# Amity's pen pride

### Young Author Wins PM's Mentoring YUVA Scheme

AIS VYC Lucknow

t is a moment of great pride and honour for Amity as Kainaat Arif of Class X A Legot selected as one of the 75 under-30 young authors all over India for Prime Minister's Mentoring YUVA Scheme designed for mentoring young authors of India. She is also one of the only two students below 15 years of age who got selected at the national level in an event that received 16000 entries in 22 scheduled languages and English from India and the Indian diaspora. Final result of the national scholarship cum mentorship scheme, executed and implemented by The National Book Trust, was declared on December 27, 2021, with all the book proposals being analysed through three layers of scrutiny by an expert panel. Launched as a part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav on May 29, 2021, to commemorate 75 years of India's Freedom movement, the contest required young minds to write about India's freedom fighters - all the events associated with them and their tales of valour during the freedom struggle.

Kainaat became victorious for her 3000 words story, 'The Tarsier', which reimagines the murder of Lord Hardinge through the eyes of an eleven year old waiter. Based on 'The Delhi Conspiracy Case', an attempted assassination of the Viceroy of India in the early 1900s, the story features a bespectacled young boy with an unusual name, Tarshi, and even more unusual thirst for knowledge of all sorts. The protagonist is clever and astute, and understands the problems his country



faces with more depth than most of the adults. She titled the story as 'The Tarsier' after the main character and his namesake, a Southeast Asian primate.

As the top 75 selected YUVA authors, Kainaat will now undergo six-months of mentorship, during which she will get research and editorial support and guidance from eminent authors and the editorial team of NBT for developing her book. During the mentorship, she will receive a consolidated scholarship of INR 50,000 per month for a period of 6 months, which totals to INR 3 lakhs. Her book will be published as a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav flagship program, and she will receive 10% royalty for its suc-



cessful publication. The published books of 75 authors will be later translated into other Indian languages, ensuring the exchange of culture and literature between different states of India in the spirit of Ek Bharat Shrestha

It is notable that Kainaat was also chosen as one of the 5, out of 75, YUVA winners to address the audience at the celebration of National Youth Day on January 12, 2022. Dr Vikram Sampath, noted historian and author, was the chief guest of the event, with Professor Govind Prasad Sharma, chairman, NBT and Yuvraj Malik, director, NBT also gracing the event. GI

#### About PM's Mentoring YUVA scheme

The unique scheme aims to develop a stream of under-30 writers, who can write on a spectrum of subjects to promote Indian heritage, culture, and knowledge. It aims to mentor budding authors to write proficiently across various genres and provide a window to them to express themselves in their mother tongue and represent India at the international level.



## The high josh

### At Military Training Camp

AIMC

Cadets Saurabh Singh & Maurya Sharma, AIMC, XII

five-day ACC-Military Training Camp (MTC) was held from Dec 18-24, 2021, at Amity Education Valley, Manesar, with its final Kasam Parade being graced by Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe. Sixty six students from Classes VIII-XII attended the camp held in a forest. Each tent in the camp housed four buddy pairs of cadets, who for the next five days practiced drill, trained in shooting and parasailing, and engaged in adventurous activities like Zorbing, obstacles course, river crossing, etc. On the final day of the camp,

Kasam Parade, headed by Cadet Saurabh Singh as the pa-

rade commander, was held. Rear Admiral Kishan K Pandey, AVSM, VSM (Retd.), Director (HR), AUH was the chief guest of the parade. For the first time in the history of Amity Universe, the parade was telecasted virtually across all Amity institutions.

Founder President motivated the cadets with his wise words and shared his vision of fostering the youth of the nation as the soldiers of tomorrow under the mentorship of eminent retired, experienced army officers. The chief guest, in his address, asked the cadets, "How's the Josh?" for which the response "High Sir" reverberated in the entire Amity Education Valley. The cadets also interacted with AIMC alumnus Samarth Bhatnagar who was selected for National Defence Academy in the year 2020.



### Ramanujan in me

AIS Vasundhara 6

To celebrate the genius of Ramanujan, students of Class VI highlighted the application of Math in real life through games and toys on Dec 23, 2021. The event also commemorated Ramanujan's birth anniversary that is celebrated as the National Mathe-

matics Day every year. Students created games on concepts like decimals, fractions, simplifications, integers, and ratio and proportion. They also got the opportunity to hone their skills of data mining, collation, communication, and collaboration, etc., by making virtual presentations on the various mathematical concepts.

## Remembering Ramanujan

### Celebrating The Genius Of The Mathematics Wizard

The school organised 21st

Ramanujan, an inter-Mathematics competition, online on December 27, 2021. The competition is organised every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of legendary Indian mathematician, Sriniyasa Ramanujan, also celebrated as the National Mathematics Day on December 22. Conceptualised under the visionary leadership and guidance of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF, the competition aims to provide a challenging, competitive, and engaging mathematics exploration experience to young minds.

The event began with 'Math O'



Wit' for Classes VI-VIII, wherein the skills like problem solving, logic and reasoning, and analytical dexterity were assessed. Top six teams of this round then competed in the next round 'Matheletes', a nail-biting quiz, with five sub-theme rounds, namely calculation, double trouble, statistics, clockwise anticlockwise, and rapid fire. In 'Math O' Wit', AIS Noida bagged the first position, followed by AIS Saket and AIS Gurugram 46 at the second and third position respectively.

The competition for Classes IX-X was held in two rounds, first of which was a quiz. Top six teams of the quiz round then competed in the second round which comprised of mathematics activities like MCQs, riddles, HOTS video question, and myth blasters. AIS Noida again won first position in the event, with AIS Gurugram 46 and AIS Gurugram 43 at second and third spot respectively.

At the end of the competition, the students were shown a movie based on the life and achievements of Srinivasa Ramanujan, followed by a video presentation about the journey of the Ramanujan Competition, conducted by Amity, over the last 20 years. The enthralling event of mathematics finally ended with the recitation of the school song. GII

## **To Sabarmati**

#### Revisiting Gandhi

AIS Gurugram 46

virtual tour of the famous Sabarmati Ashram was organised for Classes VII-.VIII on October 12, 2021. The students enjoyed the virtual sojourn of the Ashram which houses a museum called Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya and is divided into five units - an office, a library, two photo galleries, and an auditorium. It also has a large open prayer ground and is a treasure trove housing the largest number of original manuscripts of Gandhiji's letters and articles.

The museum has eight life-size oil paintings and ex-



hibitions on Gandhiji's life titled 'My life is my message' and 'Gandhiji in Ahmedabad'. The virtual visit to Sabarmati Ashram helped students know more about Gandhiji's life and thoughts and their relevance for the youth, society, government, and humanity as a whole. They also learnt more about historical events like Dandi march, breaking salt law, taking care of mill workers via the concept of Udyog Mandir, and the importance of Khadi and Swadeshi. The tour was followed by an online quiz on Gandhiji which the students enjoyed a lot. GIT

### Incredible India

### **Exploring The Diversity**

AIS VKC Lucknow

chool organised Atulya Bharat, an online cultural fest, for Classes I-V on December 18, 2021, with the aim to make students aware of the diverse cultures, traditions, physical features, customs and rituals, and the rich heritage, all of which make India incredible. Students explored numerous facts about the states of Uttar

Pradesh, Delhi, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, and Karnataka, and amazed the audience with many hitherto unknown facts about them. The students also put up several peformances highlighting the beauty of our incredible country. Apart from that, they also presented well scripted, real-life inspired, depictions of the lifestyles of the various states, throwing light on their long for-



gotten rich history. Speaking on the occasion, school principal, Rachna Mishra, said that it made her immensely proud to see her students growing up as patriotic citizens of their country. She also urged the students to be responsible and dutiful towards their