



ANNUAL FELICITATION

We await eagerly the Felicitation Function on 17th January 2009, when all (Sponsors, Committee Members, Staff and Senior Students) will come together to applaud the hard work of the students (at various levels) who have made the grade. We thank Allah for giving us the opportunity to be able to assist these students reach higher levels.

Every year an increasing number of students make the grade (cut off percentage for felicitation given in brackets). This year the no. of students being felicitated is 104, and comprises of 12 SSC (80%), 15 HSC-Sc. (75%), 8 HSC-Com. (70%), HSC-Arts (60%), 2 Dip-Engg. (75%), 4 B.Sc. (70%), 4 B.Com. (70%), 2 BMS (70%), 2 BCA (70%), 32 Degree-Engg. (60%), 12 Medical (60%), 4 Other Courses (60%).

We wish them a bright future in the years to come!

What I have achieved with Education A first person Report

For there is no end... each end is a new beginning

I have no words to describe MESCO in short. MESCO played a vital role as a guardian in my life. My father, the sole earning member of the family had died when I was in school; my sisters gave up their studies and started doing petty stitching work with my Mom in order to provide livelihood for the family. Continuing education looked like a distant dream to me. At such time MESCO came to my help through its "Educational Adoption Scheme". I was adopted under this scheme when I was in Std. X and beyond all odds I could complete my B.Sc. with I.T. and got a job as a Software Engineer in "Cognizant Technology Solution Ltd." Pune. My company has selected me for an assignment abroad (Machester, U.K.) for a period of 2 years. Had it not been for MESCO at the right time to provide support to me, things would have been entirely different.

It is my immense desire to do something for MESCO, to me doing something means extending support to our other brethren who need to be brought to a level from where they confidently reach their goals in their lives.

(From the Diary of an Ex-EAS Student)
Shaikh Sabir

Invites your urgent attention!

HELPLESSNESS WRIT LARGE ON HIS FACE!



What a jobless father can do for his little 2 years old child suffering from a major heart disease?

Cry? Beg? Confused? To collect Rs. 1,40,000/- required for Intra Cardiac repair surgery at KEM Hospital. Faiz Alam who had met with a road accident 2 years back and sustained head injury due to which he is unable to work hard, has no choice but to knock hundred doors to collect the required amount.

You could help Faiz Alam save his little son Javed.

Donate by cheque / cash / draft to MESCO, 4, Sayeed House, V.S. Marg, Mahim, Mumbai - 400016.

Monday to Saturday Between 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. everyday.

Your donation is exempted u/s 80G of the I.T. Act.

We thank all the donors who donated for Ms. Anjum, case advertised in the last issue.

MESCO adopts 300 such meritorious students annually and takes care of their education. Presently 110 donors sponsor 280 students. More than 700 such students with the help of our donors are now professionals like Engineers, Doctors, Educationists, C.A's, MBA's, MSW's etc.

**Join Hands With Us
Be a Change Agent, Act, Adopt a child
and see the difference!**

INVITATION

The annual Felicitation Programme is scheduled to be held at Yashwantrao Chavan Auditorium on **17th Jan. 2009 at 3.00 p.m.** All our well-wishers, members are requested to join us in applauding all the students who have worked hard to achieve the laurels.



MESCO HONOURED



MESCO was recently honoured for its dedicated service to society, by American Federation of Muslims of Indian Origin (AFMI) at the Mughal Sheraton on Saturday, 27th December, 2008 with Sir Syed Ahmed Award; a plaque was presented on the occasion.

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OUR YOUNG ACHIEVERS

Dr. (Ms) Rafat Naaz Sayed, MBBS., DCH, our ex-HCELS student, has been appointed in December, 2008 as Registrar, Paediatrics, Bhatia General Hospital, Mumbai

Ms. Naziya Salimuddin Butt our ex-HCELS and current Education Aid student topped Maharashtra University of Health Sciences at the Final Year BDS exam with a score of 70.85%.

ADC City

AFTERNOON DESPATCH & COURIER
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'Spirit of Mumbai' – a cliché overplayed



After every catastrophe that hits the city the term 'Spirit of Mumbai' is played over and over. Yes, for one, totally believe in this so-called 'Spirit of Mumbai'. Such is the spirit that mothers ask their officer colleague going children to make a phone call, as soon as they reach at... before leaving with innumerable calls as between. Such is the spirit that before boarding a local train, everybody says a silent prayer, the spirit is such that people on the streets get scared even by the sound of a firecracker. What is it that makes Mumbai-bankers resume life with normalcy again, after they witness something as terrifying as 1993 serial blast, as heart-rendering as 26/7 deluge or something as horrifying as November 26-29 terror attacks? Is it the undying spirit? No, it is the helplessness that forces us to work even as our mind is full with pictures of dead and blood on streets. It is because people force themselves to forget things so that they are able to board a train, a bus or a cab. It is because they know that come what may, they have to go to work to make a living. Simply sitting at home like crooked will definitely not solve their problem. Mumbai, the city of dreams, is the financial hub. How can it endure a standstill? The day that happens, Mumbai will die in the true sense. Die, they do, even now. Terrorists, rear bullets and grenades have killed a little of all the Mumbai-bankers. They helplessly cry and every tear-droplet shed, dampens the spirit of Mumbai. Even as they light candles and carry out peace rallies, in the back of the mind a fear is nudging them. The fear of what if, a common looking person amidst them is a terrorist? What if he coolly plants a bomb and walks-off casually? After all terrorism doesn't have a face and even if it does, Mumbai-bankers are yet to recognize it. 'Spirit of Mumbai' huh? Yes, have heard of that. —Nazneen Haider

Article above by **Nazneen Haider**, who was inducted in EAS when she was in Std. VIII, completed her BMM, presently working as a **Sub Editor at Afternoon Despatch & Courier**

EMPLOYMENT NEWS

To all our readers:

We request you to send in news of positions that need to be filled in your company around end March 2009 and every quarter thereafter so that we can publish it and help find you some suitable candidates.

Jobs recently acquired by some of our Students

- Mr. Nadeem Sameja B.E.(Civil) has recently been appointed Site Engr. at Valecha Engg. Ltd., Mumbai
- Mr. Suhail Khan B.E. (Mech.) has been working for last one year with Reliance Energy Ltd., as Asstt. Manager.
- Mr. Amanullah I. Pirzada completed his MMS this year, was appointed as Mktg. Executive with Genesis Engg., Mumbai.
- Ms. Naziya Mukadam B.E. (Electronics) has been appointed Lecturer, Industrial Electronics, M.H. Saboo Siddik Polytechnic, Mumbai
- Mr. Ansar Mohammed Zahid, Dip. in Elect. Engg. has recently been appointed as Supervisor Training, at Voltas Ltd at their Chinchpokli (Mumbai) facility.

POSITION AVAILABLE : Site Supervisor required for our school construction site, Kausa

POSITION WANTED : A commerce graduate from Mumbai University is looking for a job opportunity in the field of Advertisement, H.R./Admin, Finance and Banking.

HOLDING MESCO'S HANDS

PATRON, LIFE MEMBERS AND OTHER SPONSORS THIS LAST QUARTER

PATRON MEMBERS :

Mrs. Kausar Solkar, Mr. Shahid Ansari, Mr. Shakil Ayub Shaikh, ex-EAS student and Mrs. Archana Tiwari have made common cause with MESCO and joined as **Patron Members** in the last quarter.

LIFE MEMBERS :

Mr. Afzal Peermohammed Chandiwala, Mr. Kalyankar Shaibaz Asghar Ali (an ex-EAS student) working as a Trainee Build Engineer, Lion Bridge Technology Private Ltd.), Mr. R. Amanudeen, Mr. Imran Ahmed Dadan (an ex-EAS student) working as senior Site Engr. with Essel Infra Ltd.), and Mr. Parvez Atiqur Rehman (another ex-EAS student of yesteryears, teaching at a BMC school), Mr. M. Hamza Ansari (yet another ex-EAS and later a HCELS student), have all become **Life members**.

EDUCATIONAL AID :

We are grateful to Muslim Aid, UK for their continued support for our Educational Aid Scholarship programmes at school and college Levels. It is largely because of their munificent grant that MESCO has been able to sustain these scholarship programmes which cover over 1,000 students at school and 480 students at post school level.

EAS SPONSORSHIP :

We are grateful to Bai Jenabai Trust. for donating Rs.50,000/- towards EAS sponsorship.

Dr. (Mrs.) Rashida K. Labhiwala, sonologist, has sponsored one student.

RATION SUPPORT :

Mr. Ziyauddin Sayed contributed towards Ration Support Scheme for one family.

HIGH COST EDUCATIONAL LOAN SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME (HCELS) : Mr. Abu Backer Hussain's family (Trade Lines LLC, Dubai) has sponsored 3 students for their Marine Engineering Courses.

SEWING MACHINE SPONSORS :

Mr. Mohamed Yunus and Mr. Rashid Merchant have decided to sponsor one Sewing machine, each, during the next disbursement in February 2009.

NURSERY SCHOOLS SPONSORS :

Mrs. Fatima Najam and her friends have evolved a fantastic scheme of arranging tea parties for social causes particularly for education. They have raised the sponsorship amount of Rs. 85,000/- (annual deficit for one MESCO Nursery school in the slums) from such parties. This is the second such school sponsored through a tea party (the group calls itself very aptly as "Party for Poverty")

MEDICAL SUPPORT :

Mr. Gadiwala.

You may send your Donations / Zakat / Sadaqah amounts by crossed cheque / cash / D.D. /Money Order Drawn in favour of "MESCO". at our registered office.

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EDUCATION

*Happenings in Institutions & Schemes***EAS MILAP PROGRAMME**

It was a great experience when 27 EAS sponsors came face to face with their wards (numbering 52) on two Sundays (14th and 21st December 2008). The analysis presented at the meeting showed that of 280 students last year, 264 had been sponsored by 80 donors.

193 students were being sponsored by 95 local sponsors, some 9 sponsors from abroad were supporting 66 students between them, while Corpus donation made by 5 sponsors was taking care of 33 other students.

"It was a good initiative. However, I noted that the students need little more privacy and confidentiality to open up. More and frequent meetings may help them to be forthcoming."

Ms. Tasneem Bano Shaikh, Chartered Accountant, Associate Consultant, Bank of India, commenting on the Student-Sponsor Meet (EAS Milap) held on 14th December, 2008.

○ **Loan Repayment - The following students paid back their entire loan during this quarter:**

1. Mr. Shahidur Rehman completed his MMS and presently working with Damac Properties Co. LLC in Dubai.
2. Ms. Syed Lubna completed her MMS and is now working with Allana Sons as Banking Manager.
3. Mr. Khan Ramiz, completed B.E. (Electronics) and is working with TCS as a Software Engineer.
4. Mr. Shaikh Ibrahim completed his ME (Machine Design) is working with M.H. Saboo Siddik College of Engg. as Lecturer.
5. Mr. Shaikh Javed finished his B.E. (Comp.) and is presently working with TCS as Trainee Engineer.
6. Dr. Suryavanshi Archana completed her M.B.B.S. and is now working with D.Y. Patil Medical College as Lecturer.
7. Mr. Ansari Abu Sufiyan completed his Hotel Mgmt and is currently serving with Hotel Kempinski, Central London.

○ **"How to succeed in an Examination"** programme was held on Sunday, 16th November, attended by 79 students and 29 parents. Prof. (Dr.) Satischandra Kumar, Univ. Dept. of Psycho alongwith Prof. Farhaan Makba, Chairman Education PC spoke on the occasion.

○ 70 students (including 12 girls) contributed Zakat of Rs.3,22,750/- between them to MESCO this year.

Short Term Vocational Courses(STVC), at Dharavi:

Beautician - 5th batch completed on 20th December 2008; while the 11th batch of **Mehndi** got over on 17th Dec. 2008.

Sewing Classes: Both batches of 20 students each will complete their courses by December, 2008.

MES Vocational Training Centre has 29 girls are attending the **Beautician's** course, while another 34 boys are attending the **Electrician's** course; 21 have enrolled for the **English Speaking Course**.



Mr. S.H. Khan, ex-Managing Director, IDBI, interacting with his sponsored students at EAS Milap held on 14th December 2008, at R.C. Mahim Urdu School, Mahim.

Nursery Schools:

Children's Day celebrated in all Nursery schools on 14th November. Poetry and nursery rhymes recitation (non-competitive) was held at Little Toddlers and Little Fairies (Jogeshwari) on 30th November, 2008. A DVD player with speaker was donated by Dr. Yasmeen Pathan, parent of our Little Angel's School, Malad (East).

MEDICAL

In this quarter (October- December) 50 HCMA cases were sanctioned and 113 cases under GMA were provided help and Rs.63203/- worth TB medicines were given to 11 patients.

Dialysis cases - 10 patients completed their 6 months dialyses in December and another 6 patients have been taken.

Mobile Clinic: During the current quarter (Oct.- Dec.08), between the two Mobile Clinics (the one located at Kausa, became functional from 1st December, 2008). We have treated 5512 patients in 70 working days, an average of almost 80 patients per day through the first mobile clinic.

We have to thank Dr.R.Sumar & his colleagues (Trustees) of Muslim Ambulance Society for allowing use of their Ambulance when our Mobile Clinic had been away for servicing from 9th to 20th September.

We are grateful to Ms. Nisrin Ebrahim, Trustee of Rangoonwala Foundation (India Chapter) for organizing a very well attended workshop on "Scenario of increasing cost of health care and the shrinking provision of govt. facilities".

POVERTY RELIEF

Clothes Distribution : 9,725 clothes were handed over to Goonj on 7-11-2008 on reciprocal basis.

Around 5,000 clothes were distributed on 11th October 2008 at Malawani, Malad from the premises of St. Paul's School.

8 Cases of **House Repair** sanctioned in the last three months at a cost of Rs.1,85,000/-

Qurbani Packets' Distribution: 693 Qurbani meat packets were distributed to families in different locations in Mumbai out of funds received from Muslim Aid, UK.

Ration Distribution : Currently there are 144 beneficiary families, most of whom are widows, divorcees and deserted women's families; 18 cases are awaiting being sponsored.

Sewing Machines: 21 given out so far during first distribution. 2nd distribution would be held in February 2009.

MAIL BOX



Please send your suggestions, queries & feedback

What some of our ex-students have to say about their association with MESCO

“MESCO has been a turning point in my life; it has always been a strong support”
says Mr. Suhail Khan, Asstt. Mnanager, Reliance

“MESCO helped in developing my personality through various Get-togethers, Camps and also through various eminent speakers who shed light on various careers etc.”
reminisces Mr. M. Adnan Tayeb, B.E. (Mech.) working with Infosys Technologies Ltd.

“MESCO has been a pillar of support to me. It has changed my way of thinking towards life”
says Dr. Nowman Qureshi, R.M.O. Bombay Hospital

“MESCO is like a family to me. I always thank God for making me a part of such trustworthy family”
says Fahim Thanawala, Asstt. Systems engineer, Tata Consultancy Services.

“MESCO has been the backbone of my career”
says Mr. Imran Dadan, Sr. Site Engineer, working with Essel Infra Ltd., Mumbai

2nd Mobile Clinic donated by Valli Charitable Trust, was inaugurated at Kausa, on 30th November, 2008, by Dr. Ramesh Bharmal, Dean of Rajiv Gandhi Medical College & Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Hospital, Kalwa.



This Mobile Clinic will serve in 4 localities in Mumbra / Kausa area from Monday to Saturday. During the first month of operation it has averged over 60 patients a day.

COMMUNICATION

Contribute to MESCO's effort:

You could donate (and sponsor)

- Rs. 85,000/- a year, would help sponsor one Nursery School in a poor locality. (*Nursery School*)
- Rs. 50,000/- a year, and ensure professional education for a meritorious student. (*HCELS*)
- Rs. 4,000/- a year will cover a child's school / college fees. (*Education Aid*)
- Rs. 12,000/- can provide dry ration to a widow and her family for a whole year. (*Ration Support*)
- Rs. 10,000/- per year and help a meritorious child study further. (*Education Adoption Scheme*)
- You can help in all these activities by setting up a Corpus dedicated to the memory of a near one; start a Sawaab-e-Jaariyah!
- You could send your Donations / Zakat.

MY EXPERIENCE OF THE FIELD

The other side of Mumbai, commercial capital of India

When I went last month to pay a home visit in response to a case for Ration Support, tears came to my eyes. I immediately thanked Allah for what He has given me; I immediately asked forgiveness for my complaints to Him.

The applicant Zaitoon*, a widow staying with her three young daughters and her mother, who is nearing 80 years of age. Her house is a kuchha hutment, the Municipal authorities have demolished it many times; but she has nowhere to go and continues to stay there, with no roof and partial partitions for walls.

She is a hawker selling vegetables door to door; each day she buys a bundle of vegetables (some good and some rotten) at a cheaper rate from Dadar market; she then segregates the good and throws the bad ones, spending quite some time on this. She then goes on her round door to door and manages to make Rs.40/- to Rs.60/- from this each day.

When I went with her for the first time after she was inducted in MESCO's Ration Support programme to make the ration purchases for the month from the grocery shop which included 13 kg rice, 13 kg wheat, 3.5 kg dal, 3.5 sugar 500 gm tea powder, 600 gm masala, 1.5 kg ghee, 2.5 litres cooking oil, 15 litres milk; she was astonished to see the package. When I handed over the items to her she started weeping incessantly; she had never seen so much quantity of food grains for her family in her entire life; she just used to purchase day to day minimum requirement from the meager income she earned and could never imagine purchasing food in bulk quantity at any point of time.

Allah alone knows how many such Zaitoons are surviving in our world class city!

*name changed.

Mr. Salim Memon
(Officer - General Aid Dept.)

THE RELAY CONTINUES

65 past students have expressed their desire to help people in various ways.

Mr. Hasib Patanwala, who completed BE (Elex), and presently working with Merrill Lynch has donated Rs.10,000/-.

EAS Sponsorships received from our ex-EAS students

Mr. Shaikh M. Hanif, who completed his Diploma in Civil Engg., working as a Senior Consultant, has sponsored one EAS student.

Mr. Mubeen Gaffar Khan, working as Fluid Analysis Engr .is working with Schlumberger Overseas at Qatar has sponsored an EAS student.

Mrs. Rehana Vora (an ex-EAS student), who had done B.Sc. (Nursing), earlier working with Jaslok Hospital as Staff Nurse, has sponsored another 2 students taken the no. under her care to 5.

Mr. Abubakar Moosa Shaikh (an ex-EAS student) working as Maintenance Supervisor, at Tawoos Industrial Services Oman.

OLD NEWSPAPER COLLECTION

Our Old News Paper Collection Teams has continued to do excellent job during last quarter. Our City Unit has collected 1,74,094 kg., whereas Suburbs Unit has collected 1,84,887 kg.