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Respect your elders. They made it through school without Google. -Nihal, XI B, AIS PV

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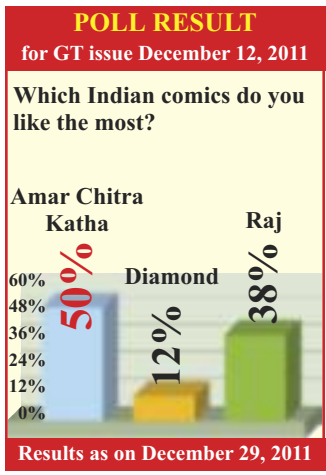
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Should we make New Year resolutions?

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

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Wishious Cycle

Wishes can vary from a simple “I want jujubes on my birthday” to the outlandish, “I want a pet unicorn.” Here’s a sneak peek into the colourful myriad of wishes!

Simran Sachdeva, AIS Pushp Vihar, X C

Wishes are like fingerprints; although everyone has them by virtue of being human, yet each wish is distinct and different from the other one. All such sweet and sour wishes add an array of colours to the canvas of life, making it so beautiful. As the new year dawns upon us, its time to make some naughty-n-nice wishes!

Crazy wish

We all have an animal instinct in us (as proven by the rockband Cranberries) that compels us to perform certain activities that are unimaginable to the sane mind. You never know when this ‘crazy’ feeling suddenly might erupt in your brain, rushing through your blood to reach each and every ounce of your body, numbing it and making you feel the adrenaline rush pumping through your veins, resulting in goose bumps accompanied with an ear-to-ear smile on your face. This is how a ‘crazy wish’ is defined. Anirudh, X, AIS PV shares his crazy side with one such wish, “I want to jump off the Burj Khalifa without a harness and mystically land on a trampoline.”

Sane wish

Sanity is one aspect of human nature that keeps the ‘animal instinct’ (read above) cowed. It is sanity that helps us take calculated risks and decisions after much analysis and measuring the pros and cons. Vathul, X, AIS Gur 46 makes a sane wish, “I want to live in 2012.” Awww Vathul all ‘wishes’ are with you, hope you survive even if the world ends!

Haww wish

Any wish that is capable of making your jaw drop and eyes pop is called a ‘haww wish’. Chhavi Sahal, X, AIS PV, has a haww wish, “One fine morning, I wake up to find my school devoid of all the books.” Haww Chhavi!

Awww wish

An awww wish is any wish that is cute enough to force one to smile and exclaim “Awww!” Rhythm, I, AIS PV has one such wish. She says, “I wish to catch a tooth fairy red-handed”. Did we hear an Awww?

Complicated wish

A wish either too obscure to understand or too hard to achieve can be termed as a complicated wish. The first thing that comes to the mind when one thinks about what exactly a complicated wish would be, is the calm and serene world of Gautam Buddha (and others in pursuit of enlightenment). May be their wish was a tongue twister in itself, “We wish to wish no more wishes in future (and achieve a state of Nirvana).”

Innocent wish

“I wish to be able to have three meals a day in 2012,” said Anuj, a cobbler in his teens. This wish would touch any heart, and all other wishes would suddenly seem phony and superficial.

Polished wish

One innocent wish is capable of making anybody laugh (at themselves for being shallow and materialistic) and cry in grief at the same time. It is coming across wishes like these that rechristen and polish us as human beings, inspiring us to make more refined and selfless wishes.

Wishes are unending. There are so many wishes that can still be added to this inexhaustible wishlist. What is yours? 🇮🇳

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Strumming peace

“It’s not a weapon. It’s a guitar,” says Columbian musician Cesar Lopez about his musical invention - Escopeterra. The musical instrument, a guitar, was made from a defunct AK-47 marking the triumph of peace over violence. Join **Heba Safawi, XI A, AIS PV** as she shares his creative journey to peace



Towards peace, musically:
Cesar Lopez with Escopeterra

Escopeterra

For me, the Escopeterra is a symbol of transformation, a victory of beautiful feelings like love and peace over violence and terror. The word Escopeterra is .a combination of two Spanish words- ‘Escopeta’, meaning shot-gun and ‘Guitarra’, which translates to guitar.

Inspirational Moment

The idea to create a gun-guitar was perfected one day, when the Bogota Club (a popular club in Columbia, frequented by the rich and famous) was bombed. That day, an armed soldier tried to block my way and broke my guitar, when I attempted to cross the sealed area. That was an extremely important moment because I realized that both of us held our instruments in the same way, but did entirely different things with them. That



Cesar Lopez (Centre) with Kaveri, Drupad, Kritika, Heba & Simran (Lto R)

moment, I decided to transform such a violent weapon – the gun, into a peace making instrument- a guitar. Following the thought-provoking experience, the Escopeterra was born after a six month effort in 2003 in Columbia

Inspiration

In Columbia, there had been a long armed conflict for about 15 years, where

illegal armed groups made life miserable for the citizens. In order to respond to the situation sans further violence, I created the Escopeterra. To retaliate to the mayhem, I played with a band named ‘Artistic Battalion of Immediate Reaction’ (ABIR). We played ‘music’ in a new and artistic way to tell a story. Whenever a tragedy happened, we played music to spread the message of

peace and unity. In times of a bomb blast or when someone was killed, we showed our support to the victims, enthusiastically calling for an end to the bloodshed and violence. Music consequently became the most peaceful and artistic means to counter terror.

Future plans

Getting a ‘mehendi tattoo’ is my immediate plan (jokes Cesar, admiring Heba’s mehendi). In future, I shall continue releasing more music albums to spread across the message of peace.

Message for Amitians

“Todo lo que los humanos hacen lo hacen por amor o por ello a la falta.” These Spanish words mean that everything that humans do, is for love or for the lack of it. There are no good or bad people in the world; they are just slaves of greed and are in search of love. Love humanity as the feeling of love can help overcome all obstacles in life. 🇮🇳

With Inputs from: Kaveri (X), Drupad (IX), Kritika (XI), Simran (X); AIS PV



goes around but not everywhere

Christmas 2011 marked fun and festivities across the globe barring a few nations that were struck by tragedies. **Omais Malik, XI B, AIS Pushp Vihar** brings you glimpses of the merry and not-so-merry this Xmas

India

■ Delhi experienced the coldest Christmas in more than five years with temperature dipping to 2.9 degree Celsius.

■ In Chennai, 22 Christmas vacationers drowned as their boat capsized in a lake in Pulicat.

Nigeria

Nigeria saw its blackest Christmas with 40 people being killed by terror attacks. A large number of people died on the footsteps of the church after celebrating Christmas mass.

Cuba

Cubans merrily celebrated Christmas by preparing for the arrival of King Pope Benedict XVI, the first visit by a pontiff to the Communist-run island since John Paul II's historic tour nearly 14 years ago. The visit is expected early in March this year.

Canada

Canadian Forces in Afghanistan received a visit from Defence Minister Peter MacKay on Christmas Day.

more than 50 years as he was undergoing a cardiac surgery.

■ The ministry of Defence sent food including turkeys, gammons, Christmas pudding and cakes to British troops and civil aid servants in Afghanistan. 200 Christmas trees and 16000 crackers were shipped from UK.

USA

President Barack Obama celebrated Christmas with his family by exchanging presents, singing carols and providing church services. He also visited military families and servicemen in Hawaii.

Philippines

Thousands of people in Southern Philippines spent Christmas in emergency shelters as tropical storm Washi caused heavy rains and flooding of rivers, killing more than 1000 people and leaving many homeless. The festive spirits were doused.

Peru

Peruvian President Ollanta Humala sent a Christmas greeting to all Peruvians through the social networks, wishing for family unit. He also wished for more development and social welfare in the coming year.

Australia

■ Tropical cyclones affected life in Northern Australia while thunderstorms and tornadoes brought hailstones in the south. Flash flooding and hailstones damaged buildings and cars.

■ West Australians spent more than 1\$ billion to purchase various Christmas goods.



United Kingdom

■ Duchess of Cambridge, Kate Middleton celebrated her first Christmas after her marriage to Prince William.

■ The Queen celebrated Christmas sans Prince Philip for the first time in

News Room Hulchul



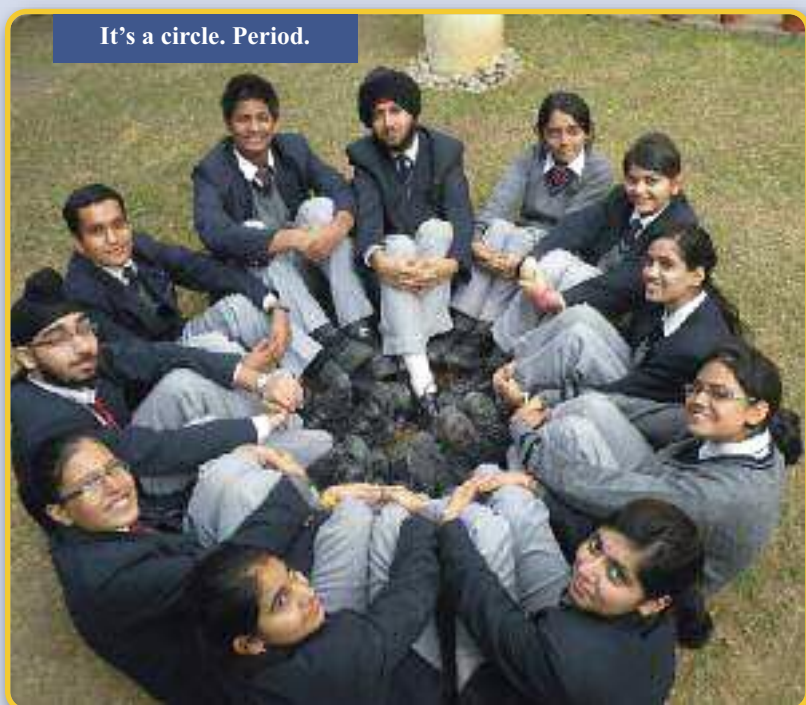
Look...see...understand...get it?



Think edit



Sketch much



It's a circle. Period.



Pose No. 52...finally all in a frame!



First time: It's new and fresh.
Second time: It's exciting.
Third time: It's a HAT TRICK!!!

Manasvi Malik, X B, AIS PV, Page Editor

Do something hatke!!!

Indulge in the aroma of tea, ink it or just paint the town red, the world of offbeat careers has options galore

Shraddha Agarwal &
Akshat M. Awasthy, AIS PV, IX C

Doctor?...*na!* Engineer?...*na* and MBA...of course not! These are long passé. Successful professions are no more about the tried and tested career choices, it's

now about following your true calling, pursuing your hobbies and putting your interest and skill to best use. Forego the conventional and step up your career ladder with latest offbeat careers. Out-of-the-box, yet lucrative, here's taking a look at some offbeat career choices that you would love to take up:

Tea Taster

Tea tasting is both a science and an art. A tea taster can tell the quality of tea just by smelling it. To make one's mark, a person has to work on a tea farm and develop efficient tasting abilities. A good tea taster can tell the taste and color of the tea by just seeing the size of the leaf.

Qualification: Degree in any discipline, preferably Science.

Pay scale: Rs. 50,000 per month (Many hotels pay high salary to a good tea taster)

Institute watch:
1. Birla Institute of Futuristic studies
2. NITM, Darjeeling Tea Research and Management Association, West

Bengal
3. Assam Darjeeling tea research centre, Darjeeling

USP: A cup of tea can make you a globetrotter.

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Tattoo Maker

If you have the inclination to ink, then tattoo making can surely be your cup of tea. A tattoo artist makes rocky, stylish tattoos inspired by nature, religion or anything purely abstract. It is not just an art, but involves science as well. A tattoo artist must know his tools well; the needles, the machines and of course, the ink.

Qualification: Training in a known tattoo studio for 2-3 years, preferably by seminar artists.

Pay scale: 500-700 to 5,000 – 10,000 an hour, 1.25 lakh per month



Institute/ studio watch:

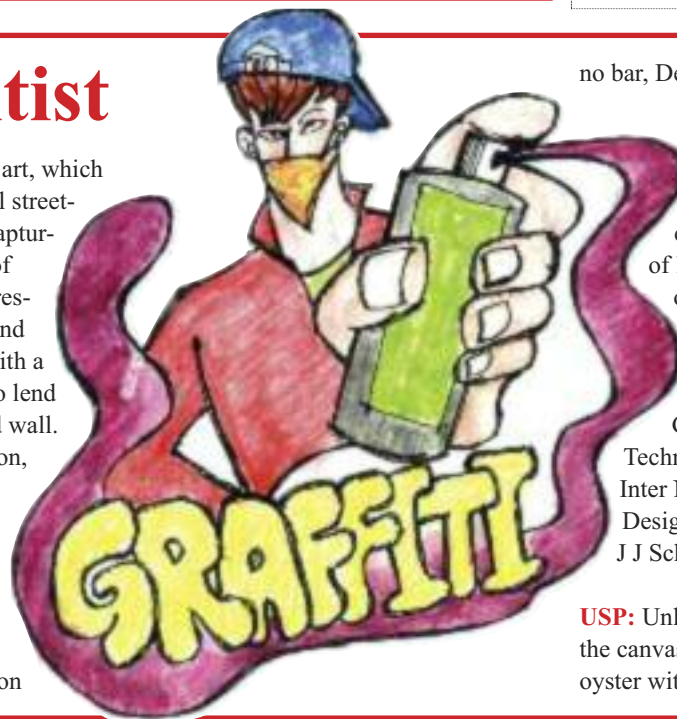
1. MJ's Tattoo, Paschim Vihar, Delhi
2. Indelible Tattoos, New Friends Colony, Delhi
3. KDz Tattoo, Rajouri Garden, Delhi

USP: Since Tattoos have become a style statement for the youth and adults alike, a tattoo maker is always in demand.

Graffitist

Graffiti is a form of art, which is a breed of visual street-journalism, or a way of capturing the pulse and rhythm of everyday life. It is an expression in the form of text and illustration; some do it with a political agenda, or even to lend colour to a mute and bland wall. It is an impulsive expression, dissent, or anything that is waiting to be heard or changed. Creativity and imagination are the keys to becoming a successful graffitist.

Qualification: Qualification



no bar, Degree in Fine Arts preferable.

Pay scale: It could be anything between 25,000 and 30,000 for a wall, and could even go up to a couple of lakhs. Usually sponsors, owners or patrons of art pay for those pieces.

Institute Watch:
Graffiti Institute of Fashion Technology (GIFT), Indore
Inter National Institute of Fashion Design (INIFD), Delhi
J J School of Arts, Mumbai.

USP: Unleash your creativity beyond the canvas, after all, the world is an oyster with a wall.

Be a (SoP) star!

Mission Admission abroad = Good SoP (Statement of Purpose)

Have you made up your mind to study abroad and live life *Fi-rang* style? Well, then you must know you can't get away without writing a SoP...right? As the name suggests, SoP the Statement of Purpose is your personal statement about who you are, what has influenced your career path so far, your professional interests and where you plan to go from here. A good SoP can be a reflection of your individuality and professionalism, helping you crack admission in your dream college abroad. Though writing an SoP is no cakewalk, it shouldn't give you goosebumps and nightmares either. **Stuti Kathuria & Shefali Jauhar, XI, AIS PV** bring to you a step-by-step guide, helping you write an impressive and winning SoP.

Plan in advance

Planning enables oneself to put together a well written, thoughtful and polished essay, accelerating the chances of admission. Give yourself at least a month to gather the required information and produce a final version of your SoP.

Research more

Investigate the current research trends of the university you are applying to. Read faculty publications and all the admission requirements (specifically those mentioned in your SoP). You must demonstrate to the committee how your goals coincide with what the program has to offer, how well you can fit in and how your qualifications will benefit the program.

Highlight it all

A picture of your overall personality, academic background, work experience (if any), special projects, association with a social cause etc., your Statement of Purpose should have it all. Highlight these integral elements appropriately. But avoid falling into the trap of mentioning each of them in great detail. Your essay should have depth, not breadth. Remember that you have very little space to convey who you are, so make every sentence count. Don't try to tell the admissions committee what sounds just music to their ears. Don't be hypocritical, it is the individuality what matters.

Seek expert advice

The internet can always be of great help with numerous SoP samples available, but it's best to seek advice and inputs from your personal guides- your teachers and career counsellors! Your essay should reflect that you have done a critical analysis of your goals and future plans. It is not surprising that an average applicant drafts over 10-12 SoPs over a two month period roughly. It's essential to put in a lot of hardwork. Nothing comes easy. Even if you don't have the answers to all the questions, it is necessary to show that you have given a thought to it

Step into new shoes

Put your essay at rest for a couple of days. When you re-examine your SoP, get ready to step into the admission committee's shoes. Imagine yourself as a professor or graduate student who is carefully judging a few hundred applications and classifying them into 'yes', 'maybe' and 'no'. Try to read yours through a stranger's eye. What do you see? And there lies the answer.



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3 mistakes to avoid

- 1 Creative? Not really!**
Many applicants use flowery language and jargons to impress the admissions' committee, but miss out on highlighting their strengths.
- 2 Too formal? Too casual?**
None of them work when you are writing a SoP. Put a little bit of both together in the essay for a balanced and perfect piece.
- 3 Showcase: Shook-case**
By failing to say how they see themselves in the future, candidates appear less confident. Showcase your best side, but don't go overboard.

iGadget it rural!

Who needs Apple and Philips when we have our own innovations in a desi avatar?

Lakshika Khanna, AIS PV, IX C

Think innovation and the new mantra seems to be ‘Go rural, then global’. The bucolic side of India has come up with many out-of-the box yet high on utility innovations (read gadgets) that can give the international counterparts a run for their money. These innovations by the grassroot innovators not only make the chores of everyday life easy, but help keep the pocket smiling too. Here’s taking a glance at these rural innovations:

Adios ‘Goodnight’

It’s time to say goodbye to mosquito repellants and shoo away the dangerous mosquitoes with sunlight. Well, that’s what a solar mosquito trapper, better known as ‘Hawker’ does. The device can be installed anywhere, preferably in the area where there is access to direct sunlight. Once installed it has no running cost. It uses a simple technique of letting the biogas from the septic tank flow into the device. The smell of the biogas attracts the mosquitoes into the device. The greenhouse effect inside the chamber due to constant heating by sunlight dehydrates and finally kills the trapped mosquitoes.

The desi body shop

You’re using the most expensive soap,

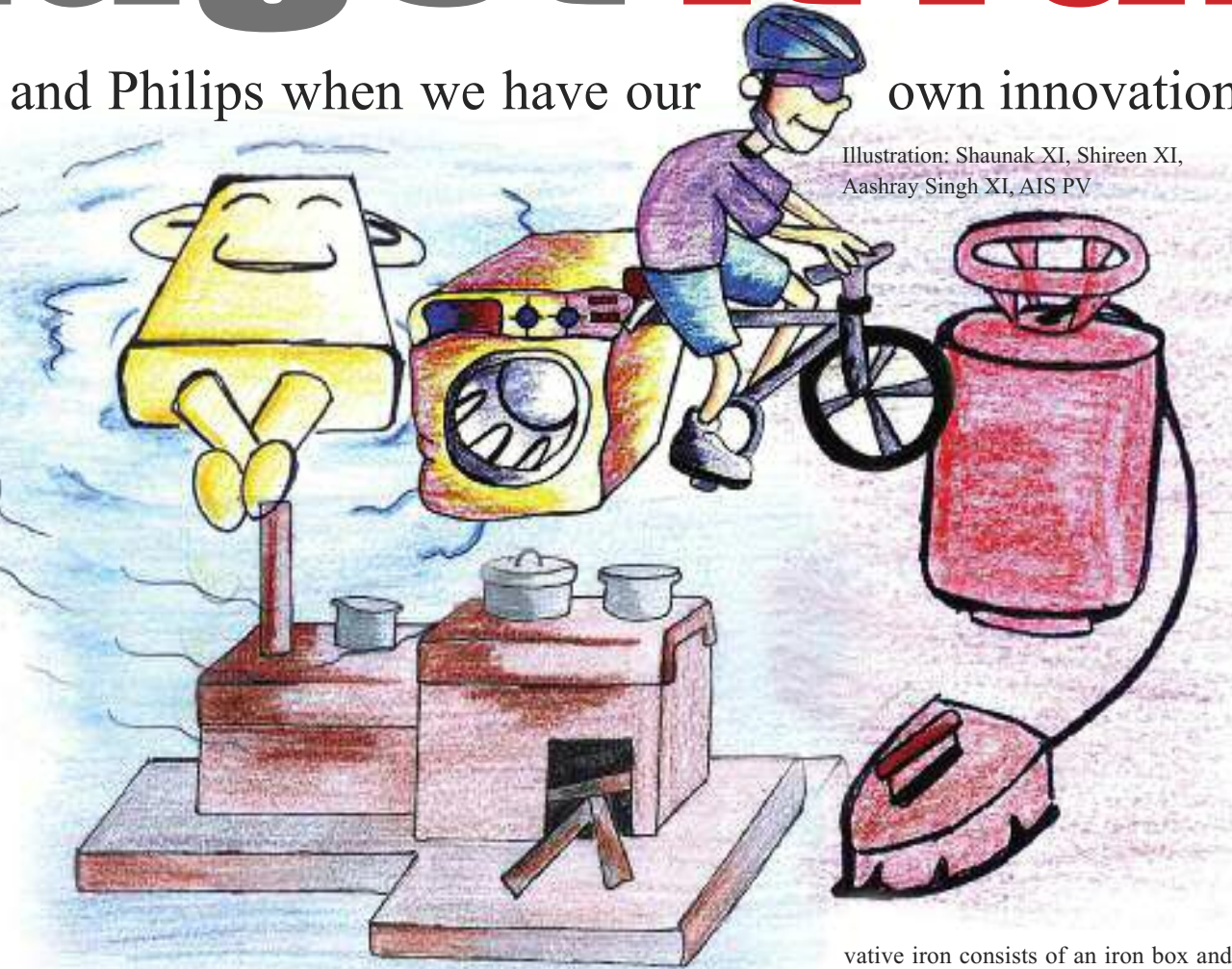


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huh? But does it float? Here is a handy soap that floats on water. For those whose soap often sinks while bathing in rivers, this product is such a respite. Made of natural herbs, milk and honey, this soap offers many medicinal benefits as well. The herbal soap has a density of 0.878, TFM (Total Fatty Matter) as 73

per cent, foaming stability as 0.1 cm and foaming power as 0.2 cm.

Iron it out

Tired of alarming electricity bills courtesy the heavy ironing that your numerous clothes require? Not anymore! Switch to LPG operated iron. This inno-

vative iron consists of an iron box and has an inbuilt perfunctory lighter for ignition of its filament. The flow of gas takes place through a small copper pipe and can be easily regulated by its knob. The cost for operating the iron box for an hour is Rs. 1.8 approximately. Easy configuration, simple design, light weight, portability, cost efficiency make the gas operated iron a boon for areas

with short power supply and people like washerman and tailors.

Smokeless stove

Seems like scenes of choking smoke filled kitchens in rural areas are soon going to be history, all thanks to the latest innovation of a portable smokeless stove. The device uses paddy husk, a cheaply available fuel that gives a smokeless flame. It has a secondary burning chamber that allows maximum combustion of the hydrocarbons, which are released during the burning of biomass (paddy husk). Easy to operate and eco friendly, this rural innovation is available in two versions- iron and steel.

Wash=Exercise

Ever thought of losing weight by washing clothes? Here’s the answer in the form of washing-cum-exercise machine. The innovation is a mechanical, semi automate pedal operated machine for clothes, which works on the principle of the tumbling effect. This device has a cuboid shape encasement, which rotates through a shaft integrated to pedals with a seating arrangement for the user. It can wash up to 3 kgs in 20-30 minutes. With India fast becoming a hotbed of promising innovations, the above mentioned gadgets are just a trailer and the movie awaits many more rural innovations in the making.🇮🇳

Sports

Howzatt!?!

SPORTING multiple feats



Illustration: Mayank Daswani, XI, AIS PV

Jack of all trades and master of a few more, the world of sports seems to have many multisport athletes. Come, meet them all

Shireen Chanana, AIS PV, IX C

They have made a mark for themselves in the sport they are known to play. They have always surprised you with their amazing talent and sheer excellence in sport. Now they will surprise you more by their expertise in playing multiple sports. Yes, they are the best multi-sport athletes, the all rounders of all times:

The all-star

Amalgamation of the two sports, Baseball and Football seems to be very common for American sportsmen but Vincent Edward Jackson or “Bo”, as the world knows him, is a classic example. He kicked the football for the Los Angeles Raiders with the same ease as he struck the baseball for the Chicago White Sox. Bo outshone in these sports and became the first sportsman to secure himself the title of ‘All-star’. His sports list doesn’t end here. He had a special interest in playing Track and Field as well. He pursued these with equal passion.

The cricketing legend

Sports legend Sachin Tendulkar has love for many sports beyond Cricket. Actively involved in Tennis during childhood days, he seems to have the interest going strong till date as evident from his presence at many international tennis matches. Equally a motor sports enthusiast, the masterblaster loves to vroom his Ferrari and chose not to miss the chance to attend and wave the checkered Flag at the India’s first Formula One’s Grand Prix.

The golfing cricketer

Kapil Dev, the former Indian cricketer is amongst the few Indian sportsmen who play more than just one sport. This cricketing star, who made India proud by winning the World Cup for the first time, has taken up golf in all passion.

Femme Fatale

Babe Didrikson-Zaharias wasn’t only the most celebrated female athlete of all time, but was also one of the most talked about all rounder athletes. Zaharias won

SPORTS Quiz

All Rounder athletes

- Who has the title of the greatest football and lacrosse player of all times?
- She won two track and field gold medals in the 1932 Olympics and died early of cancer. Who was she?
- Who’s the skilled football, baseball, and basketball player who has won the Heisman Trophy?
- Great in football and track but made his name in Baseball as a Hall of Fame player. Name him.
- Name the best male & female athletes in multi-sport extravaganza at the 2010 Sahara India Sports Award.

Read the answers

1. Jim Brown 2. Babe Didrikson 3. Charlie Ward 4. Jackie Robinson 5. Gagan Narang & Deepika Kumari

Gold in the Javelin, 80-meter Hurdles and High Jump at the 1932 Olympics. From there, she went on to become the greatest female golfer of all time, winning five majors before illness cut her career short. But that’s not all, Zaharias was also a baseball nut and such a natural hitter that she earned the nickname “Babe,” as a tribute to the famous Yankee slugger.🇮🇳



Working with GT is always a fun - filled experience. Varied topics, awesome articles and having loads and loads of fun is what GT is all about.

Anugya Gupta, XI A, AIS PV, Page Editor

Har parent zaroori hai yaar!

Every kid is different and so is every parent. While some take on that mean look, others opt for pampering as the parenting methodology. Though the unique tutoring mannerisms may vary, the soft spot for their young one remains universal. Lend an ear as **Pratibha Gauri Nigam, X C, AIS PV** bring you the “The Parent Sagas”

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TEDHA HAI PAR MERA HAI

Lion tamer, Companion

They are given a hard time by their notorious lot. Always being hauled up by school authorities in order to compensate for the blunders of their adorable villains, they are so accustomed to the process that they recognize the school staff. They've tried every trick in the book and are constantly devising new ways to tame their little monsters. This set of parents often witness their extreme sides – from being too soft to being too harsh. They lovingly devote their lives to their child, signifying “Faith.”

Punishments: Intricate

BETA KHAANA KHAALO

Motivator, chef with peculiar recipes

They give their children reminders about everything and habitually cajole them. Strictness isn't their strongest trait. Do they allow personal space? NO! Health is their primary concern. They never pressurize but always ‘mention’ their expectations tactfully! They drop the bombs of comparison in the daily chit - chat. They propagate the Parent-religion – Comparison! Although aimed at constructive criticism, miscommunication of such critique hassles the child*. They epitomize “Consistency.”
*Dear kids, when they inquire about others, they're merely curious! Dear Parents, recollect the dogma of parenthood: every child is special!

Punishments: Cleaning, No parties

95% = X~BOX

Finance Minister, Inspiration

They follow an “incentive-based” program, designed to obtain desired results from children without struggling to grasp their attention. They set goals and reward kids with a ‘wish-list’ item. They are ‘engines’ rather than the ‘drivers’ which makes their children self-sufficient. They too advocate comparison for motivating children with healthy competition (this may backfire). They symbolize “Assertiveness.” They ‘bribe’ the kids to push them to get marks.

Punishments: No PS3/junk food, Homework

HONEY THAT'S FAB

Manager, BFF

They ‘splurge and spoil’ when showering love but they're no strangers to severity. While they readily give freedom which makes them approachable, they often forget to put constraints; and so whenever they do, it isn't well received by their otherwise ‘pampered’ (cliché) children. They represent “Spontaneity.” While you can find them chatting with their young ones on FB, don't be surprised when they met out punishments that hurt the most.

Punishments: No BBM, Grounding

Friendly fight forever



Kritika Goyal, XI A & Nidhish, IX B
AIS Pushp Vihar

Chatting all night even when you have nothing to talk about, a simple cup of coffee, random bouts of laughter, those I-understand glances, canteen trips, bunking classes...a happy story so far? Here comes the dramatic twist – THE BIG FIGHT. No matter how much we love our friends, fights remain inevitable. However, not all friends are the same and hence not all friends fight for the same reasons. While some may share a discord due to difference of opinions, others embark on a cold war for ‘offensive factors’. But whatever the underlying reason may be, there is always a solution.

It's day. It's night. Time to fight?

Not agreeing to each other's views is basic human nature. And we continue to be humans, even when we are friends. Everybody has a unique nature, some are controlling and the others are controlled. So, if you think

You love them. They love you. But is your friendly love enough to avoid fights? Read on to find out...

it's morning and your friend thinks it's night, then – IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL.

Let's resolve: Difference of opinion has existed and always will. Respect each other's viewpoints and live with it. And if the clash of opinions is for something unimportant, stop being so silly. Will you?

Pardon me!

“You are stupid.” says your friend! The result? An offended you. “It really hurts when your friend says something offensive. I might not talk to my friend for a while if she offends me,” says Shireen, IX, AIS PV.
Let's resolve: First things first, your friend never

meant to hurt you. Maybe your friend is moody!

Me time – No longer!

Possessiveness. Insecurity. Jealousy. A big fight. Sounds like the script of a perfect masala potboiler? No, this is the script of our regular friendships. Yes, we do feel bad when our best friend leaves us stranded choosing to go to the canteen with her/his other friends.
Let's resolve: STOP BEING INSECURE! Your friend is your friend, even when he/she chooses to spend time with others. Period.

Secret – Unsecret

X shares a secret with best friend Y. Y shares it with another best friend Z. The result – confusion, which eventually culminates into a fight. “You feel betrayed and tend to lose trust in your best friend when she chooses to disclose your secret to someone else. And to revive that lost trust is not easy,” says Niharika Khanna, IX, AIS PV.

Let's resolve: Face your friend, tell him/her you didn't like it. Talk it out but remember that the secret was not disclosed on purpose. It was just a slip of tongue (maybe)!

There are friends. And there are fights. But that is where the excitement lies. So keep the excitement going, but remember, “Without friends there are no rainbows but only rain, but with friends, there are rainbows all around even without rain.”



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URBAN DICTIONARY

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YouTube degree: A bachelor's level certificate that people award to themselves after they have deemed themselves to be experts in a particular field of study by watching various instructional and how – to videos on YouTube.

Sentence: Rick has been proudly showing off his diving skills after getting a YouTube degree in it.

Hunger pack: A six pack that is only visible when you are very hungry. It disappears soon.

Sentence: Lee wakes up every morning with a hunger pack, and sleeps at night like a stuffed-toy.

Buddy in-law: A friend's friend you know but you are yet to meet.

Sentence: My buddy-in-law, Kiarra, a friend of my friend Rachel, is a supermodel.

Cold anxiety: When you hate the cold so much, you take certain steps in your life to avoid cold situations.

Sentence: Molly has avoided all the parties this winter stating cold-anxiety.



Discover your self



Dr. Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

As the New Year dawns upon us, I can sense a renewed hope and vigour all around, for it is the perfect time to reflect on the year gone by; a wonderful time to usher in a brand new chapter of life by completing half done tasks without further procrastination and fulfilling the promises made to oneself as well as to others. This is also the best time to rummage the deepest, but the most often untouched realms of the consciousness. The New Year is just another reason to introspect and dispel the darkness of the soul in order to evolve into a better and more enlightened human being.

As for my Amitians, I must share that a smile gushes to my face everytime I visualise my students setting for themselves ambitious yet realistic goals for 2012 and striving towards achieving them this brand new year. My dear Amitians, always remember that success is a by-product of the journey you undertake. So, traverse the challenging path to victory with integrity, humility and hard work. On the journey to self-discovery, remember to look back every now and then to thank those who made the expedition not only a success, but also worth the travel. Sometimes, be a passive traveller- just close your eyes when all is dark and trust the Almighty as He steers you to a world where there is fearlessness and determination to triumph over all weaknesses and evils. Once realised, these resolutions will give you the strength to set even harder goals and chase after them unflinching. Just in case it takes longer than usual, smile your way through. May the year ahead shower light and happiness upon you. [G U](#)

Education & Beyond...

Sow an act, and you reap a habit; sow a habit, and you reap a character; sow a character, and you reap a destiny.

George Dana Boardman



Ameeta Mohan
Principal, AIS PV

What does the teaching community regard education as? Is it only the simple dissemination of knowledge? Or are they able to see the larger picture? Are they capable enough to face the challenges of the paradigm shift that the education sector is passing through? Today's generation not only needs a friend and a guide in a teacher, but also a confidante equally dexterous in dealing with technology to share a similar wave length as their students. Keeping oneself abreast with the latest technology is a mandate but in this entire milieu, aren't we letting it overpower the simple logic that education without human touch is void! The noble aim of education to create compassionate human beings turns out to be a far reaching mirage as education devoid of any humane values is a bottomless pit that can never be reached. The need of the hour is a facilitator who creates that make-believe world that develops imagination; a teacher who reinvents history from the ashes of the past and rouses the phoenix of world culture; a teacher who introduces the young minds to the colorful palette of scientific wonders, and be a role model in its true sense, for he is the one who would educate the learners that character is higher than intellect and man is the architect of his own fortune. [G U](#)

Angel without a halo

Fuming over social issues is easy, but how many of us actually take up cudgels against the darkness haunting our society? This Good Samaritan did

Good Samaritan

Tanya Nagrath, AIS PV, IX B

Social crusader Mamta Sahai may not be a superstar, but is no less than a superhero, at the rescue of women and children. The founder of NGO Savera and Magistrate, Child Welfare Committee, she seeks to strengthen the foundation of the nation - children.

You are working for the cause of 'empowerment of children'. Tell us something about your social endeavours.

In the last six years, I have been committed to working with 10,000 children in need of care and protection. As a significant part of the Child Welfare Committee, I have been working on multiple issues concerning children.

Which aspect of child empowerment do you think needs special attention?

Our country is yet to pass a secular law for adoption of children, and that I think calls for immediate attention. I



Tanya Nagrath with Mamta Sahai

am working towards the enactment of such a law. My NGO, Savera is working towards the same. I am also dedicated to working for child rights, primarily the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, which I again think is extremely important as it is children who are the future of the nation and hence must be protected.

Tell us something about your NGO Savera.

The NGO aspires to empower women and children in need for support. Education is imparted to children through our tuition centres. Women literacy and health are our prime concern. We keep taking up various projects from time to time that focus on their welfare.

How does the NGO function?

Like any other NGO, Savera too functions by funding and contributions. Delhi Government is the chief donor for Savera. There are so many others who contribute gladly. I teach a class of 40 students and their education is supported by donations in the form of books and stationery.

You seem to be working head on for social welfare. Any inspirations behind the same?

I have always believed that there are only a chosen few who can devote themselves selflessly to a social cause. Since my childhood days, I have always nurtured the desire to become a social worker. Besides, the people who come to my NGO with the belief that I will do something for them and help them out, also keep me motivated and going strong.

Any message for our readers?

Count upon your blessings. There are too many of them. Reciprocate by doing something for the less fortunate and underprivileged. [G U](#)

The Echo of Silence

Illustration: Aashray Singh, XI C, AIS PV



Surbhi Gupta, AIS PV, XI C

To a child, silence is creating sound that does not rouse his mother from sleep, but to a mother it comes as an urgency, hard to maintain as she goes about the daily chores over her sleeping infant. Between lovers, silence could be about going wordless with sentiment over the incapacity to express hurt. For couples, it could be a morose confrontation, or reciprocated consternation. To a warrior, it could be a presentiment of a looming attack or a truce with the adversary.

The beauty of silence is that it has no persona of its own except what one's mind gives it. So, as a result, we bestow innumerable adjectives on this state of our being! One can name it stony silence, disturbing silence, hushed silence or musical silence. But such sheer existence is only in the material world. To our inner core, it is plain and simple silence that is deep, enriching and absolute. It's remarkable how articulate silence can be. And it keeps approaching us in countless, baffling ways. Somewhere deep down, in the innermost recesses of our consciousness, we have

an unfathomable union with it. Albeit, we have erected barriers of ignorance between our true Self and silence! Stupefaction dawns upon me to believe that people deny silence and also flout it. Despite the fact that we seem quite sore with clamor bar we appear to brawl silence!

It is in silence that one may find the deepest answers to the toughest questions. It is also the goal of all answers. If an answer does not silence the mind, then it is not an answer. With utmost simplicity of words, a great master once said, "If you want to make sense, it has to come from silence." [G U](#)

Enjoying Challenges



Richa Chandna
GT Coordinator,
AIS PV

"Happiness does not come from doing easy work but from the afterglow of satisfaction that comes after the achievement of a difficult task that demanded our best." These words of

Theodore Rubin guided me through the process of formulating this contest issue. From the initiation of the process to its completion, the main focus point was to bring about an edition which everyone would enjoy. The enthusiasm of the students was so electrifying. It seemed like their passion was on fire, which made the selection of the core committee an uphill task for me. Various topics were brought forward by our multifaceted team; they were selected, scrapped and reworked to bring about the edition which stands tall before you. The professionalism with which the team collaborated and delivered is highly commendable. Finally, the creative endeavours of our budding writers triumphed over the chaos and confusion to deliver nothing short of the very best.

Our edition is a colourful palette where the cover story dares to bring out the hues of the world that exist; one which dreams to fly high in the sky and the other to just being able to stand. Learning curve gives a cue to writing SOP's whereas rural gadgets talk about science evolving around us. The Big Story on chocolates is a direct hit on your taste buds and wants you going yummy. Smashing 1000 is for our trend setters on street fashion. Hope you all enjoy reading the issue as much as we enjoyed making it for you! I would like to thank Amity for giving us a platform like The Global Times. [G U](#)



Dear Editor,

The Global Times has provided us with a unique platform to express

our views and share our thought process with a large audience. It has tied us Amitians in a strong literary bond by sowing the seeds of curiosity in us, whose roots spread far and wide connecting the wings of a million students. It has shrunk the

Amity fraternity into a small but creative, ignited and truly global student community.

We'd like to thank the newspaper for being such a tremendous inspiration!

Anish Deva
XI B, AIS PV [G U](#)



Even after two years, working with GT is always a new and unique experience. From writing and editing to publishing and reading, it is a complete meal and I savour each and every morsel.

Akanksha Gupta, XI B, AIS PV, Page Editor

Chocolicious

The first bite- its muddy creaminess and rich darkness calling war on taste buds, tingling them with its fuzzy texture, hiding in corners of the mouth – the tongue battling and yearning to have a taste of every bit of it. Relish and revel as Akanksha Gupta, XI B and Niharika Khanna, IX A, AIS PV bring you the biography of chocolate chum

CHOC - A - BLOCK

A sweet history of you, me and hum

COCOA BEANS

- They are said to have originated in the Amazon Basin about 4000 years ago.
- Christopher Columbus discovered them first in 1502.

AZTECS AND XOCOLATL

- Herman Cortes found Moctezuma, the Aztec emperor feasting on a cup of bitter water, known as Xocolatl, made from fresh cocoa beans.
- The liquid was so precious that it was served in gold goblets and used as a form of currency.

EUROPE AND THE ADVENT OF CHOCOLATE

- In the 1600s, the Spanish introduced it as a sweet for the rich.
- By the 1650s, the English invented a cheaper way of manufacturing it and chocolate became available to the common man.

CHOC - A - DOC

A chocolate a day keeps the doctor away?

Chocolate does funny unimaginable things to the human senses, playing with them- making them swing with positive energy. Popularized as a mood enhancer, chocolate has well shown its ability to bring a smile to just about anyone's face. In fact, it is scientifically proven to be useful in fighting depression. Made from the beans of the Theobroma cacao tree, it offers many of the health benefits of dark vegetables. It has flavonoids, which act as antioxidants that are known to prevent aging, relax blood pressure and balance certain hormones in the body. Who'd ever prefer spinach to chocolates?

CHOCK - A - HAWK

Sigh, Sniff, Snap; Savour and Smack!

STEP 1 Eat with your eyes first and SIGH.

STEP 2 Now rub a piece with your thumb and SNIFF-SNIFF-SNIFF! It's not just 'chocolaty'. Can you smell the richness, intensity and sweetness? So there you are! It's time to now dig your teeth into it and 'Hear' the crackle of its delightful texture.

STEP 3 SAVOUR and "mouth-feel" the piece. Let it melt slowly. How does it feel -smooth, creamy, greasy, slimy or waxy?

STEP 4 Finally it's time to SMACK your tongue and relish the flavour. But the flavour may take time to conquer your taste buds. Does it build on or remain constant...hmm...probably it keeps changing. This is fun. It's lovely to have the taste linger on for a long while, isn't it? Relish this sinful pleasure!

CHOC - A - BASIC

An introduction

WHITE CHOCOLATE

Mild + Pleasant = Mmmm....mousse

MILK CHOCOLATE

Smooth + Sweet = Cookies anyone?

DARK CHOCOLATE

High cocoa solids + Less milk = Bittersweet & healthy

BITTERSWEET CHOCOLATE

Rich + Intense = Apt for cooking/baking

UNSWEETENED CHOCOLATE

100% cocoa = Only for baking

CHOC - A - LUXE

Luxury now and Luxurious then

Ooh lala! The royal flavor clasps the tongue like silk threads that wrap round a cocoon. Hand-made with the finest cocoa beans, infused with exotic flavors like orange-mint, nutmeg, cloves etc and sculpted with artisinal techniques; luxury chocolates are a gourmet's delight. Though, your pocket may not be really fond of them. Sample some chocolate love, served with a luxurious dressing.

Richart Chocolates

USP: Made from Venezuelan cocoa, the best cocoa in the world.
Price: \$120

Delafee Chocolates

USP: Made with real edible gold
Price: \$508 for a box

Chocopologie

USP: Made of 70% Valrhona cacao, which is blended into a creamy ganache with a French truffle inside
PRICE: \$2,600 a pound

While these gourmet favourites make chocolate a luxury item now, the world is all set to witness a day when chocolate will indeed be a 'luxury'. The rich creamy essence fills the sweet buds with a burning desire to remain captivated in that seemingly undying moment of insatiable lust. But for how long? What about the "day after tomorrow"? Will chocolate survive the heat? Being a heat sensitive crop, even an increase of 2.3°C will render many of the world's cocoa-producing areas chocoless, affecting about 70% of the produce. It seems like all chocolates might just become a "luxury" item in near future at this rate!

CHOC - A - PICK

Savour as what you want!

While the classic chocolate bar will continue to entice taste buds, the bitter-sweet flavour packages itself in new forms to brighten your face with a blissful smile. From chocolate cookies and chocolate cake this sinful temptation has moved on to more innovative platters – read chocolate starters, chocolate popcorn and the like. Take your pick and savour as you want.

Chocolate popcorn All you need to do is pop the corn, cover it with chocolate glaze and then microwave it for a few more seconds to make crisp chocolate coated popcorns. You may consider experimenting with caramel along side.

Chocolate pizza Substitute cheese with chocolate and have nuts, candies, dried cherries and the like for toppings and you have the recipe for a chocolate pizza. Sometimes the regular pizza base may be replaced with a cake/brownie base.

Chocolate shots It's time to get high on chocolate! Hot molten chocolate with a tinge of rum or orange essence, served in shot glasses; this one is ideal for a cold winter. You could try them cold as well. Warning: This one is really chocolaty.

Choco Panache At the 2010 Paris Salon du Chocolate in Shanghai, China, the world was astounded by dresses, jackets, shoes and handbags made of chocolate; all edible!

Chocolate pasta Dark chocolate infused with pasta dough to make chocolate fettuccine. This pasta is cooked with custard sauce, chocolate sauce and cream. Dessert for main course anyone?

Chocolate sandwich Spread some chocolate on bread slices, top it with hazelnuts or fruits of your choice. Top it with another bread slice. [GFI](#)

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Phone Number: 7

CHOCOLATIER

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Address: 9, DDA 4, Chitranjan Park, New Delhi

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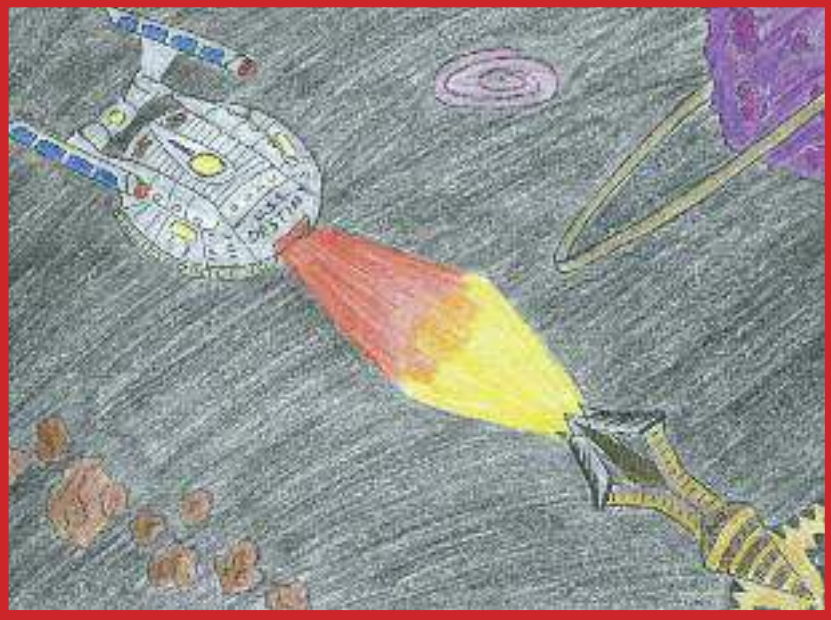
Lebanese exotica in the form of gourmet chocolates that are gelatin free, preservative free, with no artificial flavours.

Address: Select City Walk mall, 13 A, Ground Floor

Captain! We're under attack!

STORY WALA

Illustration: Saman Kazimi, XI C, AIS PV



Nalini Kumar, AIS PV, XI C

Captain’s log – Star date 2873.4; it’s been 5 days and we haven’t encountered any invaders yet. The crew is exhausted after the last mission. The mission was – “To rescue Zeronian Vulcans from fluidic space” and there we faced our most capable enemy, Species 8472. We had to beam down dozens of their bioships in order to complete the mission. Celebration was short lived. The danger still remained Captains Log End – Captain Kaznal of Star Ship - USS Destiny.

I was prepared for my daily rounds of the ship. As the doors swished open, I felt a sudden jerk that challenged my sense of balance. Puzzled, I thought to myself, “Five days and no sign of danger, now what could this be?” A Cadet found me and briefed me on the situation. “Captain! We’re under attack! Radar just spotted an 8472 bioship to our star-board! And it looks like they want a fight,” she said worriedly. “Tell everyone to assume battle positions immediately” I arrived in the Command room a minute

later and ordered Pilot Yang to shift to full speed. I turned to Lieutenant Leo; he threw me a rather worried look. This doesn’t look good. “Lieutenant-Leo, arm the weap...” He cut me off before I could finish. “They’re down captain,” He replies. “What?” I asked shockingly. “Weapons are down, Captain Kaznal.” I stood cold. I was pacing the room a minute later only to be interrupted by Leo again. “Captain, I have a weapon I’ve been working on, which can still turn the tides of battle!” I listened. “It’s called the ‘Quantum Laser’ powered with highly reactive protons. One beam of this laser, and the enemy is dust!” He smiles. “Great! Activate it!” I told him. “But it’s not stable! We might kill our...” This time, I cut him off. “Leo, it’ll work. It’s our only chance!” Leo turns to his controls, retunes the power to the laser and waits for my command. “Give it your best shot, for you only have one.” “Yes, Captain!” He replied. A minute later, the command room was filled with blinding whitelight. As we stabilized the ship, I looked at the screen, it read, ‘Target Annihilated’. I glanced at Leo and smiled. He grins at me and says, “Eh! Beginner’s luck!”

CUTTING ONIONS

Akanksha Gupta, AIS PV

Invisible steam, furnished from the furnace with spicy flames that noiselessly knelled, showed the red of a mortuary making the hapless insides mightily well

It made the skin wry, raw and red - tingled it to the very core, Oh! It set fire to the rain

that from the heavens did pour

With such force and unseen valor that it brought destruction in its wake, and it tortured outwards, not within for those who might mistake

I couldn’t ask it to stop; could you? it was ever more deaf than dumb and so the fiery blades swished viciously; till all the senses went numb!



Illustration: Shreya Anand, XI C, AIS PV



Water in its crystal hues

CAMERA CAPERS

Pics: Satjit Singh, XI C, AIS PV

Noodle Cutlet



Prakriti Jalan, AIS PV, XI A

Ingredients

Cabbage1/4th
Carrot1
Noodles1 Packet
Soya sauce1 tea spoon
Chilly sauce1 tea spoon
Tomato sauce1 tea spoon
Vinegar½ tea spoon
Saltto taste
Bread4 slices
Semolina (*Sooji*)1 cup

Method

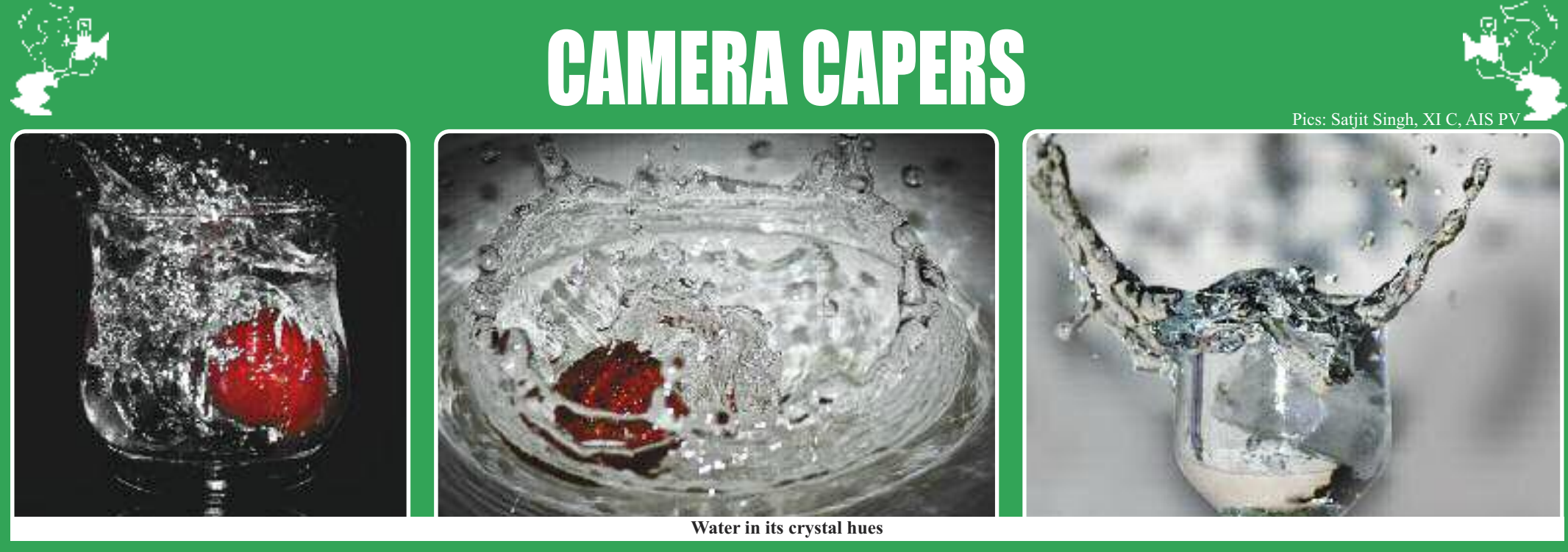
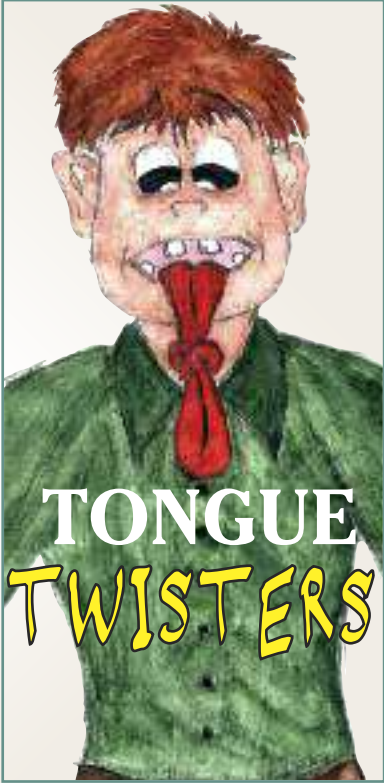
- Boil some noodles

- Grate cabbage and carrot.
- Put cabbage, carrot and noodle in a bowl and mix it with soya sauce, tomato sauce, chilly sauce and vinegar.
- Add salt to taste
- Soak a slice of bread in water and roll it in the shape of a ball. Do the same for the rest.
- Spread some semolina on a plate and roll the ball on it.
- Now, deep fry the chops in oil.
- Take them out after they turn golden in colour.
- Serve it on a plate. Garnish it with coriander and your crispy noodle chops are ready to be savoured with green *chutney* or sauce!

Utkarsh Rathi, AIS PV, XI B

- Robby rabbit rumbled rapidly around the round about.
- Swan swam over the sea, Swim swan swim, Swan swam back again Well swum swan!
- Can you can a can like a canner can can a can?
- When a doctor falls ill, another doctor doctors the doctor. Does the doctor doctoring the doctor doctors the doctor in his own way or does the doctor doctoring the doctor doctors the doctor in the doctor’s way!
- I wish to wish the wish you wish to wish, but if you wish the wish the witch wishes, I won’t wish the wish you wish to wish.

Illustration: Saman Kazimi, XI C, AIS PV





Collecting poems and articles, grabbing kids to get cool pictures clicked, putting all illustrations in place and almost annoying the designers with numerous design preferences. It was a superb experience!

Heba Safawi, XI A, AIS PV, Page Editor

Ticket 2 Binsar

Anvi Mahajan, AIS Pushp Vihar, III B

It took me a long journey to reach Binsar, but the hill station near Almora in Uttarakhand was worth the wait. It is a peaceful place with beautiful hills, colourful flowers and wonderful birds all around. I had a good time with my family and grand ma, who was very happy to revel in the natural beauty of Binsar. I went to a bird sanctuary where I spotted exotic birds and enjoyed the beauty of nature. All types of birds were there, be it big or small, thin or fat.

I even saw some birds of the size of my thumb; some birds were multicoloured and some had a very long tail like 'Magpie'. The resort where I stayed was situated at a great height, so I enjoyed a wonderful view from there. The resort offered a host of facilities and many indoor and outdoor games.

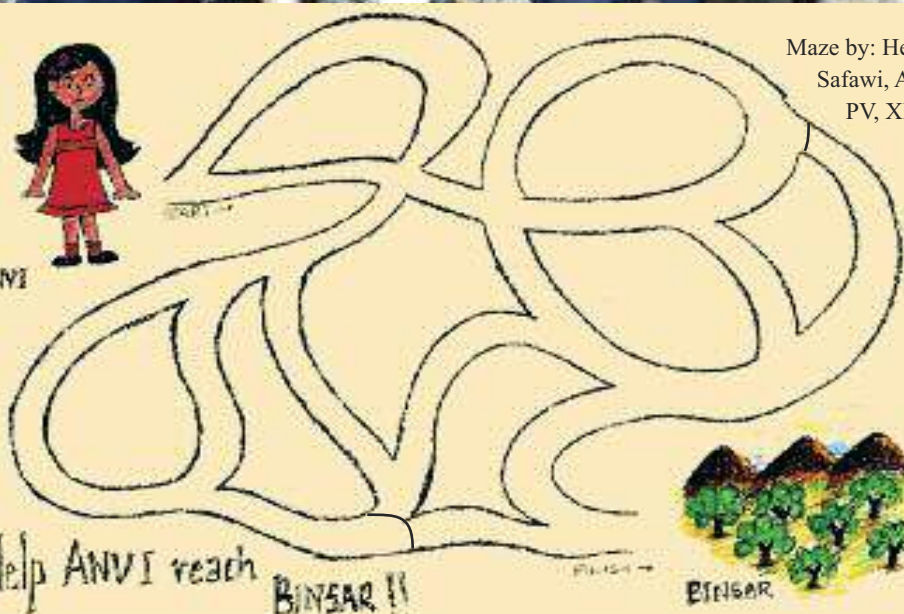
I also paid visit to Jagashwar tower which housed several 125-year-old stone temples surrounded amidst deodar trees. We also celebrated Dussehra at the hill station. It was a great trip and I thoroughly enjoyed myself there. I would love to go back again and enjoy the pristine beauty the place offered. [G.U](#)



Help ANVI reach BINSAR !!



ANVI



Maze by: Heba Safawi, AIS PV, XI A

Riddle Fiddle

How do you make milkshake?

Give it a good scare.

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How many bricks does it take to complete a building?

Only one, the last one.

???

Which building has max. stories?

Library

???

Which bird can lift weight?

Crane

???

Why was the calendar sad?

Because its days were numbered.

???

What always runs but never walks, has a bed but does not sleep and has a mouth but does not eat?

River

???

What's black when you bring it, red when you use it and white when you are done with it?

Coal

???

Which word looks the same upside down and backwards?

Swims

???

Compiled by: Navya Nayer, II D, Daiyya, IV C & Palak Choudhary, IV A, AIS Pushp Vihar [G.U](#)

Potato Cheese Cutlet



Tanu Gupta

AIS Pushp Vihar, IV E

INGREDIENTS

Potatoes:2
Cheese cubes:2
Bread slices:2
Salt:to taste
Pepperas per taste
Olive oilas required

METHOD

- Boil the potatoes and mash them.
- Grate the cheese cubes.

- Add this grated cheese to the mashed potatoes.
- Mix it well with bread crumbs.
- Add salt and pepper according to taste.
- Grease the palm and make cutlets from this batter.
- Heat some oil in the pan.
- Fry the cutlets.

TIP

You can try a variation of flavours with tamarind sauce, *pudina chutney* and tomato ketchup. It's lip smacking delicious! [G.U](#)

Painting: Aashmani Ghosh, AIS PV, VI C

Poems



My mother

Geetanjali Gupta, AIS PV, IV C

You held my fingers for my first step
You cried after giving me a slap
You were awake to give me a nap
You make me feel protected in your lap.
I love you mom because you are the best
I am healthy because you care for me
Your love is without any greed
That's why before God,
you are worshiped
I could not live without
your healing touch
That is why mom,
I love you so much. [G.U](#)

My School

Daksh Rawal

AIS Pushp Vihar, IV C

Amity school is a flower
It stands tall like a tower
Our school is good, you know
We study here and grow.
Amity is a study temple

Here activities are also ample
So that we become a good generation
Our teachers are the best guides
And always by our side
I sing, dance and play
I love my school in every way
Let us pray to God together
May our Amity prosper forever. [G.U](#)

PAINTING CORNER

Aashmani Ghosh
AIS Pushp Vihar, V D



It's Me

I am: Adyatan Dagar
My school: AIS Pushp Vihar
My class: II-D
My birthday: 13.7.2004
I like: Dance
I hate: Eating *karela*
My hobby: Basketball, football and tennis
My role model: My father
My best friend: Aryan Sachdeva
My favourite book: Wimpy Kid
My favourite game: Tennis

My favourite mall: DLF Promenade, Vasant Kunj
My favourite food: Pizza
My favourite teacher: Sakshi Ma'am
My favourite poem: Five Little Ducks
My favourite subject: Maths
I want to become: Actor
I want to feature in GT because: I will be very happy to be popular amongst my friends and famous at school. [G.U](#)



The Barnyard Bunch



Milking the Cow

Children have always shown affinity toward animals. In order to share this love and affection, Amiown initiated "Animals" as the new theme for the month. Different categories of animals like pet animals, farm and wild animals were planned for each week, so that the little Amies could understand as well as differentiate between their respective habitats; food habits and little ones.

An "Udder-ly" Wonderful Class!

The children had a great time making cone shaped cats and dogs with origami; fish aquariums and line drawings with shapes of their favourite pet animals. The little ones worked like busy bees as they engrossed themselves in creating a farm scene by colouring, using ice cream sticks as fence, grass and clay, and placing



Let's visit our farm

the farm animals in their class Farm. 'Milking the Cow' activity using cut-out of a cow and surgical gloves as udders and 'Horse making with clay' gave them a hands-on experience as the session of farm animals progressed further.

Jungle jungle baati chali hai!

The children utilized the trees made by them during the



Tiger caught in a canvas

reinforcement of cylinder shape, waste broomsticks, stones collected from nature walk to create the ambience of a jungle scene. They were quite excited to see their beautiful creation. They further learnt to differentiate between the patterns of members of the cat family and related 'stripes with tiger'; 'dots with leopard' and 'fringed hair with lion'. The bright little ones also learnt to differentiate between the 'flesh eating' and 'plant eating' categories with the help of child friendly activities which enabled them to use their reasoning skills.

Amiown classrooms looked replete with nature as the children collected around their self-made pieces of art everyday, taking care of their animals. This activity invoked empathy and compassion in the hearts of the kids. Discussions on nature and animals with proper understanding of the facts learnt made for excellent learning indeed.

Little Prodigy

Noble and wise words, when heard from a little girl, gain ethereal proportions. Listening to chants from Bhagwat Gita by little prodigy Anoushka Sandeep, of Amiown Gurgaon, had a similar impact on the minds of the people. It comes as no surprise that the little girl won a Good Memory award for a competition which was held at Chinmaya Mission, Gurgaon, on December 3, 2011.

Anoushka Sandeep: A memorable experience



Polish Your Portfolio!

The Amiowns get ready to have their own portfolios, all preened up!



Proud parents watch their child's portfolio

Researchers have proved that neural connections develop with rapid speed during the first five years. What and how the child learns, lays the foundation of how the child will learn, rest of his life. Keeping this in mind, an individual portfolio of each child was presented to the parents on the "First Portfolio Presentation Day" held on the successful completion of the first two quarters of the academic session 2011-12. The parent witnessed the journey of their children from the first day they stepped into the campus to be enveloped in the warm folds of Amiown by the loving and experienced facilitators. The journey showcased in the form of a power point presentation informed how Amiown covers the development of the child in six domains i.e. social and emotional development, knowledge and understanding of the world, creative development, physical development, com-

munication & language, and numeracy.

Journey revisited: Each domain was elaborated with the help of concrete examples from the real life. For instance, if the child is playing with wooden blocks, it not only develops gross and fine motor muscles but also enhances creativity. The parents were also explained the importance of documentation and revisiting. The classrooms exhibit only the children's work which is later displayed at the children's eye level so that they can revisit it and have a discussion with their friends.

Step by step: All the activities were well documented, so that everyone could understand why a particular activity was done, how it was done and what objectives were achieved through it. The parents were encouraged to participate in activities like Saturday story club etc.

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The only equipment a photographer needs is eyes. For everything else, there's Photoshop! Thanks GT for giving me an opportunity to indulge in both my passions-photography and graphics!

Satjit Singh, XI C, AIS PV, Illustrator

In lap of Nature

Away from the din of city life, students revel in lap of mother nature and discover new advances made in the field of sustainable development at TERI, Gurgaon

Students of AIS MV partake in a workshop at TERI Gram



In a move to broaden the horizon of students and encourage them to explore new things, Amity Career Counselling Guidance Cell (ACCGC) organised a visit of Amity International Schools to Tata Energy Research Institute (TERI) Gram situated in Gurgaon. TERI retreat located away from the hustle-bustle of the city proved to be a rejuvenating experience for Amitians who not only basked in the lap of Mother Nature but also learnt valuable lessons about sustainable development.

Students from AIS Vasundhara-6, AIS

Gurgaon-46, AIS Saket and AIS Pushp Vihar who visited the TERI Gram complex, were taken on a whirl wind tour of the campus through a short film which highlighted the special features of the campus.

The luscious green Gram spread over 100 acres proved to be a visual delight

for the students, who were excited to see the beautiful and harmonious confluence of nature and technology. The complex which is a perfect example of a green building and harnesses both traditional and modern means of renewable energy to provide amenities like lighting, air conditioning and cooking at a hard to believe cost motivated students to consider green career opportunity.

They were also shown another movie on TERI DeraGreen situated in Mukteshwar, a beautiful eco tourist spot. This was followed by a visit to bio gas generation centre and beautifully landscaped garden that featured prize-winning roses.

Next on the agenda was visit to Micro Propagation Technology Park (MPTP) where the students were acquainted with the concepts of tissue culture & cloning. The students rounded up their trip after a visit to waste water management zone and vermicompositing unit where they were briefed about the various techniques that are de-

ployed to produce electricity using non renewable sources of energy and also recycle water using a plant named Phragmites.

TERI which was established in 1976 has been an ardent advocate of the concept of green buildings which causes minimal adverse impact on the environment. The

STUDENT SPEAK

"It was amazing to see how life could run without making use of even a single non renewable and conventional source of energy. The people of TERI were very friendly and had exhaustive knowledge about the environment. We came back enlightened."

Arundhati Dixit, VIII B
AIS Gur 46



"When we entered the complex, we could clearly see the difference between it and the outside world. The place was shady, cool and even the air was incredibly fresh."

Anshuman Bhasin, VIII A
AIS Gur 46

"The visit to TERI Gram proved educational and informative. This visit would remain etched in our memories for a long time. This exhilarating visit introduced us to efficient and simple alternatives."

Vrittika Bagadia, VIII A
AIS Gur 46

trip proved to be educationally, socially and economically enriching.

(Report compiled by Vikhyat Sharma, VIII A, AIS Vas 6; Neha Singh, VIII C, AIS Gur 46 and Aayushee Sharma, XI B, AIS PV)  





Tiny tots all set to steal hearts at Show & Tell competition

Show Stealers

In an effort to foster holistic learning among children at an early age, Amity International School, Noida held a Show and Tell competition for its KG students on November 23, 2011.

The students had the option of choosing from a wide range of topics like I love my Bunny, You are my darling, Birthday cake etc to speak a few lines on.

The event saw students participating with enthusiasm and gusto. They confidently shared relevant and interesting facts on the chosen topics. The participants used beautiful graphics to make the presentation more informative.

The entire exercise was aimed at developing public speaking skills of the children at a very early age. Show and tell is an early elementary school technique for teaching young children the skills of public speaking, envisaged by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity group of Schools.  



Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan blessing the winners of Mathamity



Calling all Maths Genius

AIS Gurgaon-46

AIS Gurgaon 46 played proud host to Inter-Amity Mathamity, an exhibition cum competition of varied Mathematics projects on October 18 and 19, 2011.

The competition which was judged by eminent academicians from NCERT, SCERT, CIET and IESF saw students of eight branches of Amity International Schools battling out for the coveted prize. Two teams from each school (Class VI to XII) exhibited their projects and explained its working using power point presentations and charts. The students covered an array of topics including application of Math in celestial bodies, architecture, origami and probability in weather forecast to name a few. The valedictory function on October 19, 2011 saw Dr Hukum Singh, HOD,

Maths and Science, NCERT gracing the event as Chief Guest. Other eminent dignitaries present during the event included Dr RK Sharma, HOD, Maths, IIT Delhi; Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity group of Schools; Mr TPS Chauhan, Senior Advisor, Amity Group of Schools and Mrs Balachandran, Principal, AIS Vas-1.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Hukum Singh congratulated Amity on its innovative methods of teaching.  

Results

Category 1 (VI to VIII)

Overall Excellence Trophy - AIS Gur 46

Category 2 (IX to X)

Overall Excellence Trophy - AIS Saket

Category 3 (XI to XII)

Overall Excellence Trophy - AIS Saket

AIS Vasundhara-6





Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan presenting prizes to Comm Quest 2011 winners

With an aim to provide an insight into the various career avenues open to commerce students and to develop them into dy-

Comm Quest 2011

namic and enterprising citizens, an inter school commerce fest Comm Quest was organized on October 20.

The event which comprised of Comm Quiz & Comm Scope saw active participation of students from class XI and XII. The competition included various rounds like Icons, 20-20 reforms, Brand Management, Shopper's Paradise, Pace and Rapid Fire. Bal Bharati School, Noida emerged winner in the quiz con-

test. Meanwhile, Comm Scope saw students gathering valuable information about various career opportunities available to commerce students. The students also designed eye catching and interesting brochures, pamphlets, posters and banners as a part of the contest. The prize under this category was bagged by Deep Memorial Public School and the rolling trophy was won by Bal Bharati School, Noida.  





Children line up to pick their favourite book at Book Haat

Celebrating Books!

AIS Vasundhara-6

A unique Book Haat was organized by AIS Vasundhara 6 to mark Children's Day Celebration. The event saw students from Nursery to Class XII actively participate in various activities like book mark, book jacket and rangoli making (designs emphasizing the benefits of reading) with gusto. The students also enacted scenes from bestsellers.

An interesting and engaging story telling session was followed by an interaction with freelance correspondent and short-

story writer Marta Franceschini. The session left the students enriched. Speaking on the occasion, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity group of Schools emphasized on the importance of reading. She said, "Books are a treasure house of knowledge and helps an individual to develop into an articulate and confident citizen." Principal Mrs. Sunila Athley also aired similar views and asked students to read regularly to stay ahead of others. The event was successful in instilling the importance of reading among children at an early age.  

AIS Lucknow



Revisiting childhood



Students enjoying pottery workshop

A spectacular Bal Mela was organized at AIS Lucknow to celebrate Children's Day.

The day saw exhilarating performances from teachers, who dressed up as popular cartoon characters. The food and game stalls proved to be a great hit among the students. They not only relished food items at 'Choco Mall' and 'Crunchy Bite', but also had a hearty time playing various games.

However, it was the puppet show which brought alive the child in everyone. The mela offered innumerable choices and ensured that everyone had fun.  

Pics: Ravinder Gusain



Anugya Gupta, AIS PV, XI A

Ranked among 10 best luxury trains, Palace on Wheels (PoW) is only beginning a journey of becoming the best. Mr Pramod Sharma, GM, Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation (RTDC) says, “We have incorporated the best facilities. Also in the making is a spa, a gym and a shopping arcade along with a Wi-Fi connection throughout the train.”

Destination Point

The Palace on Wheels covers all the best destinations in the state of Rajasthan that no other itinerary could ever boast of. Offering a tour of 8 days and 7 nights, the train takes you on a magnificent ride from Delhi to Jaipur, Sawai Madhavpur, Jodhpur and

An Evening in a Moving Palace!

Sneak-a-peek into royalty tour: 8 days, 7 nights
Boarding Point: Delhi, every Wednesday
Destinations: Jaipur, Sawai Madhavpur, Jodhpur, Jaisalmer, etc
Cost: \$500 per night
Majestic Delights: Varied cuisines, royal interiors, a lounge bar...

Jaisalmer. Certainly, there is no comparison of PoW with other luxury trains like the Royal Rajasthan on Wheels, Golden Chariot, etc. You can gauge its popularity by the fact that it was running packed at the time of global recession.

The Royal Essence

The interiors of the train aptly resemble the aura of the princely territories of Rajasthan. The coaches, referred to as “saloons”, are named after the cities. E.g. the Jaipur Saloon reminds you of the Pink City, Jaisalmer Saloon gives you feel of the desert and the imperial Jodhpur Saloon is reminiscent of the ‘yodhas’ of Rajasthan. The cuisine is state specific too.

Anecdotes

The most fascinating tale is that of a



Swiss man who took the tour seven times. Also a lady, who on her first trip had fractured her arm and thus came on board a second time! PoW boasts of hosting names like Mick Jagger, Gayatri Devi, Neil Sadaka, etc.

Is it (in)accessible?

The cost of the tour package is \$500/night, making it a tad inaccessible to the Indian Middle Class. The passenger occupancy is only 2% Indians, the rest are foreigners. Mr Sharma

says, “Indians are trickling in too.”

My Experience

I was awestruck by the sheer opulence and magnificence of the royal era. I enjoyed the dining halls that showcased portraits of the Maharajas and Maharanis of the princely state. From the carpets to the curtains, the couches to the cutlery, everything symbolizes the aura of Rajasthan. The Palace on Wheels is the torchbearer of Rajasthan Tourism. So come on board to enjoy regal treatment.

Scrap it off...put it on...put the other...no, put the first... Ahh tiring but amazing! Nothing better than spending time at the GT office surrounded by all the fun. GT zindabad!

Kritika Dhawan, XI A, AIS PV, Page Editor

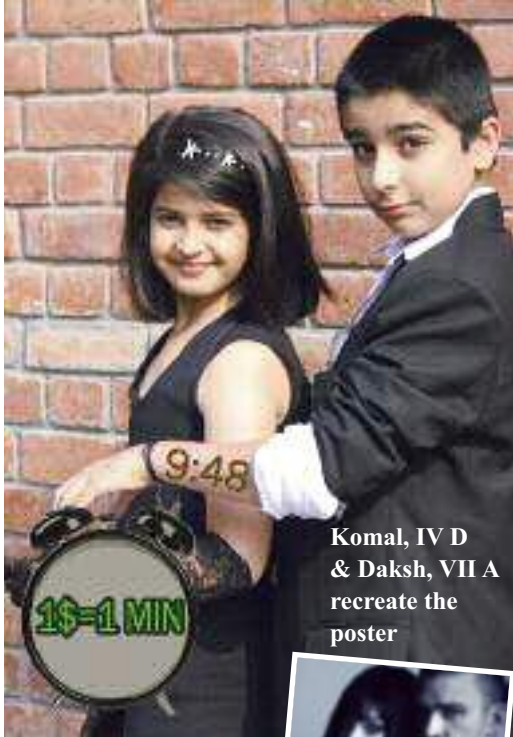


Contest Edition



Royal sentries according a warm welcome

Pic: Kshitij Mehani; Imaging: Satjit Singh, AIS PV



Komal, IV D & Daksh, VII A recreate the poster

2049: Just IN TIME



'IN TIME' poster

Kritika Dhawan, AIS PV, XI A

Cast: Justin Timberlake, Amanda Seyfried, Matt Bomer, Johny Gallecki; **Director:** Andrew Niccol
The Plot: Year 2049 and nobody ages beyond 25 but gets an extra year to live (hell yeah!). Time replaces Money as the unit of currency (Cool! right?). With inflation on the rise, as coffee rates rise from 4min to 3min (the currency is time and not notes!) it brings the people of the Ghetto one step closer to death. The rich never die and the poor are destined to. Will (Timberlake) sets on a mission to change the impossible, that is, to change the present system by robbing banks and distributing time to the needy. But watch out: there is the cold blooded minuteman Fortis and timekeeper Leon creating hurdles. The emo-part: when Rachel, mother of Will is unable to celebrate her birthday with her son as she lacks time credit to make it home.
Hear Out: “His crime is not taking time, but giving it away to others.”
Check out: Fun spills when one can’t differentiate between the mother in-law, wife and the daughter! (Due to limited time credits, they all look the same.)
Rating: 3.5
I Recommend: Fun. Classy. The perfect getaway from boredom. So grab a DVD, pop up the corn and don’t not download it from torrent for a change!

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