## Al-Ameen Mission

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#### **Cover Details**

#### Al-Ameen Mission Institute for Education Research & Training

(A project of Al-Ameen Mission Trust)

#### From a Small Dream to a Big Reality

In New Town, Kolkata Al-Ameen Mission Institute for Education Research and Training will provide residential coaching for Civil Services, NEET-UG & PG, AIEEE, IIT and IIM aspirants. It will also provide training to the teachers and administrative staffs of various academic institutions. Plans are afoot to initiate research in the field of Higher Education and Culture in this Centre. The Research scholars will be provided accommodation and research facilities under one roof.

#### At a glance

- ❖ Format of the Building B+G+7
- Site Area 8094.00 sq.mtr. (2 acre)
- Proposed Ground Coverage 3313.69 sq.mtr. (40.95%)
- Open Space 59.05 %
- Total Built-up Area 23654.37 sq.mtr. (2,44,586 sq. ft.)
- Basement Car Parking (Capacity 50)
- Nos. of Classrooms 16 (Capacity 1200)
- Boys' Hostel (Capacity 500).
- Girls' Hostel (Capacity 400).
- Library with Reading Room.
- Digital Library-cum-Computer Lab.
- Auditorium (Capacity 300 Nos.)
- Seminar Hall (Capacity 120 Nos.)

- & Board Rooms & Faculty Rooms.
- Office & Administrative Section.
- Electronic Media & Publication Section.
- Common Rooms for Visitors Meet & Indoor Games.
- Medical Shop, Doctor's Chamber & Sick Room.
- Stationary Shop & ATM Services.
- Separate Prayer Halls for Boys & Girls.
- General Canteen.
- Guest House.
- Staff Quarter/Rooms.
- Automatic Fire Detection & Protection System.
- DG Set for Uninterrupted Power Supply.
- Estimated Project Cost Rs. 50 crore.





1947 was a watershed year for India. It achieved its independence but simultaneously the western as well as its eastern side was partitioned. The Muslims were badly hit, particularly for those who remained in West Bengal. For several decades, the community remained moribund. From the mid eighties of the last century, situation began to change when Al-Ameen Mission came into existence.

In the year 1986-87, Al-Ameen Mission started its journey in a humble way with only seven students. The motto was to give modern education with moral values in a fully residential system where students from all strata of the society, irrespective of their economical condition would stay and learn together.

The students, coming from the poorest section of the society, were given education free of cost. Donations & Zakat were collected to meet up with the expenses and gradually the name of the Mission spread far and wide and numerous people came along and a movement which has been aptly called 'the Mission Movement' started. Now, it has made its presence felt very strongly in the state of West Bengal.

It is heartening to note that Muslims of Bengal are embracing education to break free from a certain way of life and age-old stereotyping. With all humbleness we want to say that the Mission has played a pivotal role here.

We are presenting the activities of the Mission which will manifest its contribution in the building of our nation.

We know our limitations. Still we believe that we will achieve our lofty goal, slowly but definitely, as the Almighty is with us.

December 2018 Kolkata, India M Nurul Islam Founder General Secretary Al-Ameen Mission Trust

#### Our Campuses

With 70 branches and 17 thousand resident students Al-Ameen is the biggest residential educational institution in the state. About 2000 teachers and supporting staff have been nurturing them round the clock. The branches are spread over almost all the districts of the state as well as neighbouring states like Assam, Tripura, Bihar and Jharkhand.

Besides, 26 learning centres for elementary education are running under its guidance. Initiatives are being taken for establishing some other residential branches in Indore, Delhi and Mumbai as well. Here is a synopsis of three major campuses from which one can have an idea about the Mission.

#### **Khalatpur Campus**

This is the mother campus of Al-Ameen situated at Khalatpur in the district of Howrah which was started with only seven students in the year 1986. The sprawling campus is spread in 20 acre of land. At present, there are as many as 1000 boys and 700 girls studying from class V to Class XII in separate campuses.

Medium of instruction is Bengali. Curricula of West Bengal Board of Secondary Education and West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education are followed here. That apart, 4 batches, both boys and girls are specially coached for preparation of NEET (UG). One primary section is also run here.



#### **Belpukur Campus**

This is the first branch of Al-Ameen Group of Institutions. It was established in the year 2002 to meet the increasing demand, especially from the people of North Bengal. It is situated at a distant village Belpukur in the district of Dakshin Dinajpur. Two separate campuses for boys and girls are there, in 15 acre of land. This is also up-to 12th standard. Medium of instruction is Bengali and Curricula of West Bengal **Board of Secondary Education and West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary** Education are followed. At present 550 boys and 350 girls are studying here with all residential facilities. There is also a primary section with 200 kids.

#### **Girls Campus**



#### **Boys Campus**



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#### **English Medium Campuses**

To meet the increasing demand of the time Al-Ameen felt the necessity to move into English medium education. Therefore, it started its first English medium branch for boys at Milanmore in Darjeeling district in 2014. At present 220 students of classes V to X are studying there. For its gradual demand, especially in South Bengal, we had to open another branch at Kharagpur, West Midnapore in 2016. This branch is also meant for boys from classes V to X with a capacity of 200 students. Another branch for girls was started in 2017 in Siliguri with a capacity 120 students. Curricula of Central Board of Secondary Education are followed in these branches.

A plan is afoot to introduce a fully residential school for both boys and girls near Suri in Birbhum district in a 7 acres of land.



#### **Kharagpur Campus**











- 1. Khalisani (Arifa Bhavan)
- 3. Nayabaz
- 5. Dhuliyan (Boys)
- 7. Medinipur

- 2. Papuri
- 4. Mohammadpur
- 6. Dhuliyan (Girls)
- 8. Beldanga (A R Bhavan)



## Primary Centres

It is a known fact that the dropout rate in India is much higher at the primary level. This is mainly happening due to poverty. To prevent these dropouts, Al-Ameen has taken up the issue head on. It has entered into the primary and pre-primary level of education with as many as 26 units running successfully, mostly in rural areas. Right now, there are 5 thousand students studying at this level.

A dedicated team under the banner of Al-Ameen Centre for Education Research and Training (AACERT) is engaged in research for materialising a child-centric joyful teaching-learning process instead of traditional lecture method under the guidance of Prof A K Jalaluddin, an eminent scholar of international repute.



## Health Services

Al-Ameen Mission, till now, has produced scores of doctors and it will continue to do so in the future as well. In recent years, depending upon our own specialized doctors, we have extended our services to the health sector too. A health care unit has been established in the main campus, Khalatpur. Many of the alumni, who are now well established as medical practitioners, are visiting regularly to those units. Poor and needy people of that locality are availing this facility at a minimal cost. Health Camps for free treatments are organized in regular intervals and medicines are supplied to the poorest section free of cost. The Mission is also providing ambulance services to the needy at a subsidized cost.

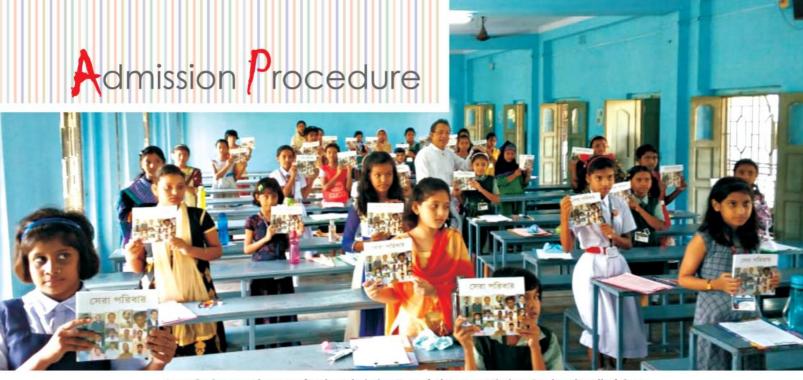
A project for establishing a model health centre has been started at our Beldanga Campus in Murshidabad district.

Another project is in the pipeline to establish a multi-specialty Hospital at Khalisani, Howrah, adjacent to Kolkata.









In 2018, 18000 students sat for the Admission Test of Al-Ameen Mission. On that day all of them were offered a free copy of 'Sera Parivar', the success stories of some alumni of the Mission.

Merit is given topmost priority for admission. The students are admitted through a common admission test conducted by the Mission for admission to all its branches. Qualified students in the written examination are called for an objective test followed by guardian interview. On the basis of marks obtained in written exam, objective test and interview, the students are finally selected.

A substantial number of seats are reserved for orphans and meritorious students of very poor families and they are given special financial facilities as well.

Generally, the admission test is held during the month of September every year in more or less 60 centres throughout the state. Online and Offline Forms are available from the month of June. This year nearly 18 thousand students have appeared for admission to classes V to IX. Entrance Test for admission to class XI will be held in February 2019 and it is hoped that more than 10000 students will appear at this exam. We can hardly accommodate 15% to 20% of the applicants.

Al-Ameen is a fully residential institution. The boys and girls live at their respective hostels. Hostel life plays a vital role in making a student's future. Here the students learn to trust, to respect diversity, to develop sense of responsibility, to value together-

ness, to support each other, and above all to be selfdisciplined. Mission is the second home to the students; since they live here ten months in a year during their studentship. They are guided by the resident staff serving round the clock. Each hostel is supervised by a Superintendent assisted by the Room Teachers who

## Daily Life



## Creativity & Leadership

The responsibility of Al-Ameen is to prepare the learners as independent thinkers and innovative minds so that they can lead and play a remarkable role in the society. Our main challenge is to unfold the inner quality and develop the capacity lie in our learners and to combining this with creativity. Each year science exhibition and model competition is held where students from all campuses participate with their models of innovative think-



ing. Thus they become confident and self-supporting.

Al-Ameen Mission students are getting exposure to compete with different schools. They had participated in Olympiad exam and have secured good position.

They have also participated in National Children Science Congress (NCSC) and have successfully cracked the State level and now preparing themselves for National Level competition.

The pupils have also got an opportunity to participate in Tri - Lingual Debate Competition organized by The Muslim Institute.





## Library & Laboratory

Library plays an important role for blooming the talent lies in a student. The Mission continuously tries to enrich the stock of its libraries with reference books. Books related to Science, Humanities, Religion and Moral writings have been well stocked in the libraries.

Laboratories are stimulating places for Science students. They try to explore, probe, discover and experiment to solve their problems and to find out the truth behind the facts of life. In Al-Ameen Mission, the students are encouraged to use laboratory and have an empirical experience of their own. Every year latest instruments, specimens, charts etc. are purchased for the laboratory.



#### Co-Curricular Activities

The importance of cultural and social activities in a student's life is immense. It helps bringing out the latent qualities of a student. Throughout the year, various activities are conducted to provide an opportunity to the budding talents.

Annual functions are held in all the campuses. Songs, recitation, essay writing, extempore speech, debate, quiz competition and various other cultural events are organised.

Each year, Sirat-un-Nabi is observed with reverence. Independence Day, Republic Day as well as Rabindranath Tagore and Kazi Nazrul Islam's birth anniversary are observed. Wall magazines are published where students showcase their creative skills.

## Games & Sports

The importance of play and sports for students has become even more relevant in our times, and schools have a prominent part to play in it. Games and sports in school encompass more than just the benefit of physical activity. It increases self-esteem and mental alertness.

The Mission provides the sports environment in almost all units. Football, cricket, volleyball and badminton are played all through the year. Indoor games are also there. Every year, prior to the Independence Day, an inter-campus football competition is held at the football ground at Khalatpur. Of late, it has become very popular among the students. Prizes are distributed on 15th August ceremony.

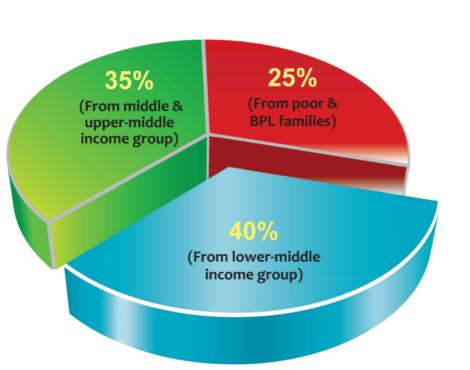




## Scholarships & Financial Aids

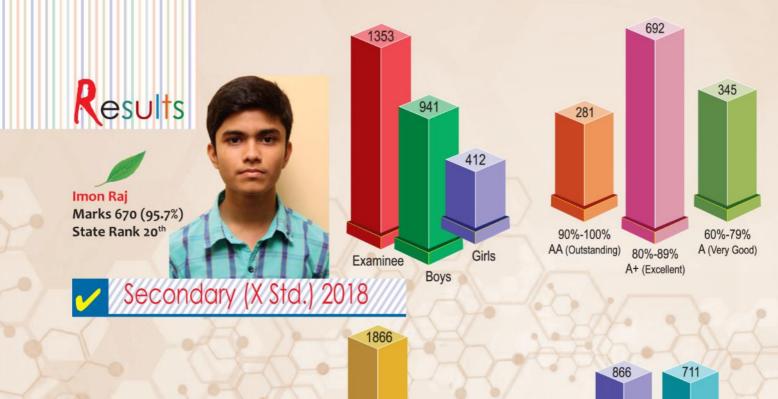
The most unique feature of Al-Ameen is that the fees of the students are determined as per financial capacities of their family. Being a charitable organization and to fulfill its social commitment Al-Ameen gives 100 per cent subsidy in the fees and even takes all other responsibilities of education and upbringing of a deserving student if deemed fit.

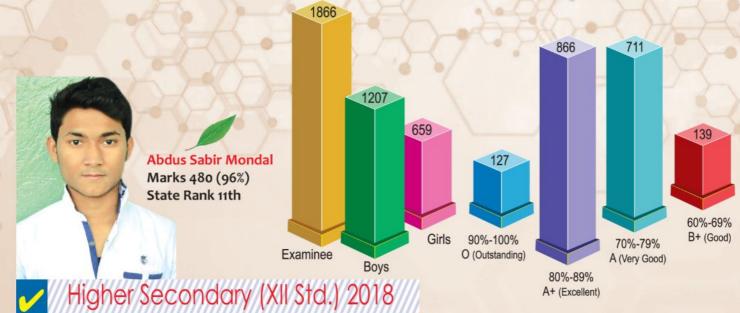
#### At present Al-Ameen's fee structure is divided in three categories:

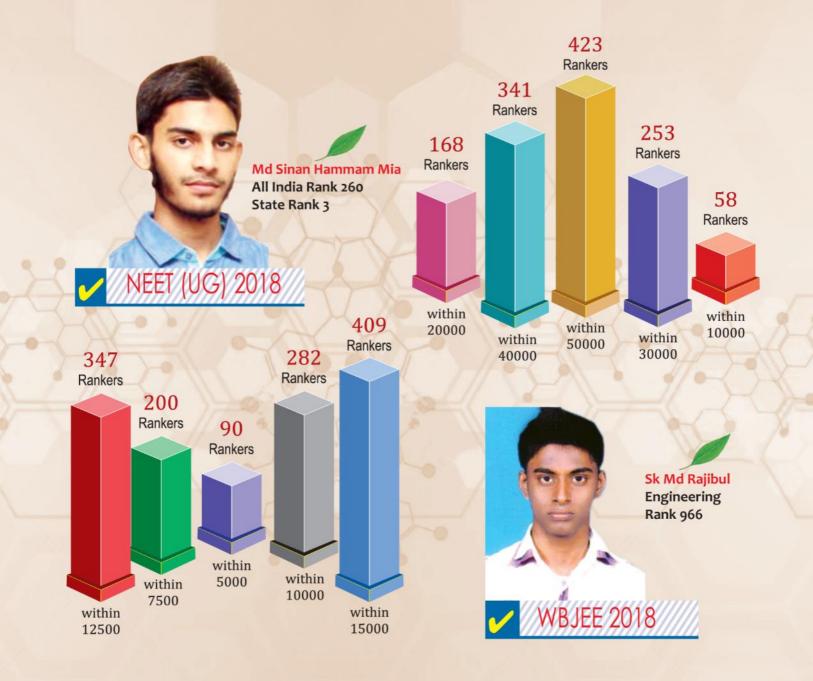


- 25% of total students pay their fees ranging from 0% to 25% of total fees and therefore they enjoy 75% to 100% subsidy. It comes from Zakat fund across the country.
- 2. 40% of total students pay their fees ranging from 26% to 60% of total fees and therefore they enjoy 40% to 74% subsidy. It is from the general donation of the public.
- 3. 35% of total students pay their fees ranging from 61% to 100% of total fees and therefore they enjoy 0% to 40% subsidy.

Besides, Al-Ameen Merit Scholarship is offered to the deserving poor and meritorious students pursuing professional courses and higher studies.









Our alumni have made a remarkable mark in their profession throughout India as well as abroad, whether it is in medicine, engineering, civil service, academics, or entrepreneurship. Many of them have established NGOs serving underprivileged sections of the society.

Credit must go to that portion of alumni who accord assistance in cash or kind to their Alma Mater as well as other organisations of its kind, in support of the needy and downtrodden children towards their maintenance and development.

Till date, Al-Ameen has produced near about 2400 doctors and more than 2500 engineers. Total number of alumni is nearly 20000.

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## Success Galore

The name of Al-Ameen Mission has now become synonymous with success in Medical and Engineering stream. Every year, it has been producing doctors and engineers in large numbers.

It is also remarkable to note that many of the students are archetypal 'first generation learner'. Till date 2400 students have got chance to study MBBS & BDS course in government medical colleges & 2500 students have got chance to study in engineering colleges. Many of them are well-established in India & abroad.

A number of 65 students have succeeded in West Bengal Civil Service and allied examinations and there are several thousands who have completed their UG/PG degree and are well established in life.

A good number of scholars are engaged in higher studies and research works in National and International Institutions.









"Journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." This single step was decisively taken by Al-Ameen Mission more than three decades back. When we started our journey, the percentage of muslim students in Medical & Engineering Colleges was only 2%-3%. But due to this Mission Movement the percentage has now risen to 20%-30%. It has imbibed confidence among scores of families from the backward community.

The boys and girls hailing from the most backward areas and lowest strata of society are now dreaming to become doctors, engineers, civil servants, teachers or professors.

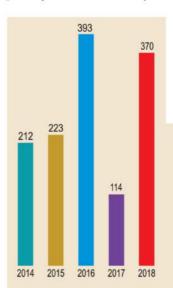
When these boys and girls are rising up resultantly the whole community is waking up from the stupor. Silently a revolution is taking place. And obviously, Al-Ameen has become the conduit in this whole churning of transformation which may be defined as a "Silent Revolution".



## Effect & Impact

Al- Ameen has developed a competitive attitude among students throughout Bengal and has imbibed a sense of confidence in the students coming from poor families. Once admitted in the Mission, they brave adversity and achieve best results. It has not only reduced the numbers of dropouts but also motivated parents to go in for the best education for their children.

The students from the poor families who initially enjoyed half-free studentship or free studentship facilities, after establishing themselves, have turned into Zakat givers and tax payers as well. These students are now role models and a constant source of inspiration to their successors. This has made a major impact in the society.



The Mission has encouraged other people of different areas to develop educational institutions following this model and adopting local changes. This is the result of Al-Ameen Effect.





## Journals & Publications

The presence of the backward community in the intellectual, cultural and literary fields is very minimal. So, Al-Ameen is gearing up to enhance the participation of the community in these fields through publishing books, journals and periodicals. It is regularly publishing a Bengali magazine "Al-Ameen Barta" and an inhouse newsletter in English.

A project has been taken up to design and publish books, pamphlets, journals, literatures etc. containing moral values and contemporary thoughts pertaining to education, culture and research for the holistic development of the students and the general public as well.



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#### **A**wards



- ▶ Al-Ameen Mission has been awarded **The Telegraph School Award for Excellence** in 2002 and 2009 sharing with The South Point High School, Kolkata. It also got The Telegraph School Award for Excellence for the best academic performance in competitive examinations in 2004 and the Certificate of Honour in 2005, 2006 and 2008.
- ▶ In 2006, the Mission was awarded the Begum Rokeya Puraskar launched by West Bengal Board of Madrasah Education.
- ▶ In 2015, the Government of West Bengal conferred **Bangabhusan Award** to Al-Ameen Mission for its outstanding contribution in the field of education for the minority community.



The General Secretary, M Nurul Islam receved Bangabhusan Award on behalf of Al-Ameen Mission from the Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal Ms. Mamata Banerjee in the august presence of Hon'ble Governor Mr Keshari Nath Tripathi on 20th May 2015. Hon'ble Ministers Mr Firhad Hakim & Mr Aroop Biswas were also present.





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