

Status of the week

What is this century that we live in where women are thought to be an object of use? This 23 year old girl is not a victim but a survivor. To change our attitude towards such courageous people is the need of the hour.

Angela Barua, AIS Noida

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Does making New Year resolutions help?
(a) Yes (b) No (c) Sometimes
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Are you still waiting for your Christmas gift from Santa?

Results as on December 21, 2012

Goodbye 2012
Welcome 2013

Joy to the world

Chocolate cakes, scrumptious meals, a pile of gifts and a carol on the lips - for it’s the season of hope and making merry. Rejoice and soak in the spirit of Christmas as **Omais Malik, AIS PV, XII** brings to you celebrations from across the globe

Britain’s bounty

The magical season brings friends and families together to celebrate the much loved customs and traditions. The celebrations begin well before Christmas; people decorate their houses, churches and the specially procured Xmas trees. On Christmas eve, groups of singers move from house to house singing carols, while children hang up stockings for Father Christmas to fill them. The Christmas morning begins with attending service at the church where every child receives an orange and a candle wrapped in red ribbon. The orange represents the world, the candle represents Jesus and the red ribbon is symbolic of his blood. A robust Christmas dinner consists of traditional roasted turkey, roasted potatoes, mince pies and pudding.

Canada’s cupcakes & cookies

Festivity resonates in the air much before the onset of the festival as people decorate the fir or pine tree. Mumming is a popular tradition which is followed in provinces of Newfoundland and Nova Scotia. People dress up in colourful costumes and knock on someone’s door asking in a disguised voice, “Are there any mummers in the night?” The mummers then dance and sing and also enjoy a Christmas cupcake before moving on to the next house. Many families host cookie baking parties where each guest has to bring a unique cookie recipe, bake it and exchange it with the host. The day ends with a scrumptious

meal of turkey, lobsters and a special Christmas dessert.

China cheers for carols & candles

In China, the arrival of winter marks the beginning of Christmas. People decorate their homes with dazzling Christmas lights and Christmas trees called ‘Trees of Light’ with colourful paper ornaments, chains, flowers and lanterns. Children hang their muslin stockings in the hope that Dun Che Lao Ren (Santa in China) would fill it with gifts. People pay respect to their ancestors and worship in the church.

Australia attracts

Christmas celebrations in Australia are as vibrant as in any part of the world. As Christmas falls during summers, most of the celebrations take place outdoors. The main attraction of the festival is ‘Carols by Candlelight’ where people come together at night to light candles and sing carols.

France festive fiesta

The celebrations in France begin as early as December 5, which is also celebrated as St Nicholas eve. Christmas Eve forms the most important part of the celebrations, amidst the ringing of church bells and people singing Noels (French carols). On Christmas, people relish a wonderful feast of exotic dishes which ends with the traditional buche de Noel, a rich butter cream-filled cake shaped and frosted to look like a Yule log.

Vatican venerates

Vatican City wears a festive look during Christmas. Special masses are held to celebrate the birth of Christ. However, it is the midnight mass held on Christmas Eve at St Peter’s Basilica which attracts the maximum numbers. People converge in large numbers on Christmas afternoon to listen to Benedict who recites a holiday reading from his perch on the basilica’s central balcony.

Russia resonates

Unlike other countries, Christmas is celebrated on January 7 in Russia (according to Russian Orthodox Church calendar). The Christmas Eve sees people attending service in the church and waiting for the first star to appear in the evening to enjoy a meal consisting of specially cooked porridge using grains, honey and poppy seeds. These ingredients are symbols of hope, well being and bounty. Instead of Santa Claus, Babushka, a grandmotherly figure is the symbolic gift-bringer. 🇷🇺



Imaging: Deepak Sharma

Innovation, key to success

...cites Dr Vijay Kumar Saraswat, Padma Shri, Director General, Defence Research and Development Organization & Chief Scientific Advisor to the Minister of Defence

Labanya Maitra, XI D, Kashish Minocha, XI G, Simran Gulati & Radhika Ahuja, IX C, AIS Saket

Dr Vijay Kumar Saraswat recently visited Amity University, Noida for the recently concluded convocation ceremony. He was awarded with an honorary Doctorate degree in Science by Amity University. Join in as he gets in the mood for a candid chat with GT reporters

As DG DRDO, how do you think the field of research and development can be widened and effectively used?

The cornerstone for any development is good research, which leads to development in all walks of life. Innovation is essential for raising and maintaining the development benchmark. We need to change the education system, so that the

minds of children are trained for creativity and innovation instead of rote learning. There is an urgent need to provide the children an environment to enhance their thinking skills at an early age.

What has been your most challenging project so far?

My entire career of 40 years has been full of challenges and various ups and downs. But the most difficult one was definitely the Prithvi Missile Project, particularly because it was during that time when technology in India was not as developed, and the infrastructure was quite poor.

Everyone faces hardships in their career; what has been your inspiration in trying times?

I think any hardship can be overcome, if you have the urge to do so. I always had



Dr Vijay Kumar Saraswat in conversation with GT reporters

the determination to do something unique, something which would serve the country and with this thought, I have always striven to give my best. For me, the secret driving point has been to learn from every step of life. The key ingredi-

ent is to aim higher and to remain strong-minded no matter what, so as to achieve your goals.

Any message for Amitians?

My ideologies state that today, opportu-

nities are available everywhere, you just need to grab them. You are the youth, and it is in your hands to bring about a change, and redefine the present era. Your tools should be your innovative mind and determination. 🇮🇳

Pic: Ravinder Gusain

We live in a country where the women are worshipped as Durga. But that faith is shaken when there are such atrocities against women.

Jaya Bachchan, SP MP

Pep talk with TED Talks



Amity students enjoy the live telecast of TED Talks

What: TED Talks

When: December 1, 2012



Where: Amity University, Uttar Pradesh

Highlights: Motivational talks by world leaders from different spheres

Galaxy of speakers: Rajdeep Sardesai, Raghu Dixit, Shashank Mani, Rajan Bharti Mittal, et al

On December 1, Amity University (UP) screened a live telecast of TED (Technology Entertainment Design) Talks on the theme 'Relentless Curiosity'. TED Talks are a world renowned set of motivational talk (events and conferences) that invites cel-

ebrated achievers to unite on a common stage in an endeavour to stimulate the listeners, often by sharing their success stories candidly. The student participants from AIS MV, AIS Saket, AIS Noida and Amitasha Noida eagerly lent their ears to the eight speakers including the likes of philanthropist Shashank Mani, Chairman, Jagriti Sewa Sansthan; Chinese journalist Michael Anti; Rajan Bharti Mittal, Vice Chairman & Managing Director, Bharti Enterprises and others. TED Talks organised by Amity Education Resource Centre (AERC), were simultaneously held in AIS Lucknow, American Embassy School, New Delhi and other multiple centers.

Though the students listened intently to each speaker, every participant seemed to have been a little more inspired by their favourite ones, "I admire Raghu Dixit for quickly breaking the ice with his brilliant singing. Besides, he is expressive. I am inspired by the fact that he did not budge an inch from realising his dream of pursuing classical dance even when he was rebuked," said Anu Singh, Amitasha Noida, Class X. Aulina Pandey from Class XI, AIS Noida, added, "It was a great opportunity to listen to such speakers. It is not everyday that we get to hear leaders speak straight from their hearts only to inspire us. I am most inspired by Rajdeep Sardesai."  

GT handpicks some of the most thought-provoking views from the speakers of TED Talks



"Making wealth is easy, making a difference is difficult. Entrepreneurs are made by ideas, not education."

Rajan Bharti Mittal
MD, Bharti Enterprises



"India has the most 24x7 news channels in the world. It's a revolution! But are you enjoying it when Google is the new God?"

Rajdeep Sardesai
Editor in chief
IBN Network



"It's not those with experience or age but the curious ones, who will solve the problems that confront us today."

Shiv Bhaskar Dravid
Founder, Newspaper
(Youth newspaper)



"It's an amazing joy to suck in air and throw it out in the form of music; my moment of success is when people clap for me."

Raghu Dixit
Music maker

Words of wisdom

REMEMBRANCE: Pandit Ravi Shankar

(April 7, 1920 – December 11, 2012)

Meeting the twinkling s(i)tar

Namrata Gulati, GT Network

When I first learnt that I was to interview Pt Ravi Shankar himself, I was nervous yet excited at the same time; nervous because I thought, "I would look like a fool if I fumble while interacting with him" and excited for obvious reasons. As I sat down to do my research to devise a questionnaire, I felt something was amiss. And then I wandered off into another world, counting on my inner self to come up with questions. I closed my eyes and found that one question that I really wanted to ask



of respect hung about the auditorium. All and sundry rose, their eyes hungry to catch a glimpse of the Sitar maestro. I am not a big fan of classical music, but when Pt Ravi Shankar ran his fingers on the strings, it felt like magic. I could not move an inch, my eyes refused to blink, my ears would not twitch. There was stillness, and then there was commotion with a thundering applause and many a hands raising straight up in the air to ask a question to the legend. And then, it was time for a rendezvous with him. "Up close and personal with Pt Ravi Shankar", the words rang in my ears. There he was, seated on a



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was what music meant to him. I wanted to be let in on the source of his passion for his trade. I have neither had or will have anything to do with the profession of music, but I wanted to emulate his values regardless.

We were ushered into the Amity University auditorium, where the musician was supposed to render his performance. I rushed to grab the first row and I was fortunate enough. As I looked around, I saw how packed the room was; there was a silence, a silence that couldn't wait to enjoy the pleasure to break into applause. And then the moment arrived. As Pt ji walked in, an air

chair, sipping tea. I approached him, my heart beating fast. I greeted him and then he smiled, and that did it! All walls broke down. I felt at home and the interview wasn't really an interview anymore. Before I could realise, the conversation was over. As I handed over two copies of The Global Times to him, he pulled one and left his imprints on it. I stood there, with the copy held close to me, a smile upon my face. As I reflect upon those moments, I feel humbled yet saddened. Saddened because I shall never be able to hear him recreate magic on stage and humbled, because of obvious reasons.  

World at a go

Catch the major news headlines of the week, as The Global Time brings you the latest buzz from the news room

USA

Retired United States Navy officer and a former NASA astronaut Eugene Andrew Cernan has revealed that he had left his camera on the surface of moon 40 years back on December 7, 1972. Speaking ahead of the 40th anniversary of the Apollo 17 launch, he expressed hope that it would be collected by the astronauts who will descend on the surface of moon in future. The astronaut also claimed that the camera is still exactly where it was left, with its lens pointing out into space.

United Kingdom

A letter written by Mahatma Gandhi in 1922 from Sabarmati jail to Rabindranath Tagore's eldest brother Dwijendranath has fetched 49,250 pounds, over seven times its pre-sale estimate, at a Sotheby's auction in London. Gandhi wrote the autographed letter to Dwijendranath rejoicing that his incarceration had come at a time when he felt fully prepared and expressed joy that "India's wonderful calm at this moment is significant of her strength."

Pakistan

The Pakistan Parliament has unanimously adopted a resolution asking the government to declare teenage rights activist Malala Yousafzai as the "Daughter of Pakistan". She was also the target of a recent assassination attempt by the Taliban.

China

China has launched a new programme for prisoners in Beijing jails, under which inmates can place orders online for meals on occasions when they are visited by family, a prison official has said.

INDIA

India has reacted strongly to the long-range rocket launch by North Korea on December 12, saying the "unwarranted action" was in violation of UN Security Council Resolution 1874. This launch is also said to have adversely impacted peace and stability in the Korean peninsula.

Philippines

Philippines was hit by the strongest typhoon ever on December 4, 2012. Typhoon Bopha, which unleashed floods and landslides across the main southern island of Mindanao has claimed over 700 lives so far.

The gang rape case in Delhi is chilling. The government must take tough steps this - is what the House wants.

Meira Kumar, Speaker, Lok Sabha

Convocation 2012

Amity University was abuzz with fervour with a shower of awards and degrees



Helen Brand stands tall with Dr Ashok K Chauhan, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Mr Atul Chauhan and Mr Aseem Chauhan, during the national anthem.



The procession marches ahead

HONORIS CAUSA



Stepping ahead: Ram Jethmalani with the Chairperson

Amity University (Uttar Pradesh) organised Convocation 2012 from December 12-14, 2012 with much fanfare.

The occasion witnessed over 10,000 students enrolled in various programs of Amity Noida and Lucknow campuses graduating with Dr Ashok K Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and other members of Amity family showering bless-

ings upon them. The ceremony began with a procession, soon after which Mr Atul Chauhan, Chancellor, AUUP declared the convocation open. Dr Balvinder Shukla, Acting Vice Chancellor, AUUP, threw light on the remarkable achievements of Amity, inviting a reverberating round of applause from the august gathering comprising guests, students, parents and faculty.

Addressing the gathering, Founder President said, "I was wondering what

should I call you all - alumni, ex-students or degree recipients, but I have decided that I will call you the brilliant achievers who have the capacity to change the country and the world. I urge you all to strive hard and be among the best in your profession."

Other than the diplomas, UG, PG and PhD degrees, the students were encouraged in abundance on the occasion with several awards and medals that included 44 students being awarded Best

All Round Student Award, 82 being conferred Shri Baljit Shastri Award and 7 receiving Special Corporate Awards. 126 Gold, 121 Silver and 69 Bronze medals were also presented on the occasion.

On the concluding day, Amity University online also organised its virtual convocation for Pan-African countries. Over 871 graduands of Pan-African e-Network Project received UG/PG degrees and diplomas on the day. 🇮🇳

The occasion celebrated the achievements of the erudite from their respective fields through honorary degrees awarded by Founder President:

Honorary Doctorate Degrees in Science:

Dr Naresh Trehan, Chairman, Medanta Medicity; Dr Shiv Sarin, Director, Institute of Liver and Biliary Science (ILBS); Dr Ashok Seth, Director, Cardiology Society of India; Dr V K Saraswat, DRDO Chief and Dr Mahesh Sharma, MLA, Noida and Chairman & Managing Director, Kailash Health Care Ltd.

Honoris Causa in Law: Ram Jethmalani, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) & senior advocate

Honoris Causa in Philosophy: Helen Brand, CEO, Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)



From L to R: Dr Naresh Trehan addresses the graduands; Dr Mahesh Sharma receiving the honorary degree; The graduands take the ceremonial oath



Scholastic Alerts



Institution: Vellore University
Examination: VIT Engineering Entrance Exam (VITEEE 2013)

Courses Offered:

B Tech (Vellore): Bioinformatics, Bio-Medical Engineering, Biotechnology, Civil Engineering, Computer Science and Engineering, Electronics and Communication Engineering, Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Electronics and Instrumentation Engineering, Information Technology, Mechanical Engineering, Mechanical (Spec in Automotive Engineering), Mechanical (Spec in Chemical Process Engineering), Mechanical (Spec in Energy Engineering)

B Tech (Chennai): Civil Engineering, Computer Science and Engineering, Electronics and Communication Engineering, Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Mechanical Engineering

Eligibility: An aggregate of 60% in Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics/Biology in 10+2 or equivalent.

Application Form: Offline or Online at www.vit.ac.in

Last date for receipt of application form: February 28, 2013

Date of Entrance Exam: Computer Based Test (Online): April 15, 2013 to 30, 2013

Website: www.vit.ac.in

Institution: Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras

Examination: Humanities and Social Sciences Entrance Exam (HSEE)-2013

Course Offered: Five year Integrated Master of Arts Admission-2013

Eligibility: 10+2 and Entrance Exam (HSEE)

Application Form: Application for HSEE-2013 is only through online mode; Refer to the website - <http://hsee.iitm.ac.in>

Online application process (HSEE website) starts: December 19, 2012

Last date for receipt of application form: Online application process ends: January 18, 2013;

Application by registered or speed post: January 28, 2013

Date of Entrance Exam: HSEE-2013 online examination: April 21, 2013

Website: <http://hsee.iitm.ac.in> 🇮🇳

Taruna Barthwal, Career Counsellor & Resource Coordinator, Amity Career Counselling and Guidance Cell (ACCGC)

Faculty fosters food for thought

Sumitra Singh, Faculty, Amity Instt. of Corporate Communication lends an insight into Faculty Development Program

AIESR

What: Faculty Development Program
When: December 3-8, 2012

Where: Amity Instt. of English Studies & Research, Amity University (UP)

Galaxy of speakers: Chandra Mohan, Advisor; Higher Education Centre, Gujarat; Dr Ashutosh Mohan, GGIP University; Nandita Agarwal, Publishing Editor, Hachette Books; Ruchi Singh, AUUP; Dr Dipankar Sukul, AUUP; Gibu Sabu M, AUUP; Shashi Shekhar Singh, AUUP; Dr Walunir, AUUP; Dr Shuchi Agrawal, AUUP

Amity Institute of English Studies & Research organised a Faculty Development Programme from December 3-8 for the intellectual stimulation and continuous development of faculty members. Although the program was broadly themed around English Literature, deliberations on different sub-themes were also held. A large number of delegates attended the week long



Prof R K Dhawan addresses the gathering & Prof Chandramohan lights the lamp (inset)



program. Besides, the program saw participation from nine universities from across India. Research papers were presented by 25 scholars, which also comprised senior faculty members from AIESR and Amity Institute of Corporate Communication (AICC).

The program began with an inauguration by Capt H A Arfi, IAS (Retd), Director AIESR and AICC. On the first day, a diaspora of speakers discussed teaching methodologies, while on the following

days, a range of subjects such as New Approaches to Teaching of Literature; Emerging Trends in Indian English Fiction; Semiotics of Literature & Poetry and Trends in New Literatures were touched upon.

The valedictory function took place on the concluding day. Capt HA Arfi delivered the valedictory address. Lt Gen PD Bhargav, Group Deputy Vice Chancellor, AUUP and the esteemed guests motivated the faculty members. 🇮🇳

Do more with less sleep!

Optimizing sleep helps to increase efficiency during waking hours. Here are some tips that will help you meet your sleep needs in lesser hours

Veeshal Beotra
Amity Institute of Information Technology

Researchers tell us that we need six and a half to eight hours of sleep everyday. This excludes children below seven years of age. The catch however, is that it is the quality of sleep that revitalizes us, more than the number of hours that we sleep. Here are a few tips that will help you make the most of your sleeping time.

Raw fruits and vegetables: You might wonder how is this going to help? Very easy! The digestive system of the human body consumes a lot of energy.

So, eating foods that are easier to digest will take up less of body's energy, thereby reducing fatigue, and consecutively reducing the number of hours one needs to sleep. Hence, one should eat more of raw fruits and vegetables that get digested in less than half the time required for cooked food. While cooked food takes almost 30-odd hours to digest, raw food takes minimum three to maximum 12 hours to get digested. Imagine how light it would feel to go to sleep without a burden on your abdomen!


Zip your lip: This one's a simple experiment that will give you effective results from day one of use. Before going

to bed and after your dinner, stop speaking for 10-15 minutes. This will profoundly increase the quality of sleep. The point is to be inactive- no TV, no texting, no reading, not even chanting a *mantra*. If there is mental chattering going on inside your head, quietly accept it, but don't pay heed to it, let it just be there. Two things will result out of this experiment if you continue for nearly a fortnight: one, your mind will become quieter at night and the quality of your sleep will improve.

Visit alpha and theta: Sleep needs can be optimized through trips to 'alpha' (the frequency of the first phase when you've just drifted off to sleep, or are just on the verge of waking up in the morning) and 'theta' (the second phase or a deeper state of sleep) during day time. But how? Well, through medita-

tion. Through various meditation techniques, one can learn how to reach those phases during waking hours, thus reducing the need to sleep more at night.

Others: A 20-40 minute nap during day time at around 3-4 pm, or simply nearly after nine to ten hours of waking, and slight physical exercise will help improve the quality of your sleep. Also, try to avoid caffeine consumption in any form four hours before you go to bed.

Pick any two of the aforementioned tips for the next two weeks and see how the quality of your sleep improves profoundly, leaving you highly energetic. However, do not expect results before a week. In fact, for the first seven days, you may feel a little tired through the day as your body will take time getting used to the new sleeping pattern. 

As the father of a 17 year old daughter, I am very worried. Delhi has become the rape capital of India. Rape is not a women's issue. It is about men who behave worse than animals.
Derek O' Brien, Trinamool MP

VOICE OUT


Illustration: Ravinder Gusain



A better 2013



Anurag Mishra
Amity School of Engg. & Tech.

Global warming is one of the greatest threats to human survival. The effects may be so serious that if we do not take steps to stop them now, it would be impossible to prevent them later. Our future depends on how each of us responds to the rising carbon dioxide levels today. The greatest changes will not come from government decisions, statistics or graphs, but from us. The evidence linking human activity to climate change is more overwhelming now than ever before. Today's generation will find their future lives deeply affected by new patterns of diseases, extreme weather patterns and strict controls on energy and carbon use. Our future generations will judge us by our responses to global warming. Let's do our bit by making our home energy efficient, recycling and using public transport. Let's make the new year better for everyone! 

Sports

Howzatt!?!

Young champ

This budding tennis star is determined to keep the Amity flag flying high up in the air with her dedication, hard work and focus



Ananyaa (centre) with her buddies after a practice session


Ananyaa Bhargava, a student of class V, Amity International School, Noida started indulging all kinds of outdoor sporting activities like running, horse riding, cricket, tennis when she was 8 years old. However, she soon took to tennis. The knack to play tennis reached new heights when her uncle gifted her a racquet, "I was very excited to get it since it was my first one. It was a beginner's rac-

quet, but now, I play with a more advanced one." Besides, her mother motivated her to enroll in a tennis academy in a nearby school but before her love for the sport grew, Ananyaa began to lose interest. "That's when my father told me stories about my grandfather, who was an ace tennis player. His black and white photographs of winning tennis tournaments inspired me." As expected, Ananyaa decided to start playing tennis

Winning spree

The little sportstar has a list of achievements to her credit:

- Peninsula Tennis Academy tournament: Winner (U-8 & U-10)
- DLF Memorial tournament: Winner (U-8); Runner Up & Most Talented Player Trophy (U-10); Semifinalist (U-12)
- DTA Noida Stadium tournament: Runner Up (U-10) & Semifinalist (U-12)
- SKI Academy tournament: Winner (U-10)
- AITA tournament: Quarter Finalist (U-12)


again, but on a more serious note. Hence, she joined another academy. In the new academy, Ananyaa found herself a professional ITF coach who groomed her into a serious player. After a year of observing her game and training her, he began to coach her personally and started preparing her for professional tournaments. And then began the rollercoaster ride of extreme hard work and focus. But the excellent student-coach bond kept her going. Seeing her play with such brilliance and impressed with her dedication, her society club's management handed over their court for her to practice daily for two hours. The little sportstar quips, "I thank my family, my school and my coach for making me a better player." 



The basketball team of AIS Pushp Vihar

Go girls!

The girls' basketball team of AIS Pushp Vihar has more than just a winning streak, it seems! The dynamic team led by Shraddha Aggarwal, X with Shivangi Gupta, X; Shyala Singh, XII; Anandani Chawla, Sonakshi Batra, Swarnima Gosai and Lakshita

Choudhary, X; Surina Jaidka and Priyal Chaturvedi, VIII bagged the first runner-up trophy in the inter school girls basketball tournament organized by Jamia Girls Sr Sec School from November 16 - 20, 2012. The team outdid 17 other schools to clinch the coveted trophy. AIS Pushp Vihar has been winning the trophy since the last two years and continues to keep the winning streak. Way to go girls! 

London Olympics 2012

- The 30th edition of Olympic Games was held during July-August, 2012.
- 204 countries participated in the.
- 4,847 women athletes participated in the Games, the highest for any Olympics.
- There were 81 athletes in the Indian contingent including 23 women.
- 10,000 athletes accounted for overall participation.
- The games costed approximately £9.3 billion, making this edition the most expensive one so far.

Compiled by Kritika Kapoor
AIS Noida, VII G

In my view, there should be a death sentence for all the rapists...I also believe that there should be a norm that if a rapist goes to jail, he should be beaten to death.

Salman Khan, Actor

Har ek teacher zaroori hota hai

Illustrations: Deepak Sharma

Some are fun, some are strict... but no matter how they are, we need them all to become the best 'ourselves'!

Nandini Sharma

AIS Gurgaon 46, VIII B

Teachers make the students' world go round. They make students what they are, nurturing their young minds and creating everlasting impressions. While every teacher is important, each one of them comes with a unique set of characteristics and traits that are peculiar to them. Take a look...

The 'Mast' Teacher

Some teachers are totally *bindaas*! They understand students, make them laugh and teach them without scolding. Students feel very lucky if this type of teacher becomes their class teacher. Generally, this type of teacher is everyone's favourite.

The 'Serious' Teacher

Love them or hate them, you certainly can't avoid them! In every student's life; there is at least one serious teacher. Students generally sleep or yawn or just get lost in their own imaginary world in the serious teacher's class. And when this teacher takes an extra class for completing the syllabus, students feel really sad. In this teacher's class, students wish they could vanish into thin air, instead of having to sit and study seriously all the time. But their loss, as this kind of teacher usually has a very good command over his/her subject.

The 'Inspiring' Teacher

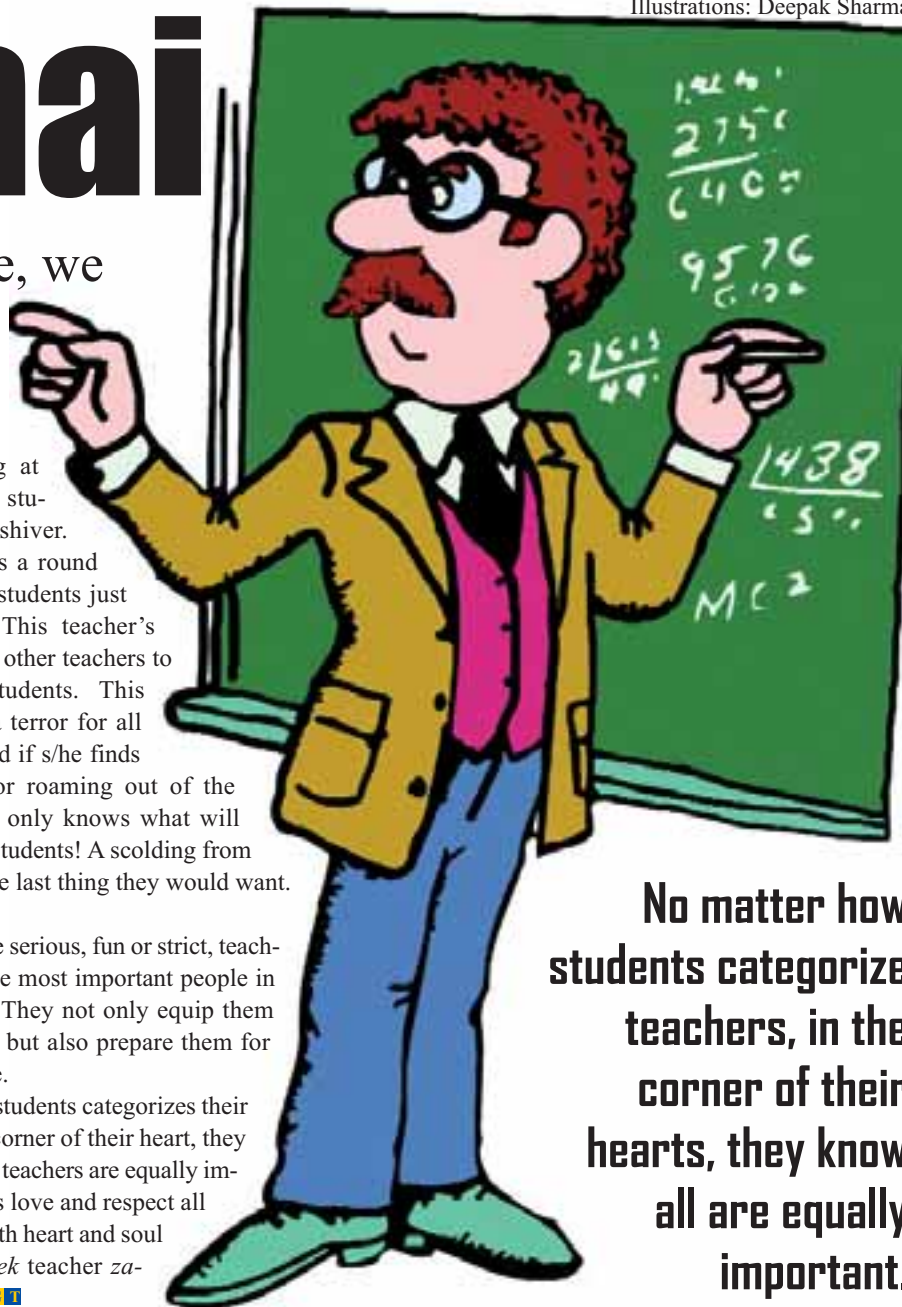
Some teachers are an inspiration for every student. These teachers are like fresh blooms at the time of spring. Students feel inspired when this teacher starts teaching his/her subject. Generally, the students are most attentive in his/her class. This is one of the most favourite teachers in the school.

The 'Horror' Teacher

Just by looking at this teacher, the students start to shiver. When s/he takes a round in the corridor, students just run for cover. This teacher's name is used by other teachers to threaten the students. This teacher is like a terror for all the students. And if s/he finds them bunking or roaming out of the class, then God only knows what will happen to such students! A scolding from this teacher is the last thing they would want.

Whether they are serious, fun or strict, teachers are one of the most important people in a student's life. They not only equip them with knowledge but also prepare them for the exams of life.

No matter how students categorizes their teachers, in the corner of their heart, they know that all the teachers are equally important. Students love and respect all their teachers with heart and soul ... because *har ek teacher zaroori hota hai!* 🇮🇳



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Reel Vs Real

We all watch television, but what happens if we can't distinguish between what's on screen and what's off it....



Neha Kamrani, Amity Instt. of English Studies & Research

Have you noticed how some of our friends and family members are glued to their television screens, at certain preset hours of the day to watch their favourite shows? It is funny how during those stipulated hours they start behaving so alien, refusing to recognise anyone or even hear any voice, despite people being in the same room. All they care for is the colourful screen on the idiot box, which is rolling out their favourite show. In fact, they get back to listening to what you have to say

only during occasional advertisement breaks. If this is not addiction, then what is? The virtual world is full of different genres of shows- news bulletins, sports, knowledge based, daily soaps, comedy, horror, and the so called reality based. The merits of TV shows are undeniable; they soothe our senses, relax us besides providing entertainment. But there is something wrong with the way the tech-savvy generation handles this device. The on-screen glamour has affected the young minds so much that they do not realise that in real life, people actually have to leave the coffee shops and go to

jobs, and there is more to life than looking pretty all the time. Very few realise that the life captured on camera is very subjective; it shows just one angle and not the whole picture. Life, on the other hand does not give you wild card entries or God forbid, multiple plastic surgeries. We can't become CEOs with swanky cars and high end mobiles unless we earn both. A source of entertainment should be used as that only and not as a dream for a surrogate life. So, the next time you think of wasting those precious hours on television, just try going out for a walk. It's not only beneficial for your health but has a feel-good factor too! 🇮🇳



Kathak performance

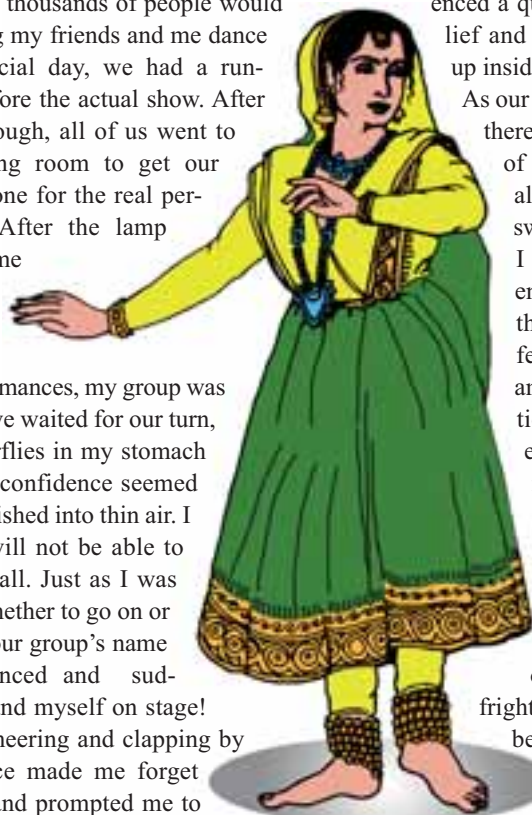
Leaving aside an injured ankle and stage fright, the dance was one to remember!

Varenja Kumar, AIS Noida, VII C

Even though I had been practicing for one and a half month for my first Kathak performance, I was a bundle of nerves on the actual day. It was not easy to perform on stage as I had an ankle injury. That added to my nervousness. As thousands of people would be watching my friends and me dance on the special day, we had a run-through before the actual show. After the run-through, all of us went to the changing room to get our make up done for the real performance. After the lamp lighting, some long speeches and six other performances, my group was called. As we waited for our turn, I had butterflies in my stomach and all my confidence seemed to have vanished into thin air. I thought I will not be able to perform at all. Just as I was deciding whether to go on or stay back, our group's name was announced and suddenly, I found myself on stage! The loud cheering and clapping by the audience made me forget my injury and prompted me to

dance. My dance involved vigorous footwork, the music was also lively; we just kept dancing to the rhythmic beats. Even though my performance lasted for five minutes or so, it felt as if I had danced for thirty seconds only and wanted to dance more. When we came to the final position, I experienced a queer feeling of relief and pleasure building up inside me.

As our show wrapped up, there was a huge round of applause, I could almost see myself swelling with pride. I had never experienced anything like that ever before. I felt an amazing amount of satisfaction at a task well executed. The joy it brought me was unparalleled; I wondered why I was nervous about it at all! From that day onwards, my stage fright disappeared and I became a much more confident person. 🇮🇳



We need to reassess our laws so that justice happens faster against such heinous crimes.

Kareena Kapoor, Actor

Reminiscing 2012



Dr. Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

As the year 2012 comes to an end and 2013 beckons us with a smile, my heart brims with mixed feelings. With each passing year, Amity has only blossomed to spread its fragrance all around. The achievements and accolades gathered through the year propel us to be even better the next year. The momentum of growing bigger and better at Amity is unparalleled.

The year 2012 not only kept the Amity flag flying high, but also created history offshore by clinching important titles, right from hitting the top spot in all India CBSE results to bagging the world championship trophy at the Odyssey of the Mind Eurofest in the very maiden participation. Be it sports, science, music, social endeavours or even the first batch of Amitasha passing the board examination with flying colours, Amityans proved that they are the best in every sphere.

However, as we relive the glorious golden moments, it is time to stand and introspect. Our aim, in the coming year should be to set new benchmarks of success and take every step possible to build a resurgent and strong India. And that is only possible if we realise our goals and work with utmost sincerity towards them, ensuring that the fruits of development reach our less privileged brethren. Let's be firm in our resolve and move a step ahead towards realising our dreams and goals. 🇮🇳

Good bad and ugly



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

When we began making our year ending edition, the mood was cheerful. There was festivity in the air and winter carnivals were being organised across all Amity branches. The pleasant winter weather gave way to party preparations (Mad Hat tricks for Christmas party - pg 10) as well as annual days and sports day celebrations in the open, savouring the sunny atmosphere.

Hence our top story 'Joy to the world' brings the flavour of celebration across the world accompanied with a delicious 'Chocolate cake' (pg 9) recipe by our little chef.

However, as the edition progressed, the Capital suddenly came to a shocking 'shatter' that erupted a nationwide outrage seeking justice for a girl, forced to fight for her life, because she was born a woman! There were numerous outpourings, letters and messages for GT. They could have run into all the 12 pages. There was a debate to change the mood of the edition, yet we chose to let festivity prevail. That did not mean we chose to ignore the burning issue. Etti Bali in her poignant piece (pg 6) laments shame for the nation that took pride in its leaders as Rabindranath while Amityans (pg 7) and celebs voice their opinion (top quotes).

This year end, India (read world) lost its legendary artist, Pt Ravi Shankar. Amity fondly recalls its brief brush with this Sitar maestro, who, during his visit to the Amity campus, touched the hearts of everyone present with his mesmerizing performance. Namrata Gulati, revisits the moments during his exclusive interview to The Global Times (pg 2).

Celebrating the Good, leaving behind the Bad and fighting the Ugly face of 2012, let's all welcome 2013. 🇮🇳

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Exploring Bhagvad Gita

Written over 5000 years ago, *Bhagvad Gita* is still relevant today. This Gita Jayanti (Dec 23), let's imbibe the scripture's teachings to build a better world

Sweekruti, AIS Noida, X B

The sermons issued by Lord Krishna to Prince Arjuna who was torn between his duty to fight for justice and the love of his kinsmen, altered the course of the battle of Mahabharata and put to rest the dilemma and confusion of a dejected warrior prince. Several thousand years have rolled by since the famous battle took place and the dialogue between Sri Krishna and warrior prince Arjuna was compiled into the most revered Hindu scripture – the *Bhagvad Gita*. But the teachings of the *Gita* have not lost their meaning; rather they have become more relevant over the years.

In life, when we face dilemmas, we prefer to choose a path that is the least difficult. We often skip our duties, not realising that their non-observance leads to nothing but a moral mess.



When faced with morally challenging issues like paying a bribe to get a passport made, it is difficult to decide whether to stick to our principles or simply pay up to get the work done. In

such cases should we seek answers in 'Dharma'?

Yes, *Bhagvad Gita* not only helps one to discriminate the right from the wrong; but shows us the path to over-

come everyday problems by exercising a check on our senses and desires, which ultimately leads to attainment of 'Viveka Buddhi' (intelligent mind). The scripture rightly lays emphasis on the importance of selfless service (*nishkama sewa*) to attain happiness. It says-

"When there is happiness in a person's heart, there will be harmony in the house.

When there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation.

When there is order in the nation, there will be PEACE in the world."

In short, it implies '*Samastha lokah sukhino bhawantu*' (let there be peace in the world). However, in today's world where peace is missing, *Bhagavad Gita* can emerge as a guide to a happy life. It is indeed a true guide for those looking for salvation and the true essence of life. 🇮🇳

Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high

The questions on women's safety loom large in the nation that witnesses a rape incident every 22 minutes. The recent heinous crime sheds light on the horror story

Etti Bali

Amity School of Communication

Perspective

As hurt, anger, grief and outrage spills over to the Indian streets, the Indian woman wants to know whether we need savage crimes like these to shake our authorities and society out of the deep slumber. Why do we need horrific incidents like these to expose how vulnerable the Indian woman is? Can we put an end to such incidents when we are unwilling to change as a society?

Where does the buck stop?

Indian women no longer feel safe in their own homeland. Who is to be blamed? The state authorities who are locked in a power struggle and crumble like a house of cards or the women who are expected to walk with their heads covered and conscience butchered? Do we belong to a society that turns a blind eye towards the problems and atrocities meted out against their other counterparts? And can we still call ourselves a Republic, Secular

and Sovereign State?

Would capital punishment act as a deterrent or we need to reform the society which ostracizes the victims of such heinous crimes and attaches a stigma to them? Or do we need to change the mindset of the society which thinks that it is women who ask

for it by dressing provocatively? We, as a society, fail to understand that we need to sensitize our men to look up to their counterparts with respect instead of an object of desire. We talk about women empowerment and women rights, but by imposing diktats on them, are we not going back to the era

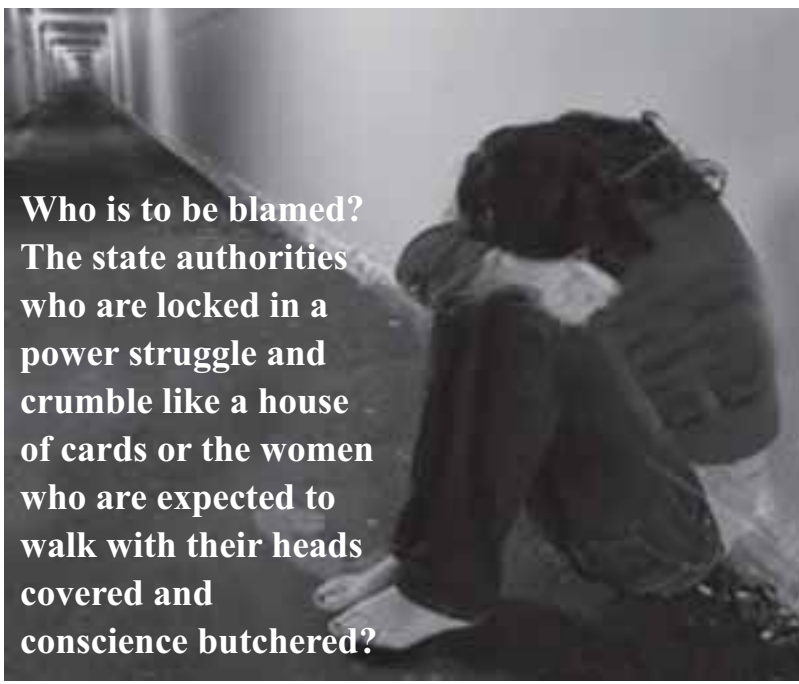
where women were forced to stay behind the *purdah*? But were atrocities never committed on women who stayed in the 'safeguard' of the veil?

Ushering change

If a change has to be brought in, it must be induced at the grassroot level and education can play a very important role in doing that. Educating the men isn't enough; we must educate our women so that instead of feeling vulnerable and oppressed, they know how to stand up for their rights and dignity. Instead of considering rape and molestation as a matter of shame, guilt and self-loathing, it's time for women to get together and build the foundation of a society where assailants don't move around scott free. But for that to happen, they have to muster the courage to venture out in the dark and ward off the haunting shadows of rape during daytime.

As the life of the rape victim hangs by a question and demands for capital punishment gathers support, the question is can we ever walk with our head held high when such incidents get reported every 22 minutes in India? 🇮🇳

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GT
M@il

Dear Editor,

I consider myself lucky to bag regular My association with GT dates back to the year 2010 when I first submitted my poem for 'Senior Mosaic' page. The bond I struck was further cemented as I continued to write articles, cover various events and interview

some leading celebrities for the newspaper. Being an English literature student, it wasn't a Herculean task for me to gain mastery over the language, but it was The Global Times that taught me how to make my articles more balanced and reader friendly. Nothing can surpass the joy of seeing one's article and byline in print and all thanks to GT, today I have a huge clipping file containing all the articles that I wrote for the newspaper.

Though I graduated recently this year, I am finding it very difficult to

let go of my love for the newspaper. It still holds a very special place in my heart and I hope to continue writing for it forever.

Kritika Nanda, Alumnus,
Amity Institute of English Studies
& Research

opportunities to interact with legends from different fields. But meeting the world renowned percussionist Bickram Ghosh and interacting with him about a host of issues was a dream come true. Thank you GT! 🇮🇳

Debolina Goswami
Amity Institute of Biotechnology



So disturbed by the gang rape case...atrocious and unforgivable. On this public platform I dare not even attempt to mention the details. Enough said... Enough!!

Amitabh Bachchan, Actor

Enough is enough

When will it end?

It's Sad

Kirn Hans, AIS Saket, XII

Every other status I see on Facebook is about the 23 year old girl who was violated simply because of her identity as a woman. When will it end, my friends?

I've wanted to know the answer to that question since I was 13. I've wanted to know when will sexual harassment not be a typical element of female adolescence.

I have heard people convinced that India is good for women, comparing it to countries like Saudi Arabia where a woman cannot drive a car. That's missing the point. The point is, Reuters has found India the fourth worst nation for women because we cannot implement the laws to protect our women. The point is, in Saudi Arabia, the death penalty is legal - and implemented - for rapists.

I ask, when will it end? But I know the answer: when we no longer allow it.

To say on Facebook that what happened on Sunday was inhumane, is easy. To go out and do something about it is difficult. I'm not asking you to force our government to make changes. That would be fantastic but that's not the root of the problem. The root of the problem is - women have not got the respect they deserve.

You can change that. Starting with your attitude. Sisters, unite in face of abusers. Brothers, defend your sisters and stand together. Many brave men have suffered because of their actions for women. Let there be so many cases that no man or woman has to suffer. Let's make this strength and unity the norm, instead of the exception.

In the name of all the innocents who have suffered, I ask you now, will you do your bit to protect others from this girl's fate?

When we don't allow

But, we can change it

Snigdha Shahi, AIS Noida, XI

It's easy to simply say how no one's actually taking any steps to stop this. You might tell people to be the voice of change but if you preach, you must practice it too. What's done now cannot be undone, but the future is in our hands. It's in the hands of all those class Nursery, KG, I, II...XI, XII kids. It's important to teach them the significance of gender equality. You always say that patriarchy has filled minds with the belief that men are stronger than women- that women are submissive and men are domineering because that is what they've been taught at homes, what they see, and eventually do. Why not actually start bringing about a change in the mindset of little kids, beginning right now? Why wait for another generation to do *haww..* at such crimes?! While schools at Amity do emphasise on 'equal upbringing' through events and workshops, other schools need to follow suit.

If CBSE can include Value Based Questions and teachers can tell us what values are "right" and "wrong" according to the examiner, then why not inculcate the basic value of 'Gender equality'? I frankly think that we should really start this initiative of at least spreading the word among junior students in our respective schools. You want to bring a revolution? Then stop babbling about it and bring it. Start small, at the grass root level, if that's the most you can do because what needs to be done SHOULD be done.

People might be thinking this is very idealistic, but it's not like as if you've done your bit to contribute to the safety and security of your daughters. 🇮🇳

She has had enough; her family has had enough; the nation has had enough. Stop...think...act...as that is all the nation needs now. Outraged by the Delhi gangrape case, Amitians' voices hit an all time high, on the nation's all time low

Illustration: Pankaj Mallik



Outraged

It is in consideration of events like the recent rape case that I advocate extreme punishment. The concept of Human Rights gets annoying otherwise.

Ratul Roshan
AIS Gur 46, Alumnus

Will death penalty to the Delhi gang rape accused be an easy exit to what they did? Don't you think that they should go through the same kind of torture ?

Harshit Walia, ASCO

I wish God gives the girl enough strength to pick up the fallen pieces of her life. Hope must not be lost.

Chhavi Sahal, AIS PV, XI

Why should girls live in fear?! I say punish the criminals, humil-

iate them, do everything possible so that no man would ever even dare to think of harming any woman! Women shouldn't live in fear. Never ever!

Sanskriti Sidana
AIS Saket, Alumnus

These days when I travel in the metro, I don't know why but I feel so strange standing among the opposite gender for the first time. For the first time I was scared of traveling in the metro and that too during office hours.



I hope all these crimes become a part of history books soon.

Udita Vijaywargia
Amity Business School

Laws are not made on FB, yet a revolution took place on FB because it does raise public awareness, mobilizes people. *Opinion banne se hi toh decisions affect hote hain!* And so FB DOES matter. So, speak it out even if it is on facebook. It will make a difference. 🇮🇳

Rashika Sood, AIS MV, XII

Pic : Ravinder Gusain

She did



Monisha Verma, Deputy Manager, Corporate Relations & Placements (ABS), Amity University

I became fearless

August 11, 1988 - Monisha Verma was on her way back to her college in a DTC bus when 5 DTC employees dressed in civilian clothes, started making suggestive remarks and even tried pulling her hair, hands and grab her shoulders. At first she ignored. Later sensing the upcoming danger, she took the chance of risking her life by jumping off the bus, after fighting an ordeal that lasted for 15 minutes. What followed was a 4 year long agonising court case. The guilty were imprisoned for 10 years and she was awarded with a 'Shaurya Chakra' and earned the position of an honorary Special Police Officer. But the memories have come alive once again as the capital trembles in the aftermath of the gangrape case.

When I heard about the gangrape, I cried and could not sleep the whole night. I was also 23, when the incident took place with me. The memories continue to haunt me even today and I still wake up at night, shaken. I too could have been a victim instead of a survivor. What worked in my case was that I was sitting on the first seat and suitably dressed in sports attire. Being a sports person, I could pack a powerful blow on their nose, stomach and private parts. Before I could realize, the outrage had taken over the capital. I filed an FIR. Luckily, my parents supported me. A court case followed accompanied with numerous threat calls to me and my family. It was not easy being attacked and having red chilly powder thrown into your eyes to weaken me, simply because I STOOD UP. But I survived and I wish she does too. The incident shook me but left me fearless. Today, I do not hesitate to fight ten men if need be. I am a stronger person and more cautious. I have been carrying a knife with me every time I step out for the past 23 years now. Women in India need to be self equipped to fight their battle. They need to alert and realize that no hero will come to save them. Stop relying on the system, the officials. Fight for yourself. 🇮🇳

You were my childhood!

The Harry Potter magic created by the world famous author,J K Rowling, stirs the nostalgia of a juvenile journey



Open Up

I miss the most

Harry’s scar, Weasley’s red hair, Hermione’s brainpower, Snape’s scorns, Dumbledore’s silver beard, Hagrid’s love for bizarre creatures, Draco’s spitefulness for muggles, Luna’s dreamy demeanour and Lord Voldemort’s You Know Who

though, we still find eleven-year-olds picking up their first Harry Potter, they will never relate to the thrill that we felt whilst we waited for the author’s next release of the instalment. Bidding adieu to Harry was like a farewell to my own childhood. It was the hardest part, harder than flying a broomstick! I grew up with its characters. In the journey with them, I have cried my heart out, fell in love, giggled, felt that rage, felt scared and wept like a baby. Though the end of Potter era left us all wistful, we can still take solace in the fact that we were a part of the craze that swept our generation. Our childhood got stories that will live forever. We learnt that dreams come true; all you need is some imagination and magic.

press, for the first time. I felt so great, so exuberated. Wizards, wands, broomsticks, castles, spells and more; Rowling’s story had all the ingredients to create magic. Soon, as I started reading the first novel, I couldn’t stop. It was a story I could relate myself to. One could find me reading Potter in the school bus, between periods, during lunch breaks, on my way back home and even in the middle of the night. It captured my imagination, completely. It’s been a decade, since then. And even

Aastha Mahajan, Amity School of Engineering & Technology

The reminiscences of those ‘Harry Potter days’ have their own kind of nostalgia. I feel lucky, to be of that generation who could experience this magical voyage. Amongst the fans, there is a unanimous agreement that no other novel can parallel the magic that the Harry Potter series created. I can vividly recall the day when, in the sixth grade, I boarded Hogwart’s Ex-



Pasta Siciliana

Pawanjot Singh
Amity School of Hospitality

Ingredients

Penne pasta250gm
Olive oil20ml
Tomatoes (peeled and crushed) 50gm
Eggplant (cubed)1
Onion (diced)1
Garlic (minced)2 cloves
Mozzarella cheese (grated)50gm
Fresh basil (chopped)few leaves
Saltto taste
Pepperto taste

Method

- Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
- Line a baking dish with aluminium foil and set aside.
- Add the cubed eggplant to the baking dish and drizzle over some olive oil, season with salt and pepper and toss. Bake for about 20 minutes.
- In a non-stick pan, add 2 tbsp olive

oil and the onions. Cook over medium heat for about 5 to 7 minutes or until the onions turn translucent. Add garlic and cook for 1 more minute.

- Add crushed tomatoes to the onions and season with salt and pepper. Cook for about 20 minutes or until the sauce thickens a little.
- Add the roasted eggplant and cook for 10 more minutes. Remove the sauce from heat.
- Fill a large pot with water, sprinkle in salt and bring to a boil. Add the penne pasta and cook according to package instructions. Drain the pasta and keep aside for some time.
- Add the pasta and basil to the prepared sauce. Toss until the pasta is coated by the sauce. Add the grated mozzarella cheese and toss around some more until the mozzarella slowly starts to melt.
- Serve it hot.

POEMS

When I look up

Gaurav Pati, AIS PV, VI E

Illustration: Gaurav Pati, AIS PV, VI E



When I looked up at the sky
The cloud, the creamy clouds
Like the soap bubbles in my soap holder
And the dimmest grey up there
When I looked up at the sky
I closed my eyes, joined my palms
And prayed for the rain
I could hear the downpour’s whiff,
As droplets landed
On my dense brown hair
When I looked up at the sky
He must have felt pity on the cattle
Waiting for the green grass to flourish
He must have felt pity on the farmer
Waiting for the harvest
He must have felt pity

On the village maidens
Waiting for their vessels to fill up again
When I looked up at the sky
The cloud finally wept
Shedding its refreshing tears
Making the people cry in sheer joy
Just when I looked up at the sky

Because, I am me

Ambika Joshi
AIS Pushp Vihar, X A

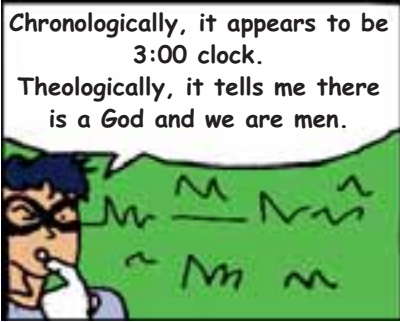
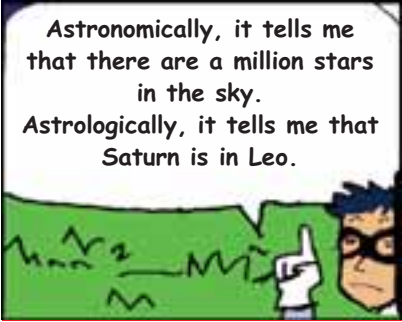
Born as a princess,
cared for by my parents.
Years went by,
entered ‘marital’ palace,
to share a loyal
balance.
Happy moments on the
roll,
not knowing what
awaits more.
Reality unfolds,
seeing the turning, devil’s
roar.
Thrown out of the



throne,
lashed me all out alone,
not leaving even a single stone.
Screams went in vain,
relations were at stake,
felt happy moments would
come soon.
But torture was there at
every floor;
couldn’t handle it anymore,
couldn’t wait
anymore.
Went away to live
my way,
because, I’m not a puppet.
I’m not a toy; I am ME,
who has an identity!

COMIC CORNER

Nikhil Rath
AIS Pushp Vihar, IX A



Yes we can stoop lower as a people. The Delhi bus gang rape is proof of that. Is justice asleep?.. These deviants are not afraid of consequence as justice comes too little too late.
Farhan Akhtar, Actor

The monster world

Illustration: Deepak Sharma

Short story



Priyansh Shoshodia
AIS Vasundhara 1, VIII B

Jamey was a quiet boy who loved to play. He had two sisters who were always busy with work and hence never played with him. Since his parents worked away from home, he missed them too. One day, Jamey came up to his

sisters and asked them to give him something to play with. The two sisters handed him their newly invented machine to test. Jamey was ecstatic and readily accepted it. The contraption was like a tube, attached to some rotating fans. The sisters told him to face the tube and hit the button to start his surprise. He agreed and took the machine outside to

try. As he started it, he felt dizzy and the world started growing in size. After a while, Jamey noticed that the world wasn't growing, it was he who was shrinking! He shrunk to the size of an ant and then to the size of a bacteria. This lasted for a while, suddenly, everything was enveloped in a cloud of smoke. He rubbed his eyes and looked around to find everything the same as before. Disheartened, as he turned back to step inside the house, he saw his parents had transformed into aliens! Jamey ran to his sisters for help and found them turned into monsters, mocking down at him with their devilish laughter. He rushed outside the house to inform the neighbours, only to find the whole block turned into a monster house. Seeing the chaos, he started running away till he stumbled and fell. Then, he woke up with a jolt and realised it was all a dream. He had no monster sisters and no alien parents! 🇮🇳

So what did you learn today?
A new word: Contraption



Chocolate Cake

Aashi Ranjan
AIS Noida, II K

Ingredients

Refined flour (*Maida*)1&1/2 cups
Egg2
Sugar.....1 cup
Milk3/4 cup
Butter (melted)3/4 cup
Chocolate1 bar
Chocolate powder½ cup

Method

- Mix *maida*, chocolate powder and chocolate pieces in a bowl.
- Beat eggs briskly into a smooth paste, separately.
- Make a separate mixture of butter and sugar adding milk to it to give

- it a smooth consistency.
- Now add the beaten eggs mixture to the butter and sugar mixture.
- To this, gradually fold in the *maida* mixture very lightly till all the mixture is used up.
- Grease a baking dish and pour the batter into it in a circular motion.
- Place the baking dish in a preheated oven and bake it at 150 degrees, for approximately 30 minutes.
- To test if the cake is properly cooked, pierce it slowly in the middle with a toothpick and check if the pick comes out clean.
- Take the cake out of the oven and let it cool.
- Decorate it with your choice of fondant, candies, cookies and serve. 🇮🇳



Chirag Singh Chauhan
AIS Noida, VI C

What do we call a polar bear with roller skates?
A roller bear 🇮🇳

What did the dentist say when his wife baked a cake?
Can I do the filling? 🇮🇳

Where do cows go for holidays?
Moo York 🇮🇳

Why do bees hum?
They don't know how to say words 🇮🇳

Which place do wasps go when they are ill?
Waspital 🇮🇳

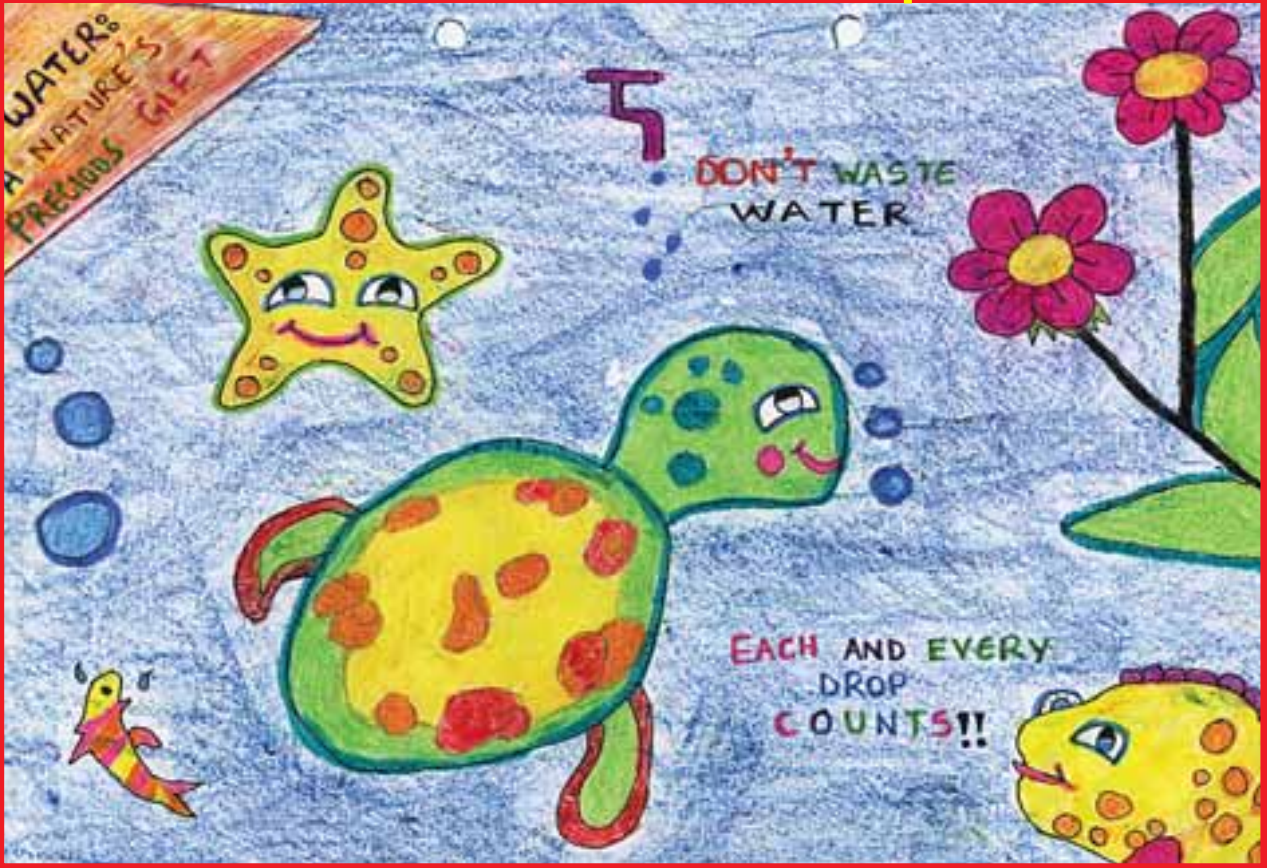
It's Me

My Name- Aarya Mohapatra
My School- AIS Noida
My Class- I B
My Birthday- June 20
I Like- Dancing
I Hate- Sitting idle
My Hobby- Painting
My Role Model- My mother
My Best Friend- My mother
My Favourite Game- Badminton
My Favourite Subject- English
My Favourite Teacher- Shukla Ma'am
My Favourite Poem- *Itni Shakti Humein Dena Data...*
I want to become- A teacher
I want to feature in GT because- It is my school newspaper and I want to contribute to it in my own way. 🇮🇳



Painting Corner

Aaryan Arora
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A natural perspective



Atop beauty



Clad in white

Catching them young

Young Amies brim with confidence, improved communication skills and a sense of achievement as they participate in special classes organised by Jabberwocky Speech and Drama at Amiown Pushp Vihar

Amiown Pushp Vihar

Amiown Pushp Vihar organised special Jabberwocky Speech and Drama classes scientifically designed to encourage young children to develop communication skills. The classes concluded with every young participant receiving the Young Performer's Certificate instituted by Trinity College of London known for offering recognised courses in various forms of communication skills including music, dance, art and English language for all age groups. The Young Performer's Certificate, is an award, intended to promote good classroom practices through co-operation and creativity, and developing an appropriate child-centered introduction to performance.

The Jabberwocky Speech and Drama classes through its varied activities encouraged children to create and explore stories, songs, roles and situations through imaginative and integrated use of movements.

The classes commenced with an ice breaker conversation, followed by a physical warm up exercise in the form of reciting a rhyme while moving or playing a game. The warm up games helped the children to shed their inhibitions and get into the disposition of the



Awestruck: A Young Performer class in progress

class. They started to express themselves without inhibition. The games further enhanced their ability to work as a team or in partnerships with their peers. Meanwhile, voice warm ups in the form of action songs, resonator scales, tongue twisters and dialogue deliveries were practiced by the group. Children were made to stand individually in the performance area and perform speech exercises to develop clarity of speech. Expressive speaking exercises like "The bear is so scared" (SAD) or "It's a lovely day" (HAPPY) were initiated to enhance the children's expressions and make

them deliver the dialogues with clarity. A set of recommended story books by renowned authors were also read in every class followed by a dramatization of the same. Children enjoyed animated story telling and responded with entertaining and innovative ideas during and after the story. Stories like, 'Dimity Duck', 'Room on the Broom', 'Silly Story of Bondapalli' and 'Farmer Duck and Owl babies' were a huge hit with the little ones. Besides enriching the children's vocabulary, the stories also initiated a life long interest in books. This exercise not only helped the little ones



Warm up: Performing together

to converse with confidence, but also served as a stepping stone in developing their vocabulary and conversational skills.

Drama, being the favourite element of the class, immediately raised the energy level of the class to new heights. Children shared new ideas on their minds as they enjoyed this element of creative fun and learning.

While there was no formal assessment criteria for the Young Performer's Certificate, at each level, the examiner evaluated the performers on the basis of team work, use of basic performance

skills to convey a sense of mood and appropriate responses to the teacher's directions. The contribution of the Amies to the presentation was also tested by the answers they give to simple questions. Throughout the sessions, the emphasis was on each child's participation at an appropriate level and their enjoyment quotient while learning.

The Young Performer's Certificate, therefore, served as the first step into the creative world of performing arts as the tiny tots learnt the finesse of impeccable communication skills and donned the hats of confident speakers. 🇮🇳

Mad hat tricks for Christmas

The Mad Hatters Party unleashed the creativity of little Amies and gave them a chance to indulge in wholesome fun with their parents



Engrossed: Hat making workshop in full swing



Mad hatter: Look what I made!

Amiown Noida

Innovation is an integral part of the Saturday Club Activity at Amiown. The week's theme was 'Mad Hatter's Party Hat making'. The workshop was based on the famous character 'Mad Hatter' in Lewis Carol's story-*Alice in Wonderland*. The little ones made their own party hats with the help of parents. They created many exciting varieties including conical hats, one eyed hat, joker hat, mouse hat, starry hat,

Christmas tree hat, lady bird hat, sun hat, clown hat, etc. It gave the mothers an opportunity to bring alive the creative streak and the artist in their little ones. The children also enjoyed playing a game where a cutout of a snowman was placed and they had to put a hat on his head, blindfolded. The workshop was a unique experience for the children who proudly carried their creations home.

Amiown Vasundhara

The workshop held at the school saw the

parents and children enjoy creating crazy hats together. With a little help from parents, each child made beautifully decorated hats. Using some easily available material, they created popular hats like sailor's hat, witch and wizard's hat, cowboy hat and an impressive ladies hat decorated with colourful flowers and ribbons. The parents expressed their gratitude to the school for rekindling the creative streak in them and giving them an opportunity to enjoy a special moment with their children. 🇮🇳



Hands - on: Grandparents indulge in pot decoration

Grandparents' day out

The most special bond in a child's life was celebrated with activities galore

Amiown Gurgaon

Grandparents are special people in the life of a child. With an aim to nurture this special bond and honour the grandparents in the sunset years of their lives, Amiown Gurgaon celebrated 'Grandparents Day' on December 8, 2012 in the school premises.

The joy of visiting their grandchild's classroom was visible in the old eyes of the grandparents, who were happy to relive their school days during the few hours they spent in the school. The day started with welcoming them with *tilak* and a shower of flower petals. The grandparents then visited the

classrooms accompanied by the little ones. The little Amies enthusiastically demonstrated various pieces of work created by them that adorned every nook and corner of their classrooms. The grandparents beamed with pride as the little ones exuded confidence while reciting poems. They had a memorable time together engaging in different activities like pot decoration and corn-salad making. Children also enjoyed sowing saplings in the decorated pots with their grandparents, exhibiting their strong ties of love. The grandparents shared their childhood experiences and gave valuable feedback about their grandchild's growth and learnings in the class. 🇮🇳

What is the government doing? The rapists should be hanged. We need tougher laws to stop rape.
Sushma Swaraj, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha

Riding on MUNOG wave

MUNOG '12 provided MUNers an opportunity to forge global friendships and hone their leadership and oratory skills. Winning the Best Delegate Award came as the perfect icing on the cake!

MUNOG 2012

What: MUNOG 2012

When: Oct 18-24, 2012

Where: Stuttgart, Germany

Highlights: MUN Directors workshop

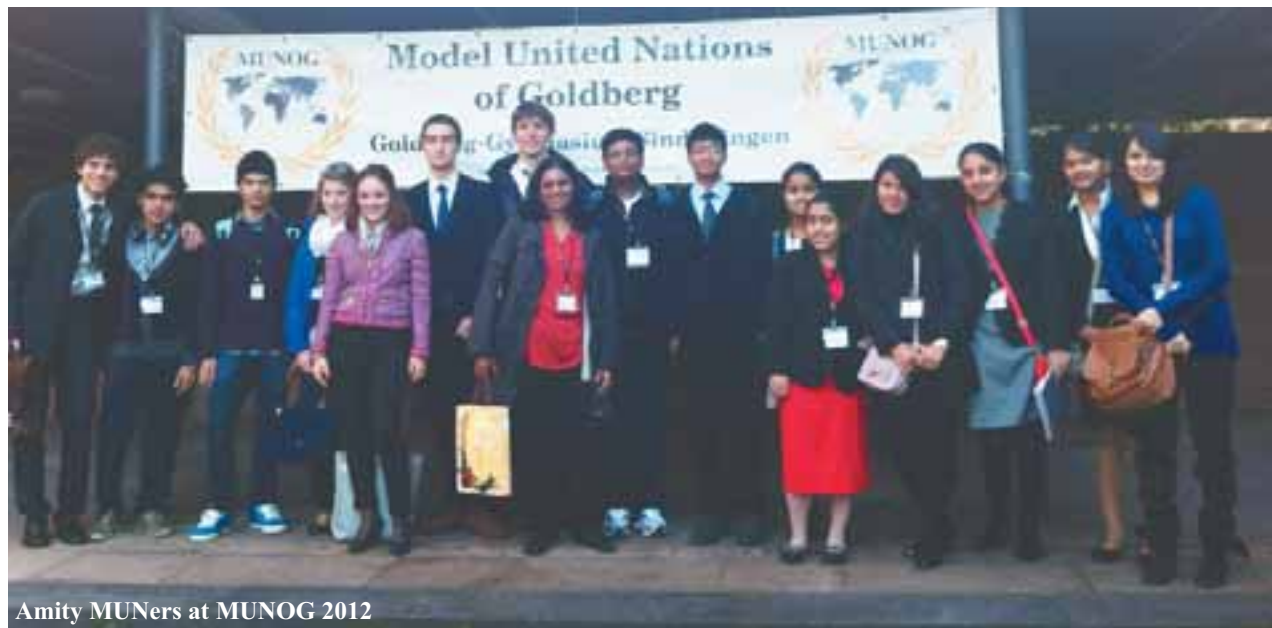
Star MUNer: Ashitabh Mishra, AIS Saket, X won the best delegate award in UNESCO

Taking ahead Amity's philosophy of finding concrete solutions for global issues, 10 Amitians under the aegis of Amity Educational Resource Centre (AERC) descended at Stuttgart, Germany on October 18, 2012. It marked Amity's fourth year of participation in MUNOG.

On the first day, the students were greeted by teacher coordinators Agathe

Zug and Tina Schaffe who introduced them to their host families. About 23 schools from across the globe participated in MUNOG 2012. Some of the participating nations were USA, Denmark, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Spain, England, etc. The second day began with a grand opening ceremony at Goldberg Gymnasium, Schindelfingen. The event was presided over by Dr Bernard Volvinger, Schindelfingen Lord Mayor as guest of honour while Bernard Kees, Director of Goldberg Gymnasium gave the welcome speech. The General Assembly session marked the first session of MUNOG '12. It was followed by an MUN Directors workshop where the visiting delegates gave a brief introduction about their institutions. The day concluded with a special German dinner organised for MUN Directors.

The third day saw regular committee sessions, the highlight being the meeting of 'Approval Panel' team which was responsible for rewriting the resolutions and editing them in their language. Later, students from India organised a get together along with their host families. A sight seeing tour accompanied with a shopping expedition was organised on



Amity MUNers at MUNOG 2012

October 23. The evening concluded with the closing ceremony. The surprise package of the day was Ashitabh Mishra, AIS Saket, X, who won the best delegate award in UNESCO.

The visit provided students an opportunity to know the German way of living and also shed light on the educational pedagogy followed in the country. [G](#) [I](#)

MUNers on the go

AIS NOIDA: Pratham Gupta, Shridula Singh

AIS SAKET: Ashitabh Mishra, Sparsh Chawla, Karan Mehrotra, AIS PV: Simran Arora, Agamy Goyal, Shreya Gupta, Tanushree Dutta, Gazal Singh,

A date with history

A visit to National Museum of Natural Sciences and Parliament Museum left the students of Amity Global School enthused and inquisitive

Amity Global School



Yamini (IB1) & Prakruti (IG1), Amity Global School

Field trips and educational visits are an integral part of the Amity school curriculum. Keeping with the trend, Amity Global School organised a visit to National Museum of Natural Sciences and Parliament Museum. The trip began with the visit to the National Museum of Natural Sciences where the museum curator briefed the inquisitive students about the various exhibits. The first floor of the museum was dedicated to

the origin of the 'Milky Way' galaxy and various organisms that comprise our environment. The second floor was dedicated to different types of ecosystems found on earth. The students also enjoyed a short film on 'Delhi monkey menace' in the museum's theatre housed on the third floor. The trip ended with the visit to the fourth floor which exhibited examples of India's intangible wisdom and knowledge.

Next on the itinerary was a visit to the Parliament Museum. However, the students decided to stop over at India Gate for a quick round of refreshments and photographs against the backdrop of the magnificent monument. Finally, the students arrived at the museum dedicated to Indian freedom struggle and emergence of the country as a powerful and prosperous nation. It housed statues and gifts presented by foreign visitors. The students also heard India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's famous speech.

The experience of the educational trip left the students profoundly enlightened. [G](#) [I](#)

Book Cosmos



L to R: Mrs Jayshree Chauhan, Mrs Pooja Chauhan, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan along with Mrs Ameeta Mohan

AIS Pushp Vihar

AIS Pushp Vihar celebrated Founder's Day on November 9, 2012 by holding 'Book Cosmos' within the school premises. The event saw the students of classes KG, I and II put up colourfully designed stalls. KG students prepared craft items pertaining to fairy tales while class I and II were allocated mythology and Panchatantra as their themes respectively. The students engaged in envelope and puppet making at the stalls. They also designed some comic strips and made Madhubani paintings. They also presented the guests some miniatures from their cre-

ation. A story telling session was organized by presenters from Wide Aisled Productions Theatre Group, followed by a delicious lunch. The entertaining event was graced by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools; Mrs Pooja Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amity Humanity Foundation; Mrs Divya Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity School of Fine Arts and Amity School of Fashion Technology and Mrs Jayshree Chauhan. The event concluded with each child being presented a set of two story books. This was done in order to inculcate the habit of healthy reading among children at an early age. [G](#) [I](#)

Dhananjay Mohan Symposium

AIS Noida

Amity International School, Noida hosted the annual Dhananjay Mohan Inter-School Science Symposium on November 17, 2012. The symposium aims to rekindle the spirit of inquisitiveness and encourages a scientific outlook among students. 18 schools of Delhi/NCR participated in the event, which provided a suitable platform to students to delve into the mysteries of science through presentations and project displays. The theme for this year was, 'Reduce, Recycle and Reuse.'

The Chief Guest for the day was Dr DV Venkateshwaran, Scientist 'E', Vigyan Prasar. Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and Dr



The meritorious get felicitated

RP Singh, Director, Amity Institute of Nanotechnology graced the occasion. In her keynote address, Principal Renu

Singh stated that the main objective of the symposium was to "exchange ideas, search for truth, redefine thinking, ex-

periment and innovate." Meanwhile, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan urged the students to tread the path of innovation and discovery and initiate an intellectual awakening in science.

The panel of judges comprised eminent educationists and researchers from Amity University including Dr PK Paul, Professor and Deputy Director, Amity Institute of Biotechnology; Dr J N Kabul, Chief Proctor, AUUP; Dr V K Jain, Director, Amity Institute of Advanced Research & Studies (Materials and Devices) and Amity Institute of Renewable & Alternative Energy and Dr Vaughan Bhatia, Professor, Amity Institute of Advanced Research & Studies.

The symposium was divided into three categories - Investigatory Project, E-Paper Presentation and Quiz. The theme

for the project display was 'Reduce, Recycle and Reuse'. This segment had students working on diverse topics such as 'Water Hyacinth: Waste to Wealth', 'Aloethene', 'Vertical Farming', 'Recycle the Key Strokes' and 'Bacteria Battery' among others.

The students of classes XI and XII competed with unmatched enthusiasm in the science quiz which covered a wide spectrum of science and technology domains, including biosciences, physical sciences and astronomy.

The topic for E-Paper Presentation was 'Futuristic Technology and its Relevance to Society'.

Chief Guest Dr Venkateshwaran appreciated the students' scientific temperament and emphasised on the importance of innovative and insightful thinking for their overall growth. [G](#) [I](#)

Fast track courts are very much needed (to try rape cases). Everybody should come together ... There's need for self defence programme. Please wake up and save our girls.
Girija Vyas, Congress Leader

Just a moment

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Tiger and tenderness

Divya Banga
AIS Noida, IV F

Ever thought of standing next to a tiger? Scared already? I actually fed one! On my visit to Kanchanaburi, Bangkok, I had the chance of feeding tigers, walking with them and petting them. The time I spent with the tigers there made me respect and love the animal even more. Those moments were filled with warmth and will remain etched in my memory bank forever.



Holiday and Happiness

Shashwat Singh
AIS Noida, IV I

Munnar; the mention of the place brings back beautiful memories. I lived some of the best moments of my life there visiting tea plantations, enjoying the elephant ride and the water sports.



Triumph and trophy

Parv Gupta
AIS Noida, IV J

Yippee! That was my first reaction when I got to know that I had bagged the title of the 'Most promising player' at Adventure Cup, YMCA, Sattal. Getting the trophy was a joyous moment indeed.



Candles and cakes

Shivam Trivedi
AIS Noida, IV D

It was my eighth birthday party at Papa John's. All my friends were with me as I cut the cake. They smeared the cake all over my face. All of us had great fun. It was one of my best birthday moments ever.



Disney and diva

Pranshu Sinha
AIS Noida, IV G

We all dream of meeting our favourite Disney characters. And my dream came true when I met Shrek and Princess Fiona on my trip to Disneyland, USA. It is the most cherished and valued moment of my life till date.

Presenting, Mr Presenter

Meet Shivang Sharma from Amity School of Engineering & Technology (ASET), who is likely to impress you with his presentations and emceeing skills, among his other talents

Know Shivang Sharma

- VP Amity Software Engineering Club
- Technical Head of the Computer Society of India
- Manager of the Institution of Engineering and Technology, Ghaziabad student chapter



Of multiple roles and feats
Shivang Sharma

Master of all feats

What is common between Amity Youth Fest 2012, ASET's Fest, Farewell 2011 & 2012 and The Global Times Freshers meet? The emcee! Meet Shivang Sharma - a master presenter. Emcee, debater, paper presenter..this boy is sure to floor you with his gift of gab and well polished oratory skills.

#FEAT 1 - Youth Debates with Arnab Goswami on Times Now

"At first, I could not understand the protocol that was to be followed regarding the language and the tone, but soon I went with the flow, and the 20 minute debate was over in what seemed like just 20 seconds! It felt really nice to see myself on television, when the show was telecasted."

#FEAT 2 - 'Present Around The World' paper presentation competition (national level)

"I participated twice in 2011 and 2012, but couldn't win the first prize, but that did not dishearten me. I will try yet again for the 2013 competition."

#FEAT 3 - Space Settlement paper for NASA (2009)

"I had to present a research paper, which earned me an honorary mention in California, US."

#FEAT 4 - 'NexGen tablet'

"The tablet can function with minimal electricity and has earned a provisional patent with the help of AUUP."

Leader of all roles

He has a gamut of roles to play for his department. Whether it is organising events or proposing and conducting workshops; he does it all with finesse.

#ROLE 1- VP of Amity Software Engineering Club

"Organising events is a task. But, when you are passionate about something it does not seem like a chore."

#ROLE 2- Technical Head of the Computer Society of India

"I try to encourage the students from my department to participate in the workshops of the largest body of computer professionals in India and they willingly participate. I also look forward to being the emcee for its events."

#ROLE 3- Manager of the Institution of Engineering & Technology, Ghaziabad student chapter

"The organisation includes members from all spheres of engineering spread across the world, ranging from students to engineers to non technical enthusiasts. My participation in IET has enabled me to interact with researchers and corporate heads from all over the world, giving me greater exposure."

#ROLE 4- Head of ASET's literary club core committee, Alfaaz

"As one of the heads of the core committee I suggest being your confident self to crack the auditions. Ensure that you don't fake an accent!"

As told to Namrata Gulati, GT Network



GT Travels to Ranthambhore, Rajasthan



Chirag Singh, AIS Noida, VI shows off The Global Times at wildlife destination Ranthambhore National Park, known for its tiger reserves. It is among the largest national parks of northern India.

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