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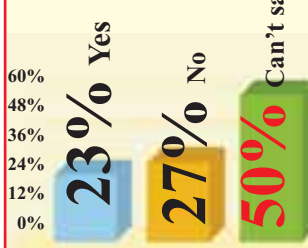
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Can human values be taught ?



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Shilpi Sharma (ASET) with her son Arnav (AIS Noida)



Amitian by heart

What is that one thing that binds an Amitian and also makes him believe **once an Amitian, always an Amitian?** Smita Jain, GT Network unravels

Priyanka & Abhishek Sengupta, AIB



Is it love, respect or pride for the organization that makes an Amitian stand out? Or is it the power of knowledge imparted at this modern temple of learning which makes it an ideal destination for those striving for an illustrious life? Whatever the reasons might be, every individual who joins Amity nurtures the desire to be a life long member of the Amity family. It won't be an exaggeration to say that you can take an Amitian out of Amity, but you can't take Amity out of an Amitian. Meet some happy Amitians:

Priyanka Raja, ASET



Proud teacher, proud parent

My heart swells with pride when I see my son Arnav, a student of AIS Noida receiving world class education. But what makes him different from other children of his age are the *sanskars* which have been instilled in him at school. It is not

only Arnav who is making major headways in life, I have also made tremendous progress on the career front. The encouragement from my colleagues at Amity School of Engineering and Technology, provided me the necessary push to enroll for a doctoral degree. Today, I am not only a happy and satisfied employee, but a happy parent and student too. And one can easily guess who the credit goes to!

Shilpi Sharma, Faculty ASET

Guardian of knowledge tree

Amity proved to be an ideal training ground for me when I was pursuing my Masters in Psychology from Amity Institute of Behavioural Health and Allied Sciences. I cannot describe the joy I felt after joining my alma mater as an Assistant Professor. I feel ecstatic as it was only yesterday when I was attending lectures on behavioural science, sitting in the very classroom that I am teaching in today. Amity has not only done wonders for my career, it has helped me groom my personality too.

Ritu Sharma, Faculty AIPS

Cemented with love

I get nostalgic remembering the day I joined AIS Noida 18 years back when its first brick was getting laid and today when I am on the threshold of passing out as an en-

gineering student, I wonder at the pace with which the institution has grown. I too have blossomed from a small girl into a young woman who believes in clearing every hurdle of life. This determination is the result of the never-say-die spirit ingrained during my stay at Amity. This determination has propelled me to strive hard and win the title of Miss CSE. Thanks Amity for scripting my success story.

Priyanka Raja, ASET

Wedded to Amity

Our association with Amity started about three years back. It has been a fabulous journey as the institute offered us ample opportunities to grow. The friendly atmosphere prevalent at Amity gave us the much needed motivation to make major strides in our career. We would definitely like our son to be a part of the prospering Amity family right from preschool to PhD level.

Priyanka & Abhishek Sengupta, AIB



Ritu Sharma, Faculty, AIPS

It's all in the family



Amity's loyal trinity

Comradeship, empathy and loyalty are values that you associate with Amity. It is these values that make people strike life long alliances with it and pass the baton to the next generation too! Lt General PD Bhargava, DG, AITTM has the onus of having three generations devoted to service of Amity.

How would you describe your association with Amity? How long has been your association?

I joined Amity in the year 2001 and would describe my association with the organization as wonderful and wholesome. From the day I joined Amity, I never felt that I was working for an organization; I felt as if I was a part of a huge family which was striving for excellence in the field of education. I take great pride in being part of an organization that is prospering day and night.

How does it feel to have three generations contributing to the growth of Amity?

I take pride in the fact that I was the first one in Amity to live Founder President Dr Ashok K Chauhan's dream of having

three generations studying as well as involved in the field of academics at the same time. It consider it a record of sorts. My heart swelled with pride when Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of School announced this feat at a school function in Noida and requested others to follow suit.

Tell us about your family.

My son Dheeraj was pursuing his doctoral degree from Aligarh Muslim University when I asked him to changeover to Amity University, the undisputed pioneers in the field of education and today, he does not regret his decision as he has easy access to the best research papers and an excellent mentor at Amity. The global education offered here coupled with world class infrastructure made me enroll my grandchildren Harshita and Dhruv at AIS Gurgaon 46. And I am happy that we all are working with full might in scripting Amity's success story.

What is that one thing that draws you to Amity?

The unrelenting support that I received from Founder President at the time of personal crisis has made him an idol in my eyes. I was deeply touched when he visited my ailing wife in the hospital and took a minute-to-minute update about my health when I was recuperating after an operation. This kind of gesture from the head of the organization has further strengthened my resolve to work with

deeper commitment and keep the Amity torch burning bright for ages to come.

How has Amity changed over the years? Do you consider this temple of learning as an ideal training ground and perfect career launch pad?

I feel elated to see Amity Group of Institutions set new benchmarks everyday. What draws Amity University apart from other institutes is the stress on value based education. The education imparted here is a perfect amalgamation of east and west. Amity was the first institution to introduce compulsory military training, celebrate human value quarter and hold lectures on behavioural science. These programs are unique to Amity which our contemporaries find difficult to replicate.

Do you see the bond with Amity strengthening in the future?

Yes, of course. Undoubtedly, I see the bond growing by leaps and bounds. I see Amity Group of Institutions emerging as an undisputed international leader in the years to come. I feel it is my proud privilege to be a part of this great educational revolution which is being spearheaded by Dr Chauhan. I would like all my three generations to remain associated with Amity and contribute wholeheartedly for making AMITY UNIVERSE a leader not only within India, but globally.

(as told to Smita Jain, GT Network)

Dear Ma'am, thanks for setting up an institution that polishes raw uncarved diamonds like us. Love you so much, Happy Birthday Ma'am!

Aditi Sharma, AIS Vas 6, XII D



Bringing joy in the lives of disabled



When: March 1, 2012
Where: AIPS & AIBHAS
What: Sensitizing youth towards needs of the disabled
Highlights: Prayer meet & lecture

The Human Value Quarter celebrations at Amity Institute of Psychology and Allied Sciences (AIPS) saw students joining hands to sensitize everyone about the needs of

special people through an exhibition titled, 'Social Awareness Program (SAP)- We care for you'. The program kicked off with the rendition of a prayer especially written and composed by the students of MA Counselling Psychology and MA Applied Psychology. The students distributed pamphlets containing beautiful social messages. Posters, calendars, cards and wall hangings designed by the students were also put on display.

This was followed by an audio visual presentation on the topic which was attended by both students and faculty. The day concluded with the students of MA Counselling Psychology providing valuable insight on the subject during the Behavioral Science classes conducted across Amity University.

Tamanna Saxena
 Faculty, AIPS

Dynamics of a healthy society



When: March 30, 2012
Where: Amity School of Economics
What: Sensitizing youth about drug abuse
Highlights: Street play

Late than Never' to highlight the problem of drug abuse. The students used powerful histrionics to highlight the horrifying spectre of drug abuse. It also laid emphasis on providing love and care to victims trying to recuperate from substance abuse in rehabilitation centres.

Prof. Gargi Bandyopadhyay
 HOI, ASE

A group of enthusiastic students from Amity School of Economics presented an entertaining street play titled 'Better

Amity's toast to humanity

The Human Value Quarter celebrations at Amity is not about championing lessons on morality, but about living those values. Join Amitians as they commemorate these values to mark the birthday of Chairperson Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan

Decoding the green formula



When: March 1-22, 2012
Where: Amity School of Engineering and Technology
What: Inculcate values
Highlights: Essay writing, Slogan writing and Go Green Awareness Campaign

ASET students touched upon an array of topics affecting humanity during Human

Value Quarter celebrations. The students put up a huge cut out of a tree in the campus to sensitize the youth about the need to restore glory of mother earth. An AD MAD competition saw students enacting advertisements promoting values. A team from CSE ASET won the best out of waste competition titled 'kabbad se jugaad'.

Shilpi Sharma, Faculty ASET

Sharing the new law of happiness

When: Spread over months of February and April, 2012
Where: Amity Law School
What: Revisiting lessons in moral values through conventional medium
Highlights: Essay writing competition, visit to Cheshire Home and street play

The Amity Law School students organized an array of activities to mark the Human Value Quarter. The celebrations at ALS began with the essay writing competition on the topic "Greed is the root of all evils." The first prize was bagged by Jayvardhan from ALS and second and third prizes went to Lakshika and Ambika from ASCO, respectively. This was followed by a street play titled *Aaj ka yuva*. The residents of Cheshire Home were in for a surprise



when about 30 students along with their three teachers spent quality time with the mentally challenged inmates and made them feel special. A panel discussion on violence in campus was also held. The discussion began with senior faculty member Mokshda Bhushan introducing the topic. In her

address to the students, she rightly pointed out that not only physical violence amounts to violence but any act which results in mental trauma and forces the youth to act in a deviant manner should be considered an act of violence.

Mokshda Bhushan, Faculty, ALS

Rewriting the science of happiness

When: March 1-16
Where: Amity Institute of Biotechnology
What: Preserving ecology and motivating youth to quit smoking
Highlights: Petition signing, article writing competition and encouraging use of paper bags

The students of Amity Institute of Biotechnology, Amity Institute of Microbial Biotechnology and Amity Institute of Anthropology came together to celebrate Human Value Quarter. The three departments not only motivated the youth to give up smoking for a healthier tomorrow, but also made students and staff of the university sign a petition pledging support to build a safer, cleaner and greener world. As a part of the drive, they distributed paper bags to the students and teachers in the campus. The students also held an article writing competition



on the theme "Moral Police in Today's World" in association with The Global Times. The competition received tremendous response from students as they freely aired their views on the topic. The first prize was bagged by Tushar Jain of AIB, while second and

third prizes went to Nishi Jairam and Shena Bartaria respectively. Other events included a band performance to generate funds for the needy. This was followed by solo performances by the students.

Pravesh Parekh, AIB

Communicating right values



When: Spread over the months of February, March and April
Where: Amity School of Communication
What: Reaffirming human values
Highlights: Short films, awareness campaign, debates and plays

love, integrity and generosity in everyday life. The students paid a visit to Vintage Voyage, an old age home and cheered the residents with their jokes and stories. A story telling session accompanied by a film making workshop was also conducted for juvenile children of NGO Prayas. The other activities held were debate, essay, photography and painting competition.

Vignesh J, ASCO

ASCO students kicked off the HVQ celebrations by reiterating the importance of truth,



It is difficult to express our love for you in words. Thank you Ma'am for always being there to motivate and guide every Amitian. Happy Birthday to world's best chairperson!

Ishita Bedi, AIS Mayur Vihar, XI A

Ode to art of speaking

Amity University organised two valuable sessions for the thinkers and the students to come together to discuss, debate and share knowledge & learning

Lekha Rani Singh

Faculty, Amity Instt of Corporate Communication

Amity Institute of Corporate Communication (AICC) organised a workshop on 'Art of Speaking' on February 29, 2012. The chief guest of the workshop was Dr Vikas Sharma, HOD (English) PG DAV College, and Secretary for College English Teachers Association. The distinguished guests included Dolly May Ryall, Director of Studies, The London Centre of Spoken English and Mr Rajiv Mudgil, CEO, The London Centre of Spoken English. The workshop was attended by all the students of Amity School of Engineering & Technology and Amity Institute of Information Technology.

The welcome address was delivered by Ms Lekha Rani Singh, Faculty, AICC, followed by the traditional felicitation of the guests.

The workshop was introduced by Capt H A Arfi, Director, AICC and AIESR. He discussed the relevance of communication skills and highlighted the goals of the workshop.

Meanwhile, Dolly May Ryall addressed the students while emphasizing the importance of English language in interna-

What: 'Art of Speaking' workshop

When: March 29, 2012

Where: Amity University

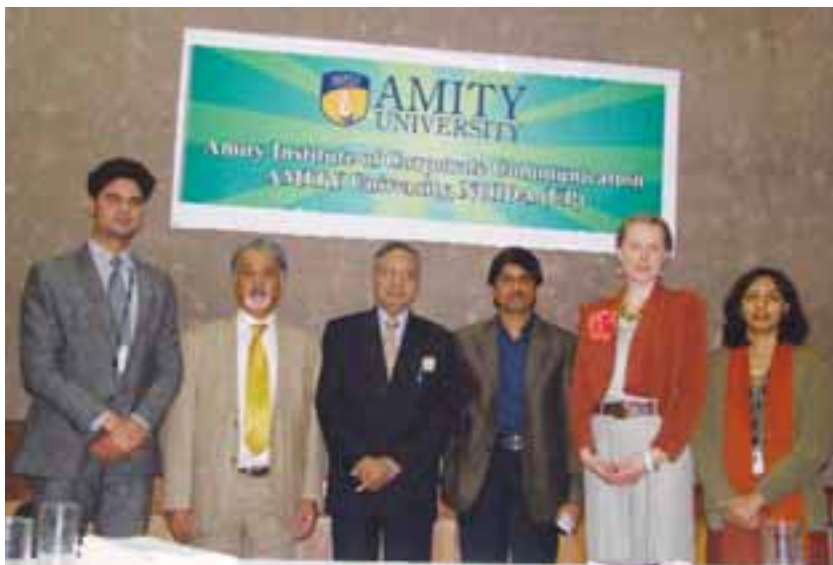
Organisers: Amity Institute of Corp. Communication

Erudite speakers: Dr Vikas Sharma, PG DAV College; Dolly May Ryall & Rajiv Mudgil, The London Centre of Spoken English

Highlights: Discussion on power of communication

tional business. She also enlightened the students by sharing how to deliver a powerful message.

Dr Indu Rampal, Senior Lecturer, AICC, presented a PowerPoint presentation on 'Art of Speaking' and touched upon the importance of the basics of communication. She also provided excellent examples to improve pronunciation. In the question and answer session that followed, Dr Rampal was flooded with intelligent questions coming in from the students's end. The enthusiastic lecturer however, did complete justice to the



questions raised by the eager learners. Dr Vikas Sharma asked the students to read classic literature in order to grasp new words and use them creatively as well as to improve communication

skills. The workshop was an extremely stimulating one and was successful in inspiring a free flowing, invigorating and healthy interaction between the erudite speakers and the students.

Discussing Economics

Raunak Singh

Amity School of Economics

Amity School of Economics organised its annual symposium "Orion 2012" on March 19, 2012. The panel discussion focussed on maintaining economic balance and laying greater emphasis on the two vital sectors- health and education. The second half of the symposium was dedicated to the annual conventional debate. The topic was "100% FDI in retail- a boon for the Indian economy?" The best interjector prize was won by Yachna Kumar (Amity Institute of Telecom Technology & Management).

What: Orion 2012

When: March 19, 2012

Who: Amity School of Economics

Where: Amity University

Erudite speakers: Girish Kumar, Indian Instt of Public Administration; Sharat Kumar, Indian Economic Service; Harsh Singh, Market Solutions for Inclusion

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Winner of Brainleaks 39:

Kushal Singhal, XII-C, AIS-46

Amit Kumar, XI-C, AIS-46

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Course: B. A (Hons) Journalism

Eligibility Criteria: 10+2 in any stream (or appearing for 10+2)

Examination: Combined Journalism Entrance Test (C - JET) 2012

Application Form: Forms available at all the colleges from Mon to Fri between 10am - 4pm (on all working days) or online at

<http://journalismdu.admissionhelp.com>

Last Date of submission: Forms can be deposited by May 5, 2012

Website: <http://journalismdu.admissionhelp.com>

Courses: Bachelors Degree Program in Fashion Merchandising; Fashion Designing; Footwear Technology & Management and Leather Goods and Accessories Design

Eligibility Criteria: 10+2 in any stream (or those appearing for 10+2 are also eligible)

Examination: Online All India Selection Test (AIST)

Application Form: Can be obtained from FDDI Campuses & select branches of Axis Bank or downloaded from website

Last Date of submission: Forms can be deposited by May 17, 2012

Website: <http://www.iisc.ernet.in/ug.htm>
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Institute: Footwear Design & Development Institute

Taruna Barthwal, ACCGC, Career Counseling Resource Coordinator

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Of Hurricanes and heroines

Have you ever wondered from where hurricanes get their names? What is the story behind the name? **Debolina Goswami**, Amity Institute of Biotechnology unravels the mystery

Personifying destructive forces is not an easy task and especially when you have some of them named after beautiful and powerful women. A mere look at the major hurricanes that have struck so far reveals meteorologists’ fixation for female names. However, one has to admit that harmless and innocent hurricanes like Cindy, Emily, Whitney, etc do not have us trembling in our boots. Feel the fury of some hurricanes that occurred in the past and take a sneak peek into the lives of their equally powerful celebrity namesakes:

Barbra Streisand and Hurricane Barbara

Barbra Streisand: Streisand stormed into the showbiz with her powerful singing and phenomenal acting. She is one of the most celebrated entertainers who has won two Oscars, four Emmies and eight Grammys.

Hurricane Barbara: Hurricane Barbara opened up a decade of powerful storms that ravaged the Carolinas in August, 1953.

Carla Bruni and Hurricane Carla

Carla Bruni: She was a powerful

storm to hit France. This Italian model’s whirlwind romance with the French President was lapped up by hungry tabloids. Apart from modeling, she is also known to dabble into song writing and acting. She released her first album in 2002 which was a major hit in all the francophone countries.

Hurricane Carla: Hurricane Carla which struck in the year 1961 was the most powerful storm to hit the Texas Coast in the last 40 years. The storm caused an estimated damage of whopping \$408 million and left over 43 dead.

Kate Winslet and Hurricane Kate

Kate Winslet: A terrific actress, Kate enjoys the distinction of being the youngest star to be nominated for Oscars six times. Her iconic role in the phenomenal film ‘Titanic’ made her a household name overnight. Her performance has always been critically acclaimed and she finally bagged her

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well-deserved Academy Award for her role in ‘The Reader’.

Hurricane Kate: Hurricane Kate was the sixth hurricane to hit the United States during the 1985 Atlantic Hurricane season. It not only cost an inconsiderable monetary damage of \$530 million, it also wreaked havoc in countries like Cuba, Florida and Georgia which fell on its route.

Marilyn Monroe and Hurricane Marilyn:

Marilyn Monroe: Her achievements

outshine even the power of a hurricane. American singer, actress and model didn’t let her “dumb Blonde” look defeat her. In fact, she used it to play the typecast roles to perfection! A celebrated pop icon, Monroe was named the 6th greatest female star of all times in 1999 by the American Film Institute.

Hurricane Marilyn: Billed as a category three storm, Hurricane Marilyn ravaged the Virgin Islands and Leeward Islands in September 1995 causing a damage of \$1.5 billion.

Katrina Kaif and Hurricane Katrina

Katrina Kaif: From a 14 year old someone who could barely speak Hindi, Katrina today is the undisputed queen of hearts. This superstar is not only one the reigning numero uno, but also among the highest paid actors of Bollywood. She also received critical acclaim for her movie *Rajneeti*.

Hurricane Katrina: Known as the deadliest and most destructive hurricane to have struck US, hurricane Katrina has been billed as the costliest natural disaster. At least 1,836 people died during the actual hurricane and subsequent floods. It also damaged property worth \$81 billion, nearly triple the damage wrought by Hurricane Andrew in the year 1992.

Science Facts



Mrinalini Kumar, AIS Gur 43, X D

- The tongue map is a lie- you can enjoy the taste on all parts of the tongue.
- If you could drive your car straight up, you would arrive in space in just over an hour. Every hour the universe expands by a billion miles in all directions.
- Even by traveling at the speed of light, it would take 2 million years to reach the nearest large galaxy, Andromeda.
- It takes 8 minutes 17 seconds for light to travel from the Sun’s surface to the Earth.
- Astronauts cannot belch - there is no gravity to separate liquid from gas in their stomachs.
- Wilhelm Rontgen won the first Nobel Prize for physics for discovering X-rays in 1895.
- World’s smallest winged insect, Tanzanian wasp, is smaller than the eye of a housefly.
- Neutron stars are so dense that a teaspoonful would weigh more than all the people residing on Earth.
- Io, one of Jupiter’s moons, is the most volcanically active place in the Solar System.
- The evaporation from a large oak or beech tree is from ten to twenty-five gallons in twenty four hours.
- Raindrops are not shaped like teardrops – they are actually spherical.
- Plastic bags are better than paper bags. The energy required to produce paper bags is far more than required for plastic bags.

It’s all in the mind

Are you left brained or right? Take a test with The Global Times to determine which type best describes you

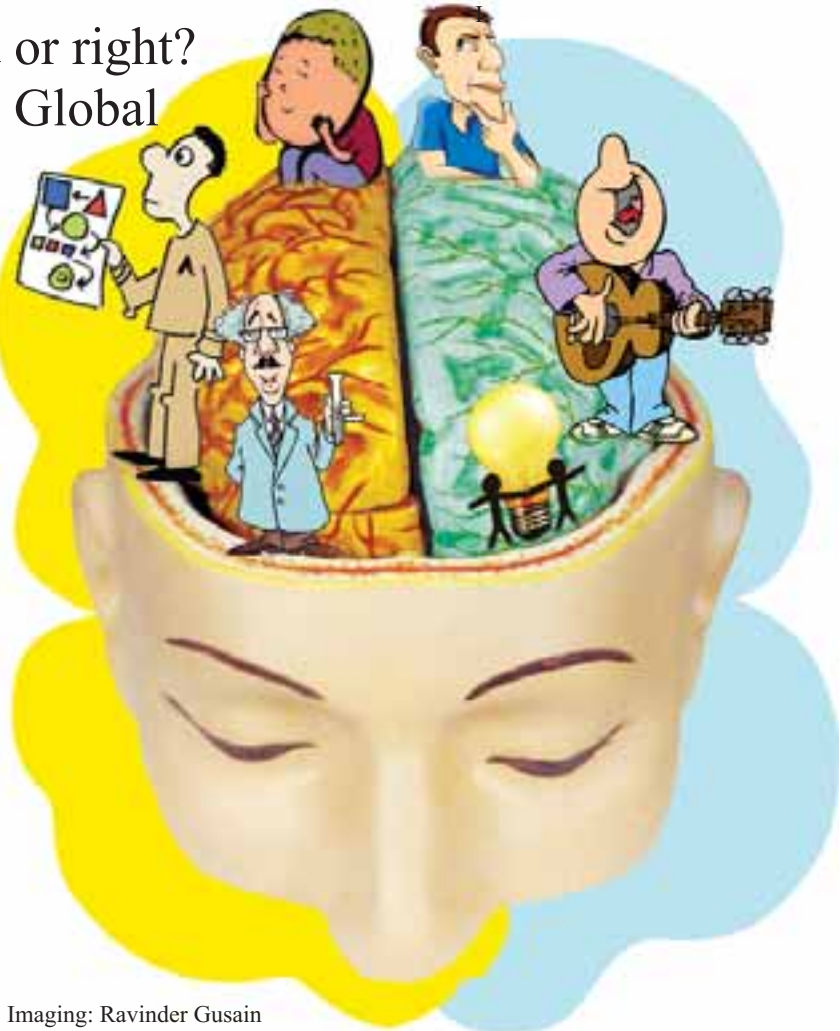
Mani Kaustubh

Amity School of Engg. & Technology

Considered as one of the most complex organs of the human body, the brain decides how an individual perceives, conceives and processes information in a distinct fashion. It is this power centre of the body which decides whether we will be good with numbers or more aesthetically inclined.

Mind Game: As per the theory of left-brain or right-brain dominance, each side of the brain controls different types of thinking. Additionally, people are said to prefer one type of thinking over the other. For example, a person who is “left-brained” is often said to be more logical and analytical, while a person who is “right-brained” is said to be more intuitive, thoughtful and subjective.

The Science behind it: The right brain-left brain theory grew out of the work of Roger W Sperry, who was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1981. While studying the



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effects of epilepsy, Sperry discovered that cutting the corpus collosum (the structure that connects the two hemisphere of the brain) could reduce or eliminate seizures!

Understanding our style: After undertaking the test, you might have found out that nobody is either 100 % right brained or 100 % left brained. We are a mix of both, while some characteristics

may lean far to the left brained side, and other may not. Meanwhile, some traits suggest that we may be only a certain percentage right/ left brained. However, the test helps us to assess and understand our potential strengths and draw-

backs. It helps us to not only discover what we are naturally good at (science or arts) and where we should focus, but it also identifies our weaknesses, and works out smart and easy solutions to combat our faults.

Left Brain Functions	Right Brain Functions
Analytical Logic Language Science and Maths	Holistic Thought Intuition Creativity Art and music

Find out which side is your dominant one?

You are left brained if you	You are right brained if you
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prefer classical music over rock and fusion• Prefer things like instructions to be given verbally• Remember things only specifically studied• Are a dog lover• Don’t enjoy clowning around	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prefer rock music• Prefer visual instructions with examples• Like to read fantasy and mystery stories• Prefer group to solitude• Can listen to music or watch TV while studying

What could you grow up to be?

Left Brained	Right Brained
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Judge• Banker• Mathematician• Lawyer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forest Ranger• Politician• Beautician• Athlete



Rediscovering Chandni Chowk

Walk along the road less traveled with AIS Noida as it takes you on an expedition to unearth and celebrate the forgotten heritage dominant in Chandni Chowk



AIS Noida teachers & students at Ghalib's Haveli

Ena Gupta
AIS Noida, IX A

Chandni Chowk, the shopping hub of old Delhi, houses over 200 structures that were built in the medieval period. With the commercialization of the district on the rise, the golden charm of these structures seem to be fading out fast since they are seldom talked about.

Ghalib's Haveli: Mirza Ghalib, the great Urdu poet composed many of his famous works in the palace that is now known as Ghalib's *Haveli*. With the passing time, Delhites forgot the derelict place. Fortunately, today, a part of it has been restored as a museum showcasing the life of Mirza Ghalib. The museum is

home to some of his original writings and letters, clothes and utensils.

Begum Samru's Palace: Commonly called Bhagirath Palace, Begum Samru's Palace was considered one of the most luxurious houses in Delhi during British Raj. Today, it is the largest wholesale electronic goods market in North India.

Towards preservation: If Ghalib's *Haveli* can be restored and converted into a museum and made popular amongst the masses, then why can't the same be done to Begum Samru's Palace and many other heritage sites dying away due to want of care and renovation in Chandni Chowk? Let's work together to explore, protect and preserve our heritage. Join us in our cause on our Facebook community, Delhi's Lost Marvels.

URBAN DICTIONARY

Swati Sinha

Amity School of Communication

Manjestic: A combination of man and majestic; usually used to denote a man who has a majestic presence about him.
Usage: Hrithik Roshan is a manjestic!

Hattitude: Someone who has an attitude with a hat on.
Usage: Cowboys boast of a hattitude.

Flabulous: Those who have flab on them, but are yet fabulous.
Usage: Flabulous seems to be the new trend these days!

Trilemma: A dilemma which offers three solutions, making it all the more a dilemma.
Usage: "Should I say yes or no or simply keep quiet? It's a trilemma!"

Addictionary: A dictionary containing self-invented words.
Usage: The addictionary keeps growing all the time!

A taste of humanity

Join Snigdha Shahi, AIS Noida, XI I, and Sarthak Batra, AIS MV, XII as they discover what makes the fast food joint KFC at Shipra Mall extra special

Before you step foot into the outlet of Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC) at Shipra Mall, UP, a board greets you, "This restaurant is managed by a specially abled team. Please point out your order." Meet Piyush Kakkad, Store Manager, KFC, Shipra Mall to know more.



Snigdha at the 'special' KFC

Whose brainchild was the idea to induct special employees into the team?
I personally feel very glad that Shipra Mall is the first outlet that has been selected to test this service pattern and gauge the response. This was a company initiative of Yum International, the largest restaurant company working in association with KFC. It has launched this new program to provide the gifted people equal opportunity to work in a safe environment.

What percentage of the special staff is employed at your branch?
We have about 70% of the specially-abled staff working in all arenas. They all are experts by now in their fields.



A special KFC employee at service

How does this staff take orders?
It's simple; the customers have to point at whatever item on the menu, the attendant will take note of it, hand them the bill and take care of the transaction.

How has the customer response been?
They have come up to us to congratulate us on this new system. At KFC, Shipra Mall, our customers are amazed to see special employees handling every work, from taking orders to cleaning tables and working in the kitchen. In fact, our sales have increased considerably because of the special employees. We hope this changes people's mindset about such gifted people.

Can we expect this new system to spread to other KFCs too?
We hope to expand and deliver the same service to customers at KFC outlets. But it has just started, with Shipra Mall outlet commencing the training process.

How does KFC take care of these employees?
That is our utmost priority. We hold one-on-ones with every staff member so he gets adequate time to convey any problems, regarding workload, or customers, and we look into these matters.

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In the sands of Bordeaux, France

A ride at Mount Titlis, Switzerland



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Vasudha Sharma
AIS Pushp Vihar, II B

I went on my first international holiday to France and Switzerland. To enjoy our destinations, we had rented a car to drive through the two countries. In France, we visited spectacular cities such as Paris, Troyes, Dijon, Lyon and Bordeaux. Located in the city of Paris, the Eiffel Tower, Louver Museum and Arc de Triomphe (which resembles India Gate) were a pleasure to watch.

Dijon and Troyes are small towns that offer much to explore. We went to an old church, Norte Dame, in Dijon. Next, we marveled at Rhine falls, Zurich, Mount Titles, Luzern, Interlaken and Jungfrau, in Switzerland. Rhine Falls, one of the largest waterfalls of the world, were a wonderful sight. In the spectacular city of

Zurich, I enjoyed a tram ride for the first time. And it was so much fun, that I just could not get enough of it!

The following day, we went to Mount Titles and Luzern by bus. Luzern boasts of a big, beautiful lake. At Mount Titlis, we sat in a rotating cable car. Here, I also played in the snow for a while. The Ice Palace was another breathtaking view.

As the name suggests, Interlaken means City of lakes and we spotted a couple of cool, blue lakes there. The best part of the trip, however, was our visit to Jungfrau, which is Europe's highest point and has snow all around the year. In Jungfrau, I made my first snowman with the help of some friends.

Bordeaux, known for its grape orchards and wine, was a great attraction too. After that, we visited a beach in France. Must say, the beaches of the country are very clean! On the beach, we played in the sands but did not go into the water as it was very cold. On our way back to India, I felt very sad that the trip had come to an end.

A scoop of Paris





Keeping Values alive



"If there is righteousness in the heart there will be beauty in character. If there is beauty in character, there will be harmony in home. When there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation. And when there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world."

Sathya Sai Baba



Dr. Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

How true! It is not the military prowess or abundance of natural resources which define the real asset of a nation. Its real strength are its people embedded with the right set of values. However, the rising incidents of road rage, rape and murder have another story to tell, they are nothing but a grim reminder of the eroding values in the society. But I still feel all is not lost. There is still hope of recuperation from this innate state of coma that we have been reeling under.



I would like to illustrate my point through a beautiful story. Once upon a time there were four candles which were burning away slowly. The ambience was so soft you could hear them talk. The first one said, "I am Peace! However, nobody can keep me lit." And then it goes off. The second one says, "I am Faith. I am no longer indispensable, so it does not make sense to stay lit." Similarly, the third one says, "I am Love and I don't have the strength to stay lit. People have forgotten my importance." Saying this, she also diminishes slowly. Suddenly, a child enters the room and finding darkness all around begins to cry and asks the candle, "Why are you not burning?" The child's tears moves the fourth candle and she says, "Don't be afraid, while I am burning, we can still light up other candles. I am Hope!" We should not give up the hope; rather instill these values at a very early age. At Amity, it is our endeavour to produce global citizens who have the right set of values.  

Values with a twist



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

We all have grown up reading the importance of virtues in life. I do agree that values play a pivotal role in shaping our character but can't agree less that a useful lie is better than a harmful lie. Any incident which forces us to deviate from the righteous path to bring a smile on someone's face is not a sin. An interesting anecdote comes to my mind. My son was in the middle school when he started using a pen. His handwriting was not that great. Like any other concerned mother, I started pulling him up to improve his handwriting. When my repeated pleas to lay more stress on letter formation and write a bit slowly went unheard, I decided to take up the matter with his class teacher.

To my utter surprise, I discovered that those days, my son was sitting with a visually impaired student and used to finish his work fast so that he could help his companion. This little gesture touched my heart. I realized that I could improve his writing skills even later in life but the important values he was learning at a young age couldn't be traded for anything in the world. The incident made me take a historical tour and discover that Gandhiji's handwriting was illegible, yet he went on to become a legend. Sometimes, the joys of life get multiplied if we forego what is right for what is required.  

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Caught in war...

It's about parenting



Prashant Kumar, ASET

No, I am not here to make poetically derogatory statements, but to challenge my opponents rationally, socially as well as emotionally because as a 21-year-old engineer, I fail to understand that – unless being bad is hereditary or a medical disease – how can a child be bad at all? In fact, I believe that a child can either be a child or be bad. And what is being bad anyway? If stealing is something which is classified as bad, then our beloved deity *maakhanchor* was also bad. Isn't it? Or if a poor academic record is the certificate of being labelled bad, then why do movies like *Taare Zameen Par* moist your eyes? Similarly, if we term a child who devotes time to only sports bad then the country would not have been home to sports legends. I would like to state Newton's third law to prove my point - "Every action has an equal and opposite reaction" and any activity of children is not an action but a reaction in general. Also, parents as human beings are not bad either. If at all someone is to be blamed for any apparent bad behaviour then it is not children, not parents, but the style of parenting and one's friends, family and immediate environment. Hence, there are no bad children.



There are no bad children; only bad parents. How true is this? Are bad children a result of bad parenting? Let's do a reality check



Parents are like God



Anuvrat Parashar, ASET

I completely disagree with my opponent. I am about to be an engineer in a few days. I would not have accomplished this feat if my parents would have not slogged day and night without spending a single penny on themselves for years. They are my role models. I don't think any parent can ever think ill about their children. Apart from parents and immediate environment, there are a lot of external factors which influence a child's behaviour or character. Technology has exposed children to a lot of vices and has resulted in their becoming mature before the right age. How can you blame a parent who is putting in extra hours at work to ensure that his child receives the best of education? So it's incorrect to term parents bad. Human beings are also a victim of circumstances. Moreover, what is BAD, or wrong is debatable. Killing is bad; however, a soldier is honoured when he wipes out his enemy. Parenting is a tough job, and I would like to conclude with this- if you have never been hated by your child, you have not been a good parent.   (The two students were awarded the best speaker prizes in a debate held by ASCO to mark Human Value Quarter celebrations.)

Do we need moral police?

Do you think morality has become hostage in the hands of the so called guardians of culture and tradition? Let's contemplate the issue together

Tushar Jain

Amity Institute of Biotechnology

How would you describe the incident in Saudi Arabia, where 15 young girls were not evacuated from a fire as they were not wearing head scarves prescribed by Mutaweens, a group of people working as moral police in the desert country? Don't such incidents send shockwaves across the globe and make us question the role of the moral brigade? Is human life not above the codes of conduct set up by the society? Do we need a moral police to control the cultural and moral atmosphere in our society? Sadly, India is also not far behind in the race. A couple was charged a hefty fine when they were caught dining at night irrespective of the fact that they were call centre employees and decided to stop over for food. Valentines Day celebrations also do not go down well with the self design-



nated moral police who think it is their birth right to protest and threaten young couples.

Once such moral brigade stopped the screening of "My Name is Khan" in Mumbai and also ill treated a group of women partying in pub at Mangalore. What would you term their actions? Are such people

above law and do they have a legal sanction to behave like that? The so called harbingers of morality also don't shy away from issuing a *fatwa* if a writer or

artist decides to take the radical road. Don't such incidents raise a question mark about the secular credentials of India? But can we make people stick to their roots by force?

There is a need to set up forums which can revive the lost Indian culture and provide people a platform to showcase their talent. The preservers of morality should come together and raise a voice against harassment faced by women rather than being a party to it. Even the society needs to spruce up their conduct and see that their actions are not hurting anyone's sentiments.

We can tame a tiger by yielding the rod, but this exercise would not make the beast learn any lesson. The need of the hour is to cherish life by treading on the values outlined by our wise elders and make our lives worthwhile.  

(The writer won the first prize in the article writing competition held by AIB as a part of Human Value Quarter.)



Pearls of Wisdom

The magic of thinking big...

Sushrita Sachdeva

AIS Pushp Vihar, Teacher

"Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma which is living the results of other people's thinking. Don't let the noise of others drown out your own inner voice. And most importantly, have the courage to follow your heart"

Steve Jobs

There is no greater joy in the world than accomplishing your

dreams and goals. But have you ever wondered that it is self belief and positive thoughts that take you inches closer to your goals. The moment you start believing that you can succeed, the mind starts thinking of ways and means of inching towards their goals and vice versa. Here are a few mantras for success:

*When faced with a problem, don't let negative thoughts and emotions overpower you, rather let positive thoughts take you closer to your goals.

*Believe in yourself and the power of your dreams.

*Think creatively and always keep the door open for new ideas.



*Consider work as worship.

*Believe in the power of action and not mere words.

*Take on problems one by one.

*Be constructively self-critical.

*It is essential to remember that it is not important where you were or where you are, but where you want to go.

*Think like a leader and success is bound to kiss your feet.  



GT M@il

Dear Editor,

Congratulations to you for this excellent article on Gurudev in the The Global Times. There is freshness in the way you have articulated Gurudev's thoughts and vision for the future of humankind.

Dr AK Merchant, Gen Sec, Temple of Understanding

Can't tell you how happy I was to see that one of my revered idols, Rabindranath Tagore in GT. Wish today's generation gets inspiration after reading his works. I read a few lines every week just to keep breathing.

Gauri, ASCO, Amity University (via text)  



I have found the best guide in you. Your compassionate heart and motivating speech gives me the power to face the challenges posed by life with a smile. Happy Birthday Ma'am!
Aarushi Sinha, AIS Mayur Vihar, X

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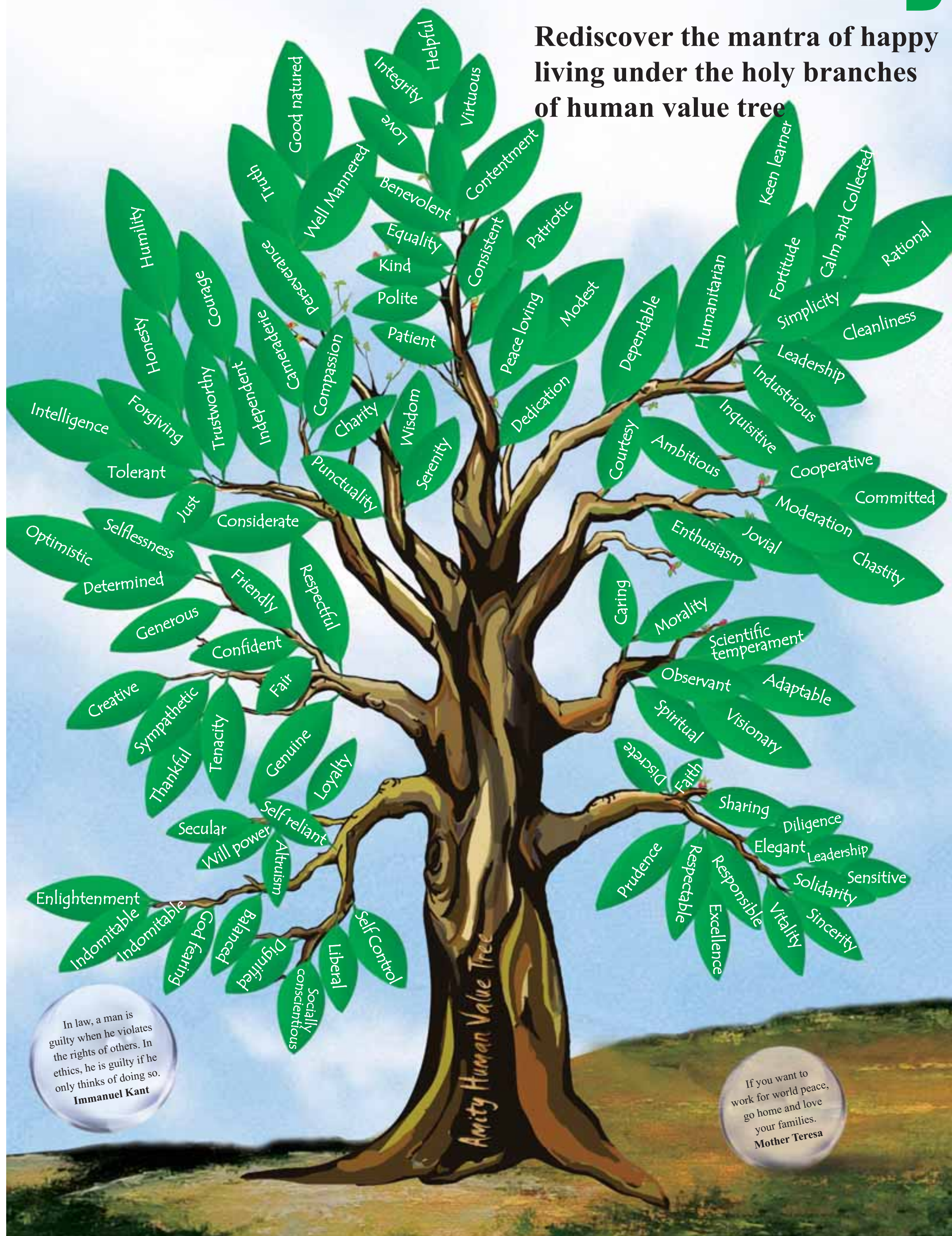
Big Story

Human Value Tree

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101 Virtues to live by

Rediscover the mantra of happy living under the holy branches of human value tree



In law, a man is guilty when he violates the rights of others. In ethics, he is guilty if he only thinks of doing so.
Immanuel Kant

If you want to work for world peace, go home and love your families.
Mother Teresa

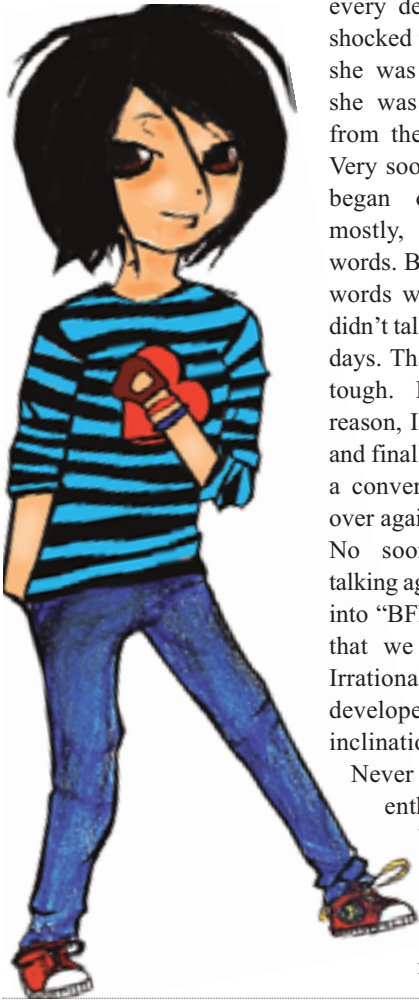
A Perfect Mismatch



Open Up

Pankaj Kumar, ASET

At the first glance undoubtedly, SHE would be characterized as outgoing and zealous. At times, I thought



God had added an extra spoonful of adrenaline in her, amalgamated with a tipsy attitude. I took her as a challenge and wanted to crumble her attitude. My mission began with grasping every detail of hers. I was shocked to know that though she was a biotech student, she was way too different from the remaining crowd. Very soon, our conversation began on facebook and mostly, it was a battle of words. But one day, a war of words went too far and we didn't talk for the next twenty days. That period was really tough. For some strange reason, I started missing her and finally decided to initiate a conversation with her all over again. No sooner did we start talking again, we transformed into "BFFs", despite the fact that we were poles apart. Irrational though, but I developed a growing inclination towards her. Never had I been so enthralled by anyone's beauty, but she had me mesmerized by her charisma and down-to-earth nature. Till date I

have no idea why I fell for her? Perhaps the adage opposites attract holds true. Finally, I decided to collect all my guts and express my feelings to her. Knowing that she had treated me as her best friend, I was quite apprehensive of her response, in fact quite sure of the rejection. As the D-Day arrived, (I call it the D-Day as I proposed to her in the D Block), I was gripped by the fear of losing her. As she arrived, after much hesitation, my feelings poured out. She was struck by my words and didn't say anything for a while. Finally she asked me to leave. I walked away like a corpse, thinking about my broken dreams and rejection. I locked myself in my room and began to sob. After three hours of agony, I received a text, which read- "Sorry, I couldn't tell you at that time, but I really liked you from the beginning." After reading the text, my happiness knew no bounds and tears of joy ran down my cheeks. I couldn't believe my eyes, luck had finally shone

bright. It was the happiest day of my life. 'She' was all I ever wanted.

Amity's Counsel Corner
Experiencing emotions of attachment for someone is common among youngsters. While one goes through myriad feelings, it often brings sadness. Remember, just because the person does not reciprocate (though it was reciprocated here), it does not mean you are rejected. Share your feelings with someone you are close to. Don't let any thing put your life on hold. [G.T](#)

Pyaaaz ki Kachori



Ingredients

For the dough
Flour2 cups
Ghee (melted)50 ml
Yoghurt50 ml
Salt½ tsp
For the onion filling
Oil2 tbsp
Onion seeds1 tsp
Fennel seeds1 tsp
Green chillies (chopped)1 tsp
Onions (finely chopped)3-4
Gram flour (besan)100 gm
Coriander powder2 tsp
Chilli powder.....2 tsp
Garam masala powder.....1 tsp
SaltTo taste
Raw mango powder1½ tsp
Coriander leaves (chopped)....3 tbsp
OilFor frying

Method

To make the dough: Combine all the

ingredients in a bowl and knead into a semi-soft dough. Divide the dough into 12 portions and cover with a wet muslin cloth.
To make the onion filling: Heat oil in a pan and add onion seeds, fennel seeds, green chillies and onions. Sauté till the onions turn light brown. Add gram flour, coriander powder, chilli powder, *garam masala* powder, salt and sauté. Add mango powder and chopped coriander leaves. Mix well. Allow the mixture to cool, before dividing into 12 portions.
To make the kachoris: Roll out each portion of the dough into circles two inches in diameter. Place portions of the onion filling in the centres. Stretch the dough over the filling, and seal by dabbing with water. Roll each filled *kachori* into a round shape. Deep-fry till *kachoris* turn golden brown and puff up. Serve with chutney. [G.T](#)

The showdown

Nishant J Vog, AIS Mayur Vihar, X

What is love? I always ask myself, never understood this inexplicable phobia. One which has made me keep the pain inside, the phobia of losing what I had always wished to see. Your smiling face and those eyes glowing wide But what hurts more than the fear, is the thought of the inevitable defeat. The torturous moment I never want to be in

POEM

When you tell me that I have lost you, I can never understand why did this happen. 'You and I' were always together 'virtually', don't know what lacked in reality's den. Let's try to defeat the impossibility of being together, in unison fight whatever the hardship maybe. Let's promise to always be for each other, and I know that I am not the best. But value how much you are loved, simply leave out the rest. [G.T](#)

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Granny on protest



Turbo transporters



Happy Birthday to world’s sweetest
and best chairperson on the earth.
Akshat Jain, AIS Noida, KG G



The tale of the cruel servants

Wisdom Tales

Samridhhi Prakash, AIS Vas 1, VII A

Once, there was a rich man named Ram. He had a dog ‘Duffy’ whom he loved more than anybody else in the world. It was a faithful and obedient dog. Ram took good care of him and had two servants to look after the dog. He had ten servants in all. All of them disliked Ram and were very jealous of him. Once Ram had to go to Mumbai for some very important work for a week. He could not take his dog there and told his servants to take good care of him. The servants got a good chance to do whatever they want. They did not care for the dog and didn’t feed him well. As a result, the dog became very weak in two days. On the third night, the dog went out of the house in search of his

The next day, when the servants did not find the dog in the house, they were scared that their master would fire them.

master Ram. But he could not find his master anywhere. The next day, when the servants did not find the dog in the house, they were afraid that the master would fire them. The whole day, they tried to look for the dog but could not find him. When the master came to know about all this, he got very upset and took the earliest

flight to return back home. He fired all the servants for negligence. Ram remained upset for days and set out in search of his dear dog at every possible place in the city. Then one day, on his way to office, Ram spotted a frail dog laying almost lifeless on the road side and other dogs teasing him and barking at him. He went there hurriedly to rescue the poor dog. To his surprise, the dog suddenly sprung on him and started licking him all over his face. Tears of joy ran down the cheeks of Ram as he realised it was his own missing dog Duffy!

So what did you learn today?
Pets are also a part of our family. We should take good care of them and treat them well.

Brush ‘n’ Easel

Aarav Kalra
AIS Noida, Nur H



Poems

The great inventors

Aman Rai
AIS Noida, III C

The great inventors like Thomas, James, Wright brothers and many others. Were very unusual boys, they just didn’t like kid’s toys. Their teachers or parents thought that they will trail, but the boys knew they will not fail. Making new inventions kept them busy, their inventions have made our life easy. They built car to go very far, made an aeroplane or jet to fly in the sky. Computer or television for entertainment, and they invented more and more. Ending the life which was otherwise quite bore.

Cricket Fever

Adarsh Agarwal, AIS Vas 1, VII A

Hey, Sachin! Hit a Six.
And Australia will be in a fix
Please Dhoni don’t be out,
Or your Captainship will be in doubt
Kohli, survive till the last ball,
Or India will get a good fall.
Sehwag don’t play so fast,
Or you are not going to last.
Come on Gambhir take this catch,
And India will win the match



It’s Me

My Name: Dhruv Kumar
School: AIS Vas 6
Class: I C
B’day: May 27, 2005
I like: Computer
I hate: Fighting
My hobby: Painting
My role model: My father
My best friend: Manan
My favourite book: Noddy series
My favourite game: Remote control

helicopter
My favourite mall: Shipra Mall
My favourite food: South Indian
My favourite teacher: Mauha Ganguli Ma’am
My favourite poem: Five little ducks
My favourite subject: Maths
I want to become a: Painter
I want to feature in GT because: It makes us aware of the activities happening in the world around.



Lead by example

With Chairperson Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan's birthday week being hailed as 'Human Value Week', Amiown celebrates values as generosity, spirituality, honesty and forgiveness with activities galore

Founder President and Chairperson spread the message of humanity and love through Hawan and personal interaction



Amiown Pushp Vihar

Over the years, Amiown has been inculcating the spirit of wholesome education. The school lays importance on imbibing good qualities in a child at an early age, thus making him a responsible citizen of the world. Our role models are Dr Ashok K Chauhan, Founder President-Amity Universe, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and Sapna Chauhan, Vice Chairperson - Amiown, who strongly believe that if you want to teach your children right from wrong, lead by example. Values and morality are learned primarily through personal experiences and witnessing the behaviour of others. Consequently, if you want a child to learn values

such as spirituality, generosity, respect, honesty and forgiveness, model those values for them.

Spirituality for kids: Children of all ages are curious about God. Even at a young age, they will have ideas about their God, no matter what their religion. As caregivers, we are their spiritual guide. By our actions, we demonstrate the principles of what we believe in. Demonstrate implicitly your faith in the world and the belief that things will turn out alright—positivism makes the world safer for the toddler. Model ways of behaviour that your faith holds dear, such as tolerance, kindness, love and forgiveness. Encourage conversations with your child about their perception of God. Children at this age also like to draw

their ideas—this is a good way to start a conversation and to talk about your beliefs and religion. When everyday life situations come up where a message of kindness or love may be appropriate, discuss these with your children. Teach your children to respect other religions, as this tolerance is the cornerstone to many religious faiths.

At Amiown, the importance of prayers is evident from the very first day as the Parent Orientation always starts with a 'Havan'. Every school day begins with 'Gayatri mantra'. During Circle Time, teachers explain the importance of prayer in age appropriate terms. Again before Snack time, the little ones fold their hands to show their gratitude for all they are about to partake. A short prayer is said one last time before the day ends.

Value Week: As our mentor and guide Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan believes that it is important to base education on moral values and principles, we at Amiown celebrate her birthday week as 'Human Value Week' wherein we tell stories and plan related activities which lay stress on values like sharing, caring and supporting each other especially in times of need. Making prayers a part of the daily schooling is indeed beneficial. It fosters a moral and an ethical spirit in children. Prayers have a power of creating a pious atmosphere that helps instill certain values like humility and discipline. This helps the children realize the essence of ethical values. Prayers encourage the students to believe in the value system of the school and follow it. 🇮🇳

Grandparents Day: A family that prays together...stays together!



Attitude of Gratitude

A society without values is directionless like a pendulum which oscillates every second but does not reach anywhere

Amiown Gurgaon-46

The early years are the foundation years of one's life. If a child imbibes good moral values, he will be a responsible citizen of the country. But the question is, how does one teach values to children aged 2-4 years? At Amiown we believe that, as facilitators we need to follow what we preach. Our dream is to provide the most modern and sophisticated learning environment with the unique traditional Indian 'sanskars'. During Amity Human Values Week (April 20-27), children visit orphanages to donate stationary and food items, feed *bajra* to the birds, refill water for the birds, care for nature by watering plants and do many such things. These activi-



ties help them learn to care not only for themselves but also for others. The academic session starts with carefully chosen themes which not only give environmental knowledge to the children

but also nurture good values. At the very onset, we take up the theme 'Myself and my family' wherein the children imbibe basic courtesies. When we take up 'Helpers' theme, children learn that no work is big or small and every helper is useful. As a reflection of their love and respect, children make thank you cards for them. Special days like 'Mother's Day', 'Father's Day' and 'Grandparent's Day' are also celebrated stressing on the fact that since parents and grandparents are pillars of the society, we should show them care and respect. On such occasions, children welcome their parents and grandparents by applying the traditional 'tikka' and touching their feet to seek their blessings and also imbibe the attitude of gratitude. 🇮🇳

Spin a caring yarn

Nothing teaches a child moral values better than fables and stories

Amiown Noida & Vasundhara

“Stories are the creative conversion of life itself into a more powerful, clearer, more meaningful experience. They are the currency of human contact.” —

Robert McKee

At Amiown, we believe in the power of stories to lay a strong moral foundation in children. Thus various story telling tools are used to teach moral values.

Story time: Preschoolers are at a very impressionable age. It is important to teach them social and moral values so that they learn how to behave well and respect other people. Children enjoy fables and stories, so teaching values through narratives is more effective than direct instruction. Story telling has a positive effect on the development process for a child. The child's attitude and approach in life depends on these values. Such values automatically start working for the goodness of the children even without their knowledge.

A story session in full swing



Role play: Role modeling by teachers in the class is an important aspect in building of values. The use of magic words 'Please', 'Sorry' and 'Thank You' by the teachers enable them to imitate similar behaviour. To improve on the social interaction and behaviour, on-the-spot story building is a regular feature. We understand the fondness for animals and puppets in children; thus we use them to help them imbibe the morals of the stories in a fun way.

Share and care: Children at this age are emphatic and caring. On the first occasion when the children leave their comfort zone and learn to be in a group, we have often observed that children console a crying friend who's missing a parent or help feed a mate. Sharing is a value which requires nurturing. During free play and games, teachers ensure that children get equal opportunities and take turns to work with all the materials. They further build on this value through myriad story reading sessions. 🇮🇳



I wish you all the joys of the world.
Many happy returns of the day!
Saanvi Batra, AIS Noida KG G

Managing the classroom

It is not just students, but teachers as well who have to prepare for a class. A mega teacher training event amply demonstrated that



With the revered blessings of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity group of Schools and the guidance of Ms Sapna Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amiown schools & ACERT, and BN Bajpai, Advisor (R & D), around 2,000 teachers of Amity International Schools, attended workshops to discuss 'Class Management' on March 21 and 22. They were divided into two groups: Group A pertaining to teachers of AIS Noida, Mayur Vihar, Vasundhara-6 and Vasundhara-1 and Group B comprising teachers of AIS Saket, Pushp Vihar and Gurgaon-43 & 46. Workshops were held at four venues, AIS Noida, Saket, Vasundhara - 6 and Pushp Vihar.

Resource persons were selected from all Amity schools who were guided by the respective principals. They prepared

Focal Points Key areas discussed

- Response of students when teacher enters classroom
- Body language of the teacher
- Interaction with the students
- Lesson planning & activity
- Communication skills
- Query handling
- Use of IT / teaching aids

PPTs on classroom management covering: response of students when teacher enters the class; body language of the

teacher; lesson planning; query handling, etc. The participants were divided into different groups. Various situations based on classroom management were allocated to them to reflect upon, based on which fun-filled activities were performed thereafter. Short films on best classroom practices were shown to the participants. A practical classroom scenario was depicted through videos, PPTs and case studies.

ACERT faculty Dr Bindu Selot took up workshops at AIS Saket and Noida laying stress on the far-reaching effects of communication skills. In another workshop, Anju Gadegawalla provided information about classroom strategies to facilitate a congenial classroom environment. Ms Sapna Chauhan visited AIS Saket to see the programme and boost the confidence of the participants. [G.I](#)

Purposive Assembly

AIS Noida

Head Boy Bhuvan Ravindran and Head Girl Vallari Suharsh led the student body to an inspiring assembly on the first day of school, April 2, after introducing the Student Council to everyone.

Bhuvan slammed the 'Chalta hai' attitude urging students to, "start the process of change. Let's make every tomorrow better than today." Vallari reiterated, "Be the change you wish to see in the world." While Shivang and Vanshika tackled the mobile menace, Kanchan and Pranay took up cudgels against cheating. Aradhya and Medhavi highlighted the importance of a smart and clean uniform. The canteen code was spelled out by Chaitanya and Asmita. Corridor discipline was reiterated by KT and Vitasta urging students to be in class



before the teacher enters. Siddhanth and Sanobar highlighted the importance of good conduct and usage of proper language. Pranali Batra appealed to every-

one to contribute to The Global Times wholeheartedly. The assembly with a purpose, concluded on an enthusiastic and optimistic note. [G.I](#)



Orientations

AIS Vasundhara-6 organised a Parent Orientation for Nursery on March 29. The Programme began with a *Hawan* followed by lighting of the lamp by the parents and Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity group of Schools. The enigmatic performances of the students of the nursery graduates stole everyone's hearts. The Orientation forged a new bond with the parents, one which would continue to be cemented further in years to come.

AIS Noida hosted the Parent Orientation for nursery on April 3 & 7, 2012. Dr Kanika Khandelwal, Senior Professor of Psychology, Lady Sri Ram College, dealt with issues as, setting limits smartly, building self esteem, good habits and positive reinforcement so as to start school on the right note. A movie on Amity, a peppy song and a jiving dance captivated the parents.

AIS Gurgaon 46 organised KG Blessing and Orientation Programme on March 31. A musical performance, introduction of the teachers and insightful thoughts provided parents an informative insight into their child's school. An interactive session of the counselors with the parents took place where they proposed a few suggestions for confidence building of the students.


AIS Saket held the Nursery Orientation for parents on March 30. Tiny tots of KG put up a wonderful show highlighting what they learnt in nursery. It gave the new parents a peek into the year ahead. Parents were given insights about the glorious 21 years of the school and the activity based curriculum in nursery. Guest Dr Kanika Khandelwal shared her expertise on "Settling the child when starting School". The programme ended with an interactive session. [G.I](#)

Hail Arunachal

AIS Vasundhara-1 celebrated Arunachal Pradesh quarter in the school. The theme of the function was 'Land of the Rising Sun-Arunachal Pradesh'. Class VI presented a bamboo dance and class IV presented a scintillating song- 'majhi nago e lage...' in the regional language of Arunachal Pradesh. Later, senior students presented a skit on the life of Dr Ashok K Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe. An exhibition on



Arunachal Pradesh mesmerized the visitors. The function ended with the school song and national anthem. [G.I](#)



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Kushagarh Budhwar, AIS Mayur Vihar, XII



All for ASLI Music:

AR Rahman



Picture perfect: AR Rahman with Navjot Singh



Music maestro releasing album with KJ Singh

Rapid fire

Best tip to fight a creative block: Fasting

Favourite composition: Kun Faya Kun (Rockstar)

Song that describes your life: All my compositions

Favourite composer: Too many to count
Next Hollywood Project: Steven Spielberg's Welcome To People (releasing June 29, 2012)

Navjot Singh, AIS MV, XI A

It is always scintillating to watch music maestro AR Rahman on TV. But how is it to see him live in front of you and have a photo clicked with him? Well, I got the answer to that at the launch of National Award winning sound engineer KJ Singh's independent music label 'Asli Music'. The gala event held at The Indian Habitat Centre on April 13, 2012, marked the release of a spiritual album "Ik On'kar", in the voice of upcoming sufi sensation Harshdeep Kaur, who also sung the first few verses of the album live!

The chief guest for the event, AR Rahman, as expected, drew a lot of attention and kept the cameramen on their toes- I being one! Though, the twin Oscar winner is a man of few words, nothing could stop me from being pulled to the national gem to fulfill my curious appetite:

What's music for you?

For me, music is a hiding place from reality.

It gives me solace, it helps me escape and be myself. I think that's ex-

actly what the listeners want as well. They want to get into another zone and if I don't do it myself, then the music too won't.

Your take on the modern-day music?

Music today is more about seeing and less of listening. The music is made for young people to come into theatres to watch the film. This music is serving a different purpose, as the music is seen more than heard. However, the music meant to be heard has to be slow paced and poetic, but that also brings a fear that the album will not sell. I think it's a question of reinventing music. That's the reason I'm not doing many movies too. I get offers for many lucrative commercial movies, but then it also invites a question from people- 'What are you doing?' I don't want to compromise on my music.

What inspires you to make music?

Nature inspires me to make good music as to do good things in life. That is when you realise how many people want something different; they seek

pure things in life and my music is for such people. Whether I compose a *qawwali* or a *bhajan*, a Punjabi or Sufi song, there needs to be truth in it. Without that, the soul of music doesn't exist.

You once said you watch movies without sound, why is that?

Yes, it's true. Sometimes, you are so saturated that you want a break. So mainly in the flights, I switch off the sound and watch movies with subtitles.

Who could be the next AR Rahman?

When a person comes out, he can't be the next me, he can be better; he can be individualistic.

Rendezvous with Rahman ended as he agreed for a picture with me! It was once in a lifetime experience! Living the life of a professional journalist-crawling, running and literally standing on the toes for that one byte; meeting and having to interview a person of AR Rahman's magnitude- what more can one ask for?

Striking right chords:
AR Rahman

Blogs to books

With youthful bestselling novels to his credit, author Durjoy Dutta is scaling new heights. He speaks his heart out



Pen Pal: Durjoy Dutta

Vishnupriya Gupta

Amity School of Engineering Technology

I developed a passion for writing after blogging and that was way back in 2000! I started writing when the Indian publishing industry started noticing Indian authors. So, their risk-taking appetite inspired me to take up the pen.

Inspiration for novels

The titles of my books usually come out of conversations. I have all my covers designed by my friend. Many episodes and stories in my books are heavily inspired from real life incidents.

On love stories

I have written urban love stories for young adults. I am not sure if I am going to stick to the same genre and writing style. But I feel the backbone of every good story is a love story.

Favourite Accomplishment

I am content that I have started Grapevine India. It gives me extreme pleasure to give new authors a platform to showcase their talent.

Shining bright

- 24-year-old author of five bestsellers like Of Course I Love You...Till I Someone Better; Now That You're Rich...Let's Fall in Love; You Were My Crush... Till You Said You Love Me, etc.
- A qualified engineer from Delhi College of Engineering and graduate from Management Development Institute.
- Sold over a million copies of his books over the last three years.
- Ranked the third highest selling Indian author in the year 2011.
- Owns publishing firm, Grapevine India Publishers

To the readers in Amity

I hope they like reading what I have to offer and I hope I wouldn't disappoint them.

To the writers in Amity

Imagination seldom runs wild, when it does, you have a book. Who knows, it might become a bestseller!

GT Travels to Goa



Ivy Gupta, AIS Gurgaon 46, I B, dips into the pages of The Global Times in Goa, as the waves of a beach dance merrily and the boats ready themselves to carry the enthusiasts into the cool, blue waters.

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