

A month back I decided to dump my books and start enjoying real life. Then I saw what 'real life' entails, and how much 'fun' it is... so now I'm back to books.

Parul Jauhari, AIB, Alumnus

Only Khel, no Ratna

The highest sporting honour in our country Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award has dominated the headlines after the selection committee did not find 'anyone suitable' for the award among the current pool of sportspersons.

Priya Mahindroo, GT Network, brings you an insight

Accepted in the year 1991, the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award is conferred every year for outstanding performance (whether by an individual or a team) across all sporting disciplines. But unfortunately, this year the selection committee for the awards, headed by cricket legend Kapil Dev found 'none of the seven shortlisted names suitable for the highest sporting honour deserving'. Let us hear what the young Amitians feel about this development and who would have won the award if they were a part of the selection committee.

OPPORTUNITY WASTED

"In my opinion, not giving the award to anyone will dampen the spirits of the athletes in our country. Khel Ratna is the biggest honour for any sportsperson. I

think Somdev Devvarman deserved the honour," said Nishant Chauhan, sports captain, AIS Gurgaon 43.

My award goes to... Somdev Devvarman. Keshav Nanda, sports captain, AIS Mayur Vihar, agreed with his counterpart and said, "It is unfair to not give the award to anyone in the sports fraternity this year. I feel it is an opportunity wasted. Jeev Milkha Singh has been a dominant figure in the field of golf and has represented India on various occasions. It would also be wise to give the award to a woman to encourage them to take up sports."

My award goes to... Jeev Milkha Singh.

THE BEST IS YET TO COME

However, Shradha Agarwal, sports captain, AIS Pushp Vihar, differed in her

opinion. "We can also look at the committee's decision in a positive light. Not giving it to anyone this year might just be the right thing to do, implying that the athletes need to work harder to reach the pinnacle of success," she said.

My award goes to... Krishna Poonia. Col B S Ahluwalia, sports advisor, Amity Group of Schools, shared the same view. "Not giving the award to anyone does not mean that the sportspersons in our country are not deserving. The government is only trying to maintain the sanctity of the award. It implies that the athletes have to go that extra mile to win the coveted award. For the rest, there is always the Arjuna Award."



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WHERE IS THE DEBATE?

Meanwhile, Karan Kataria, sports captain, AIS Gurgaon 46, said, "It is not for the first time that the prestigious Khel Ratna Award is not being given to anyone. We witnessed the same in the year 1993 as well. The selection committee would have mulled over it, before arriving at any decision. We must also remember that there have been times when two to three athletes have been honoured with the award."

My award goes to... PV Sindhu. No Khel Ratna this year might disappoint a few, but it will also build up excitement for the next year. We can speculate till then and as they say, may the best man win!

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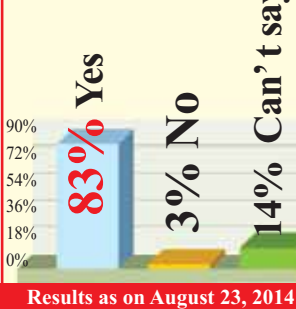
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Players shortlisted for Khel Ratna this year

						
PV Sindhu Shuttler	Devendra Jhajharia Paralympic athlete	Krishna Poonia Discus thrower	Jeev Milkha Singh Golfer	Somdev Devvarman Tennis player	Vikas Gowda Discus thrower	HN Girisha Paralympic athlete

'Love what you do in life'

Canadian actor and comedian Jason Jones gets candid with **Kritika Khanna**, Amity School of Engineering and Technology, during his visit to Amity University

He is funny. He is witty. He is charming. Meet Canadian actor and comedian Jason Jones. In a candid interview to GT, he talks about his journey as an actor, his love for Bollywood films, what he loves about India and much more...

How has your journey in Hollywood been so far?

I have been very fortunate. I started acting about 15 years ago. I've been probably on The Daily Show as a correspondent for about nine years. To have a full time job in the entertainment business is a very fortunate thing.

Which was the first show you featured in?

I don't really remember. I think one of the first jobs was a movie in which my role was reduced to a few minutes. I was very sad but that's what happens to actors initially.

Tell us something about your Daily Show?

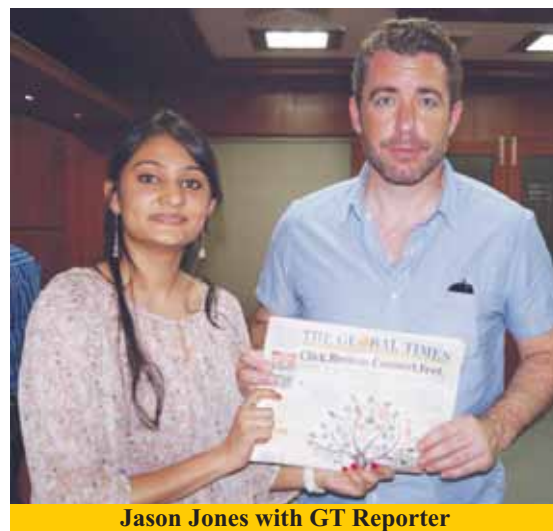
It's a political satire that is pretty popular in the United States and has a fair amount of influence over the young and old alike.

What is the difference in Hollywood and Bollywood?

I do enjoy Bollywood movies. One of my favourite Bollywood movies is 'Singham.' It is a great movie. They have even made the sequel of Singham.. Rohit Shetty is a great director. I think we should have more of such movies in America too. Bollywood movies have a great sense of humour in them.

What has been your most vivid experience after becoming a star?

It just happened to me. One of the most surreal moments was meeting the president of the United States. I was truly humbled when he recognised me and knew my



Jason Jones with GT Reporter

name. I still remember his words, "Hello Jason! How are you?"

You are a comedian too. What is the funniest thing a fan has told you?

Well, no one has ever said anything to me in person but I get many responses on Twitter. I really love it when kids comment 'LOL' on my tweets. Many of my friends get nervous while talking to me and humour is not the first thing you think of when you are nervous. So, they end up trying to crack bad jokes, which are just bad.

What are the challenges that you face as a comedian?



Being funny! That is the biggest challenge. When you know you have set a bar for yourself and people expect you to be funny all the time, you are always trying to meet that expectation! And when you are unable to do so, people get disappointed. You are not given a lot of

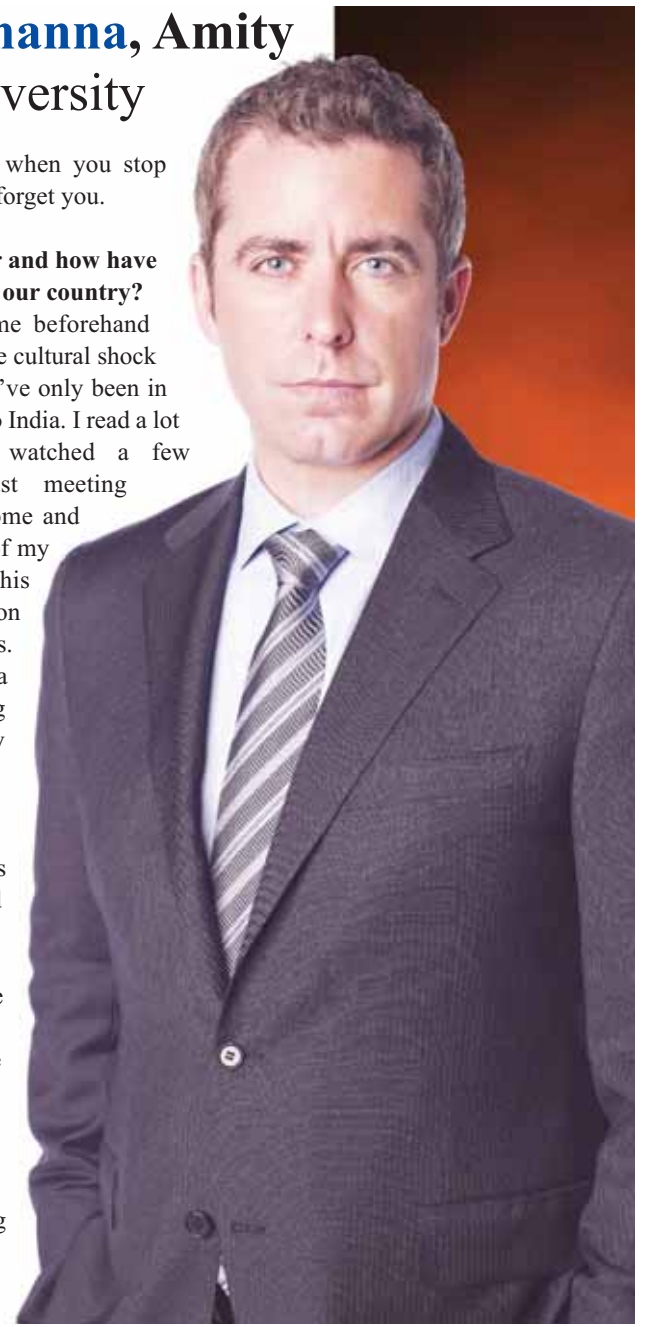
time to make people laugh and when you stop making people laugh they tend to forget you.

So how has your visit been so far and how have your perceptions changed about our country?

I'll be honest! People warned me beforehand saying that I will receive a massive cultural shock which has turned out to be true. I've only been in Delhi from the time I have come to India. I read a lot about India before I came, watched a few documentaries and I am just meeting expectations. I was excited to come and I'm still excited to be here. One of my acquaintances described his experience in India as an assault on his senses with all the crazy smells. But I don't agree with him. This is a very beautiful country. I am loving it here. If not exceeded, my expectations have been met.

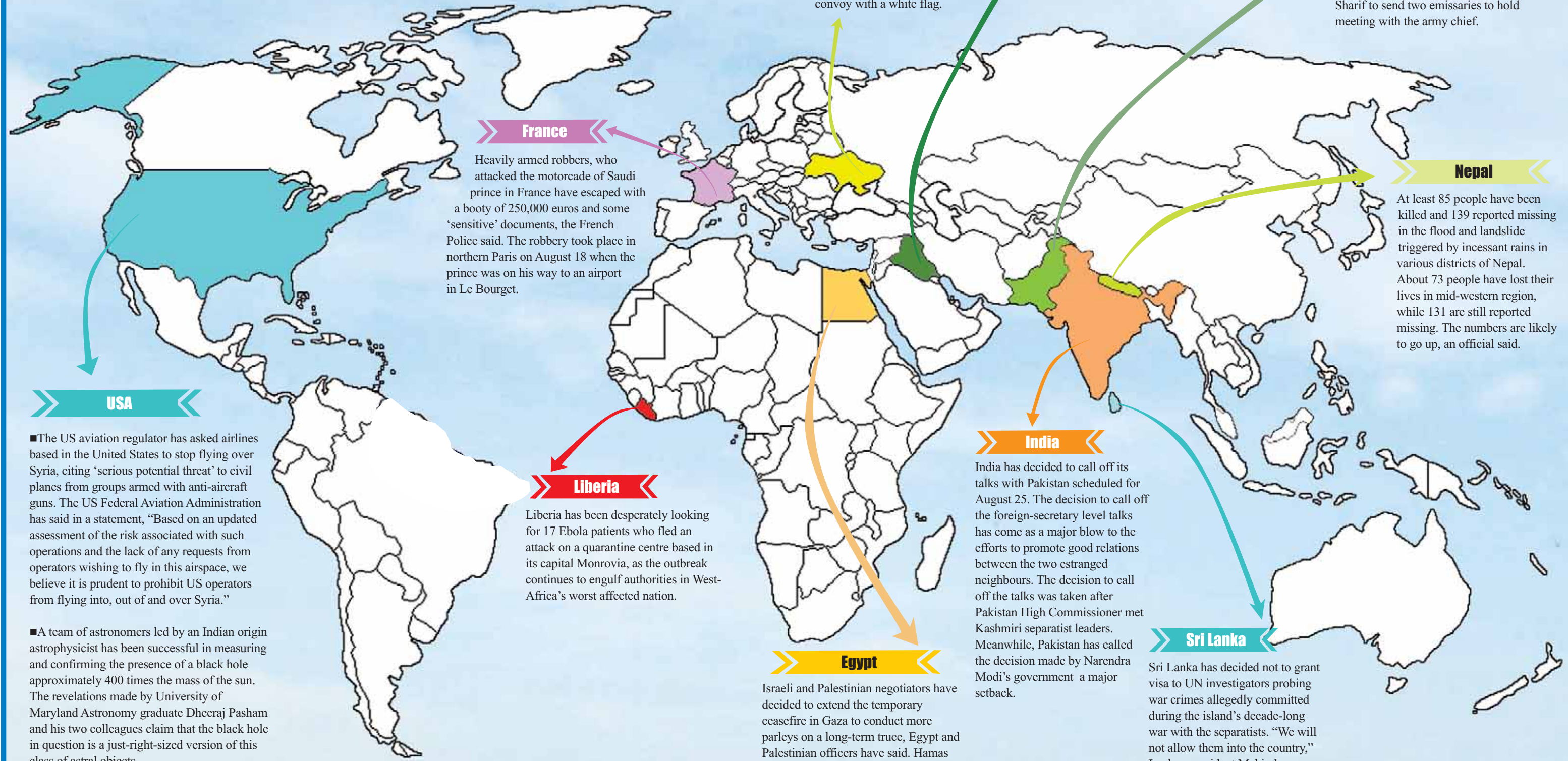
A message for the youth?

Don't do what the American kids are doing. Stick to your path and you will control the world! One piece of advice that I got when I was pursuing acting was to love everything you do in life. And I would like to give the same advice to the students. I know we cannot always be fortunate to get paid for doing the thing we love. But that should not discourage us from doing what we love. If acting is your thing, just keep pursuing it always. So go ahead, and follow your dreams.  



World at a glance

Join The Global Times as it takes you on a newsy ride across the seven seas to bring to you news of the past week



USA

■The US aviation regulator has asked airlines based in the United States to stop flying over Syria, citing 'serious potential threat' to civil planes from groups armed with anti-aircraft guns. The US Federal Aviation Administration has said in a statement, "Based on an updated assessment of the risk associated with such operations and the lack of any requests from operators wishing to fly in this airspace, we believe it is prudent to prohibit US operators from flying into, out of and over Syria."

■A team of astronomers led by an Indian origin astrophysicist has been successful in measuring and confirming the presence of a black hole approximately 400 times the mass of the sun. The revelations made by University of Maryland Astronomy graduate Dheeraj Pasham and his two colleagues claim that the black hole in question is a just-right-sized version of this class of astral objects.

France

Heavily armed robbers, who attacked the motorcade of Saudi prince in France have escaped with a booty of 250,000 euros and some 'sensitive' documents, the French Police said. The robbery took place in northern Paris on August 18 when the prince was on his way to an airport in Le Bourget.

Liberia

Liberia has been desperately looking for 17 Ebola patients who fled an attack on a quarantine centre based in its capital Monrovia, as the outbreak continues to engulf authorities in West-Africa's worst affected nation.

Egypt

Israeli and Palestinian negotiators have decided to extend the temporary ceasefire in Gaza to conduct more parleys on a long-term truce, Egypt and Palestinian officers have said. Hamas has repeatedly threatened that it would not extend the ceasefire, pressing for immediate gains that would allow it to gain concessions from Israel after a devastating war.

Ukraine

Ukraine has accused pro-Russian rebels of killing thousands of fleeing civilians in the war-affected East as talks between Kiev and Russia fail to stop months of bloodbath. According to Kiev's military spokesperson, separatists using weapons supplied by Russia shelled innocent adults and children leaving the city of Lugansk in a convoy with a white flag.

Iraq

The US State Department has imposed sanctions on a senior member of Islamic State (ISIS), as it intensified bombing in Iraq. The ban came as US fighter jets, bombers and drones launched bombing against 15 ISIS positions. The sanction does not authorise the military targeting of ISIS member.

Pakistan

Beleaguered Pakistani premier Nawaz Sharif has been assured by the country's military that there will be no coup, but in return he must 'share space with the army', a government source who was privy to parleys between the two sides said. Last week saw Pakistani capital being stormed by tens of thousands of protestors who demanded Sharif's resignation, forcing Sharif to send two emissaries to hold meeting with the army chief.

Nepal

At least 85 people have been killed and 139 reported missing in the flood and landslide triggered by incessant rains in various districts of Nepal. About 73 people have lost their lives in mid-western region, while 131 are still reported missing. The numbers are likely to go up, an official said.

India

India has decided to call off its talks with Pakistan scheduled for August 25. The decision to call off the foreign-secretary level talks has come as a major blow to the efforts to promote good relations between the two estranged neighbours. The decision to call off the talks was taken after Pakistan High Commissioner met Kashmiri separatist leaders. Meanwhile, Pakistan has called the decision made by Narendra Modi's government a major setback.

Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka has decided not to grant visa to UN investigators probing war crimes allegedly committed during the island's decade-long war with the separatists. "We will not allow them into the country," Lankan president Mahinda Rajapakse has said on August 19.

My award goes to shuttler PV Sindhu, who has won several titles during her career including a bronze in the World Championship 2013.
Akriti Dubey, AIS Vas 1, X A





My award goes to discus thrower Krishana Poonia who became the first Indian woman to win a gold in CWG 2010.
Achintya Bankra, AIS Vas 1, X B

Study in UK

The UK has 4 of the top 10 universities in the world. Researchers in UK universities have won 65 Nobel Prizes. And there's still more on why you should study in the UK

Part 2

Study Overseas



Coming next: US

Iqra Khan, Career Counselor
 Amity International Schools

A UK degree is backed by centuries of academic excellence and commitment to global learning. However, these are just a few reasons why you should study in the UK, a global education hub. Here's an insight into studying in the UK...

Studying in the UK

According to a research, 88 percent of international students are satisfied with their learning experience in the United Kingdom. Courses in business, economics and science & technology are mostly sought by Indian students. About 9 percent of all global research papers are published by scholars in the UK and 10% of the world's scientific citations

have been awarded to science researchers in the British institutions. After more than eight centuries, Oxford and Cambridge universities continue to be independently ranked among one of the best global universities.

Get that bachelor's degree!

Duration: A bachelor's degree in the United Kingdom is of minimum 3 years and a maximum of 6 years (including postgraduate integrated programme). Students are advised to make a choice based on their personality, budget, location, cost of living, course duration, access to transport, fee, scholarships, etc.

Admission: Admission to a bachelor's programme in UK universities is based on high school merit. Extra curricular activities can give an edge to the applicants. Besides, students are required to sit for the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) exam conducted by the British Council. All undergraduate students apply through a centralised service called Universities and Colleges Admission Service

(UCAS) for their university admissions. Students are allowed to apply for 5 universities through a common application, irrespective of whether they are for the same or different courses in each university. UCAS applications begins from September every year till the month of June, next year.

Visa applications: UK has an objective and transparent point-based visa system. Students need to gain 40 points for visa application, including 30 points for "confirmation of acceptance" from the UK institution of their choice.

Work while you study: Students are allowed to work part time during their study period for 20 hours in a week and full time during college breaks.

For more information

On UCAS: www.ucas.com

On student visa: www.britishcouncil.in

On work rules: www.gov.uk/government/speeches/statement-of-changes-in-immigration-rules-5

On colleges and universities: www.educationuk.org/global

On IELTS: www.ielts.org

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AUMP celebrates Independence Day

Amity University, Madhya Pradesh celebrated the 68th Independence Day with great vigour. The faculty and students together took the pledge on the monumental day to uphold the unity of our country.

The celebrations began with the hoisting of the flag by Prof (Dr) Rajesh Singh Tomar, dean (academics). The programme concluded with the students and the faculty singing the National Anthem with pride and their heads held high. Every year, AUMP celebrates the Republic Day and Independence Day with great fervour.

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Decrypting ALSN

Ranked among the ten best law schools in India, ALSN has carved a niche for itself. Time to meet the captain of the ship

Amity Law School Noida

Major General Nilendra Kumar, director, Amity Law School, Noida (ALSN) has transformed the institute in his five years' tenure from a small unknown institution to one of the fastest growing law schools in India. He shares his views in a candid conversation on Amity Law School Noida and law as a career with faculty members from ALSN.

What challenges was ALSN confronting when you first joined it?

When I joined ALSN as a board director, there were quite a few challenges. There was an urgent need of a strong leader who could motivate the students and the team alike. Additionally, there were a very few guest lectures, the participation of students in legal aid was non-existent. There was no Clinical Legal Education, and an absence of participation in moots. However, with the guidance of our Founder President Dr Ashok K. Chauhan we were able to overcome these challenges and make ALSN reach where it is today.

What factors make ALSN the brilliant law school that it is today?

ALSN has featured in magazines such as Outlook, Newsweek and India Today. These magazines rank universities on set parameters adjudged by UGC & NAAC. Ultimately, an institute is known by the students it produces. There is



absolutely no good in having brilliant faculty, but mediocre students. The quality of consultancy, research, education, internship, library, publication, faculty, innovation, infrastructure are all important parameters to gauge the standard of a law school. At this stage, I would say that ALSN holds the 9th national position, and to move further up on charts, great efforts are required.

Tell us about Clinical Legal Education at ALSN.

It is very close to my heart. Legal education is meant for application of laws, finding remedies, and solutions to a number of problems which

aggravate individuals, society, the nation, and commoners. Therefore, CLE imparts the knowledge of statutes and procedures to students. The focus of CLE is to educate students and to make them apply legal knowledge. Legal education is no different from medical education, or architecture, where what is taught in the class is later applied in real life.

What makes Amity Law School different from other law schools?

We are second to none, and this is not merely rhetoric. We actually believe in this philosophy, and so do the students. Amity is a winner in matters of academics, sports, legal aid clinics,

internships. This is our USP.

Where would you like to see ALS five years from now?

Under the leadership of our chancellor Mr Atul Chauhan, I am sure Amity Law School, Noida would touch new heights. I would want great improvement in Clinical Legal Education. I would want post graduation to come up in more areas of the specialised laws. I would also want centres of excellence in Amity. A tie up with reputed international schools is desirable so that we can have joint research, publications, student exchange programmes and ALS faculty could be called upon for national and international consultancy.

What are the attributes of a successful law student?

A good lawyer must be a good human being. Clarity of thought and good communication skills are a few must since any form of reaching out, whether to a client or the judge, happens through communication. Students should be able to look at a case from multiple points of view and dissect the case. Aspirants also need to work hard. I studied in Hindi medium schools, and for me, learning a new language was tough. However, I picked it up. If a student is not used to speaking in English, he should be encouraged to do so. Teachers should help him in the process.

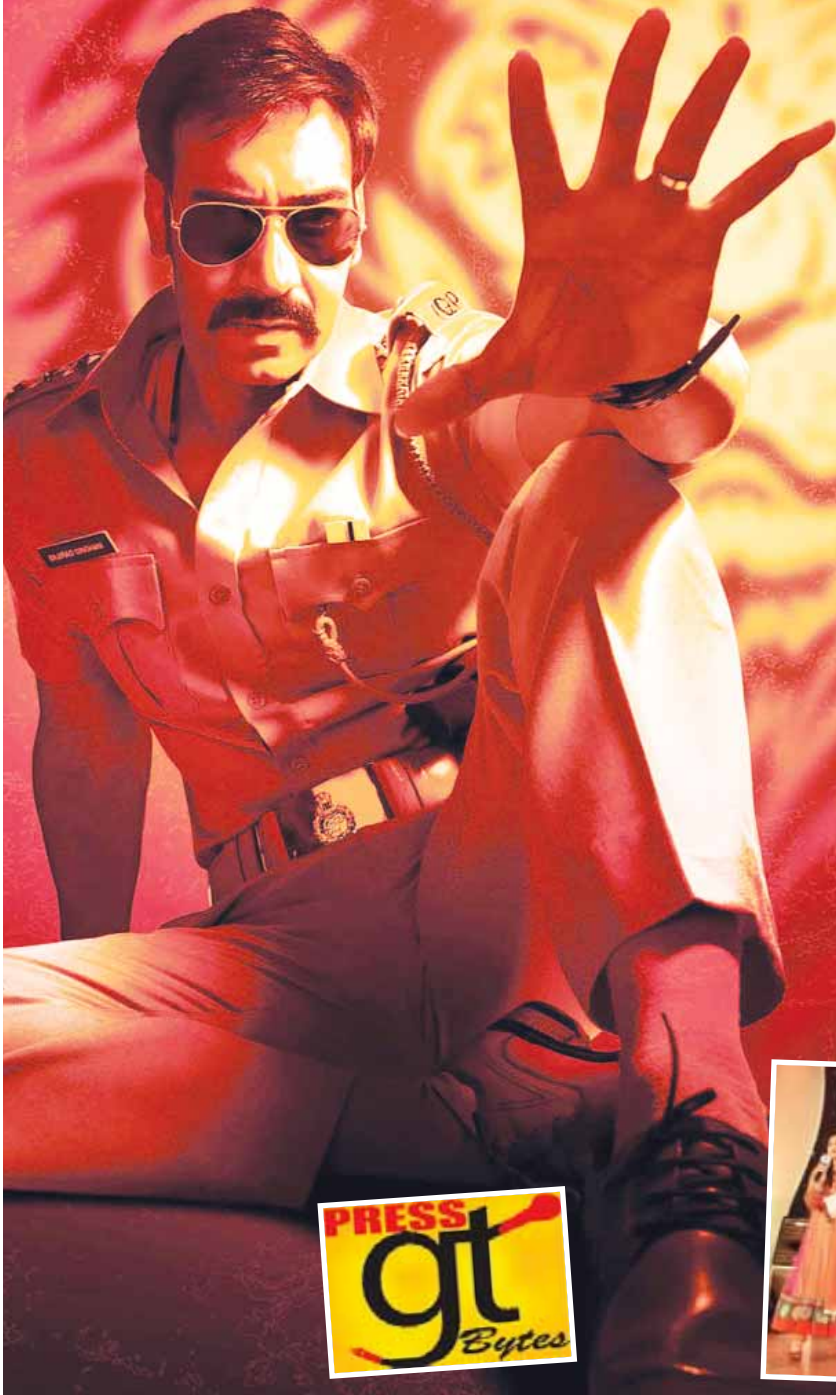
As told to Mokshda Bhushan, Anirudh Vashishtha & Dr Kavita Surbhi, faculty, ALSN

My award goes to Deepika Kumari, who won two golds in CWG 2010. She is the only Indian archer to qualify and win a silver for three consecutive years in WC Final.

Shivangi Goswami, AIS Vas 1, X B



Returns cast comes calling



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Abhishek Saha, Amity Instt of Nuclear Sc. & Tech & Kritika Khanna, Amity School of Engg & Technology

The Independence Day celebrations at Amity University, Noida on August 13 became all the more special with the cast of 'Singham Returns'- Ajay Devgn, Kareena Kapoor and director Rohit Shetty visiting the varsity. The event, organised by ABP News,

saw the stars confer bravery awards upon people who committed acts of bravery. The event concluded with a soulful concert by singer Mohammad Irfan who bowled the audience with melodies such as 'Banajaara' from Ek Villain. The platform saw the stars shower praises upon the real life 'Singhams' and talk about their movie with anchor Pallavi Tyagi, an alumnus of Amity School of Communication. Here is an excerpt from the interview...

...With Rohit Shetty

Pallavi: Tell us about the movie *Singham Returns*.

Rohit: Well, the film remains pretty much the same as the earlier one. There's only a change of location as this time around, the move is based in Mumbai. Rest, you see will for yourself!

Pallavi: How much action does the sequel pack?

Rohit: Singham is known for its action quotient. You can expect very good action in the movie. Ajay has really worked hard on the action. Hopefully, everyone will enjoy the movie.

Pallavi: What is your take on the real life *Singhams* awarded here today?

Rohit: I am really impressed by the real *Singhams* and their bravery. If I would have shown some of their bravery in my own film, people would have thought it to be fiction! But things like these have happened in real life too. So, I feel proud to stand with these bravehearts today.



...With Ajay Devgn

Pallavi: What is your role in *Singham Returns* like?

Ajay: Singham plays the same furious cop, who believes in ethics and has a defined code of working, except that now he's in Mumbai and so he has bigger responsibilities to share!

Pallavi: How difficult, would you say, it is for cops to perform the stunts you have performed in the movie?

Ajay: Yes, a few stunts were really difficult to perform, but Rohit made them really easy for us. As far as real life *Singhams* are concerned, I'm sure it is very difficult for them to perform such stunts everyday as they have their life on the line, but then that is why they are the real *Singhams*, isn't it?

Pallavi: Your take on the *Singhams* we have amongst us today?

Ajay: I am really scared now that I have seen the real life *Singhams* and heard of their brave acts! I am fortunate to have had a chance to meet them. I really think

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that we should tell our sons to behave well so that the situation, wherein a woman's safety is at stake does not arise.

...With Kareena Kapoor

Pallavi: What's your role in the film like?

Kareena: Singham is pretty much a male-centric film because of the enormous action involved. But my role is quite well cut out. One needs to be patient, tolerant and talented if one has to highlight the emotional aspect of the film and provide comic respite as well.

Pallavi: Did the stunts scare you?

Kareena: Personally, I don't have any stunts in the film, but with Rohit around, I think one is always safe!

Pallavi: What do you think of the real life *Singhams* amongst us?

Kareena: I feel extremely fortunate to have met real *Singhams*, especially the girls who have shown a great deal of courage and bravery. They have made me a proud woman.

The Green Warriors

Step up. Rise. For it is our planet. And we need to save it. Our young Amitians realised the same and they stepped up their efforts to make this world a greener and better place to live in

THE SCHOOL KIT

Crusade led by: Sana Sawhney & Ayushi Gupta, AIS Noida, alumni

Weapons of mass salvage: Workshops for school children; especially underprivileged kids

The war: The duo aims to sensitise young school kids, with the focus on schools that cater to underprivileged kids through a series of workshops. These workshops spanning over 3-4 days comprise of a wide array of activities such as creating the best out of waste, presentations and much more. While these workshops help create an environmentally conscious generation, they also give the students a break from the regular studies. On the last day of the workshop, the students are provided 'school kits'. These kits usually comprise fiber bags or paper bags



Sana distributes the kits to students

containing goodies such as stationery items, bookmarks & badges (made by recycling old items such as visiting cards) etc. So far, the school kit has taken the message of 'Go green' to a number of schools across India including Amitasha. And as you read this, Sana and Ayushi are gearing up to take the project to the next school.

GOING GREEN

Crusade led by: Taksheel Buddhadeo, III G & Jaysheel Buddhadeo, KG B, AIS Gur 46

Weapons of mass salvage: Workshop, solar recipes, radio programmes, articles, plays, etc

The war: Start young. Start effective. That's the message these two brothers from AIS Gur 46 put forth as they took their 'baby' (pun intended) steps towards making this planet a greener place.

Taksheel was invited at Rajiv Gandhi Renewable Energy Park for conducting a workshop on conservation of energy. The workshop saw him narrating the uses of solar energy while offering a demo of a recipe that involved solar cooking. Several eco friendly games were also played. He also spoke at length about the benefits of organic farming and organic cooking. While the elder



Jaysheel puts up a skit with his friends

brother is on a green spree, the younger one is not lagging behind either. Jaysheel has been making compost manure from kitchen waste in his own kitchen garden for the past few years. He has also participated in several skits elucidating the importance of going green. Both the brothers have given several programmes on AIR, where the two sang songs on energy conservation.

THE GREEN GIRLS



Green Girls put up a stall

Crusade led by: Aditi Sinha, IX, AIS Mayur Vihar & Ishita Bansal, X, AIS Noida

Weapons of mass salvage: Bring your own bag

The war: The two, along with other members of their group, have been

attacking plastic bags with full vigour. The green crusaders are leaving no stone unturned to ensure that the residents in their area carry their own shopping bags.

In their movement against plastic, the group has been organising impactful

workshops to spread awareness on the drawbacks of plastic. More recently, the group organised a workshop at the Sports and Cultural Club located in Sector 15A, Noida. Several activities such as t-shirt painting, fancy dress, a JAM session, paper bag making etc

were conducted as a part of the workshop. Besides, the girls put up a brilliant play in order to spread the message on the importance of eco-friendly bags. The group conducted a signature campaign in which the residents vowed to say no to plastic.



Global warming: A grim reality



Dr. Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

Man and environment have coexisted together from time immemorial. But whenever humans have tried to play truant with nature, they have faced the brunt in the form of natural catastrophes. India, these days, is witnessing one such natural hazard. Incessant rains have caused flooding in some areas, while some areas are reeling under drought.

The big question is, who is to be blamed- human greed, rapid urbanisation and industrialisation or the modern lifestyle? Or perhaps it is the result of all these factors in unison. A study carried out by Stanford University claims that the intensity of monsoon has dipped by more than 10% since 1951. Though a loss of 10% might appear relatively small, year on year, the effects have been cumulative. The prevalence of dry spell has increased since the year 1981 to 2011 by 27% and in the following years, the number of dry spells has doubled in a year. As a result, 25% of land in India is turning into a desert. Sad, but true.

We all need to work on a war footing to find a solution to this cascading problem. Not only do we need to control carbon emission, but also curb the use of chlorofluorocarbons and plant more trees. It is equally important to sensitise people about the mammoth problem. Though, the problem calls for cumulative efforts, one should not shy away from contributing his bit. Our young Amitians have already taken their first step (read page 4). They are conducting workshops, sensitising masses et al.

We all can contribute towards saving the environment. If you are unsure of your first step in the direction, flip to page 12.

There is a lot that Mother Earth has given us. It is time to pay back. Don't wait. Take your first step now. 🇮🇳

Be a sport

"In kicking a ball or playing a game, you are much closer to the Divine than you will ever be in prayer."

Swami Vivekananda



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

The quote above by Vivekananda sheds light on the relationship between sports and spirituality, where sports is placed on a pedestal higher than prayer because of the involvement of the player in the sport. He explains this further by saying that you can pray without being involved, but you cannot play without being involved, which means that in sports, the player is very much 'alive' and part of the game. He knows that at the end of the game he will either be a winner or a loser and is prepared for both, yet, when he joins in for the game, he plays with complete involvement with a goal to win.

Playing a sport is therefore in many ways uniting with the God, as the player puts his body and soul to achieve victory, of which the chances are always miniscule. It is the player's love for his sport that he is willing enough to undergo any sacrifice, play with perseverance and awaits victory. The awards and appreciations during their journey are motivations, but the real motivation lies in the fire within them.

Whatever be the reason for India's sporting stars to not have achieved the 'Khel Ratna' (refer to the story on page 1) this year, they are definitely a big sport. They are here to win. And if they lose, it does not matter for they know they are going to play again and win. It is their optimism and belief that makes them a winner. Sports has taught them one thing, that is, to be a sport. 🇮🇳

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Conquering fear

Happiness will abound in our hearts and success will kiss our feet, the day we learn to conquer our fears and nightmares and start saying hello to darkness

Suhani Saigal
AIS Pushp Vihar, IX D

Have you ever woken up to a nightmare, trying to replay the visuals in your head and ended up feeling scared to death? Has the thought of going to sleep scared the wits out of you? Well, that is what happens when you have just had a nightmare. Everything around you turns dark and gloomy. Unable to find a reason for your persistent fear, sleep seems distant.

The agonising fear of waking up again keeps the sleep away. And if at all you are lucky enough to fall asleep, chances are high that you would wake up panting, and hoping it was just a nightmare.

In a difficult world like ours, having a nightmare is quite common. Under stress, the brain starts inviting negative thoughts, making you forget about all



the good things of life. Slowly, but steadily darkness starts to creep in.

This darkness brings along with it insomnia, depression, dullness and all

things that spell unhappiness. The worst part about it is that you have little or no control over the nightmares and they are not completely

preventable. All that we can do to reduce the pain and agony is master the art of dealing with bad dreams. As you hit your bed at night, don't forget to smile, don't forget to relax your brain, don't dwell on negative things in life, be positive.

Always remember that night is beautiful. And for you to experience its beauty, you should be calm and composed. How can you feel its elegance and beauty without being peaceful and in a happy state of mind!

This might sound difficult, but try to close your eyes and forget everything. Go to sleep thinking about the good things in life and you are bound to smile all through the night.

Bad dreams are like enemies, that you're supposed to fight back and not be scared of. Let's be optimistic and take these nightmares as a challenge. Let's not allow our opponent (read nightmare) to win so easily. 🇮🇳

Pic: Ravinder Gusain



Hitting bull's eye

Namrata Gulati, GT Network caught up with ace shooter and politician Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore during his visit to Amity University. Here is an excerpt

Celebrated Indian shooter and politician Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore rose to glory after winning the silver medal in Men's Double Trap at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens. Besides, he is the first sports person to win an individual silver for India after Norman Pritchard, who won two silvers at the 1900 Paris Olympics. The Olympian marked a conspicuous presence at Amity Youth Fest 2014. More from the illustrious Olympian...

You have a bagful of feats. How did you achieve them all?

When we set an objective, a goal or a target and are very keen on achieving it at any cost, then we are bound to achieve success. One must be passionate about something or the other in life. Education lays the foundation for everything. In fact, knowledge

lays the foundation for everything. When we talk about education, half of us get put off because we don't want to read those voluminous books. But when you see it as an instrument to garner knowledge, it becomes all the more exciting. Knowledge can be earned from books, seniors, television, and everywhere. The next important step is to put the knowledge garnered from various sources into use because knowledge without action is useless and loses its purpose.

Who did you look up to for inspiration?

I find inspiration all around myself. Usually we look up to people who are doing exemplary work or those who exhibit an amazing will power and resilience. But, we forget that inspiration is all around us and we don't need icons to feel motivated. I firmly believe that no one is perfect. 🇮🇳

Little Pearls of Wisdom

Aim for the moon

Subhi Jha, AIS Noida, VIII E

"Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars." Always dream high, for even if your bigger dreams are not fulfilled, at least the smaller ones will be. When you study for an exam, always think of getting the first position. Even if you don't get the first place, you will still be among the toppers. It is important to set a high target for oneself if one wants to climb the ladder of success. It is likely that the person would stumble while taking the first steps, but the journey would leave him enriched.

Self reflection

Mokshi Jain, AIS Gur 46, X F

A mirror never ceases to provide infinite reflections of a person throughout his life. While some are good, some are bad, some are really intriguing.

It is not just a glass in a frame, capturing our physical



essence. It shows the real us and what we think of ourselves. Whether it is bringing to light the ups and downs of life, memorable moments or painful truths, it represents our true self.

The mirror also highlights our nose- that pointed little thing which pokes itself everywhere even when not required, our face that expresses varied emotions at the wink of an eye; our smile that plays faintly in the most arduous phases of life; the hands that work round the clock to upturn all the mistakes of life and feet which lead us to our destination; all find a place in the mirror of life. One glimpse is enough to show it all.

Don't forget that life is just a mirror, and what you see out there is very much a part of you.



Dear Editor,

I would like to share through this column that the story 'Homeward bound' struck an immediate chord with me. I was so touched by the story that I decided to pick up my brush and easel and gave expression to my thoughts. 🇮🇳

Amishi, AIS Vas 6, V A

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US National Championships become the US Open, open to both professionals and amateurs.

First year of equal prize money for men and women.

Evening sessions begin. Surface changes from grass to clay.

Last tournament played at the West Side Tennis Club in Forest Hills.

Tournament moves to USTA National Tennis Centre in Flushing. Surface is changed to hard court.

Opening ceremony for Arthur Ashe Stadium. Renovations begin at the former venue Louis Armstrong Stadium.

First prime time women's final of US Open marks 1st Grand Slam C'ship match.

USTA National Tennis Centre celebrates its 25th anniversary with US Open Court of Champions and new Grandstand seating.

The inner court colour is changed to US Open Blue.

USTA renames the National Tennis Centre the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Centre in honour of tennis legend Billie Jean King. Electronic line calling is introduced.

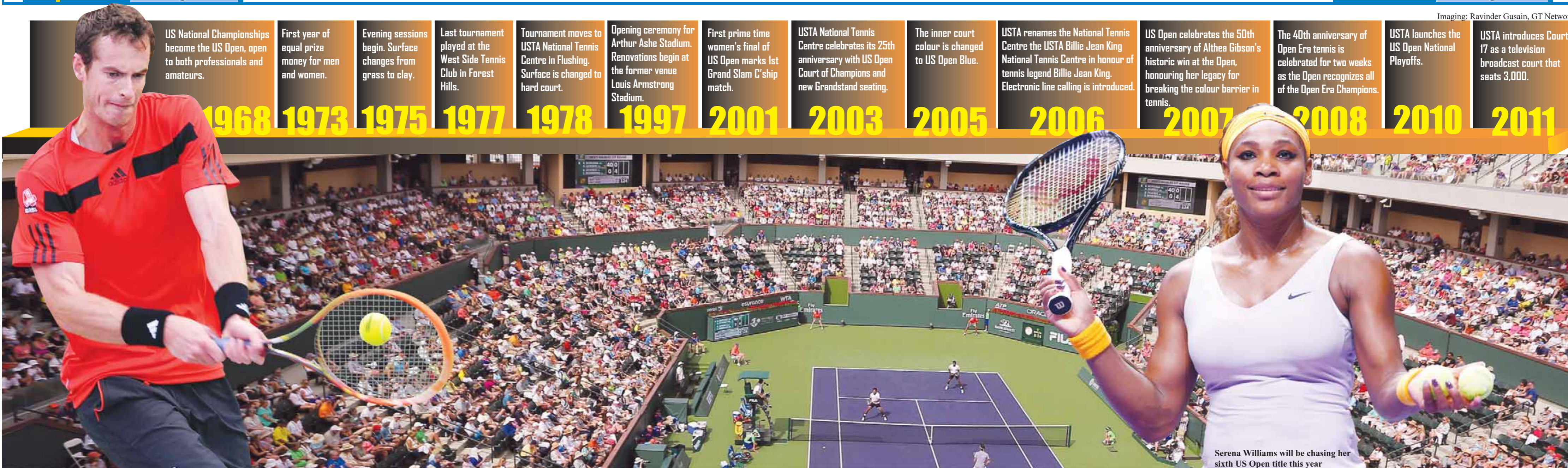
US Open celebrates the 50th anniversary of Althea Gibson's historic win at the Open, honouring her legacy for breaking the colour barrier in tennis.

The 40th anniversary of Open Era tennis is celebrated for two weeks as the Open recognizes all of the Open Era Champions.

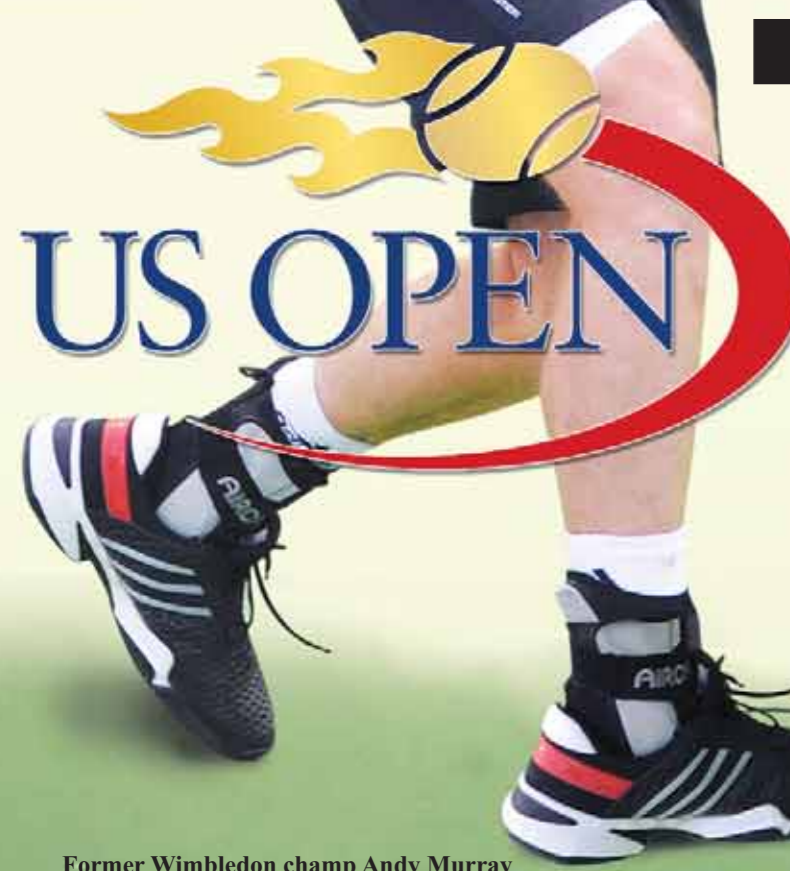
USTA launches the US Open National Playoffs.

USTA introduces Court 17 as a television broadcast court that seats 3,000.

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Serena Williams will be chasing her sixth US Open title this year



Tennis fever returns

Packed with a lot more excitement and surprises this year, US Open Championship promises to be a feast for all tennis lovers. Will the Big 4 rule the game? Or will the underdogs take over? The tournament has a lot to keep your eyes open for: high on adrenaline matches, glitz, glamour and hoards of crazy fans. As the tennis fever grips all, **Amlaan Kumar**, AIS Noida, XI J takes you through the certainties and uncertainties of the Grand Slam.

Former Wimbledon champ Andy Murray



Maria Sharapova (left), Roger Federer and Simon Halep are all set for the Grand Slam



For over 20 years, Tiffany & Co. has been creating the trophies for the US Open Tennis championship winners.

...& the trophy went to

YEAR	MEN'S SINGLES	WOMEN'S SINGLES
2009	Juan Martín del Potro	Kim Clijsters
2010	Rafael Nadal	Kim Clijsters
2011	Novak Djokovic	Samantha Stosur
2012	Andy Murray	Serena Williams
2013	Rafael Nadal	Serena Williams

MEN
The Big 4: With defending champion Rafael Nadal withdrawing from the tournament, owing to a wrist injury, heavy hitters Djokovic, Murray and Federer have become favourites to win the title this year. Winning the Wimbledon and overtaking Nadal to become the world No 1, Novak Djokovic has had a very strong year so far. While Federer looks to bury his past in a bid to close the season with a win and seal his status as a tennis legend, Andy Murray wants to make a comeback after dropping to a lowly 10th this year.

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga are some other names which cannot be taken lightly.

WOMEN

Despite holding on to the No.1 position for quite some time and winning the title for two consecutive years, it will not be an easy task for Serena Williams to defend the title this year with the likes of Maria Sharapova, Simona Halep and Petra Kvitova ready to challenge her dominance. While Halep is enjoying her breakthrough year after winning the Qatar Open and rising to No. 2 spot, Sharapova is in good form too with the French Open title in her kitty. For the current Wimbledon champ Kvitova, the US Open still remains her Achilles' heel. And this year, she will be aiming to make her presence felt in the tennis world.

INDIA AT THE OPEN

Yuki Bhambri, Sanam Singh and Somdev Devvarman (who is currently ranked 143, defeated Kazakhstan's

Aleksandr Nedovyesov to win the singles of the 2014 ONGC-GAIL Delhi Open), will be participating in the Grand Slam this year.

WHEELCHAIR TENNIS

While the men and women singles and doubles generally cater to tennis fans, there is also wheelchair tennis, which unfortunately, does not get the attention it deserves. The US Open Wheelchair Tennis will feature the finest tennis and quad players from around the world.

ENTERTAINMENT

It will be a mistake to think that the US Open is only about tennis. The opening ceremony of the US Open will witness performances by popular Indie-pop group Fitz and the Tantrums and the Winians Brothers, who have collectively won 17 Grammys. Bands like Astoria Boulevard, Treble, an all-female cappella group, Nick Moran and many others will also be performing during the tournament.



Arthur Ashe Kids Day



Every year before the US Open, an entertainment event known as Arthur Ashe Kids' Day takes over the stadium. This event will witness performance by some of the chart-toppers, celebrities and some of the best names from the tennis world. They all converge to enjoy a fun-filled day which includes tons of treats for kids like interactive games, music and tennis activities. Some of the biggest stars who have graced the event so far include Rihanna, Britney Spears, Sean Kingston, Jonas Brothers and many more. The proceeds will help to fund free or low-cost tennis, education & life-skills programming for more than 325,000 children.

If I had to give an award, I would give it to Virat Kohli, who is one of the most successful cricketers at present.

Sahaj Jaggi, AIS Vas 1, VII A



My Patna for

Ramu's Diwali

Storywala



"And that's not a problem because at least I would walk into God's court with my head held high."

was walking out of the court with his head held high, the furious MP obstructed his way and said, "I think you didn't understand what I said the other day. You don't know what you have done; you have ruined your life." In reply to the MP's threat, Ramu politely said, "I know what I have done, I have favoured the truth and the well being of your son by making him learn a lesson from his mistake. As far as the consequences are concerned, I am not scared as I don't have much to lose, except my life. What will happen at the most; you will kill me? And that's not a problem because at least I would walk into God's court with my head held high. And about your son, three years in jail would make him a better person. Okay then, sir, I have to rush to my work now. Take care of yourself.. Happy Diwali," Ramu smiled as he said his last words, while the MP stood there speechless. The MP got into his car and Ramu went back to his work without a trace of guilt or fear. He said to himself, "It's finally a Happy Diwali!"

Aastha Nanda, AIS Noida, XI C

Though the streets were illuminated with the Diwali lights, Ramu was peddling his rickshaw to his home on the prosperous day of Dhanteras. Ramu, a man in his early 40s, was a rickshaw puller in old Delhi. Every year during this festival, he would peddle a lot of people to the market and would make good money out of it. This year, Diwali was not the same for Ramu for he had been visiting the district court since the past few months. He had been a witness to a hit and run case, where the accused was the son of an MP. The judgement was scheduled on

the eve of *choti* Diwali.

When Ramu reached home from work, he received a phone call from an anonymous number. It was a call from the MP whose son's fate now rested in the hands of poor Ramu. It was a call made to threaten him of dire consequences, if he spoke against his son. "Ramu, on the day of the judgement, you better speak in my son's favour and in return, I will shower you with money and jewels. But if you go against us, be ready to face the worst," the MP threatened him and hung up before Ramu could say anything. Finally, the D-Day arrived. After Ramu spoke the truth before the judge, the MP's son was convicted. While Ramu



Vridhi Gupta

Orange fantasy

Vridhi Gupta, AIS Saket, IX B

Ingredients

- Orange juice1 cup
- Roohafza2 tbsp
- Lemon juice1/4 tsp
- Cherry/ grapes (for garnishing)....2-3
- Soda (chilled).....1 cup
- Crushed icea handful
- Pudina leaves (for garnishing).. 2-3 ..

Method

- In a glass, pour Roohafza.
- Tilt the glass slightly and gently pour orange juice along the side of the glass.
- Now add lemon juice, soda and crushed ice.
- Garnish it with cherry/ grapes and pudina leaves.
- Your mocktail is ready to serve!



Nandini Mukherjee

AIS Gur 43, English teacher

Quotation mark

History: In early modern English, quotation marks were used to express pithy comments. By the 16th century they were used to quote direct speech.
Usage: In English writing, quotation marks are punctuation marks enclosing a quotation, direct speech or a literary title or name.

Exercise: Sherlock Holmes: Mrs Hudson, do you think you could bring this young lady a hot cup of coffee, for I observe you are shivering.

Helen Stoner: It is not the cold which makes me shiver.

Solution: Sherlock Holmes: "Mrs Hudson, do you think you could bring this young lady a hot cup of coffee, for I observe you are shivering".
Helen Stoner: "It is not the cold which makes me shiver."

POEMS

Follow your heart

Anubhav Mahajan

AIS PV, X D



They told me to dream big when I was too young, they told me to cherish the small things I had got. I was happy; I was content because I was young, well pampered and free of all the worldly debts. Years went by and the words changed, they now told me not to dream big, but work hard. They told me to leave the small things and aim for the big ones. In my mind, I knew they were right, all they wanted was to make my life. But my heart refused to believe them, for it wanted to fly in the open sky and follow my dreams until the end.

Years went by and the world had

changed for me, as now I was satisfied, but not happy. I was rich, but yet poor, I had everything big, but nothing small to share for I had rejected my dreams that my heart wanted to follow, and now my heart cries in sorrow.

Securing the future

Majida Muzaffar

AIS Noida, X J

I saw the earth once green and alive, but tomorrow, for humans, I see nothing to thrive. The future of earth is what beholds, the suffering and pain to humans, untold.

We see and we hear, but for the environment we never adhere to the actions that will sustain the life on earth, well maintained.

But how will we, when no one cares? Ignorance is all that people share. We're moving fast and living large, of our eath, forgetting to take charge.

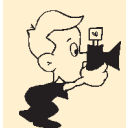
Fifty years ago, remember the cool breeze? with greenery all around and flourishing trees? Things won't be the same in a year or two,

if polluting the environment is all we do. There has to be something that someone can do, like creating a spirit anew. It's time to act now, we have a choice to help the earth get better and let it rejoice!

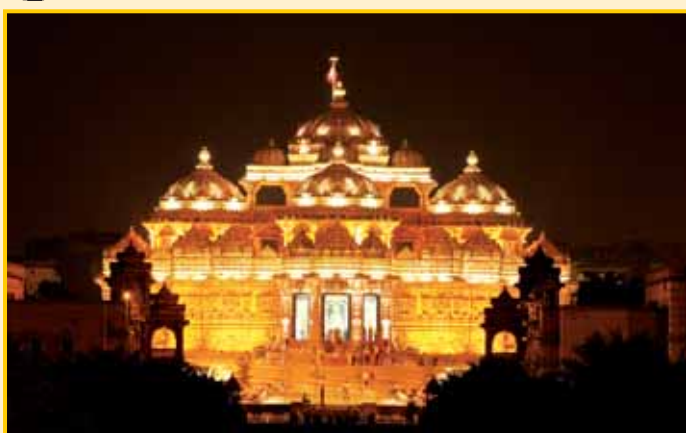
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Kreetik Thakur, AIS Noida, VI J



I love India for its architectural delight

CAMERA CAPERS

Muskaan Manchanda, AIS Gur 43, XI D



I love India for it seeks blessings of the elderly

Send in your entries to cameracapercapers@theglobaltimes.in

Vatsala Singh, AIS Noida, X C



I love India for here East meets West

These pictures were a part of the GT Picture It Photo Contest with the theme — 'What I love about India'



My award goes to India men's hockey team skipper Sardara Singh. He won silver in CWG 2010 and CWG 2014.

Adithyaa Sunder, AIS Vas 1, X A

The tale of a crow

Wisdom Tale



Harsh Lahoti

AIS Gurgaon 46, V C

A crow lived in a forest and was absolutely happy and satisfied with his life. One day he saw a swan and thought, "This swan is so white, and I am so black and ugly. The swan must be the happiest bird in the world." He expressed his thoughts to the swan. "Actually, I thought that I was the happiest bird around until I saw a parrot,

which has two colours. I now believe that the parrot is the happiest bird," the swan said.

The crow then approached the parrot. The parrot said that he lived a very happy life until he saw a peacock. He thought that God had blessed him with two colours. However, the peacock had been gifted with multiple colours. This made him look so beautiful. The crow then visited a peacock in a zoo and saw that hundreds of people had gathered to

The parrot said that he lived a very happy life until he saw a peacock. He thought that God had blessed him with two colours.

catch a glimpse of him.

After people had left, the crow approached the peacock. The crow said, "Dear peacock, you are so beautiful. Every day thousands of people come to see you. When people see me, they immediately shoo me away. I think you are the happiest bird on the planet." The peacock replied, "I always thought that I was the most beautiful and happiest bird on the earth. But I am entrapped in the zoo because of my beauty. I have examined the zoo and realised that crow is the only bird that is not kept in a cage. So, for the past few days I have been thinking that if I were a crow, I could live happily."

Similarly, we humans make unnecessary comparisons and become sad. We don't value what God has given us. This gives rise to unhappiness.

What did you learn today?

Be happy with what you have.



Priyanshi Mittal

Sprinkles muffins

Priyanshi Mittal

AIS Mayur Vihar, III B

Ingredients

Butter.....1/4 cup
White sugar.....1/4 cup
Vanilla extract.....1 teaspoon
Milk.....1/2 cup
Yogurt.....1/4 cup
Self-rising flour.....1 1/2 cup
Colourful candy sprinkles..... 1/4 cup
Egg.....1

Method

■ Preheat the oven to 190 °Celsius.

- In a bowl, cream together the butter (softened) and sugar until light and fluffy.
- Beat in the egg and vanilla extract, and then gradually stir in the milk and yogurt.
- Add the flour, and mix until blended well. Fold in the white chocolate chips and sprinkles. Divide into six muffin cups.
- Bake for 15 to 20 minutes in the preheated oven, or until the tops spring back when lightly touched.
- Cool muffins before removing from the muffin cups.

It's Me

My name: Rishaya Chawla

My school: AIS Noida

My Class: KG L

My birthday: Jan 8, 2010

I like: Dancing and playing with sand

I dislike: Crackers and dogs

My hobby: Colouring and dancing

My role model: My cousin -Pihu di

My best friend: Vandit, Avni & Bunny

My favourite book: Pepper Series (Mom goes to office)

My favourite game: Badminton

My favourite mall: Spice Mall, Noida

My favourite food: Rice & kidney beans, bhindi with chapati

My favourite teacher: Preeti ma'am

My favourite poem: Wheels on the bus go round-n-round

My favourite subject: English

I want to become: A teacher in Amity School

I want to feature in GT because: I am cool and smart and GT is a reflection of me.



Childhood

Pranjali Singhal

AIS Saket, VII A

Childhood is the best stage of life, with no hurries and no worries.

My mom remembers the day I walked, and still cherishes the way I talked, house was filled with my giggles and laughter, was littered with barbies, bears and helicopters.

I remember my first days to school, and splashing with my friends in the pool.

I remember playing my first sport, or the letter I scribbled and wrote. Life keeps on changing its pace, I promise to keep up in the race. Thus, I would always cherish my childhood memories, with my ample share of hurries and worries.

POEMS



The rain

Ananya Agarwal

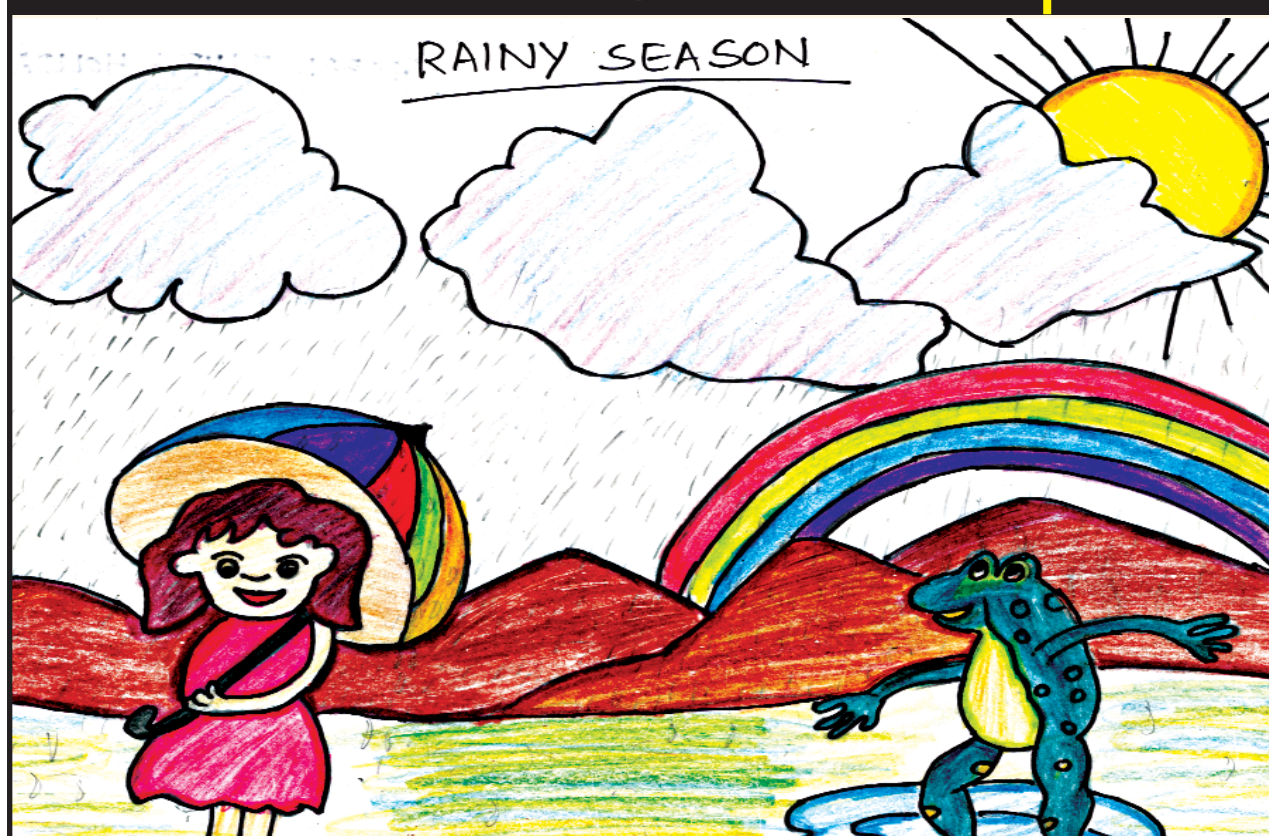
AIS Gurgaon 46, V D

I sat beside my window to see the clouds, and beautiful flowers. I heard the birds chirping, and tinkling of my lovely wind chime, I felt the fresh breeze along with the fragrance of my garden roses, and suddenly I thought,

this could be the sign of rain, Oh! I was right, here comes the much needed rain. There was a big downpour, but then the rain stopped, and the mighty sun peeped from the clouds. A bright rainbow spread itself across the sky, Oh dear rain! Let's play this game again and again.

Painting Corner

Aditi Chaudhary
AIS Gur 43, II



I dream

I want to become a fighter pilot

I would like to become a fighter pilot when I grow up. I love adventure and after becoming a pilot, I would be able to fly high. I would love to go higher in the clouds. I would love to do stunts on the Air Force Day. I would love to serve my nation and make my parents proud.

Parth, AIS Vas 1, Nursery A



Riddle Fiddle

Mihir Aggarwal, AIS Gur 46, V D

1)What's bigger than you but doesn't weigh anything?

2)Where do ghosts go on vacation?

3)Which room can you eat?

4)On a table there were six-ty cups, if 1 cup broke, how many cups would be left?

5)Which is the tallest building in the world?

6)If a mouse lost his tail, where would he go to get a new one?

Answers: 1) Your shadow 2)The Dead Sea 3) Mushroom 4) Five cups (six-tea cups) 5) Library as it has the most number of stories. 6)A re-tail store

United colours of freedom

Pride. Honour. Patriotism. One day, myriad emotions. On the 68th Independence Day, Amies paid a heartfelt tribute to freedom fighters while learning the values of sacrifice, courage, respect and unity



Amiown Pushp Vihar

Prabha S & Sharda Dudani
Amiown Pushp Vihar, Teachers

Amiown values the role that festivals and celebrations play in supporting children's learning and development in all areas of growth and therefore adapts an imaginative approach to helping children experience festivals and related celebrations. Thus, on the occasion of Independence Day, Amies celebrated nationalistic values and practiced them too!

'Team'ing with values

Values learnt: Teamwork and unity
Activities: Amies learnt about the spirit of team-

work and the need to be united through dramatisation of narratives about the freedom struggle. Circle time discussions, stories and audio visuals helped the little ones understand the value of unity. They also learnt that if they ever see our flag lying on the floor, they should pick it up and not step on it.

A piece of 'peace'

Values learnt: Non violence and peaceful living
Activities: The values of non violence and peace were stressed upon by initiating discussions about great national leaders as Mahatma Gandhi. Amies learnt that they should not hurt their friends and always talk politely with everyone.

A dose of civic sense

Value learnt: Caring for environment
Activities: The need for civic sense was explained as the children promised to keep their country, school and home clean by taking care of their environment and not littering them.

Tricolour creativity

Values learnt: Patriotism, sacrifice and courage
Activities: Amies enjoyed social and creative experiences as they attended the flag hoisting ceremony, made tri-coloured sandwiches, and indulged in freehand drawings, painting, colouring and pasting activities to depict the national symbols and the national flag. Through the celebrations, they learnt to appreciate the world that they live in and their responsibility towards it. Not only did they learn patriotism, but also imbibed precious values like sacrifice, courage and love. The celebration nurtured their sense of identity, values and beliefs.



Saluting the Tricolour

Amiown Noida & Vasundhara

Kritika Jaiswal
Amiown Noida, Teacher

By listening to stories and participating in various creative pursuits, Amies imbibed nationalistic values.

Saffron sentiments

Value learnt: Honouring the *tiranga*
Activities: Through the colours of the flag, saffron, white and green, Amies learnt to be strong, truthful and pure. They realised the importance of looking after their surroundings.

Symbolic nationalism

Value learnt: Respecting the national symbols

Activities: Amies learnt about the national animal, flower, bird and game through audio-visuals. A 3D model of Red Fort with Narendra Modi hoisting the flag, helped them understand the significance of the day. Dressed in white with tricolour accessories, Amies sang 'Nanha munna rahi hoon' and 'Saare jahan se achha'.

Tricolour on my sleeve

Values learnt: Unity and brotherhood
Activities: Children enjoyed making tri-colour sandwiches, kites, bands, balloons, badges, flags, etc., which they carried home happily. Getting crafty in harmony with everyone, and helping each other through it all, made them learn the spirit of togetherness and unity in a fun play way method.

We shall overcome!

'Hum honge kamyab', 'Saare jahaan se achcha' and many more patriotic songs filled Amies with nationalist fervour

Amiown Gurgaon

Nidhi Agarwal
Amiown Gurgaon, Teacher

Amiown celebrated the 68th Independence Day with great zeal and fervour. Through circle time discussions and audio visual aids, the children were made aware about the significance and essence of the day.

Tricolour respect

Value learnt: Respect for national flag
Activities: The tricolour was introduced to the children through interesting activities. Using different mediums like sponge dabbing, vegetable printing, tear-

ing pasting activity, etc., the children created the national flag. Tricolour headgear further strengthened their association with the flag. As they collaboratively created the national symbols, they understood the value of the sacrifice made by the freedom fighters and their hearts were filled with respect.

Pride in Indian-ness

Value learnt: Pride for their country
Activities: The various activities which were planned for the day, were embedded with the ongoing theme. The children made impressive freehand drawings that showcased their emotions for the country and gave them a sense of pride in being Indians.

Laden with nationalism

Value learnt: Patriotism
Activities: The feeling of patriotism was imbedded in the little compatriots through a patriotic song competition. The little ones sang songs as 'Saare jahan se achcha', 'Hum honge kamyab', 'We shall overcome', etc with full enthusiasm. As they stood in attention to sing the national anthem, there was a sense of patriotism and pride. Standing in the right posture with utmost confidence and singing the national anthem filled them with a heightened sense of national fervour. Amiown urged the young leaders to make India a better place for all, so that everyone can experience freedom, peace and unity in diversity.

Proud to be an Indian





If I had to give an award, I would give it to shuttler Parupalli Kashyap, who won a bronze and a gold in 2010 and 2014 Commonwealth Games, respectively.
Manpreet S Kukreja, AIS Vas 1, XA

Vasudha-ideas to save earth!

With the theme 'Weather and climate', Vasudha 2014's first level saw presentation of 1857 projects

Amity's Children Science Foundation

Vasudha is Amity's Children Science Foundation's annual activity cum competition organised under the able guidance of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools. It was launched with a vision to develop skills through research & problem solving, scientific temperament and a spirit of inquisitiveness among the students. This year, the theme of Vasudha encompassed 'Understanding Weather and Climate' with sub themes such as causes of climate change and preventive measures, mathematical models of weather forecasting, social impacts of weather on humans and vice versa. During the Vasudha week, Amity school campuses turned into perpetual laboratories with students pitching in as amateur Newtons and Einsteins. Theme-based charts, models and project files were accompanied by creative presentations in the form of skits, songs, PowerPoint presentations, etc. Amitasha Saket, Noida and Gurgaon also shared the Vasudha fervour by presenting 21 projects in total. The first level of Vasudha was adjudged by senior school teachers and parents who have expertise in the subject. About 534 noteworthy projects made it to the second level, which will be further adjudged by external experts from the field.



Where: AIS Mayur Vihar
When: July 14-19 Projects: 190



Where: AIS Noida
When: July 18-19 Projects: 521



Where: AIS Saket
When: July 18-19 Projects: 159



Where: AIS Vasundhara 1
When: July 18-19 Projects: 112



Where: AIS Vasundhara 6
When: July 18-19 Projects: 154



Where: AIS Gurgaon 43
When: July 9 Projects: 154



Where: AIS Gurgaon 46
When: July 19 Projects: 282



Where: AIS Pushp Vihar
When: July 17-19 Projects: 190



Where: AIS Lucknow
When: July 19 Projects: 45

Vital Stats

Participating schools: AIS Saket, AIS Noida, AIS Gurgaon 43, AIS Gurgaon 46, AIS PV, AIS MV, AIS Vasundhara 1, AIS Vasundhara 6, AIS Lucknow, Amitasha Saket, Noida & Gurgaon
Projects presented in Level 1: 1857
Projects shortlisted for Level 2: 534

Feedback

Great work by students and teachers. The children have learnt a lot from the projects. It shows how hard the teachers have worked with the children.

*Ms Divya Chauhan
m/o Samaya, I A; Samara, I C & Adhiraj, KG A, AIS PV*

Thank you teachers, for your efforts. The projects were loved by students as well as parents.

Ms Pooja Chauhan, m/o Saumya, IV A; Suhani, II A; Sanjana, I D, AIS Pushp Vihar

Children have shared innovative ideas. It was an eye opening session to see the potential of children and the global challenge we are facing.

Monika Jaggia, m/o Aakash AIS PV, V F

Hindi Natya Utsav

Plays based on the works of literary giants, viz, Munshi Premchand, Tagore et al were presented on the occasion



Jubilant winning teams celebrate their victory



AIS Mayur Vihar

With an aim to kindle love for Hindi language and literature amongst Amitians, AIS Mayur Vihar organised inter Amity Hindi Natya Utsav on July 25, 2014. Dr M K Pandey, asst prof, Satyawati College; Sreemoyi Dasgupta, freelance editor and content developer; Gaurav Pahwa, theatre teacher, AIS MV and Mohina Dar, director, academic projects,

Amity, graced the occasion. Eight teams from all Amity schools enacted plays based on the works of literary giants, viz, Munshi Premchand, Rabindranath Tagore and Sarat Chandra. The first prize was won by AIS Vasundhara 6 for their impressive dramatisation of Tagore's story 'Jeebito O Mrito'. The story revolved around Kadombini, a widow who came back from the dead only to die again, because everyone thought she was a ghost. The second

prize was bagged by AIS Mayur Vihar for their touching play based on the story 'Gareeb ki Haaye' penned by Munshi Premchand. AIS Noida won the third prize for the play 'Lottery' while AIS Gurgaon 46 won a consolation prize for 'Idgah'. The judges praised all the teams and appreciated their efforts in bringing alive literary characters from the annals of Hindi literature. The programme concluded with the rendition of school song by the choir.



Students put up a special assembly on the occasion of IYD

International Youth Day

AIS Lucknow

AIS Lucknow celebrated International Youth Day with a special assembly organised by the students of Class VII A, under the guidance of their class teacher, Reema Bajpai. International Youth Day (IYD) is observed all over the world on August 12, to celebrate the power of youth. The day draws attention to cultural and legal issues afflicting the youth. It gave an opportunity to government and other bodies worldwide to focus on issues concerning the youth. The first IYD was observed on August 12, 2000. The school assembly started with an informative PowerPoint presentation by Anant Sabharwal on the significance of

the day. Naman Narain, Harsh Singh, Anant Sabharwal, Amit and Divyanshu presented a skit on how the youth can benefit from the teachings of great men like Swami Vivekananda. This was followed by an enlightening powerPoint presentation by Aditya on the issues faced by the youth today. The day concluded with an open forum to facilitate the exchange of views, ideas and information between teachers and students. Issues like the dearth of time in a student's life, excessive homework, bullying and time spent on social networking sites were taken up. In her closing address, Mukta Banerjee, vice principal, AIS Lucknow, encouraged the young students to reach the zenith of success through courage, determination, and hard work.

My award goes to golfer Jeev Milkha Singh, because he has struggled a lot to achieve the stature of ace golfer in our country.
Parth Sawhney, AIS Noida, XII H



It's Your Day

Each one of us waits for that one free day to do whatever we want, however we want. However, when that day does roll around, we find ourselves... lost. But not to worry, here's your very own guide customised to suit your tastes. In this **part 6** of ten part series, we bring to you a day planned for environment lovers.

Environ Enthusiasts

The greatest threat to our environment is the thought that 'someone else' will save it. But turns out that 'someone else' always passes the buck on to 'someone else'. So, why don't you take the lead? **Sana Sawhney, AIS Noida, alumnus** brings you some options...

Read Green

Put on your reading glasses. And this time as you read it will be twice the pleasure — for it is for you and the environment. A look at some must reads.

Hot, Flat and Crowded by **Thomas Friedman**: Hot (global warming), Flat (globalization) and Crowded (population growth) takes you through the concept of global warming and proposes solutions for the same.

Six Degrees by **Mark Lynas**: Our future on a hotter planet! This book talks about climate change and its impact on the earth.

National Geographic Magazines: If you haven't subscribed to the NG magazines yet, do not worry! Pick up your super-smartphones and download the National Geographic application!



Do the new. Do the Green. Some things that the environ lover in you will thank you for.

Eco tour: These eco tours not just let you experience nature at its best but also help you do so without tampering with the environment.

Vermicompost: Make your own vermicompost. You could feed the worms all your food scraps, which reduce the amount of waste you are generating. Besides, you also get to create manure for your plants.

Volunteer: Sign up with an organisation or you may assist our very own green crusaders too. **Read page 4 for details.**



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T-App Green

Oh! wouldn't your world fall apart without this wonderful thing called 'applications'. Worry not my fellow green lovers, now there are apps available for us too!

Green News: Get constant updates on what, where, when and whys of the green world!

iGreenpeace: Get the latest news, updates on Greenpeace events, sign petitions and even campaign! All of it using this app!

My Planet: Your everyday choices impact the environment in more ways than you can imagine. Know all about it with this app.

Green Dictionary: So, what exactly is 'carbon footprint'? All the environment/sustainability terms you need to know are available here.

Click Green

If you are surfing the internet for endless hours, you might as well do something useful. Check out these environment friendly sites. What's more is that you can also become volunteers and campaign online for them!

- www.greenpeace.org
- www.wvfindia.org
- www.plasticpollutioncoalition.org
- www.savethearctic.org



Watch Green

Watch them and your couch will go green, only this time not with envy.

An Inconvenient Truth: It screams the severity of climate change and its disastrous effect on the earth.

The Day After Tomorrow: The film depicts fictional catastrophic climatic effects in a series of extreme weather events that usher in global

cooling and lead to a new ice age.

The 11th Hour: Starring Leonardo DiCaprio, this film takes a look at the state of the global environment including practical solutions for restoring the planet's ecosystems. (PS: The DVD packaging for this film was also BIODEGRADABLE!)



Three Green R's

You know the three R's. And since this day is all about going green, follow these to the T.

Reduce

Electricity: Simple things like using CFLs and switching off appliances when not in use is all it takes.

Water: Don't throw the water that you used for washing veggies. Use it to water your plants.

Fuel: Take up cycling. It is fun and helps save the environment too.

Reuse

Old CDs: They make funky coasters! All you need to do is stick two together.

Plastic bottles: Cut off the top of plastic bottles and you could plant saplings in them.

Visiting cards: Take the ones you don't care anymore about to make bookmarks.

Recycle

Just take a look around your home and there's a lot that needs to go to the recycling unit.

- Aluminium foil
- Cans and tins
- Cartons
- Glass
- Lids
- Paper
- Plastic food containers
- Aerosol cans



COMING NEXT
 A day for movie buffs

GT Travels to Dehradun



Lakshay Sawhney of AIS Saket, IV A, flaunts his copy of The Global Times in front of Forest Research Institute (FRI), Dehradun. FRI is a premier institute of the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education in the field of Forestry Research.

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