

Status of the week

Sunday morning...a steaming cup of tea...sky almost the shade of grey...a lone leaf shaking away rain drops almost like a young boy who deliberately got drenched in rain while playing football...and the smell of the monsoons in the air.

Labani Biswas, Amity Institute of Biotechnology

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for GT issue July 2, 2012

Who do you wish to see as the next President?

Results as on July 12, 2012

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KAUN BANEGA RASHTRAPATI?

As the nation waits for the new President, GT asks its readers, if given a choice, who do they wish to see as their President? Read on to know who emerged as their consensus candidate

Smita Jain, GT Network

People’s President
(APJ Abdul Kalam)

“I would want Dr A P J Abdul Kalam as the next President of India. He is well educated and an honest man. As a scientist, he always worked for the welfare of the common man. The educational policies formulated by him for the poor touched the hearts of millions. He also loved interacting with children and that is why I would want him to be the next President.”

Shaurya Seth, AIS Mayur Vihar, III B



have some experience in the defence ministry and Mr Mukherjee fulfills that criterion wonderfully.”

Dakshata Sahni, AIS Noida, XII H

seasoned politician and a true statesman who has worked a lot to broker peace in the Indo-Pak circuit.”

Rushil Srivastava, AIS Gur 46, X B

Angry Young man
(Amitabh Bachchan)

“Amitabh is undoubtedly the *Shahenshah* of Bollywood and he has all the grace and poise which a head of the state should possess. He is not only pragmatic and articulate, he is gifted with such a charismatic personality that it leaves a deep impact on all and sundry.”

Vishnupriya Gupta, ASET

Enterprising President
(Ratan Tata)

“My precious vote would go to none other than Ratan N Tata, ranked India’s most powerful CEO. A Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan awardee, this charismatic industrialist and philanthropist in my opinion should be the front runner for the post of the President. He would be able to steer India in the right direction.”

Rhea Mehta, AIS Noida, XI

Soft hearted Dada
(Pranab Mukherjee)

“I feel Pranab Mukherjee is the ideal Presidential candidate, as he has proved his mettle time and again as the Finance Minister, Defence Minister and Minister of External Affairs of the country. His political acumen has been lauded by many including former Prime Minister Mrs Indira Gandhi. The President being the supreme commander of the armed forces should

“I want to see Pranab *da* as the President of India because he understands the pulse of the nation really well. He has served India for more than 40 years and lastly, the consensus supports his candidature.”

Harini Swaminathan, AIB

Honest Statesman
(Hamid Ansari)

“Our Vice President is the perfect candidate to be the President of India. He is a

Moots hotbed for legal reforms

Pic: Ravinder Gusain

Salman Khurshid addressing students during Amity International Moot Court Competition

Answers to all legal tangles rest with the youth of the country, says Union Minister for Law & Justice, Salman Khurshid in an interview with Namrata Gulati, GT Network

What are the major challenges confronting the country today?

All the major economies of the world seem to be reeling under recession and economic slowdown. Inflation is not only afflicting the Indian subcontinent, but has become a global phenomenon. The growing imbalance in supply and demand and corruption are other issues that the government is trying to address.

How can an average citizen fight corruption?

Citizens can control the demon of corruption from spreading its wings by resisting the practice tooth and

nail. It is important for each individual to not surrender before this vice for immediate gains. People should rather rise in support of people battling corruption in everyday life.

According to you, which Indian law transformed the face of the country?

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act has not only transformed the country in the past, but is continuing to change the life of a rural Indian in a dramatic way. It has allowed the rural folk to actively participate in the democracy and even in the nation building process.

Do you see moot courts playing an important role in the nation building process?

Answers to many vexing issues plagu-

ing the country like, ‘should criminals be allowed to contest elections?’ must come from the universities and moot courts. The road to legal reforms in the country leads from the law schools and the most brilliant solutions to legal tangles come from the young minds.

How can the education sector be strengthened?

We can kick off the process by making a state self dependent as far as education sector is concerned. Amity University has achieved this objective by strengthening the education structure and we hope that more such universities and institutes come up in the future.

What should citizens keep in mind before casting their vote?

The Indian Constitution is a sacred doc-

ument that binds the people from all walks of life. It gives the common man the right to choose his representatives for five years. The power rests with the common man, so they should choose their representatives wisely.

What are the qualities a good lawyer must possess?

In order to become a successful lawyer, it is important to be analytical, hard-working, full of confidence and be fair in judgment. If you’re a lawyer, it is most essential to be very clear about the quality of idea you want to represent and the way you communicate it.

What is your message to the budding lawyers in Amity?

The initial years may prove trying for an aspiring lawyer. The struggling period bears a stark resemblance to that of an aspiring film actor. But one should not let doubt creep in this period. It is important to have self belief and faith in one’s capabilities. One should continue to work with perseverance.

“The Indian Constitution is a sacred document. It gives power to the common man to choose his representatives for a period of five years. So one should exercise one’s right judiciously and wisely.”

Yes President!



GT Intern

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UNITED STATES: The election of the President and Vice President of the US is an indirect vote in which citizens cast ballots for a slate of members of the US Electoral College; these electors elect the President and Vice President. The interesting feature of the quadrennial presidential elections is each candidate for President runs together with a candidate for Vice President on a 'ticket'. Voters select one ticket to vote for; they cannot choose a Presidential candidate from one ticket and Vice Presidential candidate from another.

MEXICO: The President is elected by popular, universal suffrage. Whoever wins a simple plurality of the national vote is elected; there is no runoff election (allows selection between the choices receiving the largest & second largest no. of votes). Mexican presidents are limited to a single six-year term, or a *sexenio*. No one who has held the post, even on a caretaker basis, is allowed to run or serve again.

FRANCE: The President is elected directly by universal suffrage, earlier the head of the state was elected by an electoral college. After a referendum on the reduction of the mandate of the French Republic in 2000, the length of the President's tenure has been reduced from 7 to 5 years. Moreover, the President cannot serve more than two terms.

RUSSIA: The election of the President is mainly regulated by the Presidential Election Law (PEL) and the Basic Guarantees of Electoral Rights (BGL). The President is elected in a two-round system every six years, with a two



Ever wondered how the President is elected in your country?

Tanya Pande of **Amity Institute of Biotechnology** takes you on a journey across the globe to bring you an overview of how the head of the state is elected in different countries.

term limitation. If a candidate wins by an absolute majority in the first round, a second term election round is held between two candidates with the most votes.

CHINA: The Politburo of the Communist Party of China selects a candidate for presidency, and the National People's Congress elects this leader. It is a single candidate election.

IRELAND: The President of Ireland is usually directly elected by the people for seven years, and can be elected for a maximum of two terms. The Presidency is largely a ceremonial office, but the President does exercise certain limited powers with absolute discretion.

GERMANY: The President is elected by the Federal Convention, a body established solely for the purpose. He is elected by a secret ballot, without debate by the convention that consists of all Bundestag members (the only federal officials directly elected by the public) as well as an equal number

of delegates chosen by the legislatures of the state. The delegates of each Land to the Federal Convention are elected by the members of the state legislature under a form of proportional representation. Though the position of the President is largely ceremonial, he has some important reserve power.

ITALY: The President of the Italian Republic is elected by Parliament in a joint session of the Chamber of Deputies and Senate. As per the Italian Constitution, the election is held in the form of secret ballot, with 315 senators, 630 deputies and 58 regional representatives, all voting. A two-third vote is required to elect any of the first three rounds of balloting; after that, a majority suffices.

AUSTRIA: The President is the federal head of the state. He is directly elected by universal adult suffrage once in every six years. Though, theoretically the Constitution guarantees him great power, for most part, he acts as a mere ceremonial figurehead.

SRI LANKA: The head of the state and the legislature is elected for a six year term by the people. Sri Lanka has a multi party system, with two dominant political parties and it is difficult for anybody to achieve electoral success under the banner of the other party.

PAKISTAN: The President is elected by the Electoral College, which consists of both houses of the Parliament together with the provincial assemblies. It also has more than five thousand elected local governments.

Race to Rashtrapati Bhavan

The Indian President is the formal head of the legislature, executive, judiciary and the supreme commander of the Indian Armed Forces. The powers to pardon and clemency vest with him. The President is elected from a group of

nominees by the elected members of the Parliament of India as well as of the state legislatures and serves a term of five years. Historically, ruling party nominees have been elected and run largely uncontested.



News Briefs



Egypt gets a President: Mohamed Morsi of the Muslim Brotherhood was declared Egypt's first freely elected President on June 24, 2012. Morsi, 60, defeated former general Ahmed Shafik in the run-off vote completed last week. He succeeds Hosni Mubarak, who was overthrown 16 months ago after a popular uprising.



Sharapova wins French Open: Maria Sharapova, the 25-year-old tennis superstar, won her first French Open Women's Championship defeating first time finalist, Sara Errani, 6-3, 6-2. Meanwhile, Rafael Nadal of Spain beat Novak Djokovic 6-4, 6-3, 2-6, 7-5 to take the men's crown for a record seventh time. Hence Nadal broke the record of six titles held by Bjorn Borg.

Mind reader to rescue: Scientists are working with Stephen Hawking to test a groundbreaking device to allow them to 'hack' into the brain of the world famous British physicist, who has been

unable to speak for the last 30 years. Hawking (70) has been working with scientists at Stanford University who are developing i Brain – a tool which picks up brain waves and communicates them via a computer.



Ashraf is Pak's new PM: A politician who is under investigation for fraud and presided over the collapse of Pakistan's electricity supplies was elected the country's prime minister on June 22, 2012. Capping a week of political chaos, Raja Pervaiz Ashraf won enough votes to lead the government.



Another rating agency slams India: Dealing another blow to the sputtering Indian economy, global ratings agency Fitch revised the country's outlook rating from stable to negative, citing risk to its medium-to-long term growth potential, lack of economic reforms and weak public finances. The centre also slammed the agency for lowering the credit outlook of Indian banks.

Fighting

Pollution



National Workshop on Pollution Prevention Paradigm was a step by Amity University towards building a greener and safer world.

Amity Institute of Environmental Toxicology, Safety and Management (AIETSM) in association with Ministry of Earth Sciences organized a National Workshop on “Pollution Prevention Paradigm” on May 11, 2012 at Amity University, Noida. The event began with a presentation about Amity Group by Maj General Dhawan, Director, International Affairs Department, while Prof. Tanu Jindal, Director AIETSM apprised the audience about the highlights of the event. Speaking on the inauguration of the workshop, Dr GV Subrahmanyam, Advisor, Ministry of Environment & Forest, said, “The ministry is taking initiatives to promote research and development in the field of environmental sciences.” He said 30 post doctoral fellowships had been introduced to encourage young scholars and doctorates to pursue research in environmental restoration and prevention of its degradation. Expressing concern over rising pollution, Founder President, Amity Universe, Dr Ashok K Chauhan, said that there is a need to formulate policies that would reduce pollution.

The other guests of honour who graced the occasion were Prof. S P Gautam, Dr Rajesh Kapur, Dr S K Raza, Dr Timothy Neely along with Vice-Chancellor, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Prof. Saran and Prof. S S Agrawal. The first session of the workshop on ‘Urbanization and Air Pollution’, was chaired by Dr D S Rathore, Former V C, CSK Himachal Pradesh Agricultural University and Dr Kuldeep Singh, Emeritus Scientist. Four research papers were also presented during the first session. The second and third session discussed water contamination and current environmental issues and their impact on health. Dr S.P. Gautam, Former Chairman, CPCB, defined the concept of pollution prevention and paradigm. Dr Rajesh Kapur, Scientist ‘G’ and Head, DBT, touched on the concept of public private partnership (PPP). Dr SK Raza,

Founder President, Amity Universe Dr Ashok K Chauhan honouring Prof. Tanu Jindal, Director, AIETSM for her initiative along with Prof Saran, Prof.Agrawal and Vice Chancellor Maj Gen K J Singh

Director, Institute of Pesticide Formulation Technology, discussed the load of toxic pesticides from the environment. The best oral and poster presentations were conferred certificates. Abhinav Garg and G S Bajwa jointly won the first prize for oral presentation while Shakeel A Khan and Jamir bagged the second and third prize respectively. Research Fellow Nirpen’s paper entitled ‘Impact on groundwater quality due to discharge of sewage waste in unlined drains’ won him the first prize in poster presentation while Anuj, Research Fellow won the second prize for his paper ‘Estimation of lead concentration in milk and milk products’. The third prize went to Joseph from Curtin University, Perth. The event also released a booklet compiling 45 abstracts from all over India, 21 oral papers and 24 poster presentations on themes of the workshop.

Ashok Sarathy, VP GMAT programme, Graduate Management Admission Council, shares the formula to hit the bull’s eye with [Sukhda Monga](#) of AIS Gur 46, XI B

What major changes have been introduced in the examination pattern of GMAT 2012? The candidates would be assessed on the basis of their performance in essay writing, integrated reasoning, quantitative aptitude and verbal skills. A new section called integrated reasoning has been introduced in which the incumbent has to answer a set of questions in 30 minutes.

How many times can a person appear for GMAT? Do colleges take into account the number of attempts made? A person can sit for GMAT exam once in 31 days and not more than 5 times in a rolling 12 month period. Institutes do take into consideration the number of attempts made in the last five years.

Cracking GMAT

Apart from a good GMAT score, is work experience compulsory while applying abroad?

The eligibility criterion varies from school to school. However, the applicant is advised to visit the website of business schools and determine the requirements. Mostly, colleges offering management degrees expect the applicants to have some kind of work experience but the candidate applying for specialized courses like Masters in Accounting and Finance do not require any prior work experience.

What is Next-Gen GMAT?

The Next Generation GMAT includes the newly introduced ‘Integrated Reasoning’ section, while quantitative and verbal aptitude sections remain the same as earlier.

Have the number of questions gone up in the Next-Gen format?



Ashok Sarathy
VP GMAT

The quantitative and verbal sections have the same number of questions as earlier - 37 for quantitative and 41 for verbal. In the Analytical Writing Assessment (AWA) section, one has to attempt one essay instead of two. The ‘Integrated Reasoning’ section has 12 questions that have to be answered in 30 minutes flat.

Tell us about the scoring in GMAT. Are the scores displayed online immediately?

The scores for quantitative and verbal aptitude range from 0 to 60. The total scores are based on the performance in verbal and quantitative aptitude test. The total score ranges from 200 to 800. The AWA score ranges from 0 to 6 and the Integrated Reasoning score ranges from 1 to 8. The cumulative scores for verbal and quantitative aptitude are available immediately after the exam at the test centre. The AWA scores and Integrated Reasoning scores are later added

to the official score which is released within 20 days.

Which Indian B-schools accept GMAT scores? What is the minimum work experience required?

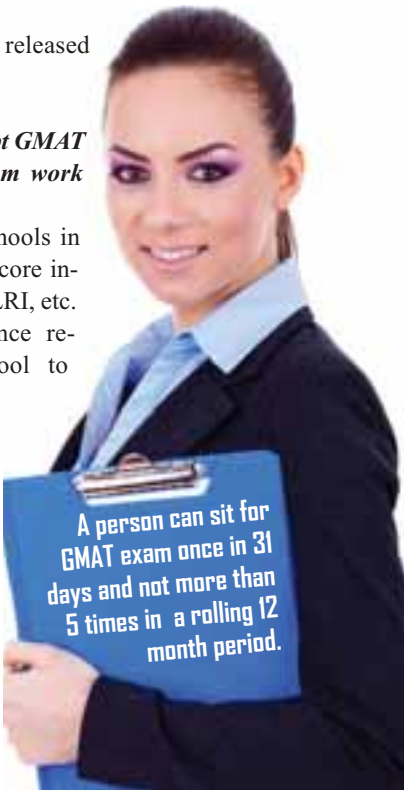
There are a number of B- schools in India that accept the GMAT score including ISB, IIMs, SP Jain, XLRI, etc. However, the work experience requirement varies from school to school.

What kind of questions are asked in the Integrated Reasoning section?

The students have to attempt questions on graphics interpretation, table analysis, multi source reasoning and two part analysis.

(Visit [mba.com](#) for more info on the

Next Generation GMAT



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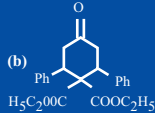
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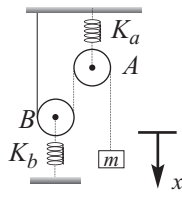
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(b) $\sqrt{\frac{k_a k_b}{2m(k_a + k_b)}}$

(c) $\sqrt{\frac{k_a k_b}{4m(k_a - k_b)}}$

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Olympiad spreads wings

Talent and ambition reigned over the Amity Olympiad as usual, but the number of revellers in Maths & Science only grew with enthusiastic additions to the family! Here’s recapturing the moments!

Namrata Gulati, GT Network

The much anticipated Amity Olympiad, organised annually by Amity Centre for Science Olympiad (ACSO) under the aegis of Amity Institute for Competitive Examinations (AICE), sprang a surprise upon all Maths and Science enthusiasts by taking the competition to an international level with the participation of students from Kazakhstan and Afghanistan, along with their teachers. The week-long International fiesta, a dream of Chairperson Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan to provide the students with a global platform, began on May 21, 2012 at AUUP.

Welcoming the delegates: The ceremony declared open by Chairperson, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan was marked by the presence of Mrs Meenakshi Rawal, Director AICE and esteemed chief guests from renowned colleges such as IIT. The empanelled professors of Mathematics, Mr Srikanth and Mr Kannan, Sastra University, Tamil Nadu, who have been associated with the program for almost a decade now also attended the program. The opening ceremony was indeed a grand affair that witnessed the three countries, including India, showcase



Afghanistan delegates unfurl their national flag

Math Wizard

Karan Ganju, AIS Gur-43, scored the highest marks in Mathematics in this year’s Amity International Olympiad. Karan has also secured the 34th rank in IIT-JEE 2012 and has been recommended by the eminent jury members from Sastra University, Tamil Nadu, for the Journal of Researchers because of his innovative answers and out-of-the-box thinking.

their nations’ grandeur while proudly unfurling their respective flags on the stage. In her welcome address, a beaming Chairperson congratulated all the delegates and said, “It is a pleasure to witness all the bright minds converge under one roof. I wish you all the very best in your journey to learning.”

Coupling fun with learning: The international delegates were delighted as the Olympiad allowed them to delve deeper into the world of Maths and Science through theory papers (on which they were later evaluated) and interact

with the erudite faculty from AICE. On May 24 & 25, the international delegates



Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan acknowledging the contribution of Mr Kannan, Sastra University, Tamil Nadu, to Amity Olympiad

were taken on a tour to Taj Mahal (Agra), followed by a sightseeing trip to Delhi. “I love India! What especially draws me to the country is its culture and warm people,” concluded a delegate from Afghanistan. Another delegate from Kazakhstan said with a smile, “Amity is a lovely place to be and learn. I look forward to coming here in 2013!”

Closing call: The Amity International Olympiad concluded with a splendid valedictory ceremony on May 26. After the delegates shared their remark-

able experiences of the Olympiad journey, the prodigies from Afghanistan and Kazakhstan were awarded gold, silver and bronze medals in keeping with their scores in the Olympiad. Besides, the talent of participants of the National Workshop from Amity International and other schools was recognized through dissemination of certificates. The ceremony ended with a colourful and captivating Rajasthani folk dance performance by the upbeat girls of Amitasha who swayed in perfect sync with the music beats. 🇮🇳🇦🇫🇰🇿

Gems unearthed

Amity’s legacy of brilliance in Maths & Science continues, but this year, it reaches out to international delegates!

Global Talent Search Examination 2011

Cash prize worth: Rs 1,56,000 Total no. of laptops: 4 Total no. of desktops: 4 Total no. of ipods: 4

Gem	School	Medal
Class I		
Asya Kapur	AIS Saket	Trophy
Srishti Mangla	AIS Saket	Trophy
Aditya Narang	AIS Saket	Trophy
Sarguni Kaur K.	AIS Saket	Trophy
Class III		
Aaryan Goyal	AIS Saket	Gold
Akshat Gupta	AIS PV	Bronze
Nishtha Das	AIS Vas-6	Bronze
Class IV		
Avi Patni	AIS Noida	Silver
Shruti Garg	AIS Gur-46	Bronze
Class V		
Archit Boobna	AIS PV	Gold
Arnav Kherra	AIS Noida	Bronze
Class VI		
Karan Gupta	AIS MV	Gold
Priyanka Dilip	AIS Noida	Silver
Kalash Gupta	AIS Saket	Bronze

Gem	School	Medal
Class VII		
Divij Mishra	AIS Saket	Gold
Srijon Mukherjee	AIS Noida	Silver
Aheli Ghosh	AIS Gur-46	Bronze
Class VIII		
Namrata Tripathi	AIS Gur-43	Silver
Shubham Rana	AIS Gur-46	Silver
Tejasvi	AIS Gur-46	Silver
Soumya Sharma	AIS Saket	Silver
Class IX		
Sameer Jain	AIS Noida	Silver
Agrim Tuli	AIS Saket	Bronze
Class X		
Karan Dwivedi	AIS Gur-43	Gold
Mayank Mittal	AIS Noida	Silver
Chirag Agarwal	AIS Gur-46	Bronze
Class XI, Mathematics, Physics & Chemistry		
Shubham Anand	AIS Noida	Gold
Mayank Gupta	AIS Noida	Bronze

Gem	School	Medal
Class XI, Biology, Physics & Chemistry		
Vishakha Malhotra	AIS MV	Silver
Utkarsh Rathi	AIS PV	Bronze
Class XI, Maths, Biology, Phy & Chem		
Astha Gupta	AIS PV	Gold
Sarthak Sharma	AIS Noida	Silver
Class XII, Maths, Phy & Chem		
Bhanu Pratap Singh	AIS Saket	Gold
Abhinav Saini	AIS Saket	Silver
Ishan Sharma	AIS Noida	Bronze
Biology, Physics & Chemistry		
K. Abhishek	AIS Saket	Gold
Oshan Saini	AIS MV	Silver
Shweta Warriar	AIS Gur- 46	Bronze
Mathematics, Biology, Physics & Chemistry		
Aarushi Chawla	AIS Saket	Gold
Meghna Kaushik	AIS Saket	Silver
Amaanat Bedi	AIS MV	Bronze

Amity International Olympiad

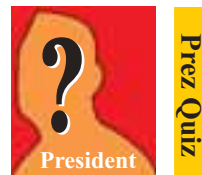
Total no. of gold medals: 9 No. of silver medals: 14 No. of Bronze medals: 10

Gem	School	Medal
Mathematics		
Karan Ganju	AIS Gur-43	Gold
Akshay K Gupta	AIS Noida	Gold
Bhawna Tiwari	AIS Saket	Silver
Sajal Gupta	AIS Gur-43	Silver
Sakaar Gupta	AIS MV	Silver
Amogh Gupta	AIS Gur-46	Bronze
Manisha Jagga	AIS Gur-46	Bronze
Physics		
Mayank Gupta	AIS Noida	Gold
Vishesh Sharma	AIS Noida	Gold
Garvit Aggarwal	AIS MV	Gold
Prateek Saigal	AIS Gur-43	Silver
Bhanu PratapS.	AIS Saket	Silver
Anirudh Rustagi	AIS MV	Bronze
Vaibhav Srivastava	AIS Saket	Bronze
Physics (Afghanistan)		
Ahmad Jawad		Gold

Gem	Medal
Ahmad Yaser	Silver
Physics (Kazakhstan)	
Sharipov Dinay	Gold
Yerbolat Yernar	Bronze
Zheksenova Zhanel	Silver
Kurmantayev Daulet	Silver
Mathematics (Afghanistan)	
Alaadin	Gold
Mohd. Asef	Silver
Rashed	Bronze
Hasib	Bronze
Mathematics (Kazakhstan)	
Esbai Mahambet	Gold
Toktsynov Yeldar	Gold
Abdrkhanov Alen	Silver
Shakiyev Alexandr	Silver
Assyr Danagul	Silver
Baisyn Adilet	Bronze

The list above includes the names of rankholders from Amity Schools only. The other rank holding schools were Vidya Nidhi Public School, Karnataka; Spring Field Convent School, New Delhi; Apeejay Noida; DPS Vasant Kunj; Ryan International, Noida; Springdales, Pusa Road and Extreme Classes, Bareilly

Which former President is also known as one of the most distinguished scientists of India?
Dr APJ Abdul Kalam



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Together we make a difference

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A true leader follows

“A leader is best when people barely know he exists, when his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say: we did it ourselves.”

Lao Tzu



Dr Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

With all the frenzy and suspense over who will finally be the next president engulfing the nation, it brings a very pertinent question to the fore: what is the most important quality of a leader? To lead the people out of problems and find solutions, most of you would think. But I believe, what a good leader really does, is follow. S/he follows what others want, what the situation demands at that point and then guides in a way that the common goal is delivered in the best possible manner.

For a good leader, it is not so important to be a good speaker, but s/he should be a great listener. A leader needs to have a receptive attitude and keep the mind open to new ideas of working towards the goal. It is the leader's job to ensure everyone gets heard and then devise the best possible roadmap to deal with a situation. But despite being a good listener, it sometimes may not be possible to arrive at a compromise which has everyone's consent. Under such circumstances, a leader must be decisive enough to take the final call. A good leader leads by example; s/he talks less and acts more. A true leader works for others. A great leader is fearless, is not afraid to take risks and walk on a path no one has ventured on before. S/he is focused, motivated and inspires others with his enthusiasm. A leader takes everyone along and knows the interests, goals and strengths of his team members. So, are you a leader or a follower? Remember, a great leader always follows! [GT](#)

Leaders Calling

"We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop."

Mother Teresa



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

When it comes to choosing a leader, there is always a dilemma. The dilemma is not about the number of candidates contesting, but the choice of candidates. Today, there seems to be a dearth of good leaders. But is the void real? Not really. India has produced some of the best leaders of the world. There are so many of them who are good leaders, attuned to their values and ethics. The need of the hour is to bring them to the forefront. Leadership is an awesome calling! Youth Power, a novel initiative of our beloved Chairperson Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, is to awaken that calling in every Amitian. To identify and hone leaders who lead with their calling in life, their passion and not their position. Youth Power is a platform where a leader is judged by not what he/she achieved or accomplished personally. It is a platform where a leader, is judged by the noble initiatives and humble change s/he leaves behind. It is an opportunity to stop complaining about the evils we see in the society and be the change we wish to see. Youth Power is an answer to the search for effective ethical leaders of tomorrow. [GT](#)

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The Natural NEWSMAN

As we nervously push through the glass doors all jittery and shaky, we are greeted with a surprisingly warm smile and a comforting hand shake. We have just walked into the office of one of the most celebrated journalists of India, Rajdeep Sardesai



Venika (L) & Aditi flash a smile with Rajdeep Sardesai

Aditi Sinha, XII C & Venika Menon, XI I, AIS Noida

Rajdeep Sardesai began his career as a journalist more than two decades ago. Born in Ahmedabad and brought up in Mumbai, the Oxford alumnus is the recipient of numerous awards such as the Padmashri and International Broadcasters Award for journalism. Currently Editor in Chief of IBN 18 Network, he gets candid about his, inclusive journalism and more

A journalist by design or default?

A bit of both! Though I always had an interest in journalism, I was trained to be a lawyer. After completing my degree in law from England, I started practicing in a Mumbai court but within six months, I got tired of it all. So I decided to take a break. That's when journalism happened to me! Since I used to write occasionally for The Times of India and The Afternoon (during my college days), one of the editors mentioned that there was an opening in TOI. It was just meant to be a break at that point of time.

Every journalist likes to be in a dramatic situation. For someone, a bomb blast is a terrible thing but for a journalist, it is exciting. We try and protect ourselves, but unfortunately many journalists have lost their lives in such situations in the past.

So you are not trained in journalism?

No, not at all. I always believed journalism is ultimately about your curiosity and passion for news and your interest in current affairs. That was the reason I stayed on in journalism since I was so passionate about it!

First Big Fight on NDTV and now India at 9 on CNN IBN; how did you master the art of anchoring?

I've always believed in inclusive journalism. I just felt the need to involve viewers so as to tell their stories. Surely there are many happy positive stories that will inspire people to act, to make a difference. That's how 'Citizen Journalist' and 'India Positive' came in.

Frankly, television, again, just happened. In '94 when I switched to TV, I just wanted to do it for a year or two. Anchoring too was coincidental. Maybe I have some skills which worked for me as an anchor. I've always seen myself as a journalist first. Anchoring and everything else came along with it.

What triggered unconventional programs as Citizen Journalist?

I have always believed in a concept called inclusive journalism. We are in an era where people see news everywhere. There is also a lot of negativity and cynicism about India. I just felt we needed to involve viewers so as to tell their stories. That's how 'Citizen Journalist' came in. 'India Positive' and 'Real Heroes' are primarily driven by the first idea that where there is so much of cynicism, surely there are also happy, positive stories; stories that will inspire people to act, to make a difference.

Do you think CNN IBN has enough marginalized voices?

Not at all. This is why we decided to set up a few programmes which are different. I'm not saying that they are the main course, but at least if you set up those little islands, maybe at some point you can build on them.

How do you ensure safety of journalists in conflict areas?

Let's be honest, every journalist likes to be in a dramatic situation. For someone, a bomb blast is a terrible thing but for a

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journalist, it is exciting. We try and protect ourselves, so we don't try and over extend ourselves. But unfortunately, many journalists have lost their lives in such situations in the past.

You left NDTV at the peak of your career. It must have been a huge risk starting CNN IBN!

Every ten years, you take risks in life. May be for a little while, I thought it was a risk, but soon after, I saw it as a new chapter in life. I have enormous sense of pride in the work I did at NDTV; I have high regard for the people I worked with. That was one chapter of life; this is another chapter of life. So if you see life as a journey through different chapters, you will have no regrets.



Do you think internet and new media like Twitter will phase out newspapers and TV channels?

When TV came, people thought print would die out. Now with internet, you think, TV will die out or social media will take over. I think all of these are complementary. I don't think one will work at the cost of the other. Yes, if you are a newspaper journalist, you have to be conscious that there's internet as well, and there is another audience out there.

What has been the most fulfilling moment in your career?

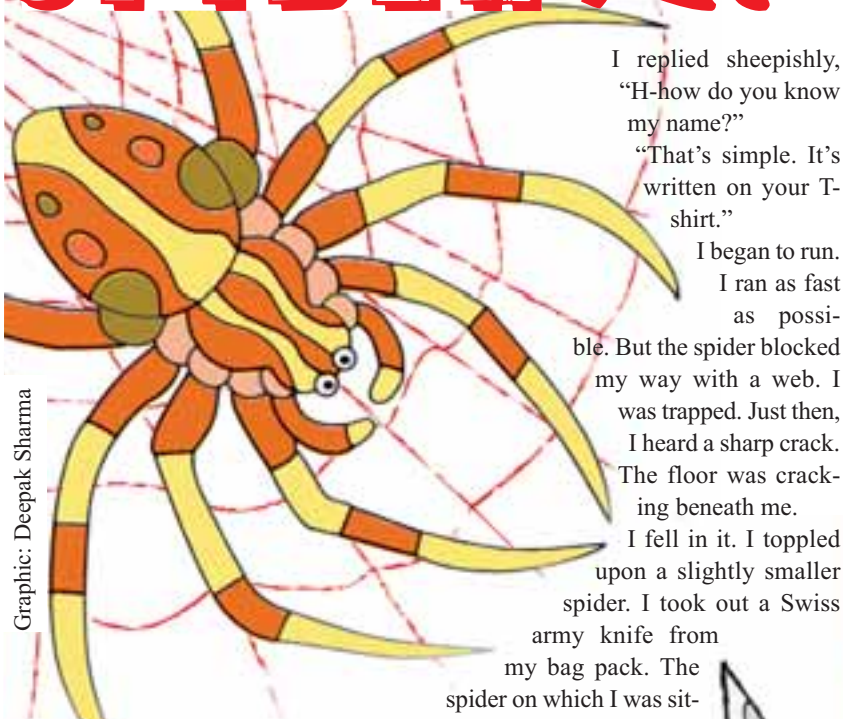
There are lots and lots of those. I think just setting up the IBN Network, to be able to break away, set up my own little space and building a team, to my mind, was extremely satisfying.

Tips for aspiring journalists at Amity...

Get into journalism only if you are interested in current affairs. Don't get into it because you want to be famous as a TV anchor or because your peers are keen to do it. Get into it if you are passionate and have a curious mind. Curiosity is a great thing for a journalist because every journalist should be able to find new things around him/her. Have the confidence to chase your dream!  

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SPIDER ATTACK



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Story Wala

Satyam Ambast, AIS Vas 1, VIII

Standing in the marble hallway, I was confronted by the most terrifying thing I had ever seen. I couldn't move, had nowhere to go and my feet suddenly finding their own will, failed to move even after my very strong desire told them to do so. Standing ahead of me was a big spider. He was bigger than any human or spider in the world. Suddenly, he growled angrily, "Argh... die Jack!"

I replied sheepishly, "H-how do you know my name?" "That's simple. It's written on your T-shirt." I began to run. I ran as fast as possible. But the spider blocked my way with a web. I was trapped. Just then, I heard a sharp crack. The floor was cracking beneath me. I fell in it. I toppled upon a slightly smaller spider. I took out a Swiss army knife from my bag pack. The spider on which I was sitting started to jerk and tried to throw me off. I stabbed him on his back with my knife, and he soon fell on the ground and disintegrated. "Phew" I sighed and turned towards a window. And what a ghastly sight I saw....millions of spiders chasing and webbing people. I realized the only way to stop this spider attack was to destroy their boss, the big spider I met before. I ran into an antique shop. I took out two swords and aimed for the mammoth spider who was now at the doorway. "You ugly!" I shouted. "How come you are still alive?" He yelled. Just before he could react, I

threw one of the swords at him. He threw a web to trap the sword. The sword hit the web and flung back at me. With great alacrity, I jumped and managed to catch the sword just in time. I threw it again at the spider, this time with triple amount of force. It went back to the web and trapped the ugly giant. "You will pay for it," he yelled. I stabbed him with the sword. He disintegrated. The entire army of spiders started to disintegrate soon after. Within minutes, the whole town was covered with powder of different colours and hues.



Peanut Butter Muffin



Aditi Sharma with her Peanut Butter Muffin

Aditi Sharma

AIS Vasundhara 6, XII D

Preparation Time: 15 minutes

Baking Time: 25 minutes

Servings: 4-6 pieces

Ingredients

■ Refined flour150 gm

■ Baking powder.....1/4th teaspoon

■ Butter110 gm

■ Sugar200 gm

■ Peanut butter4 tbsp

■ Eggs, beaten2

■ Vanilla essence.....1 tsp

Method

■ Preheat oven at 180 degrees.

■ Grease muffin mould and set aside.

■ In a large bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Slowly add peanut butter and mix thoroughly.

■ In a small bowl, combine eggs, milk and butter, and add to flour mixture until combined but still lumpy.

■ Bake for 25 minutes until browned.

■ Remove from mould and serve.

■ Milk80 ml

■ Saltto taste

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POEMS

Nature's revenge

Shreya Gupta, AIS Noida, Synchro

Freedom

Apoorv Bhardwaj, AIS Noida, IX

Waking up with the sunlight
kissing your face so softly
And the birds sitting
on the branches of a tree.
But all of it is only left
to be a memory...
As concrete jungles were considered
to be of greater priority.
Buildings were to be made
so the tress were cut nastily.
Man thinks the nature is owned
by no one but he.
But nature has its own way
to take revenge,
And if man doesn't stop, the world will

end due to natural calamity.
Waves would flood the shore
and land would be submerged deep.
The earth will tear apart
eating up the concrete heap.
As ozone would be destroyed
and everyone would turn to flames
paying for our own sins,
then who are we to blame?
It's never too late to take the right step
and stop blaming others.
To save the environment,
let's take a stand
and join our hands together...
Towards a greener
world and a better
future,
in peace with
mother nature.
Do your bit and make
a difference.

Freedom is priceless, not even weighed in gold
Freedom is precious, more than diamonds or stones
Freedom is to cherish the national peace
Communal harmony to decrease
Dove is symbolic of nature and peace
What is the symbol of freedom can you tell me?
No, there is no symbol of freedom
Freedom is in the soft breeze of summer
Freedom is in the shivering of winter
Freedom is in the drizzle of rain
Freedom is in the blossom of spring
Even if the world is torn apart
Freedom is to make life worth living!

Camera Capers

Sweta Sahu, AIS Gurgaon 43, IX A

Peeping beauty

Give me some sunshine

Purple delight

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The tale of books

Illustration: Deepak Sharma



Maansi Anand
AIS Vasundhara 1, IV C

Once upon a time, there lived a boy called Rohan. He was very intelligent, strong and an all-rounder. But, he did not like to read books. Rohan would go to the library with a sulky mood and there, he would pick only sports magazines. On Rohan’s birthday, his grandparents visited him. They gifted him an aquarium. Rohan was very happy and thanked his grandparents with all his heart.

The next day, he went to his mother to ask her how he could take care of the aquarium. Rohan’s mother told him that she herself did not know much about maintaining an aquarium. She asked him to bring some books from the library, so that he could read them and increase his knowledge about fish and general maintenance of an aquarium. The next time Rohan went to the library, he searched for some books about aquariums. But there seemed to be none. So he asked the librarian where he could find such books. The librarian pointed to

Wisdom Tale

an old book shelf. Rohan walked to the old shelf which seemed to contain many ancient books on a variety of topics. He searched through many books quickly but couldn’t find any on aquariums. Disappointed, he went back home. When he reached home, he saw that his aquarium had become very dirty and smelly which made him very upset because he loved his gift so much. The next day, he went to the library again and this time, he searched through the catalogue to find the right book. And voila! He found not one, but many books on aquariums. Delighted, he issued books and read them carefully. He learnt a lot about fishes. Slowly, by reading many books, he learnt how to keep the aquarium clean, how to feed the fish and so on. Rohan shared his knowledge with all his friends. From that day, Rohan began to love reading books.

So what did you learn today?
Treat books as your best friends.



It’s Me

My name: Mansha Rapria
My school: Amity International School, Gurgaon, Sector-43
My class: I D
Birthday: November 23
I like: My photos
I hate: Crying
My hobby: Dancing, playing games
My role model: God
My best friend: Shirin, Khushi
My favourite book: Snowwhite
My favourite game: Swimming
My favourite food: Pasta, Rajma Rice
My favourite teacher: Ritu Ma’am
My favourite poem: Twinkle twinkle little star
My favourite subject: Math
I want to become a: Teacher
I want to feature in GT because : I want others to know about me

Poems

Try, Try, Try

Chitraksh Tarun
AIS Saket, II A

Don’t give up,
try, try, try!
Always smile,
never cry.
Do your work,
to the best.
Then don’t worry,
about the rest.
Keep working,
with all your heart.
Continue hard work,
if you want to be smart.

thinking for when to meet him.
Touching nothing but actually,
making lights go bright and dim!

If life would be....
If life would be a little fiction,
with nothing known as gravity
or friction.
In the world of magical powers,
playing with the colourful sprinkling
showers!

No One’s Like Me!

Gurleen Kaur Chain
AIS Vasundhara 1, IV

No one looks
The way I do
I have noticed
That is true
No one walks the way I walk
No one talks the way I talk
No one plays the way I play
No one says the way I say

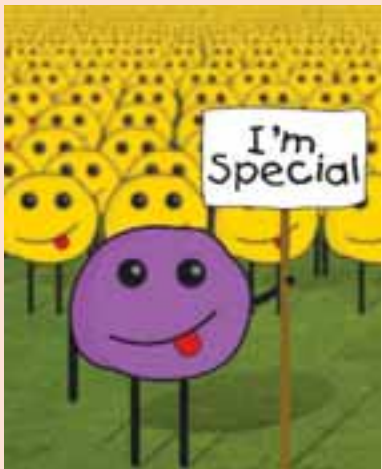
If life would be...

Saksham Chauhan
AIS Vasundhra 1, VII A

If life would be a little fiction,
with nothing known as
gravity or friction.
In the world of magical powers,
playing with the colourful sprinkling
showers!

With each of my cartoon friends,
going abroad to magical lands.
On every single weekend,
with our hand in hand.

Going for thrilling adventures with
Harry Potter,
learning some magic all the way.
With the mask and princess daughter,
to make the evil go away!
Spending childhood with Mario,



I am special
I am me
There’s no one else
I’d rather be.

Riddle Fiddle

Ishi Gupta, AIS Gurgaon 46, VI E

1. If a man has ten sons and each son has a sister, how many children does he have altogether?
2. Why is a river rich?
3. If a red house is made up of red

bricks and a yellow house is made up of yellow bricks, what is a greenhouse made up of?

4. What is the invention that enables you to see through the thickest walls?
5. “If a fellow met a fibber in a fallow field.” How many ‘f’s in that?

6. What day has day in it but isn’t Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, or Saturday?

7. What has ears but can’t hear?

ANSWERS

1. Eleven, because the daughter is each son’s sister 2. Because it has two banks 3. Glass 4. Window 5. None, there are no ‘f’s in ‘that’ 6. Today 7. Corn field

Brush ‘n’ Easel

Daksh Wadhwa
AIS Mayur Vihar, III B



Hawaiian Holiday

Amies of Amiown Pushp Vihar had a time of their lives as they embarked on a Hawaiian Holiday as part of their Summer Club!

Amiown Pushp Vihar

Let's Pack!

'Hawaiian Holiday', the themed Summer Club began its sojourn on May 14 and landed back in India on June 1. The first day found kids discussing the requisites for a vacation. They understood that a passport, air ticket and boarding pass are necessary for travelling abroad. They also enjoyed an activity called 'Let's pack' where they helped their teachers in packing a suitcase with all necessary items like clothes, shoes, toiletries and medicines.

A Dive into Corals

The children were introduced to the concept of an island through pictures, models and discussions. Clay, paints and other mediums were used to construct an island collaboratively. The sub theme for the second week was 'Dive into the coral reefs'. Artificial corals and pictures of the under sea world were shown and explained. The third week laid focus on the flora and fauna peculiar to the island. Names of a few fishes, seals, flowers, birds were introduced. The children also

learnt that bananas, pineapples and coconuts are found there in abundance. After learning about the volcanic mountain called *Mauna Lao*, the teachers guided the children to create a volcano with materials like clay, paints and Eno.

Little Chefs

The children were encouraged to wear colourful and flowery dresses inspired by the island. They also became acquainted with several Hawaiian words like *Aloha* (Hello), *Mahalo* (Thank you), *Kumu* (Teacher) etc. which were repeated throughout. The little ones also enhanced their culinary skills by making scrumptious treats with their teacher's help. They made a snack titled 'Rocky Island', which was actually a mound of sponge cake with chocolate sauce and jelly. The little chefs also made mixed fruit punch, banana chocolate cake, canapé islands, etc.

Hawaiian Dance

A visit to Hawaii would be incomplete if the children didn't enjoy the dance and music of the island. They danced to the song called "Hawaiian roller coaster

Ride'. The children learnt the steps gradually and by the end of the three weeks, they could gracefully perform on the entire song. Apart from frolicking to exotic tunes, they also enjoyed learning a song called 'I am a Hawaiian child'.

Fun Acts

Apart from an extensive tour of the exotic Hawaiian island, the children participated in a speech and drama class everyday where they were treated to story narrations that focused on voice projection, drama and dialogue delivery. This increased their vocabulary, self confidence and ability to express. They were also involved in imaginary activities where they travelled to Disneyland or pretended to be an astronaut by wearing the full gear, getting into a space shuttle and exploring space. They also had tongue twisters to enhance their speech clarity. Kids eagerly awaited the daily indoor sport class which included stretching exercises, Taekwondo and aerobic moves on peppy music. The three week Hawaiian trip passed in a flash and everyone was sad to bid the beautiful island, a good bye! 🇺🇸



Let's tap to the 'Hawaiian Roller Coaster'!



This looks like a real island!



Potter, potter, make my pot!



It's our turn to splash!

Camping with Nature

Summer Camp at Amiown Noida designed to sharpen reasoning & language skills, ended up being a lot of fun!

Amiown Noida

Nature struck: The theme 'Wonders of nature' was chosen for the first week. It was a fun filled week as children enjoyed exploring different elements of nature like earth, air and water. They performed a skit on the topic - Save earth, plant more trees. Children learnt to use garden tools like spade for planting saplings during a nature walk in

the Amity Nursery. They also enjoyed sowing *channa* seeds. **Little Einsteins:** In the second week, the children explored, experimented, designed and evolved into little Einsteins. They had fun with bubbles, float and sink, magic with colours; activities which made it an eventful week for the budding scientists. **Eye for green:** The topic of third week was 'Young environmentalist' wherein the children were

sensitized about saving and caring the environment. The highlight of the week was *nukkad natak* and a visit to a potter. **Art n' craft:** Children enjoyed art and craft activities where they learnt to make *bandhani*, umbrellas, pot decoration, flower making, strawberry fridge magnets, etc. Splash pool and snack time added to the fun, making the summer camp a memorable experience for the children. 🇮🇳

Fill up my senses!

Amies of Vasundhara 1 & 6 got all touchy n' feely by learning about their senses during the summer camp

Amiown Vasundhara-6

"You can teach a student a lesson for a day; but if you teach him to learn by creating curiosity, he will continue the learning process as long as he lives."
-Clay P Bedford

Amiown, Vasundhara 1 & 6 jointly offered a summer program from May 14 to June 1 with the theme 'Exploring the world around through my five senses.' The summer camp was designed to sharpen kid's thinking, reasoning and language skills and fuel their creativity. The activities designed helped them to be aware of their senses as sights, sounds and other stimuli that play a vital role in their world. Focusing on the theme of the five senses- smell, taste, sight, hearing and touch, the significance of



Painting is fun!

the sense organs was discussed during Circle Time through power point presentations, binoculars, flash cards and objects from the environment. The kids also tried their hands at making refreshing drinks like Rooh-afza, Tang, lemonade and Rasna. They enjoyed making pasta, sandwiches, nacho 'chaat', Maggi and yummy popcorn, too.

They enhanced their motor skills by making clay sculptures, scratch and sniff painting, etc. They enjoyed making photo frame, folder, head gear, fragrant flowers, etc. They had fun with stories through role play and enactment with hand & shadow puppets. Nature walk and science experiments further enhanced their senses. 🇮🇳



Splash...splash... splash we go!

Summer Cool!

Yummy treats and summer crashers ensured the kiddies had a cool time at Amiown Gurgaon!

Amiown Gurgaon

"Who says summers are not cool? With an enjoyable 'Summer Camp' in our school! Where we learnt and had a splendid time, As we splashed in the pool. Never say again that, Summers are not cool!"

'Summer Camp' at Amiown, Sector - 27, Gurgaon, was an exquisite experience for the little ones of Pre-Nursery, Nursery, KG, Class I, where they indulged in different activities

like Theatre, Music and Movement, See, Think and Tell, Art and Craft, Line Drawing, Games, Computer Illustrations, Kiddies Kitchenette, Splash Pool, etc. The children explored the world of fantasy with creativity at its best. They made puppets, musical instruments, did 'best out of waste' and enjoyed the feel of colours through textures. Cognition made its way with activities related to see, think and tell in which children got a chance to perform friendly experiments. They were thrilled with the results achieved! Yummy treats and summer crashers like pasta salad, chocolaty delights, triangle sandwich,

rosy lemonade, buttermilk, etc. were made and relished by the little ones. The all time favourite games and most awaited activity 'Splash pool' was thoroughly enjoyed by the children. The theatre gave a platform to the young ones to polish their oratory skills. The children enacted their dramatic skills with confidence and put up a splendid presentation which was applauded by the parents. The Summer Camp concluded with the happy confident faces of the bright Amies which clearly stated that they had a memorable summer camp at Amiown. It was truly the coolest and the most refreshing one! 🇮🇳



Is it true that the President is the supreme commander of the armed forces of India?
Yes

Orientations galore

With adequate impetus on originality and the right set of values, Parent Orientations at various Amity branches lead the new session to a flying start



AIS Noida

Amity International School, Noida organized Parent Orientation for Class 1 on April 17 and Class 5 on April 19. The guest speaker was Dr Shakuntala Dawesar, a prominent practitioner of family medicine and counseling. The Graduates explained the co-curricular activities. In



class 5 orientation, CCE grading was explained. Amity Junior Rock Band's number 'Zombie' by the Cranberries stole the show. The Nursery Class had its orientation with Dr Kanika Khandelwal, Senior Professor of Psychology, Lady Sri Ram College, as the Guest Speaker. The 'Graduates' gave insights into school activities. Parents had a one-to-one session with the class teachers.

AIS Vasundhara 1

Orientation for classes KG and I of AIS Vasundhara -1 was held on April 21. The programme commenced with chanting of *shlokas* and traditional lighting of the lamp. This was followed by the formal welcome of the parents by Principal V Balachandran. Headmistress Roopkamal Singh apprised the parents

of the teaching methodology. A beautiful presentation was given by the teachers on the same. KG and Class I children presented a beautiful dance which reflected positively on the confidence of a true Amitian. An interactive counseling session and presentation was taken up with the parents by school Counselor Archana Trilok.

AIS Gurgaon 46

Orientation for the parents of class 5 was held at AIS Gurgaon 46. Principal Anuradha Handa stressed on the importance of communication between parents and school. She discussed internet abuse and how monitoring the sites visited by children, is important. Headmistress Pooja Puri expressed her views on good parenting and narrated a story about parents and school working together towards a child's overall development. This was followed by a short skit on the daily life of a school going child. Coordinator Manjula provided details about the examination system. [G](#)[I](#)

Valuing Values



AIS Lucknow

AIS Lucknow celebrated Human Values Day through a special assembly. The assembly depicted beautifully the human values of truth, non-violence, good conduct, love, peace, trust, honesty, caring and sharing through beautiful skits. The objective of the assembly was to teach the children to inculcate human values in their behaviour. The Assembly was dedicated to Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson Amity Group of Schools, who believes in propagating western education infused with Indian cultural values. [G](#)[I](#)

Khirki Masjid Express



AIS Pushp Vihar

We belong to the technological era, where everything can be done using technology. We belong to a fast moving world where

time is the most precious resource. We belong to a world where instant messaging is the most effective way of communication. But maybe in this fast moving world, we have lost something very precious, our past...our heritage. In the hope to restore a small part of our heritage, students from Amity International School, Pushp Vihar have adopted Khirki Masjid, an ancient monument. Khirki Masjid is not very widely known, despite its beauty and magnificence. Hence, the students are trying to get the mosque, the recognition which it deserves. The trip to Khirki Masjid was very unique as 16 young students tried to capture the exquisiteness of the monument through their cameras in their own unique way. The mosque is an architectural marvel. The endless domes



and arches are a photographer's paradise. The pictures taken were then displayed in an exhibition held in the school for students and parents. It is hoped that this effort by the students will make the mosque more familiar and its splendour will be acknowledged. Khirki Masjid sits in the middle of all the hustle and bustle of the city, silently reminding us where we come from; reminding us that the future may change but our splendid past never will. [G](#)[I](#)

It's showering accolades

AIS Saket

To acknowledge and accredit the success of achievers in myriad realms, AIS Saket organized the Annual Prize Distribution for the Junior school students on May 10, 2012. Initiated with the solemn chanting of *shlokas* and lighting of the lamp, the programme witnessed the felicitation of academic achievers and special prize winners for mastery in various spheres. The presence of esteemed guests Anita Satia and Kalpana Das Gupta rendered a special dimension to the morning of excellence. They felicitated the special prize winners for their achievements. Principal Rekha Ranade accorded a note of welcome to the guests. In her motivational address, she expressed her fervent



belief in the innate potential of each child to attain heights of glory and accorded a congratulatory note to the winners of the day. The musical rendition by the school choir was noteworthy and the versatile dance moves of the budding dancers were applauded by one and all. Truly, the event propelled Amitians to move ahead and achieve newer milestones. [G](#)[I](#)

Leaders by Oath



A little bit of emotion and a sprinkling of pride charged up the atmosphere as the Student Council members of AIS Gurgaon 43 took their oaths

AIS Gur 43

“Leaders aren't born my friends, they are made.” So proclaimed Prankur Arora, the newly elected Head Boy of AIS Gurgaon 43, defining the vision of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, who graced the Investiture Ceremony held on May 10. The chief guest for the ceremony was Colonel Ahluwalia, Director Sports,

Amity Schools. The Student Council was invested with their respective responsibilities by the dignitaries followed by the oath taking. The Council pledged to take on their responsibilities and maintain the ethos of the school. The parents were overwhelmed with pride as they witnessed the solemn ceremony. Col Ahluwalia inspired the students by reiterating the importance of self discipline. The principal urged the students to achieve higher levels of excel-



lence with the cooperation of the Student Council. As the ceremony came to an end, Shivangi Mittal, Head Girl, said, “The school has given me so much that if I could repay even a fraction of that, I would deem myself privileged,” and she had all the Amitians in absolute agreement! [G](#)[I](#)

Mango Mania



AIS Lucknow

To enjoy into the pulpy sweetness of mangoes, children of AIS Lucknow went for a picnic to a mango orchard on the last working day before the vaca-

tions. The picnic spelled fun and frolic - there was food, music, dance, games and loads of activities. The children cooled off with delicious *Aam Panna* prepared by class VIII students. The picnic ended with a game of Tambola. [G](#)[I](#)

For the hungry u!

On a Saturday evening, two passionate foodies set out on a quest to appease their taste buds at Hungry I and they weren't disappointed!

Ankit Gupta, ASET & Surya, AIB

Hungry I, a fast food joint, located in sector-44 Noida, has a commendable fan following, especially among Amitians. Have we joined the list after our visit? Well, you'd have to follow us to find out!

Food: The food at Hungry I is just the kind that your friends (yes, including you!) would love to have; it is in fact an ideal hangout for those perennially hungry! Perhaps we're being lavish with the praises, you'd think, but you could very well change your mind once you run your fingers through the soft bread wrapping, which couldn't go wrong with the contrasting crunchiness of the *paneer* stuffed inside. The crispy chilly baby corn baked to perfection and the garlic bread in an impeccable accompaniment

to the cream cheese and mushroom pasta will, like Hungry I claims, tingle your taste buds. The Oreo shake will only add to the excitement! The joint is diverse in its offerings that range from Italian delicacies like pizzas, to Indian delicacies like *biryani* and *rolls*. The wide variety of smoothies and shakes certainly deserves a special mention.

Our Rating: 8.5/10

Ambience: What stands out about Hungry I is that the onlookers can catch a glimpse of the chefs busily cooking away, from outside. The setting of the restaurant is very lounge-like with comfortable chairs that you can lean back in. The decor, more or less, has all the touches of a modern artist. The graffiti has a youthful, vibrant ring to it and certainly looks inviting. The bright, yet appealing lighting is in keeping with



the energetic, college going crowd that is often pulled towards the hangout.

The menu, however, is very plainly designed.

Our Rating: 8/10

Service: The service is friendly, efficient and unobtrusive under the watchful eye of a young entrepreneur and manager.

In what could be termed a one-off case, there was a slight delay in serving us the food, the manager however was quick on his toes to assure smooth service later. He was even a tad apologetic for the delay, an indication of good service.

Our Rating: 8/10

Pocket Pinch: Hungry I is a place where you can grab a quick bite without burning a hole in your pocket (a meal for two would cost you approximately Rs 400). In fact, the joint is more like a hangout zone. But even if you're on the lookout for

a fine ambience and service, then it will surely obey your pocket!

Our Rating: 8.5/10

Final Verdict: Friends, in case you want to spend some time together while munching on a few snacks, with just the right music and ambience, then Hungry I is definitely the place for you for it offers an assortment of delicacies that are delightful and light on the pocket!

Special Word: We highly recommend the mushroom pasta and chilly baby corn, which are the top picks and favourites among the guests too.

Add the *paneer* topping to make your pasta more exotic and enjoyable.

The oreo shake will make your mouth melt. Another attraction is the garlic bread with its unique cheese spread.

Our Overall Rating: 8.5 /10 



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