

Excellence recognised

It is raining awards, international accolades, appreciation, felicitation and much more for Amity. Here's bringing you an exclusive sneak peek into the triumphant fervour...



Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan receives the Award of Shodan for her outstanding contribution in promoting Karate

Award of Shodan for Chairperson

Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools was felicitated with the 'Award of Shodan' (Black Belt) for her outstanding contribution in promoting Karate by World Japan Seigo-Kai-Karate-do-Japan at a special award function held at Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi on May 18, 2013. World Karate Chief, Soshi Isamu Kamagata conferred the prestigious Award of Shodan (Black

Belt) on Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan in the presence of Sensei RR Raha, President of Seigo-Kai-Karate-do Association of India, Ms AI Wada and Ms Chizuku Yoshida from Japan. Adorning the sparkling white karate robe and the black belt, as a mark of the newly set milestone, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan said, "A mother is awarded only when her child does well. I am getting this award only because of my Amitians. I

can proudly say that my children deserve the laurels they are bringing back from karate championships." Amity International Schools located at Saket, Pushp Vihar, Noida and Vasundhara are official Seigo-Kai Training Centres in India. Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan endeavours to provide wings to the dreams of every student and grooms them in such a way that they are empowered with enough strength and finesse to lead the reins of the country. [GT](#)

Amity University ranked number one



Amity University was recently ranked number one in private universities by India Today. India Today partnered with The Nielsen Company and conducted the fourth consecutive survey to determine the top universities in India in the arts, science and commerce stream. To determine the rankings, a formula based on perception score (from a structured interview conducted among academic experts) and an objective score (factual data furnished by universities) was evolved. Research was conducted to draw up a list of 170 universities eligible for the survey. Only those universities were considered that offer at least two post graduate courses in science, commerce and arts. The parameters include university reputation, quality of academic input, faculty, research, strengths, student care, infrastructure, innovation, admission procedure, placement record amidst others. [GT](#)

Admission

Status of the week

Shri Ram College of Commerce
Rishi Thariani, AIS Saket, Alumnus

NIFT, Delhi ...it is !!
Kangan Khanna
AIS Saket, Alumnus

Kirori Mal College. Batch of 2017.
Katyayani Singh
AIS Noida, Alumnus

'Because fashion isn't what you see, it's what you create...' NIFT
Soumya Saxena
AIS Saket, Alumnus

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E for education

Award for distinguished quality



Mr Atul Chauhan receives the award from HE Honourable Sayyad ABD-AL-Cader SAYED-HOSSEN

Mr Atul Chauhan, Chancellor, Amity University, UP (AUUP) received the 'Golden Peacock Business Excellence Award' by the Institute of Directors at the Dubai Global Convention on Business Excellence on behalf of Amity University during a glittering ceremony at Burj Al Arab, Dubai for quality excellence. The award was presented by HE Honourable Sayyad ABD-AL-Cader SAYED-HOSSEN, Minister of Industry, Commerce and Consumer protection, Govt of Mauritius. The event was also graced by Sudhir Vasudeva, Chairman & Managing Director, Oil & Natu-

ral Gas Protection, India and Lt Gen JS Ahluwalia, PVSM (retd), President, Institute of Directors, India. Golden Peacock Awards, instituted by Institute of Directors in 1991, are now regarded as one of the highest benchmarks for business excellence worldwide. The Golden Peacock Awards Secretariat receives over 1,000 entries per year for various awards, from over 25 countries worldwide. Justice PN Bhagwati, Former Chief Justice of India and acting Chairman, UN Human Rights Committee, is the Chairman of the Golden Peacock Awards Committee. [GT](#)

Hard work is the key to success..

...says Mr Atul Chauhan in an interaction with GT reporters [Sana Sawhney](#), [Ayushi Gupta](#), [Oditi Anand](#) & [Sonia Rajendran](#), AIS Noida, XII

Congratulations on getting the Golden Peacock Award.

It is one of the most prestigious corporate awards and Amity always aspires to win such laurels. The event itself was quite special as it was attended by many well known corporate leaders.

Who is your inspiration?

I take inspiration from Founder President sir and Chairperson ma'am who

taught me to work towards my goal and showed me the role and value of parents in our lives.

Any tips for the aspiring entrepreneurs at Amity?

Hard work is the key to success. Mere intelligence or talent does not guarantee success; you have to combine it with hard work and determination to achieve the desired results. Also, never be disheartened by failures. [GT](#)



When I was in Class I, I had won nine prizes on the annual day; that was one of my biggest achievements.

Ananya Grover, AIS Noida, VI L



Aboard AIS Lucknow

A host of interesting and innovative activities organised by Amity International School, Lucknow for its students in the academic session 2013-14 kept the students fruitfully engaged



AIS Lucknow students at the PEC games workshop

Introducing Physical Education Card games

On May 1, 2013, Col (Retd) BS Ahluwalia, Senior Sports Consultant, Amity Group of Schools, conducted a workshop for teachers. The workshop stressed on the significance of sports in the everyday school curriculum. Physical Education Card games or PEC as it is popularly known, is primarily a set of fun filled games like ladder jumping, butterfly race, touch the ball, etc. These games are meant for primary school students and aimed at encourag-

ing their participation in various sports activities.

During the course of the workshop, Col Ahluwalia taught various games that helped the children develop agility, balance and coordination among them.

The workshop turned out to be an eventful one and well achieved its purpose of highlighting the significance of sports in a child's life. The students too enjoyed the various games organised for them thoroughly.

Heritage Day



Students present a skit during the special assembly

A special assembly was held to mark Heritage Day celebrations at AIS Lucknow. The assembly commenced with an introduction to India's rich cultural heritage. The students presented a skit from the famous Akbar-Birbal tales. It laid emphasis on 'Whatever happens, happens for good.' This was followed by a PPT on famous heritage sites, festivals, dances and monuments of India. A colourful 'Dandiya' performance enthralled one and all present.

Pet show

On March 17, 2013, AIS Lucknow organised a special event for pets and their owners in collaboration with Lucknow Times and Lucknow Kennel Club. The 2013-14 academic session saw several pet owners come together to showcase the talent of their adorable pets in front of a gathering of over 250 people. The event turned out to be an extremely enjoyable one.



Students of AIS Lucknow welcome the new academic session 2013-14

Fresh start

A havan ceremony was organised in the school premises at the onset of the new academic session. This was followed by a handwriting and news reading competition for Class I to

V. It was aimed at inculcating reading and writing habit in the students at a young age. The students presented their write ups and read out news with absolute confidence.

Mango orchard summer picnic



AIS Lucknow students have fun at the mango orchard

Students of Class Nursery to IX were taken on a visit to a mango orchard for a picnic on May 9, 2013, a day before the summer break.

All the students were dressed in yellow based on the theme of mango. The accompanying teachers made the students indulge in fun activities like skipping, cricket, badminton, race etc. to make the picnic more exciting.

Adding on to the fun and frolic, students enjoyed dancing to the tunes of latest songs. Headmistress Mukta Ghoshal joined the students. The picnic concluded with kids enjoying tangy aam panna and snacks. [G](#) [I](#)

Caught in conversation...

... with **Abhigyan**

Prakash, Executive Editor, NDTV and one of the best known faces of Indian news channel circuit. GT reporters caught up with the charismatic anchor, reporter and political analyst during his visit to Amity International School Lucknow



Young and budding reporters of AIS Lucknow interview Abhigyan Prakash

Srijan: Sir, you have been associated with Indian news channels for years. Tell us about your most daring assignment till date amidst other challenges that you commonly face?

I think time management is the biggest challenge that one faces in my field as there is always something or the other to do. One of the most challenging assignments of my career so far has been re-

porting live from the Taj hotel during the 26/11 Mumbai attacks.

Srishti: Did you always aspire to be a journalist? Who inspired you?

I was always enamoured by the media. I started writing at an early age and used to contribute for 'The Times of India' and 'The Pioneer' in Lucknow. After shifting to Delhi, I worked as a copy-

writer. These experiences proved rewarding and helped me join journalism.

Anant: Sir, you have interviewed many famous personalities. Who has impressed you the most?

Yes, I have had the honour of interviewing many dynamic personalities from the world of politics, entertainment, sports, etc. I found former Prime Minis-

ter Atal Bihari Vajpayee very inspiring and even Bollywood superstar Amitabh Bachchan has many interesting things to share. However, one person who stands out from the rest is Steve Jobs, whom I've had the opportunity to meet and interact with.

Isha: Do you think media plays a significant role in the present day society?

Media, especially the local press, helps the society in formulating views and opinion about a particular issue.

Sowmya: Would you like to share the names of some of your favourite authors and books?

I find 'Raj Darbari', a political satire, written by Shri Lal Shukla very relevant in the present times. 'News of a Kidnapping' written by a Columbian author and Nobel Prize winner Gabriel Garcia Marquez is another favourite. I've also enjoyed books written by Pablo Escobar.

Aryan: What are your hobbies?

I love listening to music in free time. In fact, I once wanted to pursue a career in music as well, so it holds a special place in my life. [G](#) [I](#)



Little ones with their mothers at the workshop

A workshop for mothers

Amity International School Lucknow organised a special workshop for mothers on April 27, 2013. The workshop titled 'Know your child' targeted the mothers of children aged 2-7 years. The activity based workshop, focused on the emotional, cognitive and intellectual development of a child during the growth years.

Problems and challenges faced by parents of children belonging to the same age group were also discussed in great detail. [G](#) [I](#)

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AIS Lucknow Special

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@The Global Times E-26, Defence Colony

Rush, it's time to hog the limelight!



With the help of Buddhism, I have learnt not only to pray and chant for myself, but also for the happiness of others. This I think is my greatest achievement.

Shagun Paruthi, AIS Noida, VI L

Ek-do-ek!

The winner of the 'West Australian Youth of The Year Award 2012', **Ishaa Sandhu** shares her experience of the Amity Green Horns Military Training



Ishaa thanks AIMC officials



Isha with her team members at the training camp

After winning the prestigious Duke of Edinburgh Silver Level Award, I decided to partake in the Amity Military Training Camp at Manesar.

I departed from Australia, having just finished my Year 12 examinations. The mere mention of 'military training camp' sent shivers down my spine as I could never relate to physical challenges and discipline. Though, I was enthusiastic about the camp, I could not never imagine myself engaged in activities that involved moving beyond my study table to the nearby fridge. However, my arrival from Perth to Delhi, and then to Amity Military Training Camp soothed my frayed nerves. Warm smiles greeted me to a world of physical detoxification and generous laughter.

First, we were given the responsibility of

"I was excited to learn that we would be wearing a military uniform during the course of the training."

organising our tents. Arranging eight sets of mattresses, blankets, pillows and utensils, along with our entire luggage in a small space proved to be a challenging task. This exercise enabled us to understand the value of space and realise how tough is the life of a military personnel vis-a-vis a civilian.

I was excited to discover that we would be wearing military uniform during the entire course of training. This instilled a

sense of pride and responsibility in me. Over the course of the camp, we engaged in various activities. My apprehension related to rigorous physical activity soon eased, as everyone was encouraged to function at their own pace, gradually extending their limits. The activities included undergoing military drills, trekking through mountains, visiting the herb and medicinal gardens, and even rifle shooting.

Surprisingly, my favourite activity turned out to be the cross country race. Normally, any type of running freaks me out but this race helped me gain confidence. Participating in adventure sports like parasailing, rappelling, rock-climbing and zorbing helped me fight my psychological fears and also push my physical capacities.

Our resilience was put to test during the

camp as all cadets were made to sleep in freezing temperatures, bath with minimal hot water, wash dishes and wake up as early as 5 am in the morning. The evenings were reserved for presentations and stimulating lectures, that provided information on the armed forces as well as disaster management.

Initially, I was quite scared but, the experience of participating in and successfully completing these activities infused excitement in me. Besides meeting physical challenges, the cadets were also involved in managing day-to-day operations. As all good things come to an end, soon it was time to leave behind the cleanliness, humility and warmth of Amity Military Training Camp.

During my week long stay, I made new friends, learnt extraordinary skills, em-

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FOR CLASS XI-XII

Find the number of subsets of the $(1, 2, 3, \dots, 2000)$, sum of whose elements are divisible by 5.

(a) $\frac{2^{2000}}{5}$ (b) $\frac{2^{2000} + 2^{402}}{5}$ (c) $\frac{2^{200}}{5}$

(d) None of these

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3 correct entries win attractive prizes

Ans: Brainleaks 76: (3) 3

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Class:.....

School:.....

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braced physical challenges, conquered fear and created fond memories that I am proudly taking back.

This wouldn't have been possible if I was not granted a place by Amity Indian Military College (AIMC) management and the support provided by the wonderful AIMC team.

I want to thank Amity Institute for providing me and the several others for this truly golden and humble opportunity to make a new beginning in life. 🇮🇳

ALSN students shine in UPSC

Meet two geniuses from Amity Law School, Noida who cracked the challenging examination with their determination without undergoing any training. Here's an exclusive tete-a-tete with the rising stars

Mokshda Bhushan & Palka Rishi
Faculty, ALSN

Students Rashmi Choudhary and Saurabh Gupta of Amity Law School, Noida (ALS) have brought laurels to the institute by clear-



Rashmi Choudhary, Rank 429

ing the UPSC Civil Services Examination 2013 at first attempt, without undergoing any coaching. While Saurabh shines at rank 360, Rashmi has clinched rank 429 among 998 candidates. Here's their success story.

What inspired you to opt for civil services?

Saurabh: I always knew I wanted to be an IAS officer, right from the moment I joined ALS. I started preparing for the examination from first year of college, itself. However, I started putting in extra efforts and diligently studying with Rashmi since last two years.

Rashmi: My inspiration is my father, since he is also a civil servant.

What was your strategy for preparing for this exam?

Saurabh: I always kept my calm and never stressed out myself needlessly. I studied everyday for at least four hours, usually from midnight till four in the morning.

Rashmi: I followed the same strategy and studied at about the same time.

Amity Law School, Noida

What kept you away from taking up coaching?

We felt that whether we go in for coaching or not, ultimately we had to study on our own. We studied with complete focus and dedication for two years. Our fathers helped and guided us.

How did your LLB studies help you in this exam?

Rashmi: LLB helped us in sharpening our legal reasoning and also upped our confidence for appearing in the interview. Since we had vivas in every semester, we knew how to answer the questions. We also had the guidance and support of our teachers at all times.

What's next on the cards?

Rashmi: I will get into Indian Revenue Services.

Saurabh: In all probability, I will get into Indian Administrative Services.

How do you plan to contribute to the development of our nation?

Rashmi: I have been to rural India in UP since many of relatives reside in Uttar

Pradesh (UP). I would really like to join the UP cadre as I want to improve the living conditions and educational facilities there. In my own way, I wish to inspire people from rural background, especially women. I want them to dream big and wish to empower them.

Saurabh: I have no preferences, but I would like to do something for my hometown Madhya Pradesh. There is so much to do in our country, like increasing security and safety of the common man in India so that they can live and work freely, especially women, as I believe they are the foundation of our country and their potential is still untapped.

Who would you like to attribute your success to?

We would like to thank our families and our teachers at Amity Law School for their support.

What advice would you like to give IAS aspirants?

Saurabh: Be patient and do not overestimate yourself. Stay focused and determined. Believe in yourself and above all, learn to accept criticism and learn from it, instead of letting it cripple you.

Rashmi: Most people are fearful of appearing in Civil Services Examination, but that is not true. With positive attitude, hard work and perseverance, we can do it. Yes, we can! 🇮🇳



Saurabh Gupta, Rank 360

Aye, Aye Captain!



The momentous occasion of the investiture ceremony 2013-2014 was marked by new aspirations at all the Amity International Schools- AIS Mayur Vihar, AIS Noida, AIS Gurgaon 43, AIS Gurgaon 46, AIS Vasundhara 1, AIS Vasundhara 6, AIS Saket and AIS Pushp Vihar.

The high spirited and freshly elected student council was encouraged by the benign presence of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, respective

school principals, parents and Col. B S Ahluwalia, Sports Advisor, Amity Schools. It was a sight to behold as the students from the former student council entrusted their flags, symbolizing responsibilities, to the newly formed council. An air of humility enveloped the school auditoriums as the Chairperson honoured the student representatives by adorning badges and sashes on the able shoulders of the council members.

The newly formed council then took a pledge

to dispense their duties with integrity. The newly appointed Head Boy and Head Girl promised to uphold the values endowed by Amity in the oath taking ceremony, followed by words of wisdom from the Chairperson. Students were selected on the basis of preliminary forms submitted by them, which were later evaluated by senior teachers. This was followed by an interview with Mohina Dar, Consultant, Amity Group of Schools, Col B S Ahluwalia, principals and vice principals.

| AIS Noida | | | |
|-------------------------|-------|-------------------------------|--|
| Name | Class | Post | |
| 1. Soham Gupta | XII | Head Boy | |
| 2. Isha Batra | XII | Head Girl | |
| 3. Ananya Rajpoot | XII | General Secretary | |
| 4. Vasu Purohit | XII | General Secretary | |
| 5. Sankalp Anand | XII | Secretary Discipline (Boy) | |
| 6. Ayushi Gupta | XII | Secretary Discipline (Girl) | |
| 7. Venika Menon | XII | Addl. Secretary- Discipline | |
| 8. Tushar Mathur | XII | Addl. Secretary- Discipline | |
| 9. Trupti Panigrahi | XII | Secretary- Culture (Girl) | |
| 10. Paraj Mathur | XII | Secretary- Culture (Boy) | |
| 11. Yashodhra Sabu | XII | Additional Secretary- Culture | |
| 12. Apoorv Mehrotra | XII | Additional Secretary- Culture | |
| 13. Elisha Singh | XII | Sports Captain (Girl) | |
| 14. Akul Khullar | XII | Sports Captain (Boy) | |
| 15. Sumedha Taneja | XII | Sports Vice Captain (Girl) | |
| 16. Dhruv Chawla | XII | Sports Vice Captain (Boy) | |
| 17. Snigdha Shahi | XII | Editor-in-Chief | |
| 18. Oditi Anand | XII | Editor | |
| 19. Rhea Mehta | XII | Editor | |
| 20. Kamakshi Mam | XII | House Captain- Alaknanda | |
| 21. Niranjana | XII | Vice Captain- Alaknanda | |
| 22. Sana Sawhney | XII | House Captain- Bhagirathi | |
| 23. Mudita Raj | XII | Vice Captain- Bhagirathi | |
| 24. Srinidhi Sundaresan | XII | House Captain- Mandakini | |
| 25. Prema Gopal | XII | Vice Captain- Mandakini | |
| 26. Gurpreet Juneja | XII | House Captain- Pawani | |
| 27. Ronjaboti Roy | XII | Vice Captain- Pawani | |
| 28. Sidhant Raguvanshi | XII | Sports Captain- Alaknanda | |
| 29. Shivam Wahi | XII | Sports Captain- Bhagirathi | |
| 30. Divya Bhalla | XII | Sports Captain- Mandakini | |
| 31. Smiti Gupta | XII | Sports Captain- Pawani | |



*The list includes only the major posts



| AIS Vasundhara 6 | | | |
|------------------------|-------|-------------------------------|--|
| Name | Class | Post | |
| 1. Harshit Singh | XII | Head Boy | |
| 2. Sarina Moolchandani | XII | Head Girl | |
| 3. Akshay Bhardwaj | XII | General Secretary (Boy) | |
| 4. Shruti Kumari | XII | General Secretary (Girl) | |
| 5. Kushal Sharma | XII | Sports Captain (Boy) | |
| 6. Deegha Sharma | XII | Sports Captain (Girl) | |
| 7. Radhika Uppal | XII | Captain- Culture | |
| 8. Shikhar Soni | XII | Additional Secretary- Culture | |
| 9. Rashika Raina | XII | Editor-in-Chief | |
| 10. Shreyansh Jain | XII | Secretary Discipline (Boy) | |
| 11. Shalu Priya | XII | Secretary Discipline (Girl) | |
| 12. Sonakshi Singh | XII | Addl. Secretary Discipline | |
| 13. Arush Bhuwalka | XII | House Captain- Alaknanda | |
| 14. Parneet Kaur | XII | Vice Captain- Alaknanda | |
| 15. Anjali Chauhan | XII | House Captain- Bhagirathi | |
| 16. Suhail Goyal | XII | Vice Captain- Bhagirathi | |
| 17. Shikha Sharma | XII | House Captain- Mandakini | |
| 18. Mansee Khera | XII | Vice Captain- Mandakini | |
| 19. Shouvik Dutta | XII | House Captain- Pawani | |
| 20. Kaniksha Sharma | XII | Vice Captain- Pawani | |



| AIS Vasundhara 1 | | | |
|----------------------|-------|-----------------------------|--|
| Name | Class | Post | |
| 1. Surudhip Raam | X A | Head Boy | |
| 2. Rajit Shrivastava | X A | General Secretary (Boy) | |
| 3. Gunjan Sharma | IX A | General Secretary (Girl) | |
| 4. Sakshay | IX B | Secretary Discipline (Boy) | |
| 5. Shreyasi | X A | Secretary Discipline (Girl) | |
| 6. Saksham Chauhan | X A | Secretary- Culture (Boy) | |
| 7. Aayushi Shakya | IX A | Secretary- Culture (Girl) | |
| 8. Shubhank Tyagi | X A | Sports Captain (Boy) | |
| 9. Aastha Gandhi | X A | Sports Captain (Girl) | |
| 10. Adithyaa Sunder | IX B | Editor (Boy) | |
| 11. Shreya Tayal | IX B | Editor (Girl) | |
| 12. Prakshi Gupta | XI A | House Captain- Alaknanda | |
| 13. Gargi Singh | IX A | Vice Captain- Alaknanda | |
| 14. Ria Sharma | IX A | House Captain- Bhagirathi | |
| 15. Jusvin Phull | IX A | Vice Captain- Bhagirathi | |
| 16. Pratha Bhatt | IX A | House Captain- Mandakini | |
| 17. Arnab Jain | IX A | Vice Captain- Mandakini | |
| 18. Charu Singh | X A | House Captain- Pawani | |
| 19. Aditi Agarwal | IX B | Vice Captain- Pawani | |

| AIS Gurgaon 43 | | | |
|------------------------|-------|------------------------------|--|
| Name | Class | Post | |
| 1. Saksham Agarwal | XII | Head Boy | |
| 2. Souparnika Krishnan | XII | Head Girl | |
| 2. Navanshu Agarwal | XII | General Secretary (Boy) | |
| 3. K. Varsha | XII | General Secretary (Girl) | |
| 4. Sowmya Bendapudi | XII | Secretary Discipline | |
| 5. Tanmayi Arora | XII | Deputy Secretary- Discipline | |
| 6. Pallavi Vemuganthi | XII | Secretary- Culture | |
| 7. Abhimanyu S.Bhatia | XII | Sports Captain (Boy) | |
| 8. Anwesha Maitra | XII | Sports Captain (Girl) | |
| 9. Bharat Sood | XII | Sports Vice Captain (Boy) | |
| 10. Dayani Upadhyay | XII | Sports Vice Captain (Girl) | |
| 11. Aashna Agarwal | XII | Editor-in-Chief | |
| 12. Pooja Dhoundiyal | XII | Deputy Secretary | |
| 13. Pranav Taneja | XII | Deputy Secretary | |
| 14. Aastha Verma | XII | House Captain- Alaknanda | |
| 15. Nandini Gupta | XII | Vice Captain- Alaknanda | |
| 16. Hema Verma | XII | House Captain- Bhagirathi | |
| 17. Mitali Mathur | XII | House Captain- Mandakini | |
| 18. Kartik Chaturvedi | XII | Vice Captain- Mandakini | |
| 19. Saloni Agrawal | XII | House Captain- Pawani | |
| 20. Nidhi Singh | XII | Vice Captain- Pawani | |



| AIS Pushp Vihar | | | |
|--------------------------|-------|-------------------------------|--|
| Name | Class | Post | |
| 1. Chhavi Sahal | XII | Head Girl | |
| 2. Dhruv Singhal | XII | Head Boy | |
| 3. Kunal Taneja | XII | Sports Captain | |
| 4. Lakshay Narang | XII | Sports Vice Captain | |
| 5. Shreya Sahni | XII | General Secretary (Girls) | |
| 6. Abhinav Bansal | XII | General Secretary (Boys) | |
| 7. Anushka Singh | XII | Secretary Discipline | |
| 8. Dhruv Mehra | XII | Secretary Discipline | |
| 9. Simran Sachdeva | XII | Secretary- Culture | |
| 10. Sadhika Sehgal | XII | Additional Secretary- Culture | |
| 11. Ananya jena | XII | Additional Secretary- Culture | |
| 12. Manasvi Malik | XII | Editor-in-Chief | |
| 13. Pratibha Gauri Nigam | XII | Editor | |
| 14. Vyapika Kapoor | XII | Editor | |
| 15. Raunak Jain | XII | House Captain- Alaknanda | |
| 16. Anushka Sikka | XII | Vice Captain- Alaknanda | |
| 17. Dikshat Pruthi | XII | House Captain- Bhagirathi | |
| 18. Tvisha Goswami | XII | Vice Captain- Bhagirathi | |
| 19. Sukriti Kapoor | XII | House Captain- Mandakini | |
| 20. Apoorva Vasishat | XII | Vice Captain- Mandakini | |
| 21. Harsimran K. Khurana | XII | House Captain- Pawani | |
| 22. Rhytham Arora | XII | Vice Captain- Pawani | |



| AIS Gurgaon 46 | | | |
|--------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|--|
| Name | Class | Post | |
| 1. Vathul B.Subramanian | XII | Head Boy | |
| 2. Anshika Tyagi | XII | Head Girl | |
| 3. Kshitij Kapoor | XII | General Secretary (Boy) | |
| 4. Ishita Sahai | XII | General Secretary (Girl) | |
| 5. Gautam Gupta | XII | Additional Secretary (Boy) | |
| 6. Arunima Sachdev | XII | Additional Secretary (Girl) | |
| 7. Himanshu Jindal | XII | Secretary Discipline (Boy) | |
| 8. Tanvisha Singh | XII | Secretary Discipline (Girl) | |
| 9. Rishabh Saroha | XII | Secretary- Culture (Boy) | |
| 10. Apoorva Srivastava | XII | Secretary- Culture (Girl) | |
| 11. Bhagat Singh Thakran | XII | Sports Captain (Boy) | |
| 12. Kriti Sethi | XII | Sports Captain (Girl) | |
| 13. Rishi Goel | XII | Vice Sports Captain (Boy) | |
| 14. Vaibhavi V. Thakur | XII | Vice Sports Captain (Girl) | |
| 15. Tanvi Sethi | XII | Editor-in-Chief | |
| 16. Yashasvini Mathur | XII | House Captain- Alaknanda | |
| 17. Astha Sareen | XII | Vice Captain- Alaknanda | |
| 18. Aakariti Aggarwal | XII | House Captain- Bhagirathi | |
| 19. Suvarna Verma | XII | Vice Captain- Bhagirathi | |
| 20. Apoorva Singh | XII | House Captain- Mandakini | |
| 21. Shrishti Kakkar | XII | Vice Captain- Mandakini | |
| 22. Sukhda Monga | XII | House Captain- Pawani | |
| 23. Atharva Lath | XII | Vice Captain- Pawani | |



*The list includes only the major posts

| AIS Mayur Vihar | | | |
|--------------------------|-------|------------------------------|--|
| Name | Class | Post | |
| 1. Sajal Bhargava | XII B | Head Boy | |
| 2. Sampurna Gera | XII D | Head Girl | |
| 3. Bhavya Garg | XII A | General Secretary (Boys) | |
| 4. Pankhuri Agarwal | XII B | General Secretary (Girls) | |
| 5. Rahul Gupta | XII B | Sports Captain (Boys) | |
| 6. Tavishi Gautam | XII E | Sports Captain (Girls) | |
| 7. Sarthak Trehan | XII C | Vice Sports Captain (Boys) | |
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| 9. Apoorva Pandey | XII D | Depty Secy- Cultural & Music | |
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So long, Fare well

Amity's very own prom aka farewell arrived in its finest glory and swept everyone off their feet with a heady concoction of beautiful dresses, teary speeches and witty retort, topped with blessings wrapped in love

Sayonara

AIS Mayur Vihar
April 26, 2013

Tanya Garg, XII D

A fascinating farewell of AIS Mayur Vihar, themed as 'Sayonara' was organised for the outgoing 2012-13 batch. The farewell function commenced with the ceremonial lamp lighting that also witnessed principal Sarita Aggarwal showering her affectionate blessings on the students.

In the spotlight: Students were blessed by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, who beamed with pride seeing the once young students of AIS MV, now groomed as ladies and gentlemen ready to face the world.

Entertainment zone: The splendid musical performances by the school band made the listeners emotional. Dance in various manifestations- Bollywood, Jazz and *Punjabi* had everyone shake a leg on the dance floor.

A standup comic act by a Class XII student, delving into the journey of a student's life, left viewers in pools of laughter. The juniors also presented a 'goose bumpy' rendition of songs like 'Drops of Jupiter' and 'We are Young'. The energy levels soared to a new high as everyone hit the dance floor.

And the crown went to... The enthusiasm of the crowd went a notch up when coveted award titles, some complimenting their looks and others praising their uniqueness were handed out.

Early Bird- Resham Kapoor; **Nightingale Award-** Shambhavi Sharma; **Stunning Stiletos-** Ragini; **Jack of All Trades-** Kushagra & Anmol Choudhary; **Auto-motivated Award-** Shrishti Prasad



AIS Noida
April 20, 2013

In keeping with its tradition, the School organised a farewell for Class XII with a lot of enthusiasm. The girls looked gorgeous dressed in traditional attires and the boys were a picture of elegance in formal suits. Programme commencing with the ceremonial lamp lighting, witnessed head boy Soham Gupta and head girl Isha Batra warmly welcoming their fellowmates.

Rhythmic live *dhol* beats created an atmosphere of revelry. **In the spotlight:** Principal Renu Singh's rendition of a soulful song touched everyone's heart. The movie '*Ek Akhri Safar*' proved to be a nostalgic journey through school life right from Nursery to Class XII. **Entertainment zone:** The stage dazzled with lights, music and dancers. The evening saw students and teachers swinging and dancing together on the dance floor. What followed next was a mouthwatering treat comprising of snacks and beverages. Beautiful smiles and rare moments were all captured in the frame for life.



A traditional soiree

AIS Gurgaon 43
April 18, 2013

Aashna Agarwal &
Souparnika Krishnan, XII C

The blues of leaving school overshadowed the excitement of seeing each other in glamorous sarees and dashing suits.

The thrilled juniors worked their hearts out in their mission to entertain their seniors. The juniors left no stone unturned in organising the function for their beloved seniors. The programme took off with an invocatory classical dance followed by a poem in *Jab Tak Hai Jaan* style, by our very own SRK, Saksham Agarwal.

In the spotlight: The movie made by Siddhant Mukherjee, Kalol Chatterjee and Shekhar Rana had the audience burst into loud cheer, especially during the Harlem Shake video. DJ, dance and food at the amphitheatre ensured that the fun continued throughout the evening.

Entertainment zone: The dance drama was a funny depiction of all that the seniors would miss

doing in school. The numbers of hours our pretty young ladies spent admiring themselves in the school mirror were enacted to the tune of *Gulabi Aankhein*. Soon, it was time for a fun quiz. The students answered tricky questions like "Who is most likely to touch the sky?" The elusive answer to this wasn't one of the toppers but it was Mukul Sehrawat owing to his sky-reaching height! Mr and Ms Amity were chosen through a game of musical chairs. After many fouls, claims of cheating and the seats being slippery, the final four were grilled by the school principal to claim the coveted titles.

And the crown went to... The giving away of titles commenced with the seniors sporting their title badges and walking the ramp across the stage. Comic pauses by Sanchit Darbari and Bharat Pannu had everyone in splits throughout the show.

Miss Main Hoon Na - Shivangi Mittal
Laughing Buddha - Shantanu Shrivastava
Miss Sunshine Smile - Gurkiran Kaur (She got the loudest cheers from the audience)
Mr & Ms Amity - Shrey Malik & Suvarna Tiwari
Miss Congeniality - Shivangi Mittal
Mr Best Dressed - Rohan Verma



A sentimental adieu

AIS Gurgaon 46
April 11, 2013

The proceedings of the farewell began on a nostalgic note, with a multimedia presentation reminiscing the past years. The juniors bid a sentimental adieu to the outgoing batch in a farewell, laden with entertainment, finger licking food and foot tapping music which inadvertently led everyone to the dance floor.

In the spotlight: Highlight of the evening remained the release of the e-magazine called 'Global Amities' by honourable guest, B N Bajpai, Advisor R & D, Amity Group of Schools. Principal, Arti Chopra; senior headmistress, Nirmala Sharma; vice principal, Pooja Puri; and the co-ordinators of AIS

Gurgaon 46 graced the occasion.

Entertainment zone: Students enjoyed an electrifying cultural show that included skit, dance and presentation of titles. DJ and photography sessions kept everyone entertained throughout the show. This was followed by lip smacking refreshments.

And the crown went to... The outgoing batch did a ramp walk that culminated in the crowning of winners. School principal showered her blessings on the students, wishing for their bright future.

Mr Amity - Prabhkirat Singh; **Ms Amity** - Mannat Mantoo; **Mr Well Dressed** - Anshuman Acharya; **Ms Well Dressed** - Esha G Nair; **Ms Beautiful Smile** - Srushti Gupta; **Most Witty Answer** - Harmeet Dhiman



Yaadein

AIS Saket
April 17, 2013

Aarushi Mehta, XI D

As juniors, we always used to look up to our seniors, aspiring to become talented like them. Hoping so, the years just flew by and it was time to bid them goodbye. *Yaadein*, the theme of farewell for Amity International School, Saket, commenced on a grand note as the outgoing batch walked the red carpeted corridors, truly à la Cannes style!

In the spotlight: The real showstoppers were the juniors holding huge signs that read, "We will miss you" and "All the best" along with everyone crooning '*Hum...rahein ya na rahein kal*'. And in true Amity style, this was followed by a cake-cutting ceremony amidst bang of party poppers!

Entertainment zone: Amidst loud cheers and a bit of teasing, the farewell function themed 'School life' began. From decorations to opening speeches,

everything breathed of school life. A special video was screened as a token of love, keeping the reminiscent mood alive, which sparked a few laughs and tears too. It harboured every moment of student's life from the very first step in school to cramming during exams and to the ever increasing social life. **And the crown went to...** A farewell isn't really complete without conferring titles. Various awards were given away in myriad fields like art, sports, dance, etc.

Ms Sunshine - Aarti Aggarwal; **Dostana Award** - Nikhil Dhawan & Saiyam Pabreja; **Mr Khiladi** - Sarthak Sharma; **Ms Khiladi** - Megha Revaneti; **Dancing Queen** - Drishti Malhotra; **Disco Dancer** - Ashvin Arora; **EQ Queen** - Sonali Kashyap; **EQ King** - Vivasvaan Srivastava; **Rockstar** - Anmol Verma; **Ms Nightingale** - Riddhi Jad; **Unsung Hero** - Mayank Vachher; **Mr Bond** - Kartik Mehrotra; **Ms Congeniality** - Bhavna Mehrotra; **Students of the year** - Sushanth Gautham & Bhawna Tiwari; **Ms Best Dressed** - Shivani Sharma; **Mr Best Dressed** - Mehtab Kalra; **Picasso** - Manisha Pundir

Time to say goodbye

AIS Vasundhara 6
April 30, 2013
Sarina Mulchandani
Akshay Bharadwaj, XI

The day was marked with joie-de-vivre and nostalgia in equal measure. The gentlemen, in collared shirts & suits and ladies in elegant sarees topped with coiffures were welcomed with an auspicious *tika* and shower of rose petals by their juniors.

In the spotlight: A 3-tiered cake, each layer blessing the students with success, happiness and joy was the major attraction of the show. A movie portraying the life of seniors in the school made the viewers nostalgic and tearful. It took everyone back in time as the memories from yesteryears flashed before their eyes. The friendships everyone had forged over the years were reminisced with fondness.

Entertainment zone: An enthralling skit and a medley of dance and music entertained the audience. A lip smacking Chinese fare had everyone drooling.

And the crown went to... Besides the much awaited titles of Mr and Ms Amity, sashes, tiara and brooches were also given away in various other categories.

The seniors were also presented a photo frame each as a farewell token.
Mr Amity - Sanchit; **Ms Amity** - Aditi Sharma; **Mr Confidence** - Arnab Kapoor; **Ms Confidence** - Lavanya Thakur; **Best Hair Style** - Akash Tyagi & Tanya Tarnwal; **Best Attire (Male)** - Kshitij Aggarwal & **Best Attire (Female)** - Vrinda Tayal; **Mr Wisdom** - Apoorv Singh; **Ms Wisdom** - Niharika Saumya

(With inputs from Suhail & Harshit)



Divided by a wall



It was Meera. His heart echoed with happiness at the sound of her *ghungroos*. He sat in attention to honour her.

didn't. As a heartbroken Amit decided to give up, he heard a door open on the other side. It was Meera. His heart echoed with happiness at the sound of her *ghungroos*. He sat in attention to honour her. But her performance felt a little strange that day. It was different the way she put her feet on the ground. He could not discern what Meera was feeling, but when she danced, it was alien to him. Suddenly, the sound stopped and he felt someone on the other side of the wall. He heard a gentle cry and a few minutes later, he heard the door shut close. Meera had gone! The whispers following her, told Amit that she had been married off in a distant town to live a loveless life, to never return. His heart went out to her, but he could not do anything. He wanted to tell her that he cared. He wanted to tell Meera that she was the only one who brought light to his life. Alas! life went on for everyone except for a blind boy who sat in the darkness of a room against a thin wall, hoping for Meera to return.

would start. The dance. He could hear the sound of the anklets on her feet as she danced. The rhythmic sound was like heavenly music to his ears, breaking the dark monotony prevailing in his life. The sound of *ghungroos*, emanating from the house next door, not only brought solace to Amit's dark world but also gave him an unknown companion. He did not know the girl's name till one afternoon someone shouted harshly- "Meera!" After that incident, the foot tapping stopped for more than a month. This made Amit restless. He had developed a connection with the sound of Meera's *ghungroos*. He sat there in silence, waiting for her to come, only she

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Stumbling inside the room, feeling his way around in the dark, he found a familiar spot and sat there. His tired legs found respite in this part of the room. Amit liked it here. The walls of the room were thin and beyond them was another house, another set of people, ones he had never met. The thin walls let him hear everything that happened on the other side. But Amit only longed for the sound of *ghungroos*. In the afternoon hours, when everyone was sleeping, he could hear someone sneak in stealthily and then it



Carrots vichyssoise

Paresh Bali, Asst Professor
Amity School of Hospitality

Ingredients
Carrots600 gms
Leeks100 gms
Potatoes200 gms
Garlic15 gms
Butter30 gms
Milk750 ml
Cream100 ml
Thymea pinch
Salt & pepperto taste
Parsley.....few sprigs

Method
■ Cut the washed and peeled carrots and potatoes into small pieces.
■ Wash and finely chop leeks as well as the garlic
■ In a deep pan, sweat garlic and leeks in butter for 5 minutes, just before they start to become golden.
■ Add the diced carrots and potatoes. Now add milk, thyme, salt and pepper and cook for 45 minutes on low flame till the vegetables turn tender.
■ Let this mixture cool, then churn it in a blender to form a puree.
■ Add cream to this mixture, adjusting the consistency.
■ Now garnish the mixture with a few parsley sprigs.
■ Serve cold.

Brush 'n' Easel



A wounded womb

Sarina Mulchandani
AIS Vasundhara 6, XII D

Those tearful eyes don't always say, because of me, you're here today. You don't own me, you owe me, don't take me for granted, bow to me.

The arms of garbage, are all around it. Destroying the greenery, that once bound it.

The fumes of ammunition, have left it angry. Amidst the violence of axes and spears, all it wants is to be free.

Rise today, take charge mankind, the wounded womb of Mother Earth is in pain. For doomsday is not ages away, if you don't stop now or don't restrain.

POEMS




Earth and us

Srishti Prasad
AIS Mayur Vihar, Alumnus

There was a big bang and the universe came into being, there was a unique planet called Earth where life was to be seen. There were plants and animals that later evolved,

then came an intelligent creature called man. His brain was a masterpiece weighing just eight grams, the smartest of all who could create, invent and better understand. He created machines which led to a revolution, but if you see in the long run, they only caused pollution. Resources were plundered, animals ignored, factories only polluted, buildings just soared. Trees groaned in pain and fishes only choked, birds couldn't soar and none of the tigers ever roared. Mother Earth then lashed a furore, and spread disasters galore. The sky ripped, land shook and the sea too lashed its fury across mighty shores. This sent alarm bells ringing all across, and united we stand to respond to nature's distress calls. So, now we recycle waste and save energy too, like any responsible child of Mother Earth should do.


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My biggest achievement was when I became the Master of Ceremony for my school's annual day.

Aditya Sinha, AIS Noida, VI F



Hurrah! It's vacation time!

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Short Story

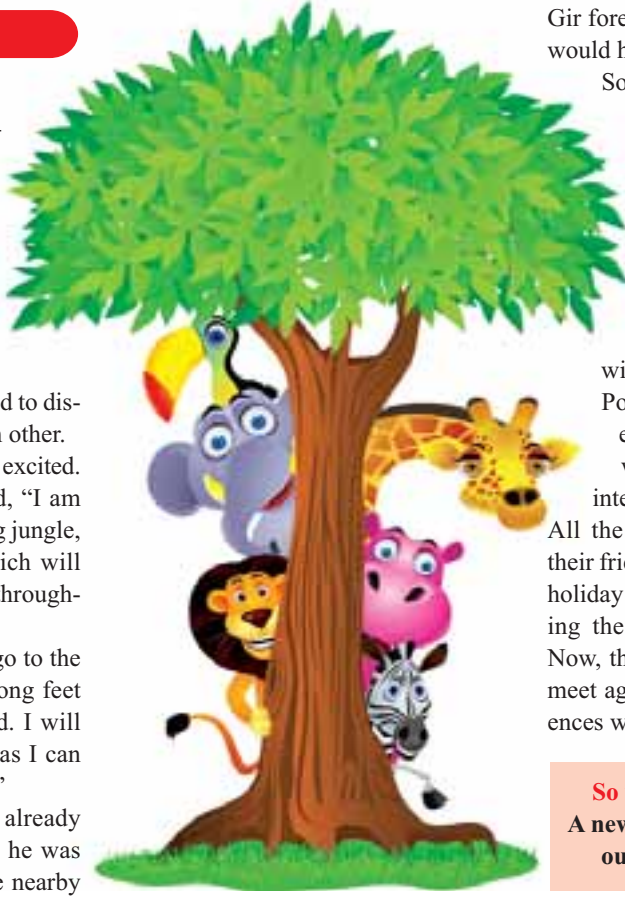
Ansh Singh, AIS Vas 1, V D

When the summer vacations began, all the baby animals decided to have a meeting in the jungle.

And you would be surprised to know the agenda for the meeting! All the baby animals wanted to discuss their travel plans with each other. Baby elephant Joomba was very excited. Shaking his long trunk, he said, "I am going to the other part of this big jungle, as I have four strong legs, which will help me carry my heavy body throughout the journey."

Baby mule Tappy said, "I will go to the nearby city as my hard and strong feet help me to run fast on the road. I will also bring back a lot of things as I can carry enough load on my back!"

Ben, the baby cheetah was already jumping with joy. He said that he was going to visit his cousins in the nearby



Gir forest as his padded feet with claws would help him reach the forest faster.

Soon, Dona, the baby camel stood up. She informed everyone that she was going to visit the Thar Desert to meet her friends as her broad feet would help her run in the desert.

At last, Cranky, the Siberian crane said with pride, "I am going to Siberia as I can fly without any ticket from the South Pole to the North Pole. You all enjoy your domestic holidays, while I will meet you after my international trip!"

All the baby animals bid goodbye to their friends and went to their respective holiday spots, looking forward to enjoying the remainder of their vacations. Now, they are all back and planning to meet again to share their happy experiences with each other. 🇮🇳

So what did you learn today?

A new word: Agenda. It means an outline of things to be done.



Pasta jumble

Maansi Anand, AIS Vas 1, VI A

Ingredients

Mixed pasta (coloured fussili) ..1 cup
Processed cheese (grated)1/2 cup
Oil1 tbsp
Butter2 tbsp
Whole wheat flour2 tbsp
Milk2 cups
Saltto taste
White pepper powderto taste
Corn kernels (boiled)1/2 cup
Fresh parsley (chopped)1 tbsp

Method

■ Boil water in a deep pan with salt and 1 tbsp oil.
■ Add pasta and cook till soft, but firm.

■ Drain the pasta and keep it aside.
■ Heat butter in a non-stick pan.
■ Add whole wheat flour and sauté lightly, taking care that it does not change colour.
■ Add milk gradually, stirring continuously so that no lumps are formed to make white sauce.
■ Keep aside two tbsp of grated cheese and add the rest to the sauce. Stir continuously.
■ After adding cheese, the sauce will thicken further. In case, the sauce becomes too thick, add milk.
■ Add salt, white pepper and mix. Add pasta and corn kernels and stir.
■ Sprinkle the reserved cheese and chopped parsley and serve hot. 🇮🇳

Tunak tunak with Daler Mehndi

Dhrti Juneja, AIS Pushp Vihar, IV C

When I met my favourite popstar Daler Mehndi, I didn't know what to say. I was so excited! Dalerji is a fantastic human being and a very down to earth person. His warm smile makes one feel comfortable instantly. I had the great fortune to sit and talk to him for a good one hour. He told me that he has been in the music industry for the last 50 years. He started his career at the age of six in 1963 with his father, as a *shabad* singer. He was the only Indian artist to be se-



Dhrti (R) shares a moment with the popstar

Happiest moment

lected for the YouFest that took place in Spain in 2012. He received 70,000 hits on YouTube, the maximum for an Indian artist, and got nominated for the event. He has shared the stage with Shakira and 100 other renowned artists from all over the globe. Dalerji is a foodie at heart. He relishes Thai or Chinese cuisine during day time and Punjabi food at night. Meeting my favourite star was the happiest moment of my life! 🇮🇳

POEM

My mother - a sea of love!

Divanshu Narang, AIS MV, VI

Mother is a sea of love and care, even when tired, she never sits on a chair. She is my main advisor, and a great sacrificer. I remember all the days she filled with love and care. The peace and comfort that were mine, just knowing she was there. She brings a caring attitude to any situation of high altitude.



Who is mother?

Ananya Verma, AIS Vas 1, VI C

M Money and gold can never repay the trouble she takes
O Only woman who loves us selflessly and endlessly
T Teacher at every step, whether study or play
H Happiness is what she finds in her children
E Eager to feed us as much as she can
R Respect her for all she does

It's me



My name: Kimaya Srimal
My class: KG J
My school: Amity International School, Noida
My hobbies: Watching TV, painting and dancing
My favourite sport: Cycling
My favourite cartoon: Chota Bheem
My favourite mall: The Great India Place
My favourite fruit: Mango
My favourite food: Pizza
My favourite vegetable: Potato
My favourite ice cream: Chocolate bar/cone
My favourite colour: Orange
I love: My family and my school
I hate: Not getting attention from others
My best friend: Aadya
My favourite teacher: Nupur Ma'am
I want to become: A teacher
I want to feature in GT because: Every Amitian reads it! 🇮🇳

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Painting Corner

Mitali Bhargava
AIS Noida, IV N



Parenting the parents

Childhood is as much of a rollercoaster for children as it is for parents. If you are at tenterhooks trying to figure out what is best for your child, look no further as Amiown's experienced counselors share their wisdom with you

Environmental conflicts



ries to the child daily and do not leave any opportunity of talking with her. Encouraging peer group interaction will also help.

My two and a half year old has started hitting and biting her classmates. I am a stay-at-home mom and take good care of my child. I can't seem to figure out what has gone wrong with my child.

Children hit and bite because of various reasons. You'll have to figure out whether your child is imitating another kid, a cartoon character or an adult. This could also be a negative attention seeking behaviour. Sometimes, children indulge in this kind of behaviour because they have had no prior peer interaction and feel threatened by other children at school. Such behaviour could also be an experimental act by the child to figure out the outcome, or simply due to boredom and frustration.

My four year old child doesn't want to go to school. I literally have to force him daily. How should I deal with him?

Ensure that the child is well rested, ie, he should have a continuous sleep for about 9-10 hrs. Be enthusiastic when you are talking about school and share positive experiences from your school life. Above all, make sure that you address his/ her concerns without being judgmental. But refrain from comparing him with other children of his age.



Dr. Bindu Selot
Parent Counselor

My two and a half year old child still doesn't speak clearly and prefers sign language. As working parents, what should we do?

Try and make the environment at home 'language rich' by putting on audio CDs of stories and rhymes in your own voice. Children find it very stimulating, especially when the parents are away at work. Encourage the child to speak before fulfilling his/her needs. Read out sto-

My three year old is becoming very stubborn. Also, he does not want to eat anything and brings back his tiffin. He doesn't even want to go out and socialize. Kindly advice.

If we start giving in to all the demands of our children, over a period of time, they become stubborn. As conscious parents, give in only to realistic demands and be firm on what you have said. As far as tiffin is concerned, involve the child in preparing a healthy tiffin menu, so that he looks forward to it. Also, try and introspect to find out whether you have unknowingly been practicing fear based parenting? Have you been saying, "Eat quickly or guard *bhaiya/buddha baba* will come." Refrain from such practices because then, children will develop a fear of meeting new people.

My three year old child is hyperactive and is always on the move. I don't know how to handle him. Please advice.

Kindly do not label such a child as hyperactive. Instead, understand that his preferred learning style is through movement. Such children love exploring their environment. Once we become aware of this fact, we can build upon their auditory and visual learning skills. Make sure that your child goes for outdoor activities daily for about 90 minutes because his energy needs to be channelised in meaningful ways. Do not force him to sit with an activity for more than five minutes.

ever, independent work skills need to be inculcated in such children.

How can reading habit be inculcated in preschoolers?

Reading habit can be inculcated in children at an early years through picture books. When adults talk about the pictures, label objects on the page and describe what they see, they are promoting language development. Story telling is an important aspect for developing reading habits in children. Make story reading sessions an integral part of your child's daily routine. Gradually, they will begin to recognize familiar signs, labels and names. Labeling common things in the home environment as bed, fan, door, etc. is a good practice for developing reading skills.

Behavioural Instincts



My five year old continues to cling to me at home. How can I help him become more independent?

You can facilitate autonomy by engaging him in helping around the house. Leading your child to developmentally appropriate household chores like throwing litter in the garbage, putting laundry in the basket, matching pairs of socks, etc will give him a sense of accomplishment, that will further make him independent.



Surabhi Sharma
Curriculum Coordinator

I have two girls, seven and three years old. Of late, they just don't seem to get along. How does one deal with discord between siblings?

Try not to foster competition; instead praise and reward them together whenever possible. Don't strive for equality; it is important to always treat your children as unique individuals. When one child comes to tell what the other is not doing right, tell her firmly, "I don't want to know from you what she is not doing, I can see for myself, but I notice you have done a good job at your homework, so well done!" Always bring your children's perspective back to their unique self.

My three year old finds it difficult to sleep at night. As a result, we struggle to wake him in the morning which has a spiraling effect through the day.

It is important to establish a bed time routine for children at an early age. One hour before putting the child to bed, make him/ her brush the teeth, put on a night suit, use washroom, etc so that it becomes a part of the daily bed time routine. Gradually wean them off some elements like reading/singing a lullaby, listening to music or playing games.

My five year old is very shy and avoids new experiences. He often says, "I can't do it." Advice.

Establish a healthy self esteem for your child by watching what you say to him. You also need to be careful about what you say about him to others. You need to be a positive role model since the child will eventually mirror you. Identify and redirect a child's inaccurate beliefs of himself. Help him become involved in constructive expression. [G I](#)

(If you have any query write to us: parentfaqs@amiown.amity.edu)

Learning Abilities



My child is showing reversals for b and d, and numerals 3 and 9. Is it normal or is he dyslexic?

Reversals are very common at this age when children are learning to read and write. It is important to note that a few reversals do not mean that a child is dyslexic. For a child to be diagnosed with



Srabjit Narula
Palta, Special Educator

dyslexia, s/he needs to have a minimum of 15 to 20 other symptoms. Many children make reversals when they start writing and soon overcome them. However, if it persists for some time, use multisensory teaching.

My child doesn't seem to be to be interested in writing or colouring. He makes excuses like going to the washroom or has some other distraction.

It is important to understand whether the child has no interest or is finding it difficult as fine motor skills required for writing/colouring are yet to be developed. Use oil pastels instead of wax crayons as they require less pressure and fill pictures faster. Using small pencils for writing which do not go beyond the thumb provide for better grasp. Provide appropriate table and chair for writing.

My child does not speak at all in school but at home, he talks to everybody. Help!

Children do show different behaviour at home and school. It is just the way adults show different behaviour at workplace and at home. Some children work better when personal attention is given at home; as a result, they may not focus in school. They may have a shorter attention span when working in a group. It is important to find the reason and then work towards intervention, if required. How-



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I got my first scholarship in Class VI which really means a lot to me.
Abhimanyu Banerjee, AIS Noida, VIII C

Accolades all the way

The prize distribution ceremony at AIS Pushp Vihar saw young achievers being felicitated for their hard work



Ms Pooja Chauhan and Ms Jaishree Chauhan along with school principal Ameeta Mohan congratulate the young high-fliers

AIS Pushp Vihar

It was a proud moment for the young achievers of Amity International School, Pushp Vihar as their school recognized their achievements during the annual prize distribution ceremony held on May 1-2, 2013. The event was graced by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools who applauded the efforts of young

achievers and motivated them to further strive for excellence.

The event was also attended by Ms Pooja Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amity Humanity Foundation; Ms Divya Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity School of Fine Arts (ASFA) and Amity School of Fashion Technology (ASFT) and Ms Jaishree Chauhan.

Other eminent guests present on the occasion included Renu Sharma, deputy



Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan with a young awardee

director, CBSE; Anita Satia, regional director, CBSE; Luv Verma, secretary, National Aids Control. The guests enlightened the students with their words of wisdom.

The audience then enjoyed a small round of quiz. The day concluded with school principal Ameeta Mohan thanking the guests for sharing their valuable insights. She further prodded the students to reach greater heights in life. [G](#)[I](#)



Students beat the heat during rain dance organised at AIS Vas 6

Summer bonanza

AIS Vasundhara 6

Fun and festive spirits reigned high during 'Summer Bonanza' organised at AIS Vasundhara 6 on May 10, 2013.

The event organised just before the onset of summer vacation saw the students of classes Nursery and KG indulge in various fun loving activities. The students were provided a brief introduction about summer season with the help of power point presentation, rhymes and songs.

The students were then apprised about various fruits, vegetables, clothing and various activities that one could enjoy during harsh summer months. They

were happy to learn about various activities that they could indulge in during the summer break. The little ones then enjoyed rain dance especially organised for them at the school lawns.

The school ground was beautifully decorated with colourful cut-outs of water animals, summer fruits, vegetables, juices, coconut trees, etc. The students were very excited as they indulged in activities like brush dabbing, paper tearing, painting, etc. The children later enjoyed some tasty snacks including their all time favourite ice cream and muffin.

They were elated to carry back home headgears and eye masks, crafted by them as a token of remembrance. [G](#)[I](#)

Ambassador of Estonia visits Amity



Estonian Ambassador gets a taste of Indian culture at AIS Mayur Vihar

AIS Mayur Vihar

The ambassador of Estonia, Viljar Lubi visited AIS Mayur Vihar on May 17, 2013. The event commenced with the ceremonial lighting of lamp. School principal, Sarita Aggarwal introduced the students and teachers of various branches of Amity International School to His Excellency. This was followed by a power point presentation highlighting the noble

initiatives taken up by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools to promote cultural and educational exchange with other leading countries of the world.

The ambassador during an interactive session with the students provided a valuable insight about the history and present state of affairs of the European Union. He further spoke about his country's culture, its people, seasons and language. He also highlighted the similarities and differences in the culture of the two countries.

Ambassador Viljar Lubi also laid emphasis on the importance of having various exchange programmes from time to time, amongst different nations to build healthy relationships. He suggested that travelling across the world to develop better international relations for a global outlook, would help the world in ways. [G](#)[I](#)



Celebrating mother earth

AIS Lucknow

A special assembly was organised to celebrate Earth Day at AIS Lucknow on April 22, 2013. The event was aimed at highlighting major environmental hazards that pose a threat to mankind. It commenced with a skit, presented by students of Class III that explained the significance of Earth Day. This was followed by a presentation on the ill effects of types of pollution. Class II students also recited various slogans. An action song 'was performed by the tiny tots of Nursery, KG and Class I. The special assembly concluded with headmistress, Mukta Ghoshal addressing the students on the issue. [G](#)[I](#)

Photography workshop



Students learn to click pictures during the photography workshop
Trick! This is a camera treated photograph

AIS Gurgaon 46

On May 8, 2013 a photography workshop was organised for the students of Class VI to X of Amity International School Gurgaon 46. The workshop held by a group of photographers from 'Thousand Dreams Photography' introduced photography as a creative art form to nearly 100

members of the school photography club. The workshop shed light on an array of topics ranging from invention of camera to clicking correct compositions. The hour long interactive session saw students learn about different styles of photography through visual presentation. The students were also given a chance to learn and experiment in the workshop using a camera. [G](#)[I](#)

Just a minute!



A student expressing her views at Just a Minute competition

With an attempt to nurture linguistic skills of students of Class VIII, an intra school competition was held at Amity

International School Vasundhara 6 on April 16, 2013. The competition called Just a Minute (JAM) saw the students eloquently articulating their views on varied topics with confidence and elan. The competition witnessed many voiciferous speakers compete with one another with enthusiasm.

The wit and humour displayed by the compere of the show, Arun, kept the audience glued to their seats.

The students who stole the thunder included Parish Tiagi, Samridhi Sahani, Aditya Rastogi, Akriti Dhasmana and Nishant Aggarwal. They spoke on varied topics like 'A box of chocolate', 'If I were a pen', 'Number zero', 'Mall culture', 'Journey from home to school', 'Students lack telephone etiquettes', 'The day I wore two different shoes to school'. [G](#)[I](#)

AIS Vasundhara 6

Intra school debate Competition

An Intra school English debate competition was organised for students of Class X at AIS Vasundhara 6 on April 29, 2013. The topic for the competition was '21st century Indian society free of gender bias'. All the participants vociferously put forth their views and supported their arguments with important facts and figures.

The trophy for best debater was bagged by Shashwat Srijan, while Shivam Tiwari and Kanishka Upadhyay were judged as best speakers against and for the motion, respectively. School principal, Sunila Athley said the present generation needs to take steps so that women can enjoy same privileges and respect as her male counterpart. [G](#)[I](#)



Masks made by the students of AIS Vasundhara 6

The sculpture club of AIS Vasundhara 6, called 'Magical Hands' visited the crafts museum on April 18, 2013. The skilled artisans took the students of Class VII along with their teachers into a dream world as they narrated interesting legends and stories

Learning to 'mask'

associated with various masks.

They created various art pieces like ogres, divine beings, hybrid creatures, animals, *avatars*, common people etc. The students enjoyed crafting minuscule details and desired expressions using many secret ingredients during their visit to the crafts museum.

Infusing the skill with fantasy and play with imagination, the artisans made the students learn about the art form in a practical and fun way. The students were also explained that masks not only serve as a medium of disguise but also play an important role in revelation. They not just hide emotions but also portray origin, at times. [G](#)[I](#)

When I was in Class II, I secured 6th international rank in IMO and won a cash prize of Rs 5100; that was surely a great achievement for me!

Vaibhav Agarwal, AIS Noida, VI M



Incident Coincident

Wearing the same dress on the same day to the same party...coincidence much? The ditto dressing may seem a tiny spec in the vast sky of coincidences, when you begin to read this article...

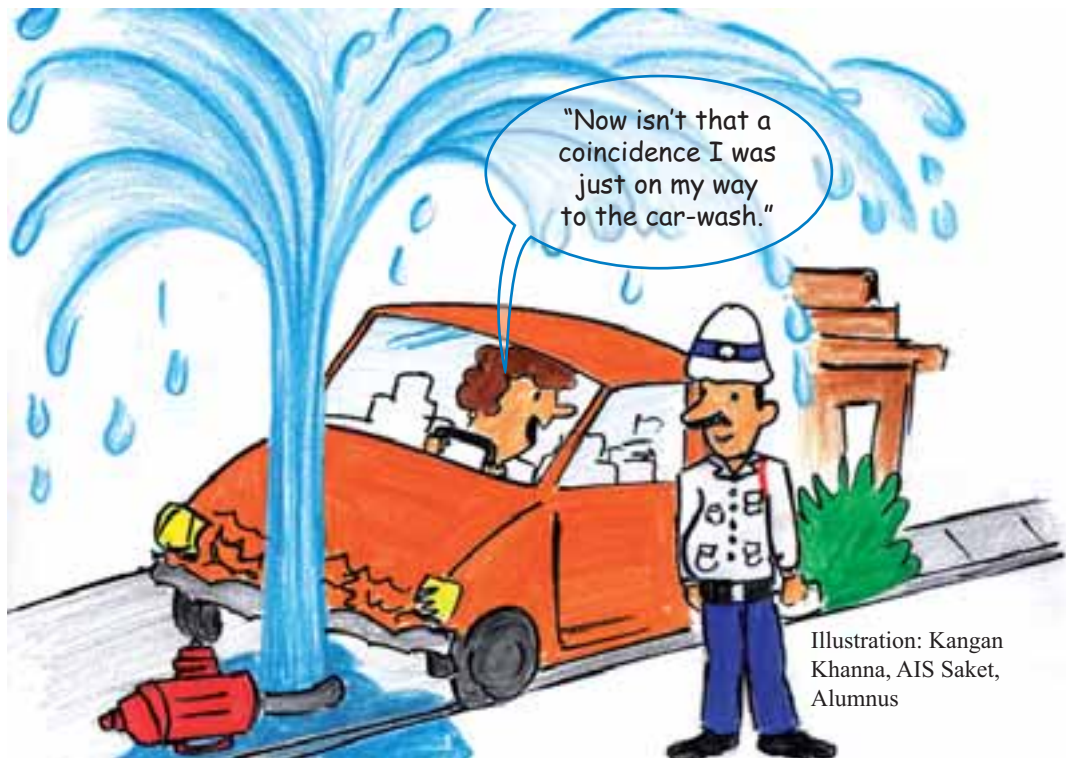


Illustration: Kangan Khanna, AIS Saket, Alumnus

Labanya Maitra, AIS Saket, XII

Has it ever happened to you that you're singing a song in your mind and this burst of emotion takes over and you decide to do the final chorus loudly and your friend sitting next to you does exactly the same thing, at exactly the same time? Yes, me too. And after that, you're just a room full of arrogant all-day, all day pretending to be the 'Coincidence King'. Or maybe it's just me, or just me? Anyway, here I am, popping your bubble,

because these coincidences are so completely astounding that you'll be left spellbound.



Richard Parker

Edgar Allan Poe was considered to be the Hades equivalent of writers. In 1838, he wrote a book (The Narrative of Arthur Gordon Pym of Nantucket) about a cabin boy called Richard Parker being eaten by his three

crewmates while they were lost at sea. It basically states that there were four crewmen lost at sea who drew lots to see which one of them would be eaten by the others, because 'survival of the fittest' hadn't been discovered by then. A little cabin boy named Richard Parker bore the fate of being eaten by the men. The book is based roughly on the real life disaster at sea of the Mignonette. What's the coincidence, you will ask? The actual incident happened 46 years after the book was written. So, if you've seen the movie Life Of Pi, you'll be familiar with the entire story of Richard Parker, the tiger. Or is it the man?




The Titanic

'The Wreck of The Titan' was a novel by American author Morgan Robertson, published in 1898. The story was based on the sinking of an "unsinkable" ship. The Titan was described to be the best work of the century, a supreme standard hotel and of course, claimed to be unsinkable. It was British made and 800 feet long. But as is the case with every unsinkable ship, the Titan sank after hitting an iceberg in the North Atlantic. Sounds familiar? But here's the weird part. Robertson wrote his book 14 years before the Titanic was even built. Oh yes! But that's not all. The Titan hit an iceberg 400 miles from Newfoundland at 22.5 knots. The Titanic hit the iceberg 400 miles from Newfoundland at 25 knots. So, if you encounter some coincidences, keep penning them down, for you never know you may be the next to feature here. 🇮🇳

The Lincoln Kennedy Connect

Now this connection is so hilariously eerie, a table would only be just. Here you go.

| | Abraham Lincoln | John F. Kennedy |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|  | | |
| Elected to Congress | 1846 | 1946 |
| Elected as President | 1860 | 1960 |
| Number of letters in the name | Seven | Seven |
| Wives lost son in | White House | White House |
| President shot on | Friday | Friday |
| President shot | Behind the head | Behind the head |
| Name of Secretary | Kennedy | Lincoln |
| Assassinated by | Southerner | Southerner |
| Succeeded by | Southerner | Southerner |
| Successor's name | Andrew Johnson | Lyndon Johnson |
| Successor born in | 1808 | 1908 |
| Assassinator born in | 1839 | 1939 |
| President shot in | Theatre called "Ford" | Car called "Ford" Lincoln |
| Assassinator fled from | Theatre, caught in a warehouse | Warehouse, caught in a theatre |
| President's sighting a month before death | In Monroe, Maryland | With Marilyn Monroe |

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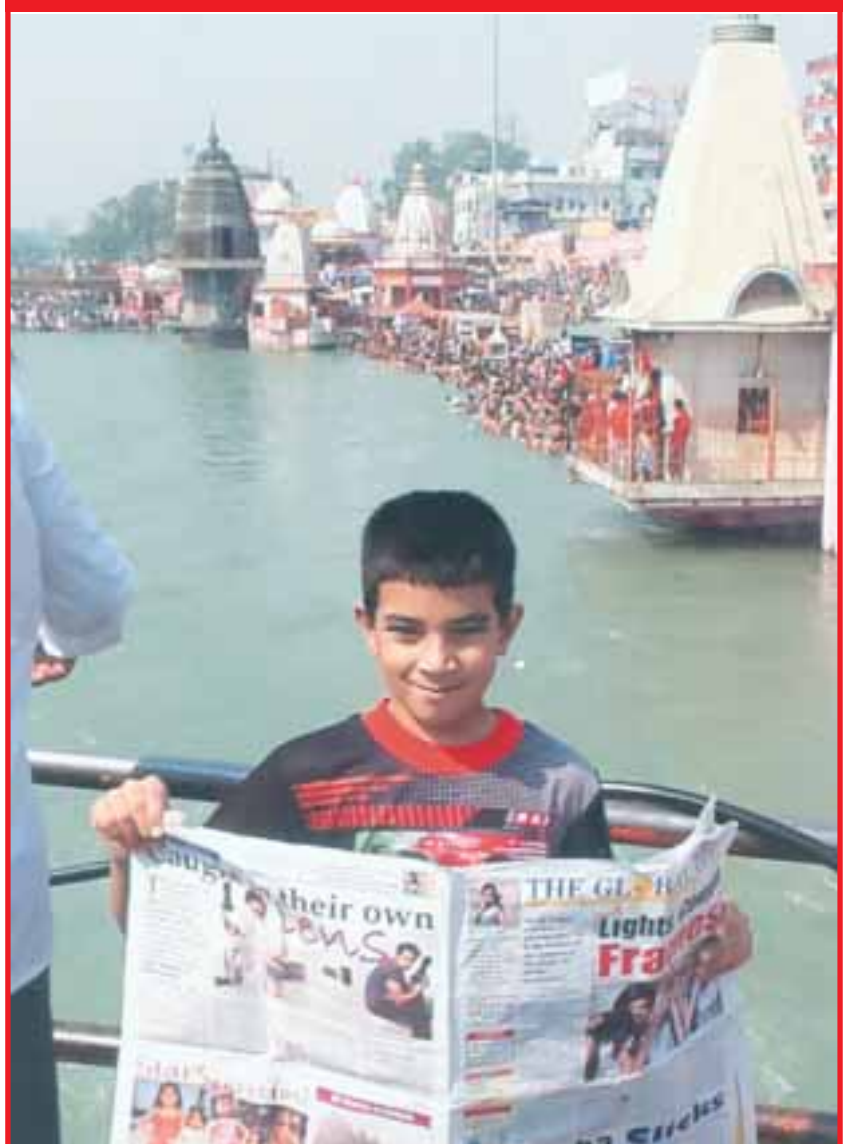
Dream of being a postman? Or landing up in the stars? Does your dream take you to the land of fairies? Or high up on your ambition plane to become an astronaut? It's time to dream, and tell. Share your dream with us in (50-80 words) and submit the same to your class teacher. The best entries will get a chance to get their dream photographed in an exclusive photoshoot by TinyLove photography. So what are you waiting for? Go ahead, start dreaming.

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Shivank Butani, AIS Pushp Vihar, IV A, flaunts his copy of The Global Times in front of Har Ki Pauri, Haridwar. Har ki Pauri lies on the banks of river Ganges in Haridwar. This revered place is believed to have been visited by Lord Shiva and Lord Vishnu in the Vedic times.

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