

Report on the Community Review Meeting and Student Award Ceremony

Tarraqi GAIN Centre-Tonk

5th Dec, 2016



Tarraqi GAIN Centre, Tonk organized a community review meeting and the first TGC Award Ceremony for student achievers on the 5th December 2016. On this occasion the chief guest was **Dr. Khurshid Mallick (Founder & Director IMEFNA)**. The program attended by almost 230 students and parents had many esteemed community leaders, educationists, and scholars of Tonk such as **Major Anwar Shah (Retd.)**, **Dr. Naseem (Director DIET-Tonk)**, **Mr. Khurshid Anwar** (Educationist & Social Worker), **Maulana Mohammad Amir** (Mohtamim, Al Ameen Madarsa lil Banaat & Millat School-Tonk), **Ms. Najma Naseem** (Retd. Lecturer DIET Tonk), **Dr. Zafar Mahmood** (M.O. Unani Medical College Hospital Tonk, Rajasthan), **Adv. Tariq sb.** (Advocate & Social Worker), **Mr. Yusuf Ejazi** (School Owner-Director, Regional Public School) and **Mr. Altaf Hussain** (Director, Kundan Public School, Tonk).

The program commenced with the recitation of the Dua-Nazm 'Lab pe ate hai dua' followed by a welcome address by **Mr. Zaheer Alam**, Centre Manager, TGC-Tonk who also shared about the TGC efforts and achievements. **Mr. Amir Abidi**, (Founder Director-TIF) highlighting the key achievements in the light of the mandate of the TGC project and the future needs introduced the chief guest Dr. Khurshid Mallick (Founder & Director IMEFNA). Mr. Abidi highlighted that other than the academic achievements of the students and the support by TGC team in advocacy, scholarships application, career guidance et al, the greatest joy is to see the whole community- young and old, students and teachers, parents and community from various religions and castes working and learning together.

Thereby **Dr. Khursheed Mallick** addressed sharing his life journey- struggles and achievements motivating the students and inspiring the community. It was an interactive talk where he also sought suggestions and opinions from the group. He appreciated the efforts of the TGC team and the community's support evident by their enthusiastic participation. He also interacted with the Faculty and TGC students inquiring about educational and social needs of the students in Tonk.



He urged that students should not leave their studies due to the poverty and other problems but must persevere. He further said that every human has equal time to do his job, everyday so it is important to plan and prioritize. Encouraging students to be responsible and supportive to each other, he shared that in America, students spend more time in self study and peer learning while Teachers only facilitate.

During the open house many community leaders and parents appreciated the TGC efforts thanking IMEFNA for the support. Almost everyone stated that the effort must certainly continue and should be strengthened further as the need is great and there has been a commendable response from the students. Some enthusiastically offered to participate and support in the establishing of new centers in Baheer, Purani Tonk, Chavni and Near Huda Masjid. It was heartening to also see students confidently and eloquently expressing some demand like English communication classes.

Awards and prizes to TGC achievers (students) were given citing their efforts receiving much appreciation by the assembly. Certificate of Appreciation was also given to some 'Drop out' and 'Out of school' girls who had been completed their three month vocational course where many of them other than sewing/embroidery also learnt to read and write. A few had even resumed their education through the NIOS and IGNOU with the support and guidance of the TGC team. **Loudest claps were heard for the achievers who have secured a place in Rahmani 30 coaching, Jamia Hamdard coaching and IIT coaching at Kota.** The parents had received the trophy on their behalf.

Each one of them thanked the TGC faculty and appreciated the motivational and inspiring environment of the Centre which has become an Oasis of Learning in Tonk.



At the end of program a Poster made by the students was gifted to Dr. Khursheed Mallick. **Almost all the community members appreciated the efforts and unanimously urged IMEFNA to continue and enhance its support for the TGC Tonk.** Community leader and one of the first graduates from Tonk (AMU) **Najma Apa** speaking eloquently in Urdu shared that Tonk which was a citadel of learning (*Ilm ka Gehvara*) once had deteriorated (*zawaal*) unbelievable but it is remarkable that signs of Progress (Tarraqi) are again unfolding and the future is promising. **Dr. Naseem sb** (Director-District Institute for Education Training) commended IMEFNA and hoped that this effort which is still vulnerable will be strengthened further. **Major Anwar Sb.** who had earlier very graciously hosted IMEFNA trustee Hyder Sb at his farmhouse welcomed Dr. Mallick to Tonk and requested him to visit again conveying his support on behalf of the community with the efforts. In the end **Maulana Amir sb** supplicating to the Almighty thanked and prayed for the efforts and the wellbeing of all the students, parents, teachers and the people supporting the efforts.





List of Awardees: To be Attached