#### **Food For Thought** Celebrating love

Love is an expression of compassion and sincere respect for every life. This respect manifests itself in many ways: romantic love, familial love, friendship, the desire for self-improvement and the wish for a peaceful world. Love is an essential part of life, offering us a means for deep personal development. Buddhism

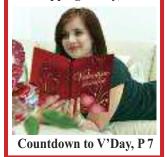
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## **FEBRUARY 1-15, 2011** www.theglobaltimes.in DR. ASHOK K. CHAU

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#### e all call him the Founder President. A you successful.

I love and respect people and like people. I want to share with them their concerns and be part of their joy. I remain very focused on my mission, and don't let anything deter me. My success lies in my conviction. I am a compulsive fighter. Even as a young boy, I dared to dream big.

#### What do you think sets Amity University apart from other educational institutions?

Amity is the biggest private education/training provider in the country, offering quality education to children and youth. I have learnt a lot from the then West German way of teaching and learning. At Amity, we have blended the best of the West with best of the east. We follow the global education excellence and in addition to that, also inculcate rich Indian culture, heritage, moral values, ethos and tradition in our students, which makes each student a distinguished one.

#### Where do you see Amity Group ten years from now?

I plan to set up universities in each and every state of India and across the globe within 5-10 years. Amity Universe is already successfully running its own campuses at Singapore, London, San Francisco, New York and Mauritius, with some more coming up shortly.

#### Your message for the Amity fraternity...

Dream big and accomplish it! Be achievers in whatever you do, no matter what obstacles befall your way. 🖬 🏾

#### Victory continues...

"This Award is the result of good wishes, blessings and valuable path-showing advice and guidance received from all sitting in front of me and also on the dias. This also confirms the



Founder President, RBEF



Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, RBEF was honoured with "Excellence in Education" Award, for his outstanding contribution in the field of education by Ramakrishna-Vivekananda International

What is your success mantra? Please

share some experiences that made

fatherly figure, people who know him

closely describe him as an entrepre-

neur, an educationist, a philanthropist, a psy-

chologist, a psychiatrist, a doctor and a priest.

His omnipresence at Amity is the driving energy that spells the success story. He is a visionary,

who with his wisdom & vision, translated Amity into India's fastest growing educational group.

The Global Times salutes the First Man of Amity

Dr. Ashok K. Chauhan for being conferred upon

the most coveted "Excellence in Education"

award. Here are excerpts from an exclusive inter-

Today Amity University is a big name. Did you al-

I always think 25 years ahead and plan and start im-

plementation 10 years in advance. The tradition of

our family is such that everyone has always a single

aim, i.e. nation building. It was during 28 years of my stay in West Germany (now Germany) that I re-

alized that education is the only way to contribute

for the development and growth of India to make it

a strong, economically vibrant, self-reliant, unified

and among the front rank nations of the world in the

It was in 1986, during my stay in West Germany

(now Germany) that I established the Ritnand

Balved Education Fund (RBEF) and the idea of changing the nation through education took shape.

view with the great man himself.

service of mankind.

ways envision the university like this?

Foundation at Siri Fort Auditorium. Speaking at the occasion, Dr Chauhan said,

### dedicated hard work by each and every one at

Amity who have relentlessly toyed to convert my vision into realities. This honour bestowed on me gives further motivation to work still harder. It has rather strengthened my resolve to make India a super

power."

### nd liick Team India his last world cup, Skipper Dhoni and Piyush Chawla and Yusuf Pathan in the Harini Swaminathan. Terminator Harbhajan Singh could not squad, Dhoni concurred and said he was have agreed less. He stated, "Players

Amity Institute of Biotechnology

his men want to make it a special one for him by winning the trophy. "Tendulkar holds a conceivable cricket record and the only thing that is missing from his portfolio is the world cup. If we go ahead and win the World Cup, it would be the biggest gift from the team to him," said Mahi. While the team has ace players like Tendulkar, there are some newcomers making their entry too. Defending the decision to include new comers like

Chawla's. "I am happy with the team selection. Piyush was out of the national team for a long time, but he has consistently performed in the domestic circuit and that will help the Indian team. Meanwhile, Pathan would be India's trump card. As long as he is on the crease, the opposition will not be able to breathe easy," he asserted. Quite a strategy, Mr Captain!

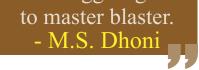
happy with the team selection, especially right from number one to eleven have won games for India. This team has now acquired the much needed fighting spirit. We have showed that on many occasions and we will take the confidence into the world cup." While the captain seemed all excited about his new team, the other team members were not lagging behind either. Brimming with excitement was Gautam Gambhir who makes his World Pic: Priyanshu Jora, BJMC, ASCO

World Cup would be our biggest gift

orld Cup trophy...a dream that every cricket enthusiast in the country has been nurturing for ages. And if you go by Dhoni's version, India stands a strong chance to win.

"We believe in each other's talent and have a very good team in place. If all of us perform to our full potential, we stand a very strong chance to win. But I don't want to make any predictions. I can only assure that we will give our best. We will take one game at a time," Captain M S Dhoni said during a press confernce organized by Reebok, at Le Meridien on Feb 2, 2011. Captain cool was accompanied by Yuvraj Singh, Piyush Chawla, Gautam Gambhir, Harbhajan Singh and Yusuf Pathan. As Sachin Tendulkar gets ready to play

GET, SET, GO: Team India gears up for the World Cup Cricket 2011



Cup debut this year.

Terming his inclusion in the team as a gift of God, he said, "It is a great privilege to be a part of the World Cup team and playing at home makes it all the more special. I have consistently worked hard to perform. I was never in contention in the last World Cup in 2007, but since then I have been a part of the core team and it gives me a lot of satisfaction."

With India being home to the world Cup, it is not just excitement but pressures too that are on the rise. But that does not intimidate the tough captain.

"We have decided to rename pressure as added responsibility. We know the expectation level is high, but we are geared to face it because we knew for long that the World Cup will be held in India. Expectations are something which is beyond our control," he said. •

(With inputs from Smita Jain)



Turn to Page 6 to know what it is like to be bowled over by the 'Men in Blue'.



As the tag line of a well known chocolate brand goes "For someone you love." Gifting chocolates on Valentine's is sure to bring a smile on your loved one's face.



**What's your rankings** For the answer is a definite YES. But, can these rankings really award an educational institution a 'certificate of excellence'?

#### Bhawna Tuteja & Gunjan Sharma GT Network

Today, university rankings have acquired a status that is more than just a list. Students use them as a parameter to decide if a particular university will benefit their career. Universities flank them as a medal of appreciation. Corporates too go by the ranking chart, so they can boast of recruiting people from ranked institutes. But, is the concept of University Rankings, as cool as it sounds? We find out.

#### GOOD?

"Corporates give importance to university rankings. They go for campus recruitment to top universities. So university rankings are quite important from the industry point of view."

> Dr. Ajay Rana, Director, Amity Technical Placement Cell

"Even students fromcolleges with average university ranking may achieve high in terms of placement. But when it comes to doctoral/post doctoral research the alumni of universities with high rankings definitely have an edge " Dr Abha Singh, Director, Amity institute Of Psy. & Allied Sciences

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"University rankings give a clear idea to the students about the academic standard of a given university. So, the students can make out which university meets the global standards of academic excellence."

> Dr. H.C. Goel, Director, Amity Institute of Nuclear Sci. and Technology

#### BAD?

"University rankings may be helpful to brilliant students who have options of making choices. But it cannot go well with all students because not every one is brilliant."

Piyush Arora, B.tech Computer Science, II year, Amity School of Engg.

"They give an overview of the university, but they cannot be the sole criterion for making the choice. The students need to know if the sources from which the rankings are obtained are credible enough. Also, they need to be acquainted with the ranking methodology before making a choice.". Ahmed Sarosh, M.Tech, Ist year, Amity the sources. So they cannot be com-Institute of Nano Technology pletely reliable, but can be used as an

"I think the concept of university rankings is very shallow. According to me, the criterion of choosing a university should be the alumnus. If the students are well placed and are doing well, then it speaks volumes about the institute."

Bandana Rai, HoD, Amity School of Hospitality

#### **ON THE FENCE?**

"University rankings are important as they give you the first hand picture of a university otherwise it would be difficult to know how good or bad the university is. But, they may not be extremely reliable. Most of the times, these rankings are only a medium to advertise."

Jyoti Sharma, B. Tech, Amity Institute of Biotechnology "University rankings vary depending on

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the sources. So they cannot be completely reliable, but can be used as an indicator. A lot of research is required on student's part to understand the parameters of rankings."

Aditya Sharma, MA English, I year, Amity Institute of English and Business Communication

"Rankings may not be all that bad. They are based on different parameters which range widely from placements to infrastructure. So, the students should opt for colleges ranking high in terms of faculty and alumni and factors like location and infrastructure can take a back seat."

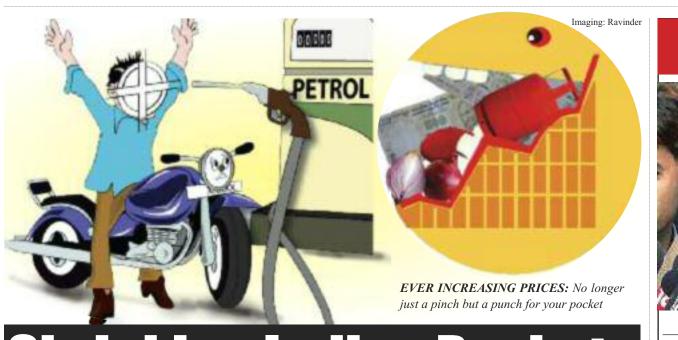
Dr. P.K. Chattopadhyay, Amity Institute Of Advanced Forensic Science Research.

Aarushi Talwar's case closure: The

CBI's decision to close the probe in the



Aarushi Talwar murder case came as a "big setback" for the country's premier probe agency. The CBI has maintained that Aarushi's parents remain prime suspects in the case. They, in turn are accusing CBI of cover-up and threatening to file a defamation case.♥



#### Sanchit Kumar, X-A, AISV-6

ccording to the Mayan Calendar the doom on earth was supposed to come in 2012, but the rising prices of essential commodities has preponed it by an year for the common man! The common man is in peril, inflation has caused a hole in the pocket and has reduced the budget of every household to Size-Zero! Because of the heat of rising prices, people are not able to enjoy the chill and their dreams have been vaporising.



Everything in the aam aadmi's kitchen has become substantially costlier over the year. It is not only the soaring onion prices that have left the housewives teary eyed and destroying the household budgets. Oil, property, insurance rates, washing machines, air tickets, eating out- you name it and the prices have spiraled up.

If the middle class is finding hard to think of a time when the prices skyrocketed like this, the government seems equally clueless about the 19.95 % average food inflation registered. Measures taken by government like cracking down on hoarders and importing have failed to check this trend and it is the common man who is feeling the pinch the most The picture does not seem optimistic. With inflation crossing double digits we can only expect people carrying bags full of money to buy a loaf of bread.

To end the article on a lighter note I would like to share a joke doing rounds. It goes like this-Boy 1 - Dude! I got a new car, a laptop and a mobile.

Boy 2 - Cool Bro! What does your father do? Boy 1 - He sells ONIONS...♥

## **PRICE RISE VS PRICE WISE**

Vegetables pricier than dry fruits
How about fewer toppings on your pizza? Try Margharitas.
No water
Drink Pepsi!
More power cuts, more electricity

bills.

© Candle light dinners still spell romance. Another hike in petrol rates.
Go walking! Keep your figure and budget, both in check.
Cars more expensive???
Thank you Nano for still being there!
Dream house seems more distant!

© It's still not time to wake up from your slumber. On second thoughts, try

dreaming early morning (they say, it works). ⊗ T-Shirts: Old Price - Rs 500; New Price \$ 500 © The winter sale is still on. Rush!!

⊗ Gold out of reach

© Who needs them anyway? Junk jewelry is trendier!•

Bhawna Tuteja, GT Network

**Telangana Report:** A commission headed by Justice B N Srikrishna has handed a report on Telangana issue to the government listing six options to handle the crisis. The commission found the option of keeping "the State united and providing constitutional/ statutory measures to address the core socio-economic concerns." The Committee suggested bifurcation of the state into Telangana and Seemandhra

Kulteja Ponnada (BJMC), ASCO

**Citi Bank Fraud:** A banking fraud which could run into a whopping Rs 400 crore was unearthed in the Gurgaon branch of Citibank. Gurgaon Police Commissioner S S Deswal has registered an FIR for cheating and forgery against a bank employee and three others.♥

as the most viable solution.

**Cabinet Reshuffle:** Recently, the cabinet saw a complete reshuffle. Praful Patel, Sriprakash Jaiswal and Salman Khurshid elevated as Cabinet Ministers



on wednesday in New Delhi. Urban Development Minister Jaipal Reddy was shifted to Petroleum and Natural Gas. Kapil Sibal retains Telecom and HRD.

Ajay Maken and K V Thomas elevated as Ministers of State with Independent Charge. Beni Prasad Verma will be new induction as well as MoS Independent Charge.



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# **CAMPUS INTERVIEWS**

#### Bandana Rai, Asst. Professor Amity School of Hospitality

s the golden years of college life come to an end, it is time to appear for campus interviews, which can be a nerve wrecking exercise. As the D-Day approaches most of us are either excited, nervous, overwhelmed but... Not prepared. Here are some key points that can up the preparation levels.

#### **Pre Interview:**

Find out the nature of the campus interview.

Companies who come for campus interviews fall into two categories:

- Those who have openings for specific positions.
- Or those who offer jobs depending on the ability of the candidate.

It is only during the course of interview that one can find out whether the company is trying to fill in specific positions, or wants to shortlist some good resumes. In the second case, there is no need for the interviewee to sweat it out.

### Know the company before you attend the interview.

Try finding details of the company prior to the interview through their web site. If the company is a public-trading company, find the latest news about it. Generally, the interviewer expects the



Models: (L to R) Shivangi Vats, Monika, Nivendu, Shivangi Chauhan, Abhimanyu Kak; Amity University Uttar Pradesh

from hair to toe.

#### Be able to describe your project, thesis work & internship experience covering the key points.

The interviewer is looking for an empty floppy wherein he can write his organizational philosophy. So, you need to be a good "LEARNER". It is tendency of the interviewee to get into too much detail. So, it's wise to cut down on details.

Admit your mistakes when you don't

*know something.* It does not pay off to pretend you know something that you really do not know because chances are that the interviewer will grill you on that.

#### e Post Interview:

Do not get discouraged. If you fail to secure a job despite sitting for several interviews, do not get dis-

## Interview tips for students

- Be confident and normal.
- Hold your head high, don't crouch.
   Listen to each question carefully and answer appropriately – be short, to the point and clear.
- Give maximum information about you, in minimum time. Mention your high points only.
- Do not show nervousness or anxiety, be yourself, full of poise, elegance and dignity.
- Show that you are in command of the situation.
- Maintain a smile always.
- Indicate somewhere during the course of the discussion that you are extraordinary.
- Dress elegantly and do not wear flashy clothes or tight fits.
- Never fumble or grope for answers.
   Do not lose your calm while replying.
- If you do not know the answer, do not try to be smart and evade. Accept your weakness honestly.
- Only sit when you are asked to.
   Compiled by Prof. S. Sitaraman
   Counselor, Amity University •

couraged. It is important to remember that all you need is one good job offer. However, this doesn't mean that you should sit back. Make sure you rectify the areas where you went wrong. All the Best!!

## **Contemplating Copyrights**

The recent move by megastar Amitabh Bachchan to protect his legendary baritone under copyright laws after its unethical use by a Gutka manufacturer has thrown the house open for discussion on usage of copyrights. Our GT reporters were on their toes to find out what are the various innovative ideas, products, concepts that our Amitians would like to protect under the Copyright Act. Here is what they have to say.

Artistic! Who me? "I happen to be one of those unfortunate people who has never secured anything above a B+ in arts, so I'd like to copyright the truly pathetic way I draw. That way my drawings may just pass off as a piece of modern art."

#### Shivangi Mittal, X-B

**Dear dairy** "Like most teenage girls I pour my heart out in my diary – from worries and sorrows to crushes and happiness. Imagine if a thing like that was made public without seeking permission. It would cause a lot of heartburn. A diary is a girl's private space, and it is not to be used without consent. Oh, and I don't mean posthumously published diaries like Anne Frank's."



Making a note "I'm sure everyone has seen 'smilies' on social networking sites, I use hand drawn beautiful smilies while passing notes in the class. I would like to have them copyrighted because they are funny and original."

Anishi Mohan, X-B

So there you have it, the craziness of copyrights taken to new heights by our innovative Amitians. Want to stop dishonest cheaters from bothering you with a pesky 'Ssssh question 4, part 6, 4 and 1'. Copyright your answer sheets to make them pay for every word. How about copyrighting the TV remote to have complete autonomy over your family's viewing pleasure? Contemplate copyrights your way and make the most out of them.



Shriti Saran, Counselor Amity Centre for Guidance and Counselling

I'm dating this guy and he's really sweet. I'm in love with him and I've been dating him for over six months now. The problem is my parents don't like him and don't want me to have any kind of relation with him. I am very keen to take this relationship forward. How should I convince them he is the one for me?

Sakshi Goel, IX-C

Late...if only! "If given an opportunity, I would like to copyright my position in the front row of the class along with my desk and chair. Why? Because it's not my fault that some early risers always capture the first seat; forcing me to share the backbench along with the lawless and unruly section of the class. I want to

candidate to know the profile of the com-

pany and its products. The interviewer

also expects one to enthusiastically talk

Dress well when attending campus inter-

A well-dressed candidate leaves an ex-

cellent impression. Dressing well does

not mean wearing only branded apparel

but you need to groom yourself well

about himself.

view.

copyright it as getting hold of a clean and immaculate desk is harder then getting a diamond in a walnut shell. Hopefully, this will simplify my struggle!" Shekhar Rana, IX-B

#### Compiled by Shekhar Rana IX B, AIS Gur-43

Dating for some is a casual affair and for some it is a serious affair. It seems that for you it is a serious affair, given that you are considering the thoughts of your parents. It is difficult to comment much as I do not have information about your family background e.g. parents' beliefs on dating, marriage, your goal of dating, etc. However, I would like to share that a relationship is healthy if both the partners feel good about each other, support each other to achieve their respective goals in life and do not neglect other significant relationships in life. So, if you feel that you are in such a relationship, then your parents may also understand and support you. I would like to suggest that dating is your choice, at the same time it is important to consider the views and input of significant people in times of making an important decision in life whether it is academics, career or marriage.

Taruna Barthwal, Counselor, Amity Group of Schools	INSTITUTE/COLLEGE	EXAMINATION	COURSE	APPLICATION FORMS	LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION	EXAMINATION DATE	WEBSITE
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	National Law University, Delhi	All India Law Entrance Test (AILET)	Five year integrated B.A., LL.B. (Hons.)	Online Registration: http://nludelhi.ac.in	11-Apr-11	1-May-11	www.nludelhi.ac.in
	Dhirubhai Ambani Institute of Info.& Comm. Tech, Gandhinagar, Gujrat	AIEEE 2011 Scores	B.Tech in Information & Communication Technology	Follow Ad in March 2011		1st May 2011 (AIEEE)	www.daiict.ac.in

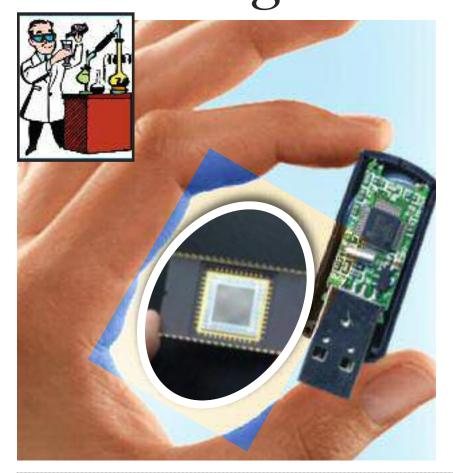
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What could be better than a romantic music CD? Bowl your loved one with music and movies of his choice or gift his/her favourite love ballads and romantic tracks compiled in CD.



## Nanotechnology Unfolding the secrets of life and materials



rom the time a child is born, he immortal through nansees his own body and various materials around him. He starts experiencing the functioning of his body. Would it not be interesting to know how the natural machine of life functions? Would you not wonder what these materials around us are made of? When you grow up, the curiosity to know more about these things and acquiring knowledge about this materialistic world increases. The answer to all such questions lies in 'Nanotechnology'. What is 'Nanotechnology', and what makes it so exciting? The technical definition of 'Nanotechnology' describes it as the "Manipulation of atoms and molecules at the nanometer scale, bringing them into a new material with different properties." One can make materials of different colors from the same material by reducing its size to different nanometers. These are all mind boggling applications of 'Nanotechnology', and much more is hidden therein to unfold.

Ray Kurzweil, a futuristic American scientist predicted that man can become

otechnology by 2029 (HT, 25th September 2009). As per reports, scientists can reverse ageing. 'Nanotechnology' will then let us live forever. Dr. Craig Venter, a scientist from Washington, has recently created artificial life that could never have existed naturally (HT, 22nd May 2010). The applications are unlimited, mind bog-

gling and unimaginable, which open a new era of knowledge to be understood and which could provide answers to the above predictions.

'Nanotechnology' opens up a vast plethora of opportunities, which are yet to be explored. So, a career in this field seems quite lucrative. After pursuing a course in this field, a host of job opportunities open up in teaching and research. Huge programs are being started all over the world. Government of India



has launched 'Nanomission' in Nanoscience and Technology in 2007 with an allocation of 1000 crore in the 11th five year plan. Exclusive centres are being set up at Kolkata, Bangalore and Mohali to undertake research and to support M.Sc/M.Tech nanotechnology teaching programmes. Industries including Reliance, Tata Chemicals, Mahindra and Mahindra, Intel India,

Berger and many more have initiated research in India with huge investments for producing quality nanoproducts.

'Nanotechnology' is exciting, bringing innovations and breakthroughs, unfolding secrets of life and materials, and will remain evergreen. If you wish to explore the world of Nanotechnology, then Amity Institute of Nanotechnology could be the perfect destination for you. It is the only institute in India offering research facilities in nanotechnology.



## Are processed food hygienic?

Harish Singh Bisht, B Tech

Amity Institute of Food Technology ensuring the safety of the product from for the food bodies to check on whether

never bothered to procure a certificate package itself. This move has made it easy HACCP and other food bodies. The in- the data furnished by the manufacturer matches the safety standards or not. This information comes handy when these bodies are conducting a survey to identify whether the product has been received well by the consumers or not. These days, food giants like ITC, Britannia, Coco Cola and Pepsi go for a periodic audit to ensure that their products meet the safety standards and the consumers get safe and hygienic food.

## **Illusionary ice bowling alley** A live work of art

#### **Pro**(*a*)**Project**

#### Mitaali Garg **Amity School of Design**

Tith opening up of new shopping plazas and malls, game zones are becoming popular with youngsters these days. In the eighties, video games caught the fancy of the youth and now games like pinball, air hockey, billiards and bowling are sports which are alluring them in large numbers.

It is surprising to know that around 95 million people across ninety countries enjoy bowling. The bowling fever is even gripping youngsters in India.

soon as you enter this area it gives you the feel of entering a cave which has water all over and as you proceed further the water freezes & you find icebergs floating. Unlike the ice lounge where in ice is used for , here no ice is required and POP is used to give the desired look. The interiors are kept cool using air conditioners.

The bowling centre would be spread over an area of 17472.34 sq ft. I have used icebergs as partitions to separate different areas. The flowing water effect would be imparted using "liquiflooring" - an innovative interactive flooring solution. Unique floor tiles made up of durable layers of PVC with colourful gel-like liquid sandwiched between the layers would add a fun element to the space. When pressure is applied to the surface of the tiles, the liquid becomes a live work of art as it swirls and flows around one's feet. The organic movement constantly changes the appearance of the floor, so that one never sees the same thing twice. The visual impact of this flooring stimulates the imagination and allows direct interaction with the underlying fluids. The entire project would cost approximately five crore.

he general belief that processed foods are not safe for consumption does not hold true anymore. The apprehension about food being processed and packaged under unhygienic conditions have been put to rest with the stepping in of government bodies like FAO, WHO and HACCP. However, the scenario was not like this

few years back. The companies earlier

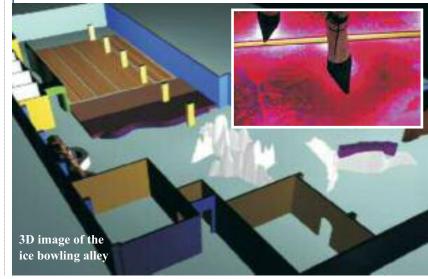
crease in demand for processed food and rising awareness among the masses are forcing manufacturers to get certification from the food bodies.

For attaining this certificate, the manufacturers need to provide their consumers with products that meet the safety and quality standards. It has become mandatory for the manufacturers to carry all the essential details about the products on the

I being a student of Amity School of Design was smitten by this bug too! So, I decided to design an illusionary ice bowling alley as a part of my thesis project.

Using my creative genius, I wanted to design an illusionary space using plaster of paris (POP) for giving the snowy effect. I wanted to bring the outdoors inside & create an illusion of entering a cave, moving past an iceberg and stepping on flowing water by using reflecting elements. The whole idea behind setting up this place was that as

I can not wait for this hypothetical design to take shape.



## Making ne cut



Taming scientific tempers

Paridhi Sachdeva, VII-A, AIS N

ight from zeroing on to right topic for the project to making to the finals, every step was a great learning experience. Under the able guidance of our teacher guide Ms. Sanyukta Priya, we finalized on 'A Comparative Study on Chemical Fertilizer and Kitchen Waste Materials' and from here began our ordeal.While I as the team leader visited nurseries to arrange for samples of yucca plants to conduct experiments, other group members handled responsibilities like preparing project report, charts, log books and questionnaire for conducting

surveys. It was a big victory for us, when our project, made it to the finals at National Children Science Congress (NCSC).

In the finals, judges appreciated my presentations, idea behind the project and its contribution to the betterment of society on implementation. We were presented with a gold medal, a memento and appreciation letter during the valedictory function on final day.

On behalf of all group members, I would like to thank Chairperson Ma'am for initiating platforms like Vasudha and motivating us to bring laurels to Amity and Society.



No matter how old you are soft, cuddly teddies in bright hues can bring a smile on any girl's face. Gift her this bundle of joy.

U. M. E. Whose life is it anyway?

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#### Nidhi S Singh AIS Saket

I s a party coming up? Need a new look pronto but running short of finances? Don't worry, here is a list of few places to buy that complete glam look at half the price. So, get ready for a trip guaranteed to get you atop the fashion pyramid. Fasten your seat belts people because its time to go shopping!

**Dilli Haat:** Tired of always going to the mall but can't think of any other place to lay your hands on ethnic and vibrant stuff from across India. If yes, then this is the place for you. With more than 200 stalls, Dilli Haat offers ethnic jewellery and vibrant Indian clothing at an affordable price. Also, don't forget to gorge on some delicacies from across India. **Open all days.**  **Janpath:** This popular and lively street market in Delhi, which was recently given a makeover has something for everyone. Trendy scarves, skirts, halters and bags available here are quite a hit with those who want to create a style statement of their own and that too at a reasonable price. **Open all days except Sunday.** 

Khan Market: Though spread over a small area, it tops the list of Delhi's classiest haunts. The market satisfies the needs of those looking for branded stuff and is a big disappointment for those who want to use their bargaining skills. It houses some of the best tailors who can stitch a suit for you in less than a week. **Open on all days except Sunday.** 

**Lajpat Nagar:** Located in South Delhi, this oldest market in India is a great haunt for those looking out

for ethnic salwar-kameez. It even houses showrooms of some well known brands like Ritu Wear, Chunmun and Westside, to name a few. **Open all days except Monday.** 

Sarojini Nagar: This is a one stop destination for all bargain hunters. Want that glam look? Fetch trendy apparel, accessories, shoes and much more at dirt cheap prices. This market is famous for its export surplus. Open all days except Monday.

**Karol Bagh:** A paradise for those looking out for jewellery and bridal trousseau. It is also known for its leather, footwear and electronics market. The nearby 'Gaffar market' which is very well known for imported products also attracts huge crowd.**Open all days except Monday.** 

## Are you a shopaholic?

#### Pranali Batra, X G, AIS Noida

o you feel the rush of adrenaline on entering a shopping mall? Do you freeze staring at a gorgeous pair of boots on display? Do you detest an escort to the mall for the fear of being restrained? My friend, you have a serious reason to worry. You are suffering from 'Oniomania' or 'Compulsive buying disorder'. To put it simply, you are a die hard 'Shopaholic'.

Shopaholism, which was earlier rampant in the US has fastly become a global concern. It is a significant problem that has considerable emotional, social, occupational, and financial consequences. It is estimated that at least one among every twenty people deals with the fanatic urge to shop.

Symptoms: It is often associated with an emo-

tional deprivation and the need to fill an internal void. Victims feel satisfied only when they are purchasing, which seems to momentarily alleviate their sorrows.

The addicts are victim of negative emotions, which gives rise to the urge to purchase. After the frenzy is over, the person is either regretful or further depressed. The addicted person resorts to another purchase. Plastic money further triggers this chronic buying.

**Side Effects:** Shopping is as addictive as tea. Compulsive shopping behaviour leads to rise in crime rate & unsuccessful relationships. Shopaholics need to understand that shopping is a fun activity & excess of anything is bad. Next time make sure to ask yourself whether you need what you are buying. More importantly, check the price tag and do remember to keep a tab on your bank statement.



Prof S. K. Saluja, Director Amity School of Hospitality brings you a delicious recipe from the Chef's Kitchen

## Stamping his way to glory

# Cheffs Kitchen

Tickle your taste buds with lip smacking recipes from our Chef's kitchen.

Punjabi Pizza	
Ingredients	QTY
Besan	$250 \mathrm{~gms}$
Salt	to taste
Red Chilly Power	to taste
Curd	$10 \mathrm{~gms}$
Ajwain	2 gms
Refined Oil	$25~\mathrm{gms}$
Tomatoes	$100 \mathrm{~gms}$
Onion	$50~\mathrm{gms}$
Green Chilly	$5~\mathrm{gms}$
Grated Cottage Cheese	$120 \mathrm{~gms}$
Butter Cubes	80 gms

#### Metho

1. Make a smooth batter with besan, curd, salt, red chilly powder and *ajwain*.

Bring it to pouring consistency.
 Heat Tawa, add little oil on tawa.
 Take the batter and cook 2 big or 8 small (cocktail size) pancakes on tawa.
 Add rings of tomato, chopped onion and chopped green chilly.
 Put grated cottage cheese on top. Dot with cubes of butter.
 When cooked gratinate it at the last minute under the OTG till golden

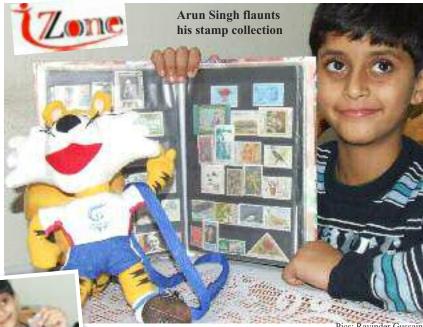
minute, under the OTG, till golden brown.♥

Gunjan Sharma & Smita Jain GT Network

t is not necessary to have extraordinary talent to attain success in life; an extraordinary hobby can also do wonders! Meet Arun Singh a student of AIS Vasundhara-6, Class-IV who shot to fame because of his extraordinary hobby of stamp collection by bagging a bronze medal at the recently held "Stamps of India exhibition." Inspired by his father who is a rail philatelist, Arun started collecting stamps two years back. Initially, he collected stamps of different countries, but gradually he developed a fascination for collecting stamps on dinosaurs.

But what won him accolades and awards was his unique collection of stamps on Common Wealth Games 2010. Arun opted for an exclusive way to preserve the memories of CWG, a histor-

ical moment for all Indians. He got a golden chance to exhibit his collection of 40 special collection on baton relay, which were released in all 25 states and 7 union territories at the "Stamp Of





Arun said, "Philately helps us increase knowledge but one must choose a subject to specialize in. When I was collecting stamps of different countries, I learnt about their capital and their currency. Similarly, while collecting stamps on dinosaurs I came to

India"

exhibition.

Sharing his experi-

ence an excited

know about different dinosaurs that lived over a period of time."

Arun dreams to present his collection of unusual stamps at an international exhibition. His collection includes the rare ones printed on wood, tin, gold foil, silk, cloth and rubber. The unique collection also has stamps with swarovski crystals, embossed stamps and stamps with holes. **Editorial** 

Relive the memories of all the good time spent together by gifting your beloved a handmade photo collage.



"Before the reward there must be labour. You plant before you harvest. You sow in tears before you reap joy."



The "Excellence in Education" Award bestowed on Ashok K Chauhan, Dr Founder President, RBEF by the Ramakrishna Vivekananda International Foundation on January 13, 2011 is a matter of great honour and pride for the entire Amity fraternity. The

award is a testimony to the high quality education and cultural values that Amity stands for. I take this opportunity to congratulate the entire Amity family that has been instrumental in implementing the vision of the Founder President in the task of nation building.

At Amity, we believe that education is the bedrock of all transformation and progress so we follow a curriculum that is a perfect blend of oriental and occidental traditions and culture. It is our endeavour to produce academically brilliant students who also fare well in extracurricular activities. We strive hard to nurture future leaders who are keen to uphold the rich Indian traditions and remain firmly committed to the moral, spiritual and ethnical development of our nation.

Though, the award makes me feel tremendously honoured, it is also an occasion for us to introspect and evaluate the meaning of the task we undertake everyday. It is important to evaluate the task we perform as contribution towards the nation building. It has certainly strengthened my resolve to invest more in the future of tomorrow by inculcating honesty, integrity, justice and fairplay in every child, for excellence can only be nurtured and not imposed.

Love A

Managing Editor

Remember, how a badminton or tennis game would begin? With a Love-All of course! This is just another

way of saying the score 0-0.

As a throw ball player (in school), we often felt embar-

rassed crying out a Love

# Chairperson

**Ralph Ransom** 

score, especially, when the match was against the opposite gender team. Today, it sounds strange. Love has travelled a long way crossing national boundaries to make its presence felt in every age and every heart. Valentine day, professes that LOVE aloud, grabbing all the limelight. As soon as the count down to VD begins, the players take their position either to play For Love or Against Love. For those who play 'For Love', its a feeling that is celebrated and an occasion to express with gifts and live exclusive moments with your loved ones. And for those who play 'Against Love', it remains a cultural taboo. Indifferent to this match, Love, continues to spread its message of peace and warmth. Like any game, we all begin our relationship with 'Love-all', only to build a life long relationship. Some relationships like that of Amit Sareen and Ritu Vaishnav shared at college, culminated in an everlasting bond of marriage and they lived happily ever after. Diksha Gupta expresses her fond relationship with her mother in verse "Nothing can replace love of my mother, I wish i am born again to my mother". Be it the love for your alma mater or silent love for strangers who have touched upon you in some way or the other, it transcends all. Don't hold it within yourself. Its time to play Love-All. With lots of love to all the GT readers.

# Nurturing Media Ethics: A paradox Excellence Richa Maheshwari,

### MJMC, Amity School of Communication

The explosive growth of both print and electronic media, their ability to shape public opinion, and the fierce competition for TRPs has made the term 'media ethics' a mere paradox. The fundamental premise on which the ethics are based theoretically is impartial observation, and not as the observed. But as we see all around us, media is not just an observer but a skewed opinion maker. Moreover, the recent trend has transcended the selling out of media to pure sensationalism. Shamefully, the real issues of real people have got lost somewhere in these blaring headlines and loud pulp fiction known as news.

In democracy, media plays an inevitable role in making the people aware of their power and also telling them how their vote is being used, for their good or bad. But the democratic media is no different from the one in stern dictatorial regimes; the only difference is that the former doesn't speak in greed and the latter in fear. Also the unending capitalist hunger has taken its toll on the Indian media in recent years. Practices such as plugging articles or a news bulletin for someone who is advertising with the news publication or channel is considered normal. It seems that Indian journalism has traded its idealistic khadi kurta for just a few silken shirts.

Entertainment media also plays an important part in shaping public opinion, and there is a constant war between the censor board and them for what's right for people and what's not. Dictating the content that reaches public is again violation of the freedom of expression, which is so common in the nation that we don't notice it anymore. The storytellers themMedia has always been known as a catalyst for social change. But does the media really reflect the society or it is in a race to construct the society? Is the social responsibility theory just meant to be neatly imprinted as part of syllabus for the media classes or it needs practical application as well?

selves should realize the affect of their work and be socially responsible. One of the major examples is the anti-Pakistan sentiment. The seeds no doubt, had been planted by the partition of the two nations but feature films like 'Gadar' that are not based on truth are only making money by fuelling the rage in public. Its high time time that media should under-

stand that whether it is entertainment or news, the ethics can't be a set of rules written by someone to be followed by someone. Media is the most dynamic entity which can always be seen expanding into new forms, always changing, jumping from internet to mobile phones. No set of rules can be made to control this dynamic power that is shaping up our society; it is the onus of the people who are running it. They need to understand the fact that a small state-

ment from them makes a big impact on the nation, right from the kids to the elder people.But as Mark Twain said, "All generalizations are false, including this one." The current times have seen cases like that of Jessica Lal, where media played an important role to empower people with the knowledge to fight injustice. The anonymity of internet also empowers people to bring the unbiased truth in light. The only media ethic is —unbiased truth.



## DWI P Harini Swaminathan, AIB, shares her

Freedom **Is not free** 

#### Ankita Marwaha, XII B, AIS, MV

I always used to feel proud of living in a free world. During every argument I used to say "Freedom is my birth right. But a visit to the nation's highest security prison 'Tihar Jail' proved to be an eye opener, which made me realize the true meaning of freedom. The visit drastically changed my views about life and freedom. Though, most of the inmates there are serving their much deserved sentences, the heart rendering tales of some of the inmates who are full of remorse touched my heart. Their grief stricken faces and shrivelled hands, all narrated the tales of miserable years spent by them in the prison, away from their loved ones Although, the jail authorities have left no stone unturned to provide all the basic necessities of life to them, yet they have been unsuccessful in restoring those precious moments which they would have loved to treasure. I realized how it feels to be confined in the four walls of the prison with no loved ones around to share your thoughts and emotions with. Even a glance at a bird soaring high in the blue sky fills



shy away from even building cricket pitches or TT tables. Even the entertainment needs of the prisoners are taken care off and each cell has a television set.

However, the thing which left

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their heart with remorse and regret and triggers their desire to experience unbridled freedom. The prisoners here are imparted skills which can help them earn a living. The jail authorities run an array of courses in stitching, jewellery making, painting etc at the vocational centers. The wares produced by the inmates are available at Tihar Haat under the brand name 'TJ's', which includes bed sheets, baked goods, footwear and mustard oil to name a few.

Each cell at Tihar has space allocated for sports like badminton and cricket etc. The prisoners themselves are equally inclined towards sports and so they do not me completely amused was the presence of place of worship and to my surprise the cleric was also an inmate. Meditation and reformation sessions are also organized for the inmates on regular basis.

Though, nothing can prove to be a good substitute to delicious home cooked food, the food served here is equally hygienic and tasty. The food has to pass through the safety

standards set by Jail Superintendent and senior medical officers. "The authorities have also made provision to provide legal services to those inmates who cannot afford it," Mr S C Bhardwaj, Superintendent of Tihar jail No 8 and 9 said.

Going there on a visit definitely changed the way I used to see life. For me, life was only about making choices between Engineering and Medical; Globus and Westside; Barista and Cafe Coffee Day. It was during this visit that I realized that no materialistic pleasure can compensate for freedom and it changed my outlook forever.

#### experience of going LIVE with the men in blue

espite Hockey being the national game of the country, people in India live, breathe and worship cricket. The men in blue are no less popular. They create quite a rage and fury wherever they go. So, when I got the opportunity to see the heroes in person, I was ecstatic, overwhelmed and could hardly believe my stars. Being a student of Biotechnology, I could not believe my luck that I was at Le Meridien covering a World Cup curtain raiser event, surrounded by who's who of the media fraternity. Although the

stage was set for our stars to dazzle, the men in blue took their own sweet time sending the temperature of media persons soaring. But, once they took the stage the media per-



sons could do nothing except applaud them for their quick & witty one liners. Dressed in black casuals, Yuvraj Singh, Piyush Chawla, Gautam Gambhir, Harbhajan Singh, Yusuf Pathan and the captain MS Dhoni, set the adrenalin levels soaring. They gave a proof of their physical fitness and prowess ahead of the mega event, by performing exceptionally well during the obstacle course. Though it was difficult for me to keep my eyes off them and get to work, I somehow managed to settle down to do the job of a well trained journalist. Surprisingly, all I was trained in till then was to study the biological world. However, my penchant for writing tingled those cords in me and I managed well.



A mug is an invaluable gift that your loved one can enjoy day after day and think of you each time they use it. Fill the mug with their favorite candy to make it even more special.

**Countdown to Valentine** 

# The datesheet is here...

erness, love, companionship and lots more.



#### Antra Chaturvedi, (BJMC), ASCO



Rose Day: Rose Day marks the onset of the celebrations of Valentine's Week, which culminates on Valentine's Day. Celebrated on February 7th, this day finds its origin in

Greek mythology, where Rose was considered to be the sign of Goddess of Love -Aphrodite and Goddess of Attraction - Venus. **Celebrate in style:** 

\*Be innovative this Rose Day and gift a gold rose! Unlike real roses, they do not wither away and can be treasured for life. These roses are actually real roses that have been plated with an alloy made from nickel, gold and copper and are not at all expensive. The traditional route of gifting a bunch of beautiful, sweet smelling red roses is not bad either. Or go the Amity way by gifting potted flowers.

These days, you can have flowers or a beautifully decorated bouquet delivered at the doorstep of your loved one with a personalized message. Does the idea of edible flowers tempt you? Get a creative arrangement of fruits to look like a flower bouquet. Hint: Strawberries can quite resemble roses on a platter. •

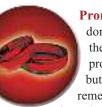
jump with joy; it will make you act so coy!Chocolate, chocolate, chocolate, chocolate." **Celebrate in style: ♦**Be innovative this Chocolate Day and inscribe or engrave choco-

late hearts, bars and statues with sweet messages for your loved ones. ♦ Chocolate experts, these

days are competent enough to put your sweetie's photo with your message on a chocolate teddy or heart. ♦ You can even gift a chocolate fudge shampoo and chocolate bubble bath soap to those who are weight conscious. It will give them the luxury of indulging in chocolate without gaining any calories.

Enjoy the same indulgent taste of chocolate differently with chocolate pizzas and chocolate popcorn. Or, get high with chocolate shots

FAMILY TIME Make a promise of togetherness to your family. They will love you all the more. For added drama, hold a candle in your hand. (No white clothes please! It's gotta be cute, not scary.)



The datesheet has finally arrived. Hold a second before you let the fear and anxiety

take over. This isn't a trumpet blowing the sound of examination into your ears. This is the 'once-a-year-special' Valentine datesheet that marks the commencement of togeth-

> Promise Day: "I don't promise you the moon, I don't promise you the star, but if you promise to remember me, I prom-

ise to be always there." Celebrated on the fifth day of valentine week, people all over the world promise to be sweet and honest to each other on this day

and enjoy the innocent commitment. •



Kiss Day: February 12th is celebrated as Kiss day. Kiss is the silent language of the heart as it conveys our innermost feelings to our loved ones. Let the lips do the talking

Celebrate in style:

\*If your loved one is away or you are in a long distance relationship, sending a virtual kiss could be a good idea. Think e-card with a kiss.

How about sending your lip print to your loved one?

♦Gift your beloved a bag or two of Hershey's kisses and if you are the adventurous type try Hershey Kiss Kiss.



Hug Day: It is quite well known that the warmth of a hug has the power to say more than words. A 'jadu ki jhappi' can work wonders for your loved ones on Hug Day. Celebrate in style:



Propose Day: If you have been nursing a secret desire to express your love for someone, and the very thought of proposing seems a Herculean task, and then February 8th is a perfect day to convey

what you have in your heart. Remember my friend, it is better to have said it and lost than to have never said at all.

#### Celebrate in style:

◆Be creative. Take your loved one out for a cozy dinner or lunch to his/her favourite restaurant and express your feelings. Have the waiter serve your message along with the meal.

✤The age old technique of going down on the knees and confessing your love under a moonlit sky still works.

✤If you can afford, sky writing your proposal is a brilliant idea



Set up a treasure hunt with the final leg popping the question for you.

#### **Chocolate Day:**

'Chocolate, chocolate, chocolate chocolate! It will make you Teddy Day: The fourth day of the Valentine week or February 10 is celebrated as Teddy Day. It brings softness and cuteness in

relationships. Teddy bears are a girl's true friend and they love to receive these soft and cuddly bundles of joy. So, if you want to impress your beloved, gift a cute teddy.

**Celebrate in style:** 

\*You can select a bear specifically designed to represent your friend's favourite soccer or cricket team.

\*Go in for customized teddy bears to convey your message. A teddy that bears the name of the recipient is an equally cuddly idea.

\*Add a sweet taste to your teddy with teddy bear cookies and chocolates.

\*Bored of the usual cuddly toys? Go different with teddy bear mugs, t-shirts and pillows. Look online and you are sure to find many options.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Strange but true our darling teddy bear has been named after American President Theodore Roosevelt who was affectionately known as Teddy.

#### Celebrate in style:

❖Give your loved ones a jar full of promises. Write your promises on strips of paper and roll them up to put them in a jar. ♦ How about giving the promise a legal touch? Sign your vows on a stamp paper. Spare god! Try 'Pinkie promise' this season. Link the small finger with the promised one

Watch 'Munnabhai MBBS' to reinforce the magic of a hug.

Send e-cards with cuddly hugs to make the distant ones feel close.

✤Nothing makes for a big warm bare hug.♥



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Purchase some clear red balloons. Before blowing them up, place candies, small gifts, love poems inside each one, and then give them to your loved one as a bouquet.



# Workout for Cricket Provess every age

## Let age not be a deterrent to your overall health.

n Mahatma Gandhi's word, "It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver." His words still hold true. In order to attain maximum fulfilment in life, it is essential to remain healthy and fit as a healthy mind resides in a healthy body.

The human body is very similar to a machine in its conduct. As machines require timely maintenance and service for smooth functioning, human bodies also require regular exercise to ensure that the muscles function smoothly and maximum energy is released to cope up with daily routine. If you want to lead a healthy life, then you need to follow a regular exercise schedule from a very tender age till the end, to not only stay in shape but also to develop a positive outlook

One can choose to age a healthy way by indulging in physical activity appropriate to their age. Some of the ways to shape up for all the ages are as follows ...

Teens (Age 13-19): Teens are the best time to develop a healthy fitness habit for

life. Its a time when the fitness is at its peak. Include •Lots of sports and general conditioning (Pre puberty) •Begin to build body structure through resistance training (In Puberty) • Maintain youthful flexibility ports Advisor, Amit

junk food)

(Static or Dynamic) • Adopt healthy eating habits (Avoid Twenties (Age 20-29): At this age, one needs to remain active and the best way is to follow a regular physical exercise schedule or playing games. Maintain cardiovascular fitness with aerobic workouts. One needs to make a great effort to

build strength and muscle firmness, through Resistance Training (External and Internal Resistance like free weights and machines etc). Balance of weight training helps add additional strength.

30's and going strong: This is the right stage to shape up the abdomen by adding more abdominal training to the fitness regime. Aerobic workout continues to keep the heart and skeleton muscles in good condition. Stretching exercise is a must to maintain the flexibility.

Life begins at 40's: After touching forty, one normally does not have the energy and momentum, and hence tends to slack off from training. However, undergoing resistance training and slightly increased cardiovascular training helps in improving the metabolic rate. Stretching exercises and yoga help in reducing the risk of heart disease, cancer and diabetes.

50's and fit: At this age one needs to maintain their stamina, resistance and flexibility. The can be achieved best with cardiovascular training (aerobic workouts), resistance training with moderate weights and flexibility through stretching and yoga.

60's and above: At this age it is important to keep yourself active as long you can so as to remain fit and healthy. The most effective way is to go for 30 - 45 minutes of walk or jog for at least 3 times a week. A strict control over the diet with active life style can do wonders to increase life span.

Adopting a healthy fitness regime in consultation with a doctor and under the supervision of a qualified doctor will make you feel good and fit at any age.





## The breathtaking journey of a CWG volunteer

#### **Riteek Arora, Amity Institute of Information Technology**

evisiting the announcement made in our institute in January, about a certain volunteer programme for the Common Wealth Games, Delhi 2010 brings back some pleasant memories. Everyone was a bit apprehensive about the whole pro-

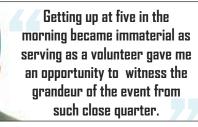
gramme and the role of volunteers but certain that it was worth trying. I got myself registered for the programme, and after a few days appeared for a test and an interview conducted by the Organizing Committee members. A day

later, I was informed that I had been selected for what was going to be one of the best experiences of my life.

Being part of a team of 30,000 chosen volunteers, who were selected from 2,50,000 applicants was a big thing for me. I underwent three different trainings. After their successful completion, I was assigned the job of Ceremonies Support Assistant. I consider myself privileged to have witnessed the grandeur of the event from such close

quarters. My first challenging assignment was to handle 8,000 to 10,000 people, including school children who used to gather at Army Parade Ground for rehearsals. Arranging for equipments, timely transportation and meals for them was a herculean task.

However, the most memorable moment during the entire volunteer programme was to witness the most spectacular and



electric performance, at the opening ceremony after discharging my duties.

Getting up at five in the morning even on a Sunday became immaterial as this event gave me the opportunity to meet and interact with people from across the globe. It proved to be a perfect training ground for my life ahead. This exercise even boosted my confidence and the credit for this goes to Amity University, which gave me the opportunity to be a

part of this notable event.

## **Bull's Ev** triking laurels

Sportstar

#### Gunjan Sharma, GT Network

alk sportstars, and Sanchit Guliani, B.Tech, CSE, Amity School of Engineering and Technology reserves a place for himself in the list. An Archery champ, Sanchit has a meritorious record in the field to his credit. Having represented Amity University at World Universities Championship

held at Shanghai, China, Sanchit has given Amity reasons to be proud. He was the only Indian selected to represent India at the up-

> coming Thailand Princess Cup. Even when sports like Archery do not evoke a lot of passion and fervor among students, Sanchit has already chosen the road less trav-

eled. And he exudes a great deal of passion for his unusual sporting talent. "Winning is not everything, it is the only thing, when you have reached a certain level. My passion coupled with but also the heightened expectations strengthens my zest for winning," says Sanchit. With an inspiration like Braden Gellenthien, World archery champion, he surely seems to be walking the path of a winner. If you thought Sanchit's laurels were restricted to Archery, then here's some added info. He has been an international Tae-kwon-do player and even participated in the World Cup for the same. His sporting enthusiasm does not interfere with his academic brilliance. He wishes to pursue MBA in Sports Management from University of Birmingham, UK. Seems like his focus is on the Bull's eye everywhere!

#### ACHIEVEMENTS GALORE

Bagged three Bronze medals in All India Inter University Meet in Archery. Participated in 5 individual events and secured IIIrd Position (Bronze Medal) in the event of 50 meter compound Archery, 90 meter compound Archery & 70 meter compound Archery in the event of 50 meter compound Archery.

V'DAY GIFTS

Buy a beautiful jar and ask your beloved to put all her wishes scribbled in little strips of paper. The wishes can be as simple as doing the dishes, or as romantic as a candle lit dinner at their favorite restaurant. Each week or month, take one out and grant his/her wish!

Potpourri

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# A Letter to

#### Dear God,

y mother told me that my little brother is your gift to me, though, I do not remember him being wrapped up as a present or being delivered at our doorstep by a

postman.She alsoManya Tyagi, KG-D, AISV-1says I am fortunate for being given theinstanresponsibility of taking care of him,Mumprotecting him and teaching him goodput egmanners.house

But for me that seems to be getting more and more difficult. Often, he seems to me like a very strong and powerful magnet, attracting all sorts of

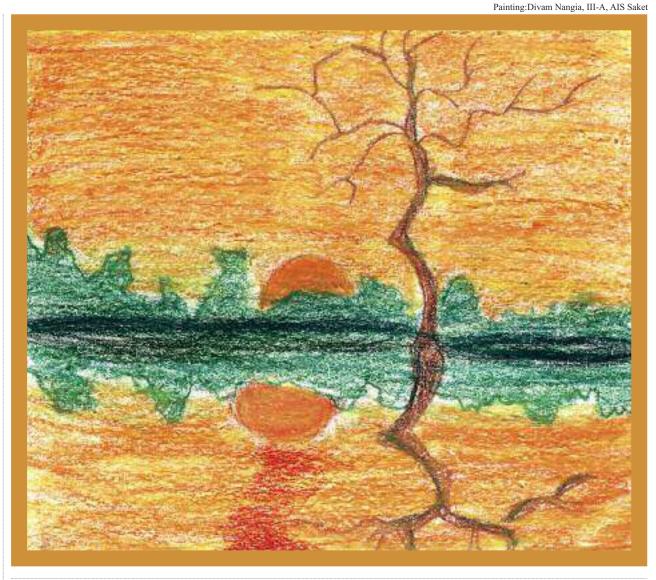


which Mummy habits would not have been happy about. Once, he stood quietly behind her in the kitchen, after she thought both of us had gone to bed, and spooked from behind. her Mummy gave such a shriek, that the security guard stopped by, wondering what the commotion was all about. In other

Mummy's motion was all about. In other instances, he hid my toothbrush, buried Mummy's metro card in the garden, put eggs from our fridge in the birdhouse and ate up all the choco pies from the secret cabinet in our kitchen. He also likes to keep his pencil box in the freezer.

But, I still love him; even for the untidy birthday cards he makes for all of us. I love him for sharing the last bite of his pizza with me. I love him because he lets me watch 'Oggy and the Cockroaches' even when he loves 'Mr. Bean'. He lets me share his favorite pillow and tickles me with funny animal noises. He is the best brother anyone could have. I am fortunate to have him. Dear God, thank you very much for giving me Raghav.

Prachet Varma,V B AIS, Noida



### Fear

#### Chinmaya Kausik VI B, AIS Gurgaon-43

It was past midnight, Not a soul in sight, A boy was walking timidly And he saw a terrible sight! His face went white! At first he thought it was a woman, But no! She was a demon, She tried to kill the human, Away he tried to run, But suddenly, He stopped and stayed, His fears began to fade, Without a word, He drew out a sword, And destroyed the demon of his dreams. Along with her,

Went his fear, and he looked back, His face now bright, Not a soul in sight, It was past midnight

## **My Mother**

#### Diksha Gupta, VI B, AIS MV

I am here because of my mother, Due to her I have a brother. She is heaven, she is sky, Without her I wouldn't be alive. She is my mentor, she is my guide, Whenever I need her she is by my side. She is my god, she is my nanny, When she is around I never worry. She taught me to walk and speak, Without her my life would be bleak. Nothing can replace love of my mother, I wish I am born again to my mother. Sky

Antara Sen, IV A AIS Saket

The blue wonderful sky, Where the lovely birds fly, Up, up so high.

When it becomes black, the lovely sky, The soggy rain makes me cry, Once blue, but now the angry dark sky.

In a bad mood under it I lie, And with a blue ribbon my anger I tie, The blue, wonderful sky.

I think of the picnics under the sky, Where we merrily enjoy yummy apple pie, Which makes my mood very very high.♥

## RIDDLE FIDDLE

Varenyam, V F AIS Gur - 46

What has two hands but no feet?
 What did the big chimney say to the small chimney?

- 3. What do you call a sleeping bull?
- 4. Who says OH! OH! OH!
- 5. How do engines hear?
- 6. What sounds tick, tick, woof, woof?
- 7. What did the window say to the old door?
- 8. What starts with T, ends with T and

9. If you drop a white hat in the Red Sea, what does it become?10. What starts with E ends with E but has usually one letter in it?

is full of T?

ANSWERS(engine-ears)1. A clock6. Watchdog2. You are too7. What are youamall to smokesqueaking about?3. A bulldozer8. Teapot4. Santa walking9. Wetbackwards10. Envelope5. With engineers

## It's me



My name: Siddhant Bhardwaj **School:** Amity International School, Gur-46 **Class: I-I** Birthday: 28 August, 2004 I like: Cars I hate: Shouting My hobby: Collecting different types of cars My role model: My father My best friend: Tavishi My favourite book: BROUNO's series My favourite game: Skating and Cricket My favourite mall: Ambience mall My favourite food: Idli My favourite subject: Maths I want to become: An engineer so that I can make a flying car I want to feature in GT because: I want to express my views to my friends 🛩



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# **Mentorship Programme The Sorcerer's stone**

The mentorship program run by Amity University is a forum for teachers and students to know each other beyond the classroom. A brainchild of Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, this programme is a huge hit and ideal model for other institutes to replicate.

#### Alpana Kakkar

emember Sorcerer's Stone from Harry Potter??? The stone with the insurmountable quality of turning lead into pure gold. The stone with the unmatched quality of turning ordinary to special!!

Amity too has unearthed the Sorcerer's Stone in the form of Mentorship Programme. The programme takes the Amity philosophy of nurturing talent with the impeccable blend of modernity and traditional values. The Mentorship programme has the unique ability and immense potential to transform the careers and lives of students by showing them the path of illumination.

Mentor (měn'tər, -tôr'), in Greek mythology, refers to the friend of Odysseus and tutor of Telemachus. On several occasions in the Odyssey, Athena assumes the role of a mentor to give advice to Telemachus or Odysseus.

Mentoring is a process of the informal transmission of knowledge, social capital, and the psychosocial support to the recipient, which is relevant for his work or professional development. Mentoring entails informal communication, usually face-to-face interaction over a sustained period of time, between a person who is

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perceived to have greater knowledge, (the mentor) and a person who is perceived to have less (the mentee).

Dr. Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, RBEF, resurrected this ancient philosophy and brought it back to life in the form of Mentorship Programme.

Treading on the path shown by the Founder President, every teacher and faculty member of Amity university has been assigned the responsibility of playing a mentor to a set of students in Pic: Safal Chaudhary, BJMC, ASCO

his/her department and take up the role of an 'academic parent'. This is an amazing opportunity given to faculty member and student to break the formal barrier of student-teacher relationship. Mentees can look forward to advice, suggestions and solutions to the problems, which cannot be discussed in the four walls of a classroom. If a child is facing an extremely personal and confidential problem, he would prefer to confide in a person whom he can trust. Who

can provide support better than a teacher, who brings his student out from the mirage to reality and motivates him to convert his dreams to reality?

The natural outcome of this exercise is a strong and long lasting bond between mentor and mentee. This bonding opens innumerable avenues of opportunities and learning for both.

This programme has proven to be a great hit from the time of its inception. It has the capability of transforming the mundane education system & make it more rewarding for students and teachers. Malvika, a MCA student of AIIT said, "We were not able to access Wi-Fi on our floor. We approached our mentor Sonia Saini and our problem was resolved." Describing the program as highly beneficial, Ruchika Batlha, a part of the mentorship program for AIIT students on weekly basis said, "It gives us an opportunity to know students beyond the classroom and solve their academical and personal problems. If a student is weak in a particular subject and is not faring well, we organize extra classes for the students and help them to come at par with their classmates.

The writer is the Deputy Director Students' Affairs, Amity Institute of Information Technology

### **ASCO** students in Jaipur Marathon

Roshni Punjabi, BJMC, ASCO, **Amity University Rajasthan** 

he students of Amity School of Communication, Amity University Rajasthan participated in large number in the Jaipur Marathon held on 23 January, 2011. The students apart from showcasing their athletic abilities helped the organizers in making the event a grand success. About 25 students worked as marathon coordinators and helped in various activities like event promotion, registration



Students of AUR have a great time at the Jaipur Marathon

and event organization.

Veteran Bollywood actor Dharmendra kicked off the event on January 17 by lighting the torch and handing over the baton to well known Squash player Surabhi Mishra. The torch was then carried around the city.

The event gave Jaipurites a chance to brush shoulders with Yamla Jatt. They turned out in huge numbers to cheer him. Eminent dignitaries like State Environment Minister, Beena Kak; Vice President, Ambuja Cement, Mr Sunil Jain and Chairman, World Trade Park, Mr Anub Bartiya graced the occasion.





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AMITY INSTITUTE BIOTECHNOLOGY

#### Harini Swaminathan, **Amity Institute of Biotechnology**

ne can applaud the legend of Human Race, be awed by a 200 year old banyan tree or remain ignorant to the realm of existence. But, the cell alone is eternally omnipresent."

These were the words which marked the beginning of INCYTE 2011, the second annual Biotechnology extravaganza of Amity Institute of Biotechnology. IN-CYTE, organized by A.Y.C- the student body of AIB, AUUP. began on January18, 2011. Spread over three enthralling days INCYTE once again saw a perfect blend of insatiable portions of knowledge. The event commenced with a grand opening ceremony followed by COLLOQUIUM- the lecture series along with a plethora of competitive events, which provided the students a platform to showcase their talent.

The last day witnessed TEDX - the first ever TED event of Amity. TED (Technology, Entertainment and Design) is a global set of conferences, curated by the Sapling Foundation, formed to disseminate "ideas worth spreading."

TED talk was one of its kind showcasing motivating speakers who shared their ideas on 'Role of Biotechnology in shaping up the Indian Society', 'Creativity' and 'Social service & the joy of giving'. Renowned scientist Prof. G.P. Talwar interacted with students and faculty. He addressed important issues related to the role of vaccines and therapeutics in controlling pregnancy and related problems. Some of the other big names who delivered lectures were Prof. S. N. Mukhopadhyay and Prof. B. Jayaram. TED talks were given by Prof. Ajit Verma, Prof. S.M. Paul Khurana and Mr.Sudhir Tailang.

Tailang entertained the gathering with his world famous caricatures of politicians and also drew some for the attendees on popular request. His talk was one of the major highlights of the event. Students got the opportunity to win some exciting prizes at various competitions like presentations, debates, quizzes and a lot more. The event culminated with the benign presence of our Founder President, Dr Ashok K. Chauhan and the German Ambassador, Mr Thomas Matussek who whole heartedly praised the students.

## AUP awarded for excellence in production

#### Kritika Nanda,

Amity Institute of English & Business Communication

mity University Press (AUP) bagged the coveted prize for 'Excellence in Production', beating more than 2000 publishers during the 16th Delhi Book Fair organized by Indian Trade Promotion Organization.

"The stall put by the press showcased the literary work of well known publishers in English, Hindi and other languages. But, it was the child friendly display that drew a huge crowd," Senior Vice President, AUP, Mr Raghu Ramakrishnan Aiyar said. He further added that the AUP stall received tremendous re-

sponse from book lovers this year. It was an honour to receive the first prize for excellence in production beating over 2000 publishers. Even our book "Amrit Hindi Pathmala" available in a series of first to eight was a hit with children, parents and teachers

Amity University Press also organized an array of activities and competitions like painting, quiz & story reading for the children during the fair. Well known educationist Anju Khanna also organized a theatre workshop for children.

The event saw active participation of Mrs Pooja Chauhan, Director, Amity Humanity Foundation. Her presence proved highly encouraging for the children. •



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### AIS Gur-46

## Un a winning Spree

alancing academics with a rigorous sports regimen is not an easy task. Managing this feat brilliantly are wonder kids from Amity Gurgaon - 46, Dushyant, Musckaan, Yeshika and Apoorva, who made their alma mater proud by not only participating in the SGFI and RSFI National Roller Skating Championships but winning laurels too. Meet Musckaan Chauhan, a student of class VII who added gems to her crown by winning both the championships successively for three years. She won two gold and a silver medal in SGFI Nationals and three gold medals at RSFI Nationals. She has the proud distinction of being the only skater in 'Inline Category' from Haryana to win Federation Nationals this year. The Chairperson of Amity schools Dr (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan and the Principal of AIS-46 Gur Mrs. Rekha Ranade applauded the children and Coach Mr. Rajesh Sharma for their superfluous performance. •



## Art competition

SIEF (United States India Education Foundation) organized an art competition for school students at Fulbright House on November 16, which saw participation from Amitasha Noida students. The Chief Guest was Mr Adam Grotsky, Executive Director USIEF. Amitasha girls got an opportunity to compete with international school students. The students are immensely thankful to Chairperson Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan and coordinator Dr Manorama Saxena for providing such great learning opportunities.

Amitasha



#### Amity Institute of Competitive Examination Presents FOR CLASS XI - XII When half of an indicator is present in un-ionised form the value of pH is 2.0. In a solution of pH 2.4 Calculate the % of indicator in ionised form (d) 63.6% (a) 28.6% (b) 36.4% (c) 71.4%correct entries win Winner of Brainleaks-01: Rhibhu chattopadhyay, Anshit Agarwal & Mayank Gupta, XI-H, AIS Noida attractive prizes Last Date: 21st Feb 2011 Class: Send your answer at The Global Times, AKC House, E-27, Defence Colony, or e-mail your answer at amityglobaltimes@gmail.con

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**School Lounge** 

## lheatre test

Pratibha Gauri Nigam, IX B AIS, Pushp Vihar

heater contemporary dramaturgy, has been an attractive technique of venting out emotions that are very intense, impulsive, em-IS Pusho pathic and most of all; an amalgamation of

both the 'raw' and the 'refined'. It's always about discovering the 'real' in 'reel' for a dramatist! Theater boldly explores the transparency of human emotions in its entirety!Realizing the significance of the performing arts like an epiphany, AIS, PV hosted UTOPIA 2010 – a grand theatre festival on Jan

24 -25, 2011, for the juniors and seniors respectively. The eminent jury, comprised the esteemed editor of "The Global Times", Mrs. Vira Sharma and renowned actor and director Ms. Nisha Trivedi from National Bal Bhavan.

Utopia, a one act play contest with its theme of presenting values through humor, exhibited the magic and drama

that youngsters continually absorb from their vivacious surroundings. It

brought alive the universal values of love, share & care, truthfulness and humanity carefully woven with instances from our day-to-day environment. The two day long fest had over 20 schools take part in it. Amity International School, Saket bagged the rolling trophy!

Jodo Gyan workshop

On 5th January 2011, a Jodo Gyan with her. The workshop was con-Workshop was held at Amity In- ducted under the able guidance of Mr. ternational School, Noida for the primary teachers by resource person, Ms.

AIS Noida

Shaji, the resource trainer from Jodo Gyan. It aimed at promoting activity

Usha Menon. She displayed the vari- based education to add concrete and ous teaching aids that she had brought lasting learning in Mathematics.

Hindi Symposium wo students of AIS Vas-1 AIS Vas-1

L participated in a Hindi symposium on 'Child Rights' at Bal Bhavan on October 27, 2010. 32 schools participated with over 64 participants. Ten best speakers were selected for the finals, which was scheduled on 18th Nov 2010 at Bal Bhavan. The finals saw se-

lected students putting forth their views. Gunjan Sharma, VI, AIS Vas-1, bagged the 1st prize and was appreciated by the Minister of Human Resource Development. Renowned writer Arvind Kumar, gave away the prizes. She won a Certificate of Merit and an

Encyclopedia worth Rs 2000.

Pushp Vihar. It was attended by various the first time and their efforts were ap-NGOs and Amity students. Amitasha plauded by all present there. Books students presented their opinions on the were given away as prizes to motivate books read by them. Nisha and Pavitra, the students to develop their reading class III narrated the Hindi stories they habit further.

mitasha Saket students were liked and Bhawna, Chanchal & Komal, privileged to attend the 'Rea- class III narrated English stories. These ▲dathon' organized at AIS, students shared their experiences for n Santa's trail



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#### Mukta Ghosal, Coordinator AIS, Lucknow

inters are the best time to plan an adventurous rendezvous. Full of same zeal, Amity Lucknow decided to organize a night Safari for our little Amitians on December 24. The children and teachers were equally excited about the idea so they decided to pack their bags early and headed towards the school. After a tiring day and a sumptuous lunch, the children could hardly wait for the magic of Safari

to begin. This was followed by craft and collage making activity on the theme "Our dear Santa" and "Making the best bell" competition.

After this creative exercise the children

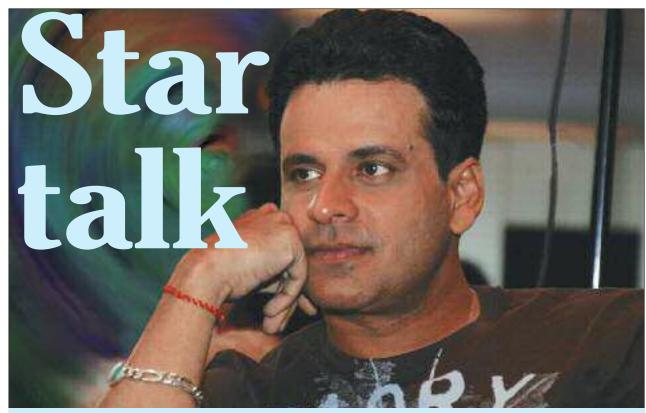
### AIS Lucknow

staged a play on "Nativity", where they displayed their acting prowess. The school choir set the mood for the evening by singing Christmas carols. However, what left the children amused and happy was the sudden appearance of Santa Claus, who brought special Christmas gifts for our little Amitians. The visit by Santa was followed by an hour long games session which rekindled the lost energy and left everyone in high spirits. The much awaited bonfire bonanza saw the teachers and children swaying to foot tapping numbers. The safari ended with two students winning the honour of "Master and Miss Safari" for their magnificent performance. As every good thing comes to an end, it was time for everyone to bid good bye and go back home.

"I hope your beloved would cherish receiving these gifts as much as I enjoyed presenting them to you. These gifts are sure to make the recipient feel special and bring a smile on their face."



Samiksha Jain, BJMC, ASCO



Variety

Catch Manoj Bajpai aka Bhiku Mhatre in a candid mood as he talks about films, college life and highs and lows of his career.

#### Babua Biswas & Amaninder Sohi (MJMC II year), ASCO

e is full of fury, raw energy and passion for theatre. His dream to make his place under the arc lamps drove him from a sleepy town in Bihar to the city of dreams 'Mumbai', where he worked his way up from playing small roles in sitcoms to serious roles in films like Dastak, Tamanna and Bandit Queen. But he struck gold with his role of Bhiku Mhatre, in the critically acclaimed movie 'Satya'. Yes it's none other than Manoj Bajpai - the actor who is known for his acting prowess rather than his films. Students of Amity School of Communication, AUUP caught up with this thespian at a recently concluded press conference and here are some excerpts from the interview.

When were you smitten by the acting bug? I always wanted to be an actor and was quite good at acting from childhood itself. I always believed that if I followed my dreams, I could make it big some-

urge to reach the stars made me take up theatre in school and college. Later, I stones to success.

joined Barry John's school of acting, where my acting skills were sculpted and polished.



Is it true that you failed to secure admission in National School of

> Drama? Yes I tried thrice to get into NSD but was not that lucky. However this failure did not deter me. I chased my dreams and never lost

day. I did not let odds deter me. This the grit and determination to turn them into reality. Failures are stepping



Tell us about life in Ramjas College. I had a tough time studying at Ramjas College (Delhi University) as I hailed from a small hamlet in Bihar and was poor in English. I got very poor grades in the first two years and to improve my percentage in the final year I wrote my papers in Hindi.

#### How has your journey been from Swabhiman (Serial) to Rajneeti?

I had to struggle to get meaty roles initially. It was very difficult to bag assignments with renowned production houses as they had apprehensions about casting a newcomer. It was only after Swabhiman that I was noticed by ace director Mahesh Bhatt who offered me a small role in "Tamanna". I am thankful to Ram Gopal Verma, who recognized my talent and gave me the much needed break in Satya in 1998.I have not looked back after that.

#### Do you feel proud being a recipient of two National awards?

Success has not come easy. I have toiled

hard to reach this mark. Yes as an actor I feel great when my work is applauded by the audience. Winning National Awards for films like Satya and Pinjar has been the highest honour that has been bestowed on me.

With Rajneeti now a big hit, has it brought any major changes in your life? My work as an actor is to give my 100 percent and do justice to the character I portray. A hit or a flop does not matter to me. However, it definitely changes the fortune of a producer.

#### Tell us about the films and characters that are close to your heart?

As an artist, it is very difficult for me to single out one movie. I like my character in Pinjar, Bandit Queen and Satya. Even the role I played in 1971 was highly appreciated by cinegoers and critics.

Lastly, any message for the youngsters? It's a tough world. Nothing comes easy. So, work hard & dont let failures deter you.🎔



the classrooms of Amity International School, Saket. Exceptionally brilliant students, both of them fared well in academics and extra-curricular activities. "Our teachers never opposed our relationship as we never let studies take a backseat. We continued to outshine both in academics and extracurricular activities. Vaishnavi

Vaishnavi went ahead to do her Bachelors in Journalism while Amrit enrolled for a course in Commerce. Though, they split apart for a brief spell of time, they continued to be best buddies. It was after they reached a pinnacle in their career that they finally decided to tie the nuptial knot. Vaishnavi went ahead to become a successful producer at Headlines Today, while Amrit set up his own business. "

"Bluethread" soon," an excited Priyam said.

#### Band Baja Baraat

Though, Amrit and Vaishnavi did not have to face any parental opposition, their parent's had not expected their friendship to last that long. However, their friendship gradually developed into love and they finally tied the knot after 13 years of knowing each other. "My parents

There are many celebrity couples like Sudha and Narayan Murthy whose love story continues to be a source of inspiration. Like the heroes of our story, they first met at College and it was here that their love blossomed and they went ahead to create history. For them, love acted as a catalyst and helped them attain success. Priyanshi Bahadur, BJMC-I, ASCO reiterates the philosophy of, "Do not fall in love; rise in love".

was chosen the house captain and I had the honour of being the Sports Captain at school," Amrit said. Priyam and Nishant of Amity University have a similar story to share. Nishant, a student of B.Tech, Biotechnology and Priyam a student of Fine Arts were first introduced to each other by a common friend. The common friend, who was also Nishant's room mate in the hostel, started bringing Priyam's painting and notebook for reference. Bowled over by her work, Nishant started nursing a desire to meet Priyam and initiate a friendship.

Journalism is very demanding so I wanted to concentrate on my career. I feel grateful to Armit, who despite his reservations against night shifts allowed me go ahead with my plans," an elated Vaishnavi said.

Meanwhile, it was not a smooth ride for our second couple Priyam and Nishant who had to fight against all odds to set up a designing firm under the name of "Bluethread".

"Immediately, after passing out from the college, I bagged my first project from Apollo Hospitals. Though, we did not have any capital to set up a firm it was Nishant's ardent desire that made us establish 'Bluethread'. But,

never opposed our relationship. However, they believed that I would outgrow my feelings for Amrit. They had not expected our relationship to continue beyond school. Amrit's parents were very sure that he would not surrender against any odd," Vaishnavi said. Today, they are married for over two years and they couldn't be happier, and successful too. Amrit owns his business of setting up libraries in schools across India, and Vaishnavi is currently working as a consulting Editor with a publishing firm. Nishant and Priyam also had a dream ending & finally got married this October. P.S. The names of AIS Saket students have been changed.