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Shikhar Tyagi, XII, AIS G-46
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I am free... says The Global Times in the next edition, albeit, the photographic way. Watch out as our young photographers capture the charm of freedom through the lens...

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Which is your favourite colour in the tricolour?

- a) Saffron
- b) White
- c) Green

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for GT issue July 30, 2012

Which Bollywood actor made the best TV anchor?

Results as on August 3, 2012

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"My failures made me look at myself in a way I never wanted to before."
- TIGER WOODS

The up: First major – US open. Second major – Open Championship. Third major – US PGA Championship. Fourth major – Masters. Incredible! The first man to win four majors in a row.

The down: A car crash opened the gateway to his series of sordid affairs and a tabloid fueled scandal. He was dropped from Accenture, AT&T, Gatorade, Tag Heuer and General Motors.

The up again: The Tiger is back. He won 3 US PGA events this year and is again the man none can beat.

"One has to be a fighter in life. I tried running away (from problems), but it did not help."
- SANJAY DUTT

The up: He rose to the Bollywood scene with his debut Rocky in 1981. Dutt was a rage in the 1990s.

The down: Death of his mother 3 days prior to the premiere of his debut film, losing wife to cancer...the real blow, came when he was imprisoned due to possession of illegal arms (1993).

The up again: He bounced back in 1999 with Vaastav; won the Filmfare for Best Actor, his first ever. The nation loved him again with Munna Bhai M.B.B.S.

"Because I had such a great run and I know there's still more possible."
-ROGER FEDERER

The up: Burst on the scene by ending Pete's 31-match winning streak. He became the only man to win 5 consecutive titles at two grand slams – Wimbledon and US Open.

The down: He lost to Tomas Berdych in the Wimbledon quarter-finals, 2 years ago. Nadal and Djokovic caught up meanwhile. He is 30 and no longer invincible, said the world.

The up again: He beat Murray in the Wimbledon 2012. He returned to the top, his 287th week at no 1, one more than Pete.

"My mistakes made me the person I am now."
- BRITNEY SPEARS

The up: Her debut song, Baby One More Time (1999) hit No. 1 and her debut album reached diamond status, selling over 10 million copies.

The down: Failed relationships, drugs, losing custody of kids, attacking paparazzi, a disastrous performance...there was enough to accelerate her downswing.

The up again: 3 awards for her "Piece of Me" music video at the 2008 MTV Video Music Awards – she's back with a bang.

Rise, fall & rise again

Success is never permanent. Failure is never final. **Bhawna Tuteja**, GT Network brings you the highs and lows of those who traversed the see-saw path

Do what you love

What happens when an ardent sports lover realises he is not meant for the game? He gives up hope? Or takes the go-getter way and goes on to become a sports journalist. At least, that's what Nikhil Naz, Cricket Editor & Sports Presenter, NDTV did. **Ishita Bedi, XI, AIS MV & Snigdha Shahi, XI, AIS Noida** in conversation with the sports enthusiast

What is your dream assignment?

(Laughs) I think I have already done my dream assignments. I have covered the World Cup 2007 in West Indies live (undertone - I love WI!), the first Indian Grand Prix, and even the FIFA Cup in South Africa, which was a dream come true. So, I am privileged and satisfied, and always up for any such assignments.

Any message for Amitians?

Dream big, nothing is impossible. Do what you love. Widen your horizons, there are a plenty of things to do. Don't restrict your vision to just one particular thing. Keep your options open. Work for pleasure and work because you love it, and not because you just want to earn money. All the best! 🇮🇳

What advice would you want to give to all the aspiring journalists out there? Would you want them to join you in sports journalism?

(Laughs) I would just tell them that they should be something they really want to. Work is not work when you're doing what you love. For instance, if you love watching Bollywood movies, you wouldn't mind if that were to be your profession. So, I'm doing what I love and everyone should too. Though I'd love to see fresh talented faces in the field of sports journalism soon!

Who has been your idol?

With reference to sports, I have had many people who I look up to. I love Rafael Nadal, Lionel Messi and Yuvraj Singh. I think they're all commendable sportspersons.

Ishita Bedi (L) and Snigdha Shahi (R) with Nikhil Naz

Tell us about your foray into the field of journalism.

Everybody is passionate about something or the other. I have always had a burning passion for sports. I wanted to be a sports person, but when I realised that wouldn't be realistically possible, the very idea of giving up sports unnerved me. And that's when this amazing field of sports journalism popped up. I am glad to be doing something I love so much.

What are the challenges you faced while entering this field?

I consider myself to be extremely lucky to have entered this field without any obstacles. But now that I am in it, I feel the only major challenge one faces is putting

True friends are those who reach for your hand but touch your heart. They sing to you the lyrics of life when you have forgotten the words.

Pramiti Saxena, XI A, AIS Noida



AIB's Scholars

Debolina Goswami & Harini Swaminathan

Unravelling the darkest mystery behind the unknown and finding solutions to the craziest of scientific problems has formed the backbone of research at Amity Institute of Biotechnology. Meet some active faculty researchers from AIB whose landmark contribution in their specific fields has proved to be a boon to the mankind.



Dr Shoma Paul Nandi: Her pioneering work on pathogens with innate ability to adapt to change and improve their resistance has won her acclaim. The research being conducted in the 'Drug Discovery and Innovation' laboratory is based on 'Isolation of bioactive molecules from plants effective against human pathogens'. Her work involves finding molecules that can kill bacteria based on their mode of action from plant sources. Dr Nandi also sees hope in 'Green Nanoparticles' in fructifying her research.



Dr V Pooja: The path breaking work being done by Dr Pooja in the field of 'Fungal Chemotherapy' is highly propitious. Fungal infections have long been posing a challenge to medicine with their ability to wreak havoc in the human body. This is more so in India, where sys-



temic fungal infection caused by Candida, Aspergillus etc. in immune-compromised patients increases cost of treatment. In order to combat this, the 'Novel Molecule Synthesis' laboratory is trying to find non-toxic, cheap and effective fungistatic and fungicidal molecules from plant sources.



Dr Seema Bhatnagar: With Breast cancer affecting scores of women in India, Dr Bhatnagar's work in the field would prove to be a giant leap in the fight against the disease. Hormone dependent breast cancer has appeared as a serious peril. Dr Bhatnagar's research aims at finding compounds that could target the second binding site (SBS) of the estrogen receptor. Thus 'Selective Estrogen Receptor Modulators' (SERMS) hold a key to disrupting the cascade of cellular signalling and thereby, alleviating the risk. Currently, many compounds have been derivatised and cell line testing is in progress with IIT.



Dr Rajashree Das: Bound by commitment towards society, Dr Das and her team is determined to identify the differences in the genotype of virulent genes of the bacteria that allows it to cause a host of diseases. Helicobacter pylori- the sole carcinogenic bacteria not only induces gastric cancer but also causes duodenum ulcer and gastro oesophageal reflux disease. Though 90% of human population plays host to this bacteria, 10% of them are affected by it. Dr Das, in tandem with her team is eager to unearth the role of Helicobacter pylori in causing diseases. The current drugs employed for its treatment- Clarithromycin and Metronidazole are rendered ineffective due to the bacteria's developing resistance to them. Dr Das' research, funded by the Department of Science and Technology, aspires to identify the mechanism employed by the bacteria to resist the aforementioned drugs. [G](#)[U](#)

And the award goes to...

Kanika Bhardwaj, AIB

Unlike its popular cousin (Noble Prize) Ig Noble Prize claims to celebrate the unusual and honour the achievements that first make people laugh, and then make them think. Here are some interesting facts associated with the awards.

■ Ig Noble prizes were first awarded in 1991 for research that "cannot, or should not, be reproduced" but this was later changed to the more ingratiating slogan that it would "make people LAUGH, and then THINK."

■ The award was earlier pronounced IG-NO-BELL to emphasise its relation to the Nobel Prize, rather than the word ignoble.

■ Earlier, there was a tradition of throwing paper airplanes onto the stage, but this practice was stopped due to security reasons.

■ In 1995, Robert May, Baron of Oxford and the then chief scientific advisor to the British Government requested the organisers to not give away the prize to British scientists.

■ Despite the air of ridicule that comes with the award, Ig Nobel has opened several winning lines of research that have practical value including the observation that mosquitoes are as much attracted to the smell of Limburger cheese as they are to human feet.

■ Andre Geim, who has the honour of winning both Nobel and Ig Nobel Prize was awarded the Ig Nobel for levitating frogs. However, the renowned physicist received the Nobel for his work on graphene in 2010.

■ The first Ig Noble prizes were awarded in 1991 and included three items of research that was made up, as well as a peace prize to Edward Teller for the H-bomb. [G](#)[U](#)

Lab: Nucleus of fun

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Well, for all you people who always have a little *khurafaat* going in their heads here is a little *hatke* guide to have some fun in a biotech laboratory. Listed below are a few instruments used by eminent scholars and scientists to carry out path breaking research. Let's see what else we can do with them.

Pungent odour and coloured liquids is how many would describe as their first impression of a laboratory. But how about a lab that dishes out instant milkshakes & smoothies?

•**Biocoffin (laminar air flow):** Wanna give a *supari*? Contact a biotechnologist. Bring along the target and convince him to rest inside the cabin, close the glass door and switch on the fan and UV light. Mutation will do the rest. **RIP**

•**Centrifuge:** Hungry? One can make instant milkshakes and smoothies to curb those mid-day hunger pangs...all thanks to innovative minds at work.

•**Hot water bath:** Missed your early morning breakfast, don't worry have a hearty breakfast along with milkshakes, if you know how to boil an egg or two.

•**Test tubes:** Love mocktails? Welcome to biochemistry lab. There is a lab boy waiting to serve you. Ask him to make you some neat shots of Benedicts reagent in a test tube. And there you go, mocktail on the rocks style!

•**Hot air oven:** Had a meal and you are missing a dessert? Well, a hot air oven is here to rescue you in this hour of blue.

Bake a cake and have a perfect finish to the day!

•**Eppendorf:** Well, for those of you who wish to have an Indian dessert instead of a cake...we cater to you as well...you can always make mini *kulfis* in eppendorf tubes. Let them set in freezer. Demould

them with help of a toothpick and you are sure to have a sweet finish after a long and tiring day in the lab.

So, take a detour to Biotech laboratory for a healthy dose of fun and food. [G](#)[U](#)

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Friendship, I feel, is like a violin; the music may stop now and then, but the strings will last forever. And friends are those who believe in you when you have ceased to believe in yourself.
Roohi Sobti, XI A, AIS Noida

Sharper, wiser ‘in-turn’s

For that is the fruit of internships! Follow the students of Amity University as they share their internship experiences with you and the unforgettable lessons they learnt from them all!

OVERSEAS INTERNSHIP

Ankit Gupta
Amity School of Engg. & Technology

Learning ground: Osgood Center for international studies, USA

Crossing the Atlantic Ocean for the first time on January 20, 2012, for an internship with the Osgood Center for international studies, Washington, D.C. I had no idea what to expect out of my four months in the USA. But I can safely say that my semester in D.C. exceeded all my hopes and expectations.

One-off experiences

As an intern with a non-profit educational organisation with short term foreign policy programs and experiential learning on offer, I had the responsibility to work with various think tanks and professionals working on Middle East policies and pen down solutions to dilemmas. I was fortunate indeed to

Ankit at the NMUN conference



Watch out as some more students share their internship experiences in the next edition

meet government bureaucrats, journalists and research scholars who enlightened me about the progress on these policies. Besides, my academic course, ‘US 21st Century Foreign Policy’, a combined study of history, foreign pol-

icy and strategy, only added to my knowledge bank. What I count among the rarest of the rare experiences of my life was attending and speaking at the NMUN General Assembly during the world’s largest Model UN

conference- National Model United Nations (NMUN), New York, held from April 2 to 7, 2012. The first hand experience of sharing my views with more than 50 countries was a priceless moment! Participating in civic engagement proj-

ects was a great opportunity to understand the American civil society closely. I also participated in the lobbying group on Capitol Hill, in an attempt to advocate a two-state solution for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Discovering the ‘real’ world

The internship renewed my personal growth. I feel I have made considerable strides and got a glimpse of the real world. I have learnt to handle the stress of multi tasking and can now handle class work and other multiple activities together. Being able to handle the long work schedule along with a night class, homework, civic engagements and providing for myself, I now know I can make it in the real world. After the internship, I have emerged as a more adaptable and well-groomed individual who has the tenacity to communicate with people of different ethnicities and high ranking public officials with confidence. I realised how far I had traveled in the metaphorical journey on my way back to India on 10th May, 2012.

‘Hello’ nightshift

Akash Chaudhary
Amity Institute of English Studies & Research

Learning ground: HCL (BPO)

The conclusion of our second semester drove me to taking up a summer internship in a BPO. I was really excited to join HCL as a senior technical support officer.

Vocab-smart

As days passed by, things turned out the exact opposite of what I expected them to be. The biggest challenge, however, was training my body to work against the usual body clock. On the other hand, the graveyard shift robbed me of my time for family and friends. And I wondered if it was worth it. On the bright side of it all is the undeniable fact that working with an international brand that boasts of a healthy corporate culture has groomed me to confront the outside world as a smarter and more confident person. To begin



Akash (in red circle) with HCL friends with, I never knew that all of us are almost prone to mispronouncing more than a dozen words! I got an opportunity to work on my grammar, one of my biggest weaknesses as the regular training sessions paid special attention to intonation. By the end of it all, I felt enriched.

TelEthic-smart

My telecalling experiences reflected how our voice is capable of expressing our mood, yes, even over the phone! Like most people, I was unaware of telephone

ethics. I couldn’t have imagined that giving verbal nods during telephonic conversations was among the important telephone etiquettes. Besides, I also learnt how to lend an empathetic ear while holding a conversation over the phone. Producing extended apologies and giving negative feedback in a sober way further evolved the speaker in me. My communication skills improved a lot more as I understood with time how to interact with my colleagues and seniors.

Tech-smart

To advance to the next level of technical training, we were required to crack an exam called BERLITZ, a rather tough one! But I was on cloud nine when I managed to clear it! Technical training was indeed a great learning experience for someone like me, who is repelled by technology. I know networking and trouble shooting now, thanks to my internship! I also miss the night life during my internship- the sprees to *parantha* points are among my favourite!

Towards professionalism



Swati Sinha
Amity School of Communication

Learning ground: Hindustan Times, Dhanbad

My internship at the Hindustan Times office was as short lived as fifteen days. The time went by way too quickly. The first day began with a formal introduction to Editor Sandeep Ojha, correspondent Ajay Srivastav and reporter Gangesh. My first two days were spent in grasping the editorial functions of the office- pictures, styles, layout, reporting, publishing and of course, the mighty print-

ing press. Later, I read case studies ranging from crime to political, feature to editorial columns and penning down my views on these cases. In one of the crime cases, I accompanied Gangesh Sir to the victim’s family’s residence. Their wailing was enough for me to break down. But then my eyes shifted to sir who asked rigid questions to the sufferers, without letting emotion waver him from the purpose of reporting with utmost objectivity. It was a moment of great insight to me as I learnt that professionalism for a journalist means controlling emotions, no matter what the situation is; personal and professional lives run parallel to each other, without intersecting ever.

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Brainleaks

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Ans: Brainleaks-44:(a) $\sqrt{\frac{k_a k_b}{4m(k_a + k_b)}}$

In the diagram given below when the turgor pressure of the cell B increases to 18 what would be changes with regard to water movement?

(a) Cells A, C, D, E, absorb water from B

(b) Water diffuses into B from the other cells

(c) B actively absorbs water takes place

(d) No movement of water takes place

Last Date: Aug 16, 2012

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Examination: Common Admission Test (CAT 2012)

Eligibility: Recognised bachelor’s degree of minimum 3 years duration in any discipline. Candidates appearing in the final year examination of graduation (in any discipline) are also eligible for application.

Course: MBA

Application forms: CAT Vouchers are available for sale from July 30 to September 17, 2012

Last date of submission: Registrations are open from July 30 to September 19, 2012

Examination Date: October 11 to November 6, 2012

Website: www.catiim.in

Examination: Management Aptitude Test (MAT 2012) Sep 2012

Eligibility: Graduates in any discipline or final year students of graduate courses can also apply

Course: MBA

Application forms: For sale of forms/online registrations: August 13, 2012

Last date of submission: At AIMA, New Delhi or Online: August 16, 2012

Examination Date: Paper based test: September 2, 2012
Computer based test: September 8, 2012 onwards

Website: www.aima-ind.org

Taruna Barthwal, ACCGC, Career Counseling Resource Coordinator

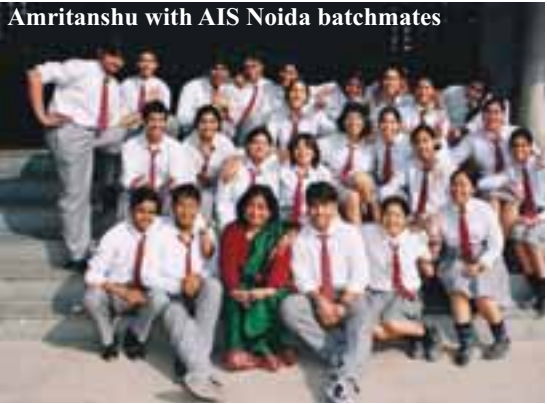
We miss you, Friend

Amritanshu Verma, alumnus, AIS Noida left for heavenly abode in a tragic road accident on March 30, 2012. On this Friendship Day, his friends go down the memory lane to relive and remember the best friend, actor and dreamer that Amritanshu was...

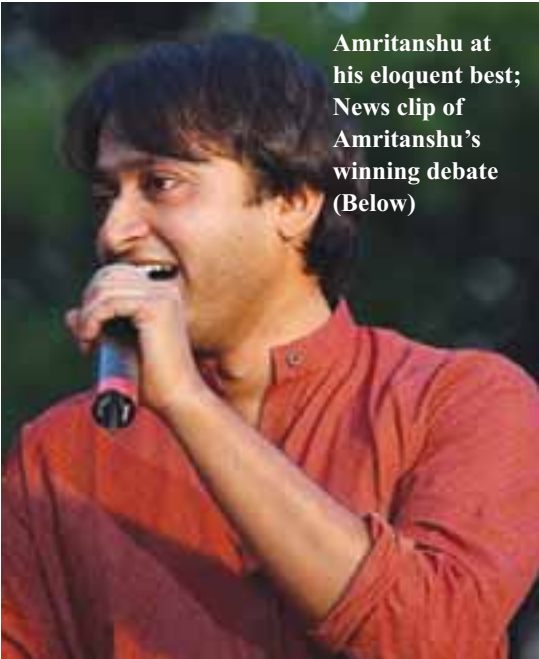


Golden Boy of Amity

I'd heard of him, of course. Almost everyone at Amity knew of this guy with legendary debating skills... The guy who always won every single competition he went to... And then there was theatre... And, of course, basketball. You could call Amritanshu Verma - Amity International School, Noida's Golden Boy. As luck would have it, soon enough, Amritanshu and I were representing Amity in debates together. I looked up to my senior, hoping that some day, I would make my school as proud as he does. For him, debates and elocutions weren't just extra curricular activities. He was passionate about them. There was a fire in his eyes every time he went up on stage. A master actor, in real life too, he brought to life every role he played - a student, a colleague, a friend, a son. People who didn't know him personally, may have lost 'just' a brilliant creative mind... a person with so much energy that he seemed constantly impatient, always



ready to do something new, something big. A diamond in the rough. But people who knew him on a personal note, will agree that they've lost much more. A friend who promised that he would always be around, who would talk nineteen to a dozen without any break, who would be willing to speak to you late in the night with his comforting words "Don't worry, I'm there *na*" because you were going through a rough patch. Amritanshu, you were my toughest critic and yet the bestest friend whom I could always rely on. Your energy and passion will always be missed.
Jaahaan Kaur (Class of 2005)



Amritanshu at his eloquent best; News clip of Amritanshu's winning debate (Below)

Stage's favourite

Amritanshu was a year junior to me in Amity. This chap was a magnet, could engage in great conversations, make someone's dull day truly happy and yet remain as humble as ever. I still remember, when I reached Bangalore, Amritanshu was one of the few people who helped me house hunting. While he would always seek suggestions from me on his MBA plans and what specialisation to take, I would always discourage him from jumping on the bandwagon but follow his passion for theatre. With a penchant for acting and a heart of gold, he will always be deeply missed.
Aditi Asthana (Class of 2003)

Debate Buddy

He'd greet me with a smirk each day wherever our paths would cross in the senior school wing, that would say "I'm going to trouble you today." And quickly follow it up with a genuine smile and brisk away. Polite, respectful and witty, Amritanshu and I became acquainted towards the last few years of our school life. Two years junior to me, we shared a bond that fellow orators and argumentative debaters would understand.

Supremely intelligent, level-headed and a powerful voice, he was an asset that any debating society would be proud of. My last meeting with him was almost eight years ago and in the most unexpected manner. As soon as I came out of the holy Vaishno Devi Mandir, I heard someone call out *Rasleen Didi*. Clad in a white *kurta-pajama*, it was the same cheerful smile that greeted me. And that image of Amritanshu is what I still remember when I think of him. The bond that we formed in school got limited to wishing each other on our respective birthdays thereafter; e-friendship via Facebook! And time ran out just too soon... I wish I had made more of an effort to know him after school and see him evolve as a person, because such people who touch your heart in such a short span of time, are rare to come by. It was a pleasure knowing you my friend. Hold that smile still buddy, till we meet and 'argue' again! 🇮🇳

Rasleen Kaur (Class of 2002)



Raise your voice against road accidents, that are claiming so many lives everyday. Lend your support at <http://www.change.org/en-IN/petitions/we-want-justice-for-amritanshu-verma>

Friends forever

F.R.I.E.N.D.S.H.I.P.

Shambhavi Rathore, AIS Mayur Vihar, VII D

Friends make world a better place to live in...Right? Well, here's decoding the most cherished bond fondly called 'dosti'...

- F-Frolic:** That's what friends share when they hang out together.
- R-Refreshing:** Friends are just like the first ray of sunlight, which brings in hope.
- I-Intimate:** A true friend lets you reveal your insecurities without being judgmental and helps you fight them out.
- E-Energy:** A friend picks you up when you are down, and gives you the enthusiasm to go on and believe in yourself.
- N-Nothing:** Nothing is ever too much, no matter what time it is, night or day.
- D-Distance:** Although the miles may create the distance, a true friend is never far away.
- S-Secrets:** Your innermost feelings that you can only share with a friend, knowing that s/he will surely be honest and can be relied upon.
- H-Happiness:** The way friends feel when around each other.
- I-Interwoven:** Through good times and bad, tears and laughter; a friend will always be there for you
- P-Purest:** The bond that friends share. The bond that turns tears into laughter. 🇮🇳



Poem

Shagun Malhotra, AIS MV, V B

Friendship is like a bunch of flowers, beauty and fragrance that it showers. Friendship is like a bird in the sky, having no limits to fly high. More expensive than a king's throne, friendship is like a precious stone. Friendship is full of feelings, it is one of the rarest blessings. Friendship is like a wave in the ocean, it is like a sea of emotions. Friendship is based on trust, it is as important as the earth's crust. There are many other relationships, but there is none like friendship. Friendship is truth, friendship is faith! 🇮🇳

Love thy Friend

“ It is the friends that you can call at 4 am that matter.”
Marlene Dietrich
The proper office of a friend is to side with you when you are in the wrong. Nearly anybody will side with you when you are in the right.
Mark Twain
No man is useless while he has a friend.
Robert Louis Stevenson
True friendship comes when silence between two people is comfortable.
Dave Tyson Gentry
A true friend is one who thinks you are a good egg even if you are half-cracked.
Anonymous
Friendship is unnecessary, like philosophy, like art.... It has no survival value; rather it is one of those things that give value to survival.
CS Lewis
I have friends whose friendship I would not swap for the favour of the kings of the world.
Thomas A Edison
A loyal friend laughs at your jokes when they're not so good, and sympathizes with your problems when they are not so bad.
Arnold H. Glasgow
The most beautiful discovery true friends make is that they can grow separately without growing apart.
Elisabeth Foley ”



Friendship is a silent gift of nature...more old more strong, more care, more respect...less words, less meetings.
Aastha Shrivastava, Amity School of Engineering & Technology

When there was a Snake

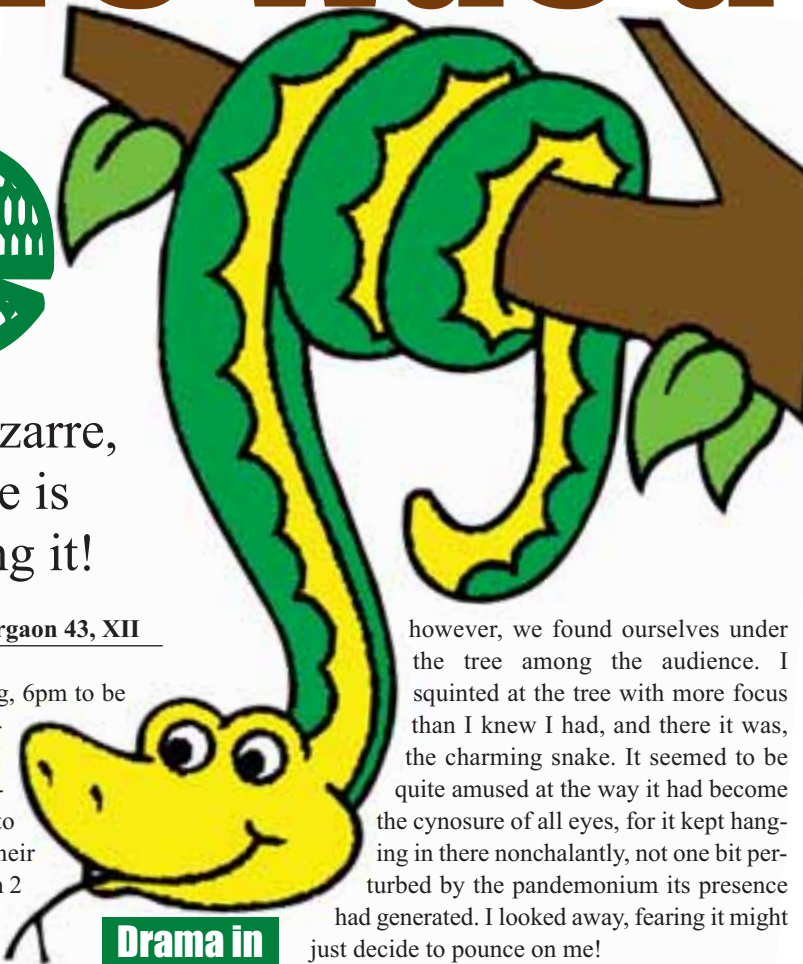
Every residential society has at least one bizarre, crowd-pulling episode to its credit. This one is about finding a snake, or perhaps not finding it!

Illustration: Deepak Sharma, GT Network



Shivangi Mittal, AIS Gurgaon 43, XII

It was a Monday evening, 6pm to be precise, my usual out-of-the-house time. There I was, cycling around the society, waiting for my friends to finish homework, change their clothes and comb their hair, all in 2 minutes and join me. That's when I saw a large group of men looking up a tree. I thought, perhaps, an expensive shuttle cock was stuck up there. Just then, I saw a man with binoculars. I was surprised because I'm not really used to non-tourists with binoculars in our society. Now, for some very strange reason, the man started roaming around the whole society with his eyes glued to the binoculars. I had to find out what was happening. But, my curiosity was soon satiated as a bunch of ten year olds started screaming that there was a snake up the tree! My friends had come down by then, and we decided not to go around that tree as the snake could fall upon one of us. Within 15 minutes,



Drama in real life

however, we found ourselves under the tree among the audience. I squinted at the tree with more focus than I knew I had, and there it was, the charming snake. It seemed to be quite amused at the way it had become the cynosure of all eyes, for it kept hanging in there nonchalantly, not one bit perturbed by the pandemonium its presence had generated. I looked away, fearing it might just decide to pounce on me! And then the rumour started, about there being two snakes. By now, the entire society seemed to be there. There were excited kids, hyperventilating aunts, *sab-control-mein-hai* type uncles, and the watchman who had to bear them all and also take responsibility for finding and killing the snake. Anyway, the poor guy arranged for some help, none of which was from the residents. Some random electricians and plumbers came to his rescue. They started shaking the tree. The snakes fell off. They beat one of them to death and the other snaked away. It is still roaming around free. It is now on the most wanted list of our colony, by the way. 🇮🇳

Wake up the kid in you!

Twinkle Yadav
AIS Gurgaon 46, X B

How many times have you sulked due to a sad remark in your notebook? Just then something in your head tells you, "Stop it puppy-face! Don't behave like a kid!" But when you get a star, you are on cloud nine! Flaunting your notebook in front of your friends, if that's not being childish, then what is it? Does this not show that there is still a child within you? We all feel elated when our efforts are appreciated. Excitement has no age bar and there is nothing wrong in expressing joy. There are some who do not take note of such moments because they feel all grown up. Most youngsters believe that they can't do what little children do because it's against their 'cool' image. But they don't realise that the happiness these small things bring, big things like PSPs can't. Every second of your life makes you older. But for this childishness, you have a little time. Express yourself even if others feel you are uncool. Never let the child within you die! 🇮🇳



Time for love

When love is in dire need of help, who comes to her rescue: happiness, sadness, richness or knowledge?

Nandini Rajput, AIS Vas 1, VIII A

Once upon a time, on an island, there lived all the feelings and emotions: Happiness, Sadness, Knowledge and all of the others, including Love. One day, they heard that the island was going to sink! So, everyone constructed boats and left for safer shores. Except for Love; she wanted to hold on until the last possible moment. When the island had almost sunk, Love decided to ask for help. Richness was passing by in a boat. Love said, "Richness, can you take me with

you?" Richness answered, "Sorry Love, I can't. There is a lot of gold and silver in my boat and so there is no place for you." Love next asked Vanity who was also sailing by. Vanity too had her own excuse. "I can't help you, Love. You are all wet and might damage my boat," Vanity answered. Then, Love saw Sadness close by, so she requested, "Sadness, please take me along with you." "Oh . . . Love, I am so sad that I need to be by myself," Sadness said in a sullen voice. Happiness passed by Love, too, but she was so preoccupied with her own joy that she did not even hear when Love called her.

Suddenly, there was a voice, "Come, Love, I will take you." It was an elderly person. An overjoyed Love jumped up into the boat and in the process forgot to ask where they were going. When they arrived at a dry land, the elderly person went her own way. Realising how much she owed to the elder who brought her to safety, Love asked Knowledge, another elder, "Who helped me?" "It was Time," Knowledge answered. "Time?" thought Love. Then, as if reading Love's mind, Knowledge smiled and answered, "Because only Time is capable of understanding how valuable Love is." 🇮🇳



AMITY-UNESCO heritage series

Do you possess an object, furniture, jewellery, book or anything else that has been handed down from one generation of your family to another? Key us in, just like **Mihir Amol, AIS Gurgaon 46, VIII E**, did with his precious ancestral collections...

Ancestral Memories: An envelope bearing the address of Mihir's ancestral home in Lucknow, is his prized possession. Four generations of his family have lived in that house. The fifth generation still lives there. It also

bears his grandfather's designation: Gp Capt VP Nigam. **Stamped forever:** Mihir takes pride in his stamp collection which has been passed on from elders in the family. Some of these stamps were released way back in the 60's and 70's on special occasions like the 50th anniversary of Jallianwala Bagh tragedy. They are called commemoration stamps. **Coining a note story:** Paise coins and one rupee notes have gone out of circulation and have turned into heritage. In today's inflationary times, even beggars don't accept one rupee coins! Mihir has heard stories that his grandparents and great grandparents used to get *samosas* and *jalebis* for 10 paise each! Hard to believe, isn't it? 🇮🇳

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Sailing on Friendship



Dr Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

Celebrated on the first Sunday of every August, Friendship Day is an occasion that fills every heart with joy. Amity family takes pride in the fact that it celebrates the ideals of friendship all round the year.

Amity schools offer opportunities to forge friendships through its various competitions held at Inter-Amity level to ensure that like-minded Amitians bond well with one another. If passion for numbers unites the 'Mathamitians', Geomaty brings together the Geography enthusiasts.

Amity sends out a message through AIMUN and AMIMUN; global nightmares can be resolved through amicable discussions. The Global Times, through Making-a-Newspaper contest ignites team spirit, as it encourages to ponder upon a headline together. The teacher-student equation is sculpted beautifully when the teacher assumes the role of a friend to achieve the task at hand. All walls break down as Amity strengthens bonds beyond borders, with cultural exchange programs through the year.

This year, Amitians traveled to Russia and USA for the Odyssey of the Mind and returned home having earned a fortune of friends. The International Olympiad 2012, revelled with friends from Afghanistan and Kazakhstan.

The Amies grow up together as they marvel at the wonders of the world when taken on expeditions. The world is brought to Amitasha girls from time to time through simpler beauties of life that strengthen the values of friendship, whether baking a bread with Swiss connoisseurs or interacting with Swiss students. 🇮🇳🇺🇸

Dark Night



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

For 25 years, a small patch of land about 20 kms in my hometown did not have electricity, till my parents retired and planned to settle there. A retired director of a PSU comes to his hometown after 25 years, looks at the smothered and abandoned trans-

former awaiting attention; moves in a series of requests through the tedious bureaucratic channel, with faith in justice. 8 months later, the efforts bear fruit and the village finally sees the 'light' of the day. The happiness lasts, though only 6-7 hours a day.

One year later, the woes begin again. Our daily telephonic conversation includes some reference to the electricity- either of being there or not being there. How they missed watching the serial as there was no electricity. Or how for the last one week there has been no electricity as the wires got uprooted in the storm. Every now and then, the villagers gather around his home, complains pour in and the proclaimed 'power minister' gets going. What's the choice? After all, he chose to bring 'light' to the village. The recent Power Grid failure is no different. Blame it on the government. Easy and therapeutic - it covers the guilt of our daily assault on the 'limited' power supply for the sake of greed. The dark night is a reminder to awaken our conscience. To rise to seek an alternative answer, reminding me of a similar instance narrated by a Japanese friend. The earthquake hit Nuclear Power Plant triggered the fear of power shortage in the country. Alert and conscious, the country mates, sought governmental intervention for a plan to resolve shortage. Nothing came up, only to discover that the shortage has been covered up. People had voluntarily reduced the usage. The dark (k)night rose to the call of its people. 🇮🇳🇮🇳

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On a classical odyssey

Doyens of Kuchipuddi dance Dr Raja and Radha Reddy in an interview with **Vaishnavi Kanugula**, AIS Gur 46, X share their love for the traditional dance form

The traditional dance form of Kuchipudi is synonymous with the names of Dr Raja & Radha Reddy. Together, the couple casts a magic spell around the watchers who are transported to the world of mythology. The Padmashri & Padmabhushan recipients are reviving the classical dance form by imbuing life into its dramatic sensibility.

How did your journey in a classical dance form like Kuchipudi begin?

The dance form is named after a village in Andhra Pradesh called Kuchipudi. It is one of those classical dances which were difficult to popularise. While earlier it was conferred the status of a folk dance, the then CM of the state of Orissa and the President of India were very impressed and insisted that it be included among the nine classical dances of India. In turn, they gave us the responsibility to popularise Kuchipudi. Henceforth, began our journey when we came to Delhi and started to hold classes to train enthusiasts in the dance form.

Do you think classical dance forms do not enjoy the same patronage as earlier?

I wouldn't say an emphatic yes, but agree that it is certainly a disturbing trend. The western culture has swamped us with their way of thinking and values. However, there is a segment of peo-

ple who are still loyal to the old dance forms. They are small in number but their contribution has been strong and steady. On the other hand, the CWG made us feel that it was not only us but quite a few famous personalities who were trying to showcase the glory of India to the world.

What is your suggestion to students who want to take up classical dance ?

Interest in dance deserves appreciation. If anyone is passionate to learn it, they can begin by watching dance shows on TV or can simply take dance classes. This would enable them to identify the dance form that interests them and can pursue it later without any kind of inhibitions.

Did you pursue Kuchipudi right at the outset of your career?

I was initially a student of Odissi and I learnt the dance form for 10 years, after which, I got married and my journey to learn Kuchipudi began. Since then I have only pursued and practiced Kuchipudi.

What is your message to Amity students?

Always remember that you are an Indian first. It's your duty to make your country proud. Keep dancing! 🇮🇳🇮🇳



Sharing the same stage
Dr Raja Reddy with Vaishnavi

Reality shows- Indian society's daily dose!

Suhani Saigal

AIS Pushp Vihar, VII B

Sob..sob..sniffle; hey no! This isn't a tragedy that has occurred in the house, but a contestant has just been eliminated from XYZ reality show. Welcome to the land of reality TV! This is a land whose people will shed copious tears when their favourite contestant is voted out, but will shrug off a train accident thinking, what can I do?

Nothing Real about it! Reality shows are made in a way that they entice people to get hooked to them, just to hike their TRPs. However, mostly, they are scripted by the editors to emphasise the controversial moments and disregard the bulk of what really happens. People alter their behaviour in order to win a competition. That's why you see people who may indeed be honest in real life scheme, to win Rs 1 Crore. When youngsters watch

such shows, they get a distorted view of how other people live. The only positive that may come out from reality shows is that they are an excellent platform for earning instant fame and boost confidence. They can help people learn about teamwork or motivate them to achieve their goals.

Reel VS Real: The fact is that reality

is far from what is usually seen on TV. Snippets from the grapevine reveal a different story. Many other gimmicks are used to capture an audience. It is believed that certain scenes are staged and rehearsed to play on audience's emotions. Viewers must exercise discretion before they become victims of such unreal entertainment. 🇮🇳🇮🇳



GT M@il

Dear Editor,
I read your paper, The Global Times, and found it quite awesome. I instantly fell in love with it!

I learnt of the newspaper during our orientation program and was attracted especially to the idea of a special page which is booked for the department. I am really looking forward to use page 2 for our department to create awareness among people about anthropology as most people don't know about it.

I am extremely happy as I know that I can't find a better platform than The Global Times to spread knowledge about anthropology!
Ajitesh Mathur, B.Sc. (Hons.), AUUP

The Global Times is the coolest newspaper that I have ever read or seen ! I am going to unsubscribe ToI! I think The Global Times should become a daily newspaper instead of a weekly so that we can read and learn a lot more! 🇮🇳🇮🇳

Rishi Thariani, AIS Saket, XII

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Sadda haq to be happy!

Gauri Arora

AIS Gurgaon 46, X B

Life gives us various things to crib about. But we tend to forget that life has more to offer- more joy, more happiness, more opportunities, and more friends. This write-up would be nothing new for you all to read if you feel that whatever is written is true, but too hard to follow. This is where we all make the biggest mistake. When we watch a movie (whether we like it or not), in the end, we tend to ignore all that we didn't like and focus on what we liked. The same applies to life. It's your choice, your life, and you are the one who chooses to be happy or sad!

Now you would wonder if it is so simple, then everybody would be happy instead of moaning about things that upset them. That's exactly the point I want to make! Everybody focuses on what they don't want (obviously what would make them sad), instead of what they want, which would give them happiness. At the end of the day, even after reaching the pinnacle of success, people tend to seek more happiness and content-

ment in life. What actually is happiness? A happy life doesn't mean everything around you is perfect. It means choosing to be happy despite knowing that life can never be perfect.

Remember one thing friends. Decide what you want and believe that you can have it. Expect good things for yourself and accept the fact that you deserve the best always.

If you think about happiness and focus on the same, you will get happiness. Happiness is your HAQ! So, be happy! 🇮🇳🇮🇳





Friendship is a bond forged stronger than iron, deeper than the ocean and as eternal as time.
Arjun Prasad, Amity School of Engineering & Technology

Explore Delhi

Want to revel in the mystic charm of Old Delhi or experience the splendour of urban life? Hop on to HoHo bus for a joyride across the majestic and magnificent city of Delhi



Nishant Chauhan
Amity School of Engineering and Technology

From High rising towers of Shahjanabad to posh markets of modern Delhi...from museums depicting India's freedom struggle to 21st century temples... HoHo bus provides the tourists a great opportunity to soak in the rich cultural and historical heritage of the national capital. The bus which begins its journey from Coffee Home at Baba Kharag Singh Marg covers top 19 destinations. Here is a brief review of the different places covered enroute.

- 1 Ferozeshah Kotla:** Built by Emperor Firozshah Tughlaq in the year 1360, this fortress was constructed to house Tughlaq's version of Delhi. Known as Ferozabad earlier, Ferozeshah Kotla boasts of having 13.1 meter Ashokan pillar made of red sandstone.
- 2 National Gallery of Modern Art:** A must visit for art lovers, this gallery established in the year 1954 houses a collection of more than 1400 works of illustrious artists such as Rabindranath Tagore, Jamini Roy and Amrita Shergill.
- 3 India Gate:** It is undoubtedly Delhi's pride. Designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens in 1931, the architecture of this 42 meter high monument is inspired by Arc De Triomphe in Paris. The monument commemorates the 90000 soldiers of the Indian Army who lost their lives while fighting for the British Empire.
- 4 Purana Qila:** For those who are intrigued by the opulence of Mughal architecture, a trip to the oldest monument in the city is quintessential. Also known as Purana Qila, this monument was built by Mughal emperor Humayun in 1538. Other notable sites include; Qila E Kuhna mosque and Sher Mandal.
- 5 Humayun Tomb:** Known as the first garden tomb of the Indian subcontinent, the tomb was designed by Persian architect, Mirak Mirza Ghiyath. The tomb was declared a world

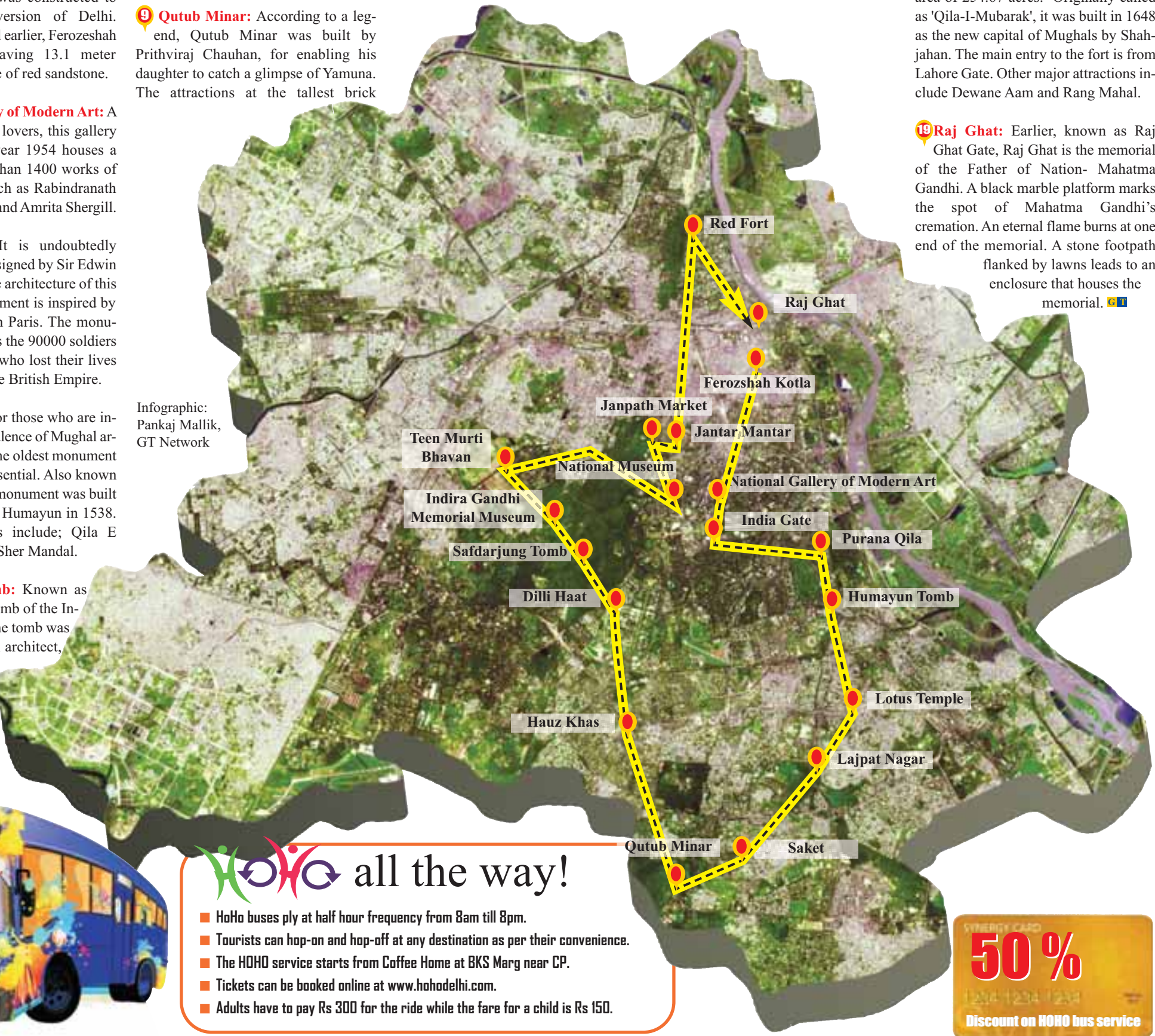
- heritage site in 1993 and houses the tomb of emperor Humayun and grave of his wife.
- 6 Lajpat Nagar:** Named in honour of Lala Lajpat Rai, the market is one of the most popular shopping hubs of Delhi. From clothes to furnishings, from terracotta pots to savouries; Lajpat Nagar is indeed a shopper's paradise.
 - 7 Lotus Temple:** The temple gets its name because of its lotus like shape. Like any other Bahai temple it is open to all regardless of religion.
 - 8 Malls of Saket:** Saket boasts of some of the finest shopping destinations. With four malls in place, the place is ideal for shopping.
 - 9 Qutub Minar:** According to a legend, Qutub Minar was built by Prithviraj Chauhan, for enabling his daughter to catch a glimpse of Yamuna. The attractions at the tallest brick

- minaret in the world includes; Quwwat Ul Islam Mosque, iron pillar and tomb of Allauddin Khilji.
- 10 Hauz Khas:** A part of Siri, the second medieval city of India, Hauz Khas in literal term means the Royal Tank. The must visit places in the complex includes Firozshah Tughlaq's tomb and *Dadi Poti ka maqbara*.
 - 11 Dilli Haat:** An upmarket version of the traditional rural haat, it houses craft and food stalls from all over India.
 - 12 Safdarjung Tomb:** The tomb was built for Safdarjung, the powerful Prime Minister of Mohammad Shah in 1754. The huge dome at the center along with ornately decorated gateways and

- pavilions make it an architecture delight.
- 13 Indira Gandhi Memorial Museum:** Want to know more about the life of India's third Prime Minister Indira Gandhi? Then, a visit to her residence cum museum is a must. The museum houses her bullet riddled blood stained saree (the one Indira wore on day of her assassination) and her other belongings.
 - 14 J L Nehru Museum:** Also known as Teen Murti Bhawan, the museum offers a glimpse into the life and lifestyle of India's first Prime Minister J L Nehru. The house which boasts of a sprawling bedroom, drawing room and study houses the articles belonging to him. Even his South Block office has been 'recreated' with the articles he once used.

- 15 National Museum:** Known as the largest museum of India, the National Museum has a collection of articles ranging from pre-historic era to modern works of art. It houses 200,000 works of art dating over 5000 years.
- 16 Janpath Market:** This market is a hit with shoppers looking out for trendy clothes and exquisite jewelry.
- 17 Jantar Mantar:** Don't go by its name, the observatory situated in Delhi was built by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh of Jaipur and consists of 13 astronomical instruments.
- 18 Red Fort:** Situated in the heart of Delhi, this architectural marvel made up of red sandstone is spread over an area of 254.67 acres. Originally called as 'Qila-I-Mubarak', it was built in 1648 as the new capital of Mughals by Shah-jahan. The main entry to the fort is from Lahore Gate. Other major attractions include Dewane Aam and Rang Mahal.
- 19 Raj Ghat:** Earlier, known as Raj Ghat Gate, Raj Ghat is the memorial of the Father of Nation- Mahatma Gandhi. A black marble platform marks the spot of Mahatma Gandhi's cremation. An eternal flame burns at one end of the memorial. A stone footpath flanked by lawns leads to an enclosure that houses the memorial.

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all the way!

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- Adults have to pay Rs 300 for the ride while the fare for a child is Rs 150.

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A bond of love

Whether we love them, or fight with them, it’s true that we cannot live without them; the bond between siblings only grows fonder

Spandana Bajpai
AIS Gurgaon 46, VII B

I spent seven lonely years longing for a younger brother with whom I could play and fight. I used to feel miserable when my friends would share interesting stories about their siblings. I missed a companion with whom I could share toys and little secrets. I used to feel lonelier when I saw other children enjoy playing a game or two with their brothers and sisters and cry out in joy or rush back home, lovingly teasing each other. Though, my parents loved me and took best care of me, I always felt the need of a loving sibling in my life. I felt terrible especially on festivals like Raksha Bandhan and Bhai Dooj as I did not have anyone to celebrate this bond of love with.

After seven years, my prayers were finally answered and my kid brother Aditya was born. I still avidly remember May 3, 2006, when I first saw him sleeping peacefully in his cradle at the hospital. As soon as I took him in my arms, he slowly opened his twinkling eyes and gave his first toothless smile. His small hands and feet felt as soft as velvet, I felt on the top of the world as I cuddled my



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little bundle of joy. I was overjoyed to have this little angel as my real brother. We named him Aditya and I lovingly started calling him Adi. As Aditya started growing up and uttering his first words, I was eager to hear the word *dididi* from him. I was elated when he first addressed me as *Didi*. I still cannot express my happiness in words. Gradually he grew into a naughty

boy but still he continued to be the apple of my eyes. Now that he has turned 5, he has started reciprocating my love. It makes me feel like a responsible elder sister. Now, every year I eagerly wait for Raksha Bandhan so that I can tie a rakhi on his wrist. We both love spending time in each other’s company. My happiness is incomplete without him. He is the most precious gift of God.🇧🇩

BRUSH n EASEL

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Tiramisu

Ingredients

Basic Sponge Cake.....1
Cream Cheese.....1 pkt
Sugar5 tbsp
Port wine.....1/4 cup
Fresh cream.....1 cup
Icing sugar3tbsp
Coffee soaking syrup1 cup
Warm water.....4 tbsp
Cocoa Powder.....1 tsp

Method

- Cut the thin round of sponge cake and keep it aside.
- Cut the remaining cake into 12 mm x 50 mm long fingers and toast in a pre heated oven for 20 mins. Allow

it to cool.

- Whip the cream with icing sugar and refrigerate. Whisk the cream cheese and wine mixture together and gently fold in the whipped cream.
- Soak the cake generously in coffee soaking syrup.
- Top with half of the cream cheese mixture and freeze for 30 mins.
- Dip each piece of cake finger in the coffee soaking syrup for 10 seconds and arrange over the first layer of cream cheese.
- Top it with remaining cream mixture and freeze for 6 hours to set.
- Sprinkle cocoa powder before serving 🇧🇩

Arrogant thought

POEM

Anukriti Dureha
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An unknown feeling had gripped me,
refused to get discovered,
hunting, fishing, I kept questioning,
but failed, in attempts to recover.
I wanted to flow,
I wanted to fly,
I wanted to live
the very instance
I tried,
to chase the thought away,
but the thought was arrogant!!

It kept creeping in and haunting me,
while I felt lost again.
I kept pleading, persuading,
tried to negotiate,
Ah! The thought was arrogant.
It refused to dislodge.
And just when I shooed away,
that arrogant parasite,
the mystery unfolded,
it cracked open!
And the pain, the sorrow,
that followed and
welcomed me,
refused to get dissolved!🇧🇩

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On cloud 9

Magical Sky

Mystic Twilight

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Each friend represents a world in us, a world possibly not born until they arrive, and it is only by this meeting that a new world is born.

Devika Oberoi, Amity Institute of Biotechnology

The tale of little frog

Illustration: Akash Singh, XI A, AIS Saket



Wisdom Tale

Hopper started to cry and thought to himself, "What if mom and dad can't return? I will never forgive myself."

in search of you. If you ever return here, read this note and you'll know where we are." As soon as he finished reading the letter, Hopper started to cry and thought to himself, "What if mom and dad can't return? I will never forgive myself." Hopper felt his heart thumping hard. He was distracted suddenly by a shadow on the door. He shivered with fear. He thought it was a ghost. "Oh Hopper! Thank goodness you are safe here. Good, we could not find another spacecraft to go to space!" Hopper's happiness knew no bounds. "Mother! I was very scared!" He ran towards his mother and hugged her tightly in adoration. "I will never disobey you again, I promise," smiled Hopper.

him. The creature now willingly helped Hopper return back to earth safely in another aircraft. After landing on the earth, the frog went straight to his home but found that his house was vacant. He found a note lying on the table which wrote: "Dear Hopper, we were shocked when we got to know that the NEURON – 1 had disappeared suddenly. When we did not find you, we started fearing the worst and thought that you might be on board the spacecraft. After searching for you everywhere, now we are going to space

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Contd from.... "It had landed on some unknown planet".

From somewhere, suddenly, a green coloured creature appeared. It had two long antennas, four arms and spots all over its body. The frog started sobbing and asked the creature to help him get back to his parents on earth. The creature agreed but asked for something from the planet earth in the form of a favour. Hopper thought for a little while and handed over the shiny diamond to

PART-2



Jokey Pokey

Ritvik Chandwani

AIS Vasundhara 1, V C

Customer: Waiter, here's a little beetle in my soup.
Waiter: I am sorry about that sir, shall I exchange it for a bigger one?

Ram: I just cannot believe it! My wallet has been stolen from right under my nose!
Shyam: It surely would have been safer if I had you kept it in the pocket of your pants!

Mom: What are you doing?
Son: I am washing myself.
Mom: Without soap and water?
Son: Mom haven't you heard of dry cleaning?

Farmer: The horse you sold me yesterday was blind.
Horse trader: Well, I told you that it didn't look so good.

Piano player: Do you think I have a gift for playing?
Listener: No, but I will give you one

for stopping.
Customer: Waiter, there's a dead bug in my soup.
Waiter: Yes sir, they are not very good swimmers!

Meenu: Give me a glass of water.
Teenu: Say 'please'.
Meenu: Please what?
Teenu: Please give me a glass of water.
Meenu: I asked you first!

So, what did you learn today?
We should always listen to our elders' advice.

Kesar Kulfi



Aman Jain
AIS Noida, IV H

Ingredients

Milk 1 ltr
Sugar 1/3 cup
Cardamom powder 1/4 tsp
Saffron strands a few
Arrowroot 1 tsp

Method

In a small bowl, soak the saffron in warm milk and keep aside.
Dissolve the arrowroot in 2 table-

spoons of water and keep aside.
Pour the milk in a broad non-stick pan and bring it to a boil. Add the arrowroot solution and sugar. Mix well.
Simmer over medium flame; keep stirring continuously till the milk reduces to a little less than half the original quantity.
Cool completely, then add the cardamom powder & saffron mixture and mix well.
Pour into five kulfi moulds and freeze overnight till it sets.

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Sanya Mathur
AIS Noida, V K



Rain

Aditya Aeri, AIS Saket, V C



The pitter patter of rain drops was a sure delight, because from the scorching heat, it would give us some respite. Oh! Thundering black clouds, pour with all your might. Soak up the dried parched fields, this is what the farmer needs, to increase his crops yield. Fill up the rivers, ponds and lakes, and also the small drains, so that, I can have a paper boat race.

Carrying an umbrella, I would love to go out, come back and have 'pakoras', bringing water to my mouth. I have loved the rains ever since I was a little boy, and I am sure that, to everyone, it brings a lot of joy.

Mom and Me

Gurashima Kaur
AIS Noida, III K



Windy sky, dark clouds, alone at home, only you and me! Eating food, with a smile, watching TV with a food pile. The phone bell is ringing, but we don't care, alone at home, only you and me! Doors are open, lights are on, in joy, but we don't care. Nobody is there, alone at home, only you and me.

POEMS

A date with music



Parents involved in making musical instruments with the children



Let's colour the Triangle



Let's make some music!

Parents and kids bonded while learning how to craft their own musical instruments in a creative manner. Playing and dancing to their own rhythm gave learning a new meaning!



Saturday Club Activity

The Saturday Club at Amiown Noida on July 21, had a special workshop on Music and Rhythm to help children become more sensitive towards music. This novel practice conducted every Saturday, enables parents to spend quality time with their little ones. To set the mood in, different types of musical instruments were displayed in

the classroom. Children, as well as parents, could be seen enjoying instruments like triangle, tambourine, xylophone, percussion instrument set, etc. The dance session saw children and their parents shake a leg to various tunes like Yankee Doodle Went to Town, If You Are Happy And You Know It and *Lakdi ki Kathi*.

Create it. Play it

To have a deeper understanding of musical power, children were made to learn how to make musical instruments through a creative workshop. Two creative forces, craft and music, encouraged play, creativity and love for colours in the children. The children learnt to make instruments like Shakers, Tambourine, Rattles-Maracas and Jingle Wand. The shakers were made using disposable glasses. The children painted these glasses and decorated them with cut outs of flowers, sequins, etc. Different types of *dal* and rice were placed in small bowls and the children were asked to put any item of their choice into the shaker. Then, they sealed the opening of the glass with a decorated circular lid. The shakers were ready to use. Some children also made shakers by sticking and decorating two small disposable plates. *Jaltarang* was made in the classroom by placing 8 steel bowls of the same size on

the table. Seven bowls were filled with varying levels of water and one bowl was left empty. Two sticks were used to play the musical notes on the *jaltarang*. The children were eager to play it and enjoyed the activity thoroughly. The Tambourine making activity was filled with a lot of excitement. The children were given bigger paper plates for making Tambourine. They painted the plates according in the colour of their choice and decorated them. Holes were punched around the plates and bells were tied to them with the help of a string. Then, they pasted the *ghungroos* alternatively with the bells. The tambourines were ready to be played! Children also loved making Jingle Wands with ice cream sticks. Four sticks were joined together, three to form a triangle and fourth for the handle. The kids painted these sticks with vibrant colours. They decorated the wand with sequins and tied bells to it with strings. Parents were taught to make Maracas out of plastic bottles. Most of the parents were quite surprised to learn that musical instruments could be made in such innovative ways and were eager to try the same at home. Handouts were also given to the parents where importance of music and the procedure for making different instruments was explained in detail.  



Learning beyond classrooms

Through creative and theme based activities, Amiown stretches learning beyond the confines of the classroom to make it fun for the little ones

Amiown Vasundhara

Amiown aims at fostering an optimal and holistic development of a child through an integrated, interactive and creative play approach in an open and free learning environment. Thematic units at Amiown are used to facilitate the learning tasks of Amies in an interesting manner. Every day activities stimulate their curiosity as they develop skills that enhance their growth. As an extension to the theme 'The world around me', Amies enhanced their knowledge by connecting 'My Family'

to 'Home Sweet Home' and further to their second home, ie 'My School'. The theme 'My School-Amiown' was discussed with the tiny tots during Circle Time, with the help of a few open ended questions. The children talked about Vice Chairperson, Ms Sapna Chauhan by looking at her photograph and could easily identify the Amiown logo. **Second Home Tour:** The children were taken around the Amity school campus, where they got the chance to meet the Principal, explore the reception area, Cafeteria, play ground and the playroom. Later, the children made a school

building with blocks & Jodo Gyan Kit with different felt shapes. **Art Attack:** Besides creative growth, art and craft gives wings to a child's imagination. The kids created a model of Amiown by sponge dabbing on a chart. They pasted their photos on it along with a picture of their dear Sapna Ma'am. Their mathematical skills regarding number 3 were integrated with the on-going theme. They coloured a picture of a school and pasted 3 things they carry to school like tiffin box, water bottle and handkerchief. The theme 'My school' was a fun filled one for the kids.  



Sponge painting 'My second home'



I love my school-Amiown



Building blocks

Pal Up





Making friendship bands for each other

Amiown Noida

"Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow. Don't walk behind me for I may not lead. Walk beside me and be my friend." - **Albert Camus**

Friends are forever, and to celebrate friends in life, the first week of August was celebrated as Friendship Week. Children understood what friendship is all about through the puppets of Pogo and Tina, and the story of Rainbow Fish. Realising the value of friends through Role Play, children enjoyed singing songs like- If You Are Friendly And You Know It Say Hello; The More We Get Together, etc. As inculcating moral values is a part of the curriculum, the children learnt about the golden rules of friendship: sharing, loving, helping and caring for each other, through the examples of Good Hands and Silly Hands. Children learnt the value of polite gestures like

sharing food, saying 'thank you' and 'welcome'. The little stars made friendship bands wherein they reinforced the number 3 by pasting 3 sequins on a satin ribbon. It was a special occasion for them as they exchanged their friendship bands and expressed love for their friends.  



Friends forever



Thinkquest champs

AIS Noida

A team of five students of class XII from AIS Noida- Anushka Baoni, Antara Bhowmick, Prema Kashyap, Sahil Lamba and Vanshika Baoni- coached by Namita Panigrahi bagged the third position in the Oracle Education Foundation's global Thinkquest Competition, an online learning program, which challenges students to solve a problem using their critical thinking, communication and technology skills. Thinkquest 2012 saw more than 5500 outstanding entries from all over the world; each one of them offering innovative solutions to major problems such as food scarcity, global warming, internet security, metal recycling, etc. Competing in one of the three events- Thinkquest Projects, Digital Media and Application Development, participants had present a solution to a particular problem using technology of their choice. Students of AIS Noida bagged the third position in the Digital Media category



Thinkquest winners from AIS Noida

for their website 'From Trash to Triumph', which offers effective solutions for tackling the alarming amount of aluminum waste generated all over the world. The team suggested an alternate method of recycling scrap aluminum foil by extracting potash alum from it. This process, when carried out effectively on a large scale, would contribute signifi-

cantly towards reducing our carbon footprint and thus, help make our planet a greener place to live in. The entire team will be presented with the technology prize, which includes a laptop (with market retail value of approximately \$1000) and certificates of distinction for their incredible achievement. 🇮🇳



Little sport champs of AIS Saket

Sporty Fun

AIS Saket

Sports at pre-primary level is not about competition, it is about having fun, being physically active, learning the basics of sports and building co-ordination and motor skills. Keeping this in mind, AIS Saket organised sports day for the little ones on January 23-24. The day started with warm up exercises followed by aerobics on peppy music. After the callisthenic exercises, children were taken for the races. The Nursery kids enjoyed some fun filled races like 'Dressing up' (for girls)

and 'Keeping our environment clean' (for boys). The aim of the races was to make children independent and sensitise them towards clean surroundings. Class KG enjoyed the innovative 'Flat race' and 'Bean bag race'. These races aimed to enhance the gross motor and balancing skills of the children. Winners were awarded medals and certificates in the prize distribution ceremony. All children came smartly dressed up in their sports gear and enjoyed the day in the warm winter sun outdoors. The tiny tots participated in the event with great enthusiasm. 🇮🇳



Young poets display their work

It's a poetic world

AIS Vasundhara 6

Amity International School, Vasundhara 6 organised an intra school 'English Poetry Recitation Competition' on July 19, 2012 for students of class II & III on the topics - Nature and Seasons. The students participated with enthusiasm and recited their poems with colourful, thematic

props, adding an extra flavour to the poetic presentation. The winners from class II were Arpita, Lakshya and Saanvi, while the winners from class III were Arnab Malik, Tanishi and Sanya Sareen. Principal Sunila Athley complimented the participants for their wonderful performance and their sensitivity towards mother nature. 🇮🇳

Awards galore

AIS Noida

Usha Verma, AIS Noida, Teacher

Over 1300 prizes and certificates were awarded to meritorious students during the Prize Distribution ceremonies for Classes Nursery - I & Classes II-V held on April 26 and April 30 respectively. Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and her mother, Ammaji graced the occasion. Besides awards for academic excellence, prizes were given away in areas like story telling, recitation, computers, handwriting, reading, full attendance, overall improvement, amicable personality, Fine



Arts, sports, etc. The 'All Rounder Award' was conferred upon students who excelled not only in academics but also in co-curricular activities. The 'Commendable Improvement Award' and 'Overall Improvement Award' were given to those who had achieved the maximum improvement over the entire academic year. 🇮🇳

'INSPIRE' d Scholars

Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE) is a national programme implemented by the Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India to attract talent amongst students who wish to study Science and pursue a career in research. Under this programme, the Department of Science and Technology (DST), awards Scholarships for Higher Education (SHE) to the students who are within the top 1% at class XII examination conducted by the Board during the academic session ending March/April. Alongside is the list of students from various AIS branches who made the cut for the meritorious scholarship in the academic session 2011- 2012. 🇮🇳

AIS	Scholarship Awardees
Noida	Akhil Mathur, Aparna Jain, Manya Mittal, Vaishnavi Sridhar, Neha Agrawal, Apeksha Tandon, Raghav Piyush Mittal, Sanskriti Singh, Sanya Jha, Sonal Jandani, Divyanshu Sharma, Maheep Tripathi, Medhavi Arora, Pulkit Aggarwal, Ridhi Agarwal, Rishu Goel, Mayank Mishra, Nitish Raghunathan
Gur-46	Shanu Maheshwari, Shipra Bharati, Shubham Goyal, Ahan Kak
Saket	Bhumika Aggarwal, Harshita, Abhinav Bindal, Twinkle Gupta, Aarushi Chawla, Aditya Gupta, Nithya Ramgopal, Parul Aggarwal
MV	Nimisha Sharma, Vasundhara Bakshi, Meghna Bansal, Sachit Tandon, Udyon Khurana
Gur-43	Rohit Rawal

Off to Manga Café

AIS Vasundhara 6

Yoshita Jeswal, AIS Vasundhara 6

For the students of Japanese language at AIS Vasundhara 6, visiting the Japan Foundation library was like a dream come true. The librarian showed them around the shelves which had books on subjects like origami, geography and the history of Japan along with many latest magazines and DVDs. He then took the students to the section they were most enthusiastic about, the Manga Café (Domo arigatou). Mangas are Japanese comic books or graphic novels which have characters made in a highly stylized format. There were more than 500 titles including the famous ones - Bleach and Naruto in the collection. Posters of famous characters adorned the walls, adding vibrancy to the room.



AIS Vas 6 students at Manga Cafe

The students grabbed a book or two and got engrossed in reading. They were also shown famous animation movies such as the Oscar winning - Spirited Away. They told their Japanese language

teacher, Parul Wadhwa that they would like to visit it again because they found it 'sugoi' (awesome). For Otakus (die hard fans of Manga), the visit was definitely an unforgettable one. 🇮🇳



BOWLED OVER BY SACHIN



What happens when a random SMS contest leads to an unforgettable rendezvous? Swapnil Mittal, VIII A, AIS Noida recounts his clean sweep in his own words...



Knocked out:
Swapnil (R) with Sachin

One day, I was pleasantly surprised to get a call from PepsiCo inviting me to meet Sachin Tendulkar in Chennai along with ten more boys and girls of my age from different parts of India. I had almost forgotten about the SMS contest I had participated in two months back, organised by Boost, a health drink by PepsiCo, of which Sachin is a prime brand ambassador. It was a dream-come-true moment for me! Thrilled to bits, I prepared myself for the lucky day and boarded the flight for Chennai along with my father. It was an all expenses paid trip. We reached Hotel Hilton in Chennai and were warmly welcomed by the organisers. After refreshments, we were shown various videos of Sachin, his performances and his ads with Boost. And then the golden mo-

ment arrived. Sachin was there in front of us. It was the most exhilarating moment of my life! For the next two hours, Sachin was chatting with us, playing with us and signing mementos for us.

First Person

We asked him about his passions besides cricket, his favourite hobbies, his Rajya Sabha tenure, and everything else that was on our mind. Being kids, we were asking all kinds of questions; some intelligent, some weird and some exceptional. But Sachin was so patient that he answered all of them quite extensively, trying to satisfy each one of us! When my turn came, I simply asked him about his favourite song. He smiled and said, "My friend, the choice of my favourite song keeps changing but right

now it is 'Kun Faaya Kun' from the movie Rockstar."

Next came the question and answer round by Sachin for us and luckily, I was the first one to answer most of them. I was thrilled when Sachin awarded me for that. More fun and thrill awaited us as we went to the indoor cricket nets where Sachin was all set to test our bowling skills. All of us played with the legendary cricketer turn by turn and had loads of fun. Sachin too bowled us some balls and we were very happy. I was fortunate to stand by the legend's side throughout the game.

When Sachin was asked to pick the best bowler, he chose me and I was given another award by him! My hands were already full with the mementos and gifts showered by Sachin. I can never forget the amazing rendezvous! 🇮🇳

Archer hits bull's eye!

Book Review

Title: *Only Time Will Tell*

Author: *Jeffrey Archer*

Publisher: *Macmillan*

Price: *Rs 185*

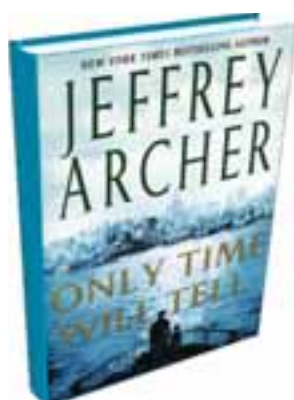
Pages: *386*

Rating: ******

Dakshata Sahni, AIS Noida, XII H

the story of Harry Clifton, a young boy belonging to a family of limited means, who grows up believing that his father was a war hero. He, however, soon begins to question his belief, when he realises that his father couldn't have possibly died in World War I. Thus, begins his quest to unravel the mystery. With this one, Jeffrey Archer brings along yet another power packed novel, with ambitious young minds, corrupt and powerful businessmen and a bevy of other well-sculpted, endearing characters. The novel is intriguing and one's heart goes out to the boy's mother, who leaves no stones unturned to make her

son successful. With a narrative so absorbing, that you feel each character's agony and ecstasy, Jeffrey Archer hits the bull's eye, once again! A book that grasps your attention this amazingly, comes only once in a while. So fasten your seatbelts, and prepare yourself for a staggering ride! 🇮🇳



Published worldwide in the year 2011, *Only Time Will Tell*, authored by Jeffrey Archer revolves around struggle, deceit and love lost. The book was launched by the author himself in Bangalore in March 2011, as a part of a global book tour. The first novel of a five-part series that traces the life of a young boy, instantly struck a chord with the readers, becoming a bestseller soon after its release. Set in Bristol post the First World War, *Only Time Will Tell* narrates

GT Travels to Hong Kong



Parth Khullar, AIS Saket, III C, enjoys his favourite newspaper The Global Times at the Ocean Park at Hong Kong. Ocean Park is a marine mammal park, oceanarium, animal theme park and amusement park. The Ocean Park has 19 fun rides and also houses 11 animal exhibits, such as a giant panda habitat, a jelly fish and Chinese sturgeon aquarium, and a huge four-story aquarium displaying more than 2,000 fishes.

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