



## News at a Glance

Updates from March - May 2018. Have a wonderful vacation!

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### *84 students graduate from the Aga Khan Academy Hyderabad*



The Academy celebrated its fifth graduation ceremony on Saturday 19th May 2018. The Class of 2018 concluded its International Baccalaureate journey with a formal evening ceremony attended by fellow students, Academy senior management, faculty and staff as well as parents, extended families and invited guests. The Chief Guest was H.E Excellency Ambassador Arif Lalani, Head of the Department of Diplomatic Affairs for the Ismaili Imamate in Lisbon. [Read more about his address to the graduating class, and other details of the ceremony here.](#)

*Class of 2018 students  
admitted to some of the best  
universities worldwide*



The number of Academy graduates has more than doubled since our first Diploma Programme cohort wrote their final IB examinations in 2014. More than 800 applications to universities in 12 countries were submitted by the 84 Class of 2018 students. So far there have been 25 acceptances to institutions appearing within the top 100 ShanghaiRanking (also known as the Academic Ranking of World Universities) for 2017. The average number of acceptances per student is 4.5. Overall, there have been over 100 scholarship offers amounting to \$5.3 million. This year, we had 102 universities visiting the Academy since August 2017. [Click here to read more.](#)



### *Aga Khan Academies partner with Ryerson University on training for innovation*

Ryerson is providing 12 fellowships over three years for Academies students and faculty to attend the Ryerson DMZ Sandbox Basecamp summer programme, an intensive six-week programme for young entrepreneurs. The collaboration between the two institutions follows a visit by Mohamed Lachemi, president and vice-chancellor of Ryerson University, to the Aga Khan Academy Hyderabad in 2017. The first group of students from the Aga Khan Academies in Kenya and India will participate in the Basecamp programme this summer, accompanied by a teacher mentor.

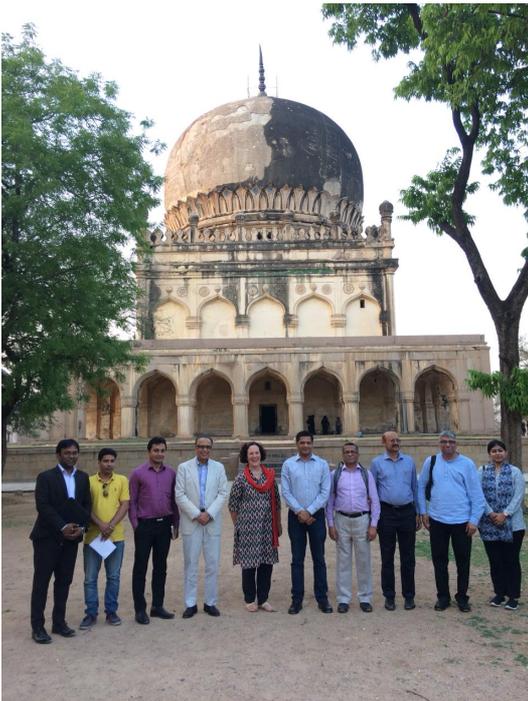
From Hyderabad, grade 11 students Rudra Aryan and Nabil Patel, accompanied by economics faculty Jina Saha, will be leaving next week! [Click here to read more.](#)

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### *Strengthening ties between Academies*

Three teachers from Hyderabad travelled to the Aga Khan Academy Mombasa in March 2018 as part of the Academies' teacher exchange programme. Their visit was followed by Mombasa teachers travelling to the Hyderabad campus. Vasanthi Thandlam, Anandita Dutta and Ridhi Banerjee from Hyderabad stayed in the Kenyan city for two weeks, learning about their school culture and lifestyle, while Enitta Olang, Bernard Dudi and Kepha Obiri from Mombasa visited the Telangana capital to do the same here.

[Click here to read more about their experiences!](#)



### *AKDN Ambassador hosts Bangladesh government visit*

Mr. Munir Merali, AKDN Resident Diplomatic Representative to Bangladesh accompanied five members of the Bangladesh Government for an experience of the Aga Khan Academy Hyderabad. The Departments of Foreign Affairs; Income & Revenue; Finance; Primary and Mass Education; Housing and Public Works and Media Communications were represented as well as the Bank of Bangladesh and AKDN External Relations strategic volunteer. A key objective of this unique visit was to explore the social benefit and impact that an Academy can bring to its local, regional and national context in advance of the establishment of Aga Khan Academy Dhaka in Bangladesh. [Click here to read more.](#)

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120 guests that primarily included Academy students, faculty, senior management, heads of departments and alumni attended our first [TEDxYouth@AKAHyderabad](#) on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May, whose theme was 'Think Again.' Eight speakers, two performances and two TED videos were organised in two sessions, with a snacks break in between, and dinner afterwards. [Click here to read more!](#)

### *Junior School Summer Sonatas*

Over 150 students from creche to grade 5 participated in the annual concert on Friday 11th May, making it one of the largest PYP performances of the academic year. Led by Junior School music instructor, Subhadip Sarkar, students took to stage and performed a set list that incorporated traditional Indian music, as well as songs in Portuguese, and classical Western instrumental pieces. [Click here to read more and watch the concert.](#)



*Talent Buzz closes the academic year with a bang!*



Students performed dances, songs and played instruments at our annual talent competition on the evening of Sunday 27th May. [Click here to see more photos and the list of winners.](#)

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