

12 Umoor Newsletter

SILK-E-HAYAAAT

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Rain is a bounty from Allah and it is one of the purest forms of water. In a changing climate with more extreme drought, aridity, and water scarcity, rainwater harvesting is a simple but sustainable step towards environmental preservation and a water-secure future for the next generation. Under Aqa Moula's ^{his} guidance, Umoor al-Selhiat members work to help collect water and preserve the environment with hard work and careful planning.



RAINWATER HARVESTING

A STEP TOWARDS SECURING OUR FUTURE

Sh. Kauser bhai Najmi | Secretary, Burhani Foundation (India)



Q.1 Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin^{TUS} recently initiated the rainwater harvesting movement within the community. How do you, as the secretary of Burhani Foundation India (BFI), think this movement will help in water conservation and fighting climate change?

The foresight and vision of Awliyaullah ^{SAW} is miles ahead of our vision. The benefits of rainwater harvesting are immense, such as storing the water in natural or artificial tanks, recharging the natural water bodies, replenishing the underground water table, are some of the long and short term benefits of rainwater harvesting.

By encouraging individuals and households to install rainwater harvesting systems, we can create a culture of water conservation and reduce our impact on the environment. This movement will not only benefit the community but also serve as an example for others to follow, inspiring them to take action towards a more sustainable future.

Q.2. How has the community responded to this visionary step?

With the instructions and blessings of Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin ^{TUS}, *khidmatguzars*

from different departments visited more than 250 towns and cities to create awareness of rainwater harvesting within the community.

Overall, the response from the community has been very encouraging, and there is a growing sense of responsibility and commitment towards water conservation and sustainable living. The rainwater harvesting movement has become a symbol of the community's vision for a better future, and it has inspired many to take action towards achieving this goal.

Q.3. What are the short-term and long-term benefits of Rainwater harvesting?

Rainwater harvesting has both short-term and long-term benefits for the environment and society.

Rain is a bounty from Allah Ta'ala and it is truly invaluable. Thus, we should always strive to conserve water and not waste it.

Some of the short-term benefits of rainwater harvesting are:

1. Water conservation
2. Reduced water bills
3. Reduced strain on water resources
4. Reduced flooding

Some of the long-term benefits of rainwater harvesting are:

1. Sustainable water management
2. Climate change mitigation through reduced energy consumption
3. Improved water quality
4. Increased resilience to drought

Q.4. How easy or difficult is it to implement rainwater harvesting systems on an individual level?

Implementing rainwater harvesting systems on an individual level can be relatively easy or difficult depending on various factors such as the availability of space, financial resources, and technical expertise. However, with the right resources and expertise, it is possible to install a system that meets the household's water needs and contributes to sustainable living.

Q.5. What message do you have for the community to encourage them to take up rainwater harvesting?

Taking up rainwater harvesting is a step towards personal empowerment and environmental stewardship. It allows us to actively participate in water conservation efforts, reduce our ecological footprint, and inspire others to do the same. So, let us come together as a community and take up the noble cause of rainwater harvesting. Explore the different techniques available, consult experts, and adapt them to our local context. Share our knowledge and experiences with others, spreading awareness and inspiring them to join this water-saving movement. Remember, every drop counts, and each of us can make a difference. Together, we can create a brighter and more sustainable future.



DID YOU KNOW?
AQA MOULA'S^{TUS} UNIQUE AMAL
DURING BARWANI SAFAR MUBARAK



1. Aqa Moula^{TUS} graciously handed *thali* by his own hands to Mumineen who had done khidmat of FMB.

2. Aqa Moula^{TUS} visited the FMB kitchen. The *Safar Thali* website was launched there by his hands, which would allow Mumineen to request for *thali* to stations in India.

3. A lucky draw was held in his presence for Dana Committee members.

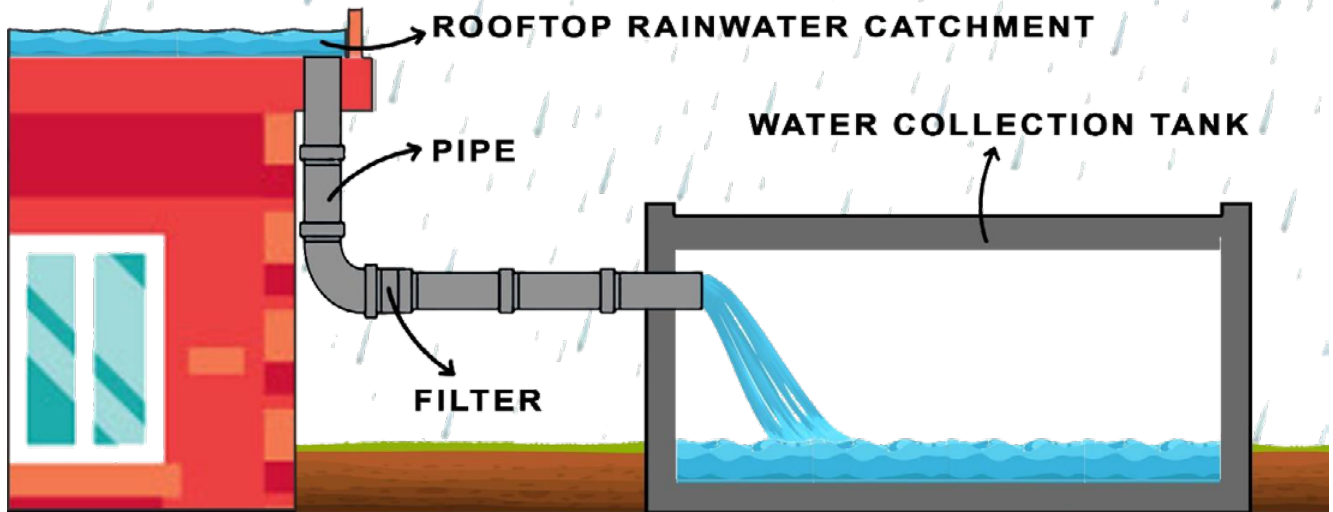
4. Aqa Moula^{TUS} graciously performed *shifa mubarak* on FMB grain stores.

5. Aqa Moula^{TUS} participated in making *roti* and did *Dua Mubarak* for all Mume-naat who undertake this *khidmat*.

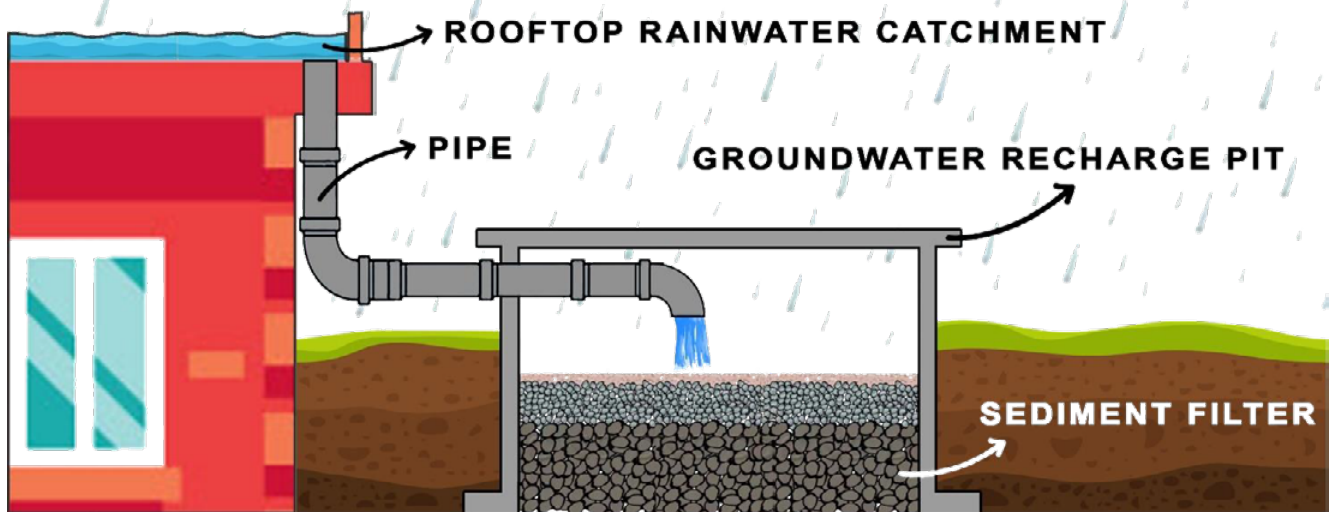


TYPES OF RAINWATER HARVESTING SYSTEMS

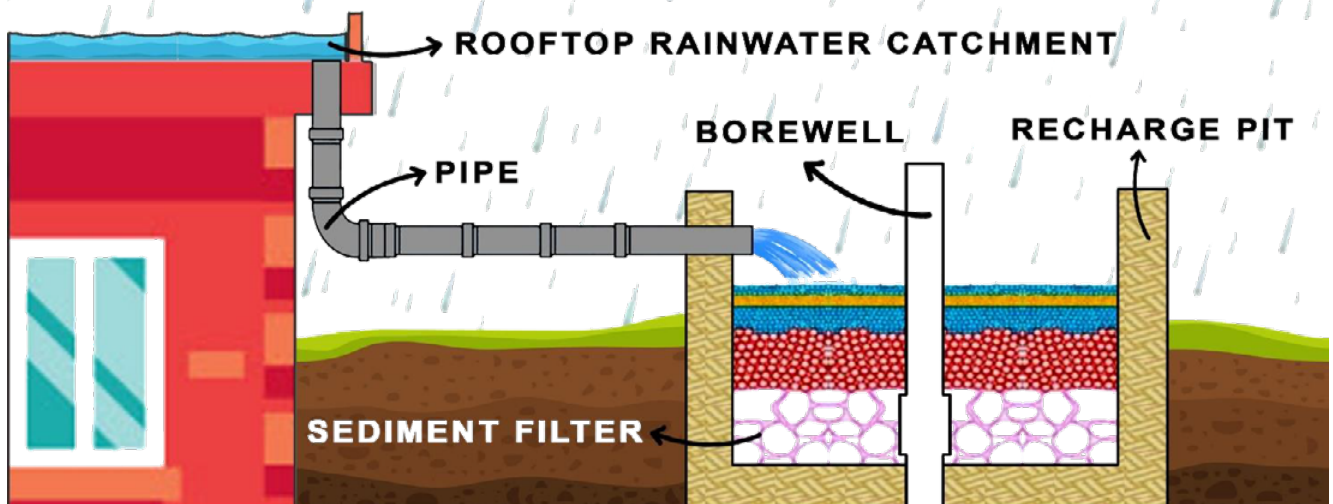
1. RAINWATER STORAGE FOR DIRECT USE



2. RECHARGE PIT



3. BOREWELL RECHARGE PIT



THE JOY OF BUILDING A MASJID

Sh. Zainuddin bhai Barwaniwala | Businessman, B.G.I. Officer



What inspired you to take up the *khidmat* of constructing a masjid?

When Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin ^{RA} restored the magnificent Jame al Anwar in Cairo, I was fortunate enough to attend its grand opening ceremony. The happiness and *noor mubarak* that radiated from Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin ^{RA} that day, became my inspiration to one day construct a *Masjid* and see that happiness directed towards me.

How have you stayed connected to Barwani and how special was it to construct a *Masjid* in your own *watan*?

I have lived in Dubai for decades now, but since my parents lived in Barwani I have always remained connected to the town. I used to visit it every year, and during one of my visits I got to know about the renovation of one of its *Masjids*. I immediately contributed to it with other Mumineen of Barwani. That *Masjid* was inaugurated by Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin ^{RA} almost 10 years ago.

But, I still had the desire to build a *Masjid* all by myself. Almost a decade later, I had the opportunity to restore another histor-

ic *Masjid* - Najmi Masjid- adjacent to my parents' residence in Barwani. The *Masjid* was 130 years old and Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin ^{TUS} handed me the task of restoring the *Masjid* to its original glory. It took 2.5 years to complete and Aqa Maula ^{TUS} graciously traveled to Barwani for its inauguration ceremony. It was the fulfillment of a lifelong dream for me.

This year, Ashara Mubaraka Ohbat and Upliftment started from Barwani. What was the atmosphere like over there?

Before arriving in Barwani, Aqa Maula ^{TUS} had stated in a *waaz mubarak* in Dahi that the Ohbat and Upliftment *amal* should be done this year. When Maula ^{TUS} arrived in Barwani, he instructed that the drive should start whilst he was present in Barwani. Accordingly, the visits and *tafheem* programs began.

I especially remember that Maula ^{TUS} visited a dilapidated house where 2 *Muminaat* resided. Maula ^{TUS} instructed that the house should be repaired and renovated as soon as possible. The task was completed before Maula ^{TUS} left from Barwani.

By the grace of Allah we were able to com-

plete the restoration and the photos were presented to Maula^{TUS}. Maula^{TUS} expressed great happiness and it inspired us to do more. We assisted around 40 households to repair their gas pipes and electrical wirings. Other larger restoration projects were also initiated which are still ongoing.

How do the exercises of Ohbat and Upliftment help in preparing for Ashara Mubaraka?

When the house is in order, it puts the mind at ease. And when the mind is freed from these worries, we can concentrate better on preparing for Ashara Mubarakah and getting ready for the *Noh wal Aweel* on the martyrdom of Imam Husain^{AS}. It also helps us to fulfill Maula's^{TUS} desire to attend Ashara Mubaraka waaz before time and attain the *barakaat* of *zitr-e-Husain* properly.



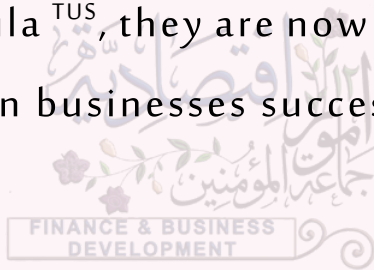
GLIMPSES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Business Counseling

GOREGAON



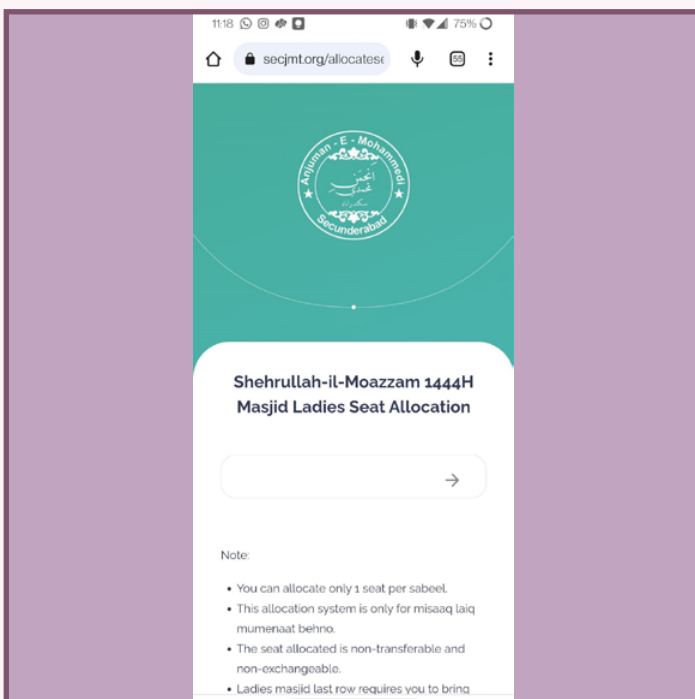
Through expert counseling and support, 4 Mumineen who were employed in service started their own business. With the Dua Mubarak of Aqa Moula ^{TUS}, they are now running their own businesses successfully.



Shk Fazlehusain bhai Hafizji, Amil Saheb

Wajebaath Token System

SECUNDERABAD



During Shehrullahil Moazzam this year, a token-system was introduced for wajebaath takhmeen. 50 slots were allocated during weekdays and 100 slots during weekends. This system reduced the wait time for Mumeneen by 50% and facilitated the takhmeen of 90% Mumeeneen before Lailatul Qadr.

Abdulqadir Kheraluwala, Umooor Dakheliyah Coordinator

GLIMPSES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Plastic Recycling Drive

THANE



All plastic waste from Jamaat premises is collected and sent to Bisleri Plastic Composting facility with the help of an NGO - over the past 6 months in Thane. This exercise has helped in reducing accumulation of plastic waste and also built an environment friendly image of the community. A similar exercise for kitchen waste will also be taken up in the near future.

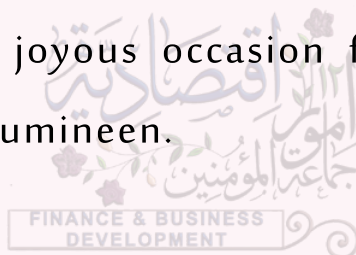
Shabbir Vohra, Umooor al-Sehhat Coordinator

Eid Fun 'n' Fair

HONG KONG



In celebration of Eid ul Fitr, the Hong Kong *jamaat* held a fun fair featuring games, food, and home goods stalls. It was a joyous occasion for Hong Kong's Mumineen.



M Taher Shk Abdulqadir Muchhala

GLIMPSES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

12 Umoor Maraz

DETROIT



12 Umoor Members in Detroit hosted a *maraz* where each Umoor Team was tasked to creatively display their core responsibilities and achievements thus far, along with their short and long-term goals. The *maraz* proved to be an engaging way for Mumineen to become acquainted with each other's Umoor and responsibilities.

Shk Murtaza bhai Bhanpurawala, Amilsaheb



Daur al Quraan

DALLAS



On the eve of the *urus mubarak* of Syedna Abdeali Saifuddin ^{RA}, the importance of *daur al quraan* was expressed to Mumineen. Subsequently, 55 families started performing *daur al quraan* on a daily basis in their homes.

Shk Taha bhai Shk Fakhruddin bhai Jamali, Amil Saheb

SILK-E-HAYAAT ARCHIVES

