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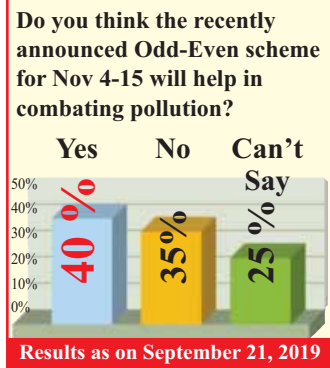


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Do you think imposing heavy fines will help improve the traffic situation in the capital?
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Moon musings

The Various Phases Of The Moon Guiding Different Aspects Of Life

Mrinal Verma, GT Network

“That’s one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind,” announced Neil Armstrong on July 20, 1969, as his small step became the first one to be witnessed by the moon. 50 years and various moon missions (the recent one being Chandrayaan-2) later, we look back at the celestial body whose different phases have always been a huge part of our lives.

Gamha Purnima, Magh Purnima, Guru Purnima and Jhulan Purnima. Festivals, like Diwali, fall on the day of *Amavasya*, the new moon night. This day is believed to mark a new beginning as the new moon ushers in hopes of a new dawn. The moon also determines the festivities of Ganesh Chaturthi, celebrated on the 4th day after new moon, to Karva Chauth, falling on the 4th day after *purnima* in the month of *Kartika* according to the Hindu lunisolar calendar. With

more than 80 gods representing moon in different religions around the world, the celestial body has always had a prominent seat in our minds.

The ph(r)ase we read

This ‘silver ball’ has become a recurring motif in pages of various texts, having sparked the imagination of writers for centuries. A True Story, published in 2nd Century AD by Lucian of Samosata, where people are blown away to the moon, is credited to be the founding father of the genre we now know as science fiction. Lunar literature, which began taking shape during the Renaissance saw *Somnium* (1634) by Johannes Kepler, *The Man in the Moon* (1638) by Francis Godwin,

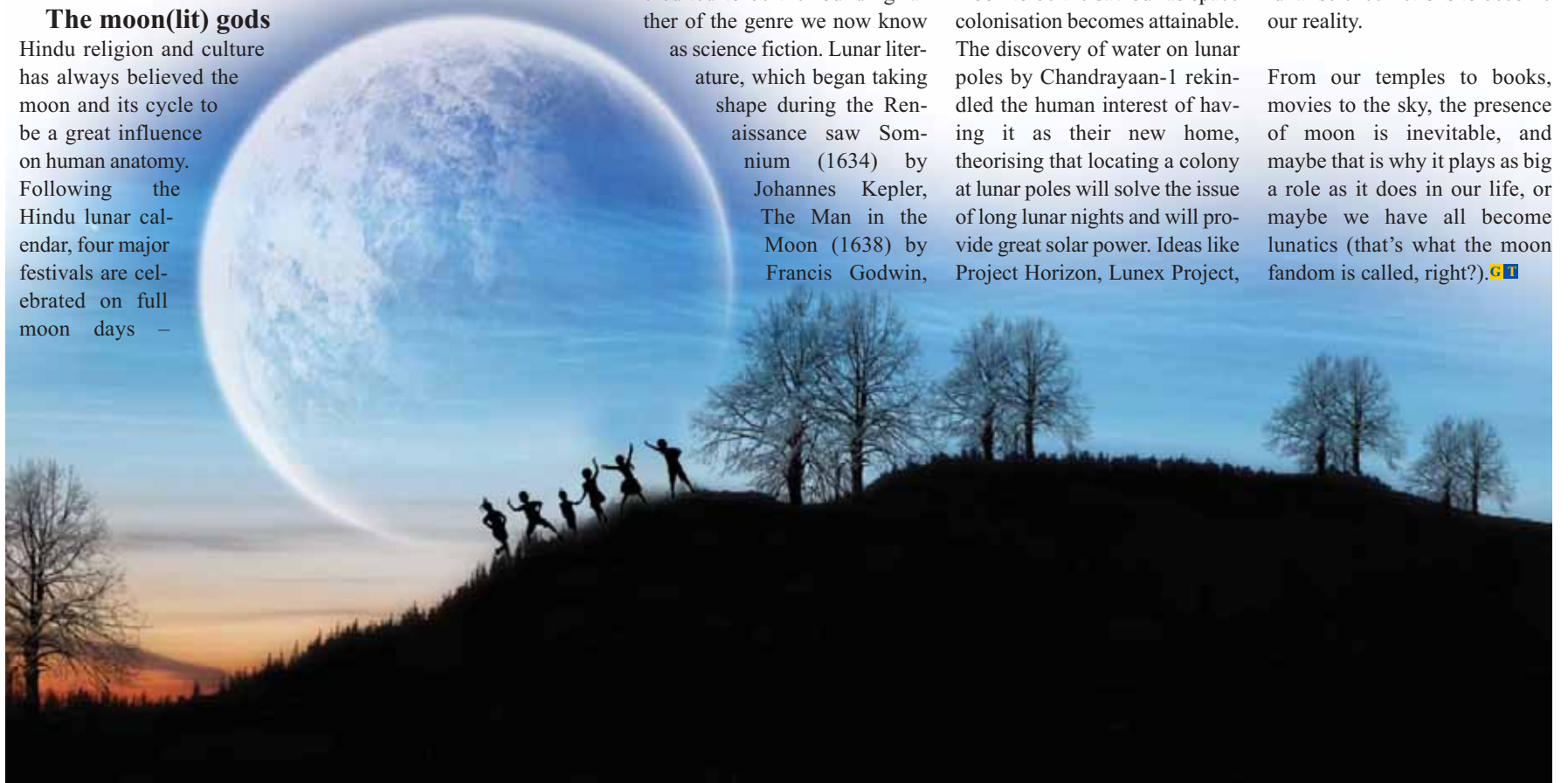
A Voyage to the Moon (1657) by Cyrano de Bergerac, etc. With every poet having a platonic relationship with the moon, from the likes of William Shakespeare, Sylvia Plath, Edward Young to William Blake, W. H. Auden and Alice Oswald, a *chaand ka tukda* has become our favourite metaphor.

New luna(tic) home

Having nearly exhausted earth’s resources and looking for a plan(et) B, humans eye the moon to be the saviour as space colonisation becomes attainable. The discovery of water on lunar poles by Chandrayaan-1 rekindled the human interest of having it as their new home, theorising that locating a colony at lunar poles will solve the issue of long lunar nights and will provide great solar power. Ideas like Project Horizon, Lunex Project,

sub-surface base, Moon Village, etc., all planned to establish civilisation on moon, have been proposed in the past. NASA has requested a 1.6 billion USD increase in 2020 budget to launch another moon mission by 2024 and an outpost by 2028. Russia plans to do the same by 2030, whereas Japan and China plan to land man on moon by 2030 and 2036 respectively. With the highest number of space explorations done on the moon, maybe the time has come for lunar science fictions to become our reality.

From our temples to books, movies to the sky, the presence of moon is inevitable, and maybe that is why it plays as big a role as it does in our life, or maybe we have all become lunatics (that’s what the moon fandom is called, right?).



A success story

Made With Passion, Perseverance And Precision

Sehaj Ghuman
 XI, AIS Noida



Dr Vinay Aggarwal, member, Medical Council of India

Amitiy University, Noida was swarming in a sea of black robes. It was Convocation 2018. The prestigious honoris causa was being conferred. The recipient, looking every bit gentlemanly, took to the podium. His voice echoed, his words boomed, for they were words of inspiration. They were the words of Dr Vinay Aggarwal, currently serving as chairman and managing director (MD), Pushpanjali Medical Centre, New Delhi. He is also a member of Medical Council of India, and Ethics Committee, World Medical Association. When GT reporters caught up with him, here’s what he had to say.

A rocky beginning

I attended a Hindi medium school, from where I passed out in the year 1967. Back then, I never realised that studying in a Hindi medium school would prove to be a roadblock for me in my



Dr Vinay Aggarwal with GT reporter

Pic: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network

later years. Since I didn’t have a flair for speaking English, it limited my possibilities to fit in several social settings, especially during my college days. I hailed from a poor background and my early source of income was selling dissection boxes in my college. With whatever profit I made, I bought my books and met my expenses.

An unabating ardour

The first book that I purchased was that of clinical medicine which costed 39 INR, an amount that now seems nothing but during those days, it was an accomplishment. When I told my parents that

I was keen on pursuing medicine, they were aghast because it seemed next to impossible. But I succeeded in becoming a doctor and it is because I was passionate enough. Passion helps you to live up to your full potential and make the unimaginable happen. As they say, it is the genesis of genius.

An abstract inspiration

To be honest, I do not idolise anyone. We all should know from within that everyone arrives in this world with a purpose, a duty, towards the nation. And perhaps this knowledge was what drove me forward. While it is crucial to be a good citizen and give back to the

world, it is not something that we see people do very often. That is an aim that medicine helps in achieving. While it does heal people and help them lead better lives, it is also a way to work for the amelioration of the world. That’s perhaps one of the biggest reasons why I chose medicine as a career option.

A strong belief

I believe that you should never allow circumstances to dictate how you live your life. Never get discouraged by failure because it is but a challenge for you to get up and move ahead. Also, I firmly believe that we are born to serve, and service should be our prime and principle aim. Whatever you do in life, make sure that it is for the world’s betterment.

A powerful message

Amitians have the potential to change the world. I want you all to keep going and never let any achievement get to your head. Also, never become a victim of circumstances- create your own! The key to succeed at anything in life is persistence and passion.

Also known as the Mexican walking fish, Axolotl is actually not a fish but an amphibian.



India this week

Sucheer Menon

AGS Gurugram, VIII

While we sit on our couch just breathing, a lot of things happen around us, and sometimes in our very own country. We bring you the ones worth mentioning.



The return of Odd-Even scheme

News: On September 13, 2019, Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal announced the return of the odd-even rule in Delhi from November 4-15, 2019. As per the rule, four-wheelers with odd and even number plates can only be driven on odd and even days, respectively. This is a step to control pollution in Delhi.

Views: Although this scheme aims at lowering the pollution level, it gets very inconvenient for the people to commute. Also, merely reducing traffic on the roads will not combat air pollution. Something should be done holistically to ensure that we breathe clean air.

Maya L Joshi, AGS Gurugram, VIII



PM Modi's gifts to go under hammer

News: Union culture minister, Prahlad Singh Patel announced the auction of gifts received by PM Narendra Modi in the last one year. Approximately 2,700 objects, including portraits of Modi, swords, turbans, religious idols, etc., have been put on display at the National Gallery of Modern Art in New Delhi. The base price has been kept at 200 while the upper limit for the bid is 2.5 lakhs. The auction has been organised to raise funds for centre's Namami Gange Project which aims at conservation and rejuvenation of river Ganga.

Views: This auction just shows how selfless and devoted our Prime Minister is towards the nation. It also gives common people an opportunity to own a piece of heritage. Besides, Namami Gange Project is a great step towards saving river Ganga, which is one of the most important rivers in India. It is our duty to contribute and conserve nature with such small initiatives as they can lead to a big change.

Padam Saraogi, AGS Gurugram, VIII



Kashmir struggles to function

News: Even after six weeks of abolishment of Article 370 in Kashmir, the valley is still struggling to find normalcy, as shops are closed and public transport is off the roads. State's efforts to open schools is also not bearing fruits as parents prefer to keep their children home due to safety concerns. While landline phones are functional, internet services remain suspended across all platforms.

Views: The recent removal of Article 370 will serve as a significant step in integrating the state of Kashmir with the rest of the country. Also, this step will help in expelling terrorism. Of course, the Indian Government may seem questionable at this moment, but the hard truth is that integrating Kashmir with India was never going to be an easy task. There will be setbacks and hiccups and people who will take this negatively. The current lockdown is just one of those inevitable hiccups. Let's hope that things restore to normalcy soon.

Aadvik Bhargava
AGS Gurugram, VIII

Tripura CM to donate his six months' salary

News: Tripura chief minister, Biplab Kumar Deb on September 13, decided to donate his six months' salary for the installation of dustbins across different villages in the state, specifically in the markets. Deb also urged "everyone from all walks of life to join hands in making Tripura a garbage free state." Deb also said that he aims to "make Tripura one of the best tourist destinations of India."

Views: Kudos to the chief minister of Tripura for taking such a bold step for the welfare of society in times of such selfishness and corruption. Many people believe that it is hard to find political leaders like Deb in India. I think that he has set a good example for the people and it will definitely inspire many citizens of the country to support him in his stance of making Tripura a garbage free state. Tripura should be proud and happy to have a CM like Deb who has taken such a step to help in improving his state and country.

Phoebe Hegeler, AGS Gurugram, VIII



Around The WORLD

GT keeps the newswire ticking by bringing you news from around the globe



USA

Two Emmy awards for NASA

The Academy of Television Arts & Sciences honoured NASA with Outstanding Interactive Program Award for its extensive coverage of Mars InSight Lander. The space agency in collaboration with SpaceX, also won another award for the video coverage of Crew Dragon test flight which is designed to eventually take humans to the outer space.

UK

Work visas to be extended

Starting from 2020, the government has decided that international students with a bachelors or masters degree will be granted work-visas that will extend up to two years. Currently, the students are allowed to look for work within four months post their course completion. The same policy was scrapped by the coalition government in the year 2012.



RUSSIA

Navy to use hypersonic missiles

The Russian Navy is likely to be the first country to field hypersonic cruise missiles from its submarines, which will also prove advantageous during naval warfare. The hypersonic missile can travel at five times the speed of sound and will be useful in enhancing the missile's survival rate. The first test launch is expected to take place next year.



NORWAY

Mystery disease kills dogs

Dozens of dogs in different parts of the country have died due to unidentified reasons. Although the symptoms found in the afflicted dogs are not new, there is an unusual rise in the number of cases. As of now, the Food Safety Authority, Veterinary Institute, and the Norwegian University of Life Sciences are working together to find out the actual cause.



SAUDI ARABIA

Worst attack on oil plant

Aramco, the world's largest oil processing facility was shut down as a result of a massive drone attack believed to be executed by the Houthi rebels of Yemen. The attacks have cut down five percent of global oil supply as a consequence of which oil prices shot up 15% higher.



PAKISTAN

Astronaut in space by 2022

Minister for Science and Technology, Fawad Chaudhry has announced that the country is planning to send its first astronaut to space by the year 2022 with China's assistance. The selection process will start with 50 aspirants, which will then be shortlisted to 25. Eventually, one will be selected for the mission. The Pakistan Air Force is to play a major role in the process of selection.

News Flash

► **South Korea:** The second case of African swine fever surfaced at a farm in Yeoncheon, Seoul, where 4,700 pigs had been raised ► **Indonesia:** Massive man-made forest fire blaze has created a thick haze across the parts of Malaysia



Axolotls are unusual amphibians as they do not undergo metamorphosis.

A new chapter, a fresh start

AGBS Organises Two-Day Orientation Session For The New Batch



Faculty members and dignitaries at the two-day orientation programme organised by AGBS



Distinguished guest interacts with the students

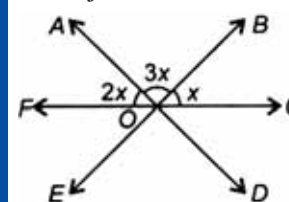
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AGBS

Amity Global Business School, AUUP, organised a two-day orientation programme for the fresh BBA and MBA batches for the session 2019-2022 and the session 2019-2021 respectively on August 20-21, 2019. On day one, the programme commenced with the formal welcoming of the new students and the parents, which was followed by the traditional *havan*. Various faculty members and distinguished dignitaries were part of the auspicious occasion. The event was graced by Major Vinod John,

deputy director (academics), AGBS campuses; Prof (Dr) Girish Kathuria, director, AGBS Noida; Prof (Dr) Marshal Sahni, professor & dean, Student Welfare, AUUP; Prof Sachin Rohatgi, assistant professor – Finance, AGBS Noida; Prof (Dr) Aparajita Das Gupta Amist, dean, AGBS Noida; Dr Ruchi Sinha, associate dean, AGBS Noida and KS Ahluwalia, executive coach, Excalibre. They congratulated the freshers and encouraged them to explore their potential to reach the pinnacle of success in all their future endeavours. They also emphasised on the importance of self-discipline and time manage-


ment in a student's life and put forth the vision of Founder President, Amity Education Universe, Dr Ashok K Chauhan, which is to be the change they want to see in the world.

Day two of the programme saw the students being apprised on the importance of learning foreign languages for career building by Mamta Chawla, assistant professor, marketing management, AGBS and Divya Bhatia, assistant professor, foreign languages, AGBS. The salient feature of the day were two interactive sessions. The first session revolved around the theme 'Corporate Academia Bridging' wherein the students in-

teracted with corporate leaders like Sugata Palit, chief HR, Varun Beverage Ltd; Anjali Bhatia, assistant vice president HR, Varun Beverage Ltd; Naveen Kumar, assistant vice president & head operations (IT), IFCI Factories, and Sudhanshu Sharma, representing Digiversal. Each of these leaders emphasised on the importance and need of imbuing noble behavioural values such as humility, respect, ownership of tasks and to remain optimistic, inquisitive and goal oriented.

The next session was a platform for the students to have a healthy interface with AGBS Noida alumni champs, wherein a panel

of eminent alumni of the institution, namely, Aditya Vijay Singh, deputy manager, HDFC Bank; Akash Saxena, sales engineer, Ventilair India Pvt Ltd, Kanika Nigam, social media executive, Korra Worldwide Advertising Pvt Ltd, shared their experiences of their prestigious alma mater. The freshers were motivated to grab every opportunity extended by AGBS for their personal and professional development.

As a result of the programme, the students found themselves driven to embark on this journey with confidence and zeal. The event concluded with a vote of thanks from the hosts of the session. 



Dignitaries and guests release the new book at the event

An international talk

On The Role Of Media & Communication

AUMP

Amity Institute of Pharmacy (AIP) and Amity Institute of Communication (ASCO) of Amity University Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh, organised an international conference based on the theme 'Impact of Globalisation on Pharmaceutical Industry and Research: Role of Media and Communication' at their campus on August 23, 2019.

This elaborate educational event saw the participation of more than 150 students from all over India. The students of Amity gained a deep understanding of the topic from this conference organised in the presence of Lt Gen VK Sharma, vice chancellor, AUMP.

More than 7 well-researched oral presentations accompanied by over 30 posters were presented during the conference. Dr RK Goyal, vice chan-

cellor, Delhi Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Research (DIPSAR) and Dr Subha Rao, scientist, National Institute of Nutrition, talked about the effects of globalisation on pharmaceutical industry and apprised the audience on the role of media and communication.

The valedictory session further saw Dr Kanchan Kohli, professor, Jamia Hamdard University, Delhi, and Dr Surbhi Nangia Pandit, director outreach and engagement at Data Leads, speak on the impact of globalisation and the spreading of fake news and misinformation, respectively.

The conference concluded with the release of a book of research papers that was published on the aforementioned topic. The event provided students a platform to engage in an interactive session with some of the sharpest minds of the country in the field, thus proving to be a highly informative and once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Collaborate to educate

Amity CISCO Tie-Up Opens New Arenas



Dr Ajay Rana (R) felicitate the guests at the conference

AIIT


Amity Institute of Information Technology (AIIT), AUUP, under the dynamic leadership of Dr Ajay Rana, senior vice president, Amity Education Group collaborated with CISCO to offer unique industry oriented certifications and training programme to the students of technical domain. AIIT CISCO Networking Academy, a product of the collaboration is being recognised as the CISCO Academy Support Centre (ASC) and Instructor Training Centre (ITC) by CISCO. At present, AIIT CISCO ASC is helping different CISCO networking academies in more than 12 states

of the country to run the CISCO programme effectively.

The AIIT CISCO Networking Academy offers a slew of courses that include IT Essentials, CCNA Routing & Switching, CCNA Security, Introduction to Cyber Security, NDG Linux, Internet of Things, Python, C and C++ languages. The courses are primarily delivered in partnership with CISCO Networking Academy, which is a global education programme that helps students to prepare for ICT careers.

Till now, more than 8000 students have successfully passed out from AIIT CISCO ASC & ITC, and are also well placed in the industry. About 17000 students are currently registered with the acad-

emy. Currently 90 academies from across the country are associated with AIIT CISCO Networking Academy. More than 1000 instructors have been trained by AIIT, AUUP.

With an aim to provide quality education in the field of networking, the academy has already undertaken several initiatives and offered a number of programmes to the students. Key amongst them are a pan-India workshop on the promotion of CISCO programming courses, training for sixteen Telangana Academy for Skill and Knowledge (TASK) instructors, a two-days conference in collaboration with AIIT CISCO Academy Support Centre, amongst several others. 

Axolotl is an amphibian which eats small aquatic creatures like crustaceans, worms and small fish.



Eclipse eventualities

Different Animals And Their Interesting Reactions To The Inevitable Solar Eclipse

Aryaman Jain

AIS Mayur Vihar, Alumnus

According to Newton, every action has an equal and opposite reaction, which is true, even if the action is an eclipse and the one reacting is an animal. Their reaction, however, depends on how many bats in whose belfry we are talking about. For your easy understanding, 3 tiers are being presented, each representing a level of intelligence or indifference, whatever suits better!

The dumb

Animals like cows, mules and other equestrian entities will continue their work, for their low intellect takes no heed to the sudden darkness. Cows, for instance, would not even raise their heads to look at the celestial calibration conundrums, preferring to chew on grass. They surely have their priorities straight! The most, all observed cows, have done is started heading back towards their barns, but even that plan got cancelled as the sun surfaced again. In complete contrast



Imaging: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network

to farmland, the fish in open sea also does not care if the giant ball of hydrogen giving them life gets obscured by a lowly lunar rock. Surely that happens every other day. It's no biggie!

The normal

All other animals and insects, barring a few, will act like its night-time abandon their day jobs and hurry back to their night time setup. Dogs and cats, the

non-pet ones (yeah, they exist), start to show adversarial reactions to the sudden darkness. Some start to whimper, growl or snarl under the impression that a thunderstorm is arriving, while

some think that lack of light means nightfall and prowl for food. Advancing from animals who don't have human association to those hated by us like spiders, bees and everything nice,

also think that the obvious obfuscation of the sun is the time to start night-life and break down their hunting webs or hurry to their homely hives. They would all return to their daily activities after the sun surfaces again, like spiders would start rebuilding their webs.

The smart

Observant beings of a higher intelligence will go out into the open and gaze up at the lunar/solar eclipse, aware of something amiss. Dolphins and whales, mammals of the marine arena come and hang out near the surface during a solar/lunar eclipse. Zooplanktons also swim near the surface to set their eyes upon the lackadaisical solar lighting. Some terrestrial animals also like to watch eclipses. Chimpanzees climb to tree-tops to get an uninterrupted view, while llamas materialise out of thin air into clearings for limited-time event. Domestic animals usually mirror their human friends during eclipses, with most of them acting ordinarily, or enjoying the eclipse. 🇺🇦

Let's move, let's sustain

It's Time To Bring A Change And Harness Energy Using Random Vibrations

Pro@Project

Innovation : Triboelectric Nanogenerator-
Innovators : Stuti Lohani & Aryaman Trivedi, AIS Noida, XII
Mentor : Anshu Agarwal

Stuti Kalra, GT Network

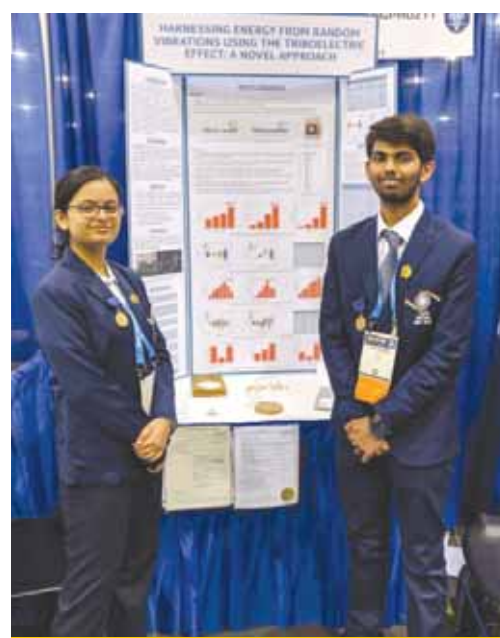
It was just another Physics class. Stuti and Aryaman sat there, listening to their teacher talk about conservation of energy and non-conventional resources of energy. They had been listening to the same thing since they were in Class II and yet the problem remained the same – the world was running out of energy sources. There sure had to be some solution, and so they decided to find one.

Identifying the problem

As the two dug deeper, they realised that while renewable energy sources were harnessed, the results were not as desired. This was due to the fact that renewable energy sources gave high outputs but still failed because they either couldn't harness a broadband of frequencies or only harness energy from forces in specific directions, making them inefficient. This was a real problem. And with the annual science fair, Dhananjay Mohan Science Symposium, around the corner, this problem was taken up for addressal immediately.

Sifting for a better solution

Working on finding a better, non-conventional, economical and accessible resource of energy, they decided to use triboelectricity, a phenomenon of contact electrification that has emerged as a potential approach for ameliorating the issue. Triboelectricity is a phenomenon where electricity is generated when two different materials re-



Stuti & Aryaman with their project

peatedly collide with, or rub against the surface of one another. In the process, one surface steals electrons from another surface, thereby accumulating a charge that can be stored to power low-power sensors and electronics. The team thus decided to create a device using Freestanding Triboelectric Layer Effect and electrostatic induction to construct a non-polluting, low-cost design.

Designing with kinetic energy

After extensive experiments with several designs and research conducted in IIT Delhi and IIT Roorkee under the guidance of physics and mechanical engineering professors as well as the guidance of mentor teacher Anshu Agarwal, the team finalised upon a simple cylindrical triboelectricity based design. The design comprised a small 70 mm diameter cylindrical box made of Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE), a synthetic fluoropolymer of tetrafluoroethylene. PTFE, which is



Team meets Maya Ajmera, CEO, Society for Science and the Public at ISEF 2019

Awards & Recognitions

- Filed for patent in May 2019
- Won the finalist medal at ISEF 2019 in Arizona, USA in May 2019
- Felicitated with the Wolfram Award at ISEF 2019
- Won Grand Award at IRIS National Fair, 2018

a highly versatile material, and has many applications because of its varied properties as being hydrophobic, non-wetting, highly dense and resistant to high temperatures. A light aluminium slider was placed inside the cylindrical box in such a way that every time it was exposed to random vibrations, the slider moved easily over the drawn electrodes on the flat surface. The design with a singular functional side exhibited a maximum of 23.5 Volt and a current of 4.75 Microampere. The design could generate a maximum

power output up to 11.16 Microwatts with five glass sliders moving across the PTFE surface in conjunction. The team further innovated and found that any change in the material and number or diameter of the slider resulted in a change in the output.

Vibrations for a vibrant life

The device is capable of harnessing energy from all sorts of vibrational motion. It is especially useful in harnessing energy from random vibrations in daily life that otherwise get wasted as vibrations in automobiles, air conditioners and water bodies. The device has immense potential as its results can be enhanced by integrating multiple units, performing surface modifications on the slider or on the PTFE surfaces. In the light of depleting resources, this design of the triboelectric nanogenerator can be used to ergonomically harvest energy from ambient vibrations. 🇺🇦



Axolotls have special healing powers, they can repair a damaged limb as well as regenerate an additional one.

Teaching with technology



Dr Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

As I felicitated the winners of 5th Amity Innovation in Education Technology Awards (Read page 11), my heart filled with joy. The brilliant presentations by Amity teachers of how they use unique tech augmented pedagogies to teach in classroom was satisfying.

I still remember, when, five years ago, while walking through the alleyways of an Amity school, I noticed many students appear disinterested in a social science class. They were bored because they found it difficult to memorise, which the subject demanded. I discussed my problem with Ms Mohina Dar, and together we innovated a lesson design which was an amalgamation of 'learning by doing' and 'technology'. Aiming at motivating learners to explore the concepts on their own while using tech to bring the world to their classrooms, the design was called PBL (Project Based Learning) with flipped classroom blended learning. Idea was simple. A concept would be chosen as a project for a particular span of time and instead of reading lessons in class, children would read and understand concepts at homes, with their peers, aided by textbooks and smart lessons, augmented with technology. In the class they then discuss what they have read and learnt and undertake small assessments on the basis of that. Such approach gave both educators and learners, the freedom to learn, explore and evaluate at their own pace. The results of this design were awesome as one of our Amitian, Akshat Mittal even went on to create an app for 'Odd even traffic problem' as a part of his PBL of transportation and traffic in school. As our Amity educators create innovative tech augmented lesson plans, I am happy to see them 'love to teach, teach to learn and learn to teach'. [GT](#)

Language love



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

Recently, when we paid eulogy to Hindi by publishing two consecutive special Hindi edition pullouts to celebrate 'Hindi Diwas', I received several mails appreciating the same. It made me ponder over the present state of different languages in India and the realisation that we do not have any national language because of the diversity in regional languages spoken across the nation. And, perhaps, it is this diversity that plays a powerful force in preserving our rich heritage and culture.

I often come across youngsters who immediately pin point me when I use any word of Hindi or Bhojpuri (my native language) in my conversation. The little ones even go to the extent of interrupting me with "don't use slang words". Slang? That leaves me bespoke. Well, I cannot blame the young minds either. With many schools reprimanding children for speaking in hindi and parents making fluency in English a matter of social pride, no doubt our national pride stands in tatters. Let's not forget that it was Gitanjali written in Bengali by Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore which put our nation on the world map as we got our first Nobel prize in literature. From Meghadootam by Kalidas to Gita Govindam by Jayadeva, these epics have attracted many scholars from world over that they come to India for research but end up adopting our nation and culture as their own. Evolution is good, but not at the cost of our own identity. Language defines civilisations, it is a spectator of history and treasure trove of knowledge. A language is not merely a mode of communication, it's our heritage, it's our pride. So, while we go global, let's always remain rooted. [GT](#)

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Let them be gold!

Making Our Future Generation Educated And Not Just Literate

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Gold and iron are both lustrous metals but are significantly different from each other. Gold remains untarnished for life, whereas iron loses its shine and identity with the slightest contact with water. The difference between education and literacy is pretty much the same. Literacy is just the ability to read and write, but education is a much more broad and inclusive term. It cannot be defined. Is it a process or a phenomenon? Or is it an inculcation of values? Or can we call it as the enlightenment of an individual? Or perhaps it is all of these!

In today's scenario, most of the children are literate but not educated. Several incidents like leaking of examination papers depict an ugly picture of youth, i.e., lack of self-belief in them and lack of honesty in them to accept their results. Everybody is a culprit in this situation because the papers are leaked and sold only because there are buyers for the same in the market. At such a time, teaching our children that exams are



not meant to judge them but just a way to analyse their understanding by learning through their mistakes would surely help. This is just one of the many examples that highlight the need to impart values along with literacy, making it a complete whole, thus making it what we call education in its

truest sense. Education without the grounding force of values can create havoc. A scientist can create medicines or atom bombs, depending upon his inherited value system.

But these values cannot be taught in class, they need to come naturally to a child. So as parents, teachers, mentors,

tutors and guides, let's join our hands and strive towards making our future generation educated and not just literate. Let's inculcate values in them so that we produce gold and not iron, so that our kids become untarnished and responsible human beings when they grow up. [GT](#)

A teacher's wish



The Joys And Duties Of Being An Educator

Sangeeta Paruthi
AIS Vas 6, Primary Coordinator

I had a mission, a profound vision
When I decided to become a teacher
Yes, a teacher purely by choice
As I was told by my inner voice

I knew my journey would be tough
Nothing like what I envisioned then
Yet, I myself chose this path
I knew, I was born to play this part

As a guide to all and an awakener
I persevered and learnt as well
For it was truly not in my tacts
To only impart info and facts

There was something a lot nobler
That I actually wanted to gift all
A treasure that was limitless
A cosmos with absolute finesse

For to instill morals is no cake walk
No book can teach you so
Love, kindness and to care
Humility, truth and being fair

They idolise me with all hopes
Eyes glistening and questioning
Thus, I ensure what I preach
I must, by all means, there reach

The stories I tell, I must then believe
For their love, I should be humble
I teach them not to fumble
I myself must never stumble

To groom them, I must strive
Impatience must be away this time
So, I lend them a patient ear
For all the issues they fear

As values are but ability to sense
What's right, wrong and intense

We can judge gentleness of a heart
Or what is a fraud in the cart

Though they seem insignificant now
But will one day build magnificence
Then, I would have done my part
And touched all of their hearts

Let the lessons they learn from me
Stick in their memories forever
Maybe, I am their helping hand
In this life that slips away like sand

Let their existence learn value
For my life then won't go in vain
As the humans they become
Would indeed be humane

My wish for all of them is to excel
In life, I hope they go far off
For they are the seeds of today
Will grow into flowers tomorrow! [GT](#)

[GT M@il](#)



Dear Editor,

This is in reference to 'Words of wisdom and value' on page 10-11 of The Global Times edition dated September 9, 2019. All I can say is thank you for getting our messages across and dedicating a little space of this children's newspaper to us teachers as well. The Global Times has been phenomenal in giving Amitians a platform to showcase their skills in lingua franca of the world. Schools teach language as a compulsory subject, but it is through GT that students get a first-hand experience to apply the knowledge acquired. This newspaper by the students and for the students is not just any newspaper but it gives wings to their imagination through stories, poems, sketches and drawings. As students write on varied subjects like science, innovation, current affairs, etc., not only do they hone their language skills but also develop knowledge about subjects that affect the world at large. Furthermore, the newspaper gives them a chance to not just talk about current affairs but also exhibit their unique perspective on the same, thus, helping them develop an individualistic style of thinking in the process. It would not be wrong to say that in a student's life, it is a beacon of positivity with its insistence on being positive in its coverage. It helps students dispel cynicism and focus on being worthy citizens. [GT](#)

Manisha Batra

AIS Mayur Vihar, PGT English

Although abundant in captivity, Axolotl os on the verge of extinction due to destruction of habitat and inbreeding



It is a popular exotic pet suitable for temperatures ranging between 16 °C to 18 °C, any change in which causes death.

A Golden year For the Silver Moon

Celebrating Fifty Years Of Man Stepping On The Surface of The Celestial Body We Grew Up Knowing As 'Chanda Mama'

Moon seems to be a thing of the hashtags these days. With Chandrayaan-2 capturing news, the celestial object has been the centre of attention (Didn't you see the chanda mama meme?) Truth be told, the moon has always been an object of envy, the

reference for success quotes and the muse for poets. So, why are we doing two whole pages on moon again? Because it has been 50 years since man stepped on moon. To mark the golden jubilee, students of **AIS Vasundhara 6** participated in an array of activities. We bring you the best bits!

AN ode to LUNA

Avi Prabhakar, AIS Vas 6, XII E

I escaped what dragged me down
I raged against infinite space
Headed towards the satellite
Shining in the sunlight's gown

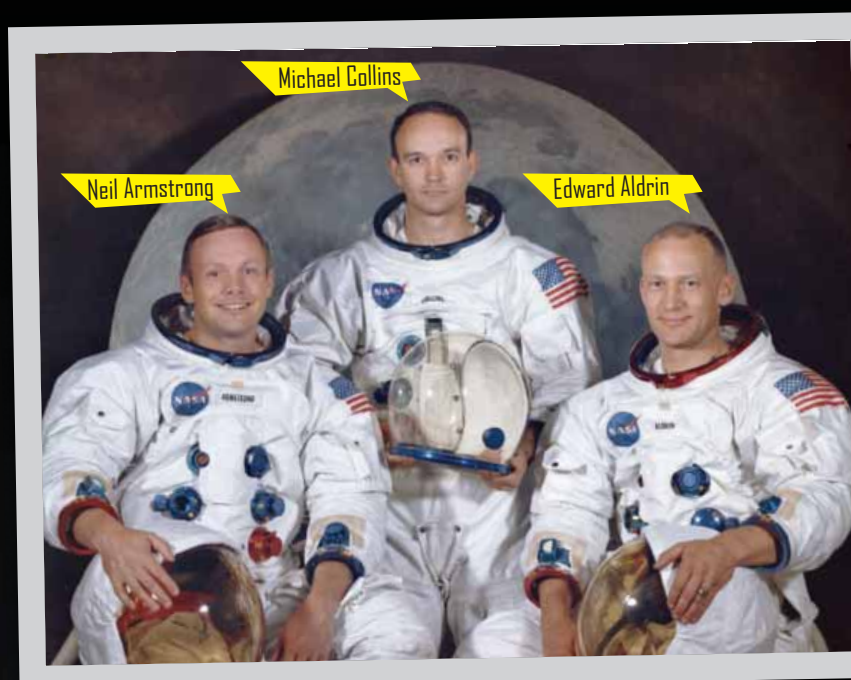
It wasn't just a little dream
But the triumphant race
Our strong vessel christened
Running after the Sun God

Touched upon dear Luna

As if in a long embrace
To be the only person
Standing seemed odd

But oh! Our Earth's beauty
So pristine I simply gaze
From the silver façade of Luna
Worn as precious as an opal

A step, a mission, a memory
The golden page in history
The mark of man stands eternal
Etched gently in the silver dust



The Story OF APOLLO 11

Looking Back 50 Years To Know How It Was

Pragya Pandey, AIS Vas 6, XI D

"Houston, Tranquility Base here. The Eagle has landed!" Neil Armstrong said on July 20, 1969, and everything else that happened on that day 50 years ago is glorious history. It was the day man took his first step on the moon and breached the limits of mankind for eternity. But how did we reach the moon in a time when many people hadn't even come to terms with the concept of space? That's the story.

4 Genesis

Everything starts with the dreams and ambitions of one human who inspires them all. In this case, the dream and ambition was of US president John F Kennedy. "I believe that this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to the Earth," he said in a joint session of Congress on May 25, 1961. From that day forth, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), American space agency, had a goal in sight and the countdown had started.

3 The Race

The countdown had indeed started and US was trailing significantly behind. It was the mid 20th century and the prolonged cold war between the USA and Russian counterpart USSR was at its peak. USSR had taken the lead with Sputnik 1, the first artificial Earth satellite that was launched into an elliptical low Earth orbit on October 4, 1957. It orbited Earth 1440 times in three weeks, making it a breakthrough stance in aeronautics. After winning the artificial satellite race, Russia further added to the misery of America with its Vostok 1 mission that made Yuri Gagarin the first man to travel to the outer space on April 12, 1961. Russia was always two steps

ahead of America, but everything changed after the Apollo 11 mission.

2 A Setback

When man decided to explore space, he had to find the means of getting there. Many difficulties had to be faced and overcome. But some setbacks are more mournful than the others. A flash fire during a test on Apollo 1 spacecraft on Jan 27, 1967, is considered to be one of the worst incidents in the history of NASA. Astronauts Virgil (Gus) Grissom, Edward H. White and Roger B. Chaffee lost their lives that day at Cape Kennedy, Fla. At that point, Apollo 11 seemed far away.

1 Man on the Moon

Apollo-11 was the first manned mission to have been landed on the moon. It was launched on July 16, 1969, with three astronauts - Neil Armstrong, Edwin Aldrin, and Michael Collins on board. Three days later, the service command module, with the lunar module attached to it, went into the orbit around moon. On the 5th day, the lunar module Eagle, with astronauts Armstrong and Aldrin on board, was separated from the service-command module and set on a course to land on the lunar surface. Two and a half hours later, on 20 July, 1969, the Eagle softly landed on the moon. Six hours after landing, Armstrong set foot on lunar soil, becoming the first human to walk on moon. The Apollo-11 was a triumph of human technology. After that US launched a series of lunar missions out of which Apollo 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, and 17 were successful. Last Apollo mission dates back to December 1972.



Playlist: Chanda re...

- Get you the moon Artist: Kina
- Starman Artist: David Bowie
- Top of the world Artist: Imagine Dragons
- Moonlove Artist: Boombox Cartel
- Eclipse Artist: Pink Floyd
- American flag on the moon Artist: Brad Paisley
- Chaand Chhupa Badal mein Artist: Udit Narayan
- Khoya Khoya Chaand Artist: Md. Rafi
- Chaand Sifarish Artist: Shaan

They've been there... ..And Here's What They Say

Saanvi Wadhwa, AIS Vas 6, XI F

Neil Armstrong
"It's an interesting place to be. I recommend it."

Edward "Buzz" Aldrin
"Whenever I gaze up at the moon, I feel like I'm on a time machine. I am back to that precious pinpoint of time, standing on the foreboding - yet beautiful - Sea of Tranquility. I could see our shining blue planet Earth poised in the darkness of space."

Michael Collins

"I really believe that if the political leaders of the world could see their planet from a distance of, let's say 100,000 miles, their outlook would be fundamentally changed. The all-important borders would be invisible, that noisy argument will be suddenly silenced. The tiny globe would continue to turn, serenely ignoring its subdivisions, presenting a unified facade that would cry out for unified understanding, for homogeneous treatment."

50 years, or is it?

And That's One Of The Many Questions Skeptics Ask



Gauri Singh, AIS Vas 6, XI C

Poets have often talked about "to the moon and back", making us wonder about the wonderful journey that took place 50 years ago. However, there are several conspiracies around the lunar landing that question if NASA's Apollo 11 mission was even real. Some say that USA faked the landing to beat USSR in the space race; that a fake set was put up and astronauts enacted the scene. Skeptics point out that there were no stars in any of the photos clicked by the astronauts. They say that this had been done by NASA to prevent astronomers from determining if the pictures were taken from Earth or

from moon by calculating the position of the celestial bodies. Some even say that the flag placed on the moon fluttered, despite the fact that moon lacks atmosphere. While the footprints of many Apollo missions are still intact on the moon, there has been no concrete proof that a set of lunar modules could be conclusively related to Apollo 11. The missing moon rocks have raised questions if these rocks are even from the moon. Some doubters even ask why any Apollo lunar mission didn't take place after 1972. Like the countless stories written about the moon in the past, this one, too, is embedded deep within the several layers of moon dust. But as they say - innocent until proven guilty!

The Moon voyage

How We Saw, Crawled & Walked On Moon

Saanvi Wadhwa, AIS Vas 6, XI F

February 3, 1966

Soviet Union stood tall when Luna 9 became the first spacecraft to achieve a lunar soft landing and to transmit photographic data from the Moon's surface to Earth. It was a hasty moment for US playing catchup, their Surveyor 1 landed on lunar surface 4 months later.

July 20, 1969

History was written as American astronaut Neil Armstrong took his first step on the moon, followed by Edward Aldrin. The Apollo 11 mission of NASA is the most iconic space mission in human history, as it successfully took humans to the moon and then brought them back home safely.

December 11, 1972

Apollo 17 mission concluded the Apollo lunar missions and no man has been to the moon since that day making Eugene Cernan and Harrison Schmitt the last men who have been to the moon.

January 24, 1990

Hiten, a Japanese lunar probe, was launched by ISAS, making it the first lunar probe that was not launched by the United States or Russia. It released Hagoromo, a smaller satellite, into lunar orbit. Hiten itself was put into lunar orbit in February 1992 and crashed it into the Moon on April 10, 1993.

November 8, 2008

Chandrayaan-1 entered Moon's orbit. Launched on October 22, 2008 by ISRO, it was the first Indian lunar probe under Chandrayaan programme. Chandrayaan 1 functioned as per the plan until August 29, 2009 until it completed its orbit.

December 14, 2013

China made history with Chang'e 3 lander as it successfully performed a soft landing on the surface of moon carrying the Yutu rover. China became the third country to reach the surface of the Moon.

July 22, 2019

Chandrayaan 2 was launched into space on an ambitious mission by ISRO, India's space agency, to plant an orbiter in Moon's orbit as well as land a rover on its surface, which would've made India the fourth country to do so. Chandrayaan 2 consisted of Vikram (lander), Pragyaan (rover) and the Orbiter. Unexpectedly, just 2.1 kms above the lunar surface, ISRO lost contact with Vikram with Pragyaan inside while performing a soft landing on the surface of the moon on September 7, 2019. However, the orbiter has traced the lost lander on the surface of the Moon. The orbiter will continue to orbit the Moon and send images of the lunar surface for a year, exposing the lesser-known south-pole region of the Moon, which no other country except India has ever even touched let alone doing it successfully.

FUN FACTS

- The Moon is the Earth's only natural satellite. A natural satellite is a space body that orbits a planet, a planet like object or an asteroid.
- Mons Huygens is the tallest mountain on the Moon, it is 4700 metres tall, just over half the height of Mt Everest (8848m).
- The average distance from the Moon to the Earth is 384403 kilometres (238857 miles).
- The USA's NASA Apollo 11 mission in 1969 was the first manned Moon landing.
- The Moon orbits the Earth every 27.3 days.

Facts by: Pragya Pandey, AIS Vas 6, XI D

Considered as God by Aztec people, Axolotl has appeared in several murals of the famous Mexican painter Diego Rivera.



A bleeding abode



Storywala

Aditi Suresh

AIS Pushp Vihar, Alumna

It was a December evening and Aleppo was dressed in snow. I had witnessed 15 such winters since birth, trying to adjust in the Middle East, apparently my homeland. I accompanied my younger brother, Mustafa, as we sneaked outside the asylum to get some air. There were sparkles of grey and red in the sky, as if fireworks were dazzling on a carnival night.

Except, I understood that those sparks were a foreign drone patrolling above our soil. Like every other day, I hoped we would make it through the night. We strolled over the rough land until we reached a huge rock, which stood at a considerable distance from the asylum and marked the periphery of the city. We knew we had less time to spend in solitude. I had an impaired radio, which was my solace in dark times. I switched it on and heard tuneful

symphonies; the language felt unfamiliar yet soothing. Engrossed in my melodic muse, I forgot to notice the empty space next to me. My brother Mustafa was missing. He was too little to find his way back. I didn't trust the security of the nation and had to find him regardless of the dangers of the war. I rushed towards the barricades and enquired some guards. They tried to brush me off. I pursued them again and this time the guards flooded me with baseless

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questions. I briefed them about Mustafa's appearance and asked them for help but they only told me to go back home. Home, haven't seen that in a long time! Helpless and lost, I sat there, crying for my brother, forced to witness the havoc. Hopeless mothers running with their children, buildings turned to ruins. I sat in there contemplating about Mustafa's life. How could military power be so ruthless? With no other option left, I walked back to the asylum. My apprehensions came to a standstill as I saw Mustafa sitting squished between two guards. I later found out that it was because of the Syrian police personnel that I had my brother right in front of me, unharmed. Maybe, our security was not as bleak as I thought. Perhaps, this country is living a war not just with other nations but, sadly with itself.



Veg macaroni

Harrrsh Gautam, AIS Vasundhara 1, X A

Ingredients

Macaroni.....	1 packet
Cabbage.....	1/2
Red bell pepper.....	1/2
Yellow bell pepper.....	1/2
Green bell pepper.....	1/2
Small onion.....	1
Tomato ketchup.....	2 tbsp
Chili flakes.....	1/4 tsp
Olive oil.....	1 tbsp
Salt.....	to taste

Method

- Finely chop onion and bell peppers and shred the cabbage.
- Boil macaroni as per the package instructions.
- Heat oil in a pan for a minute.
- Add onion and bell peppers to the oil in pan.
- Saute for two-four minutes on medium heat.
- Now, add cabbage to it and saute for two more minutes on medium flame.
- Add salt, chili flakes and ketchup to the veggies, mix well.
- Add boiled macaroni to the veggies.
- Toss well to make the flavour consistent.
- Yummy macaroni is ready. Serve hot.

WORDS VERSE



A flower

Nandini Sukhija
AIS Mayur Vihar, Alumna

A flower in my garden
Vibrant, in colours bright
Bloomed through the day
It scented all night

Its beauty was enchanting
Made all butterflies smile
I wonder if in the world
It could've stayed for a while

But it fell, far too early
Much sooner than expected
The life from spring to fall

Went still and restricted

Its petals were now dry
Its fragrance no more
The garden will still bloom
But flower is all gone

Flowers bloom, fall and dry
Their charm remains unmatched
Their fall leaves a void
The garden with colour devoid

The branch now cries
Its flower fell during its prime
Now, no floret can take its place
Flower just dropped in haste.

Read Play and Win

Reading your favourite GT can fetch you a prize too. Complete all the boxes below. Click a picture and send it to editor@theglobaltimes.in or submit it to your GT Teacher Coordinator. 3 lucky winners will win a prize every week!



Q: CM of which state has decided to donate his six months' salary?
Ans:

Q: Who is the writer of the story 'Eclipse eventualities'?
Ans:

Q: Which poem was written by Anushka Tiwari, AIS VKC Lucknow, XI?
Ans:

Q: Who is the favourite teacher of Armaan Jain, AIS Vasundhara 1, I?
Ans:

Q: Who organised the two-day orientation programme for BBA and MBA students?
Ans:

Q: On which date did man land on the moon for the first time?
Ans:

Q: Where did GT travel to in this edition?
Ans:

Q: Who wrote the story 'Moon musings'?
Ans:

Q: How many awards did NASA win at Emmy?
Ans:

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

Results of 77: Harshull, AIS Gur 43, II D

My friend

Anushka Tiwari
AIS VKC Lucknow, XI

Made my life a happier place

God blessed me in his own way
When he sent an angel one day
Her holy hand helped my woes
She showed path to face my foes

She gave my spirits a mighty lift
And taught me friendship is a gift
She filled my days with joy, grace

Makes me smile when I frown
She seems to understand me fully
She'll be there forever, truly

Friendship is an endless devotion
One filled with all emotions
I know that at the end of the day
You will be one call away.



CAMERA CAPERS

Mehul Chopra, AIS Gurugram 46, Alumnus

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Among the Gods



A subtle siesta



In search of a friend



The species was declared critically endangered due to habitat degradation in 2006.

The big race

Wisdom tale



Illustration: Pankaj Mallik, GT Network

Eshal Ahmad, AIS MV, V

This is the story of Cheetalvan, the deep dark forest. The animals of Cheetalvan were very friendly and cooperative, except for at the time of the annual race. The race was an event everyone looked forward to in the jungle. Every single animal would sign up for the race, and why not? After all, the winner of the race would get to rule the jungle for an entire year. It was that time of the year again.

The preparations for the big race had begun. All the animals could be seen running, practicing, trying to improve their stamina and speed; all, but one animal—Hooves, the baby deer. Running came naturally to Hooves. She was swift as wind; all thanks to her slender and long legs. As a result, she became overconfident. She left no opportunity to remind other animals that she was perfect and unbeatable. In fact, one day she even went on to announce that she

needed no practice at all. Tired of her ever increasing arrogance, her friends abandoned her. But she failed to take notice, for she was too busy making snide remarks on everyone else. The day of the race finally arrived. Everyone woke up early. All the animals could be seen practicing yoga for legs, or mixing up fruits to make an energising smoothie, instead of their usual morning tea. Hooves, on the other hand, woke up at leisure. She spent the entire time

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to choose a racing outfit that would not clash with the golden colour of the medal. It was afternoon and the animals lined up on the track. Zarafa, the giraffe, who was the referee for the event, blew the whistle signalling the beginning of the race. Hooves, of course, was in the lead, but after the first 100 meters, she lost stamina as a result of not practicing even once. She slowed down and the next thing she knew, Claws the leopard had overtaken her and Shila the tigress followed a close second. Terry, the tortoise, too went ahead of Hooves. So, it was no surprise when Shila came first, followed by Claws and then Sprint, the cheetah. Hooves was devastated, never did she think that she would lose. She watched with teary eyes as the other animals were adorned with medals. But needless to say, she had learnt a lesson for life. 🇮🇳

So what did you learn today?
One must work hard to win.



Shirin with her earring stand

Earring stand

Shirin Kaur Kohli, AIS Saket, IV

Material required

- 15 ice-cream sticks (colourful/plain)
- Colours (preferably water colours)
- Brushes
- Glue drops or fevibond



Method

- Make a square using four ice-cream sticks.
- Form a triangle on both sides of the square by joining two ice-cream sticks on each of the sides.
- Join another stick on the top of the triangles so as to make a handle on the top.
- Make sure your stand is looking like the top of a hut.
- Paste the remaining sticks on all the sides of this structure to make handles where you can hang your earrings.
- Your earring stand is ready for use. Hang all your beautiful earrings on it.

Best entries for colouring fun



Anika Chauhan, AIS Vas 6, II C



Anaaya Mehendiratta, AIS Vas 6, II C

Autumn

B. Bhavana, AIS Noida, VI K

As I walked through the park
I saw an enormous tree
Desolate and drowsy
As it could ever be

I saw dried dead leaves
As brown as fine rust
They looked lifeless
It's their fate; they must

I love it – the sound
When the leaves rustle
And move with the breeze
Almost without any hustle



Oh, how I love this season
It is the season I cherish
Every day should be Autumn
It is my one small wish! 🇮🇳

POEMS

A list of lists

Mohak Malhotra
AIS Saket, VI

Shopping list, to-do list
My list never seems to end
List of all my favourite places
Even favourites of my best friend

Making lists is my favourite thing
And today, I have come
With one such list that I think
You might want to have a look at

List of favourite words that rhyme
List of wishes when genie comes
List of presents during Christmas time
My list just keeps going on



And I call this a list of lists
If you wish you might add on
As I said this list never dies
Just like this, it goes on! 🇮🇳

It's Me

Know Me

My name: Armaan Jain
My school: AIS Vasundhara 1
My Class: I
Born on: September 29

My Favourites

Book: Story books
Game: Video games and bowling
Mall: Mahagun Mall
Food: Pizza and sandwich
Teacher: Anjali ma'am
Poem: Finger Family
Subject: Drawing

About Me

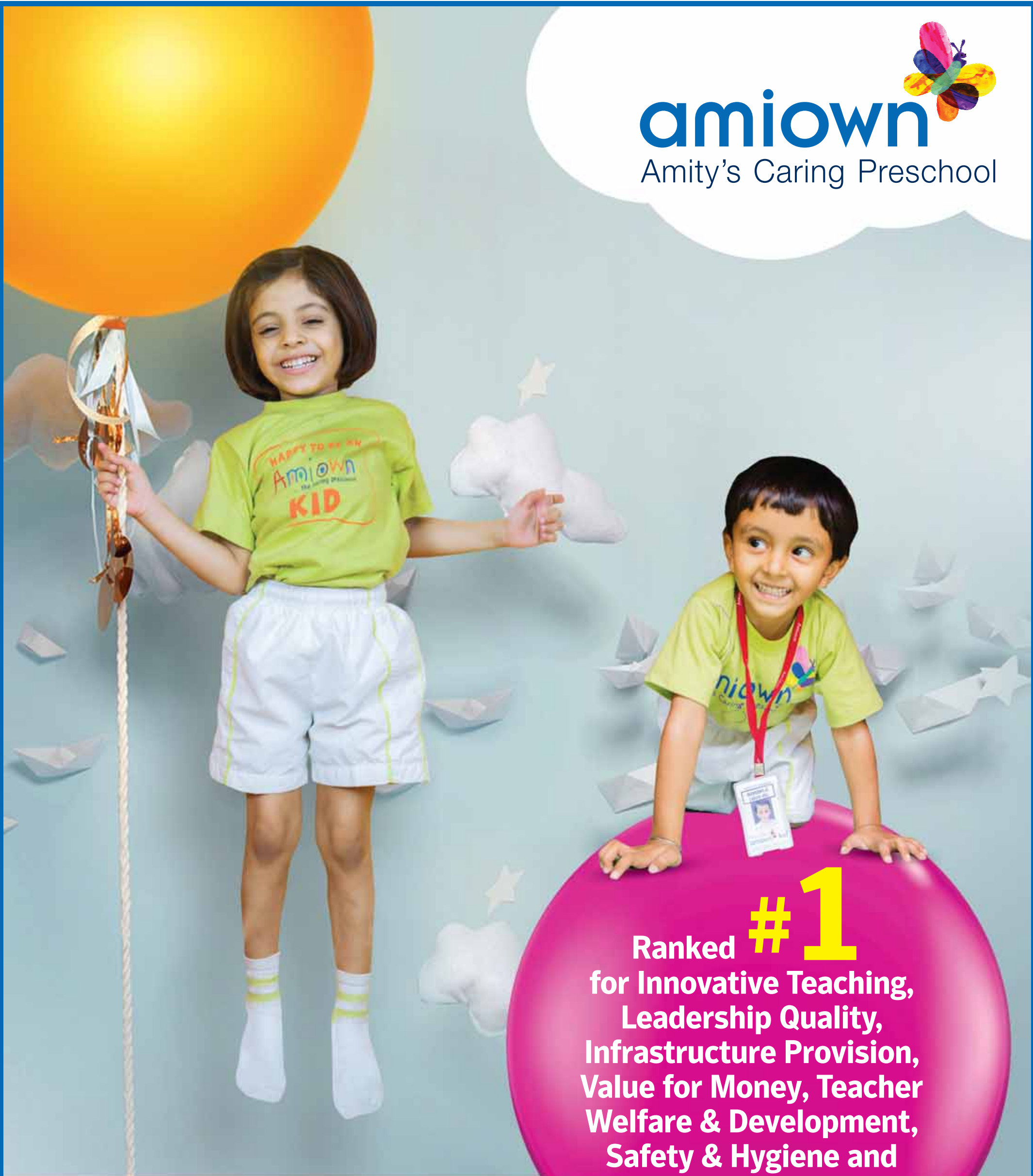
Role model: My dad
I love: Playing cricket
I like: Chocolates
I dislike: Spicy food
I want to become: A cricketer
I want to feature in GT because: I love GT and would love to see my photo in the newspaper. Also it would fulfil my wish to be popular.



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Axolotl is a 6-18 inches neotenic salamander native only to Lake Xochimilco in the Mexican valley, which now exists mainly as canals.

Innovation in education

Award For Bringing New Age Technology To Classroom



Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF with eminent dignitaries and innovative educators

The Fifth Amity Innovation in Education Technology Awards were accorded at a ceremony held at AIS Saket on September 7, 2019. Total 14 schools from different branches of Amity Group of Schools Delhi / NCR and outside Delhi participated in the event. Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF, graced the occasion as the chief guest.

This unique annual inter Amity award for teachers was instituted in the year 2015 by the Chairperson to motivate teachers to create innovative experiential pedagogies enhanced with new age technology in their classrooms while instilling 21st century skills in their learners. For the same, the participating educators

have to innovate 'Project Based Learning' methods for integrating UN Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) in regular curriculum. Such pedagogical methods helps in developing a global perspective among students while making them empathetic towards the world issues.

The competition comprised lesson presentation a competitive event for the educators and an exhibition by schools, a non-competitive event to showcase innovative project based learning classroom practices creating awareness about UN SDGs among children.

In lesson presentation each branch of Amity school submitted two entries one each from primary and senior sections. The

participants presented their lesson plans, assessments, classroom experiences and learning outcomes based on learning models like flipped learning blended. The audiences were enthralled to see the exemplary work presented by the teachers. In school exhibition, educators presented the best practices adopted by schools to integrate SDGs in their curriculum.

Lesson presentations were judged by an eminent jury comprising Arti Khosla, founder and CEO, COAE (Centre of Assessments for Excellence), Laxmi Prakash, lead auditor, COAE and Puneet Rahi, assistant professor, Amity Institute of Education. Out of all the presentations that were given, three best entries from both primary and senior

sections were chosen to be awarded. Suchitra Duggal of AIS Gurugram 43; Anushree Ralli of AIS Mayur Vihar and Anshul from AIS Noida were awarded for best presentations in the senior section. In the primary section, the awards went to Latika Bhatnagar of AIS Saket; Nazish Hussain of AIS Noida and Shalini Bijania of AIS Gurugram 46.

The ceremony also marked the felicitation of twenty five teachers for best essays written during an essay writing competition held on the occasion of Teacher's Day.

The event culminated with wisdom words by Chairperson who heartily lauded the innovative pedagogies designed by the innovative teachers of Amity. 🇮🇳

Captains onboard

A New Student Council

Pic: Vaibhav Chopra, IG 2



Investiture ceremony in process

AGS Gurugram

Vanayu Bedi, IB 2

On August 30, 2019, the school celebrated Investiture Ceremony. The ceremony saw the presence of dignitaries Mohina Dar, director, Academic Projects-AIS & AGS, BN Bajpai, advisor, Amity Group of Schools and Col BS Ahluwalia, senior sports consultant, Amity Group of Schools. The event began with lighting of the lamp and 'gayatri mantra'. Following which, the newly elected student council for the session 2019-2020 marched into the drumbeats. They were felicitated by the school principal Arti

Gupta and other dignitaries with badges and further took oath to work devotedly. It was indeed a moment of pride for the parents to see their children taking charge as council members and become leaders of tomorrow.

The investiture ceremony was followed by award ceremony for the IGCSE results. The dignitaries congratulated all the students for their achievements and acknowledged the amount of hard work required to achieve extraordinary results and wished them good luck for their future endeavours. The event concluded with words of wisdom by Mohina Dar, a vote of thanks by Ved Prakash, IBDP coordinator and address by school principal. 🇮🇳



Mesmerising performance by students

An ode to Sanskrit

Celebrating Our Love For The Indigenous Language

AIS Saket

Sanskrit, the ancient language of the world embodies our culture. To popularise its usage, AIS Saket organised its 13th Sanskrit Divas on August 26, 2019. The event saw the benign presence of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF and Dr Chandra Bhushan Jha, professor, St

Stephens College, DU as chief guest on the occasion. The students showcased their love for the language in the form of a cultural programme wherein they performed 'Shiv Tandav stotra', dance drama based on Bhagvat Gita and a skit on 'Ramayani Katha'. Following which the felicitation ceremony of winners of 'Intra-school Sanskrit Olympiad' for the students of Class VI-VIII held on August 9, 2019 was or-

ganised. Srishti Gupta (VI), Raghav Sharma (VII) and Pratul Gupta (VIII) were felicitated with trophies. Also, the winners of 'Inter-school Sanskrit Olympiad' held on Jan 31, 2019 were awarded during the occasion. In Class IX category, Sharyanya Chakravarty, AIS MV won the first position; Arham Jain, AIS Gur 43 bagged the second position and Rishika Gupta, AIS

Saket secured the third position. On the other hand, in Class X category, Sanjana Anand, AIS Vas 6 bagged the first position; Dipita Singh, DPS RK Puram secured second position and the third position saw a tie between Sanya Dureja, AIS Saket & Yati Sukani, AIS Gur 46. The event concluded with inspiring words of Chairperson, who congratulated the winners and urged Amityans to revere the language. 🇮🇳



Winners of Geomaty pose for lens

Learning 'n' Fun

Samiksha, X K & S. Mysha Urooj, IX L, AIS Noida

AIS Noida

The Sshool hosted 11th annual inter school social science competition 'Geomaty 2019' for Class IV-XII on August 17, 2019 based on the theme 'Sustainable tourism'. A plethora of competitions were held as a part of the event in which 550 students from different schools of Delhi/NCR took part. To create awareness on the importance of maintaining the ecosystem of

the places we go for holidays, dance dramas depicting flora and fauna from different nations were presented by the teams. Various competitions held as part of the event were dance, singing, local food making, brochure making, quiz and map reading, webography, best out of waste, nukkad natak and cartoon making. Overall trophy was won by AIS Noida followed by AIS MV as the first runner up. All the winners were felicitated by school principal Renu Singh who heartily appreciated the presentations given by different teams.



Students cook and relish local food

Category	School	Position
Dance (Class IV & V)	AIS Gurugram 43	Third
	AIS Mayur Vihar	Consolation
Singing (Class VI-VII)	AIS Gurugram 43	First
	AIS Noida	Second
	AIS Vasundhara 6	Third
Local food	AIS Gurugram 46	First
	AIS Pushp Vihar	Second
	AIS Mayur Vihar	Third
Brochure making	AIS Gurugram 46	First
	AIS Pushp Vihar	Second
	AIS Vasundhara 6	Third
Quiz and Map Reading	AIS, Saket	Consolation
	AIS Mayur Vihar	Consolation
Webography	AIS Vasundhara 6	First
	AIS Gurugram 46	Second
	AIS Noida	Third
Best out of waste	AIS Gurugram 43	First
	AIS Saket	Second
	AIS Pushp Vihar	Third
	AIS Mayur Vihar	Consolation
Nukkad natak	AIS Saket	First
	AIS Mayur Vihar	Second
	AIS Vasundhara 6	Third
Cartoon making	AIS Saket	First
	AIS Gurugram 43	Consolation

Note: The above list contains only the names of Amity schools that won different awards at the competition.

Axolotl can regrow the same limb up to five times.

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Reaching for the moon

The Day When Shivansh Pal Witnessed Chandrayaan II At ISRO



Shivansh Pal and other winners of ISRO quiz with Prime Minister, Narendra Modi at ISRO Space Station, Bengaluru

Yashika Aneja, GT Network

While Chandrayaan-2 was preparing itself for its landing on moon, the scientists at ISRO had something else in mind, too. They wanted the shining stars of today to learn more about this space project and so ISRO conducted an online quiz contest from August 10 to 25 in coordination with www.mygov.in. The quiz, that required the participants to correctly answer maximum number of questions in the shortest possible time, witnessed participation of students from across the country. The winners of the quiz got an opportunity to witness the landing of Chandrayaan-2 at ISRO space station, Bengaluru, alongside Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Wow. Just the thought drives home shock and awe. Imagine what it must have been like to experience it first-hand. **Shivansh Pal, a Class X student of AFYCP programme from AIS Noida**, did. Selected as one of the 74 students who witnessed the venture live, he shares his journey to the moon.

A space buff

Shivansh always had interest in astrophysics. He strongly believes that his affiliation with AFYCP (Amity Five Year Conceptual Programme) from Class VI to X, an Amity initiative under the aegis of Amity Institute For Competitive Examinations (AICE) that encourages students with exemplary talents to pursue their dreams and prepares them for different competitive exams, has been a foundation for his achievement today. Having witnessed the journey of Chandrayaan-2 live, alongside greatest scientific minds in the country, his resolve to become an astrophysicist has strengthened manifold.

Then one day

"I clearly remember it was 9 o'clock at night and I was at a mall with my family. I received a call from ISRO and I was told that I had



Shivansh Pal witnesses the landing of Chandrayaan-2



been selected. I could not contain my excitement. I still recall shouting with joy. People at the mall were staring at me but it didn't really matter," he shares. And why would it? The same people were going to watch him on TV, after all. Initially his parents didn't believe him because Uttar Pradesh had the most number of participants in the quiz and to get selected was not an easy task. Unbelievable but true, he has since been receiving presents from his family and loving every bit of the spotlight.

The remarkable spatial spree

Talking to us about how things were like at ISRO, he recalls how the students were seated near the control room and the analysis centre. Shivansh recalls, "Massive screens had been put up for us. The scientists at ISRO, despite being so busy, were nice enough to take out time and share with us what exactly was going to happen." And what about the cherry on the icing – rubbing shoulders with the PM? "He was not sitting with us, but in a glass cabin above and still he came to interact with us. I remember him talking to the scientists and encouraging everyone," he says.

Stressful and edgy

"At first, I was all excited and pumped because India was about to make history. Huge announcements were being made. There was a countdown. It was a little stressful, as every student sitting there only hoped and prayed for things to go the right way," shares Shivansh. Well, if it was so nail biting sitting in front of the TV screen, one can only imagine how it must have been at the ISRO space centre. And then he recalls the bleakest hour of the country, "When the lander was close to the lunar surface, they thought the work was done. But just the very next moment the screens blacked out and didn't resume. Nobody was ready to believe that we had lost connection with Vikram, the Chandrayaan lander, when they were left short of only 2.1 km."

Man of the hour

We all saw how PM Modi handled the rather sad situation. Shivansh experienced the PM magic in person. "It was then that PM Modi came to rescue. I would have never known our Prime Minister's friendly nature and leadership qualities if it wasn't for that day. He encouraged the scientists, consoled and hugged the ISRO chairman, Dr Kailasavadivoo Sivan, and congratulated everybody for their tremendous efforts and persistence."

To the world

"Our scientists at ISRO are undeniably the best in the world," says Shivansh who is completely smitten by their sync and balance. He truly appreciates the fact that the work they do is difficult but they still do it ultra efficiently. "Dr K Sivan's leadership is a blessing upon them all. With such positivity everywhere, nothing can fail, just like our mission didn't."

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Arsheya Salaria, AIS Noida, I, poses with her copy of The Global Times at Under the Sun Aquarium in Udaipur. It's the biggest Indian public fish aquarium in India. This 125m long aquarium gives visitors a sense of going deep into the ocean and hosts around 150 species.

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