

Report : TiF Independence Day Celebrations & TGC Achievers Awards Function

Tarraqi I Foundation celebrated the 70th Independence Day of our beloved country at Tarraqi GAIN Centres (TGC) in Nuh (Haryana) & Tonk (Rajasthan). While celebrating our Freedom from the exploitative colonial forces and rising as a Sovereign Nation, we must always be grateful, humble and alert to respect and cherish what has been achieved after unimaginable sacrifices by our elders. It is also a day to reflect and revive our commitment to those values of equality, justice and fraternity and strengthen tasks both collective and individual which make a country great and ensure Progress, Freedom and Peace.

In Nuh (Haryana) Independence Day 2017 Celebrations and TGC Achievers Awards Function was held at the DRDA Hall, Nuh (Haryana) from 11.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. TGC Achievers who have performed well in the Boards exams were felicitated and so were the students who are regular and performing well in the TGC Coaching Classes.

Shri Naseem Ahmad, IAS (Retd.) Former Chairman, National Commission for the Minorities, Ex-Chairman, Haryana Waqf Board and Ex-VC, A.M.U was the **Chief Guest**. **Shri Mani Ram Sharma IAS**, District Commissioner -Nuh and **Maulana Sher Mohammad Amini** were the **Guest of Honour**. We are grateful to **Mr. Amaan Khan**, for supporting TiF and TGC efforts and sponsoring the Independence Day programme.

Shri Naseem Ahmad having retired after a sterling bureaucratic career and holding immensely powerful positions, his demeanor, character and service record is exemplary. As Vice Chancellor of AMU and later as Chairman of Haryana Waqf Board he has zealously pushed for the educational upliftment of the underprivileged including the establishment of the Mewat Engineering College.

Shri Mani Ram Sharma is an inspiration for many having strived out of grinding poverty and disability (He was totally hearing impaired till recently when he got partial and then complete hearing through cochlear implants). His grit and consistent effort to pursue and become an IAS officer is legendary. Since taking charge earlier as ADC and then as DC of Mewat, besides his other administrative duties, he has been consistently striving to develop education and employability opportunities for the youth. His latest initiative to try and get at least 500 police constables recruited in the upcoming Sept'17 Haryana Police recruitment is commendable, where he himself has volunteered and encouraged others to come forward for coaching and guiding the candidates to prepare for the entrance examination. TGC is supporting this great initiative by facilitating the coaching classes for the candidates and providing them relevant books to prepare for the exam.

Maulana Sher Mohammad Sb is one of the most renowned and respected Aalim and community leader of Mewat. He heads the Madarsa Ubai ibne Kaab RA situated in Ghasera also called 'Gandhi Gram' because it was here that Gandhiji had camped to strengthen Hindu-Muslim unity and trust to curb the communal forces which were trying to wreak havoc in the wake of partition. Every year since that time students and teachers after hoisting the Tricolour at the Madarsa march in a somber way carrying flags and chanting slogans of Peace and National pride all the way to the site where Gandhiji had camped. Here by the side of the Highway one can see a mesmeric convergence of simple villagers, kids and elders, scholars and roadside mechanics, truck drivers and passersby who stop by to listen to the soul stirring speeches, sing patriotic songs (quami tarane) and distribute sweets.

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Over 200 guests participated in the Nuh comprising of Community Leaders, Educationists, TGC Students, Haryana Police Exam candidates and parents, notably Mr Mushtaque Ahmad, Principal-GCW College, Salahari; Mr. Imtiaz Ahmad, Principal YMD College, Nuh and Mr. Imtiyaz Ahmad, South Asia Marketing Head-Wagner GmbH.

In Tonk (Rajasthan) Independence Day was celebrated by the TGC Team along with many sisters and mothers who have been a part of Tarraqi Mahila Sangathan (a voluntary group of almost 400 women and girls in Tonk which strive collectively for their rights and entitlement in Education and Society) celebrated led by Ms. **Najma Naseem**. She is one of the first Lady Graduates from Tonk. She had studied at AMU and was a Lecturer in District Institute for Education and Training. Would have surely risen to be the Director but was forced to take voluntary retirement because of a serious accident. She is a role model and a very sincere guide to the TiF efforts). **Mr. Adnan Buland (Fellow-Azim Premji Foundation)** was the Guest of Honour. He came into the education/development sector because of his passion and dedication to the cause leaving a lucrative Engineering Career. A brilliant Maths teacher he is an example of many such sincere and immensely talented youngsters who despite the materialistic rat race have listened to their inner calling and taken the challenge of doing what they love.

Education and Peaceful Coexistence are the bedrock of a free society and a great Nation. This was the core message that emanated from both the gathering. In India while we have made tremendous progress in improving access to Education (School enrolment) the quality and relevance of education being delivered needs massive efforts to address the challenges of a Nation where according to ‘World Population Prospects: The 2015 revision’ Population Database of United Nations Population Division, India has the world’s highest number of 10 to 24-year-olds, with 242 million—despite having a smaller population than China, which has 185 million young people. TiF is striving to do its bit sincerely and is committed to further support and work with like minded and sincere educationists/schools/madarsas/NGOs. **Jai Hind!!**

Amir Abidi
Founder Director| Tarraqi I Foundation

TiF Scholarship Fund (TIFSF) Appeal:

It is our earnest appeal to our friends and well-wishers to support TiF in facilitating TGC students in their academic endeavor thus strengthening the noble cause of empowering the marginalized through education. You can donate through Cheque/Demand Draft/Online-transfer. Our Bank details are mentioned below:

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1. Mr. Amir Abidi (Director-TiF welcoming Mr. Mani Ram Sharma IAS (DC Nuh)
2. Shri Naseem Ahmad felicitating a TGC Student



3. TGC Team and Tarraqi Mahila Sangathan
4. TGS students and Tarraqi Mahila Sangathan writing the Independence Day Quiz.



5. Madarsa Ubai bin Kaab RA students marching in Gandhi Gram (Ghasera Village).
6. Public Celebration at the site where Mahatma Gandhi had camped for Unity and Peace.