

Academic crescendo

In celebration of the meritorious results of Amitians, GT brings you a melodious symphony orchestrated by the overall toppers of Class XII, yet another tune archived in Amity's anthology.

Music to my ears

Initially, it was a combination of disbelief and a sense of accomplishment when I first saw my score. Ultimately, it was a moment of pure joy and validation that all the effort and dedication had led to such a rewarding outcome.



Ayush Singhal

School	AIS PV (Synchro)
Class	XII
Stream	Science
Score	99.2%

Drum into your head

It was my well-structured study plan which helped me score well in exams. To prepare for the exams, I relied on NCERT books. I tried to identify my problem areas and prioritised them accordingly. In fact, to score well in exams, one must have confidence in himself.

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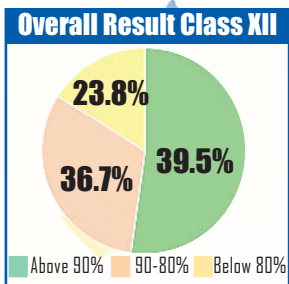
My teachers lent their support to keep me motivated. If it hadn't been for my parents and teachers, I wouldn't have succeeded. It was their constant guidance and dedication which helped me understand even the most complex topics.

Play by the ear

Primarily, my future goal is to guide the aspiring students to achieve their academic goals whilst pursuing higher education myself.

Change your tune

My advice for the future examinees is to focus on understanding the concepts. Do not

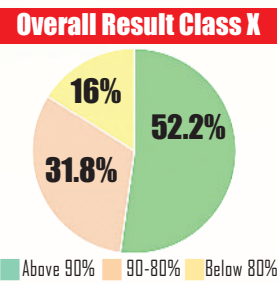


be afraid to seek help from your teachers. Also, it is crucial to break the study plan into various sessions and set weekly goals.

Face the music

I knew, it was inevitable that this chapter of my life would end, but I never anticipated that I would be left with a mix of emotions. I am immensely grateful to Chairperson ma'am for offering Amitians the best of the best in education and ensuring all-round and holistic development of the students. I am extremely thankful to all the teachers who were available for me whenever I faced any difficulties. I'm grateful for their kind words and unwavering support throughout my journey. I will always be a proud Amitian.

- As told to **Aastha Singh**
GT Network



Music to my ears

Words can't fully capture my feelings. I was over the moon as the result was completely unexpected. The exams had gone well, but I never anticipated such high marks. I felt overwhelmed by all the appreciation and congratulations.

Drum into your head

The plan was simply to be regular and consistent, as some subjects require ongoing practice. Initially, my school exam scores were low. So, I decided to sit down with my teachers to identify and work on my weak areas and planned my schedule accordingly. I studied late at night instead of early morning, setting daily goals to complete portions of the syllabus before going to bed. I highly recommend not being too hard on yourself. With

complete focus and motivation, you can achieve excellent results even with fewer study hours.

Hit the right note

I would give the credit for all my success to my teachers. They were incredibly supportive, providing extensive practice resources, holding online classes for difficult topics, and always being available to clear doubts.

Play by the ear

I plan to pursue Economics in college and aim for a career in public policy.

Change your tune

I think that you always feel as if you are never fully prepared and that you could have done more. Therefore, it is crucial to have faith in yourself. I believe instead of making too many plans, one must curate one good study plan and stick to it till the end. This helps manage time effectively and stay motivated.

Face the music

Leaving school has

been an emotional rollercoaster. Saying goodbye during the citation ceremony had me in tears, but there's a deep sense of pride in completing this chapter of my life. Even with all the uncharted territories, my time at Amity has equipped me with resilience and skills to confront new challenges.

- As told to **Arpita Chakraborty**
GT Network



Surbhi Mittal

School	AIS Noida
Class	XII
Stream	Humanities
Score	99.2%

THE GT POLL

Does the attendance of only 813 out of 1,563 students for the NEET retake indicate a loss of faith in the examination process?

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

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Result Special

Amitians have emerged victorious in the CBSE board examinations yet again. So here's presenting the result special edition to declare the performance of Class X and Class XII students.

What's inside



Amity's finest aces
Cheering and applauding the chart-topping Amitians for their exceptional performance in CBSE board examinations 2023-24.

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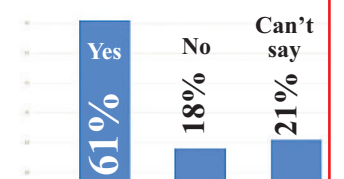


Carrying a legacy of style
Flip through the pages to take a look at the history of handbags and how they've evolved over the years to become what they are today.

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POLL RESULT for GT Edition May 8, 2024

Do you think Air India Express' cancellation of over 80 flights citing crew's 'mass sick leave' will hamper its reputation as a leading airlines in India?



Results as on June 29, 2024

Amity's finest aces

Let's give it up for the distinguished achievers of Amity for reaching new heights with their exemplary performance in the academic year 2023-24.

AIS Noida

Class XII

School Average	84.8%
Distinctions	273
Results	100%

Score Tally

Above 90%	33.9%
90-80%	38.9%

Toppers

Commerce		Science
Science		Humanities

Class X

School Average	88.68%
Distinctions	499
Results	100%

Score Tally

Above 90%	56.8%
90-80%	28.6%

Toppers

AIS VKC LKO

Class XII

School Average	84.76%
Distinctions	51
Results	100%

Score Tally

Above 90%	33.9%
90-80%	28.8%

Toppers

Commerce		Science
Science		Humanities

Class X

School Average	83.23%
Distinctions	49
Results	100%

Score Tally

Above 90%	22%
90-80%	50.9%

Toppers

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AIS Saket

Class XII

School Average	86.03%
Distinctions	158
Results	100%

Score Tally

Above 90%	43.9%
90-80%	31%

Toppers

Commerce		Science	
Science		Humanities	

Class X

School Average	88.92%
Distinctions	127
Results	100%

Score Tally

Above 90%	49.2%
90-80%	41.6%

Toppers

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AIS VYC LKO

Class XII

School Average	83.04%
Distinctions	13
Results	100%

Score Tally

Above 90%	35%
90-80%	30%

Toppers

Commerce		Science
Science		Humanities

Class X

School Average	87.68%
Distinctions	22
Results	100%

Score Tally

Above 90%	45.9%
90-80%	45.8%

Toppers

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AIS MV

Class XII

School Average	87.29%
Distinctions	335
Results	100%

Score Tally

Above 90%	40.3%
90-80%	38.9%

Toppers

Commerce		
Science		
Science		Humanities

Class X

School Average	85.96%
Distinctions	125
Results	100%

Score Tally

Above 90%	46%
90-80%	34.4%

Toppers

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACCOLADES OF AMITIANS

306	students scored 100 in Class X
260	students scored 100 in Class XII
1041	students scored more than 90% marks in Class X
704	students scored more than 90% marks in Class XII

AIS Gurugram 46

Class XII

School Average **89.17%**

Distinctions **266**

Results **100%**

Score Tally

Above 90%	52.2%
90-80%	39%

Toppers

Commerce

Shiren Kaul 98.8% | Daksh Kalra 98% | Rashmi Aggarwal 98%

Science

Aditya Shankar 98.6% | Subham Goenka 97.2% | Kunal Chandola 97.2%

Humanities

Aryan Kalra 97.8% | Vaidehi Gupta 97.4%

Class X

School Average **89.52%**

Distinctions **352**

Results **100%**

Score Tally

Above 90%	61.4%
90-80%	27.7%

Toppers

Aman J 99.6% | Pakhi B 99.2% | Akshita G 99% | Divit Daware 99% | Archit V 99%

AIS PV

Class XII

School Average **86.98%**

Distinctions **201**

Results **100%**

Score Tally

Above 90%	44.5%
90-80%	37.6%

Toppers

Commerce

Maksh Gauri 99% | Naina Kapoor 96.4% | Ayush Singhal 99.2%

Science

Bhavya Goel 98.4% | Raskriti Jain 98.2% | Nainika Gupta 97.4%

Humanities

Aarav Mohan 97.8% | Vidita Diwan 97% | Dhruv Kashyap 96.8%

Class X

School Average **85.78%**

Distinctions **132**

Results **100%**

Score Tally

Above 90%	39.9%
90-80%	36.6%

Toppers

Abhay S 99.6% | Jia Rajput 99.6% | Anshika S 99.4% | Dhruv Sharda 98.6%

AIS Vas 1

Class XII

School Average **83.22%**

Distinctions **75**

Results **100%**

Score Tally

Above 90%	28%
90-80%	36%

Toppers

Commerce

Dhanak Kapoor 98.4% | Karan Thakur 97.2% | R Abishek 98.2%

Science

Anuneet Gupta 97.6% | Nidha Razdan 99% | Kanan Gang 97.2%

Humanities

Abhay S 99.6% | Jia Rajput 99.6% | Anshika S 99.4% | Dhruv Sharda 98.6%

Class X

School Average **88%**

Distinctions **128**

Results **100%**

Score Tally

Above 90%	49.3%
90-80%	34.8%

Toppers

Avantika P 98.4% | Aabhya A 98.4% | Swastika K 98.4%

AIS Vas 6

Class XII

School Average **86.3%**

Distinctions **79**

Results **100%**

Score Tally

Above 90%	31.9%
90-80%	40.4%

Toppers

Commerce

Ananya M 98.8% | Madhav S 98.6% | Anika Khosla 99% | Saina Madan 97.8%

Class X

School Average **90.62%**

Distinctions **138**

Results **100%**

Score Tally

Above 90%	64.4%
90-80%	26.7%

Toppers

Mishel A 98.8% | Prisha Gulati 98.8% | Kavya Gehlot 98.8% | Venya Gupta 98.8%

Avantika P 98.4% | Aabhya A 98.4% | Swastika K 98.4%

AIS Gurugram 43

Class XII

School Average **85.95%**

Distinctions **58**

Results **100%**

Score Tally

Above 90%	46.4%
90-80%	23.2%

Toppers

Commerce

Onkar Rath 95.8% | Supriya Jajoriya 95.6% | Zaina Hasan 95.6%

Science

Aarush Bhatt 97.8% | Aarav Bhatt 97.4% | Pulkit Gupta 97.4%

Humanities

Avni Munjal 97.6% | Myiesha Malik 97.6% | Mansha Rapria 97.4%

Class X

School Average **90.4%**

Distinctions **146**

Results **100%**

Score Tally

Above 90%	60.7%
90-80%	31.3%

Toppers

Adam M 99.4% | Yashvi Goyal 99.2% | Ananya Gang 99.2% | Nesiha C 99%

AIS Mohali

Class X

School Average **85.9%**

Distinctions **12**

Results **100%**

Score Tally

Above 90%	43%
90-80%	28.5%

Toppers

Kaavya Binmanian 96.6% | Shrivya Malik 95.8% | Yatharth Sharma 94%

AIS Jagdishpur

Class XII

School Average **79.43%**

Distinctions **20**

Results **100%**

Score Tally

Above 90%	18.8%
90-80%	37.5%

Toppers

Commerce

Yashi Singh 94.8% | Pratibha K 93.2% | Anush C 95.2% | Prakhar V 94.4%

Class X

School Average **82.93%**

Distinctions **45**

Results **100%**

Score Tally

Above 90%	27.3%
90-80%	32.7%

Toppers

Vaibhav Pandey 97.2% | Devansh Singh 96% | Vedant P Singh 95.8%

AIS Gwalior

Class XII

School Average **79.58%**

Distinctions **11**

Results **100%**

Score Tally

Above 90%	7.7%
90-80%	46.2%

Toppers

Commerce

Harshita B 94.2% | Tarun C 88.4% | Ajay Burjar 82.8% | Harsh C 78.6%

Class X

School Average **78.9%**

Distinctions **27**

Results **100%**

Score Tally

Above 90%	19.1%
90-80%	33.3%

Toppers

Arshit S Jadon 94% | Aryan Yadav 93% | Anvesh Kushwah 92%

Amitasha

Class XII

School Average **78.4%**

Distinctions **8**

Results **100%**

Score Tally

90-80%	33%
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Toppers

Humanities

Sangeeta Kanoyiya 88% | Sandhya Kumari 84.4%

Class X

School Average **80.88%**

Distinctions **3**

Results **100%**

Score Tally

Above 90%	7.7%
90-80%	7.7%

Toppers

Kanchan Shrivastava 92% | Sonakshi Negi 84% | Poojam Kanoyiya 76.2%

AIS Raipur

Class X

School Average **81.33%**

Distinctions **4**

Results **100%**

Score Tally

Above 90%	50%
90-80%	16.7%

Toppers

Vidhi Singh 95% | Aman Rai 92.4% | Aayushi Sahu 92%

Serving: scorecards

With A Dash Of Hard Work, Class X Toppers Share Their Recipe To Top The Charts

Cherry on top

The feelings that first came to me were those of relief, happiness and gratitude. Relief, for it had been days of hard work which led to this. Happiness and gratitude, for if it hadn't been for my parents, my teachers and my school then I wouldn't be here.

Taste of success

I did expect to score well but such a high score was unexpected. I couldn't stop smiling after looking at the mark sheet. My happiness was nothing in comparison to the expression of sheer joy on my parent's and teacher's faces.

Cream of the crop

I have planned to opt for science stream. It has been my favourite subject from the beginning as it offers one to expand their knowledge with numerous concepts. Also, it comes with countless career opportunities.

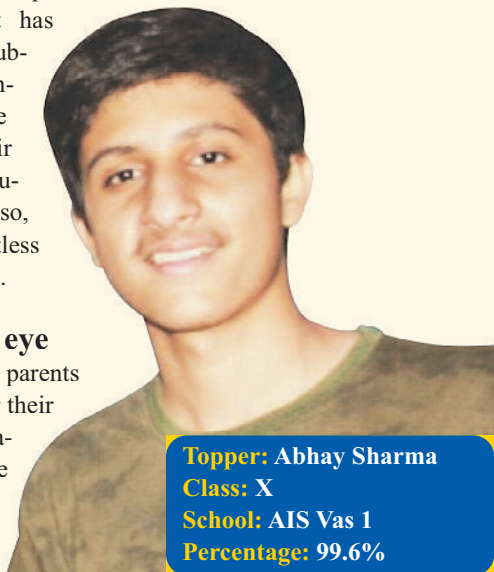
Apple of my eye

I'd like to thank my parents and my teachers for their guidance and motivation throughout the year. My mother helped me with

difficult concepts while my father taught me time management. Also, I was lucky to have such amazing teachers who made us solve PYQs. Amity has provided a fantastic infrastructure and innumerable opportunities to make our yearlong study not a package of boredom.

In a nutshell

There is no substitute for hard work. Read the NCERT thoroughly and practice as much as you can. Solve as many question papers, questionnaires, and assignments as you can within the 3 hour period. Listen to your teachers as they have years of experience. Lastly, always have faith in yourself, you already have what it takes to win.



Topper: Abhay Sharma
Class: X
School: AIS Vas 1
Percentage: 99.6%

Cherry on top

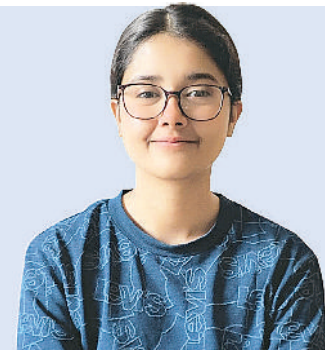
It feels good to bear the fruits of one's hard work and I feel satisfied with my performance.

Taste of success

I was excited to share my result with my parents. It had been a journey, full of study sessions and extra classes. Hence, I felt a gratifying sense of achievement.

Cream of the crop

I have opted for science stream as its subjects have fascinated me since childhood. The concepts explored under this stream compels one to think beyond the ordinary.



Topper: Jia Rajput
Class: X
School: AIS Vas 1
Percentage: 99.6%

Apple of my eye

I believe that one's hard work and

efforts are predominant in attaining success. The first mention goes to my teachers who deserve paramount acknowledgement and commendation. My parents always reminded me to take it easy and would pull me up whenever I was down. I will forever be grateful to them for staying by my side.

In a nutshell

Never be stressed and judge yourself based on the grades you score during the preparation period. With each error, you will identify your weak areas and hence, try to make it better in the next attempt.

Cherry on top

I never expected this! It makes me feel like I am on cloud 9. At the same time, I want to remain grounded as this is just the beginning of my dreams.

Taste of success

I was enthralled to see my name on the top. It was amazing to see my hard work come to fruition.

Cream of the crop

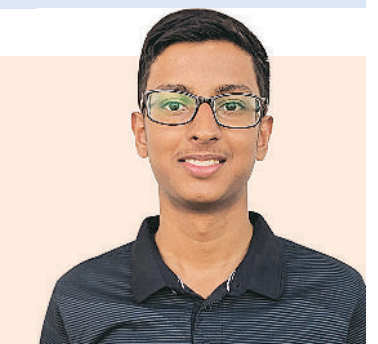
I have opted for science stream because studying physics, chemistry and mathematics have been my passion since forever. These subjects excite me to the core.

Apple of my eye

I want to express my gratitude to my parents, teachers, my friends, and my younger brother Ayan. My family has left no stone unturned to take me to the top and are the real recipients of this success. While my teachers guided me throughout. I still remember their last-minute prepping sessions. If it hadn't been for their constant support and love, I would not be here.

In a nutshell

I would like to advise young Amityans to go through NCERT texts meticulously. They should also



Topper: Arnav Jain
Class: X
School: AIS Gur 46
Percentage: 99.6%

practice many sample papers to understand the diverse questions. My success mantra is practice, practice, and practice, and to be happy campers!

Learn The Secret Sauce Of Success Used By The Achievers Of Class X

Master class



Achiever: Adam F Mahajan
Class: X
School: AIS Gur 43
Percentage: 99.4%

"This accomplishment is a shared one, involving my school, teachers, principal and family. Regarding my secret to success, I maintained a structured schedule that balanced schoolwork with self-studies. Each day, I would revisit topics covered in school, ensuring regular reinforcement of my understanding. Consistent revision, including reviewing notes and solving previous year papers and sample questions, was a key part of my plan. I also maintained a healthy sleep schedule with extracurricular activities to avoid fatigue and burnout."



Achiever: Ananya Singh
Class: X
School: AIS Noida
Percentage: 99.4%

"There are quite a few factors which contributed to my results. Out of all, consistency, is the biggest key to achievement. I was consistently revising all the concepts throughout the year. Similarly, taking regular breaks is equally important. Using the 2:30 rule, which entails studying for two hours and then taking a 30 minutes break, worked out the best for me. Investing time in the subject I dreaded the most paid off exceptionally as I scored a perfect 100 in it. Moreover, my parents' confidence in my potential helped me perform at my level best."



Achiever: Anshika Saxena
Class: X
School: AIS Vas 1
Percentage: 99.4%

"The trick is to maintain a balance between studies and enjoyment. I went to school regularly and limited my screen time to reduce distractions. In fact, I analysed the mistakes I was making in the school exams so that I wouldn't repeat them. PYQs and CBSE sample papers helped me to assess my knowledge and give a gist of what may come in the board exam. It is equally important to have fun with your friends or participate in competitions or other activities. However, it is essential to keep track of time."

Results in rhapsody

Recording The Symphony Of Success As Shared By Class XII Top Scorers

Music to my ears

My result came as a shock because what had been a distant fever dream for almost an entire year had transformed into reality. To say I was ecstatic would be a gross understatement. The reality I was experiencing had, in countless ways, outdone the dreams I had!



Topper: Moksh Gauri
Class: XII
Stream: Commerce
School: AIS Pushp Vihar
Percentage: 99%

Drum into your head

During my preparation, I learned to manage expectations to avoid pressure, while maintaining confidence. I assigned specific days to specific subjects, one for theoretical and two for practical, allowing deeper focus.

Band of supporters

The list is endless; first, my parents, for their constant support. Next, Chairperson ma'am and all my teachers for never letting me lose hope and always motivating us to top the exams. She had more faith in us than we did in ourselves, which inspired me.

Play it by ear

From a young age, writing has been my strength, enabling clear communication. Therefore, I envision a creative future in authorship and a professional path in Economics, my passionate field of study.

Change your tune

My only advice to anyone appearing for these exams would be to trust their mentors. They've taught more batches than our numeric age, and it is very pertinent to listen, analyse and apply what they tell us.

Face the music

I've always described my school life as a diverse pizza, miraculously held together, weaving a tapestry of experiences and growth. The well-prepared base is my foundation, ready for the 'real' world. Leaving school is a bitter experience, but I'm curious and excited to see how my learning helps me navigate the outside world.

Music to my ears

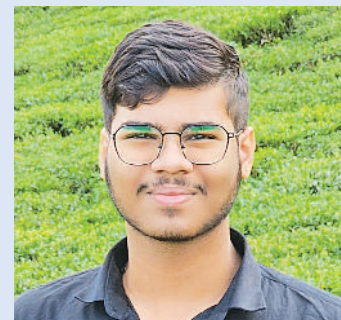
The excitement still hasn't settled in. I was expecting good marks, but I could never imagine scoring this well.

Drum into your head

I believe consistency is crucial to score well. My parents helped me immensely in dealing with exam anxiety. Moreover, a lifelong advice from me would be to let go of your fears.

Band of supporters

I would like to credit my success to my family, teachers, and friends who helped me im-



Topper: Sanskar D Agrawal
Class: XII
Stream: Commerce
School: AIS Noida
Percentage: 99%

mensely throughout my entire academic journey.

Play it by ear

I aim to secure a spot in one of the top colleges of Delhi University and pursue either a Bachelor's in commerce or in legislative law.

Change your tune

I would suggest recreating the exam hall environment whilst preparing. In fact, one needs to think of everything that could go wrong and plan accordingly.

Face the music

It is very painful to bid farewell to Amity but at the same time, I am happy to start a new journey of my life.

Music to my ears

My first reaction was to immediately run to my family and tell them the news. We were all ecstatic; honestly, it was way beyond my expectations.

Drum into your head

My focus has always been to achieve complete conceptual clarity. I did not follow a fixed timetable but paid utmost attention in every class.

Band of supporters

I attribute my success to my friends, family and especially my teachers who always went above

and beyond. I am grateful to my sister who always helped me maintain a positive outlook.

Play it by ear

I want to pursue a bachelor's degree in commerce or economics from SRCC.

Change your tune

I would highly recommend to never let a doubt go unanswered. It is important to stay curious and gain different perspectives.

Face the music

I feel grateful to everyone who has mentored me in this journey. To be



Topper: Shiren Kaul
Class: XII
Stream: Commerce
School: AIS Gur 46
Percentage: 98.8%

honest, I feel nostalgic about leaving school but also excited and hopeful for the new opportunities and experiences that lie ahead.

...the up-and-coming stars of Amitasha

In spotlight...



Topper: Sangeeta Kanojiya
Class: XII
Stream: Humanities
School: Amitasha
Percentage: 88%

A box-office hit

When I saw my result for the first time, my mind went blank. It took me a moment to realise that I had received such good marks.

A well-written plot

I solved PYQs to get familiar with the format

and timing. Regularly reviewing my notes helped me brush through what I had learned.

A star-studded cast

I would like to attribute my success to Chairperson ma'am. For she has always motivated Amitasha students to touch new heights by offering them best opportunities.

A much-awaited sequel

I plan to get into a top college and become independent. I want to learn new skills and make a positive impact in my field.



Topper: Kanchan Shrivastava
Class: X
School: Amitasha
Percentage: 92%

A box-office hit

When I saw my result, I couldn't believe my eyes. For me, it was nothing less than a dream. I told my mother about my result and she was proud of me.

A star-studded cast

The credit goes to my school

and Chairperson ma'am. Like a mother, she has always been there for us and has been the guiding light behind shaping the future of Amitasha students. We have always felt at par with students studying in Amity International Schools.

A much-awaited sequel

I have opted for the humanities stream because my dream is to become a teacher.

Nurturing love for Sanskrit



Dr. Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

Sanskrit is the language of the revered Vedas and thousands of other ancient Hindu scriptures and epics. In fact, many modern Indian languages have been directly derived from, or are strongly influenced by, this lyrical language. We, at Amity, have always recognised the importance of Sanskrit and had introduced Subhashika, an inter-Amity Sanskrit Theatre Festival in 2006. This highly interactive event has over the years evolved into a Sanskrit Shloka recital competition, where students from all Amity branches in Delhi/NCR recite or sing shlokas from the Bhagavad Gita, the Vedas, the Upanishads and other ancient Indian texts. Students also explain the meaning through enactment, skits or verbal presentations, and they are evaluated for their proficiency in Sanskrit on the basis of pronunciation, diction, comprehension, eloquence, confidence and presentation skills.

The competition, thus, becomes a platform for personality development as well. As students read, write and learn the shlokas, they also imbibe the moral values inherent in Indian scriptures. While researchers all over the world are now acknowledging the utility of Sanskrit in designing computer algorithms, it's a matter of pride that Amity has always been in the vanguard of making Sanskrit enjoyable and relevant for the next generation.

It's Time to Say, Hip!Hip!Hurray!

Amitians have once again achieved outstanding result in the prestigious JEE Advanced and NEET 2024. Notably, 62.5% students qualified JEE Advanced and 89.73% students qualified NEET, affirming Amity's steadfast commitment toward quality holistic education. 🇮🇳

Heated summer



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

In *The Heat Will Kill You First*, Jeff Goodell writes, "We simply have not come to terms with it... it is not how anyone expects to die." This summer has been rather overwhelming as temperatures in India soared to an unforgiving 50 degrees. Inevitably, the heat infiltrated even the mundane with summer camps being cancelled, travel plans postponed, and skyrocketing electricity bills. The relentless sun mirrored the heated political climate, as debates raged on

TV. The heat even marred the voter turnout in the recent general elections as the scorching sun kept many, especially the elderly, from casting their votes. For the students, the heat compounded with the pressure of results and entrance exams. And AC fires ran like wildfires. Howbeit, intense heat has not popped up like a surprise shower on a balmy afternoon. India saw extreme heatwave in March'22, the hottest since records began 122 years ago and high temperatures are now 45 times more likely. For the agricultural community, this spells disaster. For consumers, it means uncomfortably high food inflation. Not to mention, power demand is already surging. So is deteriorating the health of heart patients. Moreover, heatwaves are causing trees to shed their leaves prematurely, resulting in a 'false autumn'. Taken together, this domino effect of consequences amounts to new realities for the people living in a warming world. The focus now needs to be on dealing with the 'heat emergency'. We need to step up real fast, with each step directed toward turning every degree of heat into a spark of hope for a cooler, kinder future. 🇮🇳

The killer laugh

Is Your Laughter A Medicine Or A Deadly Poison?

Jiya Arora, AIS Gur 43, XI C

The echoes of giggles in a friend group, the hearty laughs with our parents, the naughty smiles that we share with our sibling – all of them seem to have a special place in our heart. And why wouldn't it? For laughter seems to be a magic elixir that can cure all woes and make us experience undeniable joy. Proof of it all sits in the articles on the internet, boasting about how laughter is a stress reducer, pain reliever, and serotonin releaser.

But sadly, that only seems to be the lighter side of the story. Beneath the motivational messages, this laughter, not always harmonious and kind-hearted, reverberates a sinister tone. The meaning of this laugh changes when we zoom out of the picture of the one laughing and rather pay attention to the 'what', or rather the 'who' is being laughed at. Will that change our perception of LOLs? It is bound to, right? Imagine yourself sitting in the cafeteria all alone where a group of students are passing you mocking glances and snickering constantly. Wouldn't the chuckling prick you worse than the sharpest needle, turning those giggles from once-sweet to now-sour?

That always becomes the case when we find ourselves walking on the tightrope of sensitivity, because the ripple effect of insensitive humour can shape the terrors of those around us by mocking appearances, belittling experiences, reinforcing harmful stereotypes, trivialising struggles, and triggering painful memories. A study by Martin and Lefcourt's



(1983) showcased that jokes about mental illness increased negative stereotypes and reduced help-seeking willingness. Subsequently, the study by Ford et al found that exposure to ethnic jokes resulted in more negative attitudes towards the targeted group, underlining how such humour contributes to marginalisation. We may be trying to be the next stand-up comedian, but a well-timed punchline should never come at the expense of someone's well-being.

At the end of the day, your so-called witty comment on Twitter about a celebrity's vulnerable moments might not reach them, but it will reach the people around you. You may have joked, with the rest of the world, on jokes about Amber Heard being a domestic violence victim, thinking it to be okay since 'so many on the internet were doing it', but those same jokes also did reach to the ones around you, maybe even the ones facing a similar issue, who now

know that you will not be their ally when they are in need. And if we are on the topic of celebrities, let's assume that these stars are human too. What if Adele was watching your video edits of the time her dress ripped? Will you mock her to her face just because she's a public figure? Does that mean she doesn't deserve any empathy from you? We'll let your conscience answer that.

Erna Bombeck was right when she said, "there is a thin line that separates laughter and pain, comedy and tragedy, humour and hurt," and this exact thin line is what defines how we look at laughter. Moving forward, what we need to understand is that the diversity of human experiences demands that we approach laughter with sensitivity and respect. Our aim is to laugh with someone, not laugh 'at' them. It's a tricky balancing act, where laughter can heal wounds, but cannot erase its scars. So laugh, but only with caution. 🇮🇳

What if ?

POEM

Saanvi Nagar, AIS Vas 1, X D

The tiny world full of mystery
Every person dwells in secrecy
What if our hearts could dare
To chase the dreams of our life

What if stars could say and sing
And share their stories hidden
Of warriors and lamented kings
Their names carved unbidden

What if we could see past the sky
Travel above the bounds of light
To different universes, we'd fly
Exploring cosmos in shining light

What if we touch a comet tail
Feel the dust of a celestial trail
Witness planets' unique spright
Experience the frail cosmic sight

What if we could walk on Mars
To leave our marks on astral stars
To savour moments big or small



And find joy in life's waterfall

To what-ifs of life's endless stream
Of possibilities and pensive dream
In every choice, we open a path
The tapestry of life creates a craft.

Carrying a legacy of style

What do we love more than handbags? More handbags! Did you know that bags have a family tree, too? Yes, we aren't the only ones. They have an array of uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews spanning centuries who have seen decades of war, renaissance, and revolution. Read on as **Aarushi Agarwal** and **Sucheer S Menon**, Alumni, **AGS Gurugram** introduce us to the bag of every era.



Pre 1400



Material marvels: Animal skin, leaves

The monogram: Practicality

Bag tales: The earliest handbags were primarily used by men for practical purposes, such as to carry weapons, supplies, tools, and currency. These bags were first portrayed in Egyptian inscriptions.

1400-1900



Material marvels: Leather, linen, silk, gold, silver

The monogram: Status and power

Bag tales: The upper classes began using totes as symbols of status and power. Each tote depicted unique and intricate craftsmanship.

1900-1940



Material marvels: Plastic, wood, canvas

The monogram: Femininity and innovation

Bag tales: In this era, more women entered the workforce, transforming bags into feminine accessories.



Material marvels: Faux leather, faux fur, polymers

The monogram: Sustainability and technology

Bag tales: In response to environmental concerns, the modern era has seen the rise of waterproof canvas and faux reptile skin. However, luxury brands use full-grain leather for its timeless appeal.



Material marvels: Alligator & snakeskin, nylon, polyester, vinyl

The monogram: Boho and luxury

Bag tales: Hollywood stars popularised embellished clutch purses, while boho bags were created and promoted by hippies.

2000-present

1950-2000

A spooky misunderstanding

Storywala

Girik Agrawalla

AGS Noida, Alumnus

Sitting in paradise, Oliver was bored with his life after death. Nothing ever happened in here, it all seemed purposeless. He wanted to try something new, something adventurous. One day, he thought to himself, "People pass through the gates of paradise day in and day out once they are dead. What if I could somehow pass through the gates without being noticed and reach Earth again?" He smiled and decided to try his luck. When new arrivals started to pour in, Oliver rushed to sneak past the guardian of the gate, St Peter and landed back on Earth, just as planned.

Even though Oliver had gotten what he wanted, his adrenaline rush weaned off quickly. He had not planned what he would do on reaching Earth. He decided to go to the one place humans called paradise on Earth, Las Vegas. Looking at the streets overflowing with glimmering lights and joyous

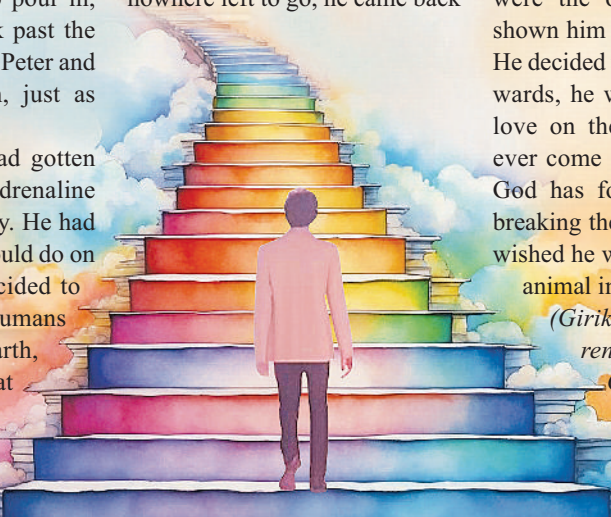
people, he felt giddy. But only watching it all was not enough for Oliver anymore. He tried talking to people passing by. "Hi, excuse me," he said, but all his efforts were in vain, as the humans couldn't see him.

Admitting defeat was not in his character so he decided to steal a pen and paper from a nearby store, and started writing 'Hello, my name is Oliver, and I am a ghost'. To his dismay, this did not solve the problem as people only saw a floating pen and paper in the air and ran away shrieking with fear. Feeling misunderstood and heartbroken, he tried to go back to paradise. The gates were not accepting his soul back. With nowhere left to go, he came back

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and sat on a park bench sulking about his misfortune. In the morning, he saw a dog barking at him, which shocked Oliver. When he was alive, he had never shown any fondness for animals. He began petting the dog and, to his surprise, the dog stopped barking. The dog even started wagging his tail and licking him. That's when Oliver realised that in a world where some humans were not very accepting, animals were the only ones who had shown him any sort of affection. He decided that from that day onwards, he would shower all his love on the animals he would ever come across. Maybe, once God has forgiven his soul for breaking the rules of Heaven, he wished he would be reborn as an animal in his next life!

(Girik Agrawalla is currently pursuing BSc in Computer Science from City University, London.)



Mohammad Ali Jamee Saeed Khan

Bread tiramisu pudding

Mohammad Ali Jamee Saeed Khan, AIS VYC Lko, IX B

Ingredients

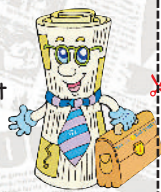
- White bread.....1 packet
- Whipped cream.....250 gms
- Instant coffee2 tbsp
- Sugar.....2 tbsp
- Chilled water.....200 ml
- Cinnamon powder1 tsp
- Milk.....1 cup
- Chocolate shavings...as required

Procedure

- Take a medium-sized mixing bowl and pour 250 grams of whipped cream in it. Whisk the cream at medium speed until the cream foams and keep it aside.
- For the coffee syrup, add two tbsp of coffee powder and sugar in a cup and mix half a cup of lukewarm water in it.
- Take some white sandwich bread and soak it in the prepared coffee syrup.
- In a baking dish, add a layer of coffee soaked bread.
- Cover it with a layer of whipped cream and add a second layer of soaked bread to it.
- Sprinkle some cinnamon powder on it and garnish it with chocolate shavings.
- Put it in the fridge and let it cool. Serve it once it has chilled.
- Your delicious bread tiramisu pudding is ready!

Read Play and Win 55

Reading your favourite GT can fetch you a prize too. Complete all the boxes below. Click a picture and send it to editor@theglobaltimes.in or submit your responses by visiting The Global Times website (<http://theglobaltimes.in/readplaywin/>). Three lucky winners will win a prize every week!



Q.1 The article 'The killer laugh' has been written by _____.	Q.2 How many students scored 99.6% in Class X?	Q.3 A child's laugh _____ happiness brings.
Q.4 Which city has been featured in the GT Travels section?	Q.5 Where did Oliver decide to go when he came back to Earth?	Q.6 Which school held the Physics symposium on April 25, 2024?
Q.7 Surbhi Mittal scored _____ in Class XII board exams.	Q.8 What is the school average of Class X of AIS Gurugram 46?	Q.9 The Youth Power form is on page _____.

Name:.....Class:.....School:.....

Results of Read Play & Win-54: Aditya Verma, AIS Jagdishpur, XI C; Abelash, AIS Gurugram 46, VII C; Raymon Singh, AIS Saket, V D

WORDS VERSE

My star

Aishwarya Singh

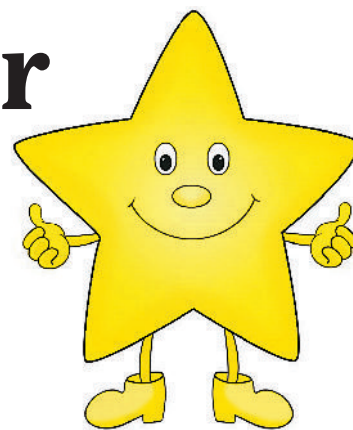
AIS VKC Lko, Alumna

Oh, my star when I saw you I couldn't believe my eyes You looked sparkling blue Leading to a lovely rise

Each shining step of yours Made my sad heart bloom Those appeared to be cures Of my deep, aching wound

Whenever I would be sad I'd see your smiling face That made me feel glad And gave me saving grace

Every night in my dreams You whispered, "You awake?" I was coming apart at seams But you didn't let me break



Day of distress came earlier Sooner than we expected And pain got much deeper Oh, that I've always hated

Wish we had more time But you've already gone far Yet, I can see your shine You will always be my star!

(Aishwarya is pursuing BCom (Hons) from Amity University, Noida)

Riddle-Fiddle

Nityant Vashishth

AIS Vas 6, IX D

- Which letter of the alphabet has the most water?
- Which word in English has three consecutive double letters?
- Which is heavier: a ton of bricks or a ton of feathers?
- Which word becomes shorter when you add 2 letters to it?
- Which part of a road do ghosts usually frequent?
- Which key cannot open a door?
- Which fish is the costliest of all?

Answers: 1. C 2. Bookkeeper 3. None: they both weigh a ton 4. Short 5. The dead end 6. Monkey 7. A goldfish

A magical triumph



Wisdom tale

Raymon Singh
AIS Saket, V D

Once upon a time, in a beautiful castle, lived a king and a queen. The castle was located deep inside the forest where different creatures lived harmoniously along with twelve brave knights. These knights safeguarded the locals and creatures alike. One sunny afternoon when the king, the queen, and the knights went for a walk in the forest, suddenly, a fairy appeared out of nowhere. The fairy was happy to see them but not more than the overjoyed royal couple. Impressed by good deeds of the royal couple and their effort to maintain harmony among creatures and locals, the fairy blessed them with a baby girl. She also gifted the king a magical wand and

a spell before disappearing into the woods in a blink. Few months later, princess was born and everyone engaged in merriment all year round. But unknown to them, high on a mountain, lived two nasty witches and a fierce dragon in a house made of chocolate. The witches were angry that nobody invited them to the festivities in the castle. In a bid to take revenge, they sneaked into the palace and kidnapped the princess. The next morning, when the royal family woke up, they found that the princess had gone missing! Frantic, the search began. However, the princess was nowhere to be found. When the princess woke up from her sleep, frightened of the witches she began crying at the top of her voice that echoed through the mountains. The king, queen and

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the knights realised her voice immediately and decided to follow her cries! They found themselves at the foot of the mountains, where the scent of chocolate was thick in the air. They decided to enter and were astonished at the sight of the witches surrounding the wailing princess. The dragon continued roaring in flames that had considerably spread and were about to melt the chocolate house. Meanwhile, the queen picked up her baby and ran towards the palace. The brave knights faced four monstrous creatures, with ferocious red eyes and pointed claws, conjured by the magic wands of the witches. In the long battle that ensued, the knights managed to defeat the monsters. But, it was the king who remembered the spell 'Zip, Zap, Zoom' gifted to him by a fairy. He shouted the spell, waving his magic wand, turning the witches into a cloud of smoke. And as the smoke faded, so did the fear of the royal family. 🇮🇳

So, what did you learn today?
Good has always triumphed over evil.



DIY



Myra Jain

Majestic owl

Myra Jain, AIS Vasundhara 6, VI E

Material required

- ◆ Fevicol tube1
- ◆ Ice-cream sticks7
- ◆ Watercoloursas required
- ◆ Paintbrushas required
- ◆ Scissors1
- ◆ Foam Sheet1
- ◆ Googly eyes2

Method

- ◆ First, take seven ice cream sticks and paint them in any colour of your choice. Let them dry completely.
- ◆ Once the paint has dried, paste all seven ice cream sticks side-by-side using fevicol.
- ◆ On a coloured foam, draw one triangle, two circles, two hearts, and two teardrops. Cut them out with a scissor and paint as per your choice.
- ◆ Now, for the eyes, paste the googly eyes on circle cutouts.
- ◆ Now take the combined ice cream sticks piece and assemble the eyes, nose, feet and wings on it (refer to image).
- ◆ Keep the prepared piece safely and let it dry.
- ◆ After the glue dries, your little owl is ready for a take-off!

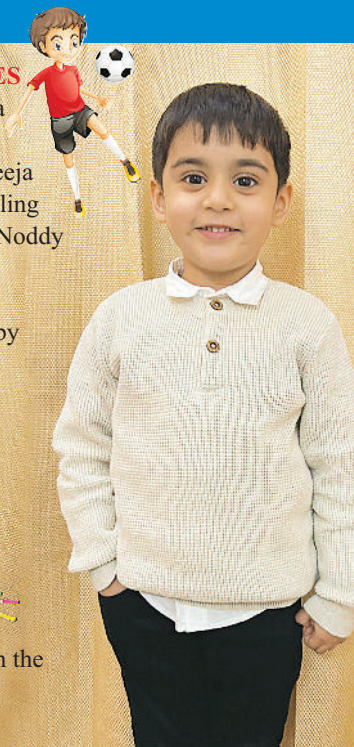
It's Me

KNOW ME BETTER

My name
Aadhavan Banduni
My Class
UKG B
My school
AIS Vasundhara 1
My birthday
July 20

MY FAVOURITES

Teacher: Monika Sharma
Subject: English
Friends: Charvi and Shreeja
Games: Football and cycling
Cartoon: Make way for Noddy
Food: Ladyfinger
Mall: Mall of India
Book: Gingerbread Boy by Ian Beck



MY DREAMS AND GOALS

Hobbies: Reading and drawing
I like: Dancing and listening to songs
I dislike: Being shouted at
My role model: My mother
I want to become: Army officer
I want to feature in GT because: I want everyone in the school to know about me.

POEM

Happiness

Ritvik Bhattacharya, AIS Vas 1, X A

We all wonder sometimes
Where our happiness starts
The journey usually begins
Always deep in our hearts

Each of us holds the key
To unlock a joyous view
We hold on to our values
And in the mirror, be true

Spending time with others
For whom we love and care
It's the simple joys of life
That we together must share

All the world's treasures



Can't make our spirits sing
A child's laugh, pure delight
Is the joy happiness brings

Real happiness is processed
A million times in our mind
There is no divine secret to it
We must be positive and kind. 🇮🇳



YOUTH POWER

2024-25

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For **BIGGER** opportunities

- A chance to represent your school
- A chance to raise awareness on a social cause
- A chance to initiate a real impact



For a **BETTER** you

- Enhancing your resume with community service experience to secure an extra edge for college admissions
- Developing problem-solving skills to find real-world solutions
- Becoming a team player by collaborating with peers



For a **BRIGHTER** future

- Nurturing empathetic and socially responsible citizens
- Making an actual difference with tangible solutions
- Creating future leaders with a better understanding of community needs



I.....student of Class.....of AIS.....
hereby volunteer to lead my team on the cause.....in
Youth Power 2024-25. My teammates are:

Team member 1

Name

Class

Contact No

Email ID

Team member 2

Name

Class

Contact No

Email ID

Team member 3

Name

Class

Contact No

Email ID

You can call me at or drop me an email at

Who can apply



- Any student of AIS + studying in Class VIII-XI
- Join hands as a team of four to get started on this journey of change



Last date of
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JULY
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Calling the **leader** in you

Cut here and submit the form to the school's Youth Power Mentor Teacher

Amitians excel at JEE & NEET 2024

The Nation Scores Its Future Doctors And Engineers From Amity Yet Again

AICE

Once again, Amitians have proven that excellence is their way of life with their outstanding results in JEE Advanced and NEET 2024. The prestigious JEE Advanced witnessed Bhavesh Ramakrishnan Karthik, AIS Saket, fetch AIR 46 and Ambar Gogia, AIS Gurugram 46, clinch AIR 82, featuring amongst Top 100. Ayush Singhal, AIS Gurugram 46 (AIR 121); Aarav Bhatt, AIS Gurugram 43 (AIR 137); Dhairya Kuchhal, AICE Mayur Vihar (AIR 179); Garvit Bhutani, AICE Mayur Vihar (AIR 209), and Subham Goenka, AIS Gurugram 46 (AIR 220) made it to Top 250. They were joined by Archit Hari, AICE Mayur Vihar (AIR 332); Ipsit Mittal, AIS Mayur Vihar (AIR 382), and Arsh Gupta, AIS Gurugram 43 (AIS 413) in the Top 500, while Aarush Bhatt, AIS Gurugram 43 (AIR 631); Adityavardhan Srivastava, AIS Saket (AIR



Chairperson with toppers of JEE Advanced and NEET 2024 at the felicitation ceremony

647), and Ayushi Jain, AIS Gurugram 43 (AIR 857) featured among Top 1000. In NEET 2024, five students, namely, Nimay Rastogi, AIS Pushp Vihar (715 marks), Simrah Ali, AICE Defence Colony (707 marks), Arjun Lohumi, AIS Saket (706 marks), Soumya Chopra, AIS

Pushp Vihar (700 marks), and Shreyash Raj, AIS Gurugram 43 (700 marks) achieved 700 and above marks. Besides them, ten students scored 650 and above marks and 22 scored 600 and above marks. Overall, five Amitians got 99.9 and above percentile score, eight bagged percentile

score of 99, and 13 got percentile score of 98 and above. Notably, 62.5% students qualified JEE Advanced and 89.73% students qualified NEET in 2024. This unparalleled feat by Amitians has been attained under the visionary leadership and guidance of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chair-

person, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF, and expert guidance and mentorship of director, Amity Institute of Competitive Examinations, (AICE) as well as the educators of AICE. The sterling success underscores Amity's steadfast commitment toward quality holistic education. **GT**

Confluence of cultures

AERC

Amitians shone bright once again at the 17th Young Researchers of Natural Sciences (YRoNS), an international conference held in Budapest, Hungary from April 22-27, 2024. Hosted by Eotvos Jozsef Gimnazium, Budapest, Hungary, the programme under the guidance of Istvan Sandor, founder, YRoNS, saw young scientists from across the world attend the prestigious conference.

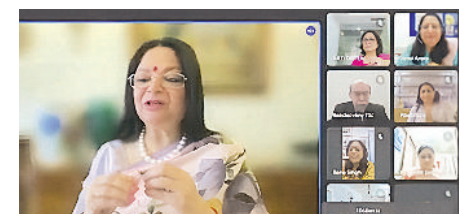
Five students from Amity Group of Schools participated in the conference facilitated by Amity Educational Resource Centre (AERC), under the dynamic leadership of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, who also graced the opening ceremony as chief guest. The event, witnessed participation of 45 students and 12 teachers from eight different countries (Belgium, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Netherlands, Norway & Slovenia) under the theme 'Communication, Signs, and Signals'. The innovative science projects by Amitians impressed the international audience. Devanshi Vyas (Class X, AIS Noida) showcased 'Ripe & Ready' fruit ripeness detection kit, designed to prevent food waste and health issues caused by unripe fruits or over ripe



Amity delegation in Indian Embassy at Budapest

fruits. Ashrit Das (Class X, AIS MV) presented a 'Smart Barricade System', an innovative safety system to prevent road accidents. Ishaan Garg (Class X, AIS Vas 1) shared his 'Advanced Warning System' for mountain roads, strategically placed to detect vehicles and obstacles, providing real-time alerts to drivers. Shivanjali Sapra (Class X, AIS Saket), introduced her innovation - 'RahSaarthi', a device designed to assist visually impaired individuals as a path companion. Yahvi Kachroo (Class XII, AIS Gur

46) presented her project 'Eka', a digital app to assist individuals with dyslexia. Beyond academics, the conference also provided a platform for cultural exchange. The Indian delegation conducted a Kathak dance workshop and showcased the art of Mehendi (henna). They also visited the Embassy of India, Budapest and had the opportunity to interact with Rajeev Kumar, head of Chancery, Embassy of India, Budapest and Dr Mukesh Kumar Srivastava, director, Amrita Shergil Cultural Centre, Budapest. **GT**



Chairperson addresses the audience



The delegation at Hungarian Parliament House



A delegate presents science project

The Go-to One Liners Used By Machiavellian Parents On Their Gullible Children

Rajbir Singh, AIS Gur 43, XII S

Only two kinds of people can make tall promises and not stick to their end of the bargain – politicians and parents. Only the latter happens to outsmart in this sorry-not-sorry game. Luring innocent kids with something they call ‘reward’ for it to be withdrawn later, all stealthily masked under the best parenting dialogues seems to be their go-to play. So, for you, we have consolidated our research of countless sulking teens into the most often heard parent dialogues that scream ‘fooled’.

“It is for your own good.”

Our research (read: long discussions with countless other teens) reveals this to be the most often said statement by parents when they want to get away from the reward they promised. That Dominos pizza oh-so-genuinely promised by your dad pushes you to solve 578 questions. But fate, has different plans, for when you remind them of the same, they remind you of the umpteen calories and health disadvantages that go to the extent of ruining your entire life, neatly surmised with ‘It is for your own good’.

“It is your responsibility.”

Responsibility is any parents’ favourite word. You break your back cleaning your room for a nice TV time, when you see your mother watching the cheesiest soap

opera. You make the mistake to protest, only to face the wrath of the eyebrows arched in a perfect 75-degree angle. Arms crossed, you are hit by that one line like an arrow in the chest - “It is your responsibility anyway. So, why ask for a reward?” Well, that’s pretty much the hint you need to leave the room immediately.

“You achieved this because you didn’t have the reward.”

Be it sports or studies, you excelled at it and now want a reward? Think twice, and then think again. A psychologist with two PhDs is less educated than parents. With their back straight, fingers interlocked, elbows on table, and eyes glaring straight into your soul, a single line will fly out punctuated with a sigh, “Son, you came first because you didn’t have the phone and hence, there were no distractions. So, we suggest that you

listen to us and stop asking for a phone. Rest is upto you.”

“Money doesn’t grow on trees.”

The patent for this dialogue was given to middle class parents even before the concept of patent was invented. With your hard work, perseverance, and grit matching that of a mule, you get the desired result. You go back home holding a medal in your

hands, expecting a new MacBook. But, before you make the mistake of claiming the reward, you must know that parents’ attitudes are more unpredictable than the weather in Southern Indian Ocean. You state it and the loving, affectionate gestures change to dead serious ones. Then, comes the age-old saying, taking your desire with it, “Money doesn’t grow on trees.”

While this write up may make parents look like con artists, the truth is that they only wish the best for you – reward or no reward. So, keep trying, for you will achieve something anyway, and who knows they might just stick to their promise.



MOVIE REVIEW

Movie: Feel The Beat
Directed by: Elissa Down
Released on: June 19, 2020
Starring: Sofia Carson, Wolfgang Novogratz
Genre: Musical, comedy, drama, family

Dancing through life



Synopsis: Aspiring Broadway dancer April Dibrina’s career derails after she steals a cab for an audition, leading to a public scandal. Forced to return to her hometown in Wisconsin, she agrees to coach a local dance team. Her initial strict training regimen alienates the young dancers, but gradually she bonds with them and gains the trust of the team. As they advance through competitions, April becomes a better mentor. Despite being offered a major role in NYC by Welly Wong, April prioritises her commitment to the team, supporting them at a crucial competition. This decision allows her to bal-

ance her professional aspirations with her new community. Ultimately, April redeems herself by blending her Broadway dreams with newfound responsibilities, and continues to teach her dance team remotely while performing in NYC.

Why is it worth watching: The movie is a beautiful journey that takes you through the transformation of each character. The most drastic transformation of all

is that of April’s character as she becomes an amazing teacher toward the end and continues to achieve her other dreams.

Iconic dialogue: “Take Your Chance. Make Your Move.”

Rating: 4/5

Review by: Niharika Sudheer
 AIS Noida, Alumna

(Niharika is pursuing BA (hons) in Culinary Arts from Le Cordon Bleu GD Goenka University)

GT Travels to Karnataka



Krishiv Narula, VIII H & Krishika Narula, III E, AIS Gur 46 pose with their copy of The Global Times in front of Mysuru Zoo, Karnataka. Established in 1892, the zoo is known to be one of the oldest zoos in the country and is home to 1450 species of animals and 168 species of birds.

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