

Status of the week

"Youth Power would not have been the same without all of you. Thank you for working so hard and putting up a brilliant show. Congratulations to all the 8 teams. I am proud of all of you. Thank you for making the event a success."

Vira Sharma, Managing Editor
The Global Times

..And the journey with Youth Power ended here.. It couldn't have ended on a better note! What a day! What competition! What performances! Hats off to all the performers who, for the first time in my life made me feel happy about losing! I will miss Youth Power so much... It has given me so much to learn! Till today I hadn't realized Youth Power was so much a part of my life. Thanks to everybody who has made this journey so beautiful!

Simran Sachdeva, AIS PV
II Runner up

It has been an honour. Youth Power will leave a huge void in my life. Thank you so very much.

Vathul BS, AIS Gur 46, YP finalist

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Farewell implies

a) We depart

b) Until we meet again

c) Fare well in life

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POLL RESULT
for GT issue April 23, 2012

Have you ever given or taken bribe?

Results as on April 28, 2012

CHIT CHAT

Youth Power would have been incomplete without its fair share of chit chat, or more specifically, washroom chit chat. The washroom proved to be a rather major hotspot for performers and contestants alike, as the moment you entered in there, you were bombarded with the chaotic conversations of a variety of assorted Amitians, some there to vent, some to dab their faces with too much of make-up, and some (Read Labanya Maitra, AIS Saket) singing ‘Oo La La’ to get over the nervousness. Contestants expressing their nervousness, tying and retying their hair all over again, multiple times, was a sight to behold. Practicing the speech in the washroom, friends dropping by to meet and greet, providing encouragement, moral support, promises of cheering the loudest and what not...And yes, this is a crammed 14”X15” space we’re talking about.

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POWER TO US Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan & the jury members with the finalist teams

“I am extremely happy and proud to see my young students work so hard towards making the world a better place.”

Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan

The year long program that aims to nurture youth leaders culminated amidst much fanfare. Snigdha Shahi, XI, AIS Noida brings you glimpses of the big day

THE BASICS

What: Grand Finale of Youth Power 2011-2012.
Where: F 2 Auditorium, Amity University, Sector 125, Noida
When: Monday, April 23, 2012

THE GLITTERATI

The event saw the who’s who of Amity fraternity in full attendance.

Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools
Ammaji, Chairperson’s mother
Ms Pooja Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amity Humanity Foundation
Ms Divya Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity School of Fashion Technology & Amity School of Fine Arts
Mrs Mohina Dar, Senior Consultant, Amity Group of Schools
Ms Renu Singh, Principal, AIS Noida
Dr Rekha Ranade, Principal, AIS Saket
Ms Ameeta Mohan, Principal, AIS PV
Ms Anuradha Handa, Principal, AIS Gur 46
Ms Sandhya Awasthi, Principal, AIS Gur 43
Ms V Balachandran, Principal, AIS Vas 1
Ms Parul Tyagi, Vice Principal, AIS Vas 6
Ms Mona Rastogi, Vice Principal, AIS MV
Lon W Daniel, Principal, Amity Global Schools

THE NOT SO USUAL AFFAIR

All teams had to showcase an original 1 minute movie on their respective topics, after which came the PPT. This was followed by a creative performance (read jingle, mime, shadow puppetry, dance etc). And then the Q&A session, where the judges grilled the contestants.

“All the contestants have considered it a lot more significant than a mere competition. They have taken it as a platform to bring about social reform, which is the best thing that has come out of the complete event.”

Gerard Van Der Weijden, Consultant
World Association of Newspapers

A CLEAN SWEEP Team AIS Noida with School Principal Ms Renu Singh & mentor teacher Ms Praveen Ravindaran

Winner Youth Power 2011-12 AIS Noida

YOUTH POWER Causes

AIS NOIDA Save the tiger

AIS MAYUR VIHAR Segregation of garbage

AIS PUSHP VIHAR Anti Human trafficking

AIS SAKET Empowerment of the girl child

AIS GURGAON 43 Upliftment of the unorganised sector

AIS GURGAON 46 Nurturing the talent of the underprivileged

AIS VASUNDHARA 6 Stop cyber crime

AIS VASUNDHARA 1 Education for all

Before 12:00 noon

“It’s more of an opportunity to spread awareness and less of a competition. Even if there was no competition, my effort would be the same.”

Bhuvan Ravindran, AIS Noida, YP finalist

“Excited, because this is it. This is where everything culminates. This is what defines us. Just waiting.”

Kashish Minocha, AIS Saket, YP finalist

“We hope to win a hattrick. Excited and nervous, but all cheers for Pushp Vihar!”

Simran Sachdeva, AIS PV, YP finalist

After 12:00 noon

“Youth Power is more than a competition. Though, I am glad we get to take the trophy home. It’s a great win not just for us but the tigers.”

Bhuvan Ravindaran, YP Winner

“I am so happy. I feel on cloud nine. All the hard work did meet a nice end. Cheers AIS Saket!”

Kashish Minocha, AIS Saket, I Runner up

“What a day! We did not win but I am sure PV will score a hattrick next time.”

Simran Sachdeva, AIS PV, II Runner up

AND THE AWARD GOES TO...

Youth Envoys 2011-12 (Winner): AIS Noida

I Runner up: AIS Saket

II Runner up: AIS Pushp Vihar

Best Research Strategy: AIS Pushp Vihar

Best Awareness Campaign: AIS Gurgaon 46

Best Fund Generation Model: AIS Saket

Best Awareness Film: AIS Vasundhara 6

Best Creative Communication: AIS Noida

Best Mentor Teacher: Sudhi Bhatia, AIS Vas 6

Highlights

■ AIS Noida’s team deviated from conventional dance and music to present a delightful shadow puppetry show by the tiny tots receiving a standing ovation. That was truly an awww*pun intended*some moment.

■ AIS MV’s cute mime was a hit, and what we’d call, “Eminem meets Strawberry Shortcake.”

■ AIS Vas 6’s movie on cyber crime did manage to catch the attention of all, largely due to threatening captions and dramatic music.

■ ‘Amity has a bunch of diplomatic principals’ was the verdict of the day. When all principals were asked which school they were supporting, every answer turned out to be more diplomatic and vaguer than the previous one. Look out MUNers, these principals may just blast you into teeny tiny shreds and bag the Best Delegate awards at the next AIMUN!

JURY BY(I)TES

“I’m going back inspired. If we’ve such committed young leaders working for the society, the future will surely be bright.”

Seema Gupta, Vice President
Smartmatic Corporation

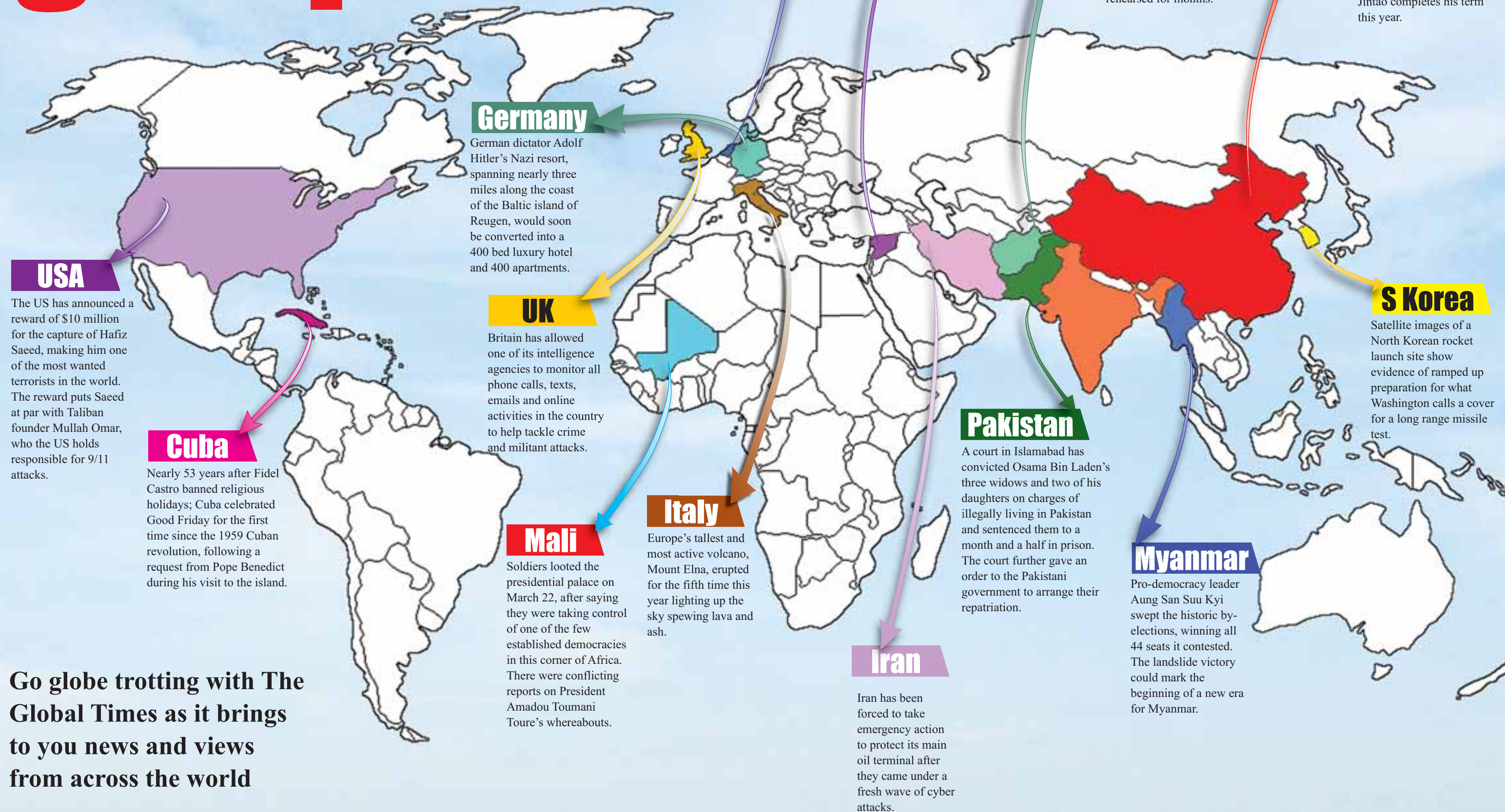
“It was great judging such a passionate lot of students. There was so much to learn from all the young contestants in fray.”

Rati Mishra, Fundraising
Advisor, 365X6

“I am bowled over by the zeal and passion exhibited by each contestant here. Youth Power is a great platform that will help the students in their future ahead.”

Nikhil Naaz, Cricket Editor
& Sports Presenter, NDTV

World at a glimpse



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Thank you so much for giving us this chance to show ourselves to the world.
Kaveri Modayil, AIS Pushp Vihar, II Runner up





We didn't win, neither did we lose. We got so much that could last us for a lifetime!
Pallavi Vemuganti, AIS Gur 43, YP Finalist

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Learning Curve

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Celebrating Dickens

Sir Charles Dickens is revered for his great contribution to the world of classic English literature. Amity University reminisced the great author by paying a tribute on his bicentenary birth anniversary

Sumitra Singh, Faculty, Amity Instt of Corporate Communication

What: National seminar on Charles Dickens' birthday

When: April 4, 2012

Organisers: Amity Institute of Corporate Communication; Amity Institute of English Studies & Research

Where: Amity University, Noida

Erudite speakers: Dr PK Jain, Rohilkhand University; Prof Badri Raina, Delhi University; Dr Vikas Sharma & Dr DC Mittal, CETA; Shilpa Aggarwal, Pulse of Markets



Dignitaries release the souvenir with Dr Balvinder Shukla



Prof Badri Raina shares his views

Dr. Jain, in his inaugural address, discussed the economic and social aspects of socially relevant realism in Dickens' literary corpus. Prof. Badri Raina began his keynote address by introducing his book on Charles Dickens, titled, "Dickens & the Dialect of Growth". Dr D C Mittal, Founder President, CETA expressed his gratitude to Amity University for providing CETA a common platform for an intellectual interaction between the two institutions.

The seminar was later divided into four business sessions, chaired by Dr Chandra Mohan; Dr Dhanajay Singh of Centre of English Studies, JNU and Dr. Prabhakar Palaka, English Department, Swami Shradhanand College.

The style, humour, realism and the symbolism dominant in Dickens' novels and fiction were highlighted during these sessions. The vote of thanks was extended by Dr. Shuchi Agarwal, Assistant Professor, AIESR.

To celebrate the bicentenary birth anniversary of the renowned author of the Victorian period - Charles Dickens, Amity Institute of English Studies & Research (AIESR) and Amity Institute of Corporate Communication (AICC), in association with College English Teachers Association (CETA), CCS University, Meerut, organised a one day national seminar on "Dickens Beyond the Ages" on April 4, 2012 at Amity University.

The seminar, attended by over 150 par-

ticipants, including delegates, research scholars and students; was inaugurated by Dr P K Jain, Former Dean, Faculty of Arts, Rohilkhand University, Bareilly; Prof. Badri Raina, Department of English, Delhi University; Prof (Dr) Chandra Mohan, Delhi University and Member, Department Research Committee, AUUP; Dr. Vikas Sharma, DAV PG College & Secretary, CETA; Dr. D.C. Mittal, Founder President, CETA; Ms Shilpa Aggarwal, Editor-in-chief,

Pulse of Markets; Dr Balvinder Shukla, Pro Vice Chancellor (Academics), Amity University; H A Arfi, IAS (Retd.), Director, Amity Institute of English Studies & Research and Amity Institute of Corporate Communication.

In his welcome address, H A Arfi highlighted the symbolism in Dickens' works and referred to him as a social reformer. Dr Balvinder Shukla released a souvenir, which was specially published for the occasion.

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Brainleaks

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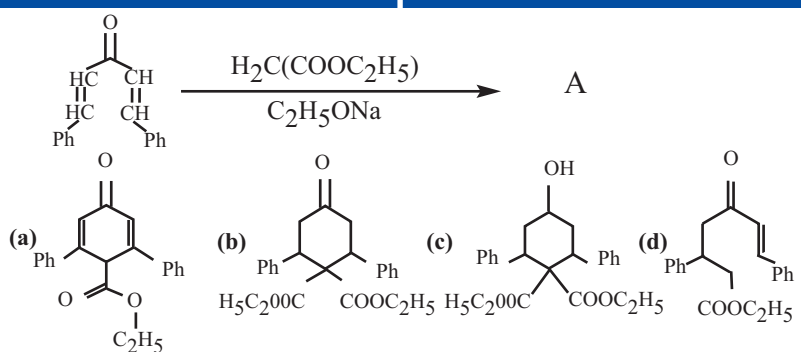
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Amit Kumar, XI-C, AIS Gurgaon -46



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Taruna Barthwal, ACCGC, Career Counseling Resource Coordinator



SWITCHING off to a greener tomorrow

The unique energy management programme initiated by AIS Vasundhara 1 is a novel example for others to replicate

Shubham Chakrvarthy
AIS Vas 1, Teacher

With the conventional sources of energy fast running out and the world staring at partial energy blackout in the next 50 years, the green soldiers at Amity International School, Vasundhara 1 have taken up the mantle to conserve energy. With an ardent belief in the philosophy "Energy saved is energy produced", the students kicked off Energy Awareness week celebrations from April 9, 2012. The students of each class were divided into small groups and given the responsibility of switching off the electrical appliances

in their allocated zones for at least half an hour. The drive was an instant success as the entire school plunged into a self imposed electrical moratorium for an hour. The exercise helped the students to calculate how much energy they were able to save by taking this small step. It also enabled them to estimate how much energy could be saved if a similar

module was followed in other schools too. The innovative ideas shared by the students to reduce consumption of electricity during the poster making competition were appreciated by one and all. The students also held a road show to spread the message amongst the masses. They were able to draw the attention of all and sundry by carrying brightly coloured posters and ban-

ners bearing the message of energy conservation. It was a small step from their end to save energy and hence save the earth. The students pledged to come up with innovative solutions to the raging problem of energy shortage during the annual science competition 'Vasudha'. They took a vow to conduct an energy audit in their school shortly and devise ways to switch over to greener sources of energy, which would serve as a model for the society to replicate.



Volunteers of AIS Vasundhara 1 spreading the green message

Certificate for the energy saviours



Fun Facts

- Fleas can jump 130 times higher than their own height. In terms of humans, this is equal to a 6ft. person jumping 780 ft. into the air.
- The smallest bone in the human body is the stapes or stirrup bone located in the middle ear. It is approximately 3 mm or 1/8 of an inch long. Too small?
- The longest cells in the human body are the motor neurons. They can be up to 4.5 feet long and run from the lower spinal cord to the big toe.
- The human eye blinks an average of 4,200,000 times a year.
- It takes approximately 12 hours for food to digest completely.
- Human jaw muscles can generate a force of 200 pounds (90.8 kilograms) on the molars.
- 40 to 50 percent of body heat can be lost through the head as a result of its extensive circulatory network.
- The longest living cells in the body are brain cells which can live an entire lifetime.
- The highest temperature produced in a laboratory was 920,000,000 F (511,000,000 C) at the Tokamak Fusion Test Reactor in Princeton, NJ, USA.
- The fastest computer in the world is the CRAY Y-MP C90 supercomputer. It has two gigabytes of central memory.
- The heaviest human brain ever recorded weighed 5 lb. 1.1 oz. (2.3 kg).

Sports

Howzatt!?!

Kapil *pajji* ka jawab nahin!

Star cricketer and avid golfer Kapil Dev in a candid interview talks about his love for the game and much more...

Smita Jain, GT Network

Tell us about your childhood days. Did you always want to take up cricket?

My love affair with the game began when I was very young. My parents never wanted me to take up cricket as a profession. I decided to go against their wishes because I knew that I could be successful in life only if I followed my heart. Initially, I played in the domestic circuit and made my first international test debut against Pakistan in 1978.

You are regarded as one of the greatest all rounders of your time. How challenging was it to maintain that title?

Representing the country is an honour in itself. My heart swelled with pride

every time I descended on the ground to take on the opposition. Nicknamed as 'Haryana Hurricane', I lead the pace attack for India. Though, I enjoyed the reputation of being India's main strike bowler throughout my career. I bailed the team out of difficult and murky situations many a times with my striking and hooking abilities.

It has been a long journey for India from 1983 to 2011. How far has the team come?

The team has come a long way since 1983. I still cherish those golden moments when I steered India to its first ever world cup victory. And when the Indian team repeated this historic feat after 28 years my joy knew no bounds. I had tears welling up in my eyes. It feels great to see the beautiful camaraderie that the team now shares. They don't buckle under pressure and are always geared to take on the opposition.

It was almost miraculous how you



Legends share lessons in cricket at Sports Day, AIS Noida

could hit the ball as brilliantly as you could swing it. What did you enjoy more, batting or bowling?

Players have to put to use all their skills to ensure that they hurl in a resounding victory. It is not only important for the bat to do all the talking, it is equally important to restrict the opposition to a paltry score. Cricket is not about batting and bowling alone; fielding plays a very vital role in the game too. I enjoyed batting and bowling both.

What has been the most memorable moment of your career?

Every game that I have played for India can be termed memorable. But yes, win-

ning the 1983 ICC World Cup has been the most proud moment of my career.

What do you have to say about the commercialization of the game?

In today's world when everything has become commercialized, it would not be fair to single out cricket. It is good to see players getting their due after so many years, which is well deserved.

What would be your message to cricket aspirants in Amity?

It is quintessential to be passionate about your goals. One has to be ready to put in their blood and sweat to achieve the goals and objectives set by them.

Cricket Demi God: Kapil Dev



Thanks a ton for giving us this opportunity. Deeply indebted to the entire GT team.
Bhuvan Ravindaran, AIS Noida, YP winner

The bribe tribe, ARE YOU?

Namrata Gulati, GT Network

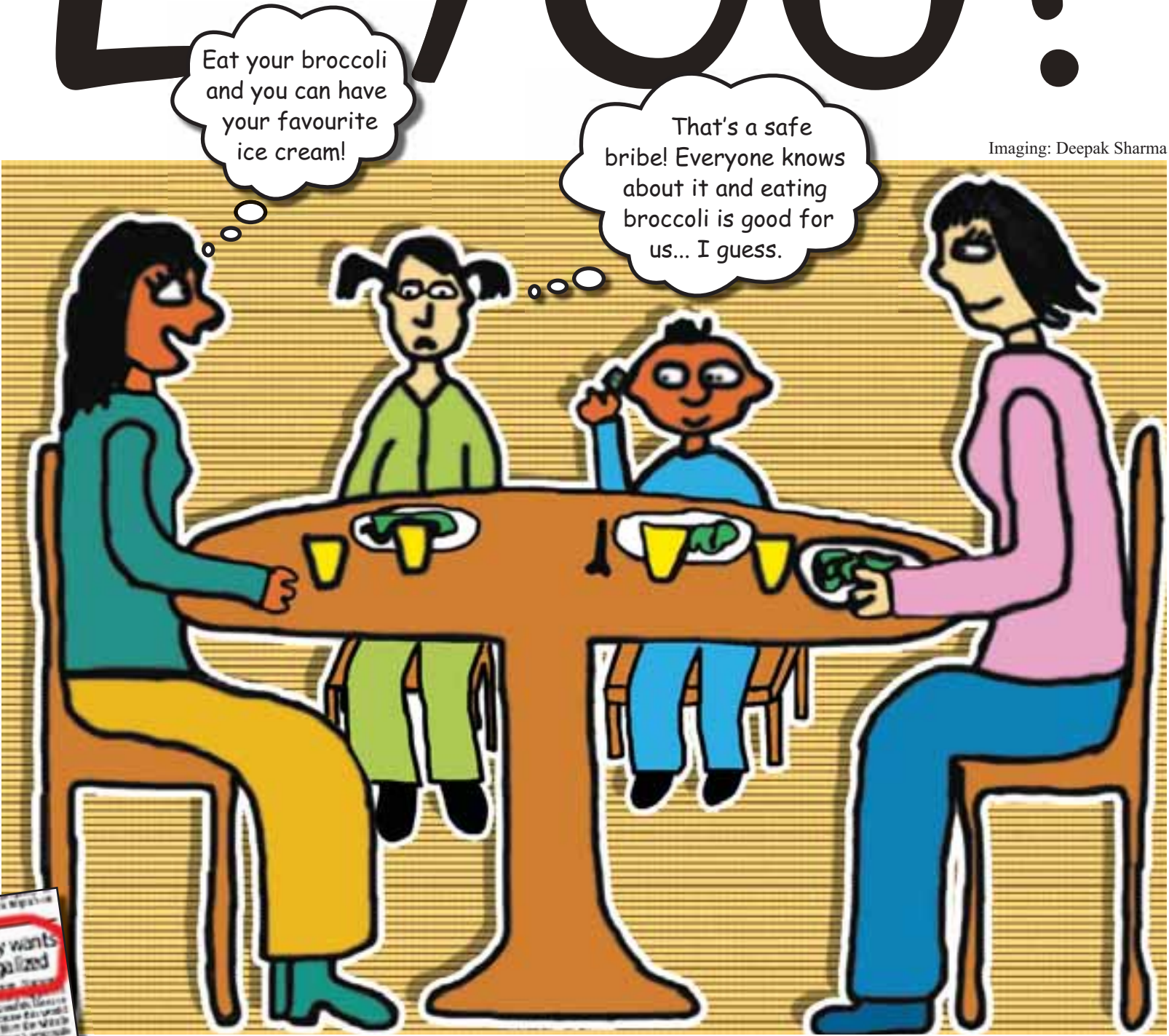
The Tatra bribe row has certainly flung a Pandora’s box at all of us. But just in case you’re blaming the high and mighty for widespread corruption, watch out for you could be guilty too, albeit in your own little ways

Bribe, what really is it?
Bribing has got tongues wagging, but how does one define it? Different people explain it differently, Nisha Ilyas, Faculty, Amity International Business School, shares a valid point to define the corrupt practice, “Bribe is when you do someone an undue favour so that the one who accepts it performs his own duty.”
“Bribe is when an individual tries to achieve selfish motives by offering cash (or kind) and deviates from law in the process. The bribe acceptor, on the other hand, accepts it without guilt for his own personal gain,” Geetika Kalra, Amity School of Communication, sums up the meaning of bribe.

Legalise bribe, should we?
The idea of legalizing bribe in India germinated

Bribe worldwide

- The Bribe Payers Index measures the perceived likelihood of companies to pay bribes outside their own country.
- In a 2011 survey, 40% of companies said they’d lost business to a bribing competitor. The survey revealed that the return on investment for bribes made in the US was \$14 per dollar, higher than the international average of \$11.
- A former reporter on the News of the World newspaper said that he lost his job as crime correspondent because he refused to bribe police officers.
- As per the Bribe Payers Index 2011, Netherlands and Switzerland were ranked a joint first as the nations that engaged in the least acts of bribery.



Imaging: Deepak Sharma



cial Sciences, canvasses the practice of bribing, “Bribing is omnipresent and masquerades in various forms, say, during festivities when gifts are exchanged. The exchange is done in a form which is socially acceptable. In an organization, for instance, a junior may present a gift to his or her senior expecting support in difficult times. There may be a mutual understanding of this kind when equals exchange gifts. A more polished and refined term for it is networking.”
“The root of bribing, however, could be attributed to expectation, which is somewhere ingrained in each one of us, right from our childhood days. You could even say that the first, although mild step towards bribing happens at home, between parents and children. Parents feel relieved when they promise something to their offspring in return for doing homework or eating food. The child, in turn, expects a reward for good behaviour, which is yet again expected from parents,” he adds.

Bribe vs motivation

There is a fine line of distinction between bribe and positive reinforcement, which aims at strengthening positive behaviour through motivation. “I worked hard during exams to own a car that my parents promised to buy me if I scored well. I would term it positive reinforcement.” Rajan Jain, employee, Amity University, points out. Often, the tiny tots too may be encouraged through motivators, which may be presented to them after they show results, in contrast with bribe, when the ‘motivators’ are paid before the desired result is produced. “We sometimes reward our little students

Factors to not call it bribe

- “It’s a motivational factor, an incentive.”
- “It’s a relationship building exercise.”
- “He or she is my good friend!”
- “We’re both reaping benefits.”

Alibis to justify bribe

- “Everyone does it!”
- “There was no way out!”
- “That’s how things work faster!”

Common bribes

- Violation of traffic rules
- Clearance of driving license & passport
- Land & housing

with golden stars and silver stars, so they may give us good work in exchange for it. But of course, that does not qualify as bribe, since it’s an incentive we’re giving them,” explains Aditi, a teacher at the primary wing of AIS Noida.
On the other hand, bribing comes to the rescue during sticky situations. Vignesh J, Amity School of Communication, admits emphatically, “I offered Rs 100 to the traffic police once. Yes, it was a bribe and I did feel guilty later.” Rachit Sachdeva, ASET, jumps at the use of the taboo word, “There may be a ‘friendly pact’ among classmates to trade, say, an assignment for a chocolate. That’s not bribe!”
“I have paid bribe twice to get my work done in Government establishments,” confesses an honest Anuvrat Parashar of ASET.🇮🇳

A social gesture

Prashant Chauhan, Faculty, Amity Institute of So-

YP is truly a great initiative. It is a platform where you can do something for the society. I could not clear the interview for Youth Power this year but I am surely going to make it next time.”

Sowmya Ramgopal, X A, AIS Saket



Power of Youth

“Young people should be at the forefront of global change and innovation. Empowered, they can be key agents for development and peace. If, however, they are left on society’s margins, all of us will be impoverished. Let us ensure that all young people have every opportunity to participate fully in the lives of their societies.”

- Kofi Annan



Dr. Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

The girl child and the trafficking victims...the underprivileged and the illiterate...the tiger crusaders and the cyber activists...all came together on one platform: Youth Power. Eight causes...multitude of voices; epitomizing my ever strong faith that, if youth comes together... it can move mountains. What is life if it is not useful for others around? And what better time to realize this than in youth? The young are reservoirs of strength and energy, and only if that energy is given constructive direction can we hope to make the world a better place. Through our humble endeavours at Amity, I hope my children understand the importance of becoming valuable citizens of the country. We make every possible effort to provide opportunities where youngsters can be sensitized, so that they are able to take on the task of nation building in the future. As Franklin D Roosevelt once said, “We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.” The youth is the pride of today and the hope of tomorrow. The Youth Power journey did not end with the grand finale; in fact, it has unleashed an energy fireball which promises to spread like wildfire. It is not the end; just the beginning...the beginning of self realization which is sure to turn into a mass movement. [G T](#)

We are the world



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

The search for Youth Envoy 2011-12 is finally over. Amidst fanfare, excitement, madness, hard work and the desire to make a difference...the youth leader who can propel the quest for change further, was chosen. Though AIS Noida won Youth Power, the competition saw eight winners instead of one. Each of the teams brought a new level of enthusiasm and compassion to the table, each superseding the other. Passion became a trademark of the teams, as they spoke about the causes they so dearly worked for through the year. The teams won acclaim, applause and above all hearts of everyone present. The auditorium reverberated with a youthful zeal never seen before, the air tingling with euphoria. The epiphany came as the teams touched upon eight social challenges that plague the modern world. The zest of the contestants shook up the audience, squeezing them out of the comfortable worlds they live in. Shocking statistics, unearthing facts and the desire to change them steered the day towards exhilaration. While Youth Power 2011-12 is over, the end has embarked a new beginning. Our young leaders are on their way out to be the change and bring change. Here’s hoping that Youth Power 2012-13 will be bigger, better and accelerate the process of making the world a better place. [G T](#)

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Spirituality for Success

Spirituality is not just about enlightening souls or attaining salvation. Take the spiritual path as it aids you in various facets of your everyday life

Prof (Col) Kaiser Singh, ASET

Man comes into the world empty handed and departs to his grave without any material possessions. In the course of his life, he has to clear all his debts to gain salvation. Man encounters plenty of hindrances on the salvation path due to the influence of enemies of the soul like greed, anger, lust, egos and selfishness. However, concentrated prayers integrated with good deeds can free us from these vices, enlightening our sixth sense to help us wade through hurdles and achieve success. A *shloka* in Guru Granth Sahib says, “*Nanak Dhukhia Sab Sansar, So Sukhia Jis Naam Adhaar.*” This means, every human being is passing through problems, except those who got the blessings of the Almighty by chanting his *shlokas*. It is the gospel truth that a person who walks on the righteous path is bestowed with God’s blessings which help him to overcome obstacles easily. Guru Granth Sahib says, “*Kaam Karoth Nagar Bho Bharia, Mil Sadhu Khandal Khandha Hae.*” It means our



soul is saturated with lust and anger and can only be purged through the blessings of God. Thus, we should guide our children to read the holy scriptures since everything written in them is the only truth. Different stages of life need different orientations of energy. If our inner energy is diverted in the wrong direction, our efforts will go futile. Just as the

aura of an unborn baby is influenced by prayers recited by the mother; children get influenced with what they see around them. With spirituality, teenagers will be able to orient their energy towards education without indulging in vices like smoking, alcohol, drugs etc. One should always remember that old age can be sailed through happily only if we have troubled none,

balanced all debts of the past and present, completed our responsibilities and earned His blessings.

Eyes are the reflection of a human being’s persona. One can see an individual’s personality in the eyes. HR gurus know this and make up their mind even before talking to the candidate. Prayers change the aura of a person, improving mental peace, intelligence and overall personality. Corporates are looking for these traits in a promising candidate.

The success we achieve in our lifetime depends on what we brought along and what we added in our present life. Nothing is hidden from the Almighty as he awards different points to people as per their deeds. When every human being understands this gospel truth, bad deeds would get eliminated and each one would work towards a better tomorrow.

Single minded prayers iron out obstacles to have a smooth sailing life, cherished by happiness and success, which is everyone’s dream. [G T](#)

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Is our future safe with youth?

It’s time to dig deep within and ask ourselves: if the youth of the country is not responsible today, can it promise a worthwhile future for the nation tomorrow?

Simran Ranga, ASCO

It is widely believed that the youth of a country lays the foundation of its development. Youth epitomizes a treasure of untapped potential, which, if used optimally, can transform any complex situation into a success story.

Any action taken by the youth has certain implications which directly or indirectly affect the nation’s progress. India, being at the juncture of a mass revolution of uprooting corruption, is in the limelight all across the world. But the question one needs to ask oneself, is whether corruption is the only vital issue hampering our country’s progress? There lay numerous crucial issues which must be considered like eve teasing, ragging, sexual abuse, irresponsible citizen behaviour and the list is endless.

It has been observed that the youth takes an easy escape out of every such

situation plaguing the country. They are prone to docile behaviour, rather than standing for the cause. How many of us take a firm step when a girl becomes a victim of eve teasing or when any of our friend or kith and kin becomes the victim of sexual abuse? Perhaps, very few. Anna Hazare, the crusader for Lokpal Bill, has created a revolution but how many of us truly support the cause or are even well versed with it? A very petite group. Majority of us are just a mass of spectators wishing to fill our wearisome lives with some form of excitement. If we bribe officials for our own selfish motives and take active part in uncivil acts, and then revolutionise against the same, the hypocrisy is unpardonable. Instead of blindly following the herd, we need to dig deep within ourselves and ask the most pertinent question for our nation’s future: to what extent is it justified that the youth is the future of a country? [G T](#)



Pearls of Wisdom

Fountain of Youth

The duty of youth is to challenge corruption.

Kurt Cobain

Passion rebuilds the world for the youth. It makes all things alive and significant.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Good habits formed at youth make all the difference.

Aristotle

The youth gets together his materials to build a bridge to the moon, or, perchance, a palace or temple on the earth, and, at length,

the middle-aged man concludes to build a woodshed with them.

Henry David Thoreau

After all, life hasn’t much to offer except youth, and I suppose for older people, the love of youth in others.

F. Scott Fitzgerald

Youth has no age.

Pablo Picasso [G T](#)



GT M@il

Dear Editor,

Thank you so very much for having given us the opportunity to participate in Youth Power. Thanks for believing in us right from the beginning, from the time of our selection interview up to the Grand Finale! Your guidance at every step of our way, has meant a lot to us and has made a huge difference to our progress. Because of you, now onwards everyone will have a special corner for the tiger. I’m sure that this will help us to spread the word about our cause far and wide. Thanks a ton once again and a BIG thanks from the tiger’s side as well! Your team rocks! [G T](#)

Bhuvan Ravindran, AIS Noida
Youth Envoy 2011-12



YP is an incredible initiative taken by GT. It helps young minds develop and work towards various causes.

Labanya Maitra, XI, AIS Saket, Performer at YP 2011-12

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Big Story

Daredevils Delight

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Pietersen hits a master stroke

IN GRIP OF

Delhi Daredevils clean bowl Amitians with their charm and wit



With the country already reeling under the IPL fever, temperatures soared higher when seasoned cricketers like Kevin Pietersen, Aaron Finch, Unmukt Chand and Manpreet Juneja from Team Delhi Daredevils paid a visit on April 26, 2012 to Amity University, Noida the official partner of the IPL Delhi team. Amitians were in for a surprise when they learnt that Pietersen and his teammates would be

amidst them to share cricketing lessons. The day began with a rigorous training session specially arranged for the budding cricketers of Amity. He swept the spectators off their feet with his hard hitting shots. The cricketers did not disappoint the audience as they happily answered the googly of questions posed by the cricket enthusiasts. At times, the players who were caught on the front foot seemed ducking for cover. However, their straight drive (replies) had the audience in splits. The session drew to a close with the Daredevils thanking Delhiites for their support.



Players with GT reporters (L-R) Abhay, Ojaswini, Sanjana & Hariaditya

All pics by: Lakshya Manwani, ASCO



Manpreet Juneja

Young, raring to go!

How does it feel to be at Amity?

It feels great to be seated among young cricket enthusiasts like you. It reminds me of my college and school days when we used to feel smitten and excited during the visit by star cricketers.

Has IPL gained or lost its sheen over the years?

The IPL season 4 was pretty low as we were still in the grip of World Cup victory. But this year, it has regained its lost sheen and glory. It is in its best form all over again.

How do you see the game evolving

in future?

I think it is the most entertaining format of cricket. The T-20 format of the game has a bright future.

Which player would you like to include in your squad?

I don't think we need anyone, we are good enough.



'Swinging' in joy with Pietersen

On the sunny afternoon, cricketer Kevin Pietersen swung the bat with the cricketers of Amity International School Noida, and coached the eager learners with enthusiasm. Take a sneak peek into the highlights of the day.

What did Pietersen share with the team?

"Maintain a cool temperament, even in difficult situations. Do not give in to pressure; play a natural game. If it's your day, you will win."

How was the fortunate bunch's experience?

Subhav Gupta, X H "I am a batsman and Kevin enlightened me on batting techniques."

Parth, X C "He played with my bat! He raised my bat thrice to autograph it, but it couldn't happen!"

Akash Chauhan, XI "Who could have imagined I would catch out a world class cricketer!"

Yash Berry, X E "I am stumped that I stumped him!"

What does the proud coach feel about the extraordinary rendezvous?

Tarvinder Singh, Cricket coach, AIS Noida "The inspirational words by Kevin were a great motivation for our budding cricketers."

'Bowled over' by Kevin moment:

Parth, X C, AIS Noida "Whether bowled, or stumped, the crowd was still cheering for him!"

Kevin Pietersen in a candid interview with GT reporters talks about the gentleman's game, IPL, Daredevil's glory and more...



'Knocked' out by The Global Times

Hitting the right pitch

How special was it to win against Deccan Chargers?

It felt great to register a nail biting win against them. It was a special day for me as I scored my maiden century on the day and also won the Man of the Match title.

Which team do you see as your toughest challenger?

There are so many teams in the fray. Every team is dangerous as each possesses versatile players who can be match winners. The game is very unpredictable so it is difficult to pick one favourite.

Do you think that IPL is a perfect platform for budding cricketers to make their debut?

IPL proves to be a perfect training ground for budding cricketers as it gives them an opportunity to play with experienced cricketers and senior professionals.

IPL, over the years, has seen many players switching teams. Does it affect the game in any way?

Switching teams does not deter the winning spirit or affect the game. It does not matter which team you are representing; it is important to know only one thing - that you play to win wherever you are.

Who is your inspiration?

I am my own person. I have not imitated anybody's playing style as I believe in individuality. I have grown up watching players like Jonty Rhodes, Hansie Cronje, Alan Donald and Australian skipper Mark Waugh play.

What are the factors that bind you to IPL?

We share the dressing room with so many renowned

foreign players that we end up becoming good friends instead of rivals. The camaraderie that we share there is beyond anyone's comprehension. I am especially close to Rahul Dravid- The Great Wall. It feels really great to have friends throughout the world.

How does it feel to play against Tendulkar?

Sachin Tendulkar is a magnificent player and one of the greatest players I had the privilege to play against. He is truly the God of Indian cricket.

How different is it to perform in front of your home crowd at Lords as compared to when you play at Ferozshah Kotla in Delhi?

The crowd at Lords is traditional, very English and knowledgeable. Here in India, and especially in Ferozshah Kotla, the crowd is very intense. The way they cheer the team is simply amazing. I am completely bowled over by the noise, euphoria, volume and respect the spectators give to the cricketers. It gives you the much needed motivation and inspiration to keep the winning streak alive.

You have played with both Dravid in Royal Challengers Bangalore and with Sehwag in Delhi. Who do you like more?

I am in awe of both Rahul Dravid and Virender Sehwag. They are both excellent captains and know how to keep the team together even in trying times. I consider myself lucky to have played under them.

Compiled by Sanjana Garg, XII; Ojaswini Singh, Hariaditya & Abhay M, X, AIS Noida

Smitten & Stumped



Unmukt Chand

"I am yet to make my place in the Indian squad. My role is to support the senior cricketers. I play the role of an anchor. Cricket is pretty much about instincts, and I go by them. I don't try and dominate the game I just act as an anchor for my seniors and don't try to dominate the game."



Aaron Finch

"I have grasped a little bit of Hindi staying in the company of my Indian friends and team mates. They have taught me some basic words such as 'theekh hai', 'chalo- chalo'. I am thankful to them for enriching my local vocabulary. I simply love India and its people. The unrelenting support that they offer is simply mind blowing. I look forward to coming here again and learning more of this beautiful language."

Mom, you are more than a parent

Vaishnavi Kanugula, AIS Gur 46

Dear Mom,
What's a birthday?
A birthday is the only day in one's life when a mom smiles while her baby is crying! It's difficult to find you smiling mom when I am in trouble. I still remember those days when you did not even take a second to start your car and rush me to the doctor just seeing me cough or sneeze. And I remember big tears rolling down your cheeks when you saw my little thumb in bandage! There were lots of ups and downs in our life. Some made you really weak but could not break you. You encouraged me in every sticky situation, no matter what. Mom you are not only my friend, philosopher and guide, you are my guiding light guiding me through thick and thin. You were and still are the first one to know and share my happiness. I even remember those "hard days" when you encouraged me to study late till night and wake up early in the morning. Your happiness and my sorrow are inversely proportional. You have always worked hard to double my happiness and halve my sorrows.



With time in life I have learnt so many things, made friends, understood people, shouldered responsibilities and fixed

It may sound cliché but Mom I would like to thank you for standing by me and believing in me. You are the bestest mom!

tough things. You made me realize the formula of success! I still remember those lines when you said, "Aim for the moon and you are sure to reach the stars!" It's difficult to describe in one word the love and care you showered on me. I am highly indebted to you for all the little things you've done for me. I know it is difficult to ever repay that debt. But I promise mom I am always going to be your loving daughter and want just one thing from you in return- TRUST!! I would never let down the trust and faith bestowed on me. It may sound cliché but Mom I would like to thank you for standing by me and believing in me. I want you to know that you are the bestest mom in the world and I love you more than you can imagine. "Happy Mother's Day!"
Love Vaishnavi

Semolina Cakes



Divya Pundeer
Amity Business School

- INGREDIENTS**
- Semolina 2 cups
 - Curd 1 cup
 - Cumin Seeds 1 tsp
 - Red chilli powder 1tsp
 - Salt to taste
 - Oil 10 ml
 - Green Chillies 10 gms
 - Onion 100 gms
 - Tomatoes 100gms
 - Capsicum 100 gms
 - Coriander leaves 50 gms

METHOD:
For cakes:
■ Mix together semolina and curd to form a batter of medium to thick con-

sistency. Add water if required.
■ Add salt and mix well. Cover the bowl and let it stand for 10-15 mins till batter becomes thick and fluffy.
■ Add few drops of oil on a preheated frying pan. Add cumin seeds and then pour 2 ladle of the batter on the pan, maintaining the round shape. Cover and cook till the bottom side is golden brown in colour and the upper part becomes firm. Then flip over to the other side and cook till the middle portion is raised and corners are crispy.
For filling:
■ Chop onions, capsicum and green chillies and sauté them with few drops of oil. Add salt and red chilli powder. Then make the tomato puree and add to it. Use this as filling between two layers of cakes. Serve hot.

Health is Wealth

Ishani Goomer, AIS MV, X A

"Health is wealth," I was told,
by the young, middle and the old.
But what has come of this wisdom,
when everyone is chasing wealth and kingdom.
Where are the long walks in the open skies,
we only hear peoples cries.
Where the walks in the air that is clean,
they have just become an excuse for ice cream.
An apple a day was supposed to keep the doctor away,
but how, that won't be too good to keep for families happy and gay.
Wonder how, but we have left the nature far behind,
let's try natures way, health to find.
Lets stop junk and lets exercise,
That is the only way my friend to stay healthy, wealthy and wise.

POEM

An angel in the dark

Saumya Varshney, AIS Noida, XI B

There's a good in every bad,
a smile in every sad.
Words in every silent mouth,
seeds of love yet to sprout.
God doesn't differentiate,
boundaries and divides that men create.
Let happiness shine in the darkest hour,
give the weak freedom and power.
Don't call the evil cruel or sly,
he's just lonely ask him why.
A devil cannot end another,
judging each other takes it further.
Every soul has something to say,
some might not speak but if they may.
Hear them out, they're just like you.
See the world from a different view.
There resides an angel in every devil's shack,
You just need to call her back.

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Jokey Pokey

Q: What did the ground say to the earthquake?
A: You crack me up!

Q: Why did the music teacher need a ladder?
A: To reach the high notes.

Q: What's the worst thing you're likely to find in the school cafeteria?
A: The Food!

Q: What kind of plates do they use on Venus?
A: Flying saucers!

Q: What did the pen say to the pencil?
A: So, what's your point!

Q: Why did the kid study in the air-plane?
A: Because it has a million degrees!

A: Because he wanted a higher education!

Q: How did the music teacher get locked in the classroom?
A: His keys were inside the piano!

Q: What object is king of the classroom?
A: The ruler!

Q: When do astro-nauts eat?
A: At launch time!

Q: What did the peanut say to the elephant?
A: Nothing. Peanuts don't talk

Brush 'n' Easel

Astha Gandhi
AIS Noida, XII





The event was very well conceptualized. The best part about YP was that it was a great source of learning for the accompanying students too. Many students came to me post event and expressed their desire to participate.

Shalini Agarwal, Teacher, AIS Gurgaon 43

The tale of little Maria

Wisdom Tales



Tanvi Vijh, AIS Noida, V

Once there was a little girl named Maria. She was twelve years old. She was very beautiful and intelligent. One morning she went for a walk in the forest. She had never been to the forest before and lost her way. After some time she saw a hut. The door was open so she went inside. She saw two beds, a small & big one, two chairs and a table. She was very tired and soon fell

asleep in the hut only. After some time a man and a little girl came inside the hut and were amazed to see a pretty little girl in their home. Suddenly Maria woke up. She told the man that she had lost her way. The man told her that a witch lived in the forest and nobody could leave without her will. The man said that she could get out of there only if she proved to be intelligent enough and solved the witch's puzzle. Maria told him that she would try to

The man told that a witch lives in the forest and nobody can leave without her will.

solve the puzzle and went out of the hut. After some time she reached the same place where she had entered the forest from. Suddenly an ugly witch appeared. She said 'You can get out of here only if you solve my puzzle- Name a thing that is yours, is always with you, has no weight and is always black in colour'. Maria kept thinking. Suddenly she saw her shadow and realized- it was hers, it was always with her, it had no weight and was always black in colour. She immediately replied "My shadow". The witch was defeated and was never seen again. Maria and other people caught in the forest went back to their home. 🇮🇳🇮🇳

So what did you learn today?
Intelligence and presence of mind comes handy in difficult situations

Pink Whiz Cooler



Resham Talwar, AIS Saket, IV A

Ingredients

Strawberry Ice-Cream4 tbsp
Ice-Cream Soda4 Bottles
Strawberry Jelly50 gms

Method

• Keep the ice-cream soda bottles in

the refrigerator to chill for about one or two hours.
• Boil water in a pan and add strawberry jelly. Stir well till the jelly melts.
• Put the jelly in the refrigerator. When set, cut the jelly into small pieces.
• In a tall glass, put a little jelly, a little ice-cream and fill it with chilled soda. Serve chilled. 🇮🇳🇮🇳

Delhi dreams



POEMS

Vaamika Sinha
AIS PV, VI C

My beautiful city of Delhi,
how I wish you were clean and healthy.
Green trees and parks make you a beautiful city,
but so unclean now, that's pity.
Clean drinking water and clean breathing air,
electricity available every where.
All slums vanish from Delhi city,
housing is available for everybody.
Beggar children disappear from the streets,
schools are full and there's plenty to eat.
Jobs for all who need one,
happy times for everyone.
Animals well cared for, I really pray,
no dogs or cows on street going stray.
Our grandparents well looked after,
the joy and love they give sought after.
Pollution of any kind we would frown upon,
no cutting trees or burning leaves allowed.
Traffic on the roads would be nice and smooth,
underground & terrace parking is the rule.
Save Delhi, ban polythenes,
take care of the old monuments.
Plant trees, aim for a smoke free city,
it's every Delhiite's solemn duty.
How I wish my dreams turn to reality. 🇮🇳🇮🇳



My grandmother

Paridhi Rathi
AIS Vas 1, VIII A

My grandmother
Bakes homemade bread

And is very handy
With needle and thread

She lets out hems,
And darns and patches;

Sets the pills up high,

And hides the matches;

Corrects our grammar,
Calls good manners art;

Tells Bible stories
She knows by heart

Grows African violets
In a dozen pots;

Baby -sits us
And likes us lots! 🇮🇳🇮🇳

Brush 'n' Easel

Arshiya Singla
AIS Noida, Nur M



Riddle Fiddle

Charvi Sinha, AIS Saket

1. I go in dry and come out wet, the longer I'm in, the stronger I get. What am I?
2. Say my name and I disappear. What am I?
3. I can be long or I can be short. I can be grown and I can be bought. I can be painted or left bare. I can be round or square. What am I?
4. What lives in the corner but travels the world?
5. What can you hold without ever touching or using your hands?
6. What comes once in a minute, twice in a moment, and never in a thousand years? 🇮🇳🇮🇳

Answer

- 1) Tea bag 2) Silence 3) fingernail 4) postage stamp 5) Your breath. 6) The letter M

It's Me

My Name: Arjun Paul
School : AIS Noida
Class: I M
My Birthday: 14th October
I like: Playing
I hate: Cheating
My hobby: Collecting stickers
My role model: Sachin Tendulkar
My best friend: Apoorv
My favourite book: Nemo
My favourite game: Carrom
My favourite mall: V3S
My favourite food: Pizza
My favourite teacher: Sneh Ma'am
My favourite poem: My family
My favourite subject: Maths
I want to become a: Soldier
I want to feature in GT because: It helps in expressing myself best 🇮🇳🇮🇳



Those early years

90% of a child's brain develops during the first 5 years of his life. Parental involvement with the child in those years is directly related to his development

The early years of a child are distinctive in many ways. The rapid development which occurs in physical, social, emotional and intellectual domains is particularly significant. Development in the first eight years creates an essential foundation for a child's healthy development and learning. Research shows that at birth, a baby's brain has a hundred billion cells. As a baby starts to experience life, connections are made between cells – the more connections there are, the more the brain can do. If the brain is not stimulated from birth, these neurons wither and die, impeding the child's ability to learn and develop prop-

erly. A baby's brain develops so fast that by age two he has the same number of connections as an adult. By age three, a child has twice as many brain connections as an adult. Did you know that 90% of a child's brain develops during the first 5 years of life?

The child learns everything from the environment unconsciously. Dr Montessori calls it the absorbent mind. During this phase of life, the super intelligence memory called Mneme is working in the child (0-6 months) which helps him to absorb and learn everything from the environment spontaneously.

The child's work during this period is to become independent from the adult for his basic human functions. He learns to speak, to walk, to gain control of his hands and to master his bodily functions. Once these basic skills are achieved, he moves into the next phase of the absorbent mind, the period of conscious work or the conscious absorbent mind. His fundamental task during this phase is freedom; the freedom to move purposefully, the freedom to choose and the freedom to concentrate.

Research also shows that parental involvement with a child during these early years is directly related to the child's vocabulary development, reading readiness and eventual academic achievement.

Optimize early years

- Be a role model. Don't worry that your child is not listening to you; worry that he is always watching you.



Play with your child as it is the best way to strengthen your relationship. It also gives a message to your child that you are worth my time.



- Music is instrumental to the development of a complete personality. It not only soothes the child but also helps in language development.
- Encourage your child to explore his world through art activities. Art engages a variety of brain areas that help children learn emotion, cognition and memory.
- Read to your child. Observe a family reading time and set aside a reading corner.
- Give children choices rather than simply directing them. This helps in independent decision making.

Tips for good parenting

Be humble: Your behaviour influences your child's attitude. Every child learns from the environment.

Be empathetic: You can build a good relationship with your child if you understand his point of view and his feelings at every stage of life.

Promote your child's independence: Don't impose your decisions as this may develop a feeling of rebelliousness. Rather, guide him in the right direction, help him take decisions and develop self confidence.

Be involved in your child's life: Take out time to share your daily experiences. In the early years, your presence is far more important than your presents. Respect your child: If you want respect from your child, it's important to respect him. The way you behave with him promotes his behaviour. Make them learn to fight the battles of life while staying humble.  

Poem

A CHILD TO A PARENT



A must read for every parent to know that someone is watching you every day...

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang up my first painting on the refrigerator, and I wanted to paint another one.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you feed a stray cat, and I thought it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favourite cake for me, and I knew that little things are special things.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you say a prayer, and I believed there is a God I could talk to.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared, and I wanted to be everything that I could be.



When you thought I wasn't looking, I felt you kiss me goodnight, and I felt loved.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you take care of our house and everyone in it and I learned we have to take care of what we are given.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw how you handled your responsibilities, even when you didn't feel good and I learned that I have to be responsible when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry. When you thought I wasn't looking,

I learned most of life's lessons that I need to know to be a good and productive person when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I LOOKED... and wanted to say thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking.  

Parenting Workshop

ACERT Workshop held for parents

Topic: Role of parents in creating an enriching environment in the early formative years

Date/Venue: April 21 at Amiown Delhi, Gurgaon and Noida.

Workshop to be held for parents

Topic: 'Read to me mom and dad' with

focus on importance of early language stimulation and exposure, fostering early reading habits in children and all about the art of storytelling.

Date/Venue: May 5, 2012 at Amiown N Delhi, Gurgaon and Noida.

Registration Open: To know more about the workshop and be a part of it please contact the respective centres.

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Gurgaon: 124-4289400-02, 99-711-33582; gurgaon@amiown.amity.edu





The event was a complete eye opener. Even though my daughter did not win, she has surely learnt a lot. I am so happy to be a part of something so great.

Rachna Chawla, Mother of Dhwanii Chawla, AIS MV, YP Contestant



Amity students according a traditional welcome to the visiting German delegates

With love from Germany

The visit by German delegation to AIS Pushp Vihar set the stage for long term friendship and cultural exchange

AIS Pushp Vihar

Amity International School Pushp Vihar played host to a three member delegation from Gymnasium Schlos Nehaus Paderbon during April 10-14, 2012. The visit organized by Amity Education and Resource Centre (AERC) was aimed at inculcating the global spirit in every Amitian. The German delegation was headed by Principal Bernhardt Goedde, Vice Principal Birgit Dulige and teacher Andrea Schneider set the stage for the preliminary exchange scheduled for next year between students of AIS PV and Gymnasium Schloss Neuhaus Paderbon. The visit held under the aegis of Bosch Foun-

dation and Max Muller Bhawan provided them an excellent opportunity to know their partner school well and also lay the groundwork for the upcoming exchange programme. The visiting delegation was accorded a traditional Indian welcome and taken on a whirlwind tour through the sprawling campus of AIS PV. The delegates were impressed to see the stress laid by school authorities on instilling moral values amongst children at a very young age. The two sides inked a treaty in the presence of Julianna Glöckler-Fuchs, representative Max Mueller Bhawan, Mr Goedde and Ameeta Mohan, Principal Amity Pushp Vihar, as a symbol of the growing association be-

tween the two schools. This was followed by a healthy interaction between the students, especially German language students and the experts, who enthusiastically answered all the questions posted by the students. The teachers from both the schools gave presentations on the rich biodiversity thriving in the forests. They also laid foundation for research and decided to take the research work forward. The visit coincided with YRoNS celebrations at Amity this year. The visiting delegates met Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, and also got to know about the international forums and platforms that Amity was working on. [G.T](#)

Knock Out Champions

AIS Saket beat 18 teams from six states to emerge karate champs at World World Shotokan Karate Union

AIS Saket

Amity International School Saket is not only known for producing academic wizards, it plays home turf to some brilliant spokespersons too. AIS Saket students beat 18 teams to win the overall championship trophy by putting up a sterling performance at the All India Karate Championship organized by the World Shotokan Karate Union during April 7-8, 2012. Amitians topped the tally by winning all the 31 medals, including 8 Golds, 11 Silver and 12 Bronze at the two day event held at Thyagaraj Sports Complex. About 38 students from AIS Saket had participated in the competition which saw 18 teams drawn from 6 states battling for the coveted award at the mega sporting event. Congratulating the winning squad principal Dr Rekha Ranade said, "The stupendous victory at the tournament



was the result of rigorous practice, state-of-the-art facilities and encouragement provided Chairperson Ma'am Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan. She further said that the school feels proud and elated to have super achievers like Bhaskar Sen, the winner of

Bronze medal at the 6th Commonwealth Karate Championship and 40 Black Belts in the age group of 11-18 years. She appreciated Sensei (coach) Tarun Chakraborty for taking AIS Saket to new heights and asked him to continue the winning streak. [G.T](#)

AIS Vasundhara-6

Adventure all the way

The tiny tots of Amity International School Vasundhara 6 had an adventure packed day on March 7, 2012. The school, in association with Cliff Climbing system organized an adventure camp for nursery students. The day offered students an opportunity to indulge in adventure, fun and frolic.

The day began with students indulging in adventure activities like Tarzan swinging, commando crawling, shooting, flying fox, double robotics, etc. The camp



Young daredevil in action

provided the youngsters an opportunity to experience challenging and adventurous activities. This exercise enabled them to overcome their fears, enhance their self confidence and also polish their gross and motor skills. Sharing his experience, young commando, Ripunjay of class Nursery A said, "It was amazing crawling like little commandos. Aryan Singh of Nursery B said, "I felt like Dabbang while shooting." The day concluded with the prize distribution ceremony. [G.T](#)



Sukant with certificate

Sukant Koul of Amity International School, Vasundhara 6 did his alma mater and parents proud by winning the city finale of the HDFC Life Spell Bee competition powered by The Times of India in association with Horlicks on April 8, 2012.

The 14 year old boy, a student of class IX managed to spell 16 difficult words correctly in the rapid fire round in a jiffy as compared to other contestants. The participants had to spell words like – Brouhaha, Humongous, Facile, Oxy-

Spell Bee

moron, Jacaranda, etc and also find the wrongly spelled words in extracts from popular English poems. However, what made this young Harry Potter fan beat others was the fact that he takes out 15-30 minutes daily to brush up his spelling skills. He is candid enough to admit that "It is my love for reading that has improved my ability to spell even difficult words correctly. Reading definitely enhances our spelling ability and gives us an edge over other students. I am looking forward to the grand finale at Mumbai." Koul would be competing in the national finals scheduled to take place in Mumbai shortly. All the best! [G.T](#)

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Kashish Minocha, AIS Saket, I runner up



Illustration: Deepak Sharma

Driving the Indian way

Labanya Maitra, AIS Saket, XI D

India is one of the most diverse nations of the world. Different languages, different people, different customs, different religions and more. So much so that India even has a different way around the roads. It's all about driving, the Indian way.

Driving in India is an art. It comes with a combination of unforgettable exhilaration, heart-rending humour and a truck load of danger. It's a language in itself. It has its own set of rules which must be followed under any circumstances, no exceptions. Here's your personal handbook for driving, the Indian way. Check out before you zip zap zoom.

Rule #1

If you are driving in India, the assumption of immortality is not an option. It's a compulsion. So, don't care about rules or anything. Simply zoom...

Rule #2

Indian driving has a Caste System of its own. So, in descending order, one must give way to cows, elephants, trucks, buses, cars, goats, auto-rickshaws, pigs, motorcycles, bicycles, dogs and, last and definitely the least, pedestrians.

Rule #3

The use of horns is somewhat like the Indian Morse Code:

- a) Short Blasts: "All unnecessary people please clear the way. Owner of a car is coming through."
- b) Long Blasts: "I'm going too fast to stop. Get out of the way or both shall meet in heaven."
- c) Single Blast: "I've seen someone out of 7 billion people who I recognize."
- d) Long Single Blast: "It's been a while since I've blown my horn."

Rule #4

All manoeuvring, blowing of the horn, turning on the indicators or flashing lights must always be left to the last second. Or else you are not fit to be called a driver, leave alone a good driver.

Rule #5

India has no roundabouts. Small little circles in the middle of crossroads have no traffic related purpose whatsoever. Word of the wise? Anyone who says otherwise should be ignored.

Rule #6



Overtaking is driving. Any moving object is required to overtake every other



of a traffic policeman. Even if all they're doing is standing in the middle of the jam struck road and flapping their arms about.

Rule #10

It's perfectly okay to sit and bargain with the street vendors in the middle of a traffic light while all the other cars blare their horns hoping you would move. Who doesn't like a bit of background music while driving?

Once you are through with these rules about driving in India, you are officially permitted to hit the road. Always remember the Indian Driver's Mantra, "to slow is to falter, to brake is to fail, to stop is defeat." So, get going...  

Rule #8

the reverse gear in order to raise their social status.

People good in chess are exceptionally good in driving. They are the ones who find the best places to wedge their car in. It might as well be on the footpath.

Rule #9

In the event of a traffic jam, any X, Y or Z of the streets can carry out the duties

moving object time and again irrespective of what it is. It may even be a dog running after your car. Overtaking should preferably be done at the face of oncoming traffic, at blind turns or at junctions of villages. Not more than two inches of space should be left between the overtake-er and overtake-ee.

Rule #7

Driving in reverse gear is considered to be cool. People drive miles and miles in

Dancing Prodigy



Amitians with the dancing star Mangesh Mondal (centre)

Akash Choudhary, Amity Instt of English Studies & Research

Meet Mangesh Mondal, a popular participant of reality show, Dance India Dance (DID) and a renowned international dancing star. On his recent visit to Amity University during Amity Youth Fest 2011, he got talking about his passion for dance, aspirations and much more. Join in.

What is the proportion of hard work, luck and talent in your success?

I give equal weightage to all as they play a great role together in shaping my

success story. I would also attribute my success to my passion for dance as it is my world, my life. I have been working since I was 17 years of age and through sheer hard work, I have mastered all the dance styles today. I practice for almost 15 hours everyday.

What role did Dance India Dance (DID) play in your career?

I never had any formal training in dance. However, I have been dancing for the past 12 years and have worked in the dance troops of Geeta Kapoor and Saroj Khan. So, participating in DID was definitely a dream come true. Being a part of the mega dance competition was a big achievement for me. It gave me the opportunity to explore my flair for dancing and provided me my first break. It also marked the end of my 12 years of strug-

Quick Bytes

Favourite dancing style: Hip Hop, crumping

Dance idol: Prabhu Deva

TV shows: 'Yeh hai Jalwa', 'Aaja nach lae' (Saroj Khan's), 'Eka Peksha Ek' (Zee Marathi)

gle. Now I feel really happy and privileged to work with talented choreographers like Remo Sir.



How did you like the performances by Amitians?

It's been a lovely experience coming to Amity and judging all the stupendous performances. The students here are really awesome. Amity has given a great platform to all the dancers to showcase their dancing skills and talent. I wish we had such a platform during our times!

What's next in dance?



I have learnt a majority of the dance styles including Hip hop, Crumping, b-boying, Malhar, Indian folk, Kupari (kohli dance) and I'm trying to attain perfection in all of them. I also plan to hold dance classes and own a personal studio someday.

Message for Amity's dancing stars?

Put your heart and soul into your dance performance. Don't just dance for the heck of it! Give it your 100 percent. Dancing is the perfect medium to express oneself.  

GT Travels to Punjab



Vansh, AIS Noida, I M flips through the pages of The Global Times in the lush green fields of Punjab  

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