Vision International Academy, Phulat: Breaking stereotypes of Madrasa students, the target is MBBS, IITs or IIMs

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The students and staff of Vision International Academy

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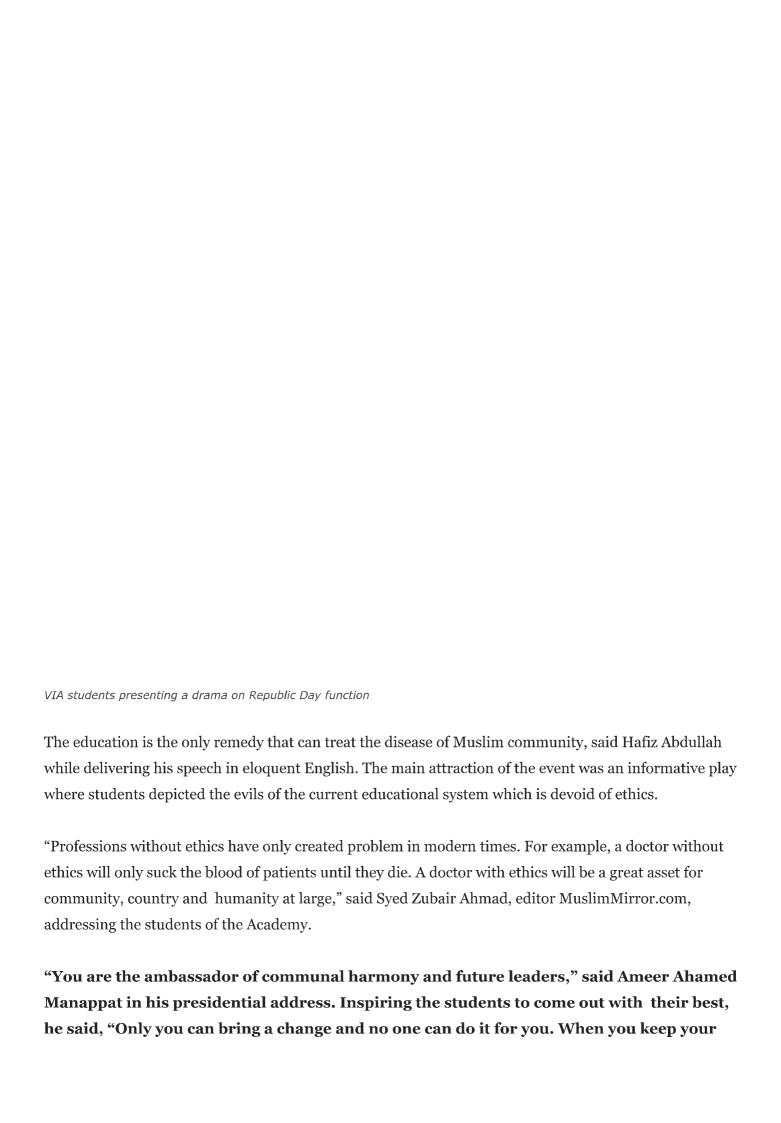
From Delhi, we drove to Muzaffarnagar to attend the Republic Day celebrations at a madrasa in Phulat village, Muzaffarnagar district of Uttar Pradesh. The mere mention of madrasa had already filled our minds with the set of narratives with which we grew up over the years. We expected some students in crumpled kurta and pyjama with a pair of unclean shoes would welcome us with Indian flag — a potential picture of madrasa students. But the perception faded as we entered the campus of Vision International Academy. To our surprise, we come across a spectacular building presenting the look of a convent school. Big playground, well-designed dining hall, clean class-rooms and well kept-parks have suddenly changed our perception.

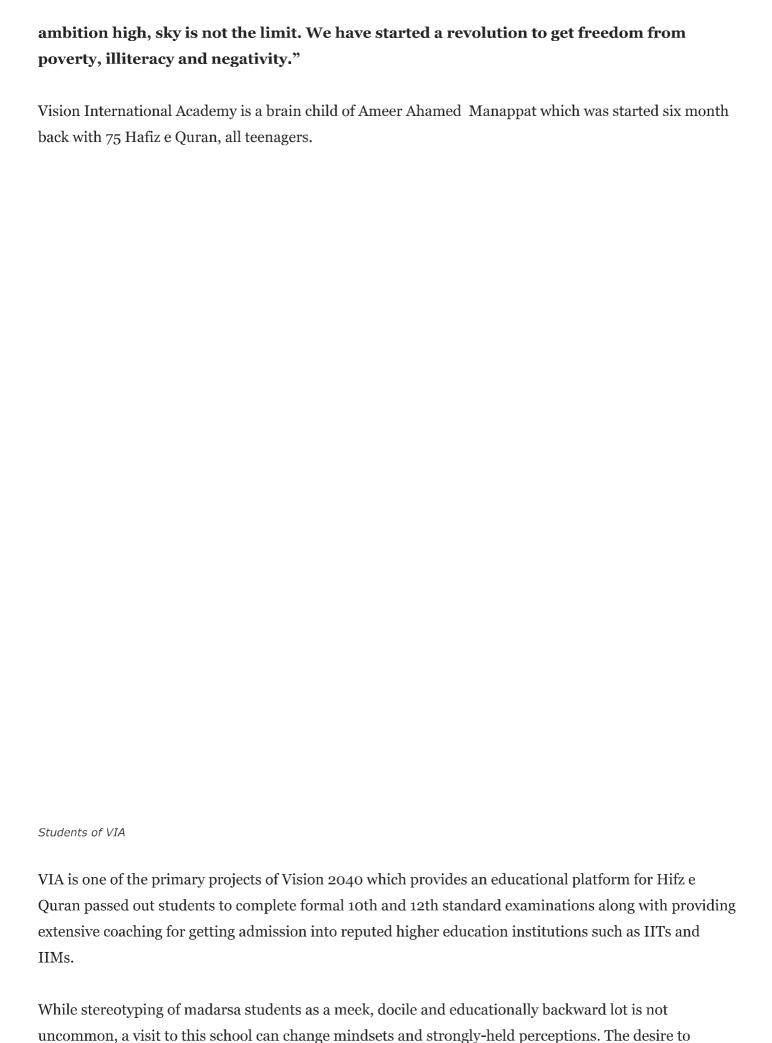


Ameer Ahamed Manappat, the man behind the project addressing the students of Vision International Academy.

The students dressed in white Jubba and Nehru Jacket with white skull caps shining like stars foretelling their future. We were spellbound looking the zeal and cheerfulness on their faces. All of them were Hafize-e-Quran who got admission in this academy to realize their dream of becoming doctors, engineers and other professionals. Braving chilling cold, they were cheerfully waiting for us under the tricolor in play-ground facing their hostels. The tricolor was unfurled by Ameer Ahamed Manappat, the Kerala-based philanthropist-cum-businessmen who is the mentor of this unique institution.

Unfurling tricolor was followed by the recitation of the national song in a mesmerizing voice of a Hafiz-e-Quran. The recitation of the Holy Quran, Naat and the national anthem were presented by new young Huffaz.





succeed was clear from the smile on the faces of the students. It seems they are determined to break the
stereotypes of madrasa students and make a difference.