

Status of the week

The things you're able to really do with your life would shock you. You just have to access it. You have to bite the bullet and take control of your life.

Aayushi Ranglani, Amity Instt of Psychology & Allied Sciences

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POLL RESULT

for GT issue February 18, 2013

Will the advent of Whats App and BBM mark the end of SMS?

Response	Percentage
Yes	32%
No	13%
Can't Say	55%

Results as on February 22, 2013

Coming Next

Celebrate the spirit of womanhood with GT's Women's Day special edition.

SMS: Happy Birthday or RIP?

As SMS turns 20, the texting service faces threat of extinction as counterparts like WhatsApp and BBM take over. Time for celebration or mourning...the humble SMS faces a dilemma

Bhawna Tuteja, GT Network

Not many 20-year-olds can claim to have changed the world. But the recently-turned-20 SMS (Short Messaging Service) seems to have traversed the road less traveled. After having done everything from sealing multi-national deals to forging emotional bonds during the last two decades; the text that rose from humble beginnings has now become the world's most popular data application. But the humble text message may near its dawn as figures show a declining trend of SMSing, courtesy – the new age electronic media.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

“Merry Christmas” read the first ever text message.

Sent from a personal computer to a mobile phone on December 3, 1992 by Neil Papworth, the idea was to use text as an in-company paging service. The trend took off in 1998 as four major phone companies introduced the ‘pay as you go’ system. However, texting became a way of life only in 1999 as users could send SMS on networks other than their own.

THE MODUS OPERANDI

Today, 8.6 trillion text messages are sent each year globally, generating £73.5 billion a year.

(Source: Portio research)

From a mere greeting to text poetry, text advertisements, text prayers and not to forget text voting, courtesy – reality shows; SMS has come a long way. While friends make their plans to hang out via SMS, bosses send out texts stating the details of meetings lined up for the day. It is routine for

parents to receive information about their children at school via text.

RIP?

Number of texts sent annually has fallen by as much as one billion.

(Source: Ofcom)

But the text may be well past its prime, as suggest the first time decline in SMS volumes. The reason could well be new ways of communicating – read WhatsApp, BBM, Twitter, iMessage and the like. WhatsApp, one of the instant messaging tools is already handling more than 10 billion messages per day. And that’s not

TEXT TRIVIA

- 18-25 year olds send the most texts – on average 133 messages per week.
- Men communicate via text more than women.
- Women send longer texts than men and are more likely to talk about relationship issues via text.
- Texting is the second most common use for a phone – the first being checking the time.
- Women are twice as likely to use emoticons in text messages.
- A single text received while driving can distract the driver for 4.6 seconds.

For more fun facts refer to top quotes

all, the messenger service has already pushed Spain’s SMS volume into 25% annual decline.

NOT YET

92% of smartphone users still prefer to text over instant messaging.

(Source: Acision)

While SMS may be facing survival issues, it is nowhere close to extinction. According to a survey by mobile communication firm Acision, it is still the most popular way to message despite competition from email and social networking messaging services. In fact, text messaging has overtaken speaking on the phone, states a report by media watchdog Ofcom.



Pic: Pankaj Mallik

Dr Ashok K. Chauhan felicitated

LEGAL EXCELLENCE

Amity Law School (campuses at Delhi, Noida, Gurgaon, Lucknow, Jaipur & Gwalior) has over 15 years of excellence in legal education under the visionary guidance of Dr Ashok K. Chauhan

Amity Education Group has established

- 7 law schools, presently enrolling 3500 students
- India’s top 10 ranked Law School (New Delhi and Noida)
- Amity Law School, Delhi, first law school in NCT to offer 5 year B.A. L.L.B.

The Bar Council of India recently during its Golden Jubilee Celebrations felicitated Founder President with ‘Plaque of Honour’ for his invaluable services rendered in the field of legal education

Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe, was felicitated by Bar Council of India (BCI) for his immense contribution in enriching the law fraternity

of the country through Amity Law School. The award came as a recognition of his invaluable services rendered in the field of legal education.

ior Advocate and Chairman, Bar Council of India felicitated Dr Chauhan with the ‘Plaque of Honour’ during a glittering ceremony of BCI’s Golden Jubilee Celebrations

on February 16, 2013 at Vignyan Bhawan, Delhi. The occasion was also graced by Arun Jaitley, senior advocate and Leader of Opposition, Rajya Sabha; Hon’ble Justice



Dr Ashok K. Chauhan receives award from Manan Kumar Mishra, Chairman, Bar Council of India

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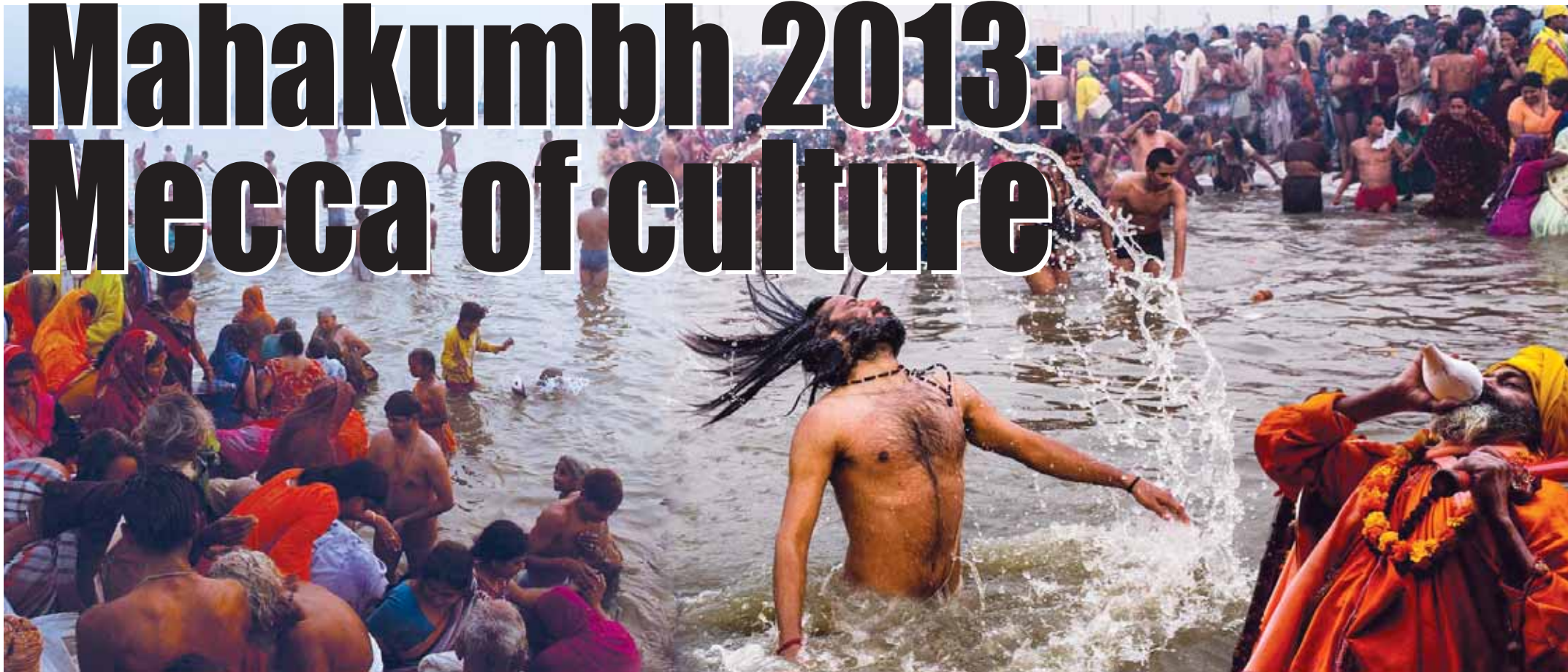
Dr Ashok K. Chauhan

Ranjana P Desai, Judge, Supreme Court of India; Hon’ble Justice G S Singhvi, Judge, Supreme Court of India and Hon’ble Justice Dilip B. Bhosale, Judge, High Court of Karnataka. Dr Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of India inaugurated the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of BCI along with Dr Ashwani Kumar, Minister of Law and Justice and Hon’ble Justice Altamas Kabir, Chief Justice of India. The inauguration was followed by seminars on various topics wherein Union Ministers, judges of Supreme Courts and High Courts, eminent senior advocates and jurists, foreign dignitaries and noted academicians shared their views.

Young adults send on an average 109.5 texts a day, or approximately 3,200 messages a month.



Mahakumbh 2013: Mecca of culture



It was not the *naga sadhus* or the magnificent demonstration of Hinduism or the unfortunate stampede which kept the news wires ticking at Allahabad, the venue for the historic *Mahakumbh*. But what made the grand spiritual trade fair unique this year was the presence of who's who of the fashion world, amateur photographers and not to forget our B town celebrities who arrived in large droves to seek divine intervention.

The Kumbh Theology: Hailed as the world's largest congregation of devotees, *Mahakumbh* comes after a period of 144 years, and for all those who missed taking a holy dip this year will have to wait till 2157. It is regarded that those who take the ritual bath while chanting Vedic hymns and *mantras* are rid of their sins and miseries.

Tinsel town marks presence: *Mahatamas* and *sants* were not the only ones who converged at the banks of river Ganga; Bollywood stars also took the spiritual road. Whether it was seeking blessings for their loved ones, for the success of their new ventures or

Held once in 12 years at the confluence of holy rivers, *Mahakumbh* this year was a life time experience not only for those who wanted to get a taste of spirituality, but also for the Bollywood brigade and fashion fraternity who turned to divinity for inspiration. **Riya Arora, AIS Vas 6, IX A** brings you interesting despatches from the *Kumbh*

even marketing their latest flicks, Bollywood was all out at *Kumbh* in full attendance. The firsts to pay the visit were actors Shilpa Shetty and Rajpal Yadav who offered prayers at the *ghats*. Amitabh Bachchan, Sonam Kapoor, Akshay Kumar with wife Twinkle Khanna, Emraan Hashmi, at al followed suit.

Lost and found Centers: If you have grown on a staple diet of Bollywood, you would well know the agony of brothers who got separated during *Kumbh*. But, the misery of torn-at-*Kumbh* has finally come



to an end, courtesy - the lost and found counters. These counters proved to be a messiah for thousands of people who were reported missing at *Kumbh* this year.

Click Culture: Ace photographers from across the world congregated at the *ghats* of Ganga to capture the largest ocean of faith and spirituality in their lenses. "People look at us, we look at them. They click our photographs and we click their's. This is how love spreads," Stuart Butler, an acclaimed pho-

tographer from Spain was quoted as saying.

From Australia with love: As a mark of love and affection, a team of eight people from Australia designed a special boat to ferry pilgrims across the river. Built at a whooping cost of Rs 4 lakhs, the boat is not just a vehicle helping people attain *nirvana*, but nurtures international relations too.

Culinary delights at best: How about a 'Kumbh Spread' to celebrate spirituality? Celebrity chef Vikas Khanna, who had US President Barack Obama eating from his hand was at *Kumbh* tossing *aloo puri* for the *sadhus* and he even prepared an entire "kumbh spread" which included *chholey puri*, *halwa* and *kachoris* for 2,700 *sadhus*.

Fashion gurus turn to Kumbh for inspiration: *Kumbh* turned out to be a playfield for the designers who wanted to immerse themselves in a riot of colours and varied hues. If Titan decided to launch a new watch tracing the journey of a pearl, fashion designer Tarun Tahiliani, would showcase a collection inspired by hermits and *sadhus*.  

World at a go

India

A pair of bombs exploded on February 21, 2013 evening in a crowded shopping area in Hyderabad, killing 16 people and wounding at least 119. The explosions took place at rush hour, the first at 7.01 pm and the other about five minutes later, near a cinema in Dilsukhnagar.



United Kingdom

In a pioneering treatment, UK doctors have given a new lease of life to a baby suffering from a fatal heart condition by 'freezing' his body for four days. Edward Ives was born with a condition called supra ventricular tachycardia (SVT), which causes the heart to race dangerously fast with just a 5% chance of survival. The baby survived, thanks to the miraculous treatment administered at University College London Hospital.

United States of America

US President Barack Obama has announced to withdraw 34,000 American troops from a war-torn Afghanistan in the next one year and showed confidence in ending the decade long war by the end of 2014.

Egypt

Egypt's telecommunication authority has said that all Google services must be shut down to fully suspend YouTube in the country over an anti-Muslim film.  

Vatican vacant

Secret ballots and smoke signals mark the election of the pontiff. GT brings you a glimpse of these elaborate rituals

Debolina Goswami

Amity Institute of Biotechnology

The concept of the Papal Conclave has been familiarised by the illustrious work of Dan Brown, "Angels and Demons". Pope Benedict spurned a surprise by becoming the first pontiff to resign since the resignation of Pope Gregory XII in 1415. Here are some interesting details of the elections of the Catholic population's object of reverence.

Breaking the tradition: Unlike the 13th Century when it took three years of bitter political struggle to elect a new pope, a modern electoral system is in place today. In the age of the bullet-proof pope mobile, the Sacred College of Cardinals (the electoral body) meets and votes for the new pope in Sistine Chapel. Breaking the earlier tradition, they don't lock themselves up, rather they live in nearby hotels and facilities like in Casa Santa Marta.

The election: The current election procedure follows the Apostolic Constitution "Universi Dominici Gregis" promulgated by John Paul II in 1996, and modified by the current pope. The Papal Conclave is called in the event of demise of the current pope or his resignation. The bereavement of a pope is verified by the Cardinal Camerlengo (cardinal who manages the pope's secular affairs) by gently striking the remains with a silver hammer while repeating his Christian name. The silver hammer has now been excluded from this ritual. Then he takes the late pope's "Ring of Fishermen" and the papal seal, and destroys them in front of the College of Cardinals, symbolising the end of a pope's reign. Cardinals are allowed to vote for the new pope if they are





Imaging: Ravinder Gusain

less than 80 years of age. The new pope is elected with a two third (+1) majority of votes.

The procedure: Elections are carried out with utmost secrecy. On the morning of the election, the Cardinal electors assemble in St. Peter's Basilica to celebrate Eucharist. In the afternoon, they proceed from Pauline Chapel to Sistine Chapel and after the oath, all but the electors are expelled from the Chapel marked by the closing of the door. No communication with the outside world is permitted after this. On the afternoon of the first day, one ballot is held. In case of indefinite result, more ballots are held on successive days. The three phases of the voting - pre-scrutiny, scrutiny and post-scrutiny, are conducted by nine cardinals whose names are drawn by the Jr Cardinal Deacon. If the

number of ballots is inconsistent with the number of electors, then the ballots are burnt unopened. If not, then the ballots are opened and the elected name is read out and votes are counted. Ballots are burnt after every scrutiny.

Holy smoke: The colour of the smoke signals the result to people outside the Chapel. Dark smoke signifies an inconclusive result and white smoke means that a new pope has been chosen successfully. Since 2005, the ringing of a bell marks a successful election. After the pope-elect expresses his assent at assuming the position, he decides on a Papal name and is led to the "Room of Tears" where he is dressed in a holy garb and is proclaimed to the world by the Senior Cardinal Deacon from the main balcony of the Basilica.  



Texting is teens' most common form of communication, beating out phone conversations, social networks and old fashioned face to face conversations.

ABC of design

Rajan Sharma, a senior designer with Mint, a newspaper from HT Media Ltd, shares the ropes of designing and provides an overview of the industry in an interview with GT. Join **Kanika Bhardwaj** and **Debolina Goswami**, Amity Institute of Biotechnology, as they bring you some excerpts from the exclusive tête-à-tête.

How do you define graphic designing?

The art of presenting a story whether for print, electronic or digital media is called graphic designing. When a reporter approaches a designer with a story, it is the designer's job to make the copy eye catchy and reader friendly. The choice of layout, illustration or images varies from story to story. However, a story can leave a deep impact on the reader only when it is backed by good visuals.

Has designing come of age with more people opting for it as a career?

Yes, it has, especially in the recent years. More and more people are opting for designing as a career. Each person has his



Rajan Sharma flanked by Debolina Goswami (L) & Kanika Bhardwaj

own unique perspective of viewing things and that is reflected in his work. It is this desire to come up with something innovative that makes people opt for this interesting career.

What are the various avenues open to a graduate in graphic designing?

Unlike yester years, designing today is not restricted to newspapers and magazines. A flourishing digital media and a confluence between print, electronic and

web has made designing a lucrative career option. Designers are in great demand in film editing and animation industry too.

How different is the portfolio of a graphic artist and graphic designer?

A graphic artist generally works on imagery – images, photographs and illustrations; while a graphic designer has to perform the task of designing the layout, coordinating with the photographers to

add more credence to the story.

When creating graphics, what do you feel is the most important: planning, design or implementation, and why?

Planning is the most important aspect of designing because if one cannot infer the data properly, one cannot design or sketch the layout accordingly. The design should be such that it should bring out the essence of the story beautifully and not divert the reader's attention.

When creating graphics, when is 'eye catching' too much?

'Eye catching' is too much when the images are so bold and loud that the reader is distracted from the main article. The images have to be relevant to the article. The readers should be able to deduce the subject of the article just by looking at the image.

Any message for the aspiring designers?

There are many avenues open to a designing student. The thirst for knowledge and the will to achieve must not die over time. This would help him improve his work and fuel his creativity too. **GT**

(Rajan Sharma, a promising photographer is showcasing his photographs in a group exhibition titled 'Faith' at Arpana Academy Art gallery at Siri Fort Auditorium on March 7)

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Last Date: April 5, 2013

Examination Date: April 28, 2013

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Institution: Vellore University

Examination: VIT Engineering Entrance Exam (VITEEE 2013)

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ing), Mechanical (Spec in Energy Engineering)

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Examination Date: Computer Based Test. VIT engineering entrance examination will be conducted from Apr 15-30, 2013. Online Apr 15-30, 2013

Website: www.vit.ac.in

Institution: Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Wardha

Examination: PMT conducted by MGIMS

Eligibility: 10+2 or equivalent with English as a subject and an average of 50% marks in PCB + Entrance Exam

Course: MBBS

Application Forms: Available from Dec 21, 2012-Mar 5, 2013

Last Date: March 15, 2013

Examination Date: April 21, 2013

Website: www.mgims.ac.in

Institution: Footwear Design & Development Institute (Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt of India)

Course: Bachelor Degree Programmes (4years): Fashion Design, Footwear Design & Production Management and Leather Goods & Accessories Design.

Integrated programme (Bachelors + Masters) 5 years: Business Management and Retail Management

Eligibility: All India Selection Test
Application Form: Last date of issue and submission of application form is May 20, 2013

Examination Date: June 14-16, 2013

Website: www.fddiindia.com **GT**

Taruna Barthwal, Career Counsellor & Resource Coordinator, ACCGC

Think green, think Amity

A conference on 'Environmental pollution, soil health and sustainable agriculture' organised at Amity University addressed the problems arising due to soil contamination



Erudite speakers share the dais with Prof Tanu Jindal



Dr Ashok K. Chauhan shares his thoughts

Amity University, in association with Delhi University, organised a national conference on "Environmental pollution, soil health and sustainable agriculture" from January 15-17, 2013. The conference, held at Amity University, Uttar Pradesh was organised under the aegis of Indian Network for Soil Contamination Research. The conference began with the inaugural address of Prof Tanu Jindal, Director, Amity Institute for Environmental Toxicology, Safety and Management. She briefed the audience about the theme of the conference and emphasised on the importance of soil health, agriculture and environmental conservation.

Dr Ashok K Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe, presided over the event. He said that soil constitutes a vital component of the natural environment and civilizations have developed or de-

clined depending on the quality of soil. He added that the conference would be successful in shedding light on the factors responsible for the deteriorating soil quality and also provide remedies for the maladies which afflict our soil.

The conference touched upon various topics like, 'Soil contamination and human health', 'Technology for monitoring and prediction of soil contaminants', 'Sources of soil contamination' and 'Improving soil'. About 87 papers were presented during the three day long conference, which also saw intense discussions being held on problems arising from soil contamination, toxicology, soil management, soil microflora, nutrients and associated habitat which have the potential to influence the soil ecosystem, agriculture, environment and economy. On the concluding day, Dr G S Sidhu, principal scientist and head of Regional

Centre, National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning, New Delhi addressed the gathering on 'Dynamics of land use and its impact on soil properties in Indo-Gangetic Plain'.

The guest of honour for the day were Prof HC Agarwal, vice president, INSCR & advisor, Centre for Science & Environment; Dr K C Gupta, director, Indian Institute of Toxicology Research, Lucknow; Dr P B Rastogi, director, Impact Assessment in Ministry of Environment & Forest; Dr Rup Lal, general secretary, INSCR and Dean, Examinations, Department of Zoology, University of Delhi.

Meanwhile, other eminent speakers who attended the event include Dr SV Eswaran, Emeritus Scientist, CSIR, St Stephen's College, DU and Dr SS Kukal, Department of Soil Science, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana. **GT**



Amitians discover asteroid

Ever experienced the thrill of discovering something new? Students at AIS Saket did; as they discovered an asteroid. Read on



L-R: Ujwal Sachdeva, Vedant Sandhu, Divij Mishra and Shrey Sharma display their awards

If you thought that discovering asteroids or any other celestial objects can be done by professional astronomers alone, you are in for a pleasant surprise. Students **Vedant Sandhu, Shrey Sharma, Divij Mishra** and **Ujwal Sachdeva** of Class VIII of **AIS Saket** have turned this into a reality. Under the able guidance of **Geetika Mehta**, Astronomy Club incharge, AIS Saket, they participated in AIASC (All India Asteroid Search Cam-

paign) 2012 and brought laurels to Amity by discovering asteroids and much more. Read on.

About AIASC

All India Asteroid Search Campaign organised in collaboration with IASC (International Astronomical Search Collaboration) is an educational outreach program that aims to enable school students from all across the world to work in parallel with profes-



Teacher guide Geetika Mehta receives award at the felicitation ceremony

sional astronomers on real astronomy data taken through observatories. The programme

aims to expose students to ongoing research work in the field of astronomy. AIASC was conducted in three phases in the year 2012 and was held in various parts of India such as Karnataka, NCR, Delhi, Himachal Pradesh etc. The campaign was also launched in other countries such as Portugal, USA, China, Austria, Wales etc.

Methodology

■ As a part of the programme, The Astronomical Research Institute (ARI) Observatory located at Charleston, USA took sky images at night with the help of two telescopes of dimensions 24" and 32". These exclusive sky images and the associated data were then provided to each school or participant.

■ SPACE (Space Popularisation Association of Communicators and Educators) conducted specialised workshops for participants wherein they were taught the usage of specialised astronomical

Pro@Project

software to spot moving celestial objects in the universe.

■ Participants used the specialised software to sift through the exclusive sky image data provided by ARI through the phase and spot moving objects which could be new Asteroids!

Discovery

■ Vedant Sandhu and Shrey Sharma participated in Phase 1, making 1 preliminary discovery of asteroid TOV6EC, 1 Near-Earth Object confirmation and 3 NEO Observation.

■ Divij Mishra and Ujjwal Sachdeva participated in Phase 2, making 1 NEO confirmation and 11 NEO observations.

Awards galore

The students and the school were felicitated with trophies and certificates respectively for making Preliminary discovery of asteroid and for making Near Earth Observations (NEO) Confirmations **G T**

Sports

Howzatt!?!

Like Lightning

Meet Team Lightning Racers from AIS Noida, a finalist at 'F1 in Schools' held at AUUP from Jan 9-11 as they share their F1 car design

The most streamlined shape that first struck our minds was a bullet. After much brainstorming, we realised that the aerodynamic principle states that the bullet travels so fast because it has no edges!

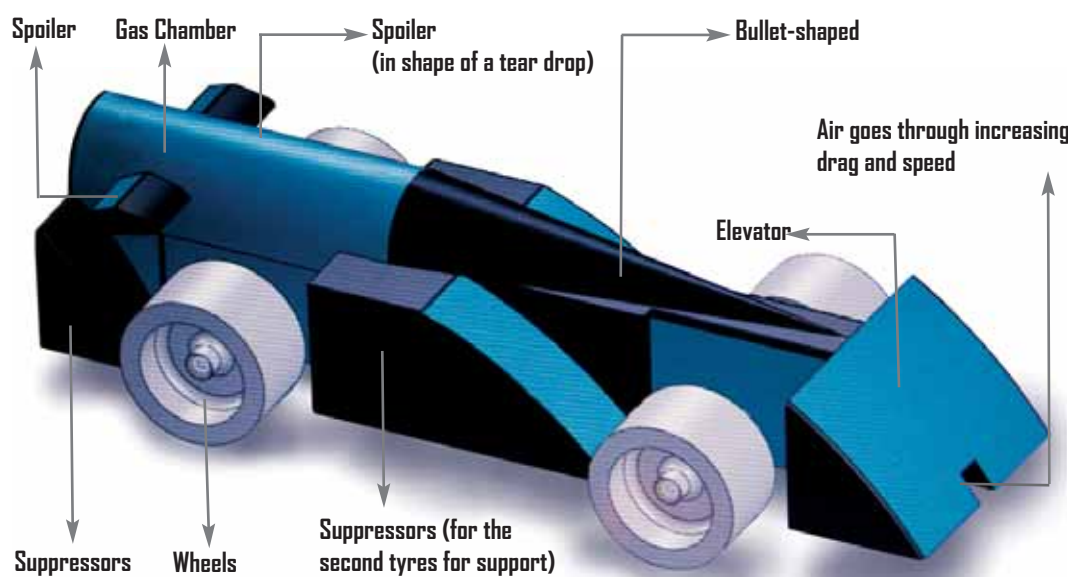
Although it was impossible to make an F1 car without any edges, we decided to make a bullet-inspired car, with less number of edges, keeping this very principle in mind. This helped to make the car's path obstruction-free. Besides, the car's speed was not reduced since the drag (it refers to how well a race car travels through air and how much resistance it offers) was increased.

Secondly, we realised that if the tyres are not covered from their front, the high wind speed would definitely reduce the RPM (revolutions per minute) hence proving detrimental to the speed. The design was planned in a way that would keep the car light weight. Our car was designed after much thought and the results were there for all to see. **G T**

As told to **Swati Sinha**
Amity School of Communication

(For more on F1 in Schools, log on to:

www.theglobaltimes.in/pdf_issues/pdf/Vol5Issue6Page4.pdf)



Pic: Gautam Khanna, Amity School of Communication



Team Lightning Racers displays their miniature F1 car model



F1 Facts

- Most F1 drivers start their career by karting.
- Approximately 80,000 components come together to make an F1 car.
- The Formula One cockpits generate a lot of heat, which make the drivers sweat extremely, thereby losing weight. An average F1 driver loses about 4 kg of weight after just one race.
- The F1 cockpits have drinking bottles installed for the drivers. The water contains mineral salts.
- Numbers are assigned to all F1 drivers. The champion of the previous season is given the number one.
- The drivers have to remove the steering wheels to get inside the car.
- In the days preceding very hot races in countries like Australia, Malaysia, and Brazil, the drivers can drink up to 8 liters of water.
- Tyres can reach temperatures of up to 160 degrees Celsius (320-degrees Fahrenheit) during an F1 race.
- An F1 car can go from 0 to 160 kph and back to 0 in four seconds. **G T**



Sonja Kristiansen became the fastest to send a text message in 37.28 seconds by thumbing - “The razor-toothed piranhas of the genera Serrasalmus and Pygocentrus are the most ferocious freshwater fish in the world. In reality, they seldom attack a human.”

Welcome to Vatican City

Travel Desk
Vatican City



World's smallest car

Capt HA Arfi

The Vatican City is an independent country since 1929 with its army supplied by Switzerland. The Christian country has its own helipad, radio station, currency and postal services. The Vatican currency, Lira, is valid everywhere in Italy. The Vatican is the world's smallest country occupying 0.44 sq km (about 2 sq miles), completely encircled by the city of Rome.

Apostolic Palace

Vatican City is an ecclesiastical state ruled by the Bishop of Rome- the Pope. The location of the Pope's residence is normally referred to as the Apostolic Palace. The palace consists of the Papal

Nestled in Rome, the Vatican City is the smallest country in the world. Here's taking you on a quick trip

St Peter's Basilica



Apartment, the government offices of the Catholic Church, a few chapels, the Vatican Library and the Vatican Museum. Among the biggest attractions of the Vatican Museum is the Sistine Chapel.

Sistine Chapel

The Sistine Chapel is known for its ceiling paintings, especially the ceiling frescoes marvelously painted by Michelangelo. It is believed that whenever a new pope is to be appointed, all the priests and the people concerned get locked in this Sistine Chapel and do not exit until the decision on the new Pope is declared. In between the proceedings, different smokes are emitted from the building which indicate that the matter is still under discussion. In case the candidate wins less than 2/3rd majority,

black smoke is emitted which reflects that no successful election has occurred as yet.

St Peter's Basilica

St Peter's Basilica is the largest church in the world. Right in front of the basilica is St Peter's Square where St Peter was crucified. The square can hold about 3 lakh people at a time. The midnight mass held on Christmas Eve is thronged by pilgrims from all corners of the world. The Pope appears from the window of the Basilica Central Library, which overlooks the square, to shower his blessing.

(The writer is the Director of Amity Instt of English Studies and Research and Amity Instt of Corporate Communication.)

Barcelona Church



The Colosseum



Laptop

A first in anyone's life holds a special place, and it's all the more special if it's a first laptop!

Jusvin Phull, AIS Vas 1, VIII B

As a kid, I used to ask my uncle to lend me his computer for doing my homework or playing games. It was on his computer that I took my first steps towards discovering the internet. It was here that I learnt with some wonder that the net was a virtual world and the same websites could be accessed on different machines located in different physical spaces. Ever since, I had wanted a computer of my own. My joy knew no bounds when on my tenth birthday, my granny gifted me an Acer laptop! I set out to explore it immediately. My Acer Aspire laptop has an Intel Centrino 2 processor, featuring

Intel Core 2 Duo processor and Intel Wireless WiFi Link. It has a 320 GB hard disk drive and a DVD writer. It also has an inbuilt web camera for enabling video communication. The first thing that I did on my laptop was installing Gtalk so that I could stay in touch with my parents who live in Dubai. My uncle brought me a few computer games which I play during my free time. He also transferred some music from his computer to my laptop. Today, I have my own music collection of more than 500 songs! With practice, I have learnt how to create animations in Power Point. I am also able to do many of my school projects. My first laptop is truly a blessing!

Lion+Tiger=Liger!

You have known lions, you have also known tigers...but have you heard of ligers? The animal world is full of surprises!

Wild Card

Resham Talwar, AIS Saket, IV A

Who is this animal?

The liger is a cross between a lion and a tigress, ie, it is born from a lion father and tigress mother. So, while its parents belong to the same genus, they are of different species. Liger is often compared to a similar hybrid tigon (born from a tiger father and lioness mother). The liger is considered to be the largest of all known felines.

How big is it?

Ligers are the world's biggest cats. They are even larger than their parents and possess both the strength of a lion and speed of a tiger. While many believe that ligers continue to grow throughout their lives due to hormonal issues; this is not true. It is possible that they perhaps take longer to reach their full adult size and grow far more during their growing years. Growth in shoulder height and body length is not seen in ligers over 6 years old. Like male ligers, female ligers too have a great size and have an average length of 3m. They approximately weigh 320 kg.

How do Ligers look like?

Ligers have a tiger-like striping pattern. However, this pattern is very faint. It may be black, dark brown or sandy. They also have a lion-like tawny back-



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Animal	Father	Mother
Liger	Lion	Tiger
Tigon	Tiger	Lion
Mule	Donkey	Mare
Hinny	Horse	Donkey
Beefalo	Bison	Cow
Zeedonk	Zebra	Donkey

ground. Several factors determine the actual pattern and colour such as the

subspecies of the parents and how the genes interact in the offspring. In some cases, the offspring may inherit rosettes from the lion parent.

Famous Ligers

Hercules is one of the most popular ligers. It has been recognised by the Guinness Book of World Records as the largest living cat on Earth, weighing over 410 kg. The liger resides in Jungle Island, an animal theme park in Miami. Hercules was featured on the Today Show, Good Morning America, Inside Edition and Maxim. Another liger, Sinbad, is reported to have the same weight as that of Hercules.

At this year's fifth annual National Texting Championship in New York City, 17-year-old Austin Wierschke was crowned the winner for the second year in a row, taking home \$50,000 in prize money.



Emotional high!



Dr. Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

As I write this column, my heart swells with emotion and beams with pride. This issue of The Global Times is special in several ways as it celebrates the triumph of the Amity family and also transports me to my childhood days.

It gives me immense pleasure to share that our beloved Founder President Dr. Ashok K. Chauhan has been felicitated with the 'Plaque of Honour' by the Bar Council of India for his invaluable services rendered in the field of legal education. The award comes as a recognition of our continuous endeavours to attain excellence in education. It indeed is motivating and has further strengthened our resolve to work with double vitality towards making India an educational superpower.

Our young Amitians are not lagging behind either in working towards the aforementioned aim. Budding astronomers from Amity International School, Saket kept the Amity flag flying high by spotting an asteroid, a rare feat in itself. (Read Page 4).

As emotions of pride take centerstage, nostalgia engulfs me. I am reminded of my childhood days as I read the story on Mahakumbh (Page 2). I remember growing up watching seers gather at Mahakumbh for a holy dip. Today it is not just a spiritual fair alone, rather it has also emerged as a centre for cultural exchange.

With this edition of GT a myriad of emotions envelop me. While I rejoice in the feats of the Amity family, I relive the beautiful memories of the days gone by.

SMS me



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

Every morning I wake up with a smiling emoticon greeting me, "Have a good day!" on my Nokia E5. A not-to-miss message, sent by a friend spreading a smile on my face, telling me that someone remembers you with love. "Thanx & same 2 u", I text back, as I begin to prepare for my day's marathon wearing the smiley on my face.

It's only when I enter the office and interact with the young GT team laced with latest versions of phones do I realise the challenge of staying in tune with the latest technology. I ask - "What is your story plan". They have it ready on their iPhone. I question - "But why didn't you inform me earlier?" I did send you an SMS last night - Comes the reply. I pick up my Nokia and check, its right there, waiting to be opened along with 88 other messages.

I ask - "And what about the interview. Why has it not been fixed?" They answer - "Ma'am, no one is picking up the phone". And I promptly reply - "Did you send an SMS?" And I go on and on, to explain how to use your SMS to fix-up the meetings...it will never fail you. This humble Smart Message Service has something for everyone. If you want to send a reminder...send an SMS. If you want to wish someone... send an SMS. And perhaps, this explains why the SMS is titled 'humble' - it's simple (user friendly), short (160 characters), free (almost) and used by millions.

And just when I was feeling proud that I had finally mastered the usage of this humble SMS and absorbed its functional utility in my personal and professional life, I realised SMS is on its way out.

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On a spiritual note

Spirituality, for some, is a quest for deeper meaning of life, while for others it is a means to connect with the Almighty through prayers and meditation. Delve into its various connotations

Akshat M Awasthy, AIS Pushp Vihar, X C

Spirituality, one word, multiple dimensions. While spirituality may mean connecting with the divine for some; there are others who take it as a way of life. Even as 'to each its own' holds top place, here is a little dwelling into the different interpretations of spirituality.

Spirituality- a religion: Religion forms the backbone or the bed rock on which the entire foundation of our nation is based. Spirituality and religion, both are related to the search for an Absolute God. It is driven towards finding the ultimate reality. Though, religion is associated with faith in supernatural or the ultimate one, spirituality is not bound



by any religion. It's way ahead of it.

Spirituality- a road to self realisation: Meditation brings one closer to his inner self, which in turn propels the connect with the Almighty. Many people during the course of meditation have discovered themselves, realised their true potential and even discovered their weaknesses.

Spirituality- a philosophy of life: The Bhagavad Gita and the Upanishads teach us the philosophy of life, bringing together sacred and secular, work and worship. The Rig Veda proclaims, 'Ekam

sat vipra bahudha vadanti' ie truth is one but sages call it by different names. Just as, same water can be collected in vessels of different shapes, truth can be found in different religions, in different ways.

Spirituality- idol worship: Many religions scoff at the idea of idol worship. But religions like Hinduism accept idol worship as a way to express one's love and devotion towards God.

While spirituality may hold different connotations for different people, the essence remains the same ie eternal bliss.

With more and more youngsters seeking refuge in the virtual world, the big question is - are we losing out on real world relationships over the virtual ones? Let's ponder

Nishant J Vog, AIS MV, XI

CAUTION: This article is highly biased, presenting only the negatives of a world that exists in wires, computers, handheld devices and largely in our imagination.

It's 00:43 on the bottom right of the screen as I log off from Facebook. Feeling exhausted and restless, I curl over my bed. I am sure you too have similar endings to some of your days, sometimes at least. But the question which keeps perturbing me every

The lost reality



Perspective

now and then is, 'Is this the life I wanted?' No, this time I am not thinking about balancing my achievements with my goals. Obviously, the goals outscore the achievements. But this time, I wanted to ponder over the relationships we share.

A little introspection, questioning and counter questioning later, I conclude that the 'lack of communication' bothers me. As lines between socialisation and communication blur out, the belief that our activities on FB mark com-

munication has gathered strength. Excess of anything is bad, including "networking". Believe it or not, but this is what leads to all the loneliness in this world! People think they are ever-connected, always together without realising how virtual and superficial their life is in that "connected" world. Excessive networking has stolen from us the excitement and desire to "meet" people; it has stolen the joy of meeting loved ones after a long time. Compare your online encounters with meeting

your loved ones in person, and you will know that the former is nothing but a delusive rendezvous. The deal breaker: NOTHING is real in that world.

We think we already know everything about someone through their online profiles, but that is not all, not even one tenth of it! How can you know someone's true-self until you spend some time with them in this tangible world too?

Sometimes, it even makes the vis-a-vis associations awkward. I myself have lost someone who could have been my best friend, to this. Despite chatting day and night, we just couldn't get along well in the real world. Though, three years have elapsed, we still can't "talk". I regret missing out on having a "real" friendship, with that person. This incident only fuelled the desire in me to write this article.

I have suffered. I know we all continue to in some way or the other. But we need to understand that though the real world has its shades of grey, it does offer the warmth that the virtual world would never ever infuse. In short, it's about believing and living in "reality".

Pearls of Wisdom



Have faith

Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.

Martin Luther King Jr

Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies.

Mother Teresa

Before the throne of the Almighty,

man will be judged not by his acts but by his intentions. For God alone reads our hearts.

Mahatma Gandhi

The keys to patience are acceptance and faith. Accept things as they are, and look realistically at the world around you. Have faith in yourself and in the direction you have chosen.

Ralph Marston

Doubt is a pain too lonely to know that faith is his twin brother.

Khalil Gibran

Faith and prayer are the vitamins of

the soul; man cannot live in health without them.

Mahalia Jackson

Faith activates God - Fear activates the Enemy.

Joel Osteen

Faith consists in believing when it is beyond the power of reason to believe.

Voltaire

Every tomorrow has two handles. We can take hold of it with the handle of anxiety or the handle of faith.

Henry Ward Beecher



Dear Editor,

GT has been like a whiff of fresh air in every Amitian's life. It not only keeps us posted about the various activities and events that happen in the Amity Universe, but also helps us strike an everlasting bond with our alma mater. The February 11 edition holds a special place in my heart. Generally, we associate Valentine's Day with emotions and gifts, but it was really interesting to see GT dedicate a story to colour red. The interview of the young entrepreneur further strengthened my resolve to work whole heartedly towards my goals.

Jayant Kumar Baloch
Amity School of Engineering



SMS has an average global price of 11 cents and maintains a near 90% profit margin.

The Tunnel Tour

What’s dark and mysterious and seems to never come to an end? A tunnel! Let’s zoom our way through the world’s most amazing, strangest, busiest and lengthiest tunnels...

Shambhavi Sharma
AIS Vasundhara 1, VIII A

Though tunnels are a part of our daily lives, we never pay much attention towards them. We are frequenting the metros almost daily which pass through several tunnels! Over the years, tunnels have been built to escape from enemies, to pass through mountains and seas; besides of course, to connect countries. Whether bored or mined, tunnels are architectural feats requiring an amazing amount of engineering knowledge and precision. Bringing to you, the most marvelous tunnels of the world...

Name	Seikan Tunnel
Location	Japan
Length	53, 850 meters
Completed in	1988



Claim to fame: Longest undersea tunnel
The Seikan, besides being the longest undersea tunnel, is also the longest railway tunnel in the world connecting the islands of Hokkaido and Honshu. Since its first year of surveying in 1946 until its official opening in March 1988, it took more than 40 years to be constructed. Today, unfortunately, the Seikan Tunnel is not used as often, because traveling via airplanes can be cheaper and faster. Nevertheless, the Seikan is one of the major reasons for Japan to remain a unified country.

Name	Channel Tunnel
Location	England, France
Length	50,500 meters
Completed in	1994

Claim to fame: Longest railway tunnel
This international tunnel connects the United Kingdom and France, starting from Folkestone, Kent in the UK, and stopping at Coquelles, Pas-de-Calais in France. The tunnel also contains the largest vehicle transport in the world, the Eurotunnel Shuttle. Commonly known as Channel, it faced many social and political issues. Both the countries had to convince the passengers that they would be safe in a tunnel so huge as tunnel fires were common at that time. So, the engineers built an escape route! Also called the Euro Tunnel, the Channel consists of three tunnels, each 50 km long. There

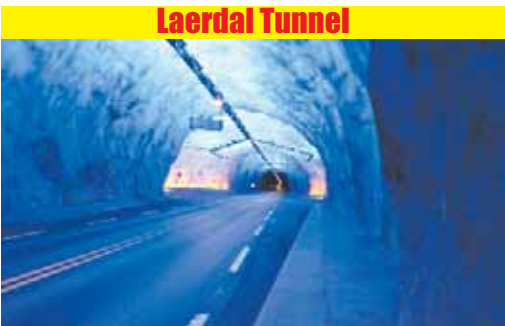
are also several cross-over passages that allow trains to switch from one track to another.

Name	Lötschberg Base Tunnel
Location	Switzerland
Length	34,700 meters
Completed in	2006



Claim to fame: Longest land tunnel
Compared to others, the Lötschberg Tunnel is like a newborn baby, because it was only recently completed in 2006, and wasn’t officially opened until June 2007. The tunnel runs between Berne and Valais and carries freight and passenger trains.

Name of the tunnel	Laerdal Tunnel
Location	Norway
Length	24,000 meters
Completed in	2000



Claim to fame: World’s longest road tunnel
The Laerdal is unique not only because of its length, but also because of the gifted team of psychologists working behind the project. According to them, driving through a windowless tunnel could get a bit monotonous, so they focused on retaining the driver’s concentration. Thus, one can spot many bright blue lights and subtle green curves in the tunnel just to keep the drivers busy!

Some more fascinating ones

Zion Mount Carmel Tunnel (Utah, USA)
This one’s great for enjoying nature. Made of sandstone, the Zion has windows with beautiful outside sceneries and gorgeous carvings.

Smuggling Tunnel (Tijuana, Mexico)
It is such a highly developed tunnel that you have

to remind yourself that you are inside a tunnel and not an apartment block! It has several rooms, ventilation systems and also an elevator.

Marmaray Tunnel (Istanbul, Turkey)
Scheduled to be opened in October 2013, the Marmaray Tunnel has been built and rebuilt 25 times so far! It will provide a rail link beneath the Istanbul Strait, thus easing the city’s road traffic.

Road Routes

Travelling through long roads making you bored? Opt for tunnels to spice up your travel! World’s five longest road tunnels...

Name Of Tunnel	Country	Length
Laerdal	Norway	24000m
Zhognanshan	China	18040m
St Gotthard	Switzerland	16492m
Arlberg	Austria	155516m
Mount Ovit	Turkey	14700m

Under the Water

You must have enjoyed underwater sports; now enjoy world’s five longest underwater tunnels...

Name Of Tunnel	Country	Length
Seikan Tunnel	Japan	53850m
Channel Tunnel	England/ France	50450m
Shin Korong Tunnel	Japan	18680m
Tokyo Bay Aqua Line express	Japan	9583m
The Great Belt Fixed Link	Denmark	8024 m

Waterways

You certainly can’t wade through these, nonetheless, world’s five longest water tunnels for you...



Name Of Tunnel	Place	Length
Delaware Aqueduct	New York, USA	137000m
Paijanne Water Tunnel	Southern Finland	120000m
Dahuofang Water Tunnel	Liaoning Province, China	85320m
Orange Fish Tunnel	South Africa	82800m
Bolmen Water Tunnel	Kronoberg, Sweden	82000m

Rail Routes

What’s better than spotting a tunnel in a lengthy train journey? Travelling through the tunnel itself!

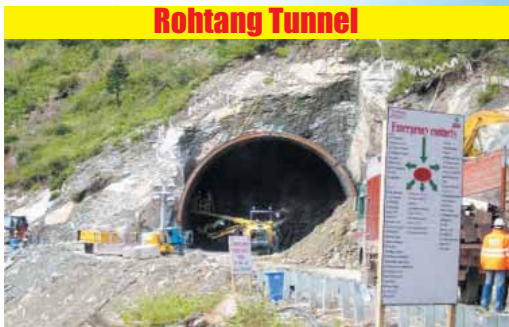
Here are world’s five longest rail tunnels:



Name of The Tunnel	Place	Length
Seikan Tunnel	Japan	53850m
Channel Tunnel	France/ England	50450m
Iwate- Ichinohe	Japan	25810m
Daishinizu Tunnel	Japan	22220m
Simplon II	Italy/Switzerland	19820m

Indian Marvels

Let’s leave the whole world aside for a while and take a proud glance at our own country’s wonders. An ode to India’s top five tunnels...



Name Of The Tunnel	Place	Length
Rohtang Tunnel	Leh-Manali Highway	8800 m
Karbude Tunnel	Maharashtra	6500 m
Maliguda Tunnel	Drissa	2600 m
Jawahar Tunnel	Jammu/Kashmir	2500 m
Bhatan Tunnel	Mumbai/Pune	1600 m

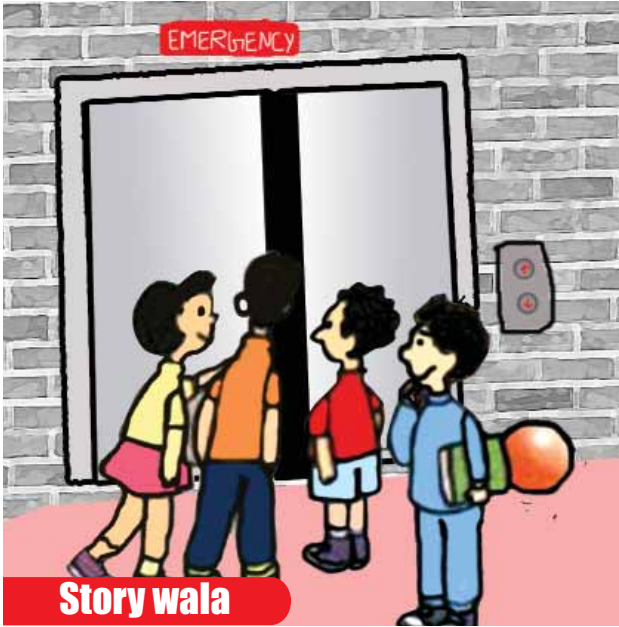
Factual Buddies

- The first ever tunnel proposal between two countries UK and France was put by a French mining engineer Albert Mathew in 1802.
- Tunnel boring machines, also called ‘moles’ can bore through all kinds of soil and rocks.
- The Cu Chi tunnels found under the Cu Chi district of Ho Chi Minh city of Vietnam are a complex network of connecting tunnels used during the Vietnam War to store food, hide, communicate and provide medical shelters. It also housed a range of explosives that made it difficult for the US army to navigate through and destroy the tunnels.

Guess, that’s why they say- there’s light at the end of every tunnel! 🌟



That dreary evening



Story wala

Radhika Ahuja, AIS Saket, IX C

As I glanced upward, a shiver ran down my spine. I shuddered away from the ‘Out of Order!’ signal blaring on the elevator screen. Life has its own forms of amusement and it had picked me that day. After a tough day, the last thing I wanted was to get stuck in the lift! I yelled once, I yelled twice, but none answer my plea. My

I yelled once, I yelled twice, but none answered my plea. My voice alone disturbed the eerie silence lingering in the atmosphere.

voice alone disturbed the eerie silence lingering in the atmosphere. But trouble always comes in pairs. The next moment was one of the most unforgettable moments of my life. The lift sank. A time comes in your life when you are drenched in sweat, your heartbeat is on the racecourse and your lips mumble nervous prayers. The world is forgotten and all you want and can do is put your head over your knees and cry. Your life flashes past you and you zoom on to all the sins you ever committed, hoping you could undo them. Your ardent desire is just to get away from whatever life-threatening situation you’re in. The lift sank rapidly; it all happened in a fraction of a second. I vaguely remember shouting and I must’ve gone white. Fear, after all, managed to conquer me. Again, there was the most awkward silence. Mumbling could be heard outside, and it was the queerest of its kind. I gave ‘yelling for help’ another try, but ghostly, almost dead, laughter was reciprocated. All my prayers to “get me out of here” now transformed to “may the door remain shut”. The lift door opened. Familiar faces which I had named friends shouted into my face “April Fool!”.



No-Crust Broccoli Cheese Quiche

Ingredients

Broccoli florets300gm
Cheddar cheese (grated)100 gm
Eggs6
Milk60 ml/ 4 tbsp
Fresh cream4 tbsp
Ground nutmegA pinch
Salt and pepperTo taste

Method

- Preheat oven to 180 degrees C.
- Butter a 9-inch oven-proof pie dish and set aside, or 4 ramekins for individual servings.
- Steam broccoli florets or microwave

them with a little water for 1 minute. Drain well, then chop coarsely. ■ In a bowl, add eggs, milk, cream, salt, pepper and nutmeg. Whisk well, then stir in broccoli and cheese ■ Transfer the mixture into the pie dish or ramekins. ■ Bake until golden-to-light brown on top for 35-40 minutes. ■ Serve with crusty whole-wheat bread and your favourite salad.

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Brush ‘n’ Easel

Ojaswi Bindal,
AIS Noida, XI J



Sketch: Deepi Sharma
Alumnus, AIS Gur 46

The iconic photograph of Qutubuddin Ansari, a victim of Godhra riots. The Godhra incident completes 11 years on Feb 27, 2013.



1. What question can never be answered with a yes?
2. What can you catch but not throw?
3. What is full of holes but still holds water?
4. When you have me, you feel like sharing me. But if you do share me, you don’t have me. Who am I?

POEMS

The Rainbow Life

Aditi Kulshrestha, AIS Noida, X I

Drops of the rain
And rays from the sunshine so main
Mix together in an intriguing chain
As they turn and twine and chime
Watching them, the pleasure is all mine

Within seconds their baby is born
With beauty, nature has adorn
I treat my eyes to a pretty rainbow
Different colours in every arched - row

The set of shades, we call VIBGYOR
Seems to me, in every row
Different hues, dresses, fairies wore

Violet fairy spreads vitality
For every one to reach his capability
Indigo is for intelligent
And for a mind interestingly bent

Blue gifts bundles of joy
To be happy and not to ploy
Green wants us green

To keep the world fun and clean
Yellow fairy dislikes to yell
Make earth heaven and not hell

Orange is for outstanding
This little fairy makes us dashing
Red signifies that love is the power
Keeping in mind, the last letter of power is R

Let your imagination go wild
And creations be, from undomesticated to mild
From a world of books stacked on shelves
Let’s go to a land of fairies and elves

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Care

Simran Mattu, AIS Saket, IX C

Why don’t we care,
for the little things they shared?
They made our grins wide,
and always stood by our side.
They saved us from the haunted nights,
and solved all of our stupid fights.
But do we still remember,
how it used to be in December?
If we ever sneeze,
or even start to freeze.
They were always there,
with all their love and care.
And then came June,
and all of our sweaty noon.
When there was no light,
they fanned us all the night.
But now when they are all wrinkled,
don’t you think, we should sprinkle
just a little shower of joy
for all they did, to make us enjoy!

1. What question can never be answered with a yes?
2. What can you catch but not throw?
3. What is full of holes but still holds water?
4. When you have me, you feel like sharing me. But if you do share me, you don’t have me. Who am I?
5. What can you hold without ever touching or using your hands?
6. When can you add two to eleven and get one as the correct answer?
7. Which is faster, hot or cold?
8. First I threw the outside and cooked the inside, then I ate the outside and threw the inside, what did I eat?
9. The more of them you take, the more you leave behind. Name them
10. What has a mouth but cannot eat, what moves but has no legs and what has a bank but cannot put money in it?
11. Name the five letter word which becomes shorter when you add two letters to it.

Answer: 1.Are you asleep? 2.A cold 3.Sponge 4.Secret 5.Your breath 6.When you add two hours to eleven o'clock, you get one o'clock 7.Hot is faster, you can catch a cold 8.Corn on the cob 9.Footsteps 10.River 11.The word ‘short’

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Britons send an average of 50 texts a week, a figure dwarfed by Filipinos, who send an average of 27 texts per day.

The tale of hell and heaven



Wisdom Tale

Poorva Singh, AIS Vas 1, VII A

A man died and because he had been a good person throughout his life, he was sent to heaven, where Saint Peter greeted him at the door. “Welcome,” he said. “You can enter heaven right away, but, because you lived a good life, you can also go and check out hell first, if you like.” The man was rather curious and said,

“Well, why not? I want to see what hell is like.” He went down all the stairs to reach the door of hell, which opened before him. As he moved inside, he saw many people sitting around tables with delicious food. But they all were very sad and in pain, because instead of hands they had long knives and forks as arm extensions and they could not manage to put any of this great food in their mouths.

As he moved inside, he saw many people sitting around tables with delicious food. But they all were very sad.

The man went back up to heaven and said to Saint Peter, “Wow, I am glad that I can go to heaven. Hell is really a painful place.” “Welcome to Heaven,” said Saint Peter as he let the man in. What did he see there? He saw many people sitting around tables with delicious food, just like in hell! And just like in hell, they also had these long fork and knife extensions on their arms! But in heaven, the people weren’t crying or cursing, they were feeding each other! “Try this,” they said and burst into laughter. “And this!” and they had lots of fun in the process.

So what did you learn today? Happiness comes from making other people happy.



Baby corn snack

Vyomesh Pandita
AIS Gurgaon 46, II H

Ingredients

Baby corn (sliced vertically) ..1 bowl
All purpose flour (*maida*) ... ½ cup
Curd2 tbsp
Cornflour1 tbsp
Green chillies (finely chopped) ..2-3
Baking powderA pinch
Ginger paste ½ tsp
SaltTo taste
Chaat masalaTo taste
Refined oilFor frying

Method

■ Sprinkle salt on the sliced baby

corns and mix well. Leave aside for 10-15 minutes. Wash them thereafter.
■ In a bowl, put refined flour, curd, cornflour, salt, baking powder, green chillies, ginger paste and mix well. Add some water to make a thick batter.
■ Heat refined oil in a big pan. Dip a few slices of baby corn into the batter. Once coated well, put them in the hot oil for frying. Fry all the baby corn this way.
■ Serve them on a plat and sprinkle some *chaat masala*.
■ Serve hot with *pudina chutney* or tomato ketchup.



POEMS

Exams

Special Cake

Mehul Sehgal, AIS Vas 1, IV C

1+1=2
2+2=4
4+4=8
and I ate a cake!
The cake was so yummy,
it filled my tummy.
I loved the cake,
one that my mamma had baked.
The cake I had,
was very good in fact!
I gave it to my friends,
my friends jumped with joy,
and exclaimed what a toy.
I told them it’s not a toy,
but a yummy cake mamma has baked!



Pooja Pasari
AIS Gurgaon 46, VII A

The month of February brings tension, with ban on computer and television. Dad wants me to be a mathematician, with cent percent marks expectation. Mom teaches equations in chemistry, while grandpa is worried about history. For me exams are yearly revisions, which should be taken seriously but without any tension.



Raghav displays his dance moves and awards

Little Champ

Meet the budding dancing champion Raghav Sehra of Class I G, AIS Gurgaon 46. With his love for dancing and cool dance moves, he has done his school and parents proud by making to the finals of ‘Gurgaon’s Got Talent, Seasons 3’. The little boy had a great time performing in front of a huge audience for the first time. Despite the fact that he was keeping unwell, he took on the challenge and followed his passion for dancing and cleared one level after another of the coveted competition. His creative passion is not limited to dance alone, he is a great football enthusiast as well. His team was the proud winner of Champions Cup 2012 in football age group- under 8 category held in Gurgaon and he won a gold medal and trophy for the same. Way to go little champ!



Aryan Raj Malhotra
AIS Lucknow, IV

Teacher : Ramu, name a thing that we have today but it was not there 10 years ago.
Ramu : Me.
Tom : Why do French like to eat snails?
Harry : Because they don’t like fast food.
Teacher : Why are you late?
Sam : Because of the sign.
Teacher : Which sign?
Larry : The one that says - School Ahead, Go Slow.
Teacher : John, which is farther-moon or Mumbai?
John : Mumbai, because we can see the moon from here but not Mumbai.
Teacher : Why shouldn’t you tell an egg a joke?
Rachel : Because it might crack up!



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Keshav Chandna, AIS Noida, VII J



Atop the hill



Picture Perfect



Green beauty



Countdown begins Ready to launch

Vandana Mathur
Teacher, Amiown Gurgaon

Amiown Gurgaon enhanced the learning of Amies on 'different modes of transport' through an interactive open house presentation in the school premises on Feb 16, 2013. Under the guidance of Vice Chairperson, Amiown, Ms Sapna Chauhan, the theme of the month 'Transportation' was integrated in the curriculum through well planned activities. The children were made aware of the various modes of land, water, air and space transport through toys, pictures and PPTs. The activity also unravelled the creative streak of the little ones as they created models of different modes of transport using waste material. It was amazing to see the young ones chalk out little details. Different categories of transport were showcased to enable the Amies to explore the world of 'transport'. The basement was converted into a fun zone,

Ticketed to transport

Amies at Amiown Gurgaon augment their knowledge of various modes of transport through an interactive open house presentation

which comprised 'Games section', 'Exploration area' and 'Creative snack corner'. The theme was beautifully incorporated at the venue. The children felt energised, as they enjoyed racing in the cars, aeroplanes and buses designed as per the theme. The 'Exploration area' provided them a platform to think, sharpen their creative skills by designing different vehicles from foam, wooden blocks and origami.

A self-explanatory document was put up at each zone, which contained actual pictures of children at work and details of the activities done in the class. In order to give the event a realistic touch, the facilitators dressed up as helpers to guide parents and children to each model. A slew of outdoor games and rides on aeroplane, train and eco friendly *baggi* made it an event to remember. Amies had a great time participating in various fun filled interactive games with their parents and grandparents.

To add more spice to the day, children enjoyed making the ever so creative 'Amies Train', 'Snack Train', 'Fruit Car' and 'Traffic Light Sandwich' to tickle the taste buds of those present. 🇮🇳



Choose your transport Parents check out traffic models



Transport me One destination, many modes



Action time

Amiown Gurgaon

Suneeta Mohanty

Teacher, Amiown Gurgaon

Learning was made more engaging and interesting through an array of role play activities based on transportation theme. The children dressed up as traffic cops and participated in various activities to develop a better understanding of traffic lights and traffic signs.

The children were also apprised about different compartments and berths of a train. They were made to sleep on a carpet, a stool and high chair to give them the feel of lower, middle and upper berths of a train. Rowing a boat is an exercise in itself, and little Amies rowed their boats with energy and vigour. The little Amies also traveled in Ami Airlines as a part of the exercise and were handed over boarding passes with seat numbers. They were also made aware of the seating arrangement in the aeroplane. Teachers dressed up as flight attendants and pilots and facilitated boarding and take off. 🇮🇳



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Amiown firmly believes that a healthy mind rests in a healthy body and so a host of physical activities are organised regularly to allow the little ones to explore their body and improve their mental coordination.

As part of the school's constant efforts to improve the motor-skills of the students and enable them to achieve their developmental milestones, a Burma bridge activity was conducted in the school lawns. The activity enhanced the concentration of the children, helped them develop a better body and mind co-ordination and boost their confi-

dence. As the little ones successfully maneuvered their way on the bridge, they learnt problem-solving skills and how to stay focused on their goals.

As part of one of the activities, the children had to crawl their way through a tunnel. The little ones had to crawl about 20 feet to reach the end of the tunnel. The glee on their faces narrated their priceless sense of achievement.

Jumping forward on two feet always seems a fun thing to do. But when you ought to jump on marked targets, it challenges the young mind and trains their mind to judge and estimate their pace. The challenging act proved to be a fun activity for the little Amies while it gave their teachers an opportunity to hone their skills in more than one way. 🇮🇳



Boat race Run in a Row



Burma bridge Cross over



Finnish author Hannu Luntiala penned a novel written entirely in texts in 2007.

Mental Math tickles young minds

With the enthusiastic participation of around 200 students, the Inter Amity Mental Math competition managed to kindle a genuine interest in math



AIS Saket winners of Inter Amity Mental Math Quiz



AIS PV winners of Inter Amity Mental Math Quiz

Inter Amity Mental Math Quiz

It has been the vision of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, to nurture focused young minds with an analytical outlook. Taking this vision forward, Amity has embarked on a Mental Math journey, an ongoing project of Amity International Schools, convened by BN Bajpai, Advisor (R & D), Amity Group. Mental Math has taken the form of a prestigious competition garnering healthy competition among students. Mental Math was introduced in the year 2010 for Classes I to VI. There are plans to extend it to Class VII and VIII by the

next academic year. Mental Math aims to remove Math phobia among students, enhance proficiency of primary students, rekindle interest in mathematical tables, enable students to calculate without paper and pen as well as develop better reasoning and logical skills.

Eminent educationists were invited as judges for the competition as Dr Dharamprakash, NCERT; Dr Anup Rajput, head - Media Research and Extension Division, CIET and reader in Mathematics NCERT; Dr VP Singh, reader Mathematics, NCERT; Mr Rakheja, Prof, AICE; Dr SM Chibber, retd. principal and Mr Ajay Pal Singh, vice principal, Cambridge School, Indi-

rapuram. All the eight branches of AIS participated in the Mental Math competition which took place on February 11 & 12, 2013 at AIS Mayur Vihar, Pushp Vihar and Saket. Overall, AIS Saket bagged the first position, followed by AIS Pushp Vihar and AIS Noida.

Results

Class I	
First position	AIS Pushp Vihar
Second position	AIS Saket
Third position	AIS Noida
Class II	
First position	AIS Pushp Vihar
Second position	AIS Noida

Third position	AIS Saket
Class III	
First position	AIS Saket
Second position	AIS Pushp Vihar
Third position	AIS Gurgaon 46
Class IV	
First position	AIS Pushp Vihar
Second position	AIS Vasundhara 6
Third position	AIS Saket
Class V	
First position	AIS Saket
Second position	AIS Noida
Third position	AIS Vasundhara 6
Class VI	
First position	AIS Saket
Second position	AIS Pushp Vihar
Third position	AIS Vasundhara 1

Grandparents day



Grandparent's Day celebrations

AIS Vasundhara 6

Amity International School, Vasundhara 6 believes in nurturing a strong value system which the students can adhere to for a lifetime. Keeping this tradition alive, the school organised Grandparents Day - 'Sneh Abhivyakti' on February 8, 2013 in the school premises. The grandparents of class V students attended the event.

The guests were welcomed with the ceremonial *tika*. The programme began with the lighting of the lamp and welcome address by principal Sunila Athley. The school choir brought the stage to life with their melodious renditions. The students put up a radio show which was followed by a mesmerising Odissi dance performance. Many interesting and fun-filled games were organised for the grandparents.

The grandparents also walked the ramp during a mini fashion show and impressed everyone with their elegance. The programme concluded with the inspiring words of headmistress Anjeen Berar as she proposed the vote of thanks. The belief of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, to respect and honour elders, were reinforced among students through the celebrations.



Winter carnival celebrations at AIS Saket

Winter cheers for fun!

AIS Saket

The winter carnival, one of the most awaited events on the yearly calendar, was held at AIS Saket. An air of festivity pervaded the school as students from classes Nursery to XI put up various stalls, the most popular being the games stalls. Children enjoyed the joyrides put up for them. Shrills of laughter and melodious music filled the air. A number of leading eating joints had put up their stalls, offering piping hot food throughout the day. Parents and special guests visited the fair, adding to the fun filled extravaganza.



The celebrations ended with the lucky draw held in the presence of Renu Sharma, DDE, District South. The lucky draw prizes were given away by Dr Rekha Ranade, principal and Anshu Mital, vice principal, AIS Saket. Everyone enjoyed the event thoroughly.

English for non speakers

The workshop on CESOL (Cambridge English for Speakers of Other Languages) brushed the participants' basic English skills

AIS Saket

AIS Saket hosted a workshop on CESOL (Cambridge English for Speakers of Other Languages) on February 19, 2013. The workshop aimed at teaching the English faculty how to integrate CESOL into the school curriculum. Vice principal of primary section, headmistresses, primary co-ordinator, head of primary English department and primary English subject in charge participated in the workshop. The resource persons were Dr CLN Prakash, ELT Head and Manish Puri. The workshop aimed at familiarising the educators with the Cambridge ESOL exam and understanding ways to adapt exam tasks in the general English classroom. The workshop started with an interactive activity 'Discover me' through which the resource person introduced himself. The same personalised technique was followed for all the participants. The workshop proceeded with the introduction of the four basic skills of English language.

Listening: All the sub-skills of listening, like listening for specific information, gist and detailed meaning, were taken up. Each of them were introduced with an activity to aid learning at each step. **Reading:** The sub skills of reading –



Cambridge English for Speakers of Other Languages (CESOL) workshop in progress

skimming, intensive reading, deducing meaning from the context, scanning for specific information, predicting content and inferring meaning were highlighted. **Speaking:** This was followed by a discussion on the sub skills of speaking namely-fluency, coherence appropriacy, register and pronunciation. **Writing:** Finally, the sub skills of writing – content, accuracy, appropriation, register, range, organisation and overall effect on the reader were discussed. The most important learning for the teachers was how to make the lesson or skill taught an interactive one, and avoid being mechanical at all costs. They also learnt to integrate the different skills; for instance, when performing a listening skill, it should be followed up with a

writing skill. Not only would this integrate the skills, it would also lead to consolidation of content learnt, besides breaking the monotony. Dr Prakash performed warming up exercises and demonstrated how the students can be benefitted from the same. Various activities were undertaken which emphasised that class participation can impart a fun element to teaching. It was repeatedly stressed that the teachers must make the classroom sessions interactive with a liberal use of verbal inputs, visual inputs, cue cards, question-answer sessions and stories. The session also focused on YLE/KET/PET for schools' productive skills tasks. The workshop ended with a question answer session.



From actor to director



Standing tall: Deepak Tijori

Actor, director, businessman...he's done it all. With over thirty films as actor-director, here's decoding Deepak Tijori for you

Labanya Maitra & Kashish Minocha, AIS Saket, XI

From businessman to actor...

I didn't come from a film background. I was the front office manager at a hotel, then I did some marketing but I never got job satisfaction. I had done some amateur theatre in college and I really enjoyed that. So I thought, let's give it a shot. And thankfully, it worked!

Actor or director: which role do you enjoy more?

Being a director is so stressful. You have to keep a tab on everything that's happening, where is it happening, why is it happening. But being an actor? It's a piece of cake.

Your experience in Bigg Boss 1?

Bigg Boss doesn't have 24 hour screening. The characters are managed by the producers and that can be unfair to the participants. But Bigg Boss taught me so much. I washed clothes and swept floors, things I never did at home. I also

learnt about my passion for music. After coming out, I would randomly call people just to listen to their caller tunes!

Any fond memories of your childhood?

My childhood was wonderful. Living in Delhi, the games we used to play in the parks, always up to some mischief with mom yelling "Come up! Doodh pee lo!"...those are some fond memories.

What do you think of kids-these-days?

For today's kids, after school and tuition, there is Gossip Girls and 90210 followed by Facebook, Twitter and what not. There's nothing as going downstairs and indulging in some physical activity.

What do you think of the power of youth? Your message for Amity ...

Youth power is the greatest power. If the youth can shake the government the way they did in the movements stirred by Anna Hazare and the Jessica Lal case, there's nothing they can't do. Your school has so many children, so many ideas. Time management and channelising your energy in the right direction is all you need to change the world. **GT**



Pitter patter rain drops!

The recent rains made some smile; some frown. Here's bringing the thumbs up and thumbs down

Riya Arora, AIS Vas 6, IX A

☺ **Pleasant Weather:** After the foggy weather that smashed Delhi a week ago, splashing rains brought smiles. The atmosphere was pleasant and clean, just perfect to have a good time! ☺ **Thrills or chills?** Rains might have brought some thrills, but they fluctuated the already severe weather conditions giving birth to health issues, leading to long leaves from school. "Even though I want to, I don't go to school when it rains because it might affect my health," rues Manshita Aggarwal, AIS Vas 6, IX.

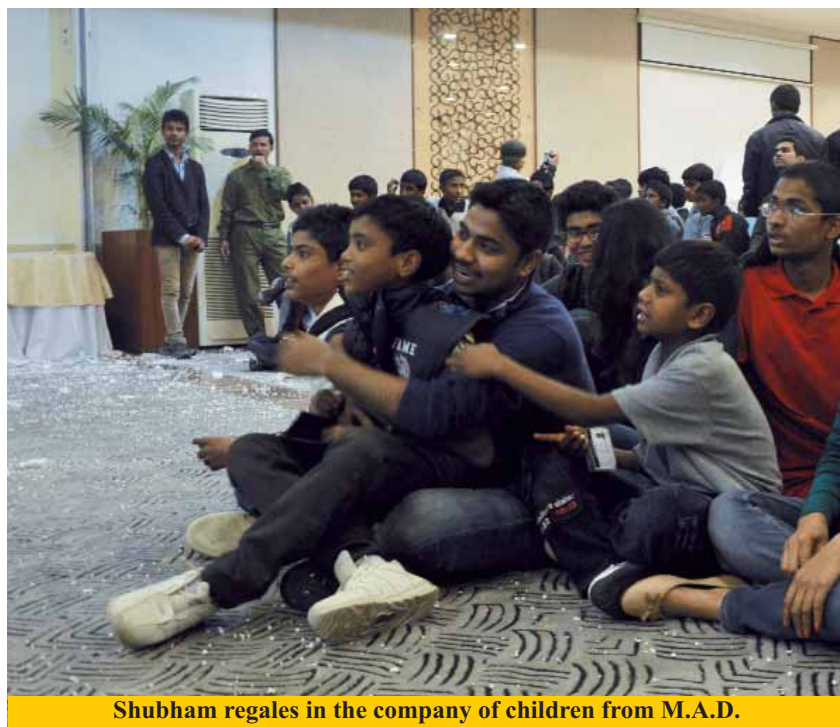
☺ **Sporty fun:** All said and done, there's nothing more enjoyable than

playing in the rain! "Playing basketball in the rain, I enjoyed myself thoroughly! I wish it rains like this for a few more days so that I can prepare for my exams on a happy note!" says Sanjeevini Singhal, AIS Vas 6, IX.

☹ **Puddles, puddles everywhere:** During rains, muddy water pools create havoc for pedestrians. School shoes get dirty and so do the corridors and classes. And if you tumble on one, things can get really messy!

☺ **Rejoice and rejuvenate:** Have you realised rains are great stress relievers? Even if you hate getting out, you can just sit by the window with a cup of coffee and enjoy the weather before gearing up for exams! **GT**

M.A.D. about making a difference!



Shubham regales in the company of children from M.A.D.

Surabhi Kashyap

Amity Institute of Biotechnology

Shubham Sharma, pursuing Economics (Hons) at Amity School of Economics by the day, shifts gears by evening, slipping into the garb of an educator for the kids at Arya Orphanage House, Daryaganj, with much

ease. Working as a Volunteer for M.A.D. (Make a Difference), an NGO which started out in Cochin in 2006 with a handful of college students, has given a new meaning to Shubham's life. M.A.D. is an attempt to bridge the inequality in the society through education with English as a medium and with support from Cambridge press and Hippo

campus. M.A.D. works with children in orphanages and street shelters, at the same time developing leadership talent among youth. Presently, around 1200 volunteers teach close to 3500 kids in Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Cochin, Dehradun, Delhi, Pune, Lucknow, etc. M.A.D.'s biggest claim to fame? US First Lady Michelle Obama paid a visit to their Mumbai campus and was pretty impressed by their credentials. Working as batch head and mentor to a class of 10 kids, Shubham teaches Eng-

lish, besides managing the zero hour and solving problems of other volunteers. Ask him if it's tough to manage so much and he replies, "Indeed, exams, lectures and MA.D. takes all my time. What keeps me going is the highly organised M.A.D. team where everyone is treated like family. And when we see our efforts taking shape in our kids, it energises us like never before!" exclaims Shubham.

On being quizzed about his greatest achievement, he says, "It is heartening that M.A.D. has inspired kids to dream

big; they no longer want to be vendors or rickshaw pullers, they want to hold top ranks in banks, hospitals and even join the army!" Shubham feels, working for little kids has made him a better person. He admits, "I feel much more satisfied and complete. Once, for our Dream Camp, we asked the kids to write about their ambitions. One of them wrote that he wanted to be 'Shubham bhaiya'. That was my most fulfilling experience till date!" Shubham earnestly believes in the power of youth, "Youth of India is already charged up. They all just need an opportunity to make a difference." **GT**

GT Travels to Sentosa



Arihant Singh, AIS Noida, IV M, poses with his copy of The Global Times at Universal Studios, Singapore. Universal Studios is a theme park located at Resorts World on Sentosa Island, Singapore. It is the second Universal Studios theme park to open in Asia (Japan being the first), and the first in Southeast Asia. It has since attracted more than 2 million visitors.

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