



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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The AIS was pleased to be able to donate new blankets to those in need in Amroha during the cold winter months earlier this year and plan to do so again in December.



EDITOR'S NOTE

The last six months have seen the AIS increase the eye camps from three to four due to the generosity of donors. We have also been able to provide a larger number of scholarships to talented students from underprivileged families. Further, we implemented a computer training course in April, which, due to its success, will be provided again in October.

Our eye camps continue to attract over 500 patients. A new record of 650 attendees was established for the eye camp on 23 January. On average, over 40 people who attend each cataract camp have a cataract operation.

Video footage of the eye camp I attended last November is on the AIS website and on YouTube. I am looking forward to attending the next eye camp on 31 October.

With regard to the AIS scholarship programme, our advertisements in Hindi and Urdu newspapers in Amroha were successful in attracting a larger number of applicants. Due to increased funding, the AIS was able to increase the number of scholarships to those students who otherwise would be unable to go to colleges or universities outside Amroha. The AIS has continued to offer scholarships to students at the AMU and JMI. As part of the qualifying criteria, it is expected that our scholarship holders will actively assist the AIS to help the disadvantaged people of Amroha.

The AIS is excited about commencing the computer training course leading to a diploma certificate, thus facilitating successful students to gain employment.

The "Clean Amroha" project has been evolving. We now have a subcommittee, chaired by Afzal Suri. This committee is meeting regularly to plan the program. To date, the committee has appointed nine captains of mohallas (suburbs).

The captains lead a team to coordinate the cleaning of their own mohalla. The cleanest mohalla will be awarded a perpetual shield in November during my stay in Amroha and the name of the winning mohalla for 2014 will be the first to be engraved. This will hopefully spur other mohalla captains to do their best to have their mohalla's name engraved in forthcoming years.

The AIS is also planning a "Clean Amroha Day" during my stay where college students will be asked to clean the area near their college. The AIS thanks Dr Afsar Pervez, Chairman, Nagar Palika (Council) for his cooperation on this initiative.

As winter comes upon Amroha, the AIS will distribute blankets to those in need.

Ikram Naqvi

Facebook

The AIS Facebook continues to grow.

At the time of writing this newsletter it has grown to 372 members. Our website host Simon Stanton has established a connection to the www.amrohainternationalsociety.com

Membership

Our membership continues to grow, particularly in Australia. It has increased to 501.

See the pie graph on page 6 for geographical representation.

Discussion Forum

Ram Chand, 15 March 2014:

"I have recently returned from Amroha and saw few rubbish bins put by the AIS.

Also saw some AIS volunteers cleaning their mohalla.

Amroha could do a lot more of this. I heard that the AIS is planning to introduce a cup for the cleanest mohalla every year. What a good idea".

Waseem Ahmad, 15 March 2014:

"Delighted to read on the AIS Facebook group about computer coaching for poor students. Learning computer is extremely necessary these days."

Maryam Jahan, 22 March 2014:

"Computing course is an excellent idea. We all need computer training and has to be the most important skill for our young people."

"What can be more important than to give somebody sight. Record

attendance in the last eye camp suggests great need. Keep your good work.

Jill Muire, of Tasmania, 28 April 2014:

"It is good to know that not one cent is spent on administration because the Naqvi family absorbs the cost. Thanks for informing me about the eye camp on 23 April as one often wonders where the money actually is used"

Manzar Naqvi, of London, 28 April 2014:

"Pleased to know eye camp progress and other on going projects. May Allah give you sawab for all this good work. I will do my best to support your projects. Good luck and keep up the good work".

Askari Naqvi, of Houston, 30 April 2014:

"Good to hear what good work you are doing in Amroha. You will get your rewards. You are involved in a very noble cause. May Allah give you strength to continue all these projects"

AIS Website

The AIS website continues to have over 10,000 hits per month. It peaked at 12,646 in March. Thanks for visiting the website and please also know that we are in the process of making it more user-friendly.

AIS Website

Videos of three Eye Camps can be viewed on You Tube.



AIS Cataract Camps

Due to demand the AIS increased the number of eye camps from 3 to 4 this year. The next eye camps in 2014 are on 29 August and 31 October.

All donations help!

Eye Camp, 23 January 2014

All previous records for the number of attendees for AIS eye camps were broken in the eye camp of 23 January as 650 patients registered - the highest number ever.

Of these patients, 42 were taken to the Venu Eye Institute in New Delhi for cataract operations while 220 people were given free spectacles and 225 were given free medication for other eye problems.

the Venu Eye Institute to try to rectify this problem.



Eye Camp, 23 April 2014

The camp in April was attended by 550 patients. Of these, 43 were taken to New Delhi for cataract operations, 220 were given free spectacles and 228 were given free medicine for other eye deceases. Unfortunately, 200 more people who queued for an eye examination were not examined due to time restraints on the part of the doctors. We are talking to



AIS Scholarship Program

View the photos of our Scholarship holders on the AIS website.

The AIS congratulates them all and wishes them success in their studies.

AIS scholarship promotion

Our scholarship program has expanded considerably this year.

To cater for students in Amroha who are financially unable to attend the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) or the Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) AIS decided to promote the scholarships in a leading newspaper in Amroha.

A willingness to contribute to the work of the AIS in Amroha has been added as a criterion for a scholarship.

The following students are the successful recipients of the scholarships:

Aligargh Muslim University (AMU)

Shakir Ali, Mohd Rehber and Mohd Sajid

Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI)

Muhammad Farhan, Kafeel Khan, Umaid Iqbal, Mohd Arshad, Mohd Amir, Mohd Ruman Siddiqui and Yusra

Rehmani.

J.S.H.College, Amroha

Yogita Singh, Urooj Fatma, Shabana Parveen, Laveena Varshney, Mohsin, Shazia Khan, Tanzeem Fatma, Meehakshi Yadav, Saloni Goel, Swati Yadav, Pushker Gupta.

Nayab Abbasi College, Amroha

Ayushi Sharma

G.G.I.T.College, Amroha

Prabha Thapa

Meerat College

Salman Akhtar



New Program Initiative!

Computer Training Course

A three month computer training course commenced on 1 April, giving students a diploma certificate which will assist them to gain employment.

We thank Divesh Kumar Rai, Deputy Director for teaching free of cost. This meant that the AIS only needed pay for hiring a venue with internet access and for newspaper advertising





The Clean Amroha Project

Many World Health Organization (WHO) studies have shown that a clean environment is critical to facilitate better health. It is for this reason our Clean Amroha Project was launched by Dr Afsar Pervez, Chairman, Amroha Nagar Palika (Council) last year.

To begin the project, **rubbish bins** were put around Amroha. However, unfortunately, most bins were stolen, so other strategies to clean up Amroha are clearly needed.

(Let us also hope that the nicked bins are being put to good use!)

Other initiatives included a Drawing Competition in the R.K. College coordinated by Dr Abbas Khan as reported in the last newsletter. This project, in which children are encouraged to not only demonstrate their creative skills but also to raise public awareness of the importance of keeping their environment clean, will be expanded to involve other schools and colleges in Amroha on 19 August.

A committee chaired by Afzal Ali has commenced an education program by appointing captains of nineteen *mohallas*. This committee intends to announce a 'Clean Amroha Day'.

Although the committee members are men, it is pleasing to note that college girls are showing great enthusiasm for the project!



Abbas Khan



Krishnan Kumar. AIS Administration Officer

In a well attended press conference on 27 June in Amroha this year Ikram Naqvi announced the inauguration of a Perpetual Shield for the cleanest mohalla.

The first shield will be engraved and presented in October 2014.



Afzal Ali, Chairman of the Clean Amroha Committee (above)

AIS Fundraising

The AIS held a fundraising dinner in the Annapurna restaurant in Hobart, on 6 April 2014. The event raised \$10,009. The AIS thanks Virendar and Celeste, the generous owners of the venue.

The success of the auction part of the event was due to the generous donation of paintings by many of Tasmania's foremost artists including Tom Samek, Richard Bacon, Max Angus and Patricia Giles. Every painting auctioned was sold and the bidding was spirited as the buyers knew the paintings were both beautiful and valuable assets to own and that the AIS eye camps and scholarships are such worthwhile causes.



A local band, Outofrocktasmania, with the lead singer, Rehan Jaffery, rocks patrons with Indian/Western fusion music.



This painting by renowned Tasmanian artist, Richard Bacon, sparked keen bidding. The work depicts the Hobart waterfront with Mt Wellington in the background.



Could you raise a fun fundraising event in your town for awesome, life-enhancing projects sponsored the AIS? Big or small - everything helps!

Please remember that Regular Giving of only \$1 per day can be made through Everyday Hero on www.amrohainternational.com

An easy way to assist is to sponsor a cataract operation for \$50 on the AIS website.

Donations to the AIS are tax deductible in Australia.

Weddings

Zoya and Saad Salman

Zoya, daughter of Fauzia and Nusrat Kidwai of Switzerland, and formally from Mohalla Katkoi in Amroha, married Saad Salman in Karachi. Congratulations to the family and best wishes from the AIS.



Zoya and Saad



Arishia and Abbas

Heartiest congratulations to all family members and to Arishia and Abbas who were married in Karachi recently.

Engagements

Husain and Sana

Professor Huzoor Khan and Dr Zebun Nisa Khan of Aligarh, India, and Mr Ishrat Naqvi and Mrs Mumtaz Naqvi of Melbourne, Australia, have great pleasure in announcing the engagement of Husain and Sana.



Sana Naqvi



Husain Khan

Tahire and Sajjad

Tahire, daughter of Sadequain and Nagina Naqvi of Los Angeles is engaged to Sajjad, son of Raza Naqvi of Dallas. Congratulations, Tahire and Sajjad.



Tahire and Sajjad

News from AIS members

Births

Congratulations to Ahmad and Zainab Naqvi of Boston, USA, on the birth of their daughter, Zahra.



Zahra Naqvi - welcome!

Congratulations to Riffi and Moosa Naqvi of Jedda, on the birth of their daughter, Aamna.



Aamna Naqvi - hi there!

Baby William Johnson was born to Shabana and Lance Johnson on February 2, 2014, in Port Arthur, Texas, USA. Willy's proud grandfather is Ali Goher Naqvi.



William Johnson - welcome!

Congratulations to Danish and Muskar Naqvi on the birth of their baby daughter, Azea.



Salaam Azea!

Riffi and Haider Naqvi of Delhi welcome their son, Abeer. Congratulations!



Abeer Naqvi - hello!

Achievements

High Achieving Brothers



Abbas Khan



Husain Khan

Professor Huzoor Khan and his wife Dr Zebun Nisa Khan are proud of their two sons, Husain and Abbas, both of whom have admissions to prestigious post-graduate institutions.

Husain is currently undertaking the MBA program at INSEAD Business School in France and will graduate in December 2014.

Abbas has been admitted to the John Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, USA. His area is dentistry.

UK Veterans Hockey Championships

In the British Masters Hockey Championships held in London in April 2014, the winning team was South who played East in the final and won 7 - 0. Kamal Naqvi, playing for South, scored the first goal of the final. In South's earlier match against Scotland, Kamal shot 4 goals.



Congratulations to Arif (Ari) Rizvi of Ottawa for finishing the Lowertown Brewery Ottawa 10km run in 01:12:30. Ari came in at 8,019 out of 12,249 participants.

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

With Thanks

The AIS thanks Professor Huzoor Khan for his generous work and time as the AIS scholarship coordinator at the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU).

Due to his retirement, this role will now be performed by Mr. Raza Shuja.



Professor Huzoor Khan



Mr. Raza Shuja



Zahid Desai, on the beach at Kingston

The AIS thanks Simon Stanton, of the Huon Valley, Tasmania, the first host and designer of the AIS website. Simon continued to host the website despite ill health and his dedicated contribution to the AIS is greatly appreciated.

All best wishes, Simon.

Zahid Desai, of Kingston, Tasmania will be the new host of the AIS website.

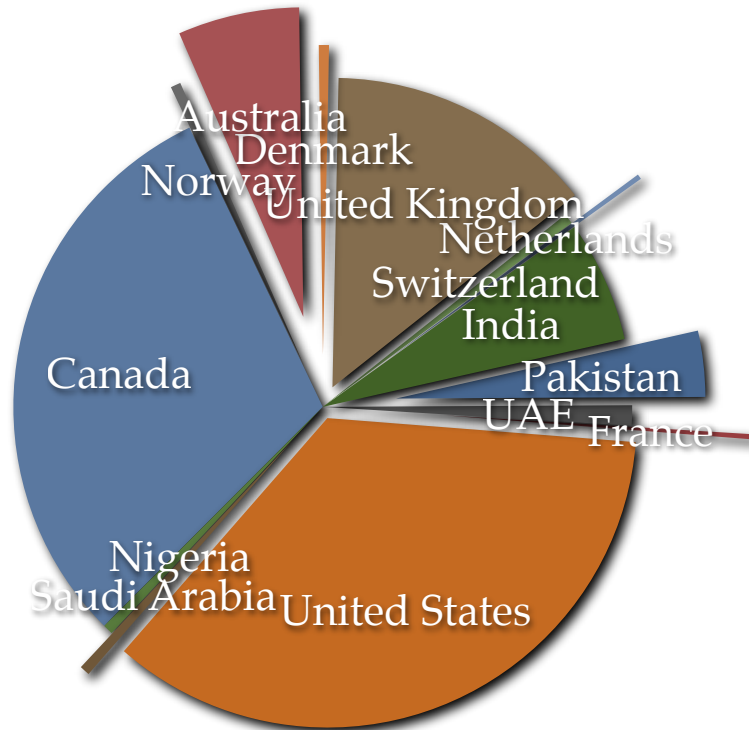
Zahid will work in cooperation with Faisal Abidi of New Delhi. Faisal will help Zahid to make the website's presentation both attractive and user-friendly.

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D R A W I N G C O M P E T I T I O N C E R T I F I C A T E



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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