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Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam
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From the President's Desk...

Dear Friends,

Assalamualaikum.

On behalf of AMP Governing Council and the entire AMP Team, I express our greetings and best wishes to you, your family and relatives in India and around the world, on this Independence Day, the historic day of our country! We also wish everyone, on behalf of AMP, for the blessed month of Ramzaan and the festive occasion of Eid, and extend our greetings and good wishes for all the occasions!

Amidst yet another quarter buzzing with activities at AMP, the biggest success story of ours to be shared this quarter is the success of the AMP Zakat Fund. It offered a shining example of team work, proving that a team of motivated people can bring for sure a huge difference to the society. The AMP Zakat Fund was initiated two years back, with a specific purpose of realizing the true meaning of collection and utilization of the Zakat money. It gives me immense pleasure in mentioning here that the response this year from our volunteers, donors and well-wishers was nothing less than amazing. We crossed a total of 19 lakhs in collection which is more than double of last year's collection.

I would also like to bring it to your notice that the recent lecture series on the theme of, 'Hum Banenge Hind Ki Nayi Pehchan' has become a tremendous success Alhamdulillah! The lectures were organized by almost all our AMP Chapters in different schools across India, and met with an overwhelming response. This shows us that our volunteer base has a latent force which we must utilize.

However, this month, it was a great shock to the AMP family to receive the tragic news of the sudden demise of our dedicated member and a personal friend Mr. Basit Siddiqui. Basit bhai was an example of progressive, educated and dynamic Muslim youth, and his passing away was a great loss to the community. Surely everyone has to taste death. We all pray that may Allah forgive his sins and enhance his good deeds and give him a place in paradise.

I would also like to convey to our members about some activities which will show result in near future. We are in the process of revamping the organization to make it more effective. The plan is, with the help of some of our volunteers engaged in organization structuring we would like to put a complete manual of roles, responsibilities and



KPIs. There has been extensive discussions recently about our funding needs and sources of fund, you all will hear about it in may be couple of weeks.

It is also heartening to note that with this edition, AMP Connect Newsletter completes its two years Alhamdulillah! Two years back we formulated a team of dedicated AMP members under the leadership of our Editor, Ms. Fouzia Khursheed Ahmad, to produce a tool which will connect our members, donors and well-wishers and apprise them about our activities and future plans. I am amazed by how this humble beginning flourished into a powerful Newsletter which has become a very effective tool of our internal communication. The relentless efforts of Ms. Fouzia and her team has made this a reality, and they deserve thunderous applause for their wonderful job.

Last but not the least; AMP is an activity based organization. Our volunteers are our greatest resource, their output is our output. Our ways of working may be different, but our mission is the same. We thank all our members for their priceless contributions and request all our members to remain active with AMP by conducting at least one SDL per month. There are various other projects which require members to work online and offline. Please come forward and take ownership of AMP projects. If our activities increase exponentially we will see the difference in our community very soon Insha'Allah.

Wishing you all and the entire nation a very happy, peaceful and prosperous time ahead!!

Sincerely,

Aamir Edresy
President – AMP
(Association of Muslim Professionals)



AMP National Campaign on Nation Building “Hum Banenge Hind ki Nayi Pehchaan”

Marking a splendid start of yet another nation-wide campaign on "Careers in Nation Building", dedicated to APJ Abdul Kalam's Vision of Strong India, that commenced on this Independence Day, August 2015, the first lecture in the SDL Series titled “Hum Banenge Hind ki Nayi Pehchaan” was successfully conducted at Anjuman-Khairul-Islam School at Madanpura, Mumbai.

With plans to conduct more than 250 lectures in a week long campaign across the country, the national campaign is an effort of the organization towards saluting the phenomenal contributions of India's Freedom Fighters. AMP strives in making their dreams come true by awakening and educating the young gems of the country, our students, and sensitizing them towards being a strong building block in the development of the country. Followed by various student activities on the eve of Independence Day celebrations, the event commenced with the first lecture of the nation-wide campaign, which was conducted by Mr. Syed Najeeb, AMP General Secretary & Head P. R. & Communications. Attended by more than 200 enthusiastic students along with their teaching staff, parents and other school members; the students were taken through a highly interactive session and made aware of various Career options in this direction ranging from Civil Services & Administration, Defense, Judiciary & Law, Research & Development to Media & Communication; giving impetus to their feelings of selfless service to the nation and its wholesome development. Speaking about the reaction of the attendees and the response to the lectures Mr. Najeeb held the event as marking a new revolution on our way towards being a developed country, and AMP heralding this revolution, being the catalyst of change. Mr. Abrar Sayyad, Head of AMP National Coordination Team, from Pune stated the event to be a huge success since a lot of members across India volunteered for this event and confirmed their participation, a step sure to create history with this National Campaign. The entire effort was a glaring example of AMP Team work, with special mention to the hard work and dedicated efforts of Mr. Abrar Sayyad & Ms. Rifat Modi, Office Administrator, who have ably coordinated the activities across India and all devoted volunteers for ably conducting the lectures and taking this initiative across the country. AMP, according to Mr. Aamir Edresy, President of AMP, is probably the only organization which can work at this level in such a well-coordinated manner with commendable team work, and ideals of volunteerism strongly imbibed by each of its members across the country, shaping up such events and activities. Though scattered by geography but united by ideals and spirit, the AMP family hopes to make it big with such nation-wide campaigns benefitting the community at large. Nearly 80 Professionals from Mumbai and Pune have been trained to conduct the Skill Development Lectures (SDLs) alone besides others, and AMP plans to conduct these lectures in at least 250 schools across the country. Completing an year now of the SDL Series in August 2015 Alhamdulillah, AMP has received a heartening response from AMP volunteers & Members and notable applause from the school administration which assures of achieving much better in this area in the days to come Insha'Allah!



Two Years Of Caring, Pairing And Sharing !!

Marking the successful completion of two years of the AMP Connect Newsletter Alhamdulillah, Association of Muslim Professionals (AMP) congratulates the AMP Connect Editorial Team for their tireless endeavour and all AMP members for staying connected and strengthening the bonds for serving the community!

Launched two years back on the Independence Day, 15th August 2013, and being published quarterly since then, AMP Connect has been instrumental in extending the latest updates of the activities and initiatives of AMP to its members around the world, promoting the mutual exchange of ideas and opinions and ensuring equal participation of all in giving voice to the voiceless through Articles by AMP Members on the burning issues of the community, Special Features on significant issues/personalities and issues of National and International importance, Editorial, and initiating Discussions/ Debates/ Interviews with eminent personalities and key stakeholders on issues of the minority community; shared periodically by AMP Connect to inform, educate, motivate and empower its members. It endeavours to inspire members to join hands for being part of the revolution for the upliftment of the Muslim community. The AMP family, with every passing year is growing bigger Alhamdulillah and has been dreaming equally big! AMP Connect strives to strengthen this connectivity to help members dream together, for the achievement to be a collective effort. Being inclusive, stronger the chain better will be the effort Insha'Allah! Stay Connected, Stay Updated!!

SPECIAL FEATURE

Capacity Building Model

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**- Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
(1931 - 2015)**



When the students come out of the educational institutions certain capacities are required to be built in them to deal with the real world, particularly to grow in their professional career and participate in the national development. I suggest that the ingredients for capacity building must be embedded right from the beginning of the student's life from primary education to higher education. A good educational model is the need of the hour to ensure that the students develop as enlightened citizens and also participate in national development missions. For participating in the nation building tasks, the capacities required to be built among the students in their formative years by the educational institutions are: the capacity for research or inquiry; the capacity for creativity and innovation; the capacity to use high technology; the capacity for entrepreneurial leadership; and the capacity for moral leadership.

a. Research and enquiry: The 21st century is about the management of all the knowledge and information we have generated and the value addition we could bring to it. We must give our students the skills with which they find a way through the sea of knowledge that we have created and continue with lifelong learning. Today we are empowered by technology to teach ourselves beyond classrooms and become life-long learners. This is indeed required for sustained economic development of the nation and also individual prosperity.

b. Creativity and Innovation: The management of knowledge in the 21st century is beyond the capacity of a single individual. The amount of information that we have around is overwhelming. The management of knowledge therefore must move out of the realm of the individual and shift into the realm of the networked groups. The students must learn how to manage knowledge collectively and to work in multi-disciplinary teams. When the information is networked, the power and utility of the information grows multifold as predicted by Metcalfe's law. An information that is static does not grow. In the new digital economy, information that is circulated across enterprise, creates innovation and eventually contributes to national wealth.

c. Capacity to use high technology: Every student in our schools and colleges should be brought in contact with technology to aid their learning process. Educational institutions should be equipped with adequate computing equipment, laboratory equipments, Internet facilities with high band width connectivity and provide an environment for the students to enhance their learning ability. In the midst of all of the technological innovations and revolutions we cannot think that the role of the teachers will be diminished. In fact the teacher will become even more important and the whole world of education will become teacher assisted and would help in "tele-porting" the best teacher to every nook and corner of the country and propagate the knowledge. The teacher becomes a facilitator and knowledge manager. For full utilization of the available connectivities through satellite, high band width optical fibre communication in conjunction with technologies like Wi-max, the most critical aspect is the availability of quality content. I would suggest all the experts here to address this important issue and evolve a time bound action plan so that the quality content is made available at nodal points for access by the students, teachers and desiring learners.

d. Entrepreneurship: The aptitude for entrepreneurship should be cultivated right from the beginning and in the educational environment both in the Schools and the Colleges. We must teach our students to take calculated risks for the sake of larger gain, but within the ethos of good business. They should also cultivate a disposition to do things right. The inner being must be illuminated with righteousness. This capacity will enable them to take up challenging tasks later.

e. Moral leadership: Moral leadership involves two aspects. First it requires the ability to have compelling and powerful dreams or visions of human betterment. Moral leadership requires a disposition to do the right thing and influence others also to do right things. There is a need for inclusion of "moral science" class as a part of education in all the schools and colleges. This is essential for promotion of value based education leading to enlightened citizenship.

For building capacity it is essential to increase the teacher student ratio, improve the quality of teachers, provide continuous methods for upgradation and provide them with technology aids for becoming lifelong autonomous learners. So far we have discussed about the Education scene in the country, the necessity of Global Human Resource Cadre leading to productive employment generation, and the necessity of capacity building among the students to meet the demand in the Global Competitive environment. Fundamental to all these things is imparting quality and value based education in the schools. Particularly, primary education is a very important component in the pursuit of higher education and capacity building. Quality input to higher education leads to generation of quality human resource.

--Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam
(Former President of India)
Reference: www.abdulkalam.com



“Empowering Lives through Zakat”

A Seminar Organized By AMP Delhi Chapter

Association of Muslim Professionals (AMP) and Limra Foundation together organized a discussion on the utilization of 'Zakat' for empowering lives of the less fortunate and needy people, on 21st June, 2015. The discussion was held at Shaheen Bagh in New Delhi which was attended by Islamic scholars, Social Activists, and Professionals from the Academic and other fields who deliberated on the scholarly discussions to understand the nuances of 'Zakat', and its effective utilization for the socio-economic development of the community, sustainable poverty alleviation, and community upliftment.

The 'AMP Zakat Fund' was initiated by AMP two years back with a Zakat collection of Rs. 2 lakhs, the corpus of which jumped four-fold to around 8 lakhs in the subsequent year. AMP, this year aimed to collect 25 lakhs in the Zakat Fund to utilize it towards Education and Employment generation opportunities, and met with a remarkable response from the community. During the discussion, Islamic Scholar Mufti Zafaruddin Barkati, discussed the nuances of Zakat and its various criteria and importance as per Shariah teachings, the eligibility criteria to give Zakat, stressing on spreading the goodness not just within the Community but to work for the entire Society and benefit the whole of Humanity. Mr. Ruhul Islam from AMP, stated 'Zakat' as not only a tool for fair Wealth Distribution, reigning in Social Imbalance but if utilized aptly it can turn out to be a very powerful source for Poverty Alleviation and welfare of the community. He further elaborated on the problems of Zakat system, pointing out the lack of awareness

among people about Zakat Systems and Calculations, which suggests of an urgent need of awareness creation in the masses for giving complete zakat. Mr. Altamash Mohammed, Delhi Coordinator of AMP highlighted the fact that Zakat is usually distributed in pieces which is not the correct way to bring the change, which instead must be used as a tool to transform one zakat taker into zakat giver. AMPs main focus has always been towards 'Education and Employment', considering which AMP President Mr. Aamir Edresy stated that AMP endeavours to disburse the funds to support Higher Education, and to create avenues of Self Employment. He further emphasized that, probably the Zakat Fund of AMP is the only fund where no administration cost is taken from zakat money and 100% of fund is disbursed to the needy and poor people. Mr. Aqleem Raza Misbahi, Chairman Limra Foundation held that instead of donating cash to people, the people must be encouraged to utilize the Zakat money for Self-sustainable development, and the fund to be utilized to create means of livelihood for the needy by putting up a mobile repair shop, buy or repair an auto rickshaw, help someone in their professional studies rather than just giving the money for routine expenses. The discussion concluded with a resolve by all the participants and audiences to earnestly adhere to this important tenet of Islam and work sincerely towards Community Development, National Peace and Progress. AMP through this essential and much needed endeavour hopes to establish a system whose mission will be transforming the beneficiaries of today to the benefactors of tomorrow.

AMP Book Donation Drive

The awareness of Professional Education in Engineering is boosting day by day and it is imperative that to attain better education, students will need quality reference books which may not be easily available to some students, may be due to shortage in college libraries and high prices. Identifying the need, some universities/college students in Jalgaon, Amravati, Osmanabad had established self flourishing libraries, but with the increasing number of students, not all of them get benefited. This made AMP to think and act for these resource centers. Initiating this social cause in Maharashtra, AMP envisioned reaching every nook and corner of the country, with a target of collecting 5000+ books (Engineering field) from across the state, from 1st May to 31st May 2015, for empowering students from the disadvantaged sections of the society. Professionals, students, businessmen, and various welfare organizations enthusiastically participated in this AMP Book Donation Drive by donating books on Engineering to benefit the needy. AMP endeavours to extend this drive further in future to extend aid to deserving students in other parts of the country as well Insha'Allah!



AMP in MEDIA

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AMP conducts 'Train the Trainers' Session for AMP SDL Series 2015-16

Association of Muslim Professional (AMP) Mumbai Chapter organized its 'Train the Trainers' program as part of the upcoming Nationwide AMP SDL(Skill Development Lecture) Series, 2015-16, to be conducted across India. The program was held on 8th August, 2015 at R.C Mahim School, Mumbai. More than fifty professionals from various parts of the city attended the program which also had participation of AMP President, Mr. Aamir Edresy, Mr. Syed Najeeb, AMP Gen. Secretary, the AMP Core Team members Mr. Razak Shaikh, Mr. Javed Sayed and Ms. Muzna Memon and AMP office coordinators Ms. Rifat Modi and Ms. Sanobar Hasham. Beginning with an ice breaking session, with sharing of experiences of social activities, professions and their association with AMP, the training was conducted by Ms. Muzna Memon, VP at Leading Bank. She shared her experience with AMP in relation with upcoming SDL program, the purpose of the program and how to go about with it, and emphasized on the traits the guide needs to have in guiding the students in the school. The Project Plan was explained by AMP President, Mr. Aamir Edresy who also discussed the 3 modules in which the lecture series have been divided, each module containing eight topics. The 3 modules basically cover topics from Career Guidance, Personality Development (Soft Skills) and Value Education. Mr. Razak Shaikh took the session forward discussing his experiences and efforts in building a successful career. The discussion concluded with the comments and suggestions of Mr. Syed Najeeb who highlighting the past endeavours of AMP in training and development, stressed on the role and importance of trainers and volunteers whose support has steered AMP to great success, and led to an efficient execution of the AMP projects, giving remarkable outputs. A Train the Trainer Program was also successfully conducted by the AMP Pune Chapter on 12th July 2015, which was enthusiastically attended by over 27 members, who were guided on conducting Skill Development Lectures (SDLs) in various Urdu schools after Ramadan. The event was coordinated by Mr. Imtiaz and Mr. Abrar Sayyad, the Head of AMP National Coordination Team. The 'Train the Trainers' sessions are believed to serve in providing a guideline to the AMP members in conducting the SDLs, one of AMP's most important flagship project, across the country.



AMP Chapter Meetings at Baroda, Kolkata, Bhopal, Osmanabad and Bangalore

AMP with a focus on expanding its reach to almost 200 cities of India, in next couple of years, as part of its Expansion Plan, organized a number of Professionals Meet in various cities, with atleast one Core Team Member from AMP Team being a part of these Expansions Meet in every city. The AMP Members meetings were held in various parts of the country including Kolkata, Bhopal, Osmanabad, Solapur, Aligarh, Lucknow, Agra, Delhi and Bangalore. The AMP Meeting at Kolkata was conducted on 14th June 2015 at Nakhoda Masjid, Kolkata, coordinated by Mr. Omer Khan, Mr. Mehtab Ansari and Mr. Tazeem Quadri., while the meeting at Bhopal was organized on 7th June 2015 at Shahjehanabad, Bhopal, coordinated by Mr. Madiyan Ahmed, Mr. Faisal Khan and Dr. Mehrul Hasan. The AMP Meeting at Osmanabad was conducted on 2nd May 2015 and was coordinated by Mr. Muzammil Choudhari, Mr. Saboor Quadri and Mr. Abdul Moyad, while AMP conducted a meeting at Baroda (Gujrat) on 2nd August 2015 which was coordinated by Mr. Jabir Choksi, the AMP Gujrat Chapter Coordinator and Mr. Anish Ahmad Pathan and Mr. Nayyar M. Hashmi. While the meetings at Delhi, Agra and Aligarh on 14th & 15th May 2015 were presided over by the AMP President Mr. Aamir Edresy, the meeting at Bangalore on 9th May 2015 was presided over by Mr. Najeeb Syed, the Gen. Secretary of AMP and coordinated by Mr. Farooq Anwar and Mr. Syed Nashit. The AMP meetings were attended by a large number of AMP members from these cities and surrounding areas. The various topics that were discussed were AMP Vision & Mission, AMP Policies, AMP Projects, Team Building, networking and coordination of AMP Activities in different cities, the implementation of SDL Projects and the strategies to implement AMP projects in these cities. The exchange of ideas and opinions with professionals of diverse backgrounds is a promising step in extending AMP's reach to other parts of the country.



AMP Chapter Meetings at Delhi, Aligarh, Agra and Lucknow with the AMP President

Continuing with AMP's focus on consolidating its presence across different parts of the country, various AMP Meetings were held across Delhi, Aligarh, Agra and Lucknow on 14th-15th May 2015 which was presided over by the AMP President Mr. Aamir Edresy. The Meeting at Delhi was coordinated by the Delhi Chapter Coordinators Mr. Altamash Ansari and Mr. Raghib, while the AMP meeting of AMP Aligarh Chapter was held on May 15th, 2015 at Blue Heaven Guest House, Dhorra, Aligarh. Though AMP Aligarh Chapter has been doing very commendable work and has enthusiastically undertaken various AMP Programs and Projects, this was the first instance of having the presence of any Core Team Member amidst them and was attended by more than 50 members. The key highlights of the meeting as discussed with Mr. Edresy were –

1. Role of Muslim Professionals regarding socio-economic and educational upliftment of the community.
2. Providing a common platform to likeminded professionals to work together and return back to the society.
3. Providing Mentorship to the needy students for excelling in academics as well as national level competitive examinations.
4. Organizing Job Fair for graduates at entry level.
5. Implementation of SDL program in Aligarh with special focus on remote areas.
6. To develop leadership qualities among participants by delivering SDL and participating in various projects.
7. To help school teachers to update their knowledge with latest advances in scientific basis of providing effective teachings.
8. To create a strong data base of organizations like government, private, trust as well as corporate which provide scholarships to students specially those which have special provision for minorities.
9. To empower resource centre in Aligarh with the target to help out students for selecting career of their choice and to minimize drop outs; and to update them with latest information in the field of education and employment.
10. Participation of volunteers in relief work following natural calamities and other disasters.

AMP Aligarh Chapter members decided in this meeting to implement SDL program and other projects of AMP in Aligarh in coordination with the National Team. The event was coordinated by Dr. Asrarul Haque, Mr. Mohd Akram, Mr. Izhar Ashraf, Prince Sharique, Nehal Ahmad, Muzammil Haque and attended by many professionals and socially active personalities like Dr. Mahtab, Dr. Kashif Razi, Dr. Saleem Mohammad Khan, Dr. Abdullah and Mr. Shadab and Mr Shoaib as well as students preparing for different competitive examinations and also parents of students present on the occasion. The AMP Meetings at Agra and Lucknow witnessed attendance of a large number of new incumbents as well which indeed looked promising for AMP's future initiatives in these recently established Chapters.



GEMS LOST!! Bidding Adieu

INDIA LOST A RARE GEM!

India bid adieu to one of its rarest gems, the former President of India and renowned scientist, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, fondly known as the 'People's President' who passed away after a cardiac arrest as he collapsed during delivering a lecture at the IIM, Shillong, on 27th July '15.

One of the brightest lights of our world has gone out! AMP extends its heartfelt tribute to the great son of the soil and salutes the technocrat and the greatest epitome of change that India had ever witnessed! Igniting minds till his last breath, Dr. Kalam will be remembered for his remarkable contributions and will remain a source of inspiration for all.



SAD DEMISE OF HAJI ABDUL RAZAK KALSEKAR SAHAB

The City of Mumbai learnt with great sorrow about the demise of a distinguished citizen, pioneer businessman and generous philanthropist, Haji Abdul Razak Kalsekar Sahab. The AMP family is deeply saddened by the demise of Haji Abdul Razak Kalsekar Sahab. A well known educationist and philanthropist, Kalsekar sahab was deeply involved in the education sector and established many Schools, Colleges and Orphanages. His philanthropy in India and the Middle East will be remembered forever. He was very much concerned towards the upliftment of the downtrodden and empowerment of women. Among his educational institutions, Kalsekar Girls Degree College for Women in Mumbra was established in order to provide quality education to girls. He was also instrumental in setting up many Hospitals, Engineering, Pharmacy and Architecture Colleges. AMP Team offers deepest condolences to his family and the thousands of people who considered him as not just an employer but also as a father and a guide. May The Almighty grant him the highest position in Jannah and give Sabr-e-Jameel to Kalsekar family to bear this irreparable loss.



SAD DEMISE OF MR. BASIT SIDDIQUI

The AMP family lost one of its most active members and long time associate Mr. Basit Siddiqui Bhai, who passed away fighting dengue on 15th August, in Thane. Rare are such gems, who have been with AMP through its journey so far, supporting it in every way they can. May Allah grant him the highest position in Jannah and give patience to the entire family to bear this irreparable loss. Basit bhai will always be missed!



AMP Conducts

Career Counseling and Guidance Programs in the Country

In yet another quarter buzzing with activities, Association of Muslim Professionals (AMP) organized various Career- Counseling and Guidance Programs and also Career Chart Exhibitions across various locations, in an attempt to help guide students in choosing relevant careers, and having a competitive edge in facing cut-throat competitions in various streams. Various AMP Chapters across the country conducted the program, including the Career Counseling Program for HSC & SSC Std. batch 2015 at SSA Urdu High School, Solapur (Maharashtra) on 7th June 2015 coordinated by Mr. Shuaib Sayed and Mr. Abul Faiz and also attended by Mr. Abrar Sayyad, Head, AMP National Coordination Team, a Career Planning and Career Chart Exhibition Program at Maulana Aazad School, Latur (Maharashtra) organized on 22nd June 2015 and a Career Counseling and Guidance Program at Ichalkaranji (Dist. Kolhapur, Maharashtra) conducted on 15th June 2015, besides others. The major Highlights of the programs were - Career Counseling, Professional Career Guidance, Motivational Lectures by Industry Experts and the successful conduction of Career Chart Exhibitions. The events witnessed an overwhelming response from the students, boosting their confidence, and the AMP members riding on high spirit, hoping to cross many more miles in serving the community.



AMP JOB FAIR AT MUMBAI!

Taking one more step towards its resolve of continually supporting the community in its march towards economic empowerment, Association of Muslim Professionals (AMP) conducted another Job Fair in Andheri (West), Mumbai, on 23rd of May 2015.

The Job Fair, organized in association with Khidmat Organization from Andheri (West), was attended by over 1100 job aspirants from across Mumbai, offering them the rare opportunity to directly connect with potential employers to demonstrate their skills in a one-on-one manner. Mr. Syed Najeeb, General Secretary of AMP held the response as overwhelming just as it has been during the earlier Job Fairs, acknowledging the selfless and meticulous teamwork of members from AMP and Khidmat Organization. Around 285 candidates were given on-the-spot offers by recruiters while approximately 317 were shortlisted for further evaluation. This Job Fair helped in providing an opportunity to the deserving candidates to demonstrate their eligibility for vacancies in Sales, Marketing, Back office, Admin and other departments of prestigious firms and get access to different openings at one single location. Mr. Soheb Selia, Organizing Secretary, AMP expressed his delight at the organization of this event holding it as challenging, being at such a large scale especially in coordinating with Corporates, candidates, promotions and logistics including venue management; and thanked the Khidmat Organization for the outstanding support in the organization of the Event, and also the AMP team, especially Mr. Abdul Razak Shaikh for his highly commendable efforts in putting in such committed hard work. The Guest of Honour at the Job Fair, ex-MP Mr. Gurudas Kamat also lauded the efforts of AMP and Khidmat Organization. The Job Fair also witnessed the presence of other high profile visitors like Dr. Mustafa Punjabi, eminent educationist and Social activist, Mr. Syed Zubair- Dy. Engineer with MHADA. Mr. Mohsin Haider, sitting Corporator from Andheri (West) area was highly ecstatic about the entire proceedings, holding AMP as a shining example of service to the community and the nation by connecting the skilled youth of the community with the right industry, in this extremely difficult and competitive market scenario. AMP has always endeavored to serve the needs of our nation's youth by conducting these Job Fairs and many similar events on a regular basis, and aspires to replicate this model on a Pan-India scale to provide a fair platform to the youth of our community to demonstrate their skills and prove their potential.



Zakat - A tool to empower life!

-- **Mr. Aamir Edresy** (President, Association of Muslim Professionals)

The importance of Zakat can be very well understood with the number of verses commanding the believers to 'establish the prayers and give zakat' appearing in the Holy Qur'an. Almighty Allah at many places differentiated between believers and non-believers by whether or not they paid their Zakat.

Zakat is a universal system of eradicating perverting, helping people and checking the wealth gap between rich and poor. There is no other religion in this world which has such system in place and made it compulsory for its followers to give a certain percentage of their wealth to poor. If we look at ground realities, we will find that the major portion of Zakat by Indian Muslim Community is distributed in pieces. The huge money of Zakat by Indian Muslims have never been used as a tool for Poverty Alleviation. It has never been used as the tool to transform beneficiary of today into benefactors of tomorrow.

There has been an utter failure in realizing the true potential of Zakat with respect to the Muslim community in India. The fundamental problem is the way the Zakat is collected and spent without any collective strategies. The system is used in an ineffective way at a personal level where the needs of whole community is not kept in mind and the spirit of system of Zakat vanishes which shows no result on the ground. The only solution to this grave problem seems to be the collective efforts (Ijtemaiyat) in collecting and distributing the Zakat.

Before going into and introducing the idea of 'Ijtimaiyat', let us just run through some numbers which will definitely amaze you ...

18.75 crore: Population of Indian Muslims in 2015 (15% of 125 crore)
3.75 crore: Number of families (Considering five members per family)
1.5 crore: Sahibe Nisab (assuming only 40% of 3.75 crore)
2 lakh: Assuming only bare minimum amount of Nisab (77gm gold value)
Rs 5,000: Zakat per family on the basis of 2.5%
Rs 7,500 crore: Total Zakat (from 1.5 crore families, 5000 x 15000000)

Aren't the numbers startling? For sure they are.

This is the calculation done on bare minimum criteria we have considered. Experts say that this amount is much more and goes to more than Rs 40,000 crore every year.

Zakat is the instrument of eradicating poverty, which encompasses values beyond just matters of money. The compulsion to give Zakat and precondition that the giver does not indicate any feeling of charity towards the poor, rather it is a 'Huq' of poor which is in the possession of 'Sahibe Nisab' and must be distributed amongst poor. This aspect of Islam will not be found in any other existing system on earth.

Now, where is Zakat money which of such exorbitant amount is going? Certainly nobody will be able to track the collection or disbursement of Zakat in India without committing gross miscalculations and making erroneous approximations. The reason is – the system of collection and disbursement have remained orthodox and far from the teachings of Islam. Zakat in itself is a system of not only calculation of the amount to be given away but also the way it should be collected, distributed and managed.

The missing factor which is emphasized time and again is the concept of collective collection and utilization of Zakat. The need of Ijtimai collection has been talked about a lot but there has been very little initiative. But better late than never, we must start at every possible level to pool together and utilize Zakat collectively.

The system cannot be changed overnight, that too in a vast country like India, but small initiatives should be taken in smaller circles to start with the true concept of Zakat. It may not be possible to bring together hundreds and thousands of people to realize these astonishing numbers but we must come closer in small groups of tens and hundreds to begin with. The system of Zakat can be used to help the community in numerous ways. With the collective system of Zakat, we can spend the money based on strategic long term goals rather than utilizing it in bits and pieces at rudimentary level. The amount of money involved is enormous and it can work for us as a corpus for several daunting community needs.

It must be kept in mind that Zakat is a divine concept with a lot of apparent and hidden benefits, and the most prominent of them is to narrow down the economic disparities and eventually it strives to make the Zakat Taker a Zakat Giver.

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SHINING STARS OF THE QUARTER

As part of AMP's initiative of continuously motivating its members, the GC Team felicitates the most dedicated member for the period with the **"Shining Star of the Quarter"** Award!!

This quarter we are glad to felicitate **Mr. Tanveer Mujawar** (Pune/Solapur), **Mr. Nayeemuddin** (Bangalore/Dhanbad) and **Mr. Suboor Ahmed** (Indore) for their contribution towards AMP's activities!!



Mr. Tanveer Mujawar
Pune/Solapur

PGDBM Technical Lead, KPIT Cummins Infosystems Ltd, Pune

A dedicated AMPian full of enthusiasm; a package of talents, always ready to shoulder responsibilities and lend a helping hand to anyone in need! Has been actively contributing for four years with his unique way of rendering service, and his commitment towards the cause of community is truly laudable. Has proved to be a true volunteer at heart, serving as a catalyst for Solapur Team, and played a vital role as a SDL Speaker at his home town Solapur and in Pune as well. His priceless contributions have led to the success of Solapur Career Counseling Program. May Allah reward him for his tireless aspirations and inculcate such spirit in all AMPians! Kudos to his commitments!!



Mr. Nayeemuddin
Bangalore/Dhanbad

BE (Computer science Engineering), Consultant- Technology at Deloitte, Bangalore

An engineer by profession and a philanthropist by passion. Associated with AMP from past one year. Proactive by nature, and has been actively contributing in all AMP activities. Demand any work and he is there to take the responsibility and will do his bit. Played a vital role in the SDL lectures 2014 and 2015 organized in Bangalore, and also in the organization of lectures on the Education Day and Republic Day. Due to his effort and dedication, AMP has been able to establish AMP Chapters in Dhanbad, Ranchi and Jamshedpur (Jharkhand). Under his able guidance, AMP Chapter in Dhanbad conducted its first Career Guidance Lecture! May Allah reward him for his tireless endeavour and bless him with every success in life!!



Mr. Suboor Ahmed
Indore

Master in Management, working as an Entrepreneur MD at Enterprise India Limited.

Associated with AMP for quite a long time and made significant contributions in AMP's initiatives. Being an active member he has organized various SDLs in and around the city of Indore. He has also taken initiative to establish AMP Chapter in various other cities. Apart from organizing SDL, he has also been active in various other AMP initiatives such as Republic day and Education day programme. Also motivated a huge number of youngsters to join AMP and be part of the revolution, bringing positive change to the nation. May Allah reward him for his sincere efforts in striving for a noble cause! Many Congratulations!!

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COMMITTED PEOPLE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD.
INDEED, IT IS THE ONLY THING THAT EVER HAS!"**



Volunteer with us.

In this era of knowledge and growth, Muslims, the fastest growing segment of populace around the world, cannot afford to lack behind. Sadly, though this is true, we are all witness to the fact that in India, being Muslim most of the times invites to be looked upon as uneducated, economically backward, shy, mute to discrimination and problems and politically irresponsible.

AMP seeks to overcome these and many more challenges within the Muslim Community. It provides a single platform for Muslims all over the country/world to come together to converse, debate and draw plans based on their experience, intellect and knowledge with the aim to facilitate Muslim Empowerment in all possible fields.

AMP strongly believes that the commitment of their members and supporters are the most critical in achieving the Vision and Mission of the organization.

Anyone who is willing to join AMP as Volunteer should:

- Be interested in serving the community and the society at large
- Be secular and without any prejudice to any community or belief
- Be ready to invest 2-3 hours every week/ fortnight on field/online depending upon the project
- Be willing to serve others without any expectations, monetary or otherwise
- Abide by all the Rules & Regulations and the Code of Conduct laid by AMP

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