



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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From left to right: Surender Singh, Afzal Ali, Dr Afsar Parvez, Chairman, Nagar Palika (Council)



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EDITOR'S NOTE

The AIS website is being completely revamped to become more informative, interactive, user-friendly and illustrative of the AIS's work and the lives of its members. As a result, this will be the last newsletter that will be sent by email to members. From now on, the website will be your up-to-date portal on everything going on with the AIS and its community. I hope you will enjoy the new website, and look forward to hearing feedback from you.

The AIS has made considerable progress in its health and education projects over the last six months.

The AIS eye camps continue to receive over 500 patients. A new record of 656 patients was established at the eye camp on 29 August. 58 people had cataract operations. I had the privilege of attending the eye camp on 31 October. A new record of 59 patients had cataract operations. It was touching to hear their appreciation for the AIS sponsored treatment. Many had travelled long distances to reach the eye camp. Videos of the eye camps are on the AIS website and You Tube.

Buoyed by the success of last year's AIS scholarship program, the AIS recently advertised the program in the most widely read Hindi newspaper in Amroha. The AIS hopes to increase the number of scholarships awarded to those students from outside Amroha who do not have sufficient funds to go to colleges or universities. The AIS has continued to offer scholarships to students at the AMU and the JMI. As mentioned previously, scholarship recipients need to have marks of at least 70% and must demonstrate a willingness to help the underprivileged people of Amroha.

I had the pleasure of giving certificates to the students who completed our computer training course. I would like to thank Devesh Rai who taught the course free of charge. The hope is that the certificate will help students find a job in the information technology sector. Another computer training course commenced on 1 December.

Clean Amroha Day took place on 21 October with great success. It was attended by over 100 young people. Dr Afsar Parvez, Chairman, Nagar Palika (Municipality) joined us. The cleanest Mohalla (suburb) for 2014 was judged to be Niyaziyan. Dr Parvez gave the shield to the Captain. He told the audience about various initiatives the Nagar Palika is taking to improve roads and drainage. He stated that land has been bought for disposing of Amroha's waste. A recycling plant is being investigated. Thanks to Afzal Ali and his team of captains from 19 Mohalla (suburbs) for their outstanding efforts to commence the task of cleaning Amroha. I was delighted to hear many stories about improvements from the captains. Fortunately the Prime Minister of India, Mr Modi has also announced a campaign to clean India in the next five years. This has raised the awareness in the community.

May I wish everyone Season's Greetings and Happy New Year.

Ikram Naqvi

Fundraising

You can sponsor a cataract operation for \$50 on www.amrohainternationalsocty.com

Donations to the AIS are tax deductible in Australia.

Facebook

The AIS Facebook continues to grow.

It now has 385 members. www.amrohainternationalsocty.com

You Tube

Videos of three AIS eye camps are on You Tube.

Membership

AIS membership has increased to 508. Please encourage your friends and relatives living outside the Indian subcontinent to register on line.

Discussion Forum

Shariq Hasan, 26 September 2014

"What a good idea to teach children about keeping Amroha clean"

Tanvir Ali, 26 September 2014

"Great to know that 650 people came to the eye camp on 29 August and of these 60 had cataract operation. What a fantastic job you are doing."

Tanvir Ali, on 26 September 2014

"Love your 'Clean Amroha' program. There is no doubt that cleaner Amroha will result in less diseases."

Maryam Jahan, 7 August 2014

"It was good to read about the computer course in the July newsletter of the AIS. I found this newsletter to be very informative."

AIS Website

The AIS website continues to have over 10,000 hits per month.

In the next few months it will be totally revamped to become more user-friendly and informative. Please give us your feedback.



Above: Certificate presented to students of the AIS computer course at the graduation ceremony in October 2014



AIS Cataract Camps

Two Eye Camps were held in the latter half of 2014 on 29 August and 31 October (bringing the total number of eye camps held in 2014 to 4)

All donations help!

Eye Camp, 29 August 2014

A new record 658 patients were registered at the AIS Eye Camp on 29 August. Of these 58 were taken to the Venu Eye Institute hospital in New Delhi for cataract operations. 17 people were given spectacles free of charge and 324 were given medication for other eye problems.

has decided not to hold a eye camp during summer months in 2015. Accordingly, the AIS Eye Camps will take place in January, April and December 2015.



Eye Camp, 31 October 2014

548 people registered at the October eye camp, which AIS coordinator, Ikram Naqvi, also attended. A new record of 59 people had cataract operations. Many patients expressed their appreciation to the AIS for the crucial eyesight-saving treatment. Many had travelled long distances to reach the eye camp. Due to logistical problems encountered in the August eye camp due to the lack of electricity in very hot conditions, the AIS



AIS Scholarship Program

View all 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. There has been a considerable response to the recent advertising of AIS scholarships in a leading Hindi paper in Amroha.

The Director of Students Welfare of the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) and Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) has recently sent out new notices about the AIS scholarships.

A number of students have applied for renewal of their scholarships.

AIS scholarship-holders

The following students were recent winners of the AIS scholarships:



Muhammad Farhan, B Com Eng



Shazia Khan, BSc



Kafeel Khan, B Tech



Yusra Rehmani BA (Hons) Maths



Umaiz Iqbal , Dip Com Eng
Meenakshi Yadar, B Com



Deepak Bhargav BSc
Mohd Amir M Sc Electronics

It is always heartening to know that our scholarship-holders appreciate AIS support. The AIS recently received the following messages:

Umaiz Iqbal

"I am very much thankful to the donors for this noble cause. Their help to students is very much appreciated. It would have been very difficult for me to continue my studies without their helping hand".

Kafeel Khan

"Your scholarship programme is very good basically its not just provide financial help but also a platform to social reformation of the students, for example it unites students from Amroha under AIS, motivates them to work together to help others, this

more important thing to unite youth under single agenda under single aim to help others, being engineer or any other person but this scholarship remind me always that I am from AMROHA that is very important for me, because of your society I meet many other students interact them like Abdul Sami and Farhan etc work with them this was a great experience and also it provides financial help due to which I can submit my yearly fee this reduces a lot of burden because my father was unable to submit my fee many times some of the student had to take loan to submit fee or to borrow money from other so this financial aid helps a lot. Thank you."

Mohd Amir

"The AIS scholarship is extremely helpful to me. It helps me pay my fees. I could not have continued my studies without this help."

Computer Training Course

The certificates for the AIS first diploma course were presented by AIS Coordinator Ikram Naqvi on 22 October. AIS would like to thank Devesh Rai for teaching the course free of charge.

Congratulations to all those who passed the course. The AIS hopes that this certificate will help them in their search for employment.

The Clean Amroha Project

Clean Amroha Day

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Thanks to Afzal Ali and his team of captains from 19 Mohallas for their outstanding efforts to commence the task of cleaning Amroha. They reported many inspiring stories about improvements. Fortunately, the Prime Minister of India, Mr Modi has also announced a campaign to clean India in the next five years. This has raised the awareness in the community.



Above: (from left to right): Ikram Naqvi, Dr Afsar Pavez, Chairman, Nagar Palika, Amroha and Afzal Ali (co-ordinator, Clean Amroha Committee) holding the trophy for the cleanest mohalla Noyaziyan.



Right: (from left to right): Devesh Rai, Afzal Ali, Ikram Naqvi, Dr Afsar Parvez (Chairman, Nagar Palika (Council), Surender Singh

AIS drawing competition

A drawing competition for students in Grades 9 to 12 on the theme "Clean Amroha - my dream city" was held on 19 August. Congratulations to first prize winners Aditi Agarwal, Saif Alam and Mamta.

Thank you to Mrs Tandon for presenting the awards. A renowned young artist from Lucknow, Sharudhan Gupta judged the entries. He was very impressed by the standard. Thanks to Devesh Rai and his helpers for organising the competition.



News from AIS members

Births

Congratulations to Saleha and Hasan Zaidi of Chicago on the birth of their son, Kazim born on 13 October and to

Anwer (Nana) and Riyaz (Nani) Rizvi who travelled to Chicago from New Delhi for the birth of the baby.



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

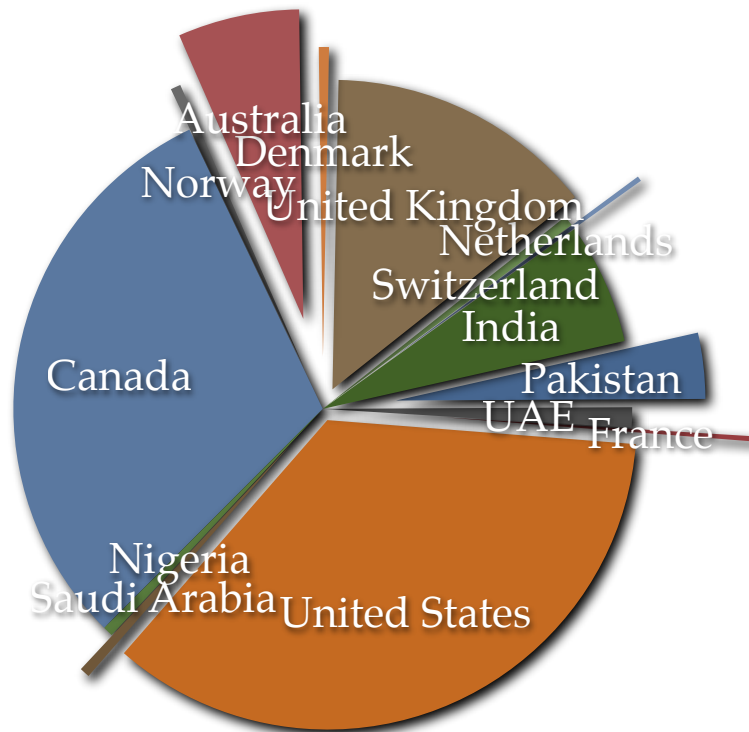
AIS Winter blanket distribution

The AIS has again distributed blankets to underprivileged people sleeping on the streets and the railway station in Amroha during the cold winter months. These people lack adequate bedding for the bitterly cold conditions in Amroha.



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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