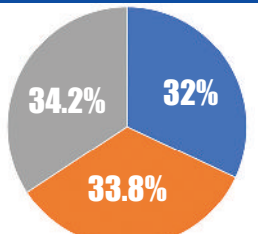


Overall Result Class XII

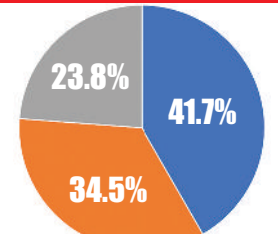


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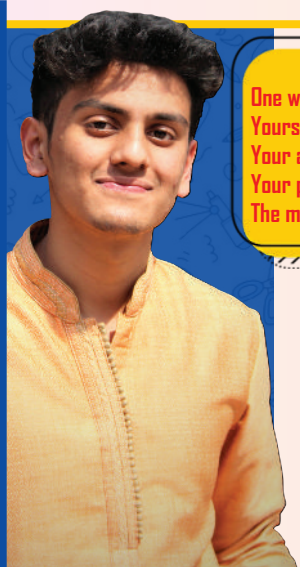
TOP of the charts

Creating a legacy is tough while holding on to it is tougher. Well not for our dear Amitians, as they have always stayed on the 'top' with their supreme results in CBSE board exams year after year. Celebrating the meritorious results of Amitians, GT brings you an engaging one to one interaction with overall toppers of Class XII & X.

Overall Result Class X



■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%



Atharv Mittal
AIS Mayur Vihar

Class: XII | Stream: Science

(Synchro)

Score: **99.4%**

Ticket to fame: Overall topper in Amity International Schools

Rapid round

One word to describe ...

Yourself: Ambitious

Your alma mater: Supportive

Your passion: Contentment

The motto of your life: Being honest

out, I was surprised to see that I have topped all Amity International Schools in Class XII.

The supporting cast: I attribute my success to my parents who supported me in each step. I believe that hard work only pays off if you have proper guidance. Secondly, my beloved teachers at Amity played a very crucial role in providing me with vast knowledge and motivated me to push my limits. Lastly, my friends who always stood by me and pushed me to work harder.

The magical formula: I have always been motivated to carve out my own path and live up to the expectations I have set for myself. In fact, I didn't really follow any mantra, but I've always believed in two words 'I can'. These two words

have been a constant source of motivation, pushing me to strive for success and overcome obstacles in my path.

The aspiring goals: Being a science student, I would like to learn more about emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning. I believe that acquiring in-depth knowledge in these fields will enable me to stay at the forefront of technological advancements. I aspire to seize opportunities, drive innovation, and make a significant contribution to the advancement of society.

The secret cues: My first advice would be to approach board exams with a relaxed mindset. Also, my advice would be to work consistently because it is rightly said 'Boond boond se sagar bharta hai' so, it's not about what you achieve in a day or a week, it's about what you do throughout the year and at the end, those consistent efforts matter the most.

-As told to **Himaali Dhal**
GT Network

The thrilling moment: I distinctly remember the breathtaking moment when me and my friends were sitting together in the seminar hall inside the school premises. The results were announced, and I was the first one to access it. As soon as the screen opened, I was stunned and so was everyone around me. I jumped out of my seat as it was totally unexpected. The thought of being a topper used to be my dream, and now it has become a reality.

The supporting cast: I believe that a student can only excel in life if only s/he has a strong support system and by God's grace, I have one. Right from my parents to teachers at school, each one of them played an essential role to help me achieve this target. My teachers were always available to clear any sort of uncertainty that I faced. In fact, my parents ensured a stress-free environment in home and there was no pressure to get a top rank. Additionally, I was fortunate to have the bless-

Rapid round

One word to describe ...

Yourself: Pioneer

Your passion: Sports and studies

The motto of your life: Be a good and hardworking citizen

ings of Chairperson ma'am, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan and principal ma'am, Renu Singh. They always encouraged me to focus on gaining knowledge and have a good overall personality.

The magical formula: Be consistent. I firmly believe that it is important to start from the beginning of the session and learn something new every day. In addition to that, I think one should work smart along with working hard.

The aspiring goals: I aspire to be an IITian and I would opt for science stream in Class XI to gain knowledge in physics, chemistry, and mathematics.

The secret cues: Like I have mentioned before, consistency is the golden rule. Even if you can devote a small part of your schedule towards studies, be sure



Rachit Jain
AIS Noida

Class: X

Score: **99.8%**

Ticket to fame: Overall topper in Amity International Schools

to do it daily. Moreover, you must overcome the fear of examinations as these assessments help you to find your strengths and weaknesses. Lastly, I would say, "Work smart, work hard"!

-As told to **Swati Negi**
GT Network

THE GT POLL

Do you support the PIL filed before the Supreme Court of India, seeking a ban on the exhibition of bollywood film Adipurush?

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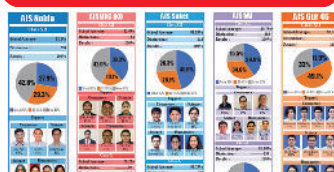
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Result Special

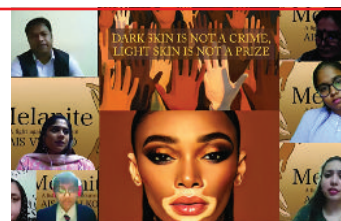
The CBSE results are out and Amitians are shining like never before. We bring you this special edition, an attempt to put together their legacy of scoring top notch marks in board examinations.

What's inside



Amity's shining stars
Celebrating and congratulating Amitians for their outstanding performance in CBSE board examinations 2022-23.

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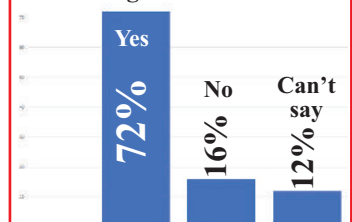


Banish the colour bias
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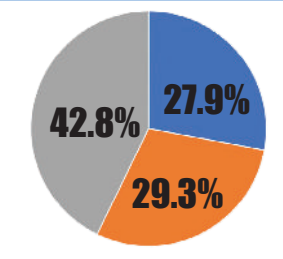
Amity's shining stars

Here's a huge round of applause for the dynamic aces of Amity for shining through with their outstanding performance in the academic session 2022-23.

AIS Noida

Class XII

School Average	82.1%
Distinctions	259
Results	100%



■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

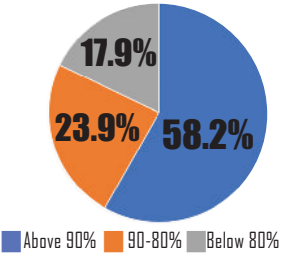
Toppers

Commerce	Science
Arjun Paul 97.4%	Siddharth Gupta 98%
Sara M. 97.2%	

Science	Humanities
Divija Durga 98%	Mahi S. 97.4%
Nirvanika S. 98%	Aashiva K. 97.4%

Class X

School Average	88.19%
Distinctions	415
Results	100%



■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

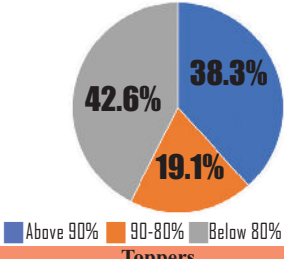
Toppers

Rachit Jain 99.8%	Azlan Rafiq 99.4%	Rakshay Gupta 99.2%
Harshita Prasad 99.2%	Aarav Sachdeva 99.2%	Saachi Singh 99.2%

AIS VKC LKO

Class XII

School Average	82.6%
Distinctions	34
Results	100%



■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

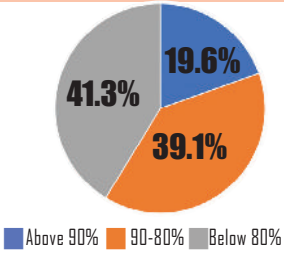
Toppers

Commerce	Science
Anany Pandey 90.4%	Gayatri Raj 95.4%
Uday Trivedi 89.8%	

Science	Humanities
Sahaj Khanna 93.4%	Alisha Dija 94.2%
Hamda Fatima 95%	

Class X

School Average	78.2%
Distinctions	29
Results	100%



■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

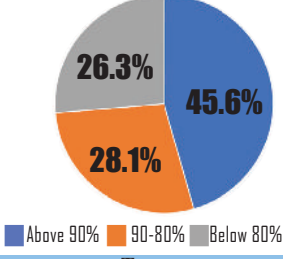
Toppers

Shubham Pratap Singh 95%	Sargun Kalsi 94.2%	Aarav Dadhwal 93.2%	Parth Gupta 93.2%
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AIS Saket

Class XII

School Average	88.18%
Distinctions	144
Results	100%



■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

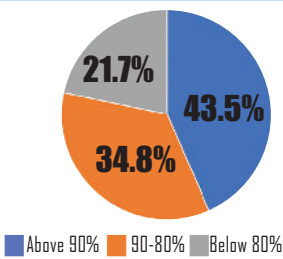
Toppers

Commerce	Science
Yashvardhan Jain 98%	Aadya Roy 99%
Palash Dev Mehta 96.4%	

Science	Humanities
Himanshu Sharma 98%	Ananya Satish 97%
Mannat Bahl 97.4%	

Class X

School Average	86.73%
Distinctions	136
Results	100%



■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

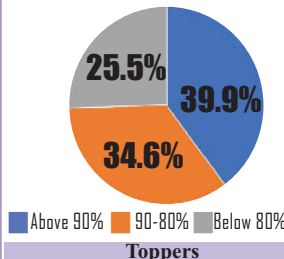
Toppers

Lakshita Agrawal 99.2%	Kaushik Kolla 98.4%	Aman Balhwan 98.2%
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AIS MV

Class XII

School Average	85.7%
Distinctions	403
Results	100%



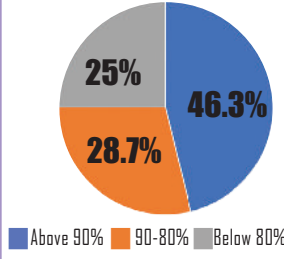
■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

Toppers

Commerce	Science	Humanities
Kashvi Batra 97.6%	Atharv Mittal 99.4%	Samrudhi P Shirke 99%
Pratyus Behura 97%	Sakshi M. 98.4%	Siya D. C. 98.2%
Kirti Ahuja 97%		

Class X

School Average	85.86%
Distinctions	134
Results	100%



■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

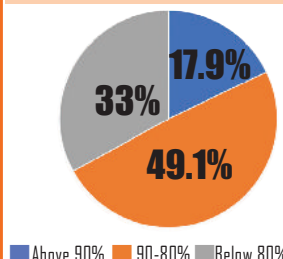
Toppers

Chaitanya Ray 98.6%	Arkin 98%	Shivansh Pande 97.8%
Minalini Vajpayee 97.8%		

AIS Gur 46

Class XII

School Average	87.72%
Distinctions	264
Results	100%



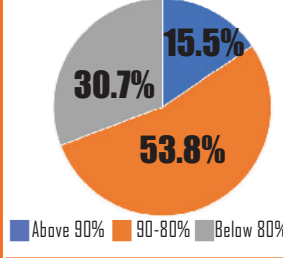
■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

Toppers

Commerce	Science	Humanities
Medha Aggarwal 99%	Bhuvan Kapur 98.6%	Baani Sahota 98.4%
Nikhil J. Rajkumar 98.2%	Chirag Gupta 98%	Kuhu Gupta 98%
Ayden Sharma 98.2%	Raghvi Gupta 98%	Shreejata Pal 98%
Anvi Chawla 98.2%		

Class X

School Average	88.28%
Distinctions	352
Results	100%



■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

Toppers

Pushkal Garg 99.2%	Charvi Juneja 98.6%	Suhani Mittal 98.6%
Pranav Gupta 98.6%	Nehal Prasad 98.6%	Kripa Chawla 98.6%
Shaurya Sisodia 98.2%	Ashana Srivastava 98.2%	Saketh S Nekkanti 98.2%

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACCOLADES OF AMITIANS

- ✓ 266 students scored 100 in Class X
- ✓ 150 students scored 100 in Class XII
- ✓ 792 students scored more than 90% marks in Class X
- ✓ 635 students scored more than 90% marks in Class XII
- ✓ Two students of Class X, Rachit Jain and Azlan Rafiq, were felicitated by UP CM Yogi Adityanath at 'Medhavi Vidyarthi Samman Samaroh 2023' for their meritorious results

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Class XII

School Average	82.57%
Distinctions	100
Results	100%

■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

Toppers

Commerce	Science
Rati Gautam 98.2%	Sukriti Singh 97.4%
Ananya Jain 97%	

Science

Ananya Rustagi 96.8%	Khushi Gupta 98%	Nihira Sharma 96%
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Inter Disciplinary

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Class X

School Average	88%
Distinctions	122
Results	100%

■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

Toppers

Agamya Jain 99.2%	Rishi Garg 99%	Vibhushi Agarwal 99%	Atharva Gupta 98.8%
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Class XII

School Average	80.65%
Distinctions	76
Results	100%

■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

Toppers

Commerce	Science
Chetanya Malik 94.8%	Aditya Chaturvedi 94.2%
Atishay Jain 97.2%	

Science

Arnav Pankaj Sarda 96.8%	Tanushree Mittal 96.8%	Pyasvni Sharma 95.6%
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Humanities

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Class X

School Average	86.63%
Distinctions	116
Results	100%

■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

Toppers

Saurish Srivastava 99%	Avi Jain 97.8%	Mannat Grover 97.6%
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AIS VYC LKO

Class XII

School Average	78%
Distinctions	9
Results	100%

■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

Toppers

Commerce	Science
Aadyaa Agrawal 89%	Tanush Pratap Singh 85.2%

Science

Atul Dev 95.2%	Pratibha Yadav 93.6%
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Humanities

Sarthak Singh 96.4%	Harshii Pandey 91.6%
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Class X

School Average	75.5%
Distinctions	6
Results	100%

■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

Toppers

Atharv Singh 93.2%	Ashutosh Verma 91%	Shivangi Singh 87.6%
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Class XII

School Average	86.7%
Distinctions	103
Results	100%

■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

Toppers

Commerce	Science	Humanities
Aditanshu Sinha 96.8%	Aanya Moturu 95.8%	Avani Gupta 95.8%

Science

Adwik Gupta 96.8%	Prajeet P. 96.4%	Anika Bali 96.6%
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Humanities

Manasi Yadav 96.6%	Siya Shukla 96.6%	Nandini Singh 92.2%
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Class X

School Average	91.4%
Distinctions	119
Results	100%

■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

Toppers

Riya Purohit 98.6%	Shreya C. 98.4%	Khushi Gupta 98%
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Humanities

Banaj Mahajan 98%

AIS GWALIOR

Class XII

School Average	83.7%
Distinctions	3
Results	100%

■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

Toppers

Akash Pal 92.2%	Khushi Dantre 87.8%
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Class X

School Average	79.9%
Distinctions	22
Results	96%

■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

Toppers

Anay C. 95.2%	Suman Singh 95.2%	Sonam Gurjar 93.4%	Somesh S. 91.8%
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AIS JAGDISHPUR

Class XII

School Average	74.89%
Distinctions	50
Results	99.01%

■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

Toppers

Commerce	Science
Aashi 97.8%	Arpita Kaushal 95%
Tanu Mishra 93.8%	Anshika Sahu 92.4%

Class X

School Average	81.80%
Distinctions	66
Results	100%

■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

Toppers

Atul Kashyap 96.2%	Adina A. 95.8%	Arpita Mishra 95.4%	Shruti Tiwari 95.4%
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AMITASHA

Class XII

School Average	69.4%
Distinctions	10
Results	100%

■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

Toppers

Humanities		
Aakansha Kumari 92.2%	Diksha Gupta 92%	Kumkum Kumari 90.2%

Class X

School Average	67.9%
Distinctions	4
Results	100%

■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

Toppers

Shradha Pandey 89.4%	Aarti Pandit 89.2%	Ayushi Kumari 84.8%
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AIS PV

Class XII

School Average	85.92%
Distinctions	206
Results	100%

■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

Toppers

Commerce	Science	Humanities
Adya Gupta 97.2%	Sansita Dewani 96%	Gurika Madan 96%
	Aniruddha Sahay Varma 97.4%	Aayush Armit Bhimani 97.2%
	Raghav Narang 97.2%	

Humanities

Adi Singh 97.2%	Satyam Mahalwal 96.2%
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Class X

School Average	85.23%
Distinctions	140
Results	100%

■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

Toppers

Nitya Gupta 98.2%	Yatee Sehgal 98.2%	Aaditya Vardhan 98%
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THE TOP SHOT

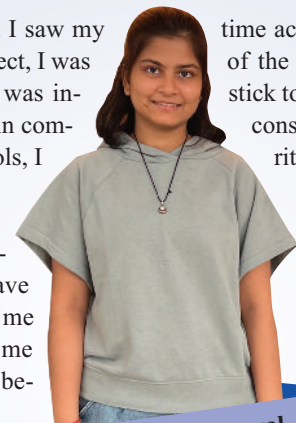
A Compact Account Of Class XII Toppers & Their Amazing Journey To Success

One step at a time

A state of euphoria: When I saw my score of 99/100 in each subject, I was astonished. In fact, when I was informed about my first rank in commerce in all the Amity schools, I jumped with excitement.

Backed by a supportive crew: I attribute this achievement to my family who have supported me and helped me stay on track. They guided me to strike the right balance between studies and entertainment. I would also like to thank Chairperson ma'am, principal ma'am, and all my teachers for their constant support and guidance.

With a pinch of mantra: One step at a time - this is the mantra I followed while preparing for board exams. I tried to create a balance by giving each subject sufficient



Topper: Medha Aggarwal
Class: XII | Stream: Commerce
School: AIS Gurugram 46
Percentage: 99%

time according to the difficulty level of the content. Moreover, I did not stick to any unrealistic deadlines and constantly rearranged and re-prioritised the work each day.

All prepped for future: I plan to pursue chartered accountancy and dive into the field of investment banking.

Accompanied by sound suggestions: I believe that one should keep their goals in sight when moving forward, and do their best to achieve them. One should also keep a set time aside for their health, their hobbies, and their family and friends.

One word to describe...

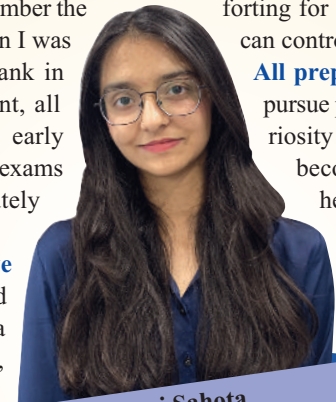
Yourself: Adaptable
Your alma mater: Supportive
Your passion: Travel
The motto of your life: Live your story

Believe in yourself

A state of euphoria: I remember the feeling in my stomach when I was informed about my first rank in humanities. At that moment, all those late-night studies, early morning revisions, and the exams I worked on felt absolutely worth the effort.

Backed by a supportive crew: I would like to extend my gratitude to Arti Chopra ma'am and my teachers, who provided me with all the resources and answered my innumerable questions with immense patience. I would also like to thank my family members for supporting me when I felt insecure, anxious, and unfocused.

With a pinch of mantra: My mantra in life has always been to focus on the present. The future makes me quite anxious, but focusing on the present is very com-



Topper: Baani Sahota
Class: XII | Stream: Humanities
School: AIS Gurugram 46
Percentage: 98.4%

forting for it is only the present that I can control.

All prepped for future: I wish to pursue psychology and fuel my curiosity about the subject. I want to become a psychologist and help those in need.

Accompanied by sound suggestions: As much as we all fear examination time, it is the only possible way to assess what we know about that particular subject. So, one should not fear exams and should believe in themselves, taking their experiences in positive light.

One word to describe...

Yourself: Meticulous
Your alma mater: Innovative
Your passion: Growth
The motto of your life: Keep learning

Consistency the key

A state of euphoria: Scoring highest marks in my stream and that too in all Amity schools was a dream come true. It was a surreal moment because I did not expect it.

Backed by a supportive crew: From day one, my family has been my pillar of support. They instilled in me the confidence to walk through this tough year and never let me doubt my abilities. I am also blessed to be a part of Amity family as it provided me the environment to learn and grow.

With a pinch of mantra: Ever since I became a part of Amity, the mantra 'BHAAG' by Founder President sir has helped me to achieve every impossible feat. It will always remain a part of me because I firmly believe in the saying 'Once an Amitian, always an Amitian.'



Topper: Sakshi Mohan
Class: XII | Stream: Humanities
School: AIS Mayur Vihar
Percentage: 98.4%

All prepped for future: I want to become a lawyer and wish to excel in the field of law. Additionally, I am a Bharatnatyam dancer. I have completed my B.A. in Bharatnatyam, and I wish to do an M.A. in the same.

Accompanied by sound suggestions: I believe consistency is the key.

One should start from the very first day and a little bit of learning everyday helps in the long run. Lastly, one should compose personalised charts and try to visualise the concepts rather than rote learning the same.

One word to describe...

Yourself: Curious
Your alma mater: Memorable
Your passion: Learning
The motto of your life: To inspire

Focus & work hard

A state of euphoria: I didn't expect such a good score. In fact, I felt on the top of the world after seeing my result, and needless to say, I was extremely happy with it.

Backed by a supportive crew: When I was in Class III, I was diagnosed with a learning disability. At the time, I wasn't very sure how well I would perform in studies in my life. However, the support extended by Chairperson ma'am and school principal, Ms Meenu Kanwar, has helped

me to sail through this journey safely and soundly. Additionally, with the assistance of special educators, I attended special classes at least three to four times in a week during the free period, which also helped me to understand the concepts in a better and fruitful manner.



Topper: Tejaswvi Kumar
Class: XII | Stream: Commerce
(learning disability)
School: AIS Mayur Vihar
Percentage: 83.6%

With a pinch of mantra: I believe that revising what's being taught in the class every day is of huge help while preparing for examinations. So, yes, regular revision is the mantra to score good marks in the board exams, for sure.

All prepped for future: I wish to pursue a career in digital media and design in the future.

Accompanied by sound suggestions: While studying one must be focused and work hard to achieve their set target.

One word to describe...

Your alma mater: Life-changing
Your passion: Learn something new everyday
The motto of your life: Be yourself

My secret to success

An Exclusive Insight Into The Success Mantras Conformed To By Class X Toppers



Achiever: Azlan Rafiq
Class: X | **School:** AIS Noida
Percentage: 99.4%

“I firmly believe in the proverb ‘Practice makes a man perfect’, because regular and consistent practice is a must when it comes to studies. While I was preparing for my exams, I followed a strict schedule and never missed any of my classes. Post the classes, I used to revise the concepts and discuss my doubts with the concerned faculty. There was no gap in between my practice sessions, and I also kept a note of all the helpful tips shared by my teachers to score a perfect 100.”

Quick talk

One word to describe...

Yourself: Imaginative

Your magic mantra: Consistency

Your passion: Taking things seriously

The motto of your life: To be happy

“Well, there isn’t any secret mantra to success for me, yet hard work is crucial while you are on your road to success. You must have a zeal to give your best every time you enter the exam hall. You must also be satisfied, honest, and confident with your preparation. Apart from this, keep your stress levels in check as excess of it would only impact your mental state. It’s extremely crucial to keep your physical as well as mental health in good shape.”

Quick talk

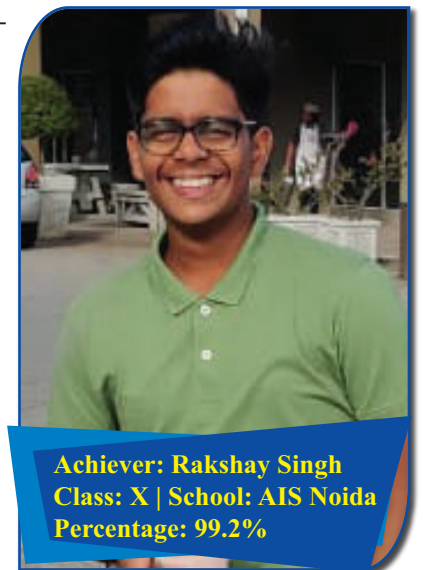
One word to describe...

Yourself: Conscientious

Your magic mantra: Give your 200%

Your passion: Solving problems

The motto of your life: To be determined



Achiever: Rakshay Singh
Class: X | **School:** AIS Noida
Percentage: 99.2%



Achiever: Pushkal Garg
Class: X | **School:** AIS Gur 46
Percentage: 99.2%

“If one can utilise their time effectively, then success is bound to happen. A timetable thus plays a very significant role in the life of a student. Throughout the year, I composed several timetables to achieve all my long term as well as short term goals efficiently. It was only because of time management that I completed my syllabus on time and still had ample time to go through and solve some sample papers.”

Quick talk

One word to describe...

Yourself: Ambitious

Your magic mantra: Discipline

Your passion: Playing basketball

The motto of your life: To be a good human being no matter what

“My mantra for success was nothing else but to take care of my academics, mental well-being, and physical health. For this, I studied regularly and attempted sample papers to understand the key areas. Secondly, I tried to relax my mind the night before the exam by watching TV or reading a novel. Apart from this, I also exercised regularly and maintained a good diet with a healthy sleep schedule.”

Quick talk

One word to describe...

Yourself: Aspiring

Your magic mantra: Give your 100%

Your passion: Reading

The motto of your life: To live, not just survive



Achiever: Lakshita Aggarwal
Class: X (SynConnect)
School: AIS Saket
Percentage: 99.2%



Achiever: Aarav Sachdeva
Class: X | **School:** AIS Noida
Percentage: 99.2%

“Staying calm during stressful situations not only helps to sharpen our mind, but at the same time, facilitates better mental well-being. And that’s exactly why no matter how hard or lengthy my syllabus was, I kept calm and focused on being productive rather than easily giving up. Step by step, I kept learning and practicing the concepts taught by my teachers. In fact, last year, all the gadgets I owned took a backseat because they contributed to distraction and hampered my peace.”

Quick talk

One word to describe...

Yourself: Ambitious

Your magic mantra: Perseverance

Your passion: Computer science

The motto of your life: Set a goal; achieve it; set another goal

“Regular revisions facilitate in strengthening our knowledge and give us confidence as we approach our exams. These also help us refresh our memory and give us the ability to solve sample papers efficiently. In fact, sample papers themselves act as a medium of revision, where the more papers we attempt, the more knowledge we gain about the various ways in which a question can be asked.”

Quick talk

One word to describe...

Yourself: Humble

Your magic mantra: Put your heart and soul in every endeavour

Your passion: Being diligent

The motto of your life: To excel in every task I undertake



Achiever: Harshita Prasad
Class: X | **School:** AIS Noida
Percentage: 99.2%

Nurturing toppers



Dr Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

Amity embarked on a visionary quest to nurture holistic individuals who would usher a brighter future for India. Several pioneering initiatives were taken to this end, the establishment of Amity Institute of Competitive Examinations in the year 2000 being one of them.

The 90's witnessed a spurt in the number of students appearing for entrance exams for medical and engineering colleges, resulting in an unprecedented growth in coaching centres. Back then, students were spending a lot of time travelling to and from coaching centres, and this had begun to take a toll on their school work. AICE was, hence, born to seamlessly interweave the curriculum for these competitions with that of the school's academic work, eliminating the need for young aspirants to miss regular school or travel long distances.

AICE's meticulously designed programmes like 'Synchrostudy', 'SynConnect', and the 'Amity Five-year Conceptual Programme' (AFYCP) have ensured that children get the best training and mentorship needed to crack highly competitive exams like JEE and NEET. In fact, over the years, AICE has diversified into nurturing young minds for several other entrance exams as well, including those for management (CAT/XAT/MAT/CMAT) and international studies (SAT/GMAT/GRE/IELTS). It also conducts Amity National and International Science and Math Olympiads every year to ignite scientific enquiry among the students.

AICE offers a holistic personality grooming programme as well, where the aspirants are trained to acquire several soft skills like resume making, giving an interview, taking aptitude tests, all of which are needed for smooth campus placements. In the past 23 years of its being, AICE has nurtured numerous doctors, engineers, scientists and management and it still remains committed to its mission of nurturing exemplary nation builders. [G](#) [T](#)

Magical mangoes



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

There are two things that make the scorching heat of Indian summers bearable – summer break and mangoes. Well, summer break may be over but the season of mangoes isn't! In India alone, there are as many as 1500 varieties of mangoes, each priced differently and having a unique taste and flavour – from the expensive alphonso to the humble dusseheri, from the sweet kesar to the juicy chausa. Whether we eat their pulpy flesh, or savour them in the form of

aamras or chutney, mangoes can be relished in every possible way. They also pack a host of health benefits, being rich in antioxidants and vitamins. I remember plucking mangoes directly from trees when I used to visit my ancestral village in childhood, and how we siblings used to compete amongst ourselves on who would eat the most! This nostalgia associated with mangoes is what we, at The Global Times, have always celebrated. We once did an inspiring article on 'Mango Diplomacy' that shed light on how mangoes have become a part of international relations over the years. In a similar vein, this summer AIS VKC Lko interviewed the 'Mango Man' of India, Haji Qaleemullah Khan, who has grown more than 300 varieties of mangoes on a single tree, for their upcoming contest edition. There's also an important life lesson that mangoes teach us; whenever a mango tree gets laden with fruit, its branches get lowered. This shows how one must remain humble even after achieving fame. As we return to class after the summer break, let's try and remember this lesson. [G](#) [T](#)

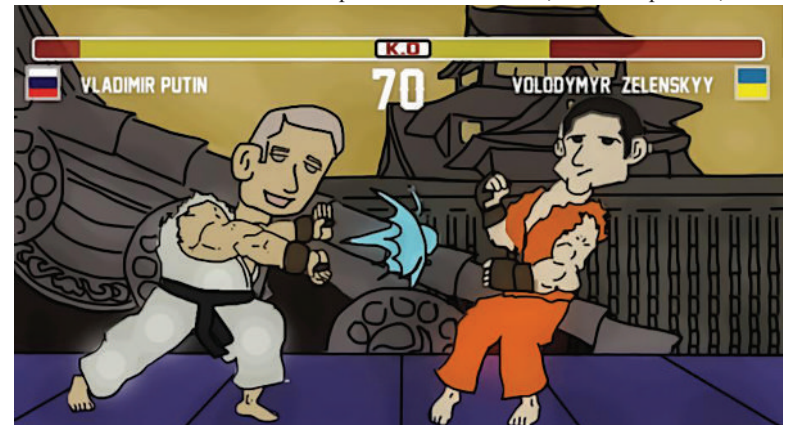
The western blindspot

Behind The Scenes Of The Western Civilisation

Graphic: Saksham Mehta, AIS Pushp Vihar, XII E

Aditya Hingorani, Alumnus &
Naavya Lodh, X C, AIS PV

While juxtaposing Europe with Asia, the English poet Rudyard Kipling once penned, "Oh, east is east and west is west, and never the twain shall meet." In recent years, the West has come to represent "the global North," which includes Europe and her former colonies in North America. In contrast, "the global South" refers to a Non-Western world in Asia, Latin America, and Africa. But this so-called Western world has always been critical of the East. The recent events in Ukraine have highlighted how oblivious Europe and the West as a whole are to war and tragedy of the non-whites. The absence of Western backing for the Middle Eastern crises, such as the Yemen war that has put 13 million people at risk of hunger, has aroused zero to no debate throughout the globe. Moreover, the European Union has consistently refused to take in Syrian refugees fleeing the deadly conflict, claiming that doing so would endanger their culture. Similar to the Russia-Ukraine conflict, the Israeli-Palestinian war caused the deaths of innocent civilians, and still poses a persistent existential danger. However, only one of



these has captured the attention of contemporary media, the Russo-Ukrainian war. The idea that a predominantly white European country would suffer has affected Western prejudices in a manner that the crises in Eastern countries have not. Dr. Jaishankar, Minister of External Affairs, India, described it thus: "Europe has to grow out of the mindset that its problems are the world's problems, but the world's problems are not Europe's problems." With the West assuming the garb of the global north, the disparity in western behaviour transcends politics, particularly in the area of sustainable development. The industrialised nations are largely responsible for the current climate

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challenges. India, China, Brazil, and the other countries in the global South are working to speed up their growth in an effort to catch up with the world. Despite the fact that per capita carbon emissions in India and Brazil are lower than the global average. When adjusted for purchasing power parity, the BRICS alliance has made a strong impression globally, accounting for 33% of the global GDP leading to several complex debates. Despite its shortcomings, Western civilisation is often termed the most developed. Earning a reputation for its double standards, the West prides itself on being "the civilized world." Having said that, its past is not exempt from moral examination, we must consider its defectiveness. [G](#) [T](#)



Wishes from the world

Dear ma'am,

On behalf of the whole team at the Institut of la Providence, Champion in Belgium, we would like to send you our best wishes on this special day. All the best and take good care.

Florian

Providence Champion School,
Brussels, Belgium

Respected ma'am,
Namaste!

On your birthday we wish you a long, good, and healthy life. Blessings of success, happiness, and prosperity. May you continue to shower your blessings on the entire Amity family, along with your support, knowledge, culture, traditions, education, success, prosperity, harmony, and a true

family bond.

Congratulations! Janam Din ki Hardik Shubkamnayein.

Mangalam Dubey

Co-Founder, INRUCS,
St Petersburg, Russia

I wish you a very happy birthday and look forward to meeting you soon.

Daniel Goodstein

St James School, London

Dear Amita Chauhan ji,

Accept sincere congratulations and best wishes on this beautiful day from the bottom of my heart. I hasten to congratulate you on this wonderful day, happy birthday! I wish you good health, happiness, and many joys in life! May everything in you develop

successfully and harmoniously, may life be full of beautiful and colourful flowers, melodious songs, vibrant colours, and only good mood. Let every day begin with a joyful smile, cheerful laughter, and a positive attitude!

Elena Shubina

Rabindranath Tagore School,
St Petersburg, Russia

Dear ma'am,

On behalf of myself and the YRoNS community, I wish you a very happy birthday and a long and blessed life in a good health!

Istvan Sandor

Eotvos Jozsef Gymnasium,
Budapest, Hungary

Respected ma'am,

I wish you many happy returns of the day.

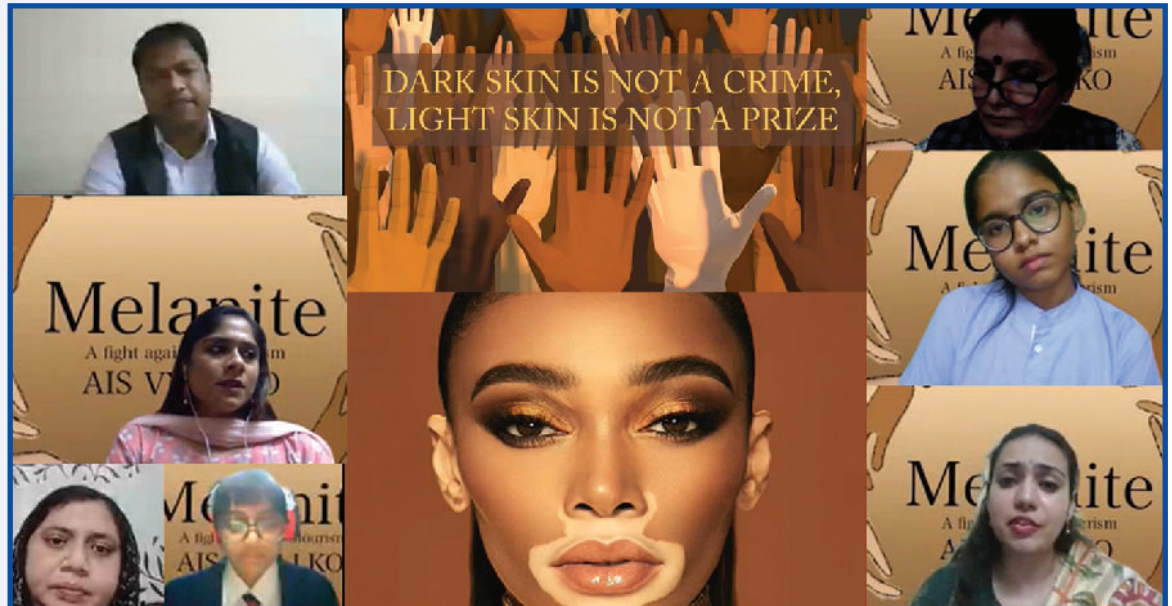
Frédéric

OEC lycee Ozanam, Lille, France

Banish the colour bias

Black, Brown, Olive, Pale, Or White, Unabashedly Own Your Skin Tone With Pride

Youth Power is an annual social leadership programme organised by The Global Times, where different teams from Amity schools engage in varied social causes in several stages. One of them is 'Panel Discussion' where experts from different walks of life discuss several aspects of the chosen social cause. Here's presenting **Part I** of this exclusive series, based on the panel discussions organised by YP teams in 2021-22, and a host of opinions as experts debate on 'Colourism', the cause chosen by YP team of AIS VYC Lucknow.



Most skin problems are treatable today

Panellist: Dr Shatrughan Sahay
Dermatologist

"Young adults come to me complaining about their skin colour. They share that they're being ridiculed for having a darker skin. Feeling demotivated and stressed, they usually want a quick solution. While one can't do much about one's natural skin tone, one can surely take care of it to prevent skin damage. You must use a good sunscreen and cover yourself properly when going out. Besides, many skin problems like vitiligo and rosacea are treatable, so one should not worry unnecessarily. In



case someone's really stressed owing to it, then we do recommend skin lightening solutions like laser treatment and creams."

Don't let your skin colour define you

Panellist: Aaisha Sumbul
Cake artist

"I have hypopigmentation in which a low amount of melanin is present in the skin. As a result, several patches of my skin are lighter than the others. It was a nightmare for me when I was a child because, owing to it, nobody befriended me. Resultantly, I kept experimenting with my skin but nothing helped. Thankfully, I have now overcome all this trauma. So, we must teach our children that all colours are beautiful. For



when you sensitise your children early on, they'll never feel ashamed of themselves, nor will they bully someone else. We all have to live with our skin tone, and we must do it with pride."

It's important to let go of the prejudices

Panellist: Aastha Sinha
Political science faculty

"Diverse societies are more resilient. They make people learn to live with differences and adapt to any and every situation without much effort. In here, every person contributes meaningfully towards the common good, and discrimination of any sort only acts as a deterrent. We should all thus strive to make the society we live in as inclusive as possible, so that when we are faced with the numerous socio-cultural decisions like whom to employ, whom to marry, who to be friends with, etc., we don't let any irrational thing such as skin



colour be the determinant. Remember we once celebrated dark skin through the depiction of Rama and Krishna, so this colonisation-induced shift in our mindset needs to go. It's high time we exterminate the prejudices it brings along."

Parents need to be more accepting

Panellist: Divya Rai
Clinical psychologist

"People come to me with mental health issues of all sorts, be it self-esteem or social phobia. This negative self-image makes them believe that they are not good enough for the world. Parents can play a huge role in combating this by being more broad-minded in regard to their child's skin colour. Since bullying usually begins during childhood, they, along with the educators, can further eliminate the issue by informing their children that skin colour is the least important aspect about a person's personal-



ity. We must tell them stories of achievers who have succeeded in life irrespective of their skin colour. Only when we help our children develop a positive body image, will they be able to utilise their potential to the fullest."

Part I



Expert Speak

Remembering you



Storywala

Prithish Bhattacharya

AIS VKC Lucknow, Alumnus

You promised that you'd be home by 11. The proof is on our refrigerator, held in place by the fridge magnet, a souvenir from our last trip. Come home now, it's late and I am tired of listening to the same old jazz record on repeat. Everything in this house reminds me of you. The moonlight falling through the wide window, the clock beating against the wall, the smoke sulking in the living room—filling it with lifeless existence.

This apartment does not look like it has two tenants anymore. All the

fight over shelf space or drinking coffee in my mug are now over. There's enough space now and no coffee stains on my mug. The peppermint tea is no more falling out from the kitchen cabinet; it's right there, sitting in place just like me. I want to talk to you over a cup of coffee, but I do not think it's possible anymore.

The last track of the old vinyl is ending, and the applause from it is filling the living room. It is making me feel less lonely, like I am there in a vibrant crowd of a dimly lit club. It is making me feel like I have you here with me, but we all know that is now far from the truth. I tried turning on the lights, but that

“The peppermint tea is no more falling out from the kitchen cabinet; it is right there sitting in place just like me.”

just made everything worse, making it extravagantly evident that I'm faking a vivacious existence when all I can do is miss you. The piano is taunting me, reminding me of the times when I used to have you right by my side. I distinctly remember the time we spent when you taught me to play the age-old Steinway. And that lively laughter of yours when I got frustrated and banged my head on the keys, creating an off-putting melody! Much later, you thanked me for my relatively masterful playing with an original poem. It wasn't better than my tune, but when I said that you should stick to music and I should stick to writing, I did not mean it literally. But still, I promise to finish the poem I have been toying with for a month now. The clock says it is 11:15 and I think I should go to sleep, but how can I do that when you said you'd be home by 11. 🇮🇳

WORDS VERSE

Buck up!

Riddhima Duggal

AIS Gurugram 46, Alumna

Can the sea hold its waves?
Can the book tear its pages?
It's you who holds the power
It's you who controls the rage

For a day you may believe
You're not powerful enough
But never you in life believe
That you are not capable enough

Together is just a word
You're better when you're alone
Forever is just another word
Your time is either now or never

It's time to have faith in yourself
You have the required strength
Buck up and believe in yourself
Because you are strong enough

The sea can't hold its waves
Even a book can't tear its pages
It's you who holds the power
It's you who controls rage. 🇮🇳



Om Nair

Coffee balls

Om Nair, AIS Saket, IX

Ingredients

- | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Cocoa powder.....1 tbsp | Salt.....1/3 tsp |
| Coffee powder1 tbsp | Banana1 |
| Wheat flour.....1/2 cup | Baking soda1 pinch |
| Oat flour1/4 cup | Chocolate chunksas required |
| Ragi flour1/4 cup | Ghee/butteras required |
| Jaggery powder.....2 tbsp | |

Procedure

- In a bowl add banana, cocoa powder, coffee powder, wheat flour, oat flour, ragi flour, jaggery powder, salt, and baking soda. Mash and combine the ingredients well.
- Then gradually add water to the above dry ingredients and fold them well to make a smooth batter without any lumps.
- Grease the cups in an *apne* pan with butter. Pour the batter into the cups and put a chocolate chunk in the centre of each cup.
- Once done, cover the pan with a lid and cook on medium flame for a few minutes.
- With the help of a spoon or fork, flip over the balls to cook them from all sides.
- When the balls are cooked, transfer them to a dish and serve hot!
- Your yummy and gooey chocolate-centred ragi oat coffee balls are ready to serve!

Read Play and Win 25

Reading your favourite GT can fetch you a prize too. Complete all the boxes below. Click a picture and send it to editor@theglobaltimes.in or submit your responses by visiting The Global Times website (<http://theglobaltimes.in/readplaywin/>). Three lucky winners will win a prize every week!

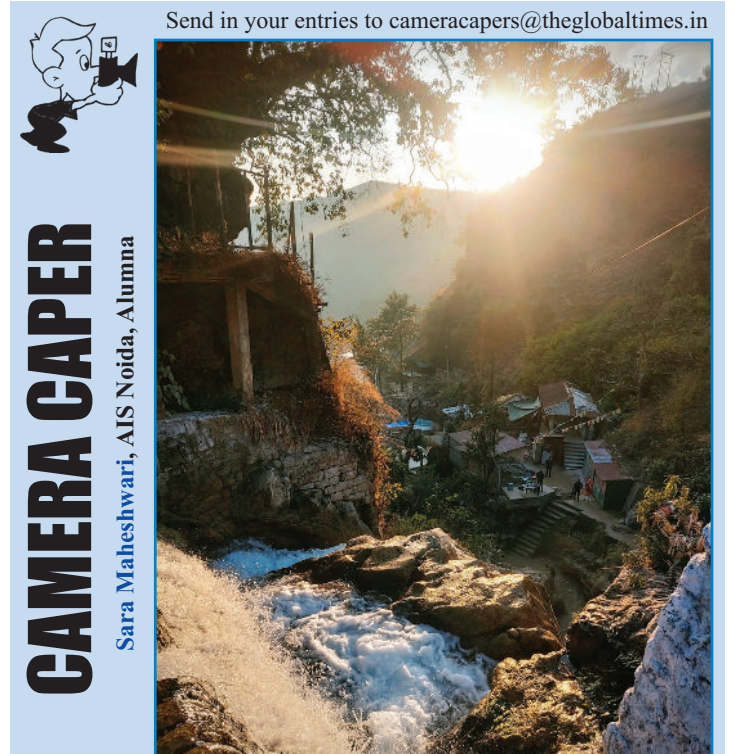


Q.1 Who clicked the photo for the section Camera Capter?	Q.2 Name the cause chosen by the YP team of AIS VYC Lucknow.	Q.3 The interviews on page 4 have been conducted by _____.
Q.4 What is the school average for AIS Saket in Class XII?	Q.5 Name the overall Amity toppers for Class X and XII.	Q.6 Which place has been featured in the GT Travels section?
Q.7 List the materials required to create a fridge magnet.	Q.8 How many students from Amity have been felicitated by CM Yogi Adityanath?	Q.9 What is the headline of the article written by Aditya Hingorani and Naavya Lodh?

Name:.....Class:.....School:.....

Results of Read Play & Win-24: **Maria Iqbal**, AIS PV, XI F; **Dakshaa Bhattacharjee**, AIS Gur 46, V C; **Stuti Priya**, AIS Noida, X H

Send in your entries to cameracapert@theglobaltimes.in



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Sara Maheshwari, AIS Noida, Alumna

Shining through the setting sun

Beyond love

Short story



Pragati Singh

AIS VYC Lko, XII A

Sarthak, a 20-year-old boy worked at a bank as a security guard. He did not have any friends and stayed alone in a small house. One day, he saw a puppy on the footpath **moaning**. Sarthak walked towards the puppy and saw that the little soul was badly injured and bleeding. Without thinking twice, Sarthak picked up the pup and rushed to the hospital. While the puppy was inside, Sarthak patiently waited outside to make sure that the treatment went smoothly. Once the doctor brought the puppy out, he breathed a sigh of relief, and dropped the puppy

back to where he found it and started walking back home. But the puppy started following him. At first, Sarthak didn't notice the puppy. But when he reached home and turned around to close the door of the house, he saw it. Smitten by this white fur ball, Sarthak decided to name it Barfi. Sarthak was no longer alone as Barfi was the friend he had always wanted. They not only shared a room, but also shared emotions. They were each other's companions right from sleeping together to playing; they were inseparable. Whenever Sarthak used to go to work, Barfi would follow him and wait in front of the bank to come out and walk back home to-

Whenever Sarthak used to go to work, Barfi would follow him and wait in front of the bank for him to come out and walk back home together.

gether. On days when Sarthak felt low, Barfi would cheer him up by jumping on him and licking his face. Moreover, their bond grew stronger with each passing day. One Sunday, Sarthak took Barfi to a nearby park, and they played a lot. While on their way back home, Sarthak decided to buy biscuits for Barfi. When the duo reached the shop, Barfi sat on the sidewalk gazing around while Sarthak was shopping. Everything was going fine until an out of control car came rushing towards them. Barfi was alarmed and as the car came closer, he instinctively pushed Sarthak aside. Sarthak was lying on the sidewalk, shocked as he was unaware of what had just happened. When he turned around, he saw Barfi's lifeless body. Looking at Barfi, Sarthak couldn't control his tears and realised how alone he was in the city once again. 🇮🇳

A new word: Moaning
Meaning: To make a long, low sound of pain and suffering



Anushka Mittal with her magnet

Fridge magnet

Anushka Mittal, AIS Vasundhara 6, V

Material required

- ◆ Cardboard
- ◆ Magnet (small)
- ◆ Cotton swabs
- ◆ Fevicol
- ◆ Varnish
- ◆ Acrylic colours

Method

- ◆ Take cardboard and place it on a flat surface. Now, with the help of a compass and pencil, draw a circle of 6 cm radius on it.
- ◆ Using scissors, cut the circle and keep it aside.
- ◆ Now pick any acrylic colour of your choice and with a paint brush apply the colour on the top surface of the circle. Let it dry for an hour.
- ◆ Once done, apply fevicol on the backside of the circle and stick magnet on it. Keep it aside for an hour.
- ◆ Using cotton swabs, paint a mandala design of your choice on the painted surface of the circle or as shown above.
- ◆ Seal the mandala design by spraying a layer of varnish on the painted side.
- ◆ And voila! Your fridge magnet is ready!

It's Me

KNOW ME BETTER

Name: Soumya Gupta
Class: IV
School: AIS Mayur Vihar
My birthday: May 12

MY FAVOURITES

Teacher: Suja Vinod ma'am
Subject: Hindi
Friend: Ishani
Game: Hide n seek
Cartoon: Shinchan
Food: Fries
Mall: DLF Mall of India

MY DREAMS AND GOALS

Hobby: Dancing
I like: Yoga
I dislike: Winter season
My role model: My sister
I want to become: A doctor
I want to feature in GT because: I wish to become popular and make more friends.



Poem

Gunee Dhawan
AIS Gurugram 43, IV A

I was eating a big bun
In a park with a nun
Under the rays of sun
Shooting us like a gun
Suddenly rain began
We were forced to run
Choices left were none
But it was a day spent in fun.



Riddle Fiddle

Udaanya Kaushik, AIS PV, III

1. What has many keys, but can't open a lock?
2. What goes up and down, but doesn't move?
3. What has hands, but can't clap?
4. What kind of band never plays music?
5. What has many teeth, but cannot bite?
6. What has a head and a tail, but no body?
7. What is at the end of the rainbow?
8. What can run, but cannot walk?
9. What does a ghost use to wash its hair?
10. What has holes, but can still hold water?

Answers: 1. Piano 2. Staircase
3. Clock 4. A rubber band
5. Comb 6. Coin
7. The letter 'W' 8. Water
9. Sham-boo! 10. Sponge



YOUTH POWER

2023-24

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- A chance to initiate a real impact



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- Becoming a team player by collaborating with peers



For a **BRIGHTER** future

- Nurturing empathetic and socially responsible citizens
- Making an actual difference with tangible solutions
- Creating future leaders with a better understanding of community needs



I.....student of Class.....of AIS.....
hereby volunteer to lead my team on the cause.....in
Youth Power 2023-24. My teammates are:

Team member 1

Name

Class

Contact No

Email ID

Team member 2

Name

Class

Contact No

Email ID

Team member 3

Name

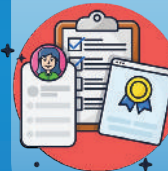
Class

Contact No

Email ID

You can call me at or drop me an email at

Who can apply



- Any student of AIS studying in Class VIII-XI
- Join hands as a team of four to get started on this journey of change



Last date of
submission

JULY
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2023

Calling the **leader** in you

Amitians on top

Meritorious Toppers of Amity Bring Home Laurels



CM Yogi Adityanath felicitates Rachit Jain



Azlan Rafiq with his parents

AIS Noida

Rachit Jain and Azlan Rafiq of AIS Noida, Class X continued Amity's tradition of winning exemplary accolades in board exams. Both the achievers were felicitated at 'Medhavi Vidarthi Samman Samaroh 2023' on June 14, 2023, by

the honourable Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Yogi Adityanath for their glorious performance in CBSE Board Exams 2023. Rachit scored 499/500 and received a cash prize of 1 lakh INR, while Azlan scored 497/500, making their way to the list of achievers. The accolades are the outcome of the blessings of Dr

Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President Amity Universe, and the visionary guidance of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF under whose leadership and superintendence, the students of Amity have constantly endeavoured to pursue academic excellence in every field. [G T](#)



Students pose with their artwork in the summer camp

Fun in summer

AIS VKC Lucknow

A fun filled summer camp was organised by the school for both Amitians as well as for students from other schools, from May 15-31, 2023. The camp was specially curated to help children relax and indulge in learning new things in a fun-filled way.

It offered an assortment of engaging activities like music, dance, street plays, painting, clay modelling, zentangle, mural art, photography, yoga, etc. To engage students in hands-on learning experiences, a couple of STEM activities like making

straw animal figures and water dispensers were conducted. Not just this, but a nukkad natak on the theme *Hasna Zaroori Hai* was organised to tickle everybody's funny bone. Sessions on personality development, public speaking skills, health and nutrition were also conducted. The 15-day long camp concluded with a majestic finale where students showcased various skills they acquired over days of collaborative learning. It fostered a beautiful combination of learning, innovation, and creativity, wherein, they learnt new skills, explored new ideas and developed new interests.



Winners of Literati lift the trophy

Literati

AIS Gurugram 46

The school organised twelfth edition of Literati, the festival of languages, based on the theme 'Sustainability' on May 10, 2023. Approximately 550 students from 28 schools across NCR participated in 14 different competitions held in 5 languages namely, English, Sanskrit, Hindi, German and French. Priyanshu Dewan, ACP Cybercrime, graced the closing ceremony with his presence as a chief guest. Although, the host school topped the overall marks tally but as per the rules set, it handed over the trophy to AIS PV, the school next in tally.

YRoNS 2023

AERC

Five students from three branches of Amity Group of Schools participated in the 16th YRoNS (Young Researchers of Natural Sciences) 2023 held at Nikolaus-von-Kues-Gymnasium, Bernkastel, Germany, from May 23-26, 2023. The theme of the annual international science conference was 'Take care of our planet - preserve the environment', where 42 students and 12 teachers from six countries including Hungary, Germany, France, Netherlands, Slovenia and India participated. The event was facilitated by Amity Educational Resource Centre (AERC) under the visionary leadership of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF. Student delegation from Amity comprised Samara Chauhan (X) and Samaya Chauhan (X) of AIS Pushp

Vihar, Sanjana Chauhan (X) of AIS Noida, Myra (XII) of AIS Saket, and Avishi Khar (XI) of AIS Gurugram 46.

All the five Amitians gave impressive presentations on their innovative science projects and conducted art workshops on Indian visual arts during the conference. Samara, Samaya and Sanjana presented their project *Srijana* that talked about Indian art design based eco-friendly products that they created, which included products like sanitary napkins, cosmetics, bracelets, bags, earrings, etc. Myra shared about her creation K Paper, a paper made from vegetable peel waste, thus, lessening the ecological crisis by transforming kitchen waste. Avishi Khar, on the other hand, gave a presentation on Green Cement made from materials like fly ash, which aimed to reduce carbon emissions by 80%. During the art workshops, Myra and Avishi conducted a work-



Amitians at Nikolaus-von-Kues-Gymnasium

shop on Madhubani paintings, while Sanjana Chauhan, Samaya Chauhan and Samara Chauhan taught block printing. Avishi, on the other hand, taught the art of mehendi. The closing ceremony of the conference saw the presence of István Sándor, founder YRoNS, and Franz-Josef Meyer, headmaster, Nikolaus-von-Kues-Gymnasium, Bernkastel-Kues, Germany, along with other eminent dignitaries. Samara and Avishi gave a presentation on Amity Group of Schools, while Samaya and Sanjana presented

Kuchipudi and Myra presented Bharatnatyam. The conference was instrumental in encouraging young minds to find scientific solutions to environmental challenges and strengthening their inter-cultural bonds. They also got an opportunity to participate in a virtual interactive question answer session with H.E. Santosh Jha, ambassador of India in Belgium. An added attraction for the participants was a visit to Ernst, Moselland Museum, Cochem Castle, and Koblenz, a UNESCO site in Germany. [G T](#)

Samaya Chauhan, X A &
Nurina Amin, X C, AIS Pushp Vihar

6:30 am: At the crack of dawn, they glared at the doorknob, waiting in anticipation.

7:30 am: No sign of human activity. Snoozing still, are we?

9:30 am: Even the mother's taunts admonishing the lazy human to get up don't echo.

10:30 am: Maybe he's caught a chill, running through the corridor barefoot was probably not a great idea after all.

11:30 am: The ambience misses soft resonances of Swift's 'Snow on the beach'. As the clock hand moved from 6 to 12, the two of them grew restless.

"Ahemm..." the toothbrush finally cleared its throat, and the eerie silence in the washroom comes to an end. "Teething issues again?" inquired the toothpaste, with an air of superiority.

"It's a new year resolution to stay away from those with awful taste. So, back off, will you?" came toothbrush's sharp response, a contrast to his soft demeanour. "At least I don't brush off my issues," said the toothpaste with a haughty grin, knowing that he had hit a nerve.

Having dealt with this insult for far too long, the toothbrush had finally come up with a comeback that was good enough to bring him back in the game. "Speaking of issues, it's about time we address yours, the

Brush it off...

...And Brace It, As Bathroom War Continues



one where your body is constantly out of shape each time you make yourself useful." A gasp swayed across everyone in the washroom. Everybody was shocked at the

toothbrush's ability to add salt to wounds. The toothpaste, startled at first, could not let toothbrush win this one as it was about establishing lifelong supremacy and hubris.

"Honestly, I'm not shocked that you rub off dirt on me. After all, that is your strong suit. Tell us how the dirt feels," said toothpaste. "At least I am actually putting myself to good use. In fact, my strong suit is cleaning. So, I'm happy exercising my utility, and not simply sulk in the holder," he retorted.

"Go on with your baseless allegations, but at the end of the day, I know I'm breathtaking and there's nothing you can do about it," said the toothpaste in a mint fresh tone.

Of all things that annoyed the toothbrush, it was being talked down by young ones that irked him the most. "That's just you newbies in your narcissistic bubble. We did just fine before you and your 'breath-taking' flavours with all your exotic masalas spiralled into existence to confuse people between a bathroom and a kitchen," said the toothbrush.

"Thinking back, I don't remember you being so important either. People's dexterous fingers did wonders before you existed," came the reply.

Having had enough, the floss decided to intervene. Even though he was well aware of his thread bare existence, he summoned the courage and made his point. "Just like there's no peanut butter without jelly or Tom without Jerry, there is no toothbrush without toothpaste. Don't get me wrong, all I want to say is - brush it off and brace it."

SERIES REVIEW

A royal view

Series: The Crown

Created by: Peter Morgan

Released on: November 4, 2016

Starring: Claire Foy, Olivia Colman, Helena Bonham Carter, Tobias Menzies, John Lithgow, Matt Smith, Venessa Kirby

Genre: Historical drama



Synopsis: The Crown is a historical drama that showcases the reign of Queen Elizabeth II and the events that shaped the second half of the 20th century because of her monarchy. The show starts off with Queen Elizabeth II's wedding to Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, in 1947 and tells her story until the early 21st century. Every season of the show deals with a new era in her life; season one shows the era of Winston Churchill resigning as PM, season two covers from the Suez Crisis to the birth of Prince Edward in 1964. Season three covers events ending at Queen's silver jubilee, and season four focuses on Margaret Thatcher and Princess Diana. The show is an insight into the lives of the Royal family and depicts the inner workings of the not-so-dazzling and shiny lifestyle we see from the outside.

Why is it worth watching: The show is indeed one of the best historical dramas the television has

seen in a while. It is very well executed in every regard, and with each season, the show gets even more interesting. It keeps its audience hooked, which definitely makes it worth binge-watching. The next level performances by each and every actor makes the script impactful. The series is sumptuous, thought-provoking, and extraordinary in every aspect. One should definitely add this to their watch list.

Iconic dialogue: "To do nothing is often the best course of action but I know from personal experience how frustrating it can be. History was not made by those who did nothing."

— Queen Elizabeth

Rating: 4/5

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