

# THE MEMON



## **A Passage to Pakistan**

The Honourable President  
of Pakistan Dr. Arif Alvi  
at the WMO Gala

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FROM THE DESK OF THE  
*President*

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To  
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AGM and WMO Business Conference 2018

Dear Shoab Bha, Altaf Bha, Gul Mohammed Bha and all  
respected members of WMO Pakistan Chapter.

On behalf of the Office Bearers, all Delegates of the 16<sup>th</sup> AGM of  
WMO and the distinguished participants of the 2<sup>nd</sup> WMO Business  
Conference, I wish to place on record our heartfelt gratitude for  
your outstanding arrangements towards the above events.

This meeting was by far the most productive in WMO history, in  
terms of what WMO has achieved at any of its events. The WMO  
delegations' visit with Prime Minister Imran Khan, the high-profile  
speakers at the 2nd Business Conference and the Gala Dinner  
at the Governors house in the august presence of Pakistan's  
President Dr. Arif Alvi elevated the status of this meeting to a  
new level, yet unseen by WMO and thus setting the bar for future  
AGMs.

These events have made a very positive impact on the foreseeable  
future of WMO and its members. Your meticulous organizational  
skills played a pivotal role in creating that lasting impact. The  
organizing committee had left no stone unturned to make the  
stay for all delegates, a comfortable & enjoyable one and they all  
left with fond memories.

WMO Pakistan has been the best performing chapter of the  
organisation with the 16th AGAM & the 2nd WMO Business  
Conference having endorsed your status even further.

Thank you once again for hosting an extraordinary and  
unforgettable AGM.

Thank you

Yours in service

**Suliman Noor Mahomed**  
*President - WMO*

# A TO Z

of the 16th WMO AGM



# a

## ASAD UMER

The Honourable Finance Minister of Pakistan - Mr. Asad Umer was the keynote speaker at the WMO Business Conference 2018 convened at the Karachi Marriott on the 1st of November.

The articulate minister endorsed the entrepreneurial spirit of the Memon community and implored them to continue playing their stellar role in the economic growth of Pakistan under the new regime.



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## BASHIR SATTAR

The distinguished founder trustee of WMO has established himself as the Youth Icon with the Global Youth Wing (GYW) emerging as a tour de force under his able leadership.

Chairman of the GYW and the Business Conference, Mr. Sattar left no stone unturned in making the event a roaring success



## MEMON CONNECT

The App that has taken the Memon Community by storm was launched at the AGM. The App endeavours to connect the million-strong Memon population spread across the globe and bring them on a single platform.

WMO Memon Connect is the flagship project of the WMO. It is a legacy program being built for Memon's to unite now and for future generations.

Connect will allow Memons to grow and develop professionally, socially and financially by working and collaborating through being connected. This is the future of the Memon community. A platform that will deliver tangible benefits through an ocean of connectivity and also provide Memons with a focal point of belonging to a successful, enterprising, philanthropic and generous community with honour and humility.

The project is the collaborative effort of Mr. Khurram Kalia and Mr. Bashir Sattar.

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UNITY THROUGH CONNECTIVITY



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## AQEEL KARIM DHEDHI

WMO Pakistan Chapter presented a memento of the 16th WMO AGM to Mr. Aqeel Karim Dhedhi.

Mr. Dhedhi is a prominent business tycoon and a distinguished philanthropist who has been one of the pillars of WMO in Pakistan. He hosted a lavish dinner for the international delegates at his palatial home in Karachi on the 1st of November.

The organisation thanks Mr. Dhedhi for a memorable evening and wishes him even greater success in the coming years. We look forward to your continued, unwavering support and patronage of WMO.



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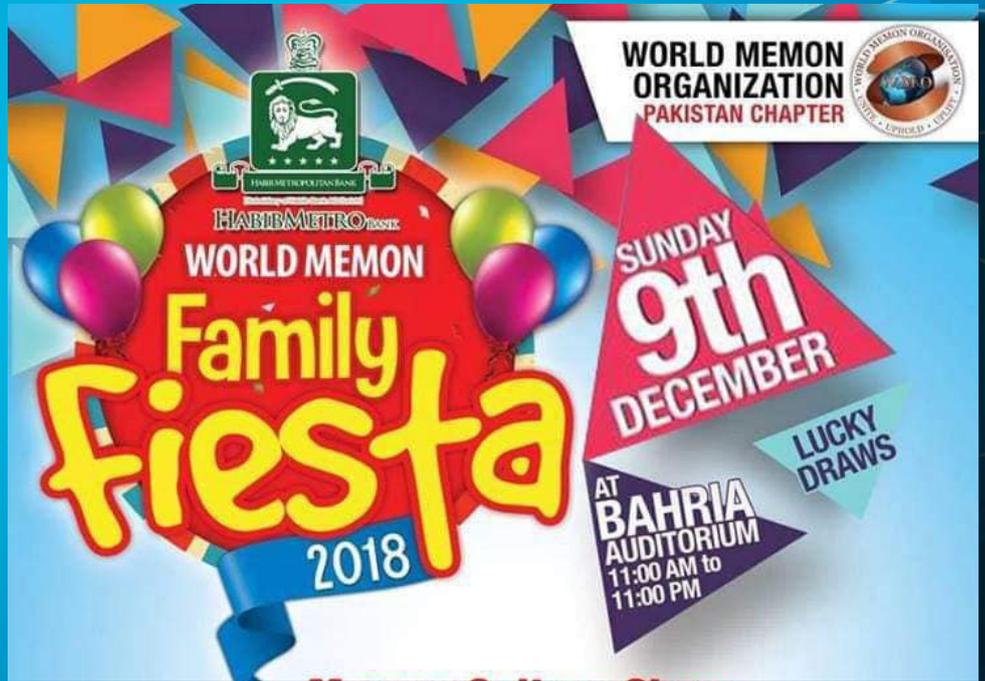
## EHSAN GADAWALA

The unstoppable man from Dhoraji was one of few Indians to grace the AGM. The VP of North India Chapter and his team have completed 2 housing projects in Gujarat & Maharashtra, organised Job fairs across the country, hosted world class cricket tournaments, are constructing a hospital for the underprivileged and building homes for the Kerala flood victims. The list goes on as this tireless crusader continues his endeavours to Serve Mankind across the length and breadth of India.

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## FAMILY FIESTA

The Pakistan Chapter organised a fun-filled family fiesta for the international delegates after the AGM concluded. There were games and rides for the children, discounted shopping for the ladies, a large spread of the choicest Memon food, a talent show for the youth, theatre and mushairahs for the connoisseurs of art, cinema and music.



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## GALA

The crème de la crème of the Pakistan Memon community joined the overseas delegates for the grand Gala Dinner at the majestic Sindh Governor House on the 3rd of November. This was a confluence of history, culture, wealth and power. Ministers, dignitaries, prominent industrialists, successful businessmen, distinguished socialites rubbed shoulders with each other at the historic landmark as they enjoyed the now customary excellent food palette.

Several dignitaries including the President of Pakistan - the honourable Arif Alvi and the Governor of Sindh - Mr. Imran Ismail attended the event.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of posthumous Awards to the family members of the founding fathers of the World Memon Organisation. These were the distinguished heirs of a very worthy legacy to uphold, uplift and unite the Memon Community in particular and Humanity at large.



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## HASHMANIS

While Hashmani junior was the star of the Global Youth Wing event, Hashmani senior stole the show at the Business Conference. Dr. Sharif Hashmani stated that while the younger generation is concerned with ROI (return on investment), his father would advise him to invest in the afterlife by performing good deeds during their short stay on the planet.

Walking in the footsteps of his father, Dr. Hashmani is a distinguished philanthropist who provides several medical procedures and treatments to the less fortunate at zero costs at his chain of Hospitals, including free corneal transplants under the 'Gift of Sight' program by WMO.

"We support Life. We strongly believe that every human being has the right to quality medical care. Our vision is a World without suffering," concludes Dr. Hashmani.





## THE INCREDIBLE JOURNEY

The honourable President - Mr. Arif Alvi and the charismatic Prime Minister - Mr. Imran Khan have both launched the magnum opus - "World Memon Organisation - The Incredible Journey" on two separate occasions in the first week of November.

It is indeed an honour and a matter of great pride for the World Memon Organisation that the heads of state of Pakistan have inaugurated this landmark book.

The book chronicles the chapters that unfolded during each momentous AGM, expands on the extensive humanitarian services rendered by the organisation across the globe and puts the spotlight on the distinguished personalities that were on the forefront of a movement called WMO.

The compelling read was compiled due to the monumental efforts of Mr. Shoaib Ismail Mangroria and Mr Mahmood Abubaker Shaikhani who must be applauded for their tireless endeavours to draft this literary gem.

Enjoy the pictures, cherish the speeches, be a part of our rich history and share the Incredible Journey of the World Memon Organisation.



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## ALTAF JANGDA

The driving force behind the AGM and the go-to man for the event. The international delegates would like to convey their gratitude for all your assistance in making their visit to Pakistan, a memorable one.



# 16<sup>TH</sup> WMO CF AGM *Karachi*



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## KARACHI

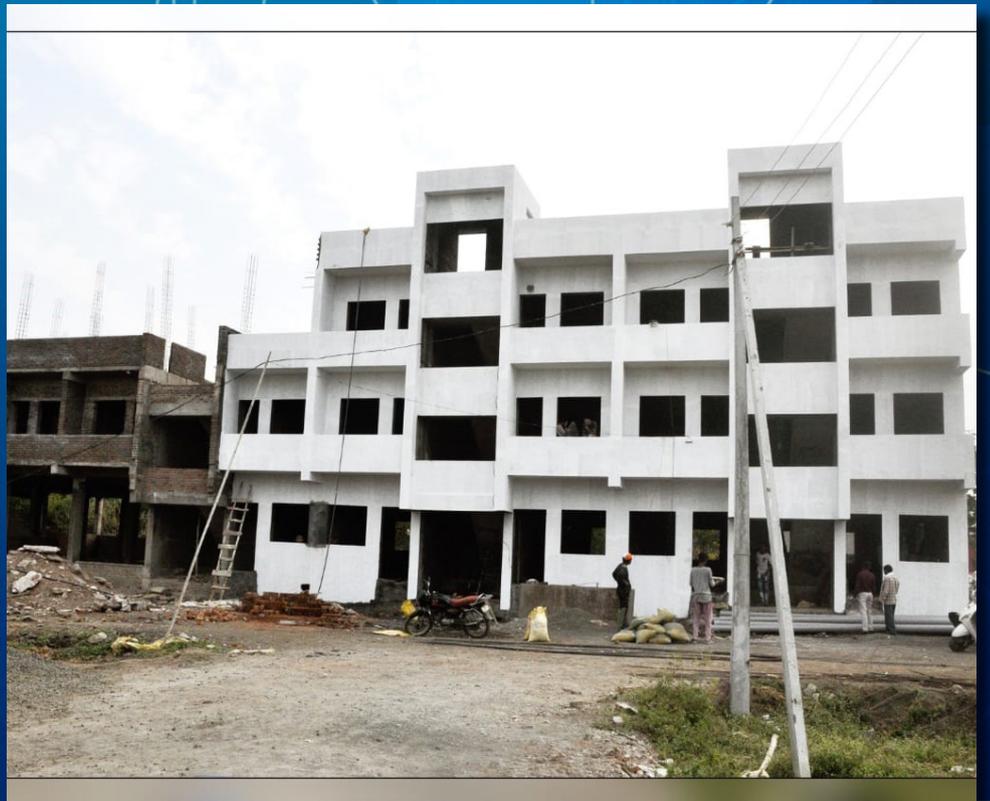
The city of lights and the industrial & financial hub of Pakistan is home to a significant Memon population. The 16th WMO AGM was hosted by the Pakistan Chapter in the vibrant city of Karachi from the 1st to the 3rd of November 2018. The AGM had returned to the port city after almost a decade and the hosts were waiting in anticipation to welcome the international delegates with open arms.

## LEGACY PROJECTS

“The goal isn’t to live forever, it is to create something that will.” It is on this firm belief that Mr. Solly Noor (WMO President) envisioned and announced the World Memon Organisation Legacy Projects at the last WMO AGM in Ras Al Khaimah, UAE.

What we do for us, dies with us. What we do for others and the world, remains and is immortal. It is our endeavour to lay down the cornerstone of an everlasting legacy and turn this dream into a reality. Hence we are elated to report that we have received a pledge of USD 2 million towards a hospital project in Karachi from an anonymous donor soon after the AGM concluded in Pakistan.

May Allah Swt reward the donor and his family for their magnanimous generosity.



The Akola Housing Project in India on the verge of Completion.

# m

## MITI

On the 31st of October, WMO Pakistan Chapter arranged a tour to MITI for the visiting international delegates.

The Memon Industrial and Technical Institute (MITI) in Karachi was conferred as the top ranking Vocational Training Institute in Pakistan by the National Vocational & Technical Training Commission in 2016.

The 1st Place award is testament to the vast strides that MITI has made since its inception. The institute was established under the auspices of the World Memon Organisation on May 31st, 2009.

MITI is a Vocational and Technical centre for the youth (both boys and girls) offering a wide variety of technical, mechanical, IT, multimedia and home economic courses. MITI opened its doors for students in June 2009 with 7 Trades for men. And today, boasts of 31 courses for men and 25 for women.

Youngsters have developed specialized skill sets and have benefited immensely from these courses. Not only have they received job placements but most have become entrepreneurs and are themselves offering jobs to a steady stream of students, graduating out of MITI every year.

MITI has always been the Flag Bearer of the Humanitarian Work done by WMO and offers scholarships to hundreds of deserving students each year. Over 140,000 graduates of MITI have secured employment or are self employed.

We can only stand up and applaud Mr. H M Shehzad (Former VP - WMO Pakistan Chapter) for his tireless endeavours to create a brighter future for the youth of Pakistan.



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## PM OF NAYA PAKISTAN

On the 30th of October, the visiting WMO International delegation met with the honourable Prime Minister of Pakistan - Mr Imran Khan at Islamabad.

The charismatic leader reserved special praise for the Memon Community and acknowledged their contributions towards the economic growth of Pakistan, especially in the banking, media and industrial sectors.

Mr. Imran Khan endorsed the extensive humanitarian and charitable endeavours carried out by the Memon Community in Pakistan and promised steadfast support to WMO in its future initiatives to establish educational and medical institutions in the country.

WMO will contribute towards the Prime Minister's ambitious project of building 5 million homes for the underprivileged and marginalized of Pakistan.

The meeting ended with the honourable Prime Minister urging Mr. Salman Iqbal (President and CEO of ARY group) who had convened the special meeting to establish Information and Technology centres which could impart knowledge and benefit the youth of the country.

The organisation is very grateful to Mr. Iqbal for urging the Prime Minister to take out time from his busy schedule to meet with the visiting delegates. The WMO top brass had a memorable conclave with the distinguished head of state.



# O

## PAKISTAN OPPORTUNITY

With a new government now sworn into office in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the clear strategic direction of the honourable Prime Minister Mr Imran Khan to root out corruption and reverse the bleeding of the nation's asset base, as well as emphasising efforts to be made on attracting foreign investors to come and explore the new opportunities in Pakistan, there is a now a new hope and anticipation about the nations prospects both at home and overseas. The government's intention to open up the Pakistan market to the overseas investment pool has generated an interest never seen before amongst Pakistanis and non-Pakistanis alike.



# P

## TEAM PAKISTAN

30th October marked the arrival of most of the delegates from around the globe and signalled the start of a momentous AGM which was the culmination of months of rigorous planning and hard work by the Pakistan contingent. Notably Mr. Shoaib Ismail Mangrora (Secretary General - WMO), Mr. Altaf Jhangda (Regional Secretary General - WMO Pakistan Chapter), Mr. Gul Mohammed (Regional Treasurer) and the entire Regional Management Committee.

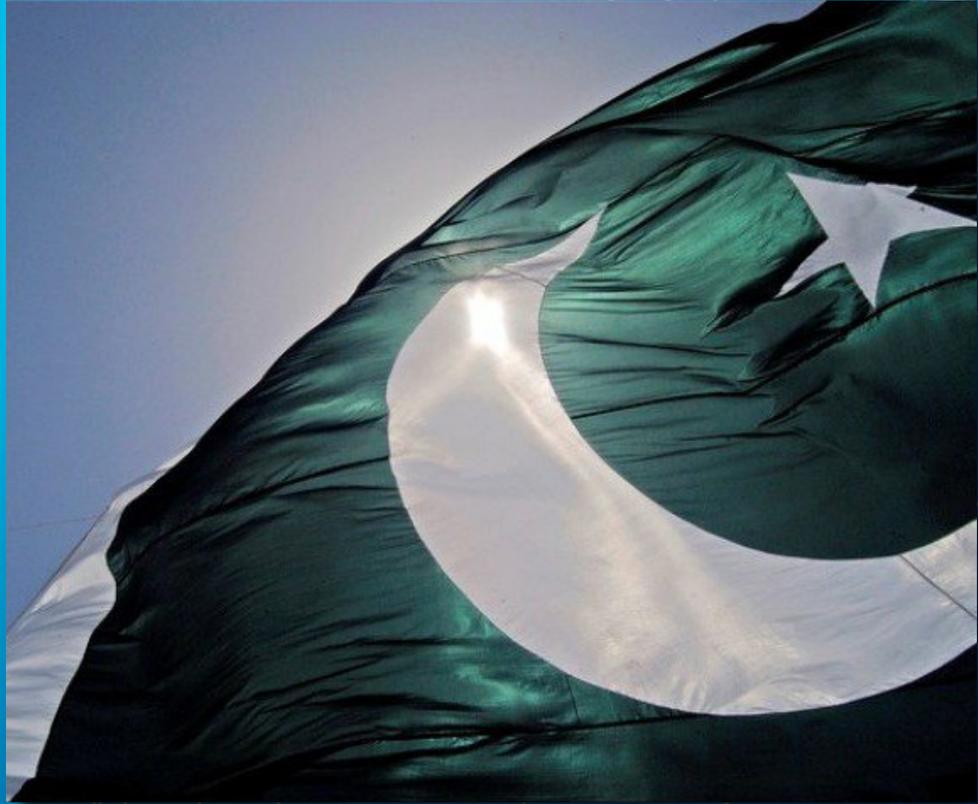
Mr. Bashir Sattar (Global Youth Wing Chairman) and members of the Global Youth Wing played an important role in organizing many key events including the Business Conference which was the curtain raiser and showstopper of the AGM.



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## QUINTESSENTIAL PAKISTAN

Dinner at the stroke of midnight, a rich food palette, the bustling markets, chaotic traffic, street protests, curfews and the ability to overcome it all. An undaunted spirit, the warm hospitality and the lost track of time is all Quintessential Pakistan.



# r

## REEDA SHEIKHANI

The Secretary of the Global Youth Wing burnt the midnight oil to ensure that the global youth wing conference was a grand success and her thought provoking session at the Business Conference was admired and well received by the audience.

Reeda was the moderator of an all woman panel which spoke of women breaking the glass ceiling in the areas of finance, business, media and politics in Pakistan. The session was a scintillating success with Reeda applauding the role of women in WMO and hoping for a woman President in the near future. Amen to that!

# S

## MUDASSIR SHEIKHA

Careem CEO, Mudassir Sheikha, a young Memon entrepreneur and key note speaker at the WMO B2B conference 2018 has been included in the prestigious Bloomberg list of top 50 CEOs.

Careem is a transportation network company based in Dubai, with operations in over 100 cities across 14 countries in the Middle East, Africa and South Asia. The company was valued at around \$1.2 billion as of 2017.

Mudassir is the first and only name from the Middle East in the technology and science category to make it to the list. He has joined the likes of Amazon's CEO - Jeff Bezos, Softbank's founder - Masayoshi Son and former U.S ambassador to United Nations - Nikki Haley.

WMO is grateful to Mudassir Sheikha for taking out time from his busy schedule to attend the Business Conference and congratulates him on his remarkable achievement.

We wish him even greater success in the coming years.



# Thank you!

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## A THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you Pakistan. For the wonderful sights, warm hospitality, endearing hosts and the unforgettable memories. You will be missed.

# U

## UNITED COLOURS OF WMO

The AGM was a celebration of Memon brotherhood and a watershed event in the history of WMO. The grandeur and scale of the proceedings were previously unmatched. The warm camaraderie, fellowship and affiliation of Memons from all corners of the World towards this wonderful organization was strikingly evident by the colossal turn out at the event.

There were large representations from the Middle East, Africa, Far East, North America, Europe and of course the host country of Pakistan.

The AGM endorsed WMO as the truly global, umbrella organization which unites Memons from across the globe under its wings. The theme 'Together for Humanity' was aptly chosen for the AGM to firmly underline that sentiment.



# V

## ALTAF VAYANI

Mr. Altaf Vayani belted out another Memoni ballad in his trademark style, taking us down memory lane and expanding on the broad spectrum of humanitarian services rendered by WMO across the globe.

The melodious rendition was released during the Management Committee meetings and is an ode to the generosity and benevolence of the enterprising Memon Community.



# W

## WONDER OF WOMEN

Mrs Fazila AK Ismail was thrust with the responsibility of conducting the ladies wing meeting in the absence of Mrs Maimoona Darvesh (Chairperson of WMO International Ladies Wing)

The distinguished ladies from across the globe have done exceptional work in their respective countries. From women empowerment, humanitarian aid, feeding programs for orphans to conducting mass marriages for the underprivileged. They have done it all with aplomb and grace.

More power to Maimoona Darvesh, Fazila AK Ismail, Raziya Chashmawala, Shabana ARY, Hamida Bawani, Farida Azeez, Shamim Osman, Shazia Sangani and all the remarkable ladies.



# X

## THE X FACTOR

Mr. Shahid Sangani COO of WMO resigned after almost 8 years at the helm of management. He was the glue that held the organisation together and a pillar of strength. A name synonymous with WMO.

With the Karachi AGM being his last as COO, there are large shoes to be filled and only time will tell if WMO can continue to function as a well oiled machine because Shahid Sangani was the vital cog that made it tick.



# Y

## GLOBAL YOUTH WING

The GYW was established with the intent of strategically engaging Memon youth globally not only for their personal benefit & development through relevant programs and projects but also with the aim of providing a unique platform for communicating and harvesting Memon philanthropy, culture, traditions and language for future generations to recognize and adopt into their family lives.

The global youth wing has been a revelation with its umpteen projects, events and drive that is infusing young blood and unbridled enthusiasm into an aging organisation. From launching an App, hosting medical camps, providing relief aid to flood victims to organising training sessions for students and convening leadership summits.

Mr. Bashir Sattar has emerged as a great mentor to his young team of able lieutenants who are flying the WMO flag high in their corner of the World.



# Z

## CHAIRMAN OF ZAKAT

The Chairman of Zakat and Finance led by example when he conducted a donation drive in Africa for the victims of the Earthquake and Tsunami that struck Indonesia. Within a few hours Mr. Gulaam Abdoola collected over a million rands and in the following days a cheque was handed over to the humanitarian agency working on the ground for the survivors in Indonesia.

This happened a week prior to the AGM and Mr. Abdoola displayed to the gathered audience in Pakistan, the ease and finesse with which it can be done. The prerequisite being just a kind heart and an honest intent to help for a good cause.

We hope it translates into a windfall in Zakat and Lillah collections for the year 2019.



# Postcards from Pakistan



The resplendent ladies from the Far East with the First lady of WMO Pakistan - Mrs. Hamida Shoaib Ismail.



The Distinguished ladies from Pakistan



The African Safari



The Europe Contingent



The Grand Gala at the Majestic Governor's House



Team Middle East



The Gentlemen from North America and Canada



The Hosts - Pakistan



The large contingent from the Far East left its mark on the AGM.



The WMO Family Picture



Team WMO



# The Legend of Sir Adamjee Dawood

**Sir Adamjee Haji Dawood** is a legend in Pakistan. The story goes that in the year of partition - 1947, the newly created country was in financial trouble. The founding father of Pakistan and the inaugural Prime Minister, **Mohammad Ali Jinnah's** finance team approached Adamjee Dawood for assistance as India had not yet released the share of funds which were owed to Pakistan. Adamjee Haji Dawood wrote a **blank cheque** secured against all his industrial assets and personal wealth which enabled the country to emerge successfully from its financial crisis.

Adamjee Dawood was a pillar of strength of the newly formed Islamic Republic of Pakistan. He was a very strong proponent and vocal advocate of the Pakistan movement. A leading industrialist, philanthropist and educationalist who was knighted by the British Empire in recognition of his services to his countrymen. Sir Adamjee was fondly called the **Father of Education** in the Memon Community for furthering the cause of education by establishing several educational institutions in the country.

The legendary Memon is being commemorated on the **27th of January** in Pakistan. The World Memon Organisation, All Pakistan Memon Federation and other Memon fraternities are organising "**Memon Unity Walk**" to mark **Sir Adamjee Day** and celebrating it as "**Memon Unity Day**".

Show your solidarity by joining us at Liaquat National Memorial Library for a coordinated walk to APMF A R Tabbā Sports Complex. Pay homage to this distinguished Memon by becoming a part of a movement that symbolises strength and unity within our Community.



WMO promoting Memon Connect at the Walk



# MEGA JOB FAIR in MAXIMUM CITY

Empowering the Youth, Empowering the Nation

On the 8th of December, **World Memon Organization North India Chapter (WMO NIC)** collaborated with **Association of Muslim Professionals (AMP)** and **Mudassir Patel Foundation** to organise a **Mega WMO-AMP Job Fair** at the sprawling Saboo Siddik College of Engineering in Mumbai.

The sole purpose being to assist the unemployed and under employed youngsters in receiving job placements at mainstream Corporate Entities and to provide job opportunities to the deserving.

The job fair was inaugurated by **Shaikh Aboobakar Ahmad - Founder and Chancellor of Jamia Markazu Saquafathi Sunniyya (Sunni Cultural Centre), Kozhikode, Kerala.**

**Mr. Haroon Karim (Chairman of WMO Board of Trustees)** one of the Chief Guests at the event elaborated, *“Although WMO was originally created to uphold, uplift and unite the Memon Community, its primary purpose remains to Serve all Mankind. These job fairs serve as the perfect platform to empower all communities by enabling the marginalised to earn a livelihood, provide for their families and live with dignity. It is indeed a great service to the community and the nation.”*

Mr. Haroon Karim went on to appreciate and congratulated the entire team of WMO NIC & AMP for organizing an extremely successful event and

welcomed the participating **80** corporate entities. **2800** candidates attended the Job Fair, **410** received job offers and another **850** were shortlisted for the next round of selection.



**Mr. Ashraf Sattar (Deputy Chairman-Board of Trustees -WMO)** applauded the initiative undertaken by the Chapter to provide job opportunities for youngsters of the community and the country. Mr. Sattar asserted, *“It is the Endeavour of WMO that not a single person in our localities, in our cities, in our country and the world remains without an opportunity to work. Jobs are the greatest weapon in our armoury to fight poverty. Empowering the Youth is Empowering the Nation.”*

**Dr. Zahir Kazi, President, Anjuman E Islam,** appreciated the good work being done by AMP and the partner Organisations in creating valuable opportunities for the youngsters of the Nation. He stated **“We have created several Institutes which have featured prominently on the Nation’s list of foremost Institutions. We are extremely proud of the fact that Mr. Aamir Edresy is a product of our Institute and is doing this great service to the Nation by providing its youth with gainful employment”.**



**Mr. Ehsan Gadawala (President WMO North India Chapter)** said, **“We resolve to conduct many such events in the future through AMP’s Employment Cell and collaborate with other similar Organisations to serve our fellow countrymen.”**

**Mr. Suhail Khandwani (Patron WMO North India Chapter)** added, **“We need to create Institutions that will provide sustenance to our youngsters and their families by giving them meaningful jobs.”**

**Mr. Mudassir Patel of Mudassir Patel Foundation,** spoke of the meticulous work and planning that went in organising the Job Fair. Right from the painstaking efforts in contacting the Corporates, to ensuring that enough Candidates turn up for the Job Fair. **“The successful execution of an event of this scale was due to hard work and an extraordinary team effort, for which we would like to thank AMP and the Co-organisers for putting in their valuable time and effort to ensure a brighter future for our nation’s youth.”**

**Mr. Aamir Edresy (President, AMP)** elaborated, **“AMP has relentlessly worked to empower the Indian Youth over the past 7 years by inviting and prodding Corporates and HR Consultants to offer them work opportunities at our Job Fairs. We are now entering into Partnerships & Collaborations with like-minded organisations such as WMO and various Government agencies, including District Skill Development, Employment & Entrepreneurship (DSDE&E) and Maharashtra State Skill Development Society (MSSDS) to provide the perfect platform for our youngsters to transform their lives - for the better and significantly contribute to India’s growth story. We seek to bridge the gap between the Corporates, Government agencies and the Unemployed & Underemployed youth. We firmly believe in the ideology of Economic Empowerment through Job Creation.”**

**Mr. Razak Shaikh (Head-AMP Employment Cell)** emphasised that India, being a country with the **largest demographic of youngsters** had vast potential to become the Employment Factory to the World. He stated that since its **7 years in existence, AMP had thus far organized 25 Mega Job Fairs and hundreds of Job Drives, across 80 AMP chapters in all corners of the country with more than 15,000 candidates receiving jobs.**

The WMO India Team felicitated several prominent personalities from the city of Mumbai for their extensive humanitarian endeavours including **Dr Zaheer Kazi, Dr M. A. Patankar, Mr. Haroon Karim, Mr. Ashraf Sattar, Mr. Asif Bhamla, Prof. H. N. Kalaniya, Mrs. Zubeida Y Khandwani, Mrs Rubina S Jamkhanawala, Mrs. Raziya A Chashmawala, Mr. Iqbal H Memon Officer, Mr. Aftab Badsha, Mr. Asif Furniturewala, Muhammad Siddik Siddique and Mr. Javed Abdul Majid Parekh.**

The event was a roaring success thanks to the dedicated hardwork put in by WMO, AMP, Mudassir Patel Foundation and DSDE&E teams including **Mr. Soheb Selia (AMP’s Organizing Secretary), Mr. Razak Shaikh and Mr. Iffekhar Shaikh (Team Lead, AMP Employment Cell)** under whose guidance, the Job Fair Project was organised.

It was indeed **“A Job Well Done”!**





## *A Habitat for Humanity in Madurai*

On the 13th of January, **Mr. Ashraf Sattar** (Deputy Chairman - WMO Board of Trustees) and **Mr. H. E. Abdul Azeez** (VP - WMO South India Chapter) visited the historic city of Madurai to meet prominent Memons of the region and address the concerns faced by the local community.

Mr. Ashraf Sattar is one of the greatest ambassadors of WMO and an eloquent orator. He elaborated on the extensive humanitarian endeavours undertaken by the organisation across the globe and spoke about the wonderful work being carried out by the various chapters in all corners of the world. There was palpable excitement amongst the audience to join the organisation as they were bowled over by the charisma and humility of a man who was heading an organisation that had worked unabated in the Service of Mankind for close to two decades.

The pertinent issue troubling the local community was housing, as the predominantly conservative population of the city had reservations in renting out their properties to members of the minority community. Mr. Azeez announced an interest-free loan of Rs. 5 million towards building homes for underprivileged members of the community. The kind gesture was applauded by the gathered members of the **Madurai Memon Jamaat** who guaranteed to return the amount within a stipulated period of 3 years.

Madurai is an ancient city with a landscape peppered with several historical monuments and

famous temples dedicated to the many celestial Gods. The legendary **Meenakshi Amman** temple with its 14 majestic towers adorn the skyline of Madurai.



**The upcoming housing project will soon be inhabited by several Memon families and the city which is home to the towering Gods will welcome a fair share of mortals into its fold.**

# EMPOWERED WOMEN EMPOWER WOMEN

Empowerment of women belonging to the marginalised sections of society has been one of the most essential humanitarian services provided by WMO over the years. Thousands of women in India and Pakistan have been nurtured and trained to cultivate special skill sets that enable them to earn a livelihood, provide for their families, afford an education for their children and ensure a life of dignity.

On the 23rd of December, the ladies wing of WMO North India Chapter initiated another important endeavour to empower women by organising an exhibition cum fun-fair wherein enterprising ladies belonging to all segments of society could display their wares. From clothes, cakes, cosmetics to purses, perfumes and hairpins, all items were neatly displayed on around 50 stalls at the Maa Hoor Bai Hall in Central Mumbai.

A rigorous campaign was conducted to promote the event and the widespread publicity attracted massive footfalls at the exhibition. Being a Sunday, families arrived in full-strength and the stalls emptied in a couple of hours with all items being whisked away by the jostling crowd of eager women and children. The exhibition was a roaring success with the women entrepreneurs receiving a platform to not only sell their items but connect with suppliers and stockists who invoked interest in their goods and placed much larger orders.

We are grateful to **Mrs. Fabiha Shadaab Patel** (President SEWA Ladies Wing & Deputy Chairperson - Matrimonial Wing AIMJF ), **Mrs. Nazia Yusuf** (Chairperson of Maa Hoor Bai Foundation Ladies Wing ) and **Mrs. Razia Chashmawala** (Deputy Chairperson - WMO NIC Ladies Wing & AIMJF) who were the driving force behind the thoughtful initiative. These

distinguished ladies are the perfect epitome of strong women truly empowering other women.

***"Empowerment includes the action of raising the status of women through education, literacy and training. Women empowerment is all about equipping and allowing women to make life-determining decisions,"*** emphasises Mrs Fabiha Patel.

***"Feeling entitled to make your own decisions creates a sense of empowerment,"*** states Mrs. Nazia Yusuf, ***"this exhibition has encouraged the ladies, it's commercial success has boosted their confidence and endorsed their decision making abilities."***

***"There is no greater force than a woman determined to rise. As we all rise by lifting others through these entrepreneurial initiatives,"*** concludes Mrs. Razia Chashmawala.



# MA AYESHA GIVES WILL TO LIVE

The international delegation of ladies belonging to the various chapters of the World Memon Organization visited the **Ma Ayesha Memorial Center (MAMC)** in Karachi. The delegates, led by former International Ladies Wing Chairperson **Mrs. Fazila AK Ismail**, consisted of representatives from Sri Lanka, Dubai and India, accompanied by the hosts Pakistan.

MAMC is a medical and rehabilitation centre for Neuromuscular disorders established in 1989 by **Mr. Ahmed Abdullah** to realise his mother's dream of creating a World without Suffering.

The delegation visited the various departments of MAMC including the Special Children's School, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Physical Therapy, Hydro Therapy and its allied activities. The delegates took a keen interest in the special children's school and interacted with the differently abled children. They complimented the team of dedicated teachers and volunteers for providing the utmost care to the children and for creating an environment, conducive to their physical and mental well being.

"MAMC was envisioned by our grandmother - Ma Ayesha who felt that physical therapy could provide some relief to the sufferings of all people with muscular dystrophy. She also inspired the motto 'Ma gives Will to Live', stated **Mrs. Hawa Abdullah**, stalwart of WMO Ladies Wing, Pakistan Chapter.

**Ma not only gives the Will to Live but also gives enough love, care, therapy, training and tenderness to the children, enabling them to grow up as normal adults with the dignity and respect they deserve in a World that once thought they were different.**

As one teacher at the centre lovingly quipped, "**They are different because they are special!**"

We at WMO couldn't agree more.



4.08.1962. FOUNDATION STONE.  
DAWOOD COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING &  
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AHMAD DAWOOD WITH FIELD MARSHALL AYUB  
KHAN, PRESIDENT OF PAKISTAN



16.12.2018. INAUGURATION.  
ENGRO LEADERSHIP ACADEMY AT KARACHI SCHOOL  
OF BUSINESS & LEADERSHIP  
HUSSAIN DAWOOD WITH DR. ARIF ALVI,  
PRESIDENT OF PAKISTAN



## THE EDUCATIONALIST

On the 16th of December, the honourable President of Pakistan, Dr Arif Alvi inaugurated the Engro Leadership Academy at the Karachi School of Business and Leadership. This is a wonderful initiative undertaken by the visionary Hussain Dawood (WMO Trustee) as he continues the illustrious legacy of his father, Mr. Ahmed Dawood.

The Dawood family were the pioneer merchants of Pakistan when the country gained independence in the year 1947. They are eminent industrialists, philanthropists and educationalists of the country.

WMO congratulates Mr. Hussain Dawood for setting up this prestigious academy and furthering the cause of education in Pakistan.



## A WARM GESTURE

The ladies wing of WMO Pakistan Chapter distributed 600 woollen blankets to the underprivileged, rural inhabitants of 3 villages on the outskirts of Karachi.

On the 27th of November the ladies conducted the blanket distribution drive in the villages of Imam Ali Ghaicho, Jevon Khaskheli and Ibrahim Jokhio. Whilst the privileged urban don their sweaters, mufflers and jackets during the harsh winters, there are those who cannot afford even a single blanket to survive the freezing temperatures in the villages. The objective of the drive was to right that wrong and spread a bit of warmth & cheer amongst the less fortunate.

As part of the Living Life project, 150 pairs of slippers were also distributed to the poor and needy of the villages.

We are very grateful to our donors for their steadfast support and the members who took out time from their busy schedules to visit the villages. May Allah Swt reward you for your kindness.



## VISION STATEMENT

On the 7th of December, WMO Pakistan Chapter organised an eye camp at Quaid-e-Azam Rangers Special Children School in Karachi.

Around 90 students and 25 teachers attended the camp for free eye check ups. Prominent eye care practitioners provided treatment to the children and teachers for various eye diseases. Spectacles will be delivered to the children diagnosed with refractive errors and referrals were made for those suffering with other complications like corneal opacities and cataracts.

WMO is grateful to General Muhammad Saeed of the DG Rangers and his team for their steadfast support towards organising the camp.

A special mention of Mr. Altaf Jhangda (Regional Secretary General of WMO Pakistan Chapter) who has displayed exceptional clarity of vision in achieving the humanitarian objectives of WMO in Pakistan.



## EDUCATE A WOMAN; EDUCATE A GENERATION

Dr. Shiraz Suleman, WMO trustee (North America & Canada Chapter) and his better half Mrs Ayesha Suleman announced two scholarships of \$5000 each for women under the MAX (Muslim Awards for Excellence) program.

Under the program, scholarships are awarded to Muslim students residing in Canada who excel in their respective fields. They also have to demonstrate ample ability to contribute positively to the Muslim community. The shortlisted candidates undergo a rigorous selection process and are next interviewed by a panel of judges. The scholarships are then awarded to the deserving students at an annual gala event in Toronto.

Dr. Suleman believes that education is the bedrock on which communities and nations rise and stand. "Educating a girl means educating an entire generation!" concludes Mrs. Ayesha Suleman emphatically.



## MEMBER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

During the investiture ceremony held at Buckingham palace on the 16th of November 2018, Mr. Farouk Alimohamed was awarded the MBE (Member of the British Empire) by HRH Prince Charles.

Mr. Farouk Alimohamed, a prominent Memon businessman and philanthropist resides in Leicester (UK) and is an integral part of WMO Europe Chapter.

Our heartiest congratulations to the Alimohamed family for being conferred with this rare honour.

## ELIMINATING HUNGER IN THE MIDDLE EAST

On the 17th of November, WMO Middle East Chapter distributed over a hundred food packs to the marginalised sections of society in the cities of Dubai, Sharjah and Ajman.

The packs contained essential food items including rice, sugar, oil, tea, milk powder amongst others.

The Middle East Chapter has distributed 1500 ration kits to the underprivileged in the year 2018 and intends to increase the number to 2000 in the year 2019.

As a wise man once said, "If you want to eliminate hunger, everybody has to be involved." WMO Middle East Chapter dearly seeks your involvement for a very worthy cause.

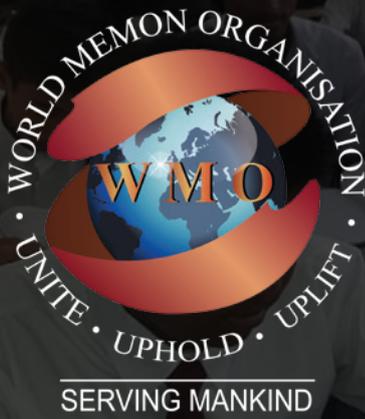


## MARINES AND MEMONS

US Marine Staff Sergeant Hunan Haji was honoured for his services to the nation. A Houston Texan fan, Hunan was applauded by the gathered crowds during an important game.

Hunan is an outstanding member of the North American Memon Community and his father Haji Kader Naviwala is a prominent Memon personality residing in Austin, Texas. Mr Kader is the past President of MAGA (Memon Association of Greater Austin).

WMO takes great pride in the illustrious father-son duo and prays that they continue to provide their distinguished services to the community, nation and Mankind.



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*Do not wish to be like anyone except in two cases. (The first is) A person, whom Allah has given wealth and he spends it righteously; (the second is) the one whom Allah has given wisdom (the Holy Qur'an) and he acts according to it and teaches it to others..*

*Narrated 'Abdullah bin Mas'ud*

WMO has supported more than 100,000 underprivileged children over the years and enabled many of them to get a respectable job, thus ensuring a life of dignity for their families who were combating the scourge of poverty.

It is the vision of WMO to achieve 100% literacy within the Memon Community by the year 2030. Help us to achieve our objective and be a part of the change in the Memon Community by Sponsoring a Child's Education.

You may choose to support children in any of the below countries.

Chapter	Project	Cost per Student
Pakistan	Primary & Secondary	\$170
	Higher Education / Professional	\$600
North India	Project Farishtey (Edu for Special Kids)	\$70
	Higher / Professional Education	\$2,000
Sri Lanka	Higher / Professional Education	\$1,000

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