

Food for Thought

"If 16-year-olds are old enough to drink the water polluted by the industries that you regulate, if 16-year-olds are old enough to breathe the air ruined by garbage burners that government built, if 16-year-olds are old enough to walk on the streets made unsafe by terrible drugs and crime policies, if 16-year-olds are old enough to live in poverty in the richest country in the world, if 16-year-olds are old enough to get sick in a country with the worst public health-care programs in the world, and if 16-year-olds are old enough to attend school districts that you underfund, then 16-year-olds are old enough to play a part in making them better."

Rebecca Tilsen, 14, of Minneapolis given as testimony to the Minnesota House sub-committee in 1991 regarding lowering the voting age.

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Simran Sachdeva, AIS PV, Youth Envoy 2009-2010 receiving the trophy from Chief Guest Ms Agatha Sangma

The Global Times has built the faith of Youth in the role of media as a vehicle that shall bring change in society through the platform of Youth Power.

Anupama Pandey
Director - Chintan
Environment Research & Action Group



RESULTS

YOUTH ENVOYS 2009-2010: Simran Sachdeva from AIS Pushp Vihar and Ashwini Vaidialingam of Sanskriti School

FIRST RUNNERS UP : Saksham Agarwal, AIS Gur- 43 and Riya Saxena of Vivek High School, Chandigarh;

SECOND RUNNERS UP: Anantdeep Singh of AIS Noida and Aryaman Anand of Shri Ram School, Mousari

FINALISTS: Jigyasa Chauhan (AIS Saket), Sanchit Kumar (AIS Vasundhra), Chirag Ginglani (Dev Samaj Modern School) and Radhika Arya (Spring Dales, Dhaula Kuan) received Finalists Trophies.

YOUTH POWER takes the youth by storm

Amity Youth Envoy of the Year, Simran Sachdeva, awarded an internship with an international NGO in a South East Asian country, fully sponsored by Chairperson Amity Schools Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan.

Tulika Banerji

Amity's Newspaper for the Youth 'The Global Times' organized the Grand Finale of Youth Power 2009-2010 at Amity University, Uttar Pradesh on January 21, 2010 to identify Youth Leaders. The magnificent quest for an ethical Youth Leader that comprised of VI intensive rounds, included introspection exercises, group discussions, experiential learning, seminars, camps, etc. Ten finalists from 35 schools pan India, shortlisted from amongst 400 participants, who reached the grand finale shall take up cudgels against social evils plaguing the society and bring about positive changes.

The occasion also marked the felicitation of the Chief Guest for the day, honourable Ms Agatha Sangma, Minister of Minister of State for Rural Development with a citation by Dr Mrs Amita Chauhan,

Chairperson Amity Schools. Youth icon Ms Sangma, the youngest minister in the parliament, avowed the spellbound audience of 700 comprising dignitaries, guests, parents, teachers and students with her unassuming persona, yet stimulating words. She opined, "Our education system must concentrate not on making children just intelligent but also wise and good



"I'm confident that today's Youth Power shall 'Be the Change and Bring Change.'"

human beings. Youth empowerment has to be implemented. The ability of youth must be diverted into positive and creative energy. And just as today's 'Youth Power' highlights, the process of realizing that energy has already begun."

The finalists showcased their work on various topics as education, health and hygiene, substance abuse, etc in the form of presentations, which were adjudged by two exemplary judges-Ms Anupama Pandey, Director, Chintan-Environment, Action and Research Group and Dr Abha Adams, a pioneering educationist. After a rigorous gruelling session, Sim-

"Youth Power is the biggest power in the world."



ran Sachdeva from AIS Pushp Vihar and Ashwini Vaidialingam of Sanskriti School were declared as the Youth Envoys of the Year. Amity Youth Envoy Simran clinched an internship with an international NGO in a South East Asian country, fully sponsored

by Chairperson Dr Mrs Amita Chauhan, along with the winner's trophy and certificate.

Dr Ashok K Chauhan, Founder President Amity Universe, lauded the efforts of the students and urged them to lead the change, "Youth Power is the biggest power in the world. I'm confident that Amity students will lead the country through change to make it a superpower." Chairperson Dr Amita Chauhan extended her congratulations to the winners, "I'm happy that what began as a dream, 'Youth Power' has reached so many schools all across India. I'm confident that today's Youth Power shall Be the change and Bring change."

Eminent dignitaries who graced the occasion included Mrs Pooja Chauhan- Vice Chairperson, Amity Humanity Foundation, Mrs Urvashi Khemka, Mrs Gowri Iswaran, Ms Annapurna Sehgal-Head HT Pace, principals of Amity schools and heads of institutions from Amity University. •

Q n A with Youth Power finalists

The judges threw a volley of questions and here's how the YP finalists fielded them...

Simran Sachdeva
AIS Pushp Vihar

If you were made the Principal of your school, what would be the one thing that you'd like to change?



One, I'm extremely happy with my school and wouldn't want to change anything at all. But one thing that I'd like to enforce is 'Each one, teach one.' Today, most students have the resources; so if they can't teach a child, they should at least sponsor one.

Saksham Agarwal
AIS Gur 43

What is the biggest threat to the environment today?



WE, the human beings. Had it not been for our selfishness and greed for material progress, the earth wouldn't have been in such a deplorable state. The world can become a better place only if, we become accountable for our own actions and take responsibility to save the environment.

Anantdeep Singh
AIS Noida

Do you think increasing number of competitions in schools lead to peer pressure?



More often than not, peer pressure is taken to be a term with a negative connotation. However, I believe that peer pressure can be quite beneficial if it inspires one to perform better, to study harder and become a better individual.

Sanchit, AIS Vasundhra

Do you think that economic conditions play an important role in gender bias?



Yes, I do think that economic conditions influence gender bias. It increases as we move from richer to the poorer class. While rich have the resources, the poor tend to discriminate more and often neglect girl child in terms of health and education due to resource crunch leading to higher female mortality and illiteracy. They also tend

to believe that only a male child takes care of their parents while a girl has send to be off with a huge dowry into another family.

Jigyasa Chauhan, AIS Saket

Are posters on 'Substance Abuse' of any use to a population that is illiterate?



For people, who can't read the posters, we can explain to them the harmful effects of substance abuse by putting up street plays and talk to them about it.



The Youthful Bond...

Rohit Kaul (ASSCO, Amity University, Noida), **Agrata Gupta** (AIS Saket), **Bhuvan Ravindran** (AIS Noida), **Sunaina Bhattacharya** (AIS Noida) & **Mayank Tiku** (AIS Vasundhara) grab the opportunity to get up-close and personal with Agatha Sangma, India's youngest Union Minister from Arunachal Pradesh...

Congratulations on being elected as the youngest member of the parliament! How does it feel to be a Youth Icon?

I feel privileged to take up a responsibility at an age like this. It is important that I measure things well before doing them as many young people would get encouraged or discouraged by what I do. I take this as an opportunity in terms of my capacity to build a generation of youth who are far more aware and clear about priorities when it comes to serving the nation.

What are the advantages and disadvantages of belonging to a political background and being the youngest, woman parliamentarian?

I totally agree that having a political backing makes things easier although it has its pros and cons. Mostly, the



Agatha Sangma, Minister of State for Rural Development in a tete-e-tete with GT Reporters

not really a disadvantage. I'm fortunate to get good advice from elderly colleagues. I would like to incorporate their wisdom.

Besides political inclinations, what are your other achievements and interests?

I have studied law and practiced in the Delhi High Court for one and a half year. I would have pursued it further had I not joined politics. Apart from that, I feel

area. But today, it suffers from water shortage. It's a shame that it has happened because of a poor water management. This is my primary concern.

It is believed that empowerment among the Garo, Khasi and Jaintia women is a myth. How do you plan to turn this around?

This is all to do with financial independence among women. Once they are fi-

reading the book Small is Beautiful by E F Schumacher nowadays, so he has really influenced me. My father is my inspiration too. I have been watching him since I was a child; I would like to adopt his holistic and human approach in the arena of politics.

With so many responsibilities on you at a young age, how do you relax and de-stress?

I like to go to movies. Shopping is a weakness which I am curbing. I also like to take walks, just unwind, chat with friends on Facebook. A blog is being created for me where the young people will have a direct access to me so that they can give me ideas. Also, I'm an emotional person, so I like to capture memories and moments through photography.

What is your advice to the young budding politicians of our country?

Firstly, politics is a difficult profession where it is difficult to sustain. Although I encourage the young to join politics, I believe that just the politicians can't change the country. Currently, there is a craze about young parliamentarians-maybe that's why the youth wants to join politics today. India demands youth like you who are productive and care for the country. The Government departments lack technical know-how, for instance, so the country needs more professionals and technicians. ●



(L to R) Mayank Tiku, Sunaina Bhattacharya, Rohit Kaul, Bhuvan Ravindran and Agrata Gupta

young politicians today have a political background. However, to eventually survive in politics, one needs more than a name. There is a need to perform, to carry out your responsibilities well. That is more important. As far as the advantages go, being young and a woman, I shall be able to represent the two sections of society well as I belong to the same category myself. The disadvantages are surely there too! Like, I get too much attention. There are people always watching me. But, this is

very concerned about environmental issues; it is the young generation that will eventually bear the brunt of environmental degradation. It is important that our contribution to global warming be reevaluated. Thus, I encourage the youth to take up professions that are environmentally viable.

What are the environmental issues in your region that you would like to take up?

Meghalaya was once the highest rainfall

nancially independent, they can address their own needs; To empower them, we have introduced self-help groups where they also contribute to the society's growth. These systems are very important.

Who is your Idol? Why?

Well, I don't have an Idol as such, but the ideologies of certain people have always influenced me, Mahatma Gandhi for instance, whose wisdom is timeless and relevant even today. But also because I'm

Scholastic Alerts College Entrances

Getting admission in the right college is the first step towards success. Hence, to keep all of you updated, especially the ones appearing for 12th boards (2009-2010), given below are important dates corresponding to these institutions:

IIT Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) 2010

Important Dates

JEE – Date of examination – April 11 -2010

Online Application Process – November 1st 2010 – December 7th 2010

Offline Application process – November 16th 2010 – December 15th 2010

AIPMT (All India Pre-medical) pre dental Entrance Examinations by CBSE) 2010

Important Dates

Preliminary Examinations: 3rd April 2010

Final Examinations: May 16th, 2010

Application process starts from : October 20th 2010

Last date of applications process: February 12th, 2010

Graduate Diploma Programmes In Design (GDPD)

Total no. of seats: 100

Eligibility: Candidates who have passed or would appear in march 2010 for qualifying examinations



under Higher Secondary (10+2) Or it's equivalent.

Age: Upper limit 20 years (relaxable by three years for reserved category) as on June 1st, 2010

Programmes under GDPD on offer : Faculty of Industrial Design

Product design

Furniture and interior Design

Ceramic and glass Design

Faculty of Communication Design

Graphic Design

Animation Film Design

Film and Video Communication

Exhibition (spatial) Design

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/12394349@N06/2303598321/sizes/l/>

GT CROWN!



The Best Confession: "I don't have anything against team 3 Idiots. I may have some issues on the mistake they have made but nothing about their personality"

- Chetan Bhagat

Hands on cheeks, tears in eyes.. awww c'mon Chetan darling, look surprised, take a bow, wave to your readers, The GT Crown for the best confession goes to you!

Three cheers to your new novel too "The Mistake of their Lives"

The tale of Telangana

Namrata Gulati

Post a couple of agitations, hunger strikes and MLA resignations, the



tale of Telangana has taken a sharp new turn as the Government is now in a tizzy over the issue of forging the new state out of Andhra Pradesh. Earlier, the initiation of statehood for Telangana was announced to the media on December 9 by Home Minister P Chidambaram.

This time around, the failure to arrive at a concrete decision regarding Telangana has provoked the pro-Telangana upholders into raising their voices again in the form of letters appealing the government to accept their plea without further delay which was followed by the state supporters expressing their faith in Sonia Gandhi over granting

In The Dark...

Hyderabad Blues: The 400 year old city is now an object of the battle between the two states: Andhra Pradesh & Telangana

Following Suit: With the Telangana movement, the demand for new states is expected... Vidarbha, Gorkhaland, Bodoland....Who knows....tomorrow, a state reservation for SCs and STs may be demanded !

statehood to Telangana. Amidst all the drama, the Telangana opponents have ensured they play protagonists for a while too by blaming power-hungry political leaders behind the demand for a new state.

The latest news (or should we say the

U-turn: the change in stand from pro-Telangana to anti-Telangana by matinee idol Chiranjeevi remains a mystery!

STATE-ING FACTS: Check out the newly introduced states formed in the year 2000:

Chhattisgarh (from eastern Uttar Pradesh), Uttaranchal, renamed Uttarakhand (from hilly regions of Northwest Uttar Pradesh), Jharkhand (southern districts of Bihar).

stalest news!) is that the Telangana Rashtra Samiti Chief K Chandrasekhara Rao has asked for a time bound action on Telangana.... yet again! In the meanwhile, let's hope the Telangana issue is resolved at the earliest to avoid further chaos!●



First Runner Up Saksham Agarwal from AIS Gur-43 proclaims, "It's time to tap the power of the youth and be a true leader."

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The key to being a Disc Jockey

Namrata Gulati

A career in disc jockeying can prove extremely exciting and fulfilling. Besides, it is becoming a hotfavourite career option among the youth. Read on to find out why...

Types of DJs

A disc jockey (or a DJ) is one who plays music in clubs, hotels and events. However, there are two kinds of DJs:

- 1) **Clubbing:** The clubbing DJ is employed with a night club where s/he plays music regularly; A monthly salary (ranging from Rs.15,000 to 20,000) is paid to him/her by the employer.
- 2) **Freelancing:** Herein, a DJ invests his own money into organising an event which also includes the purchase of equipment. The returns on a venture like this are fairly high; A freelance DJ may play music for some five-star hotel and

Unlike what is largely believed, DJs can earn a monthly income well above Rs. 50,000

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earn a monthly income of Rs.30,000-40,000 easily. That apart, disc jockeying at a grand wedding ceremony or event can earn him/her Rs.50,000 or above.

Qualification Required

No particular qualifications are needed in order to become a DJ. But, following are the courses that can be availed of for training in disc-jockeying:

- 1) **Short-term Course:** For a crash course of ten to fifteen days you will have to shell out Rs.15,000.
- 2) **Long-Term Course:** A long-term-course for a period of two to three months will cost you somewhere between Rs. 30,000-40,000.

DJ training Schools Delhi

Grooves Entertainment: Satya Niketan (opp. Venkateswara College); groovesentertainment@gmail.com
Spin Gurus: 91 (11) 27027111/444; training@spingurus.com
DJ Jazzy Joe's Workshop: djs@jazzyjoe.com

Qualities/Skills

a) Tells us DJ turned producer Piyush Awasthi (now 22), "To get into this profession, a good sense of music is a must. A good DJ always understands the choice of his gathering and plays music accordingly."

b) Passion, enthusiasm and friendliness are other qualities that will help build a rapport with the listeners.

A career in Deejaing

Pros:

- 1) Lucrative: Piyush shares, "Unlike

what is largely believed, DJs can earn a monthly income well above Rs. 50,000. Often, a DJ manages to earn Rs. 40,000 in three hours." Besides, the wedding season can rain a few lakhs on a DJ in just a few hours!

2) **Popularity:** Once a DJ maintains a steady reputation for himself, he can become immensely popular, widely-known and "might be called on to perform in some big A.R. Rehman concert!" smiles Piyush.

3) An annual platform: War of the Djs- its popular, huge and a great opportunity to showcase your talent and cut your own album!

Cons:

1) Odd hours: A deejay might be working when the rest of the world is sleeping soundly. Working till the wee-morning hours of 4 and 5 is a common practice among DJs since parties can last hours

2) Unstable: A profession as a DJ won't last a lifetime, thereby making it a better part-time job. Piyush says, "remaining a DJ with a nightclub forever will get you stuck at 15-20,000 or you may reach a maximum of 40,000 but nothing beyond that. Having been a DJ for more than two years, I have now opted to become a producer. By releasing my own albums, I have been reaping higher returns successfully. At 30, I intend to start my own event company."

DJ lexicon

Following are a few popular words used in a DJ's dictionary:

Scratching
Ableton Live
Pitch Control
Turntables
Beatmatching ●

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Science, Class - X

Courtesy : AICE

Time: 3 hrs
Max. Marks: 32

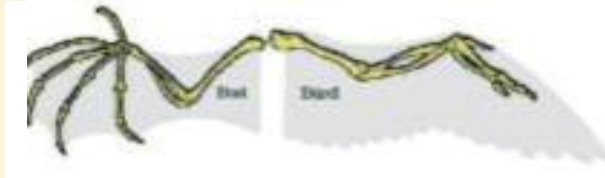
General Instructions :

1. All questions are compulsory.
2. The question paper consists of thirty questions divided into 4 sections: A, B, C and D.
 - (a) Section-A comprises of six questions of 1 mark each.
 - (b) Section-B comprises of four questions of 2 marks each.
 - (c) Section-C comprises of four questions of 3 marks each.
 - (d) Section-D comprises of one questions of 6 mark
3. All questions in Section-A are to be answered in one word, one sentence or per the exact requirement of the question.
5. Use of calculator is not permitted. However, you may ask for logarithmic and statistical tables, if required.

Section-A

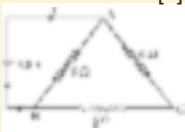
Section-C

- Section - A
- 1.What is least distance of distinct vision ? [1]
 - 2.Which has more resistance; 60 W, 220 Volt or 100 W, 220 Volt bulb ? [1]
 - 3.What is Tyndal effect ? [1]
 - 4.What is the difference between combination and decomposition reactions ? Write an equation of each type. [1]
 - 5.In some organisms binary fission occurs in definite orientation. In which of the following binary fission is longitudinal ? [1]
Plasmodium, Paramecium, Amoeba, Leishmania
 6. The diagram illustrated are wing of a bat and a bird. How they support evolution ? [1]



Section-B

- 7.What is myopia ? Name the corrective lens used for its cure. [2]
8. Find the value of current in the circuit given below : [2]
9. Name :
 - (a) three elements that have a single electron in their outermost shells.
 - (b) two elements that have two electrons in their outermost shells.
 - (c) three elements with filled outermost shells. [2]



10.Which one of the methods given in Column I are used for extraction of each of the metals given in Column II.

Column I	Column II
(i) Electrolytic reduction	Al
(ii) Reduction with carbon	Zn
(iii) Reduction with Al	Na
	Fe
	Mn
	Sn

11.Give an example each of (i) a straight chain hydrocarbon, (ii) branched chain hydrocarbon and (iii) ring chain hydrocarbon. [3]

12. What is observed when

- (i) dilute sulphuric acid is added to solid sodium carbonate.
- (ii) hot concentrated sulphuric acid is added to sulphur.
- (iii) sulphur dioxide is passed through lime water ?

Also write chemical equations to represent the chemical reaction taking place in each case. [3]

13.(i)State Flemming's left hand rule.
(ii) Why do we prefer a convex mirror as rear view mirror in vehicles ? [3]

14. Given diagram is of a reflex arc. Label A, B, C and D. [3]

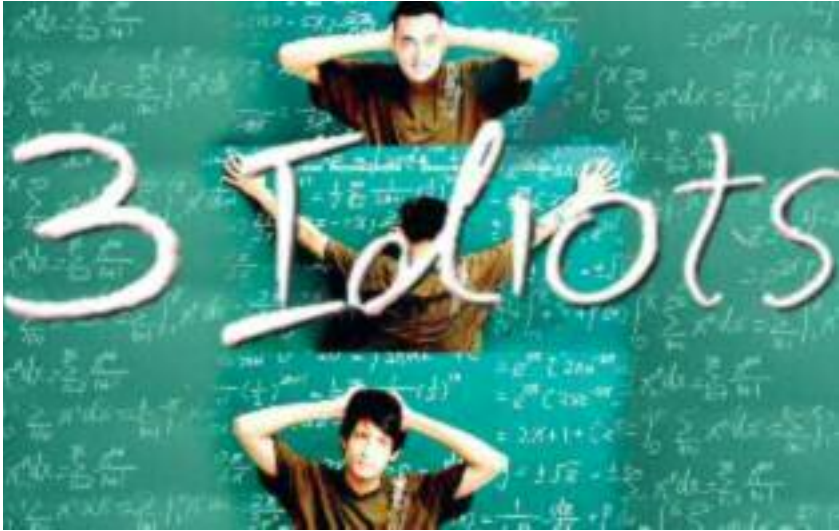


Section-D

15. Compound 'A' is obtained from wood-tar distillation. It has specific smell and burning taste. It burns with blue flame to give CO₂ and H₂O. It is soluble in water. It is used as a fuel and solvent. It reacts with sodium metal and gives out hydrogen gas. It reacts with acetic acid to form pleasant fruity smelling compound 'B' in presence of conc. H₂SO₄. Identify 'A' and 'B' and give equations for all the reactions involved. [6]

For answers log on to www.theglobaltimes.in

Learn from the



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"Oh! You mean the movie that revamped Indian education!" I hope that is what the future generation says about the film 3 Idiots. Both parents and teachers alike are pressurizing their children so much that the students are literally freezing under an avalanche of studies. Under the watchful eyes of parents, we, poor children have no choice but to study all the time. IIT, IIM and AIIMS have literally become clichés in the Indian community today. And all this is inflicted on the children just so that when they grow up, the parents can proclaim, "My son/daughter is an engineer/doctor!" On one side the children's own dreams and aspirations, and on the other, the classic Indian parent's vision of making his/her child an engineer or doctor, what a battle! The Indian children are literally caught between the hammer and the anvil. Talk about stealing the childhood!

On a serious note, marks are not life! Do not let marks measure your capability, instead, give wings to what your heart desires. And on a happier note, the new education system designed by the CBSE is helping in allaying the onerous academic burden on the exhausted shoulders of the students. A very big 'Thank You!' to Mr. Kapil Sibal! It's about time the nucleus of education shifted from marks to articulation of a student's ambitions and creativity. Learn a lesson from the 'idiots'-(or to expand it: "I do it on my own terms!") Excellence and brilliance in whatever you do are the baby steps which lead to the longer strides of success. Don't just leave your footprints; write your name on the sands of time! 'Kabil bano, kamyabi jhak mar ke tumhare peeche ayegi!' Agrees Ruchismita Bhattacharjee of AIS Vasundhara, "The overall message of the movie is simple and short: be what you want to be in life and love what you do." Well-said! ●





Harnessing the winds of change

Siddharth Sharma
AIS Saket

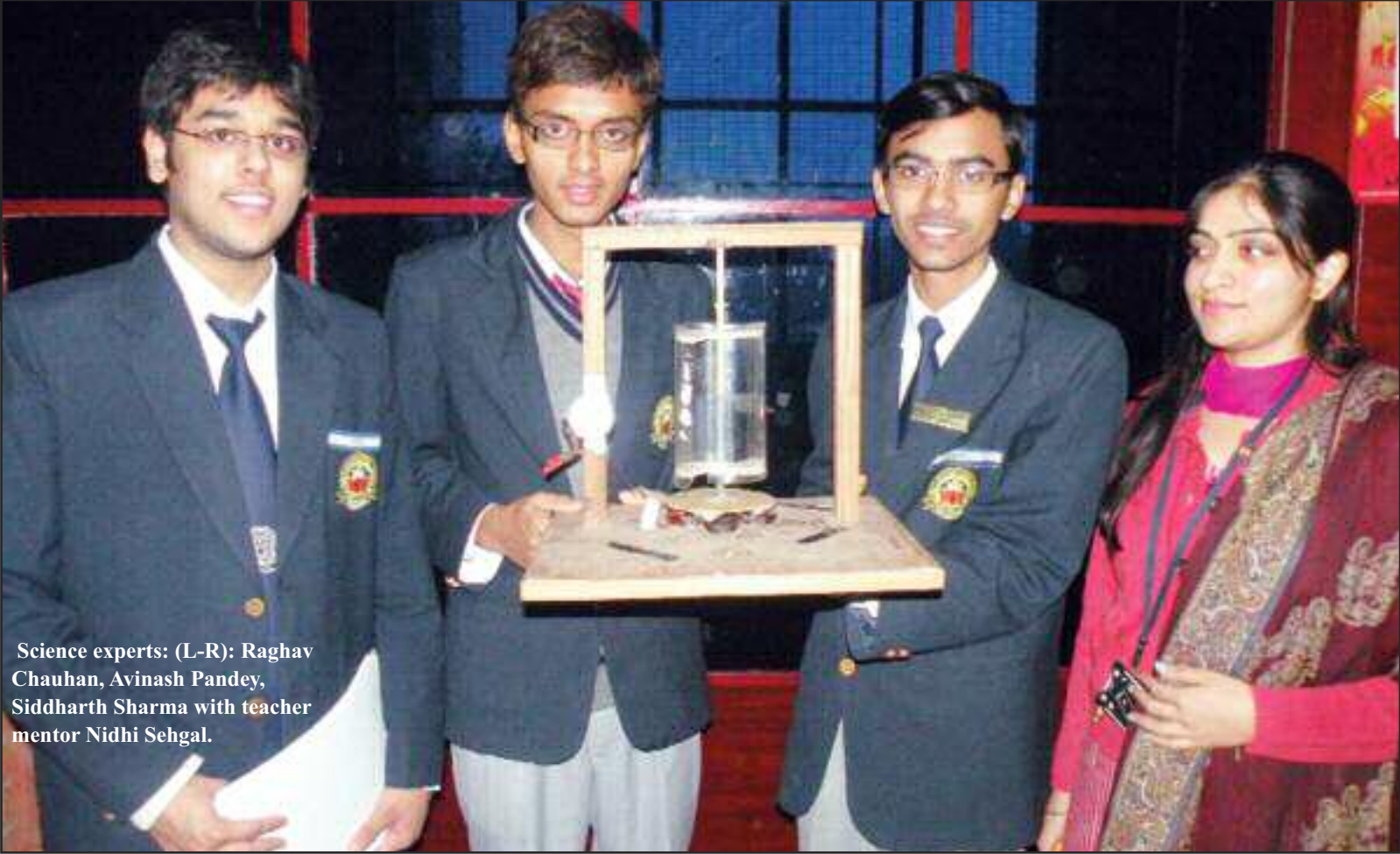
‘*ANEMOI*’, the vertical-axis wind turbine prepared by the students of AIS Saket-*Raghav Chauhan, Avinash Pandey, Siddharth Sharma (with inputs from Ashish Magoo, Manisha Jain and Jaskirat Singh)* can not only help generate electricity for commercial purposes but also overcome the global energy crisis.

Project Cause

The earth has blessed us with plenty of resources, which are mostly non-renewable and exhaustible. However, with their over-exploitation, they have become scarce over time. Inequitable distribution of conventional resources hinders universal economic development. Henceforth, it is imperative that a shift from conventional to non-conventional sources of energy takes place soon.

Design Dig

The vertical-axis wind turbine in Anemoi **accepts wind from any direction** unlike most horizontal-axis wind turbines. In order to give shape and substance to the innovation, the turbine is constructed using a **rotor-blade assembly**, comprising of four powerful **rare-earth magnets** and **coils of thick enamelled copper wire** (each coil consisting of 220 turns). A plastic bottle is reused to make the **cylindrical blades** of the turbine and two pencils to make the **axle**. The **rotor disc** uses cardboard. A reused waste wooden plank serves as the model base. The



Science experts: (L-R): Raghav Chauhan, Avinash Pandey, Siddharth Sharma with teacher mentor Nidhi Sehgal.

light-weight plywood base of 600 square centimeters makes the model portable. Four **washers** support the magnets on the cardboard disc. Reused wooden square sticks, electrical tape and glue (for glue gun) are used for the connections. The coils and the magnets (on the basis of its polarity) are carefully aligned.

Advantage Point

Cost Effective: The total cost incurred in making the model amounts to Rs.383, making it economically feasible.

Scientific Principles

Principle of drag : The vertical-axis design used for

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the turbine operates on this principle.
Fleming’s Right Hand rule: The model generates electricity with a simple generator that produces pulses of alternating current. Every time a magnet passes over a coil, electric current is induced. With 4 coils connected together in a series, the result is a quadrupling of the voltage. This rule can ascertain the direction of the current in the coils.
Motorized coils: To ensure maximum current was induced, the spacing between the coils were made uniform, symmetric and motorized coils used. The results recorded 2.4 volts of current at a wind speed of 9 miles per hour. It generated 4.3 volts when the

wind speed exceeded 9 miles per hour.
Potential Propositions: Converting AC voltage into DC voltage; improve turbine efficiency by **employing ball bearings**; **More aerodynamic** cylindrical blades for optimum wind utilization. **Increasing** their surface for more drag makes the blades spin faster; increasing the voltage through stronger magnets, number of turns in each coil and the corresponding magnets can yield impactful results.●

(The model projected at National Level Science Congress from December 26-31, is supported with a specially designed website (<http://energyofwind.webs.com/>), a brochure and the survey conducted.)

The next big thing: The Grid

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Imagine several million computers from all over the world, including

desktops, laptops, supercomputers, data vaults, and instruments like mobile phones, scientific instruments like meteorological sensors and telescopes connected to form a single, huge and

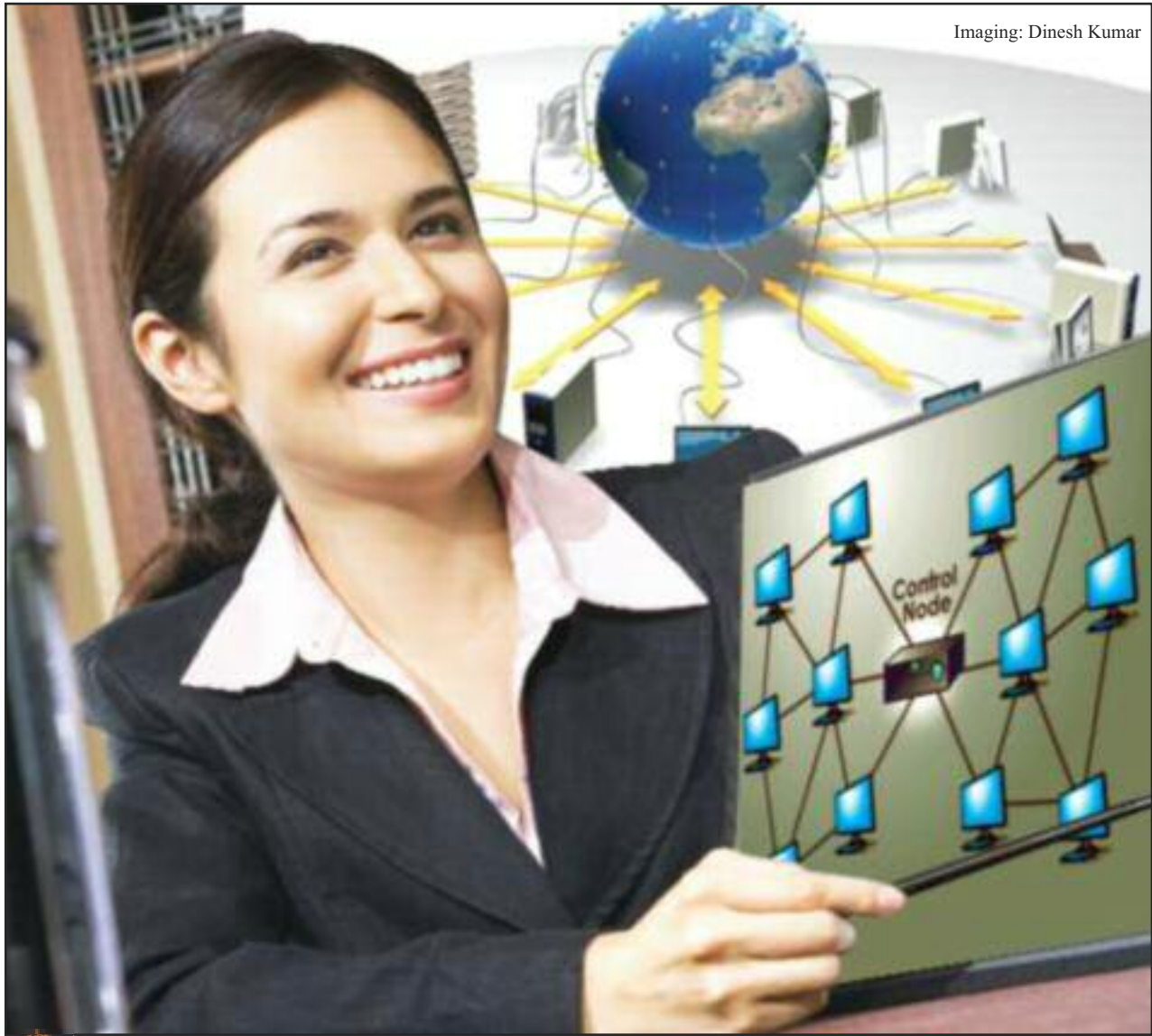
super-powerful computer! This huge, sprawling, global computer is what “The Grid” will be. The Grid is based on the same idea as the World Wide Web: sharing informa-

tion through the internet among computers. It is a revolution, say scientists at CERN. But while the Web simply shares information on the computers, the Grid also shares computing power and resources like disk storage, databases and software applications. While one computer may take days or weeks to complete a complex calculation, the Grid will make available hundreds of collaborative computers to get the same result more efficiently. This means that scientists can log on to the Grid from their PC, and the work they need to be done will be carried out by many machines across the planet. Once connected to the

But the key reason of its sudden incorporation in everyday gossip is the launch of the Worldwide LHC Computing Grid (WLCG) by CERN, the biggest Grid till date. But why does CERN need such a Grid? Here’s a glimpse- CERN’s Large Hadron Collider (LHC) started in 2008, produces 40 million collisions per second, filtered down to 100 collisions per second. Each collision produces about one Megabyte of data = recording rate of 0.1 Gigabytes/sec. Hence with 1010 collisions recorded each year, LHC produces 15 Petabytes (15million GB) per year of data~ 20 million CDs each year! LHC data analysis requires a computing power equivalent to 100,000 of today’s fastest PC processors. This is a MASSIVE data-handling challenge! Grid computing provides a solution to storing and processing such huge amounts of data on a global scale, using dedicated optical fibre links for high a transfer rate of 1 gigabyte/second – fast enough to download a DVD in a few seconds! The WLCG combines more than 100,000 processors from 140 institutions in 33 countries. WLCG produces a massive distributed supercomputer that will provide more than 7000 physicists around the world with access to LHC data and the power to process it. It was here at CERN that Tim-Berners-Lee and other scientists set the stage for internet explosion nearly 20 years ago - and it is only right that the largest Grid be developed where the Web was invented! ●

Grid computing has a high transfer rate of 1 gigabyte/second- fast enough to download a DVD in a few seconds!

Grid, the user will see it as one large computer system, providing almost infinite computer power! “The Grid“ doesn’t exist in form yet but there are hundreds of computer Grids around the world used primarily for e-science: scientific projects that would be impossible without massive computing power. Together, researchers can tackle bigger questions than ever before ranging from disease cures and disaster management to global warming and the mysteries of the universe.



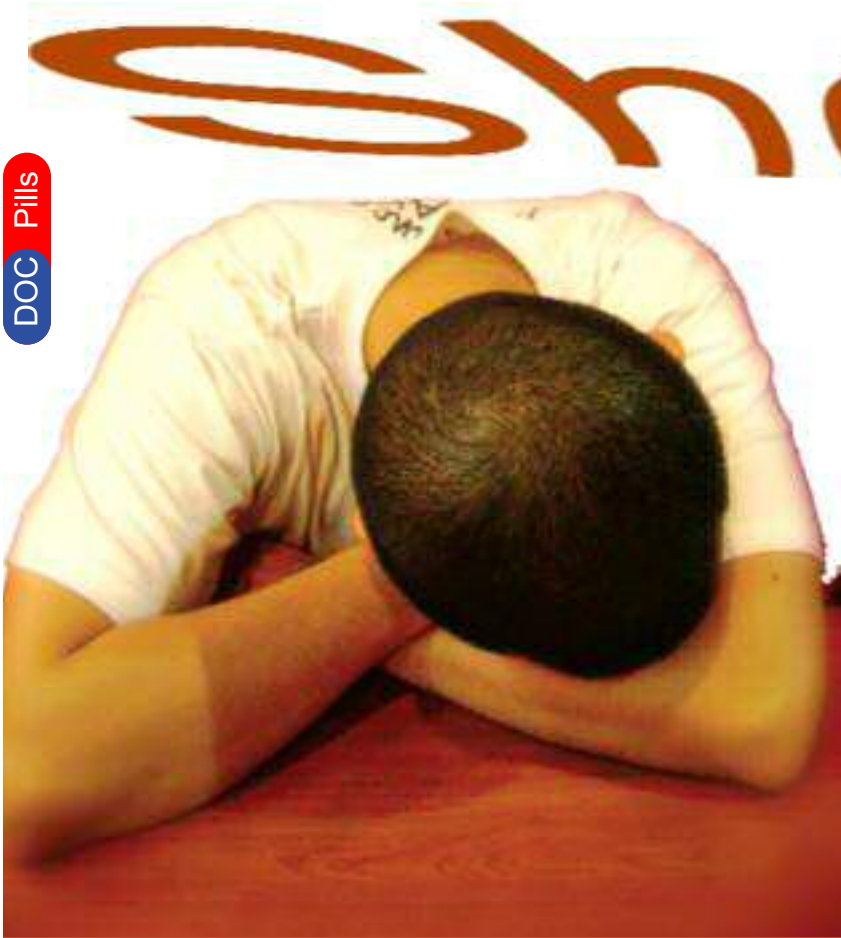
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Youth Power finalist Sanchit Kumar from AIS Vasundhra quips, "The journey of Youth Power helped remove the blinkers of my rosy world and made me aware of the harsh realities."

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DOC Pills



The disturbing, vibratory sound caused every night because air forces its way between a relaxed tongue and soft tissue of the upper airway = SNORING



Ishani, VII B
AIS Mayur Vihar

Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA), takes its name from the Greek word apnea, which means "without breath." Approximately 2% women and 4% men are affected by this. Untreated OSA that often goes undiagnosed increases the risk of heart attacks, strokes, high blood pressure, decreased productivity at work, decreased attentiveness at home, and sudden death. Read to know more about OSA.

What's Obstructive Sleep Apnoea (OSA)?

It is a medical condition, where the relaxed airways close, resulting in hypopnea and lower oxygen levels in blood, (as low as 50%) which could result in heart failure. People affected with OSA literally stop breathing repeatedly during their sleep, often for a minute or longer and as many as hundreds of times during a single night.

What are the effects of loud snoring?
According to the European research, loud snores means:

40% greater chances of hypertension
34% greater chances of having a heart attack
67% greater chances of having a stroke
Why do some people snore and others not?

It depends on many factors as Genetic traits, being overweight, a larger than normal neck girth, diabetes, old age, allergies, drugs that relax muscles, nasal obstruction, etc.

Snoring remedies : The most commonly prescribed therapy is Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP). CPAP machine delivers air pressure through a small nasal mask that the patient wears while sleeping. For milder cases, Shoosh anti-snoring dental appliances and Nasal strips (for nose whistlers only) are also used. Besides, it can also be treated surgically.

How serious is OSA?

It depends on the degree of severity. Untreated OSA often tends to progressively worsen and may sooner or later result in partial or complete disability and death.

Help: Sleep on side, loose weight, stop drinking and smoking, get cured for allergies. ●

Some smart excuses for not doing homework



Prashant Rao &
Chirag Agarwal
Class VIII, AIS Gur 46

- A student to teacher:
- 1.Can you 'define' homework?
 - 2.Our furnace stopped working, so we had to burn my homework so that we don't freeze.
 - 3.Here it is. I wrote it in invisible ink.
 - 4.I had an excuse, but I forgot it.
 - 5.It was so perfect, I'm having it framed
 - 6.I'm leading a protest to protect trees.
 - 7.I woke up this morning and couldn't remember anything. Who are you? Where am I? What homework?

Ambling along with angel fish in Mauritius

Shobhna Gujadhur

If you live in Delhi, chances are you didn't see the Qutub Minar, or the Red Fort, until your relatives from Mumbai arrived! I'm from Mauritius, and it was only a couple of years ago that I went on an undersea walk with my relatives. **Yes, I actually walked under the sea.** It's one thing you absolutely must do in Mauritius. You can walk on the ocean bed in your swimsuit, at a depth of three or four metres, to commune with the tropical fish and admire the magnificent live coral in the picture-perfect lagoons. You don't have to know swimming, you don't have to take your glasses either—I kept mine on! You do, however, have to be above the age of seven. A profes-

Mauritius offers
Snorkeling , Para-sailing , Wind surfing , Kayaking ,Big game fishing , Water skiing , Diving

sional guide will place a heavy glass helmet on your head. The helmet is connected to an apparatus which allows you to breathe normally. The weight of the helmet helps fighting the buoyancy of the seawater and for safety, you're tethered to an anchored boat The best part of the adventure is fish feeding. Your guide will pass on pieces of bread to you from the boat. Remember not to blink, because the whole school of fish will flash to your hand to nibble on the soggy bread, and your fingers too! The whole experience is unforgettable, one you can share with your relatives by asking your guides to videotape it.

(The author is a Mauritian national who writes extensively on travel and education) ●

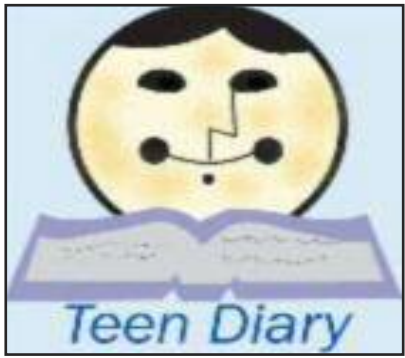


Travel Desk

The best hang-out for them & the weirdest experience for me!

Archita Goyal
AIS Mayur Vihar

I vividly remember that day, infact that very first period when I had to face the greatest embarrassment in my school life. It was a Science period and we were being taught about mini beasts i.e. the insects, specifically the cockroaches. A 'cockroach' is interesting to read about, but when it comes to facing them, one has to re-consider. We had been introduced to the topic and were asked to draw a diagram. I turned around to take out the copy from my bag when a met with a 'strange fate'... a group of cockroaches marched out of my bag. I was scared and embarrassed at



the same time while the whole class burst out laughing. The volley of comments hurled at me added to my embarrassment.. Archita Ma'am told us to draw a sketch of "your buddie", the cockroaches, but you have brought in

jeeta jaagta ones...Look what, Archita brought her new friends with her even to the school.. Poor me. I could do nothing. I sat red between the whole chuckling class, harboured and shouldered the absurd remarks of my classmates and waited for the period to get over soon. But, the story isn't over. After the period ended and the chucklers moved towards the canteen, I sat pondering as to how those dreadful beings took refuge in my bag. On reaching home, my mother told me that I had left my school bag in the store in a hurry before going to school and the cockroaches considered my school bag the best place to hang-out at!●



Sahil Sabharwal, VII-D
AIS Pushp Vihar

Apple, the pomaceous fruit is known for its high yields, long storage life, flavor, variety and disease resistant quality. The Greek and Roman mythologies refer to it as symbols of love, but apples are more than that!
China, the world's largest producer of apples is followed by the US and Turkey. India ranks tenth with its main production in J&K, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Arunachal Pradesh.
Vitamins & Minerals: Vitamin C, Beta -Carotene, Potassium, Iron etc. Mineral contents Pectin, Malic acid are good for normalizing the intestines.
Medicinal Values: Good for treatment of anaemia, dysentery, heart disease, eye disorders, kidney stones and gastro esophageal. Pro-

motes vigour and vitality. It controls bad blood cholesterol with a reduced risk of ischemic heart disease, stroke, prostrate cancer, diabetes and asthma. Apple juice helps overcome feverish feelings. An apple ensures a reduced risk of ischemic heart disease, stroke, prostrate cancer, diabetes and asthma. A study has found out that apples can cure an Alzheimer's patient too. A study suggests that having apples and apple juice along with a balanced diet prevents the brain from having oxidative stress.
Colourful Properties!
Red Apple: Good for heart, Memory; maintains the urinary tract and reduces the risk of some cancers
Green Apple: Good for bones, teeth and in vision; has anti-cancer properties.
Yellow Apple: Good for heart, eyes, immune system; reduces cancer risk

Apples are fat, sodium and cholesterol free.
One apple= 5 grams of fibers.
Pomology is the science of apple growing
Apple trees take 4-5 years to produce their first fruit.

Apples are propagated by two methods: Grafting or budding.
Apples float because 25% of their volume is air.
Apples account for 50% of world's fruit tree production.
An apple a day..... you know it!





Amity Atop

"Only if you reach the boundary will the boundary recede before you. But, if you confine your efforts, the boundary will shrink to accommodate itself to your efforts. And you can only expand your capacities by working to the very limit."

- Hugh Nibley



The numerous student/faculty exchange programmes and the visiting national/international delegates from reputed universities at Amity, reiterate the immense value we have to share and offer.

The unprecedented growth of Amity has something for everyone. During a recent visit of a 16 member Japanese delegation, impressed by the Amity Campus, Swada Toshiyo, director, Maths Research Centre, Tokyo University, shared his heartfelt response, "We must have an Amity campus in Japan too." Amazed by the facilities and standard of education at Amity, Takinoch Osami, Professor at Osaka University reiterated, "Amity explains why there is an increasing flux of foreign students towards Indian universities."

At Amity, it has been our earnest effort to build a global image. Interaction with international partners opens up new challenges. Climbing the ladder, reaching out to the limitless sky, Amity believes in expanding its horizons. A burgeoning Amity, today represents the world. Interviewing UNESCO director, hosting delegates belonging to Incheon Association of the UNESCO club, South Korea or participating in international MUNs, Amity is always expanding its wings. We shall not stop till there is Amity in every part of the world!●

Chatur Vani



'Chatur' cannot die in the din of three idiots. I am talking of Chatur Ramalingam played by Omi Vaidya. And I am sure most of us identify with him. A satire on the Indian education system, Chatur exemplifies the rote learning education paradigm. The 'idiots' oops... 'heroes' learn the hard way to break away from the shackles of the unchanging curriculum assumptions outlined in educational scriptures. Kudos to the idiots with which we all identified as explained by the 340 crore business it fetched in just three days.

Aamir, the first Idiot is a child prodigy. The specimen, found one in millions is a established rebel and a fugitive hiding away from the world, serving the country under a different name. An idiot? Confirmed.

Type 2 is the poor idiot with lone responsibility of an ailing father, unmarried sister and 'burdened' mother. He lands in a college and in the company of idiots who distract him from his goal. Swayed from path and unfailed suicide attempts finally gets him his 'job'. Not everyone survives a suicide, so never attempt it. An idiot? Confirmed.

Burning with a passion for photography buried under engineering books to fulfil parental dream, the third idiot, represents the ideal Indian son, ready to sacrifice his dreams for his parents. Enlightenment dawns in the end and the idiot sets off with his camera and parents' blessings. The family, a confirmed idiot, finally learn their lesson.

The real hero 'Chatur' carves a success story. Abused and ridiculed by the idiots, he fits himself to his milieu, translates his weakness (ability to memorize) into strength, does no fraud, makes no suicide attempts (a cowardly act) and remains focussed. Yet, we all laughed at him. For, there is 'chatur' in most of us wanting to break free from the system, be an idiot. ●

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Looking back

A Mom Shares

Sunita Shrivastava
PRT, AIS, Vasundhara

On a warm March morning, I stood nervously, looking around. Running from the left side of the platform, a tall lanky youth with a mop of long curly hair came rushing towards me. The slouching figure bent down to touch my feet. Hugging my dear son whom I had missed all these months, I felt warmth spread over me. My little son has grown up to a nice young man; albeit a little little untidy.

Picking up my two bags, we passed the disciplined Mumbaikars and moved out of the platform. Chatting, we boarded a taxi and said "IIT Powai". I looked at him ...what no bargaining? He cautioned me...the honest Mumbaikar taxiwalas! We moved through the heavy morning traffic rush while my young companion was excitedly pointing out the various landmarks. I was more interested in knowing how life at IITB was. Last night he had not slept,

busy building props for the PAF (Performing Arts Festival – an intra-hostel competition) and today, he was here to receive his mom and show her the amazing city of opportunities he had adopted and looked forward to building his life here. The boyhood days of gully cricket in Ghaziabad had given way to a well-lit field where footsie is played under floodlights.

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Hard work pays... they all used to say. But one who has treaded the path realizes the depth of these simple words. On hot sunny days, at 5 pm sharp, the doorbell would ring to beckon the Indian cricket team star batsman. The mohalla cricketers armed with the entire paraphernalia of bat-ball, gloves, wickets, water bottles and bottles of nimboopani and roohafza (the more enterprising ones), would de-

scend on the empty patch behind the colony for their regular matches. An abrupt call from someone's house, reminding the young cricketer of other duties, followed by protests and counter protests would culminate in the abrupt winding-up of the game. Teenage passed by, till he was exposed to the megaworm called 'career'. And then began the seemingly unending ride to coaching centers and long study hours. All that was left of cricket was watching the game on the small screen or from the window when the little ones played in the evening. Four years of hard work, with blinkers, he pursued his goal. No distraction, just sprinklings of few cartoon flicks or computer games. The home was his workstation. For the family it meant four years of exile from all outings and get-togethers. One year of coaching at Kota, away from the comforts of a family, sleep was a luxury.

Then came the six hour long ordeal when I sat outside reading the 'Sundarkand' while the benevolent Monkey God was helping him answer his paper. The day of result dawned early. Bathed, fresh after puja he sat in front of the computer to unlock the verdict. At 8:01am sharp, the result showed – Selected. The taxidriver announced 'IIT...Madam" ●



Spreading the UNESCO spirit!

A delegation of Incheon Association of the UNESCO Club from South Korea visited during their recent visit to AIS Pushp Vihar (December 15, 2009) interact with Amity School GT Reporters Nidish Sharma, Kaveri Anna, Surbhi Gupta & Heba Safawi on their visit and future plans.

What are the goals that the UNESCO club aspires to achieve through their visit to India and Amity School?

The UNESCO theory is based on 'peace'- our ultimate goal. Here in India and at this school, people are ready to work for peace, like in Korea. Through our association with Amity School, we intend to have the cultures

of the two sister countries- Korea & India exchanged. We invite you students to Korea to stay in Korean households and interact with students your age. That way, we can develop a strong relationship.

You have visited many schools during your visit. How do you feel AIS fares different from others?

The students here have a passion for studies. I like the way they take notes in class with deep concentration! They are very polite and generous. They constantly interact with nature.

What are the distinct features of AIS, Pushp Vihar that you liked?

I liked the school building and the en-

terprising students. The school chairperson and principal have left a strong impression on my mind.

Why have you chosen school students to promote the cultural exchange programme?

Because education is the future of any country.

What are the future plans of the UNESCO Club?

We intend to spread peace and harmony throughout the world. We're one human race! All countries are neighbours, so there is a need to establish friendly relations among them all. We intend to live the UNESCO spirit wholly! ●

India: both rich & poor

Sakshi Goel, VIII A
AIS, Gur-43

What good is it for a man to gain the whole world and yet lose his own soul in the process? LN Mittal, Mukesh Ambani etc. are some of the richest Indians who have carved a niche for themselves in the global community. The government has also claimed a significant growth in the Indian economy. Despite this, a majority of the citizens in India, living in rural settlements, are leading a life that is nowhere near

comfort. They live in cramped slums and often deprived of land and forced to leave their homes for the construction of industries on the area. Although India has produced the richest of the rich, it is counted among the poorest nations. Indian farmers have depended on the Mother Earth to earn their livelihood for generations. However, in the 21st century, their life sustenance is threatened due to the massive industrialization and globalization. The number of farmers committing suicides because of money lenders at their doorstep is

increasing on an annual basis. India may be at the forefront in terms of billionaires and the economy may have registered a sound growth, but the condition of the poor man remains pitiful. If something isn't done to bridge the gap between the rich and the poor, corruption and violence will increase. Is the progress and development taking place at the cost of India's soul? With the New Year approaching, let us join hands and become responsible citizens, and make the world a better place to live in... ●

Pearls of wisdom

Gandhisms

- Strength:**The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong.
- Government:**What difference does it make to the dead, the orphans and the homeless, whether the mad destruction is wrought under the name of totalitarianism or the holy name of liberty and democracy? It may be long before the law of love will be recognized in international affairs. The machineries of government stand between and hide the hearts of one people from those of another.
- Self-Help:** The only tyrant I accept in this world is the still voice within.
- God:** As soon as we lose the moral basis, we cease to be religious. There is no such thing as religion overriding morality. Man, for instance, cannot be untruthful, cruel or incontinent and claim to have God on his side.

Compiled by
Yash Vardhan Gaddhyan
AIS Saket

Dear Editor,

I read the article about Anshuman of Class VII, a student of AIS-43, winning a scholarship of Rs. 25,000 in HDFC Meritus in The GT 1-15 December edition. I would like to share that I too have won the same scholarship of Rs.25000. I achieved the scholarship after clearing four grueling rounds for which 4.2 lakh students from all over India applied. The final written round was held in Delhi. The scholarship was based on an evaluation of 50 questions during the final written exam, the academic performance of last two years, participation in extracurricular activities and sports achievements. I am extremely proud to have won this laurel for my school. I am happy to know that other Amity students are also doing very well. I am indeed privileged to be a part of the Amity institution. ●

Chirag Agarwal
VIII C, AIS Gur-46



Family sized joy!



The (in) famous Tiger Woods, who often made headlines with his golf glories sometime back, said in an interview, “family ‘always’ comes first” Ah, c’mon! You may be a tiger in golf but you lack the tiger-hood required to fool us (remember what all you have been up to?!). Going beyond the world of T.V. and celebs, however, the subject of family significance remains equally undisputed and close to our hearts in our own lives...

Namrata Gulati

The heavenly haven...

The comment on Shubhrastha’s Facebook wall is indicated by a thumbs-up sign since many of her friends like it, no wonder, the post says, “Home is bliss... wish could carry it with me..always!” A DU student, Shubhrastha, has been living away from home for the last four years. She throws light on how difficult it is to leave a family behind in the village for a city life, “being away from family means being accountable for everything. I miss the intrusion in my space. The self-imposed restrictions just fail to work! But things get worse in a problem. When I was recently down with a high temperature, I missed my family’s warmth.” Shubhrastha’s hostel mate Ankita, echoes her friend’s feelings, “I have celebrated my last two birthdays in the absence of family. That counts. At home, my mum would’ve cooked something special for me; whenever I go home for vacations, I make it a point to just be with my family.”

While travelling back home is an option available to Shubhrastha and Ankita, being an MBA student abroad, Saagar Chitkara, a Biotech engineer cannot afford the luxury to travel back to his family in India as and when he likes, “I cherish the moments spent with them (family) on the phone and the internet. I’m often noticed counting the days left to return home! Shifting into a new country and a new home has been tough. From cleaning to cooking, the whole heap of responsibilities is now on my shoulders. I miss my school days when I used to stay up all night preparing for my exams but everything was taken care of.”

The Extended Family

Unlike many other girls who get a scare at the thought of living away from family after marriage, Ritika Sapra was excited about having her family extended, “the thought of having a few more people to care for me and love me without any preconditions is delightful. After shifting abroad, I of course miss family birthdays and dinners but things are a lot easier with hubby Rajat” she tells us. A journalist by profession, Ranjini Banerjee says, “My husband is my new family. He has

helped me get over my fear and anxiety of the dark, just like my family would have.” Marriage is not about living away from family but living with family, isn’t it? Thanks Ritika and Ranjini for giving us a that aspect on marriage!

Joint- by number & heart!

The Dewan family consists of six members- the dadi, papa, mummy, bua and two kids- Alisha (15) and Ajitesh (10). While decision-making often puts the adults of the joint family in a dilemma, the kids, unaware of the uphill task, continue to have a gala time, **Ajitesh** exemplifies, “When mummy scolds me, dadi and bua cuddle me. And when my dadi gets angry, mummy proves to be a saviour with chocolates and sweets!” The mummy admits, “yes, that’s true! I can always rely on the kids’ dadi and bua to act as a cushion when I get angry with the kids. Therefore, moderation is the strength of our family.” That apart, the children have been lucky to

get the best of four worlds. An extremely confident Alisha opines, “I have imbibed different qualities from each person in the family which has helped shape my personality. From papa, I have learnt to fight fears while mummy has taught me the quality of endurance, patience and respect for elders; my bua has made me a strong-willed person and I owe my discipline and time-management to dadi.”

A Clan- eveready with a rescue plan!

Alisha believes she is lucky to be living in a joint family. She reveals how her family helped her overcome a predicament, “In tuition, a group of three used to make rude remarks on my dressing style and accessories. I would always return home sad. And then, one day, extremely upset by the comments, I told my family about the bullying. Everyone supported me with one way or the other. I used everyone’s advice one by one, each reaping its own advantages. But the end result was impressive- I shooed the bullies away forever!” Similarly, Rohan Singh (name changed), 22, was rescued by his family when he got into a bad company in college and smoking and drinking became a way of life, he avers, “I used to be out for nights together, drinking and smoking for hours. Then suddenly, my health began to deteriorate. Tensed, I started relying on my friends for recovery. They couldn’t care less. By now, signs of depression had become prominent in me. My concentration levels dipped. My family tried to sit me down many a time and talk. But I refused, thinking, they’d never understand. I was so wrong! Instead, they befriended me once I narrated the whole story. Everyone in the family had something to give me: new friends- my father, affection- mom, words of wisdom and meditation- grandparents. I’m hale and hearty now.” The story of Alisha and Rohan speaks volumes about the worth of family in our lives.

Unity in calamity!

Family moments are cherished by everyone, irrespective of gender or age, my tearful grandmother reasserts the fact as she recalls the early months of the year

My family is both my strength and my weakness; my father is the most handsome man on earth, my mother- the most beautiful woman and my sister- the greatest friend.”

Mayank Tiku, AIS Vasundhara

I have learnt that parents sometimes give up their dreams to realize the dreams of their children as naturally as the air we breathe. To me, family is definitely the most supreme of human relationships to be nurtured and handled with utmost care.

Bhuvan Ravindran, AIS Noida

1948, “The India Pakistan partition had just happened. Shifting from Pakistan to a newly made India has been the most difficult phase in my life so far. We were given an extremely small room where the eight of us- my family members and I stayed. The loos were two kilometres away and walking till them in the cold weather was a task. But it all seemed a lot easier and fun, thanks to my family. We always supported and cared for each other. My elder cousin sister, for instance, would serve food to me when I was unwell and nurse me day-in-and-day-out as I fell ill frequently. I think it is a difficult situation that brings the family closer together.”

No such word as sacrifice exists within the family. Rather, it is giving and sharing what is your own with them that becomes a source of happiness is what my grandma further establishes, “I would go hungry for days so that my younger cousins could have their fill but strangely, I never felt hungry. The thought of giving up my own for a smile on my cousins’ face satiated my appetite entirely.” ●



A family lives connected, enjoys together, consoles one another in difficult times.

Harsh Khatri, AIS Saket



I’m like a weak plant and my family, the roots that hold me firmly to the ground.

Deepanjali Yadav, AIS Gur-46



My life would have made no sense without family. My family is synonymous to a breath of life to me.

Heba Safawi, AIS Pushp Vihar



Back with a bang { Fencing!

Fencers Carl Lindgren and Paramjit Singh, students of Amity Institute of Telecom Technology and Management, Amity University NOIDA pour their hearts out on their favourite sport, the challenges it faces today and their future plans.

Namrata Gulati

Most believe that the sport of Fencing (swordplay in layman language), dating back to The Dark Ages is rapidly dying-out; two fencing enthusiasts, could put this majority to shame with their fervour for and dedication to the sport...

Fencing Fanatics!

An annual fencing competition held in Sweden, caught the fancy of Carl when he was barely six years old, he quips "I joined fencing coaching at seven. I was lucky to be coached by a famous Hungarian fencer. I feared his toughness and gave up training!" he laughs. During this break, Carl played other popular sports but had his heart set on Fencing, "The all-round nature of the sport continued to fascinate me. I had to be fast and have loads of stamina. It was not about running or kicking a ball, thinking was crucial too; All-grown up now, I took coaching for three years and an exchange programme with India followed. I have not been fencing too much presently and therefore, stuck at an international ranking of 200 and a national ranking of 20." An equally passionate fencer, Paramjit Singh always had his brother as an inspiration and a guiding force behind him, "my brother is an international level fencing champion. Idolising him, I joined National Institute of Sports, Patiala at age 12. I have not been playing

fencing matches since 2005. I anticipate the time when I will get a better national ranking than the current one (28)", Paramjit shares.

The Challenges

In spite of having achieved commendable rankings, Carl and Paramjit do not intend to take up fencing as a career, Carl sums up why, "Of course, I will never ditch fencing but I can't deny that the sport has its shortcomings too. For instance, it is not very popular. In Sweden, Football is huge and here in India, it is Cricket that obsesses people. There are other challenges facing the sport. For instance, not too much money is invested in fencing, therefore, not many fencing matches are organised the world over" "good-quality equipment is not provided in India. In Sweden, there are fencing clubs still, but in India, there is a lack of infrastructure and institutions for fencing. Besides, a career in fencing is not lucrative as it is financially unviable. No surprises then that no fencing matches are telecasted on TV channels, except for DD Sports, that too only twice a year. So for me, fencing will always remain a die-hard passion and my favourite hobby", adds Paramjit.

Carl and Paramjit choose to stare the challenges in the face rather than abandon their zeal for fencing, says Paramjit, "The sport is certainly picking up momentum. After observing one of my fencing

games, quite a few have approached me about fencing. In fact, fencing interests many kids! Given an opportunity, I will definitely encourage the sport." And Carl agrees wholeheartedly!

Fence-climbing!

Five years down the lane, Carl hopes to rejuvenate his passion for fencing by winning an international competition called Universiade in 2011 and accomplishing a higher national rank once he returns to Sweden while Paramjit, has his hopes pinned on popularising fencing by setting-up his own fencing club at Amity University and the Univer-

sity hostel with financial aid.

Pair Power!

Carl on Paramjit: "He is agile, fast and honest. That makes him great competition and a wonderful sportsman. I'd miss him once I go back to Sweden. I invite him to my country to

have a game with me there!"

Paramjit on Carl: "We sometimes practice fencing together. I'll miss the partner in him once he goes back to Sweden; I admire his dedication to the sport of fencing. Some of his tactics in fencing are brilliant."



Carl and Paramjit choose to stare the challenges in the face rather than abandon their zeal for fencing

Amity United wins Navbharat Trophy

Vira Sharma

Amity United Football Club achieved a historic landmark, when Amity United Haryana lifted the prestigious Navbharat Trophy at the 'Navbharat Trophy All India Invitational Football Championship' held at Sports Complex, Burapara. The tournament organised by Navabharat and Shera Game Committee, witnessed twenty teams fight for this Trophy.

Tipped with expert moves under the guidance of their coach Rohit Parasher, Amity United Haryana team presented a grand show defeating their rivals Gorkha Rifles, known for their speed and stamina. With no goals till interval, the match excitement heightened post-interval. V Kariya of Amity opened the account 64 minutes after the match with his first goal. A well planned and strategic goal by Chayaram, followed by his second goal 4 minutes before the closure, ensured the victory by 3-1, thereby winning him the title for 'Man of the Match'.

Congratulating the winners, Chief Guest CM Chattisgarh Mr Raman Singh, presented the Navbahrat Trophy to Amity United, Haryana

and a cash prize of Rs 51,000. Engphuhang Subba of Amity United was awarded the title of the 'Man of the Tournament'. Presenting him with the key of TVS Sports Bike, Chattisgarh CM, chuckled, "Now you should ride back to Haryana on this bike. The petrol is free from my side."

The brilliant performance of Amity United, through the tournament won them a huge applause and media coverage. Navbahrat Times reported, "If we look at the overall performance of the teams till now, then Amity United surely comes out as the favourite. With their discipline and brilliant performance, they have not only won the match but also the hearts of the audience."

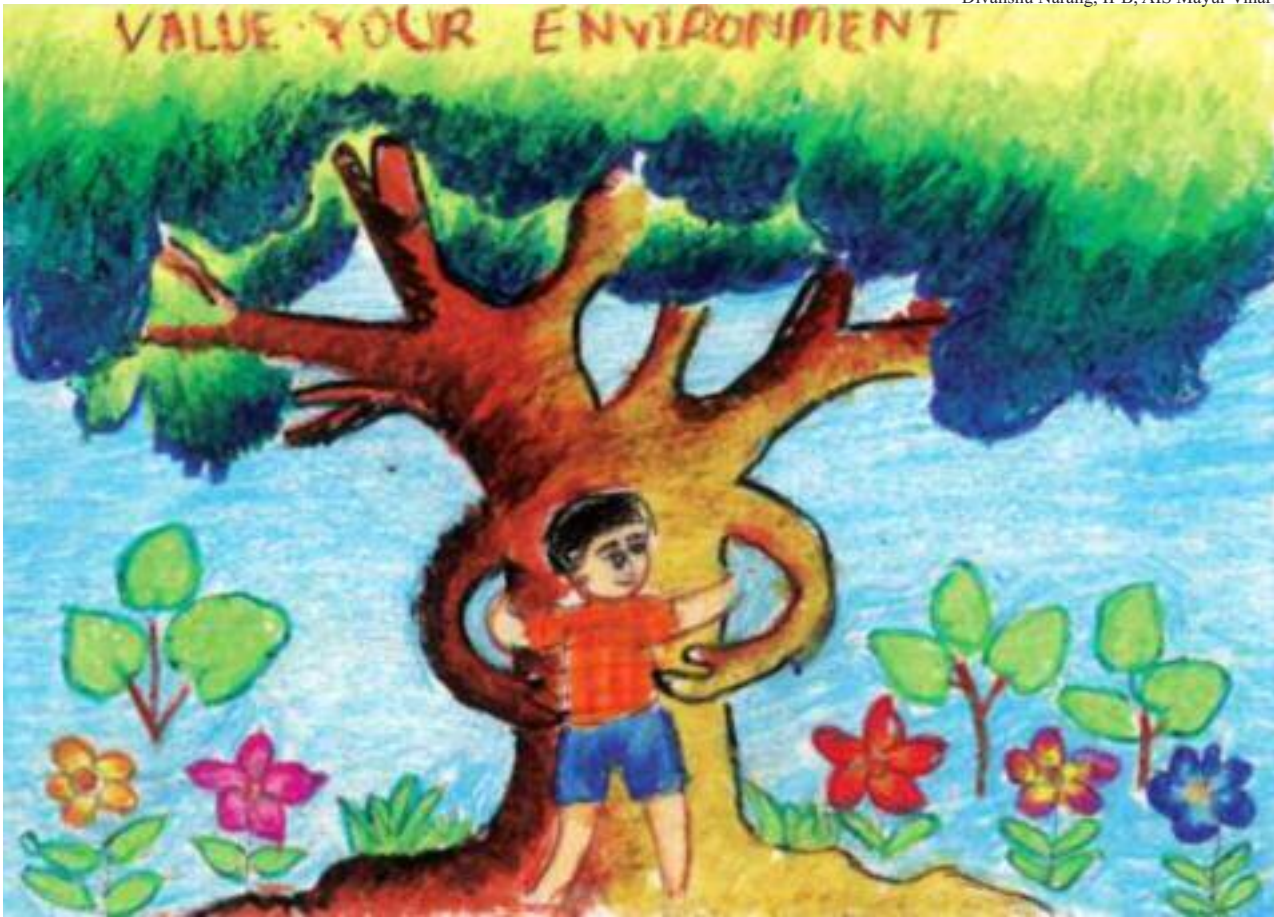
Shares Rohit Parasher, "There were four candidates in the race for the title of 'Man of the Tournament', out of which three belonged to Amity United. Our discipline, solid attacking line, agile swift players, shuffling and luck helped clinch the trophy." A confident Engphuhang, who hails from Sikkim and joined the team after being selected through the Amity Football Tournament Hunt conducted in 11 cities in 2009, has his goal set higher, he promises, "I shall not rest till AUFC qualifies for National Football League - Division 1."●

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Proud moment: Man of the tournament, Engphuhang kisses the Navbharat Trophy

Divanshu Narang, II-B, AIS Mayur Vihar



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Tickle Me!

Justy Chauhan VII D
AIS Gur-43

Meeta: I fell into the pool and thought I was drowning, so I shouted to the guard to throw me something.
Seeta: What did he throw you?
Meeta: Just a goodbye kiss!

Little Sally: Mum, does God



go to bathroom?
Mum: No dear, why did you ask so?
Sally: This morning dad knocked on the bathroom and said “Oh! God, are you still in there?”

Teacher: If I take a potato and divide into two equal parts and then into four equal parts again, what do I have?
Student: Chips!●

My first Hand Impression



Mahika Singh
KG-IV AIS Gur 46

Disappearing coins!

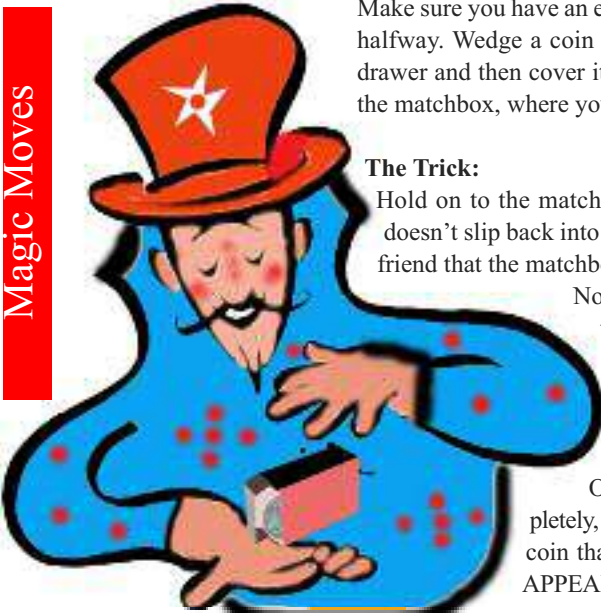
Want to surprise your friends? Now is the time! Try your hand at this magic trick!

Yogeeta Thakran, VII E, AIS Gur-46

Things required: Matchbox and Coin

Preparation:
Make sure you have an empty matchbox opened halfway. Wedge a coin between the end of the drawer and then cover it. Do this at the back of the matchbox, where your friends cannot see.

The Trick:
Hold on to the matchbox tightly so the coin doesn’t slip back into the box, and show your friend that the matchbox is empty.
Now close the matchbox the coin will slip in.
Chant some special ‘magic mantras’, appearing to concentrate REALLY hard!
Open the matchbox completely, and show your friend the coin that “HAS MAGICALLY APPEARED” in there.●



Magic Moves

Success

Arushi Srivastava, IX- A, AISV

Some say it’s a matter of chance
For some its just luck
Want to live in America or in France
Earning a million buck

Actually its just about earning money
Its about earning dignity in life
People may think its a bit funny
They think its cutting a golden apple with a knife

One has to cross many hardships
Maybe suffer a lot
Experiencing life’s turns and twists
To find the golden coins in the pot

Wasting every moment here and there
Leaving it all as a big mess
Treating time with importance and care
However, this is the first step to success

As a student I shall say
Thank God for everything you receive
And hope for the best that we may understand,
That success is not easy to achieve!

Words Verse

Strange Happenings

Bharat Goyal, IV A,
AIS Mayur Vihar

In my eyes stars glowed,
In my ears I heard the sound of the rivers that flowed.
In my mind roses sprang,
In my heart birds sang.
The wind called my wandering feet,
My feet traveled through a lonely street.
I thought that the world is my home,
With this thought in different countries

I roamed.
Suddenly something happened strange,
Everything changed.
The leaves of the trees shed,
Faith in the world was dead.
War began between kings,
They destroyed all the things.
On the paper on which God was writing the story of the truth fled,
Everyone cried.
Panic! Panic! Panic!
But one day will come and everything will change,
After that we will feel nothing strange.

The life of a butterfly

Aishwarya Sharma, VIII A
AIS Noida

When the sun was glittering with shine,
And sparrows chirping so loud,
a caterpillar was born
who seemed to be short & stout.



“Oh! Look at him. How ugly he is.
Has hundreds of legs ; a lump of mass he is”
This is how others made him feel low,
He started to believe that he was a dumb little fellow.

Atlast one day, all animals were amazed.
“Such colourful wings the caterpillar has got” they praised.
Hovering from flower to flower
His wings shined in the sun rays.

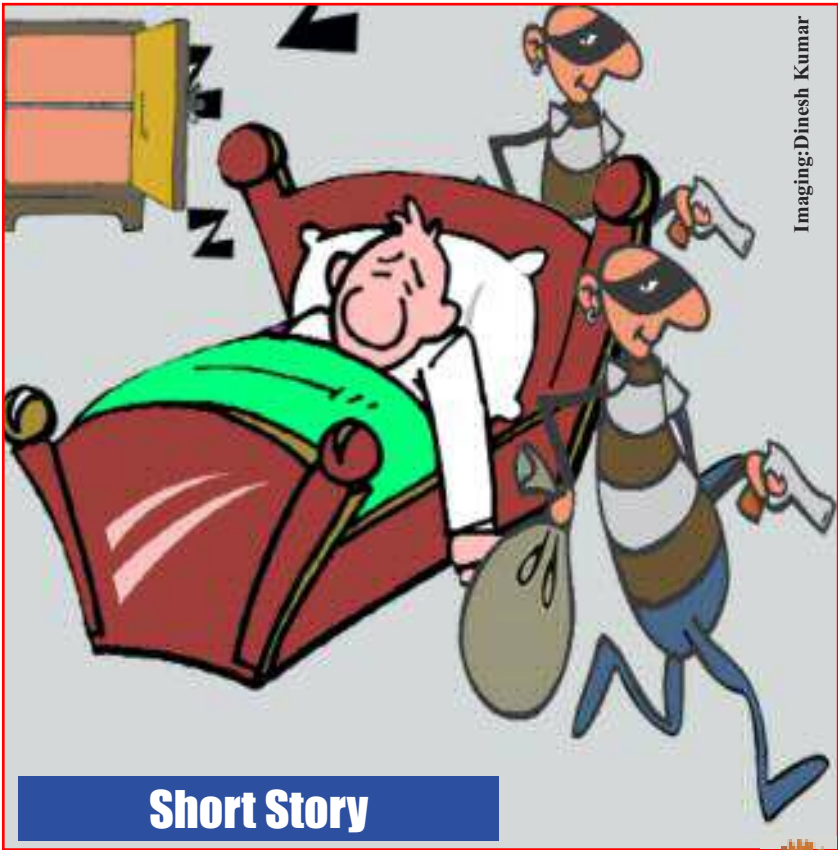
But the caterpillar was not to be convinced,
as he was steady & determined.
He struggled in life to achieve success.
Moved on in life, but did not rest.

The animals apologized for their behaviour.
So they were forgiven.
People who think they are a zero,
Constant efforts can make them a hero.

The old man's dream

Kriti Garg, III A
AIS Mayur Vihar

Once upon a time, there was a greedy rich man. He always dreamt of becoming richer and richer. One night he stood by the window of his house and stared at the night sky. He thought, “It will be so nice if falling stars become a lump of silver on touching the ground.” While he was lost in his dreams, two thieves entered his house. They broke the lock of the safe and stole all his money and valuables. When the old man came out of his dreams, he realized that he has been robbed. He cried on his foolishness.●
Moral: Never build castles in the air.



Short Story

Imaging:Dinesh Kumar

Convocation 2010



Baba Ramdev now an Amity scholar

Amity University, Uttar Pradesh held its annual "Convocation 2010" at Amity University Grounds, Sector- 125, Noida in which over 6,900 successful students of Graduate, Post-Graduate and Doctorate Programs of the Class of 2009 were awarded Degrees, Diplomas and Trophies. Baba Ramdev- World renowned Yoga Guru, Mr. Deepak Puri -Chairman & Managing Director, Moser Baer India Ltd, Dr. Karan Singh- MP (Rajya Sabha) and Mr. Arun Mohan- Sr. Advocate joined the brigade of Honorary Doctorate Degree recipients in their respective areas of specialization.

Baba Ramdev, who is world renowned for curing innumerable people with yoga and 'ayurveda', was honored with 'Degree of Doctor of Science Honoris Causa' by Dr. Ashok K Chauhan- Founder President, Amity University and Dr. (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan- Chairperson, Amity International Schools. Baba Ramdev humbly accepted the hon-

our thanking the University and its officials. He narrated how he studied in shoddy Government Schools, deprived of the lavish infrastructure and facilities provided by public schools. "In my entire life, I have not even spent Rs 1,000 on my education," revealed Baba. He called upon the graduating students to realize the value of the exorbitant

Mr. Deepak Puri (Chairman, Moser Baer), Dr. Karan Singh (Rajya Sabha MP) and Mr. Arun Mohan (Sr. Advocate) were also honoured by Amity University.

amount of money their parents have spent to provide them with the best education and they must fulfill the cherished dreams of their parents. He praised Amity for bringing about a revolution in education and Dr. Ashok K Chauhan for his grand vision.

Expressing his heartfelt gratitude on receiving "De-

gree of Doctor of Philosophy Honoris Causa", Mr. Deepak Puri said that he was deeply impressed with the confidence which radiates from Amity students that can be attributed to the finest education they receive in Amity. Dr. Karan Singh- MP, Rajya Sabha who was conferred "Degree of Doctor of Literature Honoris Causa" applauded the giant strides

that Amity has taken in the past few years. He motivated the students to learn something new every-day, to make their minds sharp and receptive, to maintain physical and intellectual health, to strengthen their emotional stability, to develop aesthetic appreciation and spiritual dimension.

Dr. Ashok K Chauhan congratulated all the degree

recipients and motivated the students to aspire for greater heights and success will invariably follow. 'LG Best Potential Manager Award' was bestowed upon Aditi Vij- MBA, Amity Business School, Noida; 'Jubilant Organosys Entrepreneurial Excellence Award' given to Ruchi Bharadwaj- Amity Business School, Noida and 'Max NewYork Life Award' given to Parul Priyadarshini- PG Diploma in Insurance Management, Amity School of Insurance and Actuarial Sciences. 22 students were awarded 'Best All Round Trophies', 77 with 'Gold Medals', 80 students with 'Silver Medals' and 40 with 'Bronze Medals' for their outstanding performances in the respective courses. Degrees were awarded to graduates from 46 institutes under Amity University. The glittering ceremony was attended by thousands of students, parents, faculty and staff members, corporate heads and Noida Authority Officials.●

International delegations visit Amity University Noida

A delegation comprising of high-level officials from the Republic of Mauritius visited Amity University NOIDA. The delegation was led by Hon'ble Reza Issack, Member of Parliament; Hon'ble Mookhesswar Choonee, Mauritius High Commissioner; Hon'ble Raouf Bundhun, Former Vice President; Honorable R.Guttee, Junior Minister & Member of Parliament; Mr. Mahendra Utchana, former Minister of Energy, present Chairman



GOPIO and Mr. Afzal Delbar, Managing Director Silverline Services Limited. The motive of the visit was an exchange programme in education. The delegation met Dr. Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Group, Mr. Aseem Chauhan, Chancellor, Amity University, Rajasthan, Dr. Gurinder Singh, Pro Vice Chancellor (International) alongwith honourable Vice Chancellor Major General K.J. Singh, Amity University, NOIDA and discussions on the prospective areas of establishing Amity University in Mauritius followed. Besides, the idea

of exchange of students, faculty and the organisation of workshops in diverse fields like Business & Management, Science & Technology, Arts & Culture were also discussed. The delegation has chosen a select few institutes for such a valuable educational exchange.

Later, the delegation interacted with the students of Amity Business School through which the delegates learnt about their keen interest in Mauritius. The Mauritian delegation concluded by expressing its admiration for the values and culture in India.

Similarly, a delegation comprising professors, lecturers and teachers from various schools, colleges, institutes and universities of Tokyo visited the University, hoping for a fruitful collaboration with Amity University NOIDA. Mr. Sawada Toshio- Director, Mathematical Research Institute and Professor, Science University of Tokyo was convinced of the success of the collaboration after he learnt about the expansion plans and the research-oriented approach of the University. That apart, Mr. Toshio was enchanted by the beautiful architecture of Amity University. He shared his desire to visit the University Campus again to explore the infrastructure as well as the academic curriculum at length. He expressed his thanks for being invited at the University and said he looked forward to nurturing a beautiful relationship between the countries.

Amity is spreading its wings far and wide!●

Championing Competition!



Mr. Gurprit S. Gulati, Momentum Infocare delivers lecture

The Managing Director of Momentum Infocare Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Gurprit S. Gulati delivered an extremely inspirational speech at Amity Institute of Competitive Intelligence, Amity University Campus, NOIDA. The speaker expressed his vision on the subject of 'Role of Competitive Intelligence in Service Industry' before students. Mr. Singh went on to explain the significance of competitive intelligence for the Service Industry in the current age of cut-throat competition. Besides, he also talked of how crucial the knowledge of the rival company is for the smooth functioning of any enterprise. The talk led to some interesting and thought-provoking discussions between the students and Mr. Gulati.●

All about accounting!

Students were all ears when Mr Pankaj Garg, Grasim India paid a visit to **Amity School of Business, Amity University NOIDA**. In his talk on the domain of 'Finance & Accounting', Mr. Garg touched upon various areas of concern in accounting. On one hand, he discussed the ways to manage a turbulent environment in the industry and on the other hand, he imbued his listeners with optimism by accentuating the new aspects of accounting. He enthusiastically brought out the creative side of accounting, unknown to many. The subject of the talk became more interesting once he began to reveal business strategies. All in all, the session was extremely enjoyable.●



Mr. Pankaj Garg rediscovers the concept of accounting

A talk truly 'justified!'

Mr. M.N. Krishnamani, Senior Advocate and President of the Supreme Court Bar Association enlightened the students of **Amity Law School, Amity University NOIDA** on the vast avenues that can be explored in the profession of law. The reputed Advocate encouraged students to take up legal practice. At the same time, he shared his thoughts with the aspiring lawyers on the future in a career in law and the prevailing trends in the field of law. Impressed by the ambitious lawyers in his student listeners, Mr Krishnamani appreciated the academic competence of Amity Law School students. Maj. Gen. Nilendra Kumar, Director, Amity Law School, explained the wide spectrum internship policy of Amity Law School, designed to equip the students with sufficient exposure in various branches of law. As the session drew to a close, Mr. Krishnamani's student listeners raised some questions and the senior advocate did 'justice' to their queries.

Statistics tactics revealed:

Dr. (Ms) Francoise Seillier- Moiseiwitsch and Ms. Caroline Wu- from Georgetown University, Washington D.C. visited Amity University NOIDA to provide an insight into "Statistical Methods in Proteomics" to the students and faculty of **Amity Institute of Biotechnology**.●



Quest for Math Excellence



Japanese re-learn Mathematics at Amity

Smitha Raman, AIS Noida
Incharge - Resource Center

A team of 15 Japanese delegates visited **Amity International School, NOIDA** on January 5, 2010 to view the methodology of teaching Mathematics in India. The primary school showcased 3 different micro lessons in Mathematics, to enhance concepts in understanding the correct usage of currency, the concept of volume and fractions using every day tools. The lesson on fractions was taught using the smart classroom. These sessions were followed by a session for grade VIII students, for enhancing the concept of geometric figures along with lab activity tools, in the smart classroom. The senior (class IX) and senior

secondary (class XI) school presented a typical classroom teaching in session - using mathematical tools. The Japanese were impressed to learn the use of technology in India to teach Mathematics unlike Japan, where the emphasis is on written work and calculations. School principal, Mrs. Mohina Dar presented programs & competitions run by the school with the help of ACEM (Amity Centre for Excellence in Mathematics). Mrs. Meenakshi Rawal, Director AICE (Amity Institute for Competitive Exam) highlighted the efforts being put in to conduct Mathematics based competitions such as Olympiads. The entire programme was conceived under the supervision of Chairperson Dr. (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, whose baseline passion is to bring out the best and keep the fire of interest in her students ignited at all times, especially in the field of Mathematics and Science.

AIS Noida

Ramanujan Inter-school Math Competition

Amity International School Noida successfully hosted the Ramanujan Inter-School Math Competition. The competition witnessed over 26 teams across India participate in diverse activities ranging from Maths quiz, problem solving, poster making to a series of activities designed under 'My world of Maths.'

The ceremony, graced by the presence of the Chairperson, Dr. Amita Chauhan, who wished the students success in their endeavours, commenced with the lighting of the lamp and an Invocation to the Almighty.

The Valedictory function was held on 23rd Dec, '09 wherein the prize-winners were felicitated. Mr. Praveen Chaurasia Prof. of Math, N.C.E.R.T and Dr. Phull from Jamia Milia University, Chief Guest for the Valedictory function stressed upon creativity in math to make learning more meaningful. School principal Mrs. Mohina Dar thanked the participating schools. Vice Principal, Mrs. Renu Singh delivered the Vote of Thanks.

OVERALL Team Scores:

Team Event for classes VI - VIII

First Position: Bluebells International School

Second Position: Modern School, Barakhamba Road

Third Position: Mother's International School

Team Event for classes IV-V

First: AIS, Sec 43 Gurgaon

Second: Khaitan Public School

Third: Modern School, Vasant Vihar

Speed and Challenger Round for classes IX- X

Gold: Army Public School, Noida, AIS, Mayur Vihar and St. Mary's Academy, Meerut

Silver: AIS, Vasundhara, G.D Goenka and D.P.S Noida

Bronze: AIS, Gurgaon, Summerfields and Ryan International School, Greater Noida

Math Problem Solving classes XI-XII

Gold: Mother's International School, AIS Sec-43, Gurgaon, Ryan International School, Greater Noida

Silver: Ryan International School, Noida, AIS Noida, St. Mary's Academy, Meerut

Bronze: AIS, Saket, Bluebells School, Greater Kailash and AIS, Vasundhara

Mathamity 2009-2010

To propagate the idea of 'Learning by doing' amongst students, **Amity International School, Mayur Vihar** organized 'Mathamity 2009 - 2010 on January 7, 2010.

Dr. (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson Amity Schools, graced the occasion and applauded the latent analytical skills of Amitians brought to the fore by experienced teachers under the able guidance of



AIS Mayur Vihar

school principal Mrs. Sarita Aggarwal and vice principal Mrs. Mona Rastogi.

The exhibition was judged by Dr. Chibbar, Dr. Hukum Singh and many other eminent judges who appreciated and encouraged the budding Mathematicians at Amity. They applauded the creativity put in models, projects and presentations by young and brilliant Amitians.●

Enhancing library skills

In keeping with the library's unceasing efforts towards fostering healthy reading habits among students, **Amity International School, Saket** organised a 'Library week' from November 16-21, 2009.

The library conducted a variety of competitions for its students who enthusiastically participated in activities to make the library week celebrations a meaningful one. The events held during

the week included book club, debate, voracious reader selection, library knowledge programme, quiz, quote quotes, rumble jumble, tell me why, spell and tell, how to enact and narrate a story encouraged the students to read more. An exhibition-cum-sale of children's book was also held. The participation of students in various library activities helped them to use library resources in an effective manner. ●



AIS Saket

Amitasha wins laurels

Amitasha outshined others at the First Annual Fest organised by Social Outreach Foundation (Umang) at Sect 37 NOIDA. Over seven schools participated in competitions like Maths quiz, English marathon, solo bhajan, one act play, rangoli making, English/Hindi recitation and folk group song. Amitasha students won a number of prizes. Pratibha & Neha secured first prize in Maths Quiz. Jyoti Chowdhary and Jyoti Singh secured first prize in the English quiz. A one act play staged by Kanchan, Meenu, Annu, Deepika, Suman, Preeti and Swati stood second. Nutan won second prize in solo bhajan. The opportunity provided by chairperson Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan and the training by principal Dr Manorama Saxena, boosted their confidence.●

Tennis Triumphs

Aryan Sinha of class I at **Amity International School, Mayur Vihar Delhi**, beat the chilling winters with his extraordinary performance in the field of lawn tennis open championship tournament held in and around Delhi. Within a fortnight, he won four competitions. With consistent practice and coaching, Aryan ventured to play with senior boys aged 10 and participate in the U-10 category. This was his second season performance within a year. He had won three tournaments last summer in Penninsula and Safiya tennis Academy in U-6 and U-8 Category too. (Check-out the GT October issue)

Win-Win!: Winners Trophy: Under 6 (U-6) category and Upcoming Talent Trophy in Under 8 (U-8) category (Master Mind Open Tennis Championship) 1st Runner's Up Trophy in U-8 category (Sparkle Inter society 20th IP federation Tennis Tournament); Gold Medals: 1st position in U-6 and U-8 category (Open Tennis Tournament) ●



Science Classroom

Amity International School, Vasundhara, organized "Vigya" – knowing the art of Science workshop, on December 9-10, 2009. The workshop, a school initiative organized under the able mentorship of Founder President Dr. Ashok K. Chauhan and Chairperson Dr. Amita Chauhan believes that learning becomes effective through practical knowledge. The workshop conducted

for classes X - XII as well as the school teachers and schools across the N.C.R fulfilled Amity's long standing commitment to popularize Science while providing a platform to the young minds to understand the subject with the help of innovative teaching and learning techniques.

The workshop was conducted by renowned Professor Harish Chandra Verma (HOD Physics, IIT Kapur). Over

370 students and 100 teachers acquainted themselves with the new concepts in teaching and learning strategies. The workshop aimed at inspiring the Science teachers to evolve creative and innovative strategies for effective teaching. Hands-on experiments and demonstrations, which the teachers can incorporate in their lessons to make the process of learning more fruitful, were also demonstrated.●



The swami of origami!



Opulent Origami:
Varun's creations
range from a dragon
to a dove

Pic : Namrata Gulati

Origami facts

The folds used in origami models are nothing but geometrical concepts and shapes

In Japan, origami is used to treat kids suffering from attention deficit hyperactivity disorder

Robert Lang, the richest origami artist has propagated origami in NASA too.

Google to find out more about him!

Namrata Gulati

Remember making paper boats and planes in junior classes? And competing with your friends on who comes up with better shapes and designs? Well of course, most of you still do it ;), but **Varun Sen**, a student of **Class XI, AIS NOIDA**, has taken it a few steps further, “Origami, (the art of paper-

folding to represent various shapes; pioneered by Japan) was at the age of five all about making planes and boats. At the age of six, a book on origami gifted by mom developed my interest in origami. Soon, I was making complex stuff like frogs, pigs and polar bears, my first being a newspaper crane that took two minutes to be made. It was hard to begin and I relied heavily on videos, and books but I learnt faster from my

aunt”, he shares.

From animals to birds to flowers to intricate shapes, Varun has made it all, he elaborates, “Recycled paper, pastel sheets, brown paper, newspaper, A4-seized sheets- I’ve used everything possible to create my drawer-filling models.”

An aspiring lawyer, Varun hopes origami was more popular in India, “Overseas, origami is a profession, a specific branch of art; in fact, the British Origami Society has as many as 200 artists and boasts of over 2,000 models. In India, the origami clubs are not very well advertised. But Origami Mitra, led by Meenakshi Mukherjee is one club I am keen on joining since it makes complex paper models.” Varun is now determined on making the art more popular, beginning from his school, “I am trying to set up an origami club at school. Around 15 students are already ready. Besides, I aim to take up origami for a social cause. I wish to teach Amitasha students for starters.”

However, Varun’s mother, Mrs Celina Sen, a popular author in English worries, “Varun has a passion for origami but I don’t know how the prospects of living on it are; I want him to do something socially relevant through his art. He is currently helping slum kids set up a recycling paper unit.” The origami expert argues, “origami has a lot to offer: gift-wrapping, card-making (including a heart on the Valentine’s Day!), paper bags, party decorations and therefore, origami could be useful in diverse fields like 3D, urban and interior designing. Apart from that, origami is environ-friendly as recycled and waste paper are used; the cost of making origami models at home is very affordable since recycled paper costs Rs. 2-3 only.”

“My latest and favourite origami model is a blue rose. I will now try and create harder, modular ones. My next step is origami fireworks, made from thin strips of paper”, Varun signs off. ●



Book this book!

Amol Rawley

IX-A, AIS, Pushp vihar

Book: *The Dare (Quick Reads)*,

Author: John Boyne,

Publisher: Black Swan

John Boyne, author of the best selling ‘The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas’, brings alive the love and loss experienced by the protagonist of the novel, 13 year old Danny Delaney. whose excitement of a summer vacations is shattered when he discovers that his mother has been booked in a ‘car knock-down’ accident. The aggrieved family, fighting the guilt undergoes attacks of conflict and rejection as the events of the fateful day steadily unfold. Danny meets victim’s sister Sarah to know more about the day. The plot gets intense as Andy’s brother returns. John brings out the pangs and angst of a growing teenager, wanting to extricate his mother of the guilt and restoring the normalcy of a happy family. What happens when Andy, the victim comes out of Coma? Is Danny successful in clearing his mother of all the charges? Rush to your nearest book store to find out! ●

Matter of facts!

The Names of the months in English come from Latin words....

Ankush Jain, AISVasundhara

January: Januarius - This month was dedicated to Janus, the Roman God of Doors. Janus has two faces, one looking at the old year and the other looking at the forward year.

February:Februarius- Febura was the Roman purification festival, which used to take place at this time of the year.

March: Martius- From Mars, the Roman God of War.

April: Aprilis- from Aperire. In Latin it means ‘to open’; during this month the flowers of plants open.

May: Maius- Probably comes from Maia, the Roman Goddess of growth and increase.

June: Junius- Either from a Roman family name Junius, which means young, or perhaps after the name of god Juno.

July: Julius- After Julius Caesar. This month was named in Caesar’s honor by Mark Anthony in 44 BC .Earlier this month was known as Quintus, meaning five or the fifth month in Roman calendar.

August: Augustus- Named in 8 BC in honor of Emperor Au-

gustus.

September: September- Derived from the word Septem, seven, because it was the seventh month in the Roman calendar.

October: October- From the word Octo, eight (as in octopus), it was the eighth month of the Roman calendar.

November: November- from Novem the ninth month in the Roman calendar.

December: December- from decem, ten, the tenth month of Roman calendar

Even the Names of Days of the weeks come from Roman words and Gods!

Monday: It means moon’s Day.

Tuesday:Tiu’s Day: Mars, the Roman God of War, was adopted in Scandinavian mythology as the warrior Tiu or Tiw.

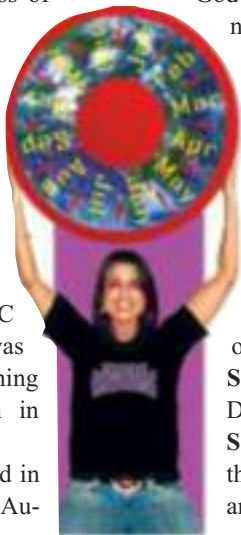
Wednesday: Woden’s Day: the Roman god Mercury became the Scandinavian god Woden.

Thursday: Thor’s Day: like the Roman god Jupiter, Thor was a thunder god.

Friday:Freyja’s day: like Venus, Freyja was the goddess of Love.

Saturday:Saturday: Saturn’s Day.

Sunday:Sunday: Sun’s Day. Thor the Scandinavian god of Thunder and War. ●



Wear your famous ‘genes’ with panache

Fame is a gruesome kind of capitalism, you can accumulate it, bank it, live off it!

Akhil Bhardwaj
AIS, Saket

From the Gandhis to the Laloos to the Scindias, the power in Indian politics has always rested with a few families. In Bollywood, the legacy of Amitabh Bachchan is being continued by Abhishek and Esha Deol is spinning the Hema Malini charm; Karishma and Kareena Kapoorcould make their grandfather Raj Kapoor super proud! Carrying forward a venerable musical lineage, Amjad Ali Khan has evolved a unique language for the ‘Sarod’, giving the instrument a new dimension worldwide. His sons Amaan and Ayaan Ali Bangesh are making sure the language is immortalized. Golfer Jeev Milkha Singh’s achievements keep the memories of his father Chiranjeev Milkha Singh alive today. But can fame also suffocate you? Sometimes when you have famous parents you need to prove yourself twice as hard as other newcomers. Rohan Gavaskar has had a tough time breaking into the Indian cricket team; Bobby Deol has always been compared to his more fa-

mous father Dharmendra, who has left him a pair of rather large boots to fit in to. We get up close with Sama Ali, sister of Shaad Ali (Bunty Aur Babli/ Jhoom



Barabar Jhoom director) and daughter of Mira and Muzzafar Ali, the famous fashion-designing duo. I quiz her on everything that’s tickling the brain cells of Bollywood buff’s like me.. Has fame changed Shaad? Sama replies coolly, “Not really; he’s still the way he always was, my brother!”

Is it hard to fill into your brother or parents’ shoes? “Honestly, people expect a lot of me. I try to take it in a positive sense and it drives me to outdo myself!” Would you accept an offer by your brother to act in a movie? Sama exults, “Of course, but reality check- he’s a perfectionist and there are much better actors than me out there!”Do you think fame is short-lived? “I believe so, because it’s a lot different when you go out after a successful ramp show or a movie release; people seem to notice you more but it soon wears off. A lot depends on the company you keep, they don’t care who your parents are or how their next venture will be. It’s the fair-weather friends you need to watch out for!” That’s a sound piece of advice, coming from a 16 year old!●