

An Introduction

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Keeping the legacy of AMU alive, AMUOBA-3 started its online Gazette, this is the third edition and last in the line . The rationale is to connect and to keep the entire Alig community informed about the activities taken by AMUOBA-3 in it's entire tenure.

I would like to extend my special gratitude to Mr. Asim Kidwai who in-spite of his busy schedule agreed to support us in publishing the Gazette.

This is the first time in AMUOBA Kuwait's history that to keep the community entertained and informed we organized various virtual and physical programs not only for Alumni but their children too. Now after a year it is time look back at our achievements. There is a long list of programs conducted by us on behalf of AMUOBA ranging from Independence Day program to webinars, drawing competition, elocution, excellence award, Mushaira (Urdu poetry), charity drives, beach cleaning programs, football tournament etc. Team AMUOBA was active even during the lockdown owing to the upsurge in the use digitalization, we were connected with the entire world from the safety of our home. Similar to 2020, 2021 was also full of activities.

There are few respectable members who bid adieu to Kuwait, AMUOBA Kuwait Chapter recognized their contributions to Alig community and honored them with token of appreciations.

Every event organized by AMUOBA-3 was remarkable in one of its kind. We were able to deliver the best due to the combined effort of all the team members. Every member of the team played his role in the best possible manner and result is a long list of successful programs being conducted by AMUOBA in its two year tenure.

As this will be the last gazette of AMUOBA-3 hoping that the new team will continue the tradition in its spirit, it is time for me as Vice President, AMUOBA-3 to thank entire team for their dedication and remarkable work to make all the events successful. All these events will be there down the memory lane and will cherished for long.

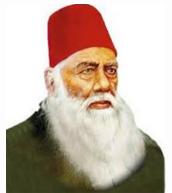
I would like to thank Mr. Tariq Ahmed Sibtey (President) for supporting and helping us in organizing some of these events. I would like to thank Mr. Tariq Waseem (GS), Mr. Yusuf Abdullah (JS), Mr. Ahteshamullah Khan (OSD) and Mrs. Shazia Mansoor for the support which they gave to make the events successful. I would like to extend special thanks to Mrs. Shazia Mansoor for her remarkable contribution from the begin of AMUOBA-3 tenure till today. Most of the time they were not on the forefront but without their support and tireless work none of the program would not have been possible.

I would like to thank Mr. Abdus Samad for helping us in the programs like investment planning webinar and the Mushaira an evening of Urdu poetry. Without the advice and unconditional support of Mr. Mateenur Rahman we would not be able to have all these programs. Along with Mr. Tariq Waseem and Yusuf Abdullah he actively participated in elocution competition organized by AMUOBA. Many thanks to Mrs. Talat Fatma for being a part of Mushaira and Dr. Iram Chowdhury for organizing football tournament. Besides this Mr. Mohammed Parvez Khan, one of the senior most EC member, and Mr. Taqui Hassan played a vital role in AMUOBA-3 formation and its active functioning.

Last but not the least, there are many names to mention and thank. Some of them are new and some are old, but all of them played an extremely important role in organising AMUOBA programs, notably Mr. Irfan Mohammed Khan, Mr. Masroor Alam, Mr. Niyaz, Mr. Nadeem Ifthekhar, Ms. Saima Rafat, Mr. Anas and Mr. Adeel Jeelani, all of them contributed to the overall success of our programs in the last 2 years.

I am proud to have a been part of a team which supported me in organizing all the event throughout the year. With the hope that new AMUOBA (AMUOBA-4) will keep the show running I wish them all the best.

Tribute to Sir Syed Ahmad Khan



Syed Ahmad , famous as "Sir Syed Ahmed Khan" was a great philosopher, educator, leader, social activist, reformer, Islamic reformist and a Muslim pragmatist of 19th century British India. Whenever we talk about modern India or the progressive Muslims, one name which is always there is of Sir Syed. He founded Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental College in Aligarh and patterned the college after universities like Oxford and Cambridge, which he had visited on his trip to England. The College later transformed into what we know as Aligarh Muslim University, which is a live example of Sir Syed's vision and has been remarkably acknowledged across the globe.

Sir Syed was of the view that scientific knowledge and approach to life is the only way India and Muslims can grow to heights. His vision was one of a kind and he, throughout his life, was only trying to making it concrete. He was also a true rationalist and he always promoted rationalism as opposed to romantic sentimentalism which was very much there in the then Indians. Today, on Sir Syed's 93rd birth anniversary, also popularly known as Sir Syed Day, we have brought some of his visionary words to you all, to give a tribute to him in our little way, for all that he did for the previous generation, us and the coming generation as well.

Sayings of Sir Syed Ahmed Khan

- "Sons (of MAO college later AMU) shall go forth throughout the length and breadth of the land to preach the message of free inquiry, of large hearted toleration and of pure morality. "
- "We should not (by remaining ignorant and illiterate) tarnish the image of our able elders
- "Ijtihad (innovation, re-interpretation with the changing times) is the need of the hour.
 Give up taqlid (copying and following old values). "
- "My advice to all of you is: Do only that which you believe (to be right) and do not do anything in (the rightness of) which you do not believe. This is real truthfulness and this is the only thing on which depends success in both the worlds. "

Mehfil-e-Mushaira

urdu hai mirā naam maiñ 'ķhusrav' kī pahelī maiñ 'mīr' kī hamrāz huuñ 'ġhālib' kī sahelī

Cherishing the beauty and charm of the Urdu language, Aligarh Muslim University Old Boys' Association (AMUOBA) Kuwait Chapter organized an event mushaira (Urdu poetry Symposium) on 22nd October 2021 at 7:00 pm.

The program was organized virtually on ZOOM and broadcasted live on YouTube as well as on Facebook page by media partner Aamna Saamna. Viewers from across the world joined the event and made the event a memorable one.

The event allowed people to express themselves, this is a great way to release pent up of emotion, exercise creativity, and share thoughts and feelings with other people. This symposium became unique due to the extraordinary participation of ladies in it. From the organizers to the poetess, women took the lead



Due to the busy schedule His Excellency Mr. Sibi George couldn't attend the mushaira but he sent his recorded message which was shared on screen during the program. In the vide message his excellency congratulated AMUOBA Kuwait Chapter for organizing the event 'Mehfil-e- Mushaira' on the occasion of; 75th years of India independence and 60 years of diplomatic relationship between India and Kuwait. His excellency appraised AMUOBA Kuwait Chapter for the support it extended to the society during the Covid epidemic.

His excellency rightly said that Mushaira is a stress buster and also a platform for passing on the aged old traditions and values to the younger generation. We are very thankful to his excellency for sparing time from his busy schedule for us.

In recent years, we have seen the revival of the language on a big scale with various literary festivals and events that are being organized. We are delighted that we kept the lamp burning and were able to contribute in keeping the small slice of this tradition alive through our endeavor of the 'Mehfil-e-Mushaira'.

The topics which poets declaimed were sublime and exalted. Describing their thoughts in a beautiful language, they kept the audience in awe.

The program started with an opening note by Ms. Talat Fatima, an EC member of AMUOBA Kuwait, followed by the presidential address by Mr. Tariq Ahmad Sibtey. He briefed about AMUOBA and it's working and on behalf of the entire Alig community and welcomed His Highness ambassador of India in Kuwait Mr. Sibi George, all the Shoura (poets) and the audience. Later, Mr. Tariq Waseem took the honor to introduce Nazim-e-Mushaira Mr. Masood Hassas and Sadar-e-mushaira Mr. Aamir Kidwai.

Later the event was handed over to the anchor or the Nazim-e-Mushaira (Janab Masood Hassas). He is a very versatile anchor with efficient command on language, he conducted the mushaira well. The poets were invited by him to share their magnificent creation of Gazals and Nazms.

There were altogether 12 Shoura from India and Kuwait and all of them were admired. Janab Syed Aijazuddin Shah Pen Name-Popular Meeruthi is a legend in himself. Listening to him is very rejuvenating and different experience. Each of the verses recited by the poets were unique and they filled the atmosphere with joy and tranquility. All the guest poets in the mushaira Dr. Naseem Nikhat, Dr. Qamar Suroor, Akmal Balrampuri, Dr. Tariq Qamar, Shahjahan Jaffery, Vibha Shukla, Mumtaz Naseem, Rakshan Hashmi, Johny Foster and Mehshar Afridi were applauded overwhelmingly.

Sadar-e-Mushaira Janab Aamir Kidwai concluded the symposium with beautiful lines from his poetic creation and appraised all the poets.

We would like to extend our humble gratitude to Mr. Shafaq Mumtaz as without his contribution the program would not be possible. It was his unparalleled support that we were able to deliver such a magnificent program.

The effort of the convener Ms. Shazia Mansoor and her team including Ms. Talat Fatima, Mr. Ahtesham Ullah Khan (OSD), Mr. Abdus Samad (DOSD) were highly appreciated. Without the support of EC members, President Mr. Tariq Ahmad Sibtey, Vice President Mr. Nauroz Ahmed, General Secretary Mr. Tariq Waseem, Joint General Secretary Mr. Yusuf Abdullah and other Executive Council members-Mr. Taqui Hasan, Mr. Mateen ur Rahman, Dr. Iram Chaudhry, Mr. Anas Puthiyotil, Mr. Mohammad Parvez Khan,Mr. Adeel Jeelani, this program would not have been successful. The entire team contributed to make the event memorable among the Urdu poetry lovers not only in Kuwait but across the world. For the first time AMUOBA successfully organized virtual mushaira and it will strive to organize such kind of events in future.

Beach Cleaning Campaign

On the morning of 12th November 2021, a beach cleanup campaign was organized by Aligarh Muslim University Old Boys' Association (AMOUBA) near Kuwait Magic Beach in Abu Halifa. AMUOBA Kuwait is actively participating in social activities and this beach cleaning Campaign is also one step forward to the protect environment and make cleaner atmosphere for the people in







The campaign started with the sunrise around 06:00am. The morning cool sea breeze of early winter rejuvenated us, and we suited up our gloves and trash bags and set off in groups to clean the trash around the beach. We aimed to cover every spot of sand we could see. It was a true team effort: some of us wandered along the water while others trekked all the way up the beach sand. It was attended by almost 100 volunteers who selflessly cleaned about 1.5 km long strip of the beach.

Plastic cups, polythene bags, old food wrappers littered the landscape, a lot of it standing out against the nature for its artificially bright colors. Some of us even found small rusty metal rods and broken glasses which could have been dangerous to any person, flora or fauna.

Our team of 100 volunteers collected over 40 trash bags in just a few hours. Children were more enthusiastic and contributed a lot in collecting the waste- That's a lot of litter! From plastic cups, bottles and bags to sharp metal rods, there were hundreds of items that had washed up on the shore or were abandoned by beachgoers.

People of all age group should contribute towards this cause. Yet unfortunately it makes you think: if we could find this trash on the surface of the sand in one day, how much is buried underneath from years of littering? Our team was proud enough to make such a small contribution towards saving our environment; this was our first effort, but it won't be the last!

The President Mr. Tariq Ahmad Sibtey and Vice President Mr. Mohammed Nauroz Ahmad appreciated the teamwork and participation of all the volunteers. Indeed, it was one the remarkable event for AMUOBA Kuwait Chapter.

AMUOBA's General Secretary Mr. Tariq Waseem and Joint Secretary Mr. Yusuf Abdullah organised the event efficiently and provided support to participants. In addition, AMUOBA EC team members consisting of Ms. Shazia Mansoor, Mr. Mateen-ur-Rahman, Dr. Iram Chaudhary, Mr. Ahteshamullah Khan and Ms. Talat Fatima were very supportive and helped in making the event a big success. As it is rightly said "alone we can do so little, together we can do so much"; without the team effort it would not have been possible. For AMUOBA Kuwait it was a big achievement and at the end team efforts paid off.

The volunteers were given campaign T-shirts and caps. Also, refreshment was served with traditional tea and certificates were given for each participant in recognition of their participation in the campaign.

Also, AMUOBA Kuwait Chapter extends its heartfelt gratitude to the sponsors- Universal Institute, Kuwait and Veolia, Middle East, Kuwait.

This event left a deep impact on each of us towards environmental awareness: it may seem like nothing to leave one small cup or plastic bag on the ground, but if one hundred people think the same way the impact is unfortunately huge. Next time when we will go to the beach, we will make sure that we take care of the proper garbage disposal, it makes a positive difference to the environment.



IF WE COULD FIND THIS TRASH ON THE SURFACE OF THE SAND IN ONE DAY, IMAGINE HOW MUCH IS BURIED UNDERNEATH FROM YEARS OF LITTERING.

Farewell

SABAH UMAR

Sabah Omar, a name known to the entire Alig fraternity is a very polite and gentle Alig, he is proudly associated with AMUOBA Kuwait as one of the founding member since 2010.

His flare to serve AMUOBA didn't stop there and later he served the Executive Council of the association as Joint Secretary for the year 2018-2019. He has been always helpful, encouraging, and supportive member of AMUOBA Kuwait.





He pursued B.Sc and PG DBA from AMU and completed his education in the year 1975. To built a career in banking sector he left Aligarh and went to Bahrain. He stayed there till 1996 and then migrated to Canada but the Charisma of GCC couldn't refrain him from moving to Kuwait and in the year 2004 he joined Kuwait Finance House.

Since 2004, till date he has been working for many banks including Boubyan Bank, Kuwait Int'l Bank, Ahli United Bank and lastly, he retired from an honorable position of Assistant Vice President in Warba Bank. During his entire stay in the Kuwait he tried to strengthen the bond of brotherhood among Alig fraternity and worked for the welfare of AMUOBA Kuwait. His contribution and dedication will always be treasured.

Defying age, he actively participated in all the functions of AMUOBA Kuwait, from sports day to Sir Syed day celebration. In his own words age is just a number, so true to his words he was the most enthusiastic member of AMUOBA Tarana team for two years 2018 and 2019. He has always encouraged the team to excel and even during the practice he was very punctual. Being part of AMUOBA EC for two years 2018 and 2019, he was the most dedicated member. The memories we made during the SS Day preparation, sports day, the community picnic or any other function, have left an ineffaceable mark on each one of us.

On 23rd July 2021, in order to bid farewell to Mr. SabaH Omar, entire team of AMUOBA Kuwait organized a dinner keeping the COVID protocol and presented him a memento as a memoir to honor him. It was a dewy-eyed moment for all of us when he shared his much cherished memories.

As his family is in Canada it will be a time of reunion for him and at the same time it will be a nostalgic moment for the entire Alig community in Kuwait. Mr. Sabah Omar extended his good wishes to the entire Alig fraternity with his message,

"I wish all the alumni in Kuwait and our Association successful years ahead in peace and harmony for the benefit of the community at large. We should all strive to work selflessly to make AMUOBA Kuwait as one of the best association amongst the GCC countries."

DR. MIRZA UMAIR BAIG





A name known to everyone, a friend, a colleague, a mentor, an extremely respected senior amongst us. His infinite wisdom, supportive attitude, aura can enamor anyone around him. Words fall short of describing him. A person with a multifaceted personality. He pursued PhD in Mitochondrial Activity in Cuscuta Species. He is a scientist by profession and a writer by choice, his blogs, Facebook posts are worth pondering upon. He joined Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) in the year 1994 and retired from the position of Senior Scientist.

Before coming to Kuwait he was deputed from CSIR Govt of India to establish Dubai Institute of Environmental Research, as its Founder Director. During that period he established Dubai Pharmacy College, Dubai UAE.

Apart from a successful career and professional engagement he always spares time to socialize.

Listening to him is always a learning experience. Not only people of his age but youngsters and even children love his company.

He has been associated with many organizations in Kuwait and actively participated in many functions.

During his entire career he penned more than hundred papers which were published in international journals, he also presented an uncountable number of papers in national and international conferences.

During one of the gatherings an Alig rightly said of him "he is a multi-facet personality equally efficient and vibrant in professional and social life. He knows how to keep balance between the two".

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Elocution Competition

Elocution is an art of speech and art of conveying message to the people.

Aligarh Muslim University old boys' association came with a novel idea of organizing an online elocution competition. It encircled to convey the message of the importance of modern education which a man with a vision Sir Syed Ahmad Khan gave century ago.

He was an educator, a social reformer, jurist, thinker & writer. He established Muhammadan Anglo Oriental school in Aligarh on 24 May 1875 which later became the Aligarh Muslim University.

The Elocution competition was held on 25th February 2021 at 08:00 pm, virtually.



The children of the association's alumnae participated enthusiastically in this competition. The program was coordinated by Mr. Yusuf Abdullah and Ms. Shazia Mansoor; Executive members of the Association.

The program started with the welcome note of Ms. Shazia Mansoor followed by brief message by Mr. Nauroz Ahmad, Acting President of the Association.

The competition started timely by Dr. Maryam Khan, the comparer of the program.

The respected judges were introduced to the participants and audience. There were two Judges Ms. Syeda Ameena and Ms. Puja Mathur. They announced the parameter for their judgment, e.g., contents, fluency, confidence and presentation.

There were around 12 participants divided into 3 groups according to their classes and each group was given a topics to speak upon, these topics were:

Group A- Life of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan

Group B – Famous quote of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan "When a nation becomes devoid of art and learning it invites poverty. When poverty come, it brings in its wake thousands of crimes." Group C- Famous quote of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan "To permit liberty to press is the part of wise

government, to preserve it is the part of a free people."

Each student was given 3-5 minutes to speak on the allotted topic. It was beyond belief how brilliantly participants had put their thoughts while delivering unscripted speech fluently. Every child has its own perspective and way of thinking which could be seen in their speeches. Every speaker from the same category came up with the varied view point.

The judges, then with a word of encouragement and appreciation to all the Participants announced the following finalist.

Win	ners of group A (Grad	e 3-6):		
S. No	Name of the Participant	Class	Name of the School	Position
1	Alisha Mateen Rahman	11	FAIPS	1
2	Samiya Samad	10	FAIPS	Ш
3	Shaima Ainul Haque	11	FAIPS School	III
S. No	Name of the Participant	Class	Name of the	Position
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1	Haiirah Hussain	3	School FAIPS	1
	Hajirah Hussain Abdullah Sabih	3	FAIPS Carmel School	1
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The other participants were, Adeeba Taqui Hasan, Samia Mohammad, Sarah Mohammad. Before the prize distribution association's senior most member Mr. Syed Mohammad Ashraf addressed the gathering by appreciating the initiative taken by the association for organizing such events. He also applauded and encouraged the participants.

The competition was culminated by the announcement of winners for all the events organized by AMUOBA throughout the year by the following Executive Members of the Association, Mr. Mateen-ur-Rehman, Mr. Tariq Waseem, Mr. Taqi Hasan, Mr. Ahteshamullah Khan followed by vote of thanks by Mr. Abdus Samad, Executive Member of the Association. The program was attended by a large gathering and it was greatly appreciated for being very well organized by the team members of the association. The competition was a kind of tribute to the founder of AMU.

- Awareness Programs - Webinars

Project Management Professional

AMUOBA Kuwait chapter strive to deliver the best and serve the community in the best possible manner. Throughout our tenure we have organised many webinars on different aspects ranging from Mental health to Investment management, Project Management Professionals (PMP) and last but not the least COVID 19 Vaccine awareness.

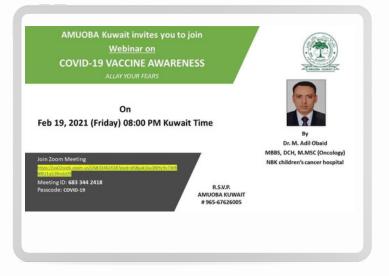
AMUOBA Kuwait invites you to join <u>Webinar on</u> Project Management Professional (PMP) [*] Roadmap – How to prepare and qualify for PMP exam	
On Jan 02, 2021 (Saturday) 07:00 PM Kuwait Time	
bin Zoom Meeting	Ву
ttps://usD4web.zoom.us//6833442418?pwd=a1dZaDF LzdDeUZFbUwyWkpZMTc1QT09	Mr. Ehtesham Siddig (PMP certified)
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Among others health and Sustenance are the two most important facet of life. Keeping this in mind, AMUOBA this year took two very important topics for discussion and provided information from the desk of experts in their field. We invited Mr. Ehtesham (PMP Certified) working in one of the most reputed multinational Company-Schlumberger to give insight into the Project Management

Professionals (PMP). The webinar he conducted was 'Project Management Professional (PMP); road map- how to prepare and qualify for PMP. He explained about the importance of PMP these days, what are the benefits of it and how we can qualify for PMP. This webinar was being attended not only by Aligs but many non-Aligs also attended and were grateful of us for arranging such an informative webinar. We get many positive reviews related to the webinar.

COVID-19 Vaccine Awareness

Another webinar was related to the issues everyone was facing regarding whether to take vaccine of COVID 19 or not, which one is the best Vaccine for us etc. The title of webinar was 'COVID 19-Vaccine awareness'. Dr. Adil an AMU alumnus, a known personality among not only Aligs but non-Aligs also, a practicing doctor in Sabaa Hospital was invited to do the honor of being a guest speaker for this webinar. The webinar touched all the issues which were in ambiguity due to all types of information/misinformation related to COVID 19 vaccine. He also discussed issues related to how corona virus spreads, what precautions we should take, what are the myths spreading in th society. He informed the audience about situation prevailing in Kuwait., which vaccine is available in Kuwait, why we should take the vaccine. The webinar was informative as well as interactive. Audience have lots of doubts and concerns related to the vaccine of COVID 19. Dr. Adil answered a the queries in very satisfying manner.



Awards & Recognitions











Other Activities

Meeting the Ambassador





Football Tournament





Winners Gallery



SS Day 21' Program Agenda

OPENING MRS. TALAT FATIMA

QIRA'T - RECITATION OF HOLY QURAN/ENGLISH TRANSLATION MASTER YUSUF

> PRAYER FOR CORONA VICTIMS AHMAD MOHAMMAD DANISH

KUWAIT NATIONAL ANTHEM FOLLOWED BY INDIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM

WELCOME SPEECH BY PRESIDENT AMUOBA-3 MR. TARIQ AHMAD SIBTEY

SPEECH - BY H.E. THE AMBASSADOR MR. SIBI GEORGE

SONG BY CHILDREN

SHORT SPEECH - SIR SYED AHMED KHAN MOHAMMAD ABDULLAH

> FUN TIME MR. IMROZ AND MR. AMEER MINTO

> > SHORT SPEECH DR. ANIS

PATRIOTIC SONG MS. UPASANA SINHA

DISTRIBUTION OF MEMENTO AND SPEECH MR. AIJAZ AHMAD SARFARAZ

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION - FOR FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

REPORT CARD OF AMUOBA-3 ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR 2020-21

INTRODUCTION OF NEWCOMERS

AMU TARANA

VOTE OF THANKS BY VICE PRESIDENT NAUROZ AHMAD

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