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"[O Prophet]

forewarn them of the approaching Day, when hearts will leap up to the throats and choke them; when the wrongdoers will have no friend, nor any intercessor who will be listened to, [for] He is aware of the [most] stealthy glance, and of all that the hearts conceal. Allah will judge with [justice and] truth: but those whom they invoke besides Him, have no power to judge at all. Surely, Allah is all hearing, all seeing."

(Ghafir 40:18-20)



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THE PANDEMIC FOR THE last two years is running amok making our life miserable, to say the least. Our campus life has been interrupted. We are now entering into a neo-normal age; a post-COVID world. But we all have to look into the positive side of the situation. We have to live in the present and fully utilise the situation as far as we can. On the surface, everything has slowed down. Yet in the upheaval we are currently experiencing—as we struggle to remain productive, and as we quite justifiably bemoan projects delayed and teaching made more difficult—perhaps we should also seize the opportunity to reflect on the doing of history and especially to consider what benefits going slow offers to us.

Last year, as normal life ceased, we genuinely took the opportunity to look inward. With renewed vigour, we went online and had series of meetings, workshops and training sessions, which immensely benefitted the organisation.

In the meantime, one of our closest associate Abdul Hasem Mollick has succumbed to the fatal virus. He had been with us almost from the start of our journey and has stood steadfast amidst all ups and downs the Mission faced in course of time. His contribution to the growth of the Mission is unfathomable. May Allah grant him Jannatul Firdous.

But our tasks have continued as we rolled into 2021. All our projects are on the cards. Meanwhile, the students of Al-Ameen Mission have done excellent in the NEET this year; more than five hundred students have cracked it. Most of these students come from rural Bengal. Some of their fathers are masonry, some are daily labourers. Our students have also done well in Madhyamik and Higher Secondary examinations. We have registered success in WBCS examination too.

Despite all the odds we are facing today, Al-Ameen Mission keeps on doing what it does best – nurturing hidden talents from the bottom level of the society and escorting them to the door of success. May Allah grant us the ability to continue this noble endevour.

M Nurul Islam

Editor-in-Chief



Amidst Pandemic, the show goes on

The crisis continues world-wide but Al-Ameen's success in NEET (UG) has remained outstanding as usual.

Najib Anwar

AL-AMEEN, AS A Mission centric educational institution, is a name to reckon with. Its success in the Madhyamik and Higher Secondary examinations has already caught attention of every one. Not only that, its success in the medical entrance examination (NEET) is also fantastic, to say the least. This year too, over 5 hundred students of the Mission have cracked the NEET. Most of these students come from rural Bengal. Some of their fathers are masonry, some are daily labourer. Among the students, even some live in shanties. Al-Ameen Mission has dared them to dream big; to become doctors or engineers. It has succeeded in maintaining the continuous accomplishments of past years. Naturally, the Mission and the guardians are proud of this stupendous achievement.

This year, near about 18 hundred students appeared for





the entrance examination. Among them at least 500 to 550 students would get the opportunity to study medicine. The General Secretary of the Mission, M. Nurul Islam has congratulated the students for their success.

TOUHID MURSHID

This year, Touhid Murshid has stood first among Al-Ameen Mission students to crack the National Eligibility cum-Entrance Test (NEET) for Medical admission. He is from Pardeonapur village under Baishnabnagar police station of Malda district. Touhid has been studying in Al-

Ameen Mission's Belpukur campus from class VI and got more than 90 percent marks in the Madhyamik in 2018. He was then shifted to Uluberia campus in Howrah. In 2020, he passed the H.S with more than 90 percent marks and also sat for NEET but was ranked 61,107. Then he took



coaching from Navabaz campus and finally succeeded to crack. His all India rank is 472. Touhid secured 690 out of 720 marks. He is a student from a middle class family. His father, Md Nurul Hague is a teacher at a High Madrasa and mother, Ismotara Khatun is a health worker. She has passed Madhyamik. Touhid has two more siblings. His elder brother, Furgan Habib is also an alumnus of the Mission and has passed engineering this year and his sister Mary Kulsum is reading in class XI. No doubt, under the nurturing of the Mission these brothers and sister are well into the path of success.

MOKSEDUL MOLLAH

Moksedul Mollah has ranked 662 (AIR). He has secured 685 marks. His father Mujibur Molla has studied till class

IV. who is a zari worker. His mother Jyotsna Begum has passed Madhyamik and is a homemaker. Moksedul has a brother and a sister. His elder brother Mohibullah Molla after graduating has become a rural doctor providing health services. instru-He was mental in getting Moksedul admitted to Al-Ameen Mis-



sion. In 2019, Moksedul passed the Madhymik with 83.4 percent marks and came to the Mission. He studied in the Khalisani campus of the Mission and also took the coaching from there. He passed the H.S in 2021 with 87.6 percent marks but the significant is that he has also cracked the NEET in the same year despite hampering of studies due to COVID induced lockdown. Asked about the preparation he took for the NEET, he replied that from class XI, he had studied NCERT and objective books. Moksedul was determined to crack it and had succeeded in doing so.

MD SAIYAB AKHTAR

Md Saiyab Akhtar has ranked 1262 in NEET (UG) 2021 scoring 675 out of 720 marks. He is from Gangaprashad village under Mothabari police station of Malda. His father Md.Mokhlukat Ali is a migrant labourer and has passed HS exam. Saiyab's mother Amena Bibi had studied till class XI, is a homemaker. He has a sister who studies in class X in the village. His father, guite often, has to travel to different parts of India for work. Saiyab is a studious student and got 89.14% in standard X examination and 84% in the HS. He then took admission for NEET coaching in Al-Ameen Mission. He studied in the

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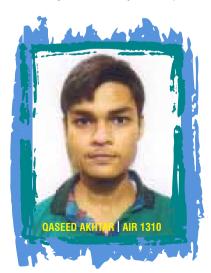
Khalisani campus of Mission. Bethe cause of his bad financial condition. the Mission considerably slashed his fees. In fact. only paid one third. Also the lockdown situation owing to the pandemic further helped him to continue his study. Saiyab also gratefully attributed his success to the superintendent of the

campus Anisur Rahaman. Back in 2020, he had taken coaching from another institute but failed. He said that he had not given enough thrust in Biology, which is a key subject here. His ambition at that time was to become a teacher. But the job scenario is not at all rosy, he realised and turned his focus on becoming a doctor. He comes from a poor family and to uplift the financial situation becoming a doctor is a good way, Saiyab admitted. What makes Al-Ameen Mission unique from the rest is its ideal atmosphere to study; secondly, competition among many meritorious students, who come to study here. This definitely gives an edge to everyone, Saiyab signs off.

QASEED AKHTAR

Qaseed comes from Dakshin Nayabaz village under Domjur police station of Howrah. He ranks fourth among Al-Ameen students this year. He resides near the Nayabaz campus of the Mission near Santragachi. Besides his parents, he has a sister. His father Samim Akhtar is a science graduate and his mother Rehana Begum too is a graduate. Samim Saheb works as a contractor to beautify house and gardens adjacent to any office prem-

ises. His sister is suffering from cerebral palsy. In 2018, during his Madhyaexamination, mik his sister's health worsened. which affected his study but still Qaseed managed to get 94 percent marks. His parents decided to put their son in a place where he could study without any hitch. So he sat



for the admission test and stood first and was admitted to the Khalatpur campus. In 2020. Qaseed ranked 9th in the state merit list of the Higher Secondary having secured 98.2 percent marks. He also sat for NEET and ranked 68,577 and also got chance to study Engineering having cleared the JEE Main examination. But he was determined to become a doctor and took coaching from the Mission and succeeded to achieve this sterling result. He has ranked 1310 among 16 lakh examinee from all over India. Qaseed has gradually improved his results. For this, he gave full credit to the ideal atmosphere of the Mission, uninterrupted support of the teachers and group discussion among friends. Coming from a lower income group family he used to pay half fees. He is an avid reader and loves playing cricket. Having seen his sister's health related problems, he wants to become neurosurgeon, so that he could ameliorate sufferings of patients who are ailing with disease similar to his sister.

DEBOSMITA DAWN

Although Al-Ameen Mission mainly caters to minority Muslim students, sporadically non-Muslim students too

succeeded have studying here. Debosmita Dawn is one of them. She is from Sinthi under Baranagar police station of Kolkata. Her father Dibyendu Dawn is a graduate and a businessperson. Her mother Falquni Dawn is also a graduate and a homemaker. She is their only child. Debosmita



studied in Bengali medium and had been a good student right from her childhood. From class V to X, she studied at Ramakrishna Sarada Mission Sister Nivedita Girls' School, Bagbazar. This is a day school of Ramakrishna Mission. Sister Nivedita had established it. In 2018, she had passed the Madhyamik with 96 percent marks and started studying at The Park Institution. This is a Bengali medium school at Shyambazar. This year, she had passed HS with 97.4 percent marks and had also qualified to study Medicine by cracking NEET. Her rank is 1786. At the advice of her teachers, she had admitted herself to a reputed institute of Kolkata for the preparation. She then wanted to test her preparation and came to Al-Ameen Mission to give mock and class tests. She had to give all these tests through online mode because of the lockdown situation. Like any other institute, Al-Ameen too charges a fee for this purpose. But in her



case, the Mission left it to her family's discretion, which they liked. Al-Ameen also takes pride playing a role in her outstanding achievement.

JAHIR UDDIN BISWAS



Jahir comes from Shyamnagar village under Kashipur police station of South 24 Parganas. His father Nazrul Biswas. with minimal eracy, for a long time had dreamt of making his son successful in life by giving him the opportunity to study. For that, he wanted to keep his son in a hostel. Nazrul and

his brother run a grocery shop in the village. In 2021 NEET, he has ranked 1948. He came to Al-Ameen Mission after Madhyamik. In Madhyamik he had secured 89.6 percent marks. In H.S, Jahir scored 92.6 percent marks and also appeared for NEET and ranked 47818. He got the chance to study BDS but declined to take it and began to take coaching from Al-Ameen Mission. which was hampered due to lockdown. Still, he ranked 1948. Jahir informed the success mantra in this regard. Studying the syllabus of class XI and XII well helped him a lot. Besides, the Mission also introduced NCERT syllabus along with usual state syllabus. That too has made a huge impact. Jahir has fulfilled the dream of his father, who despite running a small grocery shop did not shy away from his determination. He had paid almost the full amount of fees for this purpose.

SK. ASADUL

His father, Sk. Abdul Razzak has studied till class VIII; farming is his occupation. His mother. Seima Bibi read having till class V is a simple homemaker. Asadul comes from Daulotchowk village under Jaipur police station of Bankura. He has three sisters, one has been married off. The



younger sister studies in the H.S from a government school. Mud hut with tin thatched roof: Asadul did not get a secluded room to study for the NEET. But still he has ranked 2115. He has got 665 out of 720 marks. In 2017 Asadul passed the Madhyamik with 86 percent marks and got admitted into a residential educational institution. In 2019, he got 89.6 percent marks in H.S. and came to Al-Ameen Mission with the dream to become a doctor. He got admitted to the Uluberia campus for coaching and came to know that Al-Ameen follows the NCERT syllabus right from class XI. In the campus. he got a conducive atmosphere to study coupled with the good teachers and the method to quickly grasp the subject matters. In 2020, he got 532 marks in NEET. He got chances to admit himself in Homeopathy, Ayurvedic and Unani, but he declined. He took another year to prepare himself. The lockdown situation hindered quite a bit but still he managed to get a good rank-2115. From a very ordinary peasant family, Asadul has made his way into becoming a doctor. Al-Ameen Mission has helped him to succeed. One of the ways was to help him financially. Asadul had to pay half the fees.

SK. AL AMEEN

It is rare to see the name of the institution is similar to a student's name. This year Al Ameen has ranked 2440. His father, Sk. Maidul Ali, a zari worker, can hardly sign his name. His mother, Halima Begum too studied in the primary level. But Al Ameen got a good guidance of one of his teachers. Kazi Samsuzzoha.



He is a Mathematics teacher and teaches at Al-Ameen Mission. He is a neighbour of Al Ameen and understood the true potentiality of the boy. Once he tried to admit Al Ameen when he was reading in a lower standard but that time he could not pass the admission test. Samsuzzoha Saheb, as an alternative, took him to a different residential Mission for admission. In the Mission inspite of his merit and also money, he could not get admission due to a different reason. But he, nonetheless, got admitted to another Mission. There Al Ameen fared well enough. In 2017, he got more than 90 percent marks. Samsuzzoha Saheb once again brought him back to Al-Ameen Mission. This time he succeeded and got admitted in the Khalisani branch. In 2019, he secured 87.5 percent marks in the H.S. Al Ameen started taking NEET

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coaching from there. After a year of residential coaching he ranked 66909. He could not get admission in MBBS. So he took preparation for another year and was able to crack it this time. He has become the pride of Baniban Jagadishpur village under Uluberia police station of Howrah. Years back, Zari was a profitable business but that good days have gone by. At that time, Al Ameen's father had begun constructing a pucca house consisting of two rooms but has remained unfinished since then. Al Ameen has also a sister who is studying in class XI. Now, they can dream for a better future. The Mission not only slashed his fee one third but also created a favourable atmosphere for him to study.

UMMEY HONEY

His father, Abdur Tinku Biswas is a beekeeper and produces honey. When his son was born in a hospital, he was named Honey and later on Abdur Saheb added Ummey, which usually goes with the name of a woman. He thought that Honey represents survival- it's like a mother lapping up its baby; hence the name. Ummey lives in Gazipur Kabirajtala under Kaliachak police station of Malda. His father had to struggle a lot in life. Now as a beekeeper, he lives in Itahar, North Dinajpur. He had lost his father at a young age; leaving him almost destitute. So he had to begun earnings early. He took bee keeping training and also had to continue his study simultaneously to survive his family. He could not go to college. His wife Sakila Bano is an ICDS worker. He has two sons and a daughter. His daughter is the eldest- Asifa Biswas. She is an alumni of Al-Ameen Mission; currently reading BHMS. Ummey Honey has been studious throughout. He loves Mathematics.



Once, he came third in the state level Talent Search Examination in Math-Ummey ematics. was admitted in Al-Ameen Mission in class VI. Till class X, he studied at Belpukur campus. In 2019, he passed the Madhvamik with 94 percent marks. He came to Santragachi campus to study class XI. This vear. because of

the pandemic situation, the result of the H.S has been manipulated. Ummey has got 87.4 percent marks. But the notable is this that he has been able to crack the NEET also. Without exceptional merit, it is difficult to achieve it. Besides, each year quite sizable students in Al-Ameen Mission get this. The difference between

them and Ummey Honey is the ranking. Ummey has ranked 2674, which is exceptional. He has studied in Al-Ameen Mission paying half fees till Madhyamik. In the HS level, he paid one third of the fees. Talking about the success mantra he said, from the beginning one has to study well and keep on continuing it. His usual routine was from early 4 am to 9 pm at night. Apart from taking food, offering namaz, he used to submerge himself in study. His favourite subject is Physics and cricket is his favourite game. Still he has not opened a facebook account. He wants to do D.M to become super specialist in cardiology department in future. Those who have treaded the difficult path show others the way to go forward. Ummey Honey is definitely one of them.

ASHIF KAMAL GAZI

He lives in Ghosalati village under Hasnabad police station of North 24 Parganas. His father is Shafi Kamal

Gazi and mother, Taslima Kamal Gazi. His graduate father is involved in agricultural farming. Besides this, he also does pisciculture. His mother is HS pass and is a homemaker. Ashif's vounger brother reads in class VII government а school near his residence. Ashif has ranked 2820. He began reading in Al-Ameen Mis-



sion from class IX in the Hasnecha campus. In 2018, he passed the Madhyamik with 87.7 percent marks. He was then shifted to Panchur campus. In 2020, he passed the HS with 92 percent marks. He also appeared for NEET and got 546 marks with rank near about 50 thousand. He could have get chance in the Dental or Ayurvedic medicine. But he wanted to prepare himself one more time. In 2021, he has succeeded. Now a farmer's son is on the way to become a doctor. Not only Ashif, another boy from his family is going to be a doctor; his cousin Sohel Kamal Gazi. He too had studied in Al-Ameen Mission from class IX and after ranking well in the NEET is studying medicine in PG Hospital. Another boy from his area has got chance to study Medicine this year. He is also a student of Al-Ameen Mission.

Ashif began to prepare for NEET from class XII. He studied NCERT books besides books from Bengali medium. He has practiced previous NEET questions thoroughly. He lobes to paint. He wants to be a surgeon in future.



NASIB AHAMED

Nasib Ahamed has ranked 2909 in the NEET. He has



been studying in Al-Ameen Mission. Dhuliyan campus from class VI. Coming from Pardeonapur village under Baishnabpur police station of Malda, he lives in Budge Budge. South 24 Parganas. His father Md Habibur Rahaman hawks clothes in nearby Akra area and lives there for the last six years. In 2017,

he got 632 marks in Madhyamik i.e. more than 90 percent. Then he was shifted to Usthi campus and studied the HS and scored 88.4 percent. Nasib took his NEET coaching from Uluberia campus. In 2020, his rank was 53133. For preparing for NEET 2021, he went to Nayabaz campus but has to leave it because of the pandemic situation. Thus online class was the option he had but has achieved excellent results. His sister Afrin Nesa is also studying in the Bardhaman campus of the Mission in class XII. Nasib said, to succeed, group study and self study as well are vital. He had opened a facebook account in class XI but he has not opened it since he got himself involved in preparation for NEET. Preparation for NEET needs singular determination, he remarked.

SONIA DUBEY

Sonia ranks at the top among the girls of Al-Ameen Mission in NEET(UG) this year. Her all India ranking is 3142. She comes from Nazirpur village under Kaliachak police station of Malda. Sonia studied in the village gov-

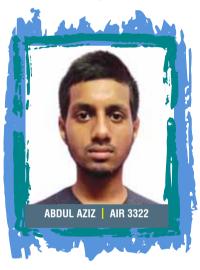


ernment school and in 2018 passed her class X examination with 94.66% marks. After studying at Al-Ameen Mission she passed her HS examination with 93.2% marks. On a question regarding what she wants to do after passing Medical examination. Sonia instead of saying she wants to specialise on certain areas, replied, she wants to be very good doctor so that people could recognise her easily. But Sonia has faced adversities in life. In 2015, when she was in class VII, she lost her father. At a young age of only 39 years, Nazir Ali succumbed to leukemia. He used to run a school in the village. Her mother, Farida Yasmin is a graduate and is an ICDS worker. Sonia was admitted to Al-Ameen Mission in class XI in the Uluberia campus. When she passed the HS examination, she had also appeared for NEET. Her rank was 94000. Again she got herself admitted to the Khalatpur campus of the Mission for coaching purposes. She said that the two years study in the HS has helped her a lot. Sonia's advise to the aspiring students is that to crack the NEET, one has to prepare from the very beginning. She loves to study, nothing else. This could be the secret sauce of her success. Sonia has already been admitted to the Medical College, Kolkata,

ABDUL AZIZ

Abul Kalam Azad is an educated person. He had passed B.Com., B.A and also had done M.A but was unable to get a job. He now runs a Chicken shop beside Murarai

Road in Birbhum. Maybe, he could not utilise his learning in a better way but he has definitely changed the outlook of his household. His son Abdul Aziz has cracked NEET this year ranking 3322. He came to Al-Ameen Mission after completing Std. X examination. In 2018, he passed it from his village school



scoring 95% marks. In fact, he got the highest mark from his sub division. For that, Aziz also got Hazi Md. Mohsin scholarship from the state government. He was admitted to the Khalatpur campus in the H.S and studied giving minimal amount of fees. He also availed the opportunity under new component scheme of the Central government and passed the examination in 2020 with 90.4% marks. That year he also sat for NEET but ranked 64177. Aziz explained why he did not fare well. He wanted to study Physics and do research work on it. He wanted to study integrated SSC under National Institute of Physics. Afterwards, he realised it would be a time consuming affair. So everyone of his family wanted him to study medicine but he was not well prepared in Biology. So he could not crack the test. Because of the lockdown, this year too he had to face many hurdles. He

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had to prepare himself from home, taking online classes of the Mission and giving mock tests. Nonetheless, he cracked NEET. His recipe to succeed in the NEET are as follows- Revision; one must revise the course at least eight times. Study books published by NCERT from class XI. Prioritize NEET over HS examination.

SAMIRUDDIN SK

The tin thatched roof mud hut is lightened up with joy. The cynosure of all eyes is Samiruddin Sk, who has ranked 4147 in the NEET this year. But beneath this exuberance, there is an undercurrent of sadness. Just a couple of year back, he has lost his father Jainal Abedin, who was accidentally electrocuted. The family, consisting of two brothers and a sister and their mother, all of a sudden had to face unforeseen misery. They started to struggle to rebound from darkness to light and got Al-Ameen Mission by their side.

Samiruddin has been studying at Al-Ameen Mission from class VIII. Jainal Abedin, a farmer, brought his son to the Mission with high hope. He was very happy when the Mission admitted his son with monthly fees of Rs 1090. That happiness doubled when in 2018 Samiruddin passed the Madhyamik with 94 percent marks.



But unfortunately, he could not witness his son's next success. When Samiruddin was appearing for the final examination of class XI, his father died of that fatal accident the day he sat for his Bengali test. It was a bolt from the blue for the whole family. They had three bigha of agricultural land. but who would cultivate it? His younger

brother, Alauddin, thus took the responsibility. He studies in the village school along with looking after farm. He looks after the whole family and is cautious not to hamper the study of his elder brother. All this sacrifice and struggle led to the success of Samiruddin. He did better result in HS examination scoring 95 percent marks. The untimely death of his father had put him in the hard realities of life. He realised that without studying there is no other option left for him. It is the only way to repay his family's sacrifice and fulfill his father's dream. After taking a year of coaching, his rank was more than a lakh, scoring 460 marks. This year his score is 650 out of 720 marks ranking 4147. His recipe for success is studying hard. There is no alternative, he said. Good atmosphere, good friend circle and of course excellent

teachers of Al-Ameen Mission, without which he could not succeeded so well, Samiruddin admits without hesitation.

SAHANAJ KHATUN

Sahanaj Khatun has ranked 4375 in NEET in 2021. She is from Rangmahal village under Amdanga police station of North 24 Parganas. In her family, she has her parents, one brother and a sister. Her father Monirul Islam is a graduate. He does some agricultural works

besides running a medical shop. Her mother Jamirun Bibi is also a graduate. She is a homemaker. In 2016, Sahanaj appeared for Madhyamik from her village school scoring 85 percent marks. She was admitted to Uluberia campus of Al-Ameen Mission and in 2018 she again got 85 percent marks. She had appeared for NEET in



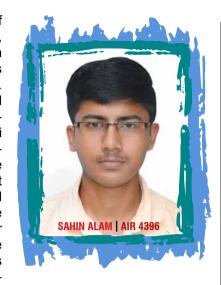
the running year but ranked more than 1 lakh. Sahanaj began to take NEET coaching in Khalatpur campus. In 2019, she ranked a little more than 51 thousand. She got the opportunity to study BDS but declined. In 2020, her NEET rank came down to 40298. This time, she took admission at R Ahmed Dental College to study BDS. Due to lockdown, there were no class. Meanwhile, she heard that some of her friends are preparing to fill up the NEET examination form. Seeing this, she too filled up the form. At last, her dream to become a doctor is fulfilled. Al-Ameen Mission stood by this girl who came from a lower middle class family. She got the chance to study here paying half the fee. When asked why does she wants to be a doctor. She replied promptly: is there any better option other than to become a doctor at present?

SAHIN ALAM

Sahin Alam comes from Bhavanipur village under Nalhati police station of Birbhum. His NEET ranking is 4396. He has been studying in Al-Ameen Mission from class VII. His father Imamul Hasan has studied till VIII. He is a farmer. His mother Tuhina has passed Madhyamik and is a homemaker. Sahin has a younger brother, Irfan Habib who is a student of class X. Sahin has studied from class VII to class X at the Kelejora branch of the Mission. He was among first batch of students in that branch. His father has a four bigha agricultural land and he had the opportunity to admit his son in the Mission



with monthly fee of Rs. 590. In 2018. he got more than 91 percent marks in the Madhyamik. After that he studied HS and took coaching from Khalisani branch of the Mission. In 2020, he secured 90 percent marks in HS but did incredibly bad in the NEET ranking near 2 lakh. In 2021, he only got four months of residential coach-



ing and then had to for online class due to lockdown. Sahin worked hard, thoroughly practiced from the practice set. Also saw some classes in the Youtube. Sahin could well be an example of how one can turn the tide by sheer amount of work. He too could not comprehend about the success he had. A Madhyamik educated farmer's son is going to be a doctor; it has only been possible because of the assistance Al-Ameen Mission provided for Sahin. Moreover, he had to pay only one fourth fees from HS till NEET coaching. He thinks that good guidance with an ideal atmosphere for study has made all the difference.

WAHIDA RAHAMAN

Year after year, numerous students rigorously try to qualify for studying Medicine. One can sit for NEET right from the year of appearing in HS examination. Meritorious students guite often crack it simultaneously. Most of them succeed the test after trying it once or twice. But is it worthwhile to go on trying for three or four times? Is it not a sheer wastage of time? Better ask Wahida Rahaman. She had sat for the examination four times. This year (2021) she has ranked 4611. In terms of All



India ranking this is indeed a good score. Replying to the question of whether it is wastage of time, Wahida plainly says, general study takes a long time to finish. Even after doing the post graduation course, getting job is not easy and the chance of remaining unemployed is very probable nowadays. If one cracks NEET after trying it several times it is much better; the career is settled. Her logic holds water.

Wahida comes from Gopal Nagar which is under Indus police station of Bankura district. In 2016, after passing out Madhyamik examination with 92 percent marks. she was admitted to Al-Ameen Mission and in 2018 she passed the Higher Secondary examination with 83 percent marks from Khalatpur campus. After a year's preparation she was ranked more than 98 thousand ranks in 2019. Next year she ranked 39032 and got the chance to study BDS. But she was determined to study MBBS. So skipping the class she went on preparing for it and after four times was able to crack the NEET. Her patience paid off. Wahida found to mistakes for not having cleared it at first go. First, she has not read NCERT books from the beginning. Secondly, because of the lockdown, her study was hampered to a large extent. In 2020, she missed it because of the lack of adaptation to online study, she admitted.

Wahida's father Rajab Ali Mondal has passed M.A and B.Ed as well and was a para teacher in a local school. Recently he has retired from the job. Her mother Arzina Begum is a graduate and is a homemaker. Her younger sister is studying at class XII in a village school. Rajab Saheb took his daughter to Al-Ameen Mission to fulfill his dream. After a long struggle that dream has come to fruition. For a long five years, Al-Ameen stood by Wahida with financial assistance. For some years, a rule has been adopted that after taking admission to BDS, if one wants to leave it, a heavy penalty has to be paid for retrieving documents. That penalty is around Rs 1 lakh 10 thousand. But Wahida and many other students do not shy away from it; their dream to study MBBS is compelling enough to take the risk. After all, her long struggle is worth it.

ABDUL HAMID SK

Ziaul Hamid Sk is illiterate. He could merely sign his name because he mimics drawing. His wife Aliara Bibi too is illiterate. Ziaul is a mason. Earlier, he used to work in Kolkata. Now he does it in his village. Coming from such a background, Abdul Hamid Sk, his son, is going to be a doctor. It sounds incredible, isn't it? But for Al-Ameen Mission, it is not so because for the last three decades, it has nurtured such students aplenty. Ziaul Sk lives in Nongarh village under Paikar police station of Birbhum. He has two sons. The elder son Abdul Hamid Sk is going to be the doctor having cracked the NEET this year. Hamid went to Al-Ameen Mission in class XI. Inspite of getting a chance in the admission test, he almost missed the interview but for Safik Ahmed. Safik was a teacher of Mathematics who had come on deputation to Hamid's school for six months. Incidentally, earlier he had also taught at Al-Ameen Mission. He took the initiative for his admission. When Hamid passed the

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test and was called for the interview. thev ignored it. When Safik came to know of it, he reprimanded his father. So both father and son rushed to Khalatpur for the interview. He was admitted to the Navabaz campus and studied there paying one third of the fees. In 2020, he passed the HS examination with

94.4 percent marks. His NEET rank was 70134. This year he has ranked 4893. He feels that to succeed one has to study uninterruptedly. One must prepare for NEET along with HS studies. It will be easy for a student to prepare for the NEET after finishing the Board syllabus. He gratefully recognises the vital role of the Mission in building careers for so many students who come from minority community. Also Hamid would be glad if he could help the Mission in its future endevour.

NISHAT TASNIM

In 2021 NEET, Nishat Tasnim has scored 636 out of 720 marks and has ranked 6798. She is from Bauripuni village of Murshidabad district. She has studied in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya in Baharampur from class VI to XII. She had scored 95 percent marks in this English medium school in the Madhyamik and 93 percent in HS examination. In 2019, after passing the HS, she came to Al-Ameen Mission to take NEET coaching. Nishat was at the Uluberia campus of the Mission. Before taking the coaching, she had sat for the NEET and scored around 200. In 2020, her rank after taking the coaching was 49,175, having got 550 marks. She got

the chance to study BDS and also in the private Medical College in the state quota but decided against it. She was confident in cracking the test after one more year of preparation. And so she did. This year she has ranked 6798. After preparing for one year as a resident student she coached her-



self through Unacademy e-learning mode. Nishat's father Md Tajibul Haque is a BHMS doctor and her mother Mehbooba Parveen is an ICDS worker, having passed the HS. Nishat has a sister and a brother. Her younger sister studies at Rahamania Academy of Al-Ameen Mission's Dhulian Branch in class XI. Her brother studies in class VIII at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya. Tajibul Haque said, there are two plus points in studying at Al-Ameen Mission. First of all its superb supervision; mere coaching cannot make a student successful. Secondly, it's learning atmosphere and Islamic culture. These advantages made him decide to admit his younger daughter to Al-Ameen Mission too.

Nishat loves to study. Thus, she is not inclined to any other hobbies as such. For now, she wants to study MBBS with rapt attention.

RUPA KHATUN

Rupa Khatun of Gokorno village under Nadanghat police station of Purba Bardhaman has ranked 6923 with 635 marks. When we contacted her over phone, a male voice picked up the call. He is Sarafat Sk, a medical student, doing intern at North Bengal Medical College. He is

also an alumnus of Al-Ameen Mission. Both the brother and sister are on the way to become a doctor and significantly Al-Ameen Mission has played an important role in building their career. Rupa had been studying in the Mission from class IX at the Khalatpur campus. In 2016, she passed the Madhyamik securing 68 percent



marks. In 2018, she secured 88 percent marks in the H.S. She sat for NEET in that year and subsequently three more times. First time, her rank was more than 5 lakhs. In 2020, she ranked around 55 thousand but could not get admitted to BDS. This time, she has ranked 6923. When she was failing to crack the test, she never felt disheartened. Family support was always there. They kept on encouraging her. Rupa had all along studied in Bengali medium. It took some time to get accustomed with NCERT books, which are in English. In 2020, lockdown started. She had to leave the hostel and started studying online from home, which also affected her a bit. But inspite of all these hurdles, she has succeeded to break the ice this time.

Rupa's father has studied till class V-VI. He is a farmer. Her mother China Bibi has studied till class IV. Rupa



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has four brothers and sisters. She is the voungest. One of his elder brothers has done M.Sc. He gives private tuition. Al-Ameen has always stood beside Rupa. She had to pay one third of the fee. A nondescript family with lower-middle class background is standing at the verge of glorious future as two of the children are going to be doctors.

FARHIN SULTANA

Farhin lives in Gangarambati, a village under Tarakeswar police station of Hooghly district. Her rank in NEET is 9328. She has scored 626 out of 720 marks. To touch this golden success, she had to travel quite a long distance. She was admitted to Al-Ameen Mission in class VIII and studied at the Patharchapuri campus of the Mission. In 2016, she secured 621 marks (88 percent) in Madhyamik exam. After that she moved to the Khalatpur campus and in 2018, she passed the H.S with 86.4 percent marks. Farhin started taking NEET coaching from that campus and in 2019 ranked near about 1 lakh 14 thousand. She again tried to break the ice in 2020. Her rank now was near 45 thousand. She got the chance to study BDS. For that she got admitted to Med-



ical College Kolkata. But she was happy and thought that if she could try one more time, her rank may further improve. So she started trying again. After three four months. while she was staying in the Mission, lockdown started. She returned home and started taking online class from the Mission and also self study. She is the example of determination and grit.

Farhin comes from a lower middle class family. Her father Hafiz Rahaman is a graduate but could not get a job. He even does not have family land or property. He works as an accountant in a Bakery. Her mother Manjura Begum has passed the Madhyamik and is a homemaker. She has also a brother, who studies in class X. When she was admitted to the Mission, her monthly fee was Rs 590. She has studied in the Mission till NEET coaching with one third of the fees. Al-Ameen Mission has stood by her for not only seven or eight years, it has come into her aid when she took the decision to study MBBS abandoning BDS. Farhin herself said, this year six of the BDS students, including her, was preparing for NEET from the Khalatpur campus. Each one of them has got the chance to study MBBS. If Al-Ameen Mission was not by their side, these girls, coming from lower middle class background would not have fulfilled their cherished dream.

SALEMA KHATUN

She did not get herself into studying BDS because of the heavy fine imposed on it if by chance she leaves it. So she opted to study BAMS. If one leaves it there is no fine slapped against it. Salema had advanced in her career with a definite plan. At last, the girl from Daulatpur of Arambagh, Hooghly, the



daughter of garage mechanic, Syed Bashir Ahmed has fulfilled her dream. In 2021, she has ranked 10862 with 621 marks.

Salema studied in Arambagh Girls School and appeared both for Madhyamik and Higher Secondary examinations from there. She came to Al-Ameen Mission to take NEET coaching. In 2016, she secured 88.16 percent marks in Madhyamik and in 2018, she got 87.44 percent in H.S. After taking preparation for NEET from Khalatpur campus, in 2019 her rank was around 1 lakh 20 thousand. After that Salema went to the Baruipur campus. Whoever comes to the Mission wants to study in the Khalatpur campus but Salema choose the reverse. In 2020, she got the chance to prepare herself for much longer time in staying in the campus. Her rank came down to 50453. In 2021, after studying in the Mission for several months, she had to leave because of

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the lockdown. It took a while for the students to adapt the online method. She got the chance to study BDS but she was not inclined to study it. Al-Ameen stood by her side and financially supported her. She had studied there with one third fees. Salema's sister Reshma is also taking NEET coaching from the Mission. Her brother is studying in the Arambagh Boys School. Salema actually comes from Indus, Bankura. But her father has settled in Arambagh because of his job as a mechanic. He wanted his children to become educated but perhaps never have thought his daughter would become a doctor. Al-Ameen has fulfilled the impossible dream. Now, the whole family is happy.

SK. RAJIB

Sk. Rajib used to give minimal amount of monthly fees i.e. Rs. 690. He is an orphan and his father is Late Sk. Najir Hossain. He died of leukemia when Rajib was only six month old. When contacted, the name of Md Sabbir Sarkar floats up in the truecaller app. He is the Superintendent of the Panchur campus of Al-Ameen Mission and the guardian of Rajib. Actually, Rajib's mother is the sister-in-law of Sabbir Sarkar. When Rajib was only one and a half years old, Sabbir Saheb took the responsibility to brought him up as his mother got married else-



where. He and his wife, with parental care indeed brought him up and today he has ranked 14178 in NEET 2021.

Rajib has studied in Al-Ameen Mission from class V. He read in the Unsani branch till class IX. He studied class X in the Bagnan branch and shifted to Panchur campus for HS under Sabbir Saheb's

direct guidance. In 2019 he scored 91 percent in the Madhyamik and in 2021, he secured 93.4 percent in the HS. The notable achievement is that he has cracked the NEET on the running year scoring 612 out of 720 marks. He said, "I was admitted to class XI on 8 April, 2019. Right from the start I focused on preparing for NEET." Rajib's opinion is that one must study class XI and XII very well and follow the instructions of the teachers thoroughly. Before sitting for NEET, one must diligently practice mock test; if possible one test every day. He gave 84 mock tests. Apart from studying he loves to read literature. Rajib has read some novels by Rabindranath Tagore and Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay. Also he has gone through some adventure stories

as well. But he read all these novels after appearing for NEET. The tight routine of Al-Ameen Mission gives little time to read other extra-curricular books. His future plan is not yet clear as he admits that he should understand the circumstance before deciding his plan.

SK JUYEL

On his first appearance for NEET, the rank was 2.50.627. Naturally, people are bound to think about his ineptitude. Some hopefuls may wonder he might crack it after several attempts. Many of us know to get opportunity in a government Medical College; it is safe to get a rank within 35000.



Sk Juyel has done just that. He comes from Dallutola, which falls under Manikchak police station of Malda. His father Mostak Ali is illiterate. He was a porter of Kolkata based Transport Company. As he grew old, he now stays home. Juyel's mother Rahela Bibi too is illiterate. Elder brother, Anarul Sk has passed the Madhyamik and works for a poultry farm. He is married. They all live in a joint family. Juyel said that the whole preparation for the examination last year had to be taken through online coaching. His house has asbestos roof on top and he had to read under it for hours. It was very difficult during summer. It used to become even worse, when there was a power cut. Nonetheless, Juyel surpassed all these hurdles and has ranked 15044. He came to Al-Ameen Mission after Madhyamik. In 2018, he got 631 marks, which is more than 90 percent. He studied in the Nayabaz campus of the Mission and in 2020, he secured 87.6 percent marks. After that he was admitted to the Khalisani branch for coaching purpose. But due to lockdown came back home. Online coaching and self study were the only option for the preparation and he succeeded to crack the test. The Mission too helped him by slashing one-fourth of his fees.

NAZMI KHATUN

Santoshpur is located not far off from Kolkata under the Maheshtala police station. It is impossible to think that only four years back, in 2017-18, a family has not heard of Al-Ameen Mission. But it was true. She might be the first girl in the local school, she might have even got 87 percent marks in the Madhyamik, if the family is not conscious about the surrounding, it happens. You also



cannot blame the family. Just to run the family, they are confined into their little world of their own. Nazmi's father has studied a little bit and works as an electrician. Her mother a semi literate woman stitches cloth to help the family run.

Nevertheless. the name of Al-Ameen Mission reached that fam-



ily and because of that their daughter has turned an impossible dream into reality. Nazmi first heard about it from her private tutor. Sabed came from Nadia to study in Kolkata and lived in a mess. He used to give private tuition to Nazmi. He saw her talent and advised to take admission in the Mission. He not only advised her but took Nazmi and her father to Khalatpur for admission. In 2018, Nazmi took admission in the Memari branch of the Mission in class XI. In 2020, she got 95.2 percent in the H.S. and also sat for NEET exam and secured 330 marks. She then took coaching in the Baruipur campus of the Mission. But a few months, she had to leave because of the lockdown. She had to study herself in her home. The family has two rooms but a room was allotted to her for studying. Each of the family members helped her for preparation. Her mother Kulsum Bibi used to take food to her room, keep it in front of her and usually leave the room silently without disturbing her. Their collective effort has been successful as she has scored 597 and ranked 20165. Al-Ameen Mission has acted as catalyst to bring this hapless family into the prestigious rung of the society. She paid one fourth of her fee. Nazmi has become a glorious member of Al-Ameen Parivar.

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ATAUL SHA

Ataul has a fascinating story, which is difficult to narrate in a short space. Al-Ameen Mission is generally known as an institution for the backward Muslim community. Although, many among Hindu community know about the activities of the Mission, it is rare to find someone belonging to that community coming forward to admit two Muslim boys there. Bela Roy brought Ataul and his elder brother for admission. She brought her two students travelling 30 km to meet the general secretary M Nurul Islam in Khalatpur. But he had already left for Kolkata, when they arrived. Also the admission test had already been completed; so the two brothers had to appear for the test separately and Ataul was admitted to the Medinipur

branch of the Mission. Because of the miserable financial condition of the family, he studied in the Mission paying minimal fees. His monthly fee was Rs. 590 only. Ataul's father Mainu Ali Sha has read till class IV and hawks clothes roaming in different localities. His mother Runa Bibi is an illiterate person but she too rears goat, poultry



animals and helps to run the family. Ataul has to face plenty of adversities in his life. Just twenty days before appearing for Higher Secondary examination, he suffered severe pain in the spinal area and had to be admitted to the hospital. Inspite of that, he secured 76.4 percent marks in 2018. He could not sit for NEET on that year because of negligence. He did not fill up the form. Ataul took coaching from the Khalatpur campus. Next year too he faced unforeseen problems but anyhow he appeared for test but had disastrous results. He ranked 1 lakh 22 thousand. In 2020 too, he ranked 76474. Time

was running out. The family was unable to wait. They mounted pressure to abandon his dream. He got opportunity to admit himself in JENPAR, Agriculture or Paramedical courses, but he was reluctant. Ataul once again decided to give it a try. But by that time lockdown was imposed. He had to study from home. The atmosphere in the neighbourhood was not at all conducive to study. Ataul went back to the Mission and divulge his problem to the Superintendent. Although the Mission was closed, he told him to stay in a room all alone as if he is a mason and could not return home due to lockdown. At last, that disguised mason has cracked NEET this year. His rank is 22805.

Inauguration of Medi Angels



Due to the second wave of COVID 19, the situation in West Bengal as well as throughout India is terrifying. With the rising number of Covid affected people, the helplessness and anxiety among common people is unprecedented. At this hour of grave crisis, Al-Ameen Mission and Our Heritage Foundation have jointly come forward to stand by the people. As a call of social and human responsibility and to serve selflessly, the two organisations started providing medical consultancy services, completely free of cost, through a helpline called Medi Angels and an android app of the same name. The alumni, present students and every one related to Al-Ameen Mission are associated with this service. Our Heritage Foundation also associated itself with the Mission in this initiative. This service is dedicated to the memory of our beloved Hasem Sir. who has recently succumbed to Covid related complications.

Medi Angels was launched officially on 20 May 2021, Thursday, through an online programme. Ananya Chakraborty, Chairperson, West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights and Dr. P.B Salim,IAS, Chairperson, West Bengal Minorities' Development and Finance Corporation graced the occasion. The programme was also joined by Professor of Economics Dr. Amit Dasgupta, Writer and Professor Dr. Samim Ahmed and Journalist Subhra Chakraborty among others. The General Secretary of Al-Ameen Mission M. Nurul Islam and the Chairperson of Our Heritage Foundation, Fatima Johra Salim were also present. The programme was moderated by Social Activist, Jim Nawaz.

M. Nurul Islam later said, this is a helpline and it's an online service through an app. The service is available to everyone around the world. It is downloadable and all kinds of facilities regarding coronavirus are given here. India is devastated by this pandemic. People in rural areas are immensely suffering. People are by and large quarantined. This helpline would provide the information regarding medicine, ambulance service.

Right now, about 100 specialized doctors would provide medical services. Many are frontline Covid warriors. A team will be formed consisting of senior doctors; they would look after the whole system.

Success in WBCS Exam

Al-Ameen Mission is not a place where students are only coached to be doctors or engineers. It is also preparing future administrators. On 18 January, four students of the Mission have been finally selected in WBCS Group-D examination. Munshi Ayub Hossain of Murarai, Birbhum, Samirul Haque of Laksmighat, Malda and Md. Salim Jahangir of Baishnabnagar, Malda have been selected for the post of Inspector of Co-operative Society. Kamruzzaman Ahmed of Sagarpara under Jalangi police station of Murshidabad has been selected as Panchayet Development Officer.

Munshi Ayub Hossain's father owns a grocery store: his mother is a member of a self help group. His primary schooling was in Vivekananda Vidyapith and he passed the Madhyamik in 2009 from Rajgaon Mahamaya High School (H.S) and in 2011 he passed the Higher Secondary from the same school. In 2017, he post graduated in English from Aliah University. The family income was low but still his parents always encouraged him to study. His relatives too helped him financially. When he was in College, he used to provide tuition to earn some money. In August, 2017, he admitted himself in the Baruipur branch of Al-Ameen Mission. His brother in-law helped him in this regard. His monthly fee was Rs. 1590. In January 2018, he appeared for the WBCS (Preliminary) examination; the mains examination took place in August; the interview of Group-C took place in February 2020. In January 2021, he was selected in WBCS Group-D as an Inspector of Co-operative Services. He said the atmosphere of Al-Ameen Mission and the consultation of senior students helped him a lot.

Kamruzzaman Ahmed's father Md Maksed Ali is a private tutor and his mother Najera Bibi is a homemaker. The economical condition of the family is not good as his father earns his living only through tuition. In 2004,



Group ASahina Khatun



Group C Habil Ansari



Group C Md S Jahangir



Group D K Ahmed



Group DSamirul Hoque



Group D M Ayub Hossain

he passed Madhyamik from Sagarpara High School with 81.75 percent marks. Because of financial troubles, he stopped studying for a year and then in 2007, he passed H.S in the science stream with 73.2 percent marks from the same school. In 2008, he sat for JEE (Engineering) with the help of Al-Ameen Mission (Panchur Branch) and ranked 1486. The whole credit goes to the Mission, he said. He got full financial support from the Mission. He started studying ceramic engineering in Kolkata. After a campus interview in 2012; he got a job as Executive Engineer at Asahi Glass Company in Mumbai. It was necessary for him to get a job for financial reason. But after working there for four years he left the job and returned to Kolkata with the intention to become a WBCS officer. He met the Director of Al-Ameen Mission Study Circle and started to study at Panchur branch again. In 2017, he failed to qualify in the Prelim examination. But he was determined to break the ice next year. Meanwhile, he also began to give other examination for government services. In 2017, he passed Sub Inspector of Legal Metrology examination but failed to pass the interview. Afterwards, he succeeded in WBCS Group D examination and began working at Sadi Khan Diar Rural Hospital. Besides, he also passed in West Bengal Forest Service and Panchayet Recruitment Examination twice, but failed to clear the interview. He was very confident in clearing the WBCS-2018. The result came out in January 2021 and he succeeded. Right now, he is a Panchayet Development Officer. But he still hopes to become a Group-A officer in future.

Al-Ameen Vikramshila Academy inaugurated

On 13 March, Al-Ameen Vikramshila Academy was inaugurated in Bigha, a village under Monteswar police station of Purba Bardhaman district with a new concept. The Mission and nationally reputed institution Vikramshila Education Resource Society are determined to make this project a unique one. Both institutions have innovative ideas regarding education and empirical concepts. If it mingles properly, it could get manifested through little boys and girls, who would study there.

For the last three and half decades, Al-Ameen Mission has been tirelessly striving to reach education to the bottom level of the society. Through 70 residential branches thousands of students have succeeded in Madhyamik, Higher Secondary and Medical, Engineering, WBCS exams etc. A decade earlier when it also began to teach students through CBSE board, the success was phenomenal. The minority, marginalised section of the society was greatly benefitted. On the other hand, Vikramshila Education Resource Society too is a reputed institution. Its activity is spread across ten states of the country. They have expertise in pre-schooling education, foundational literacy and mathematics. Also they cater to give training in the higher primary level in English, Mathematics and Science.



Vikramshila is running this primary school from 1995. They are successful in becoming a resource centre to other primary schools in that area. In her welcoming address the Secretary and Director of Vikramshila Mrs. Subhra Chatterjee said, 'for the last 25 years we are running this research project in this remote village mainly within children who belong to the marginalised families. It is our pleasure to get Al-Ameen Mission, a leading institution in education sector of the country with us. We are passing the baton to Al-Ameen Education Council now. Vikramshila would continue delivering their experience and resource to the students as usual. This endevour is a resultant outcome of a similar thought process'.

The general secretary of Al-Ameen Mission M. Nurul Islam in his inimitable style emphasised on the development and application of the huge meritorious wealth of the deprived girls and boys of the rural Bengal. He said Al-Ameen and Vikramshila have started this endevour. Till now Al-Ameen has mainly worked among the backward minority communities. On the backdrop of that, it is indeed a historical day. We have taken the decision to work together. We will try to implement many innovative ideas here. In future, we will try to establish many more primary schools modeling this one. Nurul Islam emphasised on social development and implementation of plans through positive outlook; in other words, not blaming anyone. He also briefly described the history of Al-Ameen Mission to the crowd. He gave few examples of how the Mission played an important role in nurturing students who came from destitute families from around the state. These students are the treasures of these poor families, who could turn the future of their families dramatically. The only thing is to nurture them well and that is what Al-Ameen is doing continuously all through these years. He also said that out of 17 thousand resident students, almost 8 hundred students are orphans. Statistics said that their success have completely changed their family's conditions. Islam also called upon the parents of SC-ST families to get themselves aware of the many government projects, which could benefit them to a large extent. Their children could also succeed with the help of Al-Ameen Mission, he said. After a long deliberation, he was enthusiastic about the success of this institution because his firm belief is- it is the quality and not the quantity which could make all the



difference. Among others the Deputy Director of Vikramshila Atanu Sain, Satyagopal Dey, and Head Master Arun Sahi were present. Also present in the function were the Director of Al-Ameen Mission Study Circle Dildar Hossain, Md Giasuddin Mondal of Al-Ameen Centre for Education Research and Training, Md. Alamgir Biswas, Sk. Mominoor Rahaman and Nasima Parvin from the Al-Ameen Parivar. The function was attended by a huge number of villagers, parents and students among others.

Al-Ameen girls at Milan Utsav

On 1st February, Milan Utsav organised by West Bengal Minorities Development and Finance Corporation was inaugurated at Park Circus Maidan, Kolkata. It was inaugurated by Mr. Firhad Hakim, Hon'ble Minister WB. Many distinguished guests attended the inaugural ceremony. Girls from Al-Ameen Mission participated there and sang- "Ami Banglar gan gai', which was much applauded by the audience. The general secretary of the Mission, M. Nurul Islam was also present.

Every year, Al-Ameen put up stall regarding career counselling during Milan Utsav. This year too, many students were given career guidance. Students were particularly curious to know about the facilities on Medical, Engineering or WBCS coaching in the Mission. Everyday parents from near and far have visited the stall with their sons and daughters. In the evening the alumni of the Mission, some of them who have become doctors or engineers or have succeeded in other fields, Medical and Engineering students used to come to the stall and give valuable advice to the visiting students. Md. Mohsin Ali, one of the members of the Mission, played an important role in running this career counselling stall.

Virtual Teachers Training

The current pandemic situation has put the whole world into topsy-turvy and for the education system in particular that has been badly affected. But inspite of this catastrophic situation, the general secretary of Al-Ameen Mission, M. Nurul Islam was undeterred in showing new path to students. In this unfavourable situation, the Mission is working tirelessly and determinedly and is keeping its glory aloft. When everything was locked down, the Mission with the help of Al-Ameen Centre for Education Research & Training (AACERT) started continuous

online class and virtual Teachers Training Programme. Through this virtual programme, renowned persons from India and abroad joined the Mission Parivar to unleash creative as well as innovative ideas and concepts.

In 2020, AACERT had done training focusing on subjects. From 21 May 2021, it started to take up continuous virtual training workshop of teachers every week on Sunday and Monday. The official inauguration of this training workshop were inaugurated by renowned IAS coach & co-founder of Alifs Sameer Ahmad Siddiqui and Pro-Vice Chancellor of Adamas University Prof. Ujjwal K. Chowdhury. Besides, eminent educationist Probak Karim from Bangladesh, who is a close student of Prof. A.K. Jalaluddin, Alumnus of Al-Ameen Mission and currently Professor of Medina University Dr. Sohel Rana, reputed Trainer of Millat Foundation for Educational Research and Development Dr. Misbah Uddin Saeed and Dr. Gufran Khan Sargora too joined the workshop.

The speakers emphasised on the whole Indian education in 21st century and its empirical teaching mode, where clipped learning, blended learning and the global changing scenario are adopted. In the present Covid induced crisis where traditional education system is at stake and online teaching has become the norm, the participants discussed all the pros and cons of this trend. Sameer Ahmad Siddigui pointed out the relation between Generation Z and tech-dependent future and the possibility of using state of the art equipments that could augment creative ideas. He also gave an idea as to how network and neural connection could be made more effective and powerful. Dr. Sohel Rana discussed on oral and connection between various languages and skills needed in linguistics. Probak Karim emphasised on the qualitative upgradation of reading skills by encoding and decoding technique through live scanning in students' brains. Later on, a virtual teachers training for National Children Science Congress 2021 (NCSC) was organised. For virtual teachers training eminent anthropologist Dr. Kanchan Mukhopadhyay, Abhijit Bardhan, Expert in Child Pedagogy Manash Bhattacharjee were present on behalf of Science Communicators Forum (SCF). Gufran Khan Sargora discussed in detail on personality development and the aim of education. Social Science teacher and Resource Person of Education Department, Government of Karnataka Dr. Usaid Baig discussed questions which cannot be found through googling and how to develop creative mindset. Saikat Ganguly and Dipen Roy demonstrated teaching method on scientific learning. All the speakers deliberated on science, social science, literature along with educational science in detail. Learning for gaining knowledge; the application of knowledge, all these aspects were covered. In the time of Corona pandemic, this is indeed an important milestone in the history of the Mission.

Observance of 72nd Republic Day

In the midst of the pandemic catastrophe, the prudence





of the general secretary of Al-Ameen Mission M. Nurul Islam and technological know-how has been keeping the activities of the Mission almost on the track. This year the observance of Republic Day was made special by the presence of Sameer Ahmad Siddiqui, the renowned IAS & IPS coach from Mumbai and his enlightened speech.

Like previous year, this year too, the day was observed with songs, recitation, speech and cultural programmes in the Khalatpur main campus and other campuses as well through online. As usual, the function started with recitation from Quran and its translation. The inaugural patriotic song "O amar desher mati" was sung by the girls of the Mission. In his welcoming address M. Nurul Islam explained the significance of the day. The students of the Mission read the preamble of the Constitution in English and Bengali.

The chief guest Sameer Ahmad Siddiqui pointed out the beauty of the Constitution and the importance of preserving it. With the help of power point slide, he described different aspects of the political and economical situation of the country.

The concluding speech was delivered by the Director of Al-Ameen Mission Study Circle Dildar Hossain. The speeches were interspersed by songs, recitations and other cultural activities of the students. The programme was moderated by the Director of AACERT Md. Giasuddin Mondal.

Homage

Dr. Mumtaz Ahmed Khan: Torchbearer of Muslim Education of Modern India

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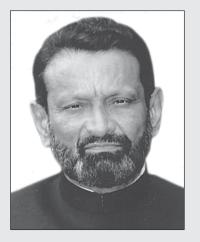
Founder of Al-Ameen Educational Society, Dr. Mumtaz Ahmed Khan died on 27 May 2021 leaving a matchless legacy.

Throughout his life he was engaged in promoting modern education among the hapless society, especially Muslims. He was 86 and survived by his wife, a son and two daughters. Born on 6 September 1935, in Pune, Dr. Khan earned his MBBS degree from Madras University to be followed by specialisation in surgery with an MS from Stanley Medical College, Chennai in 1963. But

instead of setting up medical practice, he launched Al-Ameen Educational Society in 1966, which did yeomen service to the cause of education, particularly among Karnataka's Muslim population.

Dr. Khan earned the title 'Baba-e-Taalim' (Father of Education) for his service in education sector. Al-Ameen Movement, which he started, founded 250 various educational and professional institutions starting from pre-nursery school in the state of Karnataka with more than 2 lakhs students across the country.

Dr. Khan is the recipient of several honours, including Kempegowda Award, Karnataka Rajyotsava Award



for education, the American Federation of Muslims from India Award and the Public Relations Society of India Award. He was the Pro-Chancellor and Treasurer of Aligarh Muslim University and Member of the Court of Jamia Millia and Delhi University. He was also a Member of Central Panel (India) of Islamic Development Bank, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. 'Dr. Mumtaz Ahmed Khan Award' instituted in his name, honours the community members for their exemplary contributions. Al-Ameen Mission had a very cordial relationship with Dr. Khan. He had

visited our Khalatpur campus twice. We had also paid visit to the Al-Ameen Educational Society, Bangalore for several times. When Al-Ameen Mission started its journey from a remote village of West Bengal way back in 1986, he was one of the persons who inspired us much. He has clearly shown us the way that a person, armed with courage and steely grit and determination, can perform miracles. It would be a fitting tribute to this great man-the torchbearer- who showed the Muslims of India that by walking on his path they could surmount any challenging heights and uncharted glories.

Educationist Jolly Jalaluddin

(19 March 1954 - 15 October 2020)

In imparting modern education, psychology plays an important role and without doubt, the late Jolly Jalaluddin's contribution was immense in this regard. She was the wife of renowned educationist and Internationally aclaimed child edecation researcher Prof. A.K. Jalaluddin. Both of them played a pivotal role in implementing child-centric playfull learning system in Al-Ameen Mission. Her personality and her staggering research on child educa-

tion had given her a distinctive place. Although her father's home was in Kolkata, she was born in Darjeeling. She studied in Victoria School and did her Diploma in Russian language in the Moscow State University from 1964 to 1967. Afterwards, she began working in Moscow Radio. She was mainly a child psychologist and her research on child education gave newer innovative ideas in that field. One of the distinguished aspects of her research was its applicability rather than pedagogic. In the classroom, she used to draw and made story out of it to take the children on a world tour. Her main target was to impart education practically. In Mathematics or science, she used to use newspaper cuttings, clay modeling, and wooden toys. She had



travelled all through the globe and she used to narrate these experiences through pictures and stories. Her artistry was manifested through her making of caps, clothes, masks. She also emphasised on moral education; give respect to parents, show affectionate to children, these features were integral part of her education. Her long research on psychology has given new dimensions to child behavioral traits, augmenting moral education without

taking recourse to lie and vanity. She understood well that imparting knowledge is not without creativity and outdoor activities. Sports, drama, travel, taking part in cultural used to make an important place in her curriculum. She used to work from the root while working on child education. She has worked in Bangladesh, Canada, New Zealand and many others countries in Asia and Europe on numerous projects. She had written many stories which are used as training materials. One of her famous book is "Golpe Bhora Prithibi Bhromon" (World Tour filled with Stories). Condoling her death, the general secretary of Al-Ameen Mission, M. Nurul Islam said, her memory will be everlasting. We have lost a distinguished child educationist.

Sheikh Azizur Rahaman

(12 October 1986 – 8 February 2021)

Sheikh Azizur Rahaman, the academic in-charge of Medinipur branch of Al-Ameen Mission has passed away at a very young age. He was only 34 years old. He is survived by his parents, wife and a three year old son and also a brother.

From 2007, he began working in Al-Ameen Mission as a teacher in the primary section. In 2011, he was shifted to Medinipur branch as a teacher in English

in the high school section. Afterwards, he was given the responsibility to be the In-charge of that branch. Since then, he was striving for the expansion of education quality of that branch. He had studied in Mugbasan Hakkania High School and Narajole Raj College. He did his postgraduate in English from Vidyasagar University through distance learning. He had an amiable personality, which made him beloved to his stu-



dents. His commitment was exceptional and knew almost all the names of his students from class V to X. He loved them, communicated with them and always inspired them for betterment. He was with us in all the activities of the Mission for the last eleven years. His attachment to his family was deep. His brother Hafez Atifur (the Imam of Al-Ameen Mission Academy, Nayabaz) got married only three weeks before he died. His

passing away was indeed a bolt from the blue for his happy family. Their devastation has also touched Al-Ameen Parivar. The general secretary M. Nurul Islam has expressed deep sorrow over his untimely death. He visited his family and met his parents and wife. The Mission would nurture Abid, his son. Islam also promised his wife a job in the Mission. Al-Ameen Mission, as usual, would stand by his family.

A Fairy tale in reality

For the last 35 years Al-Ameen Mission has produced umpteen numbers of outstanding students. After successfully completing their studies they have settled in India and abroad. They are presented in this section. In this issue we present WBCS Officer Md. Yarafiyun Gazi.



IT IS A STORY worth telling.

The official address of Md. Yarafiyun Gazi is as follows: Village Joypur, Police Station Kashipur and District South 24 Parganas. But let it be more precise; he is from Bhangor area, a vast tract of land adjacent to the city of Kolkata. The village is under Chaltaberia Panchayet of Bhangor Block II. Not so long ago, the percentage of educated people in that area was minimal. Presently the percentage is slowly improving. But still, percentage in higher studies is low. The main reason for this backwardness is unlimited poverty. The main source of living is agriculture. Vegetables are grown in vast quantity. These areas of North and South 24 Parganas supply vegetables to the markets of Kolkata.

So Yarafiyun comes from this locality. His grandfather Ahmed Gazi was a vegetable seller and an illiterate per-



son. Ahmed Gazi's wife Safia Bibi also could not read or write. They had four sons. The eldest one Hamid Gazi had studied till class III and works at a brick kiln. The second son Khatip, the father of Yarafiyun is an illiterate person. Now his sons have taught him how to sign his name. He was a hawker. Khatip married Jolekha Bibi, who had studied till class V. Ahmed Gazi's third son Younus is also illiterate and works in a chicken shop. The last one Nasir Gazi had studied till class V. He used to repair radios. Now he also works as an electrician. He also does some plumbing works.

Khatip and Jolekha had a two-room hut on a vested land. The hut consisted of bamboo stick and mud wall

with roof tiles. They have two sons. Yarafiyun is their eldest son, who was born in 20 February 1991. Yarafiyun's brother Maruf was two years younger. The meagre income of their father was not enough to run the family. So the mother had to do many sorts of tricks and plans to keep the family running- rearing poultry, stitching kantha, picking up vegetables from farm owned by someone else. The parents were struggling to make both ends meet. The boys were doing exactly what normally boys do at that age. Playing marbles, roaming around with friends, street fight- all these were normal routine for the two brothers. They were admitted to Jaipur Primary School. The headmaster of that school Nurul Islam was a strict person. He used to visit the house of the students to take them out to school. He used to beat them if homework was not done properly. Yarafiyun had

Again he started going to school. But a disaster was waiting to happen. When he was in class VIII, his father lost mental balance. Everything in the family went tailspin. He could not earn anymore. Her mother had to work more. Under compulsion, she had to take up the job of a cook in other household. Also she cooked for some labourers of a purse manufacturing factory in the locality. Yarafiyun, as mentioned earlier, was a student of class VIII. He and his brother Maruf went on to work in a purse manufacturing factory. Also they used to work in a brick kiln for extra income. They competed among themselves- who could earn more and give that money to their mother. The spirited fight went on. The mother took up a cooking job in the house of Obaidur Rahaman, who once was a class mate of Yarafiyun. Obaidur had studied in Bhangor High School till class VI and went away

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to study in Al-Ameen Mission. Obaidur's mother used to reguest her to eat but she always declined. The famished faces of her children always came back in her mind. Obaidur's mother understood this and used to give rice and curries in sufficient quantity. It happened plenty of times. Inspite of these vagaries in life, Yarafiyun continued his study. He has not forgotten all those teachers who have helped him on his epical journey. He remembers Tarun Pal, Jagadish Biswas, Dulal babu and many others who have given him private tuition without any fees. He remembers Baharul da. He also gave

to study at home in the evening. He used to read loudly. Sometimes, he used to help his mother to pick up vegetables. Per kilogram vegetables were charged 25 paise or 50 paise. The labour charge was too cheap. But they had no option. His mother wanted him to study but his father wanted him to do some manual work. Yarafiyun has already worked in a factory, where wallets are made. Due to the leather complex nearby, these small factories had mushroomed in that area. He had laboured there on the Puja break. He had become a part-time child labourer. These were going on while he was in the high school. When he was in class VI, his father emphatically told him to go to work. His mother too reluctantly gave him the permission. Thus, Yarafiyun went to work in a sweet shop in Bhangor Bazar. But one day he made an accident. While carrying a plastic crate, it slipped away from his hand. It fell in the ground and all the Pepsi bottles broke down. The owner of the shop beat him up and demanded compensation from that little boy. When the news of this incident reached home, the mother came and took him back. He came back to the normal routine. him free tuition in his coaching centre. After passing the Madhyamik, Yarafiyun also taught in that centre. Baharul also paid him. The school teachers too stood beside him. At that time the headmaster of Bhangor High School was Abdul Latif; he was a very compassionate teacher. He knew that Yarafiyun would not be able to pay the minimal fees of a government school. He used to pay the fees. Librarian Soumen Mondal gave him books. He used to break the rule and gave more than one book to Yarafiyun. Until Madhyamik, he was a mediocre student. But he loved Mathematics. All total, joining the two sections, there were two hundred students in his class. He never came within first 30 students. He began reading ardently before the test examination fearing that he would not be allowed to sit for the Madhyamik. When the test result came out he saw that his name has come in the 14th position in the list. He became optimistic and began thinking of getting star marks in the Madhyamik. Ultimately when the result came out, he saw that he has fall short of only eight marks from achieving star marks. His total score was 74 percent; in Mathematics-86, Physical Sci-



ence-85 and in Life Science-84 marks.

There was a bit of confusion on choosing his stream in the Higher Secondary. Latif Sir said, "There is a huge difference between Madhyamik and Higher Secondary. If you cannot pull in with Science you will be facing trouble, and also studying in Science is costly." Yarafiyun's mother also agreed and advised him to take arts. But Yarafiyun was reluctant to take Arts. Ultimately he agreed but said he would like Mathematics to be inducted as a subject, which was not possible in the present educational system of the country. At last, Latif Sir finally agreed to give him science, looking after his interest on it. From class XI, Yarafiyun started giving tuition; in Baharul da's coaching centre as well as some private tuition. From the money he earned, he managed his study. In 2008, he scored 78 percent in the H.S; in Chemistry-90, Mathematics-87, Physics-81 marks. In total he got 390 marks. Hasibul Islam got the highest marks in school- 401 marks. Yarafiyun came second. At one time he was a backbencher, now he was marked as one of the brightest student in the school.

He applied in several colleges in Kolkata. But he needed money. He went to the Bhangor based social welfare organisation Southern Health Improvement Samity (SHIS), its reputation in the social sector is well known throughout West Bengal. Yarafiyun went to meet the two main personalities of behind that organisation—M.A Ohab and Sabitri Pal. Ohab Saheb was not there. So he went to Sabitri Madam and asked for some financial help. She managed to give him all the money for his admission. He got admitted in the Vidyasagar College. But there was a turning point in his life at this juncture.

Hasanujjaman, a man who is better known as Mintu da, came to meet Yarafiyun. His father is a teacher. Hasanujjaman used to help students in getting admission to many educational institutions, even giving money from his own pocket. He told Yarafiyun to consider Al-Ameen Mission to be his next destination. From there you could become a doctor or engineer. You can study even free of cost. Yarafiyun had heard of Al-Ameen Mission before from his once classmate Obaidur. His mother who was a cook in the Obaidur's residence also heard many stories about the institution and used to narrate it to Yarafiyun.

He has even appeared for in the admission test before but could not make it. This time, as Hasanujjaman insisted, he was again interested to give it a try once more. Hasanujjaman collected an admission form. This time Yarafiyun passed the test and interview and finally entered Al-Ameen Mission. He was admitted with almost free of cost. At that time, it was monthly Rs

220 and the admission fee was Rs one thousand. He had to pay the monthly fee for 10 months and the admission fee at the beginning. The total amount, which was Rs 3200, was paid by Hasanujjaman. Yarafiyun was admitted to Panchur campus, adjacent to Matiaburuz to become an engineer. It was a residential coaching centre. Al-Ameen Mission was a dream place for him. Apart from a cozy atmosphere to study, he got regular meals. consisting of fish, meat and egg. At first, he could not eat properly. His thinking always drifted to his home, where may be his parents and brother were surviving with just a morsel of food. When he revealed this to Chacha, the person in charge of the mess, he gave him an advice which was a kind of wisdom. One day you will be able to feed them all these food and more, if you succeed in life. All these talks ultimately made him behave in a normal way. He still remembers the encouragement he received from the two chieftains of coaching in Al-Ameen- Dildar Hossain and Sabbir Sarkar.

What he learnt from Al-Ameen was how to improve quality in studying; how to improve the score. And he started preparing himself right from the word go. After a year's coaching he sat for JEE in 2009 and ranked 2412 in Engineering. He wanted to study Civil Engineering in a government college. But could not make it because of paucity of seats; it came down to 2400 and stopped. The next option was to get into either ceramic or textile engineering. He got admitted to Ceramic College of

He wanted to give full time for the preparation for WBCS but the JRF was also necessary to sustain. He went hammer and tongs to do both. There was not a single moment to be wasted.

SUCCESS STORY



Technology. He needed Rs 7 thousand for admission fee. He appealed to some organisations for financial help like SHIS, GD Charitable Society, local BDO office and also some individuals in the area. They all helped him and he got around Rs. 24 thousand, which helped him to get admission and also the required fee for a year. Yarafiyun also mentioned the name of Jahangir Alama well known businessman and social activist. He has helped him as well as his brother Maruf for many times. Yarafiyun also got scholarship and loan from WBMDFC. In the engineering class, out of 40 students, 16-17 students were from the Mission. After four years, in 2013 he passed the BTech with 76 percent marks. In the final year he also sat for GATE to get admission for MTech. Four students ranked. Ziaur, a student from Al-Ameen ranked 23 and went on to study at IIT Mumbai. Yarafiyun ranked 37 and had the option to study at IIT Kanpur but he declined. He desperately needed a job. Through campus interview he got a job at Sino Global Company - salary Rs. 35 thousand a month. If one leaves the job before three months, one has to pay a fine. After two months, he felt the job was not suited for him. He left the job paying the fine. Yarafiyun ultimately got the Junior Research Fellowship in the Jadavpur University by using his GATE score. But he also began to dream of becoming a WBCS officer. He again met Dildar Hossain, the Director of Al-Ameen Mission Study Circle. After discussing with him he started taking coaching for the preparation to crack WBCS examination staying at Baruipur campus. Food-lodging-study and weekly coaching- he had to pay Rs. 3000 a month; and it was not difficult because he was getting Rs 20800 as a Junior Research Fellow. He began to give his mother Rs. 15 thousand per month. His brother Maruf was doing post graduation at that time. All the financial burden of the family was slowly being taken by Yarafiyun. At the one end, he had began taking the WBCS coaching and on the other he had to give 8 hours for 5 days for his Research oriented work. He wanted to give full time for the preparation for WBCS but the JRF was also necessary to sustain. He went hammer and tongs to do both. There was not a single moment to be wasted. At last, in April 2014, he gave the preliminary examination for WBCS. After four or five months, the result was out. He had qualified for the Mains. In December that year he gave the Mains examination. Yarafiyun thought he would not qualify. At that time, Aliah University was offering free residential coaching. Seeing the advertisement, he sat for the admission test and ranked 8th. He left Baruipur but then another mishap began to take place. The coaching at Aliah got delayed. Again he went back to the Mission and talked to the General Secretary. It was arranged that he will stay at Baruipur as a Room Teacher and also prepare for WBCS examination. Apart from food and lodging, he would get Rs 7 thousand honorarium. After staying for five months, the coaching programme at Aliah started. So he joined Aliah. The result of Mains examination was published at the end of 2015. He got qualified. But still the interview stage was yet to be taken. To qualify for WBCS is a long process. The coaching period in Aliah had ended. He again applied for JRF at Jadavpur University. After initial objection, he was allowed to start JRF again. He worked as a fellow from March 2016 to February 2017. After the interview, his name ultimately came into the final list. He joined the Land Reform Department as a WBCS Group- C Revenue officer on 14 February. But another significant incident happened in life around that time. He got married on 11 February with Jasmine Sultana. Her village Chaltaberia is four km away from Joypur. Just three months after the marriage, he left for training for two months.

But it was not the end. He began his job at Bishnupur; stayed with his wife at housing. And now he set up his target to clear the WBCS Group-A examination. Again he started studying staying awake late at night. His wife too gave him proper company. But for four years in a row, despite clearing the Prelims and Mains examinations, he could not pass through interviews. He failed to qualify repeatedly. At last in 2018, ultimately he passed the examination and also cleared the interview and came into the final list. Finally he joined the job on November 2020. Presently, he is working as Assistant Commissioner of Revenue.

The journey of Yarafiyun is like a fairy tale in the making. This is a story of grit and determination of a person, who was literally at the receiving end of the society. This is a story which should inspire thousands of youth, who are drifting aimlessly in search for a job.

This is a real story of the ultimate 'rags to riches' cliché, which we seldom read. ■

Abdul Hasem Mollick was an integral part of Al-Ameen Mission's epic journey so far. Literally he was called the mother of the Mission. We lost him during Covid period on 16 May. Founder General Secretary M Nurul Islam remembers his close associate.



Abdul Hasem Mollick

(1 July 1962 – 16 May 2021)

Condolence message of M Nurul Islam on 16 May 2021

Assalamu Alaikum -

With heavy heart, I want to convey you that our beloved colleague, the Superintendent of Al-Ameen Mission Abdul Hasem Mullick has breathed his last around 2pm this afternoon (Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi raji'un). When Al-Ameen Mission began its journey he was one of my close associates. For the last 35 years, thousands of students who have passed out and who are still studying here have lost their dear guardian. Al-Ameen Mission Parivar deeply mourns his death. We lost one of our closest companions. His role in developing this Mission was very significant; particularly in my life.

Those who are students, those who are staying in the country or abroad; those of you who have settled in or still studying— the person who used to look after you like a father— has left you. For your wellbeing, you might sometime felt hurt on his behaviour, my request to you is— please forgive my brother Hasem.

Those of you who are parents or guardians and have visited the Mission for the purpose of your child and came in contact with Hasem Sir, please forgive him, for Allah's sake, if by mistake he has misbehaved with you by his words or deeds. If we cannot forgive him from our hearts, he would never be pardoned.

Those of you who are my colleagues, members of the Committee, my friends and companions – we might make mistakes in our works, might get hurt by his behaviour or words, please forgive our brother Abdul Hasem. Let Allah grant it.

Today we will pray to Allah Subhanahu Ta'ala. He has left his only son Arman Mollick, a medical student, his wife, his brother and mother. We will pray to Allah to grant them sabr— patience. From Al-Ameen Parivar, we will pray to Allah Subhanahu Ta'ala to grant our dear Hasem Sir Jannatul Firdous. Ameen! Summa Ameen!

REMEMBRANCE

In Memoriam of Hasem

Bismillahir Rahamanir Rahim! Assalamu Alaikum –

Sixty years earlier, two kids came to earth in two villages. They were lapped by two mothers. We always say that Allah is the best planner. Work brought these two kids to cross their paths and although they were not related by blood, driven by heart they bonded well as time flowed by and became brothers. The younger brother Abdul Hasem passed away on 16 May leaving us crying.

My brother Hasem came into Al-Ameen Parivar when it was on its nascent stage. The year was 1984-'85. We appointed him on deputation vacancy at Khalatpur Junior High Madrasah. He came here as a teacher. In 1986, we started our hostel with some students. Next year, Hasem took charge as the Superintendent of the hostel. In 1988, he became the member of the Executive Council of Al-Ameen Mission. From that year till his death, he was an integral part of the Al-Ameen Parivar. He was more than a brother to me; when I was extremely passionate about my work with the Madrasah, in building the Mission from the scratch, I did not have time to spend for my family or property. But Hasem was there to manage everything. I had to spend days outside, travelling incessantly throughout the state. The communication system was not good as it is now. Hasem had to travel to Tarekeswar or any other place and sat for hours behind a telephone to keep in touch with me. He had to suffer a lot to pull on this weary family. In his personal life, he had a small family; he had a son. Hasem did not have a daughter. May be for that reason, he was more affectionate towards the girl students, who were like his own daughters. I have also seen his touch of affection to my daughter Sonali.

His role in Al-Ameen Mission was of various kinds;



in some places it was direct - hostel superintendent to Committee member. In others it was indirect but nonetheless vital. There was a vacancy in post of headmaster at Khalatpur Madrasah. The day the advertisement was published, I was still working at Asanda High School. One my colleague showed me the advertisement. I saw the name of Khalatpur Madrasah was not mentioned in the advertisement. After returning from school, I informed this to Hasem. Next day, I met Dr Abdus Sattar, the then Board President and drew his attention. He dialled the Chairman of the Commission in presence of me and informed me that if the name is included today and get approved from the D.I office and submitted to the Office of the Commission, it is possible. I will never forget that particular day. Hasem without informing any one, gathered all the relevant documents and papers and rushed to D.I office. The D.I office is in Uluberia. After the official work

> he rushed from Uluberia to Bardhaman because he had to submit the papers within 5 pm in the afternoon and he did it. Throughout the day he had not taken his meal. Subsequently, the revised advertisement was published. After the interview, I joined the Khalatpur Madrasah as the headmaster. Then I saw that Hasem silently has taken all the responsibility of executing the job of the headmaster. He understood quite well that if he could keep Brother Nurul free from the day to day administrative responsibility, if he could save his time a bit, then Al-Ameen Parivar would



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be benefitted. Throughout the state, the Mission's gigantic activity has just begun. It would be worthwhile to keep Brother Nurul engaged in that mission. For the sake of thousands of students and Mission's expansion plan, this was utmost necessary. He did the job silently thinking of this noble idea in mind. And in executing this job, he had to face many adversities, many criticisms. I felt the pangs but he was undaunted. He used to come to me and said, "Nurul Bhai, don't be upset. I will manage everything." As long as I was in that post till October 2019, he silently executed the job. Whatever I have done for Al-Ameen Mission, Allah has made me do it. I have always seen his commitment to the Mission. Never did he spoke to me with high volume of tone. He had the responsibility to oversee the hostel, particularly from class V to X. If he had to take a harsh decision, or he was compelled to return a student home. I used to say, "Hasem, could you not consider him one more time?" He used say, "Whatever you will say, I will do." This family was run by this cordial understanding.

Hasem was a man of tender characteristics. All the guardians, who met him, used to speak about this. When I got retired in October 2019, I gave the responsibility of carrying the task on him. He became the Teacher-incharge of Khalatpur Madrasah. When I took him to the room of the headmaster and told him to sit on the chair. he declined to take the seat. He moved the chair to the side and sat on a different chair for work. Till his death, he always introduced me as the headmaster. I used to say, "Why are you calling me as the headmaster. I have retired." But he always said, "For me, you have not retired. You are still my headmaster." My brother has left us crying. Hasem was attached to Al-Ameen Mission, which is named after Allah's favourite messenger Muhammad (SAW). Whatever activities are going through this Mission, we think that it is Sadaqah Jariyah. In these activities, Hasem had played a big role, directly or indirectly. Personally he has worked and also helped and inspired us to work. He has nurtured thousands of students like a father – they are spread across throughout the world. Here I can see them joining this Dua Majlis, many of them from abroad. I have said it earlier and I am again saying it now, we have to carry on his unfinished task. If you ever felt any woe from his behaviour or talk, please forgive him for Allah's sake from the bottom of your heart. All of his students will do this. We, who were his companion, co-workers, the members of the Committee who are present here, his fellow teachers, the past and present students - every one of us will pray to Allah from the bottom of our hearts - Allah, please forgive our Brother Abdul Hasem Mullick's shortcomings and grant him Jannatul Firdous. Please consider his work as Sadaqah Jariyah and give the greatness of Sadagah Jariyah in his grave as well as in his Akhirat. Ameen! Summa Ameen! ■

(Speech by the General Secretary of Al-Ameen Mission M. Nurul Islam in the online Dua Majlis)

We will miss you badly



Reverend Hasem Sir,

I have got the news of your untimely sudden departure to your permanent abode. God has called you. Yet, I find it extremely hard to reconcile with that. The cause of your departure is more painful and unbearable. We are only the helpless and hapless spectators now. "What can not be cured must be endured."

For remembrances by the Posterity "One has to write something worth reading or one has to do something worth writing". Your proactive positive contribution towards the present name, fame, glory and honour of your affectionate child-like "Al-Ameen Mission" from its infancy is worth writing for the Posterity.

You will be forever remembered with all reverence by all those thousands of admirers directly or remotely connected with Al-Ameen Mission. You were a life of Al-Ameen Mission. You were an extremely lovable, lively, humble, simple and down to earth person. You were the Mother of Al-Ameen Mission. Your blessings, love and affection towards the Al-Ameen students are permanently engraved in their hearts. We will miss you badly. We will feel your absence sadly. We are sure, wherever you are, you will continue to shower your blessings on your beloved Al-Ameen Mission.

We pray to the Almighty for blessing you with the heavenly peace. May God give your family enough strength to bear your absence!

My typing energy dries up, but not my tears. With my heartiest Salam to you.

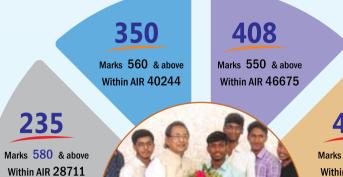
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