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Indian Muslims for Progress and Reforms

BOOKLET
ON
WALKING TOGETHER THROUGH COVID 19



Overview

When the lockdown was announced earlier this year, it came along with multiple uncertainties of health, livelihood, finances, mental and emotional wellbeing. Any prospect of tomorrow became vague, for we had no examples from recent history and memory where something like COVID 19 had happened. While the world was trying to make sense of the new realities, certain areas of concern were resolved just by the ability of being human. Charity groups, voluntary organisations, and concerned individuals quickly offered whatever was needed to overcome the crisis.

Muslim charity groups, help organisations, and individuals also participated generously, ensuring the poor are attended, stranded are provided with food, water, and other essentials. This was reported widely by the national and regional media. This booklet tries explicitly to bring to fore contributions of the Muslim community through the COVID 19 crisis. Apart from the descriptive details of the charity work undertaken by the Muslim community, this booklet also takes our attention to the concept of charity for Muslims and how it should be understood in the current socio-political situation.

Islam ordains followers to help those in need. Quran and Hadith are proliferated with examples of charity that Muslims are required to oblige. However, the concept of charity is to be understood beyond the requirements of quantitative data as x kgs of ration and food packets were distributed. It is crucial to comprehend charity through the sociological lens and understanding how the idea of charity stretches on the notion of reciprocity, solidarity, and equality.

Firstly, the central value that charity establishes is the social protocol of how Muslims are supposed to bring in a standard prescription of relating to other human beings, with or without a crisis in sight. Secondly, the idea of charity is an obligation that has to be met out, because all the wealth in the first place has been provided by the creator. So, in principle, the relationship devised by the act of charity is between equals, where an individual feels the pain of the other individual and readily parts away with a portion of his wealth. Someone who is a taker of charity today could be a giver in some years, further strengthening the idea of equality.

Any charity work is an act of kindness by an individual/organization towards the fellow human being and should ideally be above any classification. However, the charity efforts made by the Muslim charitable institutions and individuals need to be contextualised in the current social and political situation of the country. Initially, as the vested interests tried to communalise the pandemic, a simple effort of offering food or water on the roadside was a response against the propaganda that was being brewed on the TV channels. Through this act of charity, the Muslim community subtly showed the world that they are guided only by humanity and love for fellow citizens. They are equal sons of the soil and would stand by the nation in every situation.

IMPAR salutes the dedication of organisations and individuals who came forward in these testing times.

Hunger Pangs of a Pandemic

Have you ever been hungry? Not the usual hunger, we feel between the meals but the kind that pinches the stomach when you are stranded and you know food is not available. Many people lived through this horror during the COVID 19 pandemic, and many more were determined not to let anyone go hungry. Here we profile some organisations and individuals who tried to fill the stomachs with food and hearts with hope of this will pass soon.

In Lucknow, Wahid Biryani famous for the Awadhi cuisine turned vegetarian for a noble cause to feed thousands of migrants passing through Lucknow in the COVID 19 lockdown.

The tagline they used was AdabkeSheher se koi bhookanahijaayega (No one will leave Lucknow — the city of etiquettes — hungry).

The popular eatery has been feeding over 1,500 migrants every day. The platter includes all things vegetarian, from Navratan biryani, to veg kebabs, bun makkhan, biscuits, sharbat, and milk.

<https://www.thequint.com/amp/story/news%2FIndia%2Fhow-lucknow-famous-wahid-biryani-feeding-veg-to-migrants-daily-coronavirus-lockdown-uttar-pradesh>



Popular restaurant Al Jawahar near Jama Masjid Delhi is distributing relief packages in neighbourhoods containing essentials like dal, rice, flour, a bottle of oil and salt. Locals and daily wagers were provided these packages. The team at Al-Jawahar contacted the committees of respective localities identify the needy households and maintained social distancing by providing the food kits at the doorstep.



Residents of Matia Mahal also came together to feed two meals a day to needy. They feed the migrants and labourers in a small ground near Jama Masjid twice at 1 pm and 8 pm.



Picture Courtesy: Twitter Handle/Helping Hands

Helping Hands Foundation at work across various states. They launched a successful campaign Pledge your Eid to help the needy.

Mission Milk started by Bangalore-based cousins Zeeshan Javid, Zufishan Pasha and Shehzar Sheriff provided milk to underprivileged children across the city. Milk is one of the most important products for children and babies to consume, but there is a severe lack of it, even in ration kits. This initiative aimed to resolve that gap.

The entire team wears appropriate protective equipment while going to give the milk to families door-to-door, so as to maintain social distancing and protect themselves and the people around them from further spread of the virus.

<https://www.karvaanindia.com/2020/05/17/mission-milk-providing-milk-to-underprivileged-children-in-bangalore/>



Helping hands foundation and Jamaat-e-Islami Hind joined hands in Jaipur to distribute food packets amongst the migrants.

<https://www.etvbharat.com/urdu/national/city/jaipur/helping-hand-foundation-and-jamaat-islami-distributed-food-packets/na20200526110148671>



Afroze Shah, a Mumbai based lawyer famous for spearheading the Versova beach clean up is preparing 50 home-cooked meals for lunch and 50 for dinner. He believes the bulk meals lot of times get wasted because no personalised attention is paid to cooking. Afroze ensures the food is distributed according to the social distancing guidelines.



Bidar District Administration has done a very good work by providing 'Eid Gift Kit' to 6000 families of Containment Area. Special thanks to Deputy Commissioner Dr. HR Mahadev. Dr. Abdul Qadeer (Chairman, Shaheen Group) facilitated this noble cause by providing staff, vehicles and premises.



JIH Markaz Amroha standing with the nation in the times of Pandemic



Photo credits: Twitter page JIH Markaz Amroha



Distribution Drive at Amravati Railway Station
Fetching water for the thirsty at Sai Takia in Uttar Pradesh



#mercymission

Mercy Mission

A coalition of NGOs of Bengaluru to provide COVID 19 relief

By the immense blessings of the Almighty, we are happy to report the serving & distribution of **1.04 cr meals** by Mercy Mission NGOs during the lock-downs from **25-Mar-20 to 31-May-20**.

A BIG THANKS to all our volunteers who braved the situation to help the needy, and to all our donors, suppliers and partners for their trust and support which made us achieve this milestone



1,00,00,000+ MEALS

given in the city of Bengaluru



MERCY KITS

We bought and distributed **73,007** dry ration kits worth **Rs 7.5 cr** that can help prepare **66.1 lakh** meals



RATION KITS (OTHERS)

We picked up and distributed **10,090** dry ration kits donated to us that can help prepare **11.6 lakh** meals



MERCY KITCHENS

We cooked & distributed **11.8 lakh packet meals** worth **Rs 2.1 cr** from **33** kitchens



MERCY FEEDING

We picked up and distributed **12.3 lakh packet meals** donated by various kitchens



MERCY SHRAMIK SEVA

We catered to **107** trains carrying **175,000** migrants who were served with **2.85 lakh meal** & supplies kits



*Above is the completion of work done by 22 NGOs & 30 Kitchens of Mercy Mission. Details from others is awaited

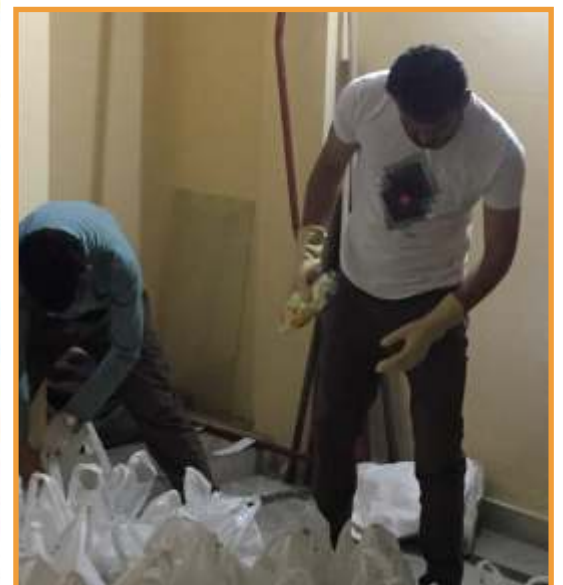
and many more associates

Syeda Nargis Parveen has been selflessly cooking two times meals for 400 people every day since the lockdown on 22nd March. The food distribution under the banner “Koi Bhookanasoay” (Let no one go to bed hungry) is being funded by Deoband Abna-e-Madaris Welfare Educational Trust (DAMWET) and Deoband Islamic Academy (DIA) and is targeted at stranded students, daily wagers and other needy people in the town.



Team of volunteers distributing ration kits in Mumbai.

Mahmood Anwar PhD scholar at the Faculty of Engineering & Technology, Jamia Millia Islamia doing relief distribution work at Delhi. The team largely works on the funds collected from friends and family.



Helping Hands for Relief and Development combining its Covid 19 and Super Cyclone Amphan relief work.



Syed Amjad and his family have been feeding 180 lorry drivers and cleaners in Sadashivpet, Telangana.



Rayees Ahmed Lali's food distribution campaign from Shalimar Garden Sahibabad Ghaziabad.



Human Care welfare society from Aara carrying on the relief distribution work.

Khidmat -e-Insaniyat Foundation distributing menstrual hygiene products during Covid19 crisis



Ahmad Khan and his group of volunteers helping the needy in Mumbai and Nasik.



Standing with the medicos

Impar member P.A Inamdar offered the hall measuring 9000 sq feet within the mosque inside the college for quarantine facilities. The hall can accommodate at least 80 people. Three meals a day, books for reading are also being offered.





Picture Courtesy: etvbharat.com

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/national/eid-in-covid-times-muslims-celebrate-by-donating-an-icu-to-civil-hospital/article31676625.ece>

Two months after the communal violence in North East Delhi, Muslim women survivors of the violence engaged in stitching work have developed Personal Protective Equipment kits for warriors fighting the battle against Covid19. They want these PPE kits given to those who are fighting the virus on the frontline.



Picture Courtesy: Karvaan India



<https://www.karvaanindia.com/2020/04/11/muslim-survivors-of-delhi-violence-develop-ppe-kits-for-corona-warriors/>

Tabrez Khan, resident of Jahangirpuri Delhi donated Plasma with a single thing in mind. His blood will help India recover.



Hundreds of Tablighi Jamaat volunteers who recovered from Coronavirus are now queuing up in different parts of India to donate plasma for other serious patients undergoing treatment. Many volunteers have already donated blood for plasma in Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, and other states. Over 200 volunteers have pledged to donate plasma in Delhi





Photo Courtesy: Outlook.com

Imrana Saifi helps sanitise a number of temples, mosques and gurdwaras in North Delhi amid the coronavirus crisis.



IMPAR member Hassan Bhai sanitising his village in Himachal Pradesh.

Uzma Sayed Parveen ,a graduate from Lucknow university and a social worker sanitising temples,shops and other establishments in areas like Saadatganj,Campbell Road,Hussainabad in Lucknow



Pic Courtesy:Hindustan Times



Volunteer of Shaheen Group sanitizing the area.

Providing Quarantine Facilities and Sanitising Voluntarily



Picture Couteosy: Times Now News

Muslims in many parts of Bengal opened mosques and madrassas to be used as quarantine facilities. Qari Md Muslim Razwi, imam of Jamia Masjid Gausia has offered the third floor of the sprawling Masjid building to the Kolkata municipal corporation to set up quarantine facility if the government needs extra space.

He has also offered a 6000sqft building and a school too for the same purpose. The mosque, also known as Bangali Masjid is in the Iron Gate area in Garden Reach. The mosque is shut for now, and the Imam had reached out to people in the area with a message of oneness, putting religious reservations on the back burner. The Imam's proposal was accepted by all in the community.

<https://www.timesnownews.com/india/article/fight-against-covid-19-not-humanity-muslims-in-bengal-open-mosques-madrassas-for-govt-quarantine-facility/590476>

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PRESS RELEASE

আসসালামু আলাইকুম,

বিষয় : পটবাংলার মাদ্রাসা মসজিদ কমিটিগুলোকে আবেদন ।

বর্তমান 'কোভিড-১৯' পরিস্থিতিতে এখন যেমন স্কুল, কলেজ, বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় বন্ধ, তেমনই মাদ্রাসাগুলোও বন্ধ রয়েছে । এমনিতেই এখনই ছাত্র ভর্তি করা যাবে না । লক্ষ লক্ষ মানুষের জন্য এখন 'আইসোলেশন' সেন্টারের প্রয়োজন হচ্ছে ও হবে । আমাদের ভাইয়েরা বিভিন্ন রাজ্য থেকে হাজার হাজার সংখ্যায় ফিরে আসছেন । মানুষের বিপদে পাশে দাঁড়ান । যাদের আর্থিক ও হৃদয়ের সাহায্যে, দানে এগুলো চলে, আজ তাঁদের সাহায্যে আপনাদের এগিয়ে আসার সময় হয়েছে । আজ ঋণ মেটাবার সময় । আসুন, ২-৩ মাস বন্ধ থাকলে এমন কিছুই সমস্যা হবে না । অনলাইন বা টেলিফোনে ছাত্র ভর্তি করে রাখুন ।

পরিস্থিতি অনুকূল নয় । সরকার সবকিছু করে দেবে, এসব ভাবারও সময় নয়। সরকারের সমালোচনা করুন কিন্তু আমার পরিবার, আমার প্রতিবেশী, আমারও দায়িত্ব এতটুকু কম নয় । হাজার হাজার মানুষের জন্য না পারি, এলাকার ৫০ টা লোককে তো সাহায্য করতেই পারি । শরীয়তে তো অসুবিধা নেই । যেখানে 'দারুল উলুম-দেওবন্দ' মাদ্রাসা তার বিডিং 'কোয়ারান্টাইন' সেন্টার করার জন্য ছেড়ে দিয়েছে ।

পটবাংলার প্রায় ২০০০ মাদ্রাসা কমিটির কাছে আমাদের আবেদন, আপনাদের মাদ্রাসা বিডিংগুলো খুলে দিন । সরকারের কাছে, বা লোকাল প্রশাসনের কাছে এই বিডিংগুলোকে 'কোয়ারান্টাইন বা আইসোলেশন সেন্টার' করার প্রস্তাব দিন। এমন সুযোগ আর নাও আসতে পারে । এই উপকারের বদলা কিয়ামতে আল্লাহর কাছে নেবেন । এগিয়ে আসুন । শুধু শুধু 'শিকল পূজার পাষানে বেদী' বানিয়ে রেখে লাভ নেই । শোধ করুন মাতৃঋণ ॥

যে সমস্ত মসজিদ কমিটি আছেন, তাদের কাছেও অনুরোধ, যেসব মসজিদের অনেক বেশি জায়গা আছে সেগুলোকেও 'আইসোলেশন সেন্টার' বানাতে এগিয়ে আসুন । মুসল্লিরা যদি বিপদে প'রে মসজিদে একটু থাকার জায়গা না পায়, সেটা বড় দুর্ভাগ্যের । মসজিদের পবিত্রতা বজায় রেখে এ'তেকাফের নিয়তে তাদের 'আইসোলেন্ট' থাকার বন্দোবস্ত করে দিন । ইতিমধ্যেই কয়েকটি মসজিদ কমিটি এসিজাস্ত নিয়েছে । গৌড়ামির সময় নয় । ১ জনকেও যদি বাঁচানো যায়, সে সমগ্র মানবজাতিকে বাঁচানোর সওয়াব পাবে । একজন অসুস্থ ব্যক্তির সেবা করার সওয়াব কতো, সেতো আপনারাই শেখান । আশাকরি মসজিদ ও মাদ্রাসা কমিটিগুলো খোলা মনে এ আবেদনকে বিবেচনা করবেন।

প্রশাসনের কাছেও অনুরোধ, আপনারাও এই বার্তা নিয়ে কমিটিগুলোর কাছে যান ।

আশাকরি 'কোভিড-১৯' এর বিরুদ্ধে আমরা জয়ী হবোই, ইনশাআল্লাহ ।

ধন্যবাদ, শক্তাসহ,

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Yahiya 11/5/20.

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বেঙ্গল ইমামস এসোসিয়েশন ।

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Respected Ms.Mamata Banerjee,
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মহাশয়া,

বর্তমান করোনা পরিস্থিতিতে, কেন্দ্র সরকার ১৭/০৫/২০২০ তারিখ লকডাউন তোলার কথা বলেছে। পঃবক্সে ২১/০৫/২০ তারিখ পর্যন্ত বাড়ানো আছে।

২৫/০৫/২০ সোমবার তারিখে পবিত্র 'ঈদ' বা 'ঈদ-উল-ফিতর'। হয়তো সেটাকে মাথায় রেখে সরকার লকডাউন শিথিল করার কথা ভাবতে পারে।

আমরা, বেঙ্গল ইমামস এসোসিয়েশন, আপনার কাছে অনুরোধ করছি, পঃবক্স-এর স্বার্থে, লকডাউন আরো কয়েকদিন বাড়িয়ে দিন। অন্ততঃ ৩০ তারিখ পর্যন্ত বাড়িয়ে দিন। মানুষ আগে বাঁচুক, পরে উৎসব। আমরা এত স্যাক্রিফাইস করেছি, আরো করবো। আমাদের উৎসবের দরকার নেই। অন্য দোকান কেন খোলা হোলো, কেন পুলিশ কিছু বললো না, এসব নিয়ে প্রশ্ন করে আমরা আপনাকে বিরত করবো না। ৩০/০৫/২০২০ পর্যন্ত বাড়ানো হোক লকডাউন। আপনার কাছে অত্যন্ত জোড়ের সাথে আবেদন বা দাবী, এটাই, লকডাউন কোনো অবস্থাতেই ৩০ মে-২০২০ আগে কেন্দ্র সরকার তুললেও, রাজ্য সরকার যেন না তোলে। কোনো অবস্থাতেই যেন না তোলা হয়। কেন্দ্র সরকারের কাছেও এ-দাবী আপনিও তুলুন। মুসলিম নেতৃবৃন্দ ছায়াত্বের সাথে আপনার সরকারের পাশে আছে।

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চেয়ারম্যান,

বেঙ্গল ইমামস এসোসিয়েশন।



কপিঃ (ইমেলে/ হোয়াটসএপে)ঃ

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১৫. " নয়মৌজা নামাজ কমিটি, মালদা,
২. মাননীয় চিফ সেক্রেটারী, পঃবক্স-সরকার,
৩. " পুলিশ কমিশনার, কলকাতা পুলিশ
৬. " চেয়ারম্যান, পঃবক্স হজ্ব কমিটি,
৮. " মোতোয়াল্লি, নাখোদা মসজিদ,
১০. " সেক্রেটারী, জমিয়তে উলামা-ই-হিন্দ, পঃবক্স,
১২. " সেক্রেটারী, জামাত-এ আহলে হাদীস, পঃবক্স,
১৪. " খিলাফত কমিটি (রেড রোডের নামাজের ছায়াত্ব)
১৫. " সমস্ত জেলার মুসলিম ধর্মীয় নেতৃত্ব,

The Bengal imam association has appealed to every Madrasa and Mosque to open their buildings for the quarantine purpose.



People at the quarantine centre offered by the Shaheen Group



Preparations at the quarantine centre

Good Samaritans

Group of concerned Muslim citizens celebrated Eid with the migrants and made it #SabkiEid, spreading happiness in the day of the migrants and celebrating their Eid with pure joy!

<https://newsglare.com/muslim-community-celebrated-eid-with-migrants-this-year-making-it-a-sabkieid/>



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SPREADING SMILES

Bizman gives away entire showroom stock to poor

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MEERUT: A graduate from Jamia Millia University, Delhi, Intezar Ali had all the comforts of life. However, the misery that this Kairana town resident witnessed during the two months of lockdown changed his view of life.

An owner of showrooms of readymade garments, shoes and a small business of real estate, he decided to serve the needy people with heart and soul and took a decision that was both remarkable as it was awe-inspiring.

Two days ahead of Eid, he declared that he would distribute his whole stock of readymade garments, shoes and slippers, worth Rs 30 lakh, among the poor and needy. He hoped to put smiles on gloomy faces of the poor ahead of Eid.

Appreciating his gesture, Shamli district magistrate Jasjeet Kaur visited his showroom in Kairana town on Friday and helped him distribute branded ladies suits, pants, T-shirts, lowers, shoes and slippers to poor and needy people who lined up before the showroom.

"I went there to support his gesture, especially at a time when people really need it," Kaur said.

With shops closed and people running out of money, Ali's gesture brought happiness in their life ahead of the festival.

Ali continued distribution of clothes and shoes on the second consecutive day on Saturday. He said, "A stock of approximately Rs 30 lakh was distributed in two days," and added "I would have distributed stock of 100 such



Intezar Ali (in white) and Shamli district magistrate Jasjeet Kaur distributing clothes to the needy.

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INTEZAR ALI, Businessman

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He recalled that it was a bright morning last month on which he stood outside his showroom along with his 11-year-old son Zaid and watched migrant labourers from Haryana pass by. A group of frail labourers approached him and requested food. They were hungry and thirsty. He asked his son to bring some packets of biscuits he had bought for his family. Meanwhile, more labourers and their

children also arrived and he gave all the biscuits to them.

But this incident was the turning point for him and since then he formed a team of friends and relatives and created a WhatsApp group. They prepared a list of over 5,000 needy and poor persons and made it a point to include families from the middle class. "They are also sufferers but don't want to expose themselves for fear of losing face in society," said Ali, elaborating that many of them were taking ration from shops on credit, unable to pay their loan instalments and the school fees of their children. He claimed to be supporting many of them with cash and rations.

A farmer of more than 100 begha landholding, Intezar said that during this period, he saw misery and plight of people which he had never known. "Many families were on the brink of starvation as they had no job, no money and were running out of food," he said and claimed of supporting many

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'Not about food or shelter, migrants want to go home out of self-respect'

MAYURA JANWALKAR
MUMBAI, MAY 27

AS A fresh law graduate from Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), lawyer Sagheer Ahmed Khan (47) started his journey as a migrant in Mumbai in 1999. When he arrived in Mumbai from his native Mahuari in Sant Kabir Nagar district of Uttar Pradesh, he lived in his cousin's furniture shop in Vasai, a 15 x 10 sq ft space he shared with about seven others.

Like the thousands who come to Mumbai with the hope of a better life, Khan too became a part of the city's rigmarole spending four hours a day travelling from Vasai to Churchgate to reach the Bombay High Court, where he has now been a practising lawyer for two decades. He now lives in a 3 BHK in a posh highrise in Wadala and runs his law firm Judicare Law Associates from a 2,000 sq ft office, a stone's throw away from the High Court. The stepping stone on his journey from Vasai to Mumbai was a chawl in Dharavi's Dr Baliga Nagar, where he lived for about three years. And while he is grateful for what he has, he is aware that most people who migrate to Mumbai for employment from

his home state, meet a fate quite unlike his.

Earlier this month, Khan moved the Supreme Court stating that his "conscience is not allowing him to let poor migrants remain in lurch" and he offered to pay Rs 25 lakh to facilitate the travel of poor migrant workers from Mumbai to his home district of Sant Kabir Nagar "irrespective of caste, creed and religion". In his petition that named the Centre, Uttar Pradesh government, Maharashtra government and railway ministry as respondents, Khan urged the court to direct the authorities to enable the safe repatriation of migrant workers wanting to return to Sant Kabir Nagar in eastern UP. "Fortunately, I have the money and resources to help those stranded in Mumbai and I offered to pay that money to show that I am a genuine petitioner." The Centre and the respective state governments are expected to file their replies by May 29.

Khan said he was familiar with the plight of migrant workers living in Mumbai and governments and administrations across the country had failed to recognise the reasons behind their desperation to return home. "It is not about food or shelter. It is about self-



Sagheer Ahmed Khan

respect. They may be poor but they have self-respect. No self-respecting person would like to queue up for food. There is no doubt that in a city like Mumbai, they would not go hungry with so many people stepping forward to help but it is the self-respecting migrant worker who suffered the most during this crisis. They started feeling more and more insecure and that is why they wanted to return home," said Khan.

When a lockdown came into force on March 24, Khan said there was no immediate panic among migrant workers because they thought it is a matter of 15 to 20 days but when the lockdown was extended, they began to get impatient. May 7 onwards, the calls became more and more frequent. "At least 250 migrant workers were from my own village working as carpenters, in small hotel businesses, construction workers. They started calling and asking for help to return home. They may earn about Rs 1,000 a day, which is

decent money, but the money was with their contractors, they had nothing in hand. The contractors too were in no position to pay. Most of them send what they earn back to their families in their village. This is when they began to feel insecure," said Khan.

Khan's brother Mohammed Shafique, who is the gram pradhan of Mahuari, made attempts to reach out to the administration in UP. Khan did what he could from Mumbai. "We tried calling on landlines, sending emails on official mails, tagging ministers on Twitter and seeking help to ease the paperwork for these migrant workers to be able to go home. We got no response. My brother and my sister-in-law too could not get anyone in the administration to respond. I too know people in the government but the numbers of nodal officers issued by the UP government was all a farce," said Khan. He, therefore, moved the Supreme Court.

Since May 1, 200 Shramik Special trains have departed from Mumbai and another 100 from MMR. Of the first 100 trains that left Mumbai, 50 were UP-bound. Many have been lucky to get a ticket home, he said, but

many continue to wait outside the stations in scorching heat for hours. "They don't know which station to go to, what time is their train and sometimes, they don't even know if the train will go to their destination or not," said Khan.

Attempts to persuade migrants to stay put in Mumbai instead of setting out on foot or precarious means of transport have failed. "My first cousin left in a truck from Dombivli for our village without telling me," said Khan. "She travelled for 56 hours in a truck with three children," he said. "When I lived in the furniture shop in Vasai, it was a shop during the day and at night it was your hall, kitchen and bedroom. That's how most migrant workers live in Mumbai. We were among the richest families in our village but in Mumbai, I was just another migrant worker. When seven-eight people live in one room, what kind of social distancing can you expect? When so many of them gather at railway stations, board the trains with common toilets how will they observe social distancing? Social distancing is for the elite, not for the poor," said Khan.

In Delhi's Kalu Sarai, a Masjid and Gurudwara come together to feed workers starved by COVID-19 lockdown. Each morning Harbans Singh and Surender Singh, volunteers from Gurudwara Shri Singh Sabha in Kalu Sarai village join Aslam Chauhury and others to cook for the hungry in slum clusters and stranded labourers.



Picture Courtesy: The Caravan

<https://caravanmagazine.in/religion/in-delhi-masjid-and-gurdwara-come-together-to-feed-workers-starved-by-covid19-lockdown>

Shaheen Group of Institutions in Bidar Karnataka, which was booked with sedition in February for an anti-CAA play – has been doing relief work and aiding the administration and public during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.



Mahinoor Begum, a constable with Burdwan Police has taken the responsibility of handing out food packets to around 900 families. She had saved the Rs 2 lakh for her father's medical treatment, but chose to spend it in the way of charity.



Feroze Dilawar with other members of the Covid 19 Taskforce team in Malegaon. Due to the mismanagement of administrative efforts, they carried dead bodies of Covid 19 patients on shoulders.



Picture Credit:Two circles.net

80 year old coolie Mujibullah has been serving out migrant workers for free at the Lucknow railway station. His age doesn't come in the way of helping others.



Abandoned by her son, a 70-year-old woman's last rites were conducted by Muslim activists at the Mangalgiri town in Guntur village.

Muslim volunteers helped in performing last rites of a Hindu man in Tumakuru.



Shakeel Qureshi from Bareilly established a medicine bank to help provide people with prescribed medicines free of cost.



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Khidamat-e-Insaniyat Foundation celebrating Eid with widows, single mothers and migrants

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Snippets from Media

कुंदन पासवान के घर पहुंचा राशन, खुश हुए परिजन

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संपालवार की पिंपाही टोला के रहने वाले कुंदन पासवान के घर दवायन पहुंच गया। लॉकडाउन के कारण कुंदन पासवान के परिवार को खंडित का सामना करना पड़ रहा था। दवायन के कुछ समय लेगी में जब उनकी पीड़ा को दूर करने के लिए कुंदन के घर दवायन पहुंचा।

असर के अखबार हिन्दुस्तान में संपालवार के अंक में सिपाही टोला के रहने वाले कुंदन पासवान की पीड़ा को सुखदायक से उठाया। अखबार ने बताया कि

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पूर्णिमा | केदार, सहायक संपादक कोचिंग में घोरी का प्रयास किया गया। लॉकडाउन में कुछ नहीं होने के बाद घोरी को कुछ साम लेनी पड़ा। इस संदर्भ में कोचिंग के संचालक ने बताया कि लॉक डाउन होने की वजह से जैरा घोर प्रोमोशन को लेनी को सारा खटकरा पुरर रहा था। अखबार कि कोचिंग से किमी पी उरत कोई घोरी नहीं हुई। केदार सहायक संपादक और कुछार में बताया कि सुखदायक नहीं है।

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पिंपाही टोला में कुछार सारा स्मरण पास अवलान खलिफ के द्वारा पी में कोचिंग से हड़कंप सारा सारा। कोचिंग में घोरी देर के लिए बंद हुई, न सारा खटकरा पर सारा से लेनी जरा में सारा किमी पी लेनी सारा कर था थोड़े। अखबार अखती को इस हड़कंप कोचिंग के लेनी सारा सारा। जार के किमी ने लेनी लेनी सुखदायक नहीं सारा हारलीक। उस लेनी लेनी पर पीछे

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लॉकडाउन में जलता परे अखबार 2 लेनी हला जली 3

Muslims of Bihar offered food to train passengers of Mizoram. A Shramik express train carrying stranded labourers back to Mizoram halted in Begusarai village and group of villagers came forward near the train and offered the passengers basket full of items with food packets. The Mizoram CM Zoramthanga and Twitterati lauded the people of Bihar for their kind gesture.



Courtesy: Siasat.com

<https://www.siasat.com/mizoram-cm-twitterati-laud-bihar-muslims-kind-gesture-1896349/>

Despite unemployed from months, Bhopal's slum dwellers from New Arif Nagar feed workers on Shramik trains. Most of the slum dwellers are Muslims and work as day wagers and rag pickers. Women from the slums cook the meals while men do the distribution work.



A trust Uravugal started by a 24-year-old Khalid helps bury unclaimed bodies and takes homeless persons with injuries to government hospitals and shelters. They have been doing this since 2017 and have buried more than 800 bodies so far. Uravugal carried on voluntary burial work through the Covid 19 pandemic too



Picture Courtesy: The Hindu

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मरंगा के रहने वाले रिक्शा चालक केदार पांडे के हाथ व पैर का मुफ्त इलाज कराया जाएगा। डेंटल सर्जन डॉ. इमरान ने कहा कि उन्होंने हड्डी के डॉक्टर से इलाज के बारे में बात की है।

आपके अपने अखबार हिन्दुस्तान ने शुक्रवार के अंक में रिक्शा चालक केदार पांडे की पीड़ा को प्रमुखता से छापा। अखबार में केदार पांडे की पीड़ा को पढ़ने के बाद डेंटल सर्जन डॉ. इमरान शुक्रवार को केदार पांडे के घर पहुंचे।



शुक्रवार को रिक्शा चालक केदार को राहत सामग्री देते सामाजिक कार्यकर्ता।

पहले तो उन्होंने मदद के तौर पर उनको पांच किलो चावल, पांच किलो आलू, पांच किलो प्याज, एक किलो दाल, दो किलो चना, दो किलो चूड़ा, एक किलो चिप्स, एक किलो मूठी, एक किलो सोयाबीन और एक लीटर तेल दिया। डॉ.

इमरान ने कहा कि पूरा इलाज वो करांगे। इस मौके पर उनके साथ अरशद अली, अजहर सुलेमान और गोल्डी भी मौजूद थे। इससे पहले सामाजिक कार्यकर्ता पप्पू गिरी और अनु भारती ने भी केदार पांडे को सूखा राशन दिया।

पटकन मुनि को मिला सूखा राशन

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न्यू सिपाही टोला के रहने वाले पटकन मुनि के घर शिववार को राशन पहुंचाया गया। डेंटल सर्जन डॉ. इमरान ने पलटन के घर राशन का सामान पहुंचाया। लॉकडाउन के कारण पटकन का परिवार संकट में था।

आपके अपने अखबार हिन्दुस्तान ने शिववार के अंक में न्यू सिपाही टोला के रहने वाले पटकन मुनि की पीड़ा को प्रमुखता से छापा। 2006 में हादसे का शिकार होने के बाद पलटन का पैर कट



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गया। उनको पीड़ा को जानने के बाद डेंटल सर्जन डॉ. इमरान पलटन के घर पहुंच कर उनको एक महीने का राशन दिया। इसमें 15 किलो चावल, 10 किलो आटा, तीन किलो दाल, तीन किलो चना, तीन किलो चूड़ा, दो किलो

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