

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

Overview

Since 2008, we have achieved a lot, including:

Organising 49 eye camps, screening nearly 10,000 people resulting 2052 cataract

operations since 2008.

- Providing 148 scholarships for tertiary education
- Trained 800 people in computer science
- Given out blankets in the winter to those exposed to the harsh conditions
- Distributed rubbish bins around Amroha and promoted a cleaner, hygienic Amroha through the Clean Amroha Day

We were delighted to recommence our cataract operation program on 6 June after a three year suspension because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The next eye camp will take place on 5 August.

We have also re-commenced our scholarship program. We were curious to know what happened to our past scholarship-holders. The stories of two past recipients are featured in this Newsletter. We intend to do more stories like this in the future.

Thank you to all our donors in our current Appeal. More funds are welcomed I would like to express special thanks to Imran Khan and his team of RNF Technology for keeping the AIS information on the website.

Ikram (Ike) Naqvi

Amroha Appeal

Thanks to those who have donated already.

We could do with extra funds because the need is great. I am especially keen to organise more cataract operations because there is a huge demand.

For more information please take a look our our website: www.amrohainternationalsociety.com Our charity is registered in Australia – ABN: 53349312121.

You can donate in the following ways:

1. PayPal on Amroha International Society Donation (AUD)

- 2. Bank Transfer: to the Amroha International Society CBA account (BSB: 06 7105 Account Number: 10253899).
- 3. Send a cheque in the name of the "Amroha International Society" by post to me at 295 Tinderbox Road, Tinderbox 7054.

Eye Program

The Chief Medical Officer in Amroha gave us permission to hold the eye camp on 6 June after a three year suspension due to the Covid-19 pandemic. It was a great success. A team of 9 people from the Indira Gandhi Eye Hospital (IGEH), New Delhi, came to Amroha on 5 June. We provided accommodation and food for the night. The eye camp commenced on the following day at the Punjabi Dharamshala. We had 198 registered patients. Of these, 25 people were considered suitable for cataract surgery and were taken to New Delhi in the vehicles of IGEH. They were provided free medicine (eye drops). All patients were brought back to Amroha a couple of days after the surgery in the vehicles of the IGEH. Three medical people of the IGEH came to Amroha after a week to check the patients. I am pleased to report that all of them had a successful surgery.

We also provided free eyesight checking and new glasses to 80 people. Some more complex cases were taken by taxi to the IGEH for special treatment. They returned to Amroha in the same taxi after examination and medicine on the same day

Renewal of scholarship program

We have commenced our scholarship program, especially at the Jamia Millia University (JMI) in New Delhi where we have given a lot of scholarships for tertiary education.

Our Past Scholarship holders

Abdul Sami came from a family with a limited income. He did his Diploma in Engineering from the JMI and then went on to undertake a Bachelor of Engineering and won a Gold Medal. AIS scholarship recipient Abdul Sami gets a gold medal for engineering.



He is married to Qamar Jahan. They have a beautiful baby girl, Alisha. He said that "I am thankful to Mr. Ike Naqvi for his kind gesture in supporting me in my hard time by providing AIS scholarship".

SELF LIFE STORY

June 4th, 2022

Hi, I am Abdul Sami from New Delhi. I am basically from Amroha in UP. I am grown up here and started schooling from Jannat Nisha School and then AKK Inter College up to 12th standard. I got chance to get admission in Diploma in Mechanical Engineering from JamiaMillialslamia, New Delhi under the guidance of Mr. Nasir Hasan sb. After that, I completed my B.E. (Mechanical) from JMI.

In Jan-2014, I started my engineering profile job as a Design Engineer (HVAC) inICE and then I joined Luft Care Services as a Design & Project Engineer (HVAC). After that in Nov-2019, I got chance to join Hyundai Engg. & Co., an MNC, as Project Engineer (MEP) for building mechanical services like HVAC, Fire Fighting, Plumbing, STP, WTP, RO Plant and BMS systems in Hyundai Motor Corporate Office Building in Gurugram, Haryana. Presently I am working with Anemo Projects Pvt. Ltd. as a Project Manager for IFFCO NFPProject, Bareilly.

In 2009 during my first year of Diploma Engg., I came to know through Mr. Nihal sb. about Amroha International Society Scholarship for financially challenged students from Amroha studying in JMI & AMU. Then I met Dr. Hasan Jamal Abidi, who is the member of this society and was also the Deputy Librarian of Central Library of JMI at that time. I applied for this scholarship after completing the criterion of scholarship program as it was matching with my condition. Since then I had been received AIS scholarship till the end of B.E. in JMI.

Mr. Ike Naqvi, the founder of AIS from Australia, is doing very well in education and health sector for Amroha people for encouraging and supporting to the bright students in their higher studies, who wants to do some change in creating an educated and healthy society in Amroha.

Now I am happily married to a talented & homemaker ladyQamar Jahan and have a beautiful baby girl, Alisha. MashaAllah she is five month old now. Both are very lucky to me. I am glad to

share my life story in AIS column. I am very much thankful to Mr. Ike Naqvi for his kind gesture in supporting me in my hard time by providing AIS scholarship, due to which I was able to manage some of fee expenses and others things. Now I am here by the grace of God, doing continuous hard work& blessings of my parents, teachers, friends and specially AIS and my supportive wife. I am also searching better opportunities in my field of experience and want to contribute in progress of Amroha people. I hope that more bright and needy students will get help in their higher studies through AIS scholarship.

Best wishes for upcoming students as well as AIS for their admirable contribution!

-Abdul Sami <u>abdulsami89@gmail.com</u> 9015362564



Gaurav Sagar



Gaurav Sagar lost his father when he was young. He was brought up by his single mother on a low income. He did a Diploma and B.Tech from I.F.T.M in Moradabad. He is currently working as a Production Planning Control (PPC) Engineer.

Fundraising by Aaliya Naqvi & Friends

My granddaughter Aaliya and her friends of Redland school organised a fundraising for the AIS. Following is her story.

Last year, a couple of my friends and I raised \$650, surpassing our goal of \$500, for the Amroha International Society. After hearing about the difficulties Amroha was facing due to COVID, my friends and I felt motivated to do our bit to help make a difference for the struggling families in Amroha, particularly for those dealing with the current COVID-19 crisis in India. However, as a result of COVID lockdowns in Australia, we could partake in face-to-face fundraising, as we would normally do, which caused some difficulties. Despite this we were still able to raise money through setting up a Go Fund Me page, for the charity, as well as making posters and a video to promote the page. We were very pleased with the amount of money we received from fellow students, friends, and family and glad that the money can go to such beneficial programs.





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Venue - Punjabi Dharamshala, Azad Road, Amroha