



The ups and downs, witnessed by the batch of 2019-20, especially during their Board examinations, were no less than a diligent war fought and won, but even these challenges couldn't stop Amitians from securing top positions. As GT reporters caught up with Amity toppers of Class XII and X, the shining stars enlightened them with behind the scene story of their achievement.

99.92%
Results

1017
Students scored above 90% (XII)

1017
Students scored above 90% (X)

474
Students scored 100 in different Subjects (X & XII)

Star achievers

Try and give your best always

Brilliance at boards
I did not expect to top, and for that matter with 99.4%. I could only achieve this feat with the help of my school and my parents. My teachers always gave valuable materials to study from and even engaged in various motivational sessions on how to

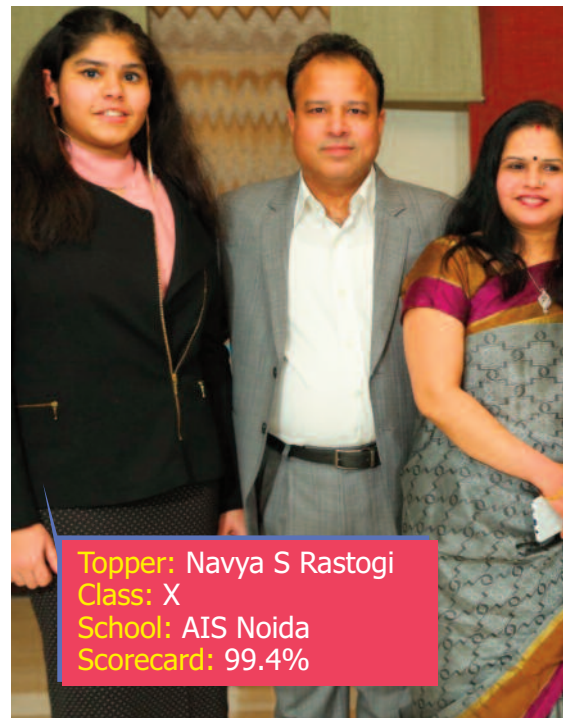
go about revision from time to time. My parents too, built a very supportive and pressure-free environment at home which motivated me to do the best I can and take things at my own pace.

Triumphing with talent
If you want to do well, you have to start preparing from the very beginning. There was no extra panic or stress on my head at the last minute because I believe in studying regularly. Our school also finished the syllabus by November which gave me plenty of time to slowly and steadily revise. Even when I didn't want to study, I willed myself to do so because you need to overcome your laziness. My goal has never

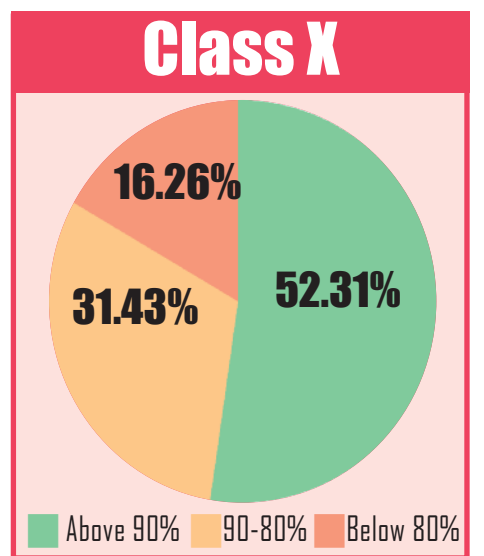
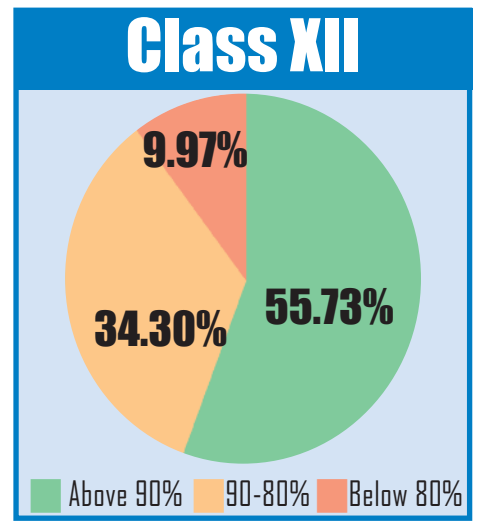
been to fetch full marks, but always to give my best.

Success and sincerity
If you want success, you have to work for it. Practice from the very beginning, set goals for yourself and achieve them. 'Boards' might seem like a scary name, but in reality, it is just another exam, so study for it like you would normally do. Even if you are studying for 1-2 hours, do it with full concentration, and keep revising everything from time to time. Solve a lot of sample papers and keep yourself calm. Trust me, you will sail through, come what may.

...As told to **Samiksha Dubey**
AIS Noida, XI I



Topper: Navya S Rastogi
Class: X
School: AIS Noida
Scorecard: 99.4%



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AMITEpoll

Do you think the new Environment Impact Assessment draft (2020) encourages environmental violations?

a) Yes
b) No
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POLL RESULT
for GT issue August 3, 2020

Do you think the inclusion of Rafale fighter jets in the IAF would boost India's overall defence preparedness?

Yes: 77%
No: 15%
Can't Say: 8%

Results as on August 8, 2020

Coming Next
Independence Day Special



Topper: Vidhi Batra
Class: XII
School: AIS Noida
Scorecard: 98.8%
Stream: Commerce

Grow your grit

Brilliance at boards
Knowing that I topped Amity is a surreal feeling. I wish, I could celebrate it with my school authorities and teachers who played a huge part in my success. I could only achieve this feat because of my teachers advise to study a little bit of every subject everyday. And every time I had a doubt, I would rush off to the staff room and my teachers would clear my doubts in the most understanding way possible.

Triumphing with talent
Since Board examination results are the stepping stone to the outer world, I wanted to ensure that I gave my best as this was the performance that was going to help me

shape my future. So, I set a goal and pushed myself hard to achieve it. I want to pursue Economics Honours and pair it up with IMF for reconstruction of countries as a delegate of India.

Success and sincerity
The journey was not easy; to prepare for Board examinations, you really need to go all in. You should have enough mental discipline to bear through it along with consistency. No matter how many times you've done it, keep redoing it until you know it like the back of your hand. Know that your hard work and diligence will pay off!

...As told to **Aditi Banerji**
AIS Noida, XII I

Ingrain BHAAG

Brilliance at boards
The feeling of knowing that I topped all Amity is euphoric. But I could only reach this stage because I followed the mantra founded by our Founder President sir - BHAAG! The teachings of good behaviour, continuous hard work, constructive attitude, and resilient ambitions instilled in me by my teachers and parents played a prominent role here. The constant tests and exams conducted by my school made me realise where I stood and motivated me to do better. The ride had its own ups and downs, but it bore sweet fruit, and I am over the moon about it.

Triumphing with talent
I had always thought of myself to be

very propitious and privileged for having access to the best knowledge and education that I could be provided with. And so, I disciplined myself to make the best use of these resources. This belief is what acted as a glucose shot that kept me going through the tough times.

Success and sincerity
In order to truly succeed, you need to be sincere whenever you study and pay your full, undivided attention to it. Don't overwork yourself, but do whatever you are doing with full sincerity, and if you ever feel like giving up, tell yourself that you will have to return to it anyway so just bear through.

...As told to **Anushka Ramesh**
AIS Mayur Vihar, XI F



Topper: Tanmay Khandelwal
Class: XII
School: AIS Mayur Vihar
Scorecard: 98.8%
Stream: Commerce

Marks of honor



AIS Vas 1

Class XII

School Average 85.99%
Distinctions 51/55
Results 100%

23.64% 30.91% 45.45%

■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

Toppers

Commerce	Science
Sanskriti B (93.8%) Muskan K (92.2%) Sahaj Jaggi (96.8%)	
	Eshwar S (96.6%) Jhalak Jain (98%) Prachi Jain (95%)

Class X

School Average 86.36%
Distinctions 112/128
Results 100%

24.22% 30.47% 45.31%

■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

Toppers

Vaidehi A (97.6%) Ishika Jain (97%) Raaginee (97%)
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AIS JAGDISHPUR

Class XII

School Average 82.42%
Distinctions 50/63
Results 98.41%

34.92% 19.05% 46.03%

■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

Toppers

Commerce	Science
Divyanshu A (96.2%) Asmita Singh (95.8%)	
	Durgendra (96%) Unnati A (93.2%)

Class X

School Average 79.43%
Distinctions 38/53
Results 100%

11.32% 39.62% 49.06%

■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

Toppers

Shakti Shukla (96.4%) Arpita Singh (92.8%) Alashiya Mishra (92.6%)
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AIS SAKET

Class XII

School Average 89.7%
Distinctions 164/170
Results 100%

7.65% 56.47% 35.88%

■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

Toppers

Commerce	Humanities
Stuti Kakkar (98%) Kiran Narula (97.8%) Chaitanya (98%)	
	Pankhuri s (97.8%) Sarraah S (98%) Arpit G(L) & Pranjali S (96.8%)

Class X

School Average 89.6%
Distinctions 121/128
Results 100%

14.06% 21.88% 64.06%

■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

Toppers

Raghav A (98.4%) Diya Sehgal (98.2%) Harsaaj S (98.2%)
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AIS VKC

Class XII

School Average 85.65%
Distinctions 42/47
Results 100%

21.28% 34.04% 44.68%

■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

Toppers

Commerce	Science
Anisha Singh (97.2%) Pragati N (94.6%) Anushka S (95.6%)	
	Ibrahim A (95.6%) Saumya Rai (97.2%) Prashant(L) Sanatan (96%)

Class X

School Average 81.44%
Distinctions 46/59
Results 100%

18.64% 35.59% 45.77%

■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

Toppers

Karishka (97.6%) Gopal P (97.2%) Chhavi B (97.2%) Snehal K (97.2%)

AIS VYC

Class X

School Average 85.84%
Distinctions 9/15
Results 100%

20% 33.33% 46.67%

■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

Toppers

Harsh Gupta (96.8%) Yashi Singh (95%) Shristi Singh (94.6%)

AMITASHA

Class X

School Average 69.76%
Distinctions 5/19
Results 100%

21.05% 78.95%

■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

Toppers

Sadhna (88%) Aradhna (83%) Priya (82%) Sanskriti (82%)

AIS MV

Class XII

School Average 91.5%
Distinctions 382/389
Results 100%

5.40% 25.19% 69.41%

■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

Toppers

Commerce	Science
Tanmay K (98.8%) Himanshi S (98.6%) Rishabh S (98.6%)	
	Sameeksha (98.4%) Arshiya D (97.8%) Anshika Jain (97.6%)

Class X

School Average 88.92%
Distinctions 138/146
Results 100%

13.01% 33.57% 53.42%

■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

Toppers

Sharanya C (98.2%) Shreya A (98.2%) Aarushi A (98.2%)

AIS VAS 6

Class XII

School Average 88.17%
Distinctions 131/140
Results 100%

15% 35% 50.00%

■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

Toppers

Commerce	Science
Ramsha (98.2%) Mansha K (97%) Mukul Jain- (98.2%)	
	Prakhar S (98%) Ishika Jain- (98.4%) Anoushka C (97.4%)

Class X

School Average 86.37%
Distinctions 122/142
Results 100%

19.01% 33.80% 47.19%

■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

Toppers

Aditya S (98%) Pulak S (97.6%) Srishti C (97.4%)
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AIS NOIDA

Class XII

School Average 88.91%
Distinctions 327/334
Results 100%

11.08% 40.72% 48.20%

■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

Toppers

Commerce	Science
Vidhi Batra (98.8%) Shagun P (98.2%) Stuti Lohani (98.4%)	
	Uday Sankar (98.2%) Gaurangi (98.6%) Saranya (L) & Varalika (98.4%)

Class X

School Average 88.46%
Distinctions 471/507
Results 100%

14.20% 30.77% 55.03%

■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

Toppers

Navya S (99.4%) Aniket Das (99.2%) Chandrashekhar (98.6%)

AIS GUR 46

Class XII

School Average 90%
Distinctions 306/316
Results 100%

7.91% 31.96% 60.13%

■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

Toppers

Commerce	Science
Abhinav S (97.8%) Mugdha Jain (97.4%) Dhruv Lowe (98.4%)	
	Kushagra S (98.4%) Aakarshi A (98.4%) Shreya S (98.2%)

Class X

School Average 89.92%
Distinctions 348/363
Results 100%

8.26% 30.30% 61.44%

■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

Toppers

Kshitij Bagga (99%) Vyakhya G (98.4%) Shreya S (98.4%)
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AIS PV

Class XII

School Average 89.79%
Distinctions 204/206
Results 100%

6.31% 37.86% 55.83%

■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

Toppers

Commerce	Science
Maanav G (97.4%) Prnay Aneja (97.2%) Ananya Gupta (97.6%)	
	Nandini M (97.6%) Isheta K (98.4%) Deeksha Puri (98.2%)

Class X

School Average 87.98%
Distinctions 219/236
Results 100%

14.83% 36.86% 48.31%

■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

Toppers

Pranav D (98.8%) Kunjai Malik (98.6%) Divyansh J (98.4%)
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AIS GUR 43

Class XII

School Average 89%
Distinctions 100/105
Results 100%

6.67% 26.67% 66.67%

■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

Toppers

Commerce	Science
Trisha P (97%) Sneha B (96.8%) Satwik G (98.2%)	
	Akshita Gupta (97.6%) Simran S (98%) Ananya S (96%)

Class X

School Average 90.6%
Distinctions 145/148
Results 100%

8.78% 27.70% 63.52%

■ Above 90% ■ 90-80% ■ Below 80%

Toppers

Sarah Chawla (99%) Aarushi A (98.8%) Manasi Y (98.4%)



Makhan Mishri is one of the most popular prasad made on Krishna Janmashtami.

Happiness happens

Read On To Know Amity's Mission To Spread Global Joy



AUUP

Keeping in mind the vision of Founder President, Amity Universe, Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, that happiness is the essence of life, Amity International Business School has come up with 'Amity Global Happiness' initiative at AUUP. The initiative has been started under the guidance of Prof Dr Gurinder Singh, group

vice chancellor, Amity Universities, and is led by Prof Dr Nitin Arora, happiness proctor. The idea was conceived on Feb 22, INBUSHERA 2019, at the mega event of AIBS where Dr Nitin launched his book 'Pebbles' in the mega conclave. The book has been the model of happiness by collecting pebbles (experiences) from family, friends and teachers and doing right interpretations. Since its inception, the institute has conducted various joyous ac-

tivities such as weekly 90-minute session on body and mind relaxation, memory enhancement methods, Amity Radio FM talk show, creating jingles, video talk shows for ambulance rights campaign 'Go Left, Save Life', and attending prestigious online conferences where one student won an iPad and one even won 1000 USD worth of online courses from the Australian University. To carry forward the message of happiness, the initiative is being

carried forward by staying connected through corporate mentor-based WhatsApp groups where topics like consumer happiness, emotional stupidities, team happiness and entrepreneur happiness are discussed. The students are also encouraged to indulge in stress-relief activities like painting, singing, reading, writing, etc. The initiative conducts online meetings where weekly Antakshari is organised so that students and their family members can spend time together by singing. Also, various sessions are being conducted where students, teachers and members from NGOs are invited to discuss the value of happiness. The upcoming Amity Journal of Happiness and Peace is supported by eminent leaders like Anurag Batra, chairman, Business World; Dr SS Mantha, ex AICTE chairman and chancellor, KL University; Dr Ezaz Ahmed, dean, Columbia College, USA; Dr Swaroop Sampat, Miss India 1980; Dr Rima Ghose, EVP & CHRO, Datamatics; Dr Ashutosh Anshu, CHRO, Hitachi; Avishek, director-HR, McCormick to name a few. The initiative is open to Amity Universe and also for all communities across borders under the noble Human Values and Community Outreach program of Amity. All can join this on their social media platforms- fb-twitter-Instagram/shero.aibs as well as on email at aibs.shero@gmail.com



Jokes Tournament

Time To Spread Love And Laughter

AUUP

Following the bright words of Eleanor Roosevelt who once said "Happiness is not a goal, it's a by-product," AUUP organised a 'Jokes Tournament' on August 1, 2020 to spread this goal of happiness. The event saw many students, faculties and guests in attendance and participation including special guests Yogesh Kochhar, CEO, Poem Evangelists Pvt. Ltd and Sulekha Chandra, founder, Gyan Paradise. The programme coordinated by MBA IB student, Mahima Punni, president of Happyness Club@AIBS commenced with jokes by Prof Nitin Arora, happiness proctor, AUUP. The tour-

namnet was divided into various segments like Female Students, Male Students, Amity Alumni, Only Bacha Party, Rap Karte Hue Joke Ho Jaye, Funny Message Videos, Movies Mein Suna Hua Joke, Guest Appearance and Padosi Par Jokes. A special segment of Funny Face Challenge was also organised where everyone was asked to click a funny photo of themselves. The event ended with everyone dancing together to the beat of a happy song. Nitin Garg pulled the curtains on the evening with a beautiful poem. All attendees engaged in playful banter which led to various smiling faces, and provided a much-needed getaway from all the tensions in the world.

Diet gurus or food Einsteins?

Do You Know The Difference Between A Dietician Or Nutritionist? Find Out...

Tanush Guha,
AIS Gurugram 46, XI

If you don't know the difference between a dietitian and a nutritionist, trust me, you are not alone. With multiple job profiles and converging job mandates, the two can be undeniably puzzling. And since both these terms are often used interchangeably and thrown about at random, to discern the actual difference becomes quite challenging but also equally essential. Here's a brief look at the same.

Who's who?

Nutritionist: Remember that friend from the gym who is a fitness freak, giving you constant advice on the latest dieting fads and super foods? He fits the profile of a nutritionist, a term which can be applied to anyone who offers general nutritional advice. Nutritionists use a fresh, organic-foods approach to help individuals lead a healthier life. They are qualified to provide information about health properties in different food items and educate clients on how to eat, how to cope with a chronic disease nutritionally, how to make better food choices and to help individuals reach their ideal physique.

Dietician: Now think about the person sitting behind a desk in a clinic who's constantly warning you about consuming random things and advising you on your diet plans. This per-

son is a dietician - an expert in dietetics, a branch of science concerned with diet and its effects on health. They tend to focus on the clinical and therapeutic aspect of diet. They are qualified to detect eating disorders and strategise diet plans maneuvering around a patient's particular allergies and overall medical condition. A dietician, unlike a nutritionist, firstly ensures complete knowledge of his client's body before offering a special diet plan that suits the same.

Educational qualifications

Nutritionist: Nutritionists tend to originate from diverse backgrounds. No specific type

or level of education is required to be one. So, someone who calls themselves a nutritionist could be a dietitian who received his degree but due to some reason did not pursue it further; or someone in another field perhaps a nurse, a doctor, a personal trainer; or an individual who took some private course or certification in nutrition; or it can also be someone who has no such training but went on a diet and lost enough weight to guide others for the same.

Dietician: Dieticians must have a certain specific

level of education: at least a bachelor's degree in nutrition or related field. The coursework for which consists of a plethora of subjects like physiology, anatomy, chemistry, biochemistry, microbiology, food, nutrition sciences and food service systems management and a 3-6 month internship at an accredited healthcare facility, community agency, or foodservice corporation to gain some experiential learning. One has to also clear a national exam administered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration; and a need to fulfill the continuing professional education requirements each year to maintain board certification.

Work area

Nutritionist: Since nutritionists do not deal with clinical nutrition, they do not have the option to work with acutely ill patients. They are instead more involved in the research and food manufacturing sectors.

Dietician: They work with patients in health care settings, such as hospitals, nursing care facilities, etc or in various sports clubs, sports hostels and athletic teams. They teach in various schools and colleges to aspiring dieticians. They often take part in government projects and general dietary policy making.

Bottomline: Every dietitian is a nutritionist or dietitian-nutritionist but not every nutritionist is a dietitian.



The popular ritual of dahi handi is an imitation of the butter-stealing episodes of Lord Krishna, where people form a human pyramid to break open the earthen pot fixed at a height of 2-30 feet from the ground.



Rags to Riches

Stories That Light Our Passions And Make Us Believe In Ourselves

Part 2



Irfan Pathan and Yusuf Pathan Cricketers

From Rags

Life has not always been hunky dory for this duo. Now two of the richest cricketers in the country, they once had to live their days in a mosque in Vadodara, Gujarat, since they could not afford a house of their own. Their father worked as a muezzin in the mosque, earning just about INR 200 to 250 per day. While their parents wanted them to become good Islamist scholars, this duo had something else in their mind even in the face of adversity and poverty. Their passion lay in cricket. They would regularly practice in the compound of the mosque, getting in trouble every now and then, but nothing switched off the dreams that stirred them. Their financial straits rendered them incapable to buy the costly sports gears, but Irfan, as disclosed by their father, used to borrow INR 50 from their Abba occasionally to buy second-hand shoes from a local market. He used to refurbish them to be worn as and when required.

To Riches

Their zeal for the game thus forced their parents to

hand them over to their maternal uncle, Ahmed Mia, who gave them their first bats and also introduced them to their proper first coach, Mehndi Sheikh. They shared the same kit pack and cycle, and dedicatedly worked their way up towards Indian cricket. Their determination was ceaseless, giving them their first breaks. While Irfan was introduced to international cricket in 2003 at the age of 19, Yusuf on the other hand got his first major breakthrough a bit late in 2007. Even though their careers peaked at different times, they took the world by storm in their respective times. And together, they roared. Ref. – India vs Sri Lanka 20-20 match at Colombo in 2009 – The Indian batting line crumbled, with 57 runs still needed off 29 balls. This duo then came to the rescue – where Yusuf displayed for the world his explosive batting qualities, hitting 22 off just 10 balls, and Irfan became the man of the match hammering a spell of 33 off 16, leading India to victory. Their victory list is thus too big to be mentioned here, and their sheer brilliance on field is unspeakable. Now retired, the duo's cricketing careers definitely had a possibility of being much more successful, but their story of hard work and skill will forever inspire the generations to come. Because, as they say, dreaming is the first step towards achieving.

Kartikeya Sinha, AIS Vas 6, XII A

Howard Schultz Starbucks' longtime CEO and Chairman

From Rags

Born in 1953 in Brooklyn, New York, Schultz's childhood was all about poverty and struggle. His father was a former US army Trooper and then a truck driver, who could only afford his family to live and grow up in a public housing project. Schultz could quite evidently witness his father's struggles to earn money and then when he was 7 years of age, he saw his father suffer from a leg injury that rendered him completely disabled to work anymore thus, leaving the family in dire financial straits. Schultz's high school interest in football however made things a bit easy for them. He received an athletic scholarship for Northern Michigan University. But upon entering college, he chose to pursue communication and gave up sports altogether. To pay for his school and the following graduation, he opted for student loans and did several odd jobs. He worked as a bartender and sometimes even sold his blood for money. Once he was done with his graduation in 1975, he worked with Xerox and then Hamamplast, that sold coffee machines to Starbucks.

To Riches

Once Starbucks caught his attention, he knew what to do next. In 1981, he visited its owners in Seattle and persuaded them to hire him. His persuasion came to fruition after a year and he was appointed as Starbucks' director of retail operations and marketing. Although, Starbucks, throughout the 1970s, was a coffee roaster that sold coffee beans, this

convinced and informed Schultz of his further plans - to turn it into a coffee shop that sells coffee drinks. However, his plan to make Starbucks an international chain did not go as planned initially, as the founders didn't agree with him and he had to leave the company for some time. In the meantime, he formed his own coffee shop company 'Il Giornale' in 1985, influenced by Milan's coffee culture. Roping in investors for it was for him hard but also 'humbling'. And then, rest is history; he bought Starbucks in 1987 for USD 3.8 million and made it a public company by 1992. From the original 17 stores, Starbucks now has more than 28,000 stores worldwide, making it the world's biggest coffeehouse company with a net worth of around USD 84.6 Billion, all due to Schultz's tremendous insight and ability to bring about a change.

- Yagya Suri, AIS Vas 6, XII A





Over 4000 dahi handi events are organised in Mumbai alone, the most popular ones being in Girgaon, Dadar, Lower Parel, Worli and Lalbaug.

Result Rejoice



Dr. Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

When the Board results were announced, my rejoice knew no bounds seeing the brilliance of Amitians. My heartiest congratulations to all the students of Class X and XII, the toppers and the cent percent mark holders.

The mother in me is immensely happy today; as I see my young minds excel in boards year after year, making excellence a habit at Amity. They say, उद्यमेन हि सिद्ध्यन्ति क्रियाणि ना मनोरथे (Udyamain hi sidhyanti karyani na manorathay), which means that a work gets completed only by hard work and not mere thinking. At Amity, it is this hard work and perseverance that we put in the whole year that has put us on the path of excellence.

Wisdom says that a human being should try to better his or her own deeds, and I am proud to say that Amitians epitomise this wisdom to the core. Each year we are bettering our own results, breaking our own records, which reflect that our first competition is with ourselves. Before competing with the world we compete with self, so that we keep enhancing our own strengths and work with them to the core.

This excellence in CBSE is also the result of love, care and hard work of the teachers and mentors, who have nurtured each one of the Amitians as their own child. They made themselves dispensable and dependable 24*7, clearing doubts, counselling, teaching concepts and much more. I take this opportunity to also congratulate all the advisors, consultants, counselors, research and development team members for their consistent facilitation extended to educators and Amitians with knowledge and learning resources, trainings and workshops, keeping them abreast and ahead of times. These results truly symbolise Amity's evolution from 'excellence a habit' to 'excellence a way of life.' 🇮🇳

Divide To Multiply



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

Q: What's one thing which when divided gets automatically multiplied?

Ans: Happiness."

Just the other day when I received this beautiful WhatsApp message, I was left beaming with a smile. I am sure the message must have

brought smiles to many faces all over the world as it does its round. It's very true that one happy person brings joy to multiple lives around. This is why at Amity, every effort is made to ensure that everyone remains happy. And with this vision, Amity International Business School has come up with 'Amity Global Happiness' initiative at AUUP, open to anyone who is part of the Amity Universe to build a new chain of global happiness (Read page 4). At Amity, our Chairperson, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan always envisions to nurture happy young minds because she believes that only happy minds imbibe knowledge holistically, think creatively and have the power to create a happy society and build a happy nation.

Today, with the pandemic throwing so many challenges at us, staying happy becomes even more important. Remember, the world is beautiful even with all the chaos there because without chaos there can be no chance of creation. So at times disruptions and challenges are needed to keep nudging our minds and souls in pursuit of happiness. Every moment of life is full of happiness only if we seek it with an open mind and inclusive soul. Sharing happiness with our fellows creates a synergy of passion which can be a chalice of change the world needs now. How you spread happiness is your choice. Take to pen, splash the canvas, help an elderly, dance with joy, strum the strings, feel happy about your life every moment and life will keep you happy forever. 🇮🇳

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An unconventional style

Satish Kr Singh On Media, Journalism, Reportage And More

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Satish Kr Singh, Head-Digital, News 24, is a political analyst with an experience of more than 2 decades. On the occasion of International Conference of Emerging Media Paradigms (ICEMP) 2020, held at Amity University, Noida, budding GT reporters got the opportunity to get into a tete-a-tete with him. We bring you excerpts from the same.

Do you see digital media as a friend or a foe to conventional media?

Technology keeps evolving with time. Right now, the technology is challenging print media. Tomorrow, some other technology will be invented that might threaten the existence of even digital media. But overall the idea, aim, nature and content is media friendly and they complement each other so, not friends or foes, I would rather call them two aspects of the same profession that are both doing their job with technological variation.

Do you think digital is the only way forward for journalism?

Television has been in India for almost 30 years, yet newspaper has still not lost its credibility. Even then everyone believed that people were

getting swayed by television and that print media will eventually phase out, but that did not happen so. I feel that instead of competing with each other, print media and digital media actually complement each other. One will certainly not be the end of other.

How do you measure the impact of your writing? Do you think of sentiment, culture bias etc?

There are two schools of journalism; the first one says that until and unless the person reporting is subjective, gives out his/her opinions, their reporting is very dry. The second school says you should stick to facts, objectivity and a neutral stance, or it is not journalism. So, it is for you to choose which ideology to believe in. I personally belong to the second kind, preferring facts over opinions or perceptions.

Any piece of advice for the budding journalists?

To become a journalist, you have to work very hard. You need to be on a lookout for new stories at all times. You need to be well read as without proper knowledge you cannot go very far in this field; not only basic knowledge but also technical knowledge. So, be active, hone your writing and speaking skills, and just interact. 🇮🇳



Satish Kr Singh with GT reporter

Looking back

The Bittersweet Memories Of Growing Up

Pranita Singh, AIS Vas 6, XI, B

Iremember how, as a child, I imitated my father in front of the mirror; how I tried to clumsily drape my mother's saree around myself, all showcasing my desire to grow up as quickly as I can. I mean, who doesn't have this restless desire to grow up as a child? There was a time when I wanted nothing more than to become an adult, like my parents. Being an adult meant driving a car and having lots of money in my pocket with which I could buy endless number of chocolates. Now as finally my desire has been fulfilled, all that I wish for is to become a child once again. Because, of course, what did I even know about being a grown-up.

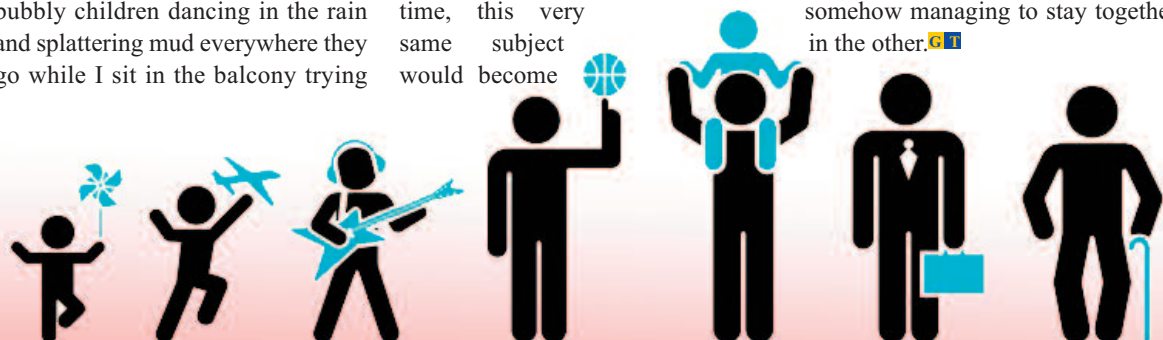
A six-year old me would be charmed by something as trivial as a colourful lollipop, which was enough to bring the widest smile on my face on the days when I was low. Those were the days when just one trip to McDonald's was enough to brighten my day. Looking at the young, playful, bubbly children dancing in the rain and splattering mud everywhere they go while I sit in the balcony trying

to cram up my book for the exam tomorrow, I realize that being a child after all means being happy. I wish I could go back to experiencing those trivialities of life that could cheer me up again in a blink.

A visit to the playground every evening, a game of cricket with friends who were as naïve as me- this was all I needed for a break when six hours of school seemed an ordeal. A sorted life when everything was under my parents' control had me longing for a day when I would do everything according to my will, as I thought ma and pa did for themselves. Cut to the present scenario, I realise how free of responsibilities I was. And today, when everything has been left for me to decide, I wish I could get back to being my naïve self, not surrounded by so many conundrums of life.

I loved to play with numbers as a child. Math was my favourite subject and solving word-problems was my way of passing time. Who thought that with the course of time, this very same subject would become

something so dreary for me and I would end up opting the arts field? Good lord, those times. From being a stubborn competitive child to being an indifferent young adult, I have grown up so much that I can only laugh at the 12-year old disappointed me shedding bucket-loads of tears for not having secured the first position in class. As a grown up now, childhood seems like a bittersweet memory. Sweet because it is full of happy, content and joyful memories, and bitter because that innocent, fragile and tender stage of life cannot be brought back. Even when a part of me wants to go back to my childhood and remain a kid forever, I know that being an adult also brings with it a sense of responsibility and a kind of beauty that nothing else can match up. The author of The Little Prince aptly said, "No one is satisfied where he is, only the children know what they are looking for." Children indeed are like a house of cards, beautiful yet fragile, simple yet complex in their own ways, threatening to blow apart in one moment yet somehow managing to stay together in the other. 🇮🇳



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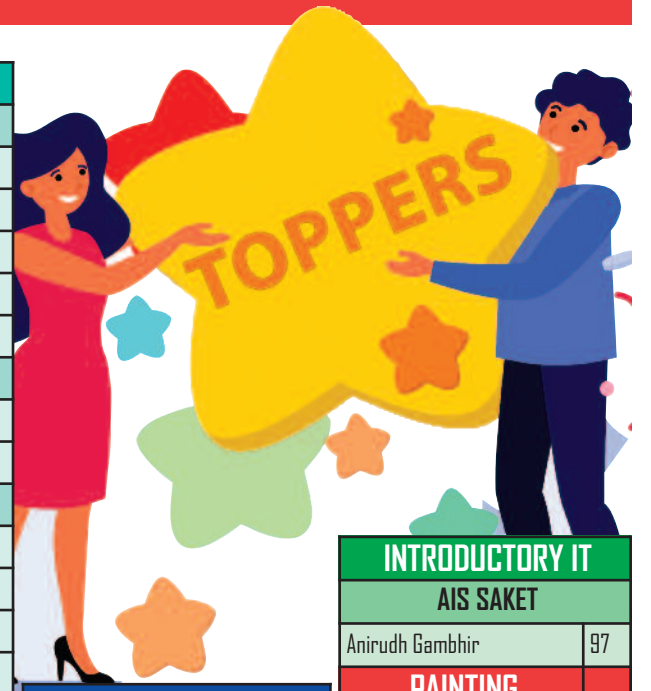
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Dear Editor,

This is with reference to the article "Tough Love" on page 3 published in the GT Edition dated August 3, 2020. The story follows Rahul's experience in boarding school, a place he had imagined to be like Hogwarts. It reminds me of the Enid Blyton novels (and of course, Harry Potter) I had read as a child and the number of times that I wished to attend boarding school. Living with friends and laughing through homework and lessons seemed like a dream then. However, the article looks at the struggles faced by Rahul in adjusting to this new life - a perspective that not many of us considered while fantasizing about going to boarding school. His narrative makes you realise that the comfort of your own house is unrivalled, and that our childhood imaginations could have never taken these negative aspects into account. However, the bittersweet ending of Rahul finding a new friend makes us realise that maybe our dreams were not completely wrong or invalid. For, every change brings about new beginnings and new experiences. 🇮🇳

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As per Hindu mythology, Lord Krishna was born inside Mathura jail where his parents were imprisoned by his uncle, Kansa.



A poignant game

Storywala



Aayushi Bawa, AIS Noida, XI F

“For thirty-six seconds, I could use the silence on the roads,” Abdul mumbled under his breath as another bomb exploded after a brief moment of quiet in the grievous streets of Idlib. Airstrikes and shelling were not new to this war-torn province of Syria. Abdul was just one of the citizens, facing the atrocities of the Civil War that is said to have displaced around seven hundred thousand civilians. “It’s okay, love. They’re just firecrackers. Do not be afraid, my child,” he said trying to console Salma, his only daughter who had seen nothing but war in her lifetime. Salma couldn’t stop crying at the sound of the shells falling. Abdul had to find a novel way of protecting his daughter from the ‘psychological crisis’ caused by near-constant and deafening explosions. But as they say, creativity doesn’t wait for the perfect moment, it just flows. Abdul, who couldn’t bear the sight of Salma sobbing, decided to design a home with bittersweet

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memories for her. He devised a game to help Salma, his only child, overcome her fright as the attacks intensified. “Do you remember how children in our neighbourhood used to play with bang snaps?” Abdul tried to divert her attention towards him. Salma nodded. “One time during Eid, the kids threw them around to celebrate and you were petrified by the noise,” he said, referring to the religious Muslim holiday. Salma looked at her father, trying to recall the incident. “I took you out to the balcony and when you looked at it, you realised that it was just a toy, a game kids played to celebrate Eid,” Abdul added. Abdul tried to use the same pretext to convince Salma that this was also just a game,

that she shouldn’t be scared of. He wanted to remove the fear from her heart; he wanted her to associate these loud, frightening sounds to something light and amusing. Thus, he taught her to laugh at the sound of bombs instead of being scared of it. So, when the next rumbling sound of the mortar emerged, he asked her, “Is this a plane or a bomb?” “A bomb,” she answered. “When it will fall, we will laugh.” Salma was filled with euphoria at the thought. She was sitting in her father’s lap and her hearty laugh was set off by the sinister thunder of the bomb dropped by a warplane. Seeing her jump in excitement, Abdul asked her, “Tell me Salma, what did the plane do?” Salma answered, “The plane came and I laughed a lot. The plane just makes us laugh. It tells us: laugh at me, laugh at me” And this was followed by even more laughter. Finally, he touched her forehead, as if bowed in prayer and the only thing that he could think of in this state of adversity was that his daughter was happy and believed in him no matter what. 🇮🇵

WORDS VERSE

Sky castle

Nourain Khan
AGS Noida, Grade XII

I call it my own beautiful sky castle
A kingdom for the very elite
A place that will be my own
And the expectations are all strangled
Until the reality is blurred and gone

I call them my own precious books
Where so many experiences are told
Scribbled in words written in bold
Depicting unique imaginations

That this universe could ever hold

I call them my own people
Immensely grateful I am
For they define my own meaning
And I desire not their riches
But only their loving company

Here I told you my desire
So it’s time you tell me yours
Is it books with experiences?
Is it people who define you?
Or the blurred reality of sky castle? 🇮🇵



Tricolour chaat

Fatima Samreen, AIS Jagdishpur, X B

Ingredients

Potato (boiled)	3-4
Pea	1/2 cup
Green chilli	1
Curd	1/2 cup
Bread	4 slices
Water	1 cup
Butter	1 tbsp
Sugar	to taste
Sev	to taste
Fresh coriander leaves	4-5 twigs
Roasted cumin	1/2 tsp
Black salt	to taste
Red chilli flakes	to taste
Sandwich spread	to taste
Food colour	(green and orange)

Procedure

For Layer 1 (Saffron)

- With the help of a knife, dice boiled potatoes into small pieces.
- In a bowl, add half of the boiled potato pieces, sandwich spread and few drops of orange food colour. Mix well and keep it aside.

For Layer 2 (White)

- In another bowl, mix curd with sugar and then add the remaining potatoes to it.
- Next, cut bread slices in the shape of circles using scissors.
- Line a baking tray with the parchment paper and place the bread circles on top of it.
- Coat these bread circles with a layer of butter and bake until they turn golden in colour.

For Layer 3 (Green)

- In a grinder, add water, green chilli and coriander leaves, and grind the mixture. When done, transfer this chutney to a bowl.
- Now add boiled peas in the bowl with green sauce/chutney and mix well.

Now, let’s make chaat

- Take a large glass jar, put the mixture of pea and green sauce/chutney at the bottom (layer 3).
- Sprinkle a pinch of black salt, red chilli and cumin powder.
- Then put two slices of baked bread over it.
- Following this, add a layer of curd and potatoes over it (layer 2) and sprinkle a pinch of black salt, red chilli and cumin powder once again.
- Again, cover it with two to three slices of baked bread.
- Lastly, add a layer of potatoes and sandwich spread over it (layer 1). Garnish it with sev.
- Your scrumptious tricolour chaat is ready to be devoured!



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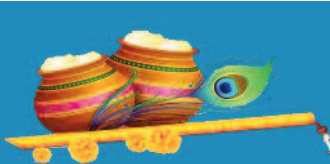
Let there be light



The light shines in the darkness



When you go through deep waters, I’ll be with you



Janmashtami is a national holiday in Bangladesh. Since 1902, a religious procession was taken out on this day but it was suspended in 1948 after the partition, and again resumed in 1989.

The superhero in us

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Wisdom Tale

Divyanshi Goswami
AIS Gur 46, VIII

It was a scorching hot day and an orange, almost red shade was tainting the sky. A girl was sitting under a tree near a quiet but polluted river, looking at how much the world has changed, or so her grandmother says. She imagined a world that was full of forests and grasslands, where rivers were not filled with garbage. "Was there really a world with greenery everywhere like my grandmother has told me?" she thought in her mind. She wished all the greenery in her surroundings could be

restored once again, so that she could also admire the beauty of the nature her grandmother once enjoyed. She wanted to do something, but what and how? A sad thought then hit her. It would be impossible to attain such a big goal with only one person working towards it. As she was pondering over these thoughts, she suddenly saw a bright flash of light. And then in the blink of an eye, all her idols were standing in front of her. There was Iron Man, Aurora, Wall - E and Rapunzel. The girl wondered if she was hallucinating. Iron man smiled down at her and asked, "Why are you de-

pendent on others for achieving your own goals?" To this she answered, "If I want to make this world a better place, I would need other people's help, because one person cannot make a huge difference." When she said this, Aurora replied, "We also have to individually make an effort to change the world, so that others can follow into our footsteps." The girl then asked, "What efforts did you all make?" They all smiled at this and told her all about the changes they brought to the world.

Aurora told her that her cottage was made from sustainable material, and taught her how to

It would be impossible to attain such a big goal with only one person working towards it.

make different things by reusing sustainable resources. Iron Man told her that the energy of his suit is a form of green energy, and showed her how this green energy can be utilised in eco-friendly ways to power many objects. Wall -E cared for a little plant in harsh conditions. With his help, she learned how to take good care of plants and their needs. Rapunzel's kingdom was illuminated by lanterns made from organic rice paper. She directed the girl on how to make eco-friendly things from organic paper and how to recycle things to make other new things.

"Many people think that we did this by using all kinds of chemicals and non-eco-friendly material," said Rapunzel, "But no, we were mindful about our choices and we decided to use natural, recyclable products. So don't lose hope, just do what you need to do. The results will show with time." After saying this, again in the blink of an eye, they all disappeared and she realised that one step, no matter how small, taken by a single person can change the world and make it a better place to live in. **GT**

**So what did you learn today?
One small step is big enough to bring a change.**

Riddle Fiddle

Arav Jain, AIS Saket, VI

1. What is the biggest pencil in the world?
2. What is a ghost's favourite dessert?

3. What do you call a train made of bubble gum?

4. What language do they speak in Cuba?

5. What game do horses like?

Answers: 1. Pencilvania 2. Booberry pie 3. Chewy train 4. Cubic 5. Stable tennis

POEMS

Divine summers

Daksh Somvanshi
AIS Vas 6, VI

On pleasant days like this
Cool breeze brushes my face
Its soothing wavering charm
Fills me with love and grace
I enjoy sitting by the beach
With a lemonade to drink

Basking myself with warmth
Sun, I can thank for in a blink
O good Lord, I'm so grateful
For I was born on this land
So endearing and spirited
Where we have summer
With all its tenderness and
Bright sunny days of fervour
Lovely, always and forever. **GT**



Me and the Moon

Myra Goswami, AIS PV, VII

The moon is like a big bulb
In the never ending vast grey sky

I would love to touch the moon
Oh! I wish I could just fly

I would spread both my wings
And soar way up high and high

And when I reach the moon
I would sing a sweet lullaby



Close my eyes and sit on a swing
Watch the starry night go by. **GT**



Jewellery box

Divisha Singh, AIS Vas 1, III D

Material required

- Plastic bottle-1
- Cutter-1
- Cardboard-1
- Printed sheet-1
- Plain sheet-1
- Tape
- Scissors
- Decorative beads
- Artificial flowers
- Glue

Method

- Take a plastic bottle and cut away the top and bottom parts using a cutter, keeping only the middle section which will be in the form of a cylinder. Measure the radius of this cylinder and note it down.
- With the help of the same cutter, divide the cylinder into two equal parts, creating two half cylinders.
- Cover the inside of one of the half cylinders with a plain sheet and the outside with a colourful/ striped printed sheet. Repeat the process with the other half cylinder.
- Take a piece of cardboard and draw a circle using the radius of the cylinder measured in the beginning. Cut out two such circles
- Now, cut both these circles

- in half to get four semi-circles with the same radius.
- Cover all these semi-circles with plain sheets on both sides.
- Now, take 2 semi-circles and paste them on both ends of one of the half cylinders as caps using hot glue.
- Take the other half cylinder and repeat the process.
- With the help of tape, attach one side of the two half cylinders facing each other, so that they once again form a full cylinder. You will now be able to open and close your cylinder like a box.
- Decorate the box using artificial flowers and beads or anything you wish to decorate it with.
- Your jewellery box is ready. Store in all your valuables!

It's Me

Know Me

Name: Rajveer Kharbanda
Class: Nursery
School: AIS VYC Lko
Born on: May 26

My Favourites

Teacher: Mona ma'am
Subject: Phonics
Friend: Arjun
Game: Cricket
Cartoon: Peppa pig and Tom & Jerry
Food: Cakes and chocolates
Mall: Phoenix
Book: Princess stories



My Dreams And Goals

Hobby: Acting and dancing
I like: Watching TV
I dislike: Studying
My role model: The Hulk
I want to become: Just like my father
I want to feature in GT because: I want people to know me and my talents better

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Be a poetry this quarantine

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As we await a wonderful tomorrow
 Let's paint the sky with memories
 Floating in our minds, day and night
 Don't let the black hole engulf you in

Keep the blanket of darkness away
 Books may wrinkle, words may fade
 But your memories, pen them down
 We all feel like a jigsaw puzzle

A reality we've been dismissing
 Remember building sandcastles?
 Stealing shells from the shore
 Singing songs which you would adore

Exploring Wonka's chocolate factory
 Shopping with Potter at Diagon Alley
 And riding merry-go-rounds
 Sailing paper boats in the puddles

And then somewhere somehow
 We all got lost into new phases
 We were drastically tossed
 But change is what we welcome

This quarantine change is huge
 But we can try to stay calm
 We can try to make it beautiful
 And yes, we can be poetry, too!



Behind a black veil

Everything About What This Pandemic Means To A Blind Person

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If you think that this pandemic has taken a toll on your lives, let me introduce myself. I am Oliver and all the lemons that life had, it squeezed them straight in my face, specifically my eyes. Yes, I am blind and I am deprived of complete vision. My whole survival is based around physical contact and now, it is catching up. Not surprisingly so, my whole life depends upon touching to communicate and now that touching is prohibited, it feels like my existence has come to a screeching halt. What's more, a distance of six feet is to be maintained at all times. It's almost as if the universe pinpointed me out

(along with thousands of other blind people) and thought, "There, that guy! He's the one whose life we have to destroy." It was already hard enough, living in a normal world. And with these new prohibitions, it has become an entirely new lemonade, only a sour one. Initially, the two months were the hardest. Sitting at home, doing nothing, that was an easy part, honestly. But going out there to get the groceries and other day to day items? That was tough. Holding a week's purchase in one hand, and a white cane in the other, makes navigation a challenge; it's a nightmare, keeping the balance intact. Believe me, Hercules would've failed if it would've been one of the 12 labours. I've been blind for a fairly long time now, so I've caught up onto the

travelling and all but I still need help at somepoint, which no one was ready to provide. Of course, I didn't go out there, arms stretched out wide, yelling, "Hello, sir! Yes, please hug me and give me corona." I didn't want the virus. As the virus spread across the globe, the fear for every disabled person also swept around the very day pandemic broke out. With shortage of doctors, medicines, hospitals, beds, would they be willing to work with me to devise a way of safe physical contact? A doubt that pops up in the minds of people who are blind like me. Surviving in daily life is just a tad easier because of the Artificial Intelligence applications that help us get around. New devices and applications are developed everyday

to help us cope. The people I worry about are the ones who don't have access to these technologies. But there's one thing. Our strategies and resilience may sometimes put us at an advantage in tough times. We always have a lot to concentrate on, it's ten times harder for us so we've got no choice but to keep our sense of humour alive. Well I think I've managed to develop one of the finest over the years, which by the way I've heard are hilarious (guess that will be a mystery). All in all, it's hard to live in a pandemic when you're looking at it from behind a black veil. But, guess what we have been getting trained for it everyday to live our entire life the same way. This too shall pass!

Life in COVID days

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Today we are all at home
 Hoping the virus goes home
 We think we are safe but
 People are dying everyday

Weeks and weeks of isolation
 Still results in a bad condition
 Living in a quarantined nation
 We still have determination

We pray to the Almighty
 That everything is alright
 That there's no spread of virus
 And everything is bright

In the end, I would like to say
 Do not lose your positivity
 For our lives will soon be
 Happy and normal once again



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Wake up to the facts

Let's Fight Corona, One Myth At A Time

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Coronavirus has managed to rapidly take over the world. The outbreak, now declared a public health emergency of international concern, has people completely run amok

for essentials, while also having to keep distance from one another. However, this is also the time, when, more than the virus, certain myths are doing the rounds. And being misled by these myths is the last thing we want to happen during this crisis. So, here's doing away with some of them.

Myth: Coronavirus can only affect adults
Truth: Coronavirus has the potential to infect people of any age, right from an infant to someone in much later years of their life. However, older individuals with pre-existing health conditions are severely prone to this disease. Children are equally likely to contract it, but symptoms are less severe.

Myth: Everyone with coronavirus succumbs
Truth: COVID-19 is fatal, but not for everyone who contracts it. A report by Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention stated that 80.9% of the COVID-19 cases were minor, which did not require specialist treatment in a hospital.

Myth: COVID-19 is just another flu
Truth: Although its symptoms resemble to that of a flu such as aches, fever and cough, but the overall interpretation of COVID-19 is far more serious, with a much higher mortality rate.

Myth: Home remedies are enough to fight coronavirus
Truth: Coronavirus is far more serious than we can think of it to be. We mostly tend to resort to self-medication whenever an illness affects us. In this case, vitamin C, essential oils, garlic, sesame oil, have been believed to make us corona resistant, however untrue. The best thing we can do on our own is to practice hand-washing and social distancing.

Myth: Cats and dogs spread coronavirus
Truth: It has not been proved that dogs and cats are vulnerable to coronavirus. According to a survey, a dog owner in Hong Kong contracted the virus, but the dog was unaffected by the same. Most of this outbreak has been caused due to human to human transmission.

Myth: Face masks are a sure shot protection against COVID-19
Truth: Face masks come off as really important equipment to shield ourselves from coronavirus; however, they do not block tiny viral particles. Nonetheless, it has the ability to block droplets and slow down the spread of the virus.

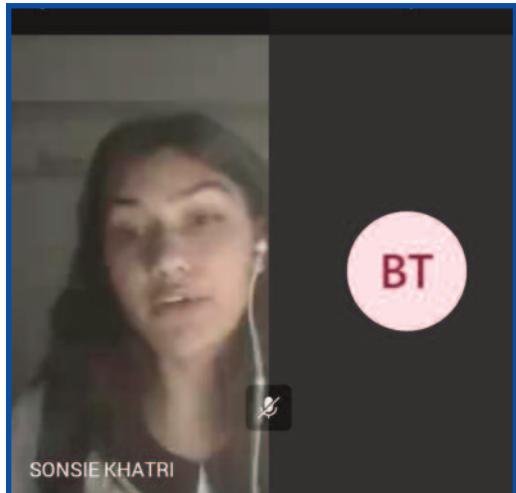




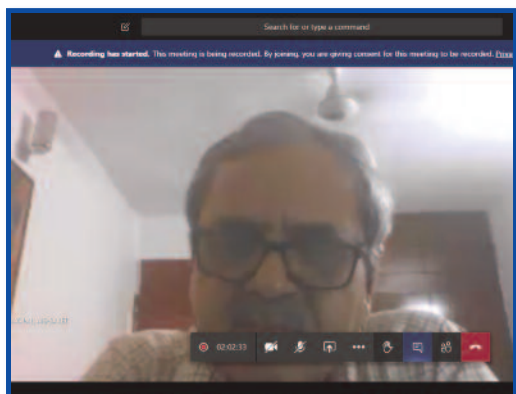
According to scholars, Lord Krishna was born in 32238 B.C.E. to the clan of Yadava.

Training young diplomats

Nurturing Global Leaders Of 21st Century Virtually at E- MUN Summer Workshop



Sonsie Khatri conducts a mock session of MUN



Address by resource person Brig Nalin Bhatia

AERC

A five day E-MUN workshop was organised by Amity Educational Resource Center from May 25-29, 2020, for the students of Class VI-IX. The first of its kind virtual summer camp was held under the visionary guidance of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF who envisions to nurture happy global leaders for a happier world. The event was aimed at enhancing the understanding of MUN concepts, procedures and encouraging young minds to keep themselves engaged with global and local issues constructively. Total 55 students from 11 branches of Amity Group of Schools participated in the online workshop.

Various training sessions were conducted over a span of five days, with Sumedh Kapoor of AIS Saket introducing the concept of UN and MUNS. Kusum Kapoor from AIS Gur 46 and Pradyuman Singh an alumnus of the same school spoke on topics like flow of debate, rules of procedures, conventional –unconventional committees and argumentation. Debanjali Ganguli of AIS Noida and student Anandi Ganguli of from the same school discussed diplomacy and resolution making process. Jhanavi and Vasundhara, alumnus from AIS Noida conducted a session on joint crisis committee and AIPPM.

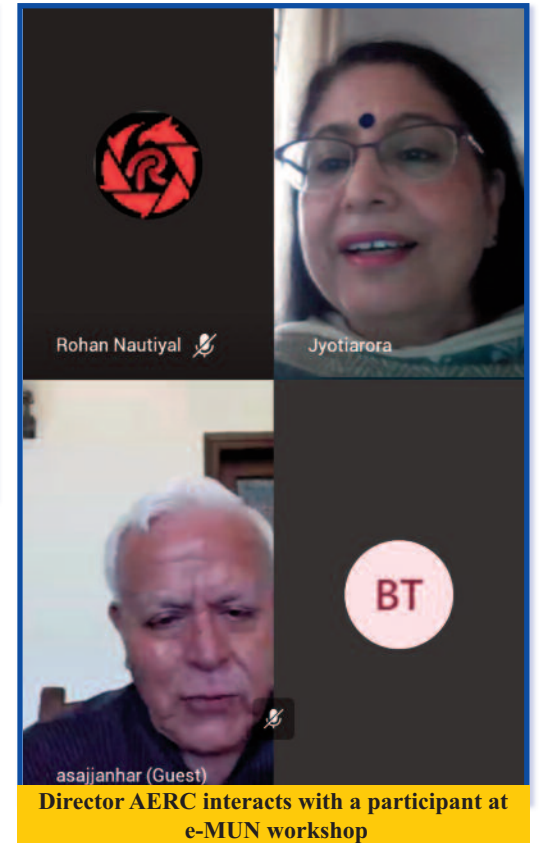
The workshop was enriched with sessions by eminent guest speakers HE Ashok Sajjanhar former ambassador for India in various countries and Brig



Participants at e-MUN summer workshop

Nalin Bhatia, an expert in foreign intelligence affairs. HE Ashok Sajjanhar spoke about the 'Role of WHO and international bodies in times of crisis like Covid-19. He apprised students on the humanitarian works done by the government during the pandemic and urged them to be optimistic and develop patience to deal with the situation. Brig Nalin Bhatia shared his view points on the developments taking place in Iran, Afghanistan and Pakistan and their impact on India. They both engaged students in a very interactive question and answer session.

During last two days of the workshop, mock MUN sessions were conducted by Sonsie Khatri and Raghav Agarwal, Class XII students of AIS Saket.



Director AERC interacts with a participant at e-MUN workshop

Students got to simulate a MUN and also imbibed rich insights about the proceedings of MUN. They also honed their innate skills to become critically thinking, global leaders of tomorrow. [G](#)[I](#)

Engaging students creatively

Amitians Bag Top Laurels At School Special AYF 2020

AUUP

Students from Amity Group of Schools Delhi/NCR took part in the first ever Amity Youth Forum 2020 Online- School Special Edition organised by Amity Business School, AUUP on June 19-20, 2020. The competition was all about 'Creatively Engaging Youth - With Students, For Students, By Students'. Students from Class IX-XII and passing out Class XII participated in 13 categories and 74 competitions. Over 9,000 students from 1,300 eminent schools of India and abroad registered to showcase their talent & creativity. Total 41



Eminent dignitaries at virtual inauguration of AYF school edition



A student participates in dance

Amitians won top positions in various events like photography, nrityansh, mathopedia, decoding, poetry, debate, google doodle, antariksh quiz, Curie-osity quiz, science quiz, Techashi's

war coding competition, movie making, weave a verse, genius science innovation challenge, classical music, oscillation, etc. Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of

Schools and RBEF congratulated the winners and the organisers for taking the initiative to fruitfully engage the school students, nurturing their inner creativity during the pandemic. [G](#)[I](#)

Remembering the great martyr

Amitians Pay A Tribute

AIS Pushp Vihar

Class KG-VIII students paid a soulful virtual eulogy to the great freedom fighter and martyr Chandrashekar Azad on his 114th birth anniversary on July 23, 2020. Students of KG attended virtual classes donning Chandrashekar Azad like moustaches and were given an insight into his life and struggle. by their teachers. Class I and II students were told about various interesting facts about Chandrashekar Azad's life and stories of his inspirational patriotism. Students of Class III -V were shown the journey of his life, crucial incidents, the role of Chandrashekar Azad in

India's freedom movement and his vision of independent India through a video. They also drew a sketch of Chandrashekar Azad and described his qualities and their learnings from his life through a thinking map template and a quiz on peer deck. Class VI-VIII students watched a short documentary on Chandrashekar Azad, followed by a brain mapping activity wherein they wrote adjectives to describe the brave heart 'Azad'. They also discussed about various incidents of Azad's life which inspired them the most, and why. Some students also wrote questions which they would have asked him had they been a journalist in his era.

Winsome educator



Ekta Soni, the changemaker

Science teacher Ekta Soni brought home laurels as she was selected as the 'Regional Teacher of Change' by AIM (Atal Innovative Mission)

run under the aegis of Niti Ayog in an online ceremony on July 24, 2020. She is one amongst top 30 science teachers who were recognised for being actively involved in promoting the spirit of tinkering and innovation in their respective schools. She was selected through a stringent selection process based on her involvement in developing ATL Lab of the school as a centre of research. Her innovation ideas, documentation of ATL related work, active participation and consecutive wins at ATL Marathon and Community Day competition were the key parameters that helped her achieve the victorious feat. [G](#)[I](#)



Fun facts about emojis were shared virtually

Assembly for emojis

Students of Class XII held the last class assembly of their school life to celebrate World Emoji Day. The virtual assembly was dedicated to the world of emojis, their history, trivia, meaning, creator

and their popularity as a language of communication. They presented an emoji story based on thought that life is all about learning, held online emoji quiz and entertained everyone with melodious songs. [G](#)[I](#)



Why does it happen?

Let Us Find The Logic Behind Some Of The Unusual Things

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Normal things usually don't catch our eyes. Our attention is only reserved for the things that are out of the ordinary. And though curiosity kills the cat, we can't help but ask - why? Of course, most of the times, instead of finding out the actual reason, we cook up our own brand of logic to justify the weird things we see around us. So, here we are to bust that logic and reveal the actual reason behind things that make you scratch your head.

Why do pirates wear an eyepatch in movies?

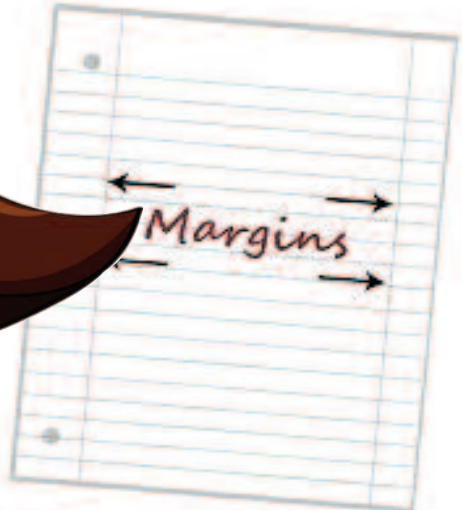
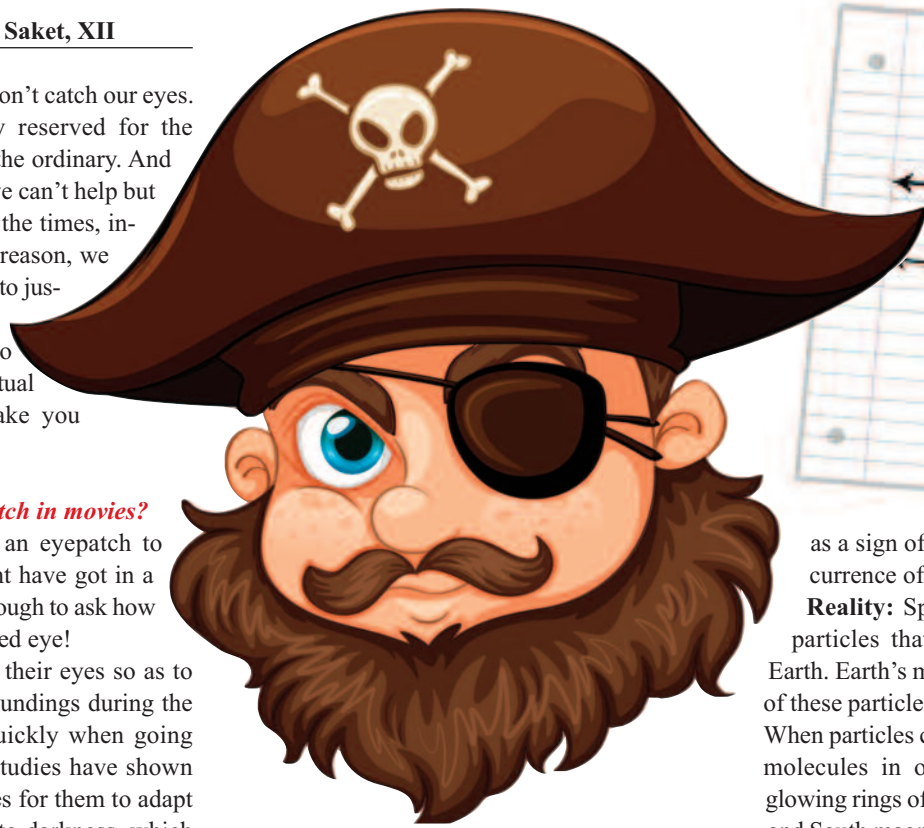
Myth: Some say pirates use an eyepatch to cover the eye injury they might have got in a fight. No one really bothered though to ask how every single pirate has an injured eye!

Reality: Pirates used to cover their eyes so as to get a better view of their surroundings during the night time. The eyes adapt quickly when going from darkness to light while studies have shown that it can take up to 25 minutes for them to adapt when going from bright light to darkness, which requires the regeneration of photo pigments. Wearing an eye patch enables attacking pirates to keep one eye acclimated to the dark, so that they could run below decks on a merchant ship without getting blinded by the sudden change of light to dark.

Why do American and British English spellings of the same word differ?

Myth: Americans didn't copy British properly!

Reality: The reason behind the lack of uniformity between spellings of the same words in American English and British English is mainly credited to



the American lexicographer Noah Webster who wanted to nail down the specifics of American English based on the phonetics of the words. Writing three books that were used by Americans to teach spellings for almost 100 years, Webster spelt words on how they sounded rather than how the British wrote them. Ergo, 'defence' became 'defense', 'theatre' became 'theater', 'catalogue' became 'catalog', 'colour' became 'color' and so on.

Why does the sky glow with the Northern lights?

Myth: People in some countries saw these lights

as a sign of bad omen, foreshadowing the occurrence of tragedies like war and plague.

Reality: Space releases electrically charged particles that enter the upper atmosphere of Earth. Earth's magnetic field deflects around 98% of these particles but a few are able to enter inside. When particles come in contact with the atoms and molecules in our atmosphere, they create two glowing rings of auroral emission around the North and South magnetic poles, known as auroral ovals.

Why do notebooks have margins?

Myth: So that the teachers can write their angry remarks telling us why our answers are incorrect.

Reality: In the past, it was extremely common for books and notebooks to fall prey to gnawing mice and rats, leading them to harm the notebook and chewing away important information written on the paper. To save their writings, people started leaving empty spaces on all sides of the page, which were most likely to suffer the damages of the attack, in order to save the written words.



Fuel your funky BRAIN

With These Contronyms

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The English language is one we aspire to be eloquent in, but it is also a language that can test the limits of our patience. Contronyms, a type of word born out of the English language, have opposite meanings for the same word. Here are some contronyms to include in your vocabulary the next time you want to befuddle someone with the intricacies and idiosyncrasies of this language.

Overlook

Verb

/əʊvə'lok/

Meaning 1: Fail to notice

Meaning 2: To supervise

To fail to notice and to observe can be defined up in literally one word. What an extremely contradictory existence!

Dust

/dʌst/

Verb

Meaning 1: Remove dust or dirt by wiping

Meaning 2: Sprinkle fine particles on something

To clean and to dirty, dust means both of them. Although when we dust a cake, it's usually with powdered sugar and not literal dust.

Fine

/faɪn/

Meaning 1: Of a very high quality (adjective)

Meaning 2: Satisfactory (adverb)

Next time your mom asks you how your exam went, you know which word to use without any guilt of leading her on.

Buckle

/'bʌk(ə)l/

Verb

Meaning 1: To fasten; secure

Meaning 2: To break down

Can you break down securely? Yeah, with the English language you surely can! Now, buckle up before you buckle down.

Cleave

/kli:v/

Verb

Meaning 1: Split; sever

Meaning 2: To stick to

When you were a mere child, you used to cleave to your mother. Now, all grown up, you cleave from her.

Refrain

/ri'freɪn/

Verb

Meaning 1: To desist from doing something

Meaning 2: To repeat

Make sure you refrain from committing mistakes and refrain good deeds...wait, what?

With this egregious (shockingly bad, but remarkably good) collection to confuse the world more, we would just like to say one thing: Thanks for nothing, English!

A string of firsts

Lesser Known Inventions That India Gave To The World

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We all know that India gave the world zero, but there are several other lesser known breakthroughs that finds their origins in India. We bring you the ones that changed the world quite significantly.

In the field of mathematics

In the book called Baudhayana Sulba Sutra, Baudhayana, an Indian mathematician living in 800 BCE, described the Pythagoras theorem as "A rope stretched along the length of the diagonal produces an area which the vertical and horizontal sides make together", hence, proving that the theorem was originally introduced in India.

In the field of sports

Fighting over snakes and ladders is a part of every Indian child's memory bank. This board game of unpredictability and surprises is also an India original. Gyandev invented snakes and ladders in the 13th century, which was originally called 'Moksha patam'.

In the field of technology

With the passage of each year, the world has tended to become smaller and more accessible. The introduction of video communication across the globe has brought the world even closer. But this accessibility has only been possible with the invention of wireless communication devised by Indian scientist Jagdish Chandra Bose, who demonstrated radio waves even before Marconi did in 1985. Pretty sure, you did not know this one.

In the field of medicine

If the world has to thank someone for something as complex as surgery, then it has to be Sushruta of 600 BC. In his time, Sushruta

wrote a treatise called Sushruta Samhita containing a detailed description about surgery. In this treatise, one can see the mention of complicated surgeries such as caesarian, cataract, plastic surgery, etc, which are highly relevant in today's time.

In the field of martial arts

Say martial arts, and we all instantly start hailing the evergreen martial arts hero Bruce Lee. But here's a fact- the origin of Shaolin Kung Fu, which includes Chinese martial arts, traces back to the period of Bodhidharma, an Indian monk who introduced Buddhism to China. What followed was the spread of Indian martial arts across China. It was during this transmission that the yoga sutras of Patanjali taught single-minded meditation using specific points located inside human body, which forms the premise of Chinese martial arts.

India has always been a



giver. The foundation that had been laid by the Indian inventors has now resulted in the building of a large empire of knowledge and sciences which has resulted in the betterment of humankind altogether.

