



LUCKY WINNERS

- Yogendra Agarwal, V-A, AIS Vas-1
- Rinath Vedhanarayanan, KG-7, AIS Gur-46
- Rhea Suri, III-D, AIS MV
- Vrinda Garg, VII-B, AIS PV
- Srishti Singh, VIII-A, AIS Gur-46

EARLY BIRD ENTRIES

- Kushagra Sahni, III-C, AIS Gur-46
- Surbhi Manchanda, VII-C, AIS PV
- Arjun Khanna, M. Tech, AIBT, AUUP

The prizes will be delivered to the winners at their respective schools.

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Womanhood through the AGES

“Modern invention has banished the spinning wheel, and the same law of progress makes the woman of today a different woman from her grandmother.”

Akanksha Gupta, X A, AIS PV

The conventional concept of gen XYZ generation is passé; there aren't three, but six generations, synthetically and genetically woven to give us a fine bouquet of grandmas, moms, aunts and the final by products of the biological system - the teens and the current youth.

VETERANS BEFORE 1946

Our great or just grandmas are often uncomfortable with youngsters 'internet culture', squatting in front of computer screens, when they spent their lives in God's devotion. Born into a war-torn world, having experienced and participate in the independence struggle, they tend to be disciplined and domineering. For them, as shared by, Nihal Majithia's (X) dadima, men are bread earners of the family, while women's sphere is family and children. They respect reputation in the society. The great women of this generation are Mother Teresa and Pratibha Devi Singh Patil.

BABY BOOMERS 1946-64

The numerous off-springs of the veterans form the generation of young Dadis and

Nanis, or the oldest of aunts who tend to be ambitious, conservative and open-minded. The idea of "superwoman" brewed in this gen that tried to break the barriers of gender divide. Though they are more "traditional", they have adapted fast to the modern tech savvy world. Oprah Winfrey and Indira Nooyi belong here.

ECHOBOOMERS GEN X: 1965-79

After the Boomers, comes the Gen X - "mom-mami-chachi" cohort. They are usually well-educated, as Jaya Sahal, a mother, boasts, "I have done MA and am very proud of it." They are self-reliant and traditionally and morally strong. They are however, flexible towards change and tend to switch their career based on "joy of work". And why not, they are the experienced working women of today, with glowing examples like Sunita Williams, Barkha Dutt and JK Rowling.

GEN Y 1980 - 95

Popularity and extra limelight has always been their best friends. The Millennium Generation is an achiever, right from Krishna Poonia to Saina Nehwal. Mrs. Shweta Ahluwalia, Teacher, Amity, Pushp Vihar opines, "When I look at my mom, I feel I'm more optimistic, confident, net-



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savvy and of course, style conscious." It is the era of change; the working woman.

GEN Z 1995 - 2009

In this package comes a herd that is naturally gifted and bound to give us flying cars and talking cattle in the future. They are not merely women, but 'westernised' digi-women with no knowledge of a world sans online social media like FB and Twitter. They are habituated to instinctive ac-

tion, instant completion of goals & of course uninhibited behaviour. Says Ranjana Jain (X), "We can take to streets for a social cause and sway to the tunes of *Sheela Ki Jawani* with same enthusiasm."

GEN ALPHA AFTER 2009

21st CE first truly millennium generation will be the little children of Gen Y. They are the future of the world. Let's only hope that it's a bright one. 🇮🇳



Ms Rashmi Singh, a distinguished civil servant currently working as an expert with United Nations and Govt. of India talks about her mission of upliftment of women and her journey so far in a candid chat with **Kaveri Modayil, X B & Akanksha Gupta, X A, AIS PV**



TOP: Students interacting with member of *Stree Shakti*
BOTTOM: Students strike a pose with Rashmi Singh for the GT shutterbug

Empower her, empower nation

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Ms Rashmi Singh is recipient of the following awards

- 2010: Devi Ahilya Bai Holkar Award, Stree-Shakti award conferred by the President of India, Pratibha Devi Singh Patil.
- 2010: CAPAM (Commonwealth Association of Public Administration and Management) International Innovation's Award for excellence in Public service.
- 2009: Woman of Excellence Award, FICCI Ladies Organisation.

Celebrating Womanhood

I feel the essence of Woman's day lies in the celebration of being a woman and respecting her. It's important for a woman to realize her own worth, dignity and position in the society. Women can reach the optimum growth potential, only when they learn to take pride in themselves.

And the vicious circle continues...

In the underprivileged sections of society that are yet to receive the modern day benefits, women have resigned to their fate. It is shocking that 75% of girls drop out of school every year to fulfill their domestic responsibilities. This results in weak foundation of the society and generations pass without any improvement.

Initiating Change

Many people have an ardent desire to help the needy, but don't know the way to do so. Understanding this, I have initiated a Volunteer Program to mobilize the masses and to facilitate linkage between those who wish to help and those who need help. In order to make women financially secure, I have organized self help groups and co operatives that can help them collectively negotiate and build micro enterprises. In addition, I have established 120 Suvidha Kendras, educating them about legal provisions and rights.

The grueling journey

I believe it is easy to make a road, but difficult to make people walk on it. Therefore, pursuing my dreams was not complex, but challenging. I faced skepticism from my colleagues who doubted my

strategy and vision. I'm still struggling to cope with the problem of forced philanthropy as people help needy only for vested interest or fame. Instead of alleviating poverty, we justify its existence.

Utopian dream

I feel girls value opportunities much more than what boys do. Encouraging girls to come forward and do their best can trigger the progress of the nation manifold. Ideally, in a family, household responsibilities should be equally divided between the husband and the wife, so that such values are inculcated in their children too.

Belief in women's potential

It's necessary to involve women in every national project to ensure its success. All my programmes are in partnership with civil society organizations, women volunteers, NGO's, PSUs and CSR's, which help in developing trust and pushing women into the mainstream.

Filial bonds

I have inherited the passion for social service from my forefathers. My grandfather, a freedom fighter; father, a prolific writer and politician; and mother, a teacher all have helped me to think differently, making impossible possible.

Signing Off

My message for kids is that community service should come from heart and not head. It's not the certificates or grades that you get for social service which count, but your efforts to empower them that resound. 🇮🇳