

**Status of the week**  
 Sometimes we know we shouldn't be doing certain things, and that's exactly why we do them! I am no different, as I do likewise!  
**Akash Chaudhary**, Amity Institute of English Studies & Research, Amity University, UP

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**AMITEpoll**  
 Should service in the army be made compulsory?  
 (a) Yes  
 (b) No  
 (c) Can't say  
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**POLL RESULT**  
 for GT issue January 2, 2012  
 Should we make New Year resolutions?  
  
 Results as on January 13, 2012

# Serve de rigueur?

Should service to the army be made compulsory in India? Will it help instill a sense of patriotism in the youth or be a dissipation of human resources? GT finds out

“Do you have it in you?” asked the Indian Army, a while ago as it set on a public awareness spree. What if it had instead, ordered, “Make sure you have it in you.”? What if service in the army was an obligatory rather than a voluntary profession; a concept called conscription akin to many nations? On this Army Day, GT asks, “Should service in the army be made compulsory in India?”

### Fall In

“Compulsory military service for the youth will bring about a sense of discipline, punctuality, love for the nation and a sense of dignity and sacrifice. Citizens will be able to deliver a lot more then, in terms of eradicating social hurdles, which hamper the country’s development.”

**Sagar Datta, Ex Indian Air Force Officer**

### Step forward

“The growing deficiency in the Officer Cadre of the Indian Army is rather worrying. But, conscription, certainly is not the solution. Army needs high-spirited volunteers capable of withstanding all odds and not unwilling soldiers. The security of the nation can be trusted only in the hands of those who genuinely feel for the country.”

**Dr (Mrs) Shabnam Pandit, Principal, Amity Indian Military College**

### Forward march

"Conscription is simply not a practicable proposition in a country as large as ours. The National Youth Policy stipulates that



Walk with pride  
Students of Amity Indian Millitary College

every student must devote 1/5th of the total time spent in an educational institution on outdoor activities. Amity has taken a lead in organizing youth oriented activities like Amity Cadet Corps, Amity Indian Military College and Amity Green Horns Military Camps, which are totally in sync with the Govt policy."

**Lt. General Bopanna, DG, Amity Indian Military Education Society**

### Salute

“Instead, of mandatory service in the army, make NCC compulsory. NCC training is not just less expensive but is also more feasible, as its not possible to train everyone in countries with a large population base. Besides NCC training offers more or less similar benefits to military training – instilling accountability, discipline, self pride and enhancing physical fitness.”

**Col B S Ahluwalia, Sports advisor, Amity Group of Schools**

Compulsory enlistment in military service, also known as **conscription** is emulated by several nations across the world – Turkey, Russia, Switzerland, Singapore amidst many others. South Korea has even enlisted military service as one of the Four Constitutional Duties. Followed under different names in various countries, the tenure of service varies from one country to the other.

*Read more on ‘Concept Conscription’ on Page 7*

# “Medicine is my passion and not my profession”



Dr Pradeep Chowbey, President, IFSO & Joint MD, Max Healthcare India in a conversational mood

**P**admashree Dr Pradeep Chowbey, a pioneer laparoscopic surgeon in India has worked to develop, evaluate and propagate Minimal Access Surgery in India. Join **Kriti Chopra & Pragati Priya**, AIS Saket in a tête-à-tête with the passionate practitioner

*Congratulations on becoming the president of IFSO. How has the journey been so far?*

The journey that started 21 years back has been persistent and pleasant. For me, medicine is my passion, not my profession. As the president of IFSO, my biggest step would be to sensitize people across the world towards obesity. I will also make an action plan to keep a track on B.M.I. in schools and hospitals.

*You have performed 54,000 surgeries. Do you still feel anxious before entering the OT?*

Not really! But, a certain level of anxiety always exists because of the uncertainties involved, which I think is essential to perform well. Surgery requires a lot of concentration, almost to the level of meditation because all the surgical instruments are by and large destructive-



Kriti Pragati

scissors, knife, laser and the like.

*Share your most challenging assignment.*

We performed a very complex gall bladder surgery on K R Narayanan, the former President of India. When the President is being operated you need to adhere to the Blue Book Protocol, which states the protocol to be followed when the president is under anesthesia. Apart from the pressure of sticking to the protocol, I had the pressure of operating a high risk surgery on a high profile patient, which I overcame by being extra vigilant and careful.

*What are the challenges that lie ahead for the country in the medical field?*

The biggest challenge that India faces in the medical field is the high cost of surgery and

**HONOURED**  

- President, International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity & Metabolic Disorders (IFSO)
- Featured in Limca Book of Records from 2000 to 2009 consecutively for most minimal access surgery & Guinness Book of Records in 1997
- Rashtriya Rattan Award & Gold Medal
- Indira Gandhi Priyadarshini Award,
- Dhanvantari Award
- Awarded Gold Medal by Indian Medical Association as “Young Investigator of India 95”

medicine, which can be attributed to the use of sophisticated equipments that have increased the overall costs. Also, a lot of time and money is spent on R&D of medicines, which companies try to recover by increasing the cost. Thus, while India has medical facilities that are at par, it needs to make them available to the masses.

*Any message for the students aspiring to opt for the medical stream?*

Enter the medical stream only if you are passionate about it. It is a tough career option that does not have fixed timings. The job requires 100% commitment - physical and mental. Besides, success in the field does not come easy. There is a long gestation period before one becomes a renowned doctor. However, it is also a very gratifying profession.



I am glad to see my students graduate! It's a proud feeling to see them move ahead.

Smrita Sinha, Faculty  
Amity Business School Noida



# B-school with a difference

**A**mity International Business School is not just another run of the mill B schools. It's different...says **Prof (Dr) Gurinder Singh**, Pro Vice Chancellor (Intl), Amity University; Director General, AIBS & AGBS and CEO, Association of International Business Schools. **Karthigeyan, Abhishek & Devriti**, AIBS, get candid with the captain of the ship.

**What are the strengths of AIBS, as regards the teaching pedagogy?**

Amity International Business School strongly believes that business can be taught only through practice. At AIBS, the learning model encompasses a broad range of practical activities, on-the-job training, learning through short term and internship projects, live demonstrations, discussions, weekly seminars, CEO forums and many such activities where students are an active part of the comprehensive learning process.

Additionally, each student is given personal attention. His/her monthly assessment is done on the basis of improvement areas, which are constantly worked upon and polished by the faculty mentors. As a

result, our students are well-versed with cross cultural management, negotiation skills, forex risk management, international stock market and more.

In addition, we allow students access to all the facilities that give them the benefit of the expertise of the learned faculty and valuable resources available across the globe.

**Tell us something about the programmes offered by AIBS.**

AIBS constantly introduces new programmes. From the coming academic session, we will be offering a new programme at UG & PG level in Technology & International Business. Similarly, we are offering MBA & BBA in Service Marketing from this academic year, an innovative program that has been accredited by (The Foundation for International Business Administration Accreditation) FIBAA.

**What are the goals that the institute has set out to achieve?**

We have our eyes set firmly on at least three goals for the next two years; first and very important is ensuring quality

education by bringing in innovative teaching pedagogy, learning processes, aligning the curriculum as per Indian and global industry needs, and offering a multi-disciplinary basket of courses along with the regular curriculum to strengthen and develop overall personality of the students.

We are currently focusing on using the latest technology to impart education. Through our well equipped e-learning labs and international programmes, we want to ensure that the students interact with the faculty and students of other countries and learn from their culture and understand cross culture management. Besides, we are also looking at launching new innovative programmes.

**Any message for the students?**

Love and respect for parents and loved ones is what we always try to inculcate in our students. I know my students

will definitely be successful, but what we want out of students is "Greatness" and it can only be achieved by a character of such novelty. 🇮🇳



**Captain of the ship: Prof (Dr) Gurinder Singh**

## Living like an Amitian

**F**or imbibing the core values of Amity, Deepak Raj, AIBS alumnus (2008-2011), was awarded the Shree Baljeet Shastri Award during the Convocation held at Amity University on December 14, 2011. AIBS seeks inspiration and encouragement from him...

**What values could have won you the award?**

I believe my *Sanskars*, Indian ethics, and the will to shoulder responsibility which I have learnt from Amity. I thank my mentors for considering me worthy of the award.

**What is your message to AIBS students?**

I believe AIBS is a home away from home. Follow your teachers and elders and you shall succeed. 🇮🇳

## Stalking Stock Markets

Stock markets are alien to many, but certainly not AIBS! The seniors of the department went all out to acquaint their juniors with the complex world of cash and stocks

**Vishal Singla, Prashant Jain & Shivam Aggarwal**

**T**he Finance Club of Amity International Business School organised a stock simulation event, "The Bulls & the Bears" on December 22, 2011. The event was organized by the 4th semester students of the department to spread awareness among the juniors about stock markets. It gave the students an opportunity to learn more about stocks and trading, in a fun and interactive way.

The event was organized in groups of three, with a total of 11 teams comprising both juniors and seniors. Each team was designated an equivalent portfolio of cash and stocks. Based on the news flash on the screen, the team members were to trade among themselves in an open outcry system of trading (refer to the box). To ensure the accuracy of results and to make the event fair and transparent, the financial programming was organised in MS-Excel, wherein the minutest details of trade among students was recorded for computation of profits and loss. The best performance in simulated environment of stock market was judged on the basis of the maximum profit made by a team.



The event provided an excellent opportunity to students to put their classroom learning into practice.

**Grooming young Marketers**

AIBS marketing club, Radiance, organized a marketing quiz for AIBS students with Marketing as their specialization. The quiz aimed at creating awareness among the students about the current business scenario while providing a unique platform to them for exposure to the world of business.

### Stock Market simplified

Open outcry system is referred to a system of trading wherein verbal bids and offers are made for trading security

### Marketing Mantra

Facebook was used and an innovative website was launched to promote the stock simulation event

### The three profiteers

Shubham, Deepika & Swati

Organised in a more fun way than serious, the competition included rounds that were creatively named, such as Dare to Try, Tag or Gag, Ready to Lose? The quiz approached the conclusion with a close fight for the winning position. However, winning never seemed to be the agenda of the quiz, but learning in a light hearted way certainly was. As the event came to an end, the participants requested the marketing club to organise more of such competitions in future. 🇮🇳

## Another feather added to the cap!

**A**mity International Business School has added glory to its existing stature of being the best in education and research. AIBS Professor, Dr P K Kapur, was conferred with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 5th International Conference on Quality, Reliability & IT held at Kathmandu from December 7 to 9, 2011.

The AIBS faculty has penned many a book on global leadership, engineering and operations research, with the latest one titled, *Software Reliability Assessment with OR Applications*.

The author has also presided over the special issues of National and International Journals on Engineering and Operational Research as the Guest Editor.

"It is a great pleasure to receive the award, especially so because I won it



**Dr P K Kapur (left) at the award ceremony**

award after joining AIBS! It will be my earnest endeavour to carry forward the name of Amity University to greater heights in research and meet the aspirations of the Founder President," says Dr Kapur. 🇮🇳

**People behind the page: (L to R) Shubham, Prashant, Vishal, Payal, Nidhi, Nisha (faculty), Kartigeyan, Abhishek**



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## Book your page



## AIBS Special





Life at Amity was great, it was a perfect blend of learning and fun. The semesters abroad were a great learning experience too. I will cherish the time I've spent here.  
**Sach Sehgal, Alumnus, Amity Business School Noida**

# A Grand Graduation Convocation 2011

**A**mity University organized the Convocation ceremony from December 14-16, 2011. Over 10,367 undergraduate and postgraduate degrees, diplomas, trophies and medals were awarded to Amity University graduands during the splendid ceremony spread over three days. Honorary degrees were also conferred upon revered personalities from various walks of life.

The much-awaited Convocation ceremony commenced with an academic procession of members of management, trustees, Heads of Institutions/departments and faculty members, led by a band of pipers.

## Treasure trove of talent

<b>49</b>	<b>Best All Round</b>
<b>121</b>	<b>Gold Medals</b>
<b>124</b>	<b>Silver Medals</b>
<b>72</b>	<b>Bronze Medals</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Corporate Awards</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Ph.D</b>



Proud moment: Amity awards the Honouris Causa to Arun Jaitley

Pic: Sunaina Anand, ASCO

Dr Ashok K Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe lighted the auspicious lamp, which was followed by a welcome address by Maj Gen K J Singh, VC, AUUP.

**DAY 1**

On the first day of the convocation, the graduands from Amity School of Business, Amity Business School, Amity International Business School, Amity Global Business School, Amity Institute of Organic Agriculture and Amity Institute of Competitive Intelligence & Strategic Management were

awarded degrees by the esteemed guests. The eminent dignitaries included Mr A. S. Chandhiok, Additional Solicitor General & President of the Delhi High Court Bar Association (DHCBA) and Mr Dieter Manz, CEO, Manz AG, Germany.

**DAY 2**

On the following day, awards were generously bestowed upon the deserving alumni.

The day was an eventful one with many a renowned names- Mr Arun Jaitley, Hon'ble MP; Dr R.A. Mashelkar, National Professor, National Chemical



“Convocation Day is a very important turning point in your lives; with it, comes a large responsibility to decide which course you have to follow.”

**Arun Jaitley, Leader of Opposition, RS**

Laboratory and Mr Raghav Bahl, Founder & MD, Network 18 being awarded honorary degrees.

**CONCLUDING DAY**

On the concluding day, the graduands of Amity School of Distance Learning, Amity School of Communications, Amity Institute of Physiotherapy, Amity Institute of Education, Amity School of Hospitality, Amity Law School and Amity School of Fine Arts were conferred degrees. The concluding day saw Rajeev Shukla, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs delivering an inspiring speech.

## Honouris Causa for the torchbearers

**A.S. Chandhiok-** Doctor of Laws for contribution to the Indian Legal System  
**Dieter Manz-** Doctor of Science (D. Sc.) for exemplary innovation and revolutionizing technology

**Arun Jaitley-** Doctor of Laws for being a visionary leader

**Dr. R.A. Mashelkar-** D. Sc. for deep commitment to research

**Raghav Bahl-** D. Phil (Doctorate Degree of Philosophy) for exceptional contribution to the print and electronic media

**Rajeev Shukla-** D. Phil for contribution to nation building

## Celebrating Graduation

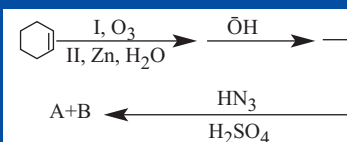
As the ceremony concluded, the alumni assembled at H Block and chatter of excitement could be heard all over the place. The occasion played a perfect catalyst bringing the batchmates together

## Amity Institute for Competitive Examinations

Presents



## Brainleaks-30 FOR CLASS XI-XII



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Last Date: Jan 26, 2012

3 correct entries win attractive prizes

Ans: Brainleaks-28

(4) Rolling of the leaves from the apex towards the base like the tail of a dog

Name:.....

Class:.....

School:.....

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from all corners of the country; the emotional bond between them came to the fore as the alumni exchanged hugs and greeted each other warmly. The cackle died out soon as peppy music attracted a swarm of fresh graduands, who let their hair down and transformed the block into a dance floor. The celebration lasted well until the third day of the convocation! 🎉

## SCHOLASTIC ALERTS

**Institute/College:** Birla Institute of Science & Technology

**Eligibility/ Examination:** BITSAT 2012

**Course:** B.E. (Hons), B.Pharm (Hons) (Pilani)

**Application forms:** Available online

**Last Date of submission:** Online on 15th Feb 2011

**Examination Date:** The test will be conducted online between 10th May, 2012 to 9th June, 2012

**Website:** [www.bitsadmission.com](http://www.bitsadmission.com)

**Course:** NDA

**Eligibility/ Examination:**

Appearing for XII exam + National Defence Academy and Naval Academy Examination (I), 2012

**Course:** Army, Navy and Air Force wings of the NDA for the 129th Course and for the 91st Indian Naval Academy Course (INAC)

**Application forms:** Available online from the website:

<http://www.upsconline.nic.in>

**Last Date of submission:**

Applications can be filled on the website upto 30th January, 2012 till 11.59 p.m.

**Examination Date:** 15th April,

**Website:**

<http://www.upsconline.nic.in>

**Taruna Barthwal, ACCGC, Carrer Counselling Coordinator**

# A first for AGBS Singapore

Amity Global Business School, Singapore reached another milestone as it held its first Convocation ceremony amidst much fanfare and dignitaries from Anglia Ruskin University

**Pragya Pant, AIBS Noida & Sagar Bahadur, RBEF**

**A**mity Global Business School, Singapore, held its first convocation on November 18, 2011 in Swiss Hotel, Singapore. The much-awaited ceremony honoured the graduates in MSc. Management and Business Management.

The landmark day witnessed the presence of a many a dignitaries from Anglia Ruskin University, a renowned UK varsity, which has recently formed an alliance with all the AGBS campuses across the globe to offer impressive study programmes.

From the Amity family, Mr Aseem Chauhan, Managing Director, AGBS Singapore and Chancellor, Amity University, Rajasthan; Dr Gurinder Singh, Pro- VC(I), AUUP; Dr Easwaramoorthy Rangaswamy, Principal, AGBS Singapore; Dr Lee Chee Nguak, Professor, AGBS, Singapore and Mr Prabhakaran Nair, Director, AGBS Singapore marked a conspicuous presence on the day.

While addressing the august gathering, Mr Aseem Chauhan congratulated the graduates and their families heartily; he motivated the AGBS alumni to achieve their goals and surpass all impediments to success.

As the alumni walked up the stage with



Mr Aseem Chauhan addressing the students

their heads held high to receive the anticipated degrees, their family members responded with thunderous applause.

The AGBS alumnus experienced mixed emotions, as on one hand, they were visibly proud to add another feather to their glorious cap, and on the other, somewhat glum on bidding goodbye to their beloved campus.

Putting his thoughts poignantly Prateek Nayak an AGBS Singapore alumnus said, “AGBS Singapore has always encouraged us to expand our horizons, explore beyond our comfort zones and discover the wonders we can achieve. I am grateful to the entire faculty of

AGBS Singapore and especially Mr Aseem Chauhan for encouraging us to dream big.”

Sharing her thoughts another alumnus, Bandini Chabra, said, “As I reminisce my days at AGBS and behold my friends here, I am reminded of a popular quote by Mark Twain, ‘Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn’t do than by the ones you did. So throw off the bowlines. Dream and discover fearlessly.’ So, I am all set to dream and discover.”

The occasion also served as an ideal platform to stir invigorating discussions among the alumni and the dignitaries

## A prestigious embrace

**A**mity’s commitment to providing global standards of education to students has won international laurels, as is evident in the prestigious EDUTRUST awarded to Amity Global Business School, Singapore, by the Singapore Government.

One of the most coveted certifications, EDUTRUST is conferred upon a select few deserving institutions that achieve and sustain excellence in the standards of education and boast of state-of-the-art infrastructure, facilities and resources.

AGBS Noida sends out its best wishes to its international counterpart, “This momentous achievement is a manifestation of the vision of the Founder President and it further portends that Amity Singapore will only grow by leaps and bounds.” 🎉

from Anglia Ruskin University about education and career opportunities in diverse fields.

(Pragya Pant is Manager, AIBS Noida and Sagar Bahadur is Dy Dir, International Business Development, RBEF.) 🎉



# DNA: The mirror to your future health

A small dose of genetic information could prove to be a key to prevent several lifestyle diseases. Time to know your DNA

Pro@Project

Parul Jauhari

Amity Institute of Biotechnology

Prevention is better than cure... an age-old maxim and a very valuable one too! But wouldn't you like to know what exactly to prevent? Welcome to the world of PERSONAL GENOMICS. We have all heard about pathbreaking work done in the field of decoding the sequence of Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) of humans. Well, that's old news. Pharmacogenomics-another pathbreaking discovery in the field of human genomics, promises to let doctors choose drugs and dosages based on the genetic profile of the patient.

### Decoding DNA

Our DNA defines what we are. Also, it defines what all diseases we are more susceptible to. So, if a person shows genetic susceptibility to Alzheimer's, s/he can take appropriate preventions before

calamity strikes! Genetic susceptibility, in most cases, implies about 14% chances of contracting a disorder/disease genetically. The rest depends on the environment we get exposed to, which is where prevention comes in. Where prevention fails, comes the cure. Drugs affect all individuals differently, depending on, again, genetic composition. Wouldn't it be great to get tailor-made medicines concocted just for you, with lesser side-effects and better efficiency? In fact, genes play a major role in determining the course of therapy or efficacy of a medicine in treating deadly diseases like cancer.

Drugs affect all individuals differently depending on the genetic composition. Wouldn't it be great to get tailor-made medicines concocted just for you, with lesser side-effects and better efficiency?

This is an excellent platform for discovering the genetic basis behind diseases and lifestyle disorders. From the moment a baby is born, the gene sequence can enable parents to take the right care.

### Commercial aspect

Although billed as a very expensive technique, the cost of these services are rapidly plummeting. It has come down to US \$9,500 per person in 2011. In fact, sequencing of full genome or parts of it (only disease-factorial genes) is now provided by many companies like Illumina, Knome and 23andMe.

### Analogy

This technology is rapidly advancing and getting standardized. The only issue is that this data may be used by insurance companies to deny insurance to the more 'at-risk' people. With our comparatively low health budget and large population, Indians may not have free access to this technology now. But, when economically feasible, this is perhaps, one of the best possible gifts to humankind. 🇮🇳



Sports

Howzatt!?!

# Clean & Bold

AIS Gurgaon 46 secured itself a perfect victory by winning all the matches in the recently concluded Shri Cricket League tournament. Kudos to the cricket team!

Vatan Kotliya

AIS Gurgaon 46

AIS Gurgaon 46 won the "Shri Cricket League", an under 19 cricket tournament organised by The Shree Ram School, Aravali at the Teri Gram Faridabad, Haryana. The tournament saw six teams from Delhi and NCR, vying for the trophy. The batsman of the tournament award was bagged by Bhagat Singh, AIS Gur 46. Steering through a series of exciting matches, AIS Gur 46 wrote its winning notes on the pitch. Here's a flashback of the cricket frenzy that concluded in the win.

MATCH 1 (Qualifying match)

AIS Gur 46 Vs The Shri Ram School

- TSRS won the toss and elected to field first.
- AIS Gur 46 made a total of 144 runs in 20 overs. Paras Mehta walked away as the 'Man of the Match' with 47 runs, while captain Sarthak Dahiya contributed 40 runs. The match also witnessed some fine bowling by Sanyam Nagpal who claimed three wickets.
- AIS Gur 46 was able to beat The Shree Ram School by restricting them to a total of 112 runs in 19.4 overs.



MATCH 2 (Qualifying Match)

AIS Gur 46 Vs Bhawan's Saawan School

- AIS Gur 46 won the toss and chose to bat first, scoring a total of 172 runs in 20 overs. An impressive batting line up with excellent individual performances by Akash (55 runs and a wicket), Bhagat (54 runs) and Sachin (34 runs). Akash Sharma won the title of the 'Man of the Match'.
- Bhawan's Saawan School batting line collapsed at 85 only.

MATCH 3 (Semi finals)

AIS Gur 46 Vs GD Goenka, Sohna

- AIS Gur 46 won the toss and elected to bat first scoring 123 runs in 20 overs. The match saw an excellent partnership between Bhagat (36) and Sachin (27), with the former walking away with the M.O.M. award.
- G.D.G. was all out for just 67 runs, thanks to a remarkable bowling display by Samarth (3 wickets for 17 balls) and Manan (2 wickets for 29).

Star Performers

Match 1: Paras Mehta for his 47 runs knock against TSRS.

Match 2: Akash Sharma for scoring 55 runs and taking one wicket against BSS.

Match 3: Bhagat Thakran for his flawless 36 runs knock against GDD.

Match 4: Sachin Nehra for scoring match winning 27 runs and claiming 2 wickets against SPS.

MATCH 4 (Finals)

AIS Gur 46 Vs Sanskriti Public School

- AIS Gur 46 won the toss and elected to bowl first.
  - Sanskriti couldn't put up a fighting total as they were mopped up for just 89 runs. Sachin Nehra, AIS Gur 46 took two wickets.
  - A winning knock by Sachin Nehra (27 not out) and Bhagat Thakran (35 not out) saw AIS Gur 46 winning the match by 8 wickets in just 12 overs. Sachin Nehra was adjudged the Man of the Match for his flawless batting and excellent bowling.
- Kudos to the team! 🇮🇳

SPORTS Quiz

1. Who was the first Indian athlete to participate in the Olympics?

2. Who is the second Indian woman to become a Chess Grandmaster?

3. Who is the youngest Indian to scale Mt Everest?

4. Who are the only three batsman that have scored triple centuries twice in the history of test cricket?

5. In the 1983 World Cup, who was the only member of the victorious Indian team to have not played a single game?

6. Which was the first sports event to be telecast live on television?

7. Who won the ICC cricketer of the year title in 2010?

8. Who reached semi-finals in most successive tournaments at US Open?

9. Which Indian cricketer scored three consecutive centuries at Lord's Cricket Ground?

Answers

1. Norman Gilbert Pritchard 2. Donavalli Harika 3. Arjun Vajpai (17yrs) 4. Don Bradman, Brian Lara and Virender Sehwag 5. Sunil Pal Singh 6. 1936 Berlin Olympics 7. Sachin Tendulkar 8. Jimmy Connors 9. Dilip Vengsarkar





The exposure at Amity has given me the vision to start a venture, Chocobluez, with my friends. Thank you Amity!

**Rohan Khare, Alumnus  
Amity Business School Noida**

## Open Up

Ishaan

Amity Institute of Biotechnology

Another afternoon, another of those settling down moments in Mc Donalds for random discussions....I notice kids playing with the 'Happy Meal' toy. By the end of the discussion, I had made up my mind to buy one meal for myself every week and once again build my collection.

I step out and ten steps down, I see an old man in his late 70s walking slowly with a stick. The man is decently dressed and as I inch closer, I discover that he is blind. The man is walking very slowly, wary of each step. As I cross the man, I see he is selling mops or 'pochas' as the common house-hold term goes.

I walk past him, but ten paces down I

have to stop. I can't help it. The man is old, blind and can hardly move. I walk towards the old man. He is really slow, scared and weary. I ask him if I can take him somewhere. He declines and says that he will manage.

I ask him, "What are you selling?"

"Pochas," he says in a deep voice, sounding quite surprised.



"Umm...how much?" I asked.

"264 for the set of 12."

"You get these for 5 or 10 bucks," said my friend Anirudh. But I had made up my mind. I reach out for my pocket. I already knew the amount in it. I hand it to him and I see him smile as he feels the notes and coins with his fingers.

As he says "Thank you" and turns around, I am feeling sad and a little silly already, but his smile makes everything worth it.

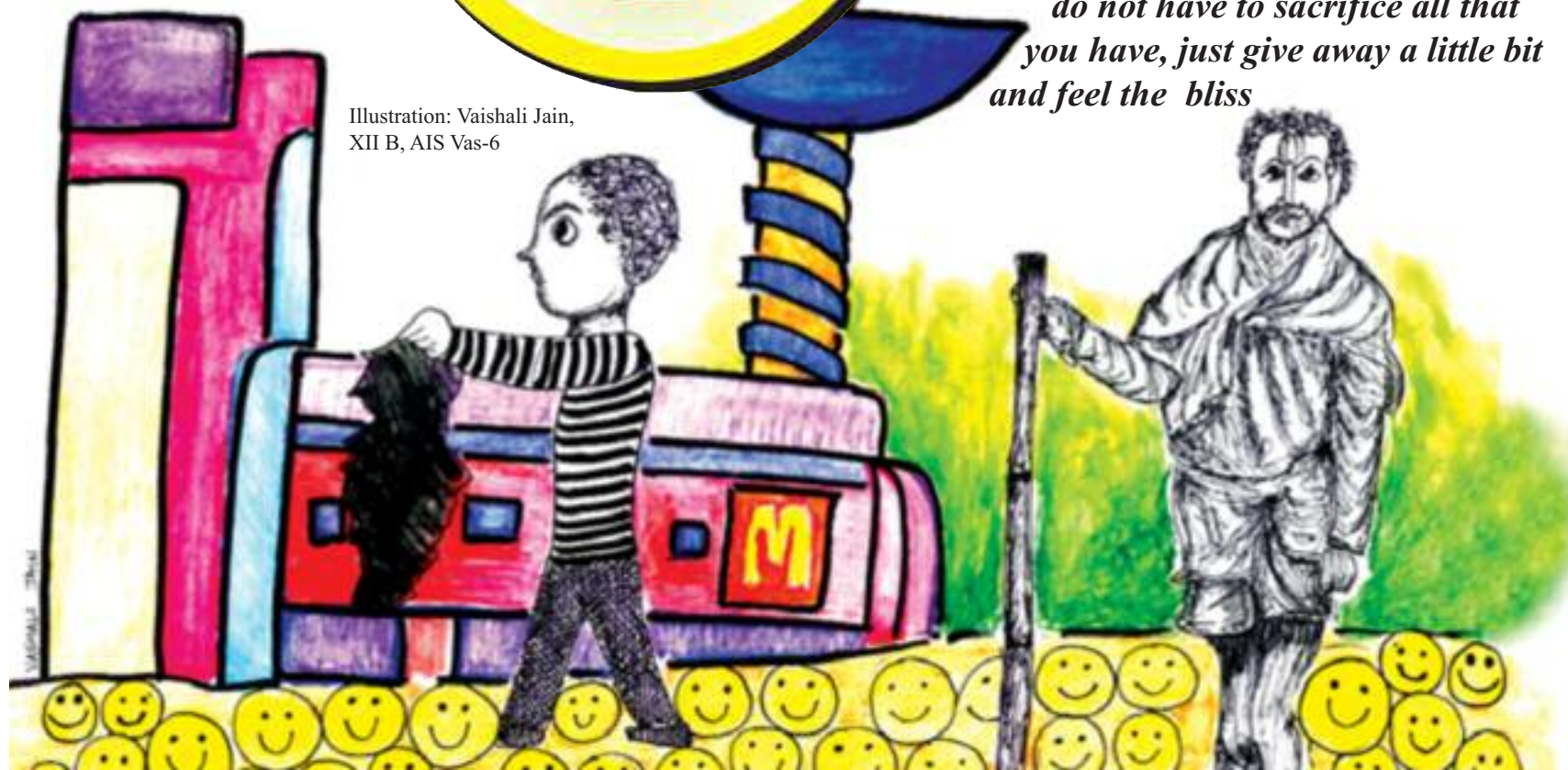
As we get inside the car, I wonder - that was like three Happy Meals and then I am forced to wonder about the ingratitude of the human race - how we spend each day cribbing about something or the other; mostly about money and unfulfilled desires. We forget to thank the Almighty for his countless mercies that he has bestowed upon us.

As I park my car with a deep sigh, I look at the back seat and finally have something to keep my mind off the old man - my mum was going to be one furious woman with my latest purchase.  

# give it away!

*The key to happiness is right here with you- in GIVING. You do not have to sacrifice all that you have, just give away a little bit and feel the bliss*

Illustration: Vaishali Jain,  
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## URBAN DICTIONARY

Shohit Raina

AIS Noida, X C

**Aarpings:** When an elderly person such as your grandfather complains incessantly about nothing.

**Sentence:** Grandpa ruined another family dinner by aarpings the whole time about his shirt.

**Tricicult:** A situation or a decision that is a cross between tricky and difficult.

**Sentence:** With the economy being so radically unstable, it can be tricicult playing the stock market.



**Woodstuck:** The mindset of a baby boomer who cannot mentally escape his or her personal experience in their mid 60s.

**Sentence:** Man that cat's woodstuck - he is still listening to Vanilla Fudge every day!

**Ghost paranoia:** A condition where a person is convinced that there is a ghost living in the house.

**Sentence:** She cant stop thinking about ghosts all day. She is suffering from ghost paranoia.

**Medicine head:** Mental fogginess that is usually a result of taking cold/flu medications.

**Sentence:** I have been on medications for this silly cold and cough and now I feel like a medicine head.  

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# AMITY-UNESCO heritage series



## The GT Media Literacy Project



## Part-VI

### Museums

Wish all you kids a very Happy New Year! Hope you all had lots of fun and rest during the winter holidays and are now rejuvenated to join school again. So how was 2011? Are there memories that you will cherish of the last year? Are there things or mementos that you would like to keep of 2011? If yes, where do you keep such valuables?

### Importance of Museums



The community and nations keep mementos and memories of bygone years in their Museums to showcase it to the world. The valuables that they keep are called collections, which could be objects, photographs, paintings, videos and documentaries, jewellery and clothes etc. Usually, a museum stores and displays movable objects. And that is how sometimes you can also see the museum collections of other countries in your city as the Museums sometimes lend their collections for display. Remember the Nizam's Jewellery collection when it came to Delhi from Hyderabad?

### Kinds of Museums

There are different kinds of museums all across the world, like Art museum that showcases visual art eg. National Gallery of Modern Art in Delhi; Science museums that display science development over the years. History Museums (eg. Natural History in Delhi) also preserve the ancient discoveries for display. There are also museums devoted to certain specific objects like the Rail Museum and Toilet Museum in Delhi. The other kinds of museums

include people centric museums as Gandhi Museum, Technology Museum, aquaria, zoos, science centers, outdoor, farm, children's, maritime, Eco-museums, specialized collections, music, popular culture, nature centers, historic sites, community museums, narrative museums, etc.

### Museums for edutainment

Museums established earlier as repositories or store houses to house collections have now assumed a new role to serve the society with an emphasis on enjoyment and education Museums now encourage people like you to come and not just get educated about the museum but enjoy it and use it as part of their community space. Delhi has lots of museums and I am sure that as part of the school education, you must have visited them. So which Museum is your favourite and which experience did you enjoy the most?  

### Student Activity

Try to find out how many museums there are in Delhi. Make a list of how many museums you have visited with family/friends/school in Delhi or outside. Note down one museum that you really enjoyed, and then share and compare the experience with others.

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**UNESCO – United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, is an organization, which was established in 1945 at the end of the Second World War with the aim to create peace through education, science and culture.**

**How to participate?** We present the sixth part of 'Heritage Series', spread over ten parts. Cut out each part, complete the activity and design your own Heritage scrapbook. At the end of the series, submit your scrapbook to your school GT co-ordinator or post it at *The Global Times, E-26, Defence Colony, New Delhi- 110024*. Entries can also be mailed to [gtnmail@theglobaltimes.in](mailto:gtnmail@theglobaltimes.in). All complete & correct entries shall receive a participation certificate. One complete and best entry stands a chance to win the mega prize.



I would like to thank my faculty and parents for the Gold medal. I started working right from day one just to get this!

**Akriti Jha, Alumnus**  
Amity International Business School



# Inspired to serve



**Dr. Amita Chauhan**  
Chairperson

A career in defence forces has always been associated with warfare. On the contrary, it is a profession which has a quality of heroism and enhanced quality of life attached to it. Till a few decades ago, a livelihood in defence forces was seen as rewarding and glamorous. It was seen as the only profession which offered a great opportunity for growth and good life. It won't be an exaggeration to say that serving officers enjoyed the privilege of dining with the kings and sipping with the commoners. Apart from offering an opportunity to see the world, a career in armed forces helps men and women enhance their physical fitness and also aids in their physical and mental development. It not only instills a sense of loyalty, leadership and courage; but also inculcates self discipline, professionalism, a sense of heritage and pride, comradeship and respect for others. The attitude, knowledge and skills acquired during training not only helps them serve their organization better, but even their motherland better. It is one such profession which trains you not only to be an officer but also a gentleman for life. With security operations becoming more technologically driven and dependent on intelligence, there is an urgent requirement of highly motivated and trained officers in the forces. We at Amity Indian Military College (AIMC) train men to become courageous, mentally and physically agile and help them acquire ability to deal with mental and physical pressure. Truly, a career in the Armed Forces fosters the making of a wholesome personality, and indeed, a wholesome life. 🇮🇳

# Magical 2012



**Vira Sharma**  
Managing Editor

There is something about January that sets the mood for a fresh start. It makes you feel good to remember the merry happenings of the year gone by and hope for the same in the ensuing New Year. It makes you feel good to forget the not-so-nice memories and let bygones, be bygones.

For the GT team, the year 2011 was a leap forward as we went weekly, celebrated several special days, devoted to issues ranging from 100 years of Delhi, environment, Gujarat, Freedom of Press and not to forget the terrific year ending issue that received an overwhelming response. It has definitely set the momentum for us to give our best in 2012. The GT team is all geared up to dish out a new gourmet to cater to the taste of every Amity palette. For each of us, every New Year brings with it, abundant energy to accomplish our dreams. All that one needs to do is to make a plan and stick to the same to be able to make it happen. It's important to set the goals in perspective and stretch our efforts to achieve the same. But what is more important is to be flexible in your plans. Flexibility, reduces the stress and makes the process enjoyable. Begin with specific goals but be ready to chuck plans that do not seem to work out. Constant assimilation and adjustment to new changes is what churns out magic. So get ready for more magic and have a great New Year. 🇮🇳

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# The perfect note

**He represents the doyen of Indian Classical music and it won't be a metaphor to refer to his music as a timeless spiritual resonance, which possesses healing power. Pt Chote Lal, in an interview to Aman Singh Jaswal and Fatima Ashima Taqdees of Amity Institute of English Studies and Research, speaks about his passion and great legacy.**

**You are an acclaimed composer, dancer, singer, instrumentalist, choreographer and poet. Which role do you enjoy playing the most?**

For much of the world, music is a language, but for me it is something that consumes me passively. It is something that is embedded in my soul. It is very difficult to distillate music from my life. Whether it is dance, instrumental music, choreography or composing, we can see a harmonious blend of poetry, ragas and rhythm beautifully weaved in to create a masterpiece.



Pic: Archie Raj, AIESR

Pt Chote Lal (C) with Aman Singh Jaswal and Fatima Ashima Taqdees

**Who has been your role model?**

I have always drawn inspiration from renowned Kathak dancer Pandit Narayan Prasad and his contemporaries. He not only has command on the most intricate beats, he is quite proficient in emoting too. His performance leave the audience spell-bound and mesmerized.

**Do you think classical music is not as popular as western music among the youth today?**

The major reason behind the decrement in popularity of Indian classical

music is that the youth sees it as monotonous, dull and boring. They get attracted to the raw and pulsating energy exuded by Western music; little realizing that Indian classical music is a gateway to the ancient, enduring Indian culture which is meditative at one moment and ecstatic at the other.

**What was the sole purpose behind setting up Sangeet Pratibha Vikas Parishad?**

The main aim behind setting up Sangeet Pratibha Vikas Parishad was to provide training and mastery in dif-

ferent forms of art, irrespective of caste, age and colour of the student. I consider polishing these uncut diamonds as a privilege bestowed by God. I feel overwhelmed when I see my student Sonu Nigam scaling new heights in the music world. Sonu was a struggler when he approached me and today he is a name to reckon with.

**What are the challenges that budding classical singers should get ready to face in their career path?**

I am an ardent believer that a great artist cannot be created; he is blessed with talent from birth. The talent can be honed by a good guru but concerted efforts are required from the student's end. Regular *riyaz* is essential to retain the velvet quality of the voice. A student of classical music should possess not only good taste and mastery over different languages, s/he should also have the ability to portray the right emotion through their rendition. However, the commercial success of an artist depends upon voice quality and dollops of luck.

**You have trained the likes of Sonu Nigam. What were his qualities that have made him reach this stage today?**

The qualities that have made Sonu Nigam zoom to the top are his golden voice and inherent desire to learn. He is one singer who has the courage to criticize his own work. 🇮🇳



# We end with a BANG!

**The Global Times 2011 year ending issue wrapped the year with a (creative) bang. Laced with style, peppered with quality content and tempered with news, the edition found itself stuck under many a specs and souls. And it is not us saying that...**

## In the Newsroom

**If the readers were happy, the ones who made the edition were happier.**

It looked wow. Now, I can say that I'm professionally an illustrator.

**Manisha Pundir, XI, AIS Saket**

From working for the edition to seeing the results in print, was a breathtaking journey. Thanks GT for bringing alive the artist in me.

**Sanchay Goswami, ASCO**

I absolutely fell in love with the edition. I wish we could churn out more of such interesting issues.

**Supriya Choudhary, ASCO**

For me, the Movers and Shakers issue of GT was newspaper@love at first sight. The designing was particularly very impressive. It left me craving for my weekly dose of infotainment more. Truly, *yeh dil mange more!*

**Vandana Kochhar**  
BTech, ASET

The year ender issue of GT was truly mind blowing. Be it the illustrations, content or designs; everything about it was different and truly ahead of several dailies.

**Lakshika, ASCO**

Who says newspapers are boring? Read GT to get rid of the myth. I

simply enjoyed playing the game of snakes and ladders with my friends.

**Shreya Malhotra, BTech, ASET**

It was a beautiful and innovative way to wrap up the year. Kudos to The Global Times for bringing out such a colourful and beautiful edition!

**Megha Arora, AIB**

The 2011 final edition was awesome. Brilliant. Loved it!

**Medhavi Arora, XII, AIS Noida**

The 'Movers & Shakers' edition was fabulous. It was indeed one of the best GT editions ever.

**Simran Sachdeva, X, AIS PV**

# GT M@il

## A new hobby

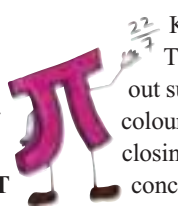


Many times I wave off questions regarding my pass time/hobby by saying 'Facebook'. However, the last

December issue has changed things. Now, grabbing GT is the one. The beautiful popping out illustrations on page 12 made me think. Colourful characters on the page made it more engaging. To my pleasure, this page covered all heads in entertainment. I loved the tribute to the stars. It is a great thing to remember those we have loved and lost. Next time, I would love to see a little about Television as well. Fun, catchy, and entertaining is how I would define the year ender edition of The Global Times.

**Snigdha Gautam, X A, AIS Saket**

## Fun Learning



Kudos to The Global Times for having brought out such a vibrant and colourful issue to mark the closing of the year 2011. The concept of organizing the

articles in the form of popular games really caught the attention of the readers: young and old alike. I think it is a great way of informing and educating the students. Now, the kids would know the changed value of pi amidst so many other things! You do not really have to get kids to mug up a GK book, when you have special issues like this coming up. It also set a new benchmark for the schools to follow for their own contest issues. The response of the students was overwhelming as they poured over the paper with interest. 🇮🇳

**Shalini Aggarwal**  
Teacher, AIS Gur 43





Graduating is a proud moment for all of us. I am extremely happy today.

**Anupam Agarwal, Alumnus  
Amity Business School (ABS) Noida**

# Be selective with conscription, says US

United States, May 1917

US seems to have found a way to overcome the drawbacks of conscription or compulsory military service. The country introduced the 'Selective Service System'

which requires males in the country to register with the government at the age of 18. The programme will serve as a contingency plan so that a draft can be resumed if needed. This means that the country will not waste its human resource on training

personnel during peacetime, when a huge army may not be required. Conscription has often been ridiculed for having a high cost to benefit ratio. A nation may not need conscripts at the time of peace. The cost spent on training here in goes waste. Instead, the same individuals could be deployed for other productive purposes in nation and contribute to the nation's economy, which in turn could be used to fund the military.

Apart from a high cost to benefit ratio, conscription "negates man's fundamental right—the right to life," said Ayn Rand, Russian-American philosopher & novelist. Some other arguments against conscription include political objections to a disliked government, forcing citizens to leave the country in order to evade service and the likelihood of unpopular war.



## An alternative approach to serve

India, January 16, 2012

As India celebrates, National Army Day, the debate 'Should military service be made mandatory?' again comes to the fore. While yes or no are obvious answers, there are others who argue for an alternate to conscription. Conscription in outside military roles can be an option as is the case with

countries like Zivildenst, Austria, Switzerland that provide alternative service in outside-combat roles. Some even argue for incentive based conscription. The Babylonian Empire used an incentive based conscription system called *Ilkum*. The conscripts served the army during war and worked as laborers during peacetime and were in turn given the right to hold land.

# Concept Conscription

*Conscription or compulsory military service is an age old phenomenon. Countries like Republic of China have followed it since 1949. Turkey, Egypt, Russia, Singapore, Switzerland and many other nations still abide by the concept of conscripted soldiers; though, the laws vary from one nation to the other. Often referred to as draft, there is a little more to the phenomenon than just 'mandatory service'. It has been through numerous twists and turns, sometimes lauded for fostering a strong army and on other occasions ridiculed for violating human rights. Bhawna Tuteja, GT Network flips through pages of history to bring you the various facets of obligatory service.*

## End to racism?

Malaysia, December 2003

Malaysia introduced the 'Service Training Programme', a form of conscription in a bid to address the country's concern of different races being isolated from each other. The programme, which involves selective drafting of 18 year old conscripts, aims at encouraging friendship between the youth of different races.

Conscription, which has been con-

demned by many for violating individual rights, may not be that bad after all. It does have its fair share of advantages as well. Involving the youth with the army can help instill the much needed discipline, so believed American psychologist & philosopher William James. Italian historian Niccolò Machiavelli too argued strongly for conscription, as he considered the professional armies the cause of failure of societal unity in Italy.

## Mexico Draws for military

Mexico, 1940

While conscription was effective by state of law in Mexico since 1910, the state has now introduced a lottery system. The lottery system envisages a system where a white ball or a black ball will be drawn. Those who draw a black ball will report for duty, whereas those who draw a white ball will be exempt from

any military services, but go on the rolls for emergency reserve. In certain cities, the lottery also includes a blue ball representing service in the navy.



## French take cue from China

France, 1790

Following the French Revolution, compulsory military service has been introduced in France in a bid to create a strong and powerful military. Many European nations are following suite by implementing compulsory military service during peacetime for men in a certain age group to serve for 1-3 years on active duty.

However, the Frenchmen are definitely not the first ones to make military service mandatory. The concept of conscription or compulsory military service dates back to 221 BC, when the Qin empire instituted universal military service by registering every household. The empire amassed a huge military that later proved instrumental in conquering the whole of China. Following unification, historical records show that a total of 300,000 conscript soldiers and 500,000 conscript labourers constructed the Great Wall of China.

Though, there are several nations following the concept of 'mandatory military service', the laws vary from one nation to the other.



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# The devil’s blue car

Sanjana Garg, AIS Noida, X I


Paul Waltz, in a fit of bravery, had seen the scariest movie ever made, alone, at night. He would soon realize how wrong he was. Now, he has to return to his house which is 14 km away, which passes by a cemetery. Not any cemetery, but the one which is said to house the spirit of bloody Mary, the one who kills them all. “Don’t worry, you have a car, bloody Mary can’t travel faster than the car,” thought Waltz. But it was certainly not in his fate to go home safely that night. Call it luck, or destiny whatever, but his car broke down. Now

forced to go home on foot, Waltz took the unwise decision of taking a short cut through the cemetery. Determined to reach home quickly, he began to run. The sound of the Indian anklet, and bloody Mary’s voice followed. With pulse pounding madly, he ran even quicker. Stumbling in the dark, he finally reached the cemetery door and sat down to take a deep breath when suddenly few coins fell out of his pocket. That was when it dawned on him. “Oh! This was bloody Mary’s anklet. How stupid I am!” he said to himself. Fully convinced in the non-existence of ghosts, he decided to take a lift back home. Suddenly, he saw a car

passing by. He raised his left hand to indicate that he wanted a lift. As if on cue, the car stopped in front of him. Not believing his luck, he got in the passenger seat of the car. “Thanks a lot for the lift, my friend,” Paul said, turning to face the driver, only there was no driver. The car started moving down a slope, now gaining speed. Paul was now sweating heavily, he was scared out of his wits. After what seemed like ages to Paul, the car slowed down at a petrol pump. Breaking down the door in desperation, Paul fled for his life. What was left was the car and the petrol pump man. When Paul saw this, a ghostly car was all he could

imagine. Before he could react, a man emerged from behind the car and said, ‘I don’t know what is the matter with that man, my car ran out of petrol an hour ago, and I have been pushing it from behind since; when I stopped to take a breath, this man got in my car to take a lift. Before I could stop him, I accidentally pushed the car not realizing there was a slope in the front and when the incline finished and the car slowed down, he saw the petrol pump, he ran as if he had seen a ghost. Crazy, some people are, I tell you!’ The petrol pump man could not help but laugh crazily. As for Paul Waltz, well, now the story of a the devil’s blue car is famous in his village. 🇺🇸🇩🇪

Chocolate Cream Cake



Himanshu Taneja  
Amity School of Hospitality

Ingredients

Flour (Maida) .....175g  
70% Cocoa powder.....3 tbsp  
Coffee powder (optional).....1 tsp  
Butter .....175g  
Golden caster sugar .....175g  
Baking powder.....1 tsp  
Eggs.....3  
Milk .....1-2 tbsp  
70% dark chocolate.....100g  
Double cream (for icing).....500ml  
Milk chocolate (for icing) .....500g

Method

1

Make the icing first as it takes time to cool and thicken. Heat cream in a pan until simmering. Mix it with milk chocolate and stir well. Cool the mixture till really thick and spreadable.

2

Heat the oven to 180° C . Butter and base-line 2 x 18cm sandwich tins with baking parchment.

3

Put all the cake ingredients, except the chocolate in a large bowl. Beat them together with an electric whisk (or whizz in a food processor) until you have a creamy mixture, then fold in the melted dark chocolate. Add some milk if the mix is too stiff - it should fall easily from a spoon.

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Brush ‘n’ Easel

Pukhraj Singh Chandok  
IGCSE Grade 10, AGS Gurgaon




Manibha Sharma  
AIS Noida, VIII A

On the new years eve, after late partying, and dancing all night, we douse off to sleep. The next day we wake up, at 12 or so.. thinking about the new year resolution we would have to make. Off I go to brush, hoping to think of one. Could it be to study hard, or to be a nice gal,

Seeing its 2012, and the world is going to end (probably not. Actually, definitely not) and all, this might be the last year we all ever get to live. So, honoring that, my new year’s resolution is to drown myself in music completely. Learn how to play the violin, complete my Grade 6 piano, get the first video of my vocals ready and play, just play. Once that’s done, I also hope to take up

Resolution 2012

or to speak in English? Oho.. all these are breakable.... should it be to wake up early?



PCMB in 11th and survive.

Labanya Maitra, AIS Saket, X C

The first thing in my resolutiton list will definitely be better time management

Or to complete my home work on time, or to avoid video games? God... I can do none !! .....An idea..... Let all of them be mine, because once a great man said, rules are meant to be broken But here comes mom’s answer, great men said a lot of things, but you pay heed to none. All you do is rest, and break promises ahead. Off I douse to sleep, as her lectures are never ending geeks and I advice you to leave !!! 🇺🇸🇩🇪

and organization of my studies and extra curriculars! Also, I would like to learn cooking to satisfy my mother and overcome my laziness.

Kashish Minocha, AIS Saket, X



Indulge myself into reading more books and try to control my stress by not worrying all the time!

Raveena Nayyar, AIS Saket

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My parents feel proud to see me graduate.  
And I feel awesome to see them happy!

Abha, Alumna  
Amity Business School Noida

# The tale of the magic key

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## Short Story



Priyansh Shishodia, AIS Vas-1, VII B

A few days ago, I found a key in my father's suitcase. Just to have fun, I swung the key like a lasso in the air. On the third swing, the key drew a permanent white line in thin air. I stopped swinging it and waited. Suddenly, the circle was filled with orange colour and I saw sere plants all around, I knew it was another world. Suddenly, a Cyclop jumped out with a poniard in his hand, thrashing anything or anyone that

came in his way. I prayed to God that no more Cyclops should jump out. I skipped a heartbeat, when I saw myriads of Cyclops standing in the circle staring at me with one eye.

I ran and threw the key in the river knowing that Cyclops hate water. But he saw me and started chasing me. He probably knew I was the one who made him come out of his dimension. I think Cyclops can read minds because the Cyclops knew my name and I don't recall telling them my name. It was a stormy

A Cyclop jumped out with a poniard in his hand, thrashing anything or anyone that came in his way.

night. I could hear the clapping of thunder. I ran as fast as I could. There was a Cyclop named Tyson chasing me. He was yelling, "Jack! Give me the key!" I ran into a narrow alley and lost him. When I was away from the Cyclops in the alley, I looked in my briefcase for the key and I found it.

Now I needed to think of a plan to get the Cyclops to their home, and then it struck me. I went behind the Cyclops and I swung the keys in front of him three times while jumping. As expected, the white line and then the sere plants appeared; in went the Cyclops. The Cyclops gave me a wicked look before they finally vanished.

I tried to act as if nothing had happened. But, all in vain, as the whole town was practically destroyed and the news faculty was on it for days. 🇮🇳 🇮🇳

## Chocolate Mousse



Sansita shows off her Chocolate Mousse

Sansita Dewani, AIS PV, I B

### Ingredients

Hide-n-seek biscuits .....1 pkt  
Milkmaid.....2 tsp  
Milk.....2 tsp  
Gems/ Dry fruits/  
Chocolate chips .....For garnish

### Method

Preparation (For two people)

- Take a bowl and crush biscuits.
- Add two tablespoons of milkmaid.
- Now, add four tablespoons of milk and mix all the ingredients thoroughly.
- Put the mixture in a microwave for two minutes at medium heat.
- Take it out and allow it to cool till it gets thicker.
- Garnish it gems/ dry fruits/ chocolate chips. 🇮🇳 🇮🇳

## It's Me

My name: Navya Garg

My School: AIS Vas-6

My class: III D

My Bday: January 22, 2003

I like: To go to karate class

I hate: When someone calls me while playing

My best friends: Kanchi, Ridhi, Siya

My favourite books: Matilda, Charlie and the chocolate factory

My favourite mall: Shipra mall

My favourite food: Dal makhni, Shahi paneer with naan and curd

My favourite teachers: Anupma

Ma'am, Tanushree Ma'am

My favourite subject: Hindi

I want to become: Doctor

I want to feature in GT: I want everybody to see me.



# My teacher took my iPod

## POEM

Nandiinii Siingh, AIS G-46, V D

My teacher took my iPod.  
She said they had a rule,  
I couldn't bring it into class  
or even to the school.  
She said she would return it,  
I'd have it back today.  
But then she tried my  
headphones on  
and clicked on Play.  
She looked a little startled,  
but after just a while,  
she made sure we  
were occupied  
and cracked a wicked smile.

Her body started swaying.

Her toes began to tap.

She soon was grooving in

her seat and rocking

to the rap.

My teacher

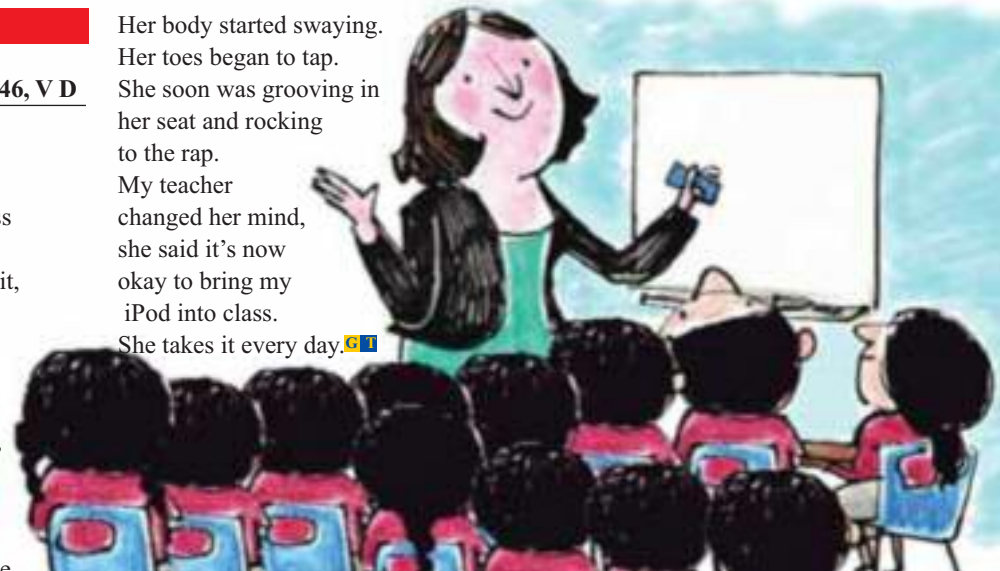
changed her mind,

she said it's now

okay to bring my

iPod into class.

She takes it every day. 🇮🇳 🇮🇳



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Kheeshika Dang, AIS Saket, III A



# Resolution 2012



I will keep my environment tidy in every way. I am determined to become an obedient child and think positively.

Aarsheya Gupta, V A, AIS Saket

From this new year I will save money everyday so that I can help someone. I will also follow the three R's- Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

Sonsie Khatri, III B, AIS Saket

I promise to be a responsible kid. I will never argue with my sister and concentrate well on my studies.

Shweta Sahu, III B, AIS Saket

I will obey my elders and be a sharing and caring girl. Also, I will win many competitions.

Tanishi Adhikari, III B, AIS Saket

I want to be a topper in each subject and

become a voracious reader. I also want to become a patient girl.

Resham Talwar, III A, AIS Saket

This year, I will work hard to score high marks in my exams. I also want to be my teacher's favourite student in the next class.

Himadri Seth, V A, AIS PV

My new year resolution is to work hard, speak the truth and try to excel in whatever I do.

Chirag Sethi, AIS Saket

So, what are your resolutions for the year 2012? 🇮🇳 🇮🇳



# Santa Factory sets X-mas mood

Pomp, gaiety and devotion marked the Christmas celebrations at Amiown Noida and Vasundhra

Celebrations are an integral part of Amiown and the month of December saw Amies soaking in the spirit of Christmas. The children were explained the significance of Christmas and how the festival is the time for reunions, sharing and caring. A host of activities were designed keeping in mind the theme of the fiesta. Nativity plays depicting the birth of Jesus Christ, carols, songs and Christmas tree decoration made the celebrations more joyful. A surprise visit by Santa Claus brought cheers and smiles on the faces of the little ones.

## Santa's factory

The celebrations began with a visit to the beautifully decorated ACERT classroom which had been specially converted into Santa's factory. The room decorated with balloons and stars was a visual treat for the children who also saw how the gifts delivered by Santa were wrapped. They also enjoyed a play on nativity depicting the birth of Jesus Christ put together by ACERT trainees. The kids were happy to have Santa amongst them. They happily posed with him and Rudolf, the red nose reindeer. However, it was gifts and goodies from Santa that made the little angels happy.



My Christmas tree is the best

## Party time

Christmas is a time to rejoice and what better way to celebrate than having fun at a theme party. 'Mad Hatters' party organized by Amiown Noida on December 23, 2011, was once such attempt. The children dressed in beautiful costumes adorning amazing hats had a gala time. They not only enjoyed listening to their favourite Christmas songs such as 'Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer', 'We

Wish You a Merry Christmas' and 'Jingle bells' but also enjoyed dancing to these numbers. The children also relished snacks served to them and went back home with one of the art & craft item created by them.

## Creative high

The little ones worked as a team to decorate their room for Christmas. They prepared sparkling mistletoes, brightly

## Santa comes calling



**Aster Class:** The little ones decorated their class with self created 'green wreath, X-Mas bells and Santa mask.

**Daffodil Class:** The shining Christmas star along with beautifully decorated Christmas tree was a sight to behold.

**Pansy Class:** The little angels set the mood for the festival by creating scenes of Christmas night and by preparing star stick Santa and stockings.

**Orchid Class:** The children were excited making the snow man and snow flakes decorated with glitter.

coloured flowers, bells, Santa masks, wreath and Rudolf. It was a pleasure to watch children don the artistic hat to prepare snowman, snow flakes, star stick Santa, stockings and recreate scenes from Christmas night.



## Let's Read

Amiown Gurgaon played proud host to renowned children's author Anushka Ravishankar on December 23, 2011 who read out excerpts from her collection. The first ever reading session organized under 'Read Aloud' series saw the author reading out self authored stories like 'Elephants never forget', 'Catch that Crocodile', 'To Market To Market' in an interesting way, which left the children and parents spellbound. The event also saw Ms Sapna Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amiown blessing the children with her presence. In her address to the parents, she said that the school plans to invite many eminent authors for such Read Aloud story sessions. She said such sessions help inculcate reading habit amongst children at an early age and foster curiosity for books. The way these books are written helps enhance the reading and narrative skills of Amies.


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## Fun at Zoo



It's an animal world Off to the zoo

Fun, frolic and learning about the huge animal kingdom; the trip to the zoo had it all

Excursions serve as a unique educational tool. They help to reinforce lessons and use exciting experiences to engage students. And what better way to introduce the children to the animal kingdom than organizing a visit to the zoological park. A visit to the zoo, situated in the heart of the capital proved to be an enriching experience for the little ones from Amiown Pushp Vihar, who enjoyed the field trip. The week preceding the trip saw the teachers talking to the children about zoo and showing them pictures of animals they would be seeing during their visit. The children were engaged in activities focusing on different animals. The much awaited day saw an excited bunch of children huddling quickly into their buses and heading for their dream destination. The first sight of the majestic animals took their breath away! Squeals of

delight could be heard from the different trolleys, which were used to commute from one animal enclosure to another. The eager kids burst into spontaneous rhymes about animals as soon as they came into view. The children accompanied by their teachers got off at strategic spots to have a closer and better look of the animals. This was followed by a volley of questions from the curious young bunch, which were addressed by their concerned teachers. The next day saw the children waiting for the Circle time to share their experiences. It took only a couple of open ended questions to start the animated discussion. The Zoo visit finally culminated for the children when they expressed themselves collaboratively in an art activity. The activity enabled the participants to put to use whatever they had learnt during the field trip.





I really miss giggling during the classes and the late nights at the hostel, spent cooking and eating Maggi!

**Kanak, Alumnus**  
Amity Business School Noida

# Calm the soul, teach the mind

Renowned psychologist Dr Rick Levy shares with teachers the mantra to keep going as strong facilitators

## AIS Pushp Vihar

Amity believes in the time tested theory that learning is a life-long and never ending process and the day we cease to learn, we cease to grow. The philosophy has always prodded all the educators at Amity to strive for excellence everyday. Keeping in sync with the philosophy, a workshop was organized for teachers of AIS Pushp Vihar and AIS Saket by renowned clinical psychologist Dr. Rick Levy at AIS Pushp Vihar on December 15, 2011. The topic of the workshop was 'Enhancing Teachers' Emotional, Spiritual and Holistic Wellbeing for Effective Student Growth'. The event was graced by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity group of Schools. Dr. Rick Levy reiterated the significance of a teacher in a child's life. He said that the job of a teacher was the most important job in the society and for a teacher to do his/her job well, a teacher must be rejuvenated. This is where meditation comes to play. Dr Levy emphasized on the significance of meditation and stated that meditation is the most effective medium to optimize the body, mind and soul. This was followed by an insight into 'Scientific Meditation' propagated by him. He gave a brief overview of the structure of the

**Flame of joy** Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan lights the auspicious lamp with Dr Rick Levy



mind and also spoke about the energy field that surrounds us. He said that our thoughts govern energy at the 'Quantum' or sub-atomic level and that radiation from the brain can be focused to influence the energy fields associated with other people, places and objects in order to achieve any noble goal. Soon, he led everyone present into a soothing and calming world with a meditation exercise. The ac-

tivity was followed by an interactive session where he answered all individual queries regarding effective meditation practice. He said that meditation for half an hour everyday is a must for an individual to curb stress and lead a happy and fulfilling life. Such workshops are always a welcome for the teaching community who need such timely morale boosting capsules and rejuvenation. [G](#) [U](#)

Google the Doodle Kavya and Saumya



## Doodle-do!

### AIS Vasundhara-6

Google organised a 'Doodle 4 Google' competition, which saw 1,55,000 entries from across the country out of which 45 finalists were chosen. The theme was 'India's gift to the world'. Two students from AIS Vas-6, Kavya Aggrawal and Saumya Sharma were shortlisted among the 45 finalists and their doodles were voted as the 'Favourite doodles for Google' for the year. Kavya's doodle captioned 'Present perfect, future also perfect' showcased the numerous gifts India has given to the world. It depicted India as the creator of zero, the founder of the religion of Buddhism and the maker of the musical instrument Flute. Saumya Sharma's doodle depicted the symbols of all the religions - Islam, Hinduism, Sikhism and Christianity. It symbolized unity in diversity, explaining how people of different religious faiths and diverse cultures live in unity and harmony in India. [G](#) [U](#)

# A footing career

## AIS Vasundhara - 6

Joy Bakshi, AIS Vas-6, XI A

As a part of a career workshop, students of AIS Vasundhara 6 visited the Footwear Design and Development Institute of India (FDDI). The students accompanied by their counselors Meenu Bhargava, Saloni and Isha were taken on a whirlwind tour of the institute through a presentation by Sandeep Bhatia, Assistant Director (Training), FDDI. The visit aimed at acquainting the students with the nuances of the footwear designing industry and the scope it has to offer as a career. The students were ap-

prised about the various fields in the industry where they could seek placements after possessing a diploma from the institute. During an interaction with Mr Bhatia, the students were briefed about the special footwear which was designed by the institute to meet the needs of the armed forces, stationed in rough terrain. They were also shown the footwear specially crafted to meet the needs of handicap people and sportspersons. Sandeep Bhatia also familiarized students with other aspects of the industry such as sourcing raw material, quality control, store operations, designing, etc. This was followed by a short trip to the various departments of the institute. The trip proved to be enriching for the students. [G](#) [U](#)



# Dancing hues

## AIS Noida

Usha Verma, AIS Noida, Teacher

On November 22, 2011, under the aegis of SPIC MACAY, Amity International School, Noida, played proud host to Kathak danseuse, Padmashree Shovana Narayan. During her scintillating dance performance, she was accompanied by vocalist Madhav Prasad, Mahavirji on

the 'Pakhavaj' and Vijayji on the 'Sitar'. The esteemed artists were warmly welcomed and facilitated with gracious words by Renu Singh, Principal, AIS Noida. She also extended her deep appreciation on behalf of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, who greatly appreciates and values our Indian heritage that includes classical dance forms as well.

During her dance recital, Shovana dis-

played exceptional skills showcasing her unique kathak style of *aamad, that, tode & tukde*. Her 'Nritya' was unforgettable with perfect execution of rhythmical feet and corresponding body movements. She began with *Vishnu Stuti*. She was 'Krishna' for a one moment and 'Natwar' for another. She also personified different animals, including the peacock, our national bird. She eloquently spoke about Ram and Sita as well as the social issue of untouchability. [G](#) [U](#)



I love you" set the mood for the day. The students shared memories of the moments they spent with their grandparents via an action medley. A spectacular qawali was the highlight of the evening. Students honoured their grandparents with adorable gifts made by them. [G](#) [U](#)

## To animals, with love



## AIS Vasundhara-1

AIS Vasundhara-1 recently conducted a special assembly on 'Animals' for students of Class Nursery D on November 23, 2011. The special assembly was aimed at sensitizing the kids towards the needs and well being of animals. All children came beautifully dressed in animal outfits and wore masks. Props like banners and cutouts of various animals were also used to teach the kids. School Principal and headmistress attended the special as-

sembly and encouraged the students. They lauded the efforts that the students and the teachers had put in. The assembly began with a prayer which was followed by a brief introduction of different animals, explaining how they help us, their home, the food etc. The children danced on the songs "Old Mac Donald..." & "Jungle mein janwar..." Yahvi, a student dressed as a bear then made a plea to the children to love and protect animals and not to tease or kill them as they are our friends. [G](#) [U](#)

# Grand love

## Amity International School, Lucknow

AIS Lucknow celebrated Grandparents Day on December 7, 2011. The day aimed at acknowledging and appreciating the incomparable love and care that grandparents bestow upon their young ones. The occasion was graced by eminent educationist Dr J Bhatti, Guest of Honour along with Major General K K Ohri, Director General, Amity University and Nirmal Ohri.

The welcome song "Oh Grandpa! Oh Grandma! You know that

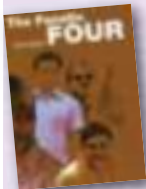


# He's born Vid'it'!

What happens when you scribble a few pages on one of those nothing-better-to-do-days and they turn into a bestseller? Well, that's what Vidit Chopra, a student of Amity University, B Tech, 2nd year, Computer Science wizard, writer, gadget freak, blogger and author of 'The Fanatic Four', would have us believe. Priya, AUUP brings to you his different facets



## The Fanatic Four



This teen fiction is about four friends who hate being bookworms and end up getting low grades. But, they are happy. The novel gives an insight into their highs and lows, their relationships dexterously encapsulating their emotional journey as they strive to achieve their goals. It describes how difficult things get if one doesn't think straight. Do they finally manage to make it big in life? To know more, grab a copy from your nearest store.

**Once a writer, always a writer?**  
I was always interested in writing. I used to write a lot during school and soon it became a hobby. Writing is in my genes. (We told you, he's born Vid'it'!) My dad wrote a number of plays, which were performed throughout the country. His play 'Vama Swaha' was telecast on DD.

**How did 'The Fanatic Four' happen? Is it a real story?**  
I started writing the book on one of those days when there was nothing better to do. I chose the characters, tried to keep

them close to reality and formed a fictitious story! Of course, nothing can be purely fiction. There are certain parts of the book, which are close to reality. As for the character of Vidit in the book, I have tried to portray him completely opposite to the way I am in real life.

**Observerzparadise.com. What a blog!**  
OP was a personal blog till a few months back but now it's an e-zine providing the latest in sports, movie & music reviews, technology etc. I continue to write and

share my views about life and things that interest me. The site has gained popularity, but there's a long way to go.

**As a writer, what are the challenges that you face?**  
The most challenging thing for a writer is keeping the reader involved. Different readers have different choices, some like to analyse the expressions, words and sentences and some want to concentrate more on the story. Striking a perfect balance between the two is a difficult task.

**A quote that you believe in...**  
"Originality is the art of concealing the original." Nothing actually is original, but is inspired from somewhere or the other. Nothing can ever be 100% original and if it seems so, because the roots of its inspiration are still unknown.

**What's the future: a gadget guru or a writer?**  
I am a gadget freak. My love for gadgets has been fanned by my cousins Arpit and Gaurav. I might end up being an IT guy, I might still be managing the site,

but I know one thing; I will be writing for sure. Who knows, I might end up doing all three!

**Parting shot...**  
I'd like to thank all my friends for being with me and bearing my tantrums; and my Observerz Paradise team for believing in me. I am grateful to my parents and teachers who have always been there to guide me. Special thanks to all readers and critics, for they are the reason for what I am today. 🙏🇮🇳

# A Crazilicious Food~O~Tour!

Tired of McDonalds & Pizza Hut? For all you foodies, we bring to you some outrageous eateries from across the globe!

Imaging: Satjit Singh, AIS PV, XI C



**Tanmay Goel, AIS PV, IX C**

**'Loo' talk:** At the 'Marton Restaurant' in Taiwan, you get to sit on a toilet seat band and eat on a bathtub shaped table! Despite its unique bathroom décor, this restaurant has urinals on the wall that act

as lamps and the plates, bowls etc are in the shape of Western loo or like Japanese squat toilets.

**Heavenly Feast:** Ever wished to take your date to heaven? 'Dinner in the Sky' in Brussels, is a restaurant you

wouldn't want to miss. This special restaurant gives you the fine dining experience, 150 feet high in the air. The table is lifted from a crane where 22 brave people can dine anywhere in the skies of Belgium, provided they are not afraid of heights!

**Blind dinner date:** For a blinding experience while having lip-smacking food, you would never find a better place than the "Pitch Black Restaurant" in Beijing, China. The main dining hall is totally dark, with nothing visible at all. No illuminating devices are allowed. but the staff wears night vision goggles. Isn't it perfect for blind dates?

**Water, water everywhere:** In Conrad Rangali Island in Maldives, there's 'Ithaa', a restaurant located five meters below sea level. With access from a spiral staircase, it has a transparent acrylic roof, giving full view of the sea above. The idea took shape in New Zealand, constructed in Singapore and transported to Maldives, offers an amazing dining experience. On your next Food-O-Tour, don't forget to try out these restaurants! 🇮🇳🇧🇪🇲🇻

## GT Travels to Feroz Shah Kotla



Ansh Singh, III B, AIS Vas 1, flips through GT at Feroz Shah Kotla stadium, New Delhi, during the Test Match between India & West Indies

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