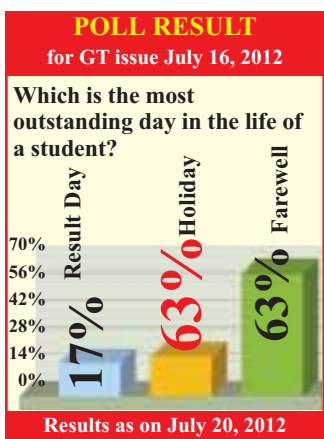




Top 10 Achievements

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Sakshi Goel, AIS Gur-43
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AIS Noida

CBSE feat: Amity International School, Noida proved its mettle yet again in class X and XII CBSE examinations (2011-12). With 201 students out of a total 342 securing a perfect CGPA of 10 in class X, the school heralded to second position all across India. The success spree continued with Apeksha Tandon (Science) and Paridhi (Commerce) securing 97.2% and 97% in respectively in the class XII CBSE examination.

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AIS Pushp Vihar

Odyssey's marvel: The creative problem-solving international competition - 'Odyssey of the Mind' Eurofest, was held at St Petersburg, Russia, from April 22-27 2012. The competition, saw students from AIS PV grab a spectacular win in the esteemed competition, when it brought home the laurel of the rolling trophy by surpassing 70 teams who had participated in the competition from all the over world.

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Dr. Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

Amity has always been synonymous with excellence. It gives me immense pride to see my Amitians achieve new heights of success with each academic session. My heartiest congratulations to all and wish that the success sweep continues.

AIS Mayur Vihar

German tie: The online German Quiz organized by DPS Society in association with Max Muller Bhavan saw Bharkha Singh, a student of class X being selected for the Youth Camp held at Transit House, DPS Noida.

About 13 students were selected from all across the country for the Youth Camp. Four other students of AIS Mayur Vihar namely Akul Rastogi, Bhavya Garg, Ishita Bedi and Namit Jain of class X were selected in the merit list and also received an invitation to attend the football match, an onsite quiz and lunch.

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AIS Saket

Hattrick in space: A team comprising of 14 students from Amity International School, Saket won the 8th Asian Regional Space Settlement Design Competition on Jan 28, 2012. The school secured a hattrick with this win; having won the same competition twice earlier in 2007 and 2010.

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AIS Gurgaon 43

Editorial win: Beating 6 other branches of Amity International Schools, AIS Gurgaon 43 emerged as the winner of The Global Times 'Making a newspaper' contest. The school won awards in several categories in-

cluding the Best Design, Best Illustration, Best Graphic and many more.

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AIS Gurgaon 46

Brilliance uncoded: Gautam Gupta, X, AIS Gurgaon 46 won the Google Code contest 2011, a competition for programmers and students to solve complex coding challenges in a limited amount of time. He was enlisted in the top ten among the 360 participants in the worldwide contest organised for the age group of 13-18 years. Gautam has won the prestigious competition for second time in a row.

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AIS Vasundhara 1

Sustainable endeavors: Samridhhi Prakash, VI B, AIS Vas-1 received an invitation to attend the prestigious Asia Pacific TUNZA Conference. The TUNZA Conference is a part of UNEP programme, which is a long term strategy for working with young people on environmental issues.

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AIS Vasundhara 6

Spellathon: Sukant Koul, a student of class IX of AIS Vasundhara 6 secured the second runner up position at the National Spelling Bee Competition 2012, powered by The Times of India in association with Horlicks. He bagged a cash prize of Rs 50,000 and two Radio Mirchi gift hampers.

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CHEERS FOR AMITY



A to Z of AMITY

Vridhi Dua
AIS PV, XI A

A Assembly: School days begin with it

B Badges: Our identification mark.

C Children's Day: Students-in-fame

D Discipline: The bedrock of our schooling

E English: Amity's official language

F Fraternity: Binds us all

G Games: The period we

eagerly wait for

H Hip hip hurray: Three cheers for Amity

I Independence Day: A celebration of patriotism and unity

J Jingle bells: The Christmas party day

K Kindness: A trait that shows Amitians care

L Library: Houses hoards of books that form our proud possessions

M Memory: Our school scores an 'A'

N New: There is something novel to look forward to each day

O Obedience: It comes naturally to Amitians

P PTM: Parents get to know our true stories

Q Questions: We abound in them, a 100 times

R Report Card: Reward for the hard work

S Sincerity: Found in our school

T Teacher's Day: A day, when the entire school dolls up

U Unity: Once an Amitian, always an Amitian

V Victory: What Amitians always strive for

W Wow: So much to marvel

X X-tra : Long classes for X & XII

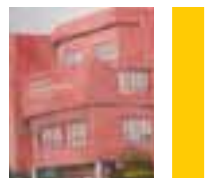
Y Yipppee: For all the achievements

Z Zzz: This is how life will be without Amity.



The UNESCO Storyboard Competition is extremely close to my heart. I was surprised to discover that I had bagged the second position. But, winning the precious medallion and a special encyclopedia made the victory sweeter.

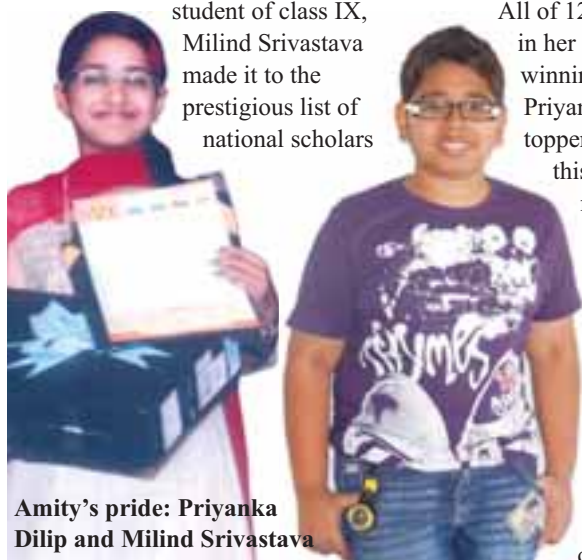
Asmita Singh, AIS Noida, XII B



1 Meet Thy Scholars



Amity's got talent. It undoubtedly plays home to little geniuses who can solve the wackiest of problems in Maths and Science to reserve a berth for themselves, whether it is in the National Talent Search Examination (NTSE) or Global Talent Search Examination (GTSE). Meet two such wizards Milind Srivastava and Priyanka Dilip from AIS Noida. A

student of class IX, Milind Srivastava made it to the prestigious list of national scholars





Amity's pride: Priyanka Dilip and Milind Srivastava

by securing 170 marks out of 200 in the **National Talent Search Examination, 2011** conducted by National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT). Milind's hard work and balanced approach secured him the second position in UP and first spot in Noida in the examination regarded very prestigious in the national circuit.

All of 12, Priyanka is a champion in her own right. An award winning classical dancer, Priyanka is not only a school topper over the last two years; this genius has secured first rank in the **National Science Olympiad, 2012**. Her accomplishments don't end at that. She also bagged second position in the **GTSE**. An equally celebrated wordsmith she has won top awards for public speaking and creative writing.  

2 Score Smart

Amity International School, Noida has always managed to edge past other schools with its brilliant performance in **class X and XII CBSE boards**. This year was no different. As many as 201 of the total 342 students secured a CGPA of 10 in class X, heralding the school to second position all over India. The class XII results were equally brilliant. Apeksha Tandon (Science) and Paridhi (Commerce) kept the school flag flying high by securing 97.2% and 97% in the CBSE examinations this year.  





Winners all the way



Students pose with Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan before embarking on a trip to Germany

3 MUN Walk

The young Amitians took Germany by storm during the **Model United Nations of Goldberg (MUNOG), 2011** organized in Sindelfingen from October 20-26, 2011. The delegation won the hearts of their fellow delegates and the organisers with their excellent communication skills. Their feat did



not end here. Hari Aditya, a student of class IX won the 'Best Delegate' award. On the other hand, Sana Sawhney, Venika Menon, Kusha Gupta and Mridali Goyal were conferred 'Special Mentions'. Amitians were applauded for adding 'quality' to the conference.  

4 An Odyssey with Science



Convergence of great minds



Amity International School, Noida made a clean sweep in the Regional Fair of **Odyssey of the Mind** held on January 23-24, 2012. The school bagged five gold and one silver. One of the school teams represented Amity at St. Petersburg in Russia while the other three teams left an indelible mark with their excellent performance at Iowa State University in US during the World Fair. The Russian chapter of the competition saw a team comprising seven students along with their guide teacher Gesu Dagar winning acclaim for the school during **Eurofest 2012**. The students

took part in Div-III Problem "Weird Science". The team put up a wonderful performance which was highly appreciated. The students received standing ovation for displaying confidence, collaborative skills and presence of mind. The US leg of the competition saw six teams comprising of 36 students from different branches of Amity participate in the world's very first creative problem solving competition from May 21-27, 2012. The team won the "Best Float" award at the Float and Banner parade defeating 830 teams at World Fair of Odyssey held at Iowa State University, USA.  

5 Gyan Vigyan

Going back to nature with young scientists





Shramik Rawal, Swapnil Mittal, Umang Sinha and Mudit Gupta of VIII A under the able guidance of their teacher Sanjukta came up with the project - *Gaumutra* as an effective liquid manure and natural pesticide. The project not only qualified for the regional round, but also bagged the 33rd position at the national level of **National Children's Science Congress**. The unique project was chosen for the prestigious **YRoNS**. It was also selected for the **Indian Science Congress** exhibition.  

6 Singing to Glory





Keeping the patriotic flame alive

Amitians not only shine in academics, they also know how to sing their way to glory. Eight students of AIS Noida accompanied by their music teachers Sumita Sarkar and Gautam Biswas smoothly glided through the district and state level of **National Group Song Competition**. They defeated 47 other schools at the national finals in Bangalore to seal the first prize. This is the fourth time AIS Noida has lifted the winners' trophy.  



7 Tennis Star



at rank 22 in India under 18 category (AITA ranking). She has a long list of achievements to her credit.  



Shreya Pasricha of class XII of AIS Noida is next Sanya Mirza in making. Ranked number one in Uttar Pradesh, this young girl is placed

8 Tell Tale

Aditi Sinha, XI, clinched the first prize while Asmita Singh, XI and Soham Paul, IX bagged the second prize at **UNESCO's International Patrimonto Storyboard Competition, 2010-11**. The trio under the guidance of their teachers Ruchi Sethi and Nandini Mathur used their creative and problem solving skills to raise awareness about World Heritage sites.  

9 Ticket to Germany

Their writing skills proved to be their passport to Germany. Aarti Anand and Rishabh Sharma of class twelfth were selected for a fully paid three week long language course in Munich after their essays were selected as best entries by **Goethe Institute, Munich** in June 2011. The visit provided the students an opportunity to explore the country. Over 63 of the total 70 students from

AIS Noida who appeared for FIT 1 and FIT 2 examination conducted by Goethe Institute passed with Note 1 (highest grade). Vibhas Jaiswal of class X beat 600 students from various schools of North India to emerge as the topper of FIT 1 Exam. He won a three week long trip to Germany in the month of May and June, 2012 to pursue a free course at Goethe Institute in Munich.  

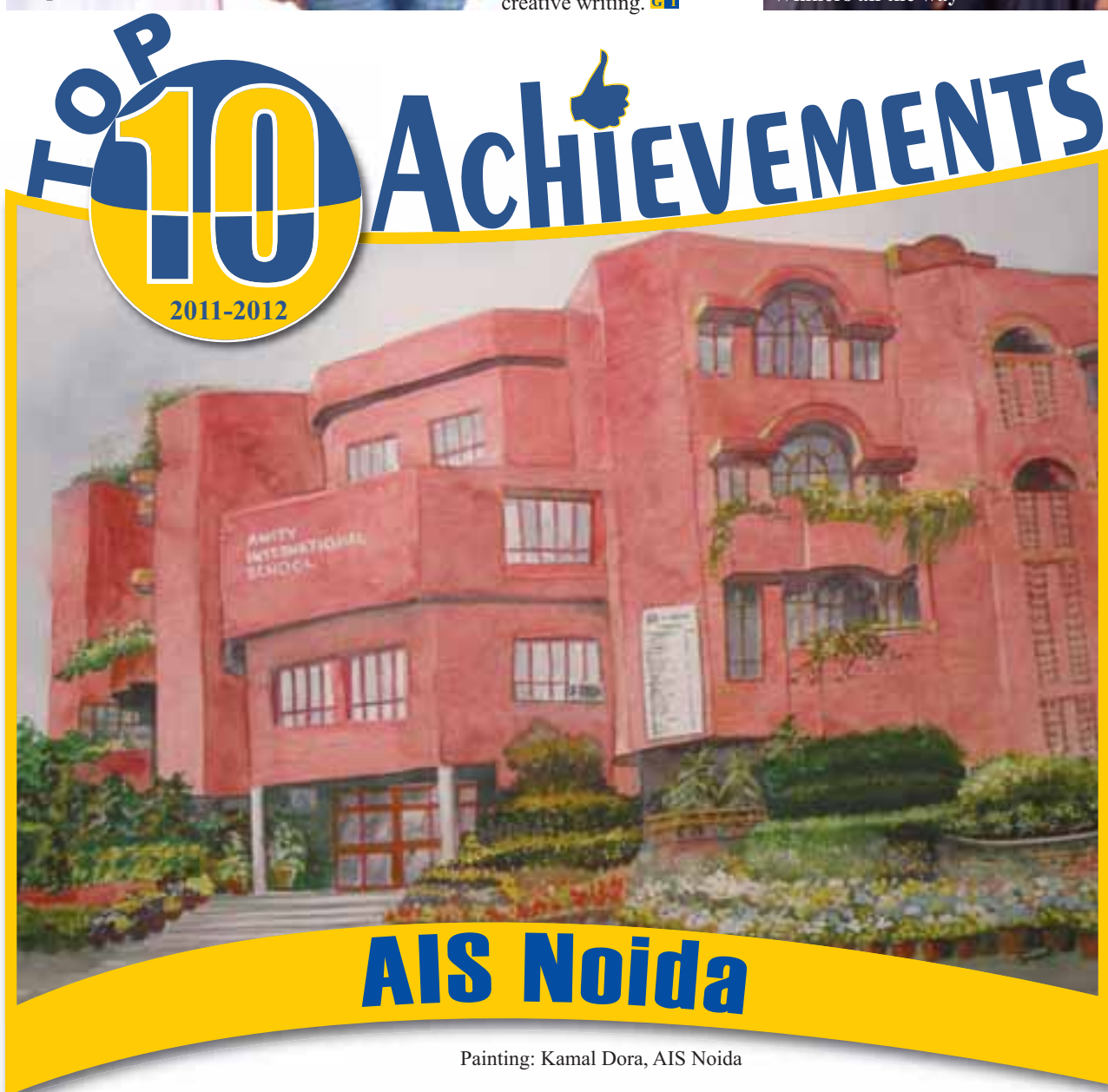
10 MUN Fever

A team of eight students led by Renu Singh, Principal, AIS Noida stole the show during the 69th session of the esteemed **Harvard MUN Conference** held on January 26-29, 2012. Amitians stood out from over 3180 delegates from 37 nations and were lauded by chairs of all the committees. The closing ceremony of the event saw Amity winning everyone's appreciation. Aman Jha did his alma mater



Proud MUNers

proud by bagging the award for 'Special Mention'.  



Achievements

Painting: Kamal Dora, AIS Noida

2011-2012

AIS Noida

I was exhilarated to be awarded a smartphone, Galaxy Nexus, for winning the Google Code Contest.
Gautam Gupta, AIS Gur 46, XI



Hip hip hurray at Mathamity!

1 Mathematical Excellence

It was twin celebration mood at AIS Gurgaon 46 as it played host to **Inter-Amity Mathamity** on October 18-19, 2011 and also clinched the Overall Excellence Trophy for classes VI to VIII. The event saw innovative Mathematics projects made by the students on display at the exhibition cum competition. Two teams each from class VI to XII exhibited their projects in the

form of oral presentation, display mode and power point presentations supported by charts, 3-D models along with the usage of the interactive board. The students made their presentations before eminent panelists on a range of topics including 'Maths in Celestial Bodies', 'Maths in Football', 'Maths in dance', 'Probability in Weather Forecast', 'Origami in Maths' 'Vedic Maths' and the like. [G](#) [I](#)

5 Cultural Exchange



Jenesys scholar Aishwarya flashes 'V' for values sign

Under the AFS program, Aishwarya Asnani of Class XI was selected for the **Jenesys one year scholarship program 2011-2012**. The exchange program has participants from almost every nook and corner of the world such as Korea, America,

Brazil, Finland, Norway, Costa Rica, Hungary, Czech Republic, China and many other countries. The program will allow Aishwarya to complete her class XI in Japan and study subjects like History, both of the world and Japan, English and social issues. [G](#) [I](#)

6 Brilliance Uncoded

AIS Gur 46 made news as Gautam Gupta, a student of Class XI, won the **Google Code Contest 2011**, an online competition for the programmers and students to solve complex coding challenges in a limited amount of time. He was enlisted in the top ten amongst the 360 participants in the worldwide contest organised for the age group of 13-18 years. This is the second time in a row that Gautam has won the Google contest. Back in 2010, the prodigy prevailed in the competition and got the opportunity to meet highly intellectual high school coders from around the world and interacted with amazing

Googlers. Besides, he also toured the renowned California Academy of Sciences.

Much like two years back, Gautam was awarded a cash prize of \$500 for the outstanding feat. And that's not all.

He also got the once in a lifetime opportunity to visit the Google Headquarters (also known as Googleplex) located in Mountain View, California. [G](#) [I](#)



2 CBSE Results

The sheer dedication of the students of AIS Gur 46 truly paid off in the CBSE results 2012. The scorecards of class X shone brightly with 19% of its students achieving the perfect CGPA of 10. Academic aces of class XII, Shanu Maheshwari did the school proud with a 95.6% and so did Ahan Kak with 95.6% in the Science stream. In the Commerce stream, Ratul Roshan scored a mighty 94.75%. [G](#) [I](#)

4 Youth for Science

The brilliant performances by the students of classes IX to XII as well as their teachers in presenting the paper on issues confronting agriculture and other global challenges such as consumerism, energy crisis, water scarcity and environmental threat and the like won the school the Rolling Trophy in the **Yuva Vichar Manch** held within the school premises in April 2011. [G](#) [I](#)

3 Golf go-getter!

Kushal unfurls the Indian flag at US Kids Golf Teen World Championship



An international golf champion - Kushal Singh came into the limelight by clinching the coveted fifth position in the **US Kids Golf Teen World Championship 2011** in the category for boys aged 15-18 years. Kushal outshined more than 400 players from 32 countries to secure the rank. Playing in the team of top players, Kushal, along with his teammates defeated the challenging team of USA.

The budding golfer was one of the two students selected for the tournament in a nationwide search that saw the participation of 104 teen golfers. The international tournament has made him the second teen from Gurgaon to have participated in the championship. In the **National Southern India Junior Open Golf Championship 2012**, Bangalore, Kushal clinched the fifth position. [G](#) [I](#)



Painting: Sumit Shukla, AIS Noida

7 Math Wizards

The **Inter Amity Ramanujan Competition** held at Amity International School Noida, from December 20-22, 2012, unearthed eleven young mathematicians from classes VI to XII. The Ramanujans in the making excelled in group and problem-solving activities. The school bagged a total of 5 gold, 5 bronze and 1 silver medal in the competition. [G](#) [I](#)

8 Queens of Chess



Sisters Vaibhavi (L) & Vaishnavi

The two sisters of AIS Gur 46, Vaibhavi Thakur, class XI (Vice sports captain) and Vaishnavi Thakur,

class VII, have been receiving regular scholarships from the Haryana government since both have been the Haryana state chess champ several times in their respective categories. In 2011-12, apart from winning other chess championships, Vaibhavi secured the coveted 6th rank in the **Asian Youth Chess Tournament**. Vaishnavi also bagged the first prize in U-13 girls category in the **BHEL international chess tournament**. [G](#) [I](#)

10 Record Breaker

Thanks to her sterling skating performances at the national level, Muskaan Chauhan of class IX has earned a handsome sum in three consecutive years - Rs 57,000, Rs 1,32,000 and Rs 1,45,000 rewarded to her by the Haryana government for excelling in various championships since 2010. The achievement crowns

her as the highest sports' cash award winner in Gurgaon. She also won a silver medal in the **21km marathon** for the age group of 12-16 (girls) & thus holds yet another record for being the youngest skater to achieve the stupendous victory in the category. National competitions have won her 20 gold, 4 silver and 3 bronze medals. [G](#) [I](#)

9 International fame at MUN

Satyajyoti Nanda, a student of class X, used his diplomatic skills and impeccable understanding of the UN framework to the best of his ability in the prestigious **Model United Nations of Goldberg (MUNOG)** held at Germany in 2011. In the international level competition, Satyajyoti clinched the invaluable 'Best Delegate' Award for his leadership qualities that came to the fore as soon as he began to express well-defined views on challenges and vexed issues that plague the world. The young leader also clinched the 'Special Mention' award in the **intra-school MUN** held at AIS Gurgaon-46 in 2011. Satyajyoti proved his mettle yet again at the **Harvard Model United Nations (HMUN)** held from January 26-29, 2012 organised at Boston, USA. His keen interest in dialogue and debate won him the 'Honourable Mention' award on the celebrated platform. [G](#) [I](#)



My favourite achievement would be securing second rank in class XII CBSE boards. The cell phone gifted by my parents doubled my joy.

Sachit Tandon, Alumnus, AIS Mayur Vihar



Varun keeps the tricolour flying high in the Land of the rising sun

1 Japan Calling

It was like a dream come true for Varun Khanna of class XI, when he got to know that he would be traveling on an all paid scholarship to the 'Land of rising sun' under the **AFS Jenesys Scholarship exchange program**. The visit which began on August 18, 2011 not only made him adept at the concept of global family, but also helped him gain mastery

over the Japanese language and local customs. During the year long visit, Varun acted in many Japanese plays and also tried to deliver speeches in Japanese with perfection. In his spare time, he taught English to class XII students and middle aged women. He also put in extra efforts to excel in Japanese cooking, judo and Japanese calligraphy. [GFI](#)

2 Result Pride

It's raining marks in AIS MV. About 23% students scored above 90% in the class XII examination conducted by CBSE this year. However, the show stealer was Sachit Tandon, who secured second position in Delhi zone with 97.8%.

The young wizard also secured rank 270 in the IIT entrance examination. Kusha Verma topped the commerce stream with 95% marks. Meanwhile, the scorecard for class X was no different with over 16% of students getting a CGPA of 10. The average CGPA of the school was 8.76. [GFI](#)

3 Academic Whiz Kids

Rohan Gupta and Ishaan Bhardwaj of class VIII kept the school flying by clearing the first stage of **National Talent Search Examination (NTSE)**. The duo appeared for the second stage of NTSE on May 13, 2012 and their results are bound to make the hearts of their parent and teachers swell up with pride. [GFI](#)

4 German Tie

AIS Mayur Vihar's German connection seems to be getting stronger with every passing year. Not only the students, even teachers are touching new milestones by bagging scholarships in prestigious institutes. The **online German Quiz** organised by DPS Society in association with Max Mueller Bhavan saw Bharkha Singh of class tenth being selected for the **youth camp** to be held from Jan 10-15, 2011 at Transit House, DPS Noida. About 13 students were selected from all over India for the camp. Four other students, namely Akul Rastogi, Bhavya Garg, Ishita Bedi and Namit Jain of class X were selected in the merit list and received an invitation to attend the football match, onsite quiz and lunch.

Another proud accomplishment of the school includes the school's German teacher Sangeeta Kasturi bagging a **scholarship from Goethe Institute** to pursue a four week long intensive course in German language at Goettingen in Germany from January 2-27, 2012. The course not only helped enrich and enhance her language skills; it also gave her the opportunity to experience the country's rich culture and values. The visit enabled her to make her teaching more effective and learner centric.

And that's not all. Ishita Bedi of class



Ishita Bedi with her German friend

XI went on an **all paid three week long trip to Germany** to pursue a course in German language at Goethe Institute, Munich from June 3-23, 2012. The visit helped her attain mastery over the language and explore the local culture.

She enjoyed cultural programs organized in and around Munich and understood the German way of living during her visit to Berlin. [GFI](#)

5 Anveshan- A Date With History

A project titled 'Reminiscences of Raj' made by class X students Panya Baldia, Shashwat Pal, Sanya Taneja, Arushi Kumar and Akanksha Jain won the first prize under **Udgaar category** in a competition held by Itihas to commemorate 100 years of Delhi. The students decided to explore the places where the British operated from while the Capital city of Delhi was being built. The students chose Civil Lines area for their project as it houses many old dilapidated remains of the Raj Era. The students were elated to receive the prize from Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's wife Gursharan Kaur. *Itihas* is a body committed to promoting heritage among school children. [GFI](#)



Proud winners

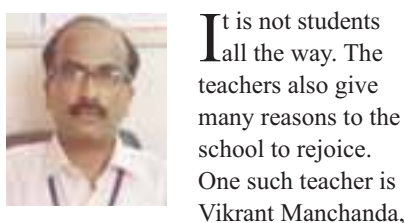
6 Wordsmiths in Action



Word power at its best

It's not only brilliance in Science and Maths that wins you the title of little genius. Meet some wordsmiths from AIS Mayur Vihar who kept Amity's name high by winning the cash prize at **Awakening India Essay Competition 2011-12** organised by Ramakrishna Mission, New Delhi. The proficient writers who won the cash prize include Suhani Singhal, XI; Archita Goel, XI; Aakanksha Ahuja, XI F; Kartik Katoch, XI E and Vratika Goel, XI D. [GFI](#)

9 Teacher Glory



It is not students all the way. The teachers also give many reasons to the school to rejoice. One such teacher is Vikrant Manchanda, who received the first prize at the **6th National Teachers Science Congress**, Delhi, for his paper on 'Trends and Challenges in Science Education'. The paper won the first prize at state level and was selected for participation at a Congress in Banaras Hindu University in November 2011. It was chosen amongst the first thirty papers for special mention. [GFI](#)

10 Young Scientist In The Making

Priyank Dhodani of class XII did his alma mater proud by clearing **Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojna**. His brilliant performance has raised the bar for other students also. The Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana is a program started by the Department of Science and Technology (GoI) to encourage students of Basic Sciences, Engineering and Medicine to take up research in these areas. The program is aimed at identifying and encouraging talented students with aptitude for research. [GFI](#)



Achievements

AIS Mayur Vihar

Painting: Kamal Kishore, AIS Mayur Vihar

7 Sporty Sport

It was time to pat the backs of the school basketball team as they won second and third prize at prestigious tournaments. The senior girls basketball team stood second at the **zonal championships**, while the senior boys' team bagged third position at the **Basketball zonal** organised at Somerville School. The team secured 8th rank all over Delhi in the **Senior boys CBSE cluster basketball championship** held at Lovely Public School, East Delhi. [GFI](#)



Basking in glory

8 A Creative Odyssey



A step towards a bright future

AIS Mayur Vihar made a clean sweep at the regional chapter of **Odyssey of the Mind** by winning the gold medal. The competition took place at two levels. The first stage involved addressing a long term problem faced by the community in a creative manner. The long term

problem saw the team looking for solutions for the inhabitants of an imaginary place 'Kaimark' where people don't die. The students had to use their skills to come to the rescue of old people residing there. The second problem was resolved by the students in a record time. [GFI](#)

I think the most proud moment of my chess journey so far has been winning the crown of CBSE National Champion. It came as a great moral booster for me.

Rishi Thairani AIS Saket, XII

1 Set for Space .. again again & again



The winning team of 8th Asian Regional Space Settlement Design Competition

A team comprising of 14 students won the **8th Asian Regional Space Settlement Design Competition** on Jan 28, 2012. The school secured a hat-trick with this win; having won the same competition twice earlier in 2007 and 2010.

The Asian Regional Space Settlement Design Competition is a part of the NASA Space Settlement Design Competition, wherein two teams are selected from Asia to compete with 10 other teams from across the world at Johnson Space Centre, Houston. [G.T.](#)

4 Science Fervour



Yashendra Shukla at IRIS



Vipanchi Handa at the Dhananjay Mohan Science Symposium

Among 103 projects exhibited at **Initiative for Research & Innovation in Science (IRIS)** held at PEC University of Technology at Chandigarh, 11 innovators were selected to represent India at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Yashendra Shukla, X, was one of the selected 11. He won a gold medal and will represent AIS Saket at Pittsburgh. Varun Sridhar and Raghav Mehta, class

XI stood 4th among 18 countries at the **Taiwan International Science Fair** at Taipei. TISF is a science research competition organised by the National Taiwan Science Education Centre. The science paper presentations of 6 teachers from the school were selected at **National Teachers' Science Congress**. The school won the overall trophy at **Dhananjay Mohan Science Symposium**; participating in events like the quiz, debate, presentation etc. [G.T.](#)

5 Quizzing Prodigies



Team Saket at Amity Heritage Quiz

Quiz...and AIS Saket shall have the answer. With many quizzing geniuses in its kitty, the school has achieved several feats including the popular **Bournvita Quiz Contest**. Steering clear of competition from 27 schools across 20 cities, students Tarini

Sharma and Harsh Khatri first emerged as Delhi winners and then went on to win the national semifinals. They finished third in the national finals. Continuing the spree of quizzing victories; Akshat Boobna and Harsh Khatri, who won the regional round and were placed third in the national finals in **Texas Instruments Jack Kilby Science and Tech Quiz**; Rahul Chowdhary and Saumya Sharma bagged the winners' title for the **Aqua Regia Science Quiz**. And that's not all; Amity Saket also won the prestigious **Inter Amity Heritage Quiz**. The school has been winning it for fifth year in a row. [G.T.](#)

6 Core Commerce

Students of Amity Saket proved their mettle in the arena of commerce. The school bagged the overall trophy in **Business Melange 2011**, a commerce event organized by DPS RK Puram and **Comm D' Affair**, held at K.R. Mangalam School. The school also emerged winner in the **Ecom Forum** held at AIS Mayur Vihar. The event that saw participation of 17 schools, comprised of competitions like business quiz, street play and promotional poster making. AIS Saket also secured the third position in the business quiz category at **Prodigy 2011**, a business event organized by Sukhdev College of Business Studies. [G.T.](#)



AIS Saket lifts the trophy at Ecom Forum

2 Karate Kids



Winners of the Kotaka Cup International Karate Championship

Amity Saket took away the trophy for the overall champion in sub junior level in the **8th Kotaka Cup International Karate Championship**, New Delhi; with a medal tally of 8 gold, 8 silver and 22 bronze. The tournament organised by the International Karate Federation of India witnessed over 600 participants from 16 states and Nepal. The school also won the **All India Karate Championship** organised by the World Shotokan Karate Union. Competing with 17 other teams from 6 states, AIS Saket bagged 31 medals (8 gold, 11 silver and 12 bronze). [G.T.](#)

3 On Moo(u)N

AIS Saket has carved its niche in the MUN arena; its students won several prestigious MUNs this year. The school won the award for the 'Best delegation' for representing China in all the committees at **AIMUN 2011**. While Achintya Sharma, class XI and Saiyam Pabreja, class XI bagged the

award for 'High Commendation' at **Harvard MUN**, Boston; Arjun Tyagi, class XI and Sarthak Sharma, class XI won the 'Best Delegate Commendation' at **UNA USA** in 2011. Students won several prizes at prestigious MUNs like, **INMUN**, **DAV MUN** and **MOD MUN**. [G.T.](#)



Amity Saket's winning moment at AIMUN 2011



Painting: Preeti Rao, AIS Saket

7 Karateka

Bhaskar Sen, a student of class XI bagged the third position in the **6th Commonwealth Karate Championship** held at Sydney, Australia from July 29-31, 2011. This event saw competition amidst more than 2000 participants from across the world. He has also qualified for **Asian Karate Federation Championship** at Tashkent, Uzbekistan – the most prestigious Karate Championship in Asia; after screening through a rigorous selection procedure. [G.T.](#)



8 Chess Mate

Rishi Thairani, class XI, stood 8th in the **National Rapid & Blitz Chess Championship** held at Jaipur. This national level championship saw 60 chess champions competing with each other. Rishi finished 8th in the Blitz category and 12th in the Rapid category. And that's not at all, Rishi also emerged winner in the **Delhi State U19**



Chess Championship 2012 and was declared Delhi State U-19 Chess Champion 2012. He also has the distinction of being a winner/runner up in the respective age categories in the **Delhi State Chess Championships** for the last 6 years. He has been consistent in retaining his position in the top 20 in the **National Chess Championships**. [G.T.](#)

9 Google Guy

Akshat Boobna, class XI found his way into the **Google Science Fair**. His project was among the best two selected from India and amongst the top 90 entries chosen from a thousand entries sent by students across the globe. He won a chromebook from Google. [G.T.](#)



10 Scholars

Students brought laurels to the school by winning several scholarships. Rahul Chowdhary and Sanjana Chopra cleared the **National Talent Search Examination**. Seven students of class X cleared **JSTSE** including Utsav Sen, Rahul Chaudhary, Sanjana Chopra, Dhananjay Singh, Ishaan Dawra, Shaurye Agarwal and Yug Shankar. [G.T.](#)

YRoNS comes to India!

After Amity's successful stint with YRoNS (Young Researchers of Natural Sciences) in 2010, the year 2012 heralded Amity as the first Indian school to host the prestigious event



Going global: The who's who of YRoNS 2012 come together

About YRoNS

YRoNS (Young Researchers of Natural Sciences) is an initiative started in the year 2008 by an association of European teachers spearheaded by Istvan Sandor. It aims at forming a forum wherein students (the age group of 10-18 years) can conduct individual research at the international level in natural sciences. The research aims at finding innovative solutions to problems of common concern, while strengthening cultural and global bonds.

Amity Group of Schools hosted the 5th session of Young Researchers of Natural Sciences (YRoNS) 2012, an international symposium on natural sciences. YRoNS is a platform that facilitates venture in natural science by young blood, between April 10-13, 2012. The conference since its inception in the year 2008 has seen keen participation from countries in Europe. It was in the year 2010 that for the first time Amity International School (the only school from Asia) participated in YRoNS conference at Cyprus, followed by another in France in 2011. Amity Educational Resource Centre and Amity Children Science Foundation organised first ever YRoNS conference hosted in India by AIS Noida

under the leadership of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools. The event began with the traditional lighting of the lamp ceremony by Mr Dolaine, one of the core team members of the YRoNS. Renu Singh, Principal, AIS Noida addressed the august gathering, welcoming the guests that included representatives from France, South Africa, Slovenia, Denmark and India. The session saw a participation of total 32 delegates from different AIS branches and 22 delegates from other countries. A total of 24 projects were presented in 4 sessions over two days. A panel of experts from Amity University, Deptt. of Biotechnology and Botany Department of Delhi Univer-

sity and Science team from Denmark (Sankt Annae Gymnasium) were also present to give feedback on each project.

Day one saw a mix of activities like presentation of projects and a thought provoking lecture on preservation of natural resources by Prof. Unni Kumar, Amity University. Day two saw presentation of 12 projects over 2 sessions and a science quiz. The team members of the quiz comprised of both national and international delegates. The last session comprised of presentations by Amity school teachers, a joint presentation with Denmark and discussions on innovative practices in teaching science. Few projects that garnered appreciation on parameters like social relevance, thorough research, ex-

perimentation skills etc were - Filling of potholes of Roads (Team South Africa), Application of Biochar (fine grained charcoal) in Agriculture (Team Slovenia), A Study of Indigo (Team France) etc. Students Srishti Prasad, AIS Mayur Vihar and Shramik Rawal, AIS Noida received special recommendations and appreciation on their projects on Eco cars and *Gau mutra* respectively. The event concluded with *shlok gyan* and *Saraswati Vandana* by students of Amity Noida. Padma Bhushan Dr Yashpal and Daniel Rignault, Attache for cooperation in Education, Embassy of France also graced the occasion. The Chairperson gave away prizes and souvenirs to the participants and the mentors. 🇮🇳

Youth, Science & Partnership

Mr Dolaine, one of the core team members of YRoNS gets talking with Pranali Batra, AIS Noida, XII about YRoNS 2012 and more...

What is the broad objective of YRoNS?
The main objective of YRoNS is to encourage young learners to research for themselves, to get them out of the classrooms and acquire real knowledge instead of the one that comes from books. I will consider this objective as achieved when students come up and ask scientific questions and perform experiments to prove their own hypothesis. Another objective is to gather people with different ambitions and bring them together to contribute to our common aim of a better tomorrow.

How is the theme for 2012 "Natural Resources- Care It, Share It" relevant to the present world scenario?

This is a question that is both difficult and easy. It's easy because it is all that the world can currently talk about; difficult because it is highly technical. Sustainable development is the key issue that all of us are facing today. My coun-

try, France is a developed nation, thus, we need to think about our consumption patterns and how we can modify these to evolve eco-friendly practices. Meanwhile, the developing countries need to come up with efficient techniques of using these environment friendly but costlier alternatives. Only if we work closely together can we move ahead.

How does YRoNS strengthen cultural and global bonds?

YRoNS 2012 hosted by Amity is a perfect example to show how the South Africans are collaborating with the French and the Indian teachers are interacting with the Danish. It's an initiative to help shy students take charge and break the ice while respecting their individual cultures. Its an effort to facilitate cross cultural communication and enhance respect for other's beliefs while maintaining pride in your own value system.

Your take on collaboration with Amity?
Initially, YRoNS was an European entity; collaboration with Amity has given it an new dimension. It has helped to broaden our horizon and extend our vision to other parts of the globe. 🇮🇳



Mr. Dolaine

Award reward: Amity MUNers at UNA-USA 2012



MUNers sweep seven awards

UNA-USA 2012 proves to be a winning turf for Amitians

Amity Educational Resource Centre (AERC), under the aegis of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools organised the participation of 9 Amity students for 3 day MUN (Model United Nations) Conference organised by UNA USA in New York from May 17-19, 2012. Team Amity was the only team from India to bag 7 awards.

Venika Menon and Isha Batra, AIS Noida, won the 'Best delegate' award. Aarjun Tyagi, AIS Saket; Sarthak

Sharma, AIS Saket; Avi Sharma, AIS Noida; Oditi Anand, AIS Noida and Supriya Khullar, AIS Pushp Vihar won the 'High Commendation' award. Shivank Badyal and Kushagra Sachdeva of AIS Gur 43 also participated in the three day conference.

The UNA-USA 2012 conference brought together almost 2000 students from 23 countries around the world to discuss diverse and pressing international issues such the role of women in peace and security, the elimination of

racism and xenophobia and the effects of atomic radiation. This year's General Assembly regional committee simulated the 2012 Earth Summit (Rio+20), focusing on topics like climate change, sustainability and the challenges of global environmental stewardship. The conference provided an unparalleled, authentic simulation of the United Nations in a world class setting and the chance for student delegates to work along with thousands of students from across the country and the globe. 🇮🇳



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Amity excels in Odyssey of the Mind

Raining awards... winning accolades... global interactions... international destinations... Odyssey of the Mind 2012 had it all. Welcome aboard Amitians’ odyssey expedition

Six teams comprising of thirty six (36) students from different branches of Amity International Schools participated in Odyssey of the Mind, the world’s very first creative problem-solving competition ever, being held in USA since 1978 and initiated in India by OttM-India in 2011. The participants were trained by Amity Children Science Foundation (ACSF) under the leadership of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools. The qualifying teams from amongst 85 teams across the country participated in two international events namely Eurofest in St. Petersburg, Russia (April 22-27, 2012) and World Fair of Odyssey of the Mind in IOWA State University, USA (May 22- 26, 2012).

Odyssey of the Mind

It is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities to students from kindergarten to college. The competition

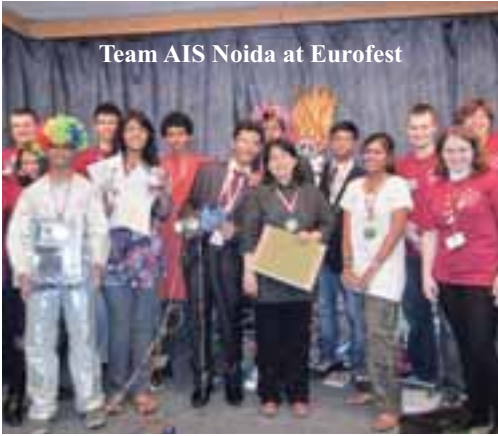


Eurofest winner AIS PV team displaying its rolling trophy

invites participation from hundred of teams from throughout the world every year and was created by Dr Samuel Micklus, Professor Emeritus at Rowan University in New Jersey in 1978.

The program goes by the pledge–“Odyssey of the Mind is in the air, in my heart and everywhere. My team and I will reach together to find solutions now and forever. We are the Odyssey of the Mind.” It helps the student participants apply their creativity for problem solving and come up with divergent solutions. The competition comprises of two problems- long term and spontaneous. The former comprises of five general categories- mechanical/vehicle, technical performance, classics, structure and performance. The latter comprises of an on the spot problem that the teams are expected to solve creatively.

Here’s a sneak peek into how Amitians fared at the two international events- Eurofest and World Finals of the Odyssey of the mind. [G](#) [I](#)



Team AIS Noida at Eurofest

What: 20th Odyssey of the Mind Eurofest-12
When: April 22-27, 2012
Where: St. Petersburg, Russia
Who: AIS Pushp Vihar, AIS Noida, AIS Gurgaon- 43 and AIS Lucknow
H(ow)ighlights: Amity International School, Pushp Vihar, bagged the second place in the ‘Eurofest mixed Country team problem’ while AIS Noida was awarded a special certificate for their creative solution in NASA sponsored ‘Weird science’ project

What: 33rd Odyssey of the Mind World Fair
When: May 22- 26, 2012
Where: IOWA State University, USA
Who: AIS Vasundhara 1, AIS Vasundhara 6, AIS Noida, AIS Gurgaon 46
H(ow)ighlights: The Float and Banner parade conceptualised by six teams of Amity International Schools representing Team India, won ‘Best Banner’ award from amongst 830 teams and 27 countries. The theme of the parade was ‘Save the tiger’



Float and Banner parade of Team India(Amity) at Odyssey World Finals

The trip to St.Petersburg offered a overload of sensory inputs with amazing sights and beauty. The cross section of cultural representation was completely overwhelming. We discovered that language is no barrier and we can connect even without a common alphabet. Winning the coveted trophy not only helped us thank our Alma Mater for giving us this wonderful opportunity but also helped us win the goodwill and love of new friends from countries across the world.

Nikita Bakhshi, XI C, AIS PV

The trip to Eurofest 2012 comprised of finding solutions to some brain wracking problems. The most interesting of all was the third problem- ‘Eurofest problem’ in which teams with members of different countries were formed. AIS Noida was teamed with Russian and Moldoivan team. It was amazing to interact and work with them on same goal. Apart from creative thinking ability, amazing pictures and new friends, the trip gave me an experience to cherish forever!

Devina Jain, XII, AIS Noida

Going to Iowa was indeed an odyssey, a sojourn to a new place. Considering this was my first international trip, there was so much new to learn. Apart from punctuality, courtesy, cleanliness and friendly nature, two very important things that I got to learn were intelligent shopping and managing all things on my own. The trip spurred our creativity & wings of imagination.

Shrey Jindal, AIS Vasundhara 6

It is said that one day you will see something that will change your life forever. For me, the life changing day came when I first landed in USA. The beauty, the modernity, the life there made me realize that there is so much more in the world yet to be explored. I want to thank Amity for giving me the opportunity to participate in the unique competition and see this new world.

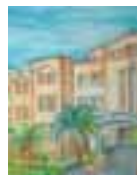
Amlaan Kumar, IX, AIS Noida

AIS Noida	PARTICIPANTS	Aditya Pandey, Harsh Pandey, Ayan Pandey, Shivang Bansal, Devina Jain, Aarti Anand, Akash Panigrahi, Gesu Dagar (Teacher Guide)
AIS Lucknow		Shivansh Singh, Shikhar Nigam, Harsh Singh, Neelansh Gupta, Naman Narain, Ishani Nau-tiyal (Teacher Guide)
AIS Gur-43		Abhigya Varma, Sanskar Haritash, Rishabh Sabharwal, Navya Paliwal, Rishika Arya, Sak-sham Manaktala, Mishika Sharma, Mamta Manaktala (Teacher Guide)
AIS PV		Abhilasha Jain, Kabir Thakur, Kritika Goyal, Nikita Bakshi, Nalini Kumar, Shenjit Basu, Mukul Jiwani, Deepanwita Purkayastha (Teacher Guide)

AIS Gur-46	PARTICIPANTS	Anirudh Bansal, Dorja Yadav, Mayobhav Vasistha, Shlok Sahni, Mudit Sharma, Ayush Tuli, Sanwal Bhatia, Pramod Singh (Teacher Guide)
AIS Vas-1		Saloni Saxena, Eshwar S., Shrey Gautam, Stuti Gupta, Sanskruti Bharti, Shefali Malhotra (Teacher Guide)
AIS Vas-6		Vishantan Kumar, Irina Srivastava, Shaurya Jain, Shrey Jindal, Atishay Bhatia, Navya Garg, Anjleen Berar (Teacher Guide)
AIS Noida (Team A)		Kripi Badonia, Zohya Bakshi, Suhail Sha, Rahul Rajput, Vaibhav Kochhar, Milin Chandra, Chittaranjan Prasad, Poonam Agarwal (Teacher Guide)
AIS Noida (Team B)		Geetika Wahal, Ambika Pachaury, Poorva Jain, Tanay Asija, Stuti Srivastav, Tanushree (Teacher Guide)
AIS Noida (Team C)		Amlaan Kumar, Paridhi Sachdeva, Kushagra Shrivastava, Avi Jain, Aabhaas Vaish, Jai Ma-hajan, Deepti Mahajan, Sanyukta Priya (Teacher Guide)

I don't have words to express my happiness at winning the IIPM debate; that's definitely my favourite achievement.

Saksham Agarwal, AIS Gurgaon 43, X



Team AIS Gur 43 lifts the trophy at GT Awards



1 An Editorial Win

Beating 6 other branches of Amity International Schools, AIS Gurgaon 43 emerged as the winner of The Global Times 'Making a newspaper'

Contest. The school won awards in several categories including the Best Design, Best Illustration, Best Graphic and many more. [G](#) [I](#)

2 A Lakh Accolades

Saksham Agarwal, class X bagged the first prize in the debate competition **Cicero's Carnival 2012** held at IIPM. He won a cash prize of Rs 1 lakh, a certificate and a trophy. Prof Arindam Chaudhari, the judge for the finals, appreciated him for his excellent diction, content and confidence. [G](#) [I](#)



Saksham Agarwal wins a prize of Rs 1 lakh at Cicero's carnival

3 Sporting Feats

Anwasha Maitra at CBSE Swimming Championship



The last academic year has been that of many sporting victories for AIS Gurgaon 43.

Anwasha Maitra swam the school towards success, securing the first position in the **Open School State swimming championship** held at Sirsa in various categories including 800m Free Style, 400m Free Style and 200m Butterfly. She also bagged silver and bronze in various categories at **CBSE North Zone Swimming Champi-**

onship. That's not all, she also won silver and bronze in various categories in **Haryana State Swimming Championship** at Bhiwani. The event saw participation from 30 schools. Adding to the sporting victories was Harmmeet Thakran who emerged winner in the **Haryana State Junior Chess Championship**, organized at Rohtak. Tamanna Yadav and Anjali Tewatia stood second at **CBSE Taekwondo Championship**, held at Ballabgarh. [G](#) [I](#)

4 Scholarship Abode



Akansh, class X, cleared the **National Talent Search Examination** and won a scholarship for the same too.

Department of Science & Technology,

Haryana has given scholarships to four students of the school. Shortlisted students go through a rigorous selection procedure, which includes an interview before they are deemed fit for the scholarship. [G](#) [I](#)

5 Speech Skills

AIS Gurgaon 43 secured many feats in the arena of debate, declamation and elocution. The school stood second in the **Vigilance Week Debate**, and won a cash prize of Rs 3,600 along with a trophy.

While Akshat Jindal emerged winner in the **Hindi Debate at Sri Ram School**; Saksham Manaktala won the second position at an elocution competition, **All For Kids** organised for NCR Schools.

The school also took away awards in the categories of 'Best Speaker' and 'Best Team' at **Scottish High, Manav Rachna** and **Ecom Forum**. [G](#) [I](#)

6 Mathematical Geniuses



Students of AIS Gur 43 at Ramanujan Mathematics Olympiad

In the mathematical territory, AIS Gur 43 bagged the first prize in 'Problem Solving' at **Ramanujan Mathematics Olympiad** held at AIS Noida from December 20 -22, 2011. Ramanujan is an inter school Math competition, which saw participation of 33 teams comprising 750 students.

The school also lifted the trophy for the overall winners at **Maths Wiz** organised by Ryan International School, Sohna Road. The event that encompassed various competitions including A minute to win it, Kakuro, Maths in Action and Sudoku saw participation from nearly 10 schools. [G](#) [I](#)

7 Tech Smart

Karan Ganju and Abhirath Batra, stood 7th in **Technothon 2011-12**. The event organised by IIT Guwahati is an international school championship that judges the participants on logic, analytical abilities and presence of mind. The event saw participation of nearly one lakh students from all across the country. The duo got a chance to attend 'Techniche' – IIT Guwahati's technical fest. [G](#) [I](#)

8 Spell It

Akshat Jindal of class X won the **ASpell Vocab Challenger**, zonal level held at K R Mangalam School, Gurgaon. The competition organised by SVC Guild Challenger saw participation of 12 leading schools from Gurgaon. SVC Guild Challenger has been regularly conducting championships in Delhi & NCR for the past 10 years. [G](#) [I](#)

9 Scientific Pride

AIS Gur 43 participated in the regional fair of the **Odyssey of the Mind**, where the team won prizes in the categories of 'Ooh Motional Vehicle', 'Weird Science' and 'To be or not to be'. The school also participated in the **Euro Fair** at St Petersburg in April 2012. The team was highly appreciated. Odyssey of the Mind is an inter-

national educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college.

AIS Gurgaon 43 secured third position in **Osmosis**, an inter school quiz competition organised by FIIT-JEE. The event saw more than 430 students from schools across Delhi & NCR. [G](#) [I](#)



Off to Odyssey of the Mind

10 Sing, Dance & Achieve

From dance to drama to music...the school did it all and won it all. The school emerged winner in the **Inter School Patriotic Competition** held at AIS Noida amidst 17 other schools. AIS Gur 43 stood first in **Bal Hanuman** at AIS PV. The competition that saw participation from 18 schools is a junior inter Amity dance competition. AIS Gur 43 also secured the second position at **Balkand**, held at AIS MV; and the third position at **Geomaty** held at AIS Noida amidst 33 other schools. While the former is a *shloka* recitation competition; the latter is a social science competition. The school bagged the title of the 'Best interpretation' at **Sri Utsav** held at Sri Ram School amidst 15 other schools. [G](#) [I](#)

Mesmerizing at Bal Hanuman



2011-2012

Achievements

Painting: Salin, AIS Gurgaon 43

My favourite achievement has to be the FIDE rated Chess championship in Nagpur, where I increased my rating by 73 points!

Manan Rai, AIS Pushp Vihar, VIII



The world is one small family

1 Swiss Spirit

Developing inter cultural bonds and strengthening global relationships has been a regular feature in the Amity family. Various programmes have thus been introduced at various levels of Amity, PV curriculum to achieve the goal. The unique **Swiss Letter Exchange Programme** is one such endeavour that has grown from

strength to strength. Through the programme, the students exchanged letters to learn about about the culture, lifestyle and education system prevalent in their country. The students of class X also did **India In A Box and Switzerland In A Box** project, in which they exchanged small gift items highlighting each other's culture. [GFI](#)

5 Ahoy Eurofest!

The creative problem-solving international competition held at the inter-school level, **Odyssey of the Mind Eurofest**, was held at St Petersburg, Russia, from May 21 - 27, 2012. The much-anticipated competition, saw the school grab a spectacular win when it brought laurels back home by winning the rolling trophy, surpassing 70 teams from all over the world. The school team's presentation of a super energetic Bollywood style musical comedy, 'To be or Not To Be', won many a heart. The most memorable and surprising moment, however, was when the judges forgot to ask questions to the AIS Pushp Vihar



Victory at Eurofest, Russia

team during the interaction round, as they got busy praising the student actors for living up to their respective roles so well! It was truly a memorable experience for all. [GFI](#)

6 IMMO Genius



Soumya receiving the award from CM Shiela Dikshit

The brilliant little mathematician, Soumya Chauhan of Class II A did her school extremely proud by achieving the marvellous feat of topping the tough **International Masters Mathematics Olympiad (IMMO)**, held on March 9, 2012. In the Olympiad organised at the international level, Soumya faced competition from 5,000 participants. However,

the budding genius outshined the large number of contenders to win the honours with her intelligence and a strong determination. Her talent was recognised and applauded in the form of a special award given to her by Delhi Chief Minister, Smt Sheila Dikshit. She also won a mini laptop and a gold medal for the achievement. [GFI](#)

7 Winning ode to Delhi

Abhinav Bansal and Adikshat Pruthi, students of class XI, celebrated the 100 years of Delhi with much joy and won the '**Shatak ko Salam**' competition held on August 5, 2011 that invited schools from all over the city to commemorate the historic moment.



The competition required the participants to make a project on Delhi's 100-year old heritage, be it a monument or a tourist destination. The winning duo saluted the spirit of Delhi by presenting a project on a popular restaurant in Darya Ganj. [GFI](#)

2 CBSE Results

Amity International School, Pushp Vihar boasts of 36% students who have achieved an impeccable CGPA of 10, thanks to their immense dedication and ability. The school's average CGPA stands at a commendable 9.08. [GFI](#)

3 Excelling in Mental Maths

The school expressed its passion for numbers and logic by organizing an **Inter Amity Mental Maths Quiz** competition on February 9, 2012. The competition saw students from class III, IV and V of Amity International School, Pushp Vihar clinch the first prize with their sharp and quick problem solving capabilities. Mental Maths, an ongoing project of Amity Schools, was initiated by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, with the objective of improving the numeric skills of students of classes I to VI. [GFI](#)

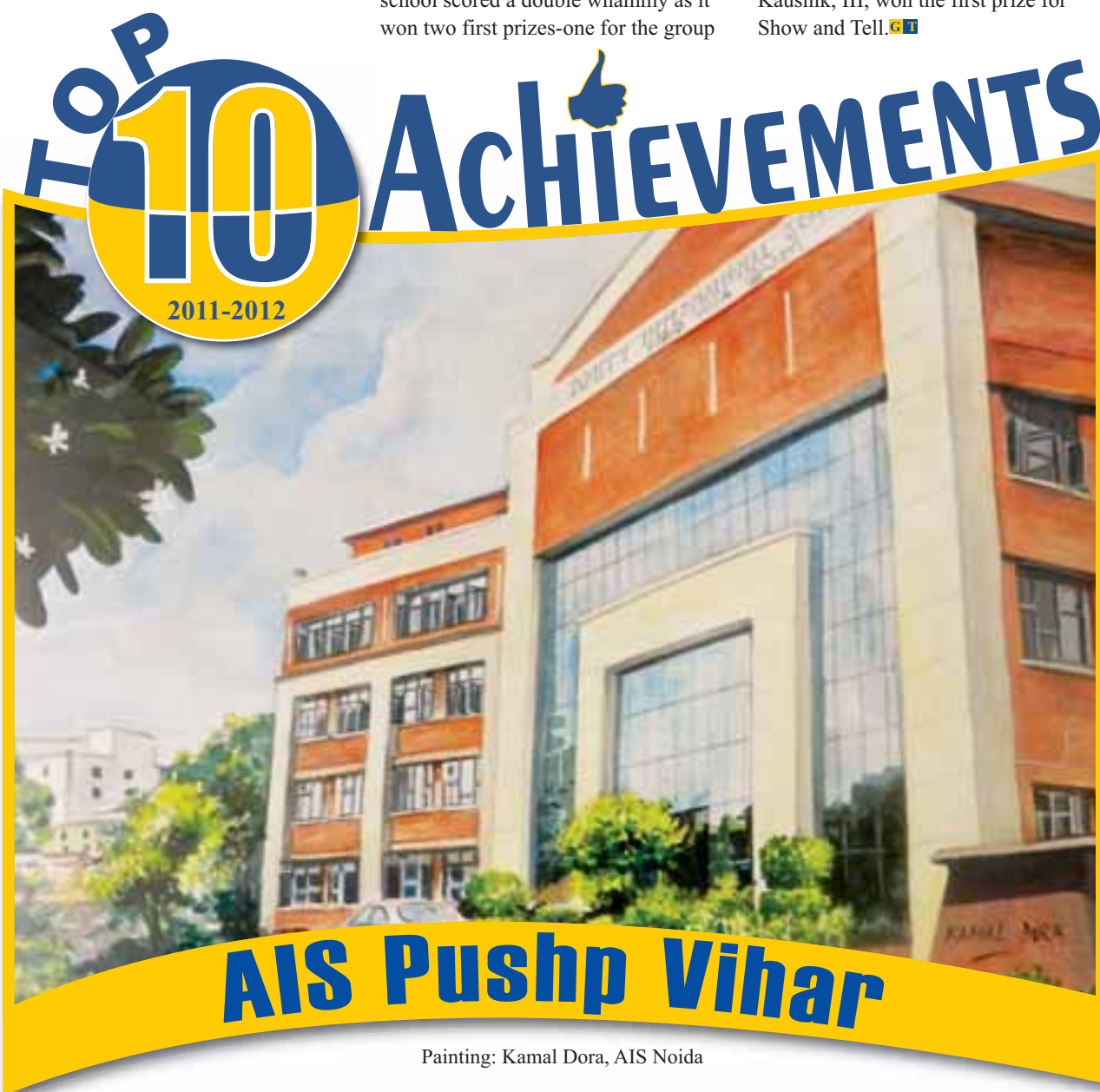
4 Cyber Buzz



AIS PV rules the cyber world

Amity's annual inter school competition **Cyber Buzz** was organised by AIS Gurgaon 43 on May 5, 2012. The school proved its aptitude for the cyber world by winning the first prize at the competition. The test saw participation of more than 27 schools from all over Delhi and NCR. The school scored a double whammy as it won two first prizes-one for the group

discussion, clinched by Anchit Soni, X, and another one for gaming, won by Parth Pahwa. The second prize was won by Daksh Jalani, V in the powerpoint presentation competition. Pranav Bhargava and Satyam Singha, XII B, brought home the third prize for programming, while Kushagra Kaushik, III, won the first prize for Show and Tell. [GFI](#)



AIS Pushp Vihar

Painting: Kamal Dora, AIS Noida

8 Chess Champs

Chess seems to be AIS PV's forte. Chess champ Manan Rai of Class VIII stood first in All India U-15 Boys in **G H Raison Memorial All India FIDE Rated Chess Tournament 2011** held at Nagpur. He secured the first position yet again in the 1st **Chandrashekhar Memorial All India Open FIDE Rated Chess Tournament 2011** for U-13 Delhi Boys. In the **7th Asian Schools FIDE Rated Chess Tournament 2011**, Manan won the 10th position in Asia in the under 13 category for boys. Another Chess stalwart, Aradhya Garg, VI E, has gradually risen to become an international player with a commendable ranking of 1901. Aradhya recently participated in two International Grand Master tournaments, the **4th Odisha International Grand Master Open Chess Tournament** held from May 30-June 5, 2012 in Bhubaneswar and the **5th Mayor's Cup International Open**



Aradhya (L) & Manan

Chess Tournament, Mumbai, held from June 7-15, 2012. Aradhya's intellect won him the first position along with a hefty cash prize in both the tournaments.

In addition to that, the chess champ outshined an International Master in a **Delhi State Chess Championship** held in April this year. Aradhya stood 2nd in five categories and 10th in the open category, winning a total cash prize of Rs 5,000. In December 2011, Grand Master Aradhya won a bronze medal at the **Asian School Chess Championship** in the U-11 category. Kudos to the rising chess champion! [GFI](#)

9 Little Picasso

Aashmani Ghosh, VII, bagged the first prize at an **on-the-spot painting competition** organized by Army Public School.

She grabbed the first prize in another painting competition on 'Water Conservation', which was organised by Central Govt. Water Board Ministry of Water Resources. [GFI](#)

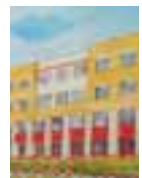


10 Win at MUN

AIS Pushp Vihar continued its winning streak at MUN. Rahul Krishna, a student of class X, bagged the 'Best Delegate' award at **Kochi MUN 2011**, organized by St. Teresa College, Kochi. Kunal Taneja of class XI and Rahul Krishna of class X, received high commendations as delegates at AIMUN 2011. [GFI](#)

TUNZA Conference gave me an opportunity to share latest information on sustainable development.

Samriddhi Prakash, AIS Vasundhara1, VI B



Odyssey Team won hearts at IOWA State University

1 Odyssey Maestros

The students of Amity International School, Vasundhara 1 participated in the world finals of the mega competition **Odyssey of the Mind** held at Iowa State University, USA from May 23 - 26, 2012. Over 800 schools from more than 10 countries participated in it. The students resided in the university campus and attended various events and programmes organized by the varsity. The problem allotted to the Amity team was

Shakespeare's famous dilemma 'To be or no to be'. The students performed very well in the various rounds and were appreciated by the judges. All Amity students participated in Float and Banner parade and made India proud by grabbing the first position in the round.

Team Amity: Stuti Gupta, Shrey Gautam & Aviral Saxena, V A; Sanskruti Bharti, Eshwar S, Udit Trivedi & Saloni Saxena, IV C.
Teacher Incharge: Shifali Malhotra

2 Talent Trove

NSTSE (National Science Talent Search Examination) 2012 was conducted by Unified Council, Hyderabad. The first level was held on December 4, 2011. The top 500 rankers from each class all over the country were selected for second level exam which was held on January 29, 2012. Nearly 3,70,000 students participated in NSTSE 2012-Second Level. This exam is also conducted simultaneously in Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Qatar, Yemen, Oman, Kuwait, Nepal, Libya, Bahrain, etc. About 194 students from AIS Vas 1 appeared for this exam. Three students stole the show with flying colours. Naman Gupta, II B (State Rank: 3, All India Rank: 129), received a gold medal, certificate, Britannica Encyclopedia and a discount coupon. Class topper in school, Yash Pandey, III B (All India Rank: 205) received a gold medal and certificate. Anshul Jena, IV C (National Topper below 100, All India Rank: 63) received a gold medal, certificate, Britannica Encyclopedia Resource Book and a discount coupon.



Math geniuses make their mark

3 Maths Wizards

International Mathematics Olympiad (IMO) invites students from classes I-XII to participate and excel at the international level. The 5th IMO exam was conducted by the Science Olympiad Foundation on November 29, 2011 in which 217 students participated. Those who cleared the first level were invited to take the second level exam which was held on February 12, 2012. The

following students received medals and accolades: Naman Gupta, II B (State Rank: 5, International Rank: 20); Ritesh Kumar Singh, III B (State Rank: 226, International Rank: 1887); Anshul Jena, IV C (State Rank: 58, International Rank: 316); Sauditya Jaiswal, V B (State Rank: 38, International Rank: 226) and Shreya Trivedi, VII B (State Rank: 192, International Rank: 1946).

4 Inter School Art & Craft

An **Inter School Art & Craft Competition** was held on August 20, 2011 in Vanasthali Public School. Students from 15 schools participated in the creative competition with categories as caricature, banner art, Madhubani art, etc. Samasti Panwar of V B bagged the second prize for Poster Making while Sanchita Tiwari of IV B secured second Prize for collage making. Cambridge School organized an Inter School Art & Craft competition called '**Impressions**' on December 16, 2011. Eight children of AIS Vasundhara 1 participated in it. Stuti Gupta of class V A bagged the second prize in glass painting. '**Utsav**', an inter school fest was



Samasti & Stuti paint their world

organized by St Thomas School, Indirapuram on September 8, 2011. Samaira Verma, Nursery D secured the second Position in Rhyme Competition and Yashasvi Surana, Nursery A bagged second position in Paper Tearing competition.

5 War of Words

Debating is one of the best ways to conduct a healthy discussion on burning issues. Keeping this in mind, an **Inter Amity Debate**

competition was organised on August 19, 2011 at AIS Gurgaon 46. The topic for classes VI-VIII was 'Virtual World: Losing the Human Touch.' The students deliberated about the advantages and disadvantages of technology. They vociferously put forth valid arguments to support their stand. Aayushi Shakya, VII A, AIS Vasundhara 1 got the Best Interjector Award. The competition concluded with a prize distribution ceremony. It was a great learning experience for all the participants.



6 Skate Surfers

AIS Vasundhara 1 angels shone brightly at an **Inter School Roller Skating** competition on September 10, 2011 held at Holy Angels School, Sahibabad for classes II to VIII. The participating students won prizes galore. Ragini Turki, II B and Karnika Pagaria, V A bagged a bronze medal each. Prabhanshu Dhaka, V A and Prannjal Mahajan, VII A won silver medals each.



Skating champs on wheels

7 Karate Kids

A karate competition was held from December 11-13, 2011 at Dholpur, Rajasthan for classes II-VIII. 10 states participated in the championship. 10 students from AIS Vasundhara-1 took part in the event. The participating students brought home laurels by

winning 1 bronze and 3 silver medals. Vatsal Jain, V B won a bronze medal in the competition. The students who won silver medals are: Shubhank Tyagi, VIII A, Aarav, IV B and Ria, IV C.



Karate kids in combat mode

8 Theatre Fun

The budding actors of AIS Vasundhara 1 displayed their antics at **Inter School English Play Competition - 'Ignited Spirit'** conducted by AIS Pushp Vihar on December 20, 2011. Students of class VI and VII prepared a spoof on a well known fairy tale. The group comprising Aayushi Shakya, VII A, Ayushi Khurana, VII B, Vritika Chadwani, VII B, Samriddhi Prakash, VI B & Shereen Arshad, VI B put up



Spoofing up a storm

a brilliant show there and bagged the second position.

9 Little Scientists

Edueal Foundation conducted the **Nationwide Interactive Science Olympiad (NISO)** on November 29, 2011. The following students of AIS Vasundhara1 brought glory to the school by securing a gold medal, subscription certificate and aptitude report each:

Naman Gupta, II B, State Rank (SR): 17, International Rank (IR): 112; Tanishq Jagori, III C, SR: 11, IR: 79; Megha Chattopadhyay, IV A, SR: 9, IR: 56; Vaibhav Verma, V A, SR: 60, IR: 220; Abirup Chakraborty, V B, SR:



Science wizards at work

60, IR: 220; Akash Mishra, VI A, SR: 37, IR: 263; Saksham Chauhan, VI A, SR: 37, IR: 263; Siddharth Saxena, VII A, SR: 20, IR: 186.

10 TUNZA Travails

Samriddhi Prakash, VI B, AIS Vasundhara-1 received an invitation to attend the prestigious **Asia Pacific TUNZA Conference** from February 6-8, 2012 at Ahmedabad. TUNZA is a part of UNEP programme. The Conference provided Samriddhi a unique opportunity to network with peers and share latest information and practices on Sustainable Development.



AIS Vasundhara-1

My love for reading has improved my ability to spell even difficult words correctly and secure a second position in the National Spelling Bee Competition.

Sukant Koul, AIS Vasundhara 6, IX



Japanese experts of AIS Vasundhara-6

1 Japanese Linguists

Students of Amity International School, Vasundhara 6 amply displayed their Japanese skills in the **Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)** offered by the Japan Foundation in which 16 out of 20 appearing students secured exemplary scores. Jairaj Gambhir and Snehil Bindal, X A, secured the 6th & 10th positions respectively in the Delhi

region. They scored a perfect 120/120 in the grammar and reading section. They were ably coached by their language teacher, Ms Parul Wadhwa. AIS Vasundhara-6 offers Japanese as 3rd language from class VI to VIII and as a 2nd language option to classes IX & X. JLPT is a reliable means of evaluating and certifying the Japanese proficiency of non-native speakers. 🇯🇵

5 Spelling Bee Champ



Spelling enthusiast

Stung by a bee and proud to be so? Then you have to be Sukant Koul who's bitten by the spelling bee big time! Sukant bagged a cash prize of Rs

50,000 and two Radio Mirchi gift hampers by securing the second runner up position at the **National Spelling Bee Competition 2012**, powered by The Times of India in association with Horlicks. This class IX student defeated 30 spell champs across the country in the competition. The participants had to spell words like – Brouhaha, Humongous, etc and also find the wrongly spelled words from popular English poems. The self proclaimed Harry Potter fan admits, "It is my love for reading that has improved my ability to spell even difficult words correctly." 🇬🇧

6 Ticket to Singapore

Chitra Jain, XII D, reaped the rewards of the written word when she participated in an online writing contest - **iDo.the.WRITE.thING**, organised by Singapore Institute of Management Global Education (SIM GE). The participants had to submit a 300-500 word write-up on 'Why Singapore is a great destination for higher education'.



Chitra was selected as one of the top 3 winners in the contest. She won two return air tickets to Singapore and a three days', two nights' stay at the Studio Apartments at SIM Global Education Campus, courtesy of SIM GE. Chitra revealed, "I couldn't believe that I got a top rank. That I could take one of my friends with me to Singapore, was the icing on the cake! It was the perfect getaway before my boards!" 🇬🇧

7 Geomaty Gurus



Geomaty in full swing

Geomaty is an annual Social Science competition organised by AIS Noida. **Geomaty 2011** took place on August 6 for classes III-X. The aim of the competition was to develop interest of students in the Social Sciences. AIS Vasundhara 6 students Jyoti Nagpal, VII D and Kavya Aggarwal, VI B stood 1st in slogan writing and poster making. Prapti Alok and Swaraj Bose, X A secured 3rd position in the PPT category. Overall, AIS Vasundhara 6 bagged the Winner's Rolling Trophy. 🇬🇧

8 TUNZA Conference for Environment

Four students of AIS Vasundhara-6 viz. Vagmi Sharma, VIII; Ruchi Avatar, IX; Ayushi Tayal, IX and Pritish Tayal, IX along with their teacher guide Veena Mishra, participated in TUNZA, a prestigious science conference in Bandung, Indonesia from Sep 27- Oct 1, 2011.

Tunza International Children & Youth Conference on environment is organised by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in



Pride of TUNZA

cooperation with the government of Indonesia.

9 Odyssey Angels

Six students of Amity Vasundhara 6, Satishay Bhatia, Shrey Jindal, Shaurya Jain & Navya Garg, VI B, Irina Srivastava, V A and Vishantan Kumar, VI D qualified the national

level of **Odyssey of the Mind** competition and participated in the world finals at Iowa State University, Ames, USA. The Indian team comprising 6 teams from various branches of Amity and 2 teams from Bangalore won the 1st prize in the Float and Banner parade. They depicted the importance of "Save the Tiger" project and wildlife conservation with the little

3 Perfect Health Mela

Amity Vasundhara 6 students were at their creative best when they attended the **18th MTNL Perfect Health Mela**, a joint venture of the Bhagidari project and Department of Health, Govt. of Delhi, in October, 2011. The 'Mela' was organised to create health awareness and wellness amongst people. Under two categories – Harmony and Eco Fest, AIS Vas 6 students won prizes in the following events – painting cum slogan writing, health model display on energy conservation, folk dance, cartoon making on pollution reduction, paper bag painting, creating best out of e-waste, yoga and aerobics.



Bonding in Taiwan

Ship Harboursing', a project that won him international acclaim. He participated in the **Taiwan International Science Fair (TISF)** at Taipei, Taiwan which took place from February 5-12, 2012. TISF is a science research competition for high school students. TISF brought together 242 students from 17 nations, presenting 169 projects. Bhuwan and his team bagged the fourth prize at the competition. Bhuwan quips, "I am grateful to the entire Amity fraternity for the unforgettable experience. We gained tons of knowledge interacting with the brightest people of our age group here." 🇬🇧

4 Scientists at Taiwan

What if wheels were shaped square instead of circular? Bhuwan Agarwal, X, AIS Vasundhara 6 gave wings to this quirky imagination by conceptualizing 'Square Wheels in



AIS Vasundhara-6

Painting: Manju Jain, AIS Vasundhara-6

10 Mathcovery Magic



The Mathemagician

Mathcovery, an umbrella organisation of Asset Ambassador, provides a platform for school mathematicians. Mathcovery hosted an **online poem competition** in which Jairaj Gambhir, X A, stood second, winning 216 votes. Earlier, Mathcovery had hosted a national level **model making competition** – 'Maths in unobvious' where he had bagged the Second Runner Up award. Jairaj quips, "Winning the competition twice in a row sure feels great!" 🇬🇧



Young Odyssey experts

ones dressed up like tigers and peacocks. 🇬🇧

Glitterati @ AMITY

Red carpet moments and star studded events, Amity International Schools saw it all in 2011-12

Hema Malini at Amitasha Annual Day



Cesar Lopez, Columbian musician at AIS Pushp Vihar



Gerard Van Der Weijden, Consultant, World Association of Newspapers at Youth Power Grand Finale



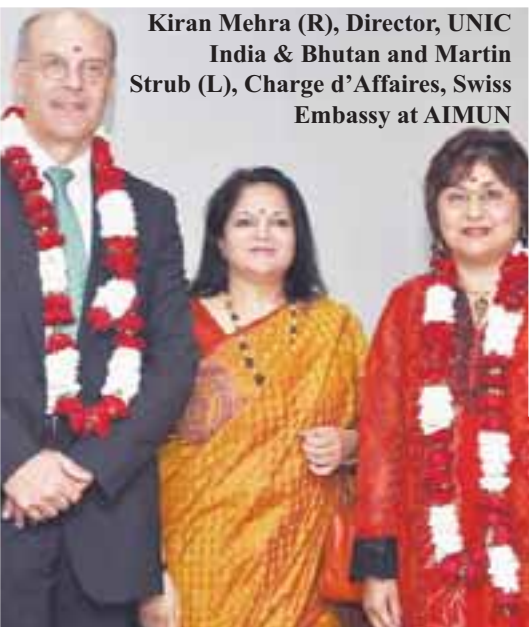
Kapil Dev at AIS Noida Sports Day



Arunoday Mukharji, Anchor, CNN IBN at The Global Times Awards

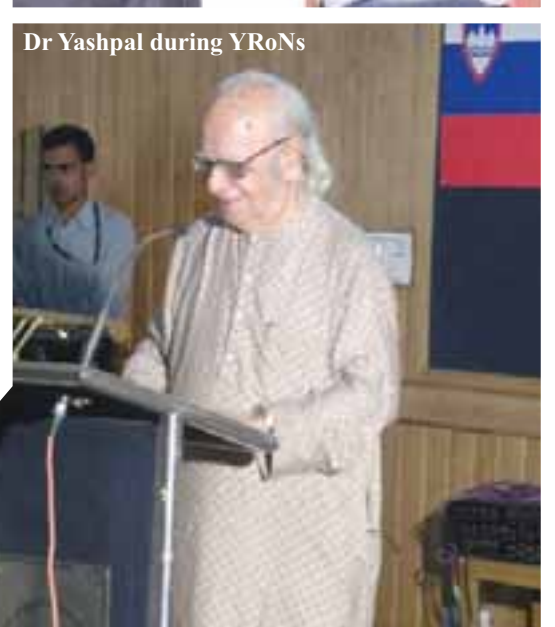


Kiran Mehra (R), Director, UNIC India & Bhutan and Martin Strub (L), Charge d'Affaires, Swiss Embassy at AIMUN



Delhi CM Sheela Dixit at AIS PV Annual Day

Dr Yashpal during YRoNs



Salman Khurshid, Union Minister for Law & Justice during AIMUN committee sessions



Parsuramen (R), Former Director, UNESCO India & Dr Eszter Lukacs (L), Member Presidium at UN Association of Hungary during AIMUN