

# Dream government

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Once in a while all of us read about famous people in the paper and think, "Wow! S/he would make an amazing leader." What if all of those amazing leaders come together and form a world government? Here is what it probably would look like...

Mallika Yamadagni  
 AIS Gurgaon 46, XII

### Prime Minister

**WHO** Lee Hsien Loong, PM of Singapore  
**WHY** He revamped the economic, social and political structure of Singapore. His biggest feat was the introduction of a \$2.6 billion bonus called 'Progress Package' or accumulated budget surpluses of previous years meant to be distributed to adult Singaporeans. He legalised internet campaigning and set up his own FB page to connect with Singaporean netizens. Phew! Some 'progress' indeed!  
**USP** With something on offer for each age group, Lee sure is a man for everyone.

### Agriculture Minister

**WHO** Adam Richman, TV actor  
**WHY** This man lives to eat. His famous show, Man vs Food, in which he experiments with the 'big' food offered in diners, cafés and restaurants throughout the US, is a huge hit amongst both the food and non food enthusiasts. He gorges on the most detrimental forms of food with unfathomable ease and love.

**USP** His undying love for food would be a good enough reason for him to work hard.

### I & B Minister

**WHO** Aamir Khan, Actor & filmmaker  
**WHY** An actor par excellence, Aamir sure knows his trade well. His high IQ levels read 'Innovation Quotient', as is evident in his unique marketing strategies will ensure that there is no dearth of a 'different entertainment feed'. Whether it was fighting social issues through his show *Satyamev Jayate* or being the UNICEF's brand ambassador for Nutrition and Child Rights, this man sure has a noble side.  
**USP** Talented, innovative and socially conscientious...a perfect fit!

### Sports Minister

**WHO** Sachin Tendulkar, Indian Cricketer

**WHY** He is the GOD of cricket. Not only is his career studded with a plethora of achievements, he has been an active philanthropist too. Recently, in a letter to the HRD minister of India, he spoke of chasing India's dream of becoming a successful sporting nation.

**USP** He believes in the holistic and equal development of all sports in the nation.

### Family Welfare Minister

**WHO** Angelina Jolie, Actor  
**WHY** With three adopted kids from Cambodia, Vietnam and Ethiopia and three biological kids, who else could fit the bill better? Jolie's child welfare plans were firm as she fought against speculations about the adopted kid being HIV positive and adoption bans. She also sold the rights of the pictures of her children and the

money was given to charities serving African children.

**USP** Her love for children across borders, irrespective of creed, sex and race make her the best pick.

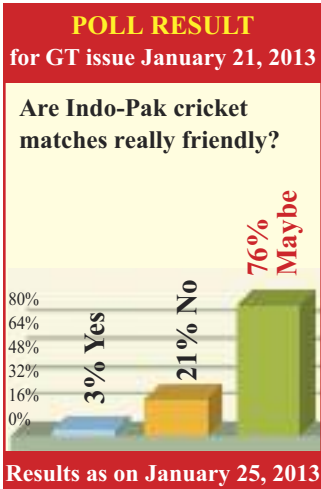
### Rural Development Minister

**WHO** Baba Ramdev, Yoga guru  
**WHY** If he could make a neglected ancient practice like Yoga a thing of the fashionable; then his abilities to uplift the rural sector cannot be questioned. He commercialized Yoga, selling it to not just Indians but also westerners, who till now sold us their mundane stuff under fancy brand names. Well done!  
**USP** Ability to reach out to the masses; vociferous against social evils like black money and corruption and strong business acumen...need more?

**Status of the week**  
 Make little things count. Teach midgets math.  
 Sarthak Parashar, AIS Gur 46, X C

**INSIDE**  
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**AMITe poll**  
 Is Rahul Gandhi the right choice as the Congress Vice President?  
 (a) Yes  
 (b) No  
 (c) Can't say  
 To vote, log on to www.theglobaltimes.in



Coming Next  
 Watch out for the contest edition of AIS Gur 43!

Pic: Vasundhra Kaul, AIS Gur 46, X D



Esha Nair with Rahul Ram; Esha Nair & Vasundhra Kaul with other members of the band (inset)



# Ocean sounds

Indian Ocean, arguably the greatest fusion band in Indian rock history, brought to the fore what many critiques describe as 'Indo-rock fusion'. The foreman of the band, Rahul Ram, talks about the ups and downs of his musical journey, not selling their albums, and Bieber in an exclusive interview with Vasundhra Kaul, X D & Esha Nair, XII D, AIS Gurgaon 46.

### QUICK QUOTE

- I think Bieber is nonsense and Lady Gaga is hopeless.
- Everyone has bad pop.
- If you play instrumental in a youth fest...kaun sunta hai?

**How long have you been playing?**  
 34 years. Don't ask me my age now.

**You went to St Stephen's, then IIT, Cornell University, and then came back to India to join a band. Why?**

Unlike present times, the only career options you had back then was either medicine or engineering. I started studying for Chem Hons., and my dad said, 'IIT mein bada acha hai, IIT join karle'. So I joined coaching classes, and in a month, I was incredibly bored and thought, 'I hate this stuff. I don't want to go to IIT'; that was among my best decisions.

**Tell us about your other interests. We saw you walk in with 3 novels.**

Me? (looks surprised) Oh, too many! See I'm an environmentalist, so that's a whole bunch of things. I love reading.

**We heard you were very active in the Narmada Bachao Andolan.**

In 1998, I did my PhD at Cornell and had no job when I came back. At that time, my wife was doing her PhD on the Narmada Andolan, and I had friends working on the project, who said 'We need help'. An urban kid like me landed up in a village where there was no electricity, no piped water, nothing. It was a beautiful yet challenging experience.

**Why the free downloads for the new album, 16/330 Khajoor Road?**

People don't buy CDs now. They either rip it or get songs off the net. There is no profit. Most bands in India make their money off concerts. Producing a CD means getting into a contract with the company, which is a long drawn, painful process. The economics doesn't work. Launching a CD gives the band a feeling of pride. So, they like to go down that route, but it's all dying out now.

**What is your message for Amitians who aspire to take up music as a career?**

It's a way better option now than it was twenty years ago, but it's never easy. You know things can get tough when there's no company you can join and make your way up the ladder and when there's no fixed structure. When you are one amongst many people trying to make your voice heard, you have to be really good at what you do and at PR.

There couldn't be a deja vu for an experience as new as this!  
**Aayush Das,**  
 AIS Gur 46, X D, Illustrator



GT made editing a fun task! Thanks for giving a newbie a chance!  
**Satyajyoti Nanda,**  
 AIS Gur 46, X E, Page Editor



Contest Edition

# LoC out of control



Graphic: Aditya Thakral, AIS Gur 46, IX F

**Satyajyoti Nanda**  
 AIS Gurgaon 46, X E

**Opionate**

Aggression, bluntness and violence rocked the nation, once again. The brutal act of decapitation and mutilation of two Indian soldiers recently by the Pakistani Army is absolutely inexcusable. This is not the first time that such horrendous incidents have taken place. There have been repeated ceasefire violations in the past by both parties, but this act is an open display of brutality and utter disregard for the honour of authorised combatants. What is absolutely appalling is the blunt dismissal of the incident by the government of Pakistan. Shockingly, Pakistan's

Foreign Minister Hina Rabbani Khar went on to add that she hoped that the ceasefire violations would not derail the peace process with India. She offered that the UNMOGIP (United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan) look into the issue but India refused outright. The US said that it would be better for the issue to be sorted out by both the nations. This heinous act created a ripple effect. All Pakistani hockey players in the Hockey India League (HIL) were asked to return home in the wake of protests by some political groups against their participation in HIL after the recent incidents across the border. India surely cannot let such acts of violence go unnoticed. It is high time for strict action to be taken. 🇮🇳

**Straight Talk**

We should take stern action against the perpetrator(s).  
**Padmini Das, AIS Gur 46, Teacher**

It isn't the first time this has happened. The guilty should be punished.  
**Sangeet Khurana, AIS Gur 46, X D**

Freeze their visas!  
**Vathul BS, AIS Gur 46, XI A**

I hope we don't make the mistake of letting the offenders go free this time. Sitting passively will certainly not change anything.  
**Sheffi Tiwari, AIS Gur 46, X B**

# NEWS REEL

## Indian connect at the Oscars



This year, the 85th Academy Awards have a significant Indian connection. 4 films with a total of 36 nominations, have an Indian connect. Indian classical singer, Bombay Jayashri has been co-nominated for Best Original Score for Pi's Lullaby in Ang Lee's Life of Pi, along with Michael Danna. Apart from Ang Lee's film, which is India centered, there are numerous other Indian connections at the Oscars. Lincoln, a film by Steven Spielberg with 12 nominations, is produced by DreamWorks which is an equal partner with Reliance ADAG Group (yes, Anil Ambani!). Then, Kathryn Bigelow's Zero Dark Thirty was partly filmed in Chandigarh, where the Manimajra market was turned into a Pakistani setting. In addition, David O'Russell's Silver Lining Playbook, with 8 Nominations, features veteran actor Anupam Kher. Ang Lee's Life of Pi has really put the spotlight on India, due to the fact that it

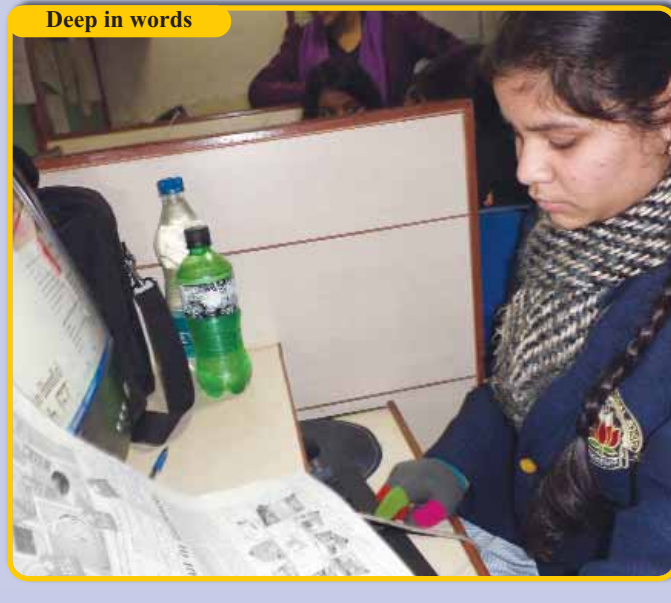
was shot partly in South India and it features Indian talent Suraj Sharma, as lead actor. But next time, instead of just Indian connections, we would really like to see an Indian film dominating the Oscars.

## Lata Mangeshkar's LM Music



Eminem has Shady Records and now Lata Mangeshkar has LM Music. She recently launched her new music label, LM Music in the presence of eminent personalities from the music industry and Bollywood personalities such as Amitabh Bachchan and Sridevi. She also released six albums at the star studded event. Lata Mangeshkar opined that as non-film music was not getting adequate marketing and media attention, she launched her own label. She wants her label to promote Indian music for the younger generation. She also wishes the label to provide a platform to aspiring and talented singers. 🇮🇳

## News Room Hulchul





Five years of working with GT, each year brings a new experience, excitement and learning.  
Sheffi Tiwari, AIS Gur 46, X B, Page Editor

# The road not taken

Heart drums for music, but mind strums for books? You're not alone, some world famous musicians faced the same dilemma till good sense prevailed

Collage: Aditya Thakral, AIS Gurgaon 46, IX F



the top five paleontologists in the world

**Applauded for works:** American Jesus /Stealth (1993), The Process of Belief (2002)

## Brian Harold May

**Showcases his passion as:** Guitarist, songwriter and occasional singer for the rock band Queen  
**Armed with degrees:** PhD in Astrophysics from Imperial College, London

**Applauded for works:** Another One Bites the Dust, I Want It All, I Want to Break Free, Killer Queen, Under Pressure, Crazy Little Thing Called Love, One Vision

**Awarded as:** The 7th greatest guitarist of all time by a Planet Rock poll; 26th on Rolling Stone magazine's list of '100 Greatest Guitarists of All Time'; ranked the 2nd greatest guitarist of all time by Guitar World magazine reader's poll in 2012.

## Dexter Holland

**Showcases his passion as:** Singer, rhythm guitarist and primary song writer for California punk rock band, The Offspring

**Armed with degrees:** Bachelor's degree in Biology and Master's degree in Molecular Biology, both from the University of Southern California

**Applauded for works:** 1994's Smash, which still holds the world record for most sales of an album - independent label category; their album Conspiracy of One won the best album award in 2001; their song Hit That won the best song award in 2004.

**Awarded as:** The Offspring has been awarded the Best Punk, the Best World Band and the Best Live Band awards in 2001.

## Palash Sen

**Showcases his passion as:** Singer, songwriter, musician, composer of India's biggest band Euphoria

Sheffi Tiwari & Twinkle Yadav  
AIS Gurgaon 46, X B

## Rivers Cuomo

**Showcases his passion as:** American musician and song writer, well known as the lead singer and guitarist of the alternative rock band Weezer

**Armed with degrees:** Bachelor's in English from Harvard University

**Applauded for works:** Make Believe (2005), Weezer -The Red Album (2008), Raditude (2009), Hurley (2010), Death to False Metal (2010)

## Greg Graffin

**Showcases his passion as:** Musician, singer cum songwriter and producer of the band Bad Religion

**Armed with degrees:** PhD in Zoology from Cornell University and a Master's degree in Geology from UCLA (University of California, LA); one of

Deciding one's career is one of the most difficult tasks. While on one hand, our heart stresses on something of our choice; on the other, our brain chooses something that won't let everyone down. It is quite a confusing phase of life. Some of us take the right decisions in the beginning of our careers while some of us don't, just like some world famous personalities who initially chose to follow their minds but later, couldn't ignore their tempting passion for music! They gave their term exams, earned their degrees, but today, are world renowned musicians, composing the greatest music of all times.

## Pet Project

### Woof Woof tail tale!

Catch the Youth Power group 'Woof Woof' of AIS Gur 46 talk about about their project on stray dogs, with **Abhavya Roshan**, AIS Gur 46, IX E

**What made you choose stray dogs?**  
Dogs make excellent companions. They can be trained easily and strays would demand nothing more than some food and a permanent shelter in your home. Theories prove that a dog can actually bring back an ailing person from the brink of death and despair to life. They also make good watchdogs. Some people like to have dogs as pets and those dog lovers who cannot have pet dogs, can always take care of strays. Our cause will encourage such people to adopt strays and get unconditional love in return.

**Is it easy to convince people to adopt strays?**

Once a person knows the advantages of having a loyal stray dog, we are sure that s/he will adopt.

**What has been your success rate?**  
Pretty satisfying! Our fellow dog lovers in and out of school as well as our volunteers have managed to convince some people to adopt strays. 🐾

**Team Woof Woof:** Asavri Misra, X C, Siddhant Misra, XI B, Vasundhara Koul & Aparajita Bhattacharya, X D

# It's Jyotish Ishtyle!

Bacha, are you at the crossroads of your life, unable to decide which career type are you? Worry not, here's Jyotish Baba at your rescue with a short quiz!

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Sheffi Tiwari, AIS Gurgaon 46, X B

- Will you miss your Science test for any co-curricular competition?**  
A) Yes B) No
- Do you find engineers and doctors boring?**  
A) Yes B) No
- What is more important?**  
A) Passion B) Money
- Two shows are being telecast at the same time; which one will you watch?**  
A) Jhalak Dikha Jaa B) KBC
- Do you find yourself reading articles like 'How to crack IIT- JEE/ AIIMS'?**  
A) No B) Yes
- Which one is more dear to you?**  
A) Paint brush B) Compass
- Which one will you join if given a choice?**  
A) Performing Arts Academy  
B) Vidyamandir/ FIIT- JEE
- If your answers are mostly A, Akbar Tota will tell your future. If your answers are mostly B, Birbal Tota will tell your future.

## Akbar Tota

**What Baba thinks?** Bacha, you like colours and musical notes more than books. You may face some opposition regarding your career choice but pursue the career you enjoy the most.

**Bhawishyawani** The possibilities are

endless. If you have a musical sense, go for playback singing or musicology. If you like dancing, become a choreographer or even an actor! If you love colours, you can be an artist.

**Show me the money!** If you become an actor, you will bask in fame and money (do remember me then). In case you choose to be a low profile artist, you will gradually earn popularity and hence forth shall come money.

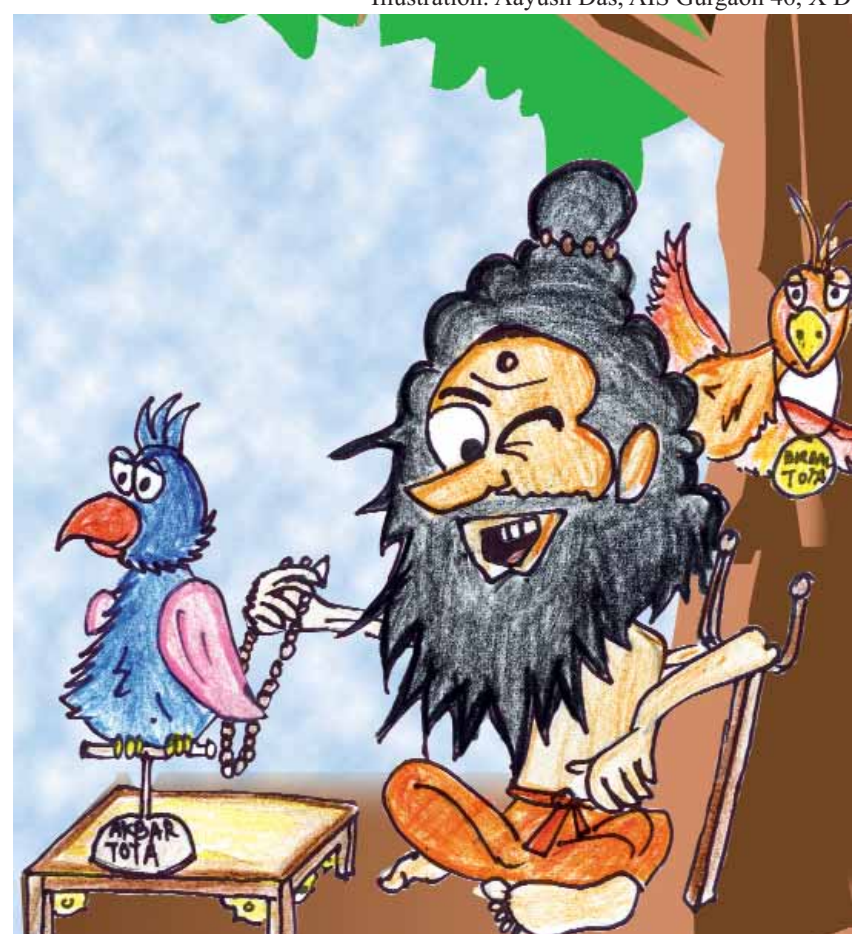
**Baba tips** 1. Exercise your vocal cords with a nightingale. Good for your throat.  
2. Paint the white walls, shoes and shirts of your house (that is, if your parents don't throw you out of the house!).  
3. Donate food and blanket to Brahmins; *punya milega, future banega.*

## Birbal Tota

**What Baba thinks?** You are a perfect PCMB candidate and will get an opportunity to appear in several joint entrance examinations. You are a typical *padaku* who is fulfilling his forefather's dream.

**Bhawishyawani** Well, the choices are obviously many - doctor, engineer, scientist, teacher, IAS, etc.

**Show me the money!** If you graduate from a good college by studying notes, then you start with a good salary. But if you graduate from a donationwala college by giving notes, then you may get a good placement initially but future



prospects are low.

**Baba tips** 1. Try and repair the fault machines (like Rancho did in 3 Idiots).  
2. Take charge of first aid in your home.

3. Keep a *solah somvar vrat*, so that you get a good college.

**Disclaimer:** Believe Jyotish Baba at your own risk! 🐾

Amity Institute for  
Competitive  
Examinations

Presents

Brainleaks-65

FOR CLASS XI-XII

All the following involves osmosis except

- (a) Water passing from a root hair to adjacent cell  
(b) Water passing up from a xylem vessel to another xylem vessel above it  
(c) Water entering a mesophyll cell from the xylem vessel  
(d) Water from the soil entering root hair

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3 correct entries win attractive prizes

Ans-Brainleaks 63:  $f(x)$  is continuous & differentiable

Name:.....

Class:.....

School:.....

Send your answers to The Global Times, E-26, Defence Colony, New Delhi - 24 or e-mail your answer at [brainleaks@theglobaltimes.in](mailto:brainleaks@theglobaltimes.in)

**Armed with degrees:** Orthopaedic surgeon by qualification, he studied medicine at the University College of Medical Sciences (UCMS), New Delhi and received an MBBS degree

**Applauded for works:** Dhoom (1998), Phir Dhoom (2000), Gully (2003), Mehfuz (2006), ReDhoom (2008), Follow Your Dreams (2010); Euphoria's first release, Dhoom Pichuck Dhoom was a major commercial hit and received rave reviews from critics worldwide. 🐾

The GT expedition was great. The opportunity of being the page editor introduced me to many new things.

Upasna Sharma, AIS Gur 46, X E, Page Editor



# Electrify your music buds

Tune in your radios as RJ Techno and RJ Beats take you on an expedition to the latest technology and instruments in electronic music. Join them to enjoy the musical ride

Asmita Saha, AIS Gur 46, X E

**RJ Techno:** Hey all music lovers! This is RJ Techno on 111.5 Jazz FM!

**RJ Beats:** And me, RJ Beats on Music Tech to update you about the latest developments in electronic music.

**RJ Techno:** So, RJ Beats, what is all the fuss about electronic music, everyone seems to be talking about it.

**RJ Beats:** Well RJ Techno, to put it simply, electronic music employs electronic musical instruments and electronic technology in its production. Instruments such as telharmonium and Hammond organ are most commonly used in western music, with the electric guitar being most popular.

**RJ Techno:** To add to that, electronic music can enhance the original soundtrack by adding some pieces and beats of electronic sounds using interesting devices such as theremin, sound synthesizer and computer.

**RJ Beats:** Besides, with Music Instrument Digital Interface (MIDI), analogue music can be digitised, so that editing or complete modification of the sound

is possible using a PC. World renowned musician and DJ, Deadmau5 and musician Skrillex rely heavily on MIDI.

**RJ Techno:** I have also heard about 4D

audio visualisations coming into play.

**RJ Beats:** Yes, you've heard it right. In November 2011, Nokia brought Deadmau5 and the world's most advanced 4D

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## It's raining music!

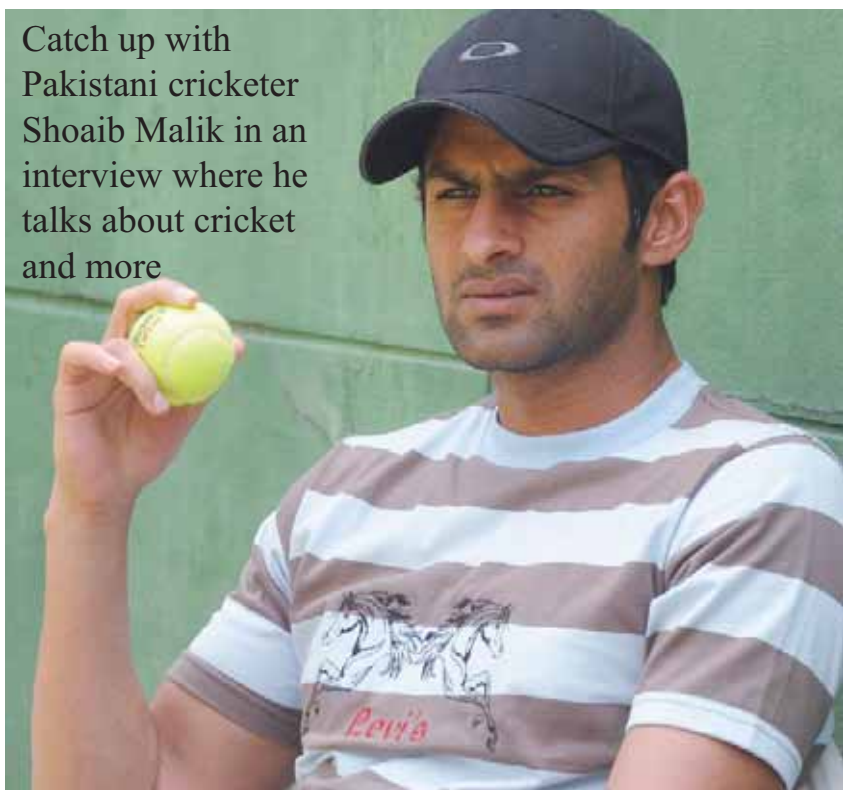
Neelakshi Khanna & Upasna Sharma, AIS Gur 46, X E

One often listens to an instrument playing music or a device that plays music, but have you ever heard of a building playing music? Well, there is a building in Dresden, Germany that does. This building is situated in the artsy neighbourhood of Neustadt Kunststhoßpassage. The building was designed by three collaborative artists including Christoph Roßner, Annette Paul and Andre Tempel. The multi-story was converted into a masterpiece as a necessity since it needed to have rain gutters; this system of mousetrap drain and gutters features various sized metal cones and funnels that play a symphony when it rains. The rain water passes through these hollow pipes and funnels, producing various musical sounds and tunes. This building is considered to be one of the largest musical instruments in the world.

## Howzatt!?! Crazy for Cricket

# Bowled over by Shoaib Malik

Catch up with Pakistani cricketer Shoaib Malik in an interview where he talks about cricket and more



Abhavya Roshan  
AIS Gurgaon 46, IX C

Tell us about your interest for cricket as a child.

Well, it was quite tough to pursue the game as my parents wanted me to focus

on my studies, as well as play cricket. They didn't want my education to be at stake and I appreciate that now. I used to play tape-ball cricket in the streets as a child, but my interest for the sport grew when I took to cricket seriously and joined Imran Khan's coaching clinic.

## Fast delivery

**Favourite sport other than cricket:** Snooker  
**Favourite movie:** Dil Chahta Hai  
**English songs or ghazals:** Ghazals anyway! I love listening to Jagjit Singh.

**What was the high point of your life?**

Being appointed the captain of the Pakistan cricket team was undoubtedly the highest point of my life. It was a dream come true!

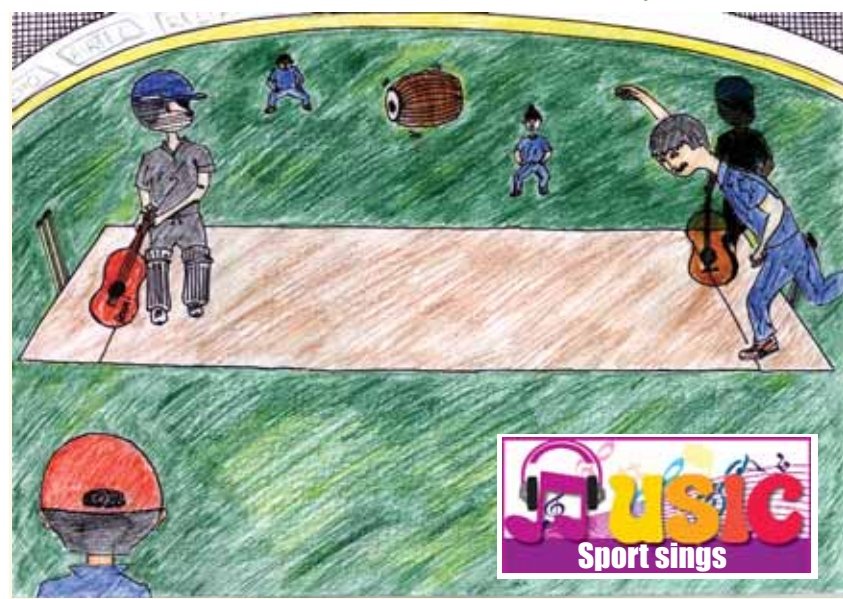
**What is your favourite pastime?**

I am very much into indoor games such as snooker and table tennis. I am also an avid football fan and never miss a soccer game when Brazil is playing, since it's my favourite team. In my hectic schedule, whatever time I get, I like to spend it with my family members as they are the most important people in my life.

**What is your message for Amitians?**

Dedication, sportsman spirit, hard work and patriotism are some of the important characteristics required to achieve success in any field and make one's dreams come true. All the best!

Illustration: Kevin Dudeja, AIS Gur 46, X D



# Cricket kya gaata hai

If cricket situations remind you of Bollywood melodies, this one's for you!

Upasna Sharma

AIS Gurgaon 46, X E

**Toss** – Aa dekhein zara, kismein kitna hai dum

**First ball** – Dhoom macha le, dhoom macha le, dhoom

**Golden duck (dismissal on the first ball)** – Dil ke arman, asuon me beh gaye

**Power play** – Aaj ki raat, hona hai kya

**Maiden over** – Aao sikhaye, tumhe anda ka funda

**Yuvi's sixers on six balls** – Aaj na chodenge tumhein, dum dama dum

**Hattrick** – Ek se bhale do, do se bhale teen

**LBW** – Left leg aage aage, right leg peechey peechey

**Bouncer** – Shut up and bounce

**Dhoni's Helicopter shot** – Aaj main upar, aasman neechey

**Winning the World Cup** – Hum to hain aandhi, hum to hain toofan

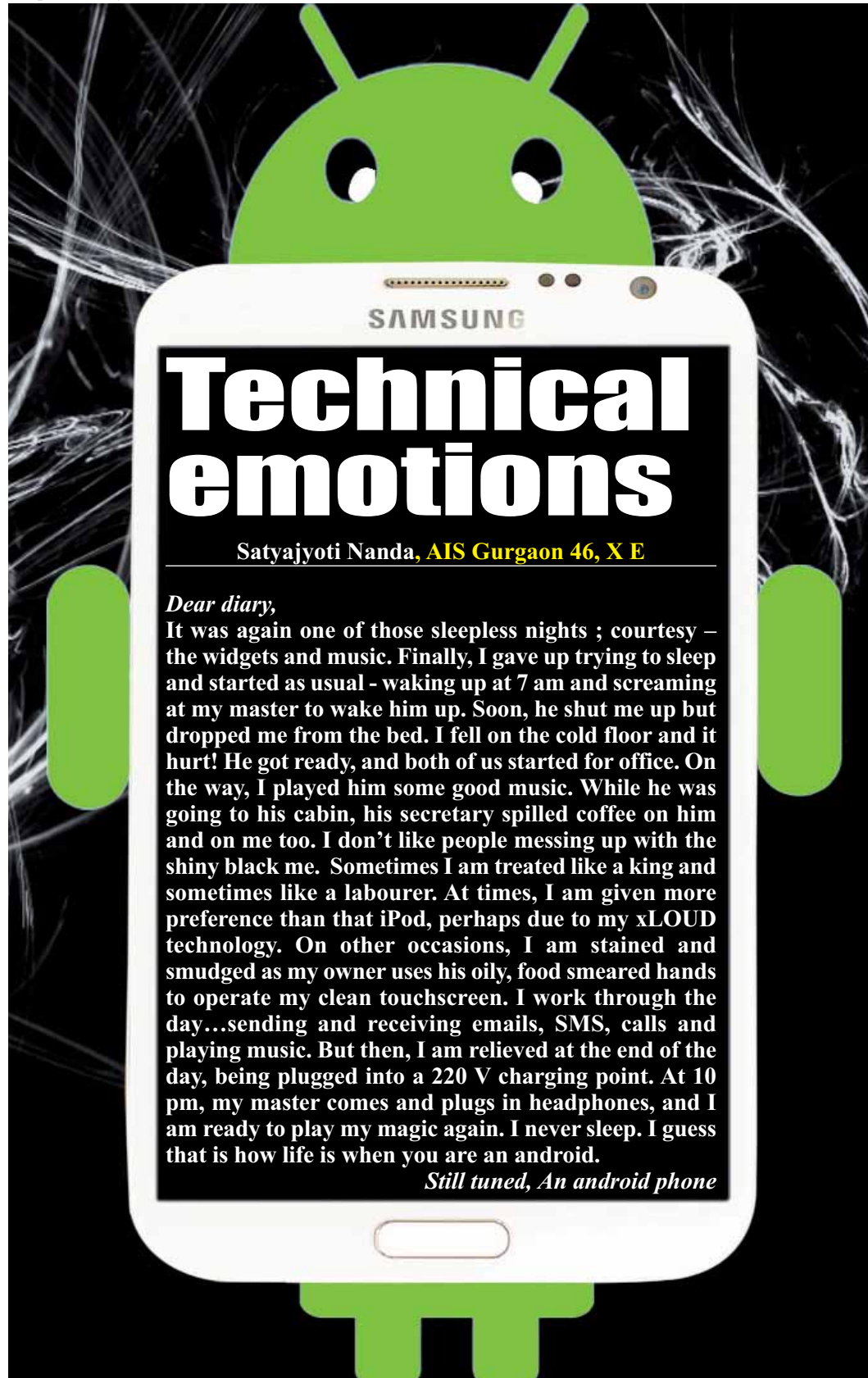
**Sixer on last delivery** – Woh Sikander hi doston kehlaata hai

**Match with Pakistan** – Baar baar haan, bol yaar haan, apni jeet ho, unki haar haan!



This was my second year with The Global Times. GT is like a family to me now. I had a great experience, which I am sure would help me in future.  
Neelakshi Khanna, AIS Gur 46, X E, Page Editor

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## Technical emotions

Satyajyoti Nanda, AIS Gurgaon 46, X E

Dear diary,

It was again one of those sleepless nights ; courtesy – the widgets and music. Finally, I gave up trying to sleep and started as usual - waking up at 7 am and screaming at my master to wake him up. Soon, he shut me up but dropped me from the bed. I fell on the cold floor and it hurt! He got ready, and both of us started for office. On the way, I played him some good music. While he was going to his cabin, his secretary spilled coffee on him and on me too. I don't like people messing up with the shiny black me. Sometimes I am treated like a king and sometimes like a labourer. At times, I am given more preference than that iPod, perhaps due to my xLOUD technology. On other occasions, I am stained and smudged as my owner uses his oily, food smeared hands to operate my clean touchscreen. I work through the day...sending and receiving emails, SMS, calls and playing music. But then, I am relieved at the end of the day, being plugged into a 220 V charging point. At 10 pm, my master comes and plugs in headphones, and I am ready to play my magic again. I never sleep. I guess that is how life is when you are an android.

Still tuned, An android phone

## Musically Yours

Model: Ilina Luthra, AIS Gur 46, X A  
Pic: Jegyasa Gupta, AIS Gur 46, X E



Shrishti Kajaria, AIS Gurgaon 46, X E

One can hear the newspaper man miles away early in the still wintery mornings... How? Well, he has his phone blaring away *fantastic* Bhojpuri lyrics to accompany him on his beat across the 12 blocks of the apartments that he supplies. While almost everyone appreciates music, there are some who announce their tastes loud and clear to the world.

To simplify matters, people have been segregated into different groups depending upon their...ah...musical tastes. Take a look.

**The Bombastics:** This kind of homosapiens are those who like their neighbours to hear their music more than them. The volume is high and the tenor is screechy. Mercy anyone?

**The Show-offs:** Typical walking encyclopedia,

they know the a-b-c-d of every genre, the history of every musical group and every gig that is taking place across the globe. \*Bows down\*

**The Lonely Planet Fellows:** Absolute doomsday thinkers, they like only sad or nostalgic tunes and are emerged in the Ghazal era.

**The Bhangra Poppers:** Oh! This tribe likes to listen to Punjabi Bhangra pop beats- echoing loud and clear across the neighbourhood, announcing the wedding or birth of their kith and kin.

**The Devout:** Their holier than thou attitude flows seamlessly from the *bhajan* that can be constantly heard in their homes.

**The Hardmetal Heads:** The entranced listener of this music (read border-line mayhem and pure cacophony) is in absolute bliss.

While you enjoy your musical preferences, make sure that you steer them clear of other's ways. 🇮🇳

# Would you wear this?

What happens when fashion takes the extreme? It wilts away into flowers, steps on your toes as feathers or stands on your head as a bird. Confused? Don't be as Neelakshi Khanna, AIS Gur 46, X E brings to you the unwearable stance of fashion



Model: Ilina Luthra, AIS Gur 46, X A  
Pic: Jegyasa Gupta, AIS Gur 46, class, X E

### FLORAL TRAIL

This dress was a part of "Savage Beauty", the exhibition organised by The Costume Institute, to celebrate late designer Alexander McQueen's extraordinary contributions to fashion. Have you felt spring lately?



### FEATHERY FOOTSTEPS

These 6 inch feather pumps with red insole and gold guided brocade heel were created by fashion blogger Kelly McIntosh as a tribute to the late fashion designer Alexander McQueen. In case you needed right footwear for Halloween!

### WRAPPY AFFAIR

A part of the Comme des Garçons womenswear fall 2012-13 collection, Paris makes you feel how ghosts would look if they would strut the runway.

### NESTED?

The Paris Haute Couture week 2003 saw this dress as a part of the collection showcased by the label Aura Tout Vu. Anybody having childhood memories of 'If I were a bird'?



I have been a part of The Global Times for 3 years now. Working for GT was wonderful and a great learning experience.

Jegyasa Gupta, AIS Gur 46, X E, Page Editor



## Future frontrunners

"The task of leadership is not to put greatness into humanity, but to elicit it, for the greatness is already there." — John Buchan



Every step of life presents numerous challenges. The flair is to know how to overcome them in a progressive manner and to not give up. At Amity, it is our constant endeavour to prepare students for the challenges that lie ahead of them and propel them on the path of social and personal responsibilities. Be it an international exchange programme, MUN or workshops with international experts; each event is framed in a unique manner, and packed with the right ingredients required for becoming top-notch leaders.

At Amity, the aim is to inculcate in students the maturity and understanding that can help them evolve as responsible citizens of the country. An inspiring leader must have a vision and the ability to move a group of people towards a definitive goal. The awareness of better possibilities and the knowledge of how to act in a situation of crisis and the never ending inspiration to move on are few leadership qualities that every Amitian is imbued with. From sports to science, from politics to literature, from finances to films; Amitians are exposed to a wide variety of subjects to enhance their world view.

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## Symphony



Music influences the intellect of a person by working on his social or emotional quotients and has been the subject of discussion for many scholars. Inspired by revered Chairperson Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, attempts to make infants listen to musical melodies, teaching children how to play musical instruments by the age of seven and using music to enhance the performance of school students in Math, Science and Art through an inter-disciplinary approach at Amity have been quite successful. Such efforts help work towards developing an ethical and respectful way of thinking that can empathise with the suffering of the world and foster global peace and harmony.

Hence, when the editorial team of AIS Gur 46 chose 'music' as the primary theme of their contest edition, everybody endorsed it instantly. It is time for teachers, mentors and parents to spend musical moments with their children so that the expressions of joy, a by-product of lending an ear to music, sends positive signals to the brain, thus allowing it to retain, reproduce, reason, detect, judge or create effectively. This special contest edition is a musical amalgamation beginning with an exclusive tete-tete with India's greatest fusion band, followed by use of technology in music, use of new musical apparatus as a therapeutic device, kinds of music and much more.

Read and sing together as AIS Gur 46 children bring to you an experience par excellence that may lead to better bonding in the society. 🇮🇳

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# Mistake or blessing?

Everyone falters in life at some point or the other, but those who treat failure as an opportunity to start afresh, are the ones who emerge victorious

Jegyasa Gupta, AIS Gur 46, X E

Man has been regarded as the most beautiful and perfect creation of God. This creation comes with its innate set of flaws. But blessed are those who learn to look beyond mistakes and setbacks and treat them as stepping stones to success. It is not uncommon to come across children, who, despite falling several times while learning to ride a bike, get up, dust off the dirt and resume their cycling lessons.

**Be open to mistakes:** It's human to err. We are all bound to make wrong choices, hurt someone's feelings or take a wrong turn. But what's important is to embrace one's mistakes and take them as valuable lessons of life instead of sulking in regret. It's true that experience is a hard teacher but the more one errs, the stronger he is likely to emerge. Often, due to the fear of committing mistakes, people decide not to try anything new. But

remember, no initiative, no fun.

**Accept thy mistakes:** By learning to accept one's follies and shortcomings, we put to rest all our fears and stress and become more confident and self assured. In short, life becomes more rewarding. Unfortunately, the huge ego that a man nurtures inside him is difficult to tame. In order to learn and grow in life, we have to learn to own up to our mistakes. Bollywood star Sanjay Dutt publicly acknowledged that seeking solace in drugs to get over his mother's death had been the biggest mistake of his life. But after he decided to pull himself out of darkness, there was no looking back and he delivered one hit after another. Mistakes became his mentors.

**Lesson in every mistake:** We all make mistakes, and if we didn't, we wouldn't grow any wiser or learn anything new. We are bound to make same mistakes again and again until the consequences hurt so much that

we learn from them. However, it is important to deal constructively and effectively with our mistakes to prosper in life. Mistakes give you the opportunity to learn something new. The more mistakes we make, the more we learn. It is important to look out for areas of improvement so as to develop into better individuals. Thomas Edison encountered several failures before he successfully developed synthetic rubber, bulb and other breakthroughs that changed the face of the world. The quicker we accept our faults, the faster they transform into blessings. Being open to making mistakes, realising and accepting our follies and learning a lesson from them are blessings. Once you have accepted your mistake, it magically begins to heal you. Ask yourself everyday - did I learn from my mistake? 🇮🇳

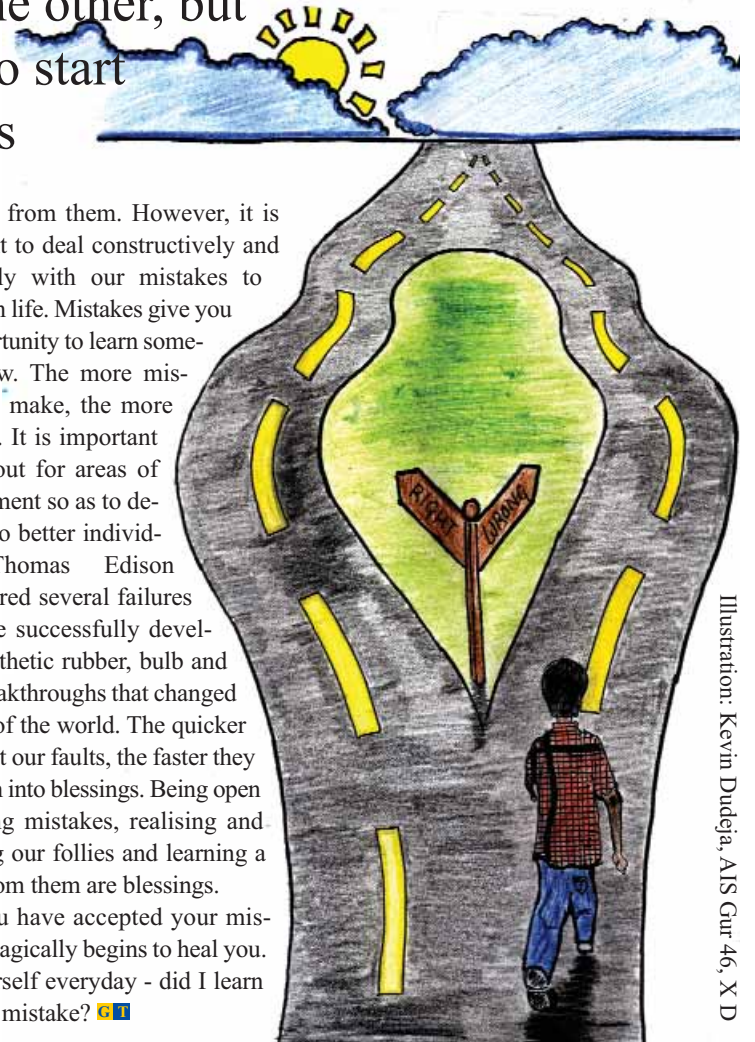
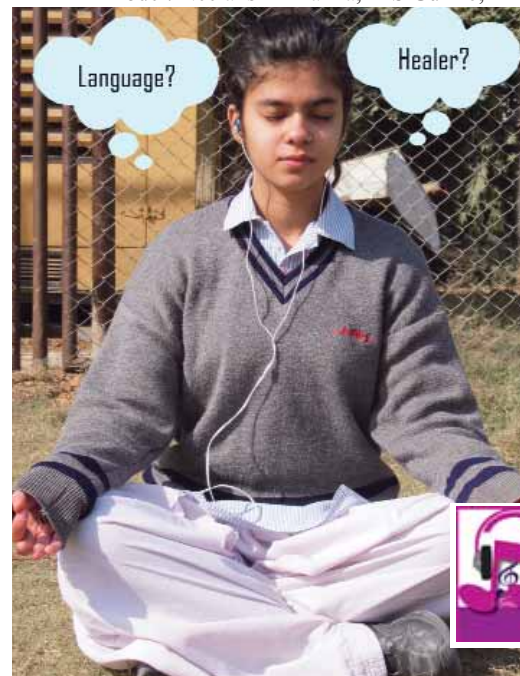


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# Music for the soul

Model: Neelakshi Khanna, AIS Gur 46, X E



Pic: Jegyasa Gupta, AIS Gur 46, X E

Considered a divine gift, music not only leads to attainment of peace and happiness, it has therapeutic and healing powers too

Esha G Nair, XII D & Jegyasa Gupta, X E  
AIS Gurgaon 46

If we closely observe, there is music all around us - from the pitter patter of the raindrops to the chirping of birds; from the racing pulse of a sportsman to the gurgle of a child's laughter; music reigns everywhere. It not only transcends boundaries of language, region and religion, it is blessed with the power to heal. Let's undertake a musical journey and discover how it leads to eternal happiness.

**Music of nature:** Have you ever paused to listen to the song of the cuckoo or to the rustling of leaves? Even the stream, when it hits the rocks, produces distinct intervals of musical notes and rhythms. The complex human body is considered to run smoothly as long as the heart and pulse beat normally in tandem with one another. The moment they fall out of

sync, some or the other anomaly develops. It is a known scientific fact that plants grow better and even the cows produce more milk if they are exposed to music.

**Music, a global language:** Music knows no language. It has a global appeal. It has the power to transcend all kinds of barriers and unite people of diverse

backgrounds. The moment Pandit Ravi Shankar plucked the strings of his sitar, the wall between the East and the West collapsed and the audience immersed completely in the melodious rendition. Similarly, George Harrison, Elvis Presley, Bryan Adams enjoy equal popularity in India.

**Music, an inspiration:** From time immemorial, there have been songs to cater to different genres and moods. But very few people know that songs have been specially written and set to music to inspire and evoke fervour in the common man on the street. 'Vande Mataram' from Anandmath, 'Heal the World' and 'We are the world' by Michael Jackson are some famous songs which give expressions to our silent emotions. People listen to music to bring out the creative streak that lies somewhere within and grow on a diet of music to propel ahead in life.

**Music, the healer:** It is almost cathartic, you can completely let go and immerse yourself in music. It has the ability to heal. Musicians have been using music for emotional and physical healing. Pythagoras used it to treat melancholy. The Greeks used music to strike harmony between mind and body, while Sufis used it as a remedy to tide over emotional discords. The therapeutic effect of mantras is no secret, even the shamans are known to have used drums to travel between different realms. 🇮🇳

## Music through pages



Padmini Das  
GT Coordinator  
AIS Gurgaon 46

rock, metal, classical, country music, pop and introduced me to hitherto unknown artists. Here, I was trying to mingle with the children, talking animatedly about ABBA or

Clichéd as it may sound, but the task of gathering stories for GT proved to be a great learning experience. The entire process taught me a medley of musical words as -hip hop, Bonny M and they would look at me as though I belonged to the dinosaur age! We had arguments about how music was made - some simply believing that it did originate as was shown in the movie 'History of the world'. Roaring debates, short of fistfights ensued during the work-education period over who was a better musician.

The team had objections when our illustrator made Curt Cobain a little fat and when all the members of ACDC were coloured as redheads. Taking one step and going back two steps

was the name of the game in the making of this edition.

I have had a dedicated team working for the edition and the most enthusiastic and imaginative illustrators and graphic designers, creating visuals for the articles penned by a host of music enthusiasts of the school. Being a bit of a music lover myself, I enjoyed the entire exercise. As Shakespeare rightly said, music is the food of love, play on... I trust all of you will enjoy browsing through the edition. I thank all the GT members for their support. 🇮🇳

## GT M@il

Dear Editor,

The Global Times featured an article about turning into a topper from being a mediocre student. It's true that parental expectations are never ending when it comes to academics. Hence, this article was really inspirational. It inspires an average child to excel and perform better in this world of cut throat competition. The very fact that the writer took out time to write such an article makes me happy. I can't thank him enough for opening my eyes and imparting a sense of responsibility towards my studies. Thank you GT for publishing this article right before our exams! 🇮🇳

Mukund Vats, AIS Gur 46, X E



This issue of GT was incredibly exhausting and while we were working on it, seemed impossible to finish. In hindsight, it was as fun as ever.

Vasundhra Kaul, AIS Gur 46, X, Page Editor

# MUSIC THROUGH THE AGES

Music is an enormous, if not impossible thing, to catalogue. It is an infinite storehouse of emotion with variations, which in turn have sub genres and other types. Here is a list of few genres of music, in no particular order

## Psychedelic

**Period: 1950s**

**Style:** Characterised by surreal lyrics, complex song structures and exotic instrumentation, psychedelic music is probably the least known genre in this list.

### Suggested listening

*Jim Morrison, Pink Floyd, Jimi Hendrix, The Doors*

## POP

**Period: Right now**

**Style:** Pop (or popular) is a genre of popular music, which originated in its modern form in the 1950s, deriving from rock and roll. Pop music is very eclectic, often borrowing elements from other styles including urban, dance, rock, Latin and country. Nonetheless, there are core elements which define pop; some of them include short-to-medium length songs that are written in a basic format, as well as the common employment of repeated choruses, melodic tunes and catchy hooks.

### Suggested listening

*Michael Jackson, Bruno Mars, Taylor Swift, Rihanna, Maroon 5*

## Classical

### Suggested listening

*Pt. Ravi Shankar, Johann Sebastian Bach, Beethoven, Mozart*

**Period: 1550s**

**Style:** Sometimes accompanied by a symphony orchestra, classical music made use of instruments of the string, woodwind, bass and percussion families during different periods. Indian classical music, on the other hand, is divided into Hindustani classical music (the northern kind) and Carnatic music (the classical south Indian kind), with each group having its respective personalities.

## Rock & Roll

**Period: 1930s**

**Style:** Rock and Roll didn't just appear out of thin air. It slowly simmered, taking in a lot of different influences and cultures, explaining why it encompasses a lot of music. It is one of the most widely listened to type of music in the world now.

### Suggested listening

*Elvis Presley, Bill Haley, Rolling Stones, Queen*

## Heavy Metal

**Period: Late 1960s and 1970s**

**Style:** Heavy Metal is best known for its electric guitars, loudness and amplified distortion. This genre of music sees a huge fan following here in India.

### Suggested listening

*Led Zeppelin, Black Sabbath, Deep Purple, Guns N' Roses, ACDC*

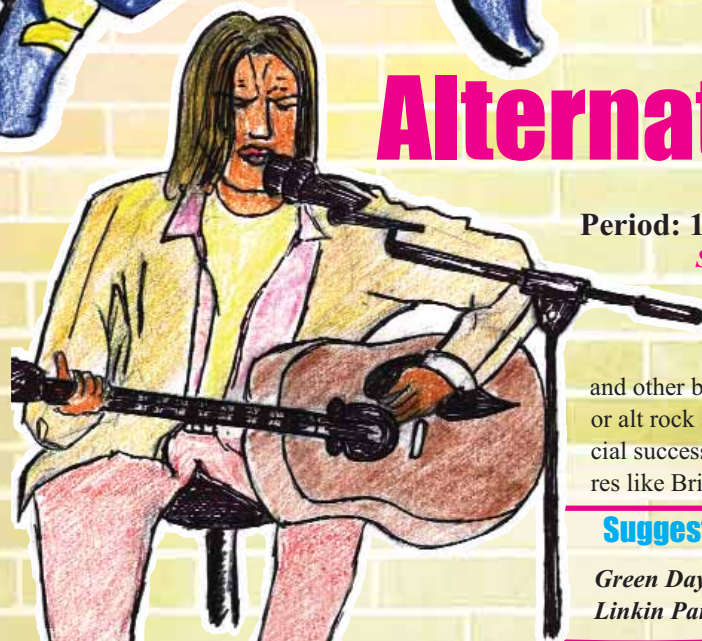
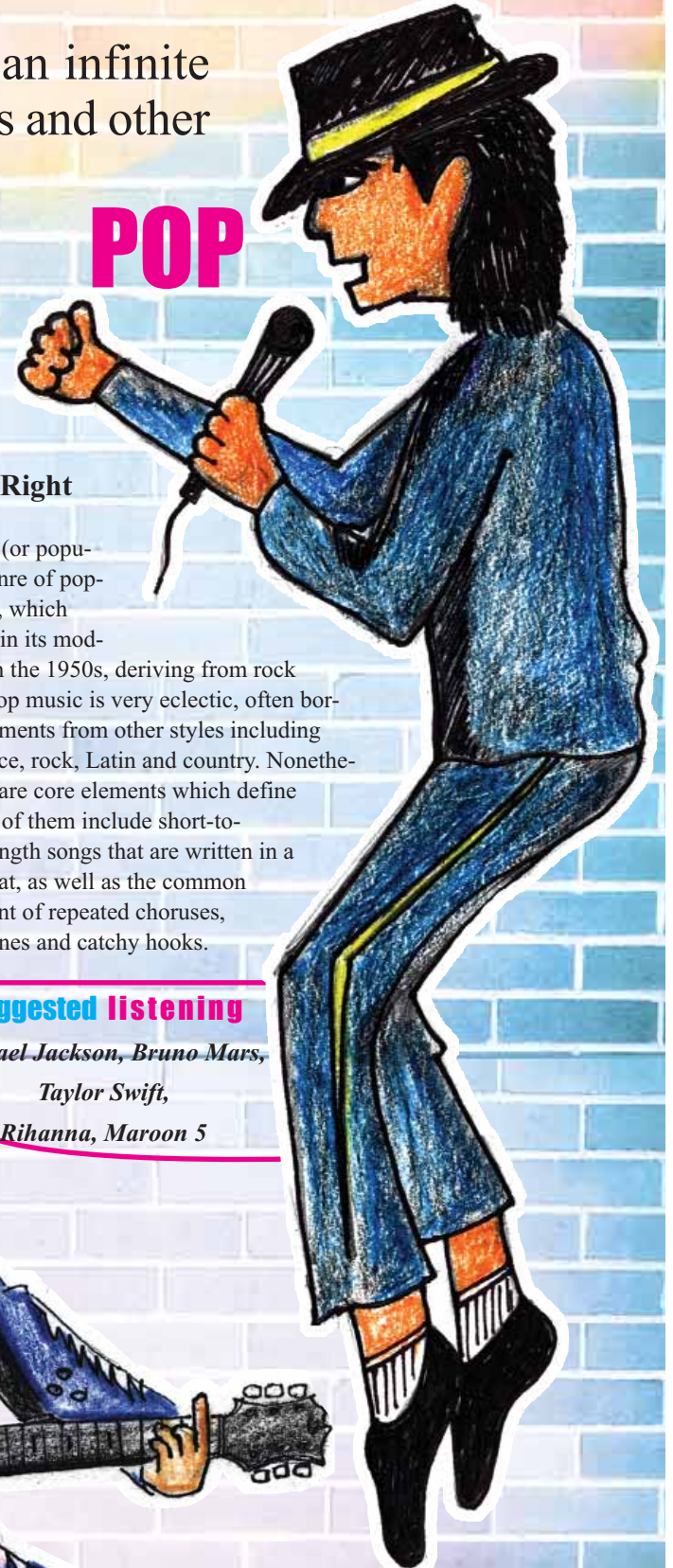
## Alternative

**Period: 1990s**

**Style:** Alternative music originated from the underground independent music scene of the 1980s. With the popularity of Nirvana and other bands like R.E.M., alternative music, or alt rock soon gained mainstream commercial success. It also sprouted smaller sub genres like Britpop and Grunge (Read Oasis).

### Suggested listening

*Green Day, Radiohead, Linkin Park, Kurt Cobain*





# Heart to heart, worlds apart

Graphic: Aman Johar, X E & Aditya Thakral, IX F, AIS Gurgaon 46

## Storywala



Swapnil Satpute, AIS Gur 46, IX F

She walked with a heavy heart and hesitant footsteps. All the time, she was giving herself reasons for pursuing this madness. But none of the reasons were convincing enough. All she knew was that the tombstones called out to her now stronger than ever before.

As she walked, memories of a woman played in her subconscious, again and again; a woman walking, singing, cooking, talking and even smiling. She had never seen this woman, but ever since she began to understand the world, this woman had been with her in her thoughts, at every step...like a guardian angel. Whenever she would be in a

Now, her sole motive was to find this woman. She stumbled on in the blinding darkness, led by the feminine smell.

dilemma, this woman brought clarity; in tough and trying times, she gave her the strength she needed.

The girl kept on walking, mindless of where her steps would take her. She hastened her pace, as if a sudden urgency swept over her. She felt something was guiding her way and leading her on. Now, her sole motive was to find this woman. She stumbled on in the blinding darkness, led only by the feminine smell of sandalwood and tea. She was getting closer and closer...and there! She had reached the grave, a simple marble epitaph. A feeling of love and calm washed over her. Slowly, like a soft mist, the woman appeared, long sought after by the lone girl. She held out her hand, and the girl took it. "Mum," she said and the two walked away into the velvety black, in death not divided.

Asmita with her sponge muffins



## Sponge Muffins

Asmita Saha, AIS Gurgaon 46, X E

### Ingredients

- Eggs .....3
- Maida .....1¼ cup
- Sugar .....1 cup
- Oil .....1 cup
- Baking powder .....1½ tsp
- Vanilla essence .....1 tsp
- Cocoa powder .....½ cup

### Method

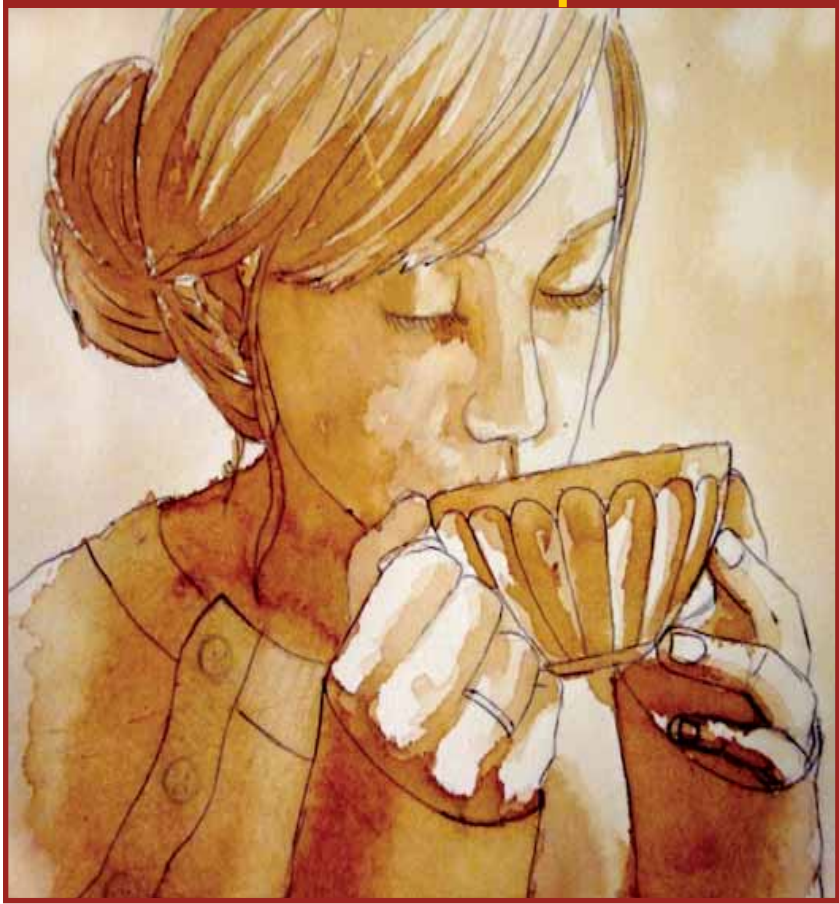
- In a big bowl, sieve maida, baking powder and cocoa powder together.
- Beat the eggs separately in another

bowl. Add powdered sugar and beat the batter. Then add oil, stirring the batter continuously. Finally, mix in vanilla essence.

- Fold in the maida mixture gradually into the egg batter, till all the mixture is used up.
- Pour the batter into a greased muffin tray, leaving each muffin cup a little empty from the top. This is done to give the muffin some space to rise.
- Bake the batter at 180° C for about 30 minutes.
- Yummy chocolate sponge muffins are ready to eat!

## Brush n' Easel

Mahima Chauhan  
AIS Gurgaon 46, IX A



## The Magic of Night

Agrima Agarwal, AIS Gur 46, VIII B

Have you ever wondered  
What happens at night...  
To the creatures around you  
When you switch off the lights  
The mouse squeaks  
And the jackal howls  
And the ant licks...  
The empty bowl  
The lions of Africa  
Hunt their prey  
And the sky turns from blue  
To blackish grey  
The wizards have fun  
With bats and rats  
And ghosts play  
Tit-for-Tat  
The baby breathes  
In its cradle of red  
While the man snores  
Loudly in the bed

## POEMS

The stars twinkle  
And the winds blow  
The moon shines  
Like a diamond on coal  
The trees dance  
In their jacket of green  
And the children enjoy  
Their immature dreams  
Water trickles down  
The taps  
While the thief breaks in  
Steals and wraps  
Night is the time for all the beasts  
While the mosquitoes  
Enjoy their tasty feasts  
The bats fly with their day blind sight...  
This is called the magic of night.



## The Earth

Shubham Sharma, AIS Gur 46, X C

It is the place of our birth  
Here we devise our path  
Here we shine in our glory  
One may live till two or hundred

Earth will be one's bed  
She takes care of us like a mother  
And gives our life an ever-lasting lustre  
It is my biggest anxiety  
That Earth is losing its vitality  
We humans have become  
So selfish, so vile  
That we have given our Earth turmoil  
We should understand and withstand  
To make our Earth a better place  
At least for the human race!



## CAMERA CAPERS

Taanisha Mehra, AIS Gurgaon 46, IX F

Send in your entries to  
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The hug power



The village boys



Water for all





Working for GT was great fun and a learning experience that enabled us to untap our imagination.

Aman Johar, AIS Gur 46, X E, Graphic Editor  
Aditya Thakral, AIS Gur 46, IX F, Graphic Editor



# The tale of kindness

## Wisdom Tale



Gunin Singh

AIS Gurgaon 46, III E

Once there lived a very poor farmer. Nothing grew in his fields because the land was full of stones. So he decided to clean his fields. He worked hard for many days. One day, when he was digging the earth,

he saw a snake. At first, he got scared, but then he noticed that it was very weak and felt sorry for the snake. The farmer then went to his house to get some milk for it. But all his pots and utensils were empty. So, he went to the milkman and borrowed some milk from him. At night, he went back to the field and left the milk in a pot for the snake.

The next morning, when he returned to the field, he got a big surprise. The milk and the snake had gone, but the pot was still there. The farmer found a shining gold coin at the bottom of the pot. He picked it up happily and went to the market to buy some food. On the same night, he kept some more milk for the snake in the pot and the next morning, he found a gold coin once again. This time, he bought some nice clothes for himself. But he still continued to bring milk for the snake.

One day, the farmer's baby suddenly got ill and he had to take her to a hospital in the city. Before leaving, he shared the whole story with the milkman and requested him to give some milk to the snake everyday.

The next day, the milkman left milk for the snake in the pot and found a gold coin in return. But then he thought, "The snake must have hidden a box of treasure somewhere. If I kill him, I will get all the gold." And he went to kill the snake with his stick. The snake got very angry and bit him on his leg. The snake's poison killed the cruel milkman. When the farmer returned to the village, he found that the snake had left a box of treasure for him. 🇮🇳

So what did you learn today?  
Kindness never goes unrewarded



Avani enjoying her hot cuppa of bedtime milk

## Bedtime milk

Avani Singh

AIS Gurgaon 46, III E

### Ingredients

Milk.....1 cup  
Honey.....1 tsp  
Vanilla essence .....1-2 drops  
Ground cinnamon .....1 pinch

### Method

- Pour milk in a mug and heat in a microwave for 2-3 minutes.
- Stir in honey and vanilla essence.
- Sprinkle with cinnamon and your milk is ready to be slurped before a good night's sleep! 🇮🇳

## Painting Corner

Anshul Saha  
AIS Gur 46, III B



## POEMS

### My sweet mother

Isha Shree, AIS Gurgaon 46, IV G

Mother seals feed their pups,  
mother lions groom their cubs,  
mother kangaroos keep their joeys safe  
in their pouches,  
and mother doves teach their chicks to  
fly above.

But my mother is best of all,  
no, she doesn't fly above,



nor does she carry me in a pouch,  
but she puts me in her lap and gives me  
a cuddle,  
and tells me that she loves me most  
of all! 🇮🇳

### Ode to my school

Priyanshi Singh & Neha Jain  
AIS Gurgaon 46, IV

School is a daily routine for us,  
in the morning we're sure to  
make a fuss.  
Even when the sun is still not up,  
here we are, awake at 6 am sharp.  
We feel that school is such a bore,  
we feel that school is such a chore.  
Parents say, "School's great! Now go!"  
We say, "Well, what do you know?"



Late a minute and we have to run,  
eyes half open, shoelaces undone.  
We reach school and see our friends,  
immediately, the torture ends.  
We have a chat and go with the flow,  
then the bell rings and it is time to go.  
We may at times find school stressful,  
to have some fun, we have to  
bend some rules.  
Talk back to teachers and detention  
we serve,  
no doubt, it is sometimes what  
we deserve.  
Sometimes they are as cold as ice,  
and other times they're actually  
really nice.  
School is fun, school is great,  
don't miss it and don't be late. 🇮🇳

## It's Me

**My Name:** Samarth Bhatnagar  
**My School:** AIS Gurgaon 46  
**My Class:** I C  
**My Birthday:** June 9  
**I Like:** Watching Ben 10  
**I Hate:** Lizards  
**My Hobby:** Skating  
**My Role Model:** My papa  
**My Best Friend:** Prasoon  
**My Favourite Book:** My First Plane Ride  
**My Favourite Game:** Snakes & ladders  
**My Favourite Food:** Pasta  
**My Favourite Teacher:** Induja ma'am  
**My Favourite Subject:** Math  
**I want to become:** An IPS officer  
**I want to feature in The Global Times because:** I love GT and want to be a part of it. 🇮🇳



## Jokey Pokey

Prisha Khanduja  
AIS Gurgaon 46, V B

**Teacher to the student:** Why are you tearing up your homework notebook?  
**Student:** To keep the elephants away.  
**Teacher:** There are no elephants here.  
**Student:** See how effective it is!

**Teacher:** Mohan, for what product is Assam popular?  
**Mohan:** I don't know, ma'am.  
**Teacher:** Ok, I'll give you a clue. From where do you get tea powder?  
**Mohan:** From our neighbour's house!

**Student to his teacher:** I haven't got no pencil.

**Teacher, correcting him:** You don't have any pencil. He doesn't have any pencils. We don't have any pencils.  
**Student, with a look of astonishment:** Where have all the pencils gone?

**Teacher:** Where does God live?  
**Little boy:** In our bathroom.  
**Teacher:** Why do you say that?

**Little boy:** Well, every morning my daddy bangs on the door and says, 'God! Are you still in there?'

**Mother:** Why on earth did you swallow the money I gave you?

**Junior:** You said it was my lunch money.

## Have a Seat!

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c	d	a	x	t	c	i	q	z
n	i	i	u	w	j	d	c	r
e	l	r	y	k	n	z	f	f
b	g	b	r	o	c	k	e	r
h	o	r	b	s	t	o	o	l
c	w	o	l	l	i	p	k	g
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The crossword contains a list of furniture-related words. The words may be spelled across, backward, up or down. Your time starts now! 🇮🇳

Contributed by  
Mugdha, AIS Gur 46, V G

Answers: 1. Chair 2. Sofa 3. Bench  
4. Stool 5. Pillow 6. Bed 7. Couch  
8. Rocker 9. Swing 10. Glider

# Tell me a tale again, teacher!

The ACERT trainees present their freshly learnt skills to the enthusiastic Amies after attending the workshop on the 'Art of Storytelling'. Read on as the Amies learn and enjoy the creative sessions



**Doctor Doctor** Save my tooth, please...



**Moooo Milk the cow**



**Jingle Tales** Oh look! Its Santa's gift factory

### ACERT Gurgaon

The ACERT trainees presented two stories, the first through a skit and the second one through puppets. The first story revolved around little Saina, who shirks brushing her

teeth, had poor dental hygiene and hence develops cavities. The story concluded with the song, 'Brush-brush your teeth father, mother, brother'. The objective of the story was to inculcate good habits in the Amies.

The narration of the second story, with

its theme as animals, was performed with use of hand puppets. The story also introduced each animal with a rhyme to make it more interesting. The story revolved around friendship. The protagonist of the story was Jumbo the elephant. The story told through the puppet show

concluded with the song 'The more we get together the happier we will be', which Amies enjoyed the most.

### ACERT Noida

Presenting their newly learnt skills, the trainees showcased a story on the theme-Santa's factory. They went a step ahead and involved the Amies in their storytelling. As a part of this presentation, the little ones got to know how Elves wrap gifts and send them from Santa's Factory, to around the world.

### ACERT Pushp Vihar

The story titled - 'The milkman's cow' was enacted by the trainees, to inculcate the value of kindness and empathy towards animals. The story recital also introduced some of the community helpers in its course.

The protagonist in the story ie a cow, captured maximum attention of the little ones as it continued to make the moo

sound. The story revolved around a cow that had placed herself in the middle of a road and was not ready to move from there; blocking the way and thereby causing traffic jam.

The little Amies watched on as different people tried their luck in getting the cow move away. Different characters as milkman, policeman, grocer, engineer, ice cream vendor, painter, vet and nurse, conductor and bus driver, news reporter and a little boy were seen involved in the narrative of the story.

Finally, the story concluded with the cow moving away by the effort of a small boy, who treats the cow with care and little food as she was hungry.

This methodology of storytelling through enactment, also made the Amies familiar with different forms of role-playing. While the storytelling session left the trainees a little more confident, the Amies enjoyed this experience in a great way.

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## It's story time

A comprehensive workshop in the art of storytelling was held for the trainees of ACERT at all centres. Keeping in mind the importance of educators; trainees of ACERT are honed in such a way that they know how to inculcate good values, encourage the correct way of thinking and teach the child to mingle despite cultural differences. Teaching the aforementioned becomes easy through

storytelling. In the workshop, the trainees learnt about different styles of narrating a story with the help of props, music and movement, skit and drama and various skills like voice modulation, dramatisation etc.

ACERT trainees learnt different techniques of delivering a story with hands-on experience of the same at different Amiown centres.



This is my second year with The Global Times and I must say it was as much fun as the last year.  
Asavri Misra, AIS Gur 46, X, Page Editor

# Jigyasa - The Curiosity

Involving new and innovative ways for practical learning in the curriculum, a program with new methodology was organised



## AIS Gurgaon 46

To quench the curiosity of the students, an experiential learning program- JIGYASA- the curiosity was organized at AIS Gurgaon 46. The program showcased by the students of Class III – XI, aimed at enriching the students with values. For motivating the enthusiastic students, a programme was presented on a variety of topics. The parents were also invited as audience. The concept, unique in itself, left the parents spellbound and the students empowered. The new year for the school started with

great zeal, raising the bar of education to a new level altogether.

**Class VI-** A musical-drama on the topic, 'Stop cruelty towards animals' was performed. Enactment of various animal characters were presented with the deliverance of moral and social message of being kind towards them.

**Class VII-** Dramatisation of important parts of the epic, *Mahabharata and Bhagvad Gita* in a nutshell was presented.

**Class VIII-** A street play was presented on the theme Fundamental Rights; through which students learnt more about their rights and duties in fun way.

**Class IX-** Religious issues and challenges faced by world leaders, were discussed in a the forum titled - Confluence. A simulation of World Parliament of Religions, organised by the students saw spiritual leaders, presenting their views on challenging issues.

**Class X-** A career fair titled 'Disha-A career by choice not by chance', was presented where the students shared their knowledge about different careers.

**Class XI-** Powered by intellect, driven by Indian values- a presentation on the concept of value based education for personality development was shown. 🇮🇳

Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools felicitates Vikrant Manchanda with school principal Sarita Agarwal (L) and Amity Science advisor Madhu Phul (R)



# Innovation awarded

## AIS Mayur Vihar

Vikrant Manchanda, the Physics teacher of Amity International School, Mayur Vihar participated in the Northern India Science Fair 2012 organised by National Science Centre, Delhi and brought laurels to the school. His project based on 'Innovation in Technology and Learning of Science' was adjudged the best in the 'Teaching Aid Category' and honoured with a trophy, a cash prize of Rs 5000 and books on science. Vikrant qualified for the

same after bagging the first prize in the same category at the 'City Level Science Fair-2012' where teachers from 70 schools displayed their projects. His project was the only project selected for the next level. His teaching aid comprised a set of fifteen hands-on activities meant to facilitate teaching and learning of Physics. Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, who firmly believes in introducing new and effective methods of learning, felicitated him for his laudable and unprecedented achievement. 🇮🇳



# Easy Math

## AIS Pushp Vihar

Celebrating the 125th anniversary of Srinivasa Ramanujan, AIS PV organised a mathematics workshop for the students of Classes VI to VIII, held on December 20, 2012. The objective of the workshop was to instil in them creative interest for Mathematics and easy calculation techniques. The

resource person Aditi Singhal, The Limca Book of Records awardee for Memory and Fast Calculation, imparted techniques to improve concentration and several interesting methods of fast and smart calculations.

The workshop created interest in the students as it discussed ways to recall and revise which in turn would help them overcome examination phobia. 🇮🇳

# The International Young Mathematicians Convention

## AIS Noida

Three students from AIS Noida accompanied by Anil Sodha, senior Math teacher, AIS Noida participated in the four day International Young Mathematicians Convention. The event saw 600 students from 18 different countries as England, Iran, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Russia, South Africa, Bhutan, Indonesia, Philippines, Qatar and Taiwan take part. The participants namely Milind Srivastava, Sameer Jain and Aditya Pandey representing the Junior Team did the school proud by bagging a silver medal in the Quiz and Individual Contests and Bronze in the Team Contest.

The contest held at the City Montessori School (CMS), Lucknow witnessed a gathering of distinguished mathematics experts like Dr Simon L Chua, President, Mathematics Trainers Guild, Philip-



ines; Prof Wen Hsien Sun, President, Chiu Chang Education Foundation, Taiwan and Mark Saul, Senior Scholar, John Templeton Foundation, USA amidst several others. The unique exper-

ience of interacting and competing with the some of the best mathematics students worldwide gave the students of Amity a broader and wiser understanding of the subject. 🇮🇳

# Creative pedagogy

## AIS Vasundhara 6

Unique workshops were apprehended, during the winter vacations by the school teachers, with an out of the box approach. The teachers enriched and honed their pedagogic skills through these in-house workshops, using various interesting and innovative methods. The workshops were accompanied by relevant power point presentations, case studies, videos and take away fliers.

The week long intensive brain storming sessions, on its conclusion, gave the teachers a sense of triumph. The workshop encompassed interesting and creative methods to explore new territories of teaching and helped teachers assess their own strengths and limitations. The

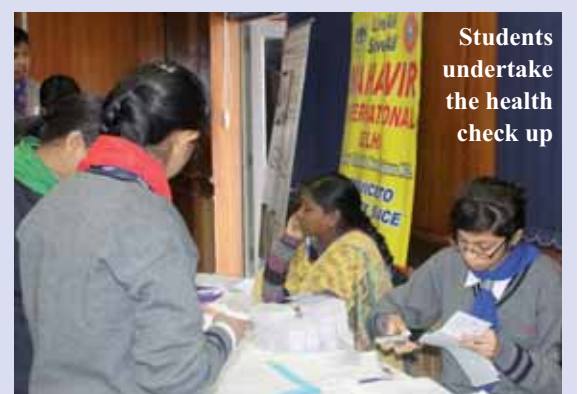


Teachers participate in the workshop

motive of the workshop was to enhance understanding towards children. Some interesting topics covered were-

Creating a brain friendly classroom; Children who push us to the edge; Discipline & dignity; Soft-skill training etc. 🇮🇳

# Let's get fitter



Students undertake the health check up

## AIS Pushp Vihar

AIS PV, under the aegis of Rotary International, organised a health camp on December 6 & 7, 2012 for Classes VIII to XI. The camp was organised with the aim to inculcate in the students a sense of complete fitness-mental, spiritual and physical. Doctors from Mahavir Inter-

national visited the school and conducted a complete health checkup of the students. Channelising the opportunity, the Youth Power team of the school invited senior citizens from 'Home for the aged' and grandparents of the students from the school were also invited for a thorough health checkup. The young Amities guided the elderly through the camp. 🇮🇳

Juggling classes; spending hours in the IT lab; non-stop editing; I never knew page 12 would be so interesting or challenging!  
Vaishnavi Kanugula, AIS Gur 46, X E, Page Editor



# Music to the ears

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AIS Gur 46, IX F

## Line Out Dock Cable

**Model:** FiiO L1

**Features:** The 10 cm long cable weighing 8 gm; allows one to connect portable audio equipments like power amplifiers and to line out headphone amplifiers

**Price: Rs 375**

## MP3 Player and Docking Station

**Model:** Sonilex SL1010

**Features:** Portable; stylish; available in

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various colours; dual speakers; high sound quality of 85 db

**Price: Rs 999**

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**Model:** Philips She 2661

**Features:** Valued for looks; wired connectivity; sound and durability; the two vents bring balance and harmony

**Price: Rs 450**

## Solid Bass Headphones

**Model:** Audio Technica ATH-WS55

**Features:** Available in red/black; compact design; light weight; impressive sound with tight, punchy bass

**Price: Rs 4,205**

## Portable Speakers

**Model:** Genius SP 165

**Features:** 40 mm driver for clear sound

and deeper bass; LED indicator; quick charging by USB

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**Model:** King Da

**Features:** Input voltage - AC 100~240v 0.1a, output voltage - DC 5.5v

**Price: Rs 65**

## FM Transmitter & Remote Control for iPhone 3GS & iPod

**Model:** Griffin

**Features:** First wireless way to play music from an iPod on your car stereo; big, friendly knob for tuning in

**Price: Rs 849**

# A day out in Gurgaon

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**Asavri Misra**

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Earlier known as the industrial hub of Haryana, Gurgaon is now fast emerging as the most sought after destination for food lovers and nature enthusiasts. Savour some of the best cuisines and bask in greenery as GT takes you on a tour of Gurgaon's best known places. Here are some must visits...



## The CUPnCAKE Factory:

It's sinful to visit Gurgaon and give this new eatery a miss. The CUPnCAKE Factory with its array of delicious savouries, has desserts to suit everyone's palette as well as pocket. For those who believe in guilt free indulgence, the rich chocolate cupcakes promise sheer delight. The health freaks need not fret too, as the joint has a wide range of sugar free desserts to offer.

**Location:** 25, Ground Floor, Ninex City Mart, Sohna Road, Gurgaon

**Barbeque Nation:** If you like your food sizzling hot, straight from the grills, then Barbeque Nation is the perfect destination for you. The restaurant has the proud distinction of being the first in India to bring the rustic, garden style barbeque straight to the table. The guests have the privilege of preparing

their own food on personally embedded grills on each table. The grand buffet with a huge spread of delicacies makes it a foodie's paradise.

**Location:** Ground Floor, Sushant Lok Plaza, Sector 28, Gurgaon

**Hang Out:** This unique rainforest themed café is the ultimate destination for party, play and fun. With its tongue tantalising food and a gaming arcade that houses skill games, amusement rides, virtual roller coasters and 4D motion ride theater, Hang Out is literally the coolest hangout zone for kids and adults alike.

**Location:** DT Mega Mall, III Floor, Golf Course Road, DLF City Phase 1, Gurgaon

**Mind Café:** If you want to enjoy a game of Pictionary, Dominion, Scotland Yard and a host of familiar to rare board



games before digging into your favourite pastas and pizzas, then Mind Café is the place to be. It is the first and only of its kind café in India which includes a well stocked library of international board games. It is a perfect place to hangout with family, friends and colleagues.

**Location:** 2nd Floor, Cross Point Mall, Opposite Galleria, DLF Phase 4, Gurgaon

## Biodiversity Park:

Have you ever been struck with a desire to plug in your iPod and enjoy a walk amidst the lush greens? If yes, then the manicured green lawns of Aravalli Biodiversity Park with its walkways, cycling tracks and plantations of exotic species, are bound to lift your spirits. Constructed over a huge



area of 576 acres, the park gives the residents of Millenium City ample opportunity to indulge in outdoor activities. If you are lucky enough, you can probably catch music band Drum Circle performing to rhythmic beats too!

**Location:** Near Guru Dronacharya Metro Station, MG Road, Gurgaon.

