

In Quotes

"We must . . . continue to go into space for the future of humanity"

-Stephen Hawking

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POLL RESULT

for GT issue May 1, 2017

Do you agree with CBSE'S rule to ban sale of books, uniforms, stationery, school bags in schools?



Results as on May 6, 2017

As PM Modi announced the discontinuation of the red beacon atop VIP vehicles, a move which was hailed as death sentence for VIP culture, the nation went in a tizzy and the babus were left dizzy. **Romika Chakraborty, GT Network**, brings you the red, yellow and green of now the late ‘red beacon’.

**Everyone is a VIP in India**  
**5,79,092:** that is the number of VIPs in India. In sharp contrast are other countries with UK at 84 VIPs, China-435, France-109, Japan-125, Germany -142, Australia-205, USA -252, South Korea -282 and Russia at 312. And if the whooping Indian VIP fraternity bothers you, then it should-n't. After all, everyone is a VIP in India - President, Vice President, MP's, MLA's, IAS, IPS, ICS to media barons; to sum up- 33 categories in total.

**And we like it that way**  
 “Tu janta nahi hai main kaun hun,” is an often heard statement in the capital, where either you are a VIP or you are related to one, which is equivalent to being a VIP itself. So, when the privilege of jumping red lights, not having to stand in queues, getting VIP seats in cricket matches etc is taken away, creating a furore is only just the start. So, when Karnataka CM, politicians in Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Telangana found it hard to part with their ID card of power, one could hear the sound of their heartbreak miles away. So while, the ministers act like spoilt kids, stomping their feet when their favourite toy is taken away, Delhi Police had a more rational reason for crying foul. When a similar order was issued by the Supreme Court of India in 2013 that limited the use of red beacons only for high dignitaries, Delhi Police had appealed the order. The Delhi Police pleaded that the colour red, which “triggers the quickest response from public”, was “the best” colour for its operations. It cited that “red light has maximum penetration even in low-visibility conditions such as fog, dust and at night.”



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# Batti Gull

**But some like it the other way**  
 “VIP box me jaana hai? Toh Pepsi pi na yaar!” goes the tagline of a latest contest to watch the IPL finals, by the soft drink giant. Now that the PM seems intent on killing the VIP *keeda*, guzzling cola seems to be the only way to make it to the VIP stands. But it was-n't very long ago, when these contests were mere laughing matter, for everyone had a VIP pass. So, while the VIPs cried hoarse, guess who had the last laugh? The event organisers in the capital who were always busy organising seats and drinks for the VIPs, cutting down on tickets they could actually sell out.

**Of course, some beg to differ**  
 Thankfully enough, there are some who believe in the power of ‘common man’ even in this land of entitlement we call India. Amarinder Singh, CM of Punjab had tweeted doing away with red beacon in March, way before the PM Modi’s mandate to do the same. Back in December 2013, Arvind Kejriwal’s 49-day AAP government in Delhi had banned red and blue beacons, and many individual leaders, including West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and Punjab Finance Minister Manpreet Badal, do not use beacons on their vehicles.

**Red or no red, I’m a still VIP**  
 VIP has become like a surname in India. You are born with it, and you die with it. Even when the red beacon is snatched away. Escort vehicles, heavy security cover, blocking traffic to make way for the VIPs, free passage at toll booths, special lanes at airports and railway stations along with a host of other privileges ensure that our not-so-mango-people do not feel let down. So, while you and I may have to struggle to get a 3BHK on the outskirts of capital for 35k or may be more, the ones with the VIP badge are allotted houses in Lutyens Delhi by paying a rent of just Rs 2,000. And they said it’s the end of VIP and babu’s ‘red beacon’ culture? 🇮🇳



Dr Neevita Narayan, chief audiologist & director, SpHear Speech and Hearing Clinic

# Life is beyond books

Dr Neevita Narayan, chief audiologist & director, SpHear Speech and Hearing Clinic has been treating hearing impaired patients for over two decades. A graduate from AIIMS, she is passionate about paediatric hearing loss and is the founder of ‘I Can Hear Foundation’ that treats underprivileged hearing impaired patients. **Anahita Dembi, AIS Noida, XI** catches up with her at YP 2016-17, where she was a jury member.

**Challenges of an audiologist**  
 When a patient comes to us (doctors), s/he is entrusting us with his/her life. The treatment we give to a patient goes at great length in determining his/her future. Knowing that you bear such a huge responsibility is a challenge. You need to be extremely dedicated to your job and live up to the responsibility you have been entrusted with.

**Most difficult case**  
 Not many people are aware that hearing impairments can be corrected. To help people overcome such myths pertaining to hearing impairments is the first and foremost difficulty. Further, there have been lot of difficult cases. Anyone who is born with hearing impairments will also have speech disability. This is because speech is a learned process while hearing is a sense. Thus, it is a challenge for the audiologist as there is a serious responsibility to develop a sense, without which a speech will not be learned, no matter what.

**Future scenario in India**  
 India is definitely progressing towards a better healthcare infrastructure, in terms of audiology treatment. The government is allocating funds and working towards eliminating hearing impairment since this also affects speech delivery. Improved facilities in speech therapy are also being offered as it can help people lead a better and healthy life.

**Imp. of school newspaper**  
 It is important to inculcate reading at an early age in children. One should always be aware



Dr Neevita Narayan shares her views with GT reporter

Pic: Amay Arora, AIS Noida, XI

about what is happening around us. Reading newspapers not just creates a sense of awareness but also broadens ones horizon. School newspapers are an important step in this direction. They help in inculcating the habit of reading at an early age, which in turn goes a long way in creating conscious and responsible citizens.

**Student sensitisation**  
 Life is beyond books and the four walls of a classroom. Life is about understanding various social issues that plagued the society at large. It is about working for the welfare of your nation and working towards making this world a better place. The youth needs

to be sensitised towards social issues and the reponsibility they bear. Youth is the future of the country, and making them sensitive is the way to go.

**Youth Power as a changemaker**  
 I am really amazed at the way the school has taken up these projects. The work the students have done is amazing. The initiatives taken up by them were truly an eye opener for me. I wish I had such an initiative in my school. Youth Power, I feel not only exposes students to such social causes at a very young age, but also teaches them to tackle problems early on. Youth Power is truly a great platform for the young, ambitious changemakers of Amity. 🇮🇳

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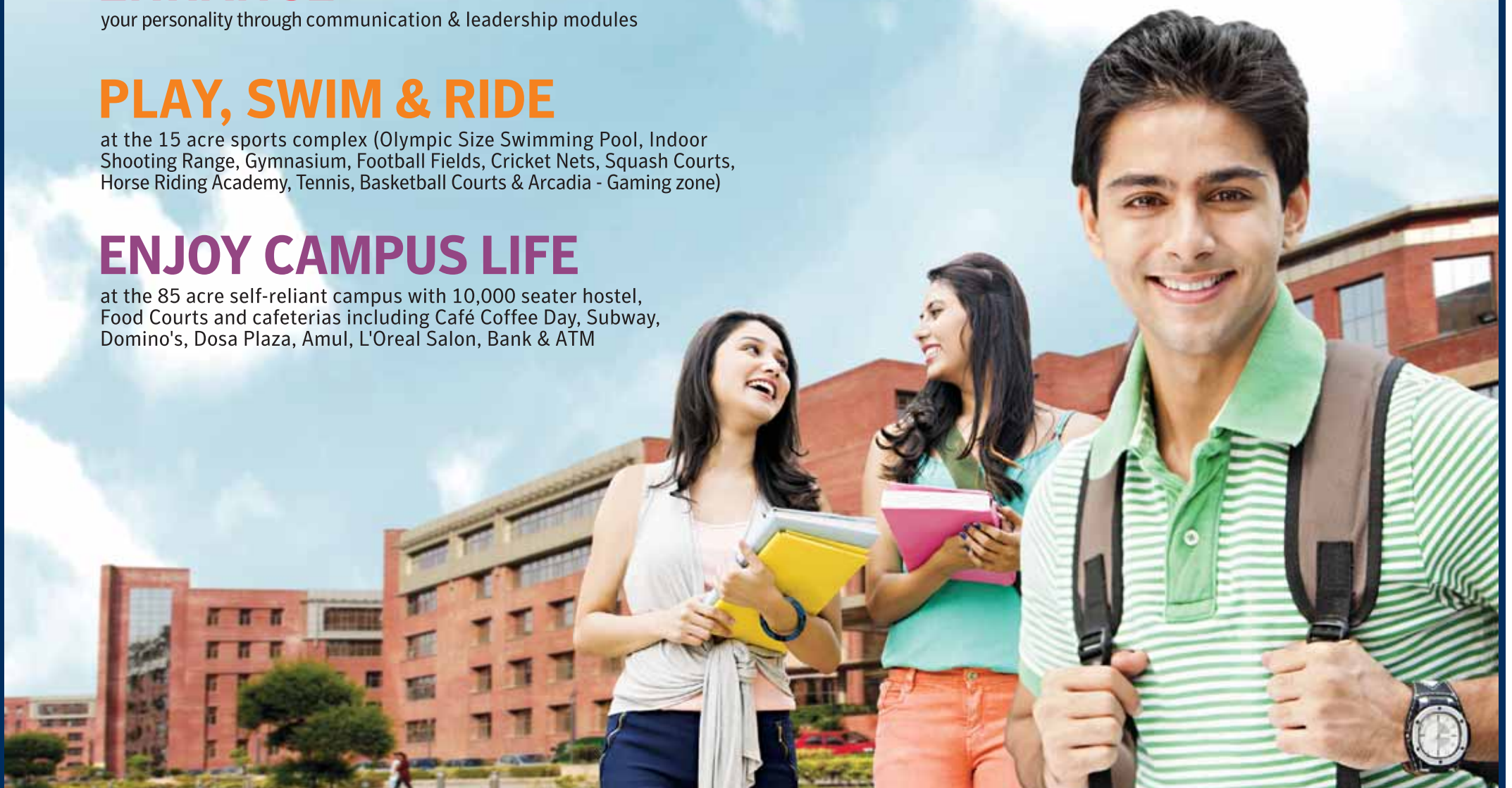
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# Gender Fest '17: Celebrating her

Organised on the occasion of International Women's Day, the four day long fest saw a series of sensitising lectures, panel discussions, debates and more

ACGJCR &amp; ALSN

Priyanka Venketesh & Ankita  
BA LLB, ALSN

Amity Centre for Gender Justice and Child Rights (ACGJCR) in collaboration with Amity Law School, Noida organised Gender Fest 2017 from March 7-10, 2017.

**DAY 1:** The first day of the four-day event saw a guest lecture organised by Hindi Manch, the literary society of ALS, Noida. Dr Purushottam Agarwal addressed the students on the topic 'Re-defining gender roles in Indian society'. In his lecture, he highlighted the current discrimination between the two genders. The lecture concluded with an interactive discussion, with several suggestions to overcome gender discrimination.

**DAY 2:** A Bollywood quiz 'Symphony' was organised by ACGJCR. The quiz



Students partake in the discussion

concluded with top three prizes given to the best teams. The second day of the fest also saw a series of guest lectures and discussions organised by Checkmate, the de-

bating society, ALSN. With the theme 'Be bold for change', the lectures aimed at finding ways to create a more gender-inclusive world. The guest speakers in-

cluded- Ranu Kulshrestha, Associate Vice President and Group Head, CSR, Hindustan Power Projects Pvt Ltd; Karnika Seth, AOR, Supreme Court of India and cyber law expert; Avipsha Thakur, Executive Director, Roshni (NGO) and Aishwarya Bharti, AOR, Supreme Court of India. The day also saw Karnika Seth being accorded Honorary Professorship by Prof Dr Balvinder Shukla, VC, AUUP.

**DAY 3:** Hindi Manch organised a series of guest lectures on the theme- 'Third gender: construing the reality'. The lecture touched upon topics as gender politics, transgenderism, etc. The speakers included, Vikram Aditya Sahai; Akhil Kang; Ambalika Roy and Aryan Pasha.

**DAY 4:** On March 10, ACGJCR organised an elocution on 'Contemporary issues regarding gender sensitisation'. **GT**

With inputs from **Ekta Gupta**,  
Faculty Convenor, ACGJCR

# Draw, colour, learn, teach

AIE &amp; AIBAS

Amity Institute of Education and Amity Institute of Behavioural and Allied Sciences organised a two day art and craft workshop from March 30-31, 2017 at Amity University, Noida. The workshop organised for second year students of B.Ed. aimed at encouraging the prospective teachers to use art as a medium for teaching. The workshop commenced with a welcome address by Dr Ananya Ghosh Roy, Faculty Coordinator (Art & Craft), AIE & AIBAS. Addressing the students, Alka Muddgal, HoI, AIE & AIBAS, high-

lighted the importance of art and craft education for the prospective teachers. On the first day, a workshop on 'Basic painting techniques' was taken by Kumar Jasakiya, Faculty, Amity School of Fine Arts (ASFA). He apprised students on the basic techniques of painting.

The second day witnessed a workshop on 'Basics of 2D animation'. Sachin Ahuja, Faculty, ASFA was the resource person for the same. The two day workshop saw the students engage in several hands-on activities, which acquainted them with art techniques. The workshop concluded with vote of thanks by Dr Ananya Ghosh Roy. **GT**



Students try their hands on sketching



Participants of the 'Fun run'

# Birlasoft 4k fun run

AUUP

Amity in association with Birlasoft\*, a CK Birla Group Company organised a small corporate 'Fun Run' at Amity University, Noida, campus on April 18, 2017. The event organised under the leadership of Prof Dr Ajay Rana, Advisor & Director, Amity Alumni & Placements, AUUP, was a relationship building exercise between Amity and Birlasoft, a primary campus recruiter at Amity. The run was flagged off by Prof Dr Balvinder Shukla, Vice Chancellor, AUUP.

The 4k long run, which was held at Amity University, Noida campus, saw enthusiastic participation from students of Amity University, Noida, employees of Birlasoft, along with a few selected employees of Amity. Several senior employees of Birlasoft also participated in the run to motivate the gathering and the participants. **GT**

\*Birlasoft is an information technology corporation headquartered in Noida, India. Founded in 1995, the company employs 4000+ employees, globally located in 4 continents across offices in USA, Europe, Australia, Singapore and Malaysia.

# Poster making competition

AUUP

As a part of the Human Value Quarter celebrations, a poster making competition was organised for the students of Atulasha\* at Amity University, Noida on April 19, 2017.

The poster making competition organised by Srijan, AUUP's hindi literary club, saw participation of 30 students from Class VI and VII. Materials like colours, pencil kits, drawing sheets, etc. were provided to the participants. The panel of judges consisted of Dr Alpana Kakkar, Deputy Dean, DSW, AUUP; Dr Chanda R Akhouri, Officiating Director, AHF and Dr Mahima Gupta, Chairperson, Srijan. Sunil Kumar (VII) was declared the winner followed by Ajay Kumar (VI) at the second position. Other participants were awarded a certificate of participation. The competition concluded with vote of



Judges give away certificates to the participants

thanks by Dr Mahima Gupta. **GT**

\*Atulasha is a CSR initiative by Amity Group wherein over 500 underprivileged boys are provided education free of cost,

along with free books, uniforms and meals by Amity Humanity Foundation (AHF), under the guidance of Ms Pooja Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, AHF.

# Student of the Year Award

ASAP

Siddhant Gupta, an alumnus (Batch of 2016) of Amity School of Architecture and Planning (ASAP), AUUP added another feather to Amity's cap as his project was selected for ArchiDesign\* Student of the Year Award-Thesis (Architecture) 2016. His thesis titled 'National Institute of Journalism and Mass Communication, Noida, India' has been selected for the prestigious honours. The project has also been selected for publication by one of the most reputed Journal in Architectural fraternity in India 'Journal

of Indian Institute of Architects' in its January-February 2017, Volume 82 edition.

For any B Arch final year student, 'Thesis Project' marks an important transition from student to professional life. It is for this reason that ASAP has mandated six stages of assessment for any student to qualify for thesis work with rigorous inputs from faculty and experts from the field. The effort is gradually moulding students to put efforts to produce best works nationally and internationally.

\*ArchiDesign Awards are promoted by ArchiDesign Perspective, India's leading architecture and design magazine.

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## Brainleaks-206

FOR CLASS IX-X

A, B and C can do a piece of work in 20, 30 and 60 days respectively.

In how many days can A do the work if he is assisted by B and C on every third day?

- a) 12 days      b) 15 days  
c) 16 days      d) 18 days

Last Date:  
May 12, 2017

3 correct entries win attractive prizes

Ans. Brainleaks 205: (a)

### Winner for Brainleaks 205

1. Udit Kansal, X-A, AIS Vas-I
2. Ashmit, IX-AF, AIS Gur-46
3. Vaibhav Bhati, IX-AFYCP, AIS Gur -46

Name:.....

Class:.....

School:.....

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# Millennium discoveries

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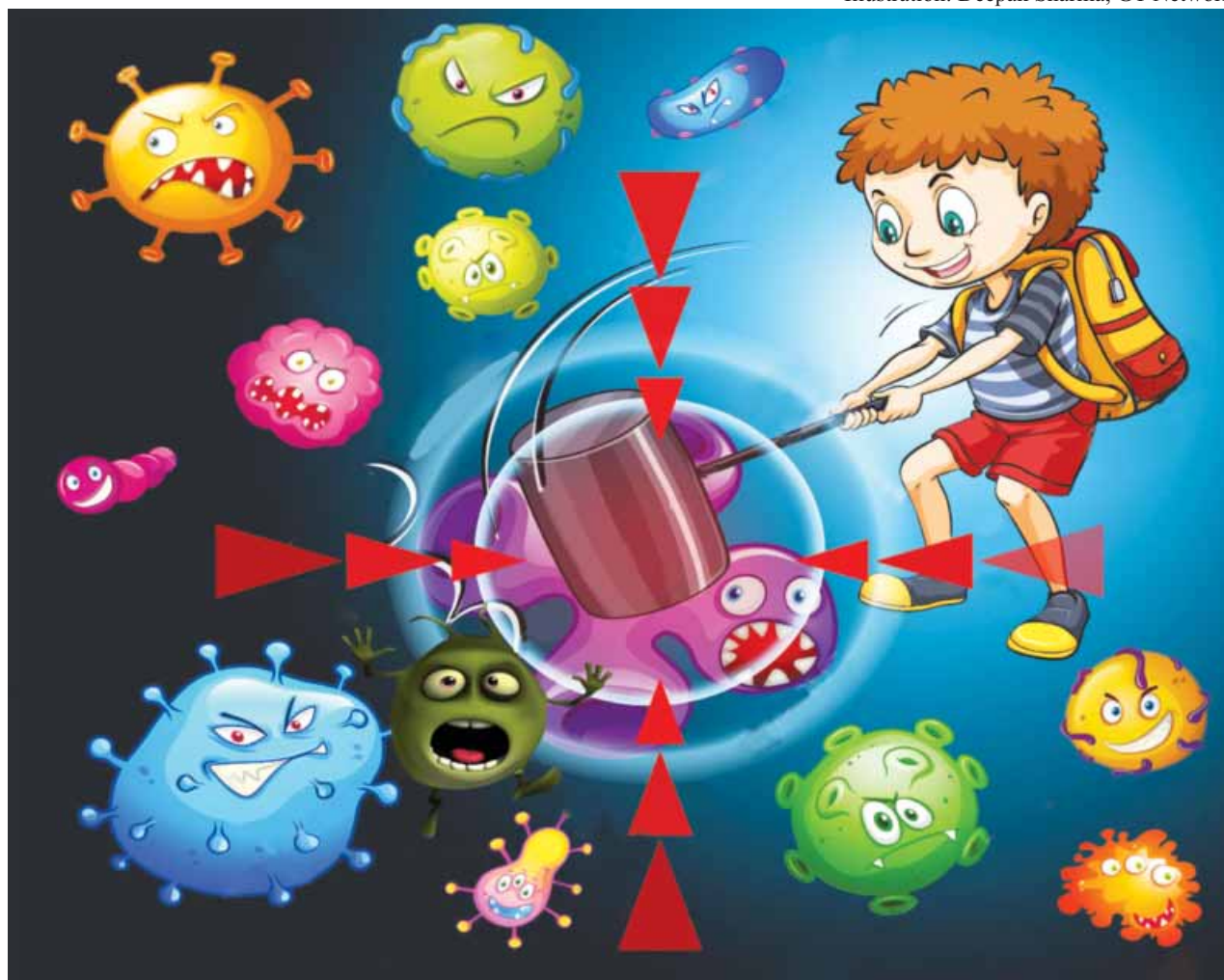
Every year, thousands of scientific discoveries are made. While some of them may not change much, others alter the course of history, reiterating how humans are the smartest species on Earth. **Anirban Biswas, AIS Gur 46, XII** discusses.

## New prime number

Mathematics. Often considered the closest one can go to the writing of God. The subject never ceases to amaze anybody, especially when mathematicians discover a new prime number. The number is  $2^{74,207,281} - 1$ , was found through an internet project Great Internet Mersenne Prime Search. So what is its use? Actually a very 'spyful' one! Modern code writing and breaking requires the use of Mersenne Prime numbers (prime number that is one less than a power of two and can be written as  $M_n = 2^n - 1$ ) and other complex numbers to encode data. Talk about numbers meeting James Bond.

## The evolutionary link

Until recently in 2015, scientists had been looking for the missing link between apes and humans. But now they



think there is reason to believe their search has ended. In March 2015, scientists discovered a 2.8 million year old jaw bone in Ethiopiathus, extending timeline of the Genus Homo by 400,000 years. Again later, scientists found a set

of bones in a cave. They were so different that scientist have classified them as a completely different species now known as 'Homo Naledi'. They stood just five foot tall and weighed 100 pounds. Their skulls are like early

humans, but their brains are tiny, just the size of an orange. There is an ongoing debate whether the bodies were deliberately left in the cave, for the behaviour reflected the burying rituals of our own ancestors Homo sapiens.

## The futuristic vision

We are on the next frontier of human-technology amalgamation. A recent example is the Ocumetics Bionic Lens developed by Dr. Garth Webb, an optometrist in British Columbia. These lens will give patients a perfect vision and removes the chance of cataracts because the new lens replaces the natural one. The surgery would take merely eight minutes and would completely correct the patient's vision. The lens is first folded like a taco and then inserted into our eye with the help of a saline filled syringe. Once inserted, it unfolds within 10 minutes. Depending upon trials, this product could very well be available in the markets very soon.

## Fight with bacteria

Everyone knows about antibiotics. Ask a sixth grader, s/he will tell you that it is used to fight bacterial infections. But what many people don't know is that the same antibiotics made by scientists decades back are still being used. No new antibiotic had been created or discovered. In the meantime, bacteria developed strains resistant to many antibiotics. Early in 2015, a team from Northeastern University in Massachusetts put a notch in the win column for medicine when it discovered Teixobactin, the first new antibiotic in 30 years. If those human trials go well, Teixobactin could be instrumental in dealing with tuberculosis, septicemia and various other diseases which are currently difficult to treat.

## All things matter

Look around you. There are tables, chairs, bottles, air, water etc. Have you ever thought about what they are made up of? What would you see when it is brought closer to a microscope? You would see tiny particles, similar in nature. You would see Matter.

Saurabh Jha, AIS PV, X peers through a microscope.

**Matter is ...**

Any object or entity that takes up space and has mass.

Everything around you is made up of matter. Chocolate cake is made up of matter. You are made up of matter.

**Look closer...**

We see Matter being made up of smaller elements called Atoms. Anything you see and can feel is made of atoms. The naked eye cannot see an atom but with the help of a microscopes, atoms can now be seen.

**Matter is classified into**

*Physical classification*

-Solid, liquid, gas

*Chemical classification*

-Pure substance, mixture

**Matter**

**Physical Classification**

**Solids**

**Liquids**

**Gaseous**

**Chemical Classification**

**Pure Substance**

**Mixtures**

**Solids Matter has...**

- Definite shape.
- Distinct boundaries
- Fixed volumes
- Tendency to maintain their shape

**Liquid matter has ...**

- No fixed shape
- Takes the shape of the vessel
- They flow
- Not rigid

**Gaseous matter has...**

- Large space between particles
- High speed of particles
- They flow in all directions
- Hence, no definite shape

**Matter Can Change It's State**

Solid State

Heat

↔

Cool

Liquid State

Heat

↔

Cool

Gaseous state



Studies reveal that by the end of the century, 1,50,000 people will have died due to heat related issues, thanks to global warming.

## Role and Responsibility





Dr Amita Chauhan  
Chairperson

With great power comes great responsibility. And therefore the power that one commands because he or she has been elected for a particular position or achieved a particular designation, also comes along with a lot of responsibility.

For now they are the God's 'chosen' child to deliver the responsibilities entrusted upon them for a bigger purpose. How they deliver their responsibility is what makes them an important person, worthy of commanding the respect of others.

It is also important to understand that the designation and position they acquire or reach in their life are also earned with hardwork and therefore worthy of the person. But then if the person does not live up to the expectations of that position, he or she loses the respect. For respect is also earned and not commanded.

When our prime Minister Narendra Modi, espoused to all bureaucratic officials, politicians and government officials to give up the VIP culture, especially the habit of using the red beacon and replace it with 'EPI (every person is important)', he actually shifted the focus of people from the 'power' attached to the position, to the 'responsibilities' associated with it.

Infact at all point of time in life we are playing some role or the other. And we all have been entrusted with a power to perform that role. Every role that we play has been entrusted with some responsibilities. The need is to discover that power and the responsibilities associated with it. Use them wisely for your own growth, the development of the nation and the world.  

## Beacon of Hope



Vira Sharma  
Managing Editor

Thirty years ago, when my friend Reema graduated from IIM and bagged a mind-blowing salary with a reputed multi-national, our celebrations were grand. Barely a year later, we heard that she quit her job and was preparing for her civil services exams.

"Why?" we asked. "You have everything: a dream job, bungalow, big car, foreign travel, and the purchasing power to get what you want."

"Yes," she said, "but there is one thing I cannot buy."

"What?"

"A car with a red beacon, the ultimate symbol of power."

The flash of the red beacon has always been a big lure for many who joined public service. The perk of the 'lal-batti' was such a strong narcotic for the ego that many, like addicts everywhere, ultimately failed their responsibilities.

From May 1 this year, the red beacon atop vehicles of public officials has been packed up and mothballed. Today, the only reason to quit a lucrative private job and join the ranks of government servants would be purely 'service'. Only time will tell if the Services and the coveted 'Chair' retain their charm. What we know for sure is that with 'lights out' for the red beacon, the show is over.

RIP, lal-batti. Bye-bye, VIP culture. The new India, where everybody is a VIP, is surging full speed ahead.

Can you see the flash of hope beckoning?  

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# Ironies of India

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*India is a land of ironies - a country where a third of the world's poor coexist with a hundred billionaires. Half of the country is starving due to poverty, while the other half deliberately starves to lose weight. **Shivang Seth, AIS Saket, XII, brings you a glimpse of our paradoxical world.***

**So ja beta, varna police aa jayegi:** With cops around, Indians are more anxious than secure. On seeing a man in uniform, we instinctively reach for our seatbelts, helmets are worn and mobiles are kept away. The Indian standard for a traffic signal seems to be green for go, yellow for go faster and red to check for police. In the absence of any, hit the accelerator as hard as you can.

*We always need someone to keep an eye on us. Parents at home, police on roads- why is it so difficult to do the right thing solely for self-accountability?*

**Baba tera bhala karega (aur apna bhi):** On one hand, we have students studying 18 hours a day to get into one of the 'elite colleges'. On the other hand, there are some, laden in saffron and irrationality, sitting in a 'darbar' and giving out quirky advices making the world a better place and money,

hand over fist. Sample this:



Devotee: Baba meri naukri chhut gayi, kya karun?  
Baba: Beta, kal se samose ke saath hari chutney khaana. Sab theek hoga

*We demand proof for a surgical strike while we seek advices from an underqualified person, without a question. Are our beliefs more about convenience?*

**Apna sapna money money:** We Indians spend a lifetime saving money in the most bizarre manners. A T-shirt is first worn to outings, then becomes our nightwear, and finally ends up becoming a mop. However, most of this money that takes decades to

save is spent at once, on a single ceremony: 'The big fat Indian wedding'. Relatable?

*A coffee for Rs 200. Haggling with the autowallah for Rs 20. Time to revise our saving skills?*

**Time is omnipotent:** Indians understand the importance of time. Be it a queue at the movie theatre or a road packed with cars, we love barging our way to the front because none of us have any time to spare. Everyone is in a hurry and yet no one is on time. We are habitually late. But then so are VIPs. *It takes two to tango but it takes just one to break the queue for everyone to get into a fight, and get late.*  

# Motherhood or career?

There is no force more powerful than a woman determined to rise. Yes, you can balance your work and family, that is, only if you are determined to do so

Abhilasha Singh, Sem II, MBA Gen, AUUP

“The biological clock and the career clock are in total conflict with each other. Total, complete conflict,” said Indra Nooyi, CEO of PepsiCo and mother of two daughters. A similar sentiment is echoed by many working women, across the world.

The 21st century working woman seems to be met by the constant dilemma: take a break from work to raise kids or grab the opportunity to go up the professional ladder? Attend the parent teacher meeting or join the meeting that could possibly give you a raise? As the 'either or' hovers over working women, the end result, more often than not, is what has been described as the guilt syndrome. With so much to do and a difficult work-life balance to achieve, something or the other is missed out, some priority tends

### Perspective





to take a backseat. The end result: guilt.

It is a well known fact that if women start to participate in the workforce, the GDP of India would double. But often due to obligation of traditional duties, women either cannot continue taking higher posi-

tions or are unable to get back in the working sphere. Statistics show that the participation of women in labour force has declined from 40% in 90s to 24%. And sadly, only 5% of the 24% women in labour force are able to make it to the top.

So the question is how does a woman manage? In the words of Indra Nooyi, "it is a difficult situation." The answers lies in the fact that no one can have it all. Accepting the situation is the only way forward. One simply cannot always be there for their child while managing her profession.

Working women should try to find an optimum work-life balance, the key to which lies in planning and organising. With a little bit of help from family and friends, they should strive towards creating an environment that works seamlessly. But most of all, women need to be persistent and brave in whatever they undertake.  

### Little pearls of wisdom

## Never give up

Achint, AIS MV, VIII

“Try, try and you will succeed.” We have often heard this quote, but we fail to acknowledge the same when stuck in a difficult situation. Behind every success story, there is a long-fought journey, challenges that are overcome and trying constantly. Napolean Bonaparte crossed the great Alps after several failed attempts. He never gave up and reached the other side to conquer the kingdom. The king thought no one could ever cross the Alps, but Napoleon's will power did. That was Napoleon, what about you?

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How do you deal with the obstacles and failures? Do you give up when the odds are not in your favour? Or

do you keep trying? Success never comes to those who give up easily. It is only the ones who keep chasing their dreams and keep trying, who are ultimately able to find a way. Never give up just like Napoleon. When the going gets tough and you are thinking of giving up, remind yourself that no journey is worth telling if there were no hardships to overcome. At some point of time in the various journeys that we embark on in our lives, we reach that point where we feel like giving up. In such situations, tell yourself that there is light at the end of the tunnel. So instead of giving up, get up and try walking again.



Dear Editor,

The Global Times edition dated May 1, 2017 was indeed an interesting read. Each colourful page of the edition unfolded with extremely well thought out and creative articles, be it the article on patriotism in the present age or the cover story highlighting and discussing the reality pertaining to the amount of freedom writers and journalists enjoy around the world.

I also found the article 'Growing up Pangs' very relatable. That article sheds light on the fact that no matter how much learned or experienced you may feel, each phase in life will bring forth new things to learn, more challenges to face. Definitely, I would say, with its myriad and interesting articles, GT never fails to brighten up one's day!  

Sakti Subramaniam  
AIS Noida, XI H



# A sigh of relief



Storywala

Lavanya Jain, AIS MV, IX

I opened my eyes. It was 5.45 am. Had it been any other day, I would have still been snoring, but today I was up and about. I was so anxious that I just felt like running away from everything. I got out of my bed, and started pacing back and forth in my room. Thank God for the chirping of birds, I was distracted from the countless thoughts that rattled my brain. Glad that everything wasn't as gloomy, I tip-toed from my room to the balcony. As I stepped out of the room, I could see the

night slowly fading away and the sun piercing through the darkness. As I tried to focus on the pleasant sunrise before me, I suddenly felt a hand on my shoulder. I turned around to find my dad standing next to me. "What's wrong Ahana? How are you up so early?" he asked, looking all hassled. After all, noon was my default morning and this was perhaps the first time I was up without him waking me up for an hour. I stood there, still as ice. My dad held me by my shoulders, looked at me straight in the eye and said, "Relax Ahana! It's going to be alright. You are going to be

I stood there, still as ice. My dad held me by my shoulders, looked at me straight in the eye and said, "Relax Ahana!"

fine." I wanted to believe him, believe that everything will turn out just as expected, but nervousness had got the better of me. With a warm hug and more words of encouragement, my father left me to my own. I saw him leave for office, and it dawned upon me that it was just my world that had come to a standstill. The rest of the world, my dad's office included, continued as usual. I was still in the balcony, when I heard Sharma uncle tell my father, "Must be really tensed today? After all, it's the day of the final judgement." I was nervous before but Sharma uncle's words left me nervous as a wreck. With all the courage I could muster, I geared up to face the day. I turned around to walk back to my room. I saw my mother run towards me and give me the tightest hug possible. "You've done it again, Ahana! You topped your boards," she said, with the widest smile I had ever seen on her face. With those words, I finally heaved a sigh of relief. 🇮🇳🇮🇳



## Choco oreo cake

Bhargav Ram, AIS Gur 46, IX

Baking Time: 5 mins | Serves: 3-5

### Ingredients

Oreo biscuits .....1 packet  
Milk .....1 cup  
Baking powder.....3/4 tsp  
Sugar .....3 tbsp  
Butter.....1 tbsp  
Rainbow sprinkles .....For garnish

### Process

■ Crush oreo biscuits in a mixer till it becomes a fine powder.

- Add baking powder, sugar and milk to the crushed biscuits. Mix well in a mixer again.
- Take a microwave safe bowl, line it with parchment paper and grease it with butter.
- Transfer the mixture to the bowl and keep it in the microwave on high (800 watt) for 5 mins.
- Insert a toothpick in the cake. If it comes out clean, the cake is done.
- Once baked, let it cool and remove the cake from the bowl by turning it upside down.
- Decorate the cake with sprinkles.

Read Play and Win

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 it to your GT Teacher Coordinator. 3 lucky winners will win a prize every week!

Q: What is the name of the optometrist who has developed the Ocumetics Bionic Lens?

Ans:

Q: When is Earth Day celebrated?

Ans:

Q: Hindi Natya Utsav was organised by which Amity school?

Ans:

Q: What is the name of the CEO of PepsiCo?

Ans:

Q: What is the name of the recipe by Bhargav Ram, AIS Gur 46, IX?

Ans:

Q: Who has been interviewed on page 1?

Ans:

Q: What is the name of the vlogger of the YouTube channel 'The Surfing Violinist'?

Ans:

Q: For how many years can an elephant live?

Ans:

Q: How many animals are killed annually due to plastic and human waste?

Ans:

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

Results of Read Play & Win-26: Shaurya Khanna, AIS Vas 1, V C; Manushree, AIS Saket VII; Prista Agrawal AIS Noida, VI L (Prizes will reach you in 15 days)

## WORDS VERSE

# Thank you ma'am

Anika Joshi

AIS Vas 1, VIII D

For your words of motivation

Thank you ma'am  
For being our friend  
Thank you ma'am  
For building our future

Thank you ma'am  
For being our coach  
Thank you ma'am  
For always being there

Thank you ma'am  
For being our inspiration  
Thank you ma'am

Thank you ma'am  
For all you did  
Thank you ma'am  
For nurturing us as leaders. 🇮🇳🇮🇳

# Verse of confession

Shyam Goel, Sem II, ALS, AUUP

Burning myself every second  
You hardly realise I have burned a lot  
They see you, they feel you  
It's just me who hasn't got your grace

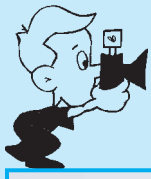
Everyone sees that I burn for you  
This fearless fierce love is not new  
People praise you in poems and rhymes  
But only you and I are for lifetime

Every fortnight some shades you gain

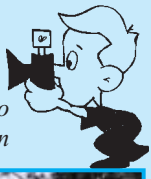
Losing them gives a lot of pain  
Once in a month I see you in your best  
Wonder what happens to you in the rest

The near you come, the farther you go  
Will God ever end this to and fro?  
I wish in such a way we soon align  
That we, sun and moon, together shine

What I witness on your lunar shades  
I wish the solar eclipse never fades  
And I see you till the clocks go dead  
Trust me it's just you in my head. 🇮🇳🇮🇳




CAMERA CAPERS




Ria Upreti, AIS Noida, XI D


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Shades of green



The flowing ebb



COLOURING FUN

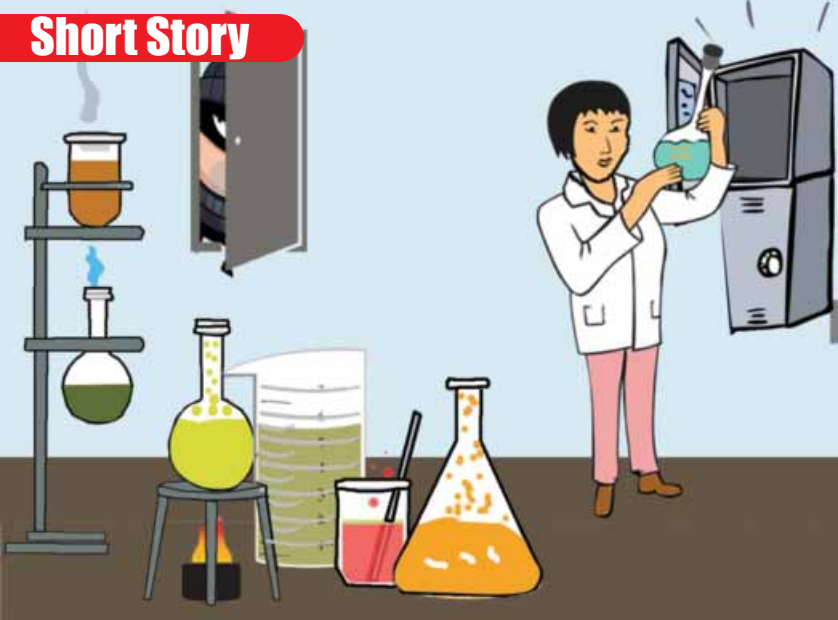
Best Entry: Siya Dhawan, AIS Vas 6, VII A



Pollution kills more than 1 million seabirds and 100 million mammals every year.

# The stolen serum

Illustration: Dinesh Kumar, GT Network



Jacky was always alert, he would check each corner of the lab every one hour. But the lab was already scanned by a gang of robbers.

in exchange for money as they had planned to sell the serum for 10 million dollars to an international gang of thieves. As per the plan, one night, the attendants escorted the thieves out of the prison to a safe place. Just when the thieves were about to hand over the money, Jack along with a team of police ambushed and arrested the attendants and the thieves. Jacky’s smart and timely intervention worked out in retrieving the serum from falling into the wrong hands, which they were hiding all along. The whole plot was hatched by Jacky. With the help of the police he had put a tracking device in the uniforms of the attendants and tracked all their conversations and movements. Jacky and the other police officers were rewarded by the President for uncovering the deceiving plan and getting back the C-P01 serum.

**So what did you learn today?**  
**A new word: Sprinted**  
**Meaning: To run at a full speed over a short distance**



## Fire breathing dragon

- Materials Required**
  - Toilet paper rolls
  - Green construction paper
  - Small size pom poms
  - Medium size pom poms
  - Medium googly eyes
  - Tissue paper -red, yellow and orange
  - Glue stick
- Procedure**
  - Cut green construction paper in the size of a paper roll.
  - Now use glue stick to attach the
- Take two medium pom poms, glue one googly eye on each pom pom.
  - Attach googly eyed pom poms on paper roll and keep aside to dry.
  - Paste small poms below the roll. (Refer image)
  - Now, cut red, yellow and orange tissue paper in the form of strips.
  - Use the glue stick to attach strips to the inside of the paper roll.
  - Blow through one of the ends and you can see the flames coming out.

### It's Me

**Know me**

**Name:** Avyaan Bahl  
**School:** Amity International School, Noida  
**Class:** KG F  
**Birthday:** September 24  
**Like:** Cars  
**Dislike:** Insects  
**My hobbies:** Painting and solving puzzles  
**My role model:** My father  
**My best friend:** Siya

**My favourite**

**Book:** Goldilocks and Three bears  
**Game:** Cricket  
**Mall:** DLF Mall of India, Noida  
**Food:** Spinach paratha  
**Teachers:** Shalini and Sheetal ma'am  
**Subject:** Mathematics  
**I want to become:** A doctor  
**I want to feature in GT because:** It is the pulse of Amity.

### POEM

## My father

Sarthak Giri, AIS Vas 1, VI

My father is my true inspiration  
 He shows me the way in every situation  
 He teaches me what's wrong and what's right  
 Whenever the situation is really tight

He shows me how to respect elders  
 He makes me understand how true faith does wonders  
 He gets me new school bag, bottle of Milton  
 He buys me toys and books of Geronimo Stilton

He makes me robust; he makes me feel gentle  
 Also to keep calm in problems and not to lose temper  
 He teaches me importance of money  
 He teaches me significance of relations

He teaches me to be a human first

Even we visit different nations  
 Father, I promise you that throughout my life  
 I'll never forget your lessons

### My favourite animal

Aayush Shanker  
AIS Vas 1, IV

My favourite animal is 'Elephant' and I would love to adopt it. I like many things about elephants and they are as follows:

- It is a highly sensitive and caring animal.
- An elephant uses long trunk to smell, drink and take bath.
- Elephants are very intelligent mammals.
- Elephants cry, play, have incredible memories , and laugh.
- An elephants skin is an inch thick.
- I love their big ears and long trunk.
- Elephants can live to be over 70 years old.

### Riddle fiddle

Sahastrajit Ghosh, AIS MV, II

- I live where light is, but die if light touches me.
- What has rivers but no trees, cities but no people?
- What is deaf, dumb and blind but always tell the truth?
- What belongs to you but other people use it more than you?
- I have face and hands but no legs. Who am I?
- I'm tall when I'm young and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?

**Answers:** 1. Shadow, 2. Map, 3. Mirror, 4. Your name, 5. Clock 6. Candle

### Painting Corner

Shreyan Biswas  
AIS Saket, VII

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People who live in high-density air pollution area, have 20% higher risk of dying from lung cancer, than others.

# NASA Ames Space Settlement Contest



Student achievers with school Principal Renu Singh

## AIS Noida

Four students namely Aryaman Pathak, Aryaman Trivedi, Kushagra Verma and Palaash Goel won second prize in 'Grade IX category' in the NASA Space settlement Design Contest an annual event cooperated by NASA Ames Research Centre, San Jose State University and the National Space

Society. Their project titled 'D.O.N.U.T' involves an interconnected system of two large tori (donuts) where people could reside cantered around a sphere where resources were created and stored. Food, water, air and energy are dealt with innovative ways including vitro cell synthesis for non-vegetarian food, sabieter's reaction for water and efficient storage for the same. [G T](#)

## Star achiever

### AIS Pushp Vihar

Manan Rai, Class XII student of the school has bagged foreign placement offers from over 14 prestigious colleges and universities in the world. Some of the prestigious colleges/universities that offered admissions include Stanford University, Princeton University, University of Pennsylvania, California Institute of Technology, Columbia University, University of California, San Diego, etc. He has also been offered a place in a class of about 30 students to the dual degree Management, Entrepreneurship, and Technology (MET) program. This small cohort of 30 students was chosen out of 85,000 applications that they received this year.



Manan Rai with school Principal



Little achievers on the stage

## Annual prize distribution

### AIS Vasundhara 1

Under the guidance of Chairperson, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, the school held its annual prize distribution ceremony to felicitate the academic and co-curricular achievements of the students on April 24, 2017. The programme commenced with the auspicious lamp lighting ceremony. School Principal Valambal Balachandran in her welcome address, congratulated the achievers and motivated them to excel further. Over 1200 prizes and certificates were awarded to the students from Class Nursery to XI for their exemplary performances. The various categories in

which prizes were awarded included Academic Toppers, All Rounders, Rising Star, Full Attendance, Star Performer, IT Wizard, Shloka Gyan, Subject Toppers, Aryabhata in Making and Amicable Personality. The students were also felicitated for their achievements in co curricular activities like Sports, Clay modelling, Fine Arts, Creative Writing, Budding Calligrapher, Spell Bee, Young Maestro, Young Nightingale and Dramatics. The distinction holders of the prestigious Cambridge English Language Assessment (CELA) programme were also felicitated on the day. Chairperson in her address, inspired the students to keep up with their good work. The ceremony concluded with school song and National Anthem. [G T](#)



Students perform drama on stage

# Hindi Natya Utsav

## AIS Mayur Vihar

With an aim to kindle love for our national language Hindi amongst Amitians, Chairperson Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF initiated Hindi Natya Utsav- an annual inter-Amity drama competition which was organised by the school on April 28, 2017. Each of the participating school enacted plays in Hindi language based on social issues or from the works of literary giants as per the theme. The competition held in junior and senior category was judged by an esteem panel of judges Dr Indu Jain, Professor, Janki Devi College, DU and Dr M K Pandey, Professor, Satyavati College, DU. The participants dressed in colourful vibrant cos-

RESULTS	
Senior	Junior
1. AIS PV	AIS Saket
2. AIS Saket	AIS PV
3. AIS Vas 6	AIS Noida
Overall Rolling Trophy	AIS PV
Consolation Prizes	AIS Gur 46 and AIS Gur 43

tumes enthralled the audience with their theatrical skills and were appreciated by everyone. The vote of thanks was given by the school Principal Priyanka Mehta and Headmistress Ruchi Rawat. The programme concluded with the choir singing the National Anthem. [G T](#)

## Earth Week celebrations



Children participate in rangoli making

## AIS Noida

In the honour of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF on the occasion of her birthday, the school kicked off its Earth Week celebrations to sensitise students about the inestimable problems faced by the environment.

A plethora of interesting and thought provoking activities were conducted during the week like essay writing, slogan writing, planting saplings, rangoli making, etc. where the students were made aware of environmental hazards and ways to address the problems. Chairperson appreciated the zeal and efforts of the students towards protecting the nature. School Principal Renu Singh thanked the faculty and students for undertaking relevant topics and subsequent activities in an effective manner. [G T](#)

## Annual day celebrations

### AIS VYC Lucknow

The school celebrated its second Annual Day on April 8, 2017. The celebrations commenced with ceremonial lamp lighting and prayers. The guests and parents were accorded a warm welcome by the school coordinator Tanuja Singh. Anupama Raag, a highly distinguished Govt. Officer was the chief guest on the occasion. The oc-

casion was also graced by Maj Gen KK Ohri, Pro VC, Amity University; his wife Nirmal Ohri and other dignitaries. The day also witnessed the felicitation of meritorious students of all classes for their impeccable achievements in various fields. School Principal Sakshi Gautam Mishra lauded the students and teachers for resounding success of the meticulously planned, coordinated and conducted event. [G T](#)



Celebrating school achievements on the stage

## Engineering Taster Session



Winning team of AIS PV with Prof Stephen Watts

## AIS Pushp Vihar

Under the inspiring guidance of Chairperson, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF, the school hosted an Engineering Taster Session, attended by Science students of Class XI and XII from all branches of Amity International Schools, organised under the

aegis of Amity Career Counselling and Guidance Cell (ACCGC) on April 11, 2017. The session conducted by Prof Stephen Watts, Head of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Cardiff University comprised 'calculating the damping coefficient of a simple pendulum' in a competitive format. Team AIS PV comprising six students were declared the winners. [G T](#)

For every 1 million ton of oil that is shipped, approximately 1 ton gets wasted in the form of spills.

All top quotes contributed by  
Nandika Mogha, AIS Noida, X



# Handle with care

Divjot Kaur, AIS Saket, XII

Of the few things in life that gives a bitter-sweet, a paradoxical pain and pleasure feeling while taking one on a nostalgic roller coaster, 'moving out' is one. Be it moving out for a job or a new college, or even a new career, 'moving out' is not just about the physical effort of moving furniture and paintings; it is about boxing up memories, 'to be handled with care'. For those who are yet to experience this blissful fiasco, let's acquaint you with the strenuous yet oddly pleasing process of shifting and a life changing memory.

## Missed me?

The room is a mess, with you sitting in the middle of the floor, surrounded by your belongings that are sprawled in every possible corner. Amidst all the chaos, stumbling across nostalgia hardly comes as a surprise. In one corner you find a picture of you and your friends dressed up as vegetables for the school's sports day, while another nook houses the teddy bear you used to have at five, and under the pile of clothes is the blanket you never slept without. Old pictures, toys, clothes- every little thing you have ever owned is in front of you and in that moment you can't help but let old memories flood your mind.

## Bizarre Boxes

Once you overcome the nostalgia (which consisted of an hour where you simply looked through your old belongings with a goofy smile), the actual process of packing begins. The thing with boxes is that they are amazing- in how you can just wrap up your whole house in something rectangular made up of cardboard and duct tape- yet absurd- for this rectangular storage, no matter how big always turns out to be insufficient. And so you end up having at least six boxes of just your clothes, three boxes of your action figures and Barbie dolls, and at least 10

Moving on is more than packing and labelling boxes; its a reflection of your soul and a stamp of myriad memories



boxes of your study books and novels.

## Moving Away

Packing? Check. Loading? Check. Now comes the part where you have to leave. It's never easy to uproot your whole life and move to another place, to leave behind the place where you grew up, and it is while standing in front of your childhood home that you realise how real the shifting is. Moving away is tough but it is a door to new experiences, so with a

final teary-eyed goodbye you turn around and walk towards a new chapter of your life.

## Moving In

Once the quota of tears and memories is complete, it is time to get pragmatic as settling into a new place is anything but easy. It is a new place, a new town and even a new country. Everything is packed, the only place to sit in the new place is the still bubble wrapped (not for long though, considering how

we love to pop those bubbles) chair that by some magic does not have a box kept on it. It is an ordeal to arrange everything. But even in all this chaos, true happiness finds its way.

As a consequence of the kitchen not being set up yet, pizza and takeaway burger becomes the meal for a few days (and really, who wouldn't want that?) Even the local shopkeeper would by now know that you are the new customer. It is a whole new world. Good luck! 🍀

# Being American Indian

Who doesn't like informative and fun videos, especially when they're about saddi Dilli! **Arushi Dayal, ASCO, AUUP** pens down about the YouTuber, you must follow.

We have become a little too caught up, a little too busy, in the back and forth of our jobs and other things. There is none or little time to go back to what we belong to. Our culture and ethnicity is what we have forgotten. But thanks to people like, Ford Seeuws, who have this unadulterated love for the country and its colour, culture and traditions. Ford Seeuws is the man behind the YouTube channel, 'The Surfing Violin-

ist', where he actually surfs whilst playing violin. He also makes video on meeting people belonging to different ethnicities and shows us what's annoying to us, is culture to them, what's frustrating to us, is bemusing to them, and what we spend hours avoiding, they'll spend hours studying and researching. Originally from Florida, Ford Seeuws with his wife and daughter moved to India in 2011. Our very own Delhi, became their new home. The couple professes that their attraction towards India is the history, culture and the chaos of Delhi. When we are so busy in our life and end up at complaining about age-old traditions, this very chaos is what amuses them and makes them feel right at home. The historical monuments, diversity in types of neighbourhoods (how annoying we know), the street food culture and the wide amalgamation of communities opened the window for them to



start making video logs of their life in Delhi. Being a Delhite is savouring the tastes from all the corners of India. There are anecdotal videos about his family's first Indian wedding as guests, their first ever experience of celebrating an Indian festival, tips on where to chill in order to beat summer heat, and last but not the least, videos on the Indian political scene. Honestly, you will be surprised by how much we don't know about the city we call our home. Sometimes, it takes a foreigner to make us realise that. 🇮🇳



## GT Travels to Switzerland



**Taksheel Buddhadeo (L) (V J) & Jaysheel Buddhadeo (H A), AIS Gur 46** respectively pose with a copy of The Global Times at a tourist spot in Mount Titlis, Switzerland. Mount Titlis can be reached by a revolving cable car. At a height of 3032m, one can enjoy the snow with kids and savour the beautiful view. Mount Titlis is also central Switzerland's loftiest peak attracting ski lovers from across the world.

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