

f Status of the week
 Sometimes it's just too difficult to handle. Sometimes you have to choose. I am terribly stuck. I need your help. Will you help me choose a way? Will you help me choose...between pizzas and burgers for dinner?
Sarthak Batra
 AIS Mayur Vihar, XII

Celebrate life, turn vegan

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Is it cool to be a vegan?



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Eat greens - its not just healthy but fashionable too. Vegans are the new fashionistas. Catch up on the trend...

Smita Jain, GT Network

Growing up eating veggies off your dinner plate was never fun. However, with more and more celebrities turning green, the vegan cuisine has become more appetizing and appealing. Turning vegetarian is perhaps the kindest thing that you can do to contribute your bit towards saving the environment. So join the World Vegan Day celebrations on November 1 with GT and know why going vegan is so important.

Six reasons to go vegan:

- Vegetarians live about 15 years longer than meat eaters, according to a study conducted under China Health Project. Veggies reduce the risk of cardiovascular diseases and cancer significantly.
- Meat eaters contribute greatly to increased global carbon emissions. Besides, the processing of meat also results in increased water consumption.
- More than 850 million animals and hundreds of millions of fish are killed every year in UK alone- that's more than three million animals a day.
- Giving up meat helps to cleanse the body of toxins that cause illnesses and even allows you to get back into your old jeans as diets that rich in vegetable protein are low on fat.
- Veggies add colour to the plate. Disease fighting photochemicals present in vegetables ensure that we have an easy access to a variety of naturally occurring substances that boost immunity.
- Nearly, 750 million people go to bed hun-



STAR GREENS

Amitabh Bachchan: The czar of Bollywood has featured thrice in PETA's coveted vegan list.

John Abraham: The handsome hunk gave up meat after seeing chicken farms.

Kareena Kapoor: The pretty lady turned vegetarian in 2006 and the new lifestyle has won her the title of cutest vegetarian.

gry while one-third of the world's grain is fed to farm animals. A typical Western meat-based diet feeds only 2.5 billion people; a plant-based diet will feed every one.

Green celebrity: There are many celebrities who have changed their diet to change the world. Some well known personalities who have been staunch supporters of a vegetarian lifestyle include former US Vice President Al Gore, superstar Amitabh Bachchan, comedian Russell Brand and popular singer Shania Twain. They are also listed in PETA's celeb vegan list. Bob Harper, Leona Lewis, Chris Martin, Tobey Maguire and Natalie Portman have also made it to the list in the past.

Green Campaigns: Not only celebrities have openly embraced and endorsed the vegetarian lifestyle, even NGOs working for ethical treatment of animals and environment have launched a series of campaigns to popularise the healthy trend. Some noteworthy campaigns include:

Hug a Vegetarian Day: Every year, September 30 is celebrated world over as "Hug a Vegetarian" day and is dedicated to all those who love animals. You can share your love for animals on social networking sites.

World Vegetarian Day: World Vegetarian Day is observed on October 1 every year since 1977. It is aimed at bringing together vegetarians from across the world.

PETA's Lettuce Ladies: Lettuce Ladies is PETA's latest campaign to promote animal ethics and encourage vegetarianism. Celebrities like Pamela Anderson and Elizabeth Berkeley endorse the cause on the organisation's website wearing attires made from veggies like lettuce.

Tête-à-tête with the iron lady

Join **Pranali Batra** of class XII, AIS Noida as she speaks to former top cop and social activist Kiran Bedi on role of media, importance of education and more...

Do you think media plays a crucial role in bringing impending cases to justice?

Media today plays a major role in keeping the issues alive and bringing all the aspects associated with it to the fore. Sustained pressure from media was responsible for conviction of major offenders and delivery of justice.

Do you have faith in the Indian political system?

I have faith in the Indian democracy, but I strongly feel there is scope for improvement. We can make the system more efficient by plugging all the loopholes and bringing in reforms, although, introducing any amendment is a challenge in itself. However, if we want to usher in growth, we need to change for the better.

Do you think Lokpal Bill has the power to bring a radical change in the functioning

of the Indian democracy?

Mark my words, if Lokpal Bill is passed in the parliament, it is going to be an important milestone in the history of India. It would go a long way in rooting out corruption and bringing the guilty to book.

Philanthropy and social service have taken a backseat in the society. How can we make the society more sensitive towards the needs of others?

It is very important to make people realise the joys associated with giving. We should make children realise the importance of devoting time and energy to further a social cause. If we sow the seeds of philanthropy and social service in the heart of children early, they won't shy away from making monetary donations later also.

Share your views on education.

Education is not all about cramming books

or indulging in sports activities. It is also about unleashing one's creativity. For me, education is a means to make a person realise his/her true potential. It is very important to encourage holistic learning. It is all about encouraging children to explore their hidden talents and giving them a free hand to experiment and innovate.

Do you think it is important to make education inclusive and allow handicap children access to good schools?

Any child, whether blind or physically handicapped, cannot be denied admission. The truth is that children do not approach the schools due to fear of rejection. But, I would like to admit that the schools these days, do not have proper orientation and trained teachers to handle and meet the requirements of these special children so there is a hesitation in enrolling them. We need to build infrastructure.



Awards Galore

- President's Gallantry Award (1979)
- International Woman Award (1992)
- Magsaysay Award (1994)
- Pride of India Award (1999)
- Woman of the Year Award (2002)
- Zee Astitva Award (2007)
- Life Time Achievement Award (2008)
- Global Trailblazer Award (2010)
- MSN Most Admired Indian Female Icon (2011)



The first formal form of football came into being 3,000 years ago.



YOUTH POWER

2012-13

For a cause

We all want to make the world a better place to live in. But how? Take a cause and fight for it. Youth Power 2012-13 finalists did just that. From supporting citizens to promoting road discipline; they have touched on various social issues that plague the society today. Lend an ear as they speak out on the significance of the cause so dear to them...



Eye Donation

AIS Vasundhara 6

Why the cause? Every year, 25,000 cases of corneal blindness are reported in India and there are only a handful that are addressed. Countless lives can be made better with a simple solution – eye donation. We wish to seep in the basic idea of eye donation into young minds so that they can grow up as conscientious adults. [G+](#) [T+](#)

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Supporting Senior Citizens

AIS Pushp Vihar

Why the cause? Senior citizens are an integral part of the society, who have long been neglected and ignored. According to a recent study, approx. 30% of senior citizens suffer abuse. With YP 2012-13, we aim to transform the perception of the people towards senior citizens 'from a mere liability to an important asset for the society'. [G+](#) [T+](#)

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Say No to Plastic



AIS Noida

Why the cause? At present, the country generates plastic waste of 1.3 million tonnes, which is expected to increase by 6 times by 2030. Banning plastics is the need of the hour.

Even people who know about the hazards of plastic, fail to take up their responsibility. We want the people to realise their obligation towards the environment and act towards it. [G+](#) [T+](#)

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Respect for Heritage

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AIS Saket

Why the cause? Do you realise that the vase in your house could be an item of heritage, if it is being passed down generations? Or the countless art and crafts that have been India's insignia also constitute our heritage? While many of us are simply ignorant about our heritage, there are others who take it for granted. We aim to create and build a society that takes pride in its heritage and protects it too. [G+](#) [T+](#)



Road Discipline

AIS Mayur Vihar

Why the cause? As per a report by WHO, India stands witness to the highest number of road accidents in the world. Every single day, countless lives are lost due to lack of road discipline. With Youth Power, we aim to inculcate discipline on the roads, so that life and not death can move on the roads. [G+](#) [T+](#)

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Food Adulteration



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AIS Vasundhara 1

Why the cause? Brick powder in red chilli powder, lead chromite in turmeric powder, paraffin wax in vanaspati ghee...these are just some of the common adulteration practices in the country. Our team wants to check these food adulteration practices by creating awareness. It is our duty to make this country a disease free nation and a healthier place to live in. [G+](#) [T+](#)



Protecting Stray Dogs

AIS Gurgaon 46

Why the cause? The estimated number of stray dogs in Delhi alone stands at a staggering 2 lakh. Stray dogs, today, are literally living a dog's life. Since, they are animals, their needs are considered to be of least importance. We ought to change this mindset and give them the basic right to life, if nothing else. [G+](#) [T+](#)

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Sanitation & Hygiene

AIS Gurgaon 43

Why the cause? It is estimated that 1 in every 10 deaths in India in villages is linked to poor sanitation. Good health is the basic pre requisite for survival. And the basic pre requisite for sound health is good hygiene and sanitation. Working on these basic

building blocks can help us move towards a healthier nation. [G+](#) [T+](#)

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Debating was never my forte



Wordsmith:
Daniel Berdichevsky

Kashish Minocha & Raveena Nayyar
AIS Saket, XI

Daniel Berdichevsky, the Founder of World Scholar's Cup, a global platform that provides debating and writing opportunities to over 1000 school students, speaks about the organisation, childhood memories and passion for debating. Here are excerpts of an exclusive interview with the brilliant orator at AIS Saket on October 5.

How did the World Scholar's Cup spread its wings?

The program began in 2006-07 with 3

countries - USA, Korea and Singapore. Now, we have participants from over 40 countries and gradually reaching a great number of schools and students.

How did the love for debating emerge?

Debating and speaking were never my cup of tea. In fact, I learnt English by watching Star Trek and spoke like Spock and other characters for some time. In high school, I was a part of the academic decathlon in which 70% was Maths, Science, Literature etc. In simple words, boring. And the rest 30% was the interesting part that I never wanted to do which was giving speeches and being in-

...Says the celebrated speaker who hones debating and oratory skills of students

terviewed. During my first interview, I was told that I shook hands like a girl! Then came the turning point, I left Decathlon and took up journalism. Call it a coincidence or an irony; I had to interview the decathlon team for the school newspaper! That is what changed my mindset. I turned back to decathlon and then the love for debating came about.

Who is your favourite speaker?

No one in particular, but my all-time favourite speech was delivered by Obama in 2008 when he lost to Hillary Clinton. We were all silent on seeing Obama lose. It seemed as if he had swallowed his defeat. And this was the first time he ever shared his motto 'Yes, we Can'. He just captivated us with it!

Share one mischief from your childhood days with us.

Just one? Well, in my decathlon days, all of us wanted to study harder. We decided

to get a master key to the school, so that we could stay up late in the school. Somehow, we caught hold of a non-master key and an engineering friend of ours figured out the right pattern. By the end of all this, the walls of our room were full of diagrams of keys. At 2 am, we were in the school all by ourselves. My friend could sense the cops coming, and out of fright he switched off the flashlights of the school. The cops noticed it and arrived. Our coach was called at 3 am He convinced the cops that we were good students. The incident still has me laughing my heart out.

If given a day off from speaking, how would you spend it?

I would spend it sleeping or go hiking to the Pacific Northwest with my cute Pomeranian puppy. I would love to be by myself in a quiet place. [G+](#)

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Brainleaks-57

FOR CLASS XI-XII

When solutes are taken in by the guard cells from the neighbouring epidermal cells

- Osmotic potential of the guard cell is lowered while its water potential increases
- Both osmotic potential and water potential of guard cell increase
- Osmotic potential of the guard cell increases while its water potential is lowered
- Both osmotic potential and water potential of guard cells are lowered

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3 correct entries win attractive prizes

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SCHOLASTIC ALERTS

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Eligibility: NEET 2013 (National Eligibility cum Entrance Test 2013)
Course: MBBS/BDS
Application Forms: Dec 1, 2012
Last Date: Refer to website
Examination: May 5, 2013
Website: www.mciindia.org

Institute: NITs, IIITs, DTU, Delhi and other CFTIs
Eligibility: JEE (Main-Offline and Online) and (Advance -Offline)
Course: BE/BTech, B Arch/B Planning
Application Form: Bulletin to be published shortly
Last Date: Bulletin to be published
Examination Date: Offline JEE (Main)- Apr 7, 2013. Online JEE (Main) thereafter in Apr, 2013.
Website: www.cbse.nic.in/JEE_Main_2013_Press_Release_2012.pdf

AIPMT is now NEET

The Medical Council of India (MCI) and Dental Council of India (DCI) have notified that CBSE would be conducting the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) for admissions to MBBS and BDS Course for 2013 -14 on May 5, 2013. The admission to MBBS and BDS Courses in the institutions approved by the MCI and DCI are subjected to merit position in the NEET (Under-Graduate), 2013. The syllabus for this examination as notified by the MCI is available on the website www.mciindia.org.

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Taruna Barthwal, ACCGC, Career Counsellor & Resource Coordinator

Bringing world to classroom

Students of AGBS provide you an insight into a classroom lecture of their institute

Yola Singh & Sarthak Sharma
Amity Global Business School

Subject: Business Communication
Mode of study: Case studies
Objective: Creating successful global managers who understand the approach to work with different cultures

The interesting and invigorating session on Business Communication by faculty Aparajita Dasgupta held on September 14, 2012 dealt with inter-culture communication.

Time for business

The lecture, based on the principle of "5 dimensions" devised by a Dutch researcher in Organisational Studies called Hofstede, compared the business cultures of South Korea, Japan and Italy vis a vis India. The five dimensions include

Pic: Nishant Aggarwal, AGBS



GT Classroom

power distance, individual vs collectivism, masculinity vs femininity, uncertainty avoidance and long term orientation. The faculty exemplified long term orientation by comparing the cultures of India and Japan. While India

often has long term goals in mind in whatever they undertake, the Japanese believe that they make up each moment in history, which explains why they invest heavily in R&D even during the times of economic crisis. In another ex-

ample, similarities were drawn between India and S. Korea, Japan and Italy in terms of power distance, as the three countries highly respect hierarchy.

Case studies

Further in the class, discussions were held on how Japan, Italy and South Korea, all with a major corporate presence in India have brought along their cultural dimensions to the country. For instance, S Korean brand LG and Japanese brand Suzuki, have displayed long term commitment to the Indian market by investing here for a long period of time. LG had its own strategy, one of them being the maximisation of employee motivation through a commendable incentive system. Italian brand Fiat had also tied up with India's oldest company Tata for distribution and servicing of its vehicles. [G+](#)

Making leaflets

Lekha Rani Singh, Faculty
Amity Instt. of Corporate Comm.

To evolve the creative talent of students, a leaflet making inter-department competition was organised by Amity Institute of Corporate Communication (AICC) on October 18, 2012 at Amity University, Noida. The members of the jury comprised Prashant R Chauhan, Asst. Prof., Amity Instt of Social Sciences (AISS), Sanjyot Patil, Asst. Prof., Amity School of Design (ASD) and Dr Indu Rampal, Asst. Prof., AICC.

The competition was based on varied themes such as Amity University as a

Brand, Personality Development, Soft Skills, Grand Prix 'Formula 1 Racing', Culture of India, etc. The students were evaluated on factors such as creativity, content and presentation.

Following the welcome address by Ruchi Tandon, Faculty, AICC, the students gave an excellent presentation. Capt HA Arfi, Director, AICC and Amity Instt of English Studies & Research spoke with enthusiasm about the presentations. Meanwhile, Sumitra Singh, Faculty, AICC conducted a short drill followed by an excellent motivational speech, which further boosted the morale of the participants. Aprajita Singh, Asst. Prof., ASD, spoke



on how students can showcase their creative geniuses on paper when they design a leaflet. The first prize was bagged by Sheril Sharma and Surbhi Jaggi, Amity Instt. of Information Tech-

nology (AIIT), while the second prize was won by Ankita Jain, AIIT and Atif Ali Khan, Chiku Aggarwal, Amity School of Engineering & Technology won the third prize. [G+](#)

The glacier man

Receding glaciers due to increasing global warming can soon be passé, all thanks to the economical artificial glaciers

Kreetik Thakur, AIS Noida, IV A

On my recent visit to Ladakh, while I was busy soaking in the beauty of the place, better known as the desert in the sky, I had a chance encounter with the owner of the guesthouse, where I was staying. He narrated to me the story of a man, an unsung hero whose footprints I would like to follow. Here's introducing you to Chewang Norphel, fondly called the ice man of Ladakh.

Who's the glacier man?

Chewang Norphel (76) is a retired government civil engineer known for building artificial glaciers for the last 15 years in Ladakh. This endeavour has helped solve acute water scarcity in that area.

Conception

Innovative ideas are often based on simple observations and Norphel proved just that. The idea of designing an artificial glacier began taking shape, when he noticed that the water leaking out of his garden tap froze on its path. He realized that the reason for this phenomenon was that flowing water moves too quickly to freeze, while the sluggish trickle beneath the trees is slow enough to freeze. He pon-

dered on how this concept would help freeze the extra water in winter and melt the right amount, just in time for sowing crops during the month of April.

The science behind


Put together a few hundred meters of iron pipes, stone embankments, some innovation and the perfect recipe for artificial glaciers is ready. Norphel's observation that water froze in thin iron pipes, gave him the idea of building artificial dams on the same concept. The method involves channeling glacier water to an area in the mountain which is away from sunlight. Then half inch wide iron pipes are placed perpendicular to the edge of the depression where this water collects. On seeping into the thin iron pipes, the water freezes. As more water seeps in, the frozen blocks are pushed out. This cycle continues and on the

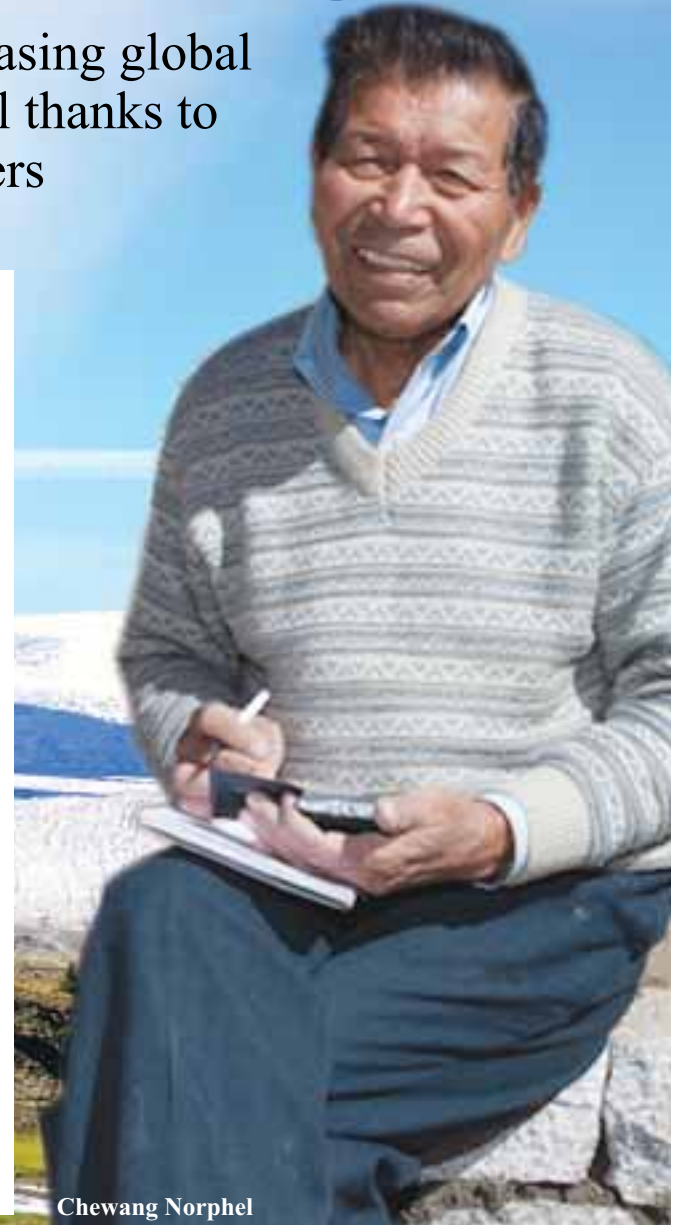
other side an artificial glacier emerges. Scientists are still arguing over the fact whether these wonders can be called "Artificial Glaciers" or not. According to Norphel, these would serve the purpose of water conservation and harvesting techniques just as glaciers.

Journey so far

Chewang pioneered the first artificial glacier in 1987 in Phuktse Phu Village and so far Norphel has built twelve artificial glaciers. The largest glacier made by him is the one at Phuktsey village. This 1000 ft long, 150 ft wide and 4 ft deep artificial glacier can meet the water needs of a village of around 700 people. Building an artificial glacier costs around Rs 4-10 lakhs. These serve as a better alternative to dams which not only drain financial resources but also cause environmental problems.

Future Prospects

His technique is simple, economical and can be easily replicated by people living in other areas in similar conditions. If the same technique is applied on a macro level, the artificial glaciers can solve the problem of acute water shortage by increasing ground water, recharging, rejuvenating spring water and providing water for irrigation. 



Chewang Norphel

Award reward

- Asian Innovation Award(1999)
- Jannalal Bajaj Foundation award for Application of Science and Technology for rural development (2010)


Sports

Howzatt!?!

Amity karate cup

AIS Lucknow

Amity International School, Lucknow played host to Amity Karate Cup, an inter school karate competition organised by Karate Do Association, Lucknow on September 2, 2012. The event commenced with lighting of the auspicious lamp by Sensei Jaspal Singh, Gen Sec, L K A, Sempei Amarpreet Singh, Organising Secretary and Mukta Ghosal, Headmistress, AIS Lucknow. Sanjay Kumar Singh, ADM (Supply) presided over as the Guest of Honour on this occasion. The competition saw a total of 18 teams from across Lucknow, comprising kartekas (participants) in the age group of 5-16 years. The event was aimed

to promote, organise, regulate and popularise Karate among the school students of Lucknow. The blooming Amitians from Lucknow competed with students from different schools and brought laurels to their school. Students Chanchal Singh, Harsh Singh and Gyanaya Opal kept the school flag flying high and were awarded gold medals. In addition, Amitians clinched seven silver medals and eight bronze medals in their respective age categories in the Amity Karate Cup tournament. The students were trained by Amarpreet Singh (Physical Education Teacher, AIS Lucknow). Amitians enthusiastically participated and explored the wide learning opportunities provided through this championship. 

AIS Lucknow bring laurels for their school by winning in all major categories in Karate Cup



Winners of AIS Lucknow Amity Karate Cup




Gujarat CM Narendra Modi awarding Vantika

Checkmate Champ



Amity International School Noida adds another feather to its cap as Vantika Agarwal, a student of class V B, brings laurels to school with her brilliant chess moves. She is currently the Asian Schools champion in

Girls Under-9 Category.

Known for winning many coveted titles and chess competitions, this young girl has added another feather to her cap. Vantika was honoured by Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi at Swami Vivekananda Women Chess Tournament held in Gujarat on August 27, 2012. The chess extravaganza, organised as a part of the 150th Birth Anniversary Celebrations of Swami Vivekananda, saw participation of more than 4000 women chess players including specially abled players. She was awarded in the presence of Grandmaster Vishwanathan Anand, veteran BJP leader LK Advani amidst several other dignitaries. During the function, LK Advani was all praises for the young chess champ comparing her to the likes of Saina Nehwal and wished her success in her future chess endeavours. 




Saumya Gupta

Skate champ

Say hello to Saumya Gupta, a multifaceted high flier from class II, Amity International School, Saket. The little girl has done her school and parents proud by winning several skating competitions at a very young age. While Saumya's hardwork and passion for skating has helped her

clinch many awards, she has proved her talents and merit in other fields as well.

The skate champ is also a Math wizard and was crowned the second runner up at the 6th State level UC MAS Abacus and Mental Arithmetic Competition held at Delhi. Way to go little champ! Here's wishing that the success spree continues. 



Medal Tally

- **Winner:** DDA Sports Gala (Girls Under 8)
- **Bronze winner:** 6th Inter-School Roller Skate Championship (Amity)
- **3rd position:** Artistic Skating at 9th Talent Sports-Inter School Skating Championship
- **Silver medal:** 1st Sneh Invitational Inter School Roller Skating Championship



Strange encounter

Meenakshi Rajesh, AIS Gur 46, IX B

One dark and gloomy night, with no one in sight, I ambled along the desolate Seamoore Lake Lane. A large yet astonishingly pretty lake stood right before me surrounded by dark green foliage. It was one of the most interesting vacations until the incident took place. Curious to know what? Well, there was an urban legend in Seamoore that an evil witch haunted the lake. "One notorious witch she is!" said one of the locals. But I was too eager to know "What had she done?" – a question

that always went unanswered.

Ok, so getting back to what happened that day. The moonlight was the only source of light that illuminated the lake that gloomy night. All of a sudden, the place was pitch black and all I could see was a white figure far away, a few inches above the water. The figure ran towards me at the speed of light, "Ahhhhh – who are you?" were the last words I said before I felt a few drops of cold water strike my face and then I felt the warm, comforting hands of someone I knew. "Darling, it's 10, wake up," said my mom. Oh! What a dream it was! 🇺🇦

The Pinocchio in me

First person

B. Samriddh Rao, AIS Vas 6, VIA

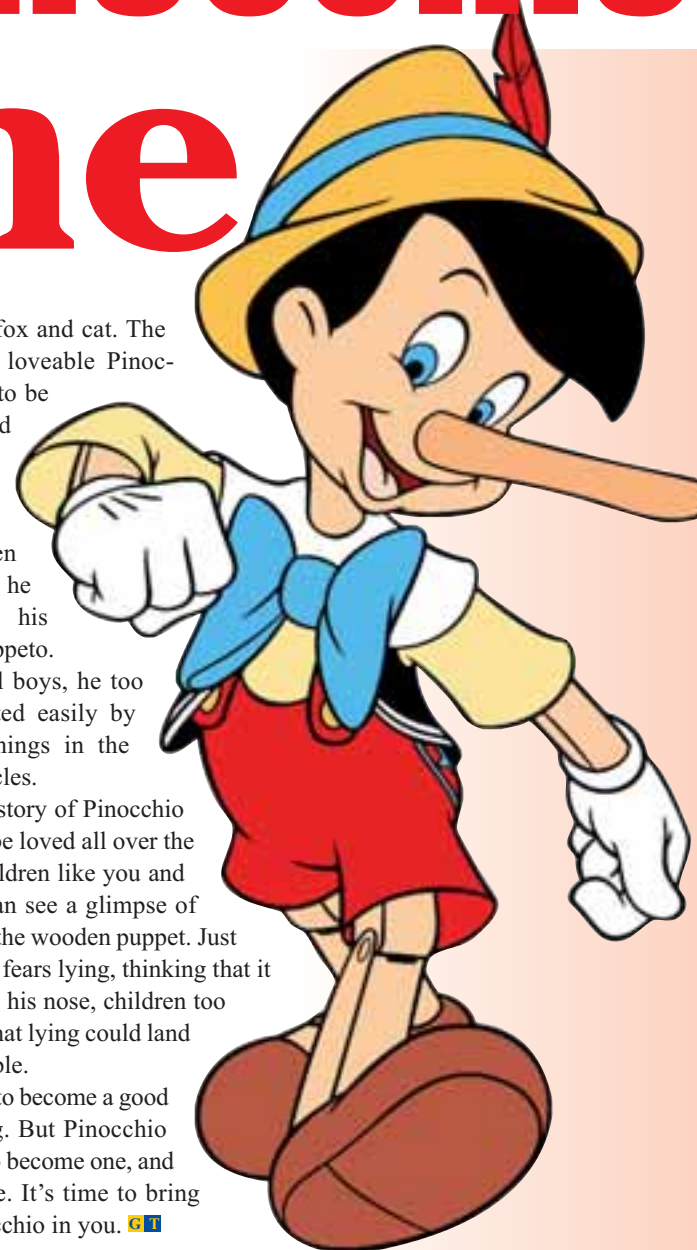
Who doesn't know Pinocchio? The wooden puppet with an elongated nose is one character everyone has read about in childhood days with interest. All may not agree, but there is a Pinocchio in everyone. The realisation dawned upon me when I, along with my classmates went to the Sriram Centre, New Delhi, to watch an opera called *Konnyakuza* organised by the Japan Foundation. This opera presentation was based on the story Pinocchio. It was uniquely dramatised in Japanese, Hindi and English. What I liked was the twist they had given to the original story line created by Carlo Collodi. The one and a half hours presentation depicted the adventures experienced by the wooden puppet from the time of his birth till he meets his creator in a whale's mouth.

During the enigmatic journey, the character faced numerous difficulties including being robbed of his five gold coins

by the wily fox and cat. The naughty but loveable Pinocchio longed to be a real boy and found it very difficult to be well behaved even though he promised his grandpa, Geppeto. Just like real boys, he too was fascinated easily by many fun things in the land of miracles.

The famous story of Pinocchio will always be loved all over the world by children like you and me, as we can see a glimpse of ourselves in the wooden puppet. Just as Pinocchio fears lying, thinking that it will elongate his nose, children too understand that lying could land them in trouble.

It is difficult to become a good human being. But Pinocchio kept trying to become one, and so should we. It's time to bring out the Pinocchio in you. 🇺🇦



Bicycle ride

Sit, balance, pedal, ride, fall... get up and try again. The first bicycle ride experience is all this and much more

Ansh Sardana, AIS Gur 46, VII C

When I was five years old, my father bought me a medium sized, learner's bicycle equipped with two side wheels, meant for extra support and balance. I was very happy and elated to get my first ever bicycle. With my first mission of getting a bicycle well accomplished, it was time to get started with learning sessions of how to ride the vehicle.

For a year, I practiced every morning and evening, feeling very proud of how I have aced riding a bicycle. But, I soon started to envy other boys in my locality who would easily ride their regular bicycles (the ones without the support of extra side wheels).

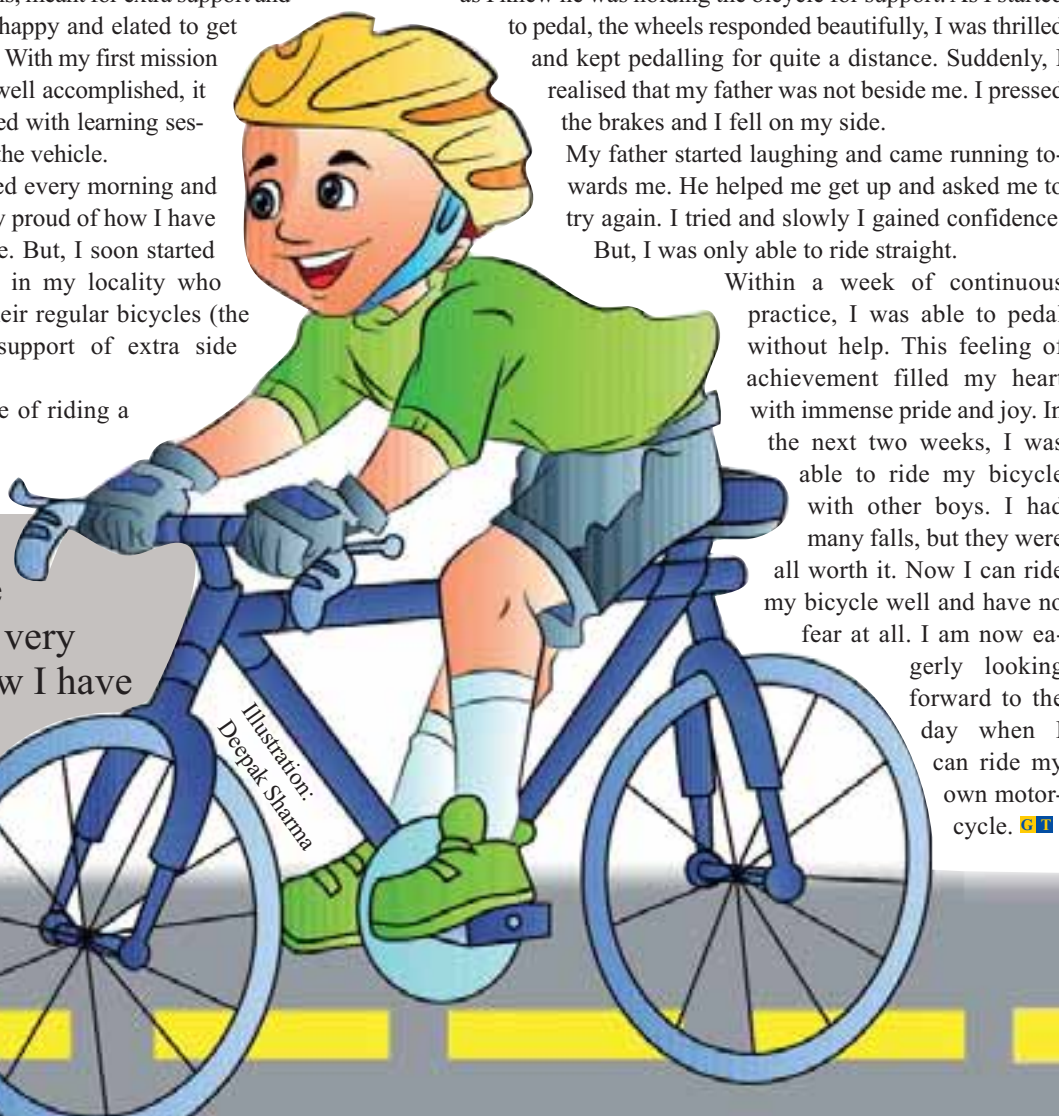
I developed the urge of riding a normal bicycle and so asked my father

to remove the side wheels. At first, he hesitated, fearing I might fall and get myself injured. But my mother and I persuaded him and finally, he relented. My father held the bicycle for support as I started to ride. I had no fear of falling down as I knew he was holding the bicycle for support. As I started to pedal, the wheels responded beautifully, I was thrilled and kept pedalling for quite a distance. Suddenly, I realised that my father was not beside me. I pressed the brakes and I fell on my side.

My father started laughing and came running towards me. He helped me get up and asked me to try again. I tried and slowly I gained confidence. But, I was only able to ride straight.

Within a week of continuous practice, I was able to pedal without help. This feeling of achievement filled my heart with immense pride and joy. In the next two weeks, I was able to ride my bicycle with other boys. I had many falls, but they were all worth it. Now I can ride my bicycle well and have no fear at all. I am now eagerly looking forward to the day when I can ride my own motorcycle. 🇺🇦

I practiced every single day, feeling very proud of how I have aced riding a bicycle.



AMITY-UNESCO Heritage Heritage

Do you possess an object, furniture, jewellery, book or anything else that has been handed down from one generation of your family to another? Let us know, just like Prateek Parashar, AIS Pushp Vihar, VII A, did with the following objects.



Muradabadi tea set: This is a Muradabadi tea set, which was given to my grandmother by her mother at the time of her marriage. The 55-year old tea set has a beautiful *nakashi* (carving) work on it. It has a kettle, a milk pot, a sugar bowl and four cups. My grandmother and my grandfather enjoyed their morning tea in this tea set. We no longer use the set and have displayed it in the showcase as a token of love for my grandmother.

Phone: This is a very old model phone which my grandfather purchased from Pakistan before independence. The phone is made up of brass and plastic. Its fascinating appearance attracts everyone. It has a unique bell with a very loud sound which can be heard even from a distance of 50 m. The strange thing about this phone is that it has no options to reduce the volume. It



weighs around 1 kg. We no longer use this phone because whenever we plug it in, it rings very loudly and as a matter of chance, it always connects with the wrong number or with the wrong destination. The old world charm, however, of this inherited item will always make it a treasured and valued possession.

Earthen pot: This is an earthenware pot which was passed from my great grandmother to my grandmother and then to my mother. My grandmother still uses this pot made of baked clay only for settling curd. She has preserved the pot very safely and never gives it to our maid to wash, rather she washes it on her own. Some of our very sweet memories are associated with the pot. It is a possession for keeps for sure even when it will not be in use. 🇺🇦

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Embracing Vegetarianism



Dr. Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

The *Bhagvad Gita* and Vedic literature have immortalised lessons of enlightenment generation after generation. The holy words in the scriptures also aspire to make the world a more peaceful, kinder and a better place to live in, which elucidates why they lay emphasis on vegetarianism.

Among all other ideals, vegetarianism is one which epitomises humanity, compassion, respect and love for fellow beings. Following a green lifestyle could pave the way for a peaceful world, united as a family, devoid of the thoughts or beliefs in the high and low. Vegetarianism is also a leap forward for the environment enthusiasts, considering going green not only reduces carbon footprints thereby preventing global warming, but also protects biodiversity and saves the lives of many species of animals. No wonder many environmentalists are picking up cudgels to encourage others to adopt vegetarianism as a lifestyle.

For some, vegetarianism is a principle, for others, it is a philosophy, but for the Amity family, it is a way of life. In Amity canteens and cafeterias, Amityans learn to relish a colourful and appetizing palette of fresh and healthy vegetarian food replete with nutrients. This way, they contribute their significant bit to the environment. As Amityans embrace vegetarianism, they serve their role of conscientious citizens, while at the same time learning to appreciate and express concern towards mother nature that nurtures with all its heart. "You are what you eat" is indeed a wonderful thought!  



The Global Travel Tale



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

If I asked you, which is the most popular column in The Global Times, what would be your answer? The top story - says the school edit team, last page - says the cool ones, jokes- says the primary kids... and so on. Yes, GT has something for everyone to offer

right from nursery to the higher classes. Yet, one column that has flooded the GT inbox is 'GT Travels'. I am extremely delighted to share that what started as a mere entry intended to pull through some issues, has now completed 25 columns and is still going strong and steady. This issue, we bring to you a compilation of all the pictures featured in the column GT Travels (refer pg 12), together (see pg 7), to celebrate and thank our readers for showering their love for GT. Indeed, The Global Times goes global. Surely, when it comes to travelling, each one of us has sweet memories, stories and pictures to share. I still remember the first time my parents were travelling abroad. Our complete 'internationally travelled' relative fraternity poured in with advice and suggestions on things they ought to pack. And when they returned, they gave their piece of mind to each of them as no one advised them to carry a water bottle to the washroom. So, the next time you decide to pack things, be more careful. Pack with care and make sure to take your copy of The Global Times too.

For what remains at the end of the travel are sweet anecdotes (just shared), photographs uploaded on FB and an album to turn pages for eternity, reliving every moment in leisure, reminiscing the good happy days. And a picture in the column - GT Travels.  

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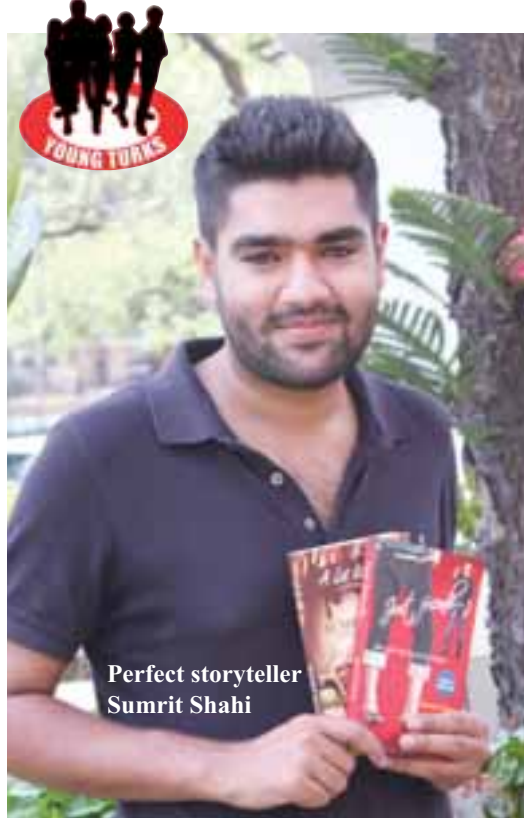
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Meet the Bestseller



Perfect storyteller
Sumrit Shahi

Veesal Beotra

Amity Instt. of Information Technology

A Liberal Arts student, author Sumrit Shahi has garnered acclaim by penning just two novels, *Just Friends* and *A Lot like Love...A Li'l like Chocolate*. The first one, a bestseller was recently translated into Hindi, while the second one continues to sell like hot cakes.

What is the recipe to making a bestseller?

Only if writing a bestseller was as easy as baking a cake and there was a sure-shot-success recipe for it! Having said that, there is no denying that a reader gets turned on by a good storyline, identifiable char-

Nineteen year old author, Sumrit Shahi has taken the literary world by storm with his quirky writing style

acters and most importantly, a good command over the language. Also, most readers love to identify with the book at some level, be it situations or the characters in the book.

What were the challenges that you had to face while on your journey to getting published?

Contrary to the popular belief that the publishing world is a big-bad place, my journey was relatively speed breaker free. All the publishers I approached showed interest in the book. And it just took a couple of months for the book to come out. But one cannot deny, that as naive and wannabe authors, most of us (I'm including myself) are far more prone to falling in the trap of small time publishers, who exploit you once the royalties start pouring in.

Has life changed after becoming an author?

Life has changed, socially and economically, mostly for the good. Fame is dangerous, but then danger accompanies thrills. And who doesn't like being thrilled once in a while! Getting published was and still is the turning point of my life. Had I not published 'Just Friends', life would have been so different. So, yes, I like this new life.

Which books inspired you to take up writing?



A lot of them, for good reasons and the bad. Some of the good books that inspired me to write include *The Kite Runner*, *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, *The Note-*

Top tips from the author

- Don't write to become famous, I tried to and it backfired miserably. Write only if you have a story to share. Don't write if you think your romance needs to be heard or because you are an engineer. There is already a lot of love out on sale in the book market.
- Don't fall prey to small time publishers. If you think your work is worth it, hire a literary agent or pitch yourself and aim for the big sharks in the sea. The wait is worth it. Yes, the graying generation is right about the patience paying proverb.
- Write continuously. Have an amazing social life for that is where you will get your ideas and inspiration from.
- Don't follow stereotypes, readers can't be taken for a ride.
- And if you get published, you might as well send me a copy! A good book never hurts!

book, *A Walk To Remember*, *Before I die*, *My Sister's Keeper*, *Seventeen* and *Godfather*. The list of good books is varied and endless. Not to forget some really bad new age Indian fiction, the very same 100 rupee segment. The bad ones made me want to write a book which at least made sense, grammatically.

When you write, what kind of reader do you have in mind?

I admit I'm not writing literal genius here. Nor am I writing to win the Booker Prize. I'm writing for the educated, urban Indian reader, in the age bracket of 13-19 years, who I can identify with. Obviously, if someone from older generation wants to re-live these years, he or she is more than welcome to buy a copy and feel good.  

Fix your jigsaw puzzle

When in doubt, sit back and think; you will come back stronger with all the pieces in place

Sadhika Sehgal, AIS PV, XI

Feelings of love, friendship, greed, jealousy, envy and a million other emotions... all reside in some or the other corner or chamber of our heart. While sometimes strong feelings like misunderstandings in relationships and plummeting self confidence can drive you insane, sometimes even slightest of circumstances can trigger an intense outburst of varied emotions.



It is especially during these times, when we are on the verge of break-

ing down or giving up, that we should not throw down our weapons. We must gear up to win over feelings of self doubt. Our past experiences, good or bad, help us sail through the sea of emotions embedded with rocks and needles, but as they say my friend, the end result is completely worth the journey of pain.

As in the game of hide and seek, there are many things in life that we search for. Remember that just because we are tired of a certain circumstance does not mean we should quit, it just means that we

take a little time off and restart our thinking system so that the horses of our minds run even faster!

The spirit in you, is what boosts you every day to move forward in life. There's as such no quick fix for the shambled pieces of jigsaw. But there are many small things that you can do to keep your spirits soaring.

Simply, recall those moments when everything was in place. Keep that picture in mind and simply get back to fixing the jigsaw puzzle of life. More than often, all the pieces will be in place.  



An eye for an eye

Maolik Khullar
AIS Noida, VII E

Perspective

Once when my brother and I were fighting bitterly, taking revenge on each other in turns, our grandmother intervened and quoted the Mahatma's immortal words of wisdom, "An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind." We asked her what it meant and she narrated a story to us.



"In 2001, Osama Bin Laden had attacked the twin towers of America. In turn, General Bush avenged

Afghanistan for the attack through a war on the country for ten years. In the quest to find Osama, there were massive killings in the country. Finally when he was found, Osama was killed."

As grandma finished the story, we drowned in silence. I pondered over the many deaths of innocent, harmless people that had been caused in the country. I also felt deeply that such a situation could have been

avoided and other peaceful alternatives could have been looked for. The story did awaken the peace and harmony loving person in me.



Since the day our grandma told us the story, my brother and I have been playing together without fighting or seeking revenge.

We have learnt that if someone hurts us, we must not give heed to the desire to harm the person, instead, we should be calm and spread Gandhi's message of a peaceful world. At least, my brother and I have been doing so religiously.  

 GT M@il



Dear Editor,

Thank you GT for publishing my dedication to my mentor (October 1, 2012). He found it amazing and loved every bit of it! It was indeed the best way to thank him. Once again, thanks a ton!  

Rajneesh Khurana

Amity Instt. of Biotechnology

GT Travels turns 25

Fasten your seat belt and get ready to take off on a splendid journey down the memory lane as GT Travels turns 25! Capture the joys of Amitiens at a go



GT Travels to Nainital



GT Travels to Allahabad



GT Travels to Humayun's Tomb



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GT Travels to Hong Kong



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GT Travels to Goa



GT Travels to Himachal

Maths and me

Love it or hate it, you cannot escape it, Mathematics is all around you!

Akanksha Gupta, AIS Pushp Vihar, XII

Look around; how much there is to see!
Hear the sound; what is the frequency?
Break a brick; calculate the force you used!
A convict, of how many murders is he accused?

M-M-M-M-M MATHEMATICS

Of perfumes, can the brands you tell?
Same chemicals, yet why a different smell!
Cook chocolate cakes and crunchy cookies,
What is the ingredient proportion in his recipes?

M-M-M-M-M MATHEMATICS

Scams in the house are doing rounds after rounds.
This big business has a zillion bloodsucking hounds!
Onion in India has hit a half century.
There is a constant loss of hard earned money!

M-M-M-M-M MATHEMATICS

Areas, algebra and the arithmetic progression,
compound interest and the economic recession.



Density, mensuration and coordinate geometry.
Number of examination questions per topic; the probability.

M-M-M-M-M MATHEMATICS

There is no end to this mathematical rhyme!
And though today, I am left with no more time,
it's now your chance to think, derive and unveil to the world.
The mathematical concepts still lying asleep and curled.
[Read more on www.axellegupta.wordpress.com](http://www.axellegupta.wordpress.com)
(Also read 'Chocolicious Fantasy' and 'The animal instinct' by the author of the blog.)



Banbury biscuits

Ingredients

- Flour.....500 gms
- Butter250 gms
- Icing sugar.....250 gms
- Egg.....1
- Dried blackcurrant180 gms
- Cinnamon powder.....½ tsp

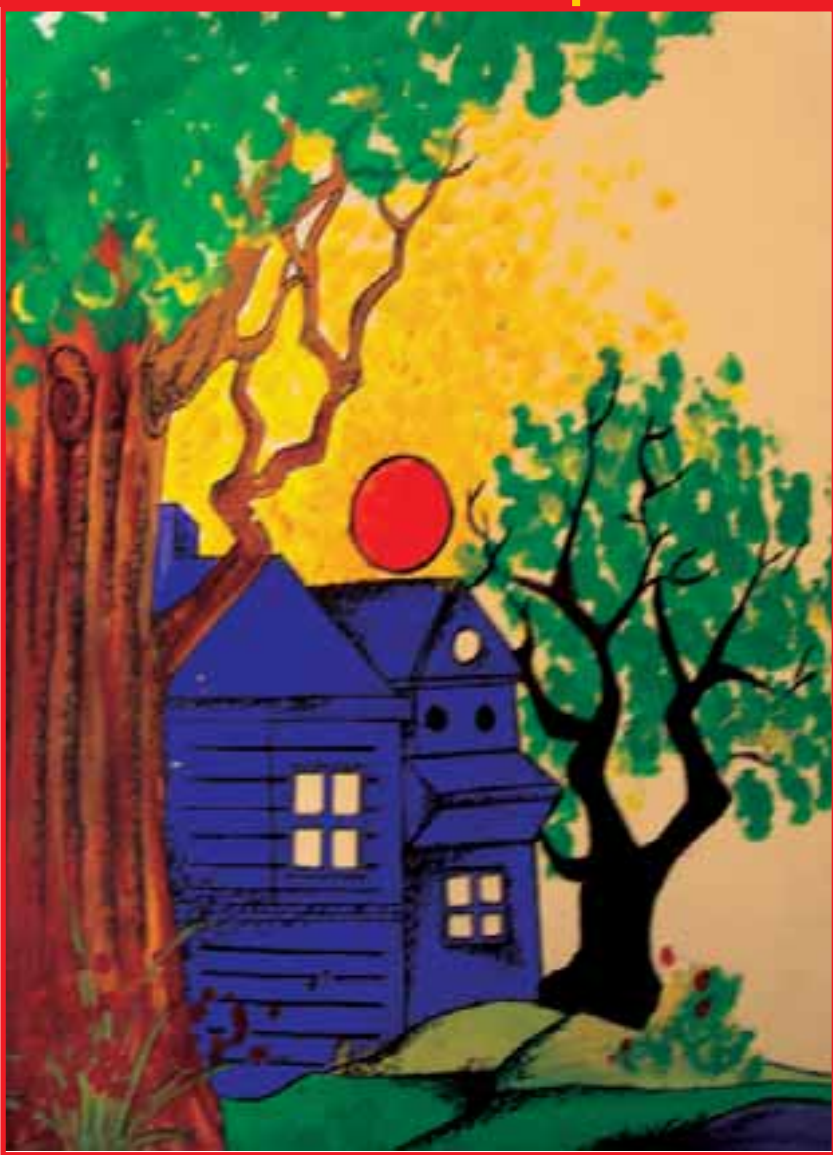
Method

- Cream the butter with icing sugar.
- Add egg and rest of the ingredients

- to make a smooth dough.
- Place the dough on a tray dusted lightly with flour.
- Spread the dough with hand to stabilize it.
- Keep the dough in the refrigerator for 15 minutes.
- Roll out and cut it into desired shapes using a cutter.
- Bake at 160°C to 180°C for 20 minutes or till done.
- Enjoy it with coffee or tea.

Brush 'n' Easel

Tamanna Yadav
AIS Gur 43, X A



Growing up

Open Up

Don't let the turbulence and anxiety of growing up years overshadow the innocent joys of childhood. Experience its highs and lows



Sarthak Batra, AIS MV, XII

I'm scared. I'm scared of growing up and assuming new responsibilities. I don't want to grow up, but I will. Let my mother's voice echo in my head as I sleep alone accompanied by darkness. Let me remember that life is nothing but a game of cricket. The high of winning is momentary, but what matters is the fun. Let me remind myself that my friends aren't just stepping stones for success; it can get awfully lonely at the top. Let me go look for a new path through a child's eyes with awe and wonder. Let me not cry when I don't understand and accept the hard facts of life.

Let me remind myself that my relationships aren't just toys to be played with. They are life long companions. And never let the fire inside me die out. Let me remind myself that absolute happiness is something that can only be pursued. Let me accept that and pursue it as a mad dog would pursue a car. Let me be content with an ice cream in my hand. Not having a whole tub might be for my own good. Let me savour all the memories and not forget that I'll be an adult. There will be times when my inner child would want to come out and let me have the courage to set him free. Cream or oranges, let's end this here. I guess I'm okay being a grown up.

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CAMERA CAPERS

Raghav Bhatia, AIS Noida, XI J

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Kiss of dew



Life is a beach



Cotton dreams

The tale of foolish disciples

Wisdom Tale



Samridhhi Prakash, AIS Vas 1, VII A

One day a guru took all his disciples for an outing in a bullock cart. He told his students that he would like to take some rest and sleep. He asked them to keep a watch on all the things in the cart so that they do not slip off it. After a few minutes, the cart bumped into a stone, causing the guru's stick to fall out of the cart. All the students saw it fall down. After a while, the

guru woke up. Guru asked the students, "Are all our things safe?" One of the students said, "Yes sir, only your stick fell out of the cart." Guru asked, "Why did you not pick it up?" The students said, "But sir, you asked us to only watch the things falling off the cart, not to pick them up." The guru said, "I meant that you should take care that nothing falls off the cart. Next time, pick up everything that falls out and put it back in the cart."

The ball of dung landed right on the guru face waking him with a shock.

A little while later, the bullocks dropped some dung on the ground. On seeing that, one of the students jumped down, picked up the dung, and threw it back into the cart. The ball of dung landed on the guru's face waking him with a shock. He shouted, "What on earth is this?" The students replied, "We obeyed you by picking up everything that fell and putting it back into the cart." The guru got angry and then gave a list of all the things in the cart to the students saying, "Look, children, if any of the articles given in the list slip down, you must pick them up."

The guru went off to sleep again. After some time, the cart was climbing a hill. The guru slipped off the cart and fell down. The students checked his name in the list. However, they could not find it and moved on.

So what did you learn today?
Don't follow instructions blindly.

Painting Corner

Saharsh Mukherjee
AIS Noida, KG I



It's Me

My name: Samya Gambhir
My school: AIS Gurgaon 43
My class: I C
My birthday: April 6, 2006
I like: Making friends
I hate: Fighting
My hobbies: Swimming and painting
My role model: My mom
My best friend: Niharika
My favourite book: Barbie
My favourite game: Video games
My favourite mall: Ambience Mall
My favourite food: Rajma chawal
My favourite teacher: Ms Soni Johar
My favourite poem: Twinkle twinkle
My favourite subject: Math

I want to become a: Teacher
I want to feature in GT because: it is a good platform to introduce myself to my Amity family.



POEMS

One eyed monster

Aryan Verma, AIS PV, VI A

Walking slowly through the dark room, feeling like a deadly horror movie coming up soon. Everyone is sleeping in the house, I am the only one awake with the noisy mouse. Suddenly, there is a knock at my door, now all I hear is a sudden wild snore. Without my permission, he peeped in, he had white hair, one eye and looked like a villain of Tintin. I scream and shout and cry for help, but that greenish monster steps forward step by step. It reaches the end of my bed, like waiting for the moment, as he crept. As his hands were near me, I shake up, wake up sweaty. Where is the monster I wonder, staring at my legs so bare. Thank God, it was only a nightmare!

Jokey Pokey

Ritvik Chandwani
AIS Vasundhara 1, V C

Teacher: What is the scientific formula for water?
Student: HIJKLMNO
Teacher: What is this?
Student: Yesterday, you told us that the scientific formula for water is H to O.
Iggy: Last night, I heard you ran into a tree with your parent's car.
Ziggy: It wasn't my fault. I honked my horn but the tree just would not get out of the way.
June: Can you ice skate?
Jay: I don't know. I can't stand up long enough to find out.



The sleeping rabbits

Himadri Seth, AIS Saket, VI A

Far away in a forest very deep, lay a little rabbit fast asleep. With his long ears on the ground, the rabbit was making no sound. Just then came a little hare, to make any noise she didn't dare. As her brother was sleeping, and if woken, would start weeping. So she went into her hole, just like a very silent mole. And she went to sleep with her brother,

looking like a bunch of white feathers. Then came their mother, from behind the heather. She saw her children snore, and she didn't want to work anymore. She too went to sleep, now they looked like a big white heap. Then came the mighty dad, he was big, but not bad. He looked inside his hole, the sight was not at all foul. He too went inside, and slept in his thick hide.



Recycle

Mehul Sehgal
AIS Vasundhara 1, IV C

Recycle, reduce and reuse or the earth may refuse to help you at this time. So, you should definitely stop this crime of cutting trees all over the land, else we will be left with only sand!

Festivals & Celebrations

Festivals mark fun, frolic, joy and some learning too. Amies touched upon each of these aspects of festivities. While they reeled in festive fervour this October, they took back home valuable lessons too

Dressed up Amies dress up in regional attire



The Mahatma way Kids enact 'Gandhiji ke teen bandar'

A national celebration

Amiown Noida

With 'Celebrations' as the theme of the month, Amies took a step towards understanding their country and national festivities better. 'Gandhi Jayanti' was one of the occasions celebrated as part of the merriment. The celebration included a talk on 'Father of the nation' and singing *Raghu pati raghav raja ram*. Amies also learnt about *Charkha* and created the same with bangles and match sticks. The highlight of the month was the celebration of 'National Integration Week' that saw a fancy dress show on the theme 'Unity in Diversity'. The little

ones dressed up in regional attire, showcased the speciality of each state which included Bhangra, Lavani, etc. During snack time, Amies sampled different cuisines of the country like *dhokla*, *pav bhaji*, *idli*, *saag* and *roti* etc. They also learnt about the different places of worship-Temple, Gurudwara, Church and Mosque via a stick puppet show. Each class created a place of worship. The festive mood continued with Navratri celebration. Children were dressed up in *kurta pyjama* and *lehanga*. They decorated Durga Maa's face. The entire month proved to be a time of joyful learning for the Amies. 🇮🇳

Festive learning

Amiown Gurgaon

'Festivals' was the chosen theme for the month of October. All festivals pertaining to different religions were introduced, giving the little ones a chance to understand the diversity in the country. The festive learnings got a creative touch as Amies created

beautiful texture printed *torans*, multi-coloured lanterns; flower pot cracker with tearing-pasting and blow printing; Ravana with paper pasting and dandiya with rolling paper and then decorating them beautifully.

.It was not just the students but also the parents who participated in this joyous learning exercise. As part of the 'Parent Partnership

Programme', the parents were invited to share their learnings about the festivals celebrated by them. Bringing and sharing festive food, making coconut *ladoos* and dandiya dance spiced up the occasion. Amies danced dressed in colourful outfits. With the celebrations Amies had the chance to learn something new; albeit the festive way. 🇮🇳



Taste of tradition
Little ones sample cuisine of different states



Secular ways
Children learn about different religions



Festive fun Amies celebrate Navratri

Traditional Touch

Amiown Pushp Vihar

To mark the occasion of Dusshera, Amiown PV celebrated the festival on October 19, 2012. The occasion was graced by Ms Pooja Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amity Humanity Foundation; Ms Divya Chauhan, Chairperson, ASFA & ASFT and Ameeta Mohan, Principal, AIS PV.

Children came dressed in traditional dresses; each nursery and pre-nursery class representing a particular state of India. An effigy of Ravana was burnt to make children understand about the importance of victory of good over evil. Amies could be seen telling Ravana not to be mean and hurtful to anyone! Later, all classes presented di-

verse dance forms one by one like Bhangra, Goan dance, Naga folk dance, Bengali dance and Gujarati folk. The children from Pre-Nursery classes also put up a play based on the story "The Rainbow Fish". The children then relished *pooris* with *aloo sabzi*. It was a day to remember with fun and laughter in the air. 🇮🇳

Joyous diversity

An ode to Babu Kids make Gandhiji's face using tear and paste



Amiown Vasundhara

To enjoy and appreciate the varied and diverse cultural traditions in India, Amies were introduced to a spectrum of Indian festivals and their significance through the theme 'Festivals & Celebrations'.

As a part of the theme, a PPT on national festivals was shown. Children were introduced to Gandhi Jayanti, his beliefs, *charkha*, *khaadi* and his three monkeys. Children made Gandhiji's face using tear and paste. A 'National Integration Week' was celebrated, wherein the children coloured a map and pasted symbols of different religions on it, thus, portraying 'Unity in diversity'. Children also learnt about the foods of India. They were

given pictures of food items of different states, which they pasted on paper plates to create a food collage. Students dressed up in the attire of different states and also got famous food of that particular state. Further building upon their knowledge on festivals, Navratri was introduced to the little ones. They had a great time dancing to the tune of *garba* and *dandiya* songs. Amies also celebrated Durga Puja by decorating a picture of Goddess Durga. The young ones understood the significance of Dusshera, as they learnt how Lord Rama had to fight to get back Sita from Ravana. The tiny tots learnt that festivals must be celebrated in a purposeful and meaningful way to spread joy. 🇮🇳



Lead to succeed

The Lead America – Leadership Conference at New York taught students the principles of a successful life



Amitians pose with AERC Head Jyoti Arora at Lead America Conference

AERC

Taking ahead the vision of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools to create global citizens, Amity Educational Resource Center (AERC) organized a visit to the prestigious Lead America-Leadership Conference at Columbia University, New York, USA from August 1-5, 2012.

Accompanied with Jyoti Arora, Head, AERC, students Venika Menon, Avni

Gupta and Nikita Khurana (AIS Noida); Anahat Khera (AIS Pushp Vihar) and Raavi Sharma (AIS Mayur Vihar) attended the conference.

The conference saw participation of students from different countries all across the world. They were divided into teams to promote healthy interaction and facilitate sharing of diverse ideas.

As part of the conference, the students were provided with counseling sessions which centered on detailed insight about admissions to American Universities

The teams made presentations on various topics and also indulged in activities like Rope Course, which gave them invaluable lessons on tackling obstacles in life. Nikita Khurana brought laurels for the country by receiving an award for excellence in Public Speaking by Lead America organizers.

The students visited Times Square, Rockefeller Building, Statue of Liberty and Manhattan. The Lead America Conference not only enhanced the participants' knowledge about admissions to US universities but also added to their confidence quotient.

Students Speak

Avni Gupta: Lead America made me realise that one cannot be taught how to be a leader, it has to come from within.

Raavi Sharma: During the Ropes Course we had to climb up a 40 feet wooden pole and then walk on a wire. It taught me the importance of team work.

Anahat Khera: The adventure activities were the best part of the trip.

Nikita Khurana: Lead America taught me how to work as a team, take decisions and ultimately resolve issues. It helped me embrace the three key principles of life: explore, discover and achieve. 🇺🇸

Poetic Humour



Infusing happiness: Hasya Kavi Sammelan in progress

AIS Pushp Vihar

In a world where laughter is in short supply, the *Hasya Kavi Sammelan* organized by AIS Pushp Vihar to mark the Hindi Diwas celebrations on September 14 infused good cheer into everyone's life.

The topic of the Hasya Kavi Sammelan was – *Kahan Gaye Aadarsh* (Where have our principles gone). About 14 Hindi teachers from various Amity branches in Delhi/NCR participated in the event. The Kavi Sammelan was judged by well known poets Kunwar Ranjit Singh and Jainender Kardheya.

The programme commenced with the

lighting of the lamp by Ameeta Mohan, Principal, AIS Pushp Vihar and the judges. The self composed poems of the teachers were like a breath of fresh air and each presented the topic in a hilarious manner. Through their poetic renditions, they rued the fact that times are changing and so is our value system.

While all the participants did a stellar job, Pooja Kaushik of AIS Pushp Vihar bagged the first prize, followed by Gita Sharma of AIS Noida and Jyoti Sharma of AIS Vasundhara 6 at the second and third positions respectively. The winners were appreciated and congratulated by all present. The audience felt invigorated and blithe after an enchanting evening. 🇺🇸

Creating World Scholars

The World Scholar Cup brought students from different cultures on one platform



Daniel igniting the young mind at a WSC workshop

AERC

Amity has always endeavoured to create global leaders who can voice their opinions on a public platform to bring about a desirable change in the society.

Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson Amity Group of Schools has constantly provided Amitians with several platforms where they can hone their debating skills and groom into expert orators. In an attempt to achieve the same, Amity Educational Resource Centre (AERC) organised a workshop on debating on October 5, 2012 at AIS Saket.

In the workshop, the children interacted with Daniel Berdichevsky, Founder of World Scholar's Cup who was accompanied by Zac Ellington, Tournament Director. The World Scholar's Cup (WSC), based in the US, was founded by Daniel in 2006 and currently spans 40

countries. The WSC is slated to become the World's first premier Academic Competition. WSC focuses on bringing students from different cultures together to discuss issues and ideas.

The workshop commenced with an introduction by Jyoti Arora, Head, AERC. Dr Rekha Ranade, Principal, AIS Saket welcomed the distinguished guests and expressed her gratitude at the opportunity provided to the students. Daniel motivated the students by narrating his own experience of how he evolved from a shy student to the founder of a debating/writing competition.

During the workshop, he divided the students into two groups to speak for and against the motion. A lengthy discussion entailed on the topic - 'Should sleep prevention pills be taken to enhance performance?' He said that regular reading goes a long way in developing perspectives and convictions. 🇺🇸

GT Shutterbug



Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson Amity International Schools(R) along with Dr. Vincenzo Morlini, AFS International President and Divya Arora, AFS National Director on his visit to Amity International Schools in India

25th for Navdanya

AIS Pushp Vihar

Amity Group of Institutions, that has always believed in the importance of coalescing the spirit of environmental awareness in the minds of young children, participated in the celebrations of 25 years of NGO Navdanya on October 1, 2012 at India International Centre, New Delhi.

Amity shares the same ethos and sentiments as Navdanya, engaged in pioneering and path breaking work in the realm of organic food. It is also known for making concerted efforts to save Mother Earth. The silver jubilee celebrations was marked by a cultural extravaganza encompassing theatre, music and dance performances put up by various schools. The chief guest for the programme was Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools. The celebrations, appropriately titled 'Bhoomi 2012' commenced with a dance performance by the students of AIS Pushp Vihar.

In keeping with the theme of the function, 'Women in defence of the Earth', the children portrayed the role of women as nurturers. The program concluded

with the august audience taking a vow to protect the mother earth so that we can leave behind a green and thriving planet for future generations. They took the pledge in Lester Brown's words: "We have not inherited this earth from our forefathers; we have borrowed it from our children." 🇺🇸

AIS PV students put up a performance at Navdanya's silver jubilee



AIS Saket

Hindi hain hum

Hasya Kavi Sammelan, intense debates and drama marked the Hindi Diwas celebrations at Amity International School Saket. Taking forward the vision of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools to make every Amitian well versed with Hindi language, the school organized host of activities.

The students of class II wrote slogans and crafted innovative riddles on 'seasons'. Students of class III recited humorous poems using props. Their performance elicited laughter from all those present in the audience. Meanwhile, the students of class IV dressed up as different poets, recited poems in their own poetic style. The event was successful in making the students realize the importance of the national language, the fun way. 🇺🇸



Illustration: Deepak Sharma

OMG free PASSES!

Enjoyed free passes for F1 or Santana? Well, you are not the only one! Scouting for free passes is certainly the latest trend on the block

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Free passes. Did your heart just do a back flip? Or shoot straight into the arena called gymnastics, having unabashedly retained an age old tendency of knowing the right people for the wrong job, and kissing up to the *door-door ke rishtedaar* whenever required, be it a cricket match, concert, movie premiere or a page three party? Why burn a hole in the pockets and go through endless troubles when one can request the darling mommy and daddy to call 'this person' who knows 'that person' who can get 'another person' to score 'FREE' passes to the upcoming

concert. Here's trying to dissect the matter from partisan point of view.

To be or not to be

That's the question, Shakespeare said it exactly right. Yes, free passes are all super cool. The sort of cool that will score you soaring 'likes' on FB status updates. Sample this: 'Wow, SOOO glad I decided to come to this party' or 'This concert is too super amazing and awesome'. Passes are the quickest route to becoming uber cool amongst your peers as they enviously hit the 'Like' button on all the flashy, close-up pictures you probably forced a random stranger to click at the gush worthy concert. What's more? It legitimately hands you a license to act deliriously hungover about the event for the next few days? Better still, such complimentary sojourns to coveted concerts allow you to flaunt the jacks and *jugaad* of powerful connections scattered here and there in your phone directory. With this established, there remains no question about not to be.

Playing the Devil's Advocate

Most of us are absolutely not prudent to be paying ludicrous amounts of money to see high tech fancy race cars whizzing past or sweat like a pig in a mosh pit

swarming with screaming boys and girls like bees on honey. Why pay for being another sheep in the herd? Why not fan thyself with "complimentary" and demurely move past thronging crowds to reach the backstage and/or VIP lounge safely? That is how it rolls.

Le irony

VIP tickets might be a thing of the past quite soon, thanks to all the tickets in circulation swooshing past allotted seats in an increasing number of events. Overcrowded at the best and brimming over the top with the gentry that very conveniently litters the area with tobacco stains in the classic white *kurta-pyjamas*, the traditional charm of the VIP boxes is slowly eroding into shameful oblivion.

The weary road most taken

Free passes= awesome. A blissfully deluded paradise carved straight out of thin air has enabled us to enjoy the latest shows knocking on Delhi and NCR's doors. The overload of free passes (read: more than even the seats available) in circulation are only history waiting to repeat itself, doomed to die a slow death, as over-distribution of passes is only triggering the number of cancelled events like Bryan Adams, Metallica etc in the capital. [GT](#)

Not so smart cons



Read on these true silly stories of self proclaimed clever and wise conmen and criminals

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Case 1: Prisoner Timothy Baker

Not so smart act: Timothy Baker was back in jail in Texas, hours after he had escaped while being held for robbery. His getaway had taken him to a university, where he broke into a Fine Arts centre building in order to find a change of clothes from his orange prison suit. On entering the building, he raided a costume closet. He apparently thought his presence would be inconspicuous if he changed into a 19th century green wool outfit (with rubber gumboots) that

made him look like a leprechaun.

According to the police, Baker was spotted on the street and rearrested. Chairman of the theatre department said, "He just really stood out."

Case 2: Suspected shoplifter

Not so smart act: Jacob Wise had cleverly removed security tags from the clothes he was trying to steal from a store in a shopping mall.

However, to his utter dismay, the alarm went off anyway as he strolled through the exit door of the store.

He had cautiously put the removed tags in his pocket and not anywhere else, thinking that this way the removed tags

would escape anyone's notice.

Case 3: Anonymous bank robber

Not so smart act: A 36-year-old man was apprehended by customers as he attempted to rob a bank shortly after it had opened. Several customers had noticed him waiting outside for the bank to open, already wearing a hooded sweat-shirt and mask. The man had then meekly waited in line for his turn before snatching money from a customer.

Case 4: Car thief

Not so smart act: A woman was reporting her car as stolen, and mentioned that there was a car phone in it. The policeman taking the report called the phone and told the guy that answered that he had read the ad in the newspaper and wanted to buy the car. They arranged to meet, and the thief was arrested.

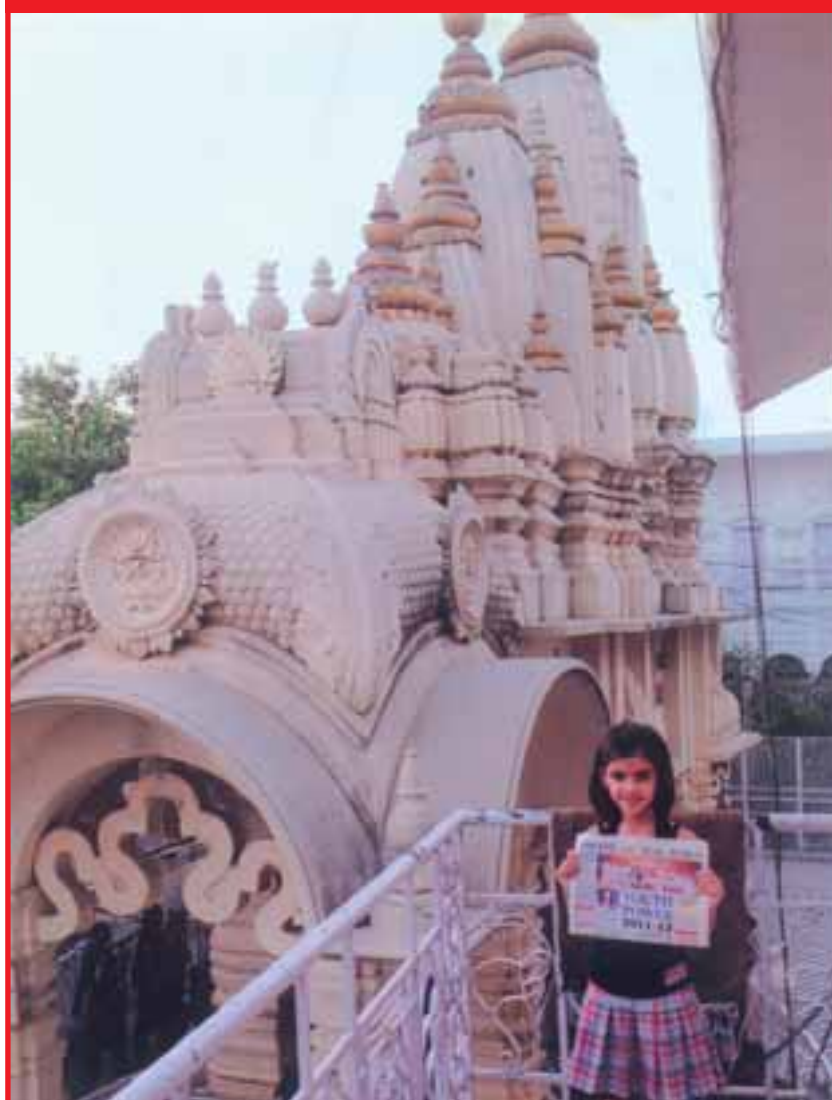
Case 5: Steven R King, bank robber

Not so smart act: Steven Richard King was arrested for trying to hold up a Bank of America branch without a weapon. King used a thumb and a finger to simulate a gun, but unfortunately, he failed to keep his hand in his pocket.

Case 6: Couple thieves

Not so smart act: In 1975, a married couple, both thieves, went to court when they could not agree on how to split what they had stolen before. No wonder, the court divided the punishment equally and put them both in jail. [GT](#)

GT Travels to Chhattarpur Temple



Drishti Katyal, AIS Gurgaon 43, III B, reads a copy of The Global Times in front of the Chhattarpur Mandir, New Delhi. Founded in the 1970s by Sant Shree Nagpal Baba, the place has become a renowned pilgrimage Centre, visited by devotees from all parts of the country. [GT](#)

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