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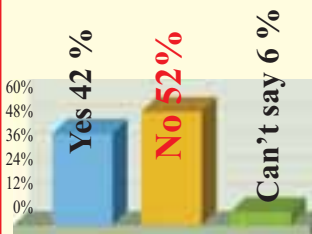
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## POLL RESULT

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Is art an effective medium  
for fostering human values?



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## Human face of Heart

After the culmination of Human Values Quarter celebrations in Amity, **Ruchi Avtar**, AIS Vasundhara 6, XI C, traces the journey of values through art. Here's contemplating if the society has its heart in the right place ...

With a parched throat and a sullen heart, the world stands witness to the anomalies humans have created. Where have the good old values gone? Values which made them exercise self control, values which made them good human beings. Everywhere we see, there's crime, despair, hate and gore. But all's not lost yet, as a silent but thought provoking medium is striving hard to reinforce human values, and that is 'art'.

### A connoisseur of human values

From time immemorial, art has been used to express ideas, thoughts and opinions across different cultures. At the peak of Roman and Greek civilization, religious paintings were used to symbolize people's beliefs and morality. In the Renaissance period, art was an expression of papal power and class division. In the early 18th century, there existed a general pursuit for happiness; thus art depicted a leisurely society which preferred to ignore the unpleasant side of life. In the 19th century, art became an expression of revolt against aristocratic social & political norms and depicted emotions like apprehension and horror & terror. From mid to late 19th century, it was the era of slavery and child labour which the artists showcased in their work. From the beginning of the 20th century, artists attempted to make paintings visually more appealing than the real world and filled them with emotional hues. Today, artists have become bolder and more experimental, using unique canvasses to echo the sentiments and values of the society.

### A voice for the unspoken

Art is a medium that talks in myriad languages. It beautifies, it mystifies and at times it speaks louder than words. Today,

art has moved beyond the confines of art galleries, it has spilled over to roads, market places, clothes and even accessories which have become the new canvas. Photographer and art curator Ravi Dhingra agrees, "Although art is a form of self-expression, an artist does not live in isolation

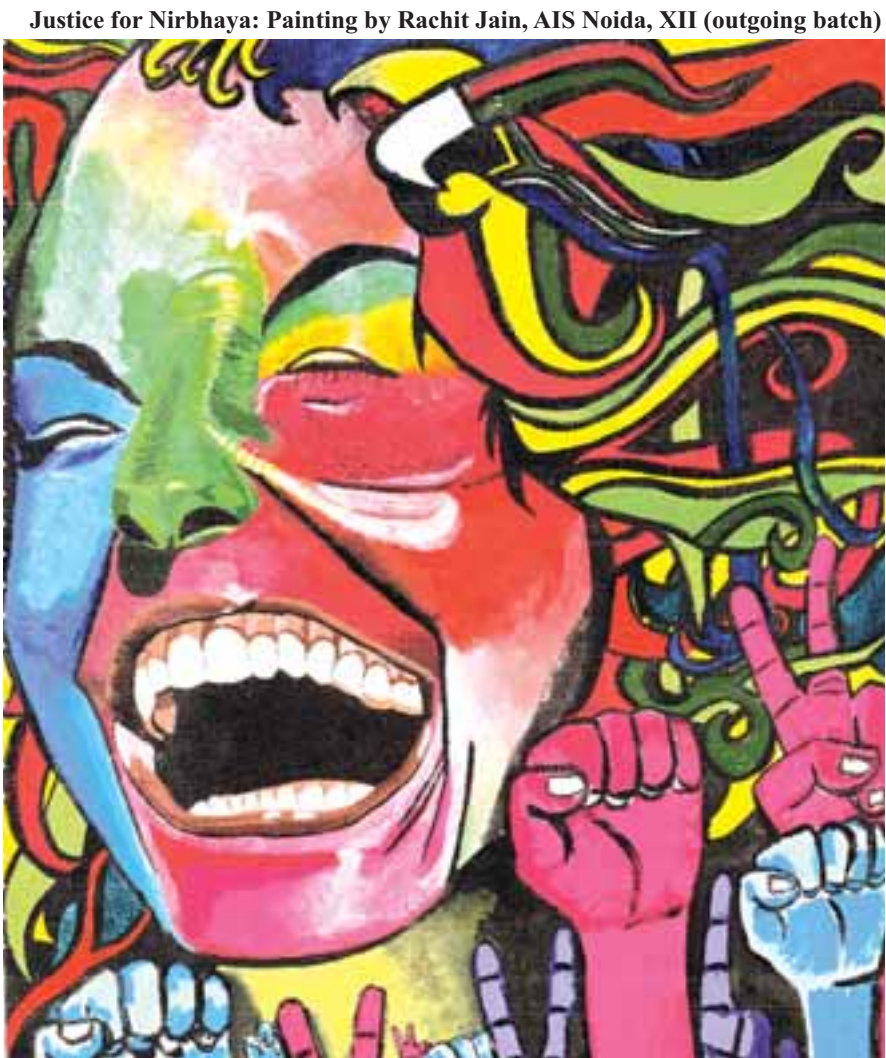
and is definitely influenced by his surroundings. Be it painting or photography, art generates strong emotions. Renowned photographer Raghu Rai's picture of a child's face buried in rubble, taken during the Bhopal Gas tragedy, invoked rage and sympathy. A tolerant society encourages artists to express and stimulate people to act and react. Thus, new forms of art like public installation and graffiti have become a part of culture today."

### A barometer for society's turmoil

In the turbulent times we live in, art has become a reflection of the society's agony, making every possible effort to bring about a positive revolution and possibly, offer a concrete solution. Art consultant Poonam Goel feels, "Art reflects the turmoil in the society. Veteran artists like Ganesh Pyne and Sunil Das brought alive the pain and trauma of partition and now, younger artists are equally moved by contemporary issues like gender discrimination, corruption and violence.

Recently, a gallery hosted a group show, as a tribute to Delhi's Nirbhaya, which reflected the artists' take on moral and physical violation of a woman's dignity. Another show, 'Faithfully Yours', was all about rekindling our hope for a better future." Art has become a voice to be heard, an opinion that cannot be ignored.

Each piece of art is a reference to the values nurtured by the society. Art has a deeper meaning too; it induces critical thinking. In today's times of moral chaos, art holds a mirror in which the society can see its true reflection. 🇮🇳



Justice for Nirbhaya: Painting by Rachit Jain, AIS Noida, XII (outgoing batch)

## Artistic Expressions

Join **Smita Jain**, GT Network in a candid tête-à-tête with leading contemporary artist Krishen Khanna. Read on to know more about the life and works of the legend who has been bestowed with Padma Shri in 1990 and Lalit Kala Ratan in 2004 for his paintings that are a reflection of the real world...

*Tell us about your foray into the world of modern art.*

As a child, I was always interested in painting. My father always encouraged me to pick up the brush & easel and explore the beautiful world of colours. He himself enjoyed painting. My residence housed some truly amazing pieces of art. All these worked in communion to develop and further strengthen my love for painting. I held my first exhibition with other artists from the Progressive Artist Group in Mumbai in 1949.

*Did you receive any formal education in art?*

I am largely a self taught artist. I have spent a considerable part of my childhood at Lahore and attended evening classes in art at Mayo School of Art. Though, I did not receive any formal education in the subject, I was chosen to teach the subject in the United States of America. I was awarded the Rockefeller Fellowship in the year 1962 and bestowed with the title 'Artist in Residence' at American University in Washington in 1963-64.

*Virtual art galleries are the rage today. Your take...*

It is very difficult to appreciate colours and textures in the virtual world. For an

art connoisseur, it is important to minutely observe various elements that constitute art. So, I personally do not support the idea of virtual art galleries.

*What made you give up a lucrative career as a banker and take up painting?*

I worked with Grindlays Bank for more than 14 years and was very happy the

way my career was taking off there. An invitation to join the Progressive Artist Group and my own ardour for painting changed the entire course of my life. My love for art and colour soared above my own professional success.

*Which has been your favourite work of art so far?*

It is very difficult to pick one, every painting narrates an emotion. However, one painting that I would like to specially mention is the scene of conversation between an army general and a politician. Though, it might appear that they are talking peace but in reality, they are discussing war and money. It is currently on display in Jerusalem.

*Do you think that the recent curb on freedom of expression will affect artists?*

Every artist should have the freedom to depict art in its pristine form and should not be bound by any tenets. Every piece of art narrates a truth about a situation, which is beauty in itself. However, artists should ensure that their work does not outrage anyone. 🇮🇳

Krishen Khanna with one of his paintings





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One human value that I would like to imbibe is honesty, because if we are truthful, people will trust us.  
Niharika Roy, AIS Saket, III B

# Facing an interview

Does the word ‘interview’ send shivers down your spine? Try these time tested tips to crack even the most difficult ones and get your dream job



**Brig. Arjan Dutta**  
Director, Amity SSB Academy

It’s not only the mastery in subject or apt body language coupled with high confidence level that helps in cracking an interview, there are other factors at play too. Here are some useful tips in the form of Do’s and Don’ts that can create a favourable impression on the interviewer and work wonders for the candidate on the crucial day.

### Do’s:

**Be well prepared:** Do enough research on the relevant subject. You may even rehearse/ role play before the interview. Check out the journey details

beforehand to arrive well in time for the interview. **Body language:** Make sure that you are dressed appropriately and comfortably; shake hands warmly and develop a friendly and open approach towards the interviewer; smile when you feel it is appropriate to generate some warmth. Sit comfortably and try to look confident. Listen intently, carefully and look directly at the interviewers. Always let the interviewers take the lead.

**Play it smart:** Use positive phrases such as ‘I am confident that ...’ rather than ‘I think I could....’; to emphasize the positive aspects of the challenges you have met while playing down the negative. Always elaborate on what the interviewer seems interested in. Have a mental list of things you need to

**Make sure that you are dressed comfortably; shake hands warmly and adopt a friendly approach towards the interviewer.**

know about the job. If relevant, ask questions about them upon the conclusion of the interview. Ask for a question to be repeated or rephrased if you have not understood it. Allow yourself some thinking time by asking ‘time- gaining’ phrases up your sleeve such as, “That is an interesting question!” Admit if you don’t know the answer to a question.

### Don’ts:

**Look under prepared:** Never say you can do something you cannot substantiate. Don’t ask questions about the job which you could or should have found out answers to before. In fact, a long written list of questions for the panel isn’t a very good idea.

**Body language:** Don’t sit on the edge of chair or fidget or whisper responses. Do not appear over-confident or too ‘laid back’ or even clutch a book or folder or sit facing a window if you have a choice of where to sit. This sends out a very negative message to the interviewer.

**Appear nervous:** Underplaying your abilities or giving one word, or brief answers could make you appear nervous and shaky. Instead, try and support your statements with current examples.

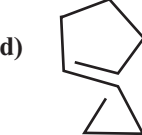
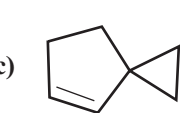
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**Website:** [www.afmcgld.gov.in](http://www.afmcgld.gov.in) OR at [www.afmc.nic.in](http://www.afmc.nic.in).

**Institute:** Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST), Thiruvananthapuram  
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**Taruna Barthwal, Career Counsellor & Resource Coordinator, ACCGC**

## Celebrating Human Values



**Abha Gupta, Teacher, AIS Gur 46** This art piece depicts the different facets of human life. The hands in the painting portray cooperation, support, devotion and helps one develop energy and self control. It tries to generate empathy and forgiveness in oneself and others, whereas the dice depicts different aspects of life.



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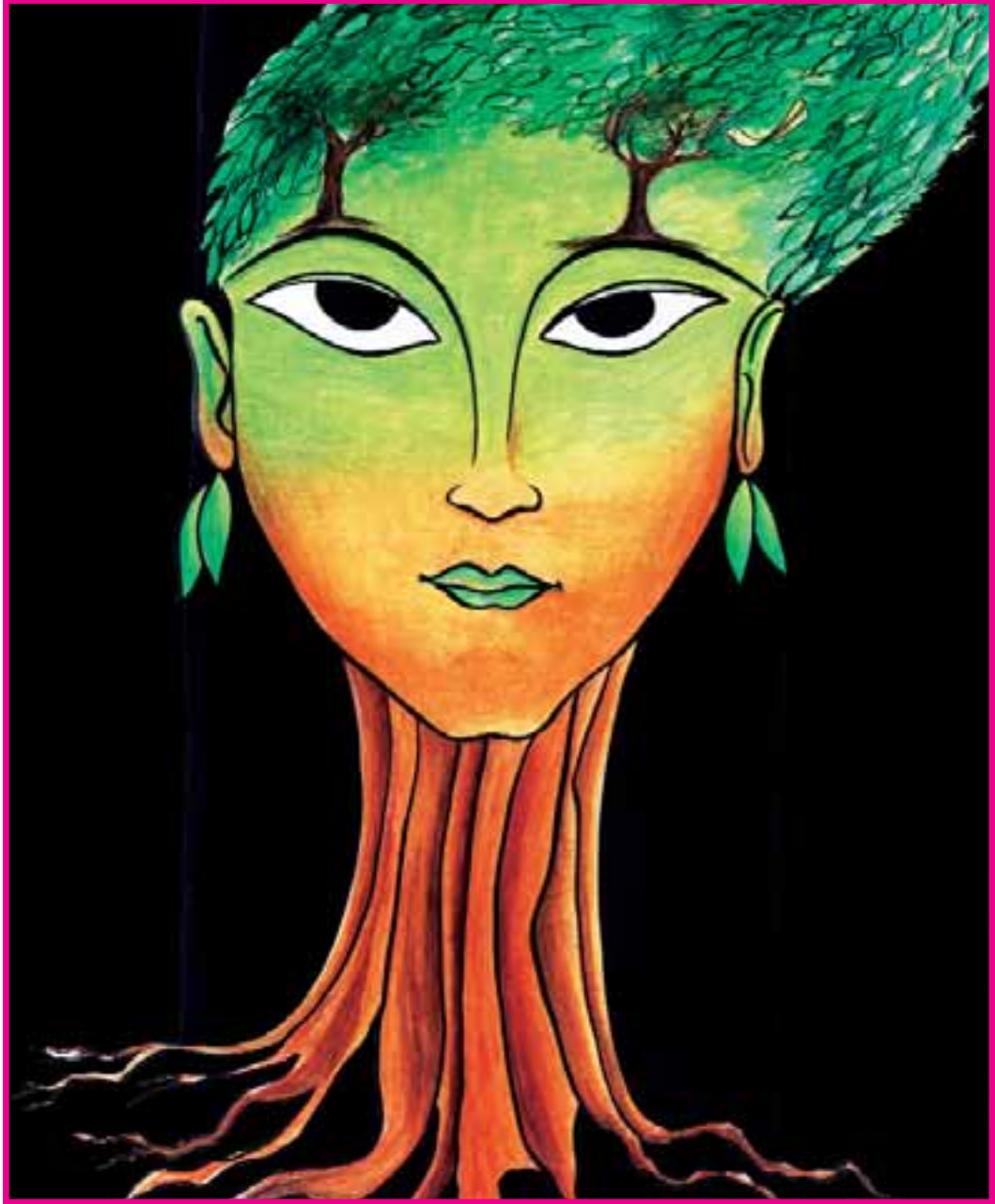
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Celebrating Human Values





**Shalini Purwar, Teacher, AIS Gur 43** Tolerant, yet quintessential; a reserve of wisdom and happiness, SHE stands tall like the pillar of strength with deep rooted values, nourished by eternal culture. A symbol of beauty, aspiration and love, SHE is universal like a Banyan tree under whose shade, all seek refuge.

Names + colours = Capsicum

Why does the capsicum come in different colours or who painted the peppers and why they are like that? **Jaysheel Buddhadeo, Amiown, Class Nursery D,** curiously enquires. Read on to find out what his mother shares with him





**Jaysheel wonders who coloured the bell peppers**

mainly because of its growth order and the difference in maturity levels. Green bell peppers are harvested before they ripe and continue to first turn yellow and then red if left on the plant to mature. The green bell peppers have a slightly bitter flavour and are also less expensive in the market. The orange and yellow bell peppers are more mature than the green ones, thus they have a fruity taste and are not as commonly found. Red bell peppers are the most mature form of the fruit. They contain almost eleven times more beta-carotene and one and a half times more vitamin C than green bell peppers. They have a sweet fruity taste. Bell peppers become milder as they mature and ripen even after harvest. They have a long shelf life. Most capsicums are glossy, smooth skinned and blocky in appearance. Cultivated worldwide, the capsicum contains seven times more Vitamin C than the daily recommended dose of 100gms of Vitamin C. The capsicum is best stored in an airtight plastic bag in the refrigerator so as to keep it fresh for long.



# It's Barbeque Nation

## Food Review

How about gorging on some sizzling hot savouries right from the live grill? That's what brothers **Ankit** and **Ayush Raheja**, AIS **Pushp Vihar**, Classes VI A and VI D respectively did on their grandfather's birthday as they planned out an elaborate dinner with family to Barbeque Nation, India's first live grill restaurant in Jangpura, New Delhi. Join them as they share their wonderful culinary experience

**Warm look:** As you enter the place, much excited, you witness a lively crowd of over a hundred plus people munching their time away to glory. The restaurant's ambience is in shades of beige and brown, with the yellow lights, wooden tables and cushioned chairs. And if you believe in making prior reservations like my mother, you wouldn't have to wait to find your place for the evening. So, it's warm in a welcoming way too.

**Live grill:** The restaurant has a grill embedded in the center of every table. The USP is that one gets to cook the snacks ordered by them, themselves. The trick is that there is coal underneath the grill section of the table that allows us to further enjoy

### Ankit and Ayush relish the barbeque adventure



the sizzles of the almost (say, 90%) cooked food as it is barbequed. The live grill at each table also allows us to give the final finishing touch (in a personalised way), using our favorite marinade on our snack. This special feature, not easily spotted at other restaurants has caught the fancy of customers.

**Piping hot menu:** So whether it is the *paneer tikka*, mushroom, pineapple or *haryali seekh kebab*, we can baste, rotate and cook it according to our personal tastes and savour them piping hot, always.

**Beverage chill pill:** Out of a range of drinks, a few new twists are also available to be tried, like the blue mocktail with coconut water. Only if you have

the thirst to experiment, this is your thing.

**Fixed price scheme:** The restaurant keeps introducing various schemes and offers to serve their customers better. One that we checked out had a range of delicious sounding soups with the usual classics, like the Tomato *Shorba* and Cream of Mushroom. The grill snack portion of the menu is supplemented by an open buffet that includes a salad bar, gravy dishes, *biryani* and more. However, after a bellyful of yummy grilled snacks, there's little probability that you would go munching on the dinner spread at large.

**Live band:** The place offers a treat for your ears too.

## BBQ Nation across Delhi

**Location:** Janakpuri, Vivek Vihar, Vasant Kunj, Jangpura Extension, Netaji Subash Place, Connaught Place, Gurgaon Phase 1

**Cuisine:** Open Buffet and Grilled Snacks  
(Pure-vegetarian+ non-vegetarian+ sea food)

**Pocket:** Meal for two- Rs.1400 approx.

**Time:** Open from 12:30 pm to 11:00 pm

There is a live band that performs melodious songs, especially old ones keeping the ambience musically cheerful. On special occasions, like on my grandfather's birthday, the band may also sing a birthday song for you.

**Sweet desserts:** The Barbeque Nation definitely is a delight for the people with a sweet tooth. It offers a wide and mixed variety of items like *phirnee*, *gulab jamun*, chocolate cake and *moong dal halwa* in addition to ice creams, glazed cut fruits and strawberry cheesecakes.

**Cakes at the corner:** In one fine corner of the restaurant, near the buffet, a baker is forever busy icing and shaping cakes of different flavours. It is an additional boost to the families who come to celebrate the special occasion. Though, this wonderful surprise on the corner is not free of cost, but entirely worth the sweet, personal finale.

**Chef without mess:** This restaurant indeed makes one feel like a chef. It ups the fun experience of cooking, minus the hassles. If you are looking for a wonderful and not-so-formal get together with family or friends, this is the place to be. [C](#) [B](#)

# Call it names?

**Ahlaam Rafiq, AIS Noida, VII H**

Ever been to a place that you can't tell, only because it's unpronounceable? Or did you come across that sign board that you wanted to take a picture of, because it read a bizarre name of a place? Here's a list of some unusual names of places in the United States, so that the next time you plan for an adventurous vacation, you start with the name.

- ✪ Oh! So *Cool* in **California**
- ✪ Not so *Frostproof* in **Florida**
- ✪ Fill it up with *Gas* in **Kansas**
- ✪ It's *Flushing* in **New York, US**
- ✪ Have fun at *Yeehaw Junction* in **Florida**
- ✪ Let's have *Celebration* in **Florida**
- ✪ It might get a little *Boring* in **Maryland**
- ✪ Watch your back at *Dead Horse* in **Alaska**
- ✪ Not that odd afterall at *Odd* in **West Virginia**
- ✪ If *Only* we knew in **Tennessee, US**
- ✪ It's *Nowhere* to be found in **Oklahoma**
- ✪ Visit a *Nameless* town in **Tennessee**
- ✪ Heard of a name called *No Name* in **Colorado**
- ✪ *Why* is there a place in **Arizona**
- ✪ *Whynot* the answers ever end in **Mississippi**
- ✪ Who says there are *Notrees* in **Texas**
- ✪ Raise the *Monkey's Eyebrow* in **Kentucky**
- ✪ Scientists paradise is *Experiment* in **Georgia**



**Illustration: Deepak Sharma**

## Cartographer's nightmare

 **Take a deep breath and say this:**

*Taumatawhakatangi hangako au auotamateaturipukakapikimaungahoronukupokaiwhenuakitanatahu*

Exactly! Either your eyes go bonkers trying to make it sound something sane or you just give it up in the middle. But that is what a small hill is known as in New Zealand.

 **Famous grammatical error:**

**Nome-** This is a place in the U.S. state of Alaska. And it was named so, due to bad handwriting!

 **And try pronouncing this:**

*Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwyll-  
llantysiliogogoch*

That's the name of a town in North Wales.

## Celebrating Human Values



**Nidhi Sekhon, Teacher, AIS Saket** Mankind is defined by a set of virtues that we call human values. Values manifested in us in the form of our conscience are the parameters that define us as humans. Values evolved from faith come to us from our elders and give us tolerance, strength, confidence and self acceptance.



# Significance of values

*Your beliefs become your thoughts,  
Your thoughts become your words,  
Your words become your actions,  
Your actions become your habits,  
Your habits become your values,  
Your values become your destiny.*

- Mahatma Gandhi



Dr. Amita Chauhan  
Chairperson

The values instilled in us by our forefathers, of honesty, virtuous living, truth, respect for elders, faith and hope, seem to strengthen as the Human Values Quarter is organised every year at Amity. I am happy to see the abundant joy and cheer spread in the air as the Amity family unites to nurture these human values that serve as the clarion call to remind us that they are still alive in our hearts, guiding us through the dark. With the passage of time, many things have changed. However, one thing that has remained constant and will never change are the need to imbibe and follow good values. Even today, good deeds done with the right intentions, are their own reward. Values hold great significance, especially in today's time of turmoil and anxiety. Good values teach us to exist in harmony. They lend credibility to our words and give worth to our promises. When human values are nurtured in children, they grow up into capable, dependable and gentle human beings.

Those who grow up with the right set of values adjust well in the society and make for strong and forthright leaders. Values are not like trees that bear flowers only in spring season; they are evergreen trees which remain bountiful through rain and storm. 🇮🇳

# A guiding light

A young volunteer mobilizes the youth for a noble cause



Aman and volunteers with blind students from Saksham

Fatima Ashima Taqdees

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Aman Singh Jaswal, Amity Institute of English Studies & Research, has dedicated himself to the betterment of visually impaired children, studying and growing at Saksham Daksh School For Children With Blindness And Children With Multiple Disabilities.

**How did you get associated with this cause?**

I strongly believe that an ounce of action is worth more than a ton of thoughts. A chance meeting with the students from Saksham Daksh School during Amity Youth Fest made me work for this noble cause. After spending some time with these children, I asked their teacher if I could

The human value that I would like to imbibe is to be polite. I will say 'thank you' when anyone gives me something.

Shivank Puri, AIS Saket, IV A



help them in any way. It's been a year since then.

**What is your contribution to the cause?**

I see myself as a mediator between Saksham Daksh School and the other helping hands in Amity University. I feel happy to share that I was able to rope in a number of students of various departments of the university as volunteers. They gladly stepped in to work for the cause. Together with students of Amity Institute of Social Sciences, I volunteered for a program organized by Xavier's Resource Centre for Visually Challenged (XRCVC). I also intend to take up translation of texts into Braille during vacations. I do not know how much change I have made in the lives of the children, but I can definitely say that it has made some difference in my life.

**You have worked closely with children who are visually impaired. Do you see a difference between them and children with a normal eyesight?**

There is no difference really; the difference lies in the perception of people towards them. We tend to think that they are not as gifted and capable as others. However, the truth is that they are like any other children. They see the world in a different way and learn about the things around them using senses other than their eyes. If there was any difference, such students would not have been able to seek admission to normal schools after their training in Saksham. But it is disheartening to know most schools don't accept them until they are compelled to do so by rule or law.

**What message would you like to give Amity students?**

Mobilize all our resources in a systematic way to tackle the vexing issues plaguing the society. As far as I am concerned, there is a lot to be done and I need your support. So, I'd like to invite readers to take a stand and work towards giving these children a life they deserve. 🇮🇳

*Those willing to volunteer for Saksham Daksh School blind, may contact Aman at [jaswal.amansingh@gmail.com](mailto:jaswal.amansingh@gmail.com)*

# Valuing human values

I P Popli

Amity School of Natural Resources & Sustainable Development

Still education does not impart human values to students, the future pillars of our country, the purpose of education is defeated. Character building is the most precious gift of education. At Amity, great emphasis is laid on inculcating human values amongst each and every student.

Under the benevolent guidance of Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe and Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, we at Amity strongly believe that values have to come from oneself. The 4 S- Soul searching, Self analysis, Self actualization and Self appraisal required for character building are the cornerstones of human values. The Human Values Quarter celebrations at Amity is celebrated to inculcate responsible behaviour and positive thinking among students. Even games and sports organized during the quarter teach important values like sportsmanship, participatory spirit etc. Gandhiji propounded a magical talisman for self evaluation; however, it remains largely unused- "While in doubt about what you should be doing- imagine before your eyes the face of the poorest person you know and then do only what will relieve that person of his misery." Human values are inherent in all faiths, cultures and religions for ensuring communal harmony. If everyone begins to practice good values in their daily lives with the right conscience and honest heart, it can bring a perceptible change in society's attitude.

## One good deed everyday

*The Amity motto "Do one good deed a day" was propounded by Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe. One step a day, goes a long way...*

I shall smile today.  
I shall be cooperative and loving today.  
I shall make a new friend today.  
I shall not lose my temper today.  
I shall speak softly today.  
I shall offer a helping hand today.  
I shall not criticize anyone today.

Besides, I shall observe punctuality, be disciplined, be truthful, not run out of patience, follow traffic rules, be courteous and overcome anger/ jealousy/envy/hatred in my day-to-day dealings with one and all I come in contact with. 🇮🇳



Dear Editor,

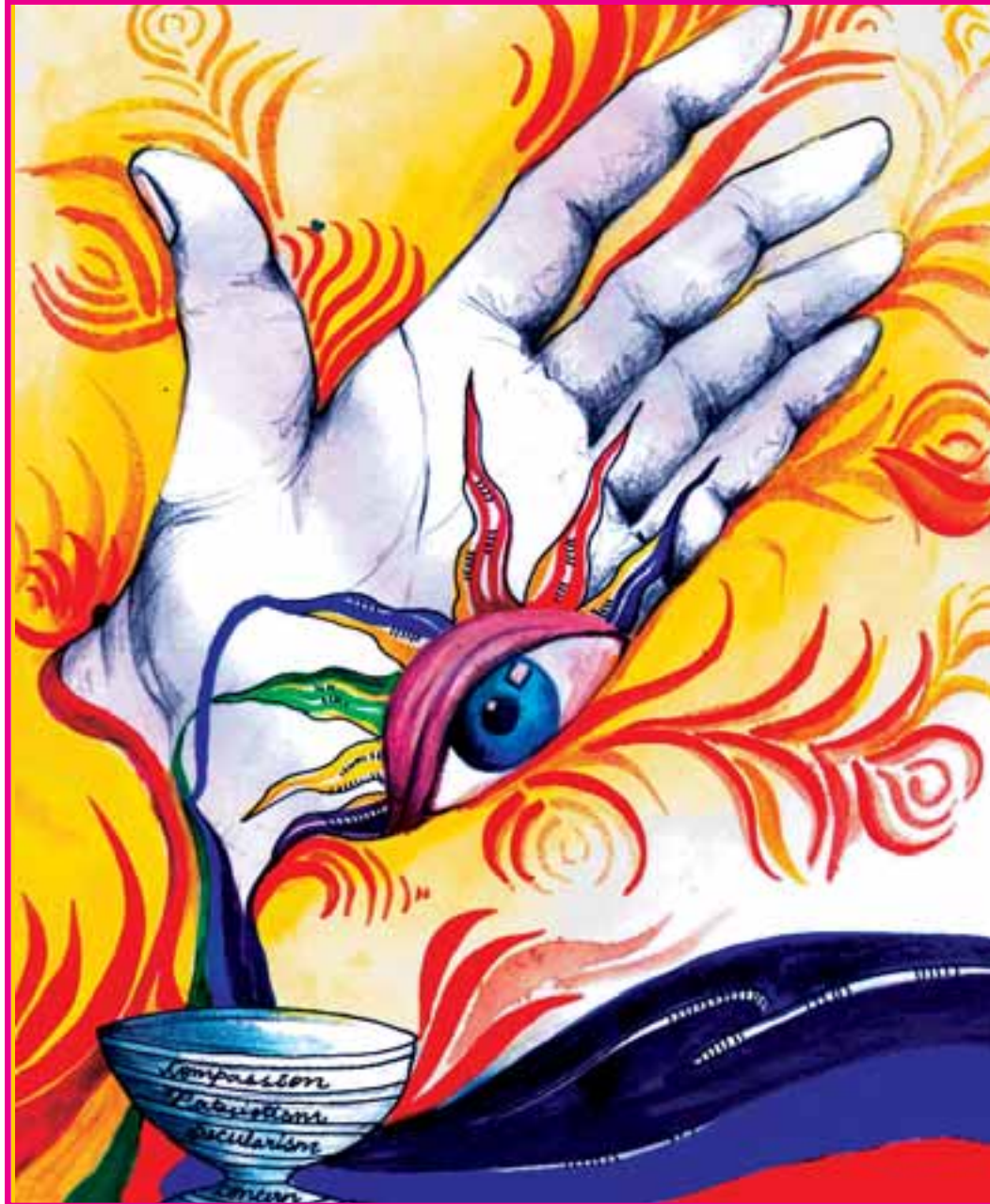
My heartiest compliments for organizing such an amazing event - Youth Power Grand Finale 2012-13. The exposition of the various phases of YP journey was very elaborate. The well researched and thought provoking presentations of the participating teams added to the grandeur of the program. The motto 'actions speak louder than words' was presented in a powerful avatar in the grand finale. Kudos! 🇮🇳

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## Celebrating Human Values



Manju Jain, Teacher, AIS VAS 6

There is warmth, generosity and radiance in Her (Chairperson) blessings.

The seven colours of the vibgyor are the seven human values, i.e compassion, patriotism, sharing & caring, concern, secularism and respect for all, that she wants each Amitian to inculcate.

## Practicing Human Values Quarter

*Human Values – Truth, Righteousness, Peace, Love, and Non-violence – are hidden in every human being. One cannot acquire them from the outside; they have to be elicited from within. These five values are the fundamental powers of human life.*



Vira Sharma  
Managing Editor

At Amity, the human values of truth, righteousness, peace, love and non-violence taught by every religion and spiritual guru, is an integral part of the institution. More so, it is a way of life. Inspired and imbibed from Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, our beloved Chairperson, the Amity Universe celebrates her birthday that falls on April 27, 2013 as Human Values Quarter. This year, The Global Times wishes her with a bouquet of paintings spread across all the pages that uphold human values she instills in each of us with her work, words and wisdom.

Applauding the presentations of the students who took up a social cause and worked year round at the recently held Youth Power Grand Finale, she remarked, "All academic achievements are incomplete if you are not sensitive towards the society." And indeed, her life is an inspiration that touches the heart of every Amitian where actions speak louder than words. The Human Values Quarter (HVQ) sets the university campus (pg 7) abuzz with musings, deliberations, visits and numerous activities that builds the right conscience for a better world. And once again, it is these Amity family values that good Samaritans (pg 6) come forward to spread a smile in the world.

Truly, values are not just taught at Amity. They are practiced at Amity under the loving and caring guidance and blessings of our respected Founder President Sir, Dr Ashok K. Chauhan and the revered dynamic Chairperson of Amity Group of Schools, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan. 🇮🇳

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The human value I want to imbibe this year is to help elderly people cross the road, be polite, honest and respect my parents and elders.  
Tijil Jha, AIS Saket, V B

# Joys of celebrating values

The Human Values Quarter celebrations at Amity are not only about sowing seeds of virtues in every heart, they are also about nurturing them with care. Join Amitians as they commemorate these values to mark the birthday of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools

## Amity School of Hospitality

### Recipe for a happy society

Amity School of Hospitality organized an array of activities from February 15 - March 20 to draw the attention of youth towards perplexing issues such as female infanticide and female foeticide. Over 25 students from various Amity institutions participated in the extempore speech competition held on February 18. The students voiced their views on the deep rooted social problems in the society. The artistically inclined ones pulled out their paints and brushes to express their thoughts in the form of posters. With an aim to make a difference in the life of the poor and the needy, the students also distributed clothes and books on March 20.

## Amity Institute of Telecom Technology & Management

### Connect for a happy society

The Human Values Quarter celebrations at Amity Institute of Telecom Technology and Management commenced by organising the screening of 'Plastic Cow', a documentary by film maker Kunal Vohra. This was followed by a panel discussion on animal rights and how the usage of plastics is proving detrimental to animals. The panel comprised animal welfare activist Rukmini Sekhar, writer Ambika Shukla, film maker Kunal Vohra, animal right activists Dr Madhur Hans and



Follow traffic rules and drive safe, says an ABS student

Helen Mehtani. Ambika Shukla, who also runs an NGO, 'People for Animals', expressed her views on cruelty to animals, while Rukmini Sekhar enlightened everyone about how the 'Plastic Cow' team has filed a PIL in the Supreme Court, seeking a ban on the use of plastics and elimination of interface between stray animals and garbage. The documentary touched everyone's hearts as it highlighted the medical issues surrounding the use of

plastics.

## Amity School of Economics

### Economics of a happy society

Amity Group of institutions have always been associated with values, ethics and morals. The Human Values Quarter which concluded on the birthday of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan was a cele-

bration of values like truth, honesty, love, peace, etc. Amity School of Economics commemorated these values by organizing 'Sursangam', a singing competition on February 18.

The students took up various causes like female foeticide, patriotism and love for God and presented them through melodious and thought provoking songs. Celebrating the cultural diversity of India, the students presented songs in vernacular languages like Tamil and Assamese too.

A rangoli making competition held on February 20 saw students from various departments depicting various themes like divine love between Radha and Krishna, unity in diversity, upliftment of women and save the environment. The students used colours as well as innovative mediums like chalk, mirrors, sparkles, diyas and edibles like Bournvita, rice and pulses to send out social messages through their designs.

The department also organised a best out of waste competition on February 22. Titled 'Use the useless', the event saw students at their creative best as they prepared beautiful items from material generally disposed as waste. A street play titled 'Oaklavya' brought to light the irreversible damage that man is causing to the environment.

The students also highlighted the remedial measures that can be undertaken to keep a check on the rising pollution and global warming. They also encouraged the audience to recycle, reuse and reduce the use of substances that cause irreparable damage to mother earth.

Nandita Kandal & Sneha Chatterjee  
Amity School of Economics

# From HRD to human values

## Amity Business School

They not only hold mastery in Human Resource Management, but these budding managers can also teach the world a lesson or two in truth, peace and non violence. Taking forward the vision of Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe to build a better society and hence a better nation, Amity Business School, Noida organised a host of events. The students flagged off the Human Values Quarter celebrations by participating in a slogan writing competition,

while some of them paid a visit to an NGO working to improve the condition of elderly citizens residing in slums. This was followed by a 'Happy Traffic Drive', where the students reminded people of simple traffic rules. The department also organised a series of activities as a part of the 'Our Earth, Our Home' initiative. The students launched 'Save Electricity' and 'Say No to Polybags' campaigns and also created awareness about measures to protect mother earth. The students held a peaceful march in the campus against ris-

ing corruption in the society. They also organised an extempore and poetry competition to draw the attention of the youth towards the cause. The department celebrated Women's Day with great enthusiasm by organising screenings of women centric films, followed by a fun filled quiz - "Masculine vs Feminine". The department took the human values fervour online and went viral with their "Chronicles of Human Values" series, where a strong message on human values was sent out to the audience in the form of short stories.



ABS students raise their voice against corruption



Hina Tejwani, Teacher, AIS MV One eternal virtue that binds the world together is peace. Peace promotes progress, success and brotherhood and erases everything negative. Peace is bliss, it's a great boon to the world. Let us join our hands together and redeem our pledge to nurture peace and harmony.



I would like to imbibe the value of hard work because hard work holds the key to success. If we work hard, we can achieve the impossible and touch the sky.  
Sarguni Kaur Khurana, AIS Saket, III B



# A new dawn

## Insight



She watched the birds as the breeze whispered a long found secret in her ears, tickling her hair. There was something about the look on her face that made my heart skip a beat.

Megha Jha, AIS Gur 46, IX D

Walking through the hallway, my gaze flickered from the end of the passage to this huge scenery hanging on the wall. Being an art lover and someone who fancies to have the same perfection in her strokes as M F Hussain, I allowed myself to stop and study this stunning picture, which had caught my attention unlike many others in the hallway. The aura around it was so strong that it made me want to indulge in the scenery and feel it. Its sky had been painted pale blue to bring out the beauty of twilight. The leaves of the trees and the long grass of

the meadow appeared to be touched by a light breeze and in the midst of it all stood a young beautiful girl, her arms stretched wide across, catching the last rays of the setting sun. She watched the birds as the breeze whispered a long found secret in her ears, tickling her hair. There was something about the look on her face that made my heart skip a beat. Her pretty face was an epitome of peace, quite unlike many people around me who are always rushing into things, they want their work to top everyone else's priority list. They gobble their food down just for the sake of filling their empty stomach.

Even a person like me who normally pauses for a few minutes to appreciate beauty had been a part of this unworldly act a few seconds ago as I walked through the hallway without giving a second glance to the things around me. But watching this beautiful girl enjoy the serenity and tranquility of nature, put a smile across my face and then the reality dawned; we all have been provided with the most beautiful colours in our lives by God. He has left it to us when we realize it, grasp it and live it. For the first time since I had been at this place, I breathed deeply and walked slowly, enjoying the paintings and their varied hues as I reached for the door. 🇮🇳



## Almond chocolates

Pawanjot Singh Sachdeva  
Amity School of Hospitality

### Ingredients

Chocolate .....100 gm  
Butter .....20 gm  
Raisins .....40 gm  
Almonds (slit in half).....1/2 cup

### Method

- Melt the chocolate in a pan and add

butter to it.

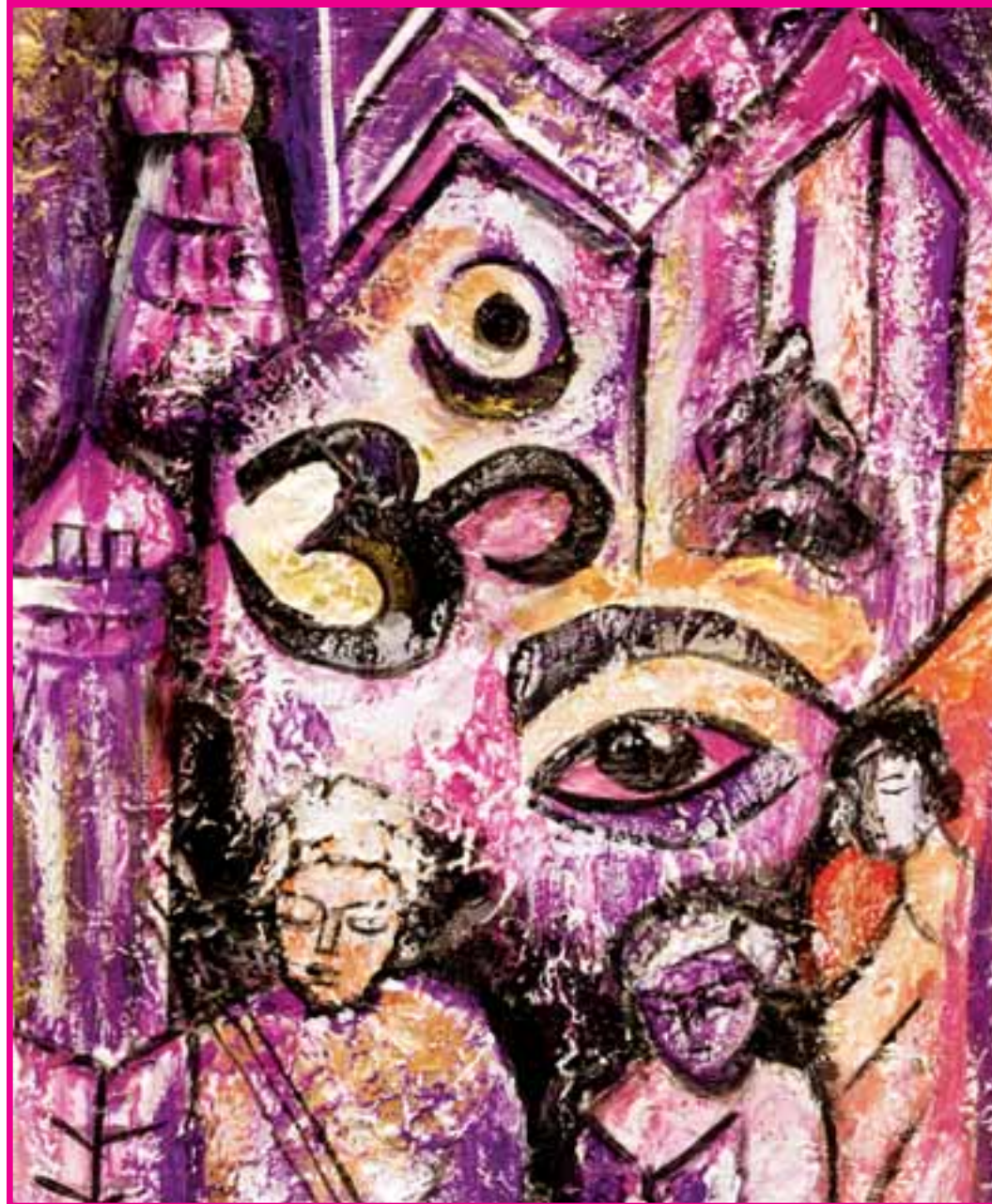
- Toast the almonds in an oven for at least 45 seconds.
- Beat the chocolate mixture- add in raisins and toasted almonds.
- Spoon on a butter paper and set either in the fridge or at room temperature to cool.
- Store the chocolates in a clean and cool place. Homemade chocolates are ready to relish. 🇮🇳

## Tee quotes

T-shirts are a mobile billboard that make the street into the world's biggest art gallery!



## Celebrating Human Values



Anita Sharma, Teacher, AIS Vas 1

In a world filled with negative aura, comes a positive vision of art. Human values bring out the best in me. Religion is a vital component of human life. Imparting positive human values to children improves quality of life and helps them attain a global outlook.

## POEM

# Welcome to India

Pratha Bhatt  
AIS Vasundhara 1, IX

An exotic land, so different where everything is bright and vivid and never bland. Dryness, dusty roads, and hot air, crisp guavas, juicy mangoes, spicy dishes full of flair. Sweets and treats like *paan* and *kalakand*, statues of the Almighty- Vishnu and God Hanuman. A rainbow of sarees and tops, shimmering with color, like a coral reef sprinkled with glitter are the beautiful bangle shops. Range of animals from monkeys to lizards, tropical plants, arrays of fruit trees tiny chirping birds, mosquitoes and bees. Every colour and enticing smell, contributes to India's tale that it must tell. Shopping, relaxing, things to explore, smell, touch, taste and more. Relatives to meet, like *nana* and *nani* going for leisurely walks, with places to see, coming back to sit on the porch, sipping hot tea. 🇮🇳



## Sudoku 36

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## CAMERA CAPERS

Sagar Sachdev, AIS Gurgaon 46, XII D



Row, row, row your boat!



Picturesque Kashmir

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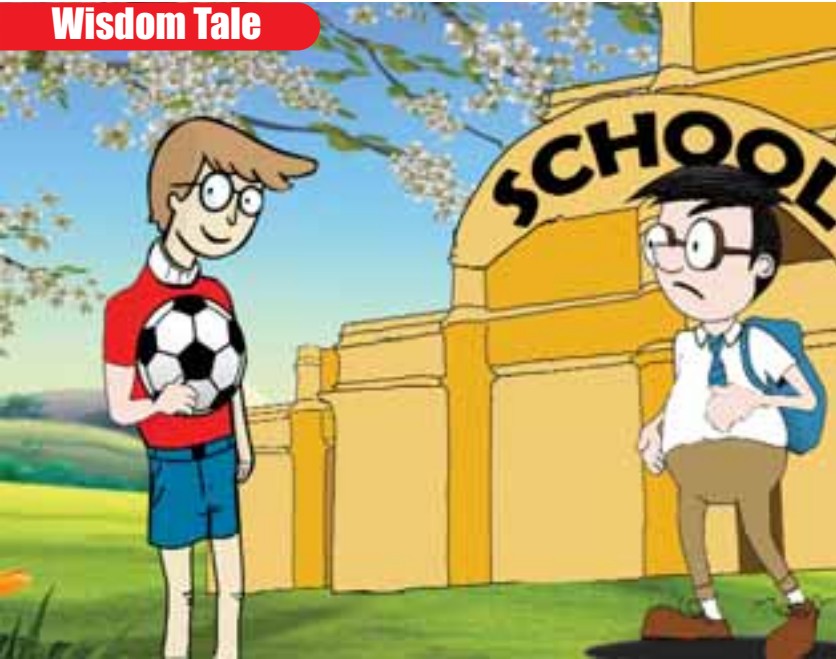


I promise to never compromise with my values, as values define us.  
Aria Puri, AIS Saket, II C

# Tale of lies

Illustration: Ravinder Gusain

## Wisdom Tale



Abhirup Chakraborty  
AIS Vas 1, VII B

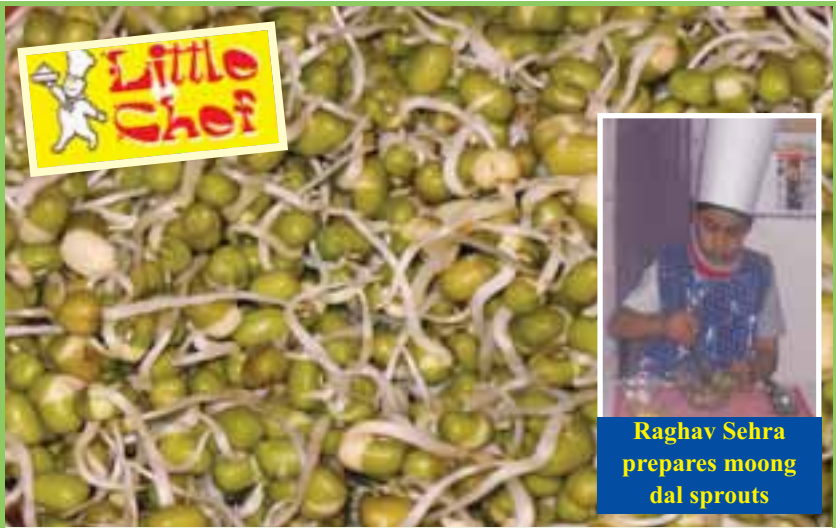
Once there were two best friends- Vikas and Ram. They were both excellent footballers and wished to get selected in the football team. After much wait, the day of selection arrived and the two friends played extremely well. “I can’t wait to play in the team,” Ram told Vikas excitedly. The next day, the results were announced by the coach in the class, “The name of the student who has been selected to play in the football team of the school is....” the coach went silent to create an atmosphere of suspense; Ram and Vikas held

hands in nervousness. “Vikas!” the coach finished the sentence. Ram’s face dropped, while Vikas was overjoyed. “Congratulations, Vikas!” Ram wished his friend with a heavy heart. When Ram got home after school, his mother asked him, “Did you qualify in the football team?” Ram felt embarrassed and answered without thinking, “Yes, I did.” Ram’s mother hugged him in joy. In the evening, when Ram’s father returned home, he called out for his son, “Ram, I am very proud of you. I knew you would make it.” Before Ram could say anything, his father asked, “Has your friend Vikas also been selected in the

Ram did not know what to say to his father, so he answered meekly, “No, Vikas has not been selected.”

team? Your coach had told me that there was place for just one more player.” Ram did not know what to say to his father, so he answered meekly, “No, Vikas has not been selected.” While going to office the next morning, Ram’s father bumped into Vikas, “Good morning, Vikas. I am sorry that you were not selected in the football team. But don’t worry, there is always a next time! All the best!” “Th...thank you very much, uncle,” Vikas was puzzled, but managed to speak somehow. When Vikas reached school, he met Ram and told him about his meeting with his father. Ram turned red in shame, “I am sorry, I lied.” Vikas was forgiving and hugged his friend. The same day Ram went up to his parents and told them the truth.

So, what did you learn today?  
One lie will lead to another, so always speak the truth.



## Moong sprouts

Raghav Sehra, AIS Gur 46, II F

### Ingredients

Whole *moong* beans . . . . .half cup  
Water . . . . .1 cup  
Lemon . . . . .1  
Salt . . . . .to taste

### Method

- Wash the *moong dal* beans for 3-4 times.
- Soak them overnight in plenty of

- water in a bowl.
- Next morning, drain off the extra water and place the *moong dal* in a large bowl.
- Cover them with a wet towel or paper napkin. Close the lid and keep it in a cool and dark place.
- Leave it like that for 1-2 days till the *moong dal* sprouts well. Wet the towel if it gets dry.
- Sprinkle salt and lemon on the sprouts and serve. [G T](#)



**Waiter:** Sir, here is your bill.  
**Customer:-**But I never ordered it!  
■■■■  
**Ram:** Where do pencils go for vacation?  
**Shaam:** Pencil-vania  
■■■■  
**Harry:** Do you know this fool who keeps saying no?

**Tom:** No  
**Harry:** Oh, so it’s you!  
■■■■  
**Jack:** What did baby corn say to mom?  
**Jill:** Where is pop corn?  
■■■■  
**Jill:**How do you make milk shake  
**Jack:** Give it a fright

## Knowledge master

Aditya Mishra, AIS Noida, III E, began to enjoy nursery rhymes from the time he was four months old. At the age of three, he was already reading storybooks! What’s more, he could read the Encyclopedia a year later! His love for general knowledge became obvious when he started winning competitions at a tender age; General Knowledge competition in playschool, inter school science quiz and inter school story enactment in Class KG to name a few. Looking for a platform wherein he could channelise and showcase his potential and talent further, little genius soon joined Amity Noida in class I. At Amity too, he won the hearts of his teachers. He won the second prize in inter school mental maths quiz in both Classes I and II. The little one was selected for the second level of olympiads like IMO (International rank 3), NSO (International rank 5), NCO (International rank 8). Aditya has secured All India Rank 1 with full marks in NSTSE. He has also completed 8 levels of Abacus and won gold medals in each of the level. [G T](#)



## POEM

### My trip to Mumbai

Richa Avtar, AIS Vas 6, VII C

My trip to Mumbai was excellent, with a list of things to buy we were being sent! Our cousins and relatives gave us a grand welcome there, we were also treated with great kindness and much care. We stayed at our *nani’s* place, and even got to see a real horse race. We spent time watching movies at home and in malls, but as always papa spent most of his time on business calls. Yummy food including *chaats* and pizzas we got to eat, and tons of relatives we happened to meet. Often with our cousins we played a game of chess, and when alone, we turned the neat house into a big mess. This trip was a memorable one, with laughter and good fun! This trip of mine was the best, it was even better than an enjoyable fest! [G T](#)

## Celebrating Human Values



Surabhi Arora, Teacher, AIS PV The real meaning of enlightenment is to gaze with undimmed eyes on all darkness- *Nikas Kazantzakis*. To achieve emancipation of mind and body, to enjoy good health and bring peace to one and all, it is imperative to discipline the mind and body . Lets kindle the flame of enlightenment.



## It's Me

**My name :** Lakshya Hingorani  
**My class:** I C  
**My school:** Amity International School, Noida  
**My hobby:** Playing with my elder brother, Manan  
**My favourite sport:** Cricket  
**My favourite cartoon:** Doraemon  
**My favourite mall:** V3S Mall, Delhi  
**My favourite fruit:** Orange  
**My favourite food:** Palak Paneer  
**My favourite vegetable:** Cucumber  
**My favourite ice cream:** Strawberry

**My favourite colour:** Red  
**I love:** being called ‘mini Tendulkar’  
**I hate:** Monkeys  
**My best friends:** Shaurya, Shreyas and Adhiraj  
**I want to become:** the best Indian batsman  
**I want to feature in GT because:** it will make me famous in my school and my mother very happy and proud. [G T](#)





# Valuable Values

Amiown celebrated Human Values Week to promote the values of love, care, empathy, respect, harmony, humility and simple-mindedness, while constantly treading the path of excellence

## Values in our heart, let's do our bit

**Amiown Pushp Vihar**  
**Sharda Dudani, Teacher**  
**Amiown Pushp Vihar**

Being a unique institute that beautifully blends tradition with modernity, Amiown, Amity's caring pre-school, strives to instill the prime virtues of human values amongst its students in tandem with academic excellence. Honouring the commitment of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools to provide value-based education to children, Amiown Pushp Vihar celebrated April 22-26 as Human Value Week. Amies from Nursery and Pre-Nursery were engaged in myriad activities throughout

the Human Value Week. **Value added stories:** Narrations and dramatizations based on age-appropriate moral stories like 'The Rainbow Fish', 'Marty is a Helping Mouse', 'Octopus in Trouble', etc conveyed to the kids that we should share our things with our friends, help people in need, respect and obey our elders and so on. Parents participated in the celebrations by contributing stories and lovingly preparing their children for related activities. **Role playing values:** The little ones enthusiastically participated in show-and-tell activities and role plays. They showed pictures and spoke about their favourite family members and also acted like them, while imbibing virtues like loving, respecting and caring for family

members through group discussions. **Valuable art:** Collaborative art and craft work of Amies to conserve and protect the earth, plants and animals, found pride of place on the Nature Table. To convey their love for Chairperson on her birthday which marks the culmination of the Human Value Week, Amies from each class fondly prepared a collaborative craft or birthday card along with a cheerful birthday song. Catering to children at an impressionable age, value education is an integral part of Amiown's philosophy. Amiown nurtures values in its young children by providing them with good role models, acknowledging and praising good behaviour, showering trust and providing an enriching environment. 🇮🇳



In action Put your hands up

## Responsible global citizens

**Amiown Gurgaon**  
**Harpreet Suri, Teacher**  
**Amiown Gurgaon**

Children are quick learners and can easily absorb everything around them. If the right values are inculcated in them from an early age, they grow up to be responsible and caring individuals. It is with this vision of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and Ms Sapna Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amiown that various activities were organised at Amiown Gurgaon during Human Value Week held from April 22- 29 to inculcate the right values and habits in Amies. The children celebrated earth day as part

of the human value week. They made a collage on how Earth can be protected and nurtured. A group discussion was also held where the children pledged to make their families aware about the importance of celebrating earth day. Special emphasis was laid on the usage of magic words like 'sorry', 'thank you', 'excuse me' and 'please' through a puppet show. Values as respecting elders, helping family members, keeping our surroundings clean, coming to school on time, etc were reinforced. Teachers narrated wonderful stories about human values. These values will not only make children responsible for their school, neighbours and country but also for the whole world, thus, making them responsible global citizens. 🇮🇳



Graffiti United colours of Amiown



Handiwork Together we learn

## An ode to five universal values

**Amiown Vasundhara 1 & 6**  
**Nishtha Gupta, Teacher**  
**Amiown Vasundhara**

To inculcate *sanskars* and values in children through the five universal human values of truth, right action, peace, love and non violence, Amiown Vasundhara celebrated Human Value Week. **Playful vibes:** Hygiene is an important part of human values. Thus circle time held discussions on personal hygiene and demonstrated how to keep oneself clean and tidy by hands-on learning activity of bathing a doll and pretend play. **Earthy flavours:** Children were sensitized towards preserving earth by saving water, trees and promoting peace. They enjoyed making earth craft

by marble painting, hand prints and free hand colouring. The stories, songs and prayers discussed during the week oriented the children with the vast diversity of Indian heritage and global wisdom. **Sporty spirit:** Games hold a child's attention, allowing lessons to sink in through the spirit of fun. Through simple games, the character traits of humour, fairness, honesty, generosity, concentration, flexibility, obedience to rules and sensitivity towards others, were fostered. **Magical moments:** Greetings using the three magic words- 'please', 'sorry' and 'thank you' for the enhancement of personal and social skills were also incorporated. In the parent partnership program, parents were made aware of the values discussed in class so that they could re-emphasise them at home. Amies also enjoyed making birthday cards and gifts for their beloved Chairperson. 🇮🇳



Clean act Take a bath daily



Good habits Washing away germs



Daily hygiene Bathing is fun



Neat 'n' tidy Let's clean up

## Magic of manners

**Amiown Noida**  
**Kamla Karki, Teacher**  
**Amiown Noida**

Amiown Noida commemorated 'Human Value Week' with an interesting mix of activities. Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, was introduced to the little Amies through pictures. **Valuing manners:** The children were taught basic manners with the help of three magic words - 'please', 'thank you' and 'sorry'. The words were reinforced through the story of 'The Lion and the Mouse'. The young Amies were able to learn and understand the importance of the magic words through this simple story. **Valuing cleanliness:** The importance of living in a clean environment was explained through a simple

*shramdaan* activity by placing a dustbin in the classroom. The children picked up bits of paper and threw them in the dustbin. Another effort in this direction was establishing good hygiene habits. The importance of personal hygiene was demonstrated using a doll. The doll was bathed, shampooed, soaped, brushed and cleaned up. The children recalled the way their mothers bathe them or their younger siblings' everyday. The importance of washing hands was also reinforced during circle time. They were shown how to wash hands using a liquid hand wash. Children wash their hands before and after eating snacks and after craft activities. These simple activities enhanced their knowledge about personal hygiene. **Valuing traditions:** Values such as respecting elders, following the country's ancient values and traditions, sharing, etc were taught to them through simple and meaningful stories. 🇮🇳





On the occasion of Chairperson ma'am's birthday, I promise not to litter and pollute the surroundings. I will restore the lost glory of mother earth.  
**Arnab Gupta, AIS Saket, IV A**



R-L: Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan with Jaya Prada, Rekha Ranade and Mohina Dar, release the school magazine- Amity Chronicle

# Annual day

**AIS Saket**

Amity International School Saket celebrated its annual day on April 10, 2013. School principal Dr Rekha Ranade welcomed the august gathering. Dr (Mrs) Jaya Prada, an eminent parliamentarian and a charismatic actress graced the occasion as the chief guest. The cultural evening witnessed a series of mesmerizing performances by the students that included *Jazba-e-Hindustan*- a journey of India right from its genesis, *Aradhana*- a synchronized medley of instruments and *Parikrama*- the dance forms of various states. The school also showcased an art exhibition on the intriguing facets of the seven Union Territories of India. The students presented the school's annual report and felicitated the outstanding achievers in multifarious realms. Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools in her motivational address lauded the efforts of teachers and students for the major ac-



Students perform Bhangra

complishment of schools. The occasion also marked the grand release of the school's annual year book 'Amity Chronicle' by the eminent dignitaries and heads of other Amity institutions present on the occasion. **GT**

# ACC camp

**AIS Gurgaon 46**

A camp was organised in Amity Education Valley, Manesar from March 31 to April 5, 2013 for the students of AIS Gurgaon 46 from Classes IX and X as a part of the Amity Cadets Corps (ACC) annual training. The students stayed in tented accommodation and were given fixed three meals during the camp. Instructions were given to the students about the 'do's' and 'don'ts' and were also given a daily schedule that included march past, physical training, drills and other activities to be followed during the day. An informative and learning session was conducted on 'Disaster Management' with mock drills. The children also participated in a lot of activities like rappelling, shooting, para sailing, river crossing and many more sports activities which form an integral part of camping. The students also visited the herbal garden at Amity Education Valley and got the opportunity to see a 'Dog Show' presented by the trained dogs under the guidance and supervision of the trainers. A grand closing ceremony marked the end of the training camp where the parents of the students were invited too. A ceremonial parade on the occasion witnessed school principal Arti Chopra salute the cadets, the future leaders of tomorrow. The camp turned out to be a memorable experience for everyone present. The cadets were also awarded certificates for undergoing the training program. **GT**



Achievers shine bright at their prize distribution ceremony

# Prize distribution

**AIS Vasundhara 6**

On April 11 and 12, 2013 AIS Vasundhara 6 organised its annual prize distribution ceremony in the school auditorium. The auspicious lamp lighting amidst the chanting of *shlokas* marked the opening of the event which was followed by a song presentation by the school choir. The occasion was graced by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson Amity Group of Schools. Certificates and trophies were given in diverse domain other than academics that included awards for music, dance,

sculpture, sports, human values, hand-writing, avid reader, cyber kid, all-rounder etc. An Oddissi performance by the students of Class V was also mesmerising. The prize distribution programme culminated with the singing of the school song followed by the national anthem. School principal, Sunila Athley motivated the students to continue working hard to achieve many more milestones in life. The objective of the programme was not only to recognize excellence in academics and co-curricular activities, but also to raise the bar of excellence. **GT**

# Income Tax workshop

**AIS Pushp Vihar**

Following the innovative teaching and learning method, AIS Pushp Vihar on March 22, 2013 organised an Income Tax workshop to sensitize students about taxation laws. The workshop was conducted by Padmapani Bohra, an entrepreneur and

Income Tax Commissioner. During the talks, he presented all possible aspects associated with tax laws including; calculations, tax slabs, their significance and importance of paying taxes on time. He was bombarded with questions ranging from topics like tax evasion, black money, etc during the interactive session. **GT**

# Tennis sweeps



Winners display their shields with coach Dinesh Ravi

**AIS Noida**

Adarsh (under-16), Aditya Aiyar (under 14, boys), Saurya (under-12), Divyanshi (under-14, girls) and Sania (under-14, Runner-up) from AIS Noida, swept the Singles Finals, winning the three day tennis championship organised by District Tennis Association, Noida from April 19- 21, 2013. The team, coached by Dinesh Ravi, gave peach of a performance in every single match. In all over 170 participants, drawn in from top schools, private coaching centers from Delhi and NCR gave a tough fight at the competition. The top-spin drives, deft placements of serves, long base-line duels, serve and volley by the students formed the thrilling quotient of the prestigious competition. **GT**

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# Sunita Williams inspire

**AIS Vasundhara 6**

**Richa Avtar, AIS Vasundhara 6, VII C**

April 1, 2013 turned out to be a memorable day for Richa Avtar, Akanksha Mattoo, Pranit Tandon, Sanaa Srivastava and Ridhima Devlal of the school who participated in National Science Centre programme along with 200 students of Delhi schools. They got an opportunity to hear Dr Sunita Williams, Captain, USN and Astronaut, NASA, speak in person on the topic- Expedition-33, International Space Station: Challenges and Success. Sharing her pictures of the planet Earth, clicked from the spacecraft and videos captured by her crew members during her space expedition, she said, "I had never envisioned to be an astronaut and faced many failures initially. But ultimately, I reached where I am today."



Students outside the National Science Centre

Dr Williams also answered some select questions from the audience. Answering Richa's question as to what she missed the most in space, she replied, "My dog, walking on the sand, samosa and changes in the weather." Richa also got an opportunity to get a special photograph clicked with Dr Williams along with other students whose questions were answered by the astronaut. Her humility and genuineness left the students inspired. **GT**

# Celebrating Human Values



**Sonia Pasricha, Teacher, AIS Noida**

Every being is responsible for the protection of the environment, which comprises the flora and fauna. Human being is dependent on nature for its survival and sustenance. As the saying goes- "There is enough in the world for everyones need but not for everyones greed."



# Singing with the stars

With the hunt on for India’s first young singing star, **Kripi Badonia**, AIS Noida, X, caught up with the three celebrity judges of Indian Idol at a press conference



## Shreya Ghoshal

**Did you always aspire to be a singer? If not a singer, then which career would you have chosen?**  
I sort of knew from the very beginning that my talent and interest lay in singing. I would have been an astronomer if not a singer.

**What qualities are you looking out for in the Indian Idol Junior?**  
The child should be spectacular and God gifted. He/she should be blessed with a melodious voice that strikes an instant chord with the audience. The child should have intensity in his or her voice.

**What would you say about the struggle the winners of reality shows face in the absence of a godfather in the industry?**  
I think the winners of reality shows need to learn to stay focused. Fame and money should not lay them off the track. I think everyone has a godfather in the industry, right from the first music director who gives you the first break to the person who helps you establish your foot in the industry, they are nothing but a godfather.

## Shekhar Ravjiani

**Did you always wish to be a musician?**  
Yes, ever since I started learning music, I knew this is what I wanted to be in life.  
**What do you think of Indian Idol as a platform?**  
For me Indian Idol is a school where you don’t only compete with others, but polish your singing skills under the eye of a trained maestro.

**Share your experience as a judge at Indian Idol.**  
The children today are a treasure trove of talent. They have very good grasping power and are ready to work on their strengths and weaknesses.



## Vishal Dadlani

**How do platforms like Indian Idol polish the young voices?**  
The children take the advice of the judges very seriously. As a judge it is my job to make the children aware about the technical nitty-gritties associated with singing. I know it is very difficult to accept failure in life, but we all have experienced it at some point or the other. We need to tell our children that to be successful in life it is very important to overcome failures and move forward.

**How difficult or easy is it to judge kids at such a tender age?**  
It is a herculean task. We have to ensure that we don’t hurt the sentiments of the children when we say no to them. Each one of them has put in tremendous efforts to reach here. We have to be extremely calm while telling the children about the areas they need to improve on. The show is ultimately all about encouraging young talent. [GT](#)

**Sony Television is back with its most popular musical show Indian Idol but with a new twist. For the first time the channel will be looking out for a young voice that will enthrall millions through the newly launched Indian Idol Junior. The competition would be judged by music director duo Vishal Shekhar and singing sensation Shreya Ghoshal**



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**Kripi interacts with Vishal Dadlani**



**I was very happy to learn that I would be part of the media contingent that would interview the three Indian Idol judges. It was like a dream come true for me. Thanks GT.**  
**Kripi Badonia, AIS Noida, X**

# Sci-High

We may have never heard of technology that prevents bike theft, but the future is here... Read on to know some more interesting news from the world of science



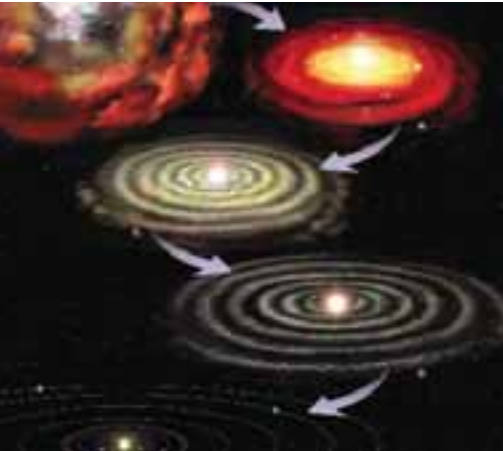
**Samriddhi Prakash, AIS Vasundhara 1, VIII A**

## SpyBike to nab thieves

Despite the fact that over 10,000 cases of vehicle theft are reported alone in Karnataka, the police are now breathing a sigh of relief, all thanks to Tcop-bike security or anti-theft bike immobilizer on the mobile. This new technology comes in four versions, the most advanced one has the ability to send an SMS alert when ignition is on and locate the bike if lost. In case the ignition is turned on, as SMS alert will be sent to the owner’s mobile phone. When the owner realises that it is not him who started the bike, he can send an SMS back to the equipment attached to the bike seat and the ignition will be disabled. Not just this, one can also identify the bike location.

## Planet X- A new addition in the solar system?

Astronomers have found evidence that suggests a planet four times the size of Earth may be skirting the edges of the solar system beyond Pluto. The planet, which is too distant to be easily spotted by earth-based telescopes, could be gravitationally tugging on small icy objects past Neptune, helping explain the mystery of those objects’ having peculiar orbits, the scientists said. The claim has been made by Rodney Gomes, a noted astronomer at the national observatory of Brazil in Rio de Janeiro. He presented his computer models that suggest the existence of a distant planet at a meeting of the American Astronomical society in Timberland Lodge recently. Other astronomers have found Gomes’ arguments compelling, but said much more evidence is needed before the hypothetical planet can be said as real.



## Zinc- the new wonder drug

Zinc supplements work wonders for children suffering from serious bacterial infections. The first study to assess the efficiency of zinc given in addition to standard antibiotic therapy for suspected serious bacterial infections such as pneumonia, sepsis, and meningitis has found that children who were given zinc were 40% less likely to experience treatment failure than those given placebo.

## A lamp that runs on human blood

An American designer, Mike Thompson has come up with an eerie lamp which exudes a blue glow when powered by human blood. To set the lamp aglow, one needs to break the top off, use the jagged glass to cut yourself and pour the blood where it reacts with the chemicals. According to Thompson, as the bulb is meant for only one time use, it’s an attempt to ‘make us think twice’ about our disposable society. He said an average American uses 3383kwh of energy per year, which is same as leaving the light on in 4 rooms for 12 months. [GT](#)



## GT Travels to Jallianwalan Bagh



**Tushar Singh, AIS Pushp Vihar, VI B proudly shows off The Global Times at Jallianwalan Bagh, Amritsar. The Jallianwalan Bagh holds a very important place in Indian history as thousands of peaceful protesters were brutally massacred by General Dyer here in the year 1919. [GT](#)**

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