



# 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.*

## A Biennial Newsletter

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## A green Amroha in the eyes of its youth



### AIS drawing competition

**Left: First prize in the AIS drawing competition themed "Green Amroha" by Miss Aditi Agarwal, class 6-8.**

**See the rest of the winning drawings on page 5**

## EDITOR'S NOTE

*The year of the 10th anniversary of the Amroha International Society has been very exciting in terms of the AIS' expansion of projects in health and education.*

*The AIS has also benefited from fantastic financial donations, notably by the Fahan School in Hobart, Australia, and by Kamal Naqvi and Joel Rache, who raised money for the AIS by running in the Amsterdam half marathon. I felt so proud to see them wearing the AIS logo and name on their running tops among nearly 20,000 runners.*

*AIS eye camps continue to attract nearly 400 people at each camp. I was privileged to be present at the eye camp on 8 November 2013. Watching the underprivileged people of Amroha appreciating our work was very inspiring. I would like to thank our members for their support. Four eye camps are planned in 2014, the next taking place in January 2014.*

*With regard to the AIS scholarship program, the response to our advertisement in the most widely read Hindi and Urdu newspapers has been most encouraging. It felt great to personally hand four female students from the J.N. Degree College the AIS scholarship cheques on 12 November, following a brief talk to the students. We received three new applications from the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) and three from the Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI). We were also delighted to renew the scholarships of four previous scholarship holders.*

*As regards the Clean Amroha project, AIS is in the process of increasing the number of rubbish bins and expanding to more areas. This is going to be a challenging task as these bins are frequently stolen at night. A door-to-door rubbish collection system has been developed as an alternative. It is clear that education about the importance of cleaning Amroha will be key to the success of the program. As a result, we are increasing the education part of "Clean Amroha" project, by educating students in schools and colleges.*

*On a less uplifting note, I am very sad to report that despite our best efforts Amroha's 300 year old Muradabadi Gate was demolished.*

*The people of Amroha continue to excel professionally. Among them are Dr Shahab Akhter, Professor Huzoor Khan, Assistant Professor Zebun Nisa Khan, Mrs Shaheen Siddiqui and Dr Salman Ahmad.*

*May I wish everybody Season's Greetings and Happy New Year!*

*Ikram Naqvi*



## Facebook

The AIS Facebook group continues to grow in numbers and contributions.

## Clean Amroha Project

As earlier reported, the AIS "Clean Amroha" project was launched by Dr Afsar Pervez, the Chairman, Nagar Palika (Municipal Council) in July 2013.

Unfortunately many rubbish bins outside Mohalla Katkoi were stolen. This forced AIS to buy new ones and to concentrate its efforts in Mohalla Katkoi.

We have commenced an education program in Mohalla Katkoi. Based on the lessons learned and with the help of reliable volunteers for education, we intend to increase the distribution of rubbish bins in other parts of Amroha.

The AIS are also developing a program to collect rubbish directly from homes.

## 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.

## 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:

Waseem Ahmad, Monday 16 September 2013:

*I admire Kamal Naqvi & Joel Rache for raising much needed money for the poor people of Amroha. I urge everybody to get behind their great effort. Good luck*

*Glad to know that the AIS organized a very successful drawing competition on 8 August. I saw photos of first prize winners on the AIS Facebook page. Most impressive job.*

Ikram Naqvi, Wednesday 23 October 2013:

*Congratulations to Kamal and Joel for finishing in good time and raising \$6,600 for poor people of Amroha. I had the pleasure of watching the race.*

Nargis Siddiqui, Monday 16 September 2013:

*Thanks for putting Amroha dishes on the website. I enjoyed cooking them. It brought back old memories.*

## AIS Website

We continue to have over 10,000 hits on the AIS website. Thanks for looking.

## Member's Gallery

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



### **AIS Cataract Camp**

At the latest AIS cataract camp on 8 November 2013, 358 people registered. Of these 21 were taken to the Venu Eye Institute in New Delhi for cataract operations.

We gave free eye spectacles to 165 people and free medicine to 186 people for minor eye problems.



**Visual testing**



**AIS Coordinator Ikram Naqvi with Surender Singh (Chairman of the AIS Amroha Committee) at the AIS Cataract Camp**



**Eye testing at the cataract camp**



**Patients lining up for treatment**



# AIS Scholarship Program

## AIS scholarship promotion

In response to our advertisement about our scholarships in the most widely read Hindi and Urdu newspapers in Amroha the AIS had numerous inquiries and received 11 applications.

In addition, three new scholarship applications have been received from the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) and 3 from the Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI).

Prabha Thapa. B.A., Meenu B.Sc, Pushker Gupta. B.Sc



granted scholarships as a result of responding to our advertisement in Hindi and Urdu papers:

The new scholarship holders from the AMU are Shakir Ali, BA(Hons) Sociology, Mohd Rehber, BA in Sociology, and Mohd Sajid, BSc (Chemistry).

New scholarship holders from the JMI are: Mohd Arshad, Dip.electronics, Mohd Amir, B.Sc and Mohd Ruman Siddiqui, B.Sc.

## New AIS scholarship recipient Lavina Varshne



The following students from the JMI had their scholarships renewed: Muhammad Farhan, Bachelor Computer Eng, Mohd Ashar Khan, Dip.Civil Eng, Kafeel Khan, B.Tech, Mohd Rais, BSc and Ummaiz Iqbal, Dip, computer engineering.

## AIS scholarship recipient Abdul Sami gets a gold medal for engineering

AIS scholarship recipient Abdul Sami recently was awarded a gold medal for being the best student in his class.



**Abdul Sami receives his gold medal from Prof. NU Khan, Director, Polytechnic University, Jamia Millia Islamia.**



## New scholarship applicants from JMI with AIS Coordinator, Ikram Naqvi and Dr. Jamal Abidi on 4 November 2013

An increase in applications from girls is most encouraging.

## New AIS scholarship recipients

AIS has granted scholarships to the following students from the J.N. Degree College, Amroha: Yogita Singh, B.A., Lavina Varshne, B.A., Shabana Haider, B.A., and Urooj Fatma, B.A., Mohsin B.Sc, Shazia Khan. B.Sc, Tanzeem Fatma. B.Com, Deepshika Yadav. B.Com, Deepak Bhargav. B.Sc, Saloni Goel. BSc, Ayushi. B.A., Chetana Rana. BSc,

## New AIS scholarship recipient Shabana Haider



## Announcements of the AIS scholarship recipients at the J.N. Degree College, Amroha, on 12 November 2013

Salman Akhter of Meerut

## AIS Drawing Competition

As part of its efforts to educate the youth of Amroha about health issues facing the town, Dr Abbas Khan organised on behalf of AIS a drawing competition in the R.K. Public school on 8 August 2014. All 988 students of the school participated. We present to you the inspiring prize-winning drawings.

### Theme: Clean Amroha (class 6-8)



Second prize



Third prize

### Theme: Amroha: My Dream City (class 9-10)



First prize: Mr Shubham Kushwash



Second prize



Third prize

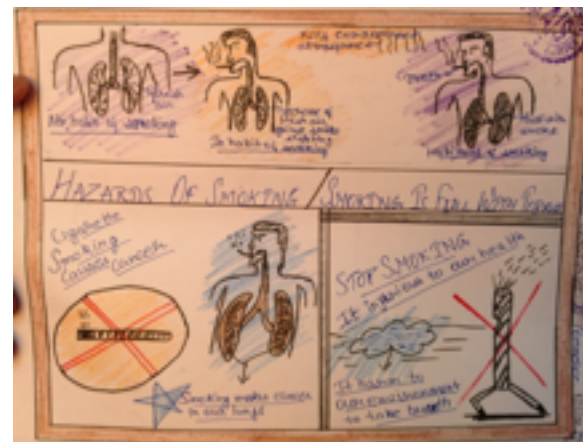
### Theme: Amroha without Tobacco & Tuberculosis (class 11-12)



First prize: Miss Praga Saxena



Second prize



Third prize

# AIS Fundraising

## Fahan School Donation

The Fahan School, an independent girls school in Hobart, Australia, accepted the AIS as one of their charities and pledged to raise \$5,000. On 11 December, the school invited AIS Coordinator, Ikram Naqvi, to speak at their assembly and accept the cheque. The people of Amroha and members of AIS applaud and greatly appreciate the girls' great contribution.



AIS Coordinator Ikram Naqvi accepting the cheque on 11 December 2013



Fahan quiz night to raise money for the AIS

## Amsterdam Half Marathon

Kamal Naqvi of London and Joel Rache of the Hague raised \$6,650 for the AIS by running in the Amsterdam half marathon on 20 October despite injuries. Many thanks to them for their fantastic effort.



Joel Rache (left) and Kamal Naqvi (right) at the start of the race



Joel and Kamal: victorious at the finish line (or just happy it's over)

# Amroha's high achievers

*As part of it's tenth anniversary celebrations, AIS takes note of some of Amroha's lesser known brightest and most inspiring stars*



**Dr Shahab Akhter**

**Dr Shahab Akhter (left)** has been appointed as the new chief of the division of surgery at University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health and UW Hospital and Clinics, effective 3 September 2013.

Dr Akhter is son of Syed Naqi Akhter and Razia Sultana of Chicago.



**Professor Huzoor Khan**

**Professor Huzoor Khan** of Mohalla Danishmandan is first person from Amroha to hold the prestigious position of the President of the Indian Mathematical Society of India. He has been Chairman of the Mathematics Department of the Aligarh Muslim University.

Professor Huzoor Khan has also recently been appointed to the Academic Council of the Jaunpur University, India and the Academic Council of Uttar Pradesh.



**Dr Zebun Nisa Khan**

**Dr Zebun Nisa Khan** of Amroha, wife of Professor Huzoor Khan, is the first female Senior Assistant Professor in the Education Department of the Aligarh Muslim University.



**Dr Masood Ahmad**

**Dr Masood Ahmad** received the K.K. Menon award for his outstanding research in fisheries.

## Outstanding AIS contributors

Any non-governmental organisation like the AIS can only work effectively with help of committed volunteers. This assistance is much appreciated.

Sardar Surender Singh and his committee on the ground in Amroha do a great deal of work, particularly during the cataract camps.

The AIS is very thankful for the coordinating role for the AIS scholarships by Dr Jamal Abidi at the JMI and Professor Huzoor Khan in the AMU.

Producing this newsletter would not be possible without the combined assistance of Ali Goher of Houston, Safia Sultana of New York and Yasmin Naqvi of the Hague.



**Goher family of Houston**

# Weddings

## Fizza and Syed Faraz

Fizza Mustafa, daughter of Ahmad Mustafa of Texas, got married to Syed Faraz, also of Texas on 19th June 2013.



## Neda and Eddy

Neda Naqvi, daughter of Wasif and Kamni Naqvi of New Jersey got married to Eddy DeBiase on 19th October.



## Tahira and Syed Ali

Tahira Hasnain daughter of Iqbal Hasan got married to Syed Ali Zaidi in Canada on August 20, 2013

# Engagements

## Faraz and Zoya

Faraz, son of Askari and Zoya Naqvi of Houston, got engaged to Zoya, daughter of Zia and Kiran Naqvi of Karachi on 9 July 2013.

## Arshiya and Abbas

Arshiya, daughter of Zulfiqar and Nighat Naqvi of Houston got engaged to Abbas, son of Manzoor Naqvi of Karachi.



**Faraz with his family**



**Zoya with her parents**

## Danish and Mushkbar Fatima

Danish son of late Khursheed Hasan and Nasira Khatoon got engaged to Mushkbar Fatima on 30 June in Karachi.

# News from AIS members

## *The latest news in the last half year*

### **Births**

Congratulations to Yousuf and Samana Naqvi of Birmingham, UK, on the birth of their daughter Maha.



**Baby Maha**

Congratulations to Dr. Nihal and Zoya Naqvi, of Noida, New Delhi, on the birth of their baby daughter, Anaya.



**Baby Anaya**

### **Admittance to ANSEAD**

Mohd Husain Khan, son of Professor Huzoor and Zebun Khan has been admitted to ANSEAD in France to undertake a MBA degree in 2014.



**Husain Khan**

### **Graduation**

Noah Rache, son of Joel Rache and Yasmin Naqvi of The Hague, graduated to the Juniors of Big Ben's Kids Centre at the age of 2 years old.



**Noah Rache**

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

## Book Launches

### **Shaheen Siddiqui publishes poetry book**

Mrs Shaheen Siddiqui, wife of Nawab Siddiqui, published her own Urdu poetry book titled *Kiran aaftaab ki* in London on 1 November 2013.

Ikram Naqvi had the honor of receiving a copy of this great book.



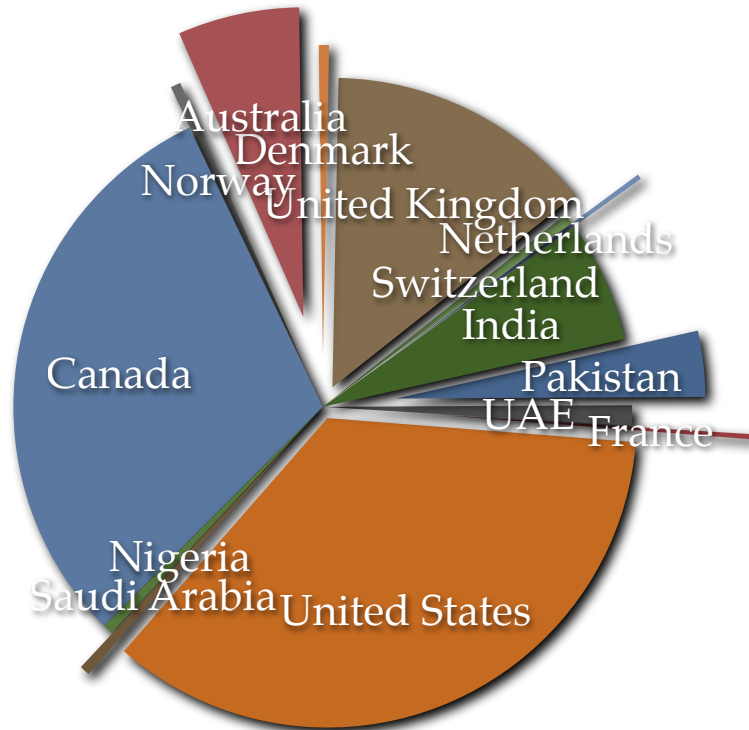
### **New Sadequain calligraphy book**

Dr Salman Ahmad of the SADEQUAIN Foundation has recently published a new book of Sadequain calligraphy titled, "The Legend of Sadequain-Renaissance of Calligraphic Art". The book includes over 250 rare pieces of calligraphy, most of which have never been documented in the past.



# 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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