

## Get set to vote out!

A popular FM channel asked listeners to vote out songs they didn't like from the playlist. GT goes a step further and asks you to vote out what you don't want in your life

**Tulika Banerji, GT Network**

*Stress, hatred, exams or rules,  
What twists your life about?  
What troubles you the most...  
What would you like to vote out?*

Just as we vote in representatives of our choice whom we expect to run the country on our behalf, what if, it were possible to vote out those things from our lives which are doing us more harm than good? Check out what our free wheeling Amitians wish to vote out from their lives. If you are thinking kids are likely to vote out books or exams from their lives, think again. From their ideas, it seems Amitians have quite a mature head on their shoulders!

**Sarina Mulchandani, AIS Vasundhara 6, XII D** wishes to vote out, "Separations... be it separating from anyone. Maybe someone moving abroad, a friend shifting, a shuffling at school or even separating from a cherished past. Losing anything or any-

one invokes a feeling of solitude." How great it would be if we didn't have to say goodbyes? But without separations, there wouldn't be any new beginnings, new friendships. When the old ends, the new begins. Separations are an inevitable part of life, for they just seem to whisper, something better is on its way!

**Shreya Tayal, AIS Vasundhara 1, IX B**

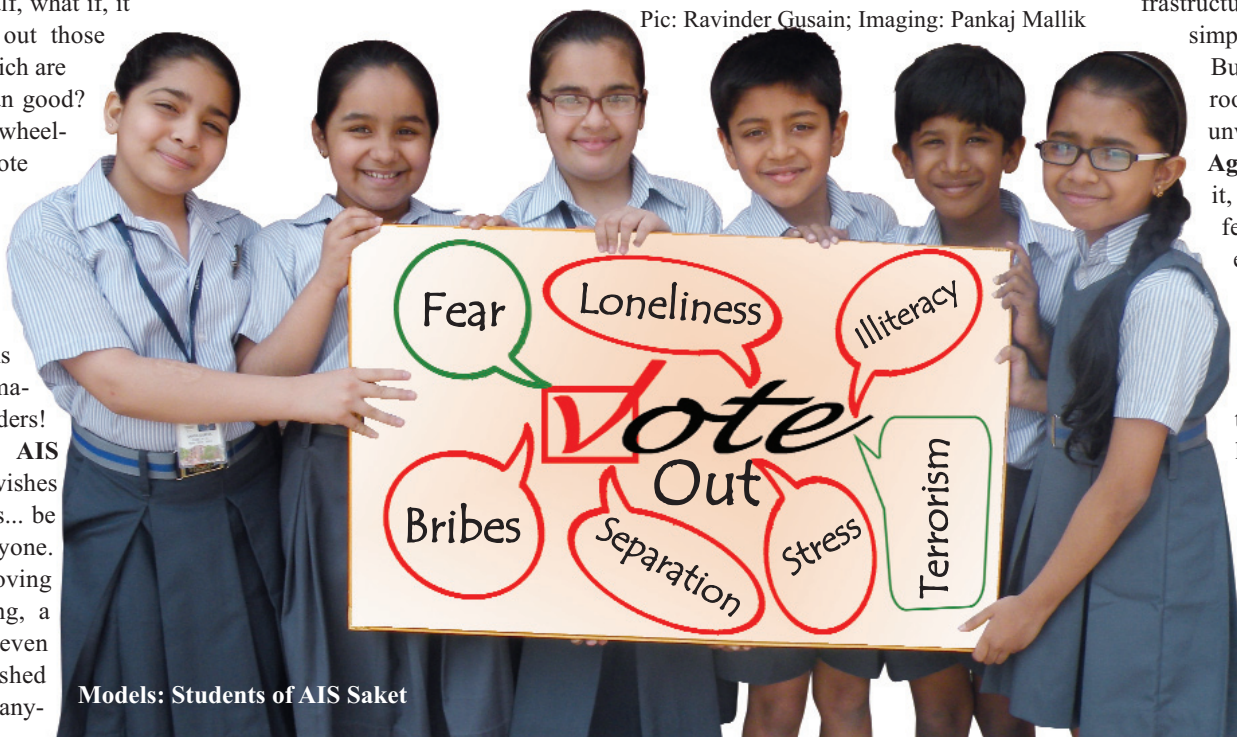
wants to vote out loneliness, "...since it eats you up and leads to other negative emotions." She also provides tips to keep loneliness at bay, "If you are surrounded by people who care about you and if you know how to keep yourself busy, there are less chances that you will feel lonely."

**Satyajyoti Nanda, AIS Gurgaon 46, XI** is deep in thought. On a somber note, he

thinks aloud, what most of us have been wishing for, a bribe free society. "I would really like to vote out the need to pay bribes for every public service I take." Paying something 'extra' for getting work done has become part and parcel of public dealings. Underhand dealings that come in the way of honest transactions continue to cause many a calamity to people and infrastructure. How we wish it were as simple to vote it out!

But the one thing that is at the root of all things imperfect and unwanted, is fear. As **Saksham Agarwal, AIS Gur 43, XII** puts it, "If I could, I would vote out fear as it doesn't allow one to express oneself freely and takes away the joy of the present. Whereas, fearlessness brings confidence and leads one to success. Fear is the root cause of all the problems we face. Fear to face consequences of our actions leads to dishonesty and crime; fear of competition leads to jealousy; fear of losing our authority leads us to abuse power." If only corrupt officials and politicians knew this emotion! 🇮🇳

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Models: Students of AIS Saket

## Professionalism matters



Helen Brand (R) in conversation with Swati Sinha

**H**elen Brand is the Chief Executive Officer of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), the global body for professional accountants. She was conferred the prestigious Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for her contribution to accountancy. **Swati Sinha, Amity School of Communication** interacts with this woman who epitomizes courage, poise and aplomb on the occasion of Convocation 2012, when she was awarded an Honorary Doctorate Degree in Doctor of Philosophy.

**How challenging is it to head the world's largest professional accountancy body?**

I have been working with the organisation since 1996 and feel very passionately about it. Being the CEO of the organisation is a tough job indeed, but it's enjoyable too. I have had four fulfilling years in a row as the CEO of ACCA. We deal with different, complex markets everyday which demand extreme patience. However, it becomes easy to overcome the challenges when

**You faced criticism for joining at the top level without any qualification in accountancy. What compensated for the lack of it?**

I think holding a degree is a great foundation for any career and I would have loved to hold a degree in accountancy. But, there are other things that matter eventually, such as your leadership skills and the vision to take the organisation forward. I am more focused on delivering results. When you strive to achieve what you want, people quickly forget whatever handicap one has, whether it is

**What is your advice to those who want to make a career in accountancy?**

When you are in the field of accountancy, one virtue that counts the most is professionalism. You need to work hard, be ethical and embody professionalism throughout your career if you wish to find yourself as a respected member in the world of accountancy.

**Your message for Amitians?**

Amity is a world class institution and you should make the most of every bit of your stay here. 🇮🇳

You need to work hard, be ethical and embody professionalism throughout your career if you wish to find yourself as a respected member in the world of accountancy.

you have a good team.

**How difficult is it to head the organisation as a woman?**

Leading ACCA as a woman is a pleasure because the culture of the organisation supports individual achievements without any gender discrimination. ACCA has had women members since 1999 and the approach here is inclusive by diversity, so being a woman does not make much of a difference to the role I have to play in the organisation. Having said that, I do feel that the world of finance is male dominated, which means that you have to put in a little more effort when you are a woman in order to prove your worth.

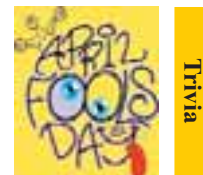
your gender, qualification or anything else. And they forget even more quickly when you start demonstrating your capabilities and deliver.

**How encouraging was it to be awarded the prestigious Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) by the Queen of England?**

It was a great surprise and helped nurture and showcase my ability as a CEO on a global level. Everybody within the organisation and friends around the world were delighted when I received the award. I think awards and recognitions are very important and inspiring as they motivate you to work harder and stretch your boundaries even further.



April Fool is believed to have originated in France when the Gregorian calendar was adopted for the first time in 1852, where January 1 became the New Year's Day instead of April 1 followed before.



# Faking News

Get ready for a news overdrive as **Smita Jain**, GT Network brings exclusive headlines, inside stories and much more from across the globe...

Illustration: Pankaj Mallik

## India decides to ban pizza

The Indian government has decided to ban restaurants from serving pizzas and pastas across the country after Italy refused to send the marines accused of killing two Indian fishermen back to the country. The government's action has drawn the ire of pizza lovers forcing them to take to the streets. From a 5 year old to a 60 year old, all could be seen at Jantar Mantar holding their favourite pizza slice, demanding a rollback. Meanwhile, fearing a strong outburst from India, the Italian government has asked its armed forces to brace up for the inevitable verbal onslaught. They have also requested the country's citizens to keep their earplug supplies ready in case of any eventuality.



## Ministers to switch over to Nano

The rising inflation is making heads roll in despair not only in households of *aam junta* but also in the Parliament. The increasing household budget has forced many ministers to shift gears and travel in India's small

family car Tata Nano instead of luxury cars. The move is seen as a first step to reduce fiscal spending and increase the GDP. If proved successful, the government could order a fleet of Tata Nanos for all Parliamentarians as well.

## Metro for men

In a bid to make Delhi safe for men, DMRC is introducing a men's only metro coach. The bright blue coach would be at the rear end of the metro. The men coach will be under the tight vigil of women guards.

## GT goes daily

Taking a giant leap forward, The Global Times is going daily. The announcement was made at a star studded evening. "The love of our readers has forced us to launch our daily edition. The 24 page edition will hit the school news stands from July," Ms Vira Sharma, Managing Editor, GT said.

*For those who believed in the news...  
Happy April Fools Day*



## Newsreels

### Lunar sale

In a world where everything from celebrity watches to discarded toothbrushes are on sale, Buzz Aldrin, the Apollo 11 astronaut, is riding the bandwagon trying to sell the instruction sheets used during the first moon landing! The notes reveal that the first words spoken on the moon's surface were "Contact Light", said by Aldrin himself to confirm touch down. The papers also contain computer procedures on how to perform the lunar lift-off to enable the team to leave the moon's surface.

### Titanic tunes

The wooden violin, played by the lead violinist of the band on board as Titanic was sinking was thought to have been lost in the Atlantic in the 1912 disaster before it was rediscovered in 2006. After spending thousands of pounds on its forensic examination, it has been finally proved that the violin is indeed the one played on the tragic night. The historic violin will go on display at the end of this month at the Belfast City Hall, Ireland, where previously Titanic was built.

### Happy B'day Pi!

Pi celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 14. USA's San Francisco museum invited math lovers to parade down to the Pi shrine - a brass plate one foot in diameter, engraved with the first 108 digits of Pi (Pi's value is rounded off to 3.14 for use). Interestingly, the day coincides with the birthday of Albert Einstein!

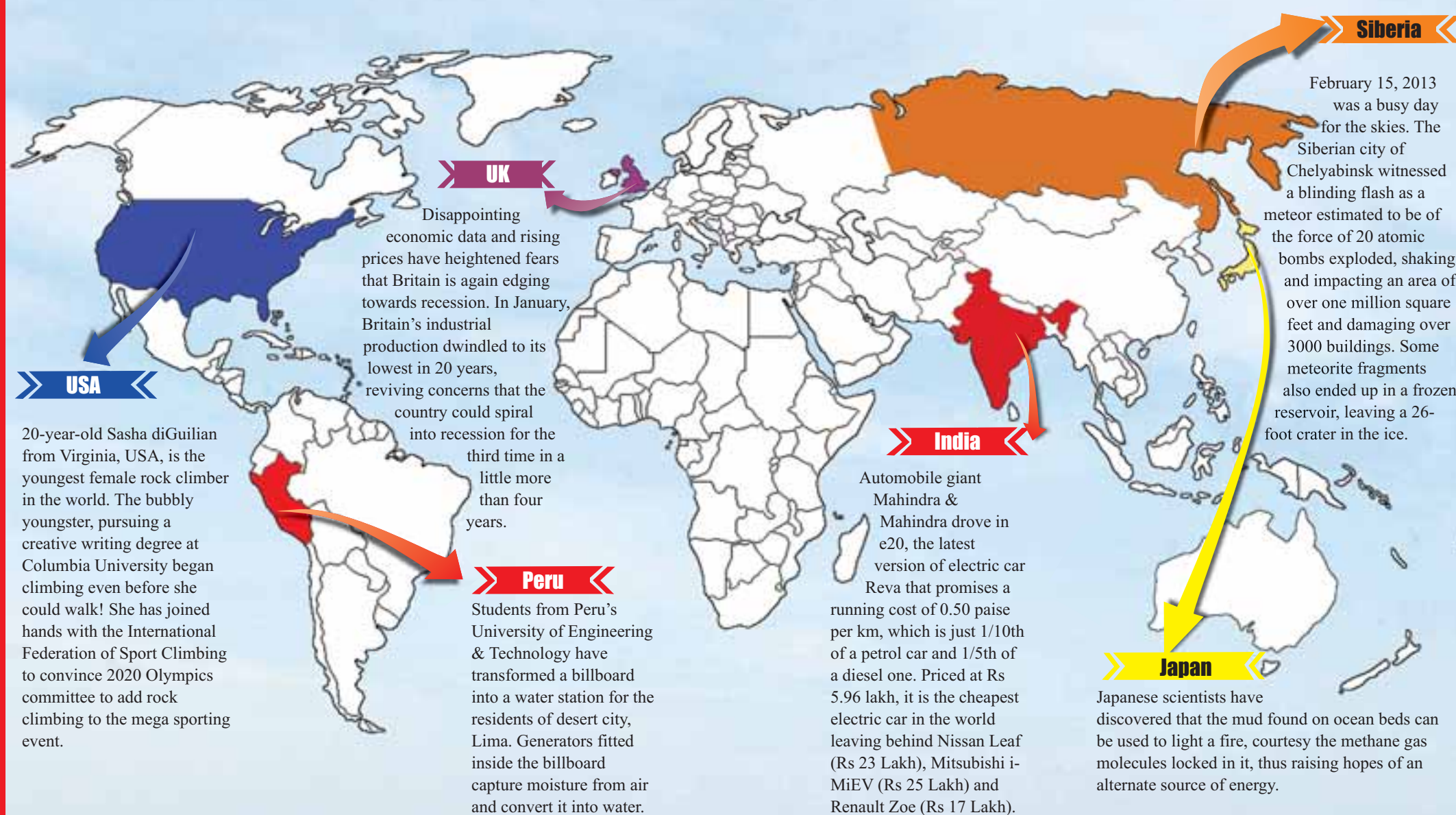
## N Korea to shelve nuclear program

North Korea has said it can put its ambitious nuclear program on hold if its long time rival South Korea decides to hand over Superstar Psy of Gangnam fame. North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, who bears close resemblance to Psy, said in

an official address, that he would like to cut a music album with the megastar. He has been practicing the signature move and is all set to dance to 'Oppan Pyongyang style.' Psy has reportedly gone into hiding after the news broke.

# World at a glance

Go globe trotting with The Global Times as it brings to you the news and views from across the world







Ancient Romans had a day of jokes called Festival of Hilaria. This day is also known as Roman Laughing Day.

# Class X diaries

Daily studies, endless projects and surprise tests greet Class X students. Let's peek-a-boo into their lives and know what makes them glad, mad and sad...

Shefali Verma, AIS Gur 46, X D

Welcome to the world of class X! Homework, loads of projects, spending time with friends and preparing for the exams! X<sup>th</sup> graders have many things up their sleeves. Class X also sounds the bugle for important decision making. Though, round the clock scheduling puts their time management skills to test, but these busy bees surely know how to find their happy moments while socializing with friends, trying something new and winning a competition or two.

**CCE – A helpful hand or not?:** Has Continuous Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE) made the education system more meaningful or added to the woes of already overburdened students? The issue continues to be a bone of contention with the students and teaching fraternity alike. While some students cite the positives associated with it, others consider round-the-year evaluation on the basis of projects and activities to be a burden. According to Stuti Pathak, AIS Gur 46, "The projects might cost us our valuable time but they teach us qualities like lead-



Imaging: Ravinder Gusain

ership and team work which cannot be achieved through academics alone. So, upcoming X<sup>th</sup> graders, have a good thought about it!"

**Choosing a stream- a difficult job:** Humanities or Commerce? Perhaps, some will say Science is a better option! Class X is a stage where one has to take crucial career decisions based on interest and aptitude. Choosing a career of one's choice as well as meeting the ex-

pectations of parents can be a perplexing task. The insecurity associated with choosing a stream can prove quite frustrating at times. But the brighter side of the whole exercise is that students can choose the subjects they would like to study over the ones they dislike. Less studies, but more projects? Feeling all grown up but burdened with career decisions? Whatever it may be enjoy the mixed bag that Class X offers. 🇮🇳

## Goodbye X

Ruchi Avtar, AIS Vas 6, X

A year ago we entered the class X-C  
With no idea how it would turn out to be  
The year brought about the unexpected  
Surprisingly all of us easily connected  
From coming to terms with the class ten  
To making the classroom our favourite den  
Teasing and helping up, tears and smiles  
And getting others to complete our files  
Making tons of plans to meet after school  
Fooling around near the sandpit and pool  
From silly giggles while playing basketball  
To laughing our heads off when friends fall  
Tucking in shirts to doing up ties  
When teachers enter, being made to rise  
We together experienced the highs and lows  
Adding friends and reducing list of foes  
It is astonishing as to how quickly time flies  
And now it is time for the unwanted good-byes  
Lets all try our best to uphold the promise of  
keeping in touch  
This has been a wonderful year, and we will  
miss it very much!! 🇮🇳

## Amity Institute for Competitive Examinations

Presents



### Brainleaks-71 FOR CLASS XI-XII

Suppose, in a triangle ABC of base a, the ratio of other two sides is  $r(<1)$  i.e.  $b/c = r$ , then maximum value of altitude is

- (a)  $\frac{ar^2}{1-r^2}$  (b)  $\frac{ar^2}{1-r}$   
(c)  $\frac{ar}{1-r}$  (d)  $\frac{ar^2}{1-r}$

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3 correct entries win attractive prizes

Ans: Brainleaks 70: (a)  $mk^2r^2t$

Name:.....

Class:.....

School:.....

Send your answers to The Global Times, E-26, Defence Colony, New Delhi - 24 or e-mail your answer at [brainleaks@theglobaltimes.in](mailto:brainleaks@theglobaltimes.in)

## Scholastic Alerts



**Institution:** Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies (NMIMS)

**Eligibility:** NMAT (UG), online entrance test. Online registration at [www.nmims.edu](http://www.nmims.edu)

**Course:**

- B Tech and MBA (Tech) 5 year integrated program from Mukesh Patel School of Technology Management & Engineering (Mumbai & Shirpur)
- MBA (Pharma Tech) 5 year integrated program from Shobhaben Pratapbhai Patel School of Pharmacy & Technology Management, Mumbai

- BBA and B Com (Hons) from Anil Surendra Modi School of Commerce, Mumbai
- B Sc Economics from Sarla Anil Modi School of Economics, Mumbai

**Application Forms:** Registration open from February 27, 2013 and closes on April 25.

**Examination Date:** May 12, 2013

**Website:** [www.nmims.edu](http://www.nmims.edu)

**Institution:** Footwear Design & Development Institute (FDDI), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, GOI

**Eligibility:** All India Selection Test

**Course:**

Bachelor Degree Programmes (4 yrs): Fashion Design, Footwear Design & Production Management, Leather

Goods & Accessories Design Integrated Programmes (5 yrs): Business Management, Retail Management

**Application Forms:** Last date for issue / submission of application form is May 20, 2013

**Examination Date:** June 14-16, 2013

**Website:** [www.fddiindia.com](http://www.fddiindia.com)

**Examination:** National Aptitude Test in Architecture (NATA)

**Eligibility:** Candidates having 50% marks in 10+2 or equivalent examination with mathematics as one of the subjects are eligible for admission to B Arch course

**Course:** B Arch

**Application Forms:** NATA 2013 application forms are available at the designated branches of ICICI Banks from March 15, 2013. Registration for NATA has commenced at Activated Test Centres from March 20, 2013. Please refer to the website.

**Website:** <http://www.nata.in>

**Institution:** Thapar University, Patiala

**Eligibility:** The candidate should have passed 10+2 or equivalent examination with at least 60% marks, (55% for SC/ST) in aggregate in Physics, Mathematics and any one subject out of Chemistry, Biology, Biotechnology and Computer Science. The candidate should have appeared in JEE (Main) 2013. The admission would be on the basis of scores in JEE (Main) 2013 and normalised score in Class XII or other qualifying exam as declared by CBSE (60% and 40% weightage)

**Course:** BE/B Tech

**Application Forms:** Application form is available on [www.thapar.edu](http://www.thapar.edu)

**Last date:** Last date for receipt of application form is May 3, 2013

**Website:** [www.thapar.edu](http://www.thapar.edu) 🇮🇳

Taruna Barthwal, Career Counsellor & Resource Coordinator, ACCGC

# Taking a corporate leap

“Innovation-a cutting edge in a dynamic business environment” an event organised by Amity Global Business School saw a healthy discussion on the effects of globalization

## Amity Global Business School

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Amity Global Business School

AGBS organised its first corporate event “Innovation- a cutting edge in a dynamic business environment” in an attempt to bring together top industry leaders and students on the same platform.

The event kicked off with a panel discussion that focused on the innovative practices adopted by the corporate world



Dr Mahesh Sharma, CMD, Kailash Hospital, receiving memento from Head, AGBS

and the tools used by corporate houses to combat cut throat competition. Eminent panelists drawn from renowned companies like WWIL, ZEE Enterprises, Sahara TV Networks, Jindal Steels, etc enlightened the students about the emerging corporate India.

The second phase of the event saw an invigorating interactive session between

the industry leaders and MBA aspirants. This was followed by a slew of management games such as business quiz, AD Mad and business lessons from Bollywood hits. The chief guest for the day was Dr Mahesh Sharma, CMD, Kailash Group of Hospitals. The evening ended with a spell binding cultural performance by the students. 🇮🇳

# A political dialogue

Dr Manan Dwivedi (L), with Prof SS Bindra (C) & Dr Satinder Ragobur (R)



A talk on international relations organised by Political Science department of Amity Institute of Social Science (AISS) on January 30, 2013 saw erudite speakers articulate their views vociferously. The conference began with Dr Satin-

## Amity Institute of Social Sciences

der Ragobur, Head of the Institute welcoming guest speaker Dr Manan Dwivedi of Indian Institute of Public Administration. Dr Dwivedi spoke on the ‘Expansionist and Isolates’ social policy being followed in the US. He emphasized the role of Middle East in world politics.

Dr Dwivedi also presented ‘Dadi Welfield’ model which sheds light on state and non state actors. He concluded his lecture with a small case study on Israel and said that the approach of US towards the Middle East was changing. This was followed by a small interactive session where questions related to Cairo conflict and Bay of Pig experiment were answered. Dr SS Bindra, senior faculty at AISS critically appraised the US foreign policy. 🇮🇳

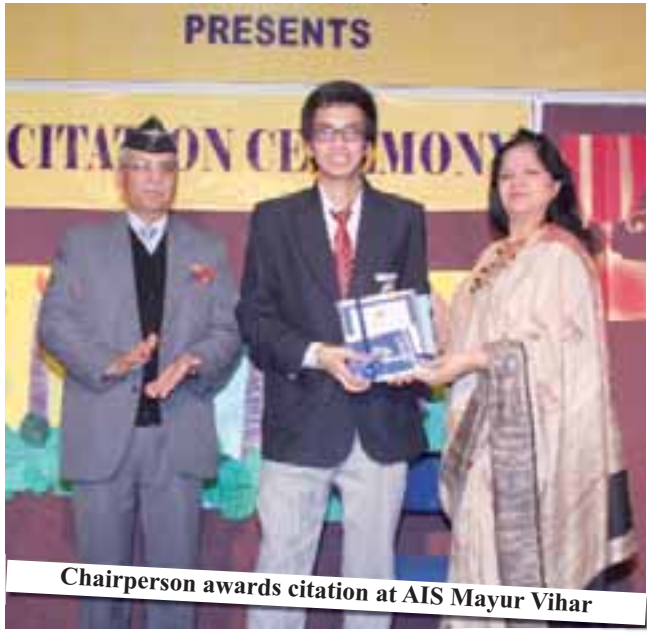


# No goodbyes...

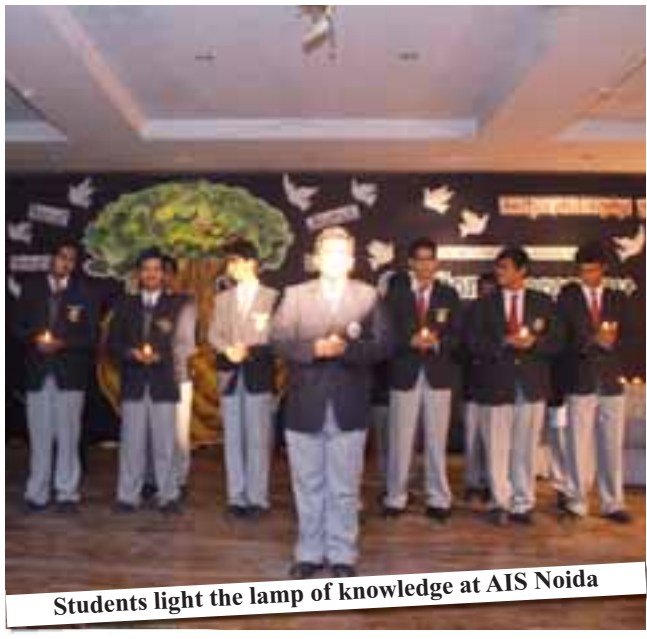
... only fare well! Amity International Schools bid farewell to the outgoing batch of Class XII (2012-13) amidst inspiring speeches, nostalgic memoirs, shower of blessings and much more...



Cultural extravaganza at AIS Gurgaon 46



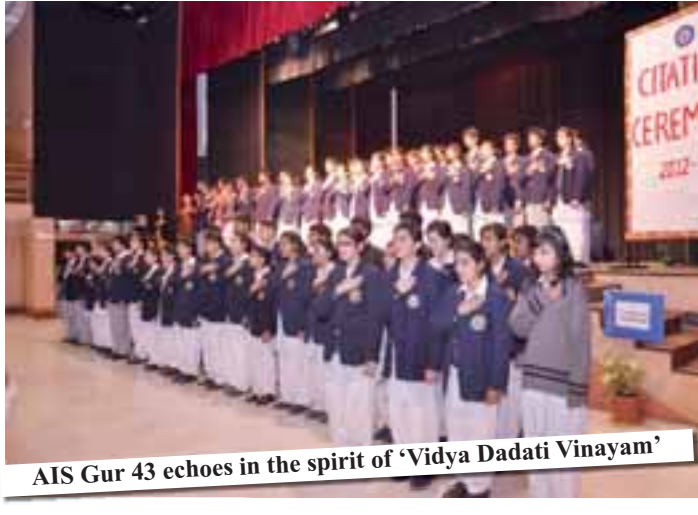
Chairperson awards citation at AIS Mayur Vihar



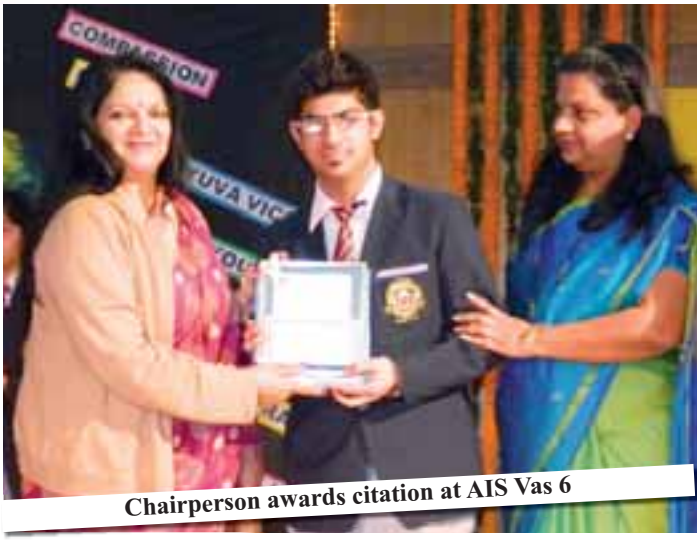
Students light the lamp of knowledge at AIS Noida



Chairperson awards citation at AIS Gur 46



AIS Gur 43 echoes in the spirit of ‘Vidya Dadati Vinayam’



Chairperson awards citation at AIS Vas 6

Citation 2012-13

Nikita Bakhshi & Sai Priye Gupta, AIS Saket, XII

Farewell! A word that must be, and hath been-  
A sound which makes us linger; yet-farewell!

Lord Byron

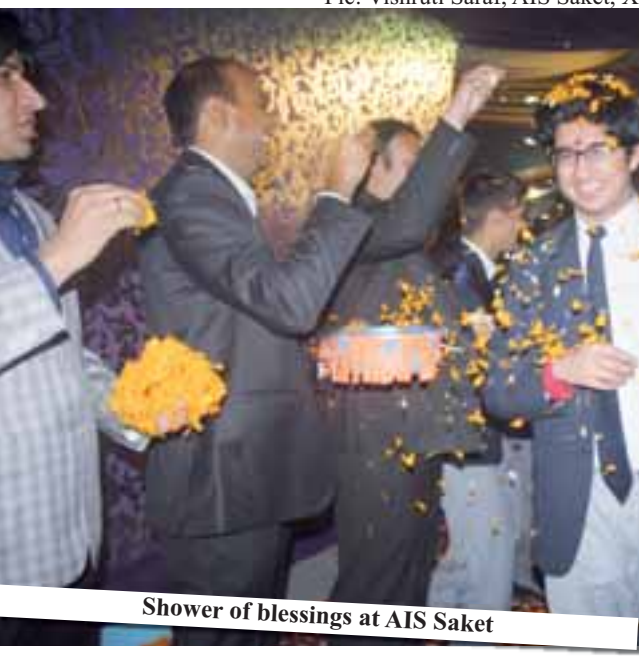
How true! Yes, farewells make us linger wistfully and nostalgically; yes, we wish there were no farewells and yes, we know that they are inevitable! What we can, however, do is make them memorable and worthwhile. That is exactly what eight branches of Amity International Schools did when each organised a citation ceremony for the outgoing batch of Grade XII (session 2012-13)

After fourteen formative and crucial years of their life, the Class XII batch was leaving their alma mater. A myriad of emotions ran through their young minds ...a tinge of sadness at leaving the institution which was practically their second home, accompanied by the desire to hold on to the endless associations and memories of all things and people ... and of course, the searing joy a heart feels when it is ready to embrace the new dreams of a bright future, so lovingly nurtured in the safe havens of their school.

With these overwhelming feelings, the outgoing batch congregated with their parents and teachers to attend the citation ceremony. The program began in the traditional Amity way with a *havan*, amidst the chanting of *shlokas* to invoke the blessings of the Almighty. The citation ceremony saw the gracious presence of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools; Ms Pooja Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amity Humanity Foundation; Ms Divya Chauhan; Chairperson, ASFA, ASPA & ASFT; TPS Chauhan, Senior Advisor, Amity Group of Schools; Mohina Dar, Consultant, Amity Group of Schools and other members of Amity Group. The guests handed over *diyas*, symbolizing the light of knowledge to the students. In her address, Chairperson motivated the students to strive for excellence and reach the pinnacle of success by upholding the values of self discipline, humility and compassion Amity has inculcated in them. She blessed the students and urged them to bring laurels to their school and parents by emerging as responsible , virtuous and competent citizens of tomorrow.

The citation ceremony was also marked with many cultural activities. Students were presented with the citation as a token of appreciation for their distinguished qualities and performance in the years gone by. The citations were read out by teachers, who had not only seen the students grow from young toddlers into matured individuals but were also instrumental in shaping their ideas and moulding their personalities. The students of the outgoing batch eloquently expressed their gratitude to the school, which they believed, taught them a lot beyond education. Their passionate speeches about the time spent in the school, left everyone teary eyed. While the students expressed their gratitude, the parents too took to the stage to applaud Amity’s contribution in grooming their children and equipping them to take on the outside world full of umpteen responsibilities and possibilities.

The ceremony concluded on an emotional note with the showers of blessings, symbolic of their alma mater’s abundant blessings-hoping and praying that they reach the zenith of success in the forthcoming years. There are no goodbyes in Amity..only wishes of faring well in whatever one does...and a promise to always feel an affinity to all that Amity stands for and means.



Shower of blessings at AIS Saket



Kodak cheers for AIS Pushp Vihar



AIS Saket invokes the blessings of the Almighty

Pic: Vishruti Saraf, AIS Saket, X





Mexico commemorates December 28 and not April 1 as the day to play jokes on each other.

# Shredding the Alps!

Travel Desk  
Switzerland

There's more in Switzerland for a thirteen year old than just snow, marshmallows and hot chocolate!

Dhvanii Chawla, AIS Mayur Vihar, IX

I was as excited as I could be for my second visit to Les Elfes International, an international camp situated at Verbier, Switzerland. I remember sitting in the flight, imagining myself skiing down the steepest of the slopes on the foggiest day, craving to see the white, soft, powdery snow once again. And then my imagination turned into reality, as I reached Les Elfes and stepped on the snowy mountains.

## Skiing away!

We arrived at the camp on a beautiful, sunny Saturday. I was excited to see many others of my age

group. The Les Elfes Chalet, with a beautiful wood and stone construction was centrally heated, with separate buildings, housing comfortable rooms for girls and boys. The staff was so cheerful and kind that any child who felt home sick would lighten up in their company. The camping venue had a cozy, homely atmosphere and of course, exciting evening activities to keep us busy. Even before we could realise, it was time to take on the mountains and shred the Alps. And then we began to ski skillfully up and down the snowy mountains, humming sing-along songs, having hot chocolate, practicing 360 degree turns and falling over. Skiing all day was exhausting and fun too.

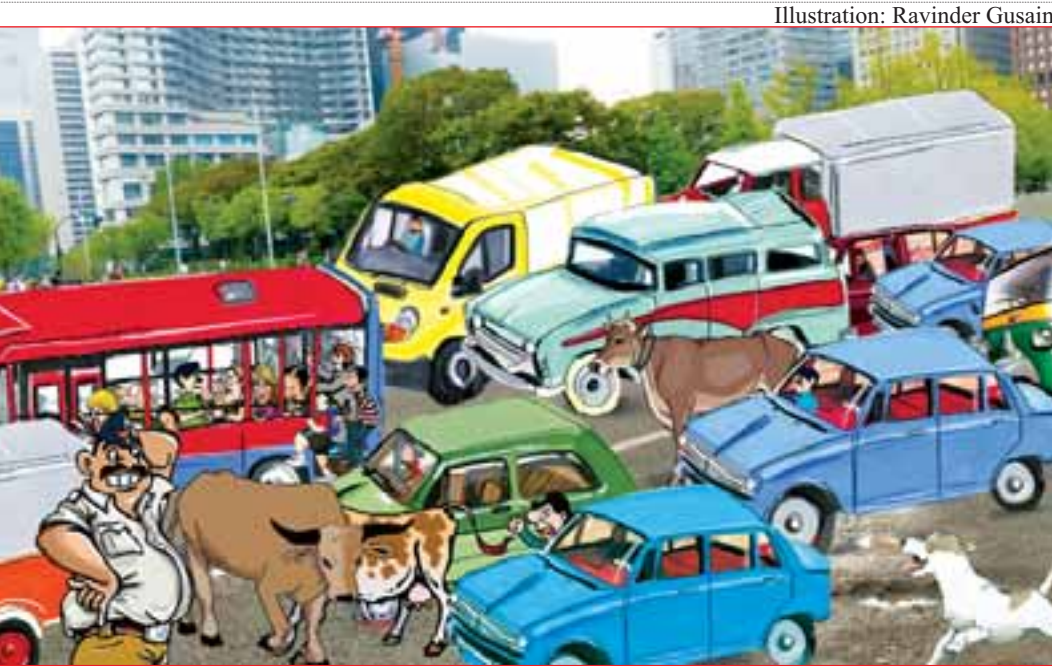


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# Driving us crazy

Traffic jam, loaded tempos and shrill honks with overflowing lanes - welcome to Indian roads

Lt Col (Retd) DK Sharma  
Faculty, Amity School of Engineering & Technology

Most of the times, driving on Indian roads is a sort of an adventure but at times, it tends to become as challenging as a car race. Read on with satire and humour as to how they can help you let out a laugh or two!

## And hereby 'hangs' a tale

It is a common sight these days to spot the small, modest tempo meant for carrying light weight flooded with people of all sizes struggling to fit in. Many can be seen leaning out (or better still) of the vehicle and the expressions on their face cannot be

missed- some are found grumbling, some are smiling away hiding the pain in their chest. The others just somehow fit themselves into the limited space available, which resembles quite a crooked jigsaw puzzle. The motive, of course, is only to reach their destination - space or no space!

**Cows- the traffic regulators**  
The cows here play the twin role of dividers and defecators at will. Both police and cows in India regulate the traffic. The latter whips the defaulters and leave their traces on roads as perhaps souvenirs of their country.

**No ditching the ditch**  
Rains here induce not only chil-

dren but also the drains to overflow with joy and gush along. During the rainy season, what is below the surface comes out of it and what's on it, simply floats. That's the principle of physics at work on our roads.

**Surround sound**  
Honking of horns, the barking of dogs and the mooing of cows bring back the good old days of Pink Floyd's progressive rock. However, on most occasions, the horn functions as a death knell and the victim is compelled to utter the word 'Hey Rammed!'

*The writer has been working on 'Road Safety', 'Road Etiquettes' and 'Fuel Economy in Automobiles' for over 20 years.*

## Fun, fun and more fun

One of our typical days would kick off in the gondolas, skiing down the slopes at La Chaux, Lac De Vogue, Ruinettes and LaTzoumas, going back up the chairlift and enjoying a barbeque lunch on the slopes. We would binge on finger licking lasagne, cheese fondue with the bread crumbs, pizzas party and the burnt cookies that we made at the cooking workshop. Every night, as the lights went out, we revelled in midnight chit chats and relished the Lindt chocolates. Besides, we could also be spotted exchanging phone numbers and BBM pins. The camp gave me new friends from across the globe including

evenings when we would go to the town and shop, swim, go ice skating or karting or bowling or a torch light walk or dine outside the campus. I fondly remember our visit to the Nestle chocolate factory in Broc, Chateau de Chillon and the Olympic Museum. Some got a little sick in the car coming down the mountain while others emptied their pockets in the attractive shops at Sion and Vevey or made their way to McDonald's. The highlight of the camp was when I won the best skier and the star girl award! My two week trip to Switzerland has made me an advanced skier who can now carve red slopes and ski on the tough black ones.



Russia, Brazil, Romania, Columbia, Dubai and USA.

## Memorable moments

The new year's night at the camp was a memorable day as we filmed our own musical video, danced to tap beating music and watched mindblowing fireworks. I also looked forward to the



# Sibling

Imagine meeting a new born for the first time ever and discovering it's a new addition to the family

Ishika Garg, AIS Noida, IX



One day I went to the hospital with my mum and dad to see my aunt. She was to deliver a child on that day. I remember feeling very strange; in spite of being curious and excited, I was also feeling extremely nervous about the situation, but I think it mainly came from the panic mum and dad created in rushing to the hospital in anxiety!

Even though I was only five years old at that time, I continue to have a very strong and crystal clear memory of that day. I can very well recollect a hospital guard telling me that I would not be allowed to touch or even catch a glimpse of the baby at all as I was too young for all of it. I waited in the queue for long hours near the reception for one single query that I had to make.

I also recall everyone anxiously waiting outside the hospital ward, somewhat panicking for the new one in the family to arrive. The suspense for me stretched much longer than that I had expected and so did the level of anticipation as the whole time I kept thinking to myself and asking a question in my impatient, curious mind- "Will it be a boy or a girl?"

Finally, the long wait came to an end as the doctor announced that my aunt had delivered a baby boy.

All of us jumped with joy, eagerly waiting to take turns in welcoming and meeting the little one.

I remember the very first sight of my cousin sibling; he was all covered and nestled in a glass container, looking adorable. I don't really understand the reason behind it, but I think it was because he was too cute, fragile and dainty.

This was not only my first ever encounter with a sibling, but it was also the first time ever that I was seeing an innocent new born smiling away in sleep.

I know that I will always hold dear in my heart the memory of that beautiful day.



# CREATING AWARENESS

The toughest part of any job is to get started; and when the job in question is working for a social cause, a good beginning is only imperative. The first step towards making a difference is to spread a word. Youth Power 2012-13 teams across eight Amity International Schools took the first step, albeit the creative way. Speeches and lectures are passe; innovation is in, say the teams as they gear up to 'Rally for the cause', one of the stages of YP. Read on to discover their innovative efforts



## We let the dogs out

**WHAT:** Puppy Petting@Bal Mela  
**WHEN:** November 8, 2012  
**WHERE:** AIS Gur 46, Basketball court  
**WHY:** A stall at the school Bal Mela was the perfect avenue to reach out to the target audience ie children in the age group of 12-18 years. The activity was aimed at dissuading students against the myths surrounding stray dogs and tell them that stray dogs can be as good as pedigrees.  
**HOW:** The team brought two adopted stray dogs to the school. Children were allowed to interact

with these dogs in groups. This helped dispel students' fear of stray dogs. There was also a tattoo counter where children could get paw prints painted on their hands. A registration counter where students could sign up as a volunteer was also put up. A signature campaign- Stop discrimination amongst dogs (every sign matters) was also run alongside. Queries about stray dogs were answered.  
**OTHERS:** ●Poster making ●Rangoli making ●Signature campaign ●Class presentations ●Adoption of stray dogs ●Visit to dog shelters



## Playing it safe

**WHAT:** Snarls and leads (Innovative road discipline game)  
**WHEN:** November 2, 2012  
**WHERE:** School library, class rooms, home  
**WHY:** The activity was aimed at making children aware of traffic rules in an interactive way as studies have shown that anything learnt in a fun way is retained for longer as compared to learning through lectures and preaching. Also, sensitising children at an early age about the significance of traffic rules, increases the chances of them following these rules as adults.

**HOW:** A game was designed on the lines of the popular game Snakes and ladders. Each box conveyed one traffic rule. Following the rules, makes the player go ahead in the game and breaking them brings him/her back. The copies of the game were provided in the library and class rooms. Students were asked to play the game. Students were also mailed a copy of the game so that they could play it at home too.  
**OTHERS:** ●Traffic vocabulary test ●T shirt painting ●Collage making ●Wall magazine ●Human chain ●Distribution of pamphlets

## Reduce Reuse Recycle

**WHAT:** Plastic fusion  
**WHERE:** AIS Noida  
**WHEN:** November – December 2012  
**WHY:** While eradication of plastics is important, the reuse and recycling of existing plastic is equally important. Thus, several activities were conducted to recycle the existing plastic waste.  
**HOW:** Plastic was recycled into items such as:  
**Bands/bracelets:** Old, used plastic bags were collected. These bags when ironed, produced hard strips of plastic. These hard plastic strips were then attached with ribbons and decorated to be used as bands/bracelets. These bracelets were distributed amongst Amitasha students, volunteers, people interviewed by the team etc  
**Vases:** Using just a pair of scissors and old used plastic bottles, beautiful vases were made. These could be used as pencil stands, flower vases, or just as a show piece.  
**Badges:** By covering plastic bottle caps with paper and sticking safety pins, funky badges were made that helped put across the message of 'Say no to plastics'.  
**OTHERS:** ●Street play ●Card making ●Plastic Ravana ●Special assemblies ●Signature campaign ●Poster making ●Special boards



## Check the root cause

**WHAT:** Inspection of food joints  
**WHEN:** December 9, 2012  
**WHERE:** Small food joints at Indirapuram  
**WHY:** The objective of this activity was to spread awareness amongst the owners of small food joints. Many a times, food vendors and owners of small food joints unconsciously indulge in practices that contribute to food adulteration. Educating them will help curb adulteration practices at the grass root level.  
**HOW:** The team educated owners of small food

joints on various adulteration practices. The oil and the food colours used by them were checked for any adulterants. Utensils and cooking methods were also assessed to ensure that no adulterant was being added to the food during the process of cooking. Gloves were handed out to the food vendors who were not using them already as a practice.  
**OTHERS:** ●Display board ●Poster making ●Nukkad natak ●Bookmark activity ●JAM ●Special assembly ●Role play ●Food adulteration tests



Some countries have days of prank playing in the days immediately before the start of Lent festival. The tradition in Portugal and Jamaica is to throw flour at friends! In Mexico, eggs are filled with flour and cracked on people's heads.

Youth Power is an initiative to create ethical and socially responsible leaders. The programme aims at inculcating compassion amidst the students towards their environs and fellow beings. My heart swells with pride, as I see my young Amitians take up social causes and work earnestly to be the change and bring change. A strong lineage of humanitarian leaders doesn't come easy, but with YP in action, it looks like we have started.



## A blind luncheon

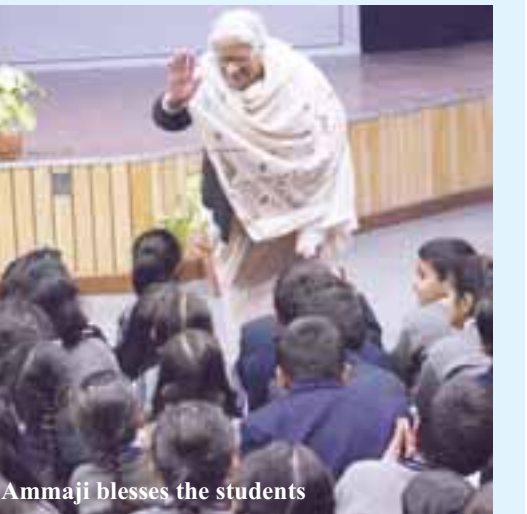
**WHAT:** Blind date  
**WHEN:** November 30, 2012  
**WHERE:** AIS Vasundhara 6, School A.V. room  
**WHY:** The first step towards garnering support for eye donation is making the audience realise the challenges faced by a blind person. The activity made the audience experience the hardships faced by the blind first hand. This activity captured 100% attention of the audience.  
**HOW:** A few students were invited for a lunch at

the school AV room. These students were picked from different classes in order to have a mixed target audience. The students were then blind folded, something none of them knew beforehand. They were then served food and asked to eat and write down the name of what they thought they were eating. Most students thought that this would be easy but they eventually found it tough.  
**OTHERS:** ●Group discussions ●Survey ●Special assemblies ●Workshops ●Poster making

## Mythology stirs bonds

**WHAT:** Mythology quiz  
**WHEN:** January 30, 2013  
**WHERE:** AIS PV, School amphitheatre  
**WHY:** Mythology quiz was the chosen activity as mythology is a subject that interests the young and old alike. The activity made the grandparent and grandchild work together as a team, thus bringing them closer.  
**HOW:** Consent slips for the quiz were given to all the students of Class II. After receiving the

consent of interested participants, Round I was conducted in order to select the representative of each section. After selection of the representatives, the final quiz was conducted. The quiz comprised four rounds including visual round, buzzer round and several others.  
**OTHERS:** Adoption rally ●Registration drive ●Poster making ●Comic strip making ●Health check up camp ●Graffiti competition ●Slogan writing competition

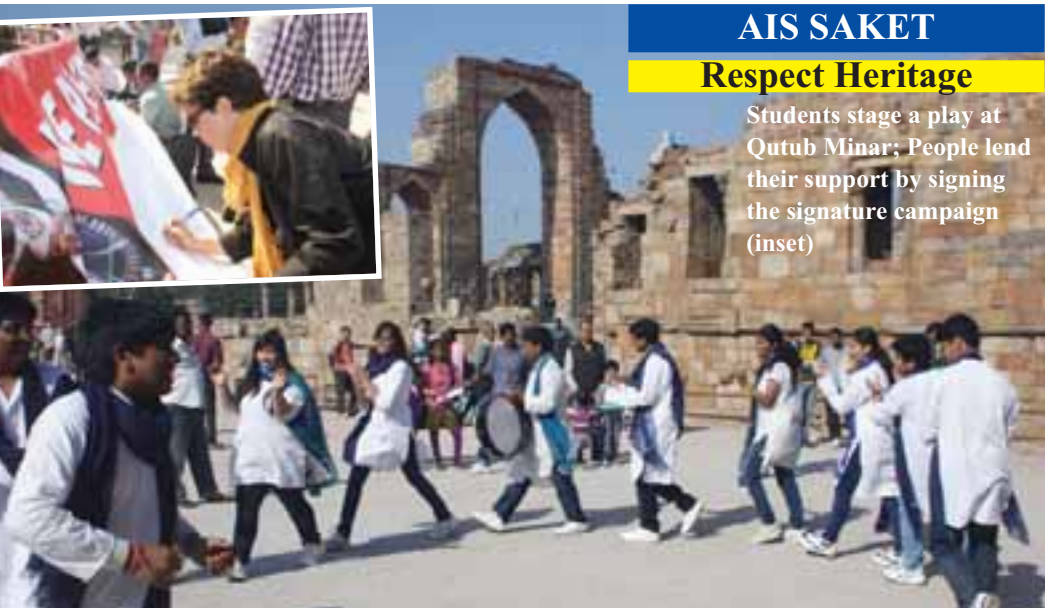


## AIS PUSHP VIHAR Supporting Senior Citizens

## Out on the streets

**WHAT:** Street play and signature campaign  
**WHEN:** November 28, 2012  
**WHERE:** Qutub Minar Complex  
**WHY:** A medium like street play works well to attract the attention of the audience in a public place. The signature campaign gave a chance to the audience to come forward and extend their support.  
**HOW:** The first step was to get permissions to stage a play and rally for the cause at Qutub Minar Complex. The team spoke to KK Razdan, Sr Conservation assistant, ASI and managed to convince him for the same. Once the permissions were procured, the team started to prepare for a street play

to be staged at the venue. The play received a tremendous response. ASI Chief who happened to visit Qutub Minar that day appreciated the efforts of the team. A signature campaign was also conducted simultaneously. The campaign garnered more than 2500 signatories, which also included foreigners (Italians, Germans, Americans, Japanese et al).  
**OTHERS:** ●Movie screening ●Online photography competition ●Interactive sessions ●Cleanliness drive at Sultangarhi ●Making a documentary ●Signature campaign ●Art Mela ●Special assembly



## It's a dustbin

**WHAT:** Creating a 5' 5" sized giant dustbin  
**WHEN:** December 12, 2012  
**WHERE:** AIS Gur 43, School amphitheatre  
**WHY:** Dustbin being directly related to sanitation and hygiene, is a great medium to spread the word. The giant dustbin being a visual model caught everyone's attention very well. The activity gave students a platform to come forward and express their solidarity towards the cause.  
**HOW:** The dustbin was created with paper mache. A wooden structure was created and many layers of waste newspaper were used to give the

dustbin layering. Once completed, the dustbin was painted. Later handprints of students were taken on the same as a symbol of support. This was followed by a signature campaign which saw participation of students, teachers and parents. The campaign continues as the dustbin placed in the school reception, still fetches signatures.  
**OTHERS:** ●Surveys and polls ●Global hand wash day ●Poster making ●Cleanliness week celebrations ●Graffiti making ●Fashion show ●Special assembly ●Workshop ●Street play ●Story telling session





In some parts of Belgium, children lock out their parents or teachers on Fool’s Day and only let them in if they promise to give them sweets!



# Console me not

Have you ever tried to cheer up a pal? Honestly, I don’t know how to console. But I surely know what I need, when I feel dejected



Open Up

How about building a time machine, going back and fixing it all? Don’t say much, just sit with me.

needed you the most. I’ll moan about it. So you can’t simply run away too. So, I’d say, let me be down for a while. Let me try to cry, though the tears won’t come...but let me try. Let me think about what went wrong and feel nostalgic. How about building a time machine, going back and fixing it all? Don’t say much, advise or question anything, but just sit with me. I am not ears for lectures. And the best would be to just sit next to me, if you want to; I would like that very much.

You’re my friend and it’s good to have you here. I’m sad. I’m in a black hole of sadness. So, let’s just sit here for a while, please? You know me, I’ll get better in a while. And then we’ll get up, dust ourselves and walk towards the sunshine leaving an impression on the ground for sitting up there for so long.

This will also serve as a reminder that we were here together and that we moved on, no matter what. I’ll cherish that forever.

And years down the line, we’ll laugh together, thinking, how childish it was to sulk over something so minuscule. 🇮🇳🇮🇳

think so. If I felt that way, I wouldn’t have sat stuck to the ground. And about a little “C’m on, it happens with everyone, it’s part of life...” So you mean to say that I should be glad that I’m not the only one in pain? I should be happy that the whole world has their sufferings to deal with, just like me... seriously?

What could you possibly say to make me feel good about myself? I don’t think that you can say anything that would do the trick. And if you don’t say a thing, then I’ll just whine and cry like a baby about the fact that you left me when I

Saarthak Batra  
AIS Mayur Vihar, XII

When I’m down, I’m down like a broken car, unwilling to move a meter. And I don’t move. I stay glued to the ground and just sit stubbornly at one place, cross legged. Not wanting to talk at all. And for those who try to console me, honestly with all due respect, it doesn’t work. Nothing you say or do makes it better. I mean think about it, what can you possibly say- “It’s going to be alright”? I don’t



## Berry Shortcakes

Pawanjot Singh Sachdeva  
Amity School of Hospitality

### Ingredients

#### Scone:

Refined flour (*Maida*) .....30 gm  
Granulated white sugar .....25 gm  
Baking powder .....5 gm  
Salt .....1/8 tsp  
Chilled butter .....40 gm  
Egg .....1  
Vanilla essence .....1/2 tsp  
Milk .....60 ml

#### Filling:

Granulated white sugar .....20 gm  
Mascarpone cheese (optional) ..50 gm  
Fresh strawberries .....200 gm  
Orange juice (optional) .....10-15 ml

#### Whipped cream:

Cream .....100 ml  
Sugar .....30 gm  
Icing sugar .....for dusting

### Method

- Apply a thin layer of oil on a baking tray. Preheat the oven to about 170 degree celsius.
- Sift flour with salt, white sugar and baking powder. Mix butter and flour to make a sandy mixture.
- Mix egg, milk and vanilla essence. Add it to the flour mixture and work it up into a dough consistency.
- Knead lightly on a floured board, and cut it into rounds of even thickness. Brush them up with milk and bake for 15-20 minutes.
- Macerate the strawberries with sugar or orange juice (10-15ml).
- Whip the cream with the sugar and let it chill. Place a layer of baked round, spread the cream and cheese and spoon in the strawberries.
- Make as many layers as you want. Dust with icing sugar and serve. 🇮🇳🇮🇳

## Brush ‘n’ Easel

Aradhna Sriram  
AIS Gur 46, XII



### POEM



## What is nature?

Isha Goyal

AIS Pushp Vihar, IX A

What is nature?  
Is it the trees growing around?  
Is it the birds’ sound  
who are not land bound?  
Is it the flowers  
beautiful and bright?  
Is it the sun  
that emits a lot of light?  
Is it the sight that  
makes everything bright?  
Is it the river  
which flows with water.

Is it the mother  
who bears a young daughter?  
Nature is the song  
that everyone likes to sing.  
It is the tune  
in everyone’s mind, which rings.  
Nature is the thing,  
that everyone admires.  
And it is the wish,  
that everyone desires.  
I would like you to know,  
that these are just some lines.  
Nature is something whose,  
description can go on for miles.  
But have we left nature,

as it was before?  
Or have we destroyed it,  
to its very core?  
Nature is our mother,  
so it is said.  
It provides us with water,  
and also gives us bread.  
We should do something for it,  
for this is what we need  
And we will have to improve,  
what we call our deeds.  
And when you are able to do so,  
this is what you will see.  
That this was the right choice,  
and so it will always be! 🇮🇳🇮🇳



1. Johnny’s mother had three children. The first child was named April. The second child was named May. What was the third child’s name?
2. A clerk at a butcher shop stands five feet ten inches tall and wears size 13 sneakers.

Answer: 1. Johnny. 2. Meat. 3. Mt. Everest. It just wasn’t discovered yet. 4. Incorrectly 5. Billie lives in the southern hemisphere

What does he weigh?

3. Before Mt. Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain in the world?
4. What word in the English language is always spelled incorrectly?
5. Billie was born on December 28, yet her birthday always falls in the summer. How is this possible? 🇮🇳🇮🇳

### Sudoku 34

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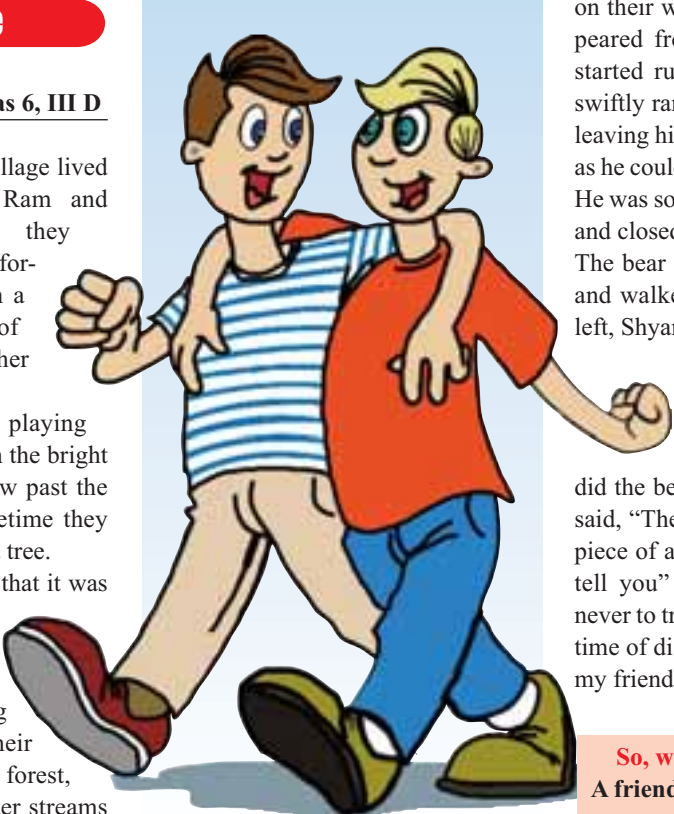
# The tale of two friends

## Wisdom Tale

Hitendra Goswami, AIS Vas 6, III D

Long ago, in a small village lived two good friends, Ram and Shyam. One day, they planned a picnic to a nearby forest. They carried with them a small picnic basket full of fruits, cakes, milk and other munchies. They had a wonderful time playing games, chatting and eating in the bright sun as the gentle breeze blew past the lush green trees. After sometime they decided to take a nap under a tree. On waking up, they realised that it was already late evening. They decided to return back quickly as it had started to get dark and they had a long way to go. They hurried their steps through the dark scary forest, wary of the many small water streams

Illustration: Deepak Sharma



on their way. Suddenly a huge bear appeared from behind a thick bush and started running towards them. Shyam swiftly ran and climbed the nearest tree leaving his friend alone. Ram ran as fast as he could but he tripped and fell down. He was so afraid that he could not get up and closed his eyes in fear. The bear came up to Ram, sniffed him and walked away. As soon as the bear left, Shyam climbed down from the tree and ran towards Ram. While helping him get up, Shyam worriedly asked Ram, “How are you? Are you hurt? What did the bear tell you?” Ram got up and said, “The bear whispered in my ears a piece of advice.” “Really? What did he tell you” asked Shyam. “He told me never to trust those who leave you at the time of distress and asked me to choose my friends wisely,” said Ram.

So, what did you learn today?  
A friend in need is a friend indeed.

Shivam prepares his orange drink



## Orange drink

Shivam Joshi, AIS Gur 43, II D

### Ingredients

Orange squash ..... 2 tbsp  
Sugar ..... 2 tbsp  
Water ..... 1 glass

### Method

- Take one glass of water. Add sugar and orange squash. Stir well till the sugar gets dissolved.
- Pour the drink in a tall glass. Top it up with some ice. Serve chilled.

## It's Me

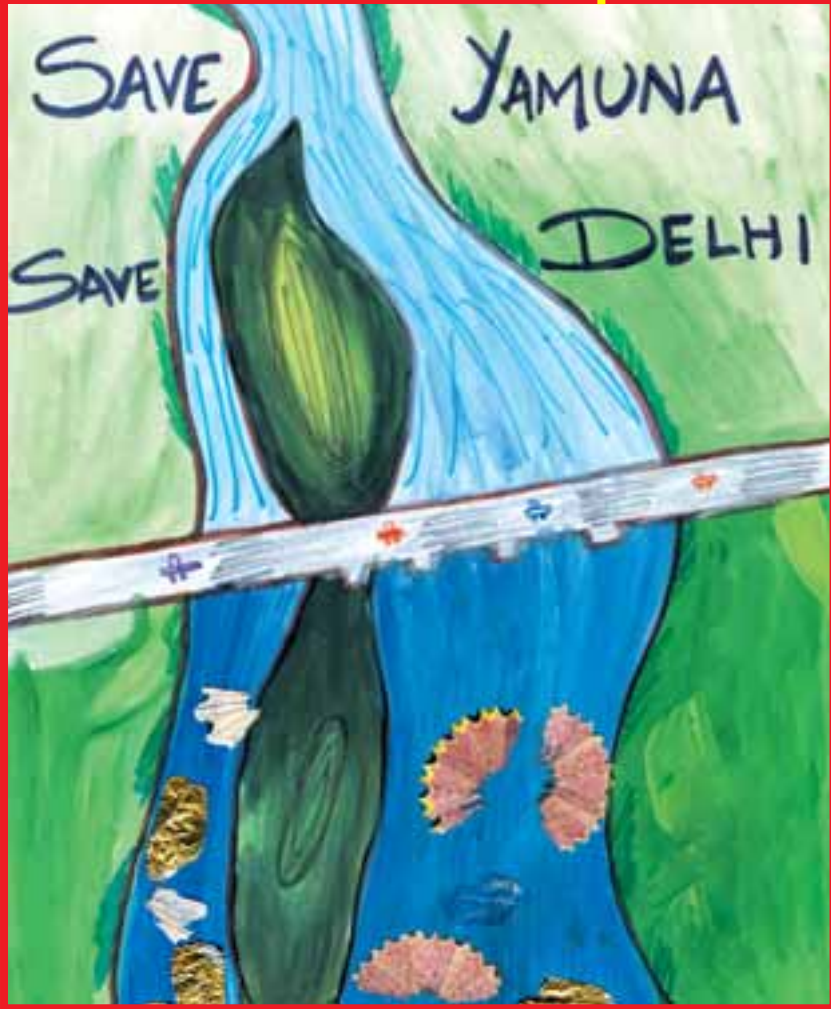
**My name:** Ayanna Tyagi  
**My school:** Amity International School, Vasundhara 6  
**My class:** I A  
**My birthday:** December 8  
**I like:** Playing and swimming  
**I hate:** Lizards  
**My hobby:** Drawing, dancing and skating  
**My role model:** My papa  
**My best friend:** Tanisha and Sambhavi  
**My favourite book:** Joyful world  
**My favourite game:** Cooking, Dress-Up and computer games  
**My favourite mall:** Shipra Mall  
**My favourite food:** Dal, rice and paneer  
**My favourite teacher:** Mahua ma'am

**My favourite poem:** Jingle bell  
**My favourite subject:** Math  
**I want to become:** A doctor  
**I want to feature in GT because:** I want to make friends through it.



## Painting Corner

Alisha  
AIS Vas 1, I D



**Teacher:** What a pair of strange socks you're wearing, one is green and the other is blue with red spots!!  
**Sam:** Yes, it's really strange. I've got another pair exactly the same at home too.

**Raju:** Did you hear the joke about the roof?

**Harry:** Never mind, it's over your head anyways.

## Tiger! Tiger!

Sarrah Samaiyah  
AIS Saket, V B

POEM

Tiger! Tiger!  
Our nation's pride  
Please shed some light  
How did you become our nation's pride?  
You walk so gracefully  
You hunt so perfectly  
Your looks are so majestic

Your sight is so fantastic.  
Tiger! Tiger!  
Do roar and alert the world,  
Roar to scare away poachers.  
They kill you from time to time  
Stop them from doing the crime.  
Tiger! Tiger!  
Earlier when we saw  
Your sight was so fancy  
But after some years  
You will be a dream or a fantasy.



## CAMERA CAPERS

Arihant Singh, AIS Noida, IV M

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Colours of nature



Posing right



Sleeping beauties



# Graduation Grandeur

Little Amies enthused freshness and verve into the graduation day ceremony with their enthusiastic performances, replete with rhymes, skits, rhythmic skating and beautiful cinematic moments



In unison Let's pray together

**Amiown Gurgaon**  
**Atreyee Dasgupta**  
Teacher, Amiown Gurgaon

The graduation day is an occasion of great pride for parents and a day of celebration for little Amies. To celebrate this momentous day, Amiown Gurgaon organised the graduation ceremony on March 12 & 13, 2013 at the school auditorium. Amies put up a spectacular musical as a mark of crossing one milestone and graduating to the next standard. During the two day ceremony, the children enacted, illustrated and narrated stories about ‘Friends around us’ and mesmerised the audience with their performance. The ceremony commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp and little Amies chanting the *Gayatri* mantra.



Auspicious beginning Lamp lighting

**Nursery presentation:** The nursery children portrayed stories as ‘Never, never give it up’ which focused on problem solving; ‘The tiny little seed’, about growing slowly but steadily with the courage to endure difficult times; ‘Animal Kingdom’, which

highlighted that animals should not be caged and ‘Oliver lost his voice’, which stated that every child is unique.

**Pre-nursery presentation:** The children depicted the story ‘The Hungry Caterpillar’ by Eric Carle. Through the play, the kids illustrated their love for plants and animals. They conveyed the message that every element of mother nature is important in our lives. Through their performance, they also brought home the importance of being fit. The parents were overwhelmed with emotion seeing their tiny tots performing with tremendous confidence. Their loud cheers resonated through the auditorium. The presence of Ms Sapna Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amiown added a sparkle to the performances. The programme ended with the school song – “We stars of Amiown shining all the way....” sung by all the members of the Amiown family with great pride.



Confident streaks Spinning yarns

## Story Bugs

**Amiown Vasundhara 1 & 6**  
**Usha Rao, Teacher, Amiown Vasundhara**

Amiown Vasundhara, Sector 1 & 6 celebrated graduation day titled ‘Story Bugs’ on March 13, 2013. The programme saw an amalgamation of three stories – ‘The Little Red Hen’ by Gloudone, ‘Rainbow Fish’ by Marcus Pfishter & ‘The Hungry Caterpillar’ by Eric Carl, enacted by Amies. Ms Sapna Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amiown, Naaniji and heads of AIS Vasundhara 1 & 6 graced the occasion. The entire event was web-casted on the Amity website. Lighting of the lamp and the chanting of *Gayatri* mantra set an ideal ambience for the celebrations. Ms Sapna Chauhan in her address spoke on the importance of the graduation day and the platform provided to the little Amies to showcase their talent. The parents lauded the efforts of the Amiown team. The scintillating performance of the children enthralled everyone. Each story conveyed a message, highlighting how children can learn a complexity of numbers, days of a week or values like sharing. The function concluded with the song ‘A beautiful day’ wherein everybody joined in by clapping and cheering. Later, the parents went to the Classes of their respective wards to collect their report cards and e-portfolios.

## Amiown’s Ark

**Amiown Noida**  
**Sunila Kaul**  
Teacher, Amiown Noida

Graduation day is a momentous occasion in the lives of children as they cross a major benchmark of their lives. Amiown Noida celebrated graduation day on March 16, 2013 with the theme ‘Grandiose of Amiown’s Ark’ based on stories of wonderland. The prop of a big story book was placed in the centre of the stage. The background of the brightly done up stage depicted the sea world as well as trees, mushrooms, flowers, castle, ladybirds, butterflies and a huge circus tent. The day started with the little ones invoking God’s blessings with the chanting of the *Gayatri* mantra. Parents and grandparents joined Ms Sapna Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amiown in lighting the ceremonial lamp. The occasion was graced by Naniiji, Ms Divya Chauhan, Chairperson, ASFT, ASPA and



Fairyland wonders Being together is fun



Friends forever Being there for each other

ASFA and dignitaries from Amity International School, Noida. Ms Sapna Chauhan addressed the parents with her encouraging and visionary words. Neelam Chaudhry, Coordinator, Amiown Noida and Vasundhara, presented a brief annual report. **Class Acts:** The Seastar Class presented a story about how a mermaid and a fish became friends. Later, the children danced on a peppy song, spreading the message of friendship. The Kangaroo Class enacted a story about how the entire fairyland got together for princess Jasmine’s birthday. The Dolphin Class dramatised a story in how ladybugs, bumblebees and a dinosaur save the ants from dragons and robots. Thereby, they highlighted the importance of helping each other in the time of crisis and difficulty. **Circa Circus:** The circus, featuring a clown, jugglers, ring master, an elephant and a lion, charmed the tiny tots. The children danced to the foot tapping songs ‘Clap your hands’, ‘We are clowns today’, ‘Juggle the skittle’ and the ‘Birdie’ song. The show concluded with the finale song. The programme concluded with the parents collecting their children’s progress reports and e-portfolios from their respective classrooms to take with them. It was a nostalgic moment for everyone as the parents captured the day’s beautiful moments in their cameras.



The eternal bond Mothers with their children

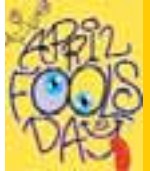
## Multihued Mélange

**Amiown Pushp Vihar**  
**Gagan Thukral**  
Teacher, Amiown Pushp Vihar

Amiown Pushp Vihar hosted their graduation day on March 11 & 15, 2013. The occasion was graced by Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and Ms Sapna Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amiown and other dignitaries of the Amity family. They applauded all the children performing on stage. The toddlers charmed the audience with a captivating performance along with their mothers, using stick puppets. The annual report was presented by Ritu Verma, coordinator, Amiown Pushp Vihar. The audience was spell-

bound by the children’s confidence as they spoke about their achievements. The skit ‘Freedom for all’ conveyed the message of treating animals with compassion. The grand finale was an outstanding performance by the talented children of Amiown Extended Day Enrichment program. A blend of rhythmic taekwondo and skating skills were displayed by the little ones. The poise and confidence of the young athletes culled a standing ovation from the audience. The children of Amiown Extended Day Enrichment programme have benefited immensely from the specially designed academic, co-curricular and physical activities. The programme culminated with a movie depicting a cinematic journey through the year filled with happy memories and poignant moments.





Depending on where you live in England, you could be called a noodle, noddy, gobby or gob instead of a fool on Fool's Day!

# Vasudha: nurturing scientific temper

Vasudha 2012-13 was aimed at encouraging students to conserve energy and find its alternate sources in the wake of global energy crisis

Amity Children Science Foundation

Vasudha, the flagship program of Amity, initiated in 2008 by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, is committed to finding innovative solutions to environmental problems. The programme run under the aegis of Amity Children Science Foundation, headed by Dr Madhu Phull, lays stress on learning/problem solving through research. Vasudha encourages the participation of students from Classes VI to XII and seeks to attract the youngsters of Classes I to V through artistic displays and skits. The competition was based on the themes outlined by National Children Science Congress, a program of Department of Science and Technology, GOI. Thus, Vasudha 2012-13 delved on themes like Energy Resources, Energy System, Energy and Society, Energy and Environment, Energy Management & Conservation and Energy Planning & Modeling. The competition held in three rounds for students of Classes VI to XII, was aimed at finding out-of-the-box so-



A young student displays his model

lutions for vexing environment issues. **Round One:** The first round which took place in all Amity schools during July 21-27, 2012 saw over 1445 projects submitted by the students being screened by experts. The projects were evaluated on the basis of the submitted report. **Round Two:** Projects submitted by students of Classes VI to XII were assessed by external evaluators while those from Classes I to V were displayed for assessment in the classrooms. However, what made the competition special this year was the newly introduced mentoring session and participation of students from Amity Indian Military College, Manesar. The innovative projects short-listed in the first round were further improvised under the guidance of mentor teachers for participation at various national and international competitions like IRIS and others. About 510 projects



Proud winners of Vasudha 2012-13

were shortlisted from the 1445 projects and submitted for the conference. **Round Three:** The third, inter Amity round was conducted in AIS Pushp Vihar and AIS Saket on November 3, 2012. The valedictory function was organised at AIS Saket on January 17, 2013 where the budding scientists and

Class	Rank 1	Rank 2	Rank 3	Consolation
Junior Category				
VI	AIS Pushp Vihar	AIS Gur 46	AIS Gur 43	AIS Noida
VII	AIS Vas 6 & AIS Gur 43	AIS Gur 43	AIS Saket	AIS Pushp Vihar
VII	AIS MV	AIS Vas 6	AIS MV & AIS Noida	
Senior Category				
IX	AIS Gur 43	AIS Noida	AIS Gur 43	AIS Pushp Vihar
X	AIS Vas 6	AIS Vas 6	AIS Noida & AIS Saket	AIS Vas 6
XI	AIS Saket	AIS Saket	AIS Saket & AIS MV	-
XII	AIS Mayur Vihar	-	-	-

their mentors were felicitated for their efforts. The trophy for the junior category (Classes VI-VIII) for acquiring maximum number of medals was given to AIS Vasundhara 6 while the trophy for senior category was bagged by AIS Saket. The three best projects of each class from each school were also awarded. In addition to Vasudha projects, others which won awards in national and international competitions were also felicitated. The eminent dignitaries who graced the event were Anita Setia, Additional Director, SCERT and the evaluators Dr SS Agarwal, Dr Lalit Pankaj, Biman Basu, Dr Rekha Agarwal and B K Tyagi. The gathering was blessed by Ms Pooja Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amity Humanity Foundation and Ms Divya Chauhan, Chairperson, AFA, ASPA and ASFT.

## AIS Noida



All set for a shopping expedition

## A trip to market

Fun and frolic marked the 'Market Day' celebrations of the primary wing of Amity International School, Noida. The exercise not only proved a novel experience, but added a whole new dimension to learning. The event, which was organized on February 11, 2013 was a step towards making children aware of the role of a market in

everyday life. The senior students worked as volunteers to ensure the little ones had a fun filled time. The children were given the freedom to shop for the item of their choice. However, the highlight of the event was a book stall where students could purchase books. This little initiative further strengthened the children's love for reading.

## Eat healthy, be healthy

Amity International School, Noida observed 'Eat healthy, be healthy' theme party for the tiny tots of Classes Nursery and KG on March 11, 2013. The students learnt that 'healthy eating' means eating a variety of foods that provide nutrition to the body. They came to the school colourfully dressed up as fruits and vegetables. In the party, the children also learnt to make their own



Teachers as chefs

healthy and wise food choices.

# Celebrating health

AIS Saket beats schools from across 12 cities to emerge national winners at Dabur Chyawanprash Immune India School Challenge

## AIS Saket

Adding another glorious leaf to its legacy of excellence, Amity International School, Saket won the first prize at Dabur Chyawanprash Immune India School Challenge 2012 with one student being declared the National Immune champ. AIS Saket was awarded the first prize for maintaining a high level of medical health and hygiene. The top award included laptops worth Rs 3 lakh for the outstanding achievement. Vasavi Yakash, a class V student of the school was declared the National Immune Champ. Her multifarious academic and co-curricular achievements won her the prestigious award. She was felicitated with a Samsung tablet and a certificate of honour at a glittering award ceremony held on February 3, 2013. The challenge,



Principal AIS Saket Dr Rekha Ranade (C) receiving the prize cheque from Union Minister Dr Kiran Walia

which saw over 50 schools drawn from 12 cities competing for the title was organized jointly by Dabur Chyawanprash and Fortis Healthcare. "We lay special emphasis not only on the health and hygiene of students but also encourage

them to take up at least one physical activity," Dr Rekha Ranade, the proud school principal said. The coveted award put on record the Amity philosophy - "Excellence is not an act, but a habit."

# Basking in glory

## AIS Vasundhara 6

The newly formed girls basketball team of AIS Vasundhara 6 defeated Kothari International School, Noida by 23-14 to win their first ever basketball match.

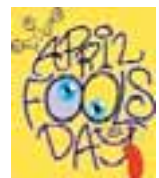
The rigorous practice, dedication, team spirit and coordination of the basketball team of AIS Vasundhara 6 helped them put up an intense fight against the opponent and register a magnificent win. The school principal Sunila Athley applauded the basketball team for its per-



formance and felicitated the winners with gold medals and certificates.



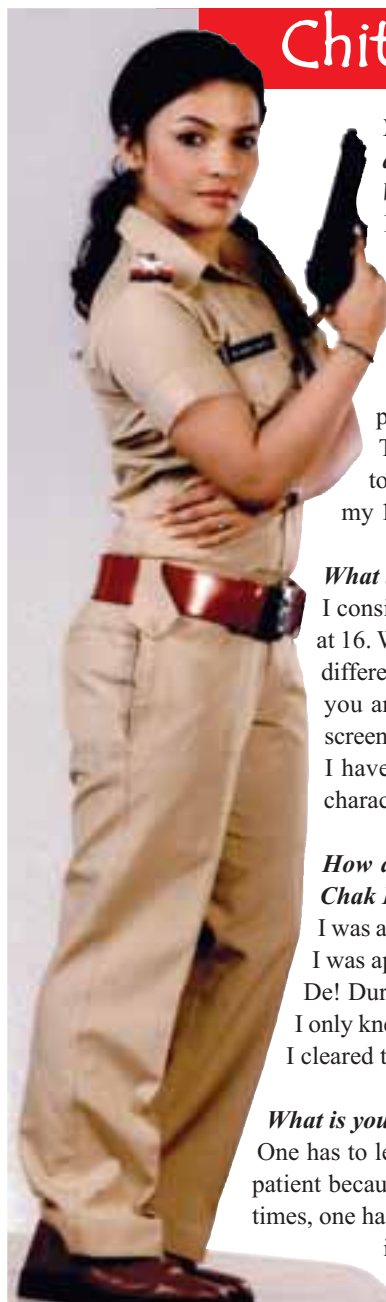
Mark Twain once said, “The first of April is the day we remember what we are the other 364 days of the year.”



# All set to tickle you pink

Join **Surabhi Kashyap** and **Kanika Bhardwaj** of Amity Institute of Biotechnology as they get up, close and personal with the lead stars of the hilarious sitcom FIR, during a press conference

## Chitrashi Rawat



**You are making a comeback after a long hiatus of six years. What kept you off the industry?**

I was flooded with offers after Chak De! but I didn't want to do *saas-bahu* serials which dominate the idiot box these days. I was never averse to television, but I wanted to do meaty roles. Then I was approached by SAB TV to play the lead in FIR, a serial that has ruled the TRPs for the last seven years. I immediately took it up as I felt it was something I could give my 120 percent to.

**What is more challenging- television or films?**

I consider myself lucky to have got a break in films at 16. Working with megastars in movies gives you a different high and once you are done with your lines, you are free to call it a day; whereas in the small screen, you have to work 24X7. I am very happy that I have a supporting cast that helps me fit into my character with ease.

**How did you bag the role of Komal Chautala in Chak De! India?**

I was a national level hockey player at Jabalpur when I was approached by Yashraj Films for a role in Chak De! During those days, I never knew about Yashrajji, I only knew about Dhanraj (the famous hockey player). I cleared the audition and the rest is history.

**What is your advice for aspiring actors?**

One has to learn to go with the flow. It is important to be patient because at times, one's hands are full while sometimes, one has to wait for months for the phone to ring. It's important to be mentally strong and passionate enough to survive in the industry. 🇮🇳



## Gopi Bhalla

**What made you take up the role of Gopinath Gandola in FIR?**

It is very easy to make people cry but very difficult to make them laugh their heart out. I am a born comedian and acting comes naturally to me. The moment I was approached by the channel to play Gopinath Gandola, I knew it was my claim to fame.

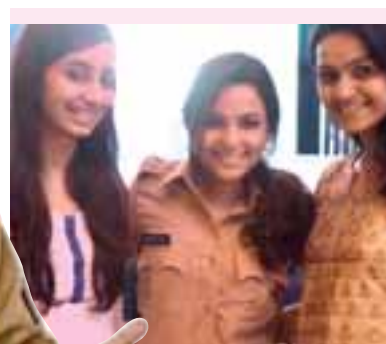
**What has been your most challenging role till date?**

I think my present role has been the most challenging one. My character speaks crude English that is not spoken or taught anywhere and I thoroughly enjoy playing Gopinath.

**What, according to you, is the USP of the show-FIR?**

A promise to deliver clean and wholesome family entertainment coupled with team work has made it a huge hit with the audience. The writers and directors also deserve a huge applause for retaining the freshness of the soap. They keep on adding new elements to make it more appealing for the viewers. 🇮🇳

SAB TV's FIR is all set to take a 20 year leap and the channel has decided to infuse some fresh talent. Chitrashi Rawat of Chak De! fame has been roped in to play Jwalamukhi, Kavita Kaushik's (Chandramukhi) daughter.



Chitrashi Rawat (C) with Surabhi Kashyap (L) and Kanika Bhardwaj

The press conference with the team of FIR was indeed a brilliant experience. The interview with Chitrashi and Gopu provided an interesting insight into the real and reel life of the tele stars.

**Kanika Bhardwaj, AIB**

I felt like a thorough professional when I went to cover the press conference organised by SAB TV. I am very thankful to GT for having bestowed this opportunity on me. I am really happy that I could meet and interact with the star cast of FIR.

**Surabhi Kashyap, AIB**



# April Fool banaya!!

Get ready for some rib tickling tricks as Amitians recount some funny and cool pranks played on/by them

**Smita Jain, GT Network**

This April Fools' Day, exercise your most creative muscles and pull off some innovative and creative tricks as these Amitians did to make their day memorable.



It was only last year on April Fool Day that my friend brought the all new yellow coloured Colgate Plax mouthwash. Enticed by its

bright colour, I asked him whether it was an interesting flavour. He nodded his head in the affirmative. As I eagerly took a capful to gargle, I realized it smelled of mustard oil. All my doubts that I had fallen victim to his joke turned true, when I found my friend in splits!

**Arohan Sharma, Amity School of Engg & Technology**

I fell victim to a silly little prank played by my friend... rewind to Class V session break. The intolerable summer heat had me praying for a miracle called 'extension of the session break'. As I lay asleep, a close friend of mine called up to say that the vacations had been extended by a week. My happiness knew no bounds! I told my mother the same, who stared at me, trying hard to control her giggles and said, "Dear, it's 1st April!"

**Snigdha Shahi AIS Noida, XII**

A few years back, I bought a few of those little black edible tamarind beads that you can buy along with *anar daana* and carefully put them inside orange



slices laid for breakfast. And lo and behold! When my folks took the first bite, I can never forget the shrieks that followed. They thought they had swallowed worms with their fruit! I laughed till tears rolled down my cheeks.

**Labanya Maitra AIS Saket, XII**

## GT Travels to Dubai



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I think it was back in Class V, that I fooled my friend into believing that his pants were torn. I convinced the whole class to support me in playing out the gag with conviction. Infamous for roaming around a lot, the poor chap stayed glued to his seat the entire day. It was quite comical to see him in that per-

plexed condition. But what I liked the most about the entire prank was that the victim took it in the right spirit. In fact, whenever we meet today, we recall those days with great enthusiasm and still consider it as the best time of our lives! 🇮🇳

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