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.

EDITORIAL

Thank you for your interest and ongoing support of the Amroha International Society (AIS).

We remain committed to using our resources to help the poor of Amroha have the opportunity to lead better lives.

Since January, we doubled the scale of our annual blanket distribution because of the need from the very cold winter, and held had a successful eye camp on in February.

Our next two eye camps are planned for 19 August and 20 November.

I am delighted to inform you that Tanuja Joshi, Managing Director of the Venue Eye Institute has informed me that they are investigating the potential to have a permanent operation based in Amroha with our support. This shall now be a focus for AIS.

Ikram (Ikki) Naqvi

Eye Camp - 18 February 2025

We had 150 patients. Of these 18 were considered ready for surgery. They were taken to New Delhi by the Venue Eye Institute's bus. They returned to Amroha safely after two days. Eyesight was tested for those who needed it. Medicine was given to those with minor eye problems.

Blanket Distribution

We had to distribute warm blankets twice this winter season because of the need due to the extremely cold temperatures this year.

Tanuja Joshi

Tanuja Joshi is the Managing Director of the Venue Eye Institute in New Delhi. I had the pleasure of meeting Tanuja in her hospital many years ago. She has been a great supporter of our cataract surgery program from the beginning. She has recently submitted a proposal to have a satellite operation in Amroha with our help. This would be a dream come true for me. Thank you Tanuja for caring for Amroha people and we look forward to finding a path forward to achieve this.

Tanuja Joshi

Dr. Simon Stanton

Simon was introduced to me by my friend Dr. Vishva Malhotra, his former supervisor for his BSc (Hons) degree. I was looking for someone to develop a website for the then newly formed Amroha International Society. Simon agreed to develop it and hosted it for a number of years free of charge despite needing money from his new business. He has recently completed a PhD in Computer Science. He is one of the most caring and generous people that I know and I would like to thank Simon for his support when AIS really needed it.

Faisal Abidi

Our website has since been wonderfully hosted and run by RnF Technologies, owned by Faisal Abidi, son of my nephew Jamal. Thank you Faisal for hosting the website free of charge and for the wonderful help of your staff.

Faisal Abidi

Ronak Singh

Ronak is son of Sardar Surender Singh, President of the Amroha Committee of our sister organisation the Amroha Social Welfare Society (ASWS). He has been working with me since the beginning of our work of helping less fortunate people of Amroha.

Ronak is a successful businessman, like his father. He is married and has two children. He organises our eye camps in conjunction with Krishan Kumar (Guddu) and blanket distribution.

Ronak Singh

Surender Singh

Zain Naqvi

My grandson Zain is fundraising for the cataract surgery in Amroha at Redlands School in Sydney, similar to his sister Aaliya did a few years ago. Here is summary that he wrote about his AIS project:

As a student of the International Baccalaureate (IB) I am given the opportunity to do CAS. CAS stands for Creativity, Activity, and Service, and it is a core component of the IB program that encourages students to grow beyond the classroom. One of the key parts of CAS is the CAS Project. A long-term, student-led experience that involves collaboration, initiative, and planning. The project must last at least a month and aim to make a meaningful impact, whether it's organising a community event, launching a fundraiser, or creating something new that benefits others. My CAS Project is to launching a fundraising effort for Amroha International Society (AIS). AIS conducts a range of charitable activities, such as eye camps, in a less developed town, called Amroha in Uttar Pradesh, India. I have partnered with two of my classmates and our initial goal is to raise AUD$1000 to help fund one of the upcoming eye camps. We will complete this by creating a GoFundMe page and placing leaflets around our local communities to help reach this goal. While raising money we also hope to raise awareness of the charity and influence more donations and support in the future.

Zain Naqvi

Your Support

Thank you to everyone for your ongoing financial support. None of this is possible without your support. As a reminder, 100% of all funds raised go directly to the actual charitable activities, as all the typical administrative costs are either given for free (like RnF with the website) or are fully covered by me. After my years of fundraising for well-known charities, it was very important to me that 100c of every dollar donated goes to funding the actual projects and none to administration of the charity.

Your continued support is always appreciated, but given the potential to establish a permanent satellite operation for the Venue Eye Institute in Amroha, your support is needed now more than ever.

Donations can be made in following ways:

1. PayPal on www.amrohainternationalsociety.com, Donation(AUD)
2. Bank Transfer to the Amroha International Society CBA account BSB: 06 7105, Account Number: 10253899

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