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## AMITE poll

**Is FB distracting during exams?**

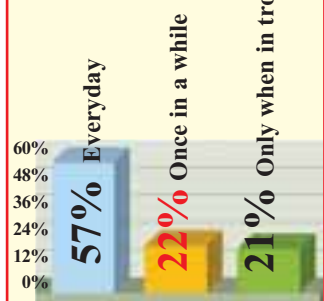
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- b) No
- c) Can't say

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## POLL RESULT

for GT issue February 20, 2012

**How often do you remember God?**



Results as on February 25, 2012

**facebook**  
*not so cool*

My Kids are too young for FB.  
 - Michelle Obama

Screening FB content a must.  
 - Kapil Sibal

Is the social networking site turning uncool?

**Bhawna Tuteja**  
 GT Network

**B**efore you get that 'walled' brain working, no this is not a GET-OFF-FB-AND-STUDY 'request'. The fact that you are reading this newspaper shows you are 'cool' enough and cool kids don't need tutoring. But, it could be (just could be) that FB does not really match up to your cool status. Here's why.

### Exam-ine reason

Everyone has their reasons to leave FB. The cool kids (including the headgirls, headboys, soccer champs, MUNers, etc) have theirs, ie they are busy studying. 'Un-friend' is the rule of thumb in the exam season. Boy! It does take some dedication to DEACTIVATE. Sample some case studies: Sanskriti Sidana, XII, AIS Saket Simran Sachdeva, X, AIS PV Aditya Batra, XII, AIS Saket Sreeraj Bhattacharya, XI, AIS Gur 46 Eklavya Malvai, XII, AIS Noida ...phew! (Sorry! That's all we can accommodate due to specified word limit.)

### Facebook fatigue

Business week cited 'Facebook fatigue' as one of the ten most likely events in 2008. And when he's always on facebookkkkkkk...social networking had to take a toll. Facebook lost nearly 6 million users in the US last year and the numbers have been plummeting, says InsideFacebook. Your mom did tell you how too

much of anything is bad!

### Frandship with me?

Nahhhiiii...(Bollywood style)! Worried that not accepting your dear friend's 'BFF'

request could be rude? Received a friend request from someone you don't know? Don't worry! Happens with all of us. After all, we are all on FB. Your 700 and still counting friends will not sing

yaaron...with you. Your best 2 pals will.

### Look-at-me syndrome

No, we do not want to know where you went partying this weekend or how amazing your latest Zara purchase is. "You may seem like a show off, when you tell us everything that you do," warns Atharva Lath, X, AIS Gur 46.

### Dil dosti etc

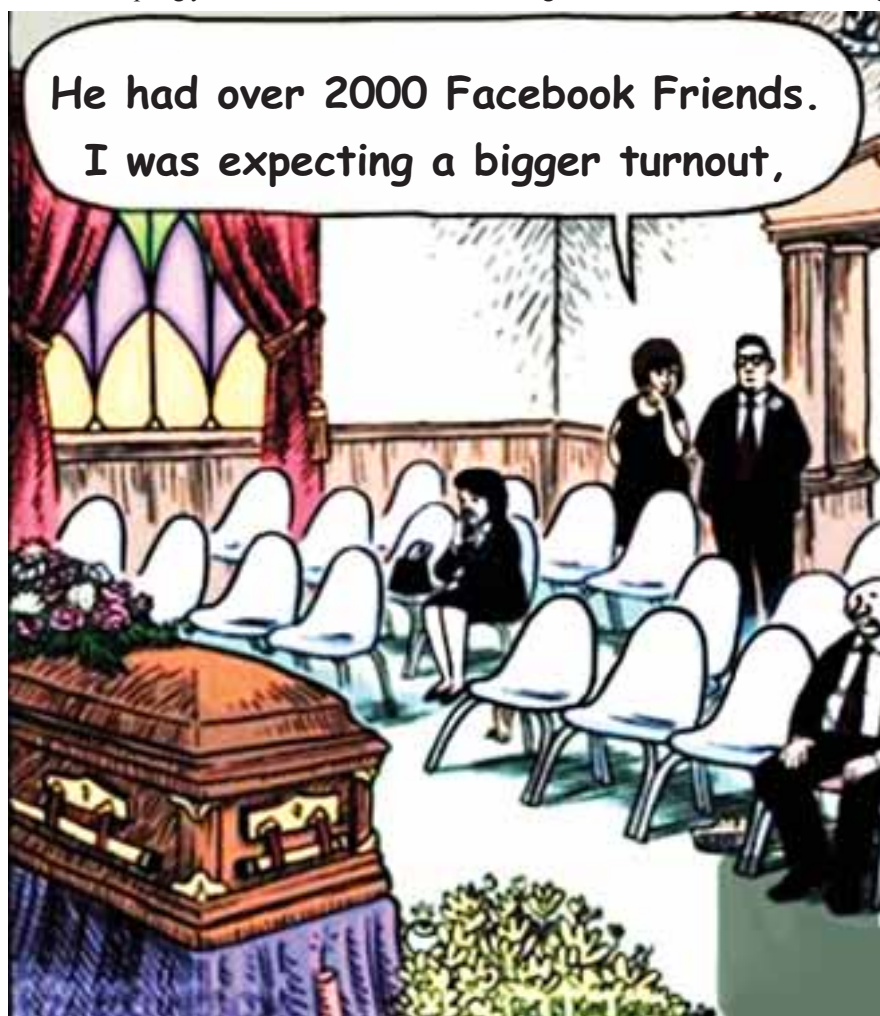
Let's meet...on Facebook. Let's break-up...on Facebook. Let's patch up...on Facebook again. It's your life. Your wish. Do what you want. But telling people every time about it? Think it over!

### For the old fogies

A study by Ofcom, a media regulator reveals that people in the age group of 15 to 25 years have dropped usage of the social networking site by 50-55%, whereas the 25+ have sort of made up by registering an increased 40% usage. Mimicking the 30 year olds in your teens...not cool; not cool!

### Not cool-Who cares?

FB has moved into the mainstream, but those who stay ahead of the pack have moved on already. You could flow with the winds of change or if you are too lazy to try something different, then you may go ahead and share this on FB. Other than that, ignoring is always an option. PS: GT is on Facebook too, but as they say, it's a paradoxical world.



# "I walked barefoot to school"

...says Padmabhushan R Mashelkar, a renowned name in the field of science and intellectual property rights. Shivang Bansal, XI F & Kanchan Joneja, XI B, AIS Noida share the road that led to a path breaking journey

**R**aghunath Anant Mashelkar is the former Director General of the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), a chain of 38 publicly funded industrial R&D institutions in India. However, he is better known for his breakthrough work in the field of science and intellectual property rights. He has chaired several high powered committees looking into diverse issues and has played a vital role in shaping India's science and technology policies.

### Tell us about your childhood days.

I had a very difficult childhood. My mother hardly had any means to fund my education. I walked barefoot to school and was on the verge of giving up studies. However, a science experiment in school made me realise that if you have a strong will power and focus on your goals, then nothing on this earth can stop you from turning your dreams into reality.

### What experiment was that?

My science teacher Mr Bhawe asked us to focus sun rays on a paper using magnifying glass till it started burning. This experiment made me realise that if I concentrated on my studies in a similar manner, nothing could stop me.

*As the DG of CSIR, you formulated several innovative strategies. Tell us something about them.*

I laid the foundation of 'Vision and Strategy document' of CSIR. It was a bold initiative as it attempted to transform the organization into a user focused, performance driven and accountable organization. It was under this philosophy that we were able to reduce the cost of anti-retroviral drug used in the treatment of HIV AIDS from \$350 to \$10.

### What is your opinion on the future of science?

Science is the saviour of humankind. Every progress is an outcome of scientific development; be it the shift from cart to cars or increased life expectancy. Its future is endless.

### Any message for Amitians?

The youth is the driver of tomorrow. It is the youth that can make the world a better and healthier place to live in. The students should be very clear from the very outset about the goals they want to accomplish. One important attribute which every student must possess is curiosity. The key to motivation is curiosity. And with motivation, come innovations.

### Achievements galore

- Listed as one of the '50 most influential people' in IPR by International Journal, Managing Intellectual Property
- Listed in '50 path breakers in post independent India' by Business India
- Awarded Business Week (USA) award of 'Stars of Asia' by US President George W Bush
- The first scientist to win 'JRD Tata Corporate Leadership Award'



Making a point: R Mashelkar in conversation with GT Reporters

“A new report found that Facebook has created more than 450,000 jobs. Unfortunately, photos posted on Facebook have ended 550,000 jobs.”

Jimmy Fallon



# Law-rels of ALS

There is a lot more to Amity Law School than meets the eye. And the school proudly attempts to share its latent talents and achievements on this special page. Explore it all!

## Legal Aid Clinic

Siddharth Aggarwal  
Amity Law School, Noida

A Legal Aid Clinic established in the year 2011, under the supervision of ALS Director, Maj Gen Nilendra Kumar and faculty in-charge Mrs Sheetal Singh is proving beneficial to those seeking legal assistance. The clinic was set up to provide

basic legal aid to all sections of society. The first camp was held for Class IV employees of the university on August 25, 2011. Various legal issues falling under Property Law, problems concerning ration card, voter ID card and domestic violence were dealt with.

**USP:** One of the greatest achievements of the clinic is that it has organised a successful camp outside the campus. 📍

Pic: Gaurab Misra, ALS



At your service: Legal aid camp 2011 held at Noida for the general public



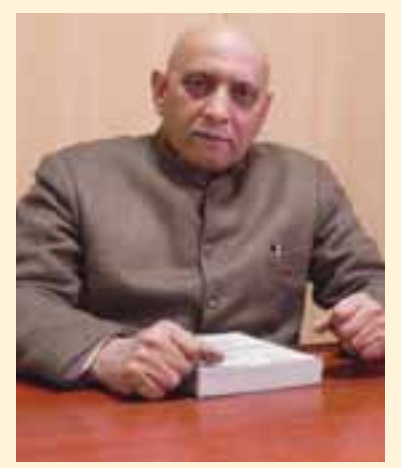
V for victory: Proud winners displaying their medals and trophies

## Sports Committee

Surabhi Suman  
Amity Law School, Noida

Under the leadership of Utkarsh Srivastava, the ALS Sports Committee touched a new high moving 13 notches up from the 17th position garnered in Sangathan 2010. Utkarsh attributes the success in Sangathan to unity, “During Sangathan, the feeling of brotherhood is reinforced, and

the juniors no longer remain juniors, rather they become your teammates.” The most memorable moment and high point for the ALS sports committee was winning the Tug of War in Sangathan. Additionally, numerous gold, silver and bronze medals were won by the students in athletics, shot put, chess, etc. **USP:** “Dedication of the students and impartial selection process.”- Dr Kavita Surbhi, Faculty Coordinator. 📍



## Director's message

Maj Gen Nilendra Kumar, Noida

Amity Law School is devoted to preparing law professionals capable of confidently and intelligently handling the future expectations of the developing economy.

The school aims to maintain the highest ethical standards while making students aware of social, economic and political realities. The high quality legal education integrates their legal concepts with an incisive and precise understanding of law. The school also offers an extraordinary campus in which the students, faculty and staff work together to achieve the aim of being second to none. 📍

## Legal Facts



- In China, you may only have one child, or you will have to pay a fine.
  - In Greene, New York, it's illegal to eat peanuts and walk backwards on the sidewalks when a concert is on.
  - In Beaconsfield, Canada, it is considered an offence to have more than two colours of paint on your house.
  - In Etobicoke, Canada, a bylaw states that not more than 3.5 inches of water is allowed in a bathtub.
  - It is illegal for ladies to eat chocolates on a public conveyance, in England.
  - In Baltimore, it is illegal to wash or scrub sinks.
  - In Switzerland, it is illegal to flush the toilet after 10 pm if you live in an apartment.
  - In Carmel, New York, a man can't go outside wearing a jacket and pants that do not match.
  - Two-thirds of the world's executions occur in China.
  - In Michigan, a woman isn't allowed to cut her own hair without her husband's permission.
  - Dentists are officially classified as “mechanics” in Michigan. 📍
- Compiled by Siddharth Aggarwal,  
Amity Law School, Noida

## Law Reform 2012

Ankush Walia & Surabhi Suman  
Amity Law School, Noida

Amity Competition on Law Reform is one of a kind event organised by the law school annually. The contest is a platform for jurists, lawyers and law students to express their views on the electoral system.

ACLR 2012 discussed the eighteenth report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the electoral system, in an open, transparent and fair manner.

**USP:** “The views and amendments suggested by the youth, especially prospective lawyers, are taken into account and sent to Parliament library.”- Neha Srivastava, Head Coordinator 📍

## Moot Court Society



Yes, your honour: A Moot Court session in progress

Pic: Gaurab Misra, ALS

Surabhi Suman  
Amity Law School, Noida

The Moot Court Society established in 2010 under Dr J S Nair, Faculty Convenor and students Akriti Mathur & Faraz Khan aims at training budding lawyers. Though at a nascent stage, the MCS encourages participation in various national and international moot courts.

The members of MCS have won several laurels in national and international

competitions. A team of MCS stood second at the Centre for Dialogue & Reconciliation International Moot Court Competition held in 2011 and also bagged a trophy under Best Memorial category. The team was also honoured by the Pakistan Government.

On the international front, the team qualified to the top 15 at the Oxford Media Law Moot Court Competition, 2011.

**USP:** “Commendable legal ability coupled with team work makes it a winning combo.”-Dr Nair, Faculty Convenor 📍



All set to enthrall: Members of ALS cultural society

Pic: Debraj Sahu, ALS

## Cultural Society

Astha Saxena  
Amity Law School, Noida

The Cultural Society, formed in 2010, has won many national festivals and excelled in other cultural events.

The society is presided over by Nadia Rehman and Nikhilesh Bhargav as Convenors with Vishesh Wadhwa presiding over the music and dramatics' society, along with Ishan Prakash and Debraj Sahu. Under their combined leadership, the students of ALS have participated in ‘Summons 2010’ NALSAR (Hyderabad), Nokia fest 2012 (Goa), ‘Oasis 2011’ (BITS Pilani); ‘Ullas 2012’,

Kamla Nehru College (Delhi); GNIIT fest, Greater Noida; Amity Youth Fest 2012 and a range of other events held at the national level.

In Summons, the cultural society of ALS won the first prize for Indian solo singing and the second for western solo and movie spoof. In GNIIT, the society grabbed the second prize in the coveted War of Bands.

The society proactively participates in national level dance, art and theatre competitions.

**USP:** “The unrelenting support from the HOD is very encouraging for the talented students!”- Debraj Sahu, member, Cultural Society 📍

Brought to you by: Siddharth Aggarwal, Astha Saxena, Debraj Sahu, Surabhi Suman, Ankush Walia, Gaurab Misra & Kumuda Seetharaman



Siddharth

Astha

Debraj

Surabhi

Ankush

## Book your page



## ALS Special

Do you think your department/team is cool enough to feature in GT?  
Get in touch with us as @ G-02A, Ground floor, Amity University and fetch your department a special page in The Global Times. Rush, it's time to hog the limelight!

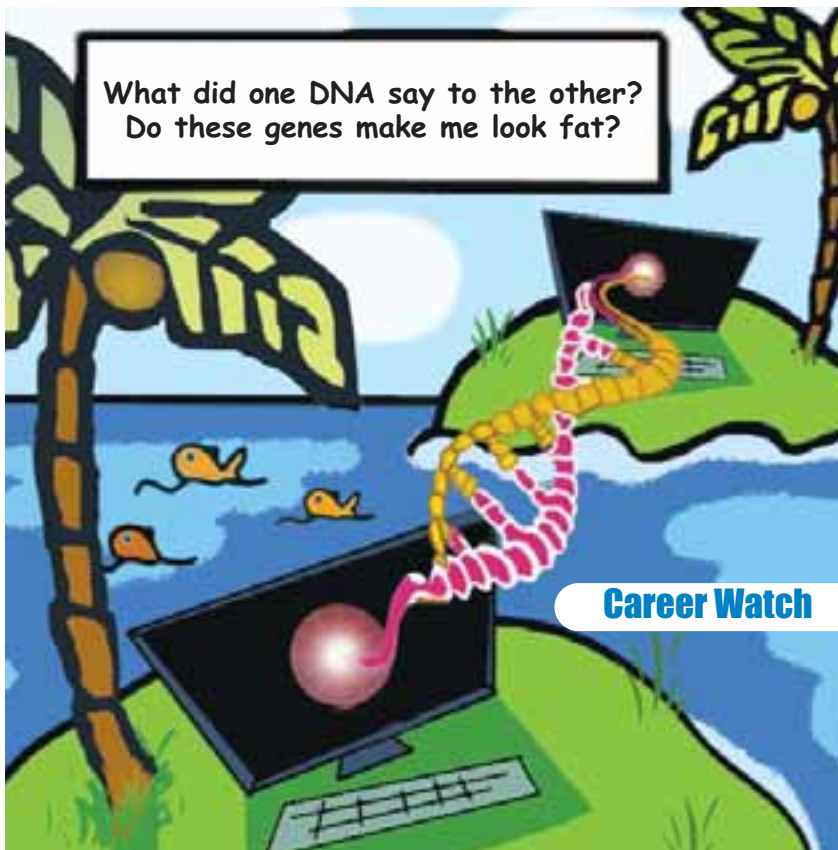


“President Obama wants to get Americans back to what we do best. He wants teachers teaching, police policing, firemen fighting fires, and the rest of us checking Facebook.”

Jimmy Kimmel

# Bye labs, hi laptops

Chuck those lab coats. Ditch those test tubes and beakers. A computer is all you may need to break the next DNA code, thanks to Bioinformatics - one of the fastest growing industries across the globe



Career Watch

**Priyanka Narad & Abhishek Sengupta**  
Faculty, Amity Institute of Biotechnology

possible to do so with bioinformatics, the application of technology to the management of biological information.

### Double gain

We sit with our laptops to chat, facebook or twitter. How about surfing for DNA codes or playing with a protein structure on the computer? Fascinating, isn't it? But it is

According to National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM), bioinformatics is one of the fastest growing industries across the globe. A bachelor in bioinformatics is a

unique course with multi-dimensional avenues. Such candidates can find job opportunities in two disciplines - biotechnology and bioinformatics. The best part is they don't need to go to laboratories wearing lab coats and rack their brains fighting with chemicals and test tubes. Since they are a privileged lot, they can sit on their systems and play with biological data with the help of keyboard and mouse.

### Eligibility quotient

Any student with science background (PCM or PCB) can pursue bioinformatics. Though working knowledge of computers is an advantage, a non-computer background student need not worry after seeing the course title and thinking it is Greek! S/he might become the most tech savvy person amongst peers after they pursue this course.

**Bioinformatics is a highly sought after discipline today; it's easy to land a job in private biotech, academic or software engineering avenues. The IT sector offers lucrative options too.**

### Career matrix

Bioinformatics is a highly sought after discipline; it's easy to land a job at private biotech, academic or even software engineering venues. Students can opt for lucrative job options in the IT sector too; companies like Accenture, Wipro, TCS,

HCL, etc are on a constant look out for such candidates. And those who are in divine love with biology, can even get into the R & D sector of Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical companies. Companies like Strand Genomics, Mphasis, Avesthagen, Biocon, Ranbaxy, etc offer positions for Bioinformaticians with a starting pay package ranging Rs 3-5 lakh per annum.

### Institute info

Universities offering BTech, BSc (H), MSc and MTech in Bioinformatics are BIT Mesra, Amity University, Jamia Milia Islamia, Sathyabhama Institute of Science & Technology, DAVV Indore, SRM University, IIIT Allahabad, Madurai Kamraj University, University of Pune, IBAB Bangalore, etc.

Bioinformatics is a new challenging career that is sure to lead students on the path to success. **GT**

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## SCHOLASTIC ALERTS

**Institute:** Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC), Pune

**Course:** MBBS

**Eligibility Criteria:** AFMC MBBS entrance examination, 2012

**Examination:** May 6, 2012

**Application Form:** Available only online from February 6, 2012 onwards

**Last Date of submission:** March 5, 2012

**Website:** [www.afmc.nic.in](http://www.afmc.nic.in)

**Institute:** National University of Singapore (NUS)

**Course:** All undergraduate programs

**Eligibility Criteria:** Students appearing for 10+2 or equivalent interna-

tional high school qualification

**Application Form:** Ref. to website: [www.nsu.edu.sg/admissions/undergrad](http://www.nsu.edu.sg/admissions/undergrad)

**Last Date:** April 1, 2012

**Website:** [www.nsu.edu.sg/admissions/undergrad](http://www.nsu.edu.sg/admissions/undergrad)

**Contact Address:** NUS, Office Of Admissions, 21 Lower Kent Ridge Road, University Hall, Tan Chin Tuan Wing # 01-01, Singapore 119077. Tel: (65) 65161010

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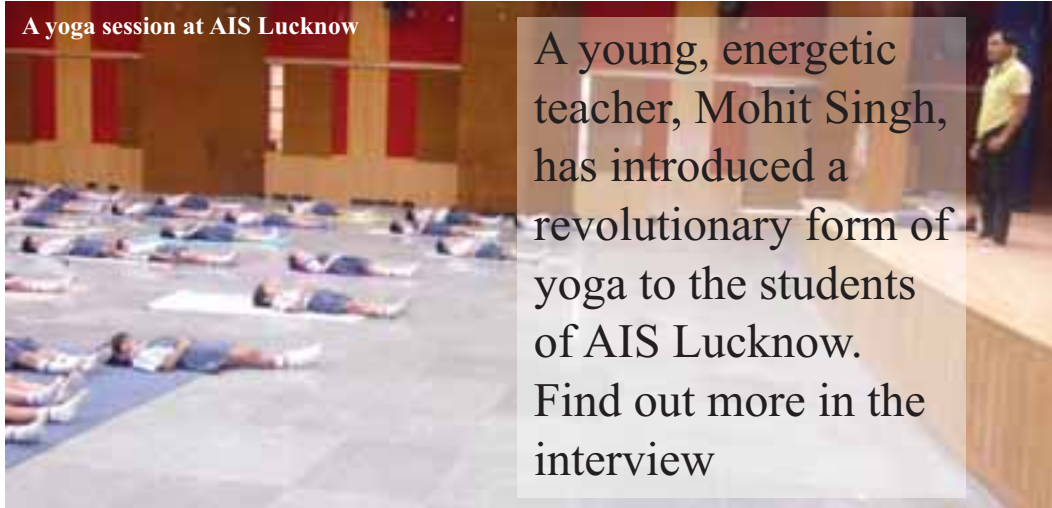
Taruna Barthwal, ACCGC, Career Counseling Coordinator

Q: Why is Facebook like Jail? A: You have a profile picture, you sit around all day writing on walls, and you get poked by guys you don't really know!



# New age yogi

A yoga session at AIS Lucknow



A young, energetic teacher, Mohit Singh, has introduced a revolutionary form of yoga to the students of AIS Lucknow. Find out more in the interview

Poorva Singh & Abhinav M Bhatia  
AIS Lucknow

#### What is power yoga?

It is an innovative, dynamic and powerful system of yoga that effects the body like no other form of exercise has done so far. It is a thoroughly researched and scientific form of yoga.

#### What makes it beneficial for the children?

We make every technique so simple that anyone, children in particular, can practice this with ease. It

more or less comprises of aerobic exercises that make it ideal for beginners and experts alike. Power yoga helps to deal with obesity, stress as well as anxiety, a common lifestyle disorder faced by children today. This form of exercise helps children improve their listening, learning and memorizing skills and keeps one very active throughout the day. Besides, power yoga also increases concentration levels, boosts confidence and does wonders to their creativity and imagination. All these qualities of power yoga make it a perfect form of exercise for children.



#### How is power yoga different from other forms of traditional yoga?

People adopt various styles of yoga. The major difference between traditional and power yoga is that the latter integrates modern exercise forms too. Power yoga is less about meditation and chanting, but more about building stamina and strength through various types of exercises and breathing techniques. However, power yoga offers flexibility in practice since one power session differs from the other. But unlike traditional yoga, power yoga aims to unite the body, mind and spirit.

#### Who inspired you to practice yoga?

I am blessed to have studied yoga under the guidance of my master and Himalayan yogi, Bharat Thakur. He is a popular name in the world of yoga and the founder of artistic yoga. He has many followers across the globe and there are many others who want to train under him. He is a great inspiration to me.

#### How can one make yoga a profession?

If an individual learns yoga and practices it with diligence, he can then share his knowledge with others. Short term diploma courses can assist an aspirant to understand yoga much better and thus enable him to take it up as a full time profession. [G+](#) [f](#)

# Hot shots



Parth with his prized possession

Parth Gupta and Shishir Gupta, XI, AIS Noida, are sure to win over your heart with their shooting skills. A sneak peak into their world...

Nishita Khattar  
AIS Noida, XI F

Shooting stars, well, when it comes to Parth Gupta and Shishir Gupta, one means it literally! Armed with not only their rifles, but also a formidably long list of achievements, the duo is skilled to precision to send shivers down

the spine of their competitors.

Parth and Shishir, who did not know how to handle a pistol until a year ago, find it no extraordinary feat to strike gold today. Their sporting journey has indeed come a long way. It's quite natural to want to know who transformed them into ace shooters overnight.

"I'm lucky to have a coach like Captain

"It is my aim to become an IPS officer. That would enable me to pursue shooting at international level without neglecting my profession."

And if you expect Shishir to plan his future along the same lines, you are in for a surprise. Shishir, who intends to tread a totally different path, elaborates, "I want to set up my own business, while practicing shooting and participating in international events." Now isn't that what we call being different?

Each has an entirely different goal in life, yet there is one common thing that unites them both, and that is the drive to pursue the sport they both enjoy, whether as a hobby or as a profession, and the zeal to hit the bull's-eye both on the field, and off it. Well, that is the enthusiasm any sportsman would want. All the best to the next Abhinav Bindras in the making.

**Golden feats:** The pair of shooters has won gold medals in many shooting championships:

- 55th National Shooting Championship
- 13th UP shooting inter-school championship 2011, Lucknow
- NCR shooting championship 2011 [G+](#) [f](#)

## Sport Stars

Sharma. He inspired me to work hard and become an ace shooter within the span of one year," says Parth.

Shishir gave his nod of agreement, further adding, "Apart from having a good coach, it is essential to put in your sweat and blood during training sessions. Hard work cannot come without sweat and toil. Talent and coaches can take you up the medal tally to some extent but what ultimately counts is the number of hours put in during practice sessions. So, if you wish to be an ace shooter, make sure that you are willing to put in those extra hours of hard work."

Ask them about their ambitions and aspirations, Parth is quick to respond,



Shishir strikes a shot

## Sports News

### AIS Vasundhara-6



Amity International School, Vasundhara, Sector-6 organized its Annual Sports and Wellness Day, *Aarogya Mulyam*, on February 10, 2012. The event witnessed participation from 650 students of the primary wing.

The day began with the felicitation of Chief Guest Mr Pushkar Vohra, Assistant Education Officer (Sports), CBSE by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools. The lighting of the ceremonial lamp

was followed by the release of doves, the harbingers of peace. The spectacular event showcased various dance forms of India, like the Chhau of Orissa, Kalaripayattu and snake boat races of Kerala, Morpa dance of Arunachal Pradesh and Lezim of Maharashtra. The elaborate props and spectacular costumes added an extra flavour to the show.

The excitement culminated with the mascot, Tibby Tiger, making an appearance in a decorated *rickshaw*. [G+](#) [f](#)

### AIS Noida



Pradhee with her coach in Dholpur

Pradhee Dhingra, class III, did her school proud by winning a gold medal in Kumite (sparring) at the 13th Kamagata Cup (All India Karate Tournament) held at Dholpur, Rajasthan from December 11-13, 2011. The AIS Noida student represented her school in below 10 years

category. Attributing her success to her instructor, an elated Pradhee said, "I want to thank my instructor Raju Roy for making me a true fighter. Karate helps me stay fit and be courageous enough to defend myself." Besides karate, Pradhee is also good at classical dancing and playing casio. [G+](#) [f](#)

# Eureka Europe



## Travel Desk Europe

Join **Arohi Saini**, AIS Vasundhara- 6, III C as she plays with adjectives on her journey to Europe. Can you find ten more?

Arohi enjoying in the snow



In my summer vacations last year, my parents took me to a **wonderful** holiday in Europe. It was a big surprise, when one fine morning I was woken up and taken straight away on the journey! The **sweet** Lufthansa Airline aunts were very helpful. They gave me lots of **juicy** candies, colourful pencils and squeezey toys. I watched funny movies while we flew to Paris. Paris was so **delightful**. We went to the tall Eiffel tower in the cool morning, in the hot afternoon and also in the dark night –when it shone like a beautiful jewel. I ate lots of tasty French fries in the great gardens of Champ De Mars under the Eiffel. We went on a slow boat cruise along River Seine. I smiled looking at the famous Mona Lisa painting in the grand galleries of the **majestic** Louvre Museum. We went to the large Versailles palace where I sat among the golden thrones of the French kings and roamed among the crisscross

gardens. There were so many museums and gardens in Paris.

After four days, we took the superfast TGV train to **sleepy** Interlaken in Switzerland. My parents told me that many Hindi movies like DDLJ were filmed here. We went to the top of Europe – the icy Jungfrauoch Mountain top by train. Here a James Bond movie had been shot. There was white snow and waterfalls all around and little cottages just as in the story of Heidi. I realized that the Swiss people are so **helpful**.

In a short trip to Bern - the Swiss capital, we saw the famous Bears, the old clock, tall fountains and the great scientist Einstein's house. At Lucerne, we went in a big white boat to the Swiss Children's Transport museum. There, children can build, drive, fly aeroplanes and even cycle, skate and do free jumps. The old wood bridge had **colourful** flowers all along. We also went to Mount Titlis in a rotating cable car. At Zurich, we visited

## URBAN DICTIONARY

**Twilight:** The beginning of a new "Twilight" millennium or the next generation of Twilight books.

**Usage:** Wonder when the next Twilight will start; it sure can't be as good as this one!

**Twin-hopping:** Video chatting with one twin, and then the other, consecutively.

**Usage:** It's great fun twin hopping with Neel and Keal!

**Twingling:** A combination of tingling and twinkling, a crossover feeling caused by great excitement.

**Usage:** The meeting has left me with a twingling feeling.

**Twing:** Male who thinks he is the ruler of the twitter kingdom.

**Usage:** Rick behaves like a twing telling everyone what to tweet!

**Twin-in-Law:** When one of the married couple shares the same birth date as the other spouse's siblings.

Rahul celebrated his 30th birthday bash with his twin-in-law. 🇮🇳

a cute Toy Museum where I saw the first Barbie model. An electric tram took us up a **steep** hill to the Zoo. We also went to the cascading River Rhine waterfalls. Then it was time to return. The aeroplane aunts again gave me lots of Swiss chocolates. I will always remember my trip to **spicy** hot Paris and icy cool Switzerland. 🇮🇳

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## AMITY-UNESCO Heritage Series



### The GT Media Literacy Project

### Part- X

As we come to the end of the ten part Heritage Series, I hope that I managed to elaborate upon the different aspects of heritage and show you how vast our Heritage is. We eat, drink, breathe our heritage because if it is not built or immovable then it is living and we are living it every day of our lives. Soon, you will be passing out of your existing classes and will have some free time. It's time then perhaps that you can build some activities around your class on cultural heritage.

#### Activity 1

Learn a new national/international word/expression to greet each other and use it for one week. For example, in south they say 'vanakkam', in French they would say, 'Bonjour', 'Salaam' in Arabic, or 'Ni hao' in Chinese, to say hi or welcome.

#### Activity 2

Next week, try another word/expression to say 'bye'. In Russian they say, 'Dasvidaniya', in French, 'Au Revoir', 'Aschi' in Bengali and 'Adios' in Spanish.

#### Activity 3

Set up a museum corner in your class. Bring one object from home which you or your parents think is old and precious. This could be anything as your grandparents watch, an old tie or a box. Then display it in your class with a few lines explaining how old the item is, who it belongs to and why it is so special. You can then invite students from other classes or your parents to see your

class museum. Of course, be very careful with the items displayed as they have a family history associated with it.

#### Activity 4

Organise a world or Indian food day one day in a week. Encourage everyone to get a snack from another state in India or some international snack as Pizza from Italy or Chowmein from China. Make sure each one gets a snack from a different place. The older students may share its recipe and it's origin!

#### Activity 5

You can ask your grandparents or parents a story about your family history. I am sure some of you will have stories about their royal lineage or where they came from now is another country called Pakistan or that their great grandparents were freedom fighters. Find your own family history and share it with your class.

These are a few activities that you can try out in your class, with your teachers or even amongst your friends to learn about your own culture and the culture of the world. It's only when we start recognizing each other's culture, start respecting it that we will really become world class citizens and only then shall there be peace and harmony in this world.

So Aurevoir: Dasvidaniya, Adios, Sayonara, Aschi, Bar miyeto, aun chun, Phir milenge ... 🇮🇳

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"Google is now developing a Facebook rival, a product similar to Facebook. They say their goal: so you never have to see your friends in real life ever again."

Jay Leno



# Spring's within

Awake, thou wintry earth -  
Fling off thy sadness!  
Fair vernal flowers, laugh forth  
Your ancient gladness!

-Thomas Blackburn



Dr. Amita Chauhan  
Chairperson

You know it's spring when, the blooming flowers seem to rejoice in mirth, joy and care-free abandon, spreading beautiful hues all around. But, how do flowers blossom in this season? Because, somewhere, someone cared to plant some seeds. What seems like a miracle with innumerable blossoms cheering our surroundings is actually some of us, who worked hard to create this beauty for everyone. A kind word is just like a spring day. It fills the heart with warmth, enveloping the world around with love. Kind words emanate radiance and their beauty spreads far and wide. They have the power to heal; they have the power to bind everyone in threads of affection. They have the power to soothe sorrows and spread good cheer. For the dejected, kind words are a ray of hope... for the lonely, kind words are like good friends... for the sick, they are like medicines. What we speak is the manifestation of who we truly are. Our words, mirror our thoughts. We are what we think. If we think good, we will speak good. Just like flowers in spring which spread ecstasy, let your words spread love. As the Buddha said, "The thought manifests as the word; the word manifests as the deed; the deed develops into habit; and habit hardens into character. So watch the thought and its ways with care, and let it spring from love born out of concern for all beings. As the shadow follows the body, as we think, so we become." ☺

## Care to Care

If a man can write a better book, preach a better sermon, or make a better mouse-trap than his neighbour, though he builds his house in the woods, the world will make a beaten pathway to his door.

-R.W. Emerson



Vira Sharma  
Managing Editor

Padmabhushan R Mashelkar is a perfect example that supports the quote above. "If you have a strong will power and you focus on your goals, then nothing on this earth can stop you from turning your dreams into reality", says former Dir. General

CSIR (Pg 1) who walked barefoot to school, to pursue his dreams. Indeed, the significance of Mashelkar's interview lies in his humility and determination to pursue his goals. We all have dreams. But how many of us are ready to walk barefoot to tread the path. How many of us are ready to tread the unknown path? How many of us retain humility after achieving the goal? Because that is what makes all the difference.

I have been fortunate to have known and interacted with one boy over the last four years who exudes this promising trait. Irrespective of winning or losing, he pursues his cause. Be it academics, a leadership activity, a social crusade or even a helpless puppy on the road, he won't hesitate to come forward to take the lead. It's because he does not care what others think about him. It is because he cares for what he does. He is a true Amitian.

He is the Head Boy of AIS Noida. ☺

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# One woman, many facets

She creates life, giving her own life and blood; preserves it with love and if need be, can become the destroyer. She personifies the Holy Trinity on earth

Shweta Ahluwalia

Teacher, AIS Gur 46

Daughter, Sister, Wife, and Mom... these are just a few ways of addressing the other half of the creation of God (also known as the 'better half', quite appropriately) - a Woman.

A woman is like water. Water takes the shape, colour and taste of things around it. Similarly, a woman moulds herself according to the people and circumstances around her. Also known as the thread that binds everyone together, it is the woman who can make or break the lives of the future generation. She personifies the Holy Trinity on earth. She creates life, giving her own life and blood, preserves it with her motherly love and if need be, can also become the destroyer of life.

Her caring and nurturing nature is visible in all her forms. If she loves someone, then it's always from her heart. Her love can cross all limits and transcend any obstacles. Her selfless sacrifices have often been talked about.



All of us have heard about the mother who has sacrificed her own comforts and facilities, so that her children and other family members can have a comfortable life.

This incredible work of God, besides

possessing gentle qualities, also has the strength and patience to endure the highs and lows of life. She is popularly known as the 'weaker sex'... though it's been proven that it's actually the opposite. It has been observed that

during adverse and stressful circumstances, it is a woman who is able to handle and bring things back to normal. A woman has the sturdiness of a mountain, a never-say-die attitude which sets her apart from her male counterparts.

A woman inspires everyone around her. She plays the role of a 'muse' for a lot of people. You must have heard the popular saying- 'Behind every successful man, is a woman'. How does she do that? Well, she helps balance life and keeps men firmly rooted, guides them and gives her opinion in an unbiased manner. Her simple, yet well thought-out solutions to problems come from her heart which always help others in some way or the other. The creature, born out of a rib of a man, has now created a niche for herself and has come a long way from the years of merely following men. She is now independent, secure and capable of handling any situation. Here's a salute to the multi-faceted and accomplished part of the population- the Woman! ☺

## A childhood lost

Has the Child Labour Act been able to put an end to the widespread malice in any way or is it a mere hogwash?

Devika Bassi, AIS Pushp Vihar, IX B

As India inches closer to the deadline set by United Nations to meet the millennium development goals (MDGs), it is a matter of great shame that she continues to have the dubious distinction of being home to world's largest number of child labourers. Read on to know why this malice is continuing unabated in the country despite strict legislations in place.

**The Cause:** Poverty and lack of education continue to be the major reasons why this malice is thriving. Unrelenting poverty forces parents to push their children into odd and hazardous jobs. Children in many families provide help in household enterprises or even play the role of breadwinner in some cases. History is replete with examples of children who were forced to work as bonded labourers, or sold off to traffickers to repay an old loan. Despite education becoming a universal right, a lot of children continue to be devoid of their birth right.

**The Effect:** Childhood is considered to be the most innocent phase of human life; it is at this stage of life when the foundation for leading a successful and healthy adult life is laid. The hardships and harsh realities faced at an early age, literally lead to the murder of their dreams and desires. They continue to have a scarred and tormented existence. Not only does it lead to psychological distress, it can cause serious health problems too. Widespread cases of child labour cry out loud and show the world that we have failed to protect our future citizens.

**The Road Ahead:** Though, the Child Labour Act



promulgated in 1986 was very noble, it is yet to come into practice with full force. Instead of formulating new laws to put an end to child labour, trafficking and prostitution, we should ensure that the existing legislations are implemented properly. It is important to drive in the point amongst the economically weaker sections of society that it would be possible to break this vicious cycle only by empowering their children with education and not by keeping them away from it. ☺

### Who will free me?

Diksha Verma

AIS Pushp Vihar, XI A

Sympathy is there  
In the eyes I stare.  
My childhood is gone  
Due to the job I'm on.  
My parents had me sold  
When I was five years old.  
They had no money to feed  
Themselves, three sisters

and me.  
People I was sold to  
Made me work in the cold too.  
My eyes are dark  
I'm tired... hearing  
the dogs bark.  
Nobody hears me cry.  
I wish I could die.  
All children my age play  
I can only wish for such a day.  
Even I want to go to school  
and study,  
Know about our surroundings,

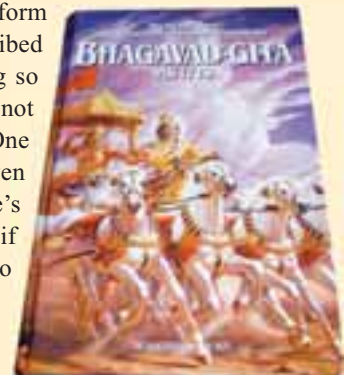
plants and our body.  
For how long are the children  
Going to cry  
and crib this way?  
Only the literate crowd  
Can save them from  
facing such a day.  
Let's try and end  
Human Trafficking  
for a better tomorrow.  
Grant people happiness  
And free them from  
the life long sorrow! ☺

### Pearls of wisdom

Suchit Jain, AIS Noida, VIII B

नियतं कुरु कर्म त्वं कर्म ज्यायो ह्य् अकर्मणः ।  
शरीरयात्रापि च ते न प्रसिद्धयेद् अकर्मणः ॥

**Meaning-** Perform your prescribed duty, for doing so is better than not working. One cannot even maintain one's physical body if one doesn't do one's duty.



**Purport-** This text is taken from chapter 3 of Bhagavad-Gita. In this text Lord Krishna is advising Arjun to perform his duties as set forth for a Kshatriya rather than sitting idly. As a Kshatriya, it is Arjun's duty to fight for his kingdom even if the enemies are his own brothers.

**Learning:** One should perform his/her daily chores properly. Leaving family and daily chores will not lead to any spiritual gain. Spiritual gain lies in doing good work and not in sitting idly. If a person tries to get rid of his/her duties, it can affect his/her health too. People will think that the person is a pretender and slowly the person's respect will decline. If a person does his work nicely, on time and for the welfare of others, he will feel good from within which will lead to good health and satisfaction. Nowadays, many people do not want to do any work. People want to sit at home doing nothing. Such people soon become physically and mentally sick. This is the reason due to which many diseases spread.

Do you know that on an average, we spend one-third of our life doing nothing? A lot of lazy people appoint other people to do all their work. They just loiter around doing nothing. They waste their and others' time. Such people become obese and die of diabetes related problems. We find very less people who do their work nicely and affectionately. They are the ones who are successful in society. We all should perform our duties nicely, sincerely, on time and for the welfare of others. Performing duties is not only necessary for spiritual gain, but for good mental and physical health. ☺



Facebook is the only place where you will get 10 likes and 20 comments on a status update: "Leave Me Alone"

Pic: Namrata Gulati



ASET students performing a street play

Pic: Gaurab Misra



Indian folk dancers splash some colour

Pic: Bhuvika Jain



A rocking performance

# Amity Youth Fest 2012

## For all & sundry

- Inter-institute:** A common fest at a grand level for all Amity Institutes
- The Book worm:** Book fair with over 30 stalls of different publications
- The car dreamer:** Renault and Toyota car models on display
- The fashion fan:** Designer clothes to catch your fantasy and of course, the ramp show!
- The Concert crazy:** Band Nasha & Edward Maya



A fine mime

Pic: Bhuvika Jain

Pic: Lakshya Manwani



Maya strikes a musical chord



Actors Rajeev Khandelwal and Mugdha Ghodse strike a pose

Pic: Gaurab Misra

Amity University Noida hosted a splendid AYF 2012 that had all the necessary ingredients for a superhit youth fest; know them all!

## A happening AYF

Aparupa Mitra

Amity Global Business School

The three-day extravaganza began on a splendid note on February 9, 2012. The grand event provided a priceless platform to all the Amity University students to come together and showcase their zeal and talent. The fest also witnessed a wide participation from other colleges, especially Delhi University (DU). The fervour build up with *Antargini*, a street play competition, wherein social themes were beautifully staged. Other brainstorming events like *Kurukshetra* proved equally stimulating. The first day concluded with an awe inspiring fashion show and choreography competition.

Pic: Namrata Gulati



All set to enthrall with a beautiful performance



Students 'gear'ed up for AYF



'Nasha' intoxicates the fans

What clearly stole the show on the second day was a blazing performance by *Sufi* rock-band *Nasha*. The lead singer of the band Akhil Sachdev set the stage on fire with his gyrating dance moves and soulful voice. The concluding day was marked by innumerable dance competitions like *Footloose*, where the teams impressed the audience with their dance moves and bboying skills. The folk dance competition transported the audience into a different time and space. The dances drew applause from an enthusiastic crowd. However, the spotlight of the event was performance by the famed musician Edward Maya, who made the crowd skip a beat with his mesmerizing and soulful music.

Edward Maya, who made the crowd skip a beat with his mesmerizing and soulful music.

## Very Eerie!

The brainchild of Amity Institute of Telecom Technology & Mgmt, the *Bhoot Bangla* has been a hot favourite since 2008. "The idea was to let students creatively understand the concept of light and sound. Laser lights and sounds effects lend the house a spooky feel," explains founder of the *bhoot bangla*, Prof Mukul Varshney.

First day saw over 200 registrations within few hours!

## Maya 'Rain'!

Swati Sinha

Amity School of Communication

It was a perfect groovy winter evening as Romanian artist and international singing sensation Edward Maya performed at Amity University on February 11, 2012. Edward set the stage on fire on a windy and rainy evening at the finale of Amity Youth Fest (AYF).

An eager crowd of around 25,000 welcomed Maya with loud roars, which the music maestro acknowledged by a warm greeting, "Namaste India!" Edward started the show with his foot tapping number, 'The Desert Rain', which compelled the faculty and the students to let their hair down. Maya, as he is fondly called,

continued to enthrall the audience with pop and house numbers like 'Rise up' and 'Give me everything tonight'. But the crowd's energy soared to new levels when he played his chartbuster 'Stereo Love'. Maya's fans went gaga as he raised up his mike to have them sing along. "I was standing and singing at the top of my voice when he asked us to join in. He truly builds a rapport with the audience," a delighted Yashaswini, a student of Amity School of Communication (ASCO) said.

The downpour could not play spoilsport as Maya played along with his band zestfully, nor could it dampen the spirit of his fans.

"I loved Maya's concert! He easily moved the audience to his list of tunes," exclaimed ASCO student Piyusha.



Masked fame: They slogged it out, only to scare you!

Q: Why is Facebook a great site for loners?  
A: Because it's the only place where they can talk to a wall and not be considered a loser!



# Random memories



colour; sometimes it scratches your world black and white- and sometimes hisses into being rusty and gray. And sometimes, it leaves no colour- just marks on your unhealed wounds that time forgot to heal. And it is perhaps, this colourless, searingly painful form of memory that hurts you the most.

And even though you don't like to admit it- you form strong bonds with them--so that one day when they really threaten to leave, you hold them with all passionate recklessness you can muster. And you love them as much, if not more, when they start to fade away. [G+](#) [T+](#)

As blogged on

<http://networkedblogs.com/mdiYS>

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Amity School of Communication

Memory is like the first poem you ever wrote. Memory is like all the FIRSTS. No matter how old you become or those FIRSTS become--they always remain FIRSTS. They come back when you for-

get them. They trickle in through the cracks when you shut the door on their face. They stay when everything else walks out.

Memory is like a lean and hungry cat that lurks in the shadow waiting to pounce upon you out of nowhere. Its claws are reservoirs of self-changing

# I can do it

POEM

Nishant J Vog

AIS Mayur Vihar, X

When I see the world through my eyes  
Quite surprisingly, I find and realise that  
the world is full of cut throat competition  
and rigour  
But the one who keeps on fighting  
is the real victor  
I see people with a lot of ability,  
Much potential and agility.  
They put in every effort that they can

To become the very perfect man.  
But I am just an ordinary guy  
Who, one day, dreams to fly.  
But stranded in this competitive world  
My grand wings look dwindled.  
So here I feel excluded and all alone  
Extremely helpless and outshone.  
It looks like I am caught in a big mess  
Like a mediocre, I feel so useless.  
But it's said that one must never let it go  
One must fight to win the show.  
So here I stand searching  
for another opportunity  
To prove myself to those  
who have exceptional ability. [G+](#) [T+](#)



# Brain Teasers



Uditi Chopra, AIS Vas-6, VII D

Q. Arrange six glasses in a row, so that the first three are filled with milk and the last three are empty. By moving only one glass, can you arrange the glasses so that the full and the empty glasses alternate?

A. Pick up the second glass and pour the

milk into the fifth glass and then put it back in the second position.

Q. If you had a ton of feathers and a ton of stones, which would be heavier?

A. Neither. They both weigh a ton.

Q. There are 20 people in an empty square room. Each person has full sight

of the entire room and everyone in it. If no one is allowed to move in any way (other than their eyes), where can you place an apple so that all but one person can't see it?

A. Place the apple on that person's head.

Q. What is the beginning of eternity, the end of time and space, the beginning of every end and the end of every place?

A. The letter 'E'

Q. Can you name three consecutive days, without using the names of the week, ie, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday?

A. Yesterday, today and tomorrow. [G+](#) [T+](#)

# Lentil pancake cheese delight



## Ingredients

- Jowar atta 1/2 cup
  - Urad dal flour..... 1/2 cup
  - Gram flour .....1/2 cup
  - Soya flour .....1/4 cup
  - Paneer .....100 gms
  - Carrot .....100 gms
  - Mushroom.....50gms
  - Corn .....50gms
  - Onion .....1
  - Oil .....4 tbsp
  - Salt .....4tbsp
  - Red chilli powder.....2 tsp
- For the sauce**
- Coriander .....100 gms
  - Lemon .....1
  - Green chilly .....3
  - Sugar .....1 tbsp
  - Tamarind .....50 gms

## Method

### For the chutney

- Grind together soaked tamarind, lemon juice, green chillies, coriander and sugar to form a thick chutney.
- Mix together different flour varieties.



Akansha Jayaswal  
Amity School of Hospitality

- Add water to have a flowing batter which is neither too thick nor too thin.
- In a pan, take some oil and add green chillies to it, followed by chopped onion, carrots, mushrooms and corn. Sauté them well.
- Add small pieces of paneer (cottage cheese) in the end. Add salt and freshly cut coriander and keep the mixture aside.
- Grease a non stick pan with some oil and put the flour batter as prepared earlier to form a pancake.
- Turn sides of the pancake when semi cooked and put the vegetable mixture in the centre. Fold the pancake and cook until crisp.
- Serve the lentil pancake cheese delight piping hot along with chutney.

The dish was one of the winning recipes of Culinary Champs competition organised by ASH as part of Amity Youth Fest 2012 [G+](#) [T+](#)

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Doe, a Deer



Breathe free



I'm high





Dad writes on son's wall: "How are you? Your Mom & I am fine. We miss you a lot and wish to see you. So please turn off your PC and come downstairs to have dinner."

# The tale of the jovial man

## Wisdom tales

Ananya Rajvanshi  
AIS Noida, VI F

Long ago, there lived a man named Vikram. He was an ace sword fighter and a champion rider. He was noble minded too. He always helped the poor and needy and protected the weak. Naturally, people loved him, admired him and respected him. Vikram, however, had a secret, which was not known to most friends. He was quite bald. He wore a wig to cover his bald head. The wig was so perfect and fitted his head so well that no one could ever make out that he was bald. One day Vikram and some of his friends went hunting. As they were rid-

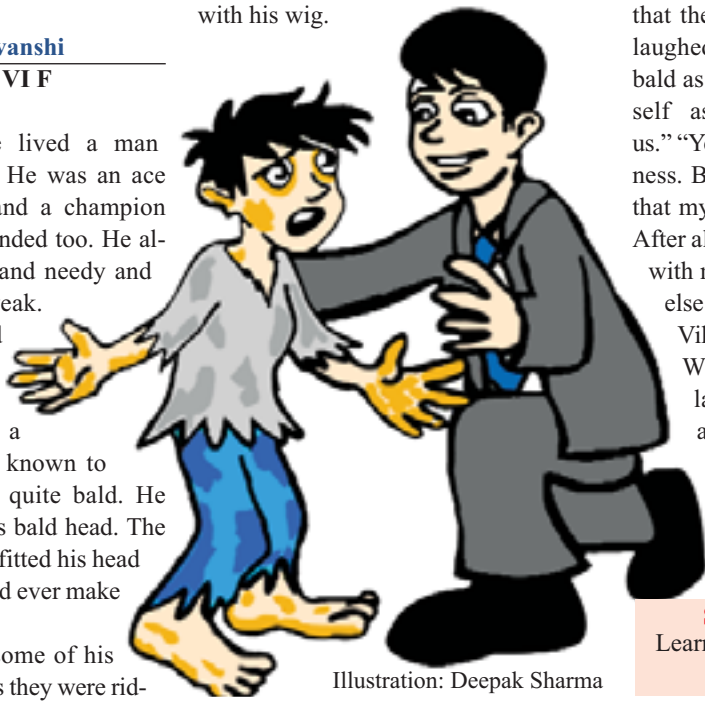


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ing along on their horses, a strong gust of wind blew off Vikram's hat along with his wig.

Sudden discovery of Vikram's baldness amused his friends. They never knew that their jovial friend was bald. They laughed at him and said, "You are as bald as an egg. You always posed yourself as a young man and fooled us." "Yes, I always tried to hide my baldness. But, at the same time, I was sure that my secret would be out some day. After all, when my own hair did not stay with me, how could I expect someone else's to stay with me forever?" said Vikram and laughed heartily.

When the friends saw Vikram laughing at himself, they felt really sorry for laughing at him. They apologised and said, "You are really a great sport." From that day onwards, Vikram was admired even more.

**So what did you learn today?**  
Learn to laugh at yourself, it makes things easier.

## Russian salad



Pratha Bhatt

AIS Vasundhara 1, VII A

### Ingredients

Potatoes (Boiled).....50g  
Green peas.....50g  
Carrots (Parboiled) .....50g  
Cabbage (Shredded) .....50g  
Lettuce leaves .....2  
Mayonnaise .....As required

### Method

■ Cut potatoes and carrots into small cubes.

- Take all the vegetables in a bowl except the lettuce leaves and toss them together.
- Now add mayonnaise as desired to the vegetables and mix well.
- Keep the salad in the refrigerator for 20 minutes.
- Place lettuce leaves in a plate and keep the salad over it.
- Enjoy with friends and family.

## Poem

# Magic of Books

Himadri Seth, AIS Saket, V A

Travelling to kings in the past,  
going there in a machine,  
which is so very fast.  
Ghosts roaming all around  
my head,  
at night with granny on my bed.  
Meeting warriors so very brave,  
having hundred people to save.  
Entering a world full of magic,  
where you have no accident very tragic.  
That's the magic of books,  
they tell everything just  
from their looks.  
I am a reader and I know,  
as I have taken a reading vow.  
Every book is really wonderful,  
without books my life  
would be really dull.  
Go ahead and pick a book,  
it will change your outlook.



# Milk woes

## Short Story

Avi Jain, AIS Noida, VI A

Once there was a small village. Many poor farmers lived there. They were getting poorer day by day. One day, they organised a meeting to discuss how to improve their condition. They had a long discussion but at last the village Head decided that before the sun rises every morning, each villager will come and donate one big bowl



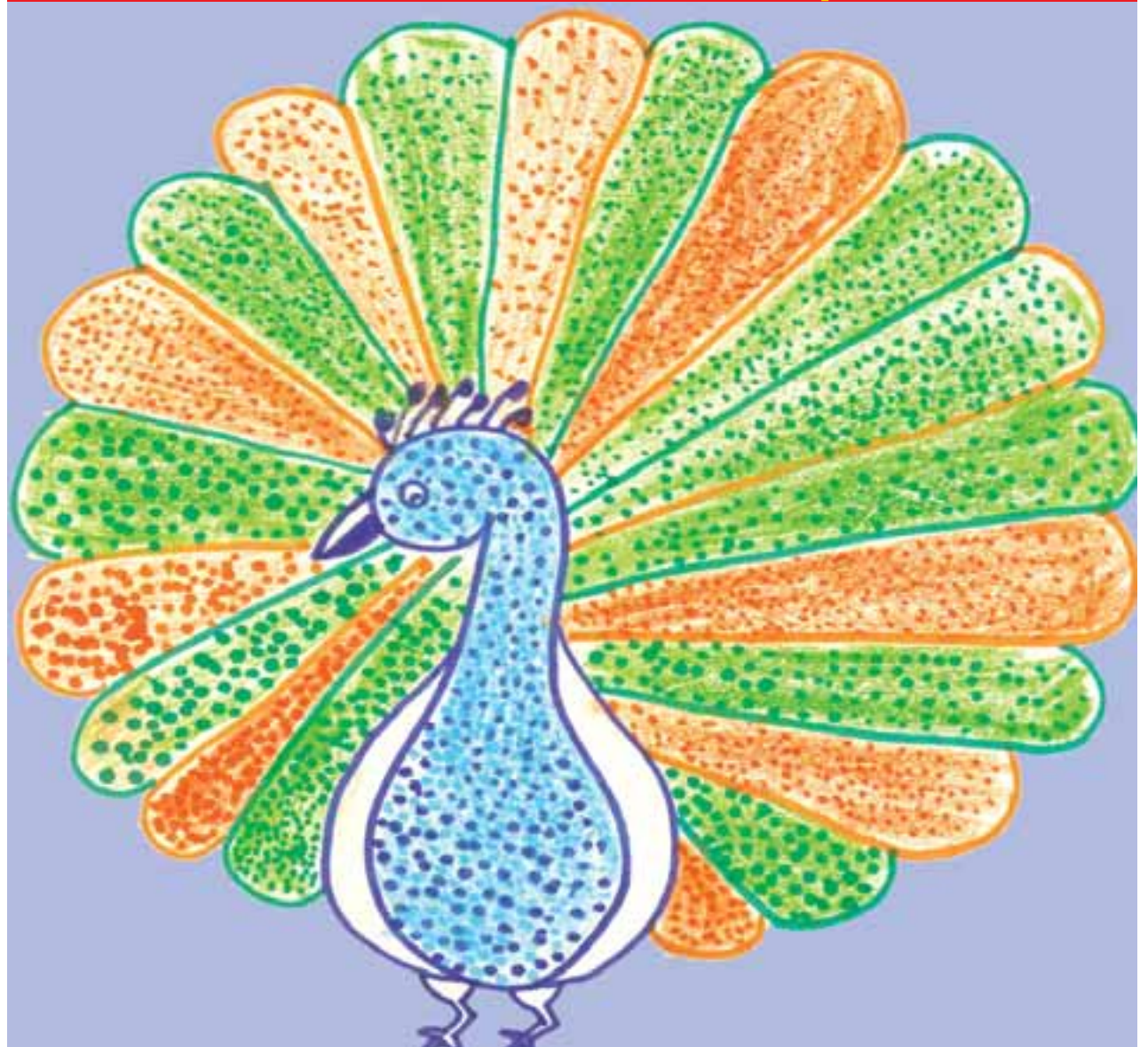
of milk in a huge pan. He said, "We will take the milk to the town and sell it

there. With the money so earned, we will try to remove poverty." The farmers agreed. Every morning they came and donated one big bowl of milk in the huge pan. But one morning, a farmer came with a bowl of water. He thought to himself, "Why should I waste my milk? Nobody would come to know if I put water instead of milk." So, he poured water instead of milk. Later, when the village Head opened the lid, he was appalled to see the pan full of water. All the villagers had the same thought and donated water instead of milk!

**So what did you learn today?**  
A new word - 'Appalled'

## Brush 'n' Easel

Ayush Chaudhary  
IV, AIS Lucknow



## It's Me

**My name-** Janya Malkani  
**School-** AIS Pushp Vihar  
**Class-** II A  
**Birthday-** September 24, 2004  
**I like-** Fairy tales  
**My hobby-** Practicing Bharatnatyam  
**My best friend-** Akshita Sharma  
**My favourite game-** Chess  
**My favourite place-** Garden of Five Senses  
**My favourite food-** Pasta  
**My favourite teacher-** Ekta ma'am  
**My favourite subject-** English  
**I want to become-** A Bharatnatyam dancer  
**I want to feature in GT because-** I want to be a part of GT.



# A 'Grand' affair

Grandparents are the building blocks of a family. Amiown Gurgaon celebrated these building blocks by organising Grandparents day. Love, respect and blessings marked the joyous celebrations



He made that Sharing little creations



We welcome you Kids accord a traditional welcome

When a child is born, so are grandparents. Life comes a full circle with every child born in the family. Youngsters turn parents and their parents become grandparents. The importance of a family in the development of one's personality is immeasurable. Amiown, with its supreme emphasis on providing a modern and sophisticated learning environment coupled with Indian heritage, value system and *sanskars*, is dedicated to fostering a strong bond between the child and the family. The guiding principle is 'Where modernity blends with tradition'.

And what novel way to impart ethical values in our little Amies than celebrating an entire day dedicated to grandparents to show them that they are loved and cared for and are the strong pillars of our society.

Amiown Gurgaon celebrated Grandparents Day on February 18, 2012. The day started with the little ones welcoming their grandparents in their classroom by applying the traditional *tilak*. The grandparents were acquainted with how the little ones start their day, by reciting the *shlokas*. The children also recited few rhymes from the current theme "Transport" like '*lal lal motor*', 'the wheels of

the bus' and '*chuk chuk karti rail gadi aye*'. The children also recited one special rhyme for their grandparents to express their love and gratitude for them. As the day progressed, children were engaged in various fun filled activities like making jewellery with links and beads, joining letter cards to make the spelling of their names, passing the parcel and many more. The grandparents not only participated enthusiastically in all the activities but also shared the experiences of their childhood with their grandchildren.

As a token of their love, children made a memento in the class and presented it to their grandparents. The grandparents were overwhelmed with the love and respect showered on them. Grandparents of Tushit Arora of Nursery B got very emotional during the presentation. Commenting on the occasion, Tushit's grandfather expressed that it was a pleasure to have all his four grandchildren studying in an institution that believes in imparting strong values to children along with providing an international exposure, which not only prepares the children for the life ahead but also keeps them grounded. The day ended with blessings for one and all from the elders. 🇮🇳



Blessed Shower me with your love

## Arctic comes to Amiown

It's time to have some winter fun!

Amiown, Gurgaon organised its Winter Carnival on January 28, 2012 that saw students of Amiown along with their families participate with full zeal. Fun and frolic was in full fervor as the children participated in various game stalls, bouncy, toy train, cup and soccer ride, puppet show that was followed by a puppet making activity, treasure hunt, drawing competition etc. The theme of the winter carnival was Arctic animals. To give the carnival a feel of Arctic ambience, the outer walls of the school were painted in white colour. Large cutouts of Arctic animals, made by children, were also pasted on the walls to scale up the fun quotient. Further on, cotton balls were sprinkled on plants to create an effect of snow clad Arctic environment and an igloo was also created. On arrival at the school gate, little

Amies were welcomed with tiaras and crowns and were provided with food coupons to enjoy delicious and yummy meals. While children were encouraged to participate in the Arctic Expedition, around 113 parents took home prizes for the same.

A major attraction of the carnival was the drawing competition that helped children discover their creative instincts. The children along with their families could get a family photograph clicked in the photography area, to take back a memoir of the event. They also enjoyed the *baggi* ride. The fun-filled game stalls were organised by trainees of ACERT. Children were given prizes for participating and winning the games. While kids were excited to find games of their interest, the parents were happy to see their little ones having a gala time at the carnival. 🇮🇳



Fun n frolic Let's chill out at the Winter Carnival



Engine no 9 Posing the chuk chuk way

## Transported via railways

*Chuk chuk chuk* ... was the excited sound heard in Amiown, Gurgaon as little Amies got ready to board the bus for an excursion to Railway Museum on Feb 21, 2012. The theme 'Transportation' was implemented in Amiown from Feb 2012 which comprised 'Land Transport', 'Road Transport' and 'Track Transport'. To sum up the topic of Track Transport in an interactive way, a visit to Railway Museum was organised. The little kids were excited to get a hands on experience of track transport with Indian Rail-

ways. The children learnt about terms like railway station, platform, coaches etc. They also acquainted themselves with types of engine, coal, diesel and different types of trains. While the kids added to their knowledge bank, they also posed for pictures with the train. The most thrilling part of the excursion was the joy ride in 'Toy Train', which they enjoyed singing rhymes and munching biscuits. The excursion packed with knowledge and learning on one hand and excitement and fun on the other, was a great experience for the little ones. 🇮🇳



Line up Children enjoy the joyride

## Success on wheels



Four Nursery children from Amiown, Gurgaon, participated in Inter-Amity skating competition and Inter School skating competition held on February 1-2, 2012 at AIS Gur 43 and won many medals. Take a look at the skating champions, who participated and won in the competition. 🇮🇳

Name	Class	Inter Amity	Inter School
Janisha Johry	Nur D	🏆	🏆
Armani Bhasin	Nur B	🏆	🏆
Aditya Malhotra	Nur F	🏆	🏆
Shauraya Thakur	Nur A	🏆	🏆

🏆-Gold Medal 🏆-Silver Medal 🏆-Bronze Medal



“A new Facebook app is coming out that will remind users exactly what they were doing a year ago from that day. Nine times out of 10, the answer will be 'wasting your time on Facebook.'”

Conan O'Brien

# Warm hospitality in a freezing country

A first for Amity, the 8th Zhautykov Olympiad at Kazakhstan, was memorable

## First Person

Ananya Rajpoot, AIS Noida, X A

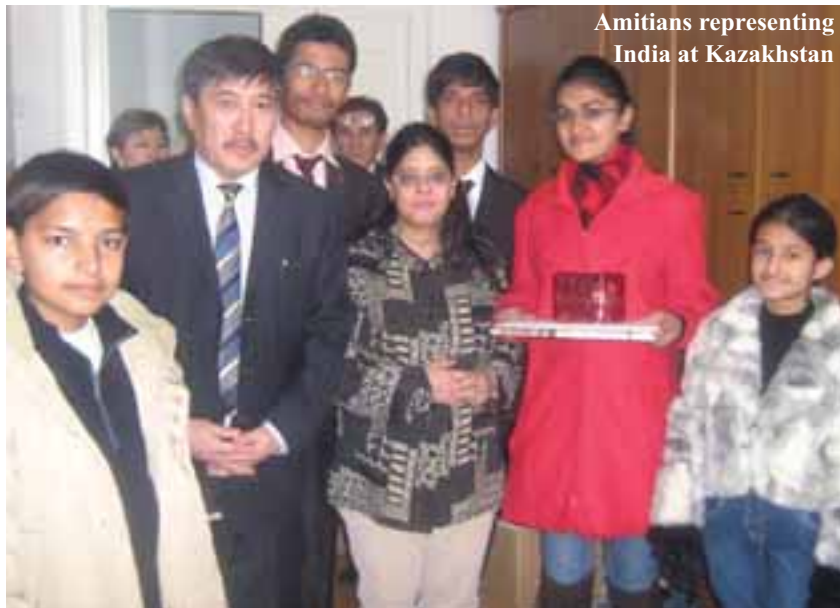
A trip to the former capital of Kazakhstan, Almaty, truly defined what they call having the 'time of your life'. There, we attended the 8th International Zhautykov Olympiad in Mathematics, Physics & Computer Science organized by Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Republican Scientific Practical Centre "DARYAN" at Zhautykov Republican specialized Physics-Mathematics secondary boarding school for gifted students, from 15th to 21st January, 2012. A great academic experience and terrific exposure; the eight days in Almaty gave me everything. Indians were participating in the Zhautykov Olympiad for the first time and we, Amitians, were the representatives of our country. The feeling of being the torch bearers of our country, holding our national flag

and singing our national anthem in front of 500 participants from 40 nations was a moment of immense pride. Our team leader, Mrs Meenakshi Rawal, gave us support and encouragement to survive in a highly competitive atmosphere. Our

team had the youngest members. We were highly appreciated by the jury. The trip gave me a chance to meet people from all over the world, make new friends and put across my views in comprehensive discussions. My interviews

were shown in the closing ceremony and will be featured in their local magazine and the ninth Zhautykov Olympiad. A special dinner and lunch were hosted by His Excellency Shri Ashok Kumar Sharma, (Ambassador of India in Kazakhstan) and his console Shri Rakesh Verma for the students. Warm hospitality in a freezing country was a deadly combination. I have returned with a box full of new ideas, reminiscences and insight into a diverse culture. The zest that I come back with will surely stay, till I am knocked with nostalgia on my next spree to Almaty! Back in India, we had a special interaction with His Excellency Mr Doulat Kuanyshev, Ambassador, Republic of Kazakhstan at Amity University. I am grateful to Amity for providing me this platform and express my gratitude to all the teachers who made this trip a grand accomplishment.

**Team members:** Ananya Rajpoot & Ayan Pandey, X, AIS Noida; Rachit Singh, X, AIS Saket; Grania Jain & Unnat Ramjiyani, VII, AIS PV



Amitians representing India at Kazakhstan



AIS Lucknow

## Ode to Arunachal

The heritage assembly conducted by AIS Lucknow on February 1, was themed Arunachal Pradesh, the land with incredible natural beauty. The entire show was given a tribal look with the stage being set up like a forest. Tribal drumbeats echoed in the auditorium. Hosts Shivansh, Toshavi and Shikhar wore ancestral getup and spoke with confidence about the people, culture, festivals, wildlife and geographic details of the state. A vibrant PPT was followed by an enthralling tribal dance performance. The enthusiastic performance was met with a huge round of applause. The assembly concluded with a mini quiz session which encouraged the children to brainstorm and recall important facts about the state. Overall, it was an enriching experience for the students.

# Designing an aircraft story



L-R: AIS students with Dr Mike Wilson, Zoe Wittle & Taruna Barthwal, Career Counselor, ACCGC

An aircraft designing workshop by University Of Bath experts, tickled the creative and analytical young minds

Amity Career Counseling & Guidance Cell (ACCGC) organized a workshop on "The Current and Future Aircraft Designs" by University of Bath on Feb 6, 2012. The session was conducted by Dr Mike Wilson and Zoe Wittle, from University of Bath at AIS Noida and was attended by the students of AIS Noida, AIS Mayur Vihar and Amity Global School, Noida. The students were made to sit in groups of four for a brainstorming question answer session. The workshop was extremely interactive and the students enjoyed the interesting questions posed by Dr Mike. The science students got a chance to know about aerodynamics and

became aware of the future models of aircrafts. Dr Mike gave a brief description of airplanes like Boeing 747, Airbus A380, Boeing 777, etc. He also highlighted the efficient models proposed by NASA like Blended wind body (BWB) etc. He touched upon the targets of

**Workshop Topic:** The Current and Future Aircraft Designs

**Resource Persons:** Dr Mike Wilson, Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Bath, UK & Ms Zoe Wittle, International Office at University of Bath, UK

**Organized by:** ACCGC

ACARE (Advisory Council for Aerospace Research in Europe) and explained some eco-friendly designs. Quiz sessions interspersed between the workshop urged the students to come up with innovative answers. The group from AIS Noida won and each student was given a book as a Prize by University of Bath. Dr Mike was impressed with the intelligent questions and innovative solutions given by students. He even mentioned that he got better response from Amitians than what he gets from 3rd year students at his university. The workshop turned out to be highly informative and was greatly enjoyed by the students.

## Globe-trot with tiny tots

On February 15, the whole world came together at AIS Vasundhara-6, as 160 children of class KG presented a skit - 'The Globe Trot' based on the story 'The Gingerbread Man'. Little Amitians dressed up in wonderful attires, took everyone to Japan, Russia, Egypt and Spain. Ms Sunila Athley, Principal, accorded a cordial welcome to Chief Guest Ms Kamal Marwah, wife of Mr Ved Marwah. Headmistress, Ms Anjleen Berar presented the annual report. The students apprised the gathering of their glorious achievements round the year. Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson Amity Group of schools, complimented the efforts of staff and students.



AIS Vasundhara-6

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“The two biggest websites right now are Wikipedia, where you go to learn about things you care about, and Facebook, where you go to learn about people you stopped caring about years ago.”

Craig Ferguson



Rhythm Dhol Bass or RDB has been rocking music lovers for quite some time now.

The band’s lead singer, Manj, got up close and personal in a candid chat

**Kritika Nanda,**  
 Amity Instt of English Studies & Research

**When did you form your own band?**

My brothers and I have music flowing in our blood since childhood. You could say we have inherited music genetically, as our father used to sing religious songs and play the harmonium in the Gurudwara. Our mother is a famous singer in London. We wanted to bring our talents to the surface, so we started playing as a band in our college at 14 years of age in UK.

**Who writes songs for you?**

Throughout our struggling period when we were chasing our dreams, to right up to this position, our father has been our biggest support. He has written all our songs for us till date.

**How has your journey been from playing in UK college fests to playing at mega concerts?**

The journey no doubt has been one with a lot of hurdles. But this didn’t deter our determination. Failures are stepping stones to success.

# RDB *in the house*



**Exchanging musical notes**  
 Manj with students of Amity University

Year	Song	Movie
2011	Shera Di Kaum	Speedy Singhs
2011	Sadi Gali	Tanu Weds Manu
2011	Yamla Pagla Deewana	Y P D
2009	Paisa Paisa	De Dana Dan
2009	Om Mangalam	Kambakkht Ishq
2009	Aloo Chaat	Aloo Chaat
2008	Singh is King	Singh Is King
2007	Rafta Rafta	Namastey London

we want him to say that I want an RDB song and not any other genre.

**Would you like to thank any particular person for your success?**

We would like to acknowledge all our fans for their support and faith in us. And mostly, we would like to thank our father for believing in us, who was a bit skeptical about our plans earlier, (smiles) but has been our biggest support throughout.

**What is your advice to Amitians who want to start a band?**

It’s a tough world. Learn everything you can. Work hard and honestly, to achieve your goals and success will surely be yours. 🇮🇳

*With Inputs from Shilpika Saxena, Shreya & Himalaya Monga*

*(Amity School of Engineering & Technology)*

Great family support and the love of all our fans has helped us reach here.

**Which songs do you perform most frequently? Do you play covers?**

We brothers have different musical tastes. I prefer more of Punjabi music, my elder brother Kuly prefers more of house and my younger brother, Surj prefers hip hop. Yes, we do play covers. We play them for our great friends like Sukhbir.

**What is the biggest challenge of being a part of a band?**

Our biggest challenge as a band is spending time with family. Since, we are on tours most of the time, we don’t get to spend much time with our families. We do miss family time a lot. But I guess it’s a part of being a band member.

**What’s the ultimate goal of your band?**

It is to create an RDB genre of music. When anybody wants a song in any film or an album,

# Master of many trades

Sketching, writing, cartooning, poetry, modelling, script writing... you name it and Sanchay Goswami of Amity School of Communication, can do it. Join in as he uninhibitedly shares the story of his own life and ambitions

I have always loved sketching, writing and cartooning. I enjoy reading motivational articles. Since my father is a cricket coach, I have grown up learning the ropes from him. I have also experimented with direction, modelling, editing and screenplay writing. I have acted and written the screenplay for three short films, one of which won the Best Film award in ‘Photoshala’, a competition held in Himachal Pradesh. I have always loved writing poetry too!

**Tryst with Cadbury:** Last year, I was thrilled to get a chance to model for a print advertisement for Cadbury’s Dairy Milk Silk. There was an online competition on Facebook, where my photograph was selected through public votes. This carved a path for me to meet a great team working for the ad. I wasn’t paid for the assignment, but hopefully next time, I will be handed a paycheck!

It’s humbling to know I have earned a fan page on FB!

**First paycheck:** My first paycheck was for playing cricket at state level.

**Dreams:** I want to be a film maker. I believe it is the best medium for me to communicate with the world.

**Inspiration:** Since childhood, Bollywood has beckoned me. I am fascinated by the multiple lives an actor leads

through different roles. That is the kind of lifestyle I want to live. I also draw inspiration from the less privileged.

**Note of thanks:** My family, school and Amity have allowed me to imbibe life

skills and moral values. I’d like to thank them. I know they will always stand by my side in good times and bad. 🇮🇳

*As shared with Debolina Goswami, Amity Institute of Biotechnology*



Imaging: Pankaj Malik

## GT Travels to Andhra Pradesh



**Vrinda Sharma, AIS Gur- 46,** ‘religiously’ reads GT outside Tirumala Tirupati Venkateshwara Temple in Andhra Pradesh.

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