

# Aligarh Muslim University Alumni Association of Greater Chicago

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## President's Message

**Zafeer Ahmad, Ph.D.**



As we are getting close to the end of this fiscal year, we have achieved so many things - this was only possible by EC and Board members working together and the extraordinary support we received from all of you. Here are some of our accomplishments for the year.

- Starting the construction of Classrooms in Noor Girls High School, Meghwal Mathia, West Champaran, Bihar.
- Starting the construction of classrooms for Girls Education at Hira Public School.

Aligarh Muslim University Alumni Association of greater Chicago (AMUAA-GC) organized a Sir Syed Iftar/Dinner event on February 21, 2026. The total fundraising target was \$50,000 and we collected approximately \$48,700 to complete the classrooms construction projects.

Next AMUAAAGC election will take place online starting on July 18th and ending on July 21st. The election will be conducted by the election officer, Mr. Mohammad Shahanshah Ansari. The election results will be announced in the general body meeting. The General Body (GB) meeting and picnic will take place on July 25, 2026.

We started with \$78, 150 in our bank account on July 7, 2025, and ended with the balance of \$72, 474 at the end of April 30, 2026, even though we had an expense of \$39,580 for the Education Projects.

In closing, I thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your president. We started our term with a commitment to transparency and engagement, and I hope we met your expectations. I would like to thank the EC and Board for their high level of commitment to AMUAA-GC.

## Recent Events

\* **Sir Syed Iftar and  
Dinner on February  
21, 2026**

\* **Monthly EC/Board  
Meetings**

- Aug 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- Sep 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- Oct 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- Jan 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- Feb 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- Apr 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## Highlights

- Organized Sir Syed Day and Iftar dinner program on February 21, 2026.
- Collected \$48,700 to support the Education projects.
- Supported the construction of Classrooms at Noor Girls High School, Bihar.
- The construction of Classrooms for Girls started at Hira Public School, Ambedkar Nagar.

## Financial Status

| Date              | Bank Balance        |              |                |
|-------------------|---------------------|--------------|----------------|
|                   | Total               | General Fund | Education Fund |
| November 20, 2025 | <b>\$72,281.16</b>  | \$6,071.26   | \$66,209.90    |
| April 30, 2026    | <b>\$72,474.42*</b> | \$6,071.26   | \$66,209.90    |

\*\$39,580 used for the Education Projects

## Membership Update

| Summary of Membership 2026-2027             | Total      |
|---------------------------------------------|------------|
| Annual Members                              | 63         |
| Life Members                                | 40         |
| Honorary Membership                         | 1          |
| <b>Total Members (As of April 30, 2026)</b> | <b>104</b> |

## Standing Committee Updates

| Committee Name and Members                                                                                                             | Updates                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1. Education Committee</b><br>Dr. Israrul Haque Ansari (Chair)<br>Dr. Gulam Waris<br>Dr. Shakil Khan                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support of ongoing construction of Classrooms at Noor Girls High School, Bihar (see report for the details).</li> <li>• Review and approval of new project for Girl's classrooms at Hira Public School.</li> <li>• Support of ongoing construction at Hira Public School (see report for the details).</li> </ul> |
| <b>2. Technology Committee</b><br>Mr. Khalid Sayeed (Chair)<br>Mr. Mohammad Shahanshah Ansari<br>Mr. Ajmal Sufiyan<br>Mr. Shahbaz Alam | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintaining the AMUAAGC website domain which has been changed from GoDaddy to Hostinger. It is the better choice for budget-conscious users prioritizing affordability and performance compared to GoDaddy.</li> </ul>                                                                                            |
| <b>3. Membership Committee</b><br>Mr. Ans Ahmed (Chair)<br>Mr. Ajmal Sufiyan<br>Dr. Ahmadullah Siddiqi                                 | Committee was engaged in the membership renewal for 2026-2027                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>4. Social &amp; Cultural Committee</b><br>Dr. Shakil Khan (Chair)<br>Dr. Haris Jamil<br>Mr. Mustafa Iqbal Nasim Siddiqui            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organized Sir Syed Day and Iftar program on February 21, 2026 (see report for the details).</li> <li>• Planning for the annual picnic on July 25, 2026.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                |

# Sir Syed Day Iftar and Dinner, February 21, 2026

Report by: **Ajmal Sufiyan (Convenor of Sir Syed Iftar and Dinner)**

## Overview

The Aligarh Muslim University Alumni Association of Greater Chicago (AMUAA-GC) successfully organized its annual Sir Syed Iftar and Dinner on February 21, 2026, at the Sullivan Community Center, 635 North Aspen Drive, Vernon Hills, IL. The event, convened by Mr. Ajmal Sufiyan, is the organization's flagship fundraising initiative supporting girls' education projects in India. Admission was free for this event.

## Program Highlights

The program commenced following Iftar and dinner with a recitation of the Holy Quran by Hafiz Saad Jameel. Mr. Ajmal Sufiyan welcomed guests and expressed gratitude for their participation. Dr. Zafeer Ahmad, President of AMUAA-GC, provided an organizational update, highlighting the association's efforts to uplift the socially, economically, and educationally deprived population of India. He reported the successful completion of the **Anwar-ul-Uloom School renovation** and **classroom construction at Aligarh Modern School**. He also provided progress updates on the ongoing construction of a computer lab, library, and principal's room at Noor Girls High School, Bihar, India (total cost: \$30,000). He announced a new project—the construction of three classrooms at Hira Public School, Hanswar, India, which is generously sponsored by Dr. Ahmad Nadeem. The cost of this project is \$24,000.

## Keynote Address

Mr. Ans Ahmad introduced the keynote speaker, Mr. Salman Mohiuddin, Head of Business Transformation and Community Leader. Mr. Mohiuddin delivered a compelling address on the importance of girls' education in society and its transformative role in community and national development.

## Fundraising Results

The fundraising goal for the event was \$50,000. A total of \$48,705 was raised, with contributions from members and well-wishers received both before and during the event. Donations may be made via Zelle at [info@amuaachicago.org](mailto:info@amuaachicago.org), by mail (Tax Deductible ID #36-3589755), or online at [Amuaachicago.org/donate](https://Amuaachicago.org/donate).

## Vote of Thanks

The program concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Shakil Khan, Vice President of AMUAA-GC, who expressed appreciation to all attendees, sponsors, and volunteers for their generous support. Overall, attendees thoroughly enjoyed the evening, praising the well-managed timings and the delicious food served, making the event a memorable and successful occasion.





## Educational Project, May 2026

Report by: **Dr. Israrul H. Ansari (Chair, Education Committee)**

### **A. Construction of Classrooms in Noor Girls High School, Meghwal Mathia, West Champaran, Bihar** (Sponsored by Sana Hoda)

#### **I. Background:**

Hikmat Foundation was founded on the idea that everyone, especially girls, deserves an equal opportunity in pursuing education. To this end, the Foundation has established high schools for girls in rural, impoverished areas.

#### **II. Overview:**

AMUAAGC supports Hikmat Foundation for constructing a school block in place of an old temporary structure which has been demolished. On completion of the funded construction, the block will comprise (i) staircase, /stairwell, (ii) Principal's Room, (iii) Computer Lab, and (iv) Library.

#### **III. Progress to Date:**

Brickwork and plaster of the classrooms have been completed. Chajja casting on the veranda is underway. Flooring for the computer room has been completed; other rooms are underway. In May, plaster work and flooring of the veranda must be done. Balance work will include fitting of windows/doors, electrical work and painting. Name recognition/Logo will be installed once painting is done.

#### **VI. Funds Received and Utilization:**

The total amount received is INR 26,18,100/-. **As of May 1, 2026, an amount of INR 22,55,644/- has been spent. Balance available is INR 3,62,456.**

**The following pictures were shared by Noor Girls High School administration on May 1, 2026.**





## **B. Construction of Classrooms for Girls Education at Hira Public School (Sponsored by Ahmed Nadim)**

### **Overview of Class Sections**

Hira Public School, Hanswar, traditionally organized each class into three sections: two designated for boys and one for girls. This structure effectively accommodated the student body for several years.

### **Increase in Girls' Enrollment**

During the 2023–2024 academic session, the school experienced a significant rise in the number of girls seeking admission to class 6<sup>th</sup>. Responding to this increased demand and following relevant suggestions, the school expanded the girls' section to better serve the growing enrollment.

### **Infrastructure Development**

To accommodate this growth, the school undertook construction to build an additional classroom each year, aligning facilities with the evolving requirements of the student population.

### **Future Requirements**

Looking ahead, the school recognizes the ongoing increase in the number of girls. In the coming years, there will be a need to construct three more classrooms and additional washrooms in the girls' section to ensure all students are adequately supported.

### **Progress to Date:**

Following images were shared by Hira Public School administration to confirm that work has started.



March 13, 2026



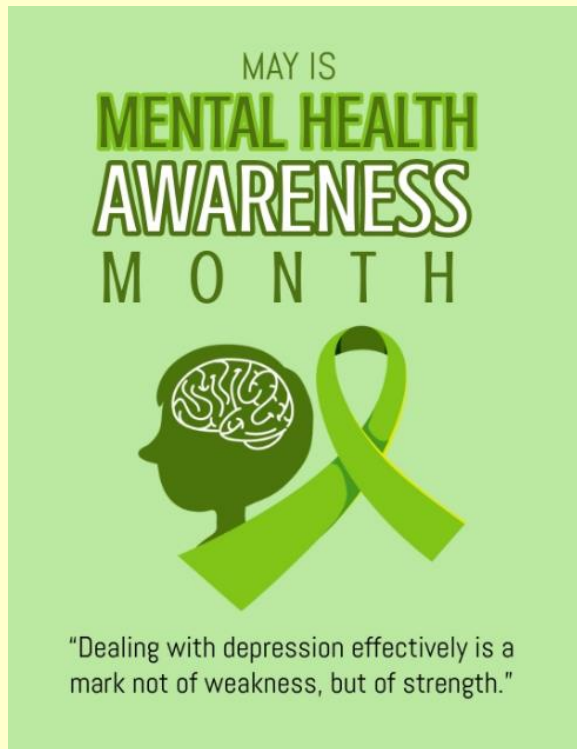
April 24, 2026

#### Expense Report (April 24, 2026)

| S. NO. | Particulars      | Amount (Rupees)     |
|--------|------------------|---------------------|
| 1      | Total Bricks     | 2,50,000.00         |
| 2      | Cement           | 1,55,000.00         |
| 3      | Concrete         | 1,95,000.00         |
| 4      | Mild Steel       | 2,22,000.00         |
| 5      | Core Sand        | 104,000.00          |
| 6      | Local Sand       | 14,000.00           |
| 7      | Door and Windows | 1,35,000.00         |
| 8      | Labor Charges    | 308,700.00          |
|        | <b>Total</b>     | <b>13,83,700.00</b> |

The total amount received is INR 10,96,200 as of April 24, 2026, and an amount of INR 13,83,700 has been spent. An additional Amount of INR 11,26,210 was sent on April 25, 2026.

## Health Corner



May is an opportune time to shed light on the interconnectedness of Mental Health Awareness Month, American Stroke Month, and World Hypertension Day – May 17. These health observances are not isolated entities but integral components of a broader narrative surrounding holistic well-being and cardiovascular health.

Mental Health Awareness prompts us to recognize the impact of psychological well-being on our physical health. Stress, anxiety, and depression can all contribute to elevated blood pressure levels, highlighting the importance of addressing mental health as a key component of hypertension management and stroke prevention.

These health observances collectively underscore the interrelated nature of mental health, high blood pressure, and stroke awareness. By recognizing and addressing the connections between these health concerns, we can work towards promoting holistic health and preventing cardiovascular diseases in individuals and communities worldwide.



## Upcoming Events

### AMUAAGC Election:

- **Election Officer:** Mohammad Shahanshah Ansari
- **Date:** July 18- July 21, 2026
- **Venue:** Online
- **Results:** During the annual general body meeting on July 25, 2026

### General Body Meeting and Annual Picnic:

- **Convener:** Mohammad Fazle Alam
- **Date:** Saturday, July 25, 2026
- **Venue:** Century Park
- **Address:** 1001 Lakeview Parkway, Vernon Hills, IL 60061

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