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From the

President's Desk...

Dear Friends

Assalamualaikum,

With this year rolling on to another ambitious quarter, witnessing new hopes and aspirations, we look back with contentment at our achievements so far Alhamdulillah and thank all members of the AMP family for their tireless endeavour and support in the journey of AMP!

Nothing remains constant except change. A new year has begun and a quarter of it is already over and amidst the changes around the world, we have new government in the country now loaded with expectations which are yet to be fulfilled; but that's the way it is, perpetual change is the reality and agility and adaptability are the key to success. Reflecting on the budget of the government of India, there is no secret that we do not have a minority friendly government at the center so nothing much was expected. Government has increased the budget by just meager 4 Cr with no substantial increment, and has some vague plans of skill enhancement trainings. This puts extra responsibility on us, to self-help ourselves, and to fill the gap as positive change agents in the development of our community. With the current issue we would be introducing our members about our focus for the year 2015, sharing our progress so far, evaluating them and trying to be more efficient.

AMP had a splendid start of yet another promising year, marked by the celebration of AMP Annual Convention Alhamdulillah, which included some of the most known faces of politics like Mr. Digvijay Singh and various eminent dignitaries from the Corporate Sector, Bureaucracy, Social and Political circles. The event offered a platform for people cutting across all the section of the society to put their ideas and exchange their views and concerns with the Muslim community. The program also included active participation of school and college students through impressive cultural events with social messages, and also marked the release of the AMP Souvenir which was very well received by all.

I congratulate the whole team for making the event truly big and memorable! Our significant achievement of this quarter has been the AMP Job Fairs, where we have seen tremendous response from the industry, candidates and our volunteers to work on this. AMP conducted two very effective Job Fairs at Mira Road and Ambarnath recently, and the AMP team truly deserves accolades! Besides, to promote competitive spirit in our students and to enhance the area of general knowledge amongst the budding talents, AMP conducted two successful Inter-School Quiz Competitions, one in Parbhani and another one in Pune. It was indeed a pleasure to have a platform to encourage and nurture the creative potential budding in the community, and we hope to have more of such events in future Insha'Allah! The Skill Development Lecture (SDL) series titled 'Ek Qadam Kamyabi Ki Taraf', which were mainly Career Guidance Lectures organized by AMP all over the country, met with great response from both the students and the volunteers!



One of the key focus areas of our 2015 Plan is our AMP expansion drive this year. We have now achieved another milestone with over 45K members in our AMP Facebook Group and over 6K Likes in our AMP Facebook Page Alhamdulillah! Apart from social media expansion we have lots of new members joining in from all over the country, and we have gone to new territories like Aligarh and held chapter meetings there and successfully established one more new Chapter, the AMP Aligarh Chapter Alhamdulillah! At this point, in our endeavour to update our records and database of volunteers and membership, we request all our members to get formally registered at AMP through AMP membership, and we welcome everyone to our AMP family!

Moving ahead with our humble efforts for the upliftment of the community, it is indeed a pleasure to share that I have been awarded the "Huzur Mujahid-e-Millat" Award this year Alhamdulillah! This I believe is truly an award to the whole AMP family and to the entire community, and we sincerely thank all our members for their tireless endeavour and support in the journey of AMP! We definitely do not work for awards and recognitions, and our aim is to selflessly serve our community but as and when we receive such appreciations, we should certainly tap our backs for the good work and continue to strive in the same direction with the same passion and commitment.

We, as a growing organization, do need more and more committed members to run our projects, to support us financially, and indeed to pray for us. We welcome and invite you all to connect with us and strengthen the AMP family.

We also invite our existing members to have serious discussions about our projects, and to come up with innovative ideas to make them more effective and expand their reach. Wishing you all great luck with everything!

May Allah make all of us the best of his people!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Aamir Edresy".

Aamir Edresy
President- AMP
(Association of Muslim Professionals)

Annual 2015 Convention

7 Years of Commitment Years of Efforts Years of Progress



With a remarkable journey since its inception on 6th December 2007, Association of Muslim Professionals (AMP), on completion of seven years of its establishment this year, held its 7th Annual Convention on 7th February, 2015, in Mumbai, Alhamdulillah!

Bestowed with various recognitions over the years, AMP has proved to be a shining example for the youth, in connecting with a social cause, with an alternate inclusive approach. The Annual Convention marked "AMP 7th Annual Convention - 7 Years of Commitment, 7 Years of Efforts, 7 Years of Progress" was therefore an effort of AMP to come together and reflect upon its achievements and accomplishments in the past years, to enlighten its supporters and well-wishers and to plan together the year ahead. Attended by the who's who of the social scene and Hon.' Shri Digijay Singh ji as the Chief Guest, the Convention was graced by the august presence of Hazrat Syed Moin Mian, Mr. Sudheendra Kulkarni (Observers Research Foundation), Shri Amin Patel (MLA from Mumbadevi area), Shri Baba Siddiqui ex-MLA, Adv. Yusuf Abrahani, Adv. Rizwan Merchant (leading criminal lawyer), Mr. Abdul Quadir Fazlani and Mr. Suhail Khandwani (leading Business figures), Mr. Khalid Khan (Country Head, Mahindra Finance), Dr. Patankar, Madam Sabira Sikwani (a leading social figure) and various

dignitaries from the Corporate Sector, Bureaucracy, Social and Political circles and over 800 distinguished guests! With a spectacular show of unity and patriotism through cultural events like children's Plays, presenting strong social messages against drug abuse and social standing, Patriotic Songs, etc., the event offered the AMP family an opportunity to come together on a common platform to reflect together on the past achievements and plan together the future ahead.

Highlighting the achievements of AMP in the past, since its inception, Mr. Aamir Edresy, President of AMP, discussed about AMP's journey so far, over the period of 7 years from a small group of committed members to now more than 45000+ members, associated with it not only in India but also across the world, reaching out to about 60 cities benefiting thousands of students and budding professionals.

He further elaborated on AMP Projects, citing example of the AMP SDLs, explaining how AMP is the only such organization of professionals in India today which can conduct around 150 Skills Development Lectures in 150 schools across the country on the same day, with an unmatched efficiency in conduction and performance!





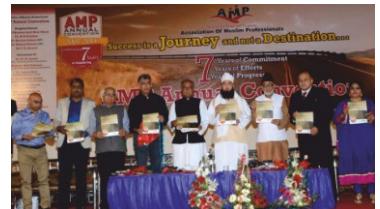
Recalling the past, Mr. Amin Patel shared his experience on his early days of introduction to AMP and the gradual progress he has witnessed over the years in AMP's growth since its inception with commendable performance in the execution of its programs, spreading positive benefits, and his delight in supporting the organization, wishing it could spread and reach out to even the remotest corners of the country. He had words of praise for the leadership skills and vision of the AMP President Aamir Edresy and the entire AMP Team.

Mr. Baba Siddiqui expressed his pleasure on gracing the occasion and to know that there is a group of professionals who have been doing commendable job that can do wonders for the down-trodden and the under-privileged. He stated the dire need of the entire community to come together to support the noble cause, since it is not the responsibility of just a handful but of all the privileged lot in the community to come forward and contribute their bit for the welfare of those underprivileged in the community and the society at large.

Lauding on the achievements of AMP, Mr. Shudheendra Kulkarni (Observers Research Foundation) appreciated the existence of AMP, as an organization of professionals that is working towards education and welfare and towards bringing all the communities together, which is the need of the hour and which could further work towards global peace and portray South Asia as a centre of peace. He also voiced his reservations regarding the exclusion of certain words from the Constitution preamble in a recent advertisement and called upon all to stand up against the same united, to defend the sanctity of the constitution and the secular fabric of the country.

Shri Digvijay Singh ji expressed his pleasure on knowing about AMP and its activities, and was quite fascinated and inclined to attend the Convention when he received an invitation. Further reiterating about 'Ganga-jumna' tehzeeb where people from all faith coexist peacefully with mutual respects, he also expressed his sadness at the thought of the visiting dignitaries to the country from other countries, giving lessons on tolerance.

Mr. Singh also applauded the secular approach of the organization in working for the social, educational and economic welfare of the under-privileged and down-trodden, while also holding the representation of women from the minority community in coming forward to attain education, as the need of the hour. Appreciating the kind of work being done by AMP, Shri Digvijay Singh ji offered to extend support to the organization, appreciating and acknowledging its strong presence in the endeavour to make a substantial positive difference in the community and the country. The occasion also marked the release of the AMP Souvenir by Digvijay Singh ji and the other distinguished dignitaries.



AMP PRESIDENT AWARDED WITH

"Huzur Mujahid -E- Millat Award"!!



AMP President, Mr. Aamir Edresy was awarded with the Huzur Mujahid-E-Millat Award at Mumbai, in an Annual Conference named after renowned Sufi Buzurg and Freedom Fighter Hazrat Maulana Shah Habibur Rahman (Commonly known as Mujahid-e-Millat for his contributions for community) at Handiwali Masjid, Saifee Jubilee Street, Bhendi Bazar, Mumbai!

Mr. Aamir Edresy was awarded for his continuous efforts for Educational and Economical Empowerment of Muslim Community all over India through different projects of AMP. The award was given by the hands of Hazrat Maulana Syed Khalid Ashraf Saheb, in the conference which was attended by a distinguished gathering graced with the august presence of Maulana Ejaz Kashmire, Maulana Anees Ashrafi, Amin Patel (MLA), Amin Parikh, Haji Ameen, Irshad Lakdawala, and over hundred clerics from all over Mumbai.

Mr. Aamir Edresy holds his achievement as the achievement of the entire AMP Team and of the entire community, and extends his heartfelt gratitude to the AMP family for their tireless endeavour and support in the journey of AMP!



JOB FAIRS

at Ambernath & Mira Road

Reinforcing its resolve of continually supporting the community in its Economical Empowerment, AMP conducted its 6th Job Fair at Ambernath, in association with Anjuman Foundation, on 20th of February 2015. The job fair which was especially organized for Graduates and Under Graduates was attended by over 500 aspirants from across Ambernath and surrounding areas especially from Central Suburbs. Azam Shaikh, of Anjuman Foundation and Mr. Naveed Shaikh, one of Key AMP Coordinator in Ambernath held it to be a huge success. The fair was attended by 10 companies, and while 50 candidates were given on-the-spot offers by recruiters, another 80 were shortlisted for further evaluation. Mr. Ashwini Nathan, HR from Matrix Solutions Pvt. Ltd held the response, as overwhelming. The Job Fair gave an opportunity to the candidates to demonstrate their eligibility for vacancies in Sales, Marketing, Back office, Admin, Automobile, Hospitality and Retail and other departments of prestigious firms.

Another successful Job Drive was conducted by AMP at Mira Road, Maharashtra for Ashtvinayak Motors on 14th March 2015, which was organized exclusively for Astivinayak Motors, and supported by Isterak Education Society. Over 32 candidates appeared for interviews and 10 were offered job letters, while another 8 got shortlisted for the 2nd round of interview at their Goregoan office. Mr. Mudassir, Vice President, Ashtvinayak Motors appreciated the quality of the candidates and arrangements done by AMP and expressed their desire to coordinate with the organization in the future job drives as well to support and empower the community. Acknowledging the potential of the youth in the Muslim community, AMP endeavours to continue working in future for the placement of the unemployed, by organizing such Job Drives and Job Fairs at different locations all over India, replicating this model on a Pan-India scale Insha'Allah.



AMP Inter-School Quiz Competitions

at Parbhani and Pune!!

In an effort to offer a platform for all Urdu, English and Marathi schools to compete with their peer-groups, explore their knowledge vis-a-vis their competitors, and to inspire and encourage the students to work harder, beat the competition and stand out as winners in today's world of cut-throat competition, AMP successfully conducted two Inter-school Quiz Competitions, Alhamdulillah!

The AMP Inter-school Quiz Competition, organized at the Zakir Hussain School, Parbhani on 25th Jan 2015, had brilliant participants from standard 10th of Urdu medium schools from Parbhani. Followed by a Career Guidance Session scheduled on the same day and the distribution of Career Charts, the event kick-started with rounds of Logical Reasoning, Rapid fire, Deeniyat, Advertising, Current Affairs, Science, Syllabus as well as an interesting Audio Visual round, coordinated by Mr. Ahmed Faraz Ansari and Mr. Monis Khan, under the able-guidance of Mr. Sagheer Ahmed Khan (Ex. CGM HR MSEB). In a matter of cut throat competition, finally the Moidul Musleemeen School (Sk. Sumayya and Sk Saniya) emerged the winner, followed by Fatema High School securing the second spot and the Maulana Azad School standing third. The winners were awarded trophies, medals, certificates and gift hampers, while the winners bagged an additional mobile phones and Lenovo Tabs! Attended by distinguished guests Mr. Mazhar Ali Khan, Mr. Mithu bhai, Moosa Bhai, Ms. Kaneez Fatema, and well coordinated by AMP volunteers Mr. Monis Khan, Mr. Ahmed Faraz Ansari, Mr. Sagheer Ahmed Khan, Mr. Altaf Hussaini, Mr. Anees Khan, Mr. Syed Azhar, Mr. Syed Anzar, Mr. Shaikh Najeeb, Mr. Khan Faisal and Mr. Qaisar.

Hunting for the champs of Pune, the 2nd AMP Inter-School Quiz Competition was held on 28th Feb, 2015, at Pune, with over 120 participants from Standard 9th of 20 different Urdu, English and Marathi schools of the city who participated with an unprecedented enthusiasm and excitement. The event was presided over by Mr. Akramul Khan (Rtd. Chief Income Tax Commissioner, IRS, Pune) and Mr. Aamir Edresy (President, Association of Muslim Professionals), as the Chief Guests and coordinated by Mr. Abrar Sayyad (Head, AMP National Coordination Team). The shortlisted teams after the Aptitude Test, from the schools - New Grace English High School, IQRA English High School, Moledina High School, Anjuman-E-Islam Peer Mohammed High School and ANGLO Urdu Girls High School, were screened on rounds of categories including Islamic, Indian Culture, History, Geography, English, Sports, Science, Current affairs and visual aptitude. With a brilliant performance from all participants, finally Khan Sara and Ansari Uzma Tazeen from ANGLO Urdu Girls School emerged the winners of the Competition, while Sk Danish and Sk Muzakkir from New Grace English School were the 1st Runner up, and Arman Qureshi and Fahim Vazir from Moledina School, the 2nd Runner up of the competition. The Winners were honoured with trophies, Medals and gift vouchers, while all the participants were awarded the Certificates. Both the AMP Quiz Competitions proved an edge-up in AMP's efforts, of not only stressing on performance, but on competing to excel as well! AMP endeavours to hold more of such events in future, to identify, encourage and support the budding talents in the community Insha'Allah!



SKILL DEVELOPMENT LECTURE (SDL) SERIES

Career Guidance -Ek Qadam Kamiyabi Ki Taraf



Sr. No.	SCHOOLS WHERE SDLs WERE CONDUCTED	CITY	STATE	SPEAKERS (AMP Members who conducted the SDLs)
1	Hashmiya High School, Majid Bunder	Mumbai	Maharashtra	Mr. Kaifee Zairuddin
2	AKI Urdu Boy's School, Kurla	Mumbai	Maharashtra	Mr. Owais Dhanji
3	Anjuman Kherul Islam, Madan Pura	Mumbai	Maharashtra	Mr. Nasir Kureshi
4	Maharashtra Urdu School, Kurla	Mumbai	Maharashtra	Mr. Asif Siddiqui
5	Darul Salam Urdu School, Wadala	Mumbai	Maharashtra	Mr. Faizan Ahmed
6	Ismail Beg Mohammed school, M. Ali Road	Mumbai	Maharashtra	Ms. Ayesha Keshodwala
7	MES High School, Kurla	Mumbai	Maharashtra	Mr. Adil Ansari
8	Bombay Girls High School, Nagdevi	Mumbai	Maharashtra	Mr. Amaan Fakih
9	Navi Mumbai Municipal School, Vashi	Navi Mumbai	Maharashtra	Mr. Sohail Azani
10	Dawoodbhoy Fazalbhoy School, Khadak	Mumbai	Maharashtra	Mr. Hussain Sayyed
11	AKI Urdu boy's School, Vikroli	Mumbai	Maharashtra	Mr. Shahbaz Mulla
12	Jan Muhammed Kasim School, Grand Road	Mumbai	Maharashtra	Mr. Amaan Fakih
13	Abdullah Qureshi School, Jogeshwari	Mumbai	Maharashtra	Mr. Asif Siddiqui
14	Abdullah Qureshi School, Jogeshwari	Mumbai	Maharashtra	Mr. Mohsin Darvesh
15	Al Hasanat Anglo Urdu School	Navi Mumbai	Maharashtra	Ms. Shabana Mashraki
16	Lady Hawabai Girls High School, Camp	Pune	Maharashtra	Ms. Shahana Khan & Ms. Ayesha Sayed
17	Anjuman-E-Faizul Islam School, Ganesh Peth	Pune	Maharashtra	Mr. Iqbal Husain & Mr. Ayaz Hannure
18	Mubarak Girls High School, Kasba Peth	Pune	Maharashtra	Mr. Imtiyaz Shaikh & Mr. Navid Nagthan
19	Yasin Inamdar Marathi School, Hadapsar	Pune	Maharashtra	Mr. Shabbir Shaikh
20	Lady Zubeda Qureshi English High School	Pune	Maharashtra	Mr. Iqbal Husain & Mr. Shamshuddin Momin
21	Dr. W. R. Khan Urdu School	Pune	Maharashtra	Mr. Mohsin Akhtar
22	Rahemani Urdu High School, Hadapsar	Pune	Maharashtra	Mr. Shayan Husain & Mr. Mohd Sabir
23	Iqra English School, Dapodi	Pune	Maharashtra	Mr. Anwar Mulani & Mr. Ayaz Shaikh
24	Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad Urdu High School	Pune	Maharashtra	Mr. Ayaz Shaikh & Mr. Anwar Mulani
25	BFCI International School	Aurangabad	Maharashtra	Mr. Mohsin Sayed & Mr. Mujtaba Umair
26	Sana International School	Nanded	Maharashtra	Mr. Mohammad Iliyas
27	MES High School	Baroda	Gujarat	Mr. Mohd Husain Fruitwala & Mr. Yadullahi Sayed
28	Faiz School	Baroda	Gujarat	Mr. Wasim Malik & Mr. Yadullahi Sayed
29	JK School, Gorwa	Baroda	Gujarat	Mr. Shabbir Modasiya & Mr. Mohd Hussain
30	Grace International School	Bangalore	Karnataka	Mr. Ahsan Misbah & Mr. Nayimuddin
31	Beacon English School	Bangalore	Karnataka	Mr. Nayimuddin & Nazneen Chougle
32	Integral University	Lucknow	UP	Mr. Ruhul Shamim & Mr. Mohammad Ali
33	Alpha Islamic School	Kadapa	Andhra Pradesh	Mr. Javed Sayed
34	Nehru Bal Niketan Hindi School	Jhunjhunu	Rajasthan	Mr. Tofiq Mirza
35	Aligarh Public School, Moosa Nagar	Kanpur	UP	Mr. Ruhul Shamim



MAULANA AZAD URDU HIGH SCHOOL, AKURDI
Pune, Maharashtra

MES HIGH SCHOOL,
Baroda, Gujarat

INTEGRAL UNIVERSITY
Lucknow, U.P.

NMMC URDU HIGH SCHOOL, VASHI
Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra

AMP ALIGARH CHAPTER ESTABLISHED!!



With the establishment of the AMP Aligarh Chapter, AMP achieved yet another milestone this quarter Alhamdulillah! The AMP Aligarh Chapter made a splendid start marked with significant service to the community in the very early days of its creation itself, commencing from an AMP meeting, and an impressive Skill Development Lecture, a Career Guidance Program, and a Health Camp on the 'World Health Day', which proved to be a unique and one of its kind program organized by a AMP UP Chapter!



Marking a promising start of this year by this Chapter, an AMP Instruction Meeting was held on 24th Jan, 2015, at the University Guest House, Aligarh, which was attended by eight members, and successfully coordinated by Mr. Sayyad Anas Jameel, Dr. Asrarul Haque and Dr. M.A. Ibrahim Ansari. On 9th Feb, 2015, the Chapter conducted an impressive Skill Development Lecture on the topic 'Importance of Education' and a Motivational Lecture, at the Faizan Public School, Jamalpur, Aligarh, that was coordinated and conducted by Mr. Mohd. Asrarul Haque, Mr. Sayyad Anas Jameel, Mr. Mohd Nazish and Mr. Mohd Tariq. Additionally a Career Guidance Lecture was organized by the Chapter on 21st March, 2015, at Dhorra, Aligarh, on the topic 'Preparation for Competitive Examinations' by Er Shahnawaz Ashrafi and Dr Asif Khan, coordinated by Mr. Sayyed Anas Jameel, Mr. Arif Jaanbaz Naimi and Dr. Mohd Asrarul Haque, that witnessed a huge attendance and appreciation.



The Health Awareness Camp organized by the Chapter at the Madani Clinic, Jamalpur, Aligarh, on the occasion of 'World Health Day' on 7th April, was attended by over 200 patients and their caretakers. The event was coordinated by Dr. Mohd Asrarul Haque, Dr. Asif Khan and Mr. Mohd. Alamgeer, and well supported by Dr Arshad, the owner of the Clinic and the staff of the clinic. The Health Camp marked an informative 'Poster Presentation' on the theme by the AMP Aligarh Team members- Dr Asif Khan, Mr. Azhar Nazami and Mr. Mohd Alamgeer; besides also an Interactive Lecture on 'Healthcare' by Dr. Asif Khan, highlighting the significance of World Health Day and covering all facets of food safety, right from farm to the plate. With a comprehensive discussion on some common food-borne diseases, Dr. Khan, stressing on the consumption of safe food as our moral right, and food safety as a shared responsibility, highlighted the areas where misuse of chemicals, preservatives and antibiotics is being done, and our role at the community level to create awareness among people about the issue. The event proved to be a unique effort in awareness generation on health issues and indeed a step forward by AMP in community service Alhamdulillah!



The new AMP Aligarh Chapter is powered with the able membership of Dr. Mohd. Asrarul Haque (Junior Resident, JNMC, AMU, Aligarh), Dr. M.A. Ibrahim Ansari (Lecturer, City High School, AMU, Aligarh), Mr. Sayyad Anas Jameel (M.A. student, Human Rights, AMU), Mr. Mohd Akram (MA student, Human Rights, AMU), Mr. Mohd Nazish (MA student, Human Rights, AMU), Dr. Asif Khan (JNMC, AMU), Mr. Mohd Alamgeer (Social work student, AMU) and Mr. Mohd Adnan (MBBS student, AMU).

AMP MEETING

WITH ALL INDIA MUSLIM OBC ORGANIZATION

On 4th April, 2015, AMP jointly organized a meeting with All India Muslim OBC Organization on "Central and State Government Schemes and Our Responsibility", in an attempt to serve as a bridge connecting Muslims with the Central and State Schemes. Moving ahead from the role of mere awareness generation amongst Muslims about the various Schemes available, AMP has now also taken up the task of the creation of a network in all districts of Maharashtra to help the needy in getting the necessary benefits and their rightful share in the development by assisting them at every step of the process, and expanding their reach at its best to give people their right to a better life. AMP plans to take this initiative to other parts of the country as well soon to benefit the entire community InSha'Allah.



SPECIAL FEATURE

Development of Muslims & Budget 2015-16: Reality or Rhetoric

Looking at the budgetary allocation for minorities, it may be noted that only 0.23 percent of the total Union Budget 2015-16 has been earmarked for development of minorities including MoMA and other line Ministries, although the religious minorities constitute 21 percent of total population as per census 2011. Whereas, the current budget total allocation (in absolute number) under MoMA has increased marginally from Rs. 3,734 crore in 2014-15 (BE) to Rs. 3,738 crore. In terms of the new announcement in the budget 2015-16, an integrated education and livelihood scheme called 'Nai Manzil' will be launched this year to enable Minority Youth who do not have a formal school-leaving certificate to obtain one and find better employment. Further, to show-case civilization and culture of the Parsis, the Government will support, in 2015-16, an exhibition, 'The Everlasting Flame'. The government has not made any budgetary allocation for both the schemes.

In budget 2014-15, the government introduced a new scheme "Upgrading the Skills and Training in of Traditional Arts/ Crafts for Development (USTTAD)" for promoting and preserving the traditional craft, arts for development of minorities through skill upgradation. In terms of budget, Rs. 0.45 crore was allocated for USTTAD in the 2014-15 RE, whereas Rs. 17 crore has been earmarked in the 2015-16.

In the first two years of 12th Plan, the percent of utilization is found to be as low as 60 percent in 2012-13 but it has gone up to 86 percent in 2013-14. The MoMA noted that poor utilization in 2012-13 has primarily been due to a delayed start in implementation of major schemes such as pre-matric scholarship and MSDP for select MCDs. The scheme wise details of expenditure/allocation under MoMA since 2012-13 (first four years of the 12th FYP) show that the total allocation during the first four years amounts to Rs. 12018.25 crore, which is 69 percent of the total proposed allocation of Rs. 17,323 crore in the 12th FYP. Further, the analysis of the allocation and utilization of each of the schemes for the same period shows that major schemes such as MSDP, Pre and Post Scholarships, Women Leadership Scheme, Support for Students clearing Prelims conducted by UPSC, SSC have had very low fund allocation and utilization. Schemes like Merit-cum-means scholarship and Pre and Post-Matric Scholarship have not been able to achieve 70 per cent targets of 12th FYP, which is a major cause of concern. In sum, the current budget has been very disappointing for Muslims because there is no significant (Rs.4 crore) increase in the budget allocation in 2015-16. On the other hand, government has decreased the allocation in the previous year budget of Rs 569 crore which has affected the functioning of schemes like MSDP and scholarship programmes in 2014-15.

The central government has been targeting few flagship programmes / schemes related to education, livelihood and access to public services, credit and skill development for minorities under PM New 15 point programme (15PP) since 2006. Further ,under the aegis of the Ministry of Minority Affairs (MMA), new development schemes and programmes related to scholarship, community leadership and area development were devised, most important being Multi Sectoral Development Programme (MSDP) as area development programme. Most of these government interventions are minority targeted rather than Muslim focused.

Multi-Sectoral Development Programme

MSDP is an area development programme of MoMA for improving the education, health, work participation and access to basic public services in Minority Concentrated Districts (MCDs). MSDP was launched in 90 MCDs in the 11th Plan; among the 90 MCDs, 66 districts were Muslim concentrated. In the 12th FYP, MSDP was extended to 710 development blocks of 196 districts and 66 towns. As per the data reported by MoMA, in the initial 2 year and 9 month of 12th Plan, government was able to release only 34 percent of total proposed allocation in 12th Plan in MSDP and actual expenditure data was not made available on MSDP for the same period. The schemes related water, IAY and income generating infrastructure have poor completion rate against the unit sanctioned under the MSDP project and many activities under the MSDP have not yet started. For the same period, there has been a very low achievement in physical outcomes across the components of MSDP. The components like education, skill building, health, Anganwadi Centre (AWC), drinking,

Implementation Issues in PM's New 15-Point Programme

Prime Minister's new 15-Point Programme for the welfare of minorities focuses on enhancing opportunities for education, equitable share in economic activities and employment, improving the conditions of living of minorities and prevention and control of communal riots. The target for development of minorities under 15 PP has to be achieved with a definite goal in a specific timeframe. The 15PP envisaged earmarking 15% of total allocations and achieving the physical targets under select flagship programmes for development of minorities. Except MSDP, all the schemes run by MoMA are also part of 15PP which are 100 percent meant for the development of minorities. There were two important commitments made under 15 PP; one by the 'department of personnel and training' with a promise to ensure 15% share in public employment; and 'department of financial services' with targets to disburse 15% of the annual 'priority sector lending' (PSL) to favour minorities.

Currently, eleven Union ministries/departments claimed to be involved in implementing the 15PP, including Ministries of Rural Development, Urban Development, Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, Labour and Employment, Minority Affairs, Home, Finance, Women and Child Development, School Education and Literacy, Personal and Training. Selected schemes are Indira Awas Yojana (IAY), Ajivika, National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), Urban Infrastructure and Governance (UIG), Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT), Integrated Housing Slum Development Programme (IHSDP), Basic Services for Urban Poor (BSUP), Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SJSRY), Priority Sector Lending to Minorities, Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalay (KGBV), , and Madrassa Modernization Programme.

The Union Ministry of Minority Affairs collates scheme wise information on the 15 PP. There are only few schemes which report the financial achievement. The utilization rate for the period 2006-07 and 2013-14 is found to be low in IAY (70.53 percent), SJRSY (53.08) and ITI (68.20 percent) with some degree of variation whereas the disbursement in Priority Sector Lending (102 Percent) shows over achievement.

The scheme wise information on the 15 PP like SSA, KGBV, ICDS, and SGSY (renamed as Ajeevika), only the data on physical achievements is reported without the information on their financial performance. The component related to JNNURM (UIG, UIDSSMT, IHSDP and BUSP) and Madrassa Modernization Programme did not report the data on fund utilization and physical outcomes. The data shows that important schemes like ICDS (59 percent), SGSY (61 percent) and IAY (82 percent) have low physical achievements whereas SJRSY has higher physical achievement. The physical achievement in SSA is found to be low with some degree of variation across the components.

The concerned ministries under 15 Point Programme should be urged to report their achievements, both physical and financial, under their respective schemes for the benefit of minorities. The same needs to be reported on a regular basis to the Ministry of Minority Affairs or introducing a budget statement, to maintain the information and outcome data. The reporting of expenditure under 15 PP by the Union ministries has been more in the nature of 'retrospective budgeting', where the allocations for minorities are earmarked after the budgets for the schemes have been finalized without any special measure taken for minorities during the budget preparation phase. The schemes and programmes in 15 PP should prepare exclusive action plans for minorities considering the specific needs and challenges particularly faced by Muslims.

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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. Shayan Hussaini** (Pune, Maharashtra), **Dr. Asrarul Haque** (Katihar, Aligarh) and **Mr. Navid A. Shaikh** (Mumbai, Maharashtra) for their contribution towards AMP's activities!!



Mr. Shayan Hussaini
Pune, Maharashtra

B. Tech. (Electronics and Telecommunications); Program Analyst at Cognizant Technology Solution

An enthusiastic and dedicated AMPian, with a bundle of talents, who is always ready to shoulder responsibilities and lend a helping hand to anyone in need! Has been actively contributing in AMP initiatives since last two years, and his unmatched commitment to the cause of community service is truly commendable! A true volunteer at heart, he played a remarkably vital role in the organization of the Education Day Campaign- 'Kamiyabi Ka Wahid Rasta-TALEEM'! He has also significantly contributed in the documentation of various AMP activities like the SDLs and the Inter-School Quiz Competition in Pune! May Allah reward him for his tireless endeavour and inculcate such spirit in all AMPians! Kudos to his commitment!!



Dr. Asrarul Haque
Katihar, Aligarh

MBBS, MD, Forensic Medicine

A promising member of the newly established AMP Aligarh Chapter, who joined AMP just six months back, and took everyone by surprise with his extraordinary efforts towards the AMP activities, in the very early days of the Chapter itself! Coordinated AMP activities, actively participated in execution of the AMP Projects for the community, arranged meetings of AMP members, Planned and delivered lectures (SDL) at various locations, and also the Career Guidance Programme for College Students! The Medical Camp on "World Health Day" organized by the Aligarh Team was truly commendable, and though it being the very first of its kind program in AMP UP Chapter, he organized as well as hosted the event, and made the entire AMP Family proud! Being very hard working, down to earth in nature with a dynamic personality, he inspires one and all! May Allah Reward him with the best of His rewards!!



Mr. Navid A. Shaikh
Mumbai, Maharashtra

Batch of Computer Science; Jr. Enggr IT at Ministry of Railways, Mumbai

An enthusiastic and dedicated AMP member who has significantly contributed in various AMP initiatives since the past five years! Proved to be an exclusive performer, with the vital role that he played in organizing a successful Job Fair at Ambarnath, Mumbai, which resulted in more than 50 on-the-spot job offers to our brothers and sisters! Being an active member of the AMP SDL team, he has conducted many SDLs in Mumbai, besides being actively involved in other important AMP activities, marking his presence in the selfless service to the community Masha'Allah! May Allah reward him for his great contributions! Many Congratulations!!

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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.

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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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