy university students*

**Ali Rizvi**

*Jamia University - B.Tech in Computer Science*



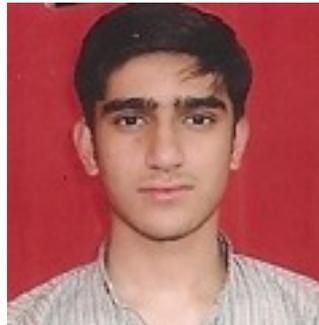
**Danish Idrees**

*Jamia University - MSc in Biotechnology*



**Mohn Aasim Siddiqui**

*Jamia University - Diploma in Civil Engineering*



**Sarfraz Ahmad**

*AMU - Advanced Diploma in Food Technology*



**Saiba Khatoon**

*AMU - BA (Hons)*



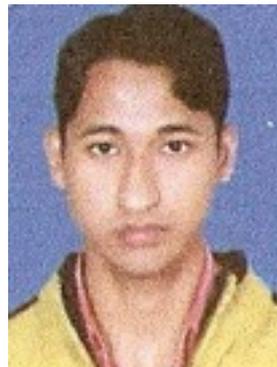
**Mohd Shariq Kamal**

*AMU - B.Sc. (Hons)*



**Mohd Furqan**

*AMU - B.Tech*



**Ali Haider Naqvi**

*AMU - B.FA. (Bachelor in Foreign Affairs)*



# News from AIS members

*The latest news in the last quarter*

## Births

Congratulations to Anand and Prachi Raj of Austin, Texas, on the birth of their daughter, Anandiganga Raj.



## Sheeraz takes a trip to Zambia

Sheeraz, eighteen year old son of Manzar Naqvi of Oxford, UK, is going to Zambia with his school in June. He has a website to raise funds for Zambia. If

you wish to contribute, his email address is [n\\_sheeraz@hotmail.com](mailto:n_sheeraz@hotmail.com)

## Overseas Living Amrohvis Visiting Amroha

It was good to meet so many overseas living Amrohvis visiting Amroha. Hasan Hadi Naqvi of Toronto visited Amroha after 61 years. Others included Kamal and Sabiha Naqvi of London, Pervez Naqvi of Washington, Ishrat and Mumtaz Naqvi of Melbourne and Anand Raj of Austin, Texas.

## Graduation of Shabana Naqvi

Shabana Heather Naqvi daughter of Ali Goher Naqvi of Houston graduated from high school on May 21st, 2008. Her father rightly said "I am very proud of her". His advice to her was "Look ahead and Aim High".



## Honour for Prof. Khan

Prof. Huzoor H. Khan, son of the late Lutfi Hasan Khan, Mohalla Danishmandan, and son in law of Dr. Inam Husain Naqvi, Mohalla Katkoi, a Professor and the Chairman of the Department of Mathematics Aligarh Muslim University has been appointed as a member of the Aligarh Muslim University Court, the highest decision-making body of the University.

## Deaths

Our heartfelt condolences to Yousuf

Naqvi of Glasgow on the sudden death of his young wife, Narjis. She leaves behind a fourteen months old daughter Zara.

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

## The Company of Anand Raj of Austin, Texas, InXero, selected as one of the top 10 Internet companies to watch out for in 2009 in the United States

Austin, TX March 2009 - SiliconIndia ([www.siliconindia.com](http://www.siliconindia.com)), the premier magazine for business and technology has selected InXero as one of the top 10 Internet companies to watch out for in 2009 in the U.S. The selection recognizes companies that are playing a leading role in innovating in the Internet business.

SiliconIndia tracks over 1,000 companies in the U.S. and selected the ones that have the potential to be the game changer in their segment of technology or business. For this prestigious award, companies were chosen by a distinguished panel composed of accomplished CEO's & CIO's of public companies, VC's, analysts, and founders of other VC funded companies, and the SiliconIndia editorial board. Evaluations were made on both quantitative and qualitative criteria including the technology innovation, uniqueness of service offering, management pedigree, innovation, global strategy, customers and customer retention and, venture funding.

"In the backdrop of current economic conditions, we're seeing a lot of innovative new companies taking on the established players with disruptive technologies and innovative business plans," said Harvi Sachar, founder and Editor-in-Chief of Siliconindia. "The 10 Internet companies

we have chosen, among them InXero, are pushing and breaking the boundaries of the technology business and we are excited to report on their success stories. They have a lot of momentum and will rise above the rest."

"Austin has a long tradition of innovation in the enterprise software space and is currently transitioning from legacy technologies to applying web 2.0-like technologies to a new generation of enterprise software innovations." said Bart Bohn, Director of the Austin Technology Incubator's Wireless and IT Incubators. "InXero has the potential to help catalyze the emerging enterprise social media industry in Austin and make Austin the global innovation hub in this area by building an ecosystem of existing and new companies to fulfill to this new emerging market." ([www.ati.utexas.edu](http://www.ati.utexas.edu))

"It's a great honor to have been selected for this award for our product innovation in Enterprise Social Media and differentiated enterprise 2.0 market offering." said Anand Raj, Founder and CEO of InXero, Inc.

"SiliconIndia keeps a good pulse on the high-tech companies that are playing a leading role in innovating in the internet business, and we are very pleased with the recognition."

## A word from the AIS website designer, Simon Stanton

*Dear AIS Members,*

*When Ike came to me needing a web site for Amroha International Society I was deeply impressed by the goals and aims of the group. I have been inspired and moved by the photos coming from the Eye Camps, and of the benefit that the Scholarships give not just to the recipient, but the community in general.*

*Developing the web site has been a project 'on the go' - a moving target, and as such, it does have some problems and unresolved functionality. I thank you all for your patience in dealing with some of the more obvious issues.*

*The best way I am able to contribute to the aims of AIS is to continue the development of the AIS site. So - we have some plans afoot, and would welcome you feedback, and any ideas you may have! What we have in mind at the moment is to completely rebuild the site, now that we have a good idea of what functionality we need and want.*

*We intend to incorporate Facebook Connect and / or Open ID integration. The Discussion Forum will also be revamped, as will the Member's Photos Section. The aims of the revamp are to increase flexibility, improve robustness, and to make those sections more visually appealing.*

*Do you have any ideas - things you would like to see on the AIS site? If you do, please pass your thoughts and ideas on to Ikram.*

*Yours respectfully,*

*Simon Stanton  
Huon Computers*

### 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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