



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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Editor's note

I am writing this newsletter from the Hague, the Netherlands, where I am enjoying ten days with my younger daughter, Yasmin, her husband, Joel, and my sixth grandchild, seven month old Zoe. However, by the time you receive this newsletter I will have returned to London.

This newsletter will be mainly devoted to news from members and I am delighted to have received so many photographs and stories. Please keep them coming in for our next issue.

Since the last newsletter in June, the Amroha International Society (AIS) has been consolidating. Our accounts have been audited. Our budget has been prepared. As stated in my last Editor's note, such work keeps the AIS transparent and minimises costs so that all funds raised go to help those in need in Amroha.

As you may have read earlier, the AIS was delighted with the success of our fifth eye camp in Amroha which was held on the 10th May, 2010. Over 500 people attended making it the most highly attended one so far and this high number highlights how desperately such assistance is needed. As well as diagnosing those in need of cataract operations and arranging for such, the Venu Eye Institute optometrists were kept very busy and provided over fifty free spectacles and donated eye medicine for minor eye problems.

The AIS has renewed contact with the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU). This contact will be greatly beneficial in assisting our aims of providing educational scholarships to students in need.

We are in the process of a new promotion of our scholarships in the Jamia Millia Islamia.

We sent Krishan Kumar, the administrative officer of the AIS to Dhampur recently to see the Manab's microfinance projects there. He was very impressed. There is a well known and a wonderful philosophy, which, I believe, connects with what we aim to do in this regard. I quoted it in my last newsletter but it is worth repeating again:

Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach him how to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.

Eid Mubarak/Happy Eid,

Ikram Naqvi



Member's gallery

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

AIS Website

This continues to attract people from all over the world. We had 6298 hits in June, 6886 in July and a staggering 12,782 in August.

It is important for us to keep it interesting, with your photographs and stories from the present and the past.

Membership

Our membership continues to grow. It has increased to over 425.

Discussion Forum

It is very encouraging to see such a healthy discussion in the discussion forum. More participants are always welcome to share views and ideas.

Budget and Accounts

The annual audited accounts and budget are available on the website for members only.

Feedback

Thanks for your feedback by e-mails, phone calls and participation in the discussion on the website.

Some examples of recent contributions are:

Realize your dreams = entrepreneurship unlimited

Dreaming with an action plan is very important. But we must work hard to realise our goals.

Posted by **Maryam Jahan**, 1st of August 2010

Eye Camp

Wow 500 people attending last eye camp. It confirms the need. Makes me very proud to be part of the AIS.

Posted by **Nargis Siddiqui**, 1st of August 2010

Newsletter

The high quality of the Newsletter continues to impress me. I find it very informative and interesting.

Posted by **Shariq Hasan**, 1st of August 2010

Thank You

Thanks to Bittoo and Celeste of the Annapurna Restaurants of North Hobart and Salamanca Place in Tasmania for raising money for and awareness of the Eye Camps in Amroha, by displaying posters and collection boxes.

Thanks also to Nayab Abbasi of London for organizing a Power-Point presentation in August about the charity work of the AIS. He is also hosting another one on October, 8th.



Scholarships

At this point scholarships are to the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU).

In response to a very successful promotion by the Director of Student Welfare, Professor Ainul Haque, we had a lot of interest in the AIS scholarships.

However, unfortunately, many enquiries came from non-Amroha based students. Because of this we have made changes to the application form to make it clear that these scholarships are for needy students from Amroha only.

We are in the process of gaining approval for the promotion of our scholarships from Jamia Millia Islamia. (Note: The word 'Islamia' means 'University' in Arabic.)



The letter quoted below was written to the AIS from one of our scholarship applicants, Mohd Danish.

The letter reaffirms what the AIS is all about:

Hello Sir,

i have done my Master in international business (MIB)...may i get this Scholarship?

right now i have to do a coaching for Custom inspector(SSC)..so if you can help me then it will be very beneficial for me...

sir i wanna tell you something..

"my father was working for Amroha Sugar mill..but now it is about to close..don't know what i do ...nowdays i am very tensed .. please tell me what shd i do sir??





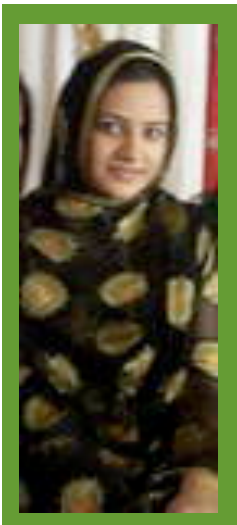
Hazrat Syed Hussain Sharfuddin Shah Wilayat Essay Competition

The Marium Sultana Prize

Sponsored by Firyal Sultana, 2010

Winners: Syeda Sidra Naqvi from Houston, USA, and Samia Fatima Naqvi of Lahore, Pakistan

Honourable Mentions: Zoha Batool of California, USA, Farwa Naqvi and Amna Naqvi of Houston, USA,



Samia Fatima Naqvi wrote that all Naqvi's are descended from Shah Wilayat and that she grew up listening to stories about him. He was a great man who encouraged learning.



Sidra Naqvi is pictured with her mother, Mehmooda.

Here are a few pertinent paragraphs from Sidra's excellent essay:

When Hazrath Sharfuddin Walayat arrived in Amroha, the region's sufi, Shah Naseerudin, sent the saint a cup of water. This signal subtly signified the area as already having reached its maximum population of spiritual leaders. In response, Dada Shahwilayat placed a rose on the cup of water, symbolizing his presence to be as gentle and unnoticed as a rose. This gesture is a perfect example of Dada Shahwilayat's infinite wisdom and in this nonchalant way he got his point across without uttering a word.

Whenever asked about my history and roots I am always thrilled to say Amroha. I feel a sense of belonging to this land of my father's and grandfather's. Not only is it full of rich history, it is the birthplace of many honorable people.

The astonishing part of Dada Wilayat's legacy is that it has never been forgotten and although his descendants are now spread across the world they have managed to maintain a connection amongst themselves.

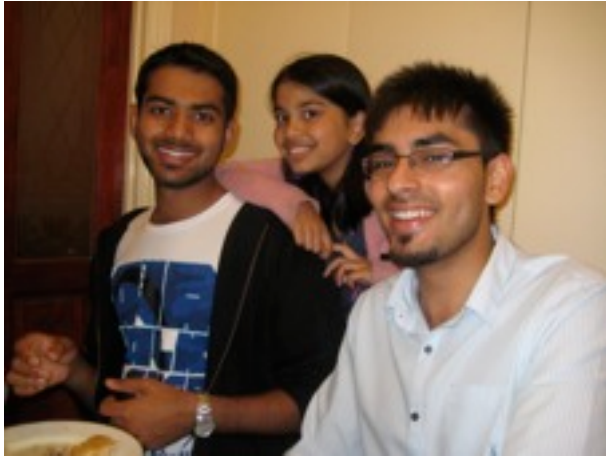
Having knowledge of my ancestry makes me confident as a human being.

Congratulations to Firyal Sultana and Faisal Khan for organizing this Essay competition about Hazrat Sharfuddin Shahwilayat in memory of their mother Maryam Sultana through the Anjuman Sadat -e -Amroha, USA.

News from Members

The latest news in the last quarter

Congratulations



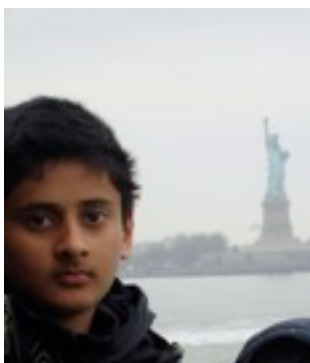
Usman (left) is pictured above with his sister, Alisha, 9, and his cousin, Adil.

In the picture below, Usman is with his older brother, Omar.

Usman and his family celebrate a major birthday! (below right)

Usman Siddiqui, the younger son of Athar Siddiqi, is a young man of whom the AIS is proud as he has obtained outstanding success in his studies and great respect as a member of his local community.

Usman, 18, lives in England with his family, has worked very hard and, as a result of his dedication, he has done brilliantly in both his GCSE (a clean sweep of A* in all thirteen of his subjects including Arabic, German and French) and in his A levels (including A's in Biology, Maths and Chemistry). These great results have earned him a place at the Imperial College in London to study Medicine. As well as achieving academic excellence, Usman has found the time to teach the Quran at Sunday school and to study it himself. His pronunciation (qirat) of the Quran is reported to be beautiful. The AIS wishes Usman all the best for his University life and his future.



Congratulations also to Ammaar Nayab (left) for achieving straight A's in Geography, Biology, Chemistry and Physics in his GCSE examinations. Worth a trip to New York!

Congratulations

Congratulations to Rehbar and Tabasum Naqvi of London on the marriage of their daughter, Ada, to Sheeraz, of Karachi.

Many relatives from the UK traveled to Karachi to attend the wedding in July.

A week before the ceremony in Karachi, Mr Rehbar and Mrs Tabusum Naqvi also hosted a wedding event for relatives and friends who were unable to travel to Karachi. This was a very joyful occasion resplendent with music, delicious food and heart-felt speeches.

The three wedding photos featured below are from Karachi and the photo on the bottom right shows Ada with guests at the event in London.



The AIS congratulates Ada and Sheeraz and wishes them a long and happy future together.

Congratulations

Honor to

Dr Zafar Nafis Naqvi

Congratulations to Zafar Nafis Naqvi, Psychiatrist and Psychoanalyst, who has been recognized by the

Cambridge Who's Who

for demonstrating dedication, leadership and excellence in addiction psychiatry, psychoanalysis and eating disorders.



Dr Naqvi trained in Psychiatry at the well reputed Aga Khan University.

He then went to England where he furthered his studies at the Royal College of Psychiatrists where he gained his MRC Psych.

Dr Naqvi also holds a degree in Psychiatry from the University of Keele.

After immigrating to the USA, Dr Naqvi completed his fellowship training in Psychodynamic Psychiatry from the Philadelphia Centre of Psycho-analysis.

Dr Naqvi's main areas of professional interest lie in Addiction Psychiatry, Psychodynamic Psychiatry, Anorexia Nervosa, Bulimia, Obesity and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Dr Naqvi and his wife and daughter are currently living in Massachusetts where he is working at the University of Massachusetts as an Addiction Psychiatrist.

Qawwali

The annual Qawwali in honour of Syed Sharfuddin Shahwilayat took place last July, in Houston, USA. It was a wonderful event. Congratulations to all those involved in its organization.



Mehmood Naqvi (President) opens the Qawwali event



AIS is happy to hear that the mother of Ali Goher of Houston has made a full recovery from a long illness. The photo above shows the family with their healthy Daadi.

Marathon Men



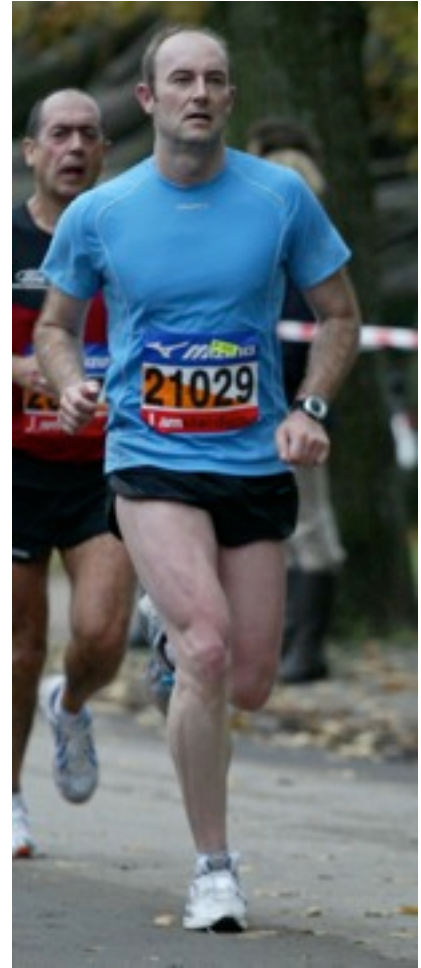
*Kamal Naqvi
running in the London
Marathon*

Earlier this year, **Kamal Naqvi** trained hard to compete in the London Marathon. He completed the course in a good time and still in good health and, in so doing, raised money for research into Alzheimer's Disease. A great effort Kamal!

Not to be outdone, Kamal's brother-in-law, **Joel Rache** (husband of Yasmin Naqvi), of the Hague, the Netherlands, will be taking part in the Amsterdam Half Marathon in October.

Joel, who has competed in many triathlons, is running to raise funds for the charity work of the AIS, so we urge you to sponsor him.

A Sponsorship Form will be on-line and on the AIS Website very soon.



*Joel Rache to run
for the charity work of the
AIS.*

Naseem Amrohvi



The 23rd Death Anniversary commemoration of **Naseem Amrohvi** was conducted recently in Toronto, Canada, to appreciate his contribution to Urdu literature.

Many poets contributed to the event, including Maher - e - Lisaniyat, Lughat Lavais, Shair, Mohaqiq, Naqid, Sahafi, Mufasssir and Mutarjim.

The Anjuman Sadat-e-Amroha, Canada

Congratulations to **Hasan Hadi Naqvi** for becoming a **Life Member** of the **Anjuman Sadat-e-Amroha, Canada**. He is pictured below with the new President of the Association, Aftab Haider.



*The Annual Picnic of
the Anjuman Sadat-e-
Amroha, Canada, was held on the
1st July. The great day was
attended by over 200 people.
They enjoyed children's
games and a BBQ.*



SAFARNAMA

launched at the other end of the World

Ikram Naqvi's autobiography, Safarnama, has been selling well in Fullers Bookshop in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia. It has been well reviewed by the Mercury newspaper in Tasmania and by the University of Tasmania.

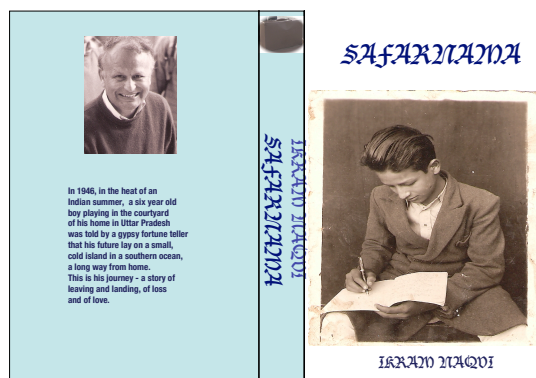
Funds from the sale of the book go to AIS charity work in Amroha.



Ikram Naqvi was born in Amroha, India, in 1942. In 1960, he travelled to Tasmania, Australia, to attend the University of Tasmania in Hobart. During the journey by train and by ship, Ike continuously wrote letters to his mother as if she was with him and he was talking to her. He chose this style because his mother was not a fluent reader and her eyesight was poor, so the letters would be read to her aloud by his sister, Piyarri Bhinno. The letters were written in Urdu, Ike's mother tongue. This book contains those letters and, to preserve the flavour of the originals, the author has translated them literally. The book then traces the journey of the life that followed recorded on salvaged, light-weight, light-blue aerogrammes.



The author, Ikram Naqvi with his wife, Jane, and daughter, Yasmin, at the book launch in Tasmania.



PRICE

US and Canada: \$15 Postage: US \$10
Great Britain: 15 Pounds Postage: 10 Pounds
Australia: \$15 Postage: \$5

Please note that the proceeds from SARARNAMA go to the charity work of the Amroha International Society:

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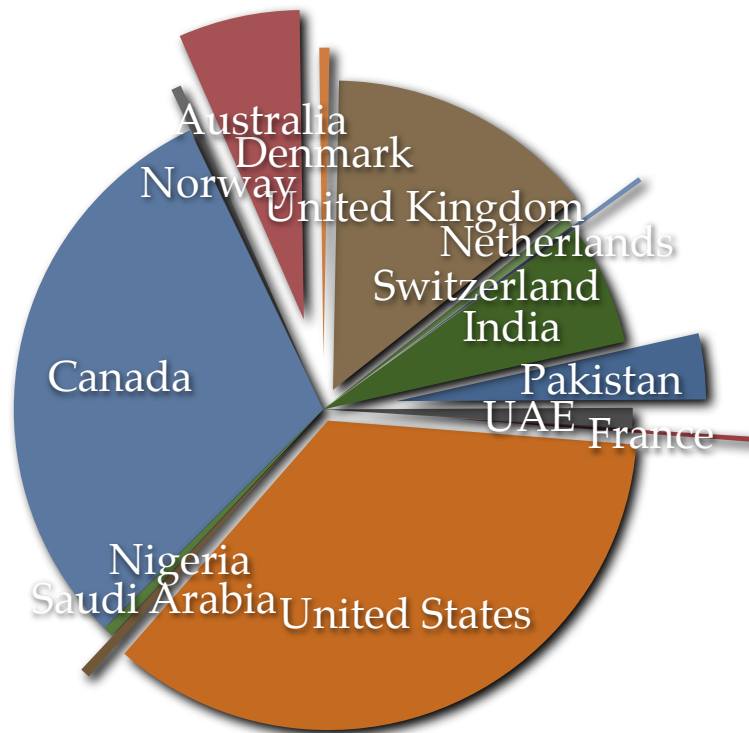
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Where are AIS members?

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 |
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