

**REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY -2025****Eminent J&K Personalities Join Hands Under Human Aid Society to Combat Rising Social Evils**

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A distinguished gathering of retired bureaucrats, senior officers, professors, legal experts, journalists, engineers, and civil society leaders from across Jammu & Kashmir convened at the Central Office of Human Aid Society in Baramulla Chaired by Ex-Deputy Commissioner Mr. Ghulam Ahmad Kwaja, the meeting focused on growing social evils that demand urgent and collective attention.

Key concerns raised included the misuse of social media, drug abuse, increasing school dropouts, dowry and extravagant marriage practices, and environmental degradation driven by climate change.

The participants expressed alarm over the moral and social decline in the region and emphasized that retired professionals continue to carry a moral duty to guide and support. Participants also highly appreciated the efforts of Mr. Ghulam Ahmad Kwaja, who took the initiative to organize this meeting and travelled all the way from Jammu despite health constraints. His presence rekindled connections with old friends and well-wishers, and he infused the gathering with a new spirit of purpose and unity, which was widely acknowledged as both inspiring and remarkable.





Rather than forming a new group, it was unanimously resolved to unite under the banner of Human Aid Society, a trusted and District Administration-recognized “Mother NGO” with a three-decade-long record of social service across J&K. A Three-Point Action Agenda will be prepared within a week by an Intellectual Consultative Group, laying out focused strategies for year-long efforts on priority issues.

Chairman Mr. Bashir Ahmad Mir extended heartfelt thanks to all the dignitaries for their presence and commitment. He remarked that it was not only an honour but also a matter of great pride for him and his organization to host such a gathering of visionary and intellectual figures of J&K who came together to deliberate on some of the most pressing social challenges facing the region. He appreciated their willingness to work shoulder to shoulder with existing grassroots organizations for meaningful social transformation.

#### Prominent Participants:

Dr. Zahoor Ahmad Bhat Former Director, Horticulture, Mr. G.H. Mohiuddin Indrabi Former Superintendent, J&K Police, Prof. Irshad Ahmad Wani Former Director, North Campus (KU) & BOPEE Member. Prof. Mohammad Ismail Former College Principal, Prof. Sheikh Nazir Ahmad Former College Principal Prof. Tariq Ahmad Chalkoo Degree College, Baramulla, G.H. Mohammad Lone Former Chief Education Officer, Mr. Showkat Kareem Former Chief Agriculture Officer, Mr. Ghulam Mohammad Sofi Former BDO Mr. Abdul Rashid Lone Former DySP, J&K Police, Haji Karamat Qayoom Chairman, Baramulla Working Journalists Association, Mr. Gulzar Ahmad Zargar President BAJWA, Mr. Ghulam Rasool Wagaye Chairman, Cooperative Mercantile Bank, Mr. Bashir Ahmad Mir Chairman, Human Aid Society. Er. Peer Farooq Ahmad Retired Engineer, Er. Farooq Ahmad Malik Engineer, Mr. Ghulam-ud-Din Wani Former Accounts Officer, Adv. Firdous Ahmad Bhatt Advocate, Hon’ble J&K High Court, Mr. Reyaz Ahmad Gani renowned Teacher & Innovator, Mr. Mohammad Yousuf Khan – Senior Executive Member, Human Aid Society. Mr. Mohammad Saleem Mir Former Headmaster, Mr. Tahir Masood – Prominent Social Activist Mr. Abdul Majeed Akhoun President, Janbaz Academy, Mr. Mohammad Ashraf Dar Poet & Teacher.

#### **Mr. Hadi Qurashi – An Environment-Friendly Unsung Hero**

**9<sup>th</sup> JULY 2025.** Throughout the world, countless individuals—through their selfless efforts, visionary ideas, and tireless volunteer work—have succeeded not only in transforming their own lives but have also played a pivotal role in reshaping the destiny of entire communities and even nations. Among such unsung heroes stands Mr. Hadi Qurashi, a humble and elderly resident of Yamalar Bala, a small hamlet located about one kilometer from Tehsil Zachaldara in District Kupwara, Jammu and Kashmir.



**A Lifelong Mission: Tree Plantation and Environmental Conservation.** Now 68 years old, Mr. Hadi Qurashi has been dedicated to environmental protection since his childhood, walking in the footsteps of his father. Over the decades, he has planted thousands of trees and inspired others to take up the same cause. His lifelong mission has not only protected the local ecosystem but also prevented land erosion and encroachment in the surrounding areas. His efforts restored barren and deforested lands by planting new trees and bringing greenery back to areas once stripped of vegetation.

**From Individual Effort to Community Engagement:** Mr. Qurashi did not limit his work to personal commitment. He involved fellow villagers, turning them into stewards of their environment. Despite a lack of support from the government or NGOs, he single-handedly led cleanliness drives in his village, a year before such campaigns gained traction in urban areas. Today, thanks to his tireless efforts, Yamlar Bala is both polythene-free and smoking-free.

Even though the village lacks official garbage bins or financial resources to purchase them, Mr. Qurashi encouraged residents to place empty bags outside their homes and at street corners for waste collection—an example of innovative, community-driven problem-solving.

**A Greener, Cleaner Hamlet:** Under Mr. Qurashi's guidance, Yamlar Bala has been transformed into a beautiful, environmentally conscious hamlet. The lush greenery of the surrounding forests and the natural landscape have further enhanced the village's charm. He also developed a small herbal plant nursery and motivated each family to plant medicinal plants in front of their homes, promoting both health and ecological awareness.

**Tree Plantation and Recognition by Human Aid Society**





On a recent visit, the Human Aid Society team, headed by Chairman Mr. Bashir Ahmad Mir and Vice Chairman Mr. G.M. Sofi, visited the remote hamlet of Yamlar Bala, Tehsil Zachaldara. The team planted a tree as a symbolic gesture for environmental protection and interacted personally with Mr. Hadi Qurashi. Deeply moved by his decades-long voluntary work and unwavering commitment, the team expressed their heartfelt appreciation for his remarkable contribution to the environment and community well-being.

#### **A Call for Official Recognition**

Despite his significant work, Mr. Qurashi has yet to receive any formal recognition. Unfortunately, in our current system, appreciation often depends more on political proximity than merit. We earnestly appeal to the Government of Jammu & Kashmir to honour this exceptional individual on the upcoming Independence Day or on any fitting occasion. Recognizing Mr. Hadi Qurashi would not only be a tribute to his lifelong service but would also inspire hundreds of others across the Union Territory to take up voluntary work for the greater good of society.

#### **Tragedy in Shitloo Rafiabad: Human Aid Society Stands with Fire Victims 9<sup>th</sup> July 2025:**

Two days ago, a devastating fire broke out in Shitloo Rafiabad, completely destroying a modest home shared by two poor brothers and their families—around 10 members in total. Despite the timely arrival of the fire brigade, the house couldn't be saved. However, surrounding homes were protected from the flames.

Upon learning about this heartbreaking incident, Human Aid Society, under the leadership of Chairman Mr. Bashir Ahmad Mir, promptly reached the site. Accompanied by Vice Chairman Mr. G.M. Sofi and senior volunteer Member Mr. Riyaz Ahmad Ganie, the team extended emotional support and much-needed aid to the affected families.



Society members himself contributed, providing essential items like bedding, food, clothing, utensils, and financial assistance in the form of cheques. The team reassured the victims that they are not alone in this tragedy compassionate hearts from their community and beyond standing with them in solidarity and support. The Human Aid Society remains committed to serving humanity in its most difficult hours.

### **A follow-up meeting of Ghulam Ahmad Khwaja's Friends Group – 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025;**

A meeting was held at the central office of Human Aid Society (HAS) under the chairmanship of Professor Irshad Ahmad Wani. This meeting was a continuation of the earlier session held on 5th July 2025, chaired by Ghulam Ahmad Khwaja, in which it was resolved that Mr. Bashir Ahmad Mir (Chairman, HAS) would prepare a working agenda in consultation with Prof. Irshad Ahmad Wani and other accessible members. As advised by Prof. Irshad, Mr. Mir contacted and invited Prof. Ismail, Prof. Sheikh Nazir, Prof. Tariq Ahmad Chalkoo, and HAS executive members including Vice Chairman Ghulam Mohammad Sofi and Mr. Reyaz Ahmad Ganie for the follow-up.



During the meeting, various suggestions were shared. However, considering the practical challenges of addressing multiple issues at once, Mr. Mir recommended focusing on two key concerns for the year 2025–26:

#### **1. Drug Abuse**

#### **2. School Dropouts**

Prof. Irshad concluded the meeting without finalizing a detailed agenda but emphasized collective action. It was decided that on 18th July 2025, each member would invite five teachers to contribute insights on school dropouts and to explore collaboration on addressing social evils.



Additionally, Mr. Riyaz Ahmad Ganie was assigned to create a separate WhatsApp group exclusively for internal discussions. Members were requested not to share these suggestions with the main group until a concrete action plan is finalized.

### **Dr. Ashlie's North Kashmir Cricket Camp to be Held in Baramulla in Collaboration with Human Aid Society - 12<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

In a landmark initiative to uplift sports talent in North Kashmir, a strategic meeting was held today at the Head Office of Human Aid Society, Baramulla. The meeting was chaired by renowned former IPL physiotherapist Dr. Aijaz Ashai, and attended by former legendary sports personalities and senior officers from the Department of Youth Services and Sports. The session focused on creating concrete avenues for grooming emerging cricketers in North Kashmir. It was unanimously decided that a two-day advanced Cricket Technical Camp—titled “Dr. Ashai's North Kashmir Cricket Camp” will be organized in Baramulla during the last week of August 2025, in close collaboration with Human Aid Society. This initiative marks a significant partnership between Human Aid Society and Dr. Aijaz Ashai, combining their shared commitment to youth empowerment through sports. Human Aid Society, known for its unwavering dedication to social development, will play a pivotal role in hosting, facilitating, and supervising all logistical and organizational aspects of the camp.

#### **Formation of Executive & Selection Committees**

To ensure professional execution and transparency, the following committees were constituted:

1. Five-Member Executive Committee – tasked with identifying and registering aspiring cricketers from North Kashmir. This team will also manage coordination, communication, and logistics for the camp.



2. Five-Member Senior Selection Panel responsible for overseeing the fair and merit-based selection of participants. The panel will work closely with experts to identify promising talent for the camp.



Dr. Ashai emphasized that these committees are entrusted with critical responsibilities and must work in synergy to make this initiative a model of excellence. He further urged the members to frame necessary guidelines and complete all documentation within one week, ensuring timely rollout of the selection process.

#### International Expertise and Mentorship

The camp is expected to host international cricket legends, including former Indian team captain Mohammad Azharuddin and Waseem Jaffer, who will share their expertise, mentor the youth, and inspire the next generation of cricketers from Kashmir.

#### Ongoing Oversight and Monitoring

All future review meetings will be held at Human Aid Society's Head Office, which will serve as the administrative hub for this project. The Chairman of Human Aid Society will personally monitor the progress, coordinate between teams, and maintain direct communication with Dr. Ashai, ensuring smooth execution and timely updates.

This initiative reflects the shared vision of Human Aid Society and Dr. Aijaz Ashai to uplift underrepresented talent and create lasting opportunities for Kashmiri youth in the field of sports.

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**18<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

Context:

This report summarizes a series of key decisions and developments from the meetings held under the banner of Human Aid Society in July 2025. These gatherings focused on connecting education with real-life societal reform, particularly addressing drug abuse and school dropouts.

On 5th July 2025, a meeting was held at the Central Office of Human Aid Society, chaired by Ex-Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Jenab Khwaja Ghulam Ahmad Sahib. In this meeting, it was resolved that Prof. Irshad Ahmad and Chairman Human Aid Society, Mr. Bashir Ahmad Mir, would call a meeting of individuals available to them and develop a practical action plan to combat social evils in the community within the scope of our capacity and capability.



Following this, Prof. Irshad Ahmad convened a meeting on 10th July 2025 at 4:30 PM at the Head Office. A select group of members from an established team participated. It was unanimously agreed that, under the leadership of Khwaja Ghulam Ahmad Sahib, the group would initially focus on two major issues highlighted during the 5th July meeting:

### **1. Drug De-addiction**

### **2. School Dropouts**

It was further decided that before formally launching this mission, a dedicated ground-level team must be formed that would act under the moral and physical support of the Human Aid Society.



The forum emphasized the need for youth awareness campaigns in schools, colleges, and other institutions. To make this campaign meaningful, it was proposed that committed teachers those who devote their time to social betterment beyond duty hours—should be identified and involved. Each meeting participant was requested to suggest five such teachers from their area. The forum would mentor and prepare these teachers to support this mission both at the institutional and community level.

In response, names of teachers were collected and a meeting was held with them on 18th July 2025 from 4:PM to 6:30 PM at the Human Aid Society office. The session was presided over by Prof. Irshad Ahmad, and the Chairman warmly welcomed the teachers for accepting this social responsibility.

During the meeting, fruitful and detailed discussions were held. Each teacher offered valuable insights and suggestions, especially regarding the causes of school dropouts. It was resolved that:

Each teacher would take personal responsibility for identifying school dropouts within their classroom, institution, and mohalla (neighbourhood).

A detailed report would be submitted during the next meeting scheduled in October 2025. Each teacher would introduce at least two like-minded colleagues or friends to join the movement, enabling the forum to expand its network under the Human Aid Society and treat this as a social movement against rising evils.

Prof. Ismail and Prof. Sheikh Nazir highly appreciated the participating teachers for their commitment and co-creative ideas to address dropout challenges.



In his address, Prof. Irshad Ahmad stated; "Your ground-level survey reports will become the foundation of a vision document, which we will present to government departments and NGOs working round-the-clock on these issues."



Former CEO Mr. Balbir Singh also shared key statistics and data that revealed alarming trends and reasons behind school dropouts, contributing further to the depth of the discussion.

Additionally, it was decided that every teacher will keep a close eye on meritorious students in their school or vicinity who are unable to achieve their goals due to financial hardship, and this forum will strive to find practical solutions in such cases.

### Conclusion

This forum is now equipped to prepare a concrete five-month action agenda and is committed to working shoulder to shoulder to address the social evils of drug abuse and educational neglect.

These efforts are guided by the belief that:

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### DC Kupwara Applauds Human Aid Society's Effort to Spotlight Forgotten Environmental Hero Mr Hadi Qurashi

**HASK, July 24, 2025**

A delegation from Human Aid Society, led by its Chairman Mr. Bashir Ahmad Mir, held a purposeful and cordial meeting today with the Deputy Commissioner of Kupwara, Ms. Ayushi Sudan, IAS, to highlight the exceptional environmental contributions of an unsung local hero, Mr. Haji Qureshi from Yamlar Bala.

The delegation comprised three members, including senior members Mr. Naseer Ahmad and Mr. Khazir Mohammad (Retired AEE), who accompanied the Chairman in advocating for official recognition of Mr. Qureshi's remarkable grassroots efforts.

Mr. Qureshi, a humble and elderly citizen, has quietly dedicated his life to environmental protection. He has supported the Social Forestry Department in conducting large-scale tree plantation drives and has independently planted thousands of trees in and around his village. What makes his effort even more remarkable is his commitment to the long-term care and maintenance of these trees, ensuring their survival and growth.





In addition to his plantation efforts, Mr. Qureshi has transformed his small hamlet into a polythene-free and smoke-free zone, setting a rare and inspiring example of sustainable living at the grassroots level.

The Human Aid Society delegation earnestly appealed to the Deputy Commissioner to acknowledge Mr. Qureshi's lifelong dedication to environmental preservation at the official government level. They stressed that such recognition would not only honour his selfless service but also inspire others especially the youth to volunteer in protecting and nurturing the environment.

**Ms. Ayushi Sudan, IAS, Deputy commissioner Kupwara** appreciated the initiative taken by Human Aid Society in bringing such grassroots champions into the spotlight. She commended the spirit of civic responsibility demonstrated by Mr. Qureshi and assured the delegation that the matter would be taken up positively with the relevant authorities.

This initiative reflects Human Aid Society's ongoing commitment to recognizing silent change-makers and promoting community-driven environmental action in Jammu & Kashmir

### Human Aid Society Delegation Meets Officials to Highlight Public Grievances in Baramulla-Kupwara Region

**25<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

A delegation from Human Aid Society called on the **Superintending Engineer R&B Baramulla-Kupwara, Mr. Ishfaq A. Beigh, and CMO Kupwara, Dr. Masarat Iqbal**, to present key civic and health-related issues concerning the general public.

The team raised the long-pending demand for widening and blacktopping of the Singhpora-Mirangund road, which serves as an alternate and vital link to Baramulla for the residents of Tehsils Kreeri and Wagoora. Serious

concern was also expressed over the growing encroachment of road land in various areas, causing frequent inconvenience to commuters.





The delegation brought into notice the neglected condition of the link road to Yamalar Bala in Tehsil Zachaldara (Handwara) and appealed for immediate soling and metalling to benefit the local population. In Baramulla town, the incomplete drainage network on Dewan Bagh Road, along with half-done macadamisation, continues to trouble residents, which was duly highlighted.

In a separate meeting with the CMO Kupwara, the team discussed the lack of adequate healthcare in Karnah, Machil, and Zachaldara (Handwara). The CMO assured full attention to these concerns and expressed willingness to collaborate with civil society organisations to improve health outreach in remote areas.

### From Pilgrimage to Public Service:

#### **SP Dr. Haji Aijaz Sahib's Motivational Outreach at Human Aid Society 29 July 2025.**

For the first time since performing Hajj, Dr. Haji Peerzada Aijaz Sahib, SP Jammu & Kashmir Police, visited the Central Office of Human Aid Society in Baramulla. He was warmly received by Chairman Mr. Bashir Ahmad Mir, Vice Chairman Mr. G.M. Sofi, Secretary Mr. Mohammad Sadiq Bhatt, and Executive Member Haji Farooq Ahmad Malik. Dr. Haji Aijaz Sahib, already familiar with the humanitarian efforts of Human Aid Society, has long supported the organisation by connecting a team of enthusiastic and dedicated young volunteers from his native area of Tangmarg. These youth have been working in close coordination with Human Aid Society to implement its welfare programs with commitment and energy.



He has played an important role in mentoring these volunteers counselling them to grow as responsible citizens, loyal nationalists, and sincere social workers so they can contribute meaningfully to society and help eliminate social evils from Jammu & Kashmir.



During the visit, Dr. Aijaz Sahib personally interacted with a group of motivated youth who had earlier expressed to the Chairman their desire to contribute to society in general, and to Human Aid Society in particular, by offering their volunteer services. The Chairman warmly welcomed their participation, expressing confidence that such youth engagement will empower the organisation to extend its reach to remote and underserved areas of the region.



As a token of appreciation and encouragement, Human Aid Society presented a cricket kit to the youth volunteers. The aim of this gesture was to promote physical fitness and positive engagement through sports, helping young people stay active, motivated, and away from harmful influences often found in today's society.

The visit concluded with a meaningful exchange between Dr. Haji Aijaz Sahib and the young volunteers, reinforcing Human Aid Society's commitment to youth empowerment, community service, and nation-building.

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