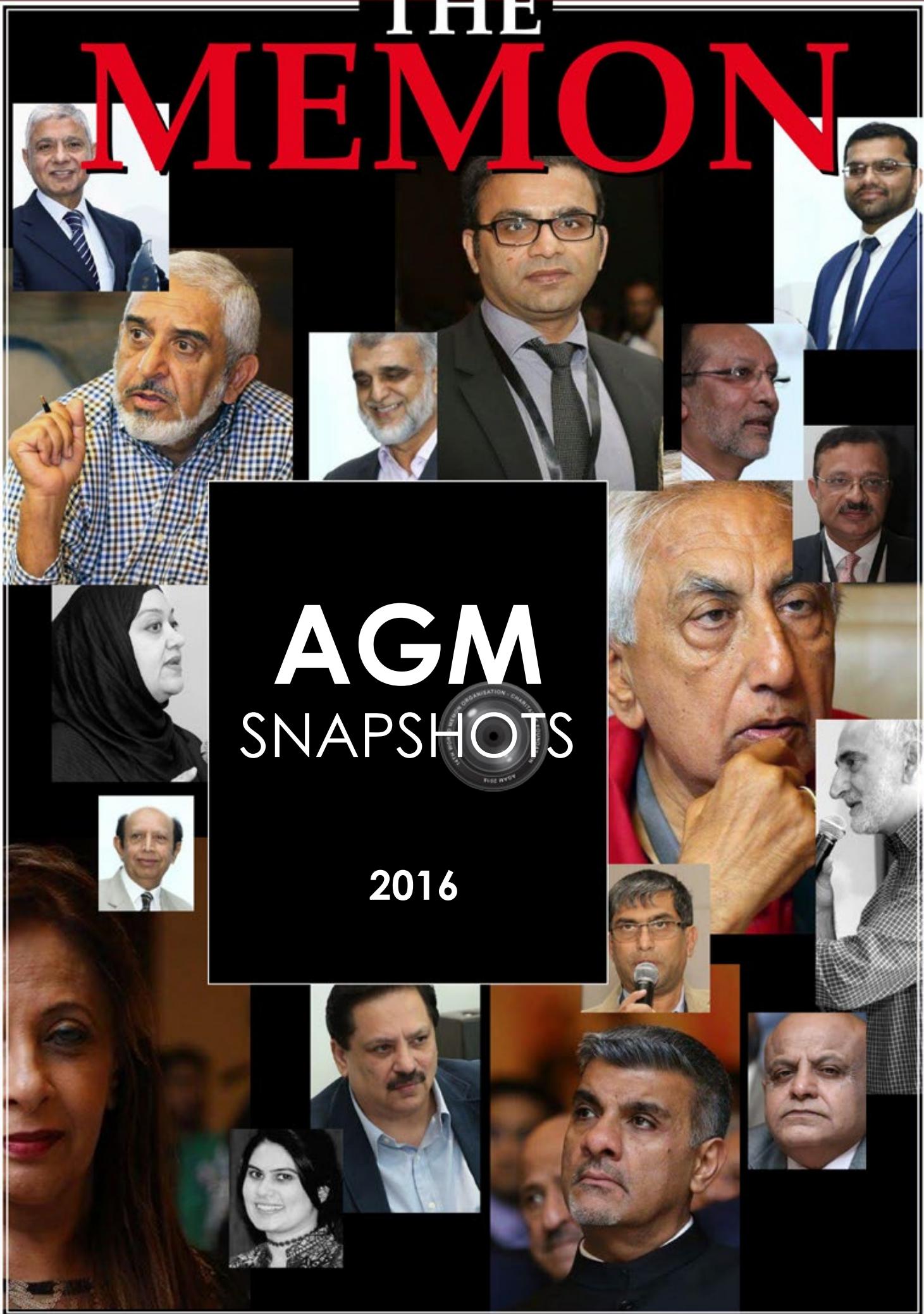


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To:

Mr. Iqbal Dawood and all Members of the Middle East Chapter

Dear Iqbal Bha

Assalamu Allaikum

On behalf of all Office Bearers and visiting delegates, I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Middle East Chapter for hosting the 14th AGM of WMO.

The meticulous arrangements and the generous hospitality extended to all delegates were exceptional. The organisational skills displayed, with attention to the minutest detail and every request heeded, augers well for 2017 when you will once again host the 15th AGM.

Please convey our sincere appreciation to all the sponsors and well-wishers who made the AGM a grand success, courtesy their generosity and steadfast support towards WMO.

The warm friendship and camaraderie was on ample display in Dubai and we look forward to being your honoured guests once again in 2017.

Thank you.
Yours in Service,

Suliman Noor Mahomed (Solly Noor)
President, World Memon Organization



WMO INDIA 2.0

The Membership Drive

History was made that week.

India was Modi-fied

The humble 100 rupee note had just dethroned the mighty 1000 and 500.

Hillary was Trumped!

Orange, officially became the new Black.

It was a historic week for WMO too as it marked the metamorphosis of the World Memon Organisation, India Chapter.

The dormant cocoon had finally transformed into a vibrant butterfly, as the membership drive took off with flying colours.

On the 11th of November, a gala dinner was hosted by the WMO India Chapter at the JK banquet hall in Mumbai, to honour the foreign delegation of Mr. Nowsad Gani (Deputy President-WMO), Mr. Ashraf Sattar (Deputy Chairman-WMO Board of Trustees) and Mr. Shahid Sangani (COO WMO).

It was a glittering event.

There was a record attendance.

The crème de la crème of the Indian Memon community were present to welcome the WMO dignitaries.

The program began on a perfect note with the soulful rendition of a beautiful quirath from the Holy Quran.

An elaborate presentation by Mr. Hamid Nathani (VP WMO India Chapter), highlighting the extensive humanitarian endeavours, initiated by WMO across the globe to serve Mankind, was roundly applauded by the gathering.

Two charismatic men, from Sri Lanka and England respectively, gave the most emphatic speeches that enthralled the audience, urging them to join the World Memon Organisation.

The movers and shakers of the Indian Memon community announced their arrival into the WMO fold.



Mr. Ashraf Sattar (Deputy Chairman, WMO Board of Trustees)



Mr. Hamid Nathani (VP WMO India Chapter), Mr Nowsad Gani (Deputy President WMO), Mr. Tanveer Merchant (Trustee) and a guest

The membership roster is expected to swell.

Mr. Hamid Nathani has pulled a rabbit out of the hat and managed to unite the top brass of the Indian Memon community under one umbrella organisation.

It was indeed a magical evening, a watershed event in the history of WMO India and marks the resurrection of the World Memon Organisation in the country.

Welcome to WMO India 2.0

More vibrant, more dynamic, much improved and a class apart!



FRIENDS, ROMANS, COUNTRYMEN.

The most stirring oration rendered by a very charismatic man that captivated the audience. It could have sparked a revolution. And I am not talking about an excerpt from William Shakespeare's Julius Caesar. But I can assure you that Marc Anthony would have been proud.

Mr. Nowsad Gani (Deputy President of the World Memon Organisation) had just taken the floor at the JK banquet hall in Mumbai. The time was quarter past eleven, the crowd was a bit restless and dinner was on top of everyone's mind.

Mr. Ashraf Sattar (Deputy Chairman - WMO Board of Trustees) had just wrapped up his endearing speech, unfolding the remarkable journey of WMO and expanding on his own memorable experiences as a part of the organisation. Having served humanity over the years, as a distinguished member of WMO, Ashraf bha cleared the perceived misconception that the organisation was a rich man's club. His firm rebuttal

"WMO is a rich man's journey to help the poor man."

He urged everyone to embark on that journey and come on board with WMO.

Mr Nowsad Gani then took over and what followed next, was magic. He started with,

"Although the earlier honourable speakers have elaborated on the historic journey of the organisation, the message of WMO is worth repeating all the time."

And he made sure that the message was heard loud and clear that night.

"For us at WMO, India has a very special place in our hearts. Wherever we may be, in Europe, Africa or America, our heart is always in India. It's the land of our ancestors, the land of our origin."

And he won the hearts of all, that had gathered that evening.

"WMO works as a consensus, we listen to everyone, embrace everyone's thoughts and then do what's right. The vision of WMO is to unite all Memons from around the world as we aspire to be the umbrella organisation which represents the interests of all Memons, worldwide. From a Trustee that pays a hundred thousand dollars to an annual member who pays just a hundred. All are welcomed with open arms."



A lesson was imparted in equality, it was a clarion call to unite all Memons from across the globe and a solemn promise that your voice will always be heard at the WMO.

"WMO was established fifteen years ago and has stood the test of time. Although our visionary forefathers who created the organisation are no longer with us, we have inherited their legacy to Serve Mankind and must continue the great work on behalf of our community. A lot has been accomplished but a lot more needs to be done. We need greater participation from Memons across the globe."

An emphatic plea was made to all, to join the WMO and partake in the humanitarian endeavours being carried out in all corners of the world to unite, uphold and uplift Mankind.

"Our resolve must be that every Memon has a roof over their head, every child has an education and those suffering are provided with effective medical care."

At WMO, we call it Vision 2020 and an important milestone that the organisation aspires to achieve in the next three years.

As Nowsad bha went on to ask for the collective support of all businessmen, philanthropists and professionals to help WMO accomplish Vision 2020, he made a special mention of the ladies and youth who formed an integral part of the organisation.

"Behind every successful man, there is a woman. We are blessed with wives, we are blessed with mothers. Let's embrace the women folk into our organisation and define their role in society. They can do wonders and they can surely do it much better than us, men."

"The youth is the backbone of every community. They are our future. The day will come when we have to depart from this world, if we don't leave a legacy, if we don't train our youth to take our position then sadly, we cannot go forward as a community and an organisation."

The large gathering of ladies and youngsters gave the most thunderous applause. As the clock struck half past eleven, I promise you that the thought of food was all but forgotten, the enthralled audience was eager for Nowsad bha to continue.

He went on to make a strong case to build a global network, establish a vibrant chamber of commerce and cement an unbreakable bond amongst Memons to further brotherhood and promote mutually beneficial business associations across the globe.

He ended emphatically by stating,

"WMO stands to make a difference. Be a part of its historic journey and become a member of this great organisation."

And a majority of the esteemed men, women and youngsters from all across India who had the good fortune to witness this fascinating oration were motivated to join the organisation.

As the Deputy President of the World Memon Organisation finished his rousing speech and the audience gave him a standing ovation, I rushed up to Nowsad bha and embraced him. I felt so proud to be lead by a man who had just inspired a generation. I was in the shadow of greatness.

The splendid oration encompasses the World Memon Organisation beautifully. This is WMO in a nutshell, this is WMO - Serving Mankind, this is WMO - the Global Network, this is WMO at its best.

And Nowsad Gani at his finest!



The AGM

The 14th AGM of the World Memon Organisation Charitable Foundation began on schedule at the ballroom of the Jumeirah Creek Side Hotel in Dubai. It was a very well attended affair and the venue was packed to the rafters.

The Honourable President of WMO, Mr. Solly Noor did the honours and rendered one of the most heart warming inaugural addresses. He recalled the story of a young, distinguished, first-time attendee at the AGM - Dr. Taheera Hassim. A successful medical practitioner and a Patron member of WMO Africa Chapter. He spoke about her journey from humble beginnings, the loss of her father at a very young age, her inability to fund her education, the struggles, her dreams, the grit, the determination and the eventual, overwhelming success. As he choked with emotion, emphasising that education is the most powerful weapon needed to change the world and one of the greatest causes supported by WMO, Taheera walked up to the podium to a resounding ovation and thanked the gathering.

It was an emotional moment and summed up the core ideology of WMO. An underprivileged child was awarded a bursary, a woman was empowered, she went on to fulfil her dreams, scaled the greatest heights of success and returned to give back to society. A Zakat recipient had emerged as a Zakat donor.

We all stood there applauding Taheera, the organisation and our President. Each one of us felt thankful for being a part of an organisation that makes a difference in people's lives. Dr. Taheera Hassim, made us proud. Being a member of the WMO family, even prouder!

I couldn't help but recall our President's words when he emphatically addressed a gathering in Pretoria, earlier this year and urged them to join the organisation.

"Allah's work never stops, it always goes on but don't miss the fun, don't miss the joy and don't miss the Sawaab (blessings) that we all receive, by being a part of WMO!"

Truer words were never spoken.

The fun, the joy and the Sawaab were plentiful that afternoon, in the ballroom of the Jumeirah Creek Side Hotel, at the 14th AGM of the World Memon Organisation, when Dr. Taheera Hassim came forward and took a bow.





WMO - The Global Network

The 14th AGM of the World Memon Organisation Charitable Foundation was hosted by the Middle East Chapter in the vibrant city of Dubai on the 29th of October 2016 at the Jumeirah Creek Side Hotel.

26th 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 hardwork by the Middle East contingent. Notably Mr. Haroon Karim, Mr Mahmood Shaikhani, Mr. Ahmed Shaikhani, Mr. Iqbal Dawood, Mr. Ismail Gadit, Mrs. Shabana ARY amongst many others.

The AGM was a celebration of Memon brotherhood. The warm camaraderie, fellowship and affiliation of Memons across the globe towards this wonderful organisation was strikingly evident by the colossal turn out at the event.

There were large representations from South Africa, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, North America, England and the host nation of United Arab Emirates. It was extremely heartwarming to receive first-time attendees from Indonesia, Canada, Holland, Portugal, Uganda, Lesotho and Myanmar. Their gracious presence at the AGM endorsed WMO as the truly global, umbrella organization which unites all Memons under its wings.

Perhaps it's time we requested Nokia to relinquish our tag line, rather the mission statement of our organisation.

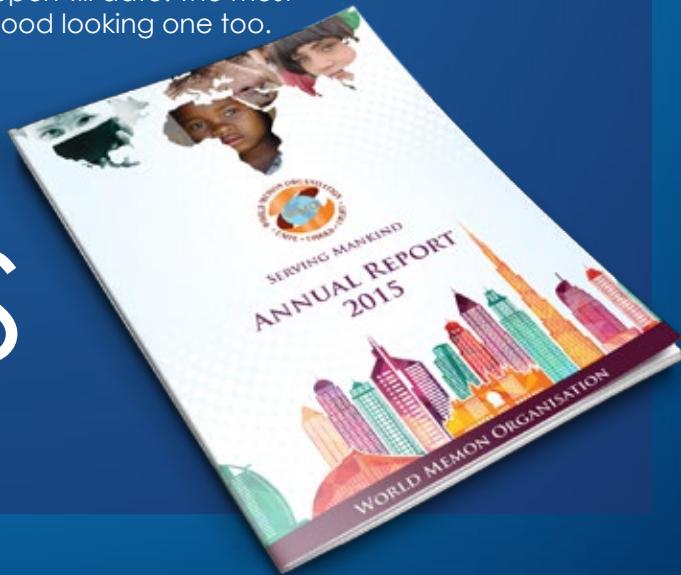
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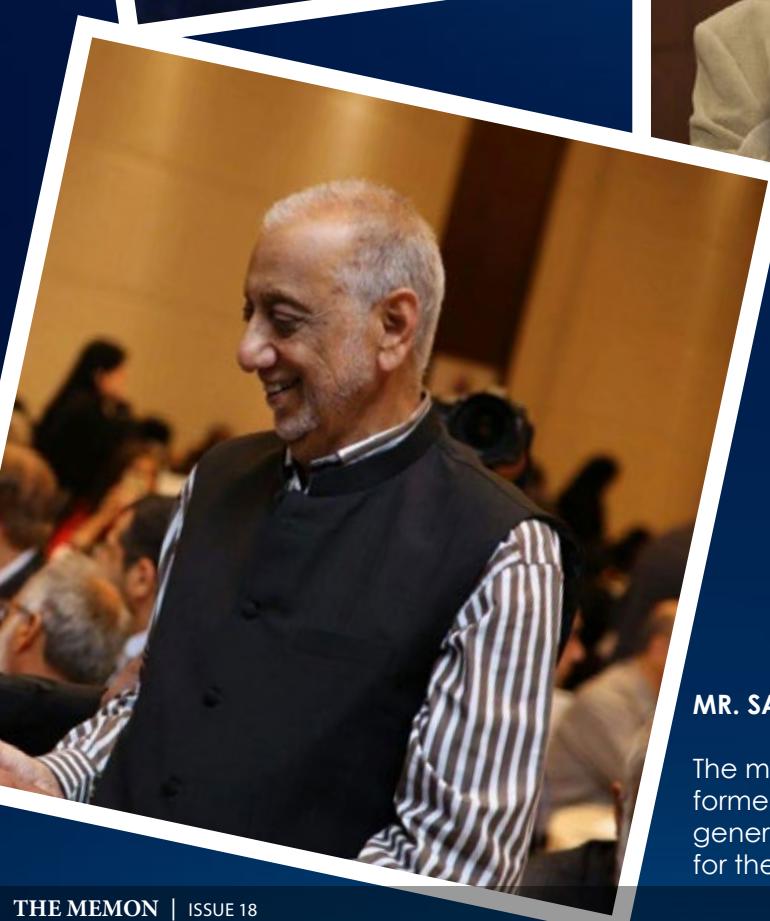
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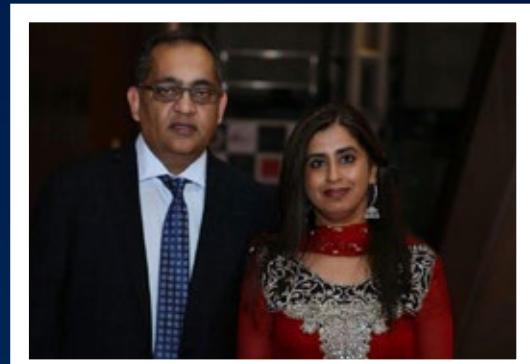
MR. AHMED SHAIKHANI
ASG Middle East Chapter

Master of Ceremonies, cornerstone of the Middle East Chapter and mainstay of the team that organised the AGM.

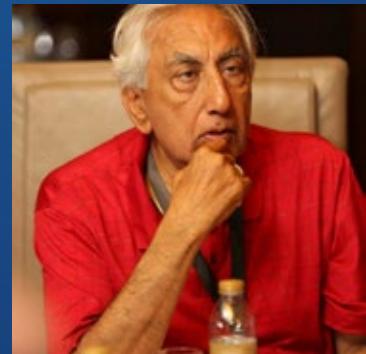


MR. SATAR DADA

The most humble man with a heart of gold. The former President of WMO is amongst it's most generous donors and has been the torch bearer for the organisation over the years.



OUR GUESTS FROM CANADA



MR. SULIMAN NOOR MAHOMED • PRESIDENTIAL MOMENTS • THINKER, ORATOR, LEADER, INSPIRATION AND FRIEND

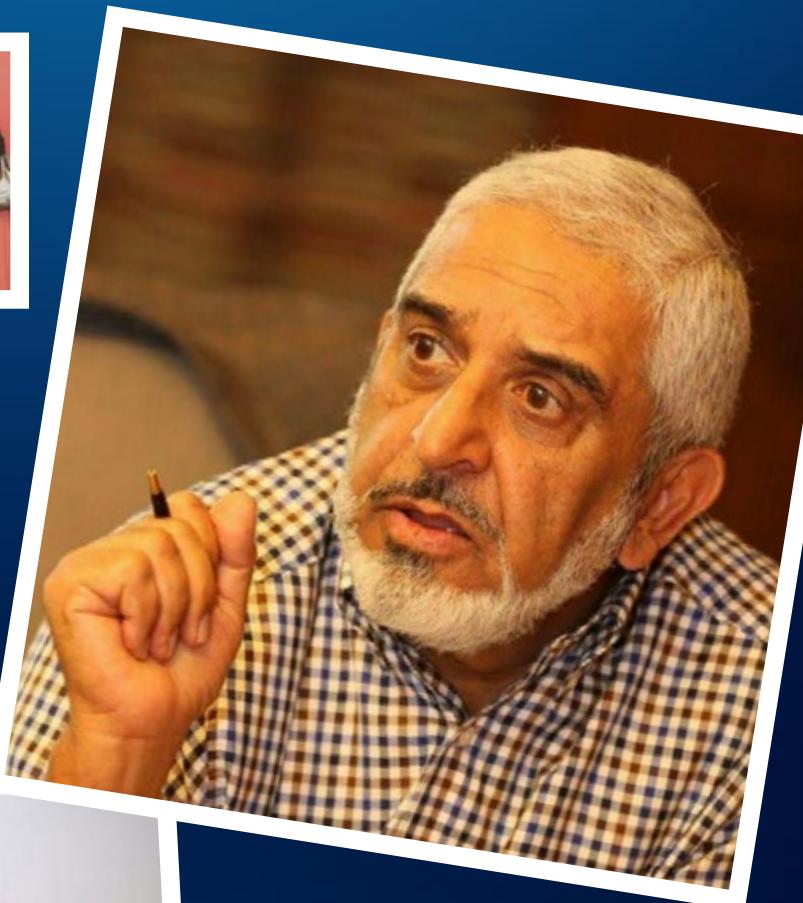


THE YOUTH BRIGADE

MR HAROON KARIM

Chairman - WMO Board of Trustees.

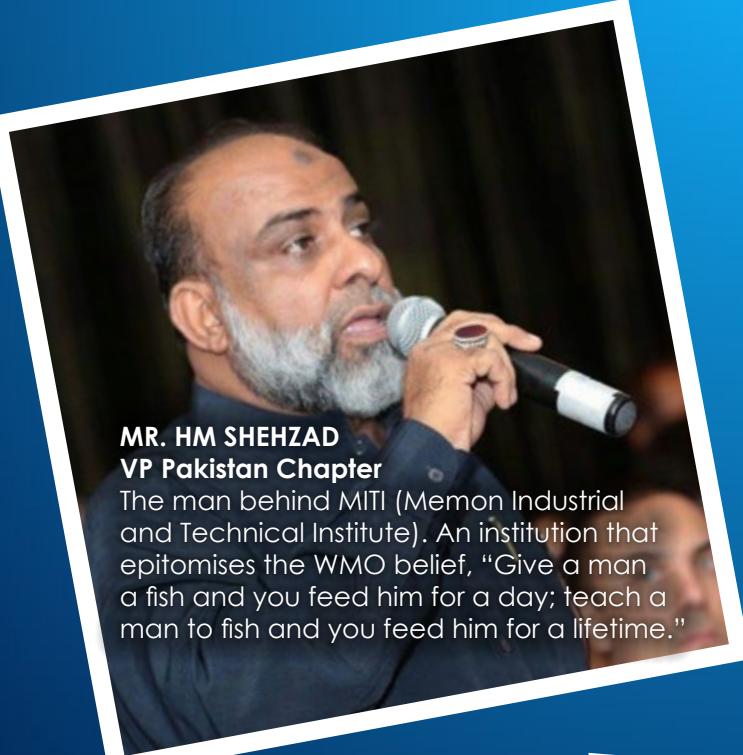
The recently turned 71 year 'young', founder member and Trustee of WMO, can give the youngsters of the Middle East Chapter, a run for their money. The driving force behind the 14th AGM in Dubai, Mr. Haroon Karim deserves a standing ovation for hosting an extremely successful, global event which translated into the largest turnout ever. He has already started planning for the next AGM in 2017. This iconic figure is an inspiration to us all.



THE LADIES FROM AFRICA

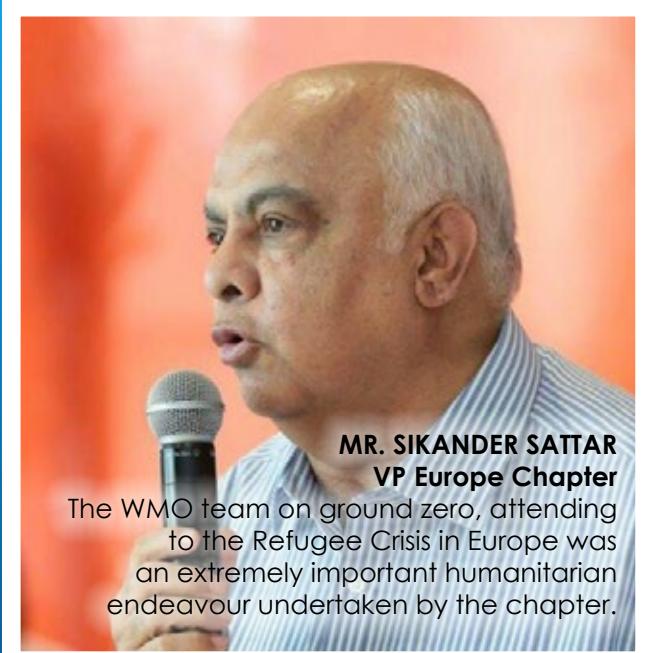


THE BOYS FROM LONDON



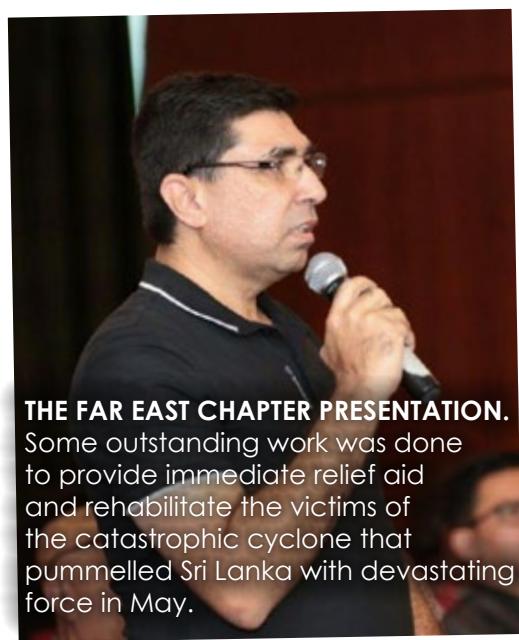
**MR. HM SHEHZAD
VP Pakistan Chapter**

The man behind MITI (Memon Industrial and Technical Institute). An institution that epitomises the WMO belief, "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime."

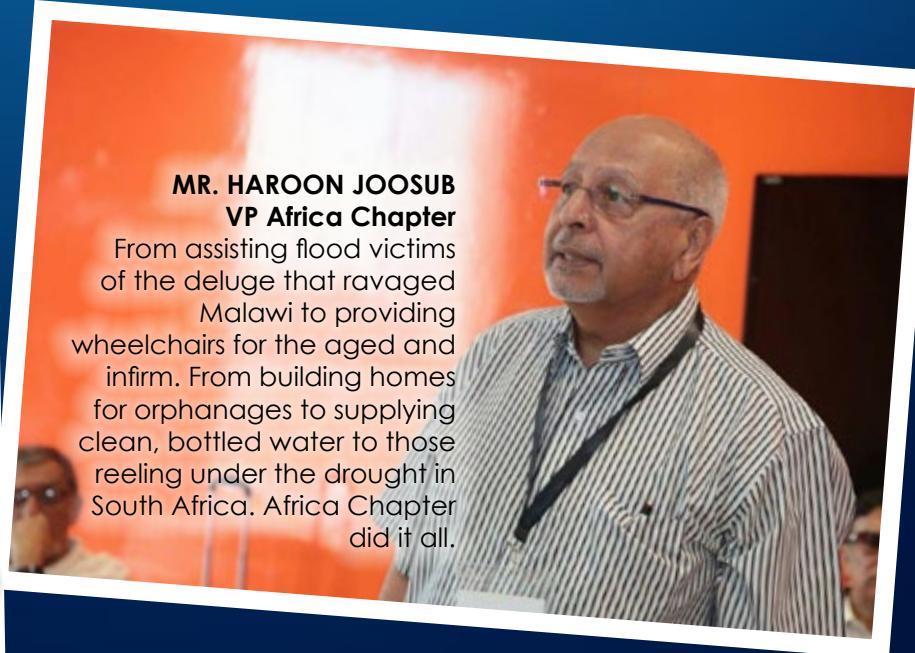


**MR. SIKANDER SATTAR
VP Europe Chapter**

The WMO team on ground zero, attending to the Refugee Crisis in Europe was an extremely important humanitarian endeavour undertaken by the chapter.

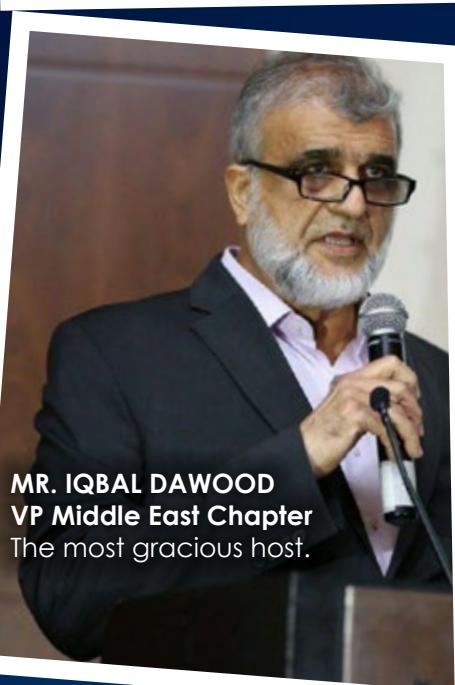


THE FAR EAST CHAPTER PRESENTATION.
Some outstanding work was done to provide immediate relief aid and rehabilitate the victims of the catastrophic cyclone that pummeled Sri Lanka with devastating force in May.



**MR. HAROON JOOSUB
VP Africa Chapter**

From assisting flood victims of the deluge that ravaged Malawi to providing wheelchairs for the aged and infirm. From building homes for orphanages to supplying clean, bottled water to those reeling under the drought in South Africa. Africa Chapter did it all.



**MR. IQBAL DAWOOD
VP Middle East Chapter**

The most gracious host.



**MR. GHAFFAR VARIEND
VP North America Chapter**

A large contingent arrived from America to attend the AGM in Dubai giving testament to the ever expanding global network of WMO.



**MR. ABDUL HAMID NATHANI
VP India Chapter**

Completed extensive housing projects in Gujarat and Maharashtra for the underprivileged, initiated a very successful membership drive and hosted the local MPL cricket tournament in India. Important milestones of Mr Hamid Nathani's tenure thus far.



THE LADIES FROM SRI LANKA



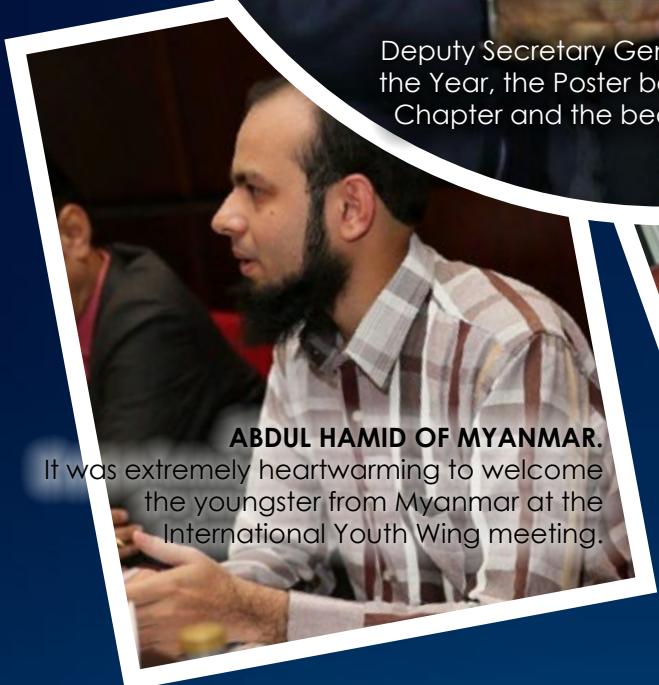
AZEEZ, AZIZ AND AZEEZ

The gentlemen from Bangalore and Chennai have carved a special niche as well as a separate domain for South India. Mr. Aziz from Chennai has also announced himself as the second Trustee from India, albeit, from the South.



MR MAHMOOD SHAIKHANI

Deputy Secretary General, Entrepreneur of the Year, the Poster boy for the Middle East Chapter and the beating heart of WMO.



ABDUL HAMID OF MYANMAR.
It was extremely heartwarming to welcome the youngster from Myanmar at the International Youth Wing meeting.



THE AMERICANS

MR YUNUS SULEMAN

Man of the Year

More than 20 international youth projects encompassing education, sports and women empowerment, conducted under his exemplary leadership.

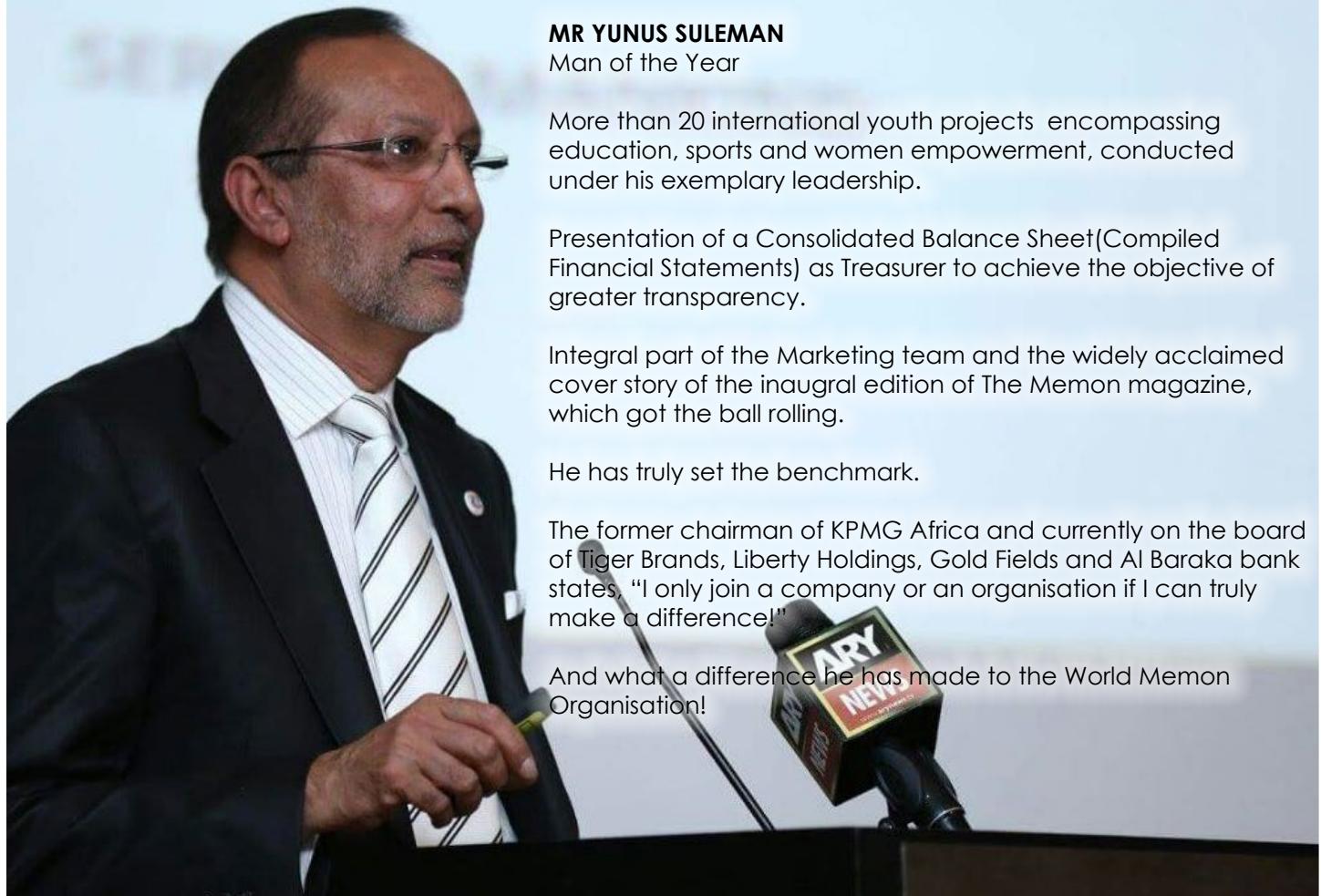
Presentation of a Consolidated Balance Sheet(Compiled Financial Statements) as Treasurer to achieve the objective of greater transparency.

Integral part of the Marketing team and the widely acclaimed cover story of the inaugural edition of The Memon magazine, which got the ball rolling.

He has truly set the benchmark.

The former chairman of KPMG Africa and currently on the board of Tiger Brands, Liberty Holdings, Gold Fields and Al Baraka bank states, "I only join a company or an organisation if I can truly make a difference!"

And what a difference he has made to the World Memon Organisation!

**MRS FAZILA AK ISMAIL**

Woman of the Year

Mrs. Fazila AK Ismail may be a diminutive figure but she has taken the WMO ladies wing to towering heights.

Contributions towards children with special needs, widow care program in India, flood relief in Malawi, contributions towards the Refugee Crisis in Europe, ambulance services in Kashmir, women empowerment programmes, matrimonial services are just a few of the projects undertaken by the very active, International ladies wing.

Fazila bai has recently become a Trustee from Africa Chapter. More power to you, ladies.





**MR. NOWSAD GANI**

The charismatic Deputy President of WMO always stands out in a crowd. One of the greatest ambassadors for the World Memon Organisation.

**MR. SHOAIB ISMAIL MANGRORIA**

Secretary General, WMO

Mr. Shoaib Ismail presented a blueprint of his vision for the brighter future of the Memon Community, with vital contributions from the World Memon Organisation towards creating his Utopia.

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**MR ASHRAF SATTAR**

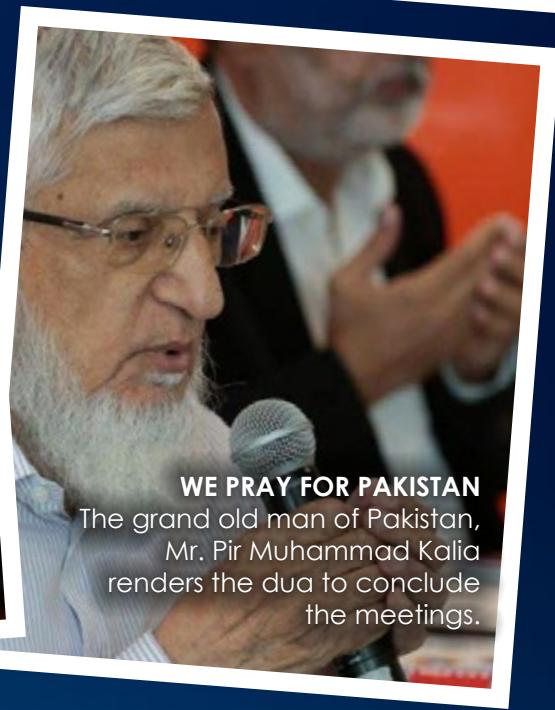
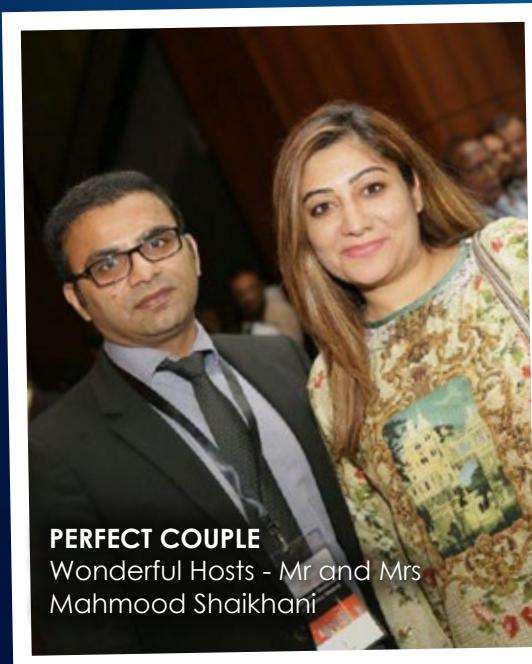
Deputy Chairman of the WMO Board of Trustees.

A Man of the People

The membership drive is in top gear, thanks to his untiring efforts.

MR GULAAM HUSSAIN ABDOOLA
Showing the Way

Chairman of the Audit, Finance and Zakat Committee. A most important Committee chaired by the most efficient man. Works silently behind the scenes with minimum fuss, delivering maximum results. Add to that, inimitable style and panache. Admiration guaranteed!





MR. YUSUF KAMDAR
You are now under the watchful eye
of the Election Commissioner



THE Evolution OF WMO



**DONORS
DO NOT
NECESSARILY
HAVE TIME
THE THEY HAVE
THE HEART**

IMAGE CREDIT: KHIDMATTRUST.COM

"I was blessed to have the opportunity to visit the Khidmat charitable trust and witness the great medical work being carried out by my brothers. To say that I was moved, to say that I had tears in my eyes when I saw the plight of the afflicted who come to seek medical treatment, is a gross understatement."

Mr. Nowsad Gani (Deputy President WMO) recalled his visit to the Khidmat trust in Mumbai with profound empathy, during his address at the Gala dinner hosted by the India Chapter.

He went on to add,

"But at the same time I was proud that this benevolent work is being carried out by my own Memon brothers, not just for our community but for all Humanity!"

The Khidmat charitable trust has been in existence for over 2 decades, providing effective medical and health care to the poor and needy. This is a multi million dollar charitable organisation that promptly addresses the medical needs of the underprivileged, across India. From free medicines to diagnostic tests, from providing kidney dialysis to a sizeable number of afflicted brothers and sisters, on a daily basis at zero costs, to making life saving surgeries possible for the less fortunate. Everything is taken care of under one roof.



*Alone we can do
So little
Together We Can Do
So Much!*

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

asserts Mr. Hamid Nathani (VP WMO India Chapter) who is an integral part of Khidmat trust.

IMAGE CREDIT: KHIDMATTRUST.COM

A KIND GESTURE CAN REACH A WOUND THAT ONLY COMPASSION CAN HEAL

IMAGE CREDIT: KHIDMATTRUST.COM

At the recently concluded AGM, the World Memon Organisation announced a significant reform in its allotment of funds. The earlier norm was a blanket funding towards the countries of India and Pakistan, predominantly for housing and education. Henceforth, specific projects from across the globe, which are approved by the Executive Committee and receive a nod from our worldwide donors, will be granted funds. India Chapter hopes that Khidmat will be one such endeavour.

Khidmat means "**To Serve**" in the Urdu language. As does the core ideology of the World Memon Organisation to "**Serve Mankind**". WMO expects to collaborate with like minded organisations, Jamaats, Associations and philanthropists from across the globe to jointly further a common cause to unite, uphold and uplift Humanity.

The Deputy Chairman of the WMO Board of Trustees, Mr. Ashraf Sattar who was the driving force behind the policy change, calls it a Paradigm Shift. We simply call it Evolution. At WMO, we are constantly adapting to the needs that are presented to us globally. The strength of the leadership lies in forward thinking and not being bound by a parochial mind set. More importantly, compassion for all, irrespective of caste, creed, community, colour or religion.

The year 2015 bears testament, with the organisation standing up against Xenophobia, providing water and funds through Operation Hydrate to children reeling under the heat and drought in South Africa, contributions towards the refugee crisis in Europe, delivering humanitarian aid to the survivors of the floods that ravaged Malawi and Sri Lanka.



IMAGE CREDIT: KHIDMATTRUST.COM

An organisation which was established, primarily to cater to the needs of its own people - the Memon community, has now evolved into a global charity which cares for all Mankind.





Halima Hospital

The establishment of Halima hospital in Lohara marks the beginning of a new chapter in health care for the less fortunate, residing in the small towns and villages of India.



Little Hamza was the first to be admitted to the Hospital with severe head trauma, after taking a tumble down the well in his courtyard. The incident happened a couple of days before the hospital had even officially opened to the public. Hamza is only 3 and after receiving a few stitches across his forehead, is well on the path to recovery. His mother wasn't that fortunate. She passed away due to complications, arising during childbirth, when Hamza was born.

The unavailability of immediate medical attention due to the lack of hospitals in rural India has led to a high mortality rate in villages. Fatal injuries, accidents, child birth complications are the most common causes of death. The vital time lost in receiving emergency medical care, makes the difference between life and death in most cases.

"Halima hospital will provide effective and affordable medical and health care to the locals of Lohara and surrounding areas. The underprivileged will be treated absolutely free of cost. We have a dedicated staff of doctors and nurses who will attend to the patients. Adequate arrangements have been made for an operation theatre, first aid, OPD and special attention is being given to paediatrics and the gynaecology division for the welfare of women and children. Every life is precious. I am grateful to Mrs. Farida Bimani for singlehandedly funding the hospital project and I promise her that it will save many lives." Asserted Sara Deshmukh at the inauguration ceremony of the Hospital, held on the 10th of November in Lohara. The event was attended by prominent and distinguished members of the local and international community, the medical fraternity and high ranking Government officials.



Sara bai was the driving force behind building Halima hospital in a record time of one year. Farida bai is the sister of Mrs. Shamim Osman (Ladies wing Chairperson - WMO Europe Chapter). The World Memon Organisation is expected to play an active role in providing support in the form of medical equipments towards the project in the near future.

As a nurse puts Hamza to sleep in the cot, Sara bai enters the ward, speaking to the group of reporters assembled at the momentous event. She picks up Hamza, kisses his heavily bandaged head as he curls up peacefully in her arms, blissfully unaware of the surrounding cacophony of media representatives. It makes for a picture perfect moment. Sara bai will always remember her first patient and the toddler knows, he will always be in safe hands.

"Halima" is very apt for the hospital. It's the name of the donor's mother and she was also our beloved prophet's (PBUH) foster mother, who raised him. We do hope that the hospital will stay true to its name and serve as a watchful guardian over the children, along with all others in the years to come, as a caring and loving mother who will protect and safeguard their health and lives.



INCREDIBLE INDIA

A caring daughter built a hospital in the fond memory of her departed mother, to serve the rural, underprivileged of India. Three industrial units were established in the suburbs of Mumbai to impart vocational training and empower women. The top brass of the Indian Memon community enrolled in droves, as members of the World Memon Organisation and affirmed their resolve to Serve Mankind.

All this happened in the momentous week of November, when the Prime Minister of India made the unforeseen announcement of demonetisation. In the ensuing pandemonium, with seismic upheavals in most people's lives and uncertain times, everyone put their hands up, got counted and stepped up to the plate for a good cause.

One is reminded of the firm belief and oft-repeated statement of our honourable President, Mr Solly Noor, "**Allah's work never stops. It always goes on!**"

Indeed, it always will.

