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Holy Words

"Do not ask them (your slaves) to do such things (and jobs) which are beyond their strength and endurance and if you do ask them to do such things (and jobs), then help them."

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)

Chairman's Message

I would like to congratulate ABIMS for bringing out the inaugural issue of its News Letter "ABIMS Times". I hope that it will serve as a useful medium for disseminating information about ABIMS to various stakeholders. The team has really worked hard on it and my best wishes are with them.

Prof. Syed Muhammad Amin

Vice President's Message

I am extremely happy to learn that Al-Barakaat Institute of Management Studies is coming out with its Inaugural Issue of Newsletter by the name of 'ABIMS Times.' As I always desired that the Institute should bring out its Newsletter, today I feel that my wish has been converted into a reality. I am sure the institute will make the best use of this forum to reach out to people through its contribution to knowledge and share its strategies & future plans with academicians, intellectuals and business leaders to establish its academic credentials. I appreciate the sincerity and efforts of its Management and the Team members. I congratulate them on this occasion and pray to Almighty that its each issue comes with still better contents and reaches out to every nook and corner with greater acceptability.

Syed Muhammad Ashraf, IRS

Vice Chairman's Message

It is a proud privilege to learn that ABIMS, Aligarh is bringing out a newsletter highlighting its various activities in order to keep contact and share information amongst students, faculty, other institutions, academics and industries. ABIMS during the last 5 years has taken rapid strides in developing world class infrastructure and other facilities required for achieving the mission. ABIMS newsletter is another jewel to the Al-Barakaat's treasure of knowledge. I convey my best wishes for the publication of newsletter.

Prof. Javaid Akhtar

Director's Message

I am happy to share my feelings with great pride that our Institute is coming out with its Inaugural Issue of Newsletter "ABIMS Times". The Editor and Editorial Board Members deserve a big applause for their efforts to make it happen at a very short call. I extend my appreciations to them all. It is the reflection of potential and determination in entirety. There is no dearth of talent in the institute, the only need was of proven determination. I wish and pray to Almighty that every next issue of our Newsletter comes out with more added special features and reaches out to people inviting their admirations.

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From The Editor's Desk

I welcome you all to the introductory issue of ABIMS news letter. This News Letter will act as a voice of ABIMS to the management community at large. It will be a forum for faculty members, students and other thought leaders to share their views on a common platform. I am looking forward to hear from you if there's something you would like to see in a future issue or a topic that you would like to have covered, please drop a note in our mailbox.

Yours truly
Adil Zia

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Vision

To be a quality management institution of international repute, the Institute aims to work earnestly to get wide recognition and establish its academic credentials among business leaders, corporate community and academics through its contribution to knowledge, industry and society. To be devoted to holistic education and continuously evolve and develop its teaching methods to attain higher standards of utility and quality education. To encourage creativity and to develop scientific attitude with spiritual foundation.

Mission

To be a centre of excellence through academic research, industry partnership and consultancy.

To impart quality management education.

To offer opportunities for training and development to students for better placement.

To produce competent management graduates for responsible positions in the industry.

To produce character and to cultivate human values in students.



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About Us

Al-Barakaat Educational Society (ABES) was established in 1995, registered under the Societies of Registration Act 1860. The Society derives inspiration from the life and teachings of a galaxy of illustrious Sufis of Khanqah-e-Barakaatiya, Mahrehra Sharif, District Etah, Uttar Pradesh.

The family headed by present Sajjada Nasheen of Khanqah-e-Barakaatiya, Prof. S.M. Amin includes names which have long association with academics and education and have keen interest in developing quality educational institutions.

The Society established Al-Barakaat Institute of Management Studies (ABIMS) in the year 2004 with a clear aim to provide quality education.



Al-Barakaat campus is spread over more than one lakh sq. yards of land, in close vicinity of Aligarh Muslim University. It has all modern facilities, such as spacious classrooms, state-of-the-art computer labs, on campus hostel accommodation, seminar rooms, conference hall, indoor & outdoor games facilities, canteen, gymnasium etc.

The Institute attempts to maintain a healthy blend of theory and practice with industry-academia partnerships by organizing Conferences, Workshops and Industrial visits. The teaching methodology focusses on 'Learning By Doing'. Hence case studies and management games form an essential component of our curricula.

Our distinguished faculty constantly develops ways to impart quality management education through industrial and applied approaches. The faculty undergoes MDPs/FDPs regularly to keep abreast with the latest corporate trends and practices and contributes its expertise in various conferences, papers and lectures in India and abroad.

From this year the MBA Programme has moved into a new high-tech building complete with the facilities at par with international standards.



Faculty Buzz

New Faculties

- ❖ Dr. Rumzi Tausif has been selected as Asstt. Professor by the Selection Committee held in April, 09, however, his joining is delayed for some of his personal reasons.
- ❖ Mr S.A. Atif Salar has joined ABIMS as Lecturer from July 01, 2009.



Faculty Development Programmes Organized

The Institute organizes Faculty Development Programmes designed to provide opportunities to management educators to update their knowledge and skills.

The first FDP of the year held on Feb, 21-22, 2009 on the topic "Case Teaching and Writing Methodology" by Prof. (Dr.) Satyajit Majumdar from T.A. Pai Management Institute, Manipal, Karnataka as its resource person. An Interactive Session of faculty members on "Human Values & Professional Ethics" was organized on Aug., 08, 2009 at the Institute premises inviting Dr. Balvir Talwar, Additional G.M, BHEL, New Delhi. Apart from organizing FDPs and other such programmes in campus, our faculty members regularly participate in FDPs at other institutes in the country.

Faculty Development Programmes Attended

Mr. Saif Azam (Asst. Professor)

Attended a one-day Faculty Development Programme at Motilal Rastogi School of Management, Lucknow on 'Case Teaching and Analysis' on June 20, 2009.

Mr. S.A. Atif Salar (Lecturer) has attended Faculty Development Programme on "Human Values and Professional Ethics" from July 13-19, 2009 organized by Uttar Pradesh Technical University at IIT Kanpur.

Paper Contribution

- ❖ Mr. Saif Azam, Mr. Azmat Ali Khan & Ms. Aditi Bhargava contributed a research paper in co-authorship on the topic 'A study of Small Scale Industries with Special Emphasis on Moradabad Brass Industry' at the International Seminar on 'Sustainable Rural Development' to be held at Invertis Institute, Bareilly, on October 10 & 11, 2009. The paper has been accepted for presentation.



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Students Buzz

Orientation Programme

With the start of new Academic Session 2009-10, the 6th Orientation Programme was held on September 14 to welcome the new students and make them familiar with the Institute's Culture, Vision and Mission, Code of Conduct of University & Institute besides familiarizing them with the syllabus of 1st & 2nd Years with Specialization Areas.



Students Development Programmes

To compete with latest challenges and to prepare the students in a professional manner the Institute is arranging on a regular basis from last Academic Session the Students Development Programme for first and final year students by engaging a Noida based Consultant Company named 'Advait Life-Education Pvt. Ltd.' which is founded by alumni of IITs and IIMs in collaboration with academicians. For this, one complete day each for 1st & 2nd years is devoted every week, in our regular Time Table where the students are trained on various parameters like PDP, Mock interviews, creative writing skills etc.

Students Representation at AIMA

Mr. Abdul Fareed and Mr. Mayank Mittal, students of MBA 3rd Semester 2008-2010 batch qualified for the 2nd round of 6th National Competition for Management Students (NCMS-2009) "Innovate, Restructure, Reorganize: Challenges for India Inc." organized by AIMA, New Delhi, on September 2 & 3, 2009. The Institute represented by them was one of the 60 short listed Institutes from amongst more than 300 participating Institutes of Northern India and only management institute affiliated to Uttar Pradesh Technical University, Lucknow.



Paper Contribution

Mr. Mayank Mittal, Mr. Mohd Rizwan & Ms Ariba Iraj, the Students of MBA 3rd Semester of the same Batch contributed a research paper entitled 'Challenges of Managing Economic Crisis: Roles & Responsibilities of Government & Businesses' at Sree Saraswati Thyagaraja College, Coimbatore, Tamilnadu, conference on 'Financial Sector-Contemporary Issues' held from September 15 to 17, 2009.



Scholarship

From the Academic Session 2008-09 under the Students Welfare Scholarship Scheme the Institute has launched 6 scholarships on the basis of a Competitive Test, 3 each for 1st & 2nd year Students, each amounting to Rs. 10,000/-. The Test held on April 06, 2009 and the Scholarship Awardees are Mr. Mayank Mittal, Ms. Reshma Hussain and Ms. Iram Farha of first year and Mr. Shamsuzzaman Khan, Ms. Taab Anwer & Mr. Ahtesham Ali Khan of 2nd year.

Library Facility

The library of Al-Barkaat Institute of Management Studies is the first fully automated digital library in Aligarh, using barcode technology to issue and return books with the help of 'Alice for Windows' - library software. It has rich collection of books of Indian as well as foreign authors. It provides membership to all students and staff members of ABIMS. The library also provides Book Bank facility to students. To this end, the Institute has recently added around 80 quality books from Book Fair organized at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

Library has subscription of good number of Indian and foreign journals & magazines. At present the ABIMS library has 30 journals (including Eight international journals). The library is subscribing to 22 magazines from various publishing houses all around the globe. The library is also subscribing a good number of general as well as financial daily newspapers.

Nature, Man & Management

Since Man set his feet on this earth the quest for leading a good worthy and successful life has been the most indulged endeavor for him. Call it a natural instinct or an unnecessary craving that man has always tried to evolve, develop, and modify ways to excel. Man has been a dreamer and he has always dreamt of leading a blissful life in future. It is this unquenchable thirst and untiring efforts of the human race that have shaped up the face of human civilization of today. However, the tragedy is that humanity, as we call it today has seldom cared to think of the cost of these efforts. This unconcerned and indifferent approach towards progress and development has resulted in the most of the major setbacks to the very existence of not only the human race but even the signs of life on this dear Earth. Many scientists, historians, social scientists, human behavioral scientists and environmentalists have put up various cases and evidences through their study that show that human beings have slowly and gradually become the greatest danger to this world. If we make the efforts in bits and pieces, we will land nowhere. To avoid the catastrophes that are just at the doorstep, we need to make full-blown all-round efforts. All communities, races and regions of the world will have to unite for this cause. Unless we adopt a modern-yet-safe lifestyle, the oncoming natural disasters will sweep away all our establishments and wipe out even our traces.

The approach of optimum utilization of resources, natural or otherwise should be emphasized instead of maximum utilization. Concerted efforts from global to local to individual levels should be made to create awareness programs, resources for programmes to reach a level where from we can think of re-designing the systems and processes so as to be successful-yet-safe..... to be continued

Saif Azam

Asstt. Professor, ABIMS



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3rd National Conference on 'Global Recession and Indian Economy-Imperatives & Strategies for Indian Businesses'

The Al Barkaat Institute of Management Studies organized its 3rd National Conference on the theme "Global Recession and Indian Economy- Imperatives & Strategies for Indian Businesses" on March 21, 2009. In a galaxy of dignitaries from an array of disciplines, Dr. Waseem Ahmad, Director, ABIMS delivered the welcome address.

The keynote address was delivered by Prof. B.P. Singh, Formerly Head & Dean, Delhi School of Economics, Delhi University, Delhi. He explained the genesis, reasons and implications of global recession.

Prof. P.K. Abdul Azis, Vice Chancellor, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh was the chief guest of the inaugural session. He talked about how employment has contracted in most of economies on account of this financial crisis.

Mr. Yahya Farouk Darvesh, Director- International Business Farouk Sodagar Darvesh & Company, Mumbai was the Guest of Honor. On this occasion, the Special Guest Mr. Asim Arun, SSP, Aligarh was presented a citation by the Joint Secretary, Al-Barkaat Educational Society, Mr. Ahmad Mujtaba Siddiqui, Then the inaugural session progressed further with the address by the Special Guest.

Papers were presented by the faculty members, research scholars and students of universities and from varied management institutes of UP and Delhi. An expert committee had reviewed the papers based on the quality and its relevance to the theme and sub themes of the conference. Out of 40 papers received, 32 papers were selected for the conference of which 16 papers were presented during the two technical sessions of the day. For the selection of three best papers we had academicians of national repute as jury members. The first prize winning paper was of Dr. Asiya Chaudhary, Asstt. Professor, Department of Commerce, AMU., Aligarh, the second prize winner was Mr. Faisal Ahmad, Sr. Lecturer, Asia Pacific Institute of Management, New Delhi and third prize was shared by Dr. Aditya P. Tripathi, Asstt. Professor, Shyam Lal College, Delhi University & Mohd Rizwan, 1st year student, ABIMS.



The "Abstract Book," and the 1st (January, 2009) Issue of Institute's Journal "Al-Barkaat Journal of Finance and Management" were released by the Chief Guest. The Coordinator of Al-Barkaat Educational Institutions, Dr. F.U. Siddiqui held forth on the journey behind the Al-Barkaat Journal of Finance and Management which is a peer-reviewed journal and biannual in its Periodicity. Prof. S.M. Amin, President, Al-Barkaat Educational Society, Aligarh delivered the mesmerizing Presidential Address throwing light on Mission & Vision of the Society.

❖ Conference proceedings also got printed and are dispatched to the destinations.



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Al-Barkaat Journal

Management Science is comparatively recent and continues to grow in response to social needs. The ABIMS in its constant efforts to impart quality education, aimed at bringing out a refereed bi-annual international research journal named as 'Al-Barkaat Journal of Finance & Management'. It is multidisciplinary in nature, publishing top-level work and cutting edge researches from all areas dealing with issues in finance and management. It is aimed at students, teachers, researchers and professionals in the field of Finance, Economics and Management. It is published under ISSN0974-7281.

The Inaugural issue of journal came out in January, 2009 covering articles on finance, insurance and HR. It also included contemporary researches on Agricultural Development, Indian BPO Industry and HR issues, a commentary on financial crisis and a Book Review. Its 2nd Issue of July, 2009 is also printed covering the topics on Indian Stock Market, National Stock Exchange and some important Case Studies. There are contemporary research issues focusing on Global Economic Crisis, Microfinance, Management Education and the Role of Web in enhancing e-learning. There is also a commentary on Basel II norms & the present Banking Crisis and a Book Review.



Traffic Park

ABIMS successfully organized an executed Children Traffic Education Park in collaboration with Aligarh Traffic Police and Nagar Nigam as a part of Police-Public partnership in Aligarh Exhibition 2009.

Up Coming Events

- ❖ Summer Training Report Presentation - 3rd Week of October, 2009
- ❖ Freshers' Party - 4th week of October, 2009.
- ❖ Industrial visit - 2nd Week of November, 2009.
- ❖ Second Sessional - Last Week of November, 2009
- ❖ Summer Training Viva- to be announced in last week of December, 2009.



Dr. Y.S. Rajashekhar Reddy (Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh)

We deeply mourn the loss of a great leader and a caring human being with strong humanitarian values with Heart felt condolences to his breaved family

IN HIS WORDS

Don't count the year you want to live. Ask yourself how much you have done for society with whatever opportunities the Almighty has provided you.

Y.S. Rajashekhar Reddy