



Status of the week
When choosing between two evils, I always like to try the one I've never tried before...
Satrajit Sahani, XII A, AIS MV

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Hanging by a question

So we will until we get answers

Panya Baldia, X A &
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Hello democratic India. Rich in culture and heritage, painted with a tapestry of breathtaking landscape and inhabited by industrious people. India's fate today hangs in balance as the daunting questions posed long ago still remain unanswered. As India marches into her 64th year of independence, these questions impede her progress and have forced the youth to halt and think.

How do we breathe in 'Cramistan'?
Why is one textbook regarded as bible? Why has education become synonymic to rigor?
And then they tell us that a little flexibility never hurts anyone. Isn't our education system oxymoronic to the previous statement? This rigidity is suffocating as you cram 'the books', pour the facts out on the exam sheets and forget all that you once 'studied'.
Also, why can't we study what we want? What if someone's interest lies both in biology as well as history? Why is biology correlated with becoming a doctor and PCM with an engineer?
It is, probably, the narrowness of our horizon, and maybe as receivers of true education, we'll have to wait some light years.

Fall the people, off the people, buy the people?

For how long will we live under the shadow of terror?
Blasts and kidnappings have become a part of today's world. 24/11 or the recent Mumbai blasts are a grim reminder of that. Even a 2 year old is aware that terrorism is a wrongful act, then why do terrorists commit such horrific acts? Why is the state machinery maintaining a dead silence over the issue? Why don't they plug the evident loopholes in our system? If not our knights (soldiers), then whom can we entrust our security with? Yes, every drop of their effort counts in making the ocean, but drops of juice won't help in a salt water ocean.

Corruption – a tamable monster?
For how long will the common man bleed to death because of scams and corruption?
The common man bleeds daily to pay taxes while stories of scams and corruption

continue to plague his poor mind. Whether it is the 2G scam or the famous CWG scam, all of them have nibbled into the common man's wallet. At a time when India is on the path of development, how can the people whom we have voted to power keep misusing our own assets?

Fourth estate - far from being a pillar of strength?
Why does every man's tragedy becomes Media's 24X7 drama?
The media plays a huge role in generating awareness about wrongful acts but this freedom gives them leverage to exploit the common man too. Every man's tragedy becomes a source of raising their TRPs. Their only goal is to concoct a spicy story; they are least bothered who pays the price. When will this mindless race to be the best horse and sacrificing the innocent bystander, end?

Can the common man ever come out of the 'Mat suno, mat bolo, mat dekho' syndrome?
When will you realize India is a free country? When will you stand up for yourself? Whether it's politicians, controversies or revengeful terrorists, it's the common man who is slain brutally. When will we stand up unified against these vices? We have the power, so instead of blaming the government, we should become the voice of the masses.
We ask again, and will continue with all our energy. The youth need answers to why isn't this India similar to the one they had read about? The country, every little child believes he lives in and the elders wish to see? Even now isn't too late for answers. So think, and show us the truth.

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Rocking with Advaita

They drink, eat, breathe and live music. Advaita, the fusion rock band is taking the country by storm with their ingenious and soulful music



Satrajit Sahani
XII-A, AIS MV

Advaita, an eclectic fusion band based in New Delhi, is the expression of eight distinct musical sensibilities that dissolve into each other to bring forth a truly unique and ingenious sound. They have undoubtedly given Indian Classical traditions a new dimension and reinvented a contemporary soundscape in harmony with Rock and Electronica. Let's foray into the world of rhythm with Anindo Bose, one of the leading members of the band...

How was the name Advaita coined?
The name Advaita was given by an ex-band member.



Strumming their way to success

ber. 'A' - non, 'd'vaita' – dual. The meaning of the name Advaita is 'Non-duality' because in the metaphysical universe we are all one.

What was your first album that really made the mark?
The album which took the market by storm was "Grounded in Space", released under EMI in 2009. A number of songs for the album were composed as early as 2004. Chartbusters like 'Hamsadhwani' have existed right from the beginning. The music industry found our music unique and refreshing. This album gave us a good start and we ended up doing some concerts in UK. Our second album is likely to be released in October. Although it is completely different but when people hear this they will say "Ok, this is Advaita."

It has been an incredible journey for the band. How does it feel to be where you are?
We've been really fortunate and tried to make the most of whatever opportunities we've had. We faced a lot of difficulty finding a label for ourselves, and creating music that was appreciated by everybody. A lot of people questioned why we experimented so much with Classical Music but when you do something with intent and dedication you can only zoom your way to the top. Yeah! It feels good. We are happy with the stupendous success that we have achieved. And our main aim is to stick around and make good music.

Where does Advaita see themselves in the next ten



Advaita: All set to rock you with their soulful renditions

years from now?
I think it's too big a timeline. We look at ourselves in terms of every six months. It's more realistic that way. We would love to be around for the next 10 years but essentially the focus is to release the second album and do a lot of shows.

Who does Advaita consider their idol?
We idolize someone like AR Rahman and appreciate bands like Indian Ocean because they started much earlier when bands weren't that popular and

they are still going great guns.

What advice would Advaita like to give young bands which are coming up?
I'd say stick around, make good music and be true to yourself.

What would you like to convey to the Amitians?
All the best! Enjoy your school life and study hard. It is not the end of the world if you don't score in nineties because marks do not define success.

It is a great experience to work with GT. It would be fun to be a part of it once again. Hopes are high!

Dhriti Sharma, X B, AIS MV, Page Coordinator



Fame @ Death

RIP Amy! Will she? Guess not, considering the spate of controversies that follow her death

AMY ROCKS

14 Sep 1983
to
23 July 2011

Anwesha Padhy, X C &
Dhriti Sharma, X B, AIS MV

Amy Winehouse is one of those celebrities who attained eternal stardom in their death. Her life was spent visiting rehabs under the constant glare of the public with paparazzi hounding her, she was forced to give up privacy and live under much pressure. On 23rd July 2011, the diva's epic battle with booze and drugs came to a lonely end. Even in her death, controversies continue to rage. R.I.P Amy Winehouse- will she ever?

Why so early?

Although the cause of her death is yet to be determined; many believe that her demise can be attributed to her quick rise to fame, and the hard partying lifestyle that she fell into as a result. As with any tragic situation, the race is on to find out what lessons can be learned from the situation and what will benefit future generations.

Posthumous success

Just like we witnessed the king of pop, Michael Jackson achieve



posthumous success, her song "Back to black" hit the first slot in the billboard chart post her death. The demand for her back catalogue echoes the spike in sales seen after the deaths of Johnny Cash, Presley & John Lennon.

27 Club

Her extreme success and abrupt demise can be mirrored with that of several other musical greats who also fell victim to fame and its downfalls at the young age of 27, becoming known collectively in their death as the "27 Club." Members of this group include Kurt Cobain, Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin and Jim Morrison. Speculations are rife that there is something special about the age of 27, as some of the most influential artists died at this age. Is it a coincidence or a curse?

Grammy: A Mistake

In 2008, Amy Winehouse won Grammy Awards for the best record of the year, the best song of the year and the best new artist of the year. And now her achievements also witness ridicule. "Amy Winehouse's most famous song mocked her own addiction. The Grammy Awards should have thought twice about honouring her," says William J. Bennett, Former US Secretary of Education. Not fair!

It seems that sometimes the price of stardom is too high. Thus, in a sense, it's better to lead an ordinary and calm life rather than a stressful famous one.  

Newsreels



Earth's new Trojan Friend!

NEOWISE, the asteroid-hunting portion of NASA's WISE mission discovered the first Trojan asteroid circling the sun in the Earth's orbit -2010 TK7. The existence of Earth-bound Trojans had been predicted, but was difficult to spot because they are relatively small and their locations can only be seen from Earth in daylight. The asteroid is roughly 1,000 feet in diameter, and is about 50 million miles from Earth.

Kasab challenges HC

One surviving 26/11 terrorist Lajal Kasab has approached the Supreme Court, challenging its conviction and death sentence. His charges were upheld on criminal conspiracy and waging war against India. The course of conviction followed, which was also upheld by the Supreme Court. The HC had held that Kasab's crime fell under the rarest of rare category, deserving capital punishment.

F1 Alert!

The Indian grand prix is the talk of the town. The first ever F1 race to be held in India has its first event on October 30th, 2011 at the Buddh International Circuit, Greater Noida. It has Formula 1 enthusiasts waiting with bated breath. Don't forget to be there!  

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News Room Hulchul



GT hai hum!

The journalistic q(c)ueue



One for the shutterbugs



Edit meet moods!





An amazing output because of lots of determination is what made this experience worthwhile.
Suyash Kumar, X B, AIS MV, Page Coordinator



Laurel Singh, XI B, AIS MV

My participation in the Miss Teen India Contest 2011 marked my foray into the modeling world... and these 10 days of training changed my perception of the field and how? Competing with 23 other contestants for the coveted crown, battling the three rounds- introduction, answering grilling extempore judge's

Sashaying into the world of modeling!

Glamour, sizzle, short lived shelf life yet umpteen opportunities...that's the modeling industry of today

question, bagging the second runner up trophy (oh I so wanted the first one!); gave me a fresh and real insight of what the glamorous world of modeling entails.

This was a great experience and with this golden opportunity my interest of making a career in modeling ensued. If you too feel smitten by models' poise and charm just like me, wish to be in their shoes or sandals to make it big, and your heart skips a beat seeing the models sashay down the ramp, here's taking a look at the modeling world through my eyes...

Modeling today has become one of the most sought after career options for youngsters in India. This is one of the most thrilling as well as lucrative

professions.

What it takes to be a Model:

- Be open to flexible timings and handle criticism constructively.
- Brush up your acting skills.
- Professionalism-reporting on time, finishing assignments
- Strong body language, photogenic qualities.
- Face the camera confidently with a smile showing your attitude.
- Know what the director and the photographer wants the shoots to be like. Be adept enough to handle the different shoots /situations with élan and ease.
- Though there are height specifications like for females, it should be atleast 5'8" and for males 6" but if it doesn't match the defined criterion, then you can always be a print model if you have the characteristic modeling traits in you.



Laurel bringing laurels

Thumbs up:

- A glamorous field offering tremendous opportunities of globetrotting and meeting different people.
- Lucrative profession, attractive career option- can eventually become grooming experts, choreographers, etc.
- Makes you independent.

Thumbs down-

- A lot of hard work, patience, dedication and strong determination

Amity Institute of Competitive Examination

Presents

Brainleaks-14

FOR CLASS XI-XII

1. Which one of the following is a mis match?

- (a) Umbel-Cremocarp
- (b) Sunflower-Cypselia
- (c) Hypanthodium-Syconus
- (d) Catkin-Sorosos

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- Untimely travelling woes
 - Highly competitive and short-lived career
 - Stress factor is high and the working hours, erratic.
 - Favouritism- Aww... I so wanted to be their favourite!
- Modeling is not just about having a pretty face; it is much more than that. So be wise, modeling wise!

Fringe-pedia



Rashika Sood, XI, AIS MV

Bored in summer vacations? Well not me as I came across this amazing TV show "Fringe." It was about a secret FBI fringe department that protects the world from bio-terrorism and makes you believe in an alternate universe. Cool, eh? That's why I dug deeper into what "Fringe" is. If you think I'm a weirdo relating Kalki Koechlin's hairstyle and science. I'm not! Fringe a.k.a pseudoscience a.k.a VoodOoo science is a branch of science which departs from the established science theories. It's especially for those science freaks who are intrigued by time travel or wish to develop gold from lead someday (alchemy). It also holds interest for those who have daily encounters with UFOs in dreams and who spend months designing space colonies. (SPACESET guys: That's fringe science) Here's taking a look at some cool fringe theories: **Crop circles:** Objects as being messages from aliens. "I told you the aliens are sending intelligent messages."

Biological transmutation: Belief that some organisms can convert chemical elements. "Imagine a bug converting copper to iron."

Teleportation: Transfer of matter from one part to another instantly. "I wish I was in Ranbir Kapoor's room. Tada!"

Genetic Hybridization: Creating a mixed-species creature, through genetic manipulation. "Guess what? I created an elephantofroggiesaurus- a frog with an elephant trunk in science lab."

Invisibility: Do I need to define that? We all know about the Harry Potter invisibility cloak. But it has a cool science theory to it as well.

Precognition: The ability to foresee future events. "I don't want to cheat you see, but how can I help if I already know what's coming in the Science UT."

Pyrokinesis: The ability to combust or set fire to an item or person through psychic concentration. "Don't act funny with me, okay? I can put you on fire!" Fringe science might lack scientific rigor, but did 20 years back we ever think of robots? Did we?

MBBS bhaagey field par!

Doctors and sportspersons- no confusion, great combination!

Mehak Bhatnagar, XI E, AIS MV

If you thought preparing for medicals meant turning into a 'typical' orthopaedic-cardiologist type of doctor, then it's time to think otherwise. You must have been taught that all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. But what if he combines work and play? Welcome the new age career option (drum roll please!!)- Sports Medicine! And no, all those wide-eyed gaping mouths, it is NOT a printing error!

What is it: Sports Medicine is a career which focuses on preventing, diagnosing and treating injuries related to sports. To become a Sports Medic, one must fulfill the basic requirements of all doctors, that is MBBS followed by a speciality in sports medicine.

Courses Available: Many courses in Sports Medicine are being offered in Alagappa University in Tamil Nadu, Indira Gandhi Institute of Physical Education and Sports and Amity School of Physical Studies and Sports Sciences in

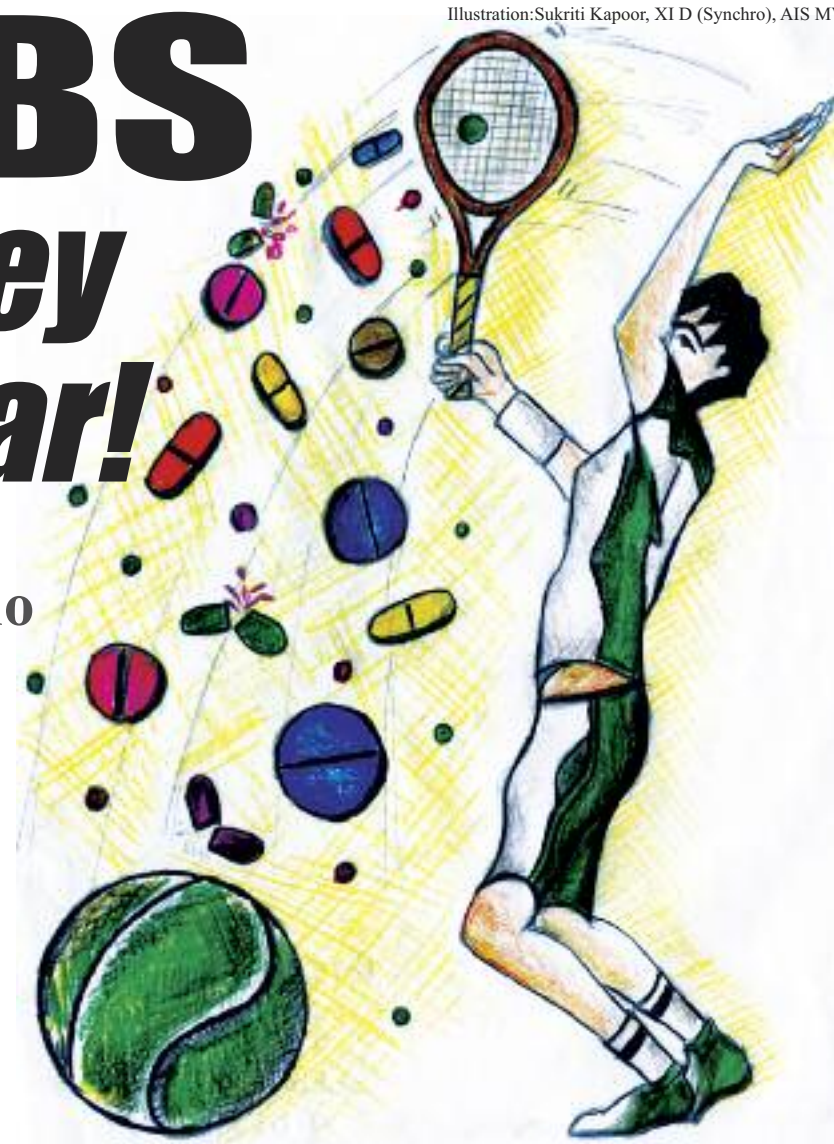


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New Delhi. Here are few of them:

*B.Sc.(P.E.H.E.&S.)- Three Years

*M.P.Ed.- Two Year Degree Course

*Ph.D. in Physical Education

The coursework includes information about sports related injuries, physiotherapeutic techniques along with advanced anatomy.

Aptitude: Passion for sports is the first and foremost trait required if one desires to pursue Sports Medicine. Sports medics must be self-motivated, quick on their feet, have great eye-hand coordination, excellent communication and ability to act fast and efficiently in stressful situations.

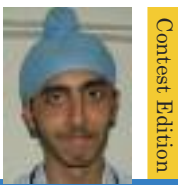
Specialities within Sports medicine:

Cardiac Rehabilitative Therapy, Orthopedic Radiology, Massage therapy, Chiropractic Applications, Nutrition, Musculoskeletal injuries and Sports Psychology are the dominant ones.

Remuneration: In India the trend and demand for sports medics is catching up and hence is difficult to predict a figure. But if we look beyond the borders, the estimated starting salary can be a whopping 7-12 lakhs per year! This combination of sports and medicine is lethally amazing for sports and science enthusiasts. A competitive career at the moment, it is sure to blossom.

When GT first started 4 years ago..it was impossible for me to think that I will someday work for it..But now that I am working for it, it simply feels awesome!

Navjot Singh, X B, AIS MV, Page Coordinator



Contest Edition

World War e

The Epic War between Windows and Macintosh turns more edgy and competitive. With the battle ground set, let's see who vanquishes whom...

Navjot Singh, X B, AIS MV

The war on who rules the world in terms of computer technology has been on for the past 35 years now. Microsoft and their arch rivals Apple Inc. started their journey almost together in 1975 (Microsoft) and 1976 (Apple). But the world has revolutionised tremendously in these 35 years. So let's have a faceoff between the two yet again and see who is victorious!

Macintosh Vs Windows

Ease of Usage: Although, no operating system is perfect, the Mac Operating System proves to be more intelligently organized and straightforward than Windows. Although it may seem complicated to new users, it's just about learning and getting used to it. More importantly, the legend says that Mac users face fewer crashes than Windows.

File Manager: Finder (Macintosh) can't cut and paste files or give you a 2-pane tree view of your files and folders. Windows Explorer (Windows) can. Jolly useful these functions are too! Speaking



of file management, Windows open and save dialogs, let the user rename and delete files and folders; add new files and folders; open a selected file in another application for viewing/editing and open a selected folder in Windows Explorer. On the other hand Mac's open/save dialogs merely just let you select a file and create a new folder. For other stuff you have to manoeuvre and find the correct path to do it.

Versatility: There is virtually no type of program you can buy for a Windows machine that does not exist for the Mac. This applies to small and large businesses, web designers, professionals, home users, academic users and to a large extent, even industrial users.

Creativity: Mac has a cult loyalty among a large segment of artists, including musicians, film makers and art merchants. This is possibly because of their wide range of genius products such as iPhoto, iMovie,

iTunes, FinalCut, etc which clearly outclass their counterpart's Windows Movie Maker, Window Media Player, Windows Meeting Place, etc.

Compatibility: On a global scenario, Windows systems outnumber the Macs. Therefore, all hardwares and softwares offer better compatibility with Windows than with Macintosh. You might find a software compatible with Windows and not with Macintosh, but the other possibility is rare.

Keyboard Shortcuts: True that keyboard shortcuts seem to be a

category of lesser importance, but these small things make a big difference to users. Any menu option can be accessed in a Windows app with 2 or 3 key-strokes, and they're of the same standard keystrokes as on any Windows PC. With Mac apps you're limited to the shortcuts chosen by the app developer. (Customised shortcuts can be added on a per application basis, but then they have to be remembered separately for each app and are just limited to the system used.)

Conclusion: Speaking in a general sense and keeping it short: Macs show quality whereas Windows show numbers. Otherwise, it all depends on the usage and requirements of the user concerned. Our job was to give you the fair side of it!

■ Bill Gates (Founder of Microsoft) earns \$250 every second; that's about \$20 million a day and \$7.8 billion a year!

■ Steve Jobs (Founder of Apple Inc.) also previously served as chief executive of Pixar Animation Studios and became a member of the board of directors of The Walt Disney Company in 2006.



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Brain-O-Mania

Unravelling the mysteries and confusions of the brain...

Suyash Kumar, X B, AISMV

The brain is a very mysterious organ. One of the only things that can confuse the brain is brain itself! Ever wondered why the "tip of the tongue" feeling happens? Is Déjà vu supernatural? Read on to find out.....

Déjà vu: It is the feeling that something that is happening right now has already happened in the past. For example you see a cat walking down the street, and you have a strong sense that you have seen the same cat walking down the same street in the past. This feeling is Déjà vu. It generally happens due to Brain fatigue. Often the things happening in the present get accidentally stored in the memory of the past. This makes the brain think that the incident has already happened in the past, when in reality it is happening for the first time

Brain Bloopers

- Déjà Visité (already visited an unvisited place before)
- L'esprit De l'Escalier (late to think of a counter comment when been insulted)
- Fregoli Delusion (feeling that different people are the same person under disguise)

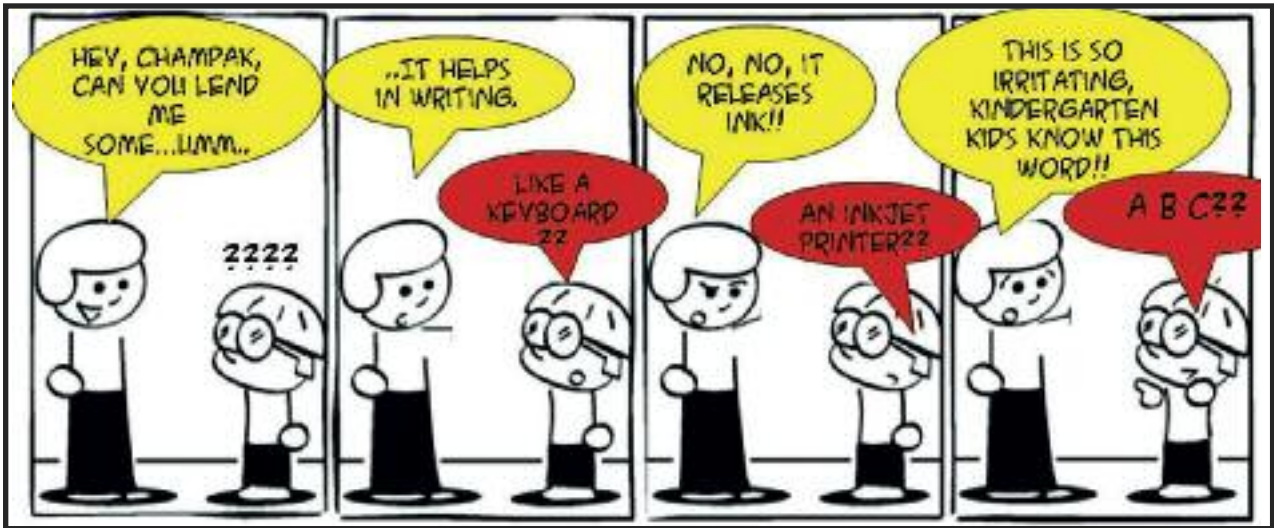
ever. Also sometimes, the left brain and the right brain analyse and store the memory at different times, resulting in Déjà vu. But still, some people believe it to be supernatural.

Presque vu: This 'Tip of the tongue' feeling happens when you forget something you knew seconds ago, and you get close to remembering it, but fail to

recollect it. The memory of the brain has two parts- the conscious and the sub conscious. The things done with full concentration get stored in the conscious part, and the rest in the subconscious. So, one gets this feeling when the memory gets stored in the subconscious and one is unable to remember what he/she has forgotten.

Jamais vu:- It occurs when we fail to recognize a situation that has actually happened. The victim is unable to recognize a word or incident while rationally knowing that he/she knows it. For example:- Some volunteers were asked to repeatedly write a word. After a while, many started to feel that it was not even an actual word! Actually, only the ability to think and remember had reduced. Next time you feel any of these, remember it's only your brain confusing you so don't let your brain deceive itself!

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New Players in the Market

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In this advancing world, the demand for portability (read laptops, playstations, tablets, gaming consoles etc) is growing like anything! Every other day a new player is entering the market to suit the needs of those who like to carry the world with them! And what's more? Many haven't entered the market yet but are already a rage.

Sony Playstation Vita

Playstations are every gamer's favourite. Portable gaming consoles like Sony PSP, Nintendo DS etc, have served the gamers for a long time. Now watch out for Sony's new Playstation Vita (soon to



be released in 2012) and get set to change your gaming experience forever. **Hardware:** Portable and armed with dual cameras (front and rear), touchscreen, two analog buttons and a touchpad at the back! **Media:** It replaces the UMD and the Memory stick in the PSP with NVG Cartridges and in-built memory. **Display:** 5 Inch OLED Multi Touch touchscreen, 24-bit colour, 960 X 544 Pixels at 320 ppi. **Input:** Touchscreen, Rear Touchpad, 6 axis Motion Sensing, 3 axis Electronic

Compass **Connectivity:** Wifi, 3G, Bluetooth **Dimensions:** 83.55 mm (height) ; 182 mm (width) ; 18.6 mm (diameter) **X-Factor:** Innovative exciting gameplay. Gameplay on the PS Vita will be a combination of buttons and multi-touch touchscreen plus touchpad at the back.

The Sakshat Tablet

Tablets are a sort of hybrid of Mobiles and laptops. Work, entertainment or communication.. you name it and tablets serve them all! Samsung Galaxy Tab, I-Pad and others are all passe, its time to switch over to the Indian saviour. **Developer:** Indian Institute Of Science & Indian Institute Of Technology **Operating System:** Android, Linux **Hardware:** 7" colour display LCD/TFT, keyboard, mouse, 2 USB 2.0 ports and SD card slot. **Battery:** At least three hours or more of uninterrupted operation via battery, along with an alternative battery support through a solar cell. **Connectivity:** Ethernet port, WLAN card & 3G **X Factor:** Support for video web con-



ferencing; multimedia content viewer for pdf, docx, jpeg etc. Besides, it will keep your pocket happy, being available at just Rs. 2200 (subsidised rate).



After working for The Global Times, I can envisage a plethora of opportunities in the field of journalism.
Apoorva Pandey, X E, AIS MV, Page Coordinator

SIMPLY SIBLINGS

Can't stand your brother or sister in the same room? Do you wonder sometimes (well most of the times) what are they doing in your life? Do you often say things like "You are impossible!" to them? Well then you are 'NORMAL'! Relax!

Models (L-R): Ishita & Agam Bedi; Mahima & Ritvik Ramnnani, AIS MV. Pic: Raghav Paul, VIII B, AIS MV



Aastha Garg, XI E & Shreya Gauba
XI C, AIS MV

Your brother/sister is a constant reminder of how you can both hate and love someone. Be it fighting for the remote and turning it into world war 3 or escaping your parents' scolding together to laugh it out afterwards, they are your FRENEMIES. So here's what many of you might have experienced if you have a monster cum sibling moving in your house.

Happy Days

Well, this phase is the only one when you are desperately waiting for your sibling to come. Though many of you may not remember how happy you were when

you took the little one in your arms and how you constantly blabbered about how cute he/she was. (Don't worry change of emotions is on cards soon!)

It's always about him/her

You: Mom, you love her more now?
Why do I need to share my toys?
She spilled water on my notebook!
Mom: It's okay honey, he/she is younger and needs more care.
Ok, ok! She's young. But I am your kid too. Suddenly why are people ignoring me? When your favourite aunt who got chocolates for you on every visit turns up with a bag of kid's stuff, the happiness slowly fades away as the reality bat hits you. You are no longer your par-

ents' only precious diamond but a foot long body's bhaiya/didi. It's no less than a feeling of being picked up from a warm blanket and thrown into a cold pool.



Caution! @War Zone

Brother: I hate you!
Sister: Don't worry dear, mutual feelings! Bang! Bang! (Door Slammed!)
This is the reason why your mom shudders at the thought of your holidays. You try your level best to irritate them. Your room has a poster with all do's and don'ts for everyone but one person in the house who just can't follow them is your sibling. No matter how many times you shout, complain, s/he just can't understand. And God save the mother who says "Look at your bro/sis." You spy, hack, hit, kick, punch (get punched), wear bruises as medals. Well, this is civil war at its best.

Love them or hate them you can't ignore them

You become anxious and irritated if you don't get to shout at them even for a day. Remember those boring times when they were out on school trips and your house was suddenly the most boring place in the world with the silence of a graveyard? You wouldn't even know when this monster of your life becomes your best friend. (Yeah! You read that right! "Best friends")

Words of wisdom

Well, this relationship in your life is the one to be cherished! It may take time and understanding to blossom and there may be times you may feel why they even exist in your life and make it miserable...but just remember you are being SIMPLY SIBLINGS! (Trust us, one day you're going to miss them when they will be out in a faraway land on your birthday!)  





Aastha Garg, XI E, AIS MV

Webtrovert: A full on *sharmila* person who masquerades a bindass person on Facebook or Twitter so much that you can't even tell if he/she is the same person.

Bail Whale: How many of you have friends who if you were on fire would drink the glass of cold water rather than helping you out? These are "bail whales" who need a piece of their own cake.

Fat Hangover: Party hard and the sun rises with a fat hangover. And you my friend have eaten so much that you can't even get out of bed. Go, look for a remedy!



Towel Tango: *Sawariyaaa!* Who can forget Ranbir Kapoor's towel dance? And many of you must be doing this towel tango in your own bathrooms!!

Brosama Bin Ladens: Known as 'id ka chand' in the *purana zamana*, those friends who rarely come out and are mostly at home in hiding are this decade's Brosama Bin Ladens.  

The Unbeaten Run

Sampurna Gera & Mridali Goyal
X C, AIS MV

"Champions aren't made in the gyms. Champions are made from something they have deep inside them — a desire, a dream, a vision."

This is what Novak Djokovic had- an aspiration, a big dream to achieve success. He insisted he won't rest on his laurels after the Serb completed a dream Double by winning his first Wimbledon crown just days after his coronation as the world's top player. Until the start of this year it seemed that Nadal and Roger Federer's hold on the top prizes in men's tennis was almost unbreakable. But Djokovic has shaken the old guard with an astonishing run of 48 wins from his last 49 matches since the turn of the year. He has won two of this year's three Grand Slams, with his only defeat of the entire year coming in the French Open semi-finals against Federer. He is the first man other than Nadal or Federer to be ranked number one since Feb'04. May his undying passion soar higher and this sensational star keep shining, making an indelible mark of achievement in the history of the game.  



Umpires-Cricket bloopers?

Illustration: Sukriti Kapoor, AIS MV





Isn't it better to empower umpires with latest technology than let them commit irreparable goof ups?

Prabhbani Bindra, XI E, AIS MV

It is said that cricket is a 'gentleman's game.' When we say so we believe that the people associated with it behave so too. If we ponder upon the history, players like Sunil Gavaskar, Adam Gilchrist are examples of this cite. But this statement is not only confined to the players but also for the Umpires who maintain the sanctity of the game. Here is a glance on the controversial umpiring decisions which created lot of hue and cry.
1) The controversial decisions of Umpire Steve

Bucknor during the Test series between India and Australia in January 2008, sparked wide protests all over India. It went to the extent of calling back the team from Australia. It was only after the intervention of ICC and on replacement of Bucknor that the series resumed its course.
2) In a match between India and Pakistan at Eden, Sachin Tendulkar was given a wrong caught behind decision by Steve Bucknor, when Abdul Razzak was bowling. Similarly in the last match of England ODI series 2007, Alee Dar had given him a wrong caught behind decision.
3) The controversy over poor umpiring in the 2011 Test series between India and West Indies had taken a new twist as MS Dhoni was declared out on 'No Ball'.

Retired Umpires on field: Before moving on to technology we need to go back and check whether the present lot of Umpires on field are adept enough to judge the match and take the right decision or not. I guess not! It is a fact that the human senses and reflexes become weak after the age of forty five. Do you know that Mr.Bucknor was a FIFA referee in 1988? Mr.Bucknor is still continuing as an ICC umpire (60+ in age!) but not as FIFA referee because it has compulsory retirement age of forty five years. Let's accept that if a 60+ man is made to Umpire in cricket matches, he can end careers, courtesy the possibility of wrong decisions.

Tech-Need: The world has become a global village all thanks to the umpteen innovations in technology. Several talks do rounds when an umpire commits a mistake. But they can be put to rest courtesy television and technologies like Hawk Eye, Snickometer, etc which help the viewers judge the wicket when an Umpire commits a mistake in judgement. The commentators too have an opinion on the decisions taken by the umpire. They give their comment only after making a thorough use of such technologies. After all what is wrong in empowering the umpires to make use of these technologies? What is important is fairness in decision making and thereby maintaining fair play. Critics will always create false dichotomy between umpires and technology. Use of technology doesn't mean doing away with the umpires or putting Androids on the field. It means empowering the umpires with the modern available tools so that they do their job better than before. This way they can lead a hassle free career. Let the best team win. Isn't that the objective?  



Arise & Awake



Dr. Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

For how long will we continue to live in the shadow of terror? The series of blasts that rocked Mumbai are a grim reminder of the fact that we have not been able to quash the ugly head of terrorism. Can we celebrate and value freedom if our mind and soul continue to live in the bondage of fear and threat? As India is all set to celebrate its 64th year of independence, these incidents raise a big question mark on our security. Are the repeated attacks on our establishments indicative of the serious lacunae that exist within our system?

Another serious lapse that I would like to point out is the collapse of value system in our society. Otherwise how would you justify the induction of educated youth into militant outfits? Is it not the lure of money and power that makes them slay innocent people? With the children drifting away from the great value system that India once stood for, it is quintessential to acquaint children with them at an early age.

That's the sole reason that prompted us at Amity to integrate moral science education in our curriculum. So, instead of crying hoarse about the government not discharging its duty, we should ensure that we learn how to fulfill ours, instill values and not get waylaid by fundamentalists in the name of religion, faith or money. So it's time to arise and awake and help India become a super power to reckon with. 🇮🇳

Valuing Freedom



Sarita Agarwal
Principal, Mayur Vihar

As India enters into the 64th year of its independence, we feel proud and elated to be the citizens of a nation that is emerging as a global leader. Today, the world looks up to India as a rising power which is leaving an indelible mark in every sphere.

We are really fortunate to be born in a free nation. We owe this freedom to people who possessed an indomitable spirit to encounter all hurdles and jumped into the freedom movement without fearing for their lives. On this grand occasion let's not forget that "With freedom comes responsibility." The youth must value this freedom; fulfill their duties before asserting their rights and put the nation before self.

It's the youth who can bail India out of the endless controversies and unprecedented scams that are nothing but impediments in the path of progress, endangering the social fabric of our society. As students, you need to be absolutely focused and completely committed to each and every task you undertake. So autograph your work with excellence. Avail all opportunities that come your way, fathom the vast ocean of talent brewing in you, encounter the challenges boldly and set an unprecedented example before the world.

We already have amongst us our Founder President Dr. Ashok K Chauhan and our Chairperson Dr. (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan, as unique role models who took upon themselves the responsibility to impart the best of education by setting up renowned universities and schools across the world. Let's take a pledge today to put in our best efforts to ensure that our nation marches ahead on the road to development. 🇮🇳

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Mind your situation

..because having the right perception has always been important

Ritika Sharma, XI E, AIS MV

Everything that happens to you is created by you. Sounds a little weird, doesn't it?

Wait, maybe the scientific statement helps - quantum physics reveals to us that every physical reality is made up of vibrations, and your thoughts are also vibrations that have the power to execute whatever you think.

But it is a real pity that we do not pay much attention to what we think. We do so many things daily, we talk, write, read, socialise but we never give time to our thoughts, we never sit down to analyse our thought process. Well, who has the time?

If we wish to alter the pattern of things in life, to be happy even when things go topsy turvy, we need to effectively alter our thought process. It is very important to let positive thoughts dominate our mind. But usually we try to change things externally without catering to the internal problems. Primo, we need to visualize. Create an image in our minds believing we have achieved what we wanted to.

According to Dr. Roly Tripathy, Coun-



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sellor AIS MV, "As you think so shall you be. So, flush out all old, tired and worn out thoughts and fill your mind with new creative thoughts full of faith and love. Following this, you can work your way out through failures and tread on a path of success."

To talk about it, let's take an example.

A lady, suffering from cancer, was told to do the same, to visualize that she was leading a happy healthy life, to disagree with the fact that she suffered any kind of disease, she was told by her family to be positive, even when she was aware that she could leave them forever anytime.

Philanthropy beyond four walls

What happens when a determined group of housewives take the mantle of changing the lives of others? It's sheer miracle!

Dhvanii Chawla, VII A, AIS MV

Selfless service- a term heard but not executed often. Social work, helping others, giving...all these moral values seem to have vanished in today's world. Yet, when we give a closer look, we find that moral values still form the basis of existence in the society.

So we set out on a mission to track those who indulge in philanthropy.

And well, to our happiness, we traced a group of housewives who educate the poor. These ladies, after sending their own children to school, set out to make a difference in the lives of the underprivileged.

Speaking about the noble mission, one of the active members of the group, Ms. Tulika Ranjan said, "This project was initiated by an old lady, a friend of mine, earlier this year when she started teaching her maid servant's children at her home after sending her grandchildren to school. On objection



Ms Bala Goswami with her school children

from her family she started teaching them in a park in Vasundhara Enclave. Gradually a few months back more women came together to work for the cause and now the number has grown to ten."

What started as a pass time for the housewives has grown into a small makeshift school with a student strength of 150.

"We started out with 10 to 12 children but with time the number has risen to 150. For two hours in the morning, the poor children generally aged (4-16), gather under a tree to be armed with education, for which many still yearn. Though, their parents were initially reluctant to send their children, these determined housewives left no stone unturned to motivate them to send

Pic: Dhvanii Chawla, VII A, AIS MV

their wards to school. And now the parents willingly send their children to the school," says Ms. Priyanka Pant.

On talking to the active members of the group, I discovered the main reason for not sending their daughters to school was that the daughters were the major source of family income. What amazed me was that people still don't realize the importance of education and despite free provision of education available to them they were hesitant to avail that!

"The children address us as 'Madam'. But one problem that we face is access to proper books and computers. It is very difficult to make these young children understand the concepts without them" says Ms Bala, another member of the group.

Well, truly. The feeling they must get after such selfless work remains, surely, unbeatable, and I hope that more and more come forward for such noble causes. 🇮🇳

Gandhi Special

Navya Modgil, VII D, AIS MV

Gandhiji was not only a political leader who led India to independence, his philosophy and ideology also lead to a social awakening. His teachings hold more relevance in today's society where violence and terror is ruling the roost. Here are some of his famous teachings:

■ An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind.

■ Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's need, but not every man's greed.

■ Nearly everything you do is of no importance, but it is important that

you do it.

■ All crime is a kind of disease and should be treated as such.

■ Intolerance betrays want of faith in one's cause.

■ Faith must be enforced by reason. When faith becomes blind, it dies.

■ The law of love could be best understood and learned through little children.

■ A man is but the product of his thoughts; what he thinks, he becomes.

■ A coward is incapable of exhibiting love; it is the prerogative of the brave. 🇮🇳

Pearls of Wisdom



GT M@il

To everybody's delight GT has gone weekly. Articles are thronging their way in. The way poems, reports and stories are pouring in it shows that Mosaic Senior and Junior are a huge hit. As Spiderman says "with great power comes great responsibility" we have to work much harder. Ideas can visit the rare mind anytime, we just have to welcome them. And as they say knowledge sharing is the biggest ensemble that mankind could have created in today's time.....GT comes as a fresh reprieve to take this effort ahead. So keep on sending your mails, poems, articles, stories, etc and benefit from this opportunity. So go and grab it! Happy reading!

Ishani Ghoshal, VII F, AIS MV 🇮🇳



All the running around, complying with stringent deadlines and rummaging my head for new ideas gave me hands on experience of a journalist's work life.

Anwesha Padhy, X C, AIS MV, Page Coordinator



Anwesha Padhy, X C & Dhvanii Chawla,
VII A, AIS MV

Lefties have rights!

Being left-handed, gives people a clear view of what it's like to be a minority. Left-handers are discriminated against all the time. Not for serious things, but anti-lefty bias can be experienced in the form of school desks that are impossible to use, scissors that are a pain in the neck, pens that smudge and those spiral pads that are just so unusable. Even in this tech savvy age, the computer mouse is made keeping in mind right handers. Left handers are 'left' screaming for attention from product manufacturers.

This does make life a bit difficult but no lefty in his 'right' mind will ever contemplate using his/ her right hand more often. Being lefty is an integral part of who they are and that can't be changed.

"I had a nightmare last night, someone was shouting 'agar chain se jeena hai toh righty bano'. Scary as anything, but I still won't give up my style."

Panya Baldia, X A, AIS MV

If you are a lefty, don't feel alone, there are others like you who crave support as well. Just go online and join one of the portals made especially for you. You'll be surprised to know that your sentiments are echoed by so many others. Left Handers' certainly earned the right to have a day dedicated to them. So Left-Handers day is celebrated on August 13 every year.

Left, right, left...

Who's better? The battle rages on.

Right-handed people take their dominance for granted but technically right handed people operate the left side of the brain while left handed people use the right side. Therefore, only lefties are in their right mind!

Some quirky tit-bits related to being lefty:

■ Left-handers are more likely to have allergies than right-handers – aahishoooo!!

"That's why I wonder how my brother is always hunky dory while I huff and puff my way to the dinner table."

Tannya Garg, X, AIS MV



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Tannya Garg & Tanya Gupta, X D; Mridali Goyal,
X C & Soniya Jain, X B, AIS Mayur Vihar

■ It's rare for identical twins to be both left handed. If one is a lefty, the other will usually be right handed (Mirror images when working together!)

■ Lefties are better at games such as tennis, badminton and squash. In fact, 40% of world's top tennis players and half of the world's top fencers are left handers. "See, when I say Rafa is the greatest tennis player of all times I mean it," reasons a student who wants to remain anonymous in case of popular uproar against the statement by hardcore FedEx supporters.

■ Right-handed people are more likely to be average, and lefties above or below average.

"That means all my right handed friends are average and I would like to think of myself as belonging to the above average group."

Tavishi Gautam, X, AIS MV

■ On a QWERTY keyboard there are 1447 English words typed solely with the left hand, whilst only 187 are typed with the right hand.

"Why so serious yaar, can't we use both hands? That's what we have them for I suppose?"

Mehak Bhatnagar, XI, AIS MV

Left = Evil. But why?

At school, you probably don't even pay attention to what hand a person uses to perform his tasks, but

ancient civilizations have always been biased against the use of the left hand, calling it odd and sometimes plain evil.

Is the bias against left-handedness just one more example of the majority picking on the minority just because they are different or is there more to it than meets the eye?

For thousands of years, the Devil has been associated with the left hand in various ways and is normally portrayed as being left-handed in pictures. In the 17th century, it was thought that the Devil baptized his followers with his left-hand and there are many references in superstitions to the "left-hand side" being associated with evil. It is also believed that we can only see ghosts if we look over our left shoulder and that the Devil watches us over the left shoulder. A number of such myths surround lefties.



"Oh God! When I read about stereotypes in my political science text books, I never thought I would have such hands on experience and that too just because I use my left hand predominantly!"

Mridali Goyal, X C, AIS MV

Winds of change

You will be surprised to know that every year circa 2,500 left-handers all over the world die while using equipments made for right-handers.

"I am scared now. All you righties might be trying to kill me and my like handed brothers when you share stuff with us that is meant for your use. Sweet poison I tell you. I am starting a protest, I won't write anything again unless I am provided with written assurance that the pens I use are safe."

Sarthak Batra, X, AIS MV

Have you ever thought about the difficulties that so many left handed kids must be facing while playing P.S.P or X-box that are such a craze these days? (The question is for all you righties out there) However on the flip side it may be good, lefties will not spend so much time on those gaming consoles and will be less likely to become couch potatoes.

Despite this ignorance, there is progress to make everyday equipments usable for left handers. Left-handed guitars are manufactured as an alternative to using a flipped around right-handed guitar. (Jimi Hendrix would have loved this!) There have even been inverted pianos where the deepest notes correspond to the rightmost keys instead of the leftmost. Inverted trumpets are also manufactured.

And for all those left handed fast food junkies, Burger King has manufactured a special burger for all you left handed fast food junkies- all the ingredients have been rotated 180° so that you can eat to your heart's content.

(With inputs from Ishani Goomer, IX A, AIS MV)



Hands of fame

Lefties, Cheer up! Look at the distinguished company you have...

- Alexander the Great
- Julius Caesar
- Michelangelo
- Leonardo da Vinci
- Amitabh Bachchan
- Abhishek Bachchan (Family tradition, is it?)
- Charlie Chaplin
- Tom Cruise
- Angelina Jolie
- Marilyn Monroe
- Julia Roberts
- Oprah Winfrey
- Barack Obama
- Napoleon Bonaparte
- Many of the English royalties

were left handers by birth while some were trained to be as a family tradition (such idealism!)

- Polar bears are the big, white bears that are found in the North Pole or

the Arctic region. It may sound surprising to you to know that all polar bears are left handed! Ironically, it is an endangered specie.

- Sachin Tendulkar is ambidextrous.

He bats, bowls, and throws with right hand, but writes with his left hand. Isn't it cool that the 'God of Cricket' shares this gift with 1% of world's population.





Contest Edition

What fate envisages...

Short Story

Ishita Bedi, X B, AIS MV

She pulled the covers off her face, and french kissed the morning. Another pretty day, it was. Yes, she was those kinds, full of love, full of life. She smiled, got up, and got dressed. What was that feeling bugging her? Not bugging, well, it was quite uncanny, most of which was inexplicable, in a good way. Gah, she ignored it. What can you do about a bug you don't know how to kill?

She greeted everyone in the aisle with her best smile. Well, that's what she did everyday. "Holla, Janet! How're you doing Isabella?" She was the sweetest you could ever imagine. Everyone's favorite in that orphanage.

Yeah, orphanage. She was still walking, when the owner called out to her, "Delia! See what I have for you here!" Like a tornado she rushed through the room, in the hope of getting adopted. Hmm, maybe that's what that silly feeling was all about. Whatever, not getting her hopes up too high, she gently opened the door. "Yes, Mrs. Kennedy?"


"Here comes Delila! Come dear, come sit. This is Mr. Butler. He came here to adopt a girl, and I called you. He really



liked your profile and wished to see you! Mr. Butler, Delia here, is our sweetest gem. I'll leave you both to talk alone."

Mrs. Kennedy got up, and that's when Mr. Butler turned around. She was jumping deep inside, while she was about to greet him. But she stopped, when she saw Mr. Butler's smile turn into a frown. Nothing new, she was a frequent visitor of this situation. "Mrs. Kennedy! Erm, you can come back. I just thought, I would talk to my wife again about all of this you know. Thank you so much, I'll come see you soon again!" With that, Mr.

Butler made his way out. Mrs. Kennedy stared at him as he left. "I'm sorr...", "she was about to say, when Delia said, "Leave it Mrs. Kennedy. I'm quite used to this now. I don't think anyone's ever gonna accept me the way I am. I belong here, and after all, how can I leave you?" she hugged her, and went out jumping again.

When back in the room, she left Mrs. Kennedy thinking once again, about how materialism still remains dominant in most of our lives. Well about Delia, she was just lacking one hand. 



Cheesy Corny Boiled Eggs


Adi Bist, VII
AIS Mayur Vihar

For our diet cautious Gen-Y, here is a healthy and easy dish.

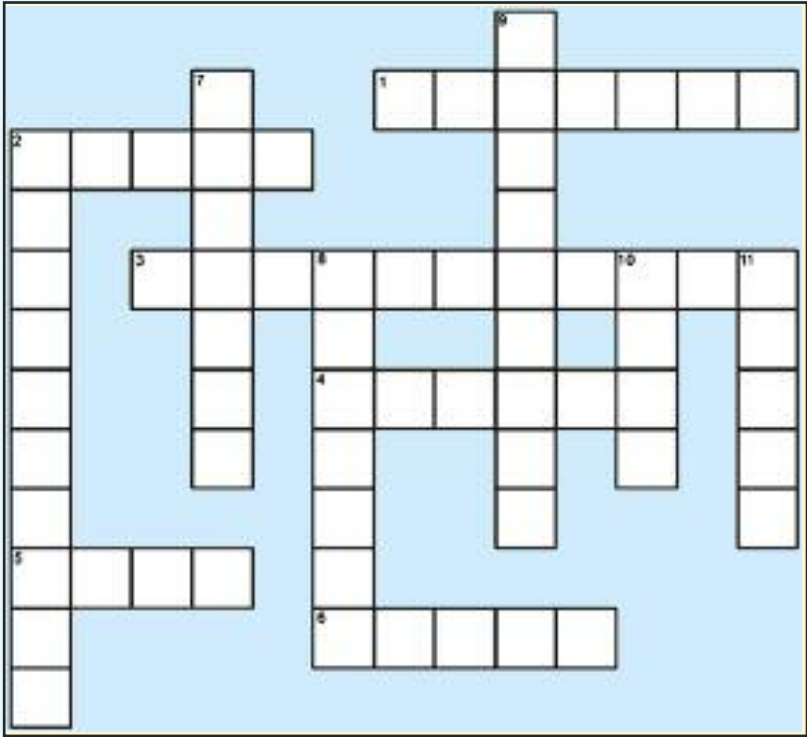
Ingredients

- Hard boiled eggs:** 4
- Cheese:** 2 cubes grated
- Corn:** Boiled and mashed, Half cup
- Milk:** 1 tbsp
- 1 small tomato:** Finally diced
- Salt and pepper to taste**
- Tabasco sauce:** For flavour

Method

- Cool the boiled eggs and slice each into half.
- Gently remove the yolk of the egg.
- In a bowl, put in the mashed corns, egg yolk, grated cheese, diced tomatoes, salt and pepper.
- Mix all ingredients thoroughly.
- Stuff the mixture gently into the white hollow of the boiled eggs.
- Sprinkle with grated cheese and top with a few drops of Tabasco sauce.
- Serve with potato chips. 

Crossword



Across

1. Hosted the 2011 IIFA Awards (6)
2. Only country with Hinduism as the state religion (5)
3. Smallest independent country in the world (11)
4. Spain in Spanish is called (6)
5. Shakespeare is also popularly known as the Bard of (4)
6. Became the capital of the world's largest democracy 100 years ago (5)

Across 1). Toronto 2). Nepal 3) Vatican City 4) Espana 5.) Avon 6) Delhi Down 2) New Zealand 7) Caracas 8) Iceland 9) Greenland 10) Iran 11) Yemen 

Down

2. The first country to adopt democracy (10)
7. Capital of Venezuela (7)
8. Eruption of volcano Eyjafjallajokull located in this country disrupted a lot of air traffic in 2010 (7)
9. World's largest island (9)
10. Pakistan shares its borders with India, Afghanistan, China and (4)
11. Capital of this country is Sanaa (5)

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At peace with thy self



Your intellectual space



The glittering creations

My Childhood Memories

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Gone are those solitary crèche days,
When baths were given in the middle of sleep,
I was fed between wails,

dressed up during sobs,
when I was neither cared nor neglected in my crèche...
Then, came the days when properties and characters of tales and cartoons, became intimate friends,
which did not last long as they


flew in and out in a jiffy.

Laughed and lived with balloons and buffoons were my days, and my sleep lullabied by mom's bedtime stories.

Then came a gift as a little baby sister as soft as honeyrose,

her liveliness made me feel, as proud as a peacock!
Then, shelves filled with Enid Blyton and Nancy Drew were how I spent my days, apart from a good deal of time passed with friends.
Barbie and Kelly shared my bedside. Years rolled by, days passed, my shelves were refilled with

J.K. Rowlings, Twilights and Dan Browns.

Now, this present of mine would eventually become, my future's past
The sands of time have changed my likes and dislikes,
But the true epitome of love to and from my family, I'm sure would never change. 



When I came to The Global Times Team, I felt like a newborn baby, but after getting so much love and support, I already feel grown up.

Dhvanii Chawla, VII A, AIS MV

Is This The Cinderella You Know?

Shubham Kaushik, VII B, AIS MV

You all must have known the old Cinderella. One day, while watching television, Cinderella realised that she should also become like her role models Barkha Dutt, Arundhati Roy and Kiran Bedi as she was highly influenced by their confidence, knowledge, attitude towards life, their personality, etc. Our lovely Cinderella first decided to work on her body. She joined a Gym to become physically strong. She ate only nutritious food to remain fit. She stopped cursing her situation anymore and decided to join a college to complete higher education. Very soon she got a good job. She became strong and successful. The fairy Godmother then appeared and enquired about what she desired further. Cinderella had now understood that 'knowledge is power'. 'Information' is considered a resource of the highest order so she wanted Fairy Godmother (Durga) to bless her, 'TAMSO MA JYOTIR GAMAYA.' Within a few years, Cinderella attained her degree. With the-



Illustration: Shubham Kaushik, AIS MV

knowledge she aquired, she helped her poor father to make a profitable business.

The tables had turned. Cinderella had become an indispensable part of the household and business. Both her parents and her step sisters could not imagine life without her. One day

Cinderella threw a party at her residence. She invited all the important people of the kingdom. The prince who was accompanied by his parents was impressed with the personality of the hostess. He expressed his desire to marry her. Cinderella agreed but on the condition that "he should fit into her grandfather's shoes." The shoes were a bit too big for the prince. Thus he realized 'One can't fit into someone else's shoes.' He said "Only if I fit into my own shoes can my personality grow." On hearing this, Cinderella agreed to marry the prince but asked him not to interfere when she helps her father to look after their business. So, Cinderella was married off to the prince. The kingdom was pleased to have a Queen with an altogether different outlook who would be influential in the prosperity of the kingdom. Thus, they all lived happy ever after. 🇮🇳



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BANANZZA banana+pizza

Mansi Rawat, VII F, AIS MV

Preparation Time: 15-20 minutes

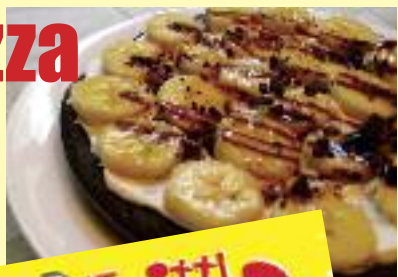
Cooking Time: 5-10 minutes

Ingredients

Vanilla essence, Vanilla Ice Cream, Cream, Banana slices, Biscuit crumbs, Pizza base (6 inch), Chocolate syrup, Peanut butter, Sugar, Salt to taste

Method

Mix 1 teaspoon of cream, 2 teaspoons of sugar, 1 teaspoon of chocolate syrup and 1 teaspoon of vanilla essence into a smooth mixture. The mixture should have a 'dropping consistency' when you tilt the spoon after taking some of the mixture in it, the mixture should drop by itself. Spread the mixture evenly on the pizza base. Arrange the banana slices on the pizza base. Driz-



zle chocolate syrup over the bananas. Sprinkle the biscuit and the crumbs on it. Bake your 'bananza' in an oven for 5-10 minutes, on 'high'. If you do not have an oven, place the 'bananza' in a sauce pan. Cover it with a lid and heat on a low flame, till the base starts to brown slightly. Make sure you cook it on a low flame or the cream will get spoilt and the base will turn black. That's all tour 'bananza' is ready to eat! Cut the 'bananza' into slices and serve each one with a topping of vanilla ice cream. 🇮🇳

My proud possession

Ankita Drolia, VII E, AIS MV

Long back, when I was younger, I used to see my friends with their younger siblings and felt the need of a younger one and often asked my parents for a little sibling. One fine day, my parents gave me a small news which gave me a big jolt. That "I was going to become an elder sister." I couldn't believe I'll have to share my world with a young life. Responsibilities seemed to knock my door!

Excitement and jealousy seemed to go hand in hand. Mom said, "You have to wait with patience." My friends too eagerly looked forward to meet my about-to-be life. One day, in September when I came back from the school my father told me that my mother was admitted in the hospital. I was scared and started crying asking my father, what had happened to her. He smiled and and told me that there would be a little surprise- the little baby for me. My happiness knew no bounds. But then, another question popped up, "Will it be



Pic: Ankita Drolia, VII E, AIS-MV

a brother or a sister?" I dressed up quickly and then father took me to the hospital. I saw my mom on a bed and I immediately hugged her. Just then, I noticed tiny sparkling eyes on a glowing face in a cot beside my mother. I asked "Is this Snow White?" They smiled and I understood I had got a sister! The moment I touched her rosy lips, she smiled in her sleep and a bond of love

got established. My father told me that I was just like her when I was born and she was my exact replica. The little bundle of joy was now my responsibility! It wasn't just an experience, I had just stepped into a whole new fun-filled world. Today after 3½ years, she is attached to me like a heart to a soul and we are not just sisters but true friends for life. 🇮🇳

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Poems

LOVE FROM MOTHER

Arnav Gupta, IV C, AIS MV

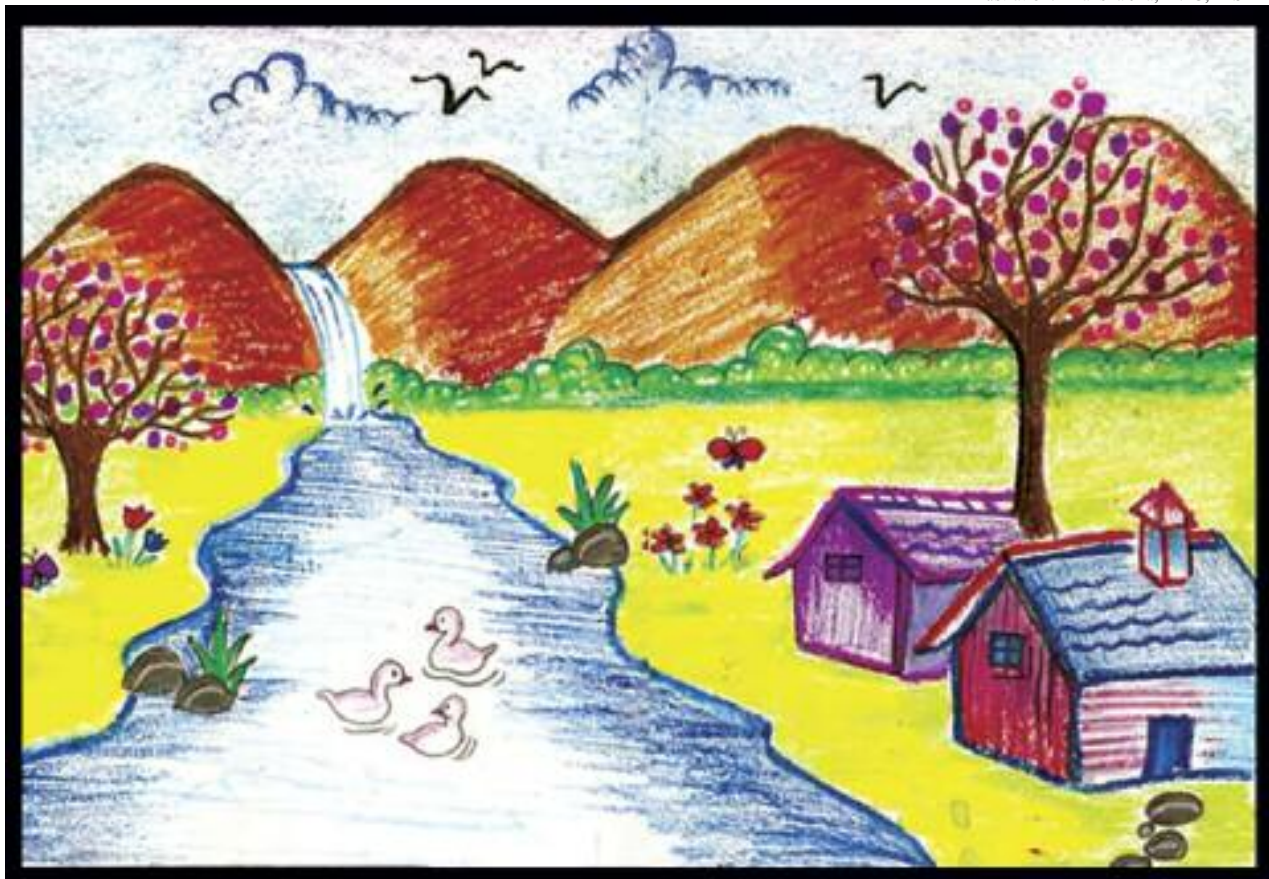
Mother! Oh Mother!
You love me a lot.
Whatever I asked
You always brought.
Only the good things
You've always taught.
Love from you I've always got.
Mother! Oh Mother!
You love me a lot.
I always think of saying thanks
Neither by rupees,
Nor by francs.
Mother! Oh Mother!
You love me a lot.
For the family,
You always sacrifice,
You too are human,

Not any device.
You cook the food delicious and nice.
I am thanking you,
Once, twice and thrice.

GOOD CHILDREN

Divya Upadhyay, I A, AIS MV

If you want to be good children
And the darling of everyone's heart
Go early to bed and get up early before mom should ask.
Brush your teeth, take your bath.
Reach your school before the bell rings. Ding dong ding!
Respect your teachers, help your friends for every thing!
Work in a neat and tidy way
And always be bubbly and gay
You must say 'thank you' & please
And say 'excuse me' when you sneeze
If you do all of this, you become good children whom we all love 🇮🇳



The experience made me rediscover my confidence. I simply love my GT team. Hope you enjoy reading it too!

Vandana Seth, GT Teacher Coordinator, AIS MV



Contest Edition

Corporates should adopt villages: Moily

Widening social inequality should serve as a clarion call to corporate to come forward, assume their social responsibility and work for upliftment of poor

Union Minister for Corporate Affairs, Dr M. Veerappa Moily made a fervent plea to corporates to come forward to bridge the widening gap between the affluent and marginalized section of the society as a part of their social responsibility

“More than 76 % of the Indian population lives below the poverty line. Despite the rise of per capita income there exists vast economic and social inequality. India’s growing population poses a great challenge. However, this dire situation can be overcome if the private sector engages itself in more social work. A new company law should be formulated that makes adoption of village by corporate mandatory,” the minister said during the release of a book on “Law Poverty and Development” authored by Maj. Gen. Nilendra Kumar, Director, Amity Law School, Noida and his son Advocate Mr. Kush Chaturvedi.

Dr. Moily further added that the population rise in India can become the demographic dividend in another thirty years and the population can be transformed into the asset of the country. Poverty should not be taken for granted in India and per capita income of any country should be judged with the way it handles its poverty”.

Delivering the key note address during the function Justice Mr. K.S Radhakrishnan, Judge Supreme Court of India said “The constitution of India is one of the best Constitutions in the world as it has numerous provisions to safeguard the interest of the weaker section and minorities in the forms of various National



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Commissions. However, the challenge lies in effectively implementing all of them. Therefore every citizen should engage in contributing to social equality in order to sew the thread of equality and fairness in the Indian Social fabric.”

He averred that social service should be made compulsory for the youth to serve the poor and socio-economic legislations like Right to Food and Right to Shelter should be introduced to elevate the living conditions of the marginalized. Wishing great success to “Law Poverty and Development” and hoping that it will ignite a flaming sense of responsi-

bility in India’s legal system to eradicate the chronic problem of poverty from the country Dr. Ashok K Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Group said “In a world, where poverty and marginalization of vulnerable groups are on rise, it is necessary to stress on the importance of the right to development”.

While sharing with the audience the concept and objective of the book Maj. Gen. Nilendra Kumar informed that Law, Poverty and Development is one of the subject papers prescribed by Bar Council of India for the LL.B syllabus in Bar Council of India rules and this book is a

wholesome effort to discuss the law relating to poverty, which have been covered in four distinct modules of Understanding poverty and development, Constitutional guarantee for the poor, Criminal justice system and the poor and Impoverishment of women, children and disabled persons.

Also present during the book release function were the Mr. Kush Chaturvedi, Co Author of “Law Poverty and Development”, Dr. Manish Arora, Director, Universal Law Publishing Co, HOIs, faculty and students from various institutions of Amity University.

AITTM holds orientation program for BTech students



Amity Institute of Telecom Technology and Management (AITTM) conducted an Orientation Program for B.Tech (Electronics & Telecommunication) students on 26th July, 2011. As a part of Orientation program for the new entrants, a series of guest lecture were organized. The guest lecture was delivered by industry experts drawn from various telecom giants on

“Industry Expectations from young Professionals”. The session began by welcoming the panelists followed by a speech by Mr. Sekhar Sahay Director HR Global Services, Ericcson. After a brief introduction about the relationship which Ericcson shares with Amity, Mr. Sahay said the company conducts a brief ‘Excel Program’ every year at AITTM. He briefed the students about

the technological advancements in the field of IT and telecom and also urged the students to set high goals and work hard to achieve them.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Sanjay Diwan, VP Marketing, and IMI Mobile emphasized the importance of values system in life and developing a go getter attitude. Mr. Ajeet Chauhan, Group President HR, Spice Global gave students six

golden mantras of success. He asked them to understand the true meaning of aggression and caution, importance of social and professional networking, ability to work as a team and think, to highlight the USP and above all to capitalize on their strengths. The event concluded with presentation of mementos to the guests. by Lt. Gen. P.D. Bhargava, Director General, AITTM

AIBS holds CEO Forum

With an aim to facilitate applied aspect of learning business and to give students an opportunity to learn it directly from those, who have mastered the art of managing the business, Amity International Business School (AIBS) invited Industry Captains for orientation program and CEO Forum on July 22, 2011.

The event was attended by Mr. Vishal Sehgal, Co Founder & Director from LAVA, Mr. A.K. Purwaha, Chairman & MD from Engineers India Ltd, Ms. Radhika Jain, Associate Director from Price waterhouse Coopers, Mr. Mehernosh Dittia, VP Talent Development HR from Max Healthcare, Mr. Vivek Malhotra, Asst VP Marketing and other distinguished personalities from the industry. The experts also interacted with the new batch students.

The interactive session was quite useful to students as they got the necessary inspiration to turn their dreams into reality. They also got to meet their teachers who would be working with them closely throughout the program.

The event was a great success where the industry captains addressed 400 plus students and acted as a role model to sharpen their capabilities and enhance their knowledge.

ASIBAS begin new session

Amity School of Insurance, Banking & Actuarial Sciences (ASIBAS) held inauguration of new Academic Session (20011-13) for their students on July 27, 2011.

The function was graced by Mr. Pankaj Gupta, President, KMG InfoTech India and Vice president of the company Mr. Manish Govil. Students and faculty members attended the function in large numbers.

Speaking on the occasion Mr. Gupta discussed the opportunities beckoning students in insurance, banking and IT. He spoke on length about how students need to equip themselves about new breakthroughs in software and hardware technology. Meanwhile, the VP of the company explained the responsibilities which a Business Analyst needs to shoulder to achieve success in career.

UK University comes calling

Mr. Hamid Gharda, Senior International Officer, Writtle College Chelmsford Essex UK visited Amity Institute of Food Technology on July 22, 2011.He was accorded a warm welcome by Dr. S.C. Jain, Director, Amity Institute of Food Technology and Wg. Cdr. S.K. Goel, Vice President, IAD, AUUP. The purpose of the visit was to establish partnership between the two educational institutes and encourage student exchange program. He also showed keen interest in conducting training courses at Amity Institute of Food Technology for Post Graduate students.Gharda also met Dr. Gurinder Singh, Pro VC (I) & Directorate General, AIBS.



Loaded with news, views and ideas, Amity GT battalion marched ahead to proclaim 'Mission Accomplished.'

Archana Upadhyay, Teacher Coordinator, AIS MV

JENESYS forging loving ties

Our home stay with Japanese families taught us a lot about their lifestyle, punctuality, their down to earth nature but had tears rolling down our eyes when we bade them adieu

Jairaj Gambhir & Harshit Singh
X A, AIS Vas-6

It is something unique that India's relations with Japan is one of warmth emanating from generous gestures and sentiments, of standing by each other at times of need. This bond lured the Government of Japan to launch the Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths (JENESYS) Programme in 2007, a brainchild of former Japanese PM Mr Shinzo Abe. We were among the lucky ones to be selected for the program this year. The tour to Japan commenced on June 4, 2011 and ended on June 15 with 114 participating students from across the country. The participants were divided into 5 groups. We were in the Okinawa and Mie Group respectively. Starting the program from the 'Suryaa Hotel' in Delhi and heading on to our first Rally point at Japan was quite eventful. By the time we reached Narita we had made lots of friends including our Japanese supervisors and coordinators, who updated us about the Japanese culture and the turbulence of Japanese skies. We visited Ryukyu-no-Yakata, the Okinawa Prefectural Peace Memorial Museum,



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Shurijo Castle and Mawashi High School where we introduced them to Indian festivals, cuisines, tourist spots and even played Kabaddi with them! In turn we learned their way of teaching, their nature and affection towards Indians.

We went on to Iga, the home of Ninjas. Visit to the Ninja and Danjiri Museums, Ninja Shows, Ueno Castle, Ueno High School, the Moku Moku Farm and the unofficial ride of the Ninja Train were fun. Our next stop in the beautiful jour-

ney was Matsusaka where I enjoyed the Sento for the first time. During our home stay with Japanese families, we learnt a lot about their life, food and dressing but found tears rolling down our eyes when we bade them adieu. But we can't forget their subtleness, politeness, punctuality, their down to earth nature and their friendly attitude. The farewell party, which followed the homestay programme, was truly memorable. Not only this, they have an immeasurable respect for each other and for other people from around the globe. Moreover their disposal system was noteworthy. They had three bins- one for Combustible, Non Combustible waste each and one for Plastic Bottles. Another thing peculiar to Japan was the activeness of women. One will find women standing at each and every retail shop instead of men quite unlike India. The 4R policy followed by them is also remarkable. Instead of 3Rs they have 4Rs - Recycle, Reduce, Reuse and Refuse. The JENESYS programme was an amalgam of joy, learning, thoughts, exchange of culture and lots more. We thank Amity for giving us such a wonderful opportunity which has added jewels to our life's Golden Book. [G](#) [I](#)

AIS Saket

Investing Responsibility

The investiture process recognizes leadership skills in children and gives them real life opportunities to polish their innate potential. Thereby, to bequeath responsibilities to the new Student Council, an Investiture Ceremony for Juniors, an Investiture Ceremony was organized on July 15, 2011 in the school auditorium. The ceremony started on an auspicious note with the chanting of *shlokas* and the lighting of the lamp by Principal Dr. Rekha Ranade and Headmistress Ms Anshu Mittal. The school choir welcomed the audience with their melodious songs. Dr. Ranade addressed the gathering and congratulated the newly selected student council. The new council members Dhanya Visweswaram and Eklavya Singh acquainted the audience with the selection process. The beaming parents witnessed the march past of the young leaders as they walked with utmost confidence. This was followed by awarding badges to the new council members by Chief Guest Col. Ahluwalia. The young leaders undertook an oath to carry out their duties well. The western music choir congratulated the new student council with zeal and enthusiasm. [G](#) [I](#)

Show me what you can baby!

From toy cars and colourful crayons to ice creams, school bags and potted plants, the tiny tots had a lot to Show & Tell

Amity International School, Vasundhara, Sector-1 organised Inter school 'Show and Tell' competition for classes Nursery & KG, I & II and an 'AD Making' competition for III & IV on July 13, 2011. Over 100 participants from 17 schools of Delhi/NCR took part. The event commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by senior consultant of Amity schools Ms Mohina Dar, School Principal Ms V. Balachandran, Headmistress Ms Roop Kamal Singh and the judges. This was followed by the recital of "Vakratundya Mahakaya" by the students of class IV. They kept the audience mesmerized

with the song "Teri hai zameen, tera aasman." "Swagatam Shubh Swagatam" gave a hearty welcome to the participants. School Principal Ms V Balachandran shared that the unfathomable hidden talents of the students are unveiled through these types of competitions. For Show and Tell, class wise topics were given to the various schools and they were to prepare on any one. Some of the topics were My Cuddly Toy, Colourful Crayons, My Toy Car, School Bag, My Photo Album, Small Potted Plant, etc. The topics for 'AD Making' competition were My Favourite Car, Yummy Ice-cream, A Fascinating Game and Friends Make Good Companions.

An august jury comprising six eminent personalities from the fields of education and performing arts judged the participants. One of the judges, Mrs. Babita Trivedi congratulated the participants for their excellent endeavour and praised the school for creating such a platform for the students. The school Orchestra 'Crescendo' set the stage on fire with their performance. In Show & Tell (Nursery), Rabnoor Kaur of DLF Public school stood 1st, Nirmit Mittal of Presidium, Indirapuram was 2nd and Kashvi Srivastava of AIS V-1 came 3rd. For KG, Gauri Tayal of AIS V-1, Manveen Kaur of AIS Noida and Diggaj Dhir of Khaitan Public School stood 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively. In class I category, Anushka Dey of DLF Public School, Riddhi Agarwal of Seth Anandram Jaipuria and Dakshyani Saxena of AIS Noida bagged 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes respectively. In class II, Vidhushi Gupta of Cambridge School, Aaliya Banerjee of AIS Noida and Diya Tyagi of Khaitan Public School stood 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively. In Ad Making Competition, Smarth Srivastava & Aman Chhanna of Ch. Chhabil Das School stood 1st, Nistha Das & Irina Srivastava of AIS Vasundhara-6 stood 2nd and Daksh Rawal & Vatsal Sarawagi of AIS Pushp Vihar came 3rd. Head Mistress Ms Roop Kamal Singh congratulated the young achievers. Principal Ms V Balachandran praised the young orators for their oratory skills. The dignitaries gave away the trophies and certificates to the winners. Ms Dar felicitated the teams for their efforts. [G](#) [I](#)

G-20 call for policies

Keeping pace with the current economic changes and policies, particularly reforms that were formulated after the recession in 2009, AIS Vasundhara-6 organized a 'G-20 Summit'. The event is the brain child of Dr. (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson Amity Group of Schools. The summit involved various delegates representing their respective nations from all over the world. They focused on the impact of recession and remedial policies so as to overcome consequent crisis prevailing in nations. Principal Ms

AIS Vasundhara-6



Sunila Athley encouraged the participants to continue contributing to the society and nation at large. [G](#) [I](#)

Sawan Ki Bahar



AIS Noida


Usha Verma, Teacher, AIS Noida

On July 26, 2011, Pre Primary Amities of AIS Noida frolicked in the monsoon theme party, 'Saawan Ki Bahar'. It marked a week long celebration that concluded in the form of a special assembly. Thematic learning started on July 20, 2011 with the tiny tots learning new things through conversation, a 'Nature Walk', reciting rhymes on the monsoon and crafting out creative artwork like peacocks, umbrellas, raincoats, gumboots, mushroom, corn-on-the-cob, etc. Experiments on topics such as 'germination' and 'the water cycle' were con-

ducted as well to give learning a whole new dimension. Clad in traditional Indian dresses and wearing flower jewellery, the little 'princes' and 'princesses' learnt about the mood and melody of the rainy season, including the significance of rain and the worship of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati. They feasted on traditional delicacies and played on swings. The kiddies indulged in traditional customs such as applying 'mehendi', riding the swings and feasting on 'ghewar' and 'phirni'. The corridors and classrooms set the ambience of the Sawan as songs, dances and excitement reverberated to the mood of 'desi' beats. [G](#) [I](#)

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DATE WITH AKSHAY KUMAR

The king of stunts in a tete-a-tete with Afsha Majid, IX, AIS MV

The most amazing thing happened to me during my trip to Gujarat in the summer vacations. It was like a dream come true. Just by his presence, I could feel the breath being knocked out of me and the very thought of talking to him sent thousands of butterflies fluttering around my stomach. I happened to meet a famous film personality of India and the current king of stunts-Akshay Kumar when he was visiting the famous Ambaji Temple to receive the benediction of Goddess Ambaji.

How was your trip to Ambaji?

It was great. I felt very good and rejuvenated after visiting Ambaji Temple. I am a spiritual person and I wanted to thank God for all the success that I have achieved in life. I am also planning to make a film about Goddess Ambaji.

How does it feel

to be so successful?

You see, I believe in hard work and determination. With God's kindness, people of India have always enjoyed my work, giving their appreciation in the form of love.

Any projects in the pipeline?


In July, I will start the shooting of the sequel of 'Once upon a time in Mumbai'. I have also been approached for few other projects.

How was it working for your TV show "Kha-tron ke Khiladi"?

I am a very adventurous person, the stunts and thrills excite me a lot. And, this show has it all. The best part about this show is that it lets the participants conquer their fear. I had a great time working for it and I am glad that it was well received by the audience.

What are your favourite pastimes?

Cooking, playing games like football and cricket and a rigorous training regime so that I stay fit, keeps me occupied. These all may be considered as my favourite pastimes.



STAR-STRUCK:
Afsha Majid, IX AIS MV

Being from Chandni Chowk, what are your feelings towards Delhi? Do you miss being in the city?

Well, Chandni Chowk is the best place in this world. I love everything about Delhi, be it the food, weather, warmth of the people or the development in the city. It is truly the capital of our country, I miss my Delhi.

What is your holiday Mantra?

For me, holidays are a time for complete relaxation. It means absolute family time, accompanied with lots of sleep, lots of eating, reading and playing with my son, Aarav.

Any message for the younger generation?

It is a computer age, but success doesn't come at the speed of computer. It is hard work and a lot of dedication accompanied with motivation, which leads to success in life. Youngsters should understand the basic virtues of life and should not just crave for materialistic pleasures. Everyone can do a little to make the world a better place.

I was on cloud 9 after my first celebrity interview and will remember that experience forever.

Arre yahan toh laash hai!

...and we continue to hear this dialogue till we switch to English serials

Panya Baldia
X A, AIS MV


Breaking down under melo-drama? Anti-depressants, commonly known as 'English TV serials' are what you want. They're short, crisp, humorous, heart racing and the right amount of drama.

Procedural Cop show
Original old equations- Hindi TV serial scenario:
Witness: *Arre yahan toh laash hai!*
Police *bulaao!*
Cops walk into the crime scene
Cop: *Arre yahan toh laash hai!*
Stares at the corpse for 2 minutes thoughtfully
Cop: Hmm...I need more information. Call the medical examiner!
Ad break
Scene resumes with the medical examiner rushing towards the body
M.E.: *Arre yahan toh laash hai!*
(Dude! You deal with dead bodies everyday! Get over it.)
takes a deep breath
Take the *laash* to my lab...
(And the *laash-hai*-syndrome continues for the next 5 episodes...)

Substituting the excessive melo-drama - English TV serial scenario:
Cop walks into the crime scene
M.E.: The marks on the neck show a prominent case of strangling, most probably with a plastic rope. The broken ribs and bruises on the wrists suggest a struggle. The wallet was missing but I found a parking ticket from the 5th Avenue. I'll get details when I get the body back in the lab.
Cop: Ryan, contact the victim's family. Check his financials and the place where this ticket belongs to. Pay a visit to his apartment too. We don't want to leave any stone unturned. People, let's solve this case!
(And in the next forty minutes they go from one suspect to another, crack jokes, have coffee and yet catch the killer. Moving on...)

The love theorem
Elaborate proof - Hindi TV serial scenario:
Boy (talking to self): *Aaj main use*

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apne dil ki baat batake hi rahunga.
(Wait for it, his resolve is going to be severely tested for the next 30 mins.)
(He roams around the whole college campus looking for the girl. He is about to find her when, filmy music starts to play and winds start to blow, and the girl walks out with a friend, missing him by a second.)
*Ad break *
(His quest for the girl continues through the next 15 minutes when finally he is able to catch hold of her.)
Boy: *stares at her for 5 mins*
I...wanted to...say something.. (Finally!)
Girl: Yeah?
And to be continued....
Short and sweet - English Serial scenario:
Boy: I think I am in love with you.
(They share a romantic moment with the background music blending in perfectly.)
Now before the episode ends, they'll go out for a candle light dinner, will get into a fight, patch up and deal with family drama.
The choice is obvious, though if melodrama is your cup of tea, I will leave it up to you.

Quite Accentric!

Apoorva Pandey, X E, AIS MV

Mission: Anchoring special assembly
Methodology: Fake accent
Results: Jeering audience...Don't miss the funny remarks! (Oh! And the anchor pretty flustered)
Here, goes to all those people having phony enunciations.
We are the natives of a country, where numerous accents exist depending on where we are born. The notion how accents constituting heavy tones of regional flavours are ridiculed by some sort of elites, who spend their entire life faking an accent to sound polished, who believe that the way they speak English or pinpoint at others' way or mistakes in the way they do, makes them supercilious is beyond understanding.
But sadly, what we pay no heed to is the fact that English is a foreign language for all of us barring the English, Americans, etc.
So, let's just express our admiration for someone who strived and done what not to master it; and not shower taunts at someone who lagged behind.
If one can roll his/her eyes and tongue to blab a word, does not mean s/he is the descendant of the Seventh Earl of England! And shun the perception that only accents reflect one's intellect and demeanour.
NOT TRUE.




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ARE YOU ABOVE AVERAGE?

Anwesha Padhy
X C, AIS MV

Above Average is a coming of Age novel, set in India's most prestigious college- IIT Delhi. The story revolves around the protagonist Arindham's life as a nerdy middle class boy, struggling to cope with the demands of his new life at IIT and

closely resembles author Amitabha Bagchi's own life. The book explores the various facets of a person's life- aspirations, betrayal, hypocrisy and affection. Being at IIT Arindham is decidedly above average, but it is averageness and acceptance that he seeks. At one point in the book, he says, "Accustomed all our lives to being

lauded as exceptional, we were all scared that the true measure of ourselves, our unremarkable selves, would emerge one day," reflecting the mindset of IITians who struggle to live up to the high expectations. Arindham tries his luck at being a

drummer, but fails and ends up as a research scholar. The simply "Above Average" Arindham strikes a chord with readers, because of the truthfulness with which he tackles the harsh realities of life. Anyone on the threshold of entering the real world should read this book to understand the complexities that await them in the big bad world that lies outside the security of home.

Book Review

