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PM Narendra Modi

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for GT issue July 3, 2017

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Rock a goodbye!

Another batch passes out. Check. Another farewell edition. Check. Another story on students missing school. No! This time teachers do the talking

Tanya Sutradhar
GT Network

Well, here we are. Results are out and our time together in classroom is over. We’ve watched each other learn and grow, maturing with each passing day, as we learned new things together. And there is still a lot that we could learn from each other. I don’t believe that our paths crossed by accident. As a teacher, I’ve always believed that God places a student in a certain class for a reason. And I am grateful that He placed you in mine. You’ve brought so much joy and emotions into my life - that I will continue to carry with me forever. A part of me wants to keep you in my classroom forever, but it’s time to send you on your way. So, as we part, I want to thank you for being such an important part of my life story.

When I joined the school way back in 2010, I was given the responsibility of handling the outgoing batch as their class teacher. With few students at that time, I had the chance to know all of these students personally. We shared all moments - happy, sad, funny and some, even magical. I have seen the students of this batch running from pillar to post to submit assignments to their re-

spective subject teachers, pleading for an extra day to complete their work, waiting in front of Vice Principal ma’am’s room to get ‘One’ games period. And no matter how non-descript these things sound, it is these small little things that I am going to miss the most. Stay blessed always.

Debosmita, AIS Vas 1



As I reminisce my journey with the batch of 2017, it turns out, entirely serendipitously, that I ended up teaching the most wonderful section of Class XII humanities, a bunch of alert, intelligent and witty individuals, always bubbling with enthusiasm. The day we did ‘The Elementary School Classroom in a Slum’, some students voiced

their frustration by declaring, “Ma’am, this poem is too depressing.” Soon, a request came from the group at the back that the content was too much for the day. I looked at my watch and realised that I had 20 minutes left before we were off. I succumbed to the request with a plan to redo the poem the following day. Quipped a student immediately,

“Ma’am, today is the most beautiful day!” I was totally perplexed at the sudden reversal of the emotions. Chuckling, the students then asked me to read in between the lines (as I had asked a few minutes earlier while teaching the poem). They finally revealed that the day was indeed ‘special and beautiful’ as I had given them those 20 free minutes for the first time in the session. We all burst out in laughter. A part of me leaves with every batch of Class XII and this batch brings similar pain of parting.

Priti Khullar, AIS Noida

The batch of 2017 will always be very special as it is the first batch to have spent all the thirteen years of schooling in the AIS Gur 43 building since its establishment. It is a batch whose effervescence and zeal transpired the teacher’s day last year into a fulfilled yet an emotional celebration. As a GT coordinator, this batch will always have a special place in my heart as it had scribes who carried forward the legacy with aplomb. Their unbridled enthusiasm, commitment to perform always had me marvel at the immense potential the youth of today have.

Shalini Ramaul,
AIS Gur 43
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Appreciating cultures

Prathibha Prahlad, Padma Shri and youngest recipient of the Sangeet Natak Akademi award is a Bharatnatyam prodigy, author and choreographer. In a candid conversation with Jyoti Singh, Amitasha Alumnus, she talks about empowering girls, promoting art forms while visiting Amity University on the occasion of Amitasha Annual Day celebrations.

Women empowerment

Empowering girls should not be just a slogan, but a way of life, because men and women are an equal part of the society; they comprise half and half of this universe. So, every time you empower a girl child, you are empowering half of the society. ‘Empowerment’ is woman, and ‘Woman’ is empowerment. However, for women to be truly empowered, men need to gear up and be a part of this journey.



Prathibha Prahlad shares her views with Jyoti Singh

Gender discrimination

Discriminating against the female gender is very deeply embedded in the Indian diaspora, the roots of which can be traced to our patriarchal mindset. The discrimination starts right at birth as so many daughters are killed inside the womb. And if she is not killed, we find various ways to discriminate against her throughout her life. We need to stop discriminating against the girl child because no country can progress this way. The solution to the problem lies in stronger laws and their implementation. Any practice that subjugates women should be declared as an objectionable and punishable crime. The bigotry needs to end.

Art is a universal language

I hear constant criticism of western art forms, with the rationale being

that they are destroying indigenous cultural art forms. However, I feel that no matter how strong the Western influence is on our culture, the classical Indian art form will never lose its significance. Just by following a certain trend or style, we cannot turn into a European or an American overnight, because deep inside we are Indians. Our mind, body, sensibilities and emotions are deeply attached to our age-old traditions and cultures. We should welcome all cultures with open arms and adapt positive practices from each culture. That said, we should also take time to soak in and appreciate our own culture. There is nothing wrong in enjoying a salsa move or a flamenco twist, but knowing what kathak, bharatnatyam or kuchipudi is also important. The need of the time is to learn to appreciate our culture. The more we appreciate to

where we belong, the more we will evolve as a prospering nation.

Break career barriers

All you need is passion to master any art form, as pursuing a career in any art form, is not a cakewalk and nothing less than a Cinderella story. The gestation period in this field is a chronicle of patience. Hence, many tend to give up midway. Despite the hardships, you must believe that if you love something deeply and passionately, then one day you will surely succeed in achieving your goal. God will eventually lead you to success, but that is if only you put in efforts.

Opportunity galore

Opportunities do not come knocking on your door everyday. So, when you do get one, do not let it slip out of your hands. Anyone who is a part of Amity needs to acknowledge that being a part of such a fantastic institution is a great opportunity in itself. Amitasha is another great opportunity that the institution has provided to less privileged girls. It is a wonderful initiative and children must learn to hold on the opportunities that are being offered to them here and make full use of them. Have a mission or goal in life, focus on your potential, identify the opportunity and then everything will be possible.🇮🇳



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Who can apply:
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Plants use solar energy to make their food through a process called photosynthesis.

It is all in the air we breathe

From harmful particulate matter to toxic gases, it's all in the air. A workshop organised on World Environment Day shed light on the problem and solutions

AIETSM & AIES

Amity Institute of Environmental Toxicology, Safety and Management (AIETSM) and Amity Institute of Environmental Science (AIES) in collaboration with National Environmental Science Academy organised a workshop, 'Air Pollution Sources and Mitigation Strategies' to celebrate World Environment Day on May 15, 2017. A galaxy of luminaries from several fields graced the occasion and they spoke on topics as diverse as 'Potential of air pollutants for global warming and climate change and 'Major environmental issues of the world and their possible solutions'. Here are few excerpts.

"The emissions of greenhouse gases are one of the biggest contributing factor to climate change. One of the first steps to deal with the problem is to spread awareness about the issue. The environmental initiatives taken by Amity University through research projects, academic and awareness programs, seminars, workshops and training can educate people."

Prof Dr Tanu Jindal
Director, Amity University of Toxicology



Dignitaries at the workshop

"People should realise their duties towards the environment. You must remember that nature can satisfy everybody's needs but not anybody's greed."

Dr SK Goyal, Sr Principal Scientist & Head, NEERI, Delhi

"Monitoring road transport can help control pollution to a great extent. Rapid urbanisation has led to an increase in registered vehicles, which in turn has led to an increased pressure on the environment. The concentration of vehicle-related pollutants is typically 5 to 10 times higher than ambient air. Some reports sug-

gested that asphalt roads get more heated up as compared to concrete roads, where average temperature of a concrete road is 33°C, asphalt road temperature goes as high as 49°C."

Dr Anuradha Shukla, Chief Scientist, CRRI

"The emissions from coal-based power plants need to be kept in check because mercury emitted from thermal power plant contributes to air pollution largely. High level of mercury in the air is dangerous as it affects the neuro system when inhaled."

Dr AL Aggarwal, Emeritus Professor, Amity University

"Keeping track of PM1 has become extremely crucial as these particles reach our lungs, and even blood stream. Sonbhadra, a District in UP, has witnessed an alarming level of mercury increase, but it is not monitored. Also the norms for monitoring these levels need to be variable instead of rigid, as they should take into account prevailing problems of the area. The government must join hands with institutions like Amity University and conduct research and set parameters to keep a tab on the level of increasing pollutants."

SK Gupta, MD, Envirotech Instruments Pvt Ltd

"The audit system in India is not managed properly because you cannot manage what you cannot measure."

Dr Nicholas, MD, Ecotech, Australia

"The major environmental issues like air pollution, climate change, deforestation, extinction of plant species, fertile soil erosion from agricultural land can be curbed if we change our approach."

Prof Javed Ahmed, President National Environment Science Academy (NESA)

"We as citizens of a growing nation need to develop an action plan, that needs to be implemented to control sources of air pollution like vehicular pollution, road dust and other fugitive emissions like industrial air pollution - construction and demolition activities to curb pollution."

Dr BB Awasthy, Regional Officer, UPPCB, Noida

"Few major factors that influence air pollution are sinks, circulation mixing, ventilation coefficient, re-suspensions of road-dust due to vehicle movements."

Prof Dr Panuganti CS Devara, Head, Amity Center for Ocean- Atmospheric Science and Technology, AUUP Manesar

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Faculty and staff participate in the workshop

International Yoga Day celebrations

A special workshop saw students acquaint themselves with the beautiful world of yoga

Amity University Mumbai

In order to ensure that the students enjoy myriad benefits that yoga has to offer, Amity University, Mumbai (AUM) celebrated International Yoga Day on June 21, 2017. As a part of the celebrations, a yoga session was organised. The session was conducted by Anjana Vivek from The Art of Living in the Mulund campus, Mumbai. All students and guests present performed various asanas, kriyas and pranayama. Anjana Vivek is a known name in the field and has

been imparting yoga education for the last 25 years.

The workshop was conducted under the guidance of Dr Manjiree Vaidya of Amity School of Languages and Dr Rekha Wagani of Amity School of Behavioural Sciences, Mumbai.

The event was organised to raise awareness about the benefits of yoga. The workshop commenced with Anjana Vivek talking about the importance of yoga for physical, psychological and emotional health. She apprised the audience that yoga is more than just burning calories and toning the body,

but a complete workout for the mind and body.

She also highlighted the increase in stress levels as a result of hectic lifestyle and unhealthy food habits and how yoga could help combat the same. It helps you to gain flexibility, manage stress, improves posture, memory and concentration.

The event was graced by Prof (Dr) V V Khole, Vice Chancellor (AUM) and Dr Anil Srivastav, Registrar (AUM). The event also saw in attendance directors, HoDs, Hols, faculty and staff members of AUM.

Stem cell: A revolution

A workshop to expand horizon of research by giving young researchers knowledge & experience

Amity University Noida

A five day workshop on 'Molecular biology techniques & stem cells in human health and disease' was organised by Amity Institute of Molecular Medicine and Stem Cell Research (AIMMSCR), AUUP, Noida. The workshop offered an opportunity to the participants to expand the research knowledge through hands-on practical training and tutorials, lectures by scientists and interaction with panel of expert scientists and clinicians.

The workshop was graced by Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe; Dr Seyed Ehtesham Hasnain, VC, Jamia Hamdard University; Dr Ravi Mehrotra, Director, National Institute of Cancer Prevention and Research; Dr W Selvamurthy, President, Amity Science Technology and Innovation Foundation and Prof (Dr) BC Das Chairman & Chair Professor, AIMMSCR.

A total of 16 participants from various institutions across India including Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, Kolkata; GGV Central University, Bilaspur; Central Pollution Control Board, Delhi; School of Biotechnology, BHU, Varanasi; Amity Institute of Pharmacy, Noida and Aarogyam Hospital amongst others



Dr Ashok K. Chauhan felicitates a guest

attended the workshop.

Dr Ashok K. Chauhan welcomed the gathering and shared his views on advancement in the field of molecular biology. He stressed that the recent developments in the field had proved to be a novel tool for effective diagnosis and treatment of human diseases, especially cancer.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Seyed Ehtesham Hasnain emphasised on how Biology dominates the present century. He averred that scientists are researching on ways to treat patients with their own stem cells or with banked donor stem cells that match them genetically. He also mentioned that there were still various challenges to be addressed before the full therapeutic potential of adult stem cells

can be realised.

Providing an insight on stem cells, Dr Ravi Mehrotra mentioned how stem cells are an emerging area of science which has tremendous application in modern biology and medicine. He pointed out how stem cell research had opened up a new direction and revolution in the field of detection, prevention, and treatment of various chronic and untreatable diseases including genetic diseases and cancer.

During the five day workshop, participants were provided with training and practical sessions on various topics including DNA, RNA & Protein extraction and quantification, Real-Time PCR, Cell Survival (MTT) Assay, wound healing et al.

Courtesy: Amity Media Cell



Desi gyan ka vigyaan

“Don’t sleep with your head towards the north,” said his mother yet again. Angry and frustrated with these stupid superstitions, he wished his mom was a little scientific. If only he knew better!

Himadri Seth, AIS Saket, XI

From overflowing of boiling milk to extinguishing diya’s, everything in an Indian’s life seems to have a superstitious connection. However, in a world where practicality has overtaken tradition, we see much criticism towards these practices, the basis of which is their seemingly unscientific nature. But what if science and mythology aren’t as apart as we think? Here is a list of some superstitions, whose origins seem to combine science with mythology.

Other side of the COIN

Ever looked into a water body expecting to find aquatic wonders, but only got an eyeful of glimmering *chhutta*? A lot of us Indians seem to think that by throwing coins in water we could somehow bribe God into blessing us with good luck, but our forefathers apparently thought of something completely different. It all started in ancient times,



Illustration: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network

when coins were made of copper. Copper intake is useful for the human body as it helps in digestion by stimulating peristalsis, killing harmful bacteria and reducing digestive inflammation. Ancient people started throwing

away coins into water to absorb copper through drinking water. Thus, wasting our stainless steel money is not a good idea.

Ring a BELL?

“Beta ghanti baja kar hi andar

jana” is something every Hindu kid has been told by his mom when going to a temple. In mythological terms, the sound of the bell is believed to ward off evil and please God, but that is not the only purpose why this

custom took birth. The bells are not made of ordinary metal, but with a certain mixture of metals. When someone rings a bell, it produces long strains of sound, which lasts for a minimum of seven seconds in echo mode, which is enough for all the seven healing centers in our body to be activated. This ultimately results in making us sharp and increases our concentration by emptying the brain of all thoughts.

True NORTH

Ghosts, death and all sorts of misfortunes are said to haunt one who dares sleep with his head towards the north. But frankly, it seems implausible that ghosts would care about the direction in which you lay, if they do exist that is. So, there has got to be another explanation, right? What science says is that the magnetic pull of the Earth and the iron in our blood, causes unnecessary pressure on the brain if one sleeps in north direction and it may lead to disturbed sleep and

health issues. When we sleep with our heads towards the south, our body’s magnetic field is in perfect alignment with that of the Earth, which assists body processes to go on more effectively. So, now you know that south is your true north.

How SWEET!

Shubh kaam se pehle kuch meetha ho jaaye. Especially *dahi shakkar*, which is pretty much all you need to ace your exams. And this notion might not be entirely wrong, because the two simple ingredients in this recipe for perfection actually help our body increase its performance during an important task. Curd is a natural coolant and its consumption helps a great deal in making us calm and composed. Sugar provides instant glucose, which makes us more energised and active. So yes, grandmas are right!

So think before cursing your ancestors for following those ‘unscientific’ superstitions!⁶



The PULSE of food security

“So, what exactly is food security?” asked the child. “Food security exists when all people, at all times, have physical, social and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food which meets their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life,” said the scientist. “But with the world struggling with hunger, how is food security even possible,” asked the child perplexed. “You need to find the ‘pulse’ of the matter,” he replied.

Apoorva Agarwal, AIS Vas 1, X tells you what the scientist explained thereafter.

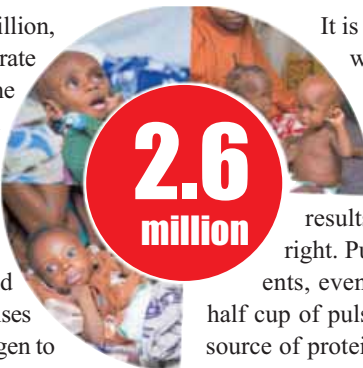


The problem: POPULATION

The current world population is 7 billion, and continues to grow rapidly at the rate of 4.3 births every second. To feed the growing populace, the agricultural production needs to grow too, in a sustainable way.

Pulses, the solution: Unlike other crops that require high quantity of water and soil, pulses relatively need less. Drought-resistant pulses -pigeon peas, bambara beans and lentils can be cultivated in arid climates that have limited, or erratic, rainfall of 300-450 mm/year. Growing pulses ensures sustainable agriculture as they improve soil health by supplying nitrogen to the soil, which in turn improves soil fertility, thereby increasing farm productivity.

The problem: MALNUTRITION



It is estimated that over two billion people in world suffer from malnutrition. The problem happens to be the cause of 2.6 million child deaths every year.

Pulses, the solution: Malnutrition is defined as lack of adequate nutrients, which results from either not eating enough or not eating right. Pulses can supply the body with essential nutrients, even when eaten in less quantities. Including just half cup of pulse in diet can improve nutrition. It is a low fat source of protein, with a high fibre content, and low glycemic index. It aids in fighting non communicable diseases.

The problem: FOOD WASTAGE



1/3 of the food produced for human consumption worldwide is lost or wasted. While in developing countries, food is wasted during production or transportation; in developed countries food is wasted at the consumption stage.

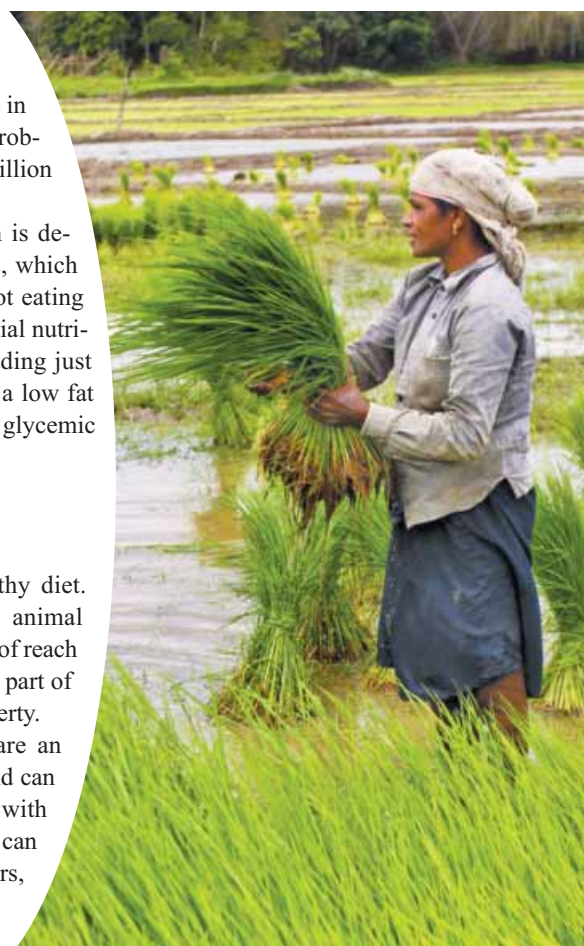
Pulses, the solution: As compared to other crops, the proportion of food wastage from pulses due to spoilage is low. Also pulses can be stored for long periods without losing their nutritional value, thereby minimising food wastage.



The problem: POVERTY

Protein is a vital nutrient for a healthy diet. However, most protein sources- animal meat, dairy, are expensive and out of reach for most countries, where huge part of the population suffers from poverty.

Pulses, the solution: Pulses are an affordable source of protein, and can be afforded even by people with meagre incomes. Besides, pulses can be grown as cash crops by farmers, which in turn supplements their income.





Solar energy is an important source of renewable energy. It is a free source of energy and found in abundance.

Goodbye



Dr. Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

Goodbyes are always tough because the word implies parting ways. And it becomes harder to say goodbye when you are bidding adieu to your own children. Each year, when I attend the citation and farewell ceremonies at the schools, watching my Amitions cross the threshold of the red brick building, ready to enter an all new world, I feel a flurry of emotions. As a mother to my kids, I am a little nervous and pray to God to bless them as they enter a new world to find a place for themselves. And yet at the same time, as a Chairperson, I feel confident that my Amitions will shine bright, illuminating the world with the values they have imbibed at Amity.

I have always believed in providing my children intellectual, mental and emotional nourishment, as these are the building blocks when it comes to creating an all-rounder individual. Acquiring these qualities becomes all the more important because the level of competition has increased tremendously. So, under the nurturing environment at Amity we have ensured that they learn skills that help them in taking on the world with right attitude and a positive approach. In times like today, when the world is divided over ideas and conflicts are only creating hatred, it is the young generation who, with compassion and mindfulness, has to tackle such challenges. I am confident that my Amitions are going to play a pivotal role in transforming the world. There have been occasions when Amity alumnus have come to me and told me stories of how they meet an Amitian everywhere they go. They strike an instant connect too. For they all belong to one family - The Amity family. I take this 'goodbye' as a moment of pride where Amity's teachings will hold them in good stead. 🇮🇳🇮🇳

Coming soon



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

Good friends never say goodbye, they simply say "see you soon" This summers while I was returning after a short happy visit to my mom's place, like every year (consistently for over 30 years) I held her hands and said, "I don't want to go." And as always, she took my hands and whispered, "Say, I will come soon." Between the two lines lay loads of emotions that carried within it, the feeling of having spent good times, the pain of moving away from them and the courage of living and moving on with life. I felt much the same feeling when we attended our first school farewell party. Today, however, in this technological era, the physical separation gives way to being as close as the 'click' of a button. Yet, every time the word 'farewell' crops up, you tend to get emotional. But of course...saying farewell to the place...red brick building, the buddies you grew up with, the teachers you thought you fooled with lame excuses, the ever tingling taste of canteen food...is not easy. The top story of The Global Times catches up with the 'farewell' moments, but from a teacher's point of view. Unlike a student, the teachers are a part of the farewell every year, as they watch their students with pride, all set to explore the world outside and silently wish. Their biggest happiness hearing about them, doing well for themselves. As for the 'students', when the much awaited day arrives, emotions run havoc; shedding all animosity and fights, scribbling of memories, cheers and tears, hugs and heartaches, one last time before stepping out, only to come back soon as proud alumnus. 🇮🇳🇮🇳

Combating Terrorism

Terrorism, a big threat and a problem, has the world gripped in its claws. How to set free and escape the wrath is a question that looms at large

Kashmita Mehwal, AIS PV, XI C

Recently, when Qatar faced regional isolation as nations like Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Egypt cut off diplomatic ties with this tiny peninsula by saying that Qatar needs to "mend its ways" because it was supporting and financing terrorism, the event highlighted how collective action is required to address and combat the growing menace of terrorism. While this incident highlights how important it is for countries to stand up in unity against terrorism, it also brings to fore the need for this brainless radicalisation to be eliminated. The fact that the enemy is not one person or a political regime or a religion,

makes the task of combating terrorism even more difficult, but not impossible. One of the probable ways could be to foster and promote institutions like 'Combating Terrorism Center', the US-based think tank that analyses activities of global terrorist groups and tries to map the ideology and thought process of Islamic militant groups. While such organisations play a pivotal role in offering counter terrorism solutions, their response to ground realities isn't that effective. Ergo, there is a need to look for a solution more comprehensive that just counter terrorism groups. At the ground level, the situation is different but the most common modus operandi the terror outfits follow is to brainwash the 'vulnerable' —emotion-

ally, socially and economically. And lure them into taking up arms and killings in the name of *jihad*. The hard-hitting cracks in social system like lack of education, unemployment, social injustice and inequality results in paving a easy path for terrorist organisations to pounce on their prey. Many captured suspects and militants have confessed to joining these terrorist groups in the search for identity and to feel belonged. Several people have argued that by providing quality education to everyone, especially children, one can bring down the number of people taking up arms because they will be aware of the consequences. However, one has seen in the past how even qualified engineers and doctors have been brainwashed.

So, one of the possible approaches could be to address the issue from multiple aspects. The key lies in taking a multi thronged approach, inculcating the idea of religious tolerance right from school; provide social security to people in distress; identifying and offering support to vulnerable groups; developing institutions to rehabilitate individuals who are ready to reform, build relationships, and most importantly, generating employment. While international cooperation is important to isolate any rouge nation supporting and backing terrorism, it is also essential to address the root cause of the problem to prevent escalation of situation and consciously make an effort to not create another Kashmir, Syria and even Afghanistan.

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Still rocking goodbyes

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We always speak about the role of teachers in students' lives, but I feel it is the students who leave an indelible mark on teachers and give us an opportunity to evolve as a person. I distinctly remember one section of class XII. They were a curious mix of brilliance and bonhomie, oblivious of the world around them, yet ever so demanding that they appear to be a bit arrogant. A patient handling and a positive approach, free of preconceived notions, helped me establish a good rapport with this class. They surprised all of us on teacher's day when they invited all teachers who taught them, to their class and expressed their deep gratitude for each one of us in their own special way. What touched me the most was the care and affection they exhibited, when I lost my mother. The students could

empathise with me and behaved in a very disciplined and responsible way. I will remember them always for their warmth and affection. Deep in my heart, I am convinced, they will not be just successful individuals, but caring human beings too. I bless them from the core of my heart.

Archana Upadhyay, AIS MV ***

Perhaps the toughest part of teaching is to bid adieu to students you have taught and worked with for so many years. The batch of 2017 will always be close to my heart, for the same students who could make my blood boil, were also sentimental enough to move me to tears. Students who were the most artistic with excuses were equally creative with their ideas, the ones who compulsively doodled on registers also submitted the best illustrations, the ones who were always ridiculously late

gave immaculate write-ups, and the girl staring out of the window was an avid photographer. I remember my first Teacher's day, when I had a candid talk with these students, absorbing their innocence and liveliness. I will miss working with these kids and pushing them just as they pushed me. How lucky am I to have something that makes goodbye so hard.

Garima Dhingra, AIS PV ***

Bidding adieu to your students is never easy, but it is particularly poignant when you have battled together as The Global Times team, having spent countless hours fighting over stories and word limit only to then share the absolute joy of bringing out the best newspaper. As this batch moves out, I will always cherish each one of them, specially my wonderful GT editors. God bless you all! 🇮🇳🇮🇳

Shalini Agarwal, AIS Gur 46



Noor celebrates her birthday at orphanage

My special birthday

Noor Chawla
AIS Noida, II K

Like every year, my parents thought that I would love to celebrate my birthday with a fun party. But this time, when I was asked about the theme for my birthday party. I shared the thought of celebrating it with orphan children at an orphanage. At first, my parent were surprised but to fulfil my wish, my parents found a 'Girls Home' in Noida. I was elated and invited all my friends at the orphanage for the celebrations. On the day of my birthday, we all reached the orphanage on time. For the

next few hours, we all played games like musical chair, dumb charade, dance and statue, et al. We had snacks, cake and enjoyed Pizza that my family had arranged for all of us. We also distributed some goodies that the children could use in near future. My friends and I had a great time bonding with the children at the Girls Home. At the orphanage, I learnt that these children didn't have families to take care of them, but they are just like us. They need love and support. I wish to share happiness and spread love in the lives of these children. And this was the best birthday ever! 🇮🇳🇮🇳

Your conscience knows it

Little pearls of wisdom

Harshit S, AIS Noida, VIII

It so happened, that one fine day, Emperor Akbar lost his ring, which made him sad as the ring was given to him by his beloved father. After hearing the Emperor, Bir-

bal assured him not to worry about it anymore, and promised to find it. After thinking for a while, Birbal said, "Your Majesty, the ring is here in this court itself. It is with one of the courtiers. The courtier who has a straw in his beard has your ring." One

of the courtiers who had filched the Emperor's ring panicked and unknowingly moved his hand over his beard. His compulsive reaction confirmed the ring was with him, and it was found from his pocket. Akbar, still taken aback asked how he figured out that the thief was one of them. Birbal explained, "Your Majesty, I just shot an arrow in the

dark. As they rightly say that a guilty person is always scared, the real culprit revealed himself by moving his hand over his beard." This signifies that our conscience is the final judge of our acts. So next time you commit a sin and you think no one's watching, remember that your conscience is watching you. And your conscience will remind you of your wrongs, even when someone else doesn't. As someone rightly said, "A guilty conscience needs no accuser."



Goodbye in style

The evening of May 22, brought along excitement that was never seen before and enthusiasm that was infectious enough to sway away everyone. For it was the farewell ceremony of AIS Mayur Vihar. The school auditorium stood witness to students flaunting colourful saris and dapper suits. And it was the same school auditorium that had seen them donning their uniform with pride. But today was different, for pigtailed had given way to smashing hairstyles, standing in neat files had been replaced with arbitrary groups posing for selfies, the silence making way for dancing beats. Today, was the day to let hair down and AIS MV did just

that.

A welcome song by the school choir set the ball rolling, followed by a scintillating dance performance that threw the ball out of the court. An entertaining medley of songs and dances performed by students of the current batch further upped the entertainment quotient of the evening. But this was just the beginning, for the dances were followed by the giving away of titles like 'The best dressed', 'Mr Titan King', etc., that had the students hooting, cheering, applauding and sometimes even in splits. And with that, the batch of 2017 bid adieu to their school, in style. 🎉

Pics: Priyansh Tewari, XII B & Pihu Kalra, XI D, AIS MV



Pics: Karnika Pagaria, AIS Vas 1, IX



Love is in the air

14 years is a long time indeed. But for Amityans who had spent these 14 years in the red brick building, 14 years was a time full of love. It came as no surprise when love was an all conspicuous emotion, during the school farewell ceremony. As the batch of 2017 came together one last time to bid adieu to their alma mater, all they could feel was love for the school that had made them who they were.

Pulsating music, incredible group dances, ramp walk, interesting skit and tricky games set the evening on fire. The Principal blessed the students with love. The fiesta called for a cake cutting ceremony amidst loud cheers and affection. Titles of Mr and Miss Amity were bagged by Priyansh Shishodia and Aayushi Shakya, respectively. The evening concluded with moments of nostalgia and love for each other in the hearts. 🎉

Achha chalta hoon



The farewell given to the passing out batch of Class XII was a mix of emotions, fun and nostalgia. The joyous moments spent with friends and teachers came alive with the band performance, song and dance performances, videos and poetry sessions presented on the day. Games like musical chair brought alive fond memories of childhood. Shaking their legs to catchy numbers, the juniors entertained everyone. Amidst thunderous applause, the outgoing students took to the stage in a ramp walk. The much awaited title giving ceremony was announced with Shachika Singh and Sahaj Singh bagging Ms and Mr Amity titles, respectively. The ceremony concluded with a lot of laughter and tears in the eyes. Au Revoir! 🎉

Pics: Kunal Preet, AIS Vas 6, XII C



Following tradition

14 years of learning, happiness and memories – an Amity tradition. Saying goodbye to those 14 years with panache – an Amity tradition again. Following suit with Amity traditions, AIS Gur 46 organised 'Parampara', a farewell for its outgoing batch. Entertainment soared high as the students engaged in fun games. As the rhythm swayed, everyone put on their dancing shoes. Mr Amity and Ms Amity was bagged by Raghav Kad and Manasvi Ahuja. Prisha Singh and Abhinnet Srivastava took home the title of 'Best dressed seniors'. Sidhharth Bagga was crowned as Mr Talented. 🎉

Pics: Aastha Mittal, XII F & Jaspreet Singh, XII B, AIS Gur 46



Rollercoaster

Twinkle, twinkle little star. And the now not-so-little stars twinkled in a glittering farewell ceremony. As the host batch rolled out performances including dances, concerts and comedy sketches, the ball was set rolling. But amidst all those chuckles and giggles were a few tears too as a short movie titled 'A journey through school' was showcased, capturing the 14 years in school. The ride took a turn for the emotional as the students shared their experiences while at school in a Q n A session conducted with school Principal. And just when the ceremony was turning into an emotional soiree, began the fun part – a dance routine put together by the boys of the current Class XII batch and the giving away of titles. Ms and Mr Amity was bagged by Kriti Wadhwa and Manan Rai respectively. With a mix of sugar & spice, and all things nice, the farewell of AIS PV was quite a rollercoaster. 🎉



Cheerful goodbye

and innovative fun games. But what took the cake away was a nukkad natak put up by the school teachers. The play that threw light on various stages that a child goes through when at school, enthralled all.

Taking the entertainment quotient notches higher was a ramp walk by the students, which concluded with the titles of Mr and Ms Amity bagged by Tanush Bhagat and Manya Shrivastava respectively. Fun awards like 'Know-it-all' award, the



'English Vinglish' award and the 'Optimist' award were also given away. And amidst the fun and frolic, giggles and endless laughter, hugs and smiles, the batch of 2017 bid goodbye to the place they called home away from home. 🎉

Tussi ja rahe ho? Tussi na jao!

"Don't go," the red brick building thought to itself. A part of it was ready to leave yet again. With a heavy heart, the building braced itself for another parting and put together a grand farewell for the batch of 2017



Emotional mosaic

Akshara Iyer, AIS Noida, XII I

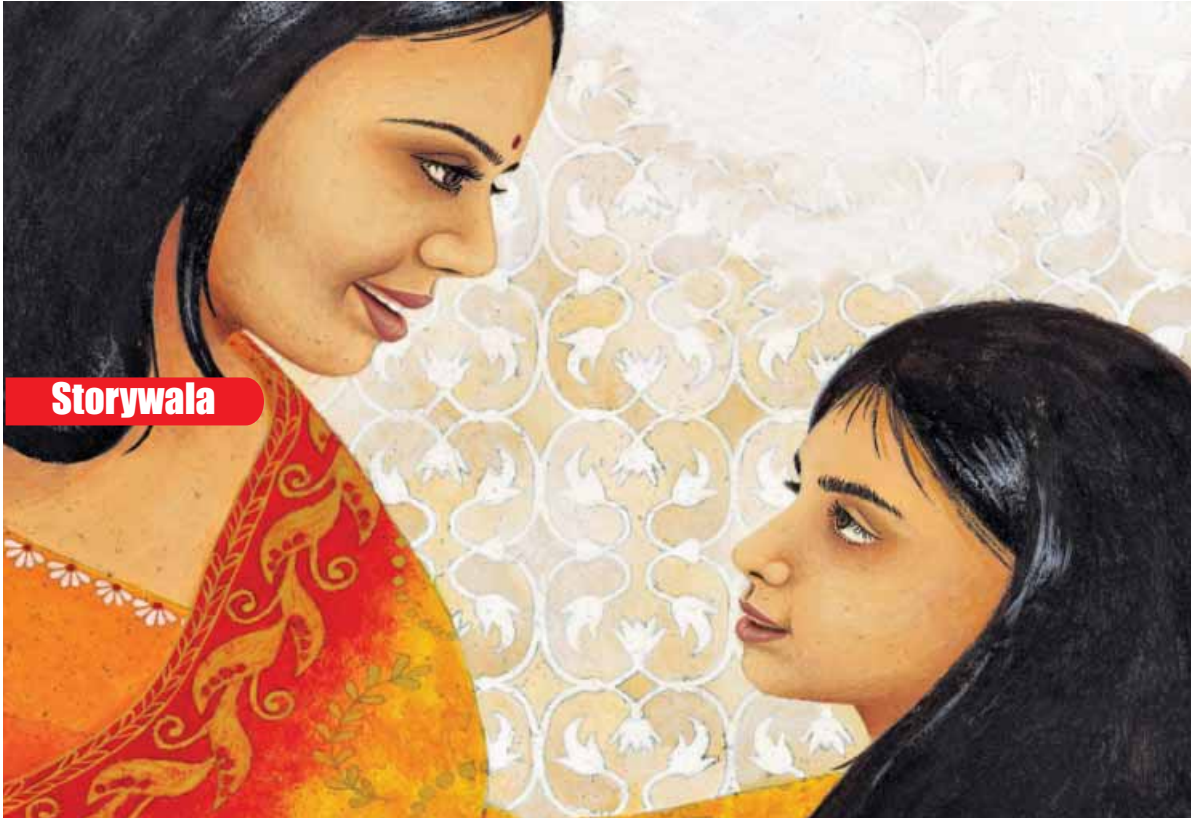
Farewell – one word that evokes a mosaic of emotions on both sides of the school gate. The ones that stand outside the gate, long for the place that they've grown up in, the place that will no longer be theirs. And then there are the ones that stand inside the gate, waving their goodbyes to the seniors they are going to miss. So farewell has and always will remain a celebration of what was, and hope for what will be. The farewell ceremony at AIS Noida celebrated the past and the future. The juniors sang

and danced their hearts out to songs like Photograph, Mitwa, Shaam Shandar, etc as they depicted scenes from the lives of students through Primary School, Middle School and, finally, Senior School. A melange of colours, lights, music and dance, this farewell was truly an exciting, impassioned, beautiful celebration of the new life that awaits us. As the gala evening came to an end, the seniors walked off into the mysterious unknown, out to make a name, a life for themselves. God-speed, seniors! 🎉



Pics: Parth Miglani, XII C & Kriti Dhinra, XII H, AIS Noida

A journey of going solo



Storywala

Samridhi Bansal, AGS Noida, XII

“Mommm,” screamed Divya as she came out of her room. “Mom, Mom, I need to tell you something exciting. I got the job...!” “Really! Oh My God! Congratulations,” said Divya’s mother, smiling with tears in her eyes. “My dreams are finally coming true,” thought Divya to herself.

Even though Divya had got her dream

job, things were’t exactly the way she had hoped them to be. It was early 60’s, a time when all that a woman was expected to do was cook and take care of her family. So, her decision to join an office was not taken very well even by her own peers. Even though she was made to do maximum work, getting credit for the same was something she could only hope.

“Today, he did the same thing again,” said Divya to her friends. It was the umpteenth time her boss had decided

to leave her out of the board meeting. The male dominated environment at her workplace left her a little more frustrated each day.

Furious, she sat at her workstation. Fighting the impulse of writing her resignation and walking out immediately, she tinkered with the pen in her hand. She had been in this company for more than a year. To not be invited for the success party of the project she had diligently worked for left her

The moment she entered the party, her colleagues, including her boss, were startled to see her there.

fuming. Suddenly, as if, something arose in her, she muttered under her breath, “Why shouldn’t I go? I will for for that party!”

Heads turned for no one ever expected a girl to turn up at a party which was clearly ‘a man’s business’. Her boss turned a shocking shade of red at this misbehaviour. “What are you doing here? A respectable woman would be cooking at home right now,” he shouted at her in front of everyone. Divya left the party teary eyed.

Today was the day everyone had waited for. The name of the regional head was going to be announced. It had to be a man. So, when Divya’s name was announced, it came in as a huge jolt to many. Divya had been in the organisation for five years now and many were intimidated by her. That day when she went back home from the party, her mother told her, “You will have to go solo in this man’s world.” That advice convinced Divya to voice her opinion and work harder. Her solo journey was finally taking a sweet turn. 🇧🇩



Tasty oreo balls

Muskaan Bhola, AIS Saket, IX

Ingredients

Oreo biscuits2 packets
Butter6 tbsp
Condensed milk1/2 tbsp
Dark chocolate1 cup
Almonds (crushed)1 packet

Method

- Crush the oreo biscuits. You could beat them with a rolling pin while they are in the packet or crush them with a blender.
- In a bowl, mix the butter and crushed biscuits.
- Add condensed milk to the mixture and mix it well with a big spatula.
- Make small balls of the mixture and freeze the oreo balls for two hours.
- Melt the dark chocolate in a microwave.
- Insert a toothpick in the balls.
- Hold the toothpick and dip the balls in melted chocolate and roll it in the crushed nuts.
- Keep the balls in the refrigerator and freeze for two hours. Serve chilled.

Read Play and Win

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 it to your GT Teacher Coordinator. 3 lucky winners will win a prize every week!

Q: When is International Yoga Day celebrated?

Ans:

Q: For how many years solar energy has been used?

Ans:

Q: What is the headline of the article written by Himadri Seth, AIS Saket, XI?

Ans:

Q: Prathibha Prahlad is the youngest recipient of which award?

Ans:

Q: Which city produces maximum trash each year?

Ans:

Q: Which school bagged the second position in KWHS competition?

Ans:

Q: The poem ‘Magical language’ is on which page?

Ans:

Q: How many years will Youth Power complete in 2017-2018?

Ans:

Q: Mention the name of the DIY activity on page 9.

Ans:

Results of Read Play and Win-27: Yatharth Malik, AIS Noida, VI D; Ayushi Jain, AIS Noida, VI E; Nayantara Jain, AIS Noida, V H (Prizes will reach you in 15 days)


WORDS VERSE

A heart of stone

Devasya Mitra, AIS Gur 43, X C

A heart made out of stone
Is a pity in itself
With no care of the world
Neither appreciating your face
Nor grasping your chin

A cruel curse, but a good one



To those who dissipated
The flooding benediction
Of the Almighty
Who became a subject of hatred

It could be that he hated some
Oh, forbid! I just forgot that
He, the immortal, endears all
He gives all a lustrous one
Nothing kept under his hat

The heart is gold; better hear it, you all
Which is saturated with nectar of life
And I lament, not bringing your world
At the end into a deadly matter
Of bitterness and strife🇧🇩


A typical life

Soham Sinha, AIS Noida, VIII G

With a typical yawn, I start my day
“Wake up” “Wake up”, parents say
I hear sound of kettle and vegetables cutting
These are the sounds of my life

Yet, they all are the colours of my life
Also the beautiful scent of flowers
The marvellous scent of the Petrichor
These aromas in the room entice

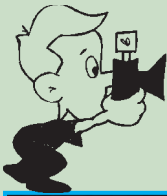
All of these things, no matter how small
Come together in a way, makes me marvel
All of these things make every moment
The best moment of my life.🇧🇩



The trees, flowers and leaves
Reflect their colour green
The blue, the yellow and the red
They have a different appeal

Yet, they all are the colours of my life
Also the beautiful scent of flowers
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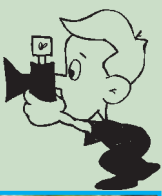
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CAMERA CAPERS


Ksheetija Das, AIS Gur 46, XI B

Send in your entries to cameracapers@theglobaltimes.in






Shining bright in the dark



A sip of rejuvenation



Ready to go miles



Solar energy is affordable, inexhaustible and clean source of energy which enhances sustainability and reduces pollution.

A foolish mistake

Short Story



Illustration: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network

Samridhi Singh
AIS Vas 6, VI

It was just another day at school. The lunch hour was in progress. As my friends and I shared our tiffins in the canteen, we discussed everything under the sun. Then, suddenly, the topic of smoking popped up. While one person commented how it was injurious to health, there were some who were of the opinion that smoking looks cool. A friend of mine, Tapan, happened to be in the second team. “Ok guys, if all of you promise to keep a secret, I will show you something,” said Tapan. Since, we were all curious about what he had to show, we all agreed immediately, without even giving it a second thought. Asking us to wait, he rushed inside the classroom. We were extremely disappointed when we

saw him return empty handed. And just then he took out a cigarette from his pocket and showed it to us. We, excitedly, and at the same time, cautiously, took turns to see it. I was always fascinated by the way some actors in films stylishly held their cigarettes. I too wanted to try that and look cool. So, I requested him to let me borrow it for a few days. Reluctantly, he agreed. I could not wait to reach home and pose in front of the mirror with the cigarette in my hand. Once inside my room, I hurriedly removed my bag from my shoulders and threw it on the bed. Without wasting a second, I rummaged through my bag and took out the cigarette. I held the cigarette in my hands and stood in front of the mirror, pretending to inhale in. However, what I didn’t realise at that time was that I had forgotten to bolt the

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door. So, while I was posing to look cool, my mother came inside the room. She was shocked. I got scared and didn’t know how to react. She too didn’t say a word and left the room. In the evening, when father came home, he called me out to the drawing room. On reaching the drawing room, I found my parents already sitting there. When I joined them, my father offered

me a cigarette and asked me to smoke in front of them. I couldn’t bring myself to do that and told him that I didn’t smoke, but it was just the idea of looking cool that made me commit such a silly mistake. I admitted my mistake and promised not to repeat it. My father very calmly said, “It is a wrong idea to believe that smoking is cool. Something as harmful as smoking isn’t cool. It causes so many health problems”. While they didn’t scold me, they were successfully able to communicate the fact that smoking isn’t a cool thing to do. What is, in fact, cooler and sensible is to live a healthy life and stay away from it.

So what did you learn today?
A new word: Rummaged
Meaning: To search thoroughly



Bell pepper stamped shirt

Create your own designer shirts by simply using veggies from the kitchen

- Material required**

 - Bell pepper-1
 - Green fabric paint
 - Knife
 - White t- shirt
- Procedure**

 - Cut the top off a bell pepper.
 - Dip it, inside down, in green fabric paint.
 - Then quickly, press the bell pepper onto the t –shirt, according to the pattern you want to create.
 - Now, let it dry and flaunt your designer t-shirt.

Jokey Pokey

Eshita Gupta, AIS Noida, II

- Q: Why did the banana go to the doctor?
A: Because it was not ‘peeling’ well.
- Q: What did the hamburger name his daughter?
A: Patty!
- Q: What kind of bee cannot make up its mind?
A: A maybe
- Ria: Daddy, daddy, can I have a glass of water?
Father: But that is the 10th one I have given you tonight.
Ria: But the baby’s bedroom is still on fire.
- Q: Why is prime minister not seen in the morning?
A: Because he is pm not am
- Q: What is a line?
A: It is a dot going for a walk.
- Q: Which dinosaur knew most words?
A: The thesaurus

It's Me

My name: Atharva Malik
My school: Amity International School, Pushp Vihar
My Class: I
My birthday: January 24
I like: Playing football and listening to stories
I dislike: People who hurt each other
My hobbies: Skating and drawing
My role model: Lord Shankar
My best friends: Apratim Acharya and Anahita Arora
My favourite book: Berenstein Bears and Spooky Old Tree
My favourite games: Football and Tennis
My favourite mall: DLF Mall of India, Noida
My favourite food: Aloo paratha and cheese
My favourite teachers: Divya ma’am and Sonali ma’am
My favourite subject: Mathematics
I want to become: A doctor
I want to feature in GT because: It will make my nani and nanu very happy.



POEMS

The magical language



Anahita Singh,
AIS Saket, VII C

English is a beautiful language
Helping us express love and rage
Sharing our thoughts and engage
French, German, Russian, Chinese

There are so many languages you may say
But only a few use them, anyway
English is a language many people know
People used it even many years ago
It’s simple, does not create a row
Fiddling with two words creates a line
A language so profound and fine
It gave us great authors
Shakespeare and Oscar Wilde made it the home of classics
English is truly the language of magic
Read it to feel fantastic.

A beautiful world

Aditya Dutta, AIS Vas 6, VI

Life makes the world a better place
Let’s make every hand willing to give
Let’s spread peace in every human heart
After all, we all are mother Earth’s parts

Good thoughts and moral values
Should exist in every human
Right to equality should be
Given to children, men and women



You are black and I am white
You are wrong and I am right
Let’s cease these thoughts
And celebrate unity a lot

Different cultures, different dresses
Different types of food
Wherever you are in the world
Just try to celebrate brotherhood.

Come sister, come brother
Make a promise to save our mother
This Earth is fulfilling all our needs
Let’s make it better with good deeds.



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Amitasha Annual Day

Felicitating talent, showcasing women power, and contributing towards a noble cause... the event had it all

Amity Humanity Foundation

Amitasha annual day was an evening of empowerment and celebration; empowerment of the countless less privileged girls studying at Amitasha and celebration of giving these girls a better life. The event was organised under the aegis of Amity Humanity Foundation (AHF) at Amity University on May 12, 2017. At Amitasha, girls from less privileged backgrounds are provided free education, healthcare services, meals etc along with exposure to co curriculars.

Blessed by all

Dr Mahesh Sharma, Minister of State for Culture & Tourism, graced the occasion as the chief guest. Sangeeta Jaitley, wife of Finance Minister, Arun Jaitley; Dr Sohani Verma, Chairperson, North Zone India RCOG & President, Indian Fertility Society (IFS) and Lalit Bhasin, President

of the Society of Indian Law Firms and Managing Partner of Bhasin & Co. were also present on the occasion.

The event also saw the presence of Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe; Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF along with other dignitaries of Amity family as Arun Chauhan, Trustee, RBEF; Anand Chauhan, Trustee, RBEF; Dr Aseem Chauhan, Chancellor, AUR; Pooja Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, AHF; Divya Chauhan, Chairperson, ASFT, ASFA & ASPA; Sapna Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amiown and Jaishree Chauhan.

Felicitating achievers

Students were awarded on the occasion for academic and co-curricular excellence. Sonia Kumari, the best all rounder student of Class XII from Amitasha Noida was felicitated with Dr (Mrs) Asha Bhargava Memorial



Chairperson felicitates an Amitasha student



Sangeeta Jaitley



Dance drama put up by students

Award for her sincerity, discipline and diligence. The award was instituted in the memory of Dr Asha Bhargava, wife of Lt Gen PD Bhargava, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Amity Group. 52 students were awarded during the event in various categories as 'Amicable Personality', 'Proficient in all subjects', 'Best in Computers', etc.

Power of women

The highlight of the day was a grand dance drama titled 'Veerangana' by students of Amitasha. The ballet celebrated the power of women and their strength.

Words of wisdom

Addressing the gathering, Dr

Mahesh Sharma said that instead of looking at what our ancestors have left for us, we need to ponder over what we are leaving behind for the future generations. He stressed that the most vital contribution to the society is transforming others' lives.

Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, expressed his joy and pride over the achievements and accomplishments of Amitasha students. He stated that the girls studying at Amitasha are being nurtured and groomed to lead the world; and will make India a better place.

Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, in her address emphasised on the roles that a girl plays in a family and should therefore

be nurtured with good values and ethics. She further went on to add that the girls at the school were eager to learn and prove their mettle, all they need was an opportunity to learn and explore.

Lauding the efforts of Amity towards the development of less privileged girls, Smt Sangeeta Jaitely suggested that Amity should open a school near Pathankot and Jammu, in order to cater to the educational needs of youth of North Punjab as well as Jammu and Kashmir.

She also pointed out that there are still many families in those regions who don't believe in educating their daughters but it is important to spread awareness about education of girls.

A noble cause

Today, with over 1000 students Amitasha is a success story. But this story would not have been possible without the countless donors and people who have supported the cause.

Dr Sohani Verma along with Dr Anita Kaul and Dr Ranjana, Secretary, RCOG, who were also present on the occasion, took this noble initiative forward by contributing an amount for higher education of less privileged Amitasha girls.

Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, expressed her gratitude to them and all the donors associated with Amitasha over the years with a special memento for their constant support and love. 🇮🇳

Amity Educational Resource Centre

Wharton Investment Competition

Team AIS Noida comprising Simarjot Kaur Bhatia, Mannat Mohan, Mehak Mathur, Raghav Kapoor, Shaurya Mehta, Suyash Bajpai and Gitansh Bhatia titled 'One up on Herd Street' bagged the second position in global finale of Knowledge@Wharton High School (KWHs)* Investment Competition. Team AIS Saket titled 'The rainmakers' bagged the 'Special Mention Award'. Organised under the aegis of AERC, the event was held at University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA on May 6, 2017. The opportunity extended to the students by



Chairperson with the achievers

Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF aimed at educating students about teamwork, commu-

nication, risk, diversification, industry analysis and investing. Both schools qualified for participation in global finals, after clearing the India regional finale wherein more than 12 schools participated including AIS PV, AIS Gur 43 and AIS MV.

*The competition organised by KWHs- an initiative of Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania promotes business, financial literacy, entrepreneurship and leadership among high school students and educators through quality online content. The competition witnessed participation from 15 schools across the globe. 🇮🇳

10th YRoNS Conference at Norway

Ten students of various branches of Amity International School along with Jyoti Arora, Director, AERC and Anshu Arora, Principal, AIS Gur 43, participated in the 10th International Young Researchers in Natural Science (YRoNS) Conference held at Arendal Videregående Skole, Norway from April 24- 28, 2017. It is the earnest endeavour of Chairperson Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan to develop a sense of inquisitiveness amongst students, enabling them to find scientific solutions to environmental challenges faced by the world at large. Keeping with her vision, students partook in the conference under the aegis of Amity Educational Resource Centre (AERC).



Participants at the YRoNS Conference

The theme for this year's symposium was 'Energy for the future'. Teams represented by countries as Germany, Hungary, Slovenia, Russia, Norway and India showcased presentations, sharing innovative practices for harnessing natural resources and strengthen-

ing bonds between young generation to act as a catalyst of change for the future world. Some of the most talked about topics of the presentations were Battery Mould, Hydrogen Fuel Cells, Algae on urban walls, Green Electricity, Conservation, Biofuel production by algae treatment, etc. The presentations were highly appreciated by the audience for their innovative content and extensive research.

The students were also taken for a historical tour of Arendal and places such as Boylefoss power station, Arendal harbor, etc. While Amitians showcased Indian culture by exhibiting Indian cuisine, handicrafts and dances, they also got an insight into the Norwegian culture and lifestyle. 🇮🇳



Students participate in the competition

total of 23 schools from Delhi and NCR participated in various competitions, held in categories such as 2D greeting card making, re-creational art, water colour landscape, digital art, paper flower arrangement, 3D Sculpture etc. The competitions were judged by eminent artists Rekha Bajpai and Pankaj Kumar Sahu. The overall championship trophy was won by AIS Gur 46, but being the host school, the trophy was passed on to the next high scorer school ie AIS Gur 43. 🇮🇳

Chitrankan

AIS Gur 46

AIS Gur 46 launched 'Chitrankan'- an inter-school art fest competition on May 9, 2017. The aim of this festival of colours was to let students imagine, create and experiment with different kinds of art. A



Karanvir and Shivanand

AIS Saket

Karanvir Choudhary & Shivanand Chandrasekar of AIS Saket (Class XII) represented India in the US Open Karate Championship. The duo created history by winning gold medals in the championship, held from April 12- 16, 2017 Las Vegas, USA. Players from over 47 countries

Karate Champs

participated in the tournament, based on their previous national and international achievements. Karanvir and Shivanand performed exceptionally well throughout the tournament, showcasing outstanding skills in the sport.

While Karanvir won against Puerto Rico, Uruguay, Spain and USA, Shivanand won against Uruguay, Puerto Rico, and twice against USA. The exposure that the two gained from participating in a global format against accomplished players will definitely help them take their game to the next level.

Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF also felicitated the winners on their astounding success and wished them luck for their future endeavours. 🇮🇳

Mathematics quiz

AIS VKC Luknow

An inter-house Math quiz was organised in the school on May 3, 2017. The quiz divided into senior (Class IX-X) and junior categories (Class VI-VIII) comprised four teams Aryabhata, Bhaskaracharya, Ramanujan and Shakuntala Devi, wherein four rounds were held followed by a hands-on activity based on Geometry. The first position was bagged by Alaknanda house, followed by Pawani house and Bhagirathi



Students take part in the quiz

house at the second and third positions respectively. School Headmistress Tanuja Singh in her address motivated the students to practice mental calculations. It was a great learning opportunity for the students. 🇮🇳

Except geothermal power and tidal power, all renewable energies derive energy either directly or indirectly from the sun.
All top quotes compiled by **Maansi Bansal, AIS MV, IV**



Living in Maxima

We all aim for the 'topmost', the 'extreme' the 'upper limit', looking for 'maximum' in everything. These cities have achieved theirs

Mexico City | Maximum traffic



If Delhi's traffic jam annoys you, then the people of Mexico City might make you feel better. According to a study, the residents of the city spend 97% extra time during the morning hour, and 94% extra time during the evening hours in traffic. On an average, 219 hours are wasted on travel every year due to traffic congestion.

Hong Kong | Maximum Skyscrapers



For those who suffer from batophobia (fear of tall buildings), living in Hong Kong can be a living nightmare. The city is home to around 1300 skyscrapers, making it the richest business district in China. The towering landscape is the result of most Asian countries setting up their offices and stores in the city.

Manila, Philippines | Maximum Malls



If there is one city that actually lives by the philosophy of 'shop till you

drop', it has to be Manila. The 153 malls in the city should be proof enough. Out of these 153 malls, 16 qualify as 'supermalls', offering not just shopping stores or eateries, but also medical offices and churches. With a meagre population of 12 million people, the city has one mall for every 78,000 people.

San Francisco | Maximum rent



\$4.95 per square foot. Yes, that is the rent in San Francisco. This means the rent of a 420 square foot studio (mind you, that is the requirement for a single person) amounts to a whopping \$2,078 a month.

To pay that kind of rent, the salary should average around \$86,000 (before taxes, social security, and the other taxes) to be able to pay the rent and make money for living expenses. And God bless you if it is a family of four, the salary requirement jumps to \$163,000 a year.

London | Maximum CCTV cameras



London has approximately 51,000 cameras. So, on an average, a Londoner is captured 300 times daily on camera. One can find these cameras installed on lampposts, buildings, train stations, and on main roads. So, if you

are up to some mischief in the city, think twice for there will be someone watching you, as you make your move.

Bangkok | Maximum visitors



"I just got back from a vacation in Bangkok." How many times have you heard that statement? Perhaps, plenty! And with everyone heading to the city, it comes as no surprise that the city stands at the top spot, with 21.47 million travelers visiting it throughout the year. Bangkok's vibrant nightlife, culinary delights, shopping culture and most of all, affordability makes it one of the most popular travel destinations.

Tokyo Yamaha | Maximum population



With nearly 37.8 million residents, Tokyo Yamaha stands to be the most populous city in the world. So, Delhites stop cribbing about the city being too crowded. We still stand far behind with 25.7 million.



New York | Maximum trash

The city leaves behind all the cities in the world and earns the title of 'Most wasteful megacity'. The city disposes 33 million tons of trash each year, along with committing the sin of using maximum water and energy. According to a study, a New Yorker uses two dozen times more energy than someone in Kolkata, and creates 15 times as much solid waste.

Singapore | Maximum green space



If green is the colour of envy, we'd rather be envious of Singapore as the city proudly holds the position of the city with maximum green space. With a strong emphasis on growing trees, Sin-

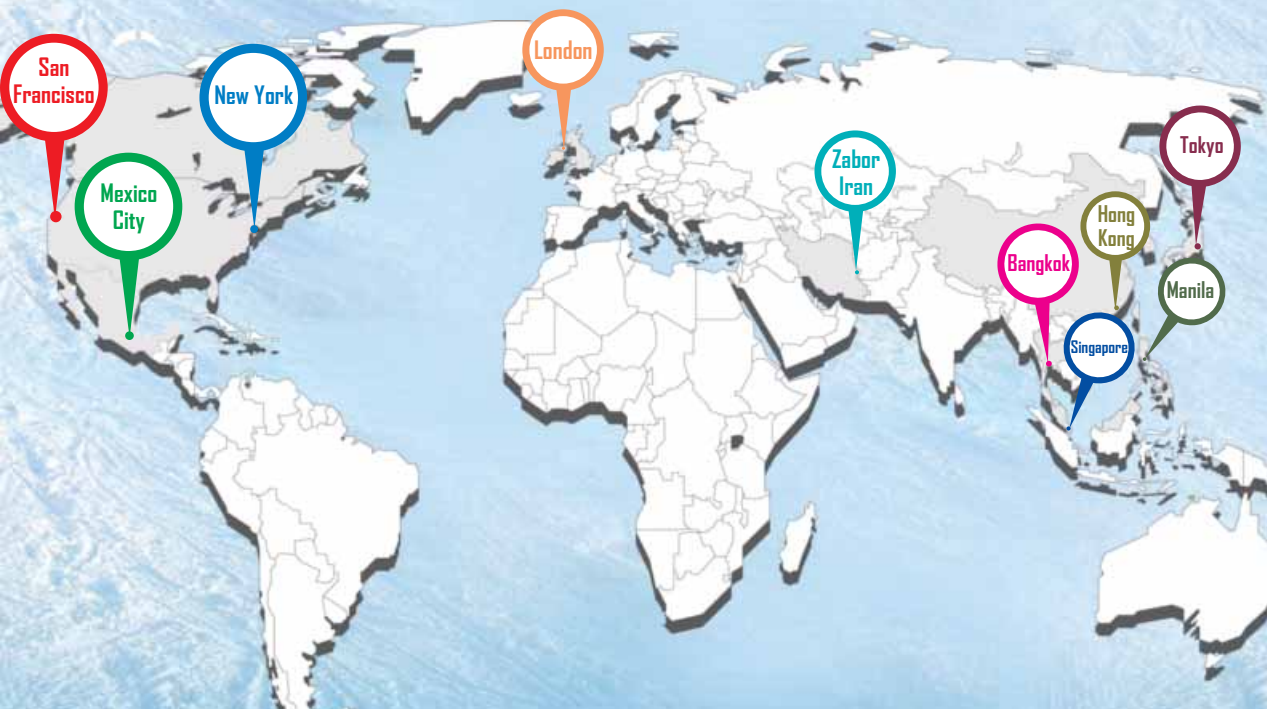
gapore has managed 29.3% green space (Green View Index).

Zabor, Iran | Maximum air pollution



Most harmful pollutant 'PM 2.5' causes long-term health issues - asthma and chronic lung disease. The city, Zabor surpasses the safe limit with 217 µg/m3 of PM 2.5 which indicates that the annual mean is 20 times higher than what WHO considers healthy. And that is how Zabor wins title of the most polluted city in the world.

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GT Travels to Amritsar



Dhanishta Malhotra, AIS Vas 1, II A poses with a copy of The Global Times in front of the Golden Temple, Amritsar. Also known as Harmandir Sahab, it is the holiest gurudwara of Sikhism. It was founded in 1588 by the fourth sikh guru, Guru Ram Das. construction of the temple started in 1588 AD. It is the world's largest free kitchen, feeding up to 3 lakh people a day.

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