A for academics. A for achievment. A for Amity. This edition attempts to capture all the three A's as CBSE results for Class X and XII put Amitians as the frontrunners yet again.



Who will be the 14th president of India?

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CLASS XII RESULTS 29.8% 35.2% Above 90% Below 80%

Highlights

1 AIR of Raksha Gopal, AIS Noida

513 students score 90%

798 students fetch **10** CGPA

100% results

and above

3 city toppers

egacies are not made in a day. They are created after years of hard work. While creating a legacy is tough, holding on to it is tougher. Amitians managed the formidable feat as they hold on to their legacy of academic excellence with *CBSE results 2016-17.*



Beaming with joy Students of AIS

Over the past few years, Amity has become synonymous with academic excellence. With each passing year, Amitians have shone brighter in CBSE. My heart swells with pride as I see my Amitians set higher benchmarks each year - from city topper to All India Rank two in 2015 and now All India topper in 2016. It has always been our earnest endeavour to provide students with the best teachers and a

conducive learning environment. It give me a sense of satisfaction that Amitians have excelled not just in Academics but also in co curricular activities. I'd like to thank my school principals for working round the clock, the teachers for displaying unsurpassed commitment and the parents for always showing faith in Amity.

CLASS X RESULTS 9-10 CGPA 10 CGPA Below 8 CGPA

On TOP of her game Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF with Raksha Gopal, CBSE topper 2016-17

rou have to be sitting under a rock if you do not know Raksha Gopal. Yes, the same girl from AIS Noida, who had your parents saying 'usko dekho' as she swooned to glory with a whopping 99.6% and the tag of All India CBSE topper. Amidst a string of interviews, she takes time for a Q n A with the newspaper, she once used to write for. Romika Chakraborty, GT Network brings you the excerpts.

> So, what does being a CBSE topper feel like? It's a great feeling knowing that my hard work has paid off. Being the CBSE topper was unexpected, but I feel really proud of myself.

> Was that your first reaction the minute you saw the results?

I screamed. That's the only thing I remember. Everything happened so fast that I only remember jumping and shouting to tell my parents my marks. It was the best feeling ever!

> And once screaming shouting was over, did you celebrate?

I haven't celebrated yet. With all the interviews and college applications on the front, I haven't had even a minute to myself. But, yes I have given a small treat to my family and friends.

With flashing cameras and reporters all around, you must feel like a celebrity?

Well, kind of! Although unexpected, this celebritylike life is an extremely different and very thrilling experience. I just loved giving interviews and sharing my board exam experience with everyone. But, I must confess that it's extremely tiring to live a celeb like life!

As is the case with every topper, there are so many nerd memes on you, some say that you loved studying. Is that the case? Well, to be honest one can't really enjoy studying in Class XII because the entire routine is too stressful.

On a lighter note

Funniest meme on you: "Ek Raksha Gopal fek ke marunga, poora khandan pass ho jayega" (It's a favourite among my friends too) Funniest thing you've read about yourself on the

internet: There's a lot but the funniest was that Raksha Gopal studied for 25 hours a day. **Sob stories?** Crying is my lucky charm. If I cry, the

exam is bound to go well. Of course I cried.

Best advice you got: Don't study when you don't feel like! (Given by my mother)

And the worst: Don't study at all! Your reaction to 'Raksha didi ko dekho': It feels like 'Sharma Ji ki beti'!

Star of the family/friends: In the family, yes. I am the centre of attention right now. My friends bully me more than ever now.

Like any other child, I just wanted the exams to be over soon. That said, if I have to choose a subject that I enjoyed studying, it would be 'Economics' because it was one subject where I could practice numerical questions with music playing in the background, which I couldn't do in other subjects. That kind of gave me a break from the daily routine.

So, what's the secret of your success? Any secret mantra? Polyjuice potion? Well, none! I think Chairperson ma'am has given us the best school and teachers, so we don't have much

to worry about. Also, I guess the key lies in being consistent and regular in Class XII. If one is not regular, stress catches up and that is one thing that needs to be avoided.

So, did you manage to dodge stress?

Of course, I had my share of stressful moments. To cope with exam stress, I depended on music and movies. I would listen to music in between breaks and catch up on some movie on the worst days. You need is to strike a perfect balance. And I guess, I managed to do so.

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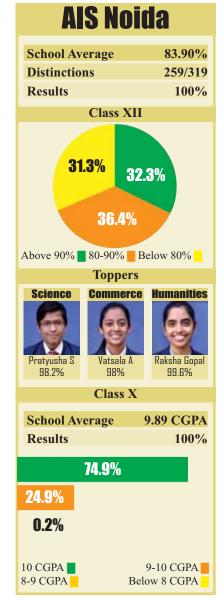


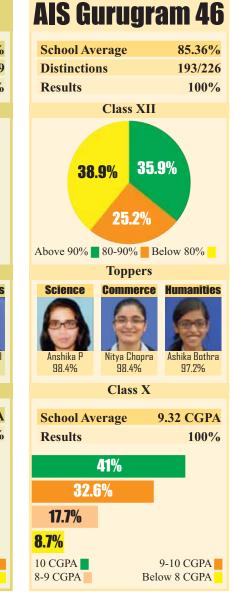


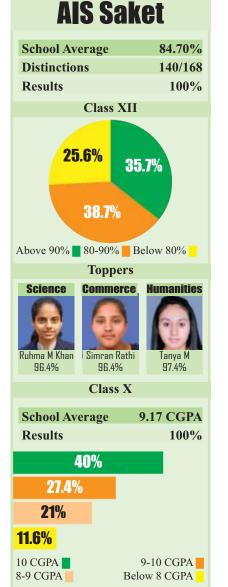
Three cheers AIS Vas 6 Class XII toppers

Congratulations... The Global Times Wishes you a successful career ahead!

ip hip hurray! echoed all Lacross Amity International Schools. as Amitians fetched sky high marks and emerged as academic achievers yet again. The CBSE results 2016-17 strengthened the school's legacy of excellence, refurbishing Amity's position as a paramount educational institution. If numbers are an indication of success, these pages should tell you what makes Amity and Amitians, nothing *short of the best.*



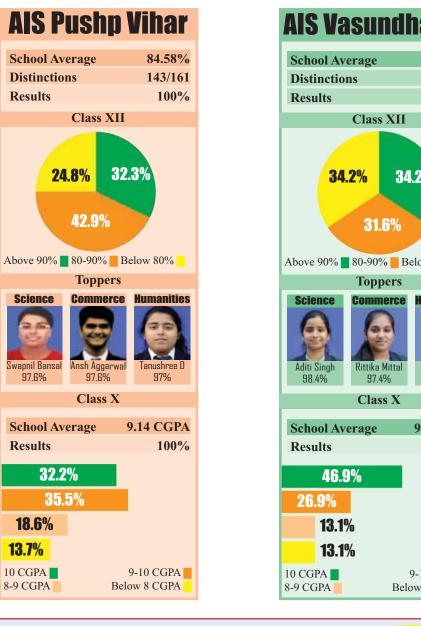


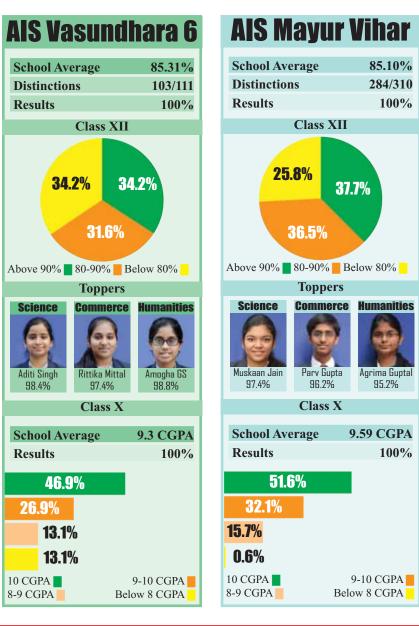


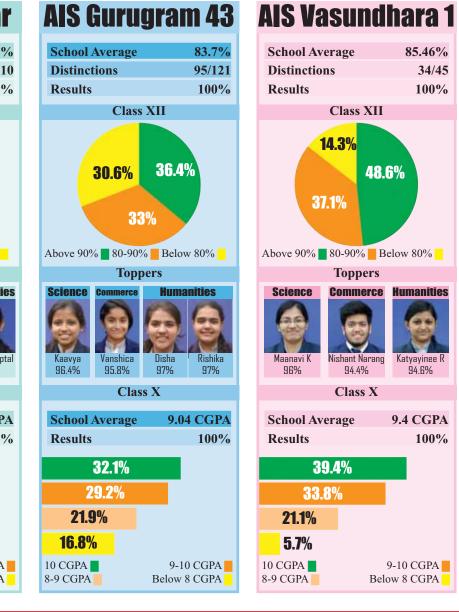
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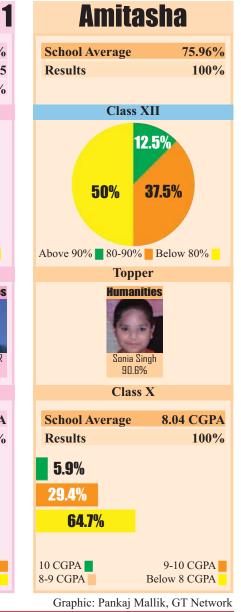
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Snails can sleep continuously for upto three years.



Three in one delight

Three glittering award ceremonies. Three Olympiads. Countless scientists, researchers and mathematicians. All ushering in a new era of intelligentsia











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Shilpa Raina, GT Network

have always believed that science and mathematics are very important to change the world," shared Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, as she addressed the gathering during the valedictory function of Olympiads organised by AICE in association with

The event organised at Amity University, Noida was spread over three glittering award ceremonies held from May 26-27, 2017. The award ceremonies felicitated the winners of GTSE, 19th National Mathematics Olympiad workshop and 6th Amity International Olympiads in Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Biology. Enthusiasm and excitement soared high as the event felicitated some of the sharpest minds in science and mathematics. A galaxy of eminent scientists, academicians and educationists graced the event.

The beginning

Felicitation of GTSE winners The first of the three award cere-

schools across Delhi/NCR who participated in Global Talent Search Examination. With an aim to awaken scientific thinking in young minds, the inter school competition was initiated in the year 2006. The competition open to students from Class I-XII, tests their skills in science and mathematics. Around 25,000 students from schools like Modern school, Noida, The Maurya School Gurgaon; Vivek Model School; Basant Public School and all Amity branches in NCR region, participated in this competition. Presiding as chief guest was Dr Bhuvnesh Kumar, Director of Defence Institute of Physiology & Allied Sciences (DIPAS). Dr RK Gupta, Principal, PGDAV (E), University of Delhi graced the event as the guest of honour. Laying emphasis on studying sincerely, Dr Bhuvnesh said, "Often I have seen that people blame others for their failure. As students you have to remember that success is in your hands. All you have to do is to work hard." According to Meenakshi Rawal, Director, AICE, the sixty students who emerged as winners from this difficult competition are the "crème da la crème".

of 60 students from different

The ceremony continues 19th National Mathematics Olympiad

The second award ceremony was organised to felicitate the participants of the 19th National Mathematics Olympiad Workshop. The workshop conducted by Amity Centre for Science Olympiads, from May 19 to 26, saw participation of students from different branches of Amity International School across-Delhi/NCR. During the eight-day long workshop organised at Amity University, Noida, the

participants underwent a grueling schedule that comprised workshops by eminent personalities in the field, activities that honed their problem solving skills along with rigorous study hours. Several cultural activities and yoga sessions were also organised as a part of the workshop to give the students the much needed respite from academics. The valedictory function of the National Mathematics Olympiad,

was held at Amity University, Noida on May 26. A detailed presentation highlighting the well chalked out itinerary of the eight day workshop was shown during the event.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Chander Shekhar, Scientist 'G' and Head Division of Innovation & Translation Research, Indian Council of Medical Research, who was the chief guest for the event, shared that mathematics is a great lesson of life. "It isn't dif-

Around 284 students from several countries like Kazakhstan, Laos, Afghanistan and Turkey participated in the International **Olympiad**

ficult at all. One has to capture it with logic and have clarity about Allied Sciences and Dr A fundamentals," he said.

The conclusion

6th International Olympiads in Physics, Chemistry, **Mathematics & Biology**

The third and final ceremony, the valedictory function of Amity International Olympiad-2017, took place on May 27 at Amity University, Noida. 284 students from several countries like Kazakhstan, Afghanistan, Azberijan,

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Maldova, Bangladesh, Laos, Turkmenistan, Turkey and India, participated in the sixth edition of this event. This international Olympiad for Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Biology was first conducted in May 2012 and since then this cross-educational activity has grown from strength to strength. The valedictory function of the same witnessed felicitation of all the participants.

Presiding over the function as chief guest and guest of honour were Dr AK Singh, Director, Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Arunachalam, Director General, Indian Council of Agriculture Research, respectively.

"The kind of interest students from other countries have shown in this event shows what a great idea it is. Competitions like these help nurture young minds," shared Dr AK Singh.

While the ceremonies may have drawn to a close, they have ushered a new era – an era of bright minds. GI

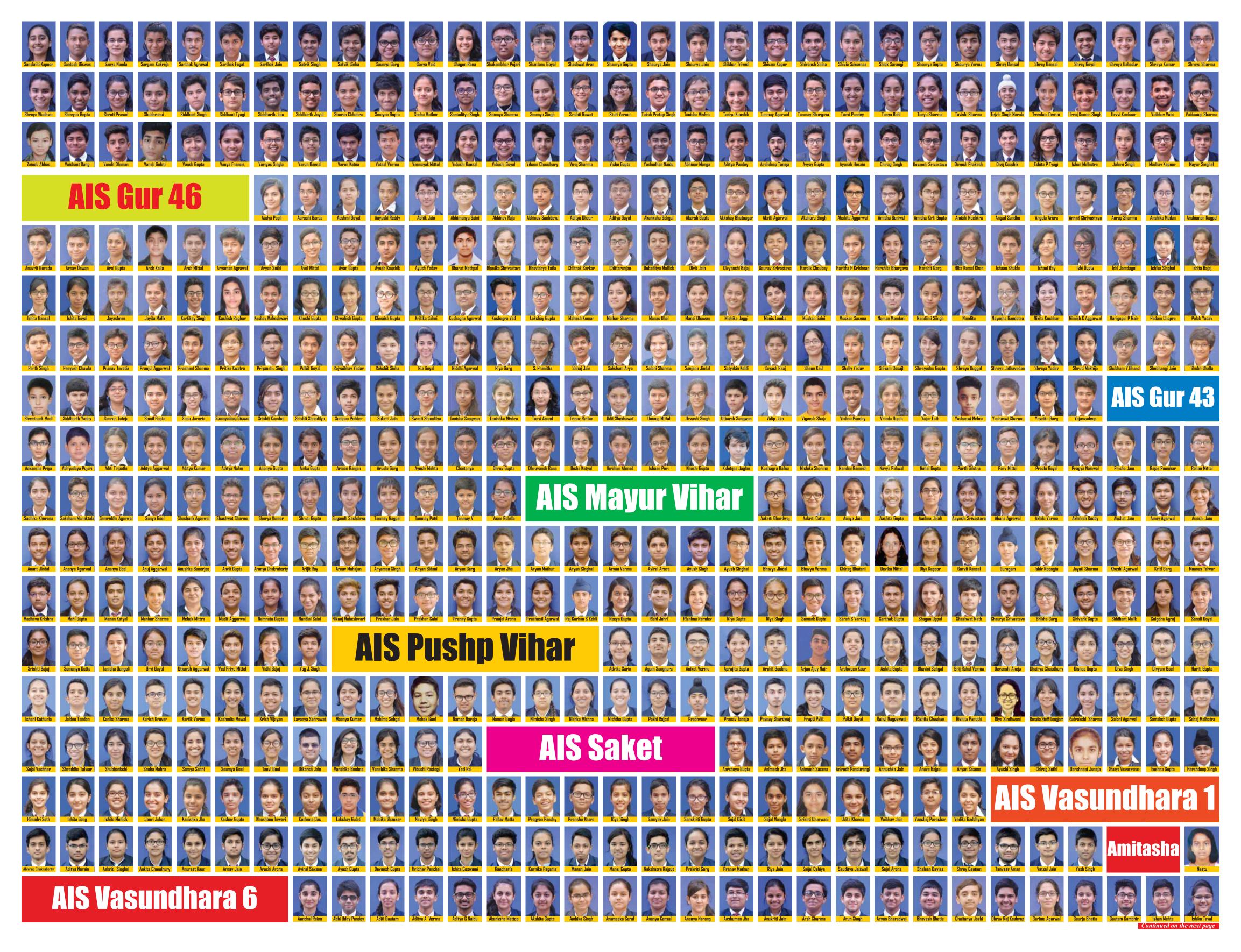


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Meet the Amitians who touched the 10 CGPA notch



































































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City lights shining

Amitians shine bright as they emerge city toppers in CBSE Class XII Boards 2017, acing ahead of the league once again

Anshika Pradhan AIS Gurugram 46 Region: Gurugram Scorecard: 98.4% **Stream: Science**

City topper? Who, me?

I expected to score above 97% but never thought of being a city topper. When I got to know that I had topped the Gurugram region, I was ecstatic.

City topper! Yes, me!

The best thing about being a city topper is to see my teachers and parents proud and happy. The next thing is obviously the attention that the media showers on you; it is so overwhelming! With photos and articles in almost all Gurugram dailies and news channels, one gets the chance to express themselves publicly. The



overall experience is something that will always be cherished.

Wanna be a city topper?

One needs to be hardworking, sincere and determined to reach their ultimate goal. So, you must keep trying and never quit even if you don't succeed in the beginning. Remember, determination is the key to success.

work upon them.

In the process of achieving one's set goals, one might fail to match up to expectations, but instead of belittling ourselves, we should identify the weak points and

Thanks to everyone in my city

First of all, I would like to thank my parents, who have always encouraged me. My parents always

tant. Find out what kind of motivation works for you and aim to complete daily or weekly targets. After you're through with the syllabus, focus on improving your answers and presentation. When you aim for a 95 or above score, there is nothing you can leave half done. So, you need to focus on everything - from knowing the answers to the right

ma'am for giving us an institution like Amity. I'd also like to thank all the people who encouraged me to push my limits, especially Principal ma'am for showing belief in my abilities. It would've been difficult to achieve this feat without my mother and father supporting me throughout, and my class teacher, Poonam Goel for guiding me atevery step. GI

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taught me that only with hard work and dedication, one can achieve their goals.

Secondly, I would like to thank my teachers who have been a constant support throughout my school years. They helped me identify my strengths and weaknesses, which in turn helped me

My thank you note would be incomplete without thanking Chairperson ma'am, who has nurtured countless Amitians like me and given us a great school like Amity that has shaped us into the individuals we are today. GI

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We've heard you are a trained pianist. Were the keys your venting out zone during those stressful times?

Music has always been a hobby, something that I hold really close to my heart and which I often rely on to ease out the stress.

Does that mean that playing the piano could be a probable career choice?

Yes, I am a pianist but I am also academically oriented. But then again, you never know what will happen in the future.

What's the next plan? Topping your college?

As organised as I am, but if you ask me about my future plans it is one thing that confuses me the most. But, I believe in having short-term goals and don't want to chalk out an entire plan for my life. So, as of now I am planning to pursue BA (Honours) in Political Science from Delhi University.

That reminds us, school is over. What are you going to miss the most?

The list is very long, I don't know where to begin and end, but there's a lot that I will miss about school. My class, teachers, and of course, the canteen. I have been in this school for all my life. It's a part of me

That brings us to the end of this interview. And we think your thank you speech would be the perfect conclusion. So, please, go ahead.

The credit for my achievement goes to a long list of peoplemy parents who have always supported me, my sister, Prerna, for guiding me, and of course the entire faculty of Amity Noida. I can't thank Chairperson ma'am enough for she has given all of us endless opportunities and the courage to believe in ourselves. Finally, a big shout-out to my friends for crying with me before every exam. It's the best feeling!

Nitya Chopra AIS Gurugram 46 Region: Gurugram Scorecard: 98.4% **Stream: Commerce**

City topper? Who, me?

I had put in a lot of time and effort all year round, trying to improve my score, with every round of exams. I was anticipating an overall score of 98% because all my exams went well and topping the school was probable. However, becoming the topper in Gurugram was something that came as a pleasant surprise to me.

City topper! Yes, me!

The day the result was declared, I went to see my teachers at school and everyone was elated! So, the best thing for me was that I had made all of them and my parents proud. I also gave media interviews and attended a felicitation ceremony at Amity Uni-



versity, which did make me feel like a celebrity.

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Wanna be a city topper?

Like everyone says, there is no substitute for hard work, but working smart is equally imporway of writing them. Thanks to everyone in my city A big thank you to Chairperson



AIS vasundnara o Region: Ghaziabad Scorecard: 98.8% **Stream: Humanities**

City topper? Who, me?

I never expected to be a city topper. The thought of giving board exams gave me jitters and all that I ever wanted was to score a percentage above 95. I never aimed to be a city topper, but put my heart and soul in preparation.

"It feels great when you are able to give back something to the people who have always believed in you."

City topper! Yes, me!

Seeing your name in the newspaper headlines is an all new high! But, on a serious note, the best thing about being a city topper is the pride and prestige it brought to my school and family. It feels back something to all the people who always believed in you.

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Wanna be a city topper?

When it comes to studies many people believe that the longer the study duration, better the outcome. However, I believe the duration of your study doesn't matter. What matters more is the amount of concentration with which one studies. To students, I recommend to have a look at previous years question papers.

Thanks to everyone in my city

This feat couldn't have been possible without the guidance of Chairperson ma'am, Principal ma'am, and the support of my teachers and family. I would also like to thank my peers for the inputs I received from them. GIT

All interviews conducted by: Romika Chakraborty, GT Network

Shining star

hey might come from nondescript places, but their eyes shine bright with hope and dreams. Amitasha, Amity's wing for the less privileged girl child nurtures these dreams, turning the average kid into a star. Sonia Kumari, Amitasha topper, with an aggregate of 90.5% in CBSE Class XII boards is one such success story. Here's what she

Surprise! I didn't expect to top my school. I didn't even aim for any set score. The only thing, I kept in my mind while studying was to give my best. I would study for five to six hours daily. So, when I got a call from school to inform me that I was the school topper, I could not control my happiness.

Happy times: I have been receiving calls from relatives and friends, congratulating me. It feels nice when I see my relatives giving my example to the young ones in the family. I am suddenly a celebrity in the family. Everyone is very proud of me and it is a very nice feeling.

Great teachers: I did not really take any coaching through the year. So, whatever I have achieved, the entire credit goes to my school and teachers. The teachers advised us to read only textbooks and focus on the

chapters and also practice all types of questions pertaining to each chapter. The teachers in Amitasha are very helpful and supportive as they cleared all my doubts even before the

Thank you! I would like to extend gratitude and humbly thank Chairperson ma'am for I would not have been able to fulfil my dreams, if she had not given me and several other girls the platform called Amitasha. I would also like to thank my parents who always supported me.



My summer story



Ishan Kapoor AIS Gur 46, VII C

he much-awaited summer vacations had arrived. Everyone was going to some destination with their families. However, I was disappointed, as I didn't have any. But when I reached home I saw my mother packing. I asked her, "Mummy, what are you packing for?" She replied, "We are going for a vacation to the Thar Desert." After 10 hour long drive, we reached the desert camp, where we were staying in beautiful white tents, near an

oasis. By night, the sand turned cold as winter snow. Around 5'o clock in the morning, the sunlight touched my eyes through the gaps of the tent. I went out to see the sunrise. Trust me, it was mesmerising, the gentle breeze had turned the desert sand into a blank canvas. I decided to traverse the canvas. While walking, I came across footprints of a camel and started following them.

Soon, I realised that I had come too far without keeping track of time, and I had lost my way. I panicked slightly, as all I could see was vast swathes of sand. The sun was blazing hot. I had no option but to keep walking still. After a while, I spotted a hut at a short distance. I struggled to walk. Finally, when I reached the hut, I could not find anyone inside except a hand pump. Thirsty, I started pulling the handle updown, but no water came out. Behind the hand pump was a bottle on which was written "Pour water on the hand pump and it will give you water." I had second thoughts, "What if water didn't

Illustration: Pankaj Mallik, GT Network

So what did you learn today? A new word: Traverse Meaning: Travel through unfamiliar area to explore

After 10 hours long drive, we reached the desert camp, where we were staying in beautiful white tents, near an oasis.

come and I lose this water too", but I did as directed. And the pump did flush out cold water. I drank the water to my satisfaction. Meanwhile, I found a backpack, it seemed like it belonged to someone, who was lost just like me. I found a map inside, which helped me figure out where I was, and the direction of my tent. I gulped some more water and started following the map. The sun was setting, and the air had turned cold. After walking for what seemed like eternity, I saw bright lights. The more I walked, the closer I got.

Yes, I finally made my way. My parents were waiting for me. They were relieved to see me. After everything settled down, I felt excited because I had my summer story to share. GI



Cornmeal flour cake

Kenisha Singh Grover AIS PV, VI

Ingredients

8
Cornmeal flour2 cup
Sugar1 cup
Oil/butter3/4 cup
Milk1 glass
Baking powder2 tsp
Baking sodaa pinch
Eggs2

Seasoning

Onion seed (kalonj	<i>i</i>)1/2 tsp
Poppy seed	3-4tsp
Oil	3 spoons

Process

- Pre-heat the oven at 200°C. ■ In a bowl mix sugar and oil. Then add milk and eggs to
- the mixture and beat it. ■ Now add cornmeal flour,

baking powder, baking soda and mix well.

- Keep beating the mix, so that there are no lumps.
- Now take a baking dish and grease it with oil or butter.
- Mix the batter again and transfer it into baking dish.
- For seasoning sprinkle poppy seeds and onion seeds on top of the batter.
- Now bake for 30 to 45 mins at 280 degree in an oven.
- Insert a toothpick in the cake after 40 mins. If it comes out clean your cake is ready.
- Once baked, allow the cake to cool down and remove it from the dish by turning it

(The cake tastes best when eaten fresh and can be stored in refrigerator for 4-5 days.)



Sumedha Ghoshal

AIS Vas 1, V D

When I grow up Chef is what I want to be I'll be so famous Everyone will know me

I'll make dishes Spicy and sweet Garnish and serve them

Plated very neat

Patience and perseverance

Will be proud of me Once in a while I might just



AIS Saket, VII

When the results Are just around the corner The mind goes numb

Will be my guide Far and wide

Family, friends and teachers Offer a dish for free. GI

Result time



Pratishtha Batra

And we all turn into a ball

My dishes will be famous

We're anxious And we flip Here and there Hearts need a sweet tip

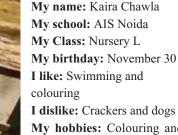
While we keep Our fingers crossed And sleep goes For a toss

We pray to the Almighty With closed eyes Hands joined together With a pitch on a high note

Finally when the day Is here, right here Our mind isn't clear Filled with anxiety

When the results Are announced We take a deep breath Tension finally bids goodbye. GIT

It's Me



Book

I dislike: Crackers and dogs My hobbies: Colouring and dancing

My role model: My sister, Rishaya Chawla

My best friend: Avni and Suhani My favourite book: Phonics

of India, Noida My favourite food: Bhindi with *chapati*

My favourite game: Carrom

My favourite mall: DLF Mall

My favourite teacher: Pushpa Ma'am

My favourite poem: "I am a

policeman with my stars" My favourite subject:

English I want to become: An

I want to feature in GT

because: It is happening!

Riddle fiddle

Ayesha Iqbal AIS Noida, II

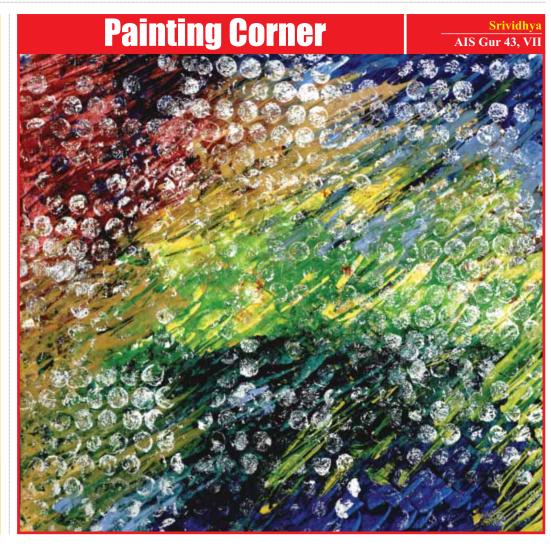
- 1. What is over your head but under a cap?
- 2. What demands an answer without asking a question?
- 3. What goes up when the rain comes down?
- 4. What can hold water when it has a hole?

5. What has a single eye but

cannot see? 6. What has a thumb and four

fingers but is not alive?

5. Needle 6. Glove phone 3. Umbrella 4. Bucket Answers: 1. Hair 2.Tele-







One for the teachers

The ACERT felicitation ceremony 2016-17 marked the end of the training for the batch of 2016 and the beginning of a new era of educators. A day worth celebration and appreciation for the educators



Tanya Sutradhar

GT Network

child takes to the stage to receive his award. The teacher beams with pride. Her happiness of having nurtured a young mind, conspicuous. The ACERT (Amity Center for Educational Research and Training) Felicitation Ceremony 2016-17 witnessed the same beaming faces, pride and happiness, albeit this time it was the teachers who took to the stage to receive their awards. The event, organised to felicitate the trainees of the batch of 2016, saw special awards being given away as it marked the completion of training of the said batch. Each year, more than sixty trainees are felicitated on this occasion, where each trainee is individually

praised for their accomplishments as they are ready to nurture the future generation.

Showers of blessings

The event organised at AIS Pushp Vihar on May 13 saw the who's who of Amity in attendance. The event was graced by Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe; Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF: Ms Sapna Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amiown & ACERT; Ms Pooja Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amity Humanity Foundation; Ms Divya Chauhan, Chairperson, ASFT, ASFA and ASPA, Ms Jaishree Chauhan and Amol Chauhan.

And the show begins!

Commencing the traditional

way with the lighting of lamp by Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, and Ms Sapna Chauhan, the event opened to an array of cultural performances. A classical dance performance on Saraswati Vandana by ACERT Noida left the audience in awe. The trainees from ACERT Gurugram performed a melodious 'Thank You!' dance, uplifting the spirits of everyone present. This was followed by a skit and dance by the trainees of ACERT Pushp Vihar, which sensitised the audience towards social issues.

The award goes to...

Every year ACERT confers two invaluable awards - the 'Dr Ashok K. Chauhan Leadership Award' and 'Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan Human Values Award'. The 'Dr Ashok K. Chauhan

Values Award'

Leadership Award' is conferred upon those who exhibit dynamism, confidence, inspired thinking and dedication. This award was given to Namrata Sandhu (ACERT Delhi).

At Amity, great emphasis is laid on human values. As teachers are the ones who can inculcate these values in children, ACERT acknowledges and lauds those who display the same. The 'Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan Human Values Award' is a step in the same direction. This year the award was shared by Neha Chaudhary, ACERT Noida and Ritu Bhatt, ACERT Delhi for the benevolence, integrity and compassion they had showcased. These prestigious honours are given after a rigorous selection procedure that comprises a comprehensive interview. Other than these special

awards, certificates were also given to the teachers who had successfully completed their certificate course at ACERT in 'Management of children with learning difficulties.'

Words of wisdom

Speaking on the occasion, Ms Sapna Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, ACERT, thanked each member of the ACERT team and the panelists appointed for various stages of selection and training of the batch. She also added, "We aim to role model the highest values for grooming worthy, compassionate, dedicated and socially responsible educators who will contribute to nation building. ACERT strives to expand its reach by nurturing more future educators."

Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, also

highlighted the need for new-age teacher training. "There are two people who play a crucial role in the development of a child – the mother and the teacher. After the mother, it is only a teacher who has the power and ability to transform a child's personality, and at ACERT we lay great emphasis in training and developing teachers as they are the ones who go on to shape children, who are the future." She also stressed upon the need for inculcating appropriate body language in teachers, "A teacher's body language goes at great length in determining the bond that s/he forms with a child. At ACERT, teachers are taught to make comfortable eye contact with children, and are trained to make

From sir, with love

Message from Founder President to the outgoing batch of ACERT 2016-17

"It is a historical day for you, your family and ACERT as you complete this important programme after a lot of hard work. You are different from most of the people, as you chose to attend this programme in addition to your other responsibilities and work. It only shows your determination to utilise your potential to the fullest and achieve more success in life. This makes you a distinguished person. It is

family to give you all support, to pursue this



Amity Universe

family life and professional life. Always keep undaunted faith in God and He will be with you under all circumstances. Ms Sapna Chauhan, a wise person, a great leader and a great human being has taught you and

trained you for everything, which would bestow upon you all success also the sacrifice and affection extended by your and a happy, joyful and blissful life. My blessing

would always accompany you and your family."

course and come out with flying

colours. Have high aims in life and al-

ways try to strike a balance between

kids feel comfortable just like their home." GI

"I will cherish this award throughout my life and every day was a new and positive learning." would always look up to it for inspiration and mo-Neha Chaudhary, ACERT Noida Alumnus tivation to deliver my best performance at work-Winner of 'Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan Human

sidering me worthy of this acknowledgement. I have been a source of what my Amity family believes in "KNOWLEDGE BRINGS HUMILITY." Namrata Sandhu, ACERT Delhi Alumnus Winner of 'Dr Ashok K. Chauhan

place. I would like to express my heartfelt

gratitude to my mentors and batchmates for con-

Leadership Award'

"It's been an exhaustive yet the most rewarding journey of my life at ACERT, because I had to juggle and balance between my life as a homemaker, mother and student. I feel privileged to have trained under the great mentors at ACERT, where

"I feel immensely grateful, honoured and privileged to have been considered worthy of this stature by ACERT. I humbly accept this award with all my gratitude to the mentors and panelists for teaching me values that shall be expected of me as an educator for the rest of my life. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the entire fraternity at ACERT for encouraging me to follow my passion of becoming an educator."

Ritu Bhatt, ACERT Delhi Alumnus Winner of 'Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan Human Values Award'







ACERT Gurugram (L) and Pushp Vihar trainees present an act

A prerna indeed

She is an educationist. She is a woman of substance. She is a mother. She is a 'prerna' indeed. She is Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF. Here's how Amitians celebrated the birthday of the woman we love

Arunima Cheruvathoor, XII & Nandika Mogha, XI

AIS Noida

irthdays are always special. The birthday of a mother – even more so. And the birthday of a mother to over 6,000 children? It has to be the most special day on earth, indeed. No wonder April 27 – that marks the birthday of Chairperson, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF was celebrated amidst much fanfare. A nurturing mother to countless Amitians, she has laid the foundation of one of the leading educational institutions in the country, shaping young minds and in the process paving way for a brighter future for the country.

The birthday celebrations commemorated as Prerna Diwas across Amity schools was an extension of the Chairperson's beliefs and values. The week preceding her birthday, saw students participate in numerous activities, each aimed at inculcating a certain value and was aptly titled "Human Values Week."

We bring you a glimpse of the celebrations.

The Havan Ceremony

Invoking prosperity & fortune Keeping with Amity's traditions, the birthday celebrations across all Amity schools kick started with traditional havan ceremony invoking the blessings of the Almighty. The melodious chanting of holy Sanskrit shlokas echoed in the surroundings.

Euphonious Song

A Soliloquy of Serenity

A birthday without a birthday song is like a cake without icing. And when it is the birthday of someone special, the icing needs to be infused with exotic flavours and the song, an even melodious tone. Students of AIS Gur 46 did just that as they sang birthday

songs. At AIS Noida, the school choir presented a surreal orchestral performance on spring comparing the similarities between Chairperson and the spring season has. The school choir at AIS Saket presented Chanakya's poem- 'Kar prayaas, bhaag mat' reiterating the vision of the Chairperson. AIS Mayur Vihar students gave standing ovation to the Chairperson amidst the echo of birthday songs by the Western school band.

Women speak about 20,000 words a day

Cultural Extravaganza

A spectacle of gaiety and sound The occasion saw various Amity schools present a mix of cultural performances comprising musical wishes, scintillating dance performances and a lot more to look forward to. AIS Noida presented a skit 'Ram Charit Manas' with tiny toddlers depicting the characters of Ramayana, whereas the students at AIS Saket presented a movie based on Chairperson's life accompanied by a beautiful oral rendition.

At AIS Gur 46 a classical performance on Divyarupas showcasing various facets of Chairperson's persona enthralled all. The *nukkad natak* group of the school, presented a skit highlighting the significance of conservation of natural resources. The junior students of AIS PV presented a skit to portray how Chairperson is the ideal mother to every child and how she inspires them to do better and better, everyday. So, the birthday had its party too - albeit a cultural one.

And that's not it. The celebrations had its fair share of party décor, in this case being cultural exhibits. While students at AIS Gur 46 displayed exhibits of Earth day along with Odyssey of the Mind performances, students at AIS MV showcased the exhibits of 'Best out of waste', handmade jewellery and other items created by them during the









Earth Week Celebrations. Students at AIS Vasundhara 6 engaged themselves in various STEM activities to generate curiosity and innovation towards the environment.

Award Galore

It's a return gift

Mothers always have a gift for their young ones, even if it is their birthday. Chairperson was a doting mother on her birthday too, and did not forget to laud the talent of young Amitians. At AIS Saket, trophies were given to the winners of the activities conducted on the occasion of Earth Week Celebrations. Students at AIS VYC Lucknow participated in 'Just a Minute' (JAM) competition, conducted to enhance the

were felicitated for the same.

Inspiring Takeaways

In talks with the Chairperson Perhaps the highlight of the celebrations was the inspiring interaction with the Chairperson. As she visited each school, Chairperson Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan made it a point to interact with her Amitians, their young minds abuzz with curiosity. As they put forth questions about her childhood, education, values, they were in the process awed by the pearls of wisdom she left with them through her answers. AIS Vasundhra 1 hosted a special panel discussion where students spoke their hearts out to know about the success story of their

opportunity to learn from her vast experiences. They had an amazing time knowing about the life of the Chairperson, her education, learning and values. She recalled incidents from her childhood, further inspiring children to excel in their lives. It was quite an enriching session for the kids and the school staff. School Principals from all branches of Amity International Schools addressed the gathering, sharing their personal anecdotes and experiences with the Chairperson, and motivating students.

Cake and gifts

We wish you a happy birthday All Amity schools celebrated the birthday of the Chairperson with much fun, love and enthusiasm. The primary schoolers at AIS Gur 43 enthusiastically baked a cake for the Chairperson on the occasion of her birthday, while the art department at AIS MV presented the Chairperson with a huge five feet greeting card as a token of gratitude and love for her. It was a moment of grand celebrations for all Amity schools as their beloved Chairperson who is a like a mother figure, spent her birthday amongst children she loves the most.

Birthdays are special, yes. And so are the celebrations surrounding them. But when injected with so much love, warmth and enthusiasm, the celebrations take a turn for the better and grander. And it is the same love that makes the birthday of our Chairperson Dr (Mrs) Amita Chuahan, very special, year after year.













A real hero does not have a cape, neither does he possess superpowers to fly. All he has is the power to inspire by setting an example. Young Amitians talk about their inspirations, their heroes

Dr APJ Abdul Kalam

He is the 'Missile Man of India'

He was an encyclopedia

He taught us to dream

His presidency made all of us beam

He had science in his DNA

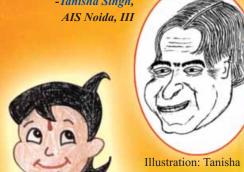
He was bestowed with Bharat Ratna

He was a great scientist and teacher

He was a national treasure

He is my hero

He is DR APJ Abdul Kalam. -Tanisha Singh,



AIS Noida, III

Illustration: Raghav Mishra, AIS Noida, III

Nanaji

He is the one who makes me smile He has a very caring style He teaches me to help others He, at times, acts like my big brother He sings lullabies to me every night He wakes me with a hug tight He is my best friend, my hero He is my nanaji

-Akshaj Mathur, AIS Noida, III

Chota Bheem

He is brave and powerful He is kind and helpful He can make the bad guys

He obeys his parents and

His friends love him to the

His popularity is very high He is Chota Bheem He is my hero!

> -Raghav Mishra, AIS Noida, III

hero! Stardust

Sharing screen space with stalwarts like Sridevi - a dream? No, a reality!

Vara Raturi, AIS PV, Alumnus

n the cold and stressful February of 2016, while I was buried in my textbooks, trying hard not to fail my 11th grade finals; I received a call from an eminent casting director's office. "So there's this role in the upcoming Sridevi movie for a girl your age, to play Sajal Ali's (Sridevi's daughter in the

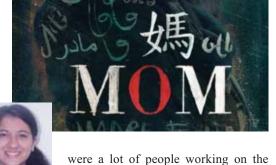
movie) best friend. If you could come to Mumbai for an audition tomorrow..." the casting assistant said. However, because of my exams, I requested them to send me the script on mail so that I can send them video of the audition and they somehow agreed. Forgetting about it soon and concentrating

on my exams, I was caught unawares on the night of Shivaratri, when I received another call from the same girl – this time confirming my role.

The Delhi sequence for Mom began on the same day my school exams ended, and I went straight

from school to the sets. I was quite star-struck when I met Sridevi, so much so that I mistook her dialogue rehearsals, where she looked me straight in the eye and said "Looking good!" to be a real compliment, and blushed like a twelve year old. The director - Ravi Udyawar is a cinematic genius and also a very humble person. Sajal Ali and Adnan

sang songs together in the vanity van and cracked jokes on the sets. I found some close friends in my co-actors Aayush, Inayat, Riva and others. There



movie, so much so that my Facebook friend list increased by 100 - and these

are just the ones I had the chance to interact enough with. This made me realise the amount of hard work and intricacy that goes into the making of a movie...it's nowhere as easy as it seems. I shot in Mumbai and Bangkok afterwards, and loved the

humility shown by Akshaye Khanna,

whom I shot a scene with. When I got to know that the music is being composed by the legendary AR Rahman was when the fact that I'm going to be a part of this amazing project, hit me. That I'm a part of the technicolour world made out of music and machines.

To be honest, even after 15 months of Siddiqui were wonderful to spend time with; we receiving that confirmation call, it still hasn't completely sunk in. Yet here I am, writing this article for GT while I sip my coffee and ardently wait for the release of MOM on July 7. GIT

School takeaways

There's a lot that school teaches you, but not all of it is learnt in the classroom. Presenting life hacks, school edition



Adrija Tripathi, AIS Saket, Alumnus

chool life is a journey full of learning. While most of the knowledge is attained in classrooms with the help of teachers, some lessons are imbibed while walking through the school corridors, chilling in the canteen or even in the bus. We bring you four lessons that you can only learn in school, but will recall for the rest of your life.

One plate can serve ten

It may seem impossible to anyone aged 18 and above, but it actually happens! When people are many and resources are scarce, the school canteen turns into Select City Walk on a hot summer day. You need to survive, and for that you have to share - even if it's with seven friends, two seniors, and guy you swear you've never seen before.

Making excuses on the spot

This is one trait everybody learns quickly, more out of need than any particular interest in this subtle art. Imagine (or should I say recall) this- there you are, sprawled out in your chair, daydreaming about the food and bed, waiting for you at home, when the teacher asks for homework that you were unaware existed. So what do you do? "Ma'am I actually travelled through time and space and forgot my notebook on another planet." Or "My notebook got torn into smithereens as I fought off Ali Baba and the forty thieves." And voila, you are safe from a potentially fatal situation (and you can't really believe that it worked!).

Hairstyling within constraints

As any person with access to a mirror and social life would tell you, hair is an important part of the 'look'. In school, however, you aren't allowed to sport the latest hairstyles. The only option left then is to make your hairstyle so that it can easily transform from dashing to reserved and vice versa faster than you can say 'braid'. With practice, your speed increases and you are able to flatten your hair or make a ponytail with lightning speed. After all, who wants to spend the entire recess in the washroom?

Flattering the necessary people

Flattery, an art known by all but mastered by few, is of utmost importance to your survival at school. Buttering up teachers, friends, et al, only benefit you. "Ma'am, your suit is lovely today, ab do marks aur dedo; 90% ho jayega." "Arrey bhaiya thodi aur chowmein dedo, aap kitne ache ho." Slowly, as you progress, you recognise the people you need to flatter. Mastering is difficult. The key is to look completely natural and don't let the flatterer in you show. Disclaimer: Teachers have been at the receiving end of flattery for eons, so don't be surprised even if your most creative lines don't work on her. GT



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Vani Jain, AIS Vas 1, II poses with a copy of The Global Times in front of Sukhna lake, Chandigarh. The lake situated on the foothills of Himalayas, stretches across 3km and is a prime tourist attraction as it offers a variety of water sports activities such as sculling, water surfing, skiing. The lake also serves a sanctuary for migratory birds during the months of winter.

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