

Status of the week

The sun goes down. The stars come out. And all that counts is here and now. My universe will never be the same. I'm glad you came

Sana Sawhney
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Does India need to re-assess its foreign policy with US?

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

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POLL RESULT
for GT issue December 23, 2013

What is your forecast for the year 2014?

Forecast	Percentage
Political shakeup	11%
Economic stability	4%
Empowered society	85%

Results as on January 11, 2014

Coming Next

It is time to learn all about disaster management in the next edition.

Time to wake up!

Pooja Chaudhary, GT Network

As a new year dawns upon us, we wake up to new resolutions, new promises and new beginnings. But in our heart of hearts, many of us wish to wake up to the same thing - a better world to live in. And for that to happen all of us must wake up to the change we want to see. So, rise and shine as Amitians share what they would like to wake up to this new year...

Wake up to 'respect for people and property'

The young generation takes people - be it teachers, family members, friends or strangers and property - school furniture, public transport surfaces, washroom walls or streets etc for granted, showing little or no respect. Until and unless we develop a sense of ownership and belongingness, we cannot develop a sense of respect for people and property. A little conscious effort by all can bring about a gigantic change in our country.

Ruchi Avtar, AIS Vas 6, XI C

Wake up to 'equality for all'

Mary McLeod Bethune once said, "The true worth of a race must be measured by the strength of its womanhood." These words for me are true in every sense. I believe it's time we wake up and believe in equality for all. It's time for all to resist the heterosexist patriarchy and start valuing women and not look down upon them as lesser mortals. It is time we stop differentiating people on the grounds of gender, class or caste. It is time that we rise and wake up to equal rights for all.

Shilpa Nair, AIS Gurgaon 43, XI B

Wake up to 'new challenges'

I believe that this new year, one needs to move out of one's cosy confinements and seize all opportunities available. Sometimes one needs to step out of his/her comfort zone to discover their hidden potential. You will never know what you are capable of until and unless you go ahead and try something new. So, even if you are skeptical about not being successful at the new thing you wish to try, go ahead and give it a shot for there will always be an experience that will stay for a lifetime.

Simran Gulati, AIS Saket, X C

Wake up to 'a women friendly India'

The change I would like to wake up to in 2014 is a safer India for women. An India where no woman has to think twice before stepping out of her home alone. An India where women are respected. An India where women are considered equal to men and where having a girl child is not a burden but considered a blessing. It is high time that the mindset of people undergoes a massive transition and they start accepting these positive changes for a progressive nation.

Siddhant Nair, AIS MV, XI D

Striking a right balance

CBFC chairperson and doyen of Bharatnatyam Leela Samson, in an interview with **Dr Sumit Narula**, deputy director, ASCO, Amity University, Gwalior talks about the functioning of the Board and the limitations that bound the same. Here is an excerpts from the exclusive interview.



Tell us how the CBFC works.

Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) operates in a transparent manner. The Board has provided a link to enable directors to upload their films directly. This saves us a lot of time and helps us in clearing the films at the earliest. A film passes through various panels and every panel member is qualified to do his/her job well. Any film which comes to us for certification is watched and scrutinised by the Board. Once it passes a movie, it is not sent to the chairperson for approval. It can get a certificate after being approved by the Board.

What action does the Board take if a controversy arises after a movie releases?

If a problem crops up after the release of the movie, we not only look into the matter minutely, but have the authority to suggest necessary cuts. The film can be sent back to the editing table for removal of objectionable content.

What are your limitations as the chairperson of CBFC?

First of all, I would like to clarify that CBFC is a certification board and not a censor board. It is a tough job as we also face the age old dilemma of safeguarding the funda-



Leela Samson honoured by VC, Amity University Gwalior, Lt. Gen V K Sharma (AVSM) Retd

mental right of speech and expression of a film producer while respecting the sentiments of India's bewildering diversity. As far as limitations are concerned, the Board has to certify laws within the framework of archaic laws.

You are a prolific Bharatnatyam dancer, how do you take out time for pursuing this art?

Dance is in my blood. I live and breathe dance. I cannot imagine my life without dance. I practice it every morning without fail. After all, I am a dancer first and a CBFC chairperson later.

What are the categories of certificates issued to a film?

There are four types of certificates- U, UA, A and S. The first category is universal or U. It means unrestricted public exhibition throughout India, suitable for all age groups. These films should not

upset children over 4. They may contain educational, social or family-oriented themes or fantasy violence and/or mild bad language. The second category is parental guidance, or UA. This category admits all ages, but it is advised that children below 12 be accompanied by a parent as the theme or content may be intense or inappropriate for them. This category may contain mature themes, sexual references, violence and/or infrequent use of crude language. The third is adults only or A. This type is restricted to adult audiences. Nobody below 18 years may buy/rent an A-rated DVD, VHS, UMD or watch a film in the cinema with this rating. These films may contain adult/disturbing themes, frequent crude language, brutal violence or bold scenes. Lastly, S or movies restricted to any special class of persons. or a specialised audience, such as doctors.

(Turn to P3 for more on her visit to Amity University, Gwalior)

World at a glance

GT keeps the newswire ticking as it brings you news from around the world. Here is a quick snapshot

Afghanistan

Cops looking for Taliban commander

The Afghan police are on the lookout for a Taliban commander who allegedly forced his 10-year-old sister to wear a vest packed with explosives in the southern province of Helmand. The girl was detained before she detonated the vest near a police checkpoint.

Russia

Gearing up for Winter Olympics

Before the Winter Olympic Games begin in the Black Sea resort of Sochi in February, Russia has launched one of the biggest security operations in the history of Olympics. Russian authorities have deployed over 30,000 police personnel, fearing attacks by Islamist militants from North Caucasus region.

China

Ban on gaming consoles lifted

The Chinese government has temporarily called off a ban on selling foreign video games consoles. This development paves the way for firms such as Microsoft and Sony to enter a rather lucrative market. The country imposed a ban on gaming consoles in 2000.

India

Rahul Gandhi could take baton

Days after prime minister Manmohan Singh opted himself out as the prime ministerial candidate for Congress-led coalition, chances of Rahul Gandhi being named as replacement have dramatically upped. There is a high possibility of the Gandhi seion taking the baton at the AICC session scheduled on January 17 in Delhi.

Pakistan

Gen. Musharraf hospitalized

Pakistan's former military ruler Gen Pervez Musharraf was rushed to the Armed Forces Institute of Cardiology in Rawalpindi after he complained of chest pain. This happened while he was being driven to the court for a trial on treason charges slapped on him. He runs the risk of being taken into custody.

Venezuela

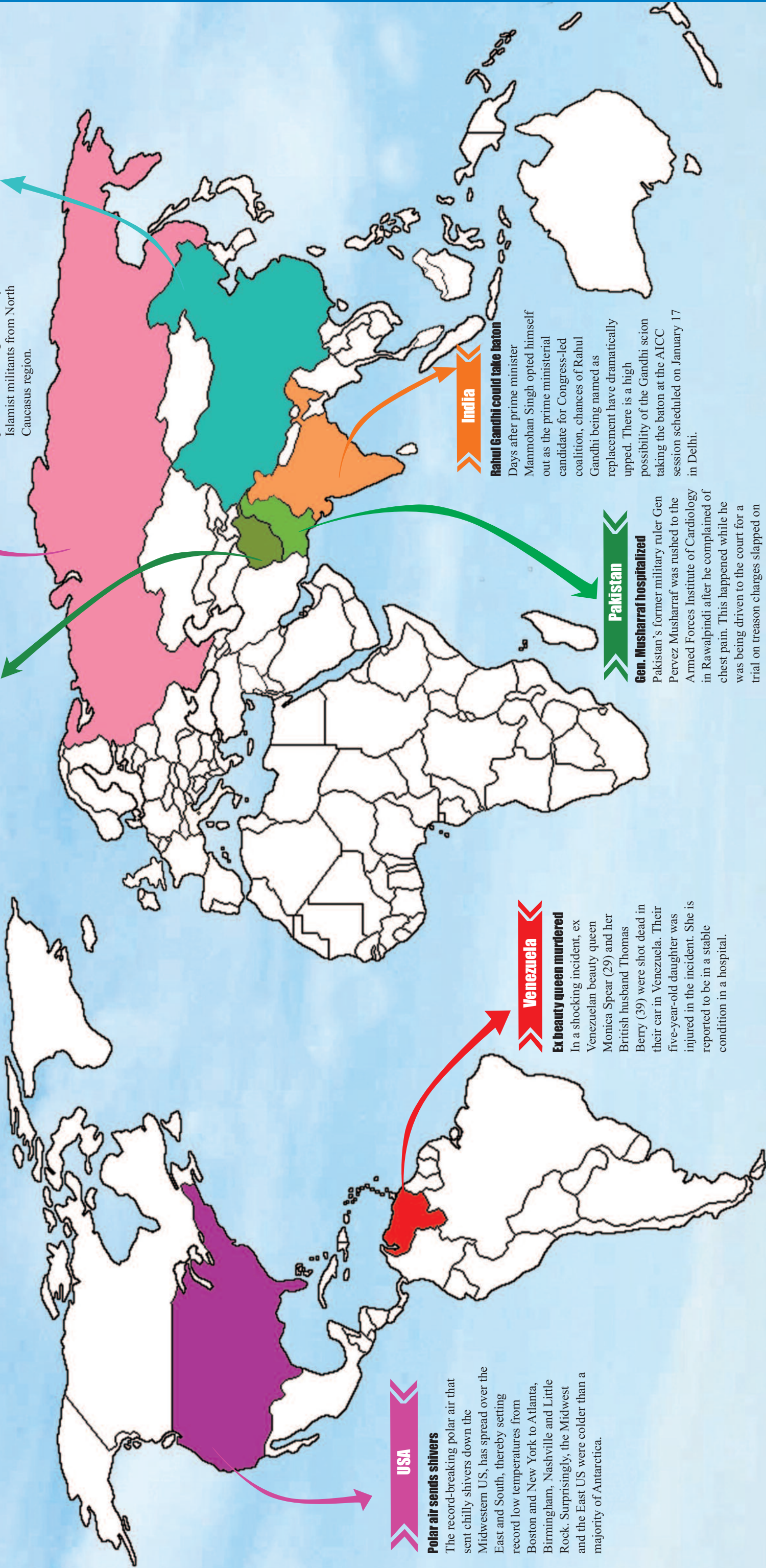
Ex beauty queen murdered

In a shocking incident, ex Venezuelan beauty queen Monica Spear (29) and her British husband Thomas Berry (39) were shot dead in their car in Venezuela. Their five-year-old daughter was injured in the incident. She is reported to be in a stable condition in a hospital.

USA

Polar air sends shivers

The record-breaking polar air that sent chilly shivers down the Midwestern US, has spread over the East and South, thereby setting record low temperatures from Boston and New York to Atlanta, Birmingham, Nashville and Little Rock. Surprisingly, the Midwest and the East US were colder than a majority of Antarctica.



9th convocation at AUUP

The much awaited convocation of AUUP was a three day extravaganza that awarded degrees and diplomas to over 9000 successfully qualified graduands



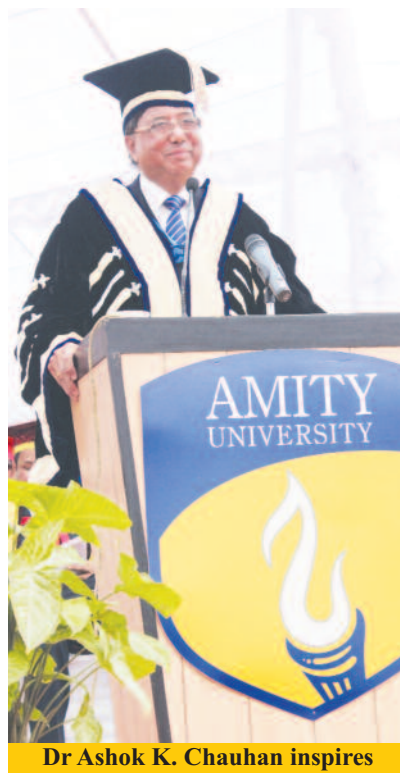
The procession marks the beginning of convocation 2013



Amity graduands take the oath of sincerity



Amity family awards honorary degree to Dr Sohani Verma



Dr Ashok K. Chauhan inspires

The three day convocation that began on December 5, 2013 spelt enthusiasm as the proud alumni of Amity University waited with bated breath to be awarded degrees, diplomas, trophies and medals.

Commencing convocation

The procession began with the trustees of the Board, senior members of the management, head of institutions, departmental heads and senior faculty members being accompanied by the band of pipers. Mr. Atul Chauhan, Chancellor, AUUP declared the convocation open, followed by a welcome address by Dr. Balvinder Shukla, vice chancellor, AUUP wherein she presented the achievements of Amity University.

Recognition of excellence

Day 1: 2,317 degrees and diplomas awarded. 27 students awarded 'Best All Round Student Award'. 49 gold, 44 silver, and 31 bronze medals were awarded to students. 39 salvers were conferred for upholding tradition and human values. Corporate awards awarded.


Day 2: 4, 474 graduands awarded degrees/ diplomas. Other than Corporate Awards, 'Shri Data Ram Shingalji Shield' awarded to a student from Amity Law School, Noida. Ph.D degrees showered upon senior citizen Col S P Singh, and experienced academicians, Geet Oberoi and Ramesh Parajuli. 7 graduands felicitated with 'Best All Round Student Award'. 46 gold, 45 silver and 18 bronze medals were awarded to students. 29 were conferred salvers.

Day 3: 2,433 graduands from 17 institutions received degrees and diplomas. 9 graduands felicitated with 'Best All Round Student Award', 47 awarded gold, 46 given silver, 24 given bronze medals and 30 were conferred salvers. Corporate awards were also bestowed. Ph.D degrees awarded to the faculty.

Dr. Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President inspired students to achieve new heights by calling them 'The Three As' (Amity's Amazing Achievers). He told them about 'success by compulsion' through confidence and faith in God.

The Honoris Causa

Amity University bestowed honorary degrees upon distinguished guests: **Honorary Doctorate Degree in Sci-**

ence (D.Sc.): Dr. V.M. Katoch, secretary, Department of Health Research, Government of India and director general, Indian Council of Medical Research; Dr. Anil Kakodkar, eminent nuclear scientist and DAE Homi Bhabha, chair professor in Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC); Prof. Yash Pal, eminent scientist and Dr. Pradeep Chowbey, director, Max Institute of Minimal Access, Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (MAMBS) at Max Healthcare Institute Ltd., New Delhi. **Honorary Professorship:** Dr. Sohani Verma, obstetrician and gynecologist, Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals, Delhi. **Honorary Doctorate Degree in Law:** N.R. Madhava Menon, founder director of National Law School of Indian University (NLSIU). 

Scholastic Alerts

Institute: National Defence Academy and Naval Academy

Course: National Defence Academy & Naval Academy Examination (I), 2014 for admission to Army & Air Force wings of NDA for 133rd Course and for the 95th Indian Naval Academy course (INAC) commencing from January 2, 2015

Eligibility: For Army wing of National Defence Academy- 12th Class pass of the 10+2 pattern of School education or equivalent examination conducted by a State Education Board or a University. For Air Force and Naval Wings of National Defence Academy, a candidate must have passed 10+2 educational level with physics and mathematics. Candidates appearing for Class XII under the 10+2 pattern of school education or equivalent can also apply.

Application form: Candidates are required to apply online by using the website www.upsc.gov.in. The on-line applications can be filled beginning December 21, 2013

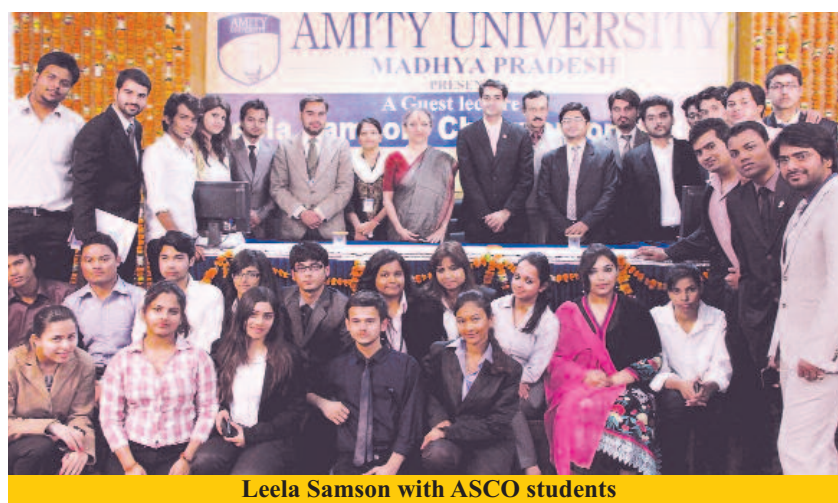
Last date for application forms: Jan 20, 2014 till 11:59 p.m.

Entrance Exam: April 20, 2014

Website: www.upsc.gov.in

Note: The candidates joining Indian Naval Academy would undergo 4 years B. Tech course and would be given an opportunity to join Executive and Technical branches of the Navy subject to availability of vacancies.

Taruna Barthwal, ACCGC, Career counseling & resource coordinator




Leela Samson with ASCO students

ASCO, MP organises guest lecture

Amity School of Communication, Madhya Pradesh invited Leela Samson, chairperson, Central Board of Film Certification for a stimulating guest lecture on 'Statutory Body: CBSC: Its duties & responsibilities' on November 12, 2013. The occasion was graced by Lt Gen V K Sharma, vice chancellor, AUMP and Prof. Dr. R.S. Tomar, dean, Academics, AUMP. The event was also attended by director, Corporate Resource Centre and heads of various institutions.

Following the lighting of the lamp ceremony, the opening speech was presented by Lt Gen V K Sharma who said that CBFC shoulders an obligation to discharge as films impact the society majorly. Leela Samson shed light on the

issues involved in film certification. Her primary contention was that CBFC is a certification board and not a censor board. She spoke at length about the dilemma of safeguarding the fundamental right of self expression of a film producer while respecting the Indian diaspora. Later, in a conversation with Rajat Pathak, she spoke on a variety of subjects including challenges the moral responsibility of CBFC etc.

The post lunch session saw an interaction between the guest and students of AUMP. On her visit to the ASCO studio, Leela Samson appreciated the photographs and documentaries by students. She also inaugurated the photography wall, made by ASCO students that showcased their works. 

Book(ed)


Amity University played host to author Disha Chhabra on December 12, 2013

Aarzoo Malhotra

Amity School of Engg & Technology

The Global Times in accordance with the literary societies of Amity School of Engineering and Technology, Amity Institute of Biotechnology and Amity School of Communication held a book reading session on December 12, 2013. The event was presided over by Disha Chhabra, the author of bestselling book "My Beloved's MBA plans".

The session began with the young author being accorded a rousing welcome by Seema Rawat, the cultural incharge of Amity School of Engineering and Technology. An alumnus of IIM Kolkata and Delhi College of Engineering, Disha

shared her journey as an author and the challenges she confronted during the same. She gave an insight on her debut novel and narrated anecdotes associated with it. This was followed by a presentation on what a student should keep in mind when at the crossroads of career. She asked them not to lose sight of their dreams while pursuing a career. The session concluded with an interactive session. When asked what prompted her to write the book, Disha said, "While having dinner at the college mess, I overheard a conversation between a husband and a wife. They were discussing balance sheet over the phone. This was something unusual and this prompted me." She also shared the process of getting a literary work published. 



Book reading session with author Disha Chhabra (inset) in progress

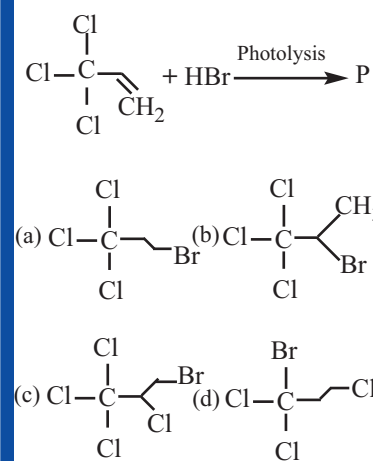
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Discover Bharat

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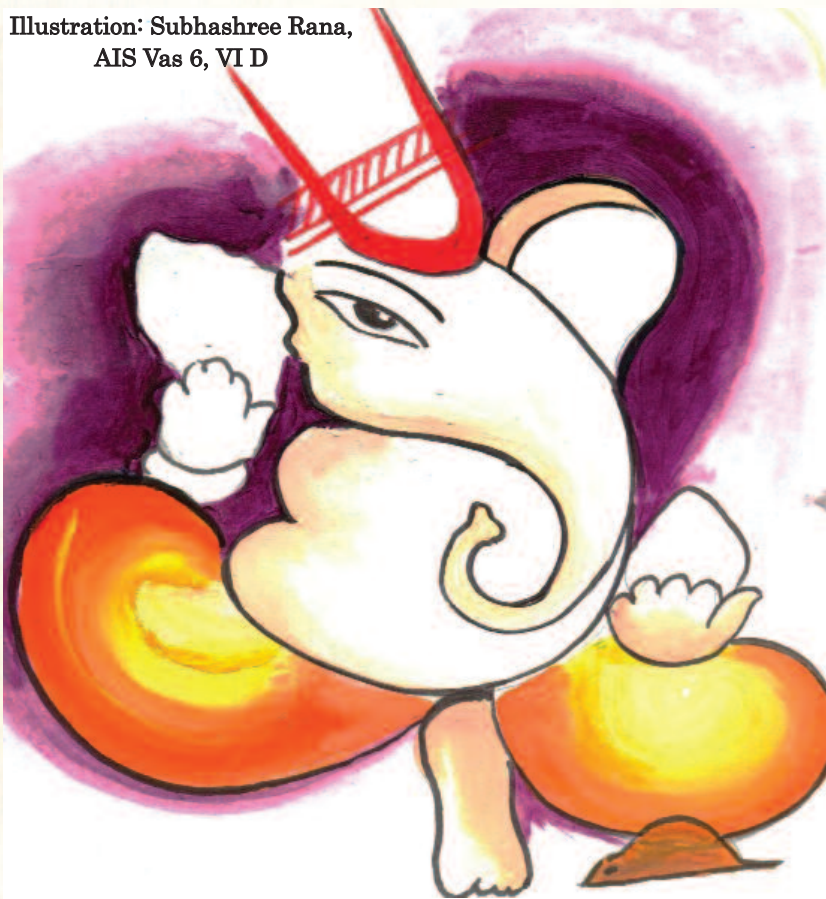
Maharashtra

One lord, many names

Sadhya Sawhney

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Lord Ganesha is described as the one with a beautiful face and gigantic elephant ears; is big-bellied and one toothed; bears the moon on his head, demolishes evils and is worshiped as the protector of mankind. This majestic deity is known by 108 auspicious names. Each of these names has a wisdom tale or story behind it. The meaning and significance of these names vary according to several tales and avtaars of this God, worshiped all over India, especially Maharashtra with a lot of pomp and show. Read on to find out the significance of some of these names...

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Ganapati- Remover of obstacles

Shri Ganesha is given prime importance among the panch-devas (five Gods) according to Indian Hindu tradition. Lord Ganesha is often honoured before undertaking any auspicious endeavour or celebration. For the successful completion of any auspicious occasion, the twelve

names of Lord Ganesha are pronounced and praised. It is believed that whoever recites these twelve names, while beginning studies, at the time of marriage, entering a new town or a newly constructed house, before setting off for the journey, or at times of crisis, is saved from any or all obstacles. These twelve auspicious names of

Lord Ganesha are Sumukh, Ekdanta, Kapil, Gajkarna, Lambodar, Vikat, Vighna-nashan, Vinayak, Dhunraketu, Gajanan, Bhalchandra and Ganadhyaksha.

Ekdanta- The one-tusked God

There are many popular tales around Lord Ganapati, that tell us how the lord attained his one tusk. Among the many stories narrated, one says that it was Parshuram who broke Lord Ganesha's tusk. It so happened that one day Lord Shiva had gone into deep meditation and had instructed his little son, Ganesha, to see to it that nobody disturbed him. When Parshuram came to visit Lord Shiva, Lord Ganpati did not permit Parshuram to see him. Ganapati, going by what he was told, refused to even pass on the message. Parshuram became extremely angry at this and broke his tusk. The only silver lining to the incident was that another name was added to the list of long names of this beloved God.

Gajanan- The elephant God

Lord Ganesha is also known by the name of Gajanan because his face is that of an elephant. Half of his body is that of a human being while his face is like an elephant. His small elephant

Heritage revived

Celebrating the rich and diverse heritage of India, Amity International Schools indulge in the art, cuisine, traditions, lifestyle, flora and fauna of different states. The year-long heritage activity, as envisaged by Chairperson Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, aims at reviving India's rich heritage and bringing it closer to the students.

GT brings to you 'Discover Bharat', a heritage series that captures the ongoing heritage celebrations at Amity schools. It also complements the elective course on heritage, soon to be launched by CBSE for senior classes.

State in spotlight:

Maharashtra

Next in 'Discover Bharat':

Believed to be the lord of all lords, lets get to know a little more about the God Ganesha.

eyes convey the meaning of critical eyesight, also suggesting that one should have a generous outlook. It further signifies Lord Ganesha's determination to protect the status of mankind forever. Long ears suggest that he is capable of listening to everything. The face of Ganesha's resembles an elephant's, therefore is more prominent and attractive. 🇮🇳

108 auspicious names of the pot-bellied lord

Name	Meaning
1. Akhuratha	One with mouse as his charioteer
2. Alampata	Ever eternal lord
3. Amit	Incomparable lord
4. Anantachidrupamayam	Consciousness personified
5. Avaneesh	Lord of the whole world
6. Avighna	Remover of obstacles
7. Balaganapati	Beloved and lovable child
8. Bhalchandra	Moon-crested lord
9. Bheema	Huge and gigantic
10. Bhupati	Lord of the Gods
11. Bhuvanapati	God of the Gods
12. Buddhinath	God of wisdom
13. Buddhipriya	Knowledge bestower
14. Buddhividhata	God of knowledge
15. Chaturbhuj	One who has four arms
16. Devadeva	Lord of all lords
17. Devantakanashakarin	Destroyer of evils and asuras
18. Devavrata	One who accepts all penances
19. Devendrashika	Protector of all gods
20. Dharmik	One who gives charity
21. Dhoomravarna	Smoked-hued lord
22. Durga	Invincible lord
23. Dvaimatara	One who has two mothers
24. Ekaakshara	He of the single syllable
25. Ekdanta	Single-tusked lord
26. Ekdristha	Single-tusked lord
27. Eshanputra	Lord shiva's son

28. Gadadhara	One who has the mace as his weapon
29. Gajakarna	One who has ears like an elephant
30. Gajanaana	Elephant-faced lord
31. Gajananeti	Elephant-faced lord
32. Gajavakra	Trunk of the elephant
33. Gajavakra	One who has mouth like an elephant
34. Ganadhakshya	Lord of all ganas (Gods)
35. Ganadhyakshina	Leader of all the celestial bodies
36. Ganapati	Lord of all ganas (Gods)
37. Ganesh	Lord of the lords
38. Gaurisuta	The son of gauri (parvati)
39. Gunina	One who is the master of all virtues
40. Haridra	One who is golden coloured
41. Heramba	Mother's beloved son
42. Kapila	Yellowish-brown coloured
43. Kaveesha	Master of poets
44. Kirti	Lord of music
45. Kripalu	Merciful lord
46. Krishapingaksha	Yellowish-brown eyed
47. Kshamakaram	The place of forgiveness
48. Kshipra	One who is easy to appease
49. Lambakarna	Large-eared lord
50. Lambodara	Lord with a big belly
51. Mahaganapati	Omnipotent and supreme lord
52. Maheshwaram	Lord of the universe
53. Mangalamurti	All auspicious lord
54. Manomay	Winner of hearts
55. Mrityuanjaya	Conqueror of death

56. Mundakarama	Abode of happiness
57. Muktidaya	Bestower of eternal bliss
58. Musikvahana	With mouse as his carrier
59. Nadapratishista	Appreciator and music lover
60. Namasthetu	Vanquisher of all evils and sins
61. Nandana	Lord shiva's son
62. Nideeshwaram	Giver of wealth and treasures
63. Omkara	One who has the form of om
64. Pitambara	With yellow gold-coloured body
65. Pramoda	Lord of all abodes
66. Prathameshwara	First among all
67. Purush	The omnipotent personality
68. Rakta	One who has red-coloured body
69. Rudrapriya	Beloved of lord shiva
70. Sarvadevatman	Acceptor of all celestial offerings
71. Sarvasiddhanta	Bestower of skills and wisdom
72. Sarvatman	Protector of the universe
73. Shambhavi	The son of Parvati
74. Shashivarnam	With a moon like complexion
75. Shoorpakarna	Large-eared lord
76. Shuban	All auspicious lord
77. Shubhagunakanan	Master of all virtues
78. Shweta	As pure as the colour white
79. Siddhidhata	Bestower of success
80. Siddhipriya	Bestower of wishes and boons
81. Siddhivinayaka	Bestower of success
82. Skandapurvaja	Elder brother of Skand (lord Kartik)
83. Sumukha	Auspicious face

84. Sureshwaram	Lord of all lords
85. Swaroop	Lover of beauty
86. Tarun	Ageless
87. Uddanda	Nemesis of vices
88. Umaputra	The son of Goddess Uma (Parvati)
89. Vakratunda	Curved trunk lord
90. Varaganapati	Bestower of boons
91. Varaprada	Granter of wishes and boons
92. Varadavinayak	Bestower of success
93. Veeraganapati	Heroic lord
94. Vidyavaridhi	God of wisdom
95. Vighnahara	Remover of obstacles
96. Vignaharta	Demolisher of obstacles
97. Vighnaraja	Lord of all hindrances
98. Vighnarajendra	Lord of all obstacles
99. Vighnavinashanay	Destroyer of all obstacles
100. Vigneshwar	Protector from obstacles
101. Vikat	Huge and gigantic
102. Vinayak	Lord of all
103. Vishwamukh	Master of the universe
104. Vishwaraj	King of the world
105. Yagnakaya	Acceptor of all sacrificial offerings
106. Yashaskaram	Bestower of fame and fortune
107. Yashvasin	One who bestows
108. Yogadip	The lord of meditation

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Happy New Year



Dr. Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

"I think in terms of the day's resolutions, not the years."

Henry Moore

As we step into the year 2014, I wish all my students, teachers, staff and readers a very Happy New Year! May this year brim with loads of happiness and success for you all.

Every new year brings with it, an opportunity to begin afresh with a new mission and vision, new goals and targets. This keeps us motivated to move ahead in life, to achieve bigger and to become better than who we were yesterday. I wish that all my Amitians set big goals to achieve, become great world leaders and make this world a better and happier place.

Bringing about any positive change that can contribute to one's own happiness and the happiness of others, demands efforts and courage. It all begins with a strong determination and a revolution from within. And as you all prepare to usher in the new year, have strong determinations to overcome your own weaknesses, become better human beings and transform your goals and dreams into reality.

While it is easy to set goals, we often face the problem of sustaining the same through the year. We may face problems, but let those problems not deter you from achieving your goals. Take them as challenges and win over them with a smile. The first step towards victory is to not accept defeat. It is challenges in our life, that help tap our highest potential as human beings and taste the joy of victory.

Let's challenge, let's determine, let's achieve. Let's create our own glorious history and live a life of immense value and happiness. Let's take each day as a new year, as each day brings with an opportunity to win. Let's win each day! 🇮🇳

Om Shree Ganeshaya Namah



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

The above mantra chanted before the beginning of any auspicious event in Hindu tradition literally means "Ganesha, I pray to you", is said to bring prosperity and progress.

Therefore, the best way to begin a new year, is to invoke the blessings of Lord Ganesha, the god of education, knowledge, wisdom and wealth. The 'Discover Bharat' series (read page 4) heralds this year with a series on Lord Ganesha. Known by 108 auspicious names, Lord Ganesha is loved by children and worshipped by all on every auspicious occasion.

There are many interesting stories of why Lord Ganesha is associated with luck and prosperity. As per one tale, when all Gods and Goddesses were getting married, Ganesha was facing difficulty in finding any suitable match because of his looks. Angry with this fact, he decided to create obstacles in the marriage of others and dug holes all over the routes of any marriage procession with the help of his rats. The troubled grooms sought the help of Brahma. Lord Brahma, then specially created two beautiful girls, Riddhi and Siddhi who were married to Ganesha thus blessing him with all material abundance, as well as intellectual and spiritual prowess. And he had two sons, *Shubha* (auspiciousness) and *Labha* (profit).

So this new year, follow the Lord Ganesha series for all the luck and prosperity. 🇮🇳

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Oh my God!

We believe in God, but still fight in the name of religious hostility. Rather than questioning each other's religion, let's reflect on ourselves

Perspective

Venika Menon, AIS Noida, XII J

God, today, has become synonymous with religion. Your religious identity defines your connection with God. Religion has been around since time immemorial. Unquestioned and unproved. Every morning, there are a million hands folded in reverence, heads bent in prayer and eyes closed in devotion. We hope and believe that someone is out there watching over us; a saviour, a protector. What have we learnt from our religion? A hundred reasons to wage wars, kill innocent people and even end our own lives- is this what our religion teaches us?

This is not a phenomenon of present times as many would like to believe. Whether it was the holy Crusades in the 7th Century or India's partition in 1947, unfortunately, religious animosity, created by our very own minds, always dominated our lives. But did God or any other supernatural being



ever want us to fight to death while deciding whose deity is more righteous and peace loving? This question has glared into the eyes of mankind from the beginning of time, but we chose to

ignore its implications. Whether God exists or not, we must fulfill our purpose on this earth. As Andrea Gibson puts it, "People don't know the power they hold; they just sing hymns and

figure saving is for God."

What perplexes me is that religion is being used as an instrument to win votes, to fool people and as an excuse to hinder development. Blaming one's fate or demonstrating hatred in the name of God is not being religious or faithful. There are thousands of people working in labs, in factories and in offices doing their bit to bring a smile to the face of another being. Working for our own happiness and for happiness of others is what each religion teaches and this is what we must follow. Hindering other's efforts to make this world a better place cannot be the desire of any sane being or the divine. It is our encyclopedic ignorance of humanity that makes us fight in the name of religion. And even if there is a higher being, I would rather die and walk into God's magnificent kingdom of afterlife, look into his eyes and say that I genuinely did not believe in his existence and yet did everything to help others lead a fulfilling life than be one who condemned everyone, out of fear of the Gods they believed existed, would get offended. 🇮🇳

Honour...Dishonoured!

She deserves utmost respect, yet a woman in today's world is dishonoured the most. It's time to stand up and take action to give her a safer world

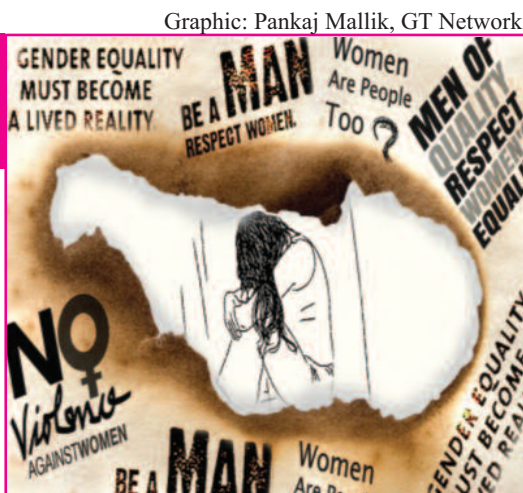
YOUTH POWER 2013-14 for women

Shruti Sinha, AIS Vasundhara 6, X D

Someone has aptly said that respecting women is respecting life. But unfortunately in today's world, people have lost sight of respecting women, respecting life. It is incredibly painful to hear or read about the cases of women being exploited or assaulted. Woman, the very reason of our existence is dishonoured. What a shame!

What is the scenario today?

Even in today's modern world, the independence and safety of women has been stamped with a big question mark. Every time a girl or a woman steps out of her house she battles the fear of insecurity. The capital has witnessed innumerable cases of women harassments and assaults. No wonder, Delhi has been dubbed as the rape capital of India.



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What about women rights?

What is the Ministry of women and child development doing? Is it too preoccupied watching what the new state govt has to offer? Or have such cases become so clichéd that they have left us all as just passive onlookers, dependent on government bodies to take action? Why are stringent laws not made for

women safety? Why do culprits easily get away with a heinous crime? The questions remain unanswered.

Bringing women's safety to the table

Considering today's scenario, if 'Sholay' was to be re-scripted, it's winning dialogue would be rephrased as, "Ladkiyon, ghar se bahar mat niklo kyon ki koi na koi Gabbar [evil man] aa jayega." Although several mobile applications, helpline numbers, special courses on self-defense, night shelters, 24-hour online complaint registration centers, fast track courts, etc have been introduced to ensure women safety, this is not enough. These can contribute in easing up the concern to some extent, but the dire need is to change the mindset of people and the rest will fall in place. It is the need of the hour that and end is put to violence against women before it gets further amplified. Dealing with this burning issue should become the prime concern of the government and people. We should relentlessly raise our voice for women and fight for this noble cause. 🇮🇳

(This article is an initiative of YP team sensitizing for the cause of abuses faced by urban women)

Pearls of Wisdom

Every day is a chance to begin again.

Catherine Pulsifer

A time comes when you need to stop waiting for the man you want to become and start being the man you want to be.

Bruce Springsteen

Let go of yesterday. Let today be a new beginning and be the best that you can, and you'll get to where God wants you to be.

Joel Osteen

Whatever you do or dream you can do – begin it. Boldness has genius and power and magic in it.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress and working together is success.

Henry Ford

The secret of getting ahead is getting started. The secret to getting started is breaking your complex overwhelming tasks into small manageable tasks and then starting on the first one.

Mark Twain

Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.

St. Francis of Assisi

Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right.

Oprah Winfrey



GT M@il

Dear Editor,

The contest edition of AIS Vas 1 was aptly put together for Christmas season. The cover story idea was hilarious and literally had me rolling- on-the-floor-laughing. As a child I had always wondered if the Indian Santa was same as the Santa who left Christmas gifts for me. I also loved the recipe for honey chilli potato. My favourite part of the paper was the poster on page 5 'Jugaad Raam'. That is how most of us function and take pride in our *jugaad* techniques. The article on the last page about 'The big fat Indian wedding' was meant to be taken in a lighter vein. However, it opened my eyes to so many things that are fun about weddings. This edition was very well thought out and I thoroughly enjoyed reading it. 🇮🇳

Aastha Singh, AIS Noida, XI

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21	22	23	24	Let the bells jingle!	26	27
28	29	30	New hopes, dreams and ambitions! All the best!			

A bond forever



Neelakshi (R) with Elspeth

What happens when an exchange student comes to stay with you and becomes family

Neelakshi Yadav, AIS Gur 43, XI A

My past few months turned out to be extraordinary as I got the opportunity to host a girl from a different country, culture and religion. It all started from receiving an e-mail from the school in May saying that the school needed volunteer families as host for a year. To this, my mom replied “Why not?” And that started Elspeth’s stay with us. Hosting Ellie (Elspeth’s nickname) has been one of my best experiences. Going

to school, doing homework, eating our meals, we are together sharing and learning from each other. My sister, Ellie and I share almost everything with each other. Our weekends are full of fun as we watch movies, solve riddles, cook and play cards. At no point in the past four months have any of us felt that she is not a part of our family. In fact, Ellie has gelled in with our family, our culture and traditions, and even our cuisine perfectly! She has fallen in love with *daal*, *naan* and Indian veggies. In fact, she loves *chapati* so

We went for sightseeing during the day, and enjoyed *garba* - the folk dance of Gujarat in the evening.

much that she can eat plain chapatis for an entire meal! In the evenings when my mamma and papa come home from office, all five of us sit in their room and have a classic family time, narrating our day’s happenings and often have group discussions on topics such as politics, spirituality, Indian education system, career counseling, etc. Very recently, Ellie and I went to Gujarat for the Navratri festival. We had the time of our lives in this four day trip. We went for sightseeing during the day, and enjoyed *garba*-the folk dance of Gujarat in the evening. Everyone following the same beats and doing similar steps gave us a feeling of oneness. The Gujarat tagline “Atithi Devo Bhava” stood undoubtedly justified. Taking up the opportunity to host Ellie has unquestionably made me the privileged one, as I have undergone such an exciting journey. This is something that I will cherish for life. The not-so-happy thought races through my mind about how terribly I am going to miss Ellie when she goes back. 🇮🇳



Students of meal planning club, AIS Vas 6 with their homemade kalakand

Homemade kalakand

- ### Ingredients

Condensed milk (Milkmaid)1 tin
Milk powder.....2 tsp
Cottage cheese (*paneer*) 500 g
Cardamom powder½ tsp
Saffron5 to 6 strands
Silver leaf2 to 3
Pistachio pieces.....2 tsp

Method

 - Mash *paneer* coarsely and mix in milk powder and Milkmaid.
 - Heat the mixture in a thick bottom pan. Cook on medium flame stirring
- constantly until the mixture becomes thick and starts leaving the sides of the pan.

 - Remove from fire and spread evenly onto a greased tray.
 - Sprinkle cardamom powder and top with silver leaf. Sprinkle saffron strands and pistachio pieces.
 - Cool it and cut into squares.
 - Your yummy *kalakand* is ready!

Contributed by: (L to R)Members of Meal Planning Club, Mudit Parashar, Aviral Jain & Kanav, AIS Vas 6, VIII D

POEMS

She can change the world

Dipannita Mukerjee
AIS Gurgaon 43, VII A

They can sing, they can dance,
they can win, they can lose,
they can do whatever they want to.
They can read, they can write,
they can rule, they can strike,
they can change the world if they like,
they can do whatever they want to.

They are the women of this world,
they are as important
as oxygen to us,
and they can do whatever they want to.
Then why do we kill them,
even before they are born.
When they have all the rights to stay for long
as they always care for all
and have the power to change the world.

Women are not toys

Nandika Mogha, AIS Noida, VII B

The world should know that women are not toys,
drill that in their heads- the men and their boys,
their piercing looks stab us with a knife,
here’s a thing to them, don’t you have a life?

What is this place called earth?
Are women made only to give birth?
Life is possible on earth they say,
but what about the cruel price that she pays?

They teach and pamper her while she grows,
so that one day she can stand on her own toes,
but when she does, they pull her down,
and thrust in her hands, a red wedding gown.

They tell her that this is not how she is “supposed to be”
and that she is not allowed to weave her own dreams,
but she just wanted to show the world her speciality,
and now she can’t turn her dream into a reality,
and there she goes, crumbing to dust,
and forced to hide it, but why she must?
There it is, her dreams and visions and what not,

left in her mind, left to rot,
and then they say, “Look at the silver lining”,
but what if there isn’t a brighter side?
Her dreams are already imprisoned in her mind,
cook food, wash clothes and look after the child.
Is that it? Is that the brighter side?

So, here’s what, my friends and foes,
the next time a girl stands on her toes,
don’t pull her down,
don’t give her a wedding gown.
Instead, tell her to go and shine her brightest,
tell her she’s a woman, the mightiest,
that’s all she needs, that’s all she asks for.

Let her try, let her fly,
let her go high, tell her to touch the sky,
then, my dear friend,
You can ask her WHY.

She’ll say she had a dream that she weaved,
since she was little, she had believed,
just by letting her try, you made her whole,
and bring peace to her mind, body and soul. 🇮🇳

Did you know?

- Four is the only number that has the same number of letters as its actual value.
- Jellyfish does not have brains, bones or a heart.
- Laughing while being tickled is actually a form of panic that works like a defense mechanism.
- Yawning is contagious. Even thinking about yawning is enough. In fact, there’s a 50% chance that you’re about to, or just did, yawn.

Sudoku 45

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CAMERA CAPERS

Contributed by: Anjleen Berar, AIS Vasundhara 6, Headmistress

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Do the jungle dance

Pet the wild cat

Cape of Good Hope

Turtle wins the race



Short Story

He flew like a rocket! All the other animals struggled to reach the finishing line panting and in sheer shock.

struggled to reach the finishing line panting and in sheer shock. They all felt ashamed of losing from the turtle! The turtle could have laughed but he decided not to. He explained how upset he felt each time they laughed at him. The animals understood the feelings of the turtle and said sorry to him.

The turtle thanked the *guru* in his thoughts. He looked at the other animals and told them the secret of his speed. All the animals smiled and told the turtle that he will not need the jet pack again as they will not make fun of him. The turtle asked them, "What if a fox came?" "Don't worry, we'll save you," the animals said, laughing together. 🇮🇳

So, what did you learn today?

A new word: Booster
Meaning: A device for increasing power or effectiveness.

Ashmit Bhardwaj, AIS Saket, III A

A turtle lived in a jungle. He always wanted to be the fastest of all because the rest of the animals teased him saying, "You are the slowest and one day, a fox would come and eat you. You are just lucky that there is no fox in this jungle!" The turtle felt humiliated when animals laughed at him. One day he met his *guru* who was a scientist and decided to seek his help. The turtle told him the whole story. After listening to this, his *guru* smiled and said, "Come with me, I have

something which is just right for you." The turtle followed his *guru*. "Look at this jet pack, it is fitted with invisible jet boosters, which can make you run as fast as 100 miles per hour," said the *guru*. The turtle was amazed. He touched his *guru's* feet and whooooshed back to his home.

Next day, he challenged all the animals for a race competition. All the animals laughed at him, but in the end they agreed to participate. The race began. Before the other animals could move, the turtle was at the finishing line! He flew like a rocket! All the other animals



Fresh fruits yogurt indulgence

Suhani Vats, AIS Saket, IV C

Ingredients

Flavoured yogurt.....1 cup
Honey1 1/2 tbsp
Orange juice.....1/3 cup
Fruitsa handful of your choice
Nutsa handful (optional)

Method

- Take a big mixing bowl and put all the washed and chopped fruits in it.
- Now separately combine yogurt with honey and mix it softly.

- Now, add orange juice to all the fruits of your choice and mix them together gently.
- Put the fruits dipped in orange juice in a tall glass or serving bowl.
- Now top this layer of fruits in orange juice with the mixture of honey and yogurt. You can add as much as you'd like.
- Garnish your fruit and yogurt indulgence with finely chopped nuts of your choice.
- Your indulgence is now ready. Serve chilled. Enjoy!

It's Me



My name: Gaurika Wahal
My school: Amity International School, Noida
My class: V L
My birthday: October 16, 2002
I like: Listening to songs
I dislike: No one or nothing, because I feel we should not crib about anything, rather we should be satisfied with whatever we have.
My favourite actor: Ranbir Kapoor
My favourite actress: Deepika Padukone
My role model: My mother and father
My best friends: Vindhaya, Sonakshi and Ishika
My favourite game: Club Penguin
My favourite mall: Promenade, Vasant Kunj
My belief: Let's not follow the crowd, instead make your own identity and let the crowd follow you.
My favourite subject: Social Studies
I want to become: A fashion designer
I want to feature in GT because: I want to share my views and thoughts.

Painting Corner

Arunima Gulati
AIS Saket, V B



POEM



My stylish granny

Saanchi Kritika Krishna
AIS Noida, III A

My granny is old,
she wears gold.
She is stylish,
and she is bold.
She sports nice sunglasses,
and colourful scarf.
Her heels are high,
and her mind is sharp. 🇮🇳

Jokey Pokey

Ojasvi R. Sharma
AIS Vasundhara 1, VIII B

Baker: Hello ma'am, you should try this wonderful cake that we have been selling for several years, now.

Lady: No thanks, but I am not really interested as I only buy fresh and newly baked cakes. 🇮🇳

Mother: Raju, if you keep quite and don't make noise, I will give you sweets.

Raju: No, father has told me to not to accept bribes from anyone. 🇮🇳

Mother: Why are you crying

Raju: My teacher scolded me. She asked me the opposite of 'nobody' and I replied 'yes body'.

Hi from the sky!

Here is an imaginary interview I had with a talking balloon. It is fondly called Mr Ballooni by its friends

Vaibhav Jain, AIS Saket, V B

So, Mr Ballooni, tell me about your pastimes.

Well, I like to talk a lot with my friends. Other than that I have flying competitions with them.

What do you balloons discuss about?

Mostly, we discuss our trips and adventures around the world. I love to share stories with my fellows.

Do you watch movies? If yes, then which ones are your favorites?

Yes, of course! We balloons love watching films. The last one I watched was Bhaag Balloon Bhaag! My

favourites are Ek Tha Balloon, Balloon Ho Na Ho, and not to forget, Jab Tak Hai Balloon.

Have you ever had a bad experience with a naughty child?

Oh yes! I will never forget that day when a young boy left me carelessly near a sharp compass. I got scared out of my wits. I flew away from there and never went back.

Have you ever had a nightmare? What did you see in it?

Though I have frequent nightmares, I am not a coward balloon, mind it. In one of my nightmares, I entered a



museum and got stuck in the mouth of a dummy T-Rex dinosaur and there was one in which I entered an Olympic stadium and got hit by a disk during the game of disk throw.

What has been the happiest moment of your life?

The happiest moment of my life was when I made a crying boy smile. I enjoy giving smiles to others.

One last question for you...if you could write your own autobiography, what would its last line read?
Cheers to the balloon life!



New Year resolutions

Closing the year with the age old tradition of making resolutions, little Amies promised to ring in the New Year with good cheer through hands-on activities like discussions, art and craft, etc

It is that time of the year when excitement grips everyone and the euphoric feeling of celebration sweeps over. After all, it's New Year time! Amiown was swept by the festivities too, while ensuring that the little Amies learnt about the significance of it all. Young minds tend to assimilate information when they are actively involved in the task. Hence, various means were deployed to make them understand the significance of New Year.

Circle time: During circle time 'date and day' discussion, Amies were told that we would bid farewell to the year 2013 on December 31 and welcome the New Year on January 1 with great joy and happiness. It was explained to them that when they come back to school after the vacations, it will be the year 2014.

Resolutions galore: Through discus-



Study Circle Welcomes New Year 2014

sions, Amies were explained that a resolution is a promise that one makes to oneself. It is a tradition for people to make resolutions at the beginning of a new year. There are different kinds of resolutions. For children, a new year resolution is about being more organized, punctual and disciplined. Amies were encouraged to take up age appropriate resolutions like 'We will clean up our toys', 'We will brush our teeth twice a day', 'We will avoid junk food', etc.

Colour my world: The children made colourful drawings to showcase their unique resolutions. Giving wings to their

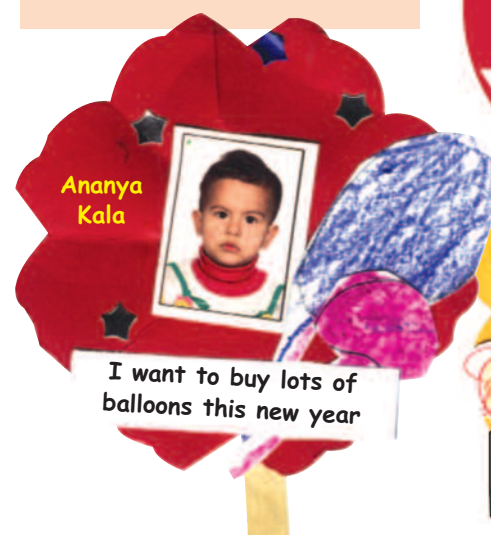
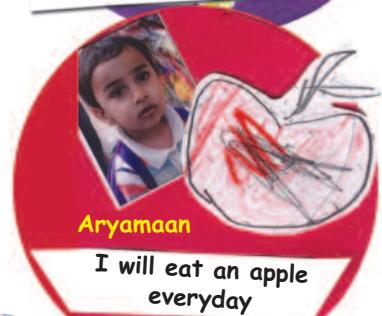
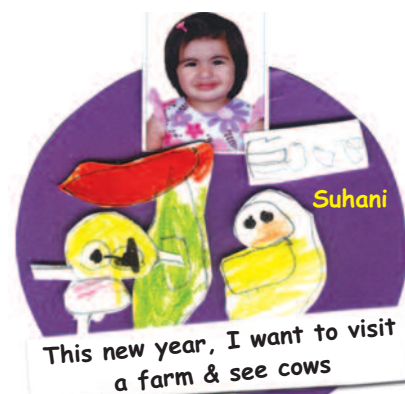
imagination, Amies enjoyed the drawing and colouring activity immensely. The drawings made by the little ones reflected their innocent wishes and desires.

Getting crafty: As children enjoy craft activities, they were encouraged to portray their New Year resolutions as well as their wishes for Santa through colourful displays using old CDs. The vibrant showpieces added a quirky charm to the joyful celebrations.

As adults and facilitators, it is our duty to praise and encourage our children as they achieve little milestones and get closer to the promises made by them for the New Year. 🇮🇳

I promise

- I will be friends with everyone.
- I will wash hands after going to the bathroom and before eating.
- I will plant more trees.
- I will not push anyone.
- I will drink more milk and water.
- I will eat vegetables and fruits daily and avoid junk food.
- I won't tease dogs.



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Annual day gala

With the theme 'vasudhaiva kutumbakam', the celebrations spread the message of peace and harmony among nations



The Chairperson addresses and encourages Amitians

AIS Pushp Vihar

Around 1200 students participated in the annual day for Classes V- XI on November 29, 2013. The event was graced by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, whose presence is always a source of inspiration. Chief guest for the occasion was Sujata Prasad, joint secretary and financial advisor, government of India. Inspired by the ideology of unity in diversity as propounded by Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe and Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, the theme of the event was aptly titled *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*, meaning, the world is one family. The event aimed at sensitising Amitians towards the need for world peace and harmony. Through a panorama of dance, music and drama, the students spread the idea of oneness ie Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam. Sports scholarships were also given away to deserving students on the occasion. The event was a grand success and appreciated by the dignitaries and parents alike.



Tejaswi (second from left) flaunts her medals and certificates

India's karate kid

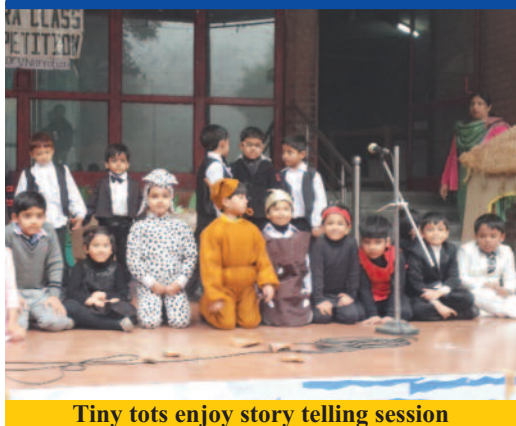
AIS Mayur Vihar

Guided and motivated by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, Ojaswi Gupta of AIS Mayur Vihar brought laurels to the school by winning a bronze medal in the prestigious 5th WFF World Karate Championship. The event was held at Prague, Czech Republic from November 29 to December 1, 2013. Trained by her

coach Jitesh Kumar, from AIS Mayur Vihar, Ojaswi won the medal in individual free kumite in cadet category. She has been practicing karate for the last six years. More than thousand karatekars from over 42 countries participated in this World Championship. The event was inaugurated by the mayor of Prague and witnessed by the ambassadors of various countries. The victory was a great achievement for Ojaswi as well as the school.

Tell me a tale!

AIS Noida



Tiny tots enjoy story telling session

Usha B Verma, AIS Noida, Teacher

On December 16-17, 2013, the Nursery and KG students of AIS Noida, participated in an English story narration competition. Through different moral stories, the children experienced an interesting way of learning oral language instructions outside the classroom setting. The session fostered a keen understanding of story structure as well as initiated them to listen to others, thus expanding their vocabulary, knowledge base and sentence formation.

Night safari

AIS Lucknow

Srishti Mishra

AIS Lucknow, IX

Amity International School, Lucknow organised a night safari for students of Class II to IX on De-

cember 20, 2013. The most awaited night saw students regaling in fun and frolic. A host of fun events were planned one after the other to make the night safari really memorable.

It all began with a game of tug of war where girls were pitted against boys. This was followed

by an inter-house dance competition. The competition saw students performing various dance forms from across the world. The spell binding performance by the students made the job of the judges very difficult. The students of Alaknanda House bagged the first prize in the contest. Then it was time for the two most awaited events of the evening to unleash their magic. An enthralling performance by the school band left everyone enthused.

However, it was the fashion show which was the real show stealer. Students and teachers displayed great enthusiasm as they sashayed their way down the ramp and took part in the Question/ Answer round. What made the evening a totally ravishing affair were lip smacking snacks and desserts.

Awarding the titles



Human Rights Day

AIS Noida



Special assembly being held to celebrate World Human Rights Day

During the week from December 9-13, 2013, AIS Noida took learning to a higher level as they learnt about human rights thus joining World Human Rights Day celebrations across the world on December 10. Students designed placards with catchy slogans on the topic - 'rights of a child'. Class V F put up a special assembly on human rights, giving special mention to Nelson Mandela, South Africa's first black president and an icon of the struggle against racial oppression. The efforts of the students were greatly appreciated by Renu Singh, principal and Soma Mukherjee, vice principal, primary wing.

Amifiesta

The vibrant extravaganza reflected the multicultural ethos of various nations, spreading the beauty of the world's diversity

AIS Lucknow

AIS Lucknow organised Amifiesta, an educational and multicultural festival to acknowledge and celebrate world diversity in November 2013. The motto of the event i.e integrity, solidarity and fraternity was

displayed through a lavish display of food, games, music, colourful flags, traditions and costumes. Students, teachers and parents who attended the event were reminded of the great number of similarities and differences present in the world today. The event comprising cultural programme, world parade and

Amitians represent the beauty of Indian culture through dance performance



classroom displays enabled everyone to become open-minded towards all the cultures of the world. The event commenced with the lighting of the lamp by Mukta Ghosal, headmistress, along with the distinguished judges R Wattal, head of department, economics, Awadh Girls Degree College; Dr J Bhatti, ex teacher, Christ Church College and Anil Singh, assistant marketing manager, The Times of India. Event-in-charge Reema Vajpayi in her address highlighted the importance of celebrating Amifiesta in fostering love, tolerance and understanding of different people, cultures and countries. An informative PowerPoint presentation acquainted the guests with the linguistic and cultural diversity of the different nations of the world. Students representing different nations

dressed up in the national costumes and participated in the world parade, proudly holding the flags and placards. They greeted the guests in the national language and spoke about that country. The different countries represented by the students included China, Japan, Australia, South Africa, India, Russia, United Kingdom, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Spain. The cultural programme comprised mesmerising dance performances and song renditions by students representing various countries. The highlight were the spellbinding salsa and flamenco dancers, African dance and the Indian fusion dance representing the real India. Then classroom display with beautiful charts, creative models, colourful mobiles, informative PPT and files impressed the judges and visitors alike.

Amitians enjoy Christmas celebrations



AIS Lucknow

Celebrating season of joy

Fun, frolic and joy marked the Christmas celebrations of AIS Lucknow. The school organised a special assembly to send out a message of love and tolerance. The children enacted nativity scenes from Bible. Dressed in colourful attires the students performed the play beautifully. The children sang melodious Christmas carols lending a festive atmosphere. This was followed by carol singing competition in which Bhagirathi House won the first prize. The joy of children knew no bounds when Santa joined them for celebrations. He not only distributed gifts and chocolates to students but also shared the message of peace and love.

Students of AIS Lucknow participate with gusto in Amifiesta 2013



Games you must play

Hide and seek, Dog and the Bone, Kho-Kho,
Fire in the mountain, Ice & water

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Five musts

United we stand...

divided we sit in our classrooms where a rainbow of groups of various categories are so hard to miss?

Riya Arora, AIS Vas 6, X A

Tippy tippy tap, from which group you are? Well, perhaps this little game we used to play in our childhood holds true for every classroom that has a palette of shades and colours of groups. Which group do you identify with most? Gather your groupmates and take a pick!

The group: Full-on entertainment

Song for them: We will rock you

What they're all about: If you don't have 'this' group in the class, you are missing on some real fun! They're the ones who have the courage to interrupt the teacher and furthermore, while away study time through their antics and unnecessary questions (what else do we want?!). They can entertain the class once, twice, thrice and as many times as you want! Thumbs up for them!

The group: Girly girls

Song for them: The girls got everything

What they're all about: Shampooed hair, check. Lip gloss, check. Mascara, check. Nail paint, check. Looks like they're geared up for a party, but wait, you spot them in school! These girls are all busy flaunting their own style.

The group: Sporty jocks

Song for them: *Hume sports ne kar diya deewana*

What they're all about: You dare not think they're the next Federers or Ronaldos because, they believe that they're the first of their kind! Choosing sports over academics,

the sporty jocks are ever-ready to rock the field!

The group: Ice cream sundae

Song for them: We're all in this together

What they're all about: They're like an ice cream sundae put together! One is a sports lover, the other being a studious one and the third one, a complete *drame-baaz*. Need we say more?

The group: Undercover agents

Song for them: We're coming back to the race, tell me if you ready can you take the pace?

What they're all about: The on-time people, they'll always have their work



done already but they won't share it. In the class, they would be busy chatting away, but grab a seat beside them and they'd go quiet! This group sure does not believe in spilling the beans.

The group: Bromantic

Song for them: *Yeh dosti, hum nahi todenge*

What they're all about: They're happy with their all-boys group and don't worry much about what others think of them. Be it sports, academics, fun ... the boys in this group are together in everything.

The group: Aunties

Song for them: *Aunty ji, Aunty ji, get up and dance!*

What they're all about: Notebooks open, pens ready but discussions about teleserials rage on. The aunty group of the class can talk non-stop about the daily soap



Pics: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network

operas and they would never get bored!

The group: School musicians

Song for them: Disco *Deewane* (wait, they're songs ke deewane!)

What they're all about: All they do all day is have a paper and scribble new lyrics or sing the old songs.

The group: Lonely (is it really a group?)

Song for them: Lonely by Akon

What they're all about: They stand out in the crowd not because they've made a mark, but because they stand miles away from the class! Their only *funda* seems

to be- 'walk alone, talk alone, sit alone and enjoy alone!' Their favourite place in the classroom is (no prizes for guessing!) a corner. School is all about making friends and having fun, make the most of it, *doston!*

Conclusion

Song: Mash up remix

What the class is all about: From movie buffs to sport lovers, from lonely mates to aunty talks, these varied groups make school more interesting! Though different, they're always ready to stand united for the class for the cause of fun and joy! 🇮🇳

Rising tennis star

Shreya Pasricha, an AIS Noida alumnus scales new heights overseas, thanks to her passion for tennis

Shreya Pasricha's happiness knew no bounds as three US universities offered her a full scholarship on the fateful February night of 2013. Here's more on the journey-so-far of the alumnus of Amity International School Noida and rising international tennis star from India.

Surprise, surprise!

Shreya, while still a student of AIS Noida, posted a six-minute tennis video of her tennis practice sessions on YouTube. 12 hours later, to her utter surprise and delight, three US universities responded with a firm 100% scholarship offers. Before she could start bathing in her success, two other universities followed suit.

After much deliberation and weighing the pros and cons of each university, Shreya finally zeroed down on Fairleigh Dickinson University (FDU) in New Jersey known for its impeccable tennis record and the special provision for students who are tennis enthusiasts.

Life at FDU

FDU, the largest private university of New Jersey where Shreya is part of an international tennis community is giving her ample exposure on various platforms



Shreya Pasricha

and levels. Her teammates include those from Latvia, Ukraine, Spain, Brazil and the US. Last September, the team was invited to play at Flushing Meadows- the venue for the famed US Open as well as Harvard University.

In her individual capacity, Shreya has made a remarkable start to her collegiate tennis career (refer to the box).

Straight 'A' student

Shreya has also managed the best grades in her class. Her professors have told her that if she keeps up her current academic form, she could expect straight 'A' grades in her major 'Sports Management' and her subsidiary subjects that include english, math and art.

On a concluding note Shreya says, "I would like to thank Amity for its constant support and encouragement in my journey till here. It gave me enough space to hone my talent." 🇮🇳

Shining bright in the US

Long Island Invitational: Semi finalist (Singles)

Navy Invitational (Maryland): Winner (Singles)

Army Invitational: Quarter-finalist (Singles; lost a close match to the top seed)

USTA Invitational: Reached the final qualifying round

Boston Invitational: Round of 16

New Jersey Invitational: Finalist (Singles)/ Winner (Doubles)

North East Conference Rookie of the Month: Winner of the coveted award

GT Travels to Spain



Manhar Sharma, VII B & **Shaurya Sharma**, I B, AIS Mayur Vihar, pose with their copy of The Global Times in front of the "Plaza de Toros" (Bull fight stadium), Cadiz, Spain. Famous for its pristine coastlines, centuries old Cathedrals, Flamenco dance & bullfights, Cadiz is one of the oldest cities of Europe and draws tourists from all over the world.

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