

Status of the week

“One day the war will be over,
and I will go back to my poem”
- A child in Syria

How much will humanity suffer
before the world realises their
mistakes?

Kirti Wadhwa, AIS PV, XII

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AMITEpoll

Do you think that the Lucky Grahak Yojna and Digi Dhan Yojna proposed by Niti Ayog will encourage digital transactions?

a) Yes b) No c) Can't say

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POLL RESULT

For GT edition December 12, 2016

Do you agree with UGC's recent direction to all universities to stop cash transactions?

Response	Percentage
Yes	50%
No	36%
Can't say	14%

Results as on December 17, 2016

Coming Next

Nirbhaya – the fearless

Illustration: Priyam Das, AIS MV, XI-I

Ace the aves

Flapping their wings and soaring high, the aves have been inspiring humans since ages. Not just by their flight, but also by their qualities

Anoushka Raj & Bharat Goyal
AIS MV, XI

When Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the masses at the Aishbagh Raamleela celebrations, a familiar name made its way to the national dailies- ‘Jatayu’. The vulture, an epitome of struggle, strength and devotion who guarded Sita and later succumbed to the incisions of the demon’s sword during his selfless act. Jatayu’s action was hailed as the first fight against terrorism and protection of a woman’s dignity and honour. A bird from the ‘tretayug’ has found its presence in the contemporary times, inspiring us.

Although Jatayu is the bird in hand right now, there are more in the bush. ‘Fly like a bird’, ‘light as a bird’, ‘birds’ eye view’ and ‘as graceful as a swan’... birds have been an inspiration to humans, enlightening them en route. Read on and rise.

The phoenix must burn to emerge
“Fawkes is a phoenix, Harry. They burst into flames when it is time for them to die, and then they are reborn from the ashes,” said Dumbledore to Harry, and the Egyptian bird of rebirth found its way to



the hearts of millions of children. Phoenixes have been treated as unforgettable symbols of power, renewal and restoration. There are few things that symbolise hope better than a phoenix. Just like the phoenix, forget and forgive, burn down all the negativity and begin on a good note. We could rise from the ashes of the past and start every day afresh.

The dove paves a peaceful way
The dove, on silver pinions, winged her way to peace. The largest peacemaking organisation, the United Nations Human Rights Council has a dove holding an olive branch in its beak as its symbol. This white bird has become synonymous with love, peace and tranquility. Christians use it to show the descent of the Holy Spirit, while Assyrians see them as vehicles of salvation. Just like the dove, be peaceful and calm, for tranquility is the need of the hour in the turbulent times of war and terrorism.

May your heart soar like an eagle
Hard work. Royalty. Power. Zeus’ bird, the Eagle, is indeed the king of birds. Not only are they skilled hunters, but they go about securing their needs in a way that is most efficient, a lesson in conserving resources. They are ferocious birds of prey, and yet, symbols of mental accuracy. The USA uses the bald eagle in its official seal and so do many other countries in their coat of arms. Just like an eagle, let go of all distractions and work smart. Trust your instincts and rise above the storm.

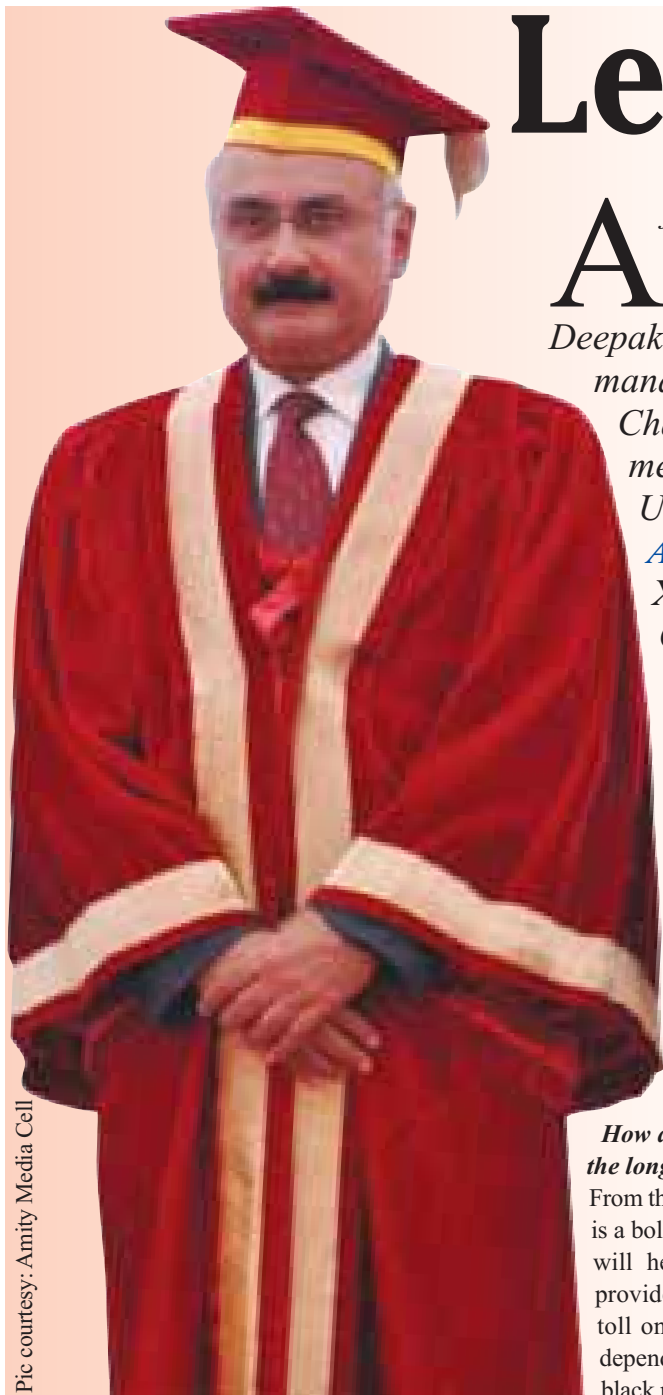
Be a flamingo in a flock of pigeons
Bright pink plumage and a unique posture with one leg tucked behind the other, flamingoes are known for their vibrancy and freshness. Used to denote femininity, grace and balance in ancient Chinese texts, today they have found a way into everyday lives as symbols of both fashion and confidence. The flamingoes mate for life,

and are known for living in close knit ‘families’. Just like flamingoes, be that closely knit family in the ultra-sociable world. Be outgoing and yet, have that poise. Most of all, be kind.

A wise old owl sat on an oak
The more he saw, the lesser he spoke, the less he spoke, the more he heard. Why aren’t we like that wise old bird? Sacred to the Greek Goddess of learning, Athena, an owl is a symbol of status, intelligence and wealth. It is the ruler of the night and the seer of souls. JK Rowling often talks about how the aves inspired her when she used to stay awake at night, writing. The awareness of the owl and its ability to mould the darkness to its advantage makes the bird sacred to all religions. Just like the owl, take advantage of the situation and be wise in ‘darker times’. These birds stand for everything that humans seek, from peace to freedom.🇧🇩

Learn from your failures

Pic: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network



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After 33 years of serving one of the biggest auditing firms, PwC, Deepak Kapoor has been proudly managing the entity as its Chairman since 5 years. A member of ICSI and ICFE, USA, he interacts with Anushka Gupta, AIS MV, XI D at the AUUP Convocation Ceremony where he was conferred the honoris causa.

Getting an honorary doctorate is a matter of great prestige. How do you feel about it?

I feel honoured and overwhelmed. I understand that I’m amongst the few fortunate people who get recognised by an institution as prestigious as Amity. It’s actually a matter of great pride for me.

How do you see the demonetisation move in the long run?

From the conceptual standpoint, demonetisation is a bold and progressive step. A move like this will help curb black money and will also provide us economic security, while taking a toll on corruption. That said, a lot of things depend on its execution. Once the hoarders of black money are revealed, the follow up action



GT Reporter Anushka interacts with Deepak Kapoor

taken against them by the govt will decide the efficiency of the move.

What do you think about the leading trend of startups in India and the world?

The startup phase is very encouraging. I have always believed in innovation. But more than that, I have believed in younger people taking innovative measures to bring progress. Startups anywhere in the world are a great initiative. And for India, given the productivity and intellect of the country, startups are the stepping stone. I don’t opine this because you and I are Indians but it’s a personal experience that comes with travelling the world over. Indians have proved their mettle everywhere and in every field, from technology to entrepreneurship. They have been innovating and evolving. These happen to be the very keys for the success of startups and hence, startups are the next plunge of Indians towards development and success.

Being at the helm of Telecom and Media practices, Institute of Chartered Accountants, Institute of Company Secretaries, and more, what intrigued you the most?

Well, in my opinion getting myriad degrees should be seen as a road to getting more knowledge than just adding to one’s academic achievements. I think learning is more important. Each of these education programmes made me more learned than I was before I entered that field. But I must say that what bought me my position in PWC was my ability to adapt to all of them. And the willingness to learn at every step.

What would be your message to the Amitians?
My message to Amitians - have faith in yourself and in what you aspire to do. Never get bogged down by failures. Take each failure as a stepping stone to move up. Learn from your failures for they are the best teachers.🇧🇩

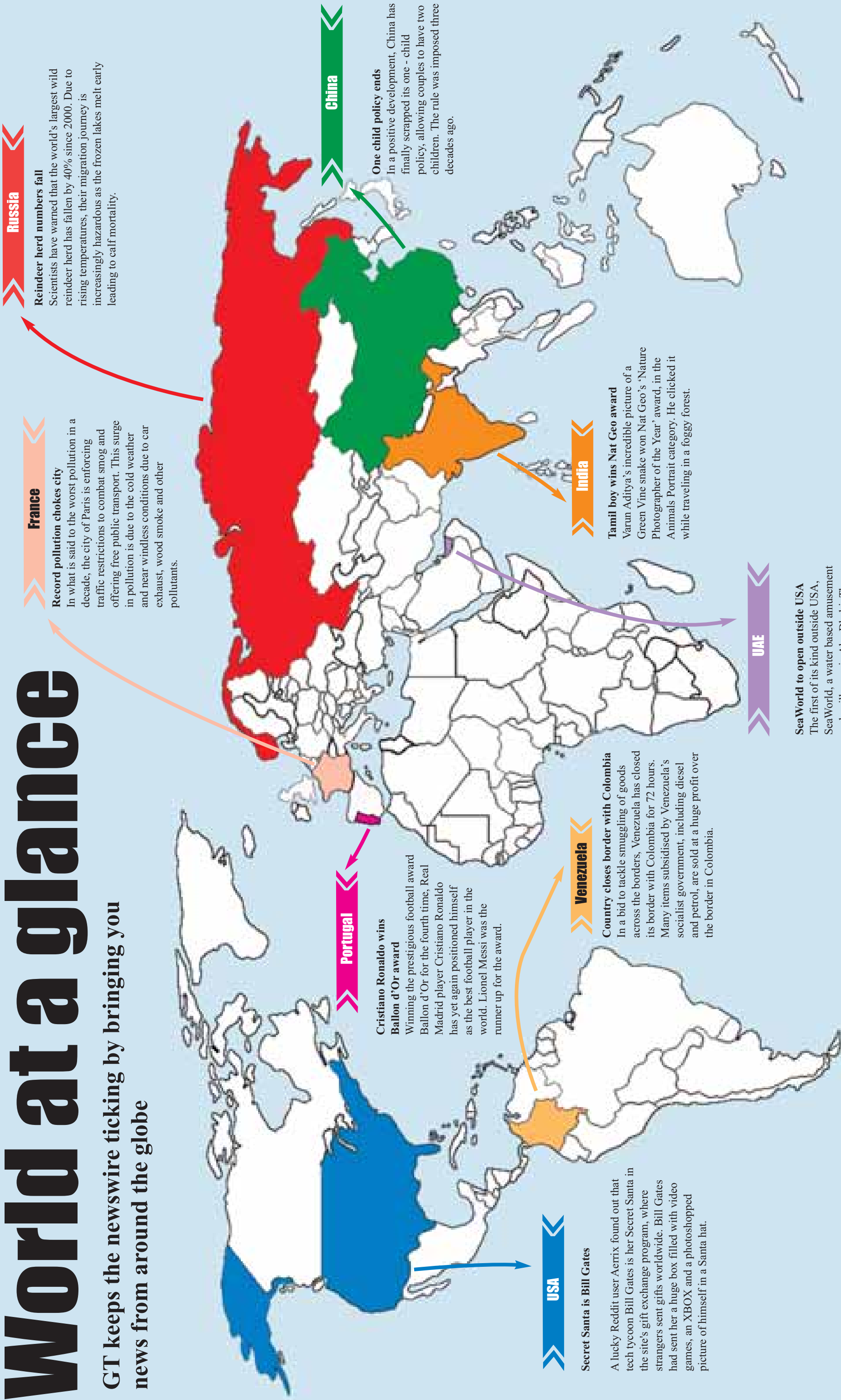
The heaviest pumpkin weighing 1,190.49 kg, was grown by Mathias Willemijns of Belgium in October 2016.



Pumpkin facts

World at a glance

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





The seeds of pumpkins should be sown in the period between the last week of May and the middle of June.

College 2.0: Plan B

They always talk about Plan A - boards, college, admissions, jobs. But what does one do if college is not destined in their cards? Prepare a Plan B, maybe?



Mudit Aggarwal, AIS Mayur Vihar, X B

We have always been told to study so that we get into 'a decent college'. But with sky rocketing cutoffs, not being able to make the cut is a possibility. However, instead of losing hope, we suggest you look for equally fulfilling options.

Pursue your hobbies

If you have been pursuing a sport from your childhood, it may be a good idea to take it up as a career. Just polish it enough to get you to a decent level. Alternatively,

you could brush up your skills with an old instrument or do online courses for music synthesising and remixing softwares, like FruityLoops studio, Traktor Pro and Jokosher.

Enlist in the military

Who doesn't love their country? If you believe in standing shoulder to shoulder with our brave *jawans* and always thought about joining the army, then here's your chance. The Indian Army is always on the lookout

for new recruits. The National Defence Academy (NDA) is an excellent option too. After joining the NDA, you can go into the scientific field, ie designing and maintenance of technology, or you could become a field soldier, depending upon your interests.

Take up online courses

You could always take courses to learn often useful softwares, from Audacity to FL Studio and Microsoft Office to Photoshop. If these aren't your cups of tea, you could, take up 'online studies' with websites like Khan Academy or take up distance learning courses provided by universities like DU, Amity, Indira Gandhi University, Manipal, Jamia, etc.

Work for startups

The new startups mostly don't care about the 'college' tag, and will hire you if you are competent enough, anyway. You could start as an intern, or start as a simple 'observer/assistant' and climb the ladder from there.

Drop/Repeat a year

If you think that you can get into a college with a little more effort, you could drop a year and study for it, or take some coaching to work on your weaknesses. An alternative would be to repeat your Class 12th, for getting that 'edge' over the last year.

Work online

Even if you have managed to achieve any of the above options, you can work online on websites like Freelancer.com or Fiver.com. Create an account and you are ready to go. These websites host a lot of options for budding writers, editors, designers, coders, etc. Just choose your field and get started.

Amity Institute for Competitive Examinations

Presents



Brainleaks-192 FOR CLASS VI-VIII

Which of the following determine the acceleration of a moving object?

- area of velocity time graph
- slope of velocity time graph
- area of distance time graph
- slope of distance time graph

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Ans. Brainleaks 191: (b) Bilirubin

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Scholastic Alerts

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■ GAT (General Ability Test) followed by Situation Test / Group Discussion / Interview

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Eligibility Course 2: B.F Tech

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Online Registration from November 2, 2016 to January 10, 2017

Last date for online registration: January 10, 2017

Website: <http://www.nift.ac.in>

Institute: Manipal Institute of Technology, Manipal University

Courses: B.Tech

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Last date for application: March 11, 2016

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Engineering jokes

Engineering jokes are funnier than an engineer fixing a light bulb. Here they are, the new Santa - Banta in the house

Yavnika Garg

AIS Gur 46, X A

Long time ago, people who sacrificed their sleep, family, food, laughter and other joys of life were called saints. Now, they are called engineers. From scholars to unintentional stand up comedians, engineers have come a long way.

Newton: How to write four in between five?

Medicine students: Joke!

Science students: Impossible!

Management students: Not found on the internet!

Engineering students: F(IV)E

***Nothing is impossible for an able engineer.**

Optimist: The glass is half full

Pessimist: The glass is half empty.

Engineer: The glass will be full when it has twice as much water as it has now.

***Engineers - always living life in technicalities.**

An engineering student to his sweeper brother: I have got a degree, I have got knowledge. What do you have?

Sweeper: I have a job.
***Fault in the s(tars)**

Engineers like to solve problems. If there are no problems handily available, they will create their own problems.

***Status: Complicated**

Doctors: Sorry, we couldn't save him. He is no more.

Engineers: Ek baar restart karke dekh lete. Kya pata, chal jaye.

***For an engineer, everything is a**

machine and machines are everything. Mechanical much?

Friend: Tell me when are you free? Let's go for a movie.

Engineer: *Thinks for 5 minutes* I have to read Einstein's theory of relativity, solve 200 mathematics problems, study Mechanotechnics and Mechanics of fluids! May be after that.
Friend leaves

The only good friends an engineer has are his scientific catalogs and perhaps, his thick books.

Illustration: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network



Pumpkin carving was started by the Irish. They used to carve turnips and potatoes until they immigrated to America and discovered pumpkins.



Pumpkin facts

Ting, ting, ting... goes the Christmas bell; Ho ho ho... goes Santa Claus! Everybody's dancing and rejoicing, to welcome the birth of Jesus

Jingle all the way!

Join **Stuti Sengupta** & **Shilpa Nair**, AIS Saket, Alumnus as they set out to unravel the myriad hues of the upcoming Christmas fun

Santa Claus is coming

Riding on his sleigh? Or maybe a broomstick? Or maybe a steamboat! The big fat guy has many doppelgangers. Read on to pick your favourite

Ded Moroz aka Grandfather Frost:

Russia/Ukraine/Eastern Europe

Appearance: Grandfather Frost wears a long, blue gown with snowflake embroidery and ornaments. He carries a long staff with the head of a star.

Rides on: Traditional Troika - a Russian sledge drawn by horses. He never enters through chimney but the main door and puts the gifts not in socks but under the tree.

Gets you: Small treats and the traditional dish Kutia. For those in his naughty list, he just leaves potatoes!

Helped by: His granddaughter, Sneugurochka, meaning the Snow Maiden.

La Befana : Italy

Appearance: She is an old woman with magical powers.

Draped in a black shawl, she carries a bag of gifts in her soot covered hands.

Rides on: Her broomstick! Stopping at every

child's house, Le Befana clammers down the chimney and then sweeps the floor once she's done with her task.

Gets you: Wine and yummy morsels to munch on. The naughty ones on her list get ash or coal though. So beware!

Helped by: Since she's a wallflower, she travels alone.

Yulemanden: Norway/Sweden and Finland

Appearance: This Christmas man is a small gnomish creature with a kind heart and a short fuse!

Though kind, he doesn't forgive those who play in his farms.

Rides on: A man of woods, he rides on a sled driven by goats. He comes through windows and not chimneys.

Gets you: Just like other gnomes, he

loves rice-pudding. So, that's just what he gifts! Did you find a stick in your shoe or a potato? Then you're surely on his naughty list.

Helped by: His tiny elf like creature, dressed in red and grey cloaks with pointy hats.

Sinterklaas: Belgium/Netherlands

Appearance: Adorned in a red and gold bishop's alb, Sinterklaas wears a Stola. With a mitre on his head and a long white beard, he carries a well-defined list of naughty/nice kids in one hand and a gold crosier in another.

Rides on: A cool steamboat from Spain and then he parades the town to meet children.

Gets you: A huge feast to gorge upon. But that's for the nice guys, the others get a bag of salt or coal.

Helped by: Black Peter. He is a chimney sweeper boy who helps him hand out the presents.

We wish you a Merry Christmas!

Wishing in plain old English is a thing of the past! This Christmas, give wishes to the world in their languages!

French: Joyeux Noël (Joye-use No-ayl)

German: Frohe Weihnachten (Frro-he Wehyn-naac-ten)

Italian: Buon Natale (Bu-on Na-ta-lay)

Spanish: Feliz Navidad (Fe-leez Na-vi-da)

Swedish: God Jul (God-Jeul)

Bengali: Shubho Borodin (Shu-bho Bo-ro-din)

All around the world

The sparkle of Christmas festivities light across boundaries and the tingling of jingle bells resonates across the globe, albeit in different ways

Serbia

Tradition: Extorting presents

Christmas in Serbia starts two weeks prior to the festival. On the first Sunday, kids tie their mom (like they have kidnapped her) and don't release her until she gets them presents. The next Sunday, it's the turn of their father to be tied. Poor parents!

India

Tradition: Decorating mango trees

Since there are no Fir trees in India, the Christians decorate mango trees to brighten things up. And if there are no mango trees, there's always the artificial Christmas tree to bank on. It is quite a colourful sight with lights and decorations abound.

Ukraine

Tradition: Spooky spider webs

According to an old Christmas legend, (as in the case of many countries), once a magic spider visited a poor family and turned the webs in their home into gold and silver. Therefore, people in Ukraine decorate their Christmas trees with spider webs.

Greece

Tradition: Holy Basil

To ward off evil and mischievous goblins called Killantzaroi, basil is wrapped around a cross and used to sprinkle holy water around the house. Children also travel from house to house offering good wishes and singing kalandia which is similar to Christmas carols.

Venezuela

Tradition: Roller-skating to Church

In Caracas, the capital of Venezuela, there is a tradition of people roller skating their way to the church for the morning mass. Many homes also put up a Christmas tree but the most authentic Venezuelan custom is to display a nacimiento (nativity scene).

Ask Santa

X - mas or Christmas? How did Rudolph become a hero? He has answers to all your questions!

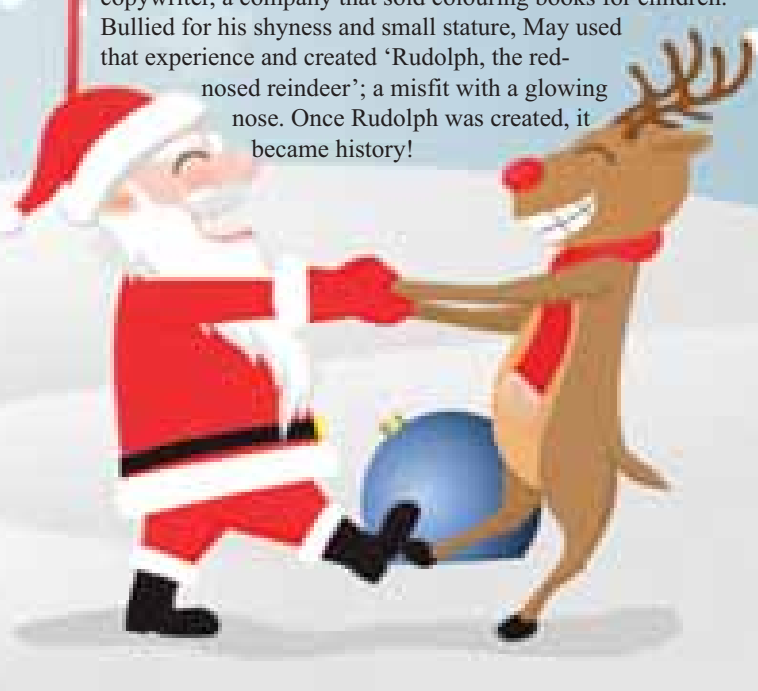
X - mas or Christmas?

People have always been confused between X - mas and Christmas. Well, both

are correct. In the Greek alphabet, the letter that looks like X is the Greek letter 'Chi' (pronounced as 'kye'). This is the first letter of the Greek word for Christ ie Christos. So, Xmas also means Christmas and it is not pronounced as 'X- mas' but Christmas.

How did Rudolph become a hero?

Rudolph was a brainchild of Robert L May, a Montgomery Ward copywriter, a company that sold colouring books for children. Bullied for his shyness and small stature, May used that experience and created 'Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer'; a misfit with a glowing nose. Once Rudolph was created, it became history!



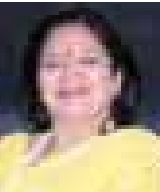


In 2005, the largest pumpkin pie was baked that weighed 2,020 pounds.



Free as a bird

“Faith is the bird which sings when the dawn is still dark.”

Rabindranath Tagore



Dr. Amita Chauhan
Chairperson



They sing... they fly... they rise. Birds...our feathered friends are one of the most beautiful creations of God. Their exquisite beauty never ceases to enthrall us. The top story on page 1, beautifully encapsulates how birds have rescued mankind from the throes of annihilation on umpteen occasions. Mythology and folklore are replete with instances when birds have taught humans many a lesson in unity, harmony compassion and comradeship. Besides soaking in their beauty and relishing their melodious calls, there is so much more to learn from our avian companions. They wake us from our slumber...inspiring us to soak in the beautiful morning and begin our day with optimism. They sing after a storm...motivating us to never give up despite the worst of circumstances. They rise from the ashes...encouraging us to keep trying till the very end. And most of all, they teach us the value of freedom. As when they fly uninhibited in the horizon, all one wants to do, is follow suit. Just as the flight of birds cannot be tamed, I wish all my Amitians fly high in the sky of hopes, dreams and aspirations. Unbridled and unfettered, let not any worldly chains of despair, cynicism or self-doubt stop you from following your dreams. Whenever in doubt, just remind yourself... when you think you are about to fall, maybe you are about to fly. Just spread your wings and soar!  

Stop & smell

“Mujhe Tod Lena Banmali
Us Path Par Tum Dena Phaink
Matra Bhoomi Par Sheesh Chadhane
Jis Par Jaayen Veer Anek”



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

This excerpt from the iconic poem ‘Pushp ki abhilasha’ by Makhn Lal Chaturvedi, is truly inspiring wherein a humble flower exhibits the highest patriotism. The flower appeals not to be seen as a symbol of love, decoration, romance or offering. Instead, it pleads to be sacrificed as a tribute to the soldiers who died, fighting for the nation. Flowers, though mute, evoke a thousand emotions. From heralding a new season, expressing love, growing unconditionally to spreading its fragrance around, it lives in the open, sharing its beauty with one and all. Be it any occasion– the birth of a child, marriage or death – the humble flower stands testimony to all. The world over, people have acknowledged and basked in the glory of flowers, and some with special festivals exclusively for a particular flower (read page 12). I remember going to a ‘flower’ themed birthday party where everyone had to carry a flower closest to their personality or what they aspired for. While everyone had pretty flowers, one that caught my attention was the marigold held by the hostess. She wanted to be like this humble flower which partakes in everyone’s happiness (marriage) or sadness (death). Like marigold, she aspired to heal ailments (the herb treats skin problems effectively). Just as the strong and pungent odour of marigold keeps insects away, she would like to keep all vices away. Flowers convey so many meanings. All we need is to stop and smell them along life’s journey.  

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Beyond the smoke...

Perspective



...of luxurious incense sticks and healing parties, there lays the real meaning of spirituality and self discovery

Damini Mehta, AIS Gur 43, XII D

Walking to an ‘Aura Cleansing’ gathering, wearing flowing kaftans and headbands, we gather to understand ourselves on a deeper level to get in touch with our ‘inner being’. But have we really become spiritually awakened, or are we floating in the boat of passing trends? We go for group Reiki sessions, crystal readings and spiritual enlightenment trips, spending time and money, but do we reap any of the benefits? We sit for group spirituality sessions, hoping to share energies and end up sharing everything but these. And then there are spiritual trips not to learn about oneself, but to click pictures and make an entire Facebook album out of it. #nirvana #blessed now encompass one’s spiritual journey. Being a ‘spiritual person’ or an ‘awakened being’ has been reduced to buying incense sticks and expensive crystals. And in the process, we have distorted what was once a pristine concept of self-discovery into the ‘new fad’.



All it takes is one friend of ours telling us that a certain class they took made them feel better on a spiritual level, and the next moment we are buying all sorts of healing oils and salts and booking all of these classes we possibly can. It spreads like wildfire, and somewhere in translation, spirituality loses its essence. We spend countless hours scrolling through online sites, learning exotic brews that have healing powers, or how a lotus meditation is better than a white light meditation. We follow almost every new practice, Pranic Healing, Tai Chi, Reiki, Geodes, you name it, and we’ve tried it. We’ve become ‘Metrospirituals’, mainstreaming spirituality into

marketable and buyable forms. All that is fine. But then have we really ever questioned our real, inner self? There are so many of us out there that aren’t doing these practices because we feel there is more to life, than staying up-to-date with the trends. May be it’s time we take a step back, pause and truly evaluate our actions. It’s time we realise that these things aren’t just fads or things that are ‘in’ and that they shouldn’t be twisted just so we can stay trendy and hip. So, the next time you go for a ‘Spiritual Party’, just chuck the ‘Spiritual’ and simply enjoy the party if that makes you feel good and closer to your inner self.  

I am average. And I am fine.

Being average gives you a chance to wish and hope for that little perfection. It means there is much more to be done in life. It means you’re doing fine



Vanshika Singh Das
AIS MV, X D

I got a B in my Math test. And I was proud of myself, that is, till my parents ruined the moment. The one word that struck me, while my mom continued to impale me with her words that seemed as sharp as a knife, was ‘average’. A word that for some reason, is accompanied by a frown. If the world desires to label me as an average student, I will happily take it. I agree, I’m not the best of the best. But I’m not the worst either. I know I don’t ace all my tests, but I’m not flunking either. I can’t sing, nor am I the fastest runner in my grade. And I’m definitely not a prodigy. I may not be scoring in 90s, but I do score in 60’s and 70’s, and believe me, it’s okay. The last time I checked, average meant ‘mediocre and not very good’. I don’t know how everyone has translated this mediocrity as ‘unacceptable’. I under-



stand that my parents want me to do great in academics, try and maintain a good balance between studies and sports, and have a great future. But I am sorry if I’m not great with numbers, or that I can’t wrap my head around biological terms. Stop putting me in the wrestling ring constantly

with my cousin, who was born brilliant and scores straight A’s. I’ll always lose to him. There is no doubt in that. But I was born with different abilities. My teachers have been trying to push me into participating in co-curricular activities. I know that as a teacher, it is their job to try and harness the capa-

bilities and talents of each student as an individual, and I respect that. But what they don’t understand is that I am not their A wing student or what they call the cream of the lot, who emerge as Arjun no matter which extra curricular they are thrown into. Have you ever seen a chicken on stage? Well, that’s me! Every time I am pushed into speaking up in those debate competitions, I feel like I don’t belong here. Or perhaps just not ready. Yes, I am average. Yes, I am not the best. And so were a lot of successful people. Don’t read this as lack of will to do better and improve myself. I know that improving and trying to reach the next level is the only key to success. I do criticise myself, judge and cry when I fail and make mistakes. But I never give up. I am trying, and while I am at it, I will come across average in my endeavours. So, take me for who I am because I have already mastered that - being myself!  

Three types of people

Little pearls of wisdom

Aakriti, AIS Vas 1, VII

Our life is a journey full of peaks and valleys. During this journey, we meet different types of people who exhibit different traits. Once an experiment was conducted for a group of students. To begin with, the teacher picked up three dolls. She asked one of the students to identify the difference between these toys. The student was surprised to find that all the three seemed identical in terms of shape, size and material. But when he ob-

served closely he found small holes in each. The first toy had holes in the ears, the second one had a hole in one ear and the mouth and the third had just one in the mouth. The student was instructed to put needles in these toys one by one. The needle came out from the other ear in the first toy. For the second toy, it came out from the mouth while for the third one, the needle didn’t come out from anywhere. The teacher then explained that these toys represented the three types of people we encounter. The first toy represents people who give an impression that they are listening to you and care for you but are mostly pretending. The second toy,



represents people who listen to you, but might use your words against you. And finally, the third toy represents those who are trustworthy, who genuinely listen to you and care for you. One should be careful when choosing people in life. The right kind of people make a big difference.

For the first time...

- 12 countries participated - France, Slovakia, Denmark, Germany, Belgium, Italy, Switzerland, Thailand, Laos, Maldives, Japan, USA and Netherlands.
- A total of 493 students across India and abroad including 52 students from foreign countries were a part of the event.
- A new tagline, 'Walk together, talk together, let there be unity in thoughts' was proffered by Prakhar Gupta, AIS Mayur Vihar, XI.
- Live streaming of committee proceedings was showcased on the YouTube channel.
- The gala evening was organised in collaboration with Delhi International Arts Festival.
- 3 new committees were introduced - World Health Organization, EU and HNATO.
- Release of AERC International Dossier of 2016.

Best Delegate Awards**GA-SOCHUM**

- Best Delegate - USA
- High Commendation- Russian Federation and Uruguay
- Special Mention- France, People's Republic of China and Egypt

AIPPM

- Best Delegate- Arvind Kejriwal
- High Commendation- A Dwasi and Mamata Banerjee
- Special Mention- Sitram Yachuri, K Chandrashekar Rao and Raj Thackeray

HNATO

- Best Delegation- Italy
- High Commendation- USA
- Special Mention- United Kingdom, Portugal, Belgium

UNODC

- Best Delegate - United Kingdom
- High Commendation - People's Republic of China, Pakistan
- Special Mention - Iraq, Russian Federation, Luxemburg and Turkey

UNGA

- Best Delegate - Egypt and Sweden
- High Commendation - Luxemburg, UK and Russian Federation
- Special Mention - Czech Republic, Latvia, Germany, Nepal, Belgium, Ecuador, Colombia

WHO

- Best Delegate - Russian Federation and Peoples Republic of China
- High Commendation - Canada, UK and Netherlands
- Special Mention - Sudan, Sweden, Bahrain, Belgium, Cuba, Iraq, Vietnam

R&A W

- Best Delegate - Joint Secretary China Ops (Area 4)
- High Commendation- IG SSB
- Special Mention- Director Special Ops and Joint Secretary (Area 3)

EU

- Best Delegate - UK
- High Commendation - Luxemburg and Hungary
- Special Mention - Fundamental Rights Agency and Bulgaria

The Heads

Convenor-Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF

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Chef de Cabinet- Sumedh Kapoor

Secretary General-Vaishali Tikoo

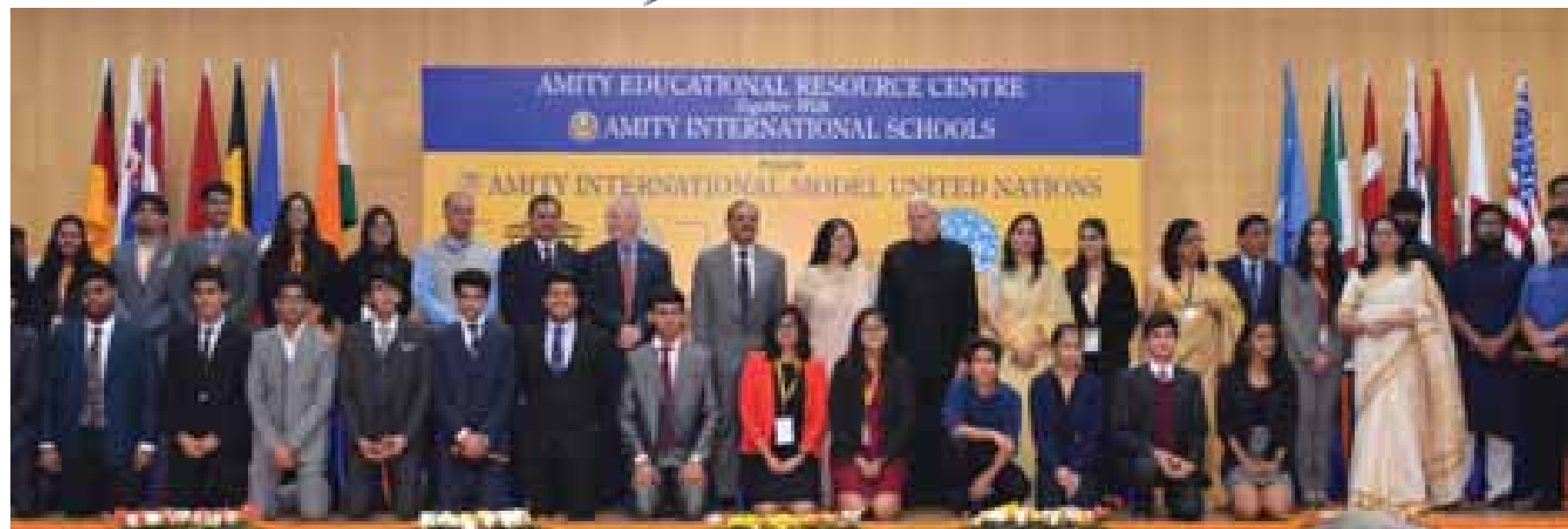
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Director General- Divya Labru

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- Bgdr. NK Bhatia
- Shozo Kitamura, Director, Ritsumeikan University
- Ambassador Ashok Sajjanhar
- Ambassador RM Aggarwal, IFS (Retd.)
- Divya Arora, National Director, AFS Intercultural Programs India
- Thomson Ch'ng, Youth Advocate, Malaysia

AIMUN 2016

**Gala Evening**

Peppy tunes, tapping feet and reverberating auditorium, such was the aura of the 'Gala Evening' of AIMUN 2016 hosted by AIS PV as delegates from 12 different countries and 6 Indian cities showcased mesmerising acts. Beginning with a special combination of traditional dances by the students of Maldives, inspiring group song by Danish students, traditional Japanese fisherman's dance by

Japanese students, 'Friendship of nations' group song by French students, illusion dance by AIS PV students et al, the evening was jam packed with such splendid performances. Each artist or performer was presented with a special memento by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF. Also, national and international delegates were felicitated amidst the august gathering. The evening was a visual treat that left the audience awestruck. 🇯🇵

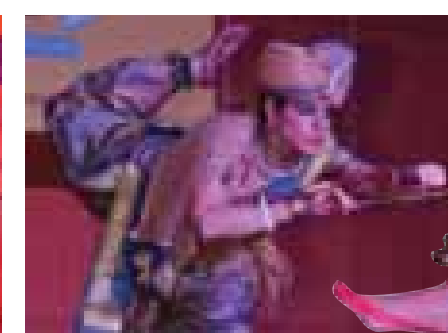
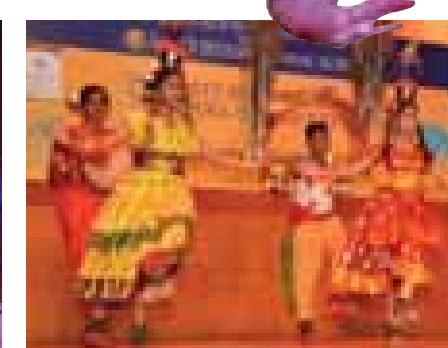
An international colloquium, AIMUN 2016, saw a successful creation of a multinational network of students and a generation of global citizens ready to take on the issues of international significance with unity in their thoughts

Encompassing eight committees, 493 students across India and abroad participated in the 7th edition of Amity International Model United Nations (AIMUN) 2016. An academic simulation of the United Nations, AIMUN aims to educate participants about current events, topics in international relations, diplomacy and the United Nations agenda. "Let us walk together, talk together and let there be unity in our thoughts" was the theme of AIMUN this year. The conference, an initiative of Amity Educational Resource Centre (AERC) organised together with Amity Group of Schools, under the leadership of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF was held at Amity University, Noida from November 17 to 19, 2016.

The three day conference saw the students playing the role of UN Delegates in 8 committees, viz, General Assembly, Historical North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, All India Political Party Meet, World Health Organization, European Union, Security Council, Research and Analysis Wing and United Nations Office Drugs and Crime. Discussions and

debates were conducted on numerous issues of India and the world such as demonetisation, arms and ammunition trafficking and terrorism, sexual assault and exploitation of women, equal rights for women, struggle against illicit drugs, causes of Ebola rash in West Africa, issues of immigrants and refugees. AIMUN 2016 began with a grand opening ceremony hosted by AIS Noida, inaugurated by Manish Sisodia, Deputy Chief Minister, Delhi and His Excellency Kenji Hiramatsu, Ambassador of Japan to India and also saw the auspicious presence of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF and Jyoti Arora, Director, AERC & Charge d'Affairs AIMUN. During the ceremony, Amitasha students showcased a musical performance as well as a teaser video introduced by Jyoti Arora, Director, AERC, that gave delegates and dignitaries a glimpse of what is in store for the next three days. The event saw the release of an international dossier on the international programs undertaken by AERC in 2016 along with a procession of international delegates carrying their countries' flags up to the stage.

The following day, commenced with committees enthusiastically tackling their agendas. Four committees, AIPPM, WHO, EU and SC, attended press conferences, where they were questioned about the crises and possible solutions by reporters on behalf of the common people. The highlight of the day was the cultural evening that witnessed various musical and dance performances. The final day culminated with delegates determinedly working to solve the agendas at hand, followed by a closing ceremony hosted by AIS Saket. The ceremony began with a musical rendition by the students of AIS Saket which was followed by the welcome of guests by School Principal, Divya Bhatia. The occasion was graced by the auspicious presence of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan and Prof (Dr) Gurinder Singh, VC, Amity University & Director General, Amity International Business School, who were felicitated on the occasion. The valedictory ceremony followed, wherein AIS Gur 46 bagged the 'Best Delegation' award for representing UK, AIS Saket for representing USA and Modern School, Barakhamba, for representing Russian Federation. 🇬🇧

**Committee Corner**

Chairperson - Siddarth Kapoor
Vice Chairperson - Kabir Jain
Rapporteur - Punya Miglani

Beginning with the issue of Narcoterrorism in the South American region, determining the link between the Hawala system and drug trafficking routes to the link between Silk Route and East European/West Asian region, UNODC discussed it all. Also, an involvement of a Russian man, as well as allegations on the US aid program in Pakistan for laundering money were discussed too.



Chairperson - Anuj Gandhi
Vice Chairperson - Akshat Chopra
Asst Vice Chairperson - Avnish Roperia
Rapporteur - Shrey Chhabra

The General Assembly was tasked with crucial and significant issues - first, Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Middle East and second, the situation of women and children in conflict zones. There were six different draft resolutions presented in the committee, offering solutions for the situation of IDP's.



President - Shayer Majumdar
Vice President - Rudraksh Lakra
Rapporteur - Ridhima Singh
Rapporteur - Arunima Cheruvathoor
The issue addressed by the European Union was the ongoing Migrant Crisis. Existing policies for accommodation and safety of the refugees were debated, supplemented by proposals for simplifying border control. Suggestions were made by various delegates to launch rescue operations in the Mediterranean region to ensure the safety of the refugees.



Chairperson - Bhawna Chowdhary
Vice Chairperson - Parmita Mishra
Asst Vice Chairperson - Parth Gupta
Rapporteur - Arunima Cheruvathoor
The committee started off with all countries discussing specific case studies pertinent to their geographical regions as well as the loopholes in the policies earlier initiated by the WHO. Also, the socio-economic impacts of epidemics were discussed in the committee, wherein the debate sparked and ended with many solutions.



Chairperson - Varad Chaudhary
Vice Chairperson - Moksh Suri
Assistant Vice Chairperson - Parth Gupta
The agenda was set as 'Terrorism and it's threat to International Peace and Security' and the delegates were presented with an update regarding three separate issues that were stringently connected to terrorism - drug smuggling on US-Mexico border, issue of piracy in the Strait of Malacca and terrorism and radicalism in the North Caucasus region.



Chairman - Rohan Singh
Deputy Chairman - Prithviraj Khanna
DG - Umang Kamra
Set in 1949, NATO provided military aid and stood united against the Soviet Union during cold war. The delegates were given responsibility to defeat the USSR. However, they were unable to do so and the NATO dissolved. The committee began with Polish Invasion of USSR, continued till Hungarian revolution and culminated at the Cuban Missile crisis.



National Security Advisor - Ritwik Sharma
Secretary Research - Taranjit Singh
The session of the crisis committee began with the committee laying down its goals. Post that, the members of R&AW were given a situational update regarding the chain of events taking place in the region of Pakistan Occupied Kashmir. Also, with the members laying down the points, situational updates, execution of actions regarding the mission and finally, the results were presented to R&AW members.



Moderator - Vansh Saluja
Deputy Moderator - Tejasvi Gahlyan
Scribe - Aakrit Bhargava
Discussion started with demonetisation policy and the current government's plan of eradicating black money, wherein delegates took sides based on their portfolios. Then, the debate drifted towards topics such as Panama Papers. On the third day, the committee discussed the Agrarian situation in India and formulated a Joint Press Release on both the agendas.

The third lesson




Storywala

Ishani Ghoshal, AIS MV, XII A

“My faintest memory of the incident is when I, a six-year - old stood behind the door and could hear words like, “warning”, “stealing”, “sorry”, “up-bringing’. The conversation went on for a very long time. And after it got over, I saw my father coming out of the Principal’s room with a dismal expression on his face. He just took hold of my hand and we drove back home. I failed to make sense of what was going on. I had only taken some money from Jia’s bag because I wanted to have an ice-cream. After we reached home, I remember asking my father plenty of times about the discussion at the Principal’s office. But there was no response from him. I had never seen my father so quiet and

distant. “What happened Papa? Don’t be angry, please talk to me,” I said in a faint voice. He just looked at me and said, “I am not angry my child. Just sad. What stopped you from asking me for an ice-cream? I feel, I am a bad father.” At that very moment, I realised that I had done something to make my father say this and I bursted into tears.“No Papa. You are the best father in the world,” I was sobbing incessantly. He didn’t say anything and asked me to go to sleep. The whole night, I was crying and thinking about him. Next morning, dad woke me up for school. I hugged him and said, “I’ll never do this again. Please forgive me.” He smiled and said, “It’s okay, you could have borrowed money from Jia instead of taking it out without her consent. Now that you have realised your mis-

He didn’t say anything and asked me to go to sleep. The whole night, I was crying and thinking about my father.

take, you need to apologise to Jia and your teacher in school today. Tara you should remember three important lessons. Firstly, be wise and be a good judge of what is right or wrong. Secondly, have the courage to own up to your mistakes and don’t be afraid of anyone. And thirdly...well, I’ll tell you that a little later.” That was the biggest and greatest lesson he ever taught me. And before I could know the third one, he was gone forever. I am 23 years old and my father is no more. I promised myself to never let him down and make him proud. I topped in school and university,” Tara looked back and addressed her aunt.“I still wonder about the last thing he would want to teach me. I wish I’d asked him just once more,” she said. “You already know it. What pushed you hard to achieve all that you have?” her aunt enquired. “I just wanted him to be proud of me. I love him so much,” sighed Tara. “Exactly. You loved your father. The third thing your father didn’t mention is ‘love’ my dear. It is love that made you work so hard and fulfill your father’s dreams,” her aunt said. “He never missed a chance to say that he loved me. The last lesson was with me all this while,” Tara smiled. 

Words Verse

Seasons change

Kusha Mehta, AIS PV, VIII E

Winter was waved a goodbye
Just then summer arrived
Days long and nights short
It was the summer of ’89

Sitting near the window
And watching the artful chaos


What a medley time was that
In the sun, children were having fun

But as time passed
Summers went by
Winter came hurtling towards us
When we enjoyed the loving flame

The chilly frosty air pinched the nose

And collars up and zips closed
It was the winters of ‘89
As the sun hid, people were indoors

The sun remained
But times changed
And 90s were welcomed
The life of people was again engaged

This is transformation of seasons
Just the way people move on
After gloom, there is joy again
People change, seasons change. 



Strawberry pancakes

Anika Chhabra

AIS Noida, IX

Ingredients

Refined flour1 & 1/2 cup
Milk1 cup
Baking powder.....1 tbs
Brown sugar.....2 tbs
Salt1/2 tsp
Melted butter2 tbs
Egg1
Vanilla extract.....1/2 tsp
Strawberries (sliced) 5-6
Sprinklesas desired

Method

■ In a small bowl, mix flour, brown

sugar, baking powder and salt.

- Make a well in the centre of the mixture and pour in milk, egg, melted butter, vanilla extract and whisk until the batter becomes smooth.
- Heat a pan and grease it with butter. Pour a scoop or 1/2 cup of the batter into the pan.
- Immediately lay 3 - 4 strawberry slices on the pancake, gently pressing each in.
- Now, sprinkle the sprinkles and let the pancake cook till it turns golden brown.
- Flip it and cook for a few minutes.
- Once both the sides are cooked, serve it with honey or maple syrup.

Read Play and Win

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



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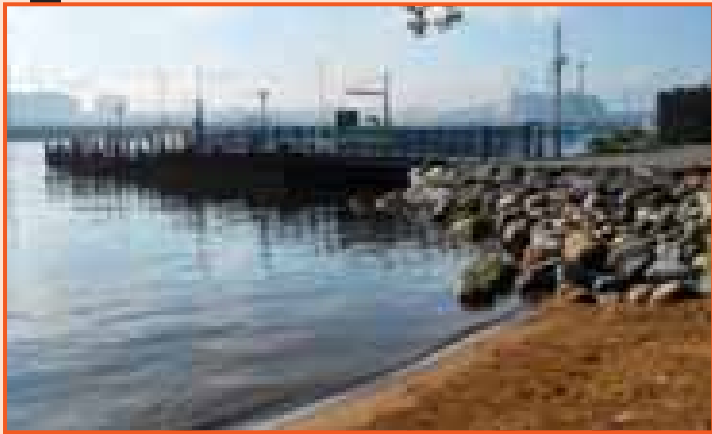
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Ans:	Ans:	Ans:
Q: Rudolph was the brainchild of which copywriter?	Q: How many countries participated in AIMUN this year ?	Q: Who has been interviewed on the front page?
Ans:	Ans:	Ans:

Results of Read Play and Win-16: **Nandiney Dara**, AIS PV, VII D; **Karan Choudhary**, AIS G 43, IV D; **Vaibhav Joshi**, AIS V 1, III D (Prizes will reach in 15 days)

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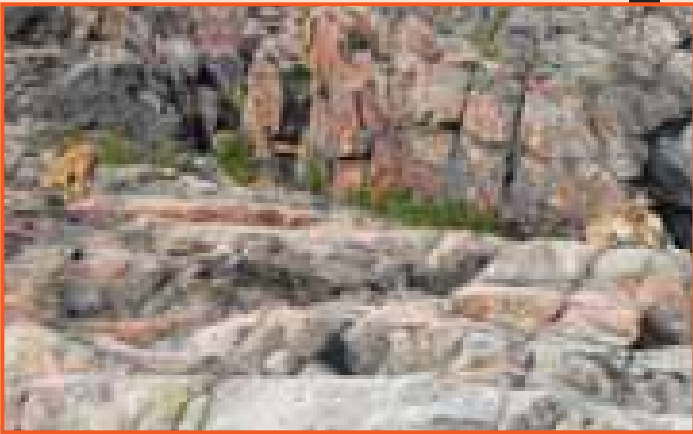
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The silence of the blues



An eye for beauty



A search for prey

The tale of bravery

Illustration: Anju Rawat, GT Network



Wisdom tale

Saumya Mahajan
AIS Gur 46, VII E

Somewhere deep in the woods, there lived a brother and sister. After they lost their parents, both of them had been each other’s only support, taking care of one another through thick and thin. As Jane, the sister grew older, Tom, the brother decided to look for work in town so that he could earn a living and secure a better future for both of them. Before he left, he asked Jane to take care of herself while he was away. He ensured her that he would be back soon with her favourite chocolates. Jane

was scared as it was the first time she was alone, but she decided to stay strong as was expected by Tom. Jane had to collect berries for dinner; so she ventured into the forest at dusk. As she was foraging through the bushes, a bear came out of nowhere and started growling at her. Roaring at a petrified Jane, it started running towards her. The poor girl was trembling in fear. She did not know what to do. She tried to run as fast as she could. The bear kept following her. As she was running, an idea struck her. She thought, “The bear cannot climb a tree, while I can!” So running as fast as she could with a giant

As she was foraging through the bushes, a bear came out of nowhere and started growling at her.

bear behind her back, she lunged at a tree and started climbing it. She was now at a considerable height. “I’m safe now,” she said to herself. The bear kept growling and swarming around the tree for some time, but angrily wandered away as it could not reach Jane. Now calm and strong, Jane got down from the tree after the bear was not in sight. She still did not take any chances and ran with all her might. She found her brother waiting for her, worried and upset. She rushed to him immediately and narrated the entire incident. After listening to the adventures of his sister, Tom said, “I always knew you are a brave sister of mine. I am proud of you!” Jane was happy as she had proved herself to be a brave girl.

So, what did you learn today?
Learn to be brave in moments of adversity.

Pic courtesy: Dhruv K Bhatia, AIS Noida, IV D



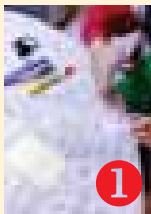
Genie lamp

Dhruv K Bhatia, AIS Noida, IV D

Materials Required

- Fevicol ■ A waste plastic bottle ■ Scissors ■ Two sheets of yellow glaze paper
- A waste cycle light with a rubber strap ■ A used mosquito band ■ Colours and glitter for decoration ■ A tube of Fevikwik

Method



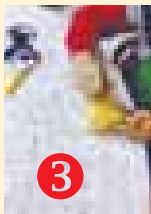
Cut the neck of the bottle with a pair of scissors as shown in the picture. Let the cap remain.



Cover the bottle with yellow glaze paper using fevicol.



Curl up the mosquito band from both sides to make the handles as shown in the picture. Light up your Genie lamp and fulfil your wishes!



Decorate the cover by drawing patterns using different colours and glitter.



Take a cycle light and fix it on the mosquito band using Fevikwik.

It's Me



My name: Jia Karir
My school: AIS Vas 6
My Class: I
My birthday: January 16
I like: Dancing
I dislike: Wasting food
My hobby: Colouring
My role model: My mother
My best friend: Anvita
My favourite book: Alice in Wonderland

My favourite game: Swimming
My favourite mall: Mahagun mall
My favourite food: Idli
My favourite teacher: Parul ma’am
My favourite poem: Twinkle twinkle little star
My favourite subject: Math
I want to become: A dancer
I want to feature in GT because: I love this newspaper and want everyone to know about me.

POEMS

A beautiful earth

Aditya Dutta, AIS Vas 6, V B

Make the world a better place to live
Let’s make every hand willing to give
Let’s spread peace in every human heart
After all, we all are Mother Earth’s parts

Good thoughts and moral values
Should exist in every human
Right to equality should be given
To children, men and women

You are black and I am white
You are wrong and I am right
Let’s cease these thoughts
And celebrate unity a lot

Different cultures and different brothers
Different types of food
Wherever you are in the world
Just celebrate brotherhood
Come sister! Come brother!
Make a promise to save our mother
The Earth is fulfilling all our needs
Let’s make it happy with good deeds.



A cure for earth

Yash Pradhan, AIS Pushp Vihar, V A

There was a kingdom of greenery
Flowers and creepers all around me

Now I see a white smoke of sadness
Like an angel but with less happiness

Mankind we call ourselves
But are we kind?

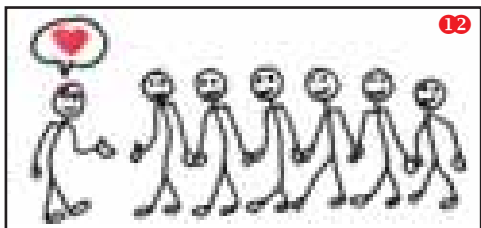
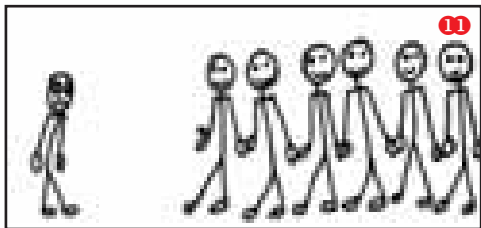
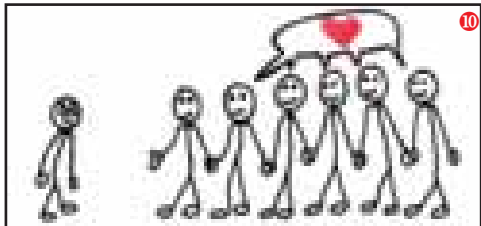
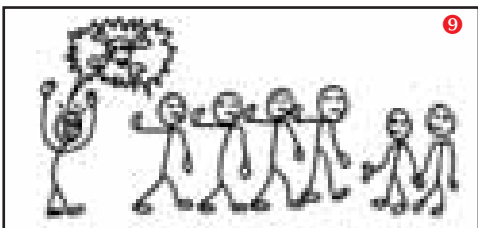
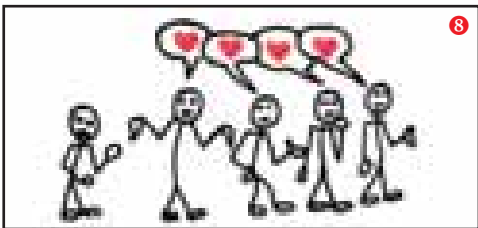
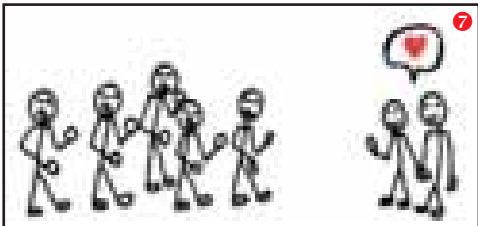
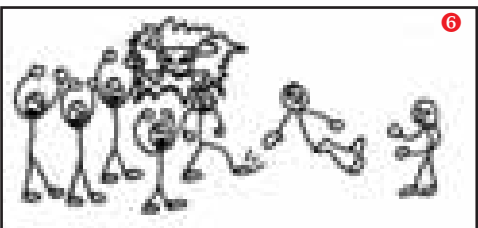
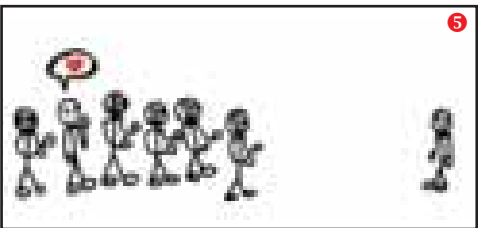
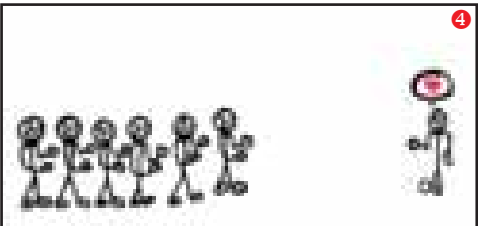
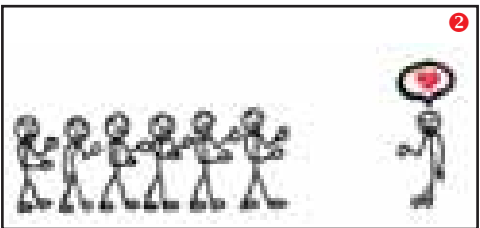
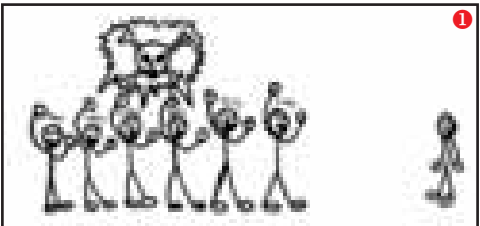
On a killing spree
Leaving our values behind

Amidst all this, what do we do?
No sharing – caring, isn’t that true?

Earth’s disease is called enmity
The cure lies in humanity
For the sake of Earth and nature
Let’s create a better future.

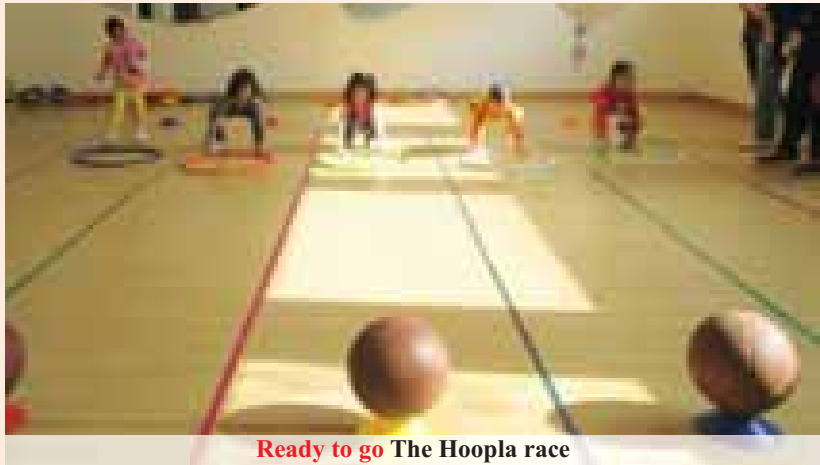
How to change the world

Comic strip by : Ansh Dar, AIS Gur 43, VII



Sports Day Carnival

Little Amies exhibited sportsmanship at its best with unmatched energy



Ready to go The Hoopla race



Charged Up Prepared to leave the world behind

Amiown Noida & Vasundhara

Meenakshi Lamba &
Meenu Sharma, Teacher

True to the adage 'All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy', Amiown Vasundhara and Noida celebrated Sports Fun Day on December 8 and 14, 2016 respectively. At Amiown, sports activities are considered quintessential not just for physical well being, but also for building self-esteem, confidence, social skills and team skills to help them excel in life. Myriad activities were organised on the occasion, to keep the little ones active and fit.

Amiown Noida gets sporty

The day commenced with a march past where children were seen swinging their arms in tandem. The children of Chirpy Chestnut and Wise Willow performed animal yoga asanas, exhibiting a perfect blend of colour, rhythm, endurance, agility and self-discipline. The little Amies of Merry Maple and Humble Oak astonished the spectators with a spectacular mass drill, gyrating to Patty Shukla's tunes. The aerobic exercises performed with much ease to the music of Gummy Bear by the children of Hearty Hazel and Calm Cedar presented a perfect picture of poise and grace. The silver pom-poms added a

glam appeal to the show. The tiny tots also participated in a variety of races using different equipment such as basketballs, footballs, hockey sticks, scoops, markers, cones, hooplas, etc. displaying cognitive, motor and balancing skills.

Amiown Vasundhara displays agility

The little athletes of Amiown Vasundhara took part in several races such as, brick jumping race, tunnel race, puzzle race and zig-zag race organised on the occasion. The perfection with which Amies executed the show was exemplary of their hard work as well as that of the teachers. The spectators cheered

loudly, encouraging the little ones all through the races. The Amies showcased perfection, enjoying the sports fiesta to the fullest. The sports day celebrations came to a befitting culmination with the tiny tots receiving trophy shaped stickers to be put on their jackets filling them with great pride and a sense of achievement. They were thoroughly appreciated and encouraged by the audience and teachers for their sincere efforts, making the day a memorable one. And with that, another feather was added to their hat of achievements.



Celebrating childhood

Children's Day celebrations at Amiown witnessed an exciting potpourri of fun activities, spreading smiles all the way



Fun Day Celebrating childhood and innocence



Amiown Gurgaon

Sunita Paliwal, Teacher

The little Amies had a gala time on November 18, 2016 as they assembled in the school to celebrate Fun Day. The day, that marked Children's Day celebrations aimed at providing the children with a happy childhood to nurture confidence, talent and creativity, thus encouraging them to excel in their lives as envisaged by Ms Sapna Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amiown. The school wore a festive look decorated with colourful balloons and hosted a variety of games and activities. The kids got into a party mood as they got their wrists tattooed with their favourite designs. They took part in various games

such as spoon-egg race, caterpillar race with hopper ball and tried out their muscle power in the Tug of War. The children enjoyed an exuberating flying experience on the airplane ride besides riding on the car shaped bogeys of a train which chugged them around on a joyous ride. As the train passed through a tunnel, the kids came out with happy and content faces that conveyed a sense of achievement.

The highlight of the day was a theatre presentation by ACERT trainees where they narrated stories masking themselves as different characters, thus adding more excitement to the day. The glowing faces of kids brimmed with happiness as they gorged on some delectable juices, chocolates and delicacies served as lunch. The day culminated with little Amies taking back with them a big smile and some unforgettable memories to cherish forever.



Once upon a time Amies get into the world of magical stories

A tree of stories

Amiown's Kahaani Tree attracted children of all age groups to its magical stories

Amiown PV


Neha Taneja, Teacher

At Amiown, the importance of reading for the mental evolution of children is regarded indispensable. And so, Amiown's daily curriculum includes different activities such as 'Spin a Tale' and 'Amiown Kahaani Tree' sessions conducted during the Saturday classroom story sessions as well as at the enticingly arranged reading centres with a variety of books. And with this, the greatest gift of reading is imbedded in children at an early age.

To indulge children into the magical world of stories, the Amiown Kahaani Tree was put up at the Bookaroo 2016 Children's Literary Festival organised at

Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts from November 26 - 27, 2016. The Amiown Kahaani Tree was welcomed by all and became a big hit as the children flocked in with their parents to indulge in the mesmerising world of stories through intriguing workshops and interactive activities from storytellers of India and around the world.

Master storytellers Anupreet Kaur, Nidhi Anand, Trina Dewan and Prabha S from Amiown PV enraptured the audience with their children's tales. Stimulating stories like 'Scruffy

Bear and the Six White Mice' and 'Gajapati Kulapati' charmed everyone. The children enjoyed interacting with the storytellers and took their autographs. The little ones went back with memories galore. 





There are forty five different varieties of pumpkins.



Chairperson felicitates students on the occasion

Annual Day 2016

The event felicitated students for carving a niche in academics and co-curriculars, inspiring them to excel

AIS Gur 43

The school celebrated their Senior Annual Day on November 12, 2016. The occasion was graced by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson Amity Group of Schools & RBEF. IPS (Retd.) R P Singh, Senior Vice President, RBEF & Director General, Amity Institute of Training & Development for Police & Security Personnel, was the

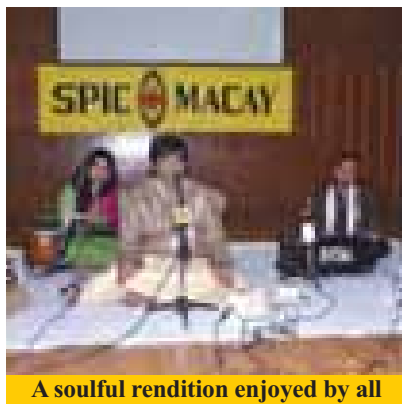
guest of honour for the occasion. The event commenced with the invocation song and dance. The highlight of the cultural evening was the music and dance extravaganza 'Sambhav- The Road Untrodden' which left the audience spell bound. Chairperson applauded the efforts of students, motivating them to leave no stone unturned to make their dreams come true. Prestigious trophies were awarded to

students for their achievements during the academic year. Chinmaya Kausik received the Dhananjay Mohan Cup while Pranav Bhasin was honoured with Baljeet Shastri award. Suraj Chawla and Meenal Gehlot were felicitated with the Vedavati Vidyalkar Shield and Europa Cup respectively. The guest of honour inspired the students to work in harmony and take the school and India to new heights. [G T](#)

Spic Macay 2016

AIS Pushp Vihar

Under the inspiring guidance of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, the school celebrated its annual Spic Macay festival on November 24, 2016. The fest was graced by Pandit Sanjay Kumar Mallick, eminent Dhrupad vocalist, accompanied by Rauf Mohammad on Sarangi, Subhashish Pathak on Pakhawaj, Shah Alam on Harmonium, and Snehil Mallick on Tanpura. After the lamp lighting ceremony, the artists delighted the audience with their soulful rendition of verses in Dhrupada raga. The students were enlightened about the various nuances of Indian clas-



A soulful rendition enjoyed by all

sical music and were enthralled by the performance which ignited the spark of artistic expression within them. The event culminated with the vote of thanks proposed by School Principal Ameeta Mohan. [G T](#)

Book Cosmos

AIS Pushp Vihar

To inculcate good reading habits in children, the school organised Book Cosmos, a book reading event that coincided with Children's Day celebrations on November 15, 2016. Each class selected a book of their choice and conducted various activities around the same. The event culminated with the tiny tots of KG to Class V depicting stories of various authors like Asha Nehemiah, Vinita Krishna, Sandhya Rao, Devdutt Patnaik, Anita Nair and RK Narayan, while bringing some popular characters alive.

The students took immense joy in preparing crafts related to their stories, namely, hand puppets, stick puppets, head gears, sentence strips, etc. All the classes put up beautifully designed stalls with various craft activities and interesting games for children. A fun filled magic show was also organised which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. It was followed by an educa-



Students bring the characters of stories alive

tive story telling session by Valentina Trivedi. A treat of ice creams relished by the students added to the fervour. Every child received a story book each, as a token of appreciation for their efforts. [G T](#)



Students celebrate their winning moment

AlphaBit symposium

AIS Saket

The school hosted an inter school technology symposium, AlphaBit on November 25, 2016. The event that saw the participation of 21 schools from Delhi NCR, tested the aptitude of students in multifarious disciplines of technology, while providing a platform for productive interaction. The activities at the symposium included quiz, programming, digital art, gaming and group discussion. The first and sec-

ond positions for the group discussion were secured by AIS Gur 43 & AIS Gur 46 respectively whereas Amity Global School Gurgaon showcased their skills in the digital art event, bagging the third position. The programming event was won by AIS Noida followed by AIS PV at the second position while the third position was bagged by AIS Saket. Host school AIS Saket won yet another laurel by securing the first position in the gaming event. School Principal Divya Bhatia lauded the efforts of the participants. [G T](#)

Mini archery championship

AIS Vasundhara 1

Students Sanchita Tiwari, Tanya Bansal, Vidhi Sharma and Sanskar Garg represented Delhi State Archery team in the 9th Mini National Archery Championship 2016-17, organised by Andhra Pradesh Archery Association at SVR Art College, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh under the aegis of Archery Association of India. Displaying spectacular archery skills, Sanchita Tiwari of Class IX C, won a silver medal in team event and a bronze medal in individual Olympic round. Tanya Bansal won bronze medals in ranking round events and mix pair event. The efforts of the students were appreciated.



Winner being felicitated



The achievers with the Runner's Up trophy and medals

Amitians display great team spirit

AIS Vas 6

The junior boy's football team lifted the Runners Up trophy at the 8th Inter School Football Tournament Copa Euphoria organised at DPS Vasundhara. A total of 24 teams from Delhi - NCR participated in the event which was held from October 17-21, 2016. The team from AIS Vas 6 dis-

played great football spirit to be the Runners Up after defeating DPS Meerut Road, Lotus Valley in the league matches. School Principal Sunila Athley complimented coach Ajay Rawat and all the team members- Aditya Dutta, Dev Vinayak Mittal, Anadi Sharma, Aniket, Yuvraj Pandey, Kanishk, Jagrav, Arnab Agnihotri, Ripunjay Vashisht, Jahan Sharma and Trishan Ganguly. [G T](#)



Little kids drop letters in the postbox

A visit to the post office

The students of Nursery to Class I visited the post office on October 21, 2016. There, students gained first hand experience about the collection, segregation, stamping and storage of letters. They also learnt about the mail van used for the transportation of letters. The functioning of various counters for selling stamps, envelopes and postcards was also witnessed by them. Posting handmade Diwali cards with their names and addresses to their parents, was the highlight of the day. It was an experience full of practical learning and excitement. [G T](#)

Educational trip to Regional Science Centre

The students of Classes II and III visited Regional Science Centre in Lucknow on November 18, 2016. Learning various scientific concepts explained through simple activities, was an enjoyable experience for them. The children's gallery was the main attraction for the students who were intrigued by the various models on display. They also got an opportunity to see different animals on the campus. It was an experience that polished and complemented their learning. [G T](#)



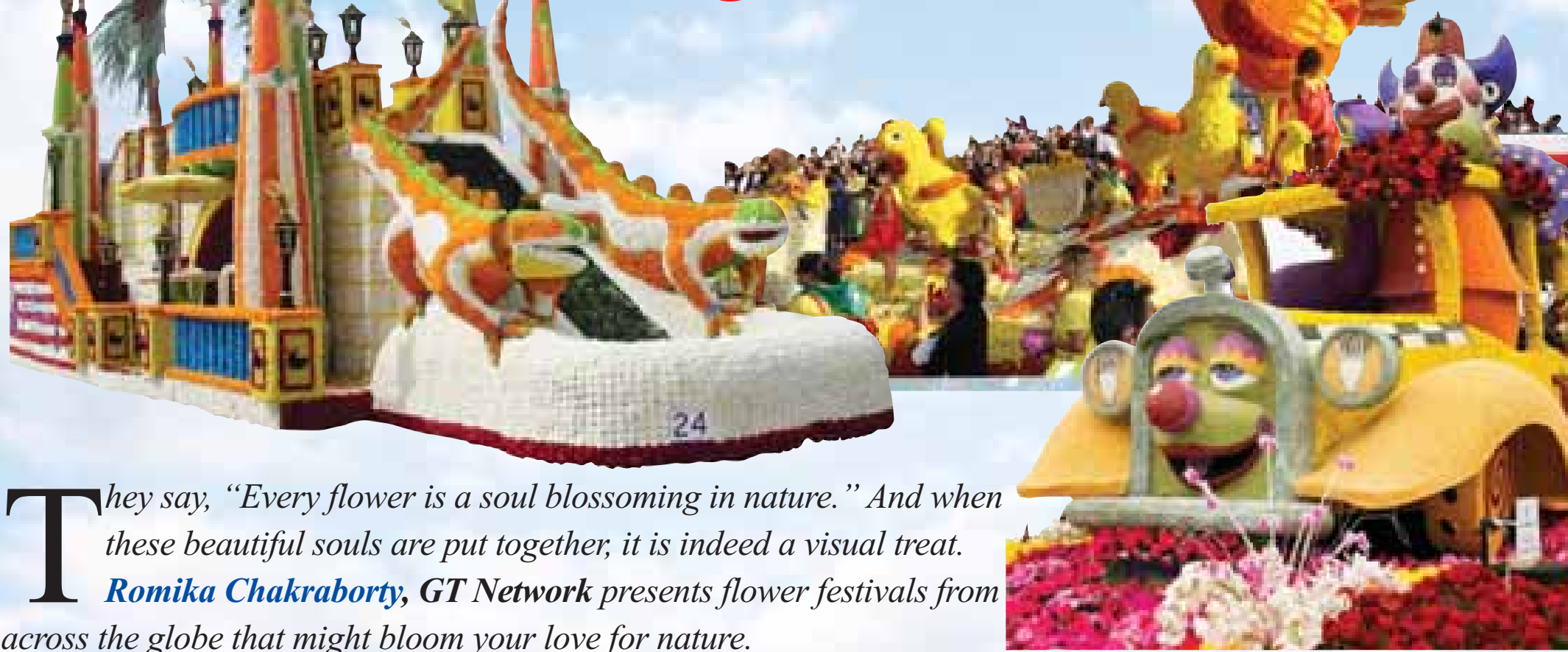
Students enjoy the visit to RSC

Pumpkins are good sources of Vitamin A, Vitamin B, potassium, protein and iron.

(All facts compiled by [Namani Khanna](#)
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Blooming festivals



They say, “Every flower is a soul blossoming in nature.” And when these beautiful souls are put together, it is indeed a visual treat.

Romika Chakraborty, GT Network presents flower festivals from across the globe that might bloom your love for nature.

Jersey Battle of Flowers

Place: Channel Island of Jersey

Features: Hydrangeas, gladioli, chrysanthemums, asters and hare’s - tail grasses are used to help in pattern making. A parade of flower floats with music, dancers and majorettes forms the USP. Later on, a moonlight parade was added to the celebrations.

Trivia: It was inaugurated in 1902 to mark the coronation of King Edward VII and Queen Alexandria.

Brussels' Flower Carpet

Place: Grand Palace, Brussels

Features: Using Begonia flowers, the concept of the 75 x 24 metre Flower Carpet is based on a theme. The carpet border is made of green grass turf which is laid down first. The number of colourful flowers to be used, their placement and structure is planned by experts. More than 100 volunteers

gather and use their artistic skills to arrange the flowers. The task is completed in four hours.

Trivia: The first Flower Carpet was made in 1971 and was designed by the landscape architect E. Stautemans. The floral display was inspired by other innovative carpets that he had seen in the Flemish region.

Batalla de Flores

Place: Valencia, Spain

Features: It features a long parade of enormous and gorgeous floats pulled by horses and has girls dressed to the theme of the float. Once, the floats have made a couple of rounds around the route, the battle breaks out. The onlookers and float crews pelt flowers at each other and make merry.

Trivia: Tennis rackets are used by girls to defend themselves from the flower attack by onlookers.

The Rose Parade

Place: Pasadena, California

Features: America's New Year Celebration is marked by the Rose Parade. There are floats covered with flowers, marching bands and equestrians. A beauty queen contest is also a part of the festival.

Trivia: The parade originally started on January 1, 1890. It is watched by thousands of spectators on the parade route and is broadcasted on multiple television networks in US.

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Place: Netherlands and Belgium

Features: The parade showcases a variety of floats, cars and also some boats that are magnificently decorated or covered in flowers. Zundert, a town in south of Netherlands holds the largest flower parade in the world. These parades are large artworks made of steel wire, cardboard, papier-mâché and flowers. **Trivia:** Colourful dahlias are used to decorate the objects and it takes thousands of them just to cover one float. The parade takes place on the first Sunday of September.

Canadian Tulip Festival

Place: Ottawa

Features: The largest tulip festival in the world is held in Commissioners Park, where there are large displays of tulips that are set up during the festival. It also features speeches, music concerts and cul-

sine exhibitions. The festival witnesses more than half a million visitors every year.

Trivia: The foundation of the festival was laid with the presentation of 1,00,000 tulip bulbs from Princess Juliana of Netherlands to Ottawa, to thank them for protecting the exiled Dutch royal family during World War II.

Chiang Mai Flower Festival

Place: Thailand

Features: A festival known for its emphasis on Damask Rose, a variety of rose native to the city, but also features numerous species of orchids, chrysanthemums and other flowers.

Trivia: Chiang Mai is known as the ‘rose of the north’. One of the most colourful celebrations across the globe, Chiang Mai Festival is hosted by Chiang Mai town in Thailand in the month of February.

Battaglia di Fiori

Place: Ventimiglia

Features: The parade spans over two days and features two parades; one is the introduction parade which showcases music, dance and fireworks while the main float parade takes place the next day, which eventually turns into a flower-pelting battle between everyone.

Trivia: It is held once in every two years.

Spalding Flower Parade

Place: Lincolnshire

Features: The first official Spalding Tulip Parade took place in 1959. It showcased many beautiful floats decorated with tulip heads and each float would use 1,00,000 flower heads.

Trivia: The parade took place for 55 years until the last parade in 2013 due to shortage of tulips. Primarily in 1935, it was a celebration to mark the Jubilee of King George V and Queen Mary and focused predominantly on tulips, which were abundant at the time.

Feria de Las Flores

Place: Medellin

Features: One of the top flower festivals in the world, ‘Silleteros Parade’ is an iconic part of the festival, during which people carry elaborate flower arrangements on their backs. Basically, it marks the end of slavery, a period when slaves used to carry their masters on their backs. The events at the festival form a week long schedule which includes spectacular fireworks at the beginning and end of the celebrations.

Trivia: The parade first appeared in 1957 to celebrate Virgin Mary Day. 🇨🇴

