

**Status of the week**  
 Clinging, losing grip, the gliding raindrops, chide me for shielding my face. Chastised, I pause, take a trip when the pitter patter lulled me to stop or enthused me to a wild hop. In time's grip, I yearn to relive the spree, stop, hop and be free.

Priti Khullar, Teacher, AIS Noida

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Pokémon Go, P4

**AMIT e poll**  
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# To be left

*Or to be not? Lies not in our hands, but perhaps in the folds of history, the logical myths and the rules laid down by the right*

if they couldn't do it right, they were considered clumsy.

Bittersweet love

Left handers were called names; yet the loudest cheers in stadiums are for the likes of them - Yuvraj Singh. We smirked at their clumsiness, but the clumsiness of one of their kind gave us a rollercoaster of a laugh - Charlie Chaplin. While we tried to dictate them but when it came to being lead, we chose them - George Bush, Bill Clinton, Barack Obama. Their peculiarity annoyed us, yet their creativity amused us - Michelangelo, Rembrandt, Leonardo da Vinci. So it is upon us, whether Tara will try to make a card using her right hand the next time, or come up with a masterpiece of her own. Isn't she supposed to be just left? Left handers, have heart-there's an entire day dedicated to you: Aug 13 - World Left Handers Day.

shake, the fascist right hand salute and also the style of writing left to right, and made it the rule of thumb. And so the left-handers were expected to adhere to these rules that were against their natural inclination. From tools to heavy machinery, everything favoured the right-handers, a bias that is prevalent even today. Perhaps man in the Stone Age was more open to the idea of a few individuals being different, for the tools created were equally divided for the use of right and left hand.

So less in many, so much in a few

While left handers constitute a mere 10-15% of the total society, they outnumber others in the competitive sub societies. When a few flexible minds tried to reason out this difference, the most plausible theory that came in existence was that handedness is a result of negative frequency dependent selection. It advocates that handedness comes with both cooperative and competitive pressure in human soci-

eties. While cooperation persuades us to follow what others do, competition is about surprising your opponent and so the success of left handers in sports. In fact theoretically, left-handers could more easily use both hemispheres of the brain to manage stimuli, resulting in faster over-all processing and response time. But cooperation required them to do what others were doing, and

# Pursue what you love

“**I**ndiaaaa! Indiaaaaa!” *Thousands of voices echoed in my ear, I could see nothing but the batsman standing in front of me. This was it, I knew,”* says **Nikhil Chopra** as he reminisces a short but eventful cricketing career. The former cricketer and sports analyst talks about the game, sports frenzy in India and more, in an exclusive interview with **Suhani Saigal, AIS Saket, XI E**



**Tennis or cricket?**  
As a child, I was very fond of tennis. During my stay in Allahabad, I played the sport for Uttar Pradesh at the age of 12. After shifting to Delhi, I met my father's friend who was a cricket coach and that is how I was introduced to cricket. He taught me how to play and I developed an instant liking for the sport. I was 14 years old when I played

U-15 cricket. It was after I passed class tenth that I decided cricket is the career I want to pursue.

**Dream come true**  
Being on the team itself was the greatest pleasure I've ever known. Representing India in the 1999 World Cup was phenomenal. I played in a stadium filled with thousands of people. Adrenaline rushed through my veins and I experienced joy mixed with pride. It was one of the best feelings I've ever had. I was on the team alongside Sachin Tendulkar and he surely is a humble gentleman! Ajay Jadeja, Sourav Ganguly and master-blaster Tendulkar supported me throughout the World Cup. Sachin, being the most supportive, greeted me with a warm “Welcome to the team” when I boarded the bus. Even though we didn't win the trophy, I took back home a cup full of vivid memories.

**Great team**  
The Indian cricket team is now thriving and it is a delight to watch them play. But if there's one thing I could change about the team, it would be a few bowlers. Being a right-arm offbreak bowler myself, I know what the national team needs. Nevertheless, this very team has brought many laurels for the country and no amount of appreciation is enough. It's a great team.

Pic: Uday Bassi, AIS PV, XII B

Suhani Saigal with Nikhil Chopra

***If you have the passion, no hurdle is too big to jump over and conquer. Don't pull yourself down, instead find ways to get up. Remember, you're one of a kind.***

**Sporty nation**  
I'm extremely pleased to see the development of all major sports in India. We're getting there. While football and kabaddi are being promoted in a big way, I can't help but notice the growth in cricket too. With the establishment of the Indian Premier League, cricket is bigger than ever. It

will definitely help the country. IPL not only provides great exposure to young, aspiring cricketers; it also provides ex-cricketers like me the opportunity to remain close to our true love and remain engaged with the sport.

**Dear Amitians**  
Sports is a great career option. It may not be as money-making initially as you think it is, but it surely gives you the kind of happiness nothing else in the whole world can. My only advice to you is, never stop yourself from pursuing what you love, no matter what the society says. If you have the passion, no hurdle is too big to jump over and conquer. Don't pull yourself down, instead find ways to get up. Remember, you're one of a kind.



# Terror, terror everywhere

Terror of losing lives. Terror of a toppled world. Terror that kills. Terror that bleeds. 1,016 attacks. 8,641 fatalities. The world has witnessed a spate of terror attacks, each more severe than the previous. **Romika Chakraborty, GT Network** brings you different shades of terror.

**Location:** Atatürk Airport, Istanbul  
**Fatalities:** 41  
“There was blood everywhere, even the floors were marked with blood boot marks,” said a shocked woman who came at the airport to see off her friend.  
Every week, one is overwhelmed with devastating news about terror attacks in the Middle East and Europe, each more horrifying than the last, with the frequency of almost three a week. The terrorists don’t even realise the number of lives they leave shattered with every attack. Nobody dies alone; they take somebody’s life with them, somebody who loved them and after their death, cannot live without them but simply exist. It takes a few minutes to execute a bomb blast but it takes a lifetime to sober under the weight of its consequences, that of lives taken and that of lives broken.  
**Aastha Gupta, AIS Pushp Vihar, XI F**

**Location:** Nice, France  
**Fatalities:** 84  
Terrorism is “part of our daily lives,” said one of the eye witnesses.  
In recent times, France has faced several devastating attacks and its citizens have been forced to live in these harsh times while constantly questioning their safety and security. The trauma can alter people’s expectations, actions, outlooks and interac-



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tions but most importantly, perpetual acts of terror can make such actions seem conventional and acceptable and we must not permit this under any circumstance. Terrorism cannot be allowed to be ‘a part of our everyday lives’.  
**Oorja Rawat, AIS Noida, XII G**

**Location:** Baghdad  
**Fatalities:** 300  
“The force of the explosion threw me meters away and I lost consciousness for a few minutes,” reported a grocer near the spot. The Baghdad serial bombings have brought before us an alarming figure, a figure that leaves every person to ponder over. The fear

of explosion in every corner, the havoc, the fear in every individual’s mind that s/he might be the next. The statement reveals the fearful psyche of the survivor who was almost on the verge of losing his life and this itself shows how the people in Baghdad are leading their life, a life that is overshadowed with fear and distress.  
**Rishik Sood, AIS Mayur Vihar, XI**

**Location:** Dhaka, Bangladesh  
**Fatalities:** 20  
“We will not kill Bengalis. We will only kill foreigners,” shouted one of the gunmen (a terrorist).  
Who are foreigners? The terrorists just be-

lieve in taking innocent lives, lives that have nothing to do with their unreasonable motives. They are not concerned with our religion; they serve only one religion - ‘killing people’. These delusional people often use religion as a tool to brainwash the young minds to execute their heinous plans. At this point of time, it’s time to rise up in unity as humanity is on the verge of extinction.  
**Damini Mehta, AIS Gur 43, XII D**

**Location:** Brussels Airport  
**Fatalities:** 35  
The UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office says in its travel advice that visitors should “remain vigilant, stay away from crowded places and follow the instructions of the Belgian authorities.”  
The world has been encased in a deadly apocalypse. Ergo, countless restrictions are emerging, as we trod towards the inevitable. But can these restrictions provide us security? Who knows the intruder might be living next door? The authorities were already present at the airport. Ample security measures were already taken. So, how does not going to crowded places solve the problem? The issue of security is in a flux.  
**Poushali Ghosh, AIS Vasundhara 6, XI**

**Location:** J & K, Pulwama district  
**Fatalities:** 8  
“A CRPF convoy on way to Srinagar was attacked by militants at Namblabal near Pampore town on the Srinagar-Jammu national highway,” a senior police official reported to the media.  
If the ‘jawans’ who are 24x7 at the nation’s service, end up losing their lives due to such terror attacks, then who will protect our nation? The power and influence of these terrorists has increased so much that they are now attacking the soldiers who safeguard the entire nation. If things digress the same way, the day is not far when all of us will be under the rule of terrorists.  
**Toyam Khanna, AIS Gur 46, VIII F**



World at a glance

GT keeps the newswire ticking by bringing you news from around the globe

United States

Verizon buys Yahoo

Yahoo, the once internet giant struggling in recent times, will be bought by Verizon Telecom Company for \$4.8 billion. The position of Marissa Meyer, the CEO of Yahoo, remains unclear in the post buyout scenario.

Austria

Scientists design remote controlled microbots

Microbots have been designed by scientists in Geneva which could be used to deliver drugs in the body or perform minor surgeries. These tiny robots, by entering the human body can effectively treat a patient and replace complicated surgeries.

Brazil

More woes for Rio Olympics

Beset with problems, Rio Olympics faced more hurdles as athletes complained about the living conditions at the Olympic village. Australia’s Olympic delegation has refused to move into the athlete’s village and fears have risen over the crime levels in Rio.

India

Research finds new ancestor of man

A team of Indo-Spanish researchers have found that Andaman’s native tribals Jarawas and Onges are descendants of a completely new family of early men unknown to science so far. This opens up the possibility that the first group of men who came out of Africa had given rise to multiple lineages, unlike the two now known, ie, Neanderthal and the Denisovan.

UAE

Historic solar flight completes journey

History was created when Solar Impulse 2, a solar powered aeroplane, completed the world’s first round-the-world flight, landing in Abu Dhabi. The flight completed a 25,000-mile journey that began more than a year ago.

China

Largest amphibious aircraft launched

The world’s largest amphibious aircraft AG600 to be used for marine missions and fighting forest fires, has been unveiled in Beijing. The aircraft is 121 feet in length with a wingspan of 128 feet, and has been made by Aviation Industry Corporation of China.



A rhesus monkey called Albert 1 was the first monkey to be sent to space on June 11, 1948.

# Parivaar ya paathshala

The school is one big family, that bears a close familiarity to members of our household

**Damini Mehta**  
AIS Gur 43, XII D

First day in school, bawling and not wanting to leave our mother's side. And now, we hate leaving school when the dispersal bell rings. The years spent in school, forming bonds with our classmates, teachers and other people around school makes us a part of a huge family – a family formed through silly antics, lame jokes and a lot of scolding. Let's delve into our very own 'Modern Family'.

## Pairi pauna bauji

*Every family has a 'head' without whom none of the decisions are taken.*

*Every school has a 'Principal' figure who takes the final call, a call that everyone has to adhere.*

S/he is the first person we go to take blessings from before leaving for any major battle aka competitions. The ones in front of whom even the parents shiver. They are like the beloved senior most member of the family - the school principal. Just like the head of the family leads and holds the fort, you will often find the school principal settling disputes between warring factions and steering the entire family towards one common goal, in this case – excellence.

## Beta tumhari bhalai chahte hai

*Every family has 'hard on the outside, soft on the inside' parents.*

*Every school has strict yet lenient teachers.*

They nurture us like a parent does, and even scold us when we step out of line. Our 'ma'am(s)' embody motherly figures, while our 'sir(s)' put up a tough and strict demeanour, but have hearts of gold. Interacting with the students on a day-to-day basis, they help a child grow step by step, or let's say class by class. Feeling stuck? Need counselling? Low on confidence? Just like a parent, they are your go-to for every problem, big or small.



## Also starring...

*Every family has a person who is at your service.*

*Every school has a bhaiyya/didi without whom no work can be accomplished.*

The people who may not be in the lead roles, but the story can never be complete without them. Our *bhaiyyas* and *didis* are just the same, hidden in the background, but an eminent part of the family. Your teacher will not be able to show her presentation, if the *bhaiya* does not put up the projector. Remember how the *didis* escorted you to the washrooms when you were a toddler? Anyone thinking Farida Jalal from Kabhi Khushi Kabhi Gham?

## Shaitano ki toli!

*Every family has a 'Vanar Sena'.*

*Every school has a group of miscreants.*

They make us giggle when we're being scolded. The ones we can 'pretend to be adults' with. The ones to whom we can give orders, when we know nobody else will listen to us. They're our batchmates, our juniors and seniors who never let us feel the luxury of being the 'only child'. They scare us by acting all experienced and pretend to give advice like "Abhi toh maze karo, badi class mein aao toh mehnat karni padegi", but always extend a helping hand when the need arises. **GT** (With inputs from *Sweta Sahu*, AIS Gur 43, Alumnus)

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# Indian imprints at Harvard



Participants across the globe at Graduate School of Education, Harvard University

Amity educator participates in a professional development programme at Harvard

**Amity University, Jaipur**

Prof (Dr) Manish Verma, director, ASCO, Amity University, Jaipur, recently participated in a professional development programme at Institute for Management and Leadership in Education (MLE) at Harvard University's Graduate School of Education from June 19-July 1, 2016. The institute is a part of Harvard's Programme in Professional Education, which is designed for higher education administrators and aims to prepare them to take up leadership roles in the globalised education sector. The programme saw

the participation of educators from different countries, viz, US, UK, Denmark, UAE, Australia, Switzerland, Sweden, Canada, France and India. During the programme, presidents, provosts, vice-presidents of various US universities interacted with the participants and shared their leadership lessons. Dr Verma was the only participant from India. "I thank Amity University for providing me this opportunity, wherein I was able to meet educators from around the world and discuss the current scenario in higher education. I feel this learning will help me contribute more to the higher education sector in India," said Prof Verma. **GT**

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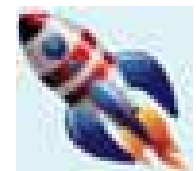
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Russian astronaut, Yuri Gagarin, was the first human to travel to outer space in 1961.



# Will you catch them all?

**R**emember watching *Pokémon* cartoon as a kid, hoping to own a *Pikachu* some day. This dream has come true, well most of it anyway, with the launch of the game *Pokémon Go*. **Rishabh Gupta, AIS Noida, XI F** explores...

## So what is Pokémon Go?

Pokémon Go is an augmented, location based reality game that challenges users to find and catch Pokémon characters in their real world surroundings. In other words, with the help of your phone, you have to move around places (Poke stops), catch Pokémon and play with other trainers. Just like the tagline 'Gotta Catch 'Em All.'

## Have to catch them all

A long time ago, video games meant hours in front of the computer. Candy Crush meant idling time on your phone. Pokémon Go changed just that. Since one requires to move from place to place to catch a Pokemon, it has been hailed as the new health game! Players have been known to roam around for hours, and running in places they would otherwise never be seen in. One of the animal shelters in the US, jumped into the mania and asked players to walk with some of their dogs while on the run.

## All thanks to Pikachu

While on the prowl, Poke hunters have stumbled upon abandoned and trapped animals. A trainer in USA came across a cage full of abandoned hamsters. In Houston, two other users rescued a puppy from a park, which otherwise would have gone unnoticed.

## We are family

Imagine peeking into your neighbour's phone and asking, "Did you catch a Rattata yet?" End result? Both of you competing as to who is the best trainer. This is exactly what has happened with many Pokémon hunters. From meeting and discussing Pokémon found in an area to grown up Chennai men running in a park, it has even bought families together.

## But...

## Is it the real world?

Due to the game's addictiveness, many have met with fatal results. Two men in US fell off a cliff while playing the game. There have been reports of people getting distracted while crossing the road and trespassing private property, just to catch the elusive Bulbasaur! Japan has reported thousands of traffic accidents because players were playing the game while driving. And the players don't really care when a car driver aka Poke trainer crashes his car into a police car.

## Passport? Meh!

You need a visa when you want to go to another country. Poke trainers just need to 'Gotta catch them all'. And boy did these two teenage Canadians take it seriously. Too distracted by the game, they lost track of the country they were in and

inadvertently crossed into America. It was only when they were apprehended by border patrol that they realised what 99 a blunder they had committed.

## Gotta catch...what?!

Imagine the face of a Poke hunter when s/he is trying to catch a Charizard and finds a dead body instead! Shayla Wiggins, US, stumbled upon a dead body while hunting for a Pokemon. Two Japanese guys ventured into a dark 'haunted' tunnel to be the ultimate champion. And what can be said about three players who got themselves locked in a cemetery. Wonder which Pokémon would have been of help if a ghost decided to pay a visit. [G T](#)



## Know the basics

Anika Jha, AIS Saket, VI B

### What is Pokémon Go?

It is a new game released for IOS and Android users. The users have to wander in their neighbourhood in search of Pokémon characters, which pop up on their phone screens.

### How does it work?

The users navigate the world with the help of the animated version of Google maps. They can randomly encounter Pokémon characters, capture them and add them to their team.

### What is the fun?

The craze is to collect varieties of rare Pokémons. They are virtual pets, which the users train and take care of.

### Does it cost money?

The game is free but users can buy items in the app. Also, traveling to a Pokestop in the game may allow the user to collect rare items. However, it does increase the data usage cost.

### Who created this?

Niantic Inc. and Google Inc.



# Mission JUNO

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## What is JUNO?

JUNO is a robotic spacecraft, also known as a space probe, which is used for exploring space and planets like Jupiter. From taking pictures to collecting soil, it helps scientists to understand our universe better. Some of the notable space probes are- Curiosity Rover (Mars), Mangalyaan (Mars) mission by ISRO and Apollo Mission to the Moon.

## Why is it called JUNO?

The name has its origin from Greco-Roman mythology. Jupiter, the supreme God often referred as the God of sky and lightning, used to form clouds around himself to hide his mischief but his wife, Goddess Juno, was able to see his real character through the clouds. JUNO is a similar effort to study planet Jupiter. And for good luck, JUNO spacecraft carries with it a 1.5-inch figurine of Galileo Galilei, the Roman God Jupiter and his wife JUNO. The inclusion of the three mini-statues is part of a partnership between NASA and the LEGO Group to inspire children to explore.

## Why scientists want to study Jupiter?

The volume of Jupiter is **1300 times** greater than Earth. Its mass is two and a half times that of all the other planets in the solar system combined. Because of its huge mass, magnetic field and gravitational force, it is believed that the formation of other planets in the universe are influenced by Jupiter. Also, composition of Jupiter has remained unchanged since the formation of solar system unlike other planets. The research will help to solve the mystery and history of the 5 billion years old solar system.

**Speed on orbit:** 0.17 km/s

**Max speed:** 265,000 km/h

**Launch date:** August 5, 2011

**Placed in Orbit :** 4th July, 2016

**Orbit height:** 4,300 km

**Age:** 20 months (planned crash)

**Cost:** 1.1 b USD

## How will JUNO help us?

■ **Gravitational field:** It will measure the gravitational force on Jupiter which will help to determine its mass, interior and its distribution precisely.

■ **JUNO cam:** It will take high definition pictures of Jupiter.

■ **Study of Jupiter's pole:** It will study the polar magnetosphere and auroras (polar light).

■ **Magnetic field:** JUNO will

measure the strength and direction of the magnetic field produced by Jupiter, which will help the scientist to understand the fundamental physics of dynamo - thermo expansion. MAG, a unit in the satellite which will measure the strength of the field.

■ **Water on Jupiter:** JUNO will determine the ratio of hydrogen to oxygen. The existence of water on Jupiter will help to solve the mystery of its formation.

## Trajectory of JUNO







Russian Cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova became the first woman to travel to space on June 16, 1963.

# Amazing Australia

*With its lush green turf, Australia, often known as ‘The Land Down Under’, is a great visual treat for visitors, and spending a vacation there is nothing short of a fairy tale!*

## Travel Desk | Australia

Dhrti Juneja, AIS Pushp Vihar, VII B

Like everyone else, I always look forward to my summer vacations. Of course, the vacations are a time to relax and indulge in new hobbies, but what makes them even more exciting is the annual family holiday. Every year, I travel to a new destination with my family and with that, comes the dilemma of looking for a holiday destination. This year was no different. After a lot of debate and discussion, we zeroed on Australia, and I am so glad we did, for it turned out to be one of the best holidays of my life.

My trip to Australia was a two-city tour spanning Sydney and Melbourne. While each city offered a host of tourist attractions, I had some of my personal favourites.

### MELBOURNE

**Shrine of Redemption:** This popular tourist spot was built as a memorial for all those people who had served in World War I.

**Royal Botanical Garden:** With 10,000 species of plants, I loved the lush greenery of the place. I enjoyed walking through the vast expanse of green.

The air was so fresh and pleasant, I just did not feel like getting out of the royal garden.

**Eureka Skydeck:** This gold plated observation deck on the 88th floor offers you breathtaking views of Melbourne. It has a protruded glass box which makes it even more fascinating.

### SYDNEY

**Philip Island:** This place, known for its Penguin Parade, is a sight to behold. Every evening at sunset, tourists gather to see penguins returning ashore after the day's fishing. I saw the world's smallest penguin in its natural habitat from viewing stands.

**Sydney Harbor Bridge:** The world's tallest steel arch bridge, it is simply breathtaking. Watch a glorious sunset as you dine with your family at the Opera House.

**Gold Coast:** We went for a hot air balloon ride early in the morning. Flying in the air was an unbeatable experience. The evening was well spent at the glowworm tour, enjoying the soft glow of thousands of glowworms that can light up a cave. My summer break could not have been more fruitful, relaxing and informative. I thank my parents for taking me to the world's most livable place. 🇦🇺



## Australian take away

■ Australia is a beautiful place, with countless tourist spots to keep you busy. But what intrigued me even more was the culture of the country.

■ Melbourne is truly one of the most scenic and beautiful places on the planet. Australians ensure that their country remains as beautiful by keeping it clean. Nobody litters!

■ What I loved the most about Melbourne is the discipline and culture of the city. Well dressed people set out for work in the early hours of the morning; the work culture of the city is commendable.

■ Everything in Australia shuts down at 5 pm. People in the country believe that after working for long hours, one needs to be back home to enjoy with their family.

Dhrti with her parents



## GT Book of Random Questions

### What if there were no colours?

Once upon a time, a GT reporter called a student to take his views on the latest news. The student puzzled, tried to look for an answer and then after great thought, replied, “Why does GT never ask simple questions? Why so serious?” The GT reporter pondered over this and went on to compile the GT Book of Random Questions. Here, we bring to you the first chapter of the book - ‘What if there were no colours?’ penned by Saumya Chauhan, AIS PV, VI

extremely boring and dull without colours.”  
- Sapna Chauhan (Bua)

■ “If there were no colours, one would not enjoy nature, clothes or food; life would not be so beautiful. I would not want to live in a world like that.”

-Pooja Chauhan (Mom)

■ “If there were no colours, everything would be black and white. The whole world would be like a picture book without pictures.”

-Suhani Chauhan (Sister)

■ “If there was no such thing as colours, everything would be dark. I will not be able to see my favourite colours blue and red.”

- Abhay Chauhan (Chachu)

■ “If the world had no colours, it would simply be black, white and grey. Everything would be dull, lifeless and insipid.”

- Jaishree Chauhan (Chachi)

■ “I honestly can’t imagine a world without colours. Colours form a part of everything and sometimes help us to express our feelings. I feel the world would be



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# Talk the talk

Confused between what to say and when to say, right or wrong, we often end up in difficult situations

Saumya Kalia, AIS Vasundhara 6, Alumnus



## Do

### Analyse the situation

Okay so you can’t probably make an inappropriate joke with your teacher in front of the whole class (yes, exceptions are there). You need to know the magnitude of seriousness involved. Use your scale of super funny-super serious, then take the right call.

### Phrase things nicely

Every public speaking book in the world tells you to think before you speak. And they’re not wrong. You’re not playing jumble words here. You have a clue to what you want to convey. Therefore, connect the dots and do magic with your excellent ‘phrasing’ skills.

## Don't

### Laugh on everything

Your friend is whining about her parents scolding her because she failed in Math. And you laugh in an attempt to make small talk. Imagine yourself in her shoes, time travel to last night and get ready to face your parents instead. And then see how funny it is.

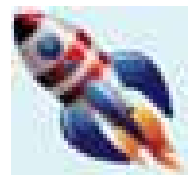
### Say blah blah stuff

You want to be nice, you want to be considerate. That’s all fine. But don’t be a creep. Don’t go beyond those short fences of courtesy and turn everything upside down. Know when to stop talking and slowly back off. Unless you want to be labeled as cheap and clingy (seriously guys, not cool). 🇮🇳

*Then again, situations vary. People vary. You might be able to sway the other person with your charm without saying anything or annoy them to the core even after following these wonderful tips. But as they say, just go with it.*



The first human-made object to reach the surface of the Moon was the Soviet Union's Luna 2 mission, on September 13, 1959.

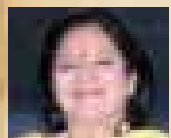


## Part 4

## Prerna Series

This is part 4 of Prerna Series, a collection of ten stimulating posts about the life and beliefs of Chairperson, inspired from her interactive sessions with Amitians on Prerna Diwas - 2016.

## Values vs materialism



Dr Amita Chauhan  
Chairperson

"I have lived in Germany for a long time. My children completed their education there but if you see them, they are very much rooted to their values. We had all the material comforts in Germany, but what was missing there was our Indian principles and ethics. That is why we decided to come back to our country, and impart a true value-based education. The biggest advantage that we Indians have over the West, is our values and sanskars. "

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India boasts of a rich cultural heritage and 'sanskars' that have been passed on from generations. Values like hard work, respect and good conduct have always been reinforced through moral stories, ancient scriptures and the great epics Ramayana and Mahabharata. Even story books like Pan-chatantra, focus on how 'good always wins over the evil'. The reason why values are emphasised, is - to make the world a better place for everyone. A world where there is peace, brotherhood and harmony.

Today, the world is full of strife; discontent and disorder loom large. It pains me no end to see the rampant vandalism by the youth, and youngsters being lured into terrorism. The world has come to naught. And it is largely due to depleting morals and values. At an age when youngsters ought to be studying, they are being handed arms. At a time when they ought to be taught values, they are being trained in annihilation.

It is a sad aftermath of the times we live in that material gains have assumed prominence over spiritual growth. It is undeniable that material comforts spur one's sense of well-being and hence, are important. But, at the cost of what? If the cost of one's growth is someone else's misery, then it is entirely unethical. You might ask, how do you know if you are walking the right path? It's actually very simple. Before embarking on anything, just ask yourself - will this harm anyone, including myself? If the answer is even 1% yes, refrain from that activity.

It is not so difficult to do the right thing, if you make up your mind. How you are and what you do, totally depends on how you train your mind. And believe me, it's not difficult to do so. Read good books, listen to good music and most importantly, believe in God. Even if no one can see what you are doing, remember that the Supreme Power is watching you all the time.

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Education without values, is incomplete.



Prerna Diwas celebrations at AIS G 43

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# Not the same anymore

As the society evolves, advertisements too change, mirroring the changes that we are going through. From women cooking and waiting for their husbands, we have men cooking and waiting for their wives. The world of advertisements has transformed. **Sunakshi Sethi, AIS Gur 46, Alumnus, enlists commercials that are on board the feminist bandwagon**

## Macho (Wo) Men!

**Ad: Nirma**

Men displaying physical strength, so usual right? However, detergent company Nirma challenged this clichéd notion with the quintessential housewives Hema, Rekha, Jaya and Sushma showcasing their physical strength- predominantly a 'male' trait- by pushing a van stuck in mud, while the macho men, gobsmacked just stare on.

## Women > Kitchen appliances

**Ad: Havells Appliances**

Havell's appliances have come with an end which sparks a beginning - "Respect women". A mother of an NRI groom looks for a prospective bride as there is no one to make him a cup of coffee that costs him a lot. So, she decides to cut on the expense and get him a wife. She is then gifted a coffee maker by the 'sanksaari bahu'. This one is for those who think

women are equal to kitchen appliances.

## Why should boys have all the fun?

**Ad: Hero Pleasure Scooty**

The simple act of travelling alone can empower women. The Scooty does the same and allows women to be self-reliant. The ad shows a zingy Alia Bhatt going places and enjoying life without being dependent on anyone. Girls too can zip, zap and zoom away having all the fun.

## House husbands!

**Ad: Ariel - 'Share the load' campaign**

They cook, they clean, they change nappies and they wash clothes too! They are gentle, they are caring...and they are men. Venturing into the uncharted territory of kitchen or cleaning clothes for their beloved truly gives justice to the tagline of the ad,



Perspective

Illustration: Anju Rawat, GT Network

"Dhona for my shona".

## Watching your mother's marriage

**Ad: Femina**

"Where was I when you were getting married, Mom?" There are some who ask this question to their mothers and then there are some who choose to get their parent married. This ad shows a daughter getting her mother married after the demise of her father. Changing mindset towards widow re-marriage? A thumbs up to that!

## Brave and beautiful

**Ad: Vatika**

Chemotherapy leads to the loss of hair, something our society gives too much importance to. A tribute to all the female cancer survivors, this ad celebrates the beauty of women without hair. [G I](#)

Illustration: Anju Rawat, GT Network

# A pseudo battle

Let's divulge deep into the what's and why's of net neutrality to understand the battle better and choose sides

**Shubhankit Tewari**

AIS Noida, VIII

## What is net neutrality?

Net neutrality means that Internet Service Providers should enable access to all content and applications regardless of the source, and without favouring or blocking particular products or websites. It is the 'right to equality' of the digital world. The idea was derived from the operation of telephone services. Just as you are allowed to make calls to anyone you wish regardless of the operators, net neutrality allows you to access any application or web service without any interference from the Internet Service Providers.

## Why net neutrality?

From the inception of the internet, net neutrality was more of a norm than a clearly established rule. Since it was a new concept, it was important that ideas were allowed to flow freely for its success. And also because the potential of internet was not realised back then and hence, no clearly defined rules and regulations oversaw its functioning. Net neutrality also allowed a level playing field to various ideas from the world over. Internet giants like Facebook and Google had humble beginnings. They could only pick up because net neutrality allowed them to carry out their functioning in a non-discriminatory environment.



## So what if there is no net neutrality?

Without net neutrality, the status of internet as the global network, will become doubtful. Instead of free access to websites, we might have to pay differently for every portal we visit. A successful company might pay more to the ISPs to ensure faster browsing for its website and a startup would struggle to invite users.

## What's with India?

Companies like Facebook and Airtel wanted to make their basic internet services free to Indians. This led to a heated debate. The TRAI finally ruled

out any such exceptions owing to the norm of net neutrality. On the contrary, these companies believe that in a developing country like India, such free services would empower people to communicate more freely. So was TRAI justified in its no discrimination, no flexibility from net neutrality policy? Perhaps not. Because what we need is a revision of policies and a clear discrimination between the catalysts and hurdles of net neutrality. And a realisation that norms and rules need to be flexible in case they are to serve in practice and not on papers, as in this case.



Vira Sharma  
Managing Editor

# The power of education

Last week, I had the opportunity to be a member of the selection board for the prospective Sec Gen candidate, in the upcoming Amity International Model United Nations 2016. There were 16 contenders. Confident and suave. Academically bright and versatile. Well-read and organized. Humble and noble...in thoughts, action and experience. The choice was difficult. While I know that one of them shall go on to be selected for the chosen position, I felt proud of the fact that each of them exuberated the qualities to be the perfect ambassador of Amity. Every single member made for that perfect global leader, complete with human values.

Education at Amity is driven by values, with Chairperson at the helm of affairs, who believes that teaching good values (Read page 6 - Prerna series) is the best thing that any education institutional can offer to its students. And all the candidates who had appeared for the interview, having spent over 10 years at Amity, had imbibed those values and vision. The recent spate of terrorism in Bangladesh (read page 2), especially the age of the assailants, compels one to ponder, as to what is happening to the young ones. Sad revelations that some of the attackers actually came from an elite milieu and even attended elite institutions in Dhaka, only deepen the crisis, defeating the very purpose of education.

What I saw, when I met the children last week, gave me a lot of hope. Everything was not yet lost. Good education still exists and a peaceful world is a possibility. The answer lies in a value driven society. 17 year old Malala Yousafzai, who became the youngest Nobel Peace Prize winner to share the prize with Indian Child Rights activist Kailash Satyarthi, is perhaps the perfect example of someone who refused to bow down to any form of terrorism. She expressed it best when she said, "I think that the best way to solve problems and to fight against war is through dialogue. For me, the best way to fight against terrorism and extremism... just a simple thing: educate the next generation." [G I](#)



The US space shuttle, first launched in 1981, was the world's first reusable spacecraft.



# Such ANIMATED LOVE

While we learnt to eat healthy from ever-so-strong Popeye, the Powerpuff Girls left us with lessons on courage. We all have grown up watching them, wanting to be like them. Cartoons, while providing us with a decadent dose of entertainment, have always inspired us. Young Amitians pen down their love for their favourite cartoons

## Pink Panther

**P**ink Panther is my favourite cartoon. He is clever and smart. Other than being intelligent, he also has an amazing sense of humour. He is a mix of style and elegance. He never complains or yells at anything. Pink always walks with pride and has a kind of swagger about it.

- TRIVIA** ■ The Pink Panther was created by Friz Freleng, Blake Edwards and Hawley Pratt.  
 ■ The character has starred in 124 shorts for theatres and TV, as well as 13 special TV shows.  
 ■ The Pink Panther won the 1964 Academy Award for Animated Short Film. He is known as Nathu and Pangu in East and South Asia.

Compiled & illustrated by:  
 Navya Puri,  
 AIS Saket, II

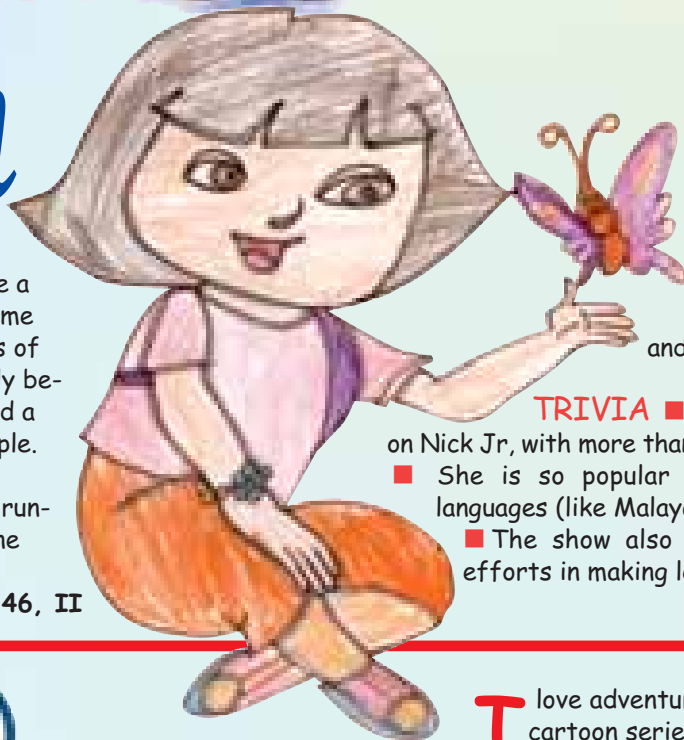


## Akbar & Birbal

**I**f there is one thing that both my grandmother and I like a lot, it is watching Akbar & Birbal. My grandmother tells me that when she was a kid, her dad used to narrate stories of Akbar & Birbal at bedtime every day. I like the show primarily because of Birbal. He is so smart that he always manages to find a solution to every problem and saves the lives of innocent people.

**TRIVIA** ■ The show was first aired in 2006 and has been running successfully till now. The show has been produced by Pune based studio Phoebe Creations.

Compiled & illustrated by: Adya Singhal, AIS Gur 46, II



## DORA the EXPLORER

**I** love Dora. She is always exploring something or the other and is always ready to help others. Dora is a very determined and positive person. She is very helpful and caring. I want to make Dora my best friend.

- TRIVIA** ■ Dora the Explorer, is one of the longest running kids' shows on Nick Jr, with more than 144 episodes. Dora is a Latino (Latin American) character.  
 ■ She is so popular that her shows have been produced in many other languages (like Malayalam, Arabic, etc).  
 ■ The show also won the prestigious Peabody Award in 2003, for its efforts in making learning fun for kids.

Compiled & illustrated by: Darshi Luthra, AIS PV, II



**I** love adventure and fun, which is why The Octonauts is my favourite cartoon series. The Octonauts are animals with human like traits who live in an undersea base, the Octopod, from where they go on various undersea adventures. They are not just brave, but extremely helpful too. What I really like about them is that they always work as a team. Besides, their adventures are really exciting. I wish someday I can accompany them on their exciting adventures.

- Trivia** ■ The exotic creatures and habitats shown in the series depict real marine animals in their natural habitat.  
 ■ To make sure the show is factually correct, the show creators roped in marine biologists Dr Lara A Ferry-Graham and Dr Michael H Graham, who had previously worked on the making of 'Finding Nemo'.

Compiled & illustrated by:  
 Pranit Wattal, AIS Noida, II

# In pursuit of happiness



Storywala

Debargha Roy, AIS PV, XI

I walked out a calm and content man with the results of payday forming a nice bulge in my pocket. After a determined month of painstaking work, I figured I could procrastinate just a little bit and catch the next bus. I would take a breather and see the sun go down. Just a breather. But then a tiny voice interrupted my meditation, “May I sit down?” I turned around to give whoever it was a mighty earful, but caught my tongue just in time. There was, right in front of me, a short woman with rippling

Illustration: Anju Rawat, GT Network

black hair, mesmerising and deep brown eyes, a cherub like delight in her half smile that put a pacemaker on my heart and a dozen butterflies in my stomach. I think I said yes. She sat down, nonchalant of my awkwardness, and shuffled on her seat as I caught a sniff. She smelt like the deep blue ocean basking in the hot noon sun. A voice startled me. She was speaking again. “I never did imagine city workers to endure such things as meandering on a chair, if you don’t mind me saying.” I smiled, “I like watching the occasional sunset, when there’s time

No beeping machines, no click of pens... just a gurgling stream and a whooshing wind.

to breathe. Why do you have such an impression of city workers?” She threw back her head and laughed, an enrapturing sound, “Because of their endless pursuit of happiness! Nobody can actually be free of worries just by having a lot of money in their pocket, this simple belief robs everybody of imagination and simple pleasure.” I shifted uncomfortably, as I matched her said description. I started to defend, “But look...” she put her finger on my lips and whispered in my ear, “Shh.. can’t you hear it? No beeping machines, no click of pens... just a gurgling stream and a whooshing wind. All peace and quiet.” She sat upright again, and the deep orange sun deserted the darkened sky. “Well, that’s your cue.” She got up and left with the light from the sky. I walked in a trance to the bus and sat on the swaying seats, the ghost of her lips hovering over my cheek. I was brought out of it by the conductor who asked me to pay the fare, and I put my hand in my pocket. My wallet was gone.🇧🇩

## DIY Mossini shoes




- You need**
- White canvas sneakers
  - Ruler
  - Stiff paper
  - Pencil
  - Scissors
  - Fabric markers (thick and thin) in colours of your choice

**Method**  
**Step 1:** Make a zigzag pattern on stiff paper as shown in the pic.  
**Step 2:** Cut along the zigzag line to

obtain a cutout of the pattern.  
**Step 3:** Lay the pattern along the toe area of the shoes. Trace the design with your pencil lightly. Move the zigzag pattern farther up the shoe and trace more zigzags.  
**Step 4:** Use a thin marker to trace over the pencil lines. Then, with the thicker markers, fill in the zigzags in your favourite colours.  
**Step 5:** Let the colours dry in the sun for some time. Your new shoes are ready to be shown off!

### Read Play and Win

Reading your favourite GT can fetch you a prize too. Complete all the boxes below. Click a picture and send it to [editor@theglobaltimes.in](mailto:editor@theglobaltimes.in) or submit it to your GT Teacher Coordinator. 3 lucky winners will win a prize every week!




<b>Q:</b> Who is being interviewed on page one?	<b>Q:</b> Which company is going to buy Yahoo?	<b>Q:</b> Which Amity International School has created a learning garden?
<b>Ans:</b>	<b>Ans:</b>	<b>Ans:</b>
<b>Q:</b> Who created Poké Go?	<b>Q:</b> Who wrote the story on ‘Changing role of women in advertisements’?	<b>Q:</b> What is the headline of the short story on page 8?
<b>Ans:</b>	<b>Ans:</b>	<b>Ans:</b>
<b>Q:</b> Which recipe is published on page 9?	<b>Q:</b> The Summer Coaching Camp was organised for how many days?	<b>Q:</b> This edition carries which part of Prerna Series?
<b>Ans:</b>	<b>Ans:</b>	<b>Ans:</b>

Name:.....Class:.....School:.....

Results of Read Play and Win-3: **Koyal Das**, V B, AIS Gur 43; **Ira Agarwal**, III B, AIS Vas 6 & **Kreetik Thakur**, VIII J, AIS Noida (Prizes will reach you in 15 days)

### Words Verse



Practiced relentlessly everyday

Be it day or night  
He played with all his might  
Never had a strife  
Became successful in life

His name was Major Dhyani Chand  
His brilliance left everyone stunned  
Today we pay a tribute to him  
For leading hockey to light from dim.🇮🇳

### The messenger

**Maitreyi Mehndiratta**  
AIS PV, XII

When the lamps are still aglow  
My heart sinks to a new low  
I hear my feet clatter in the dark  
And also a few dogs bark

I saw something black and patchy  
As tall as me in the same Versace  
It was my shadow  
The same when I walked in a meadow


It is always the same  
For every PM, celebrity or plain Jane  
For a street child poor in health  
To a person with abundant wealth

Even in that little light  
It easily reached up to my height  
It hears me even when I don’t speak  
Is always strong even though I am weak

It never looks consumed  
Despite its formation in the great gloom  
With its unseen eyes  
It makes me confess to my true lies

It screams at the top of its voice  
“You do not require light  
To make your existence bright”  
All you need is the will to shine


It is my friend  
That will walk with me till the end  
And will always bend  
Encouraging me till life’s end. 🇮🇳




## CAMERA CAPERS

**Anchit Gupta**, AIS Pushp Vihar, VIII C


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Two to tango



On a hunt



Naive and innocent



# And mom said ‘No’!



## Short story

Oh! I was so disheartened to get a ‘no’ from her. It was the last trip before the session ended. A school picnic with my friends, I was so looking forward to it. I called up Dad and told him about the picnic to Akshardham and that Mom had already said no. He exclaimed, “Ananya, I will have a word with Mom on this.” I was filled with excitement as I knew he would somehow convince Mom to allow me to go for the picnic. My eyes were constantly on the watch and my ears on the doorbell. It was already two minutes past Dad’s usual time

of returning home. I freshened up and sat in the drawing room, eagerly waiting for him. As the doorbell rang, I ran to open the door and saw my father standing there, smiling. I started discussing my picnic plans with him. Soon, Mom joined us with tea and snacks, interrupting our conversation, “She won’t go and that’s final.” There was silence followed by Dad asking me to go to my room. But somehow my level of exhilaration remained high. “Ananya darling, come here,” called Dad after some time. To my surprise, even he said, “No”. And he told me the

Illustration: Anju Rawat, GT Network

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reason. I had just recovered from a severe bout of bronchitis, and the weather was quite cold. Also, my final exams were approaching. A picnic in the open might not be good for my health. At first I cried, and thumped my feet on the ground in agitation. But then Dad told me how sad it makes them to see me sick, not being able to play with my friends or go to school. He also promised to take me to the book fair to make up for the picnic outing, after my exams. It was then that I realised that my parents were simply concerned for me; it was for my own good that they didn’t let me go. At last I was happy!

Ananya Tandon, AIS Noida, VII wrote this for an on-the-spot story writing competition organised by School Live magazine and received a certificate.

So, what did you learn today?  
A new word: Exhilaration  
Meaning: A feeling of excitement, happiness or elation



## Mexican mango salsa

Paritosh Saxena, AIS Noida, III

Method

Ingredients

- In a serving bowl, add diced mangoes, red bell peppers, tomatoes, onion, green chilies, cucumber, basil leaves, jalapeno and mix them well.
- Drizzle lime juice on the mixture and mix it well once again.
- Season it with salt, according to taste.
- Keep it aside to set, for 15 minutes.
- Your Mexican mango salsa is ready to be served.

Ripe mangoes (diced)	3
Onion (chopped)	½ cup
Fresh basil (chopped)	½ cup
Tomato (chopped)	1
Green chili (chopped)	1
Lime juice	¼ cup
Cucumber (peeled and chopped)	1
Jalapeno (seeded and minced)	1
Red bell pepper (chopped)	1
Salt	to taste

Tongue Twisters

Samarth Sawhney  
AIS Gur 43, IV

1. She sells sea shells on the sea shore  
But the sea shells that she sells  
On the sea shore are not real ones.

2. A certain young fellow named Beebee  
Wished to marry a lady named Phoebe  
“But,” he said. “I must see  
What the minister’s fee be  
Before Phoebe be Phoebe Beebee.”

3. Dr Johnson and Mr Johnson  
After great consideration  
Came to the conclusion  
That the Indian nation  
Beyond the Indian Ocean  
Is backward in education  
Because their chief occupation is cultivation.

POEMS

My mommy, with love

Jasmine Kaur Kohli  
AIS Saket, VI

The need is always there  
For someone sweet and fair  
Thankfully for me  
My mummy is always there

Who I love without conditions  
When I need a helping hand  
To make me understand  
Mummy is the person

Who springs to my mind  
My mother sweet and kind  
I want to say  
I love you mum

Even when I am glum  
Mummy you are there  
At every step of the way  
My best friend in life  
Mummy, you are the one!

Siddharth Jain  
AIS Vas 1, VI

‘M’ is for the million things she gave me  
‘O’ means that she’s growing old  
‘T’ is for the tears she shed because of me  
‘H’ is for her heart of the purest gold  
‘E’ is for her eyes, with love-light shining  
‘R’ means right, and right she’ll always be  
Put them all together, they spell ‘MOTHER’  
A word that means the world to me.

Word ladder

Climb the ladder by deciphering new words, and decoding previous ones

1. What do you say when you don't want to do something?  
1. N \_

2. What is the other word for 'earlier'?

2. A \_ o  
3. A \_ o \_

3. What are the building blocks of any matter?

4. Another word for solitary

4. A \_ o \_ \_  
5. A \_ \_ o \_

5. A male celebrity

Answers: 1. No 2. Ago 3. Atom 4. Alone 5. Actor

It's Me



**My name:** Arnav Maskara  
**My school:** AIS Saket  
**My Class:** KG  
**My birthday:** September 28  
**My hobby:** Dancing  
**My role model:** My papa  
**My best friend:** Arnav Bharadwaj  
**My favourite book:** Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs  
**My favourite game:** Football  
**My favourite mall:** Select City Walk, Saket  
**My favourite food:** Lady finger  
**My favourite poem:** Old McDonald had a farm  
**My favourite teachers:** Pallavi Ma'm & Sonia Ma'm  
**My favourite subject:** English  
**I want to become:** A doctor  
**I want to feature in GT because:** I want to be famous and show it to my friends and family.

Painting Corner

Mishel Agarwal  
AIS Vas 6, IV







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India became the first country to place a spacecraft into the Martian orbit in its very first attempt. It was called 'Mars Orbiter Mission' or Mangalyaan.

# Annual extravaganza

A gala show presented by 1500 children, the annual day of the school turned out to be a spectacular cultural extravaganza




Chairperson with esteemed dignitaries at the event

## AIS Noida

AIS Noida organised its annual day for Class III to V on April 8, 2016. The chief guest for the evening was Dr Pratibha Pralad,

renowned Bharatnatyam danseuse, Founder of Delhi International Arts Festival and Padmashree recipient. The event started with the lighting of the lamp by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools

& RBEF; School Principal Renu Singh and Vice Principal Soma Mukherjee, followed by cultural performances. The highlight of the event was a musical 'Hauslon Ki Udaan', an adaptation of Ian Fleming's novel Chitty-Chitty-Bang-Bang. The presentation echoed the Amity ethos exemplified by Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe and Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, that how an ordinary person with righteous morals can achieve what is deemed impossible to everyone else. In her vote of thanks, Chairperson encouraged the students to become global citizens who can make a meaningful contribution to the world, while keeping their values intact. The event culminated with the finale song "Hathon mein lekar haath, bharle unchi udaan" - a gala performance that saw the participation of all the 1500 children present on the occasion; a show that enthralled everyone present. A culturally rich extravaganza filled with spectacular moments, the annual day of the school was a memorable event. 




Amitians at Zilina with Divya Bhatia, Principal, AIS Saket

# ZAMUN 2016

## AERC

Seven students, namely, Lamhe Runthala (X) & Amisha Srivastava (IX) from AIS Noida; Soumye Kumar (X) & Harsh Shekhar (IX) from AIS Gur 43 and Ishita Kaur (X) & Kanishka Taneja (X) from AIS PV participated in ZAMUN 2016 held at Zilina, Slovakia from April 20 - 26, 2016. The opportunity extended by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson,

Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, was facilitated under the aegis of Amity Educational Resource Centre (AERC). The students, accompanied by Divya Bhatia, Principal, AIS Saket, got an opportunity to visit the UN Centre and learn about its history and recent initiatives. They had the privilege to meet Indian Ambassador HE Paramjit Mann at the opening ceremony of ZAMUN. The visiting students also enjoyed touring the town of Zilina. 

## Technology Award

### AIS Pushp Vihar

A student of Class XII, Manan Rai, has done the school proud by winning the award for Best Technology at Intel Tech Challenge held at IISC Bangalore. Manan had submitted his idea in the Intel Tech Challenge Ideathon and qualified for the second round, where he was invited for 'Makeathon & Mentoring Camp' organised by Intel in November 2015. There, he was awarded an Intel Galileo Development Board. He was then in-



Manan Rai at the Intel event

vited to showcase his project at the Innovation Festival at IISC Bangalore. His project 'TACo: Think and Converse - A Thought-to-Speech Converting AAC Device' won the award for 'Best Technology for Future'. He received the award by Kimmame Rathanakar, Education Minister of Karnataka.

# Summer coaching camp

The meticulously planned sports camp trained students in various sports besides grooming them to become stronger and competent



Trained budding sportsmen with their coaches and Col BS Ahluwalia

### Vaishali Soni, GT Network

Sports have always been an integral part of the Amity curriculum. They not just hone one's physical prowess, but also enhance mental agility, thereby ensuring all round development. It has been the constant endeavour and vision of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, to ensure the holistic development of every student. Keeping this vision in mind, the Summer Coaching Camp 2016-17 was organised at AIS Noida from May 15-25, 2016. The 10-day residential camp, now in its second year, trained students in three sports viz cricket, basketball and football. It witnessed the participation of 100 students from various branches of Amity across Delhi & NCR. Col BS Ahluwalia, Senior Sports Advisor, Amity Group of Schools, who had spearheaded the camp, said that the camp nurtured the five Cs in every child-Competence, Confidence, Connection, Character and Caring.

### Competence

With experienced coaches, state-of-the-art infrastructure and methodical assessment; the camp proved to be a great learning ground for the students. A ball throwing machine and turf for cricket, used only by professional players so far, were made available to the students. The close mentoring



Students play football at the camp

ensured minute attention to the flaws and skills of every child, thus enhancing their competence in the given sport.

### Confidence

Sharing rooms with new people, playing several matches, winning some while losing some, instills in a child the confidence to deal with the uncertainties of life. Sports is not only a medium to stay fit, but it also teaches one to handle unfamiliar pressures. Sandhya, a parent shares, "I think the 10 days that my son has been away, I have seen a great change in him in terms of confidence. He has become more responsible. The camp was a great platform for the students to learn."

### Connection


Since nothing can exist in isolation, it is imperative that students should be taught the importance of togetherness. Teamwork, team-building and forming a connection with anyone you meet, is what the children took back. While

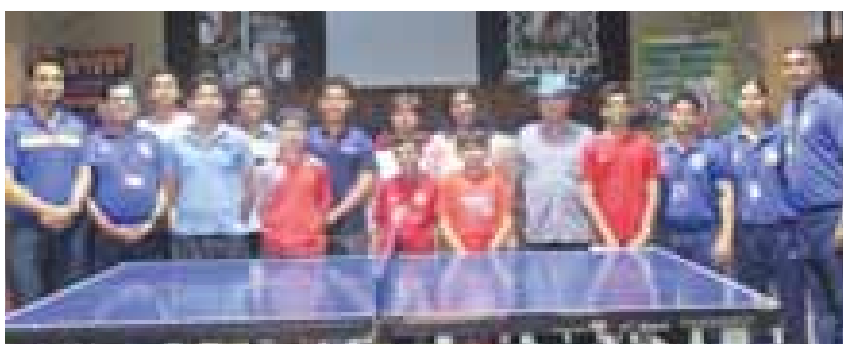
sweating it out in the fields, they formed some close associations too. "My son didn't want to go back home," laughed Pooja, parent of a first timer.

### Character

Discipline forms character. The ten days at the camp required the participating students to follow a disciplined lifestyle. Cutting hair and nails in a neat fashion, waking up at 5 am, having proper meals at a fixed time were some of the things that ensured discipline at the camp. "Sir took all our chips and biscuits and kept it away, as we weren't allowed to eat any kind of junk food," informs Agam Bedi, a participant in the camp. Not only junk, but the students were also kept away from mobiles and television, and were allotted a specific time to contact their loved ones.

### Caring

When you live together, learn together, and face hurdles together, caring for your fellow mates becomes an inevitable by-product. That's what the camp taught the students, ie, to care for fellow students. "I didn't know how to wash clothes, but my room buddy did it for me," said another student Rushil Pandey. One could see the camaraderie the students had developed at the closing ceremony, as they bid adieu to their 'camp friends'. The closing ceremony also saw the distribution of certificates and prizes to the winners. 



Participants with School Principal V Balachandran and other dignitaries

# Inter Amity TT

## AIS Vasundhara 1

Satyam Ambast & Manavi Kashyap  
AIS Vasundhara 1, XII A

Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, firmly believes that a healthy mind resides in a healthy body. Hence, it has been her constant endeavour to promote sports, thereby nurturing healthy and fit Amitians. With a similar aim in mind, AIS Vasundhara 1 organised the 5th inter Amity table tennis competition on May 9 & 11, 2016 in the school premises. The event saw the presence of Col BS Ahluwalia, Senior Sports Advisor, Amity Group of Schools. The atmosphere was abuzz with excitement as the winners were announced. The

## Scoreboard


### Girls

Gold Medal	AIS Gur 46
Silver Medal	AIS Vasundhara 1
Bronze Medal	AIS Mayur Vihar

### Boys

Gold Medal	AIS Vasundhara 6
Silver Medal	AIS Vasundhara 1
Bronze Medal	AIS Mayur Vihar

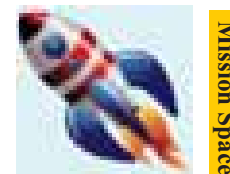
competitive spirit was palpable in the air as the students cheered for their respective schools.

Chairperson congratulated the winners and commended them for their enthusiastic participation. School Principal Valambal Balachandran applauded the sports teachers for organising the event successfully. 



Apollo 10 holds the Guinness World Record for the highest speed attained by a manned vehicle in space - 11.08 km/s.

Contributed by *Krishang Sarkar, AIS Saket, IV*



# The garden of small things

Turning a barren land into a lush green garden requires love, care and compassion. The little ones of AIS Vasundhara 6 imbibed all these qualities as they set out on the green mission, learning en route

Richa, GT Network

**We learnt that we could create something out of nothing**

*"I saw the dirty land outside school turn into a beautiful garden, abloom with plants and flowers. It was magic."*

Visit AIS Vasundhara 6 today and you will notice a picturesque, lush green belt in front of the school. Nature imbibes its purest form in this school's learning garden. This area was once a garbage dump, uncared for by the local authorities and civilians. But with constant care and efforts of the school authorities, students and teachers; today, it is a pleasing sight

with colourful flowers, bird baths and organic plants.

**We learnt the importance of nurturing and we learnt a lot more**

*"I helped in making the place look beautiful. I planted seeds, I watered plants and cared for them."*

The school garden makes for a classroom in nature's lap. Teachers have a new tool at hand with a wide range of instructional teaching styles for the young learners in the age group of 3-14. Students have been opened up to new ways to stimulate their sensory organs. As they spend time in the garden digging

soil, getting dirty, planting seeds, watering plants or just lying on the ground; they learn something new. The stone garden helps them use their tactile skills as they arrange stones to create something beautiful. The vegetable garden shows them the metamorphosis of flowers into ripened fruits. Sensory plants help them to further accentuate their senses - bottle brush for touch, basil for taste, lavender and lemon grass for smell, pansies and phlox for sight and rustling grass for sound. They take a step closer to nature, in times when they have been mostly confined to multi storied apartments. But most of all, they learn

how to embrace and nurture their ecosystem, getting nurtured themselves.

**We learnt duty & self-dependence**

*"Mommy does not need to go to the vegetable vendor every day. I will grow veggies at home."*

There is nothing more fun than digging with a little spade and planting a seed. And there is no responsibility greater than taking care of a life form. As students get engaged in nurturing the little saplings, they learn their first lessons in responsibility and self-dependence. From weeding to watering, they do it all by themselves with assistance from

teachers. The outcome? A beautiful plant and a sense of confidence in children stemming from the idea that they can grow something.

**We learnt that growing is beautiful**

*"I planted a seed. Soon I had a plant."*

Watching seeds grow and change, seeing the seasons pass and tending to tiny seedlings, helps kids gain patience and learn the rhythm of each day, season and year. The garden growing in greenery and beauty every day, is a lesson indeed - growing takes efforts and time, but is nature's most beautiful phenomenon.

**We learnt more about our friends**

*"Look a grasshopper! I do not confuse it with a bug now."*

What do worms do in a garden? How do the flowers know the right time to unfurl their petals? When do leaves know that it is time to fall? Questions that often intrigue the young minds are addressed by first-hand experiences with garden learning. They learnt that worms are not just slimy and gross, they are garden friends. They can now identify insects, bugs, grasshoppers, caterpillars, centipedes and lady birds. They have the names of shrubs, herbs, climbers and creepers on their fingertips.

*"I enjoy the smell of things, I get dirty without feeling guilty, I have fun under the sun looking after the little creatures of God and his beautiful world."* 🌱🐛



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## GT Travels to Niagara Falls



Kimaya Srimal, AIS Noida, III J flaunts her copy of The Global Times at Niagara Falls, a collective name given to three waterfalls that lie between the borders of Canada and the United States of America. The three waterfalls are the Horseshoe Falls, the American Falls and the Bridal Veil falls. Niagara Falls is a popular must-visit destination among tourists for its beauty, and also because it is a valuable source of hydroelectric power.

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