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COUNTDOWN CONTEST

LUCKY WINNERS

- Yogendra Agarwal, V-A, AIS Vas-I
- Rinath Vedhanarayanan, KG-7, AIS Gur-46
- Rhea Suri,III-D, AIS MV
- Vrinda Garg, VII-B, AIS PV
- Srishti Singh ,VIII-A, AIS Gur-46

EARLY BIRD ENTRIES

- Kushagra Sahni, III-C, AIS Gur-46
- Surbhi Manchanda, VII-C, AIS PV
- Arjun Khanna, M. Tech, AIST, AUUP

The prizes will be delivered to the winners at their respective schools.

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Womanhood through the AGES

“Modern invention has banished the spinning wheel, and the same law of progress makes the woman of today a different woman from her grandmother.”

Akanksha Gupta, X A, AIS PV

The conventional concept of gen XYZ generation is passé; there aren’t three, but six generations, synthetically and genetically woven to give us a fine bouquet of grandmas, moms, aunts and the final by products of the biological system - the teens and the current youth.

VETERANS BEFORE 1946

Our great or just grandmas are often uncomfortable with youngsters ‘internet culture’, squatting in front of computer screens, when they spent their lives in God’s devotion. Born into a war-torn world, having experienced and participate in the independence struggle, they tend to be disciplined and domineering. For them, as shared by, Nihal Majithia’s (X) dadima, men are bread earners of the family, while women’s sphere is family and children. They respect reputation in the society. The great women of this generation are Mother Teresa and Pratibha Devi Singh Patil.

BABY BOOMERS 1946-64

The numerous off-springs of the veterans form the generation of young Dadis and

Nanis, or the oldest of aunts who tend to be ambitious, conservative and open-minded. The idea of “superwoman” brewed in this gen that tried to break the barriers of gender divide. Though they are more “traditional”, they have adapted fast to the modern tech savvy world. Oprah Winfrey and Indira Nooyi belong here.

ECHOBOOMERS GEN X: 1965-79

After the Boomers, comes the Gen X - “mom-mami-chachi” cohort. They are usually well-educated, as Jaya Sahal, a mother, boasts, “I have done MA and am very proud of it.” They are self-reliant and traditionally and morally strong. They are however, flexible towards change and tend to switch their career based on “joy of work”. And why not, they are the experienced working women of today, with glowing examples like Sunita Williams, Barkha Dutt and JK Rowling.

GEN Y 1980 – 95

Popularity and extra limelight has always been their best friends. The Millennium Generation is an achiever, right from Krishna Poonia to Saina Nehwal. Mrs. Shweta Ahluwalia, Teacher, Amity, Pushp Vihar opines, “When I look at my mom, I feel I’m more optimistic, confident, net-



Collage by Kunal Sagar, X B, AIS PV

savvy and of course, style conscious.” It is the era of change; the working woman.

GEN Z 1995 - 2009

In this package comes a herd that is naturally gifted and bound to give us flying cars and talking cattle in the future. They are not merely women, but ‘westernised’ digi-women with no knowledge of a world sans online social media like FB and Twitter. They are habituated to instinctive ac-

tion, instant completion of goals & of course uninhibited behaviour. Says Ranjana Jain (X), “We can take to streets for a social cause and sway to the tunes of *Sheela Ki Jawani* with same enthusiasm.”

GEN ALPHA AFTER 2009

21st CE first truly millennium generation will be the little children of Gen Y. They are the future of the world. Let’s only hope that it’s a bright one. 🇧🇩



Ms Rashmi Singh, a distinguished civil servant currently working as an expert with United Nations and Govt. of India talks about her mission of upliftment of women and her journey so far in a candid chat with **Kaveri Modayil, X B & Akanksha Gupta, X A, AIS PV**



TOP: Students interacting with member of *Stree Shakti*
BOTTOM: Students strike a pose with Rashmi Singh for the GT shutterbug

Empower her, empower nation

All Pics: Pankaj Mallik



Ms Rashmi Singh is recipient of the following awards

- 2010: Devi Ahilya Bai Holkar Award, Stree-Shakti award conferred by the President of India, Pratibha Devi Singh Patil.
- 2010: CAPAM (Commonwealth Association of Public Administration and Management) International Innovation’s Award for excellence in Public service.
- 2009: Woman of Excellence Award, FICCI Ladies Organisation.

Celebrating Womanhood

I feel the essence of Woman’s day lies in the celebration of being a woman and respecting her. It’s important for a woman to realize her own worth, dignity and position in the society. Women can reach the optimum growth potential, only when they learn to take pride in themselves.

And the vicious circle continues...

In the underprivileged sections of society that are yet to receive the modern day benefits, women have resigned to their fate. It is shocking that 75% of girls drop out of school every year to fulfill their domestic responsibilities. This results in weak foundation of the society and generations pass without any improvement.

Initiating Change

Many people have an ardent desire to help the needy, but don’t know the way to do so. Understanding this, I have initiated a Volunteer Program to mobilize the masses and to facilitate linkage between those who wish to help and those who need help. In order to make women financially secure, I have organized self help groups and co operatives that can help them collectively negotiate and build micro enterprises. In addition, I have established 120 Suvidha Kendras, educating them about legal provisions and rights.

The grueling journey

I believe it is easy to make a road, but difficult to make people walk on it. Therefore, pursuing my dreams was not complex, but challenging. I faced skepticism from my colleagues who doubted my

strategy and vision. I’m still struggling to cope with the problem of forced philanthropy as people help needy only for vested interest or fame. Instead of alleviating poverty, we justify its existence.

Utopian dream

I feel girls value opportunities much more than what boys do. Encouraging girls to come forward and do their best can trigger the progress of the nation manifold. Ideally, in a family, household responsibilities should be equally divided between the husband and the wife, so that such values are inculcated in their children too.

Belief in women’s potential

It’s necessary to involve women in every national project to ensure its success. All my programmes are in partnership with civil society organizations, women volunteers, NGO’s, PSUs and CSR’s, which help in developing trust and pushing women into the mainstream.

Filial bonds

I have inherited the passion for social service from my forefathers. My grandfather, a freedom fighter; father, a prolific writer and politician; and mother, a teacher all have helped me to think differently, making impossible possible.

Signing Off

My message for kids is that community service should come from heart and not head. It’s not the certificates or grades that you get for social service which count, but your efforts to empower them that resound. 🇧🇩

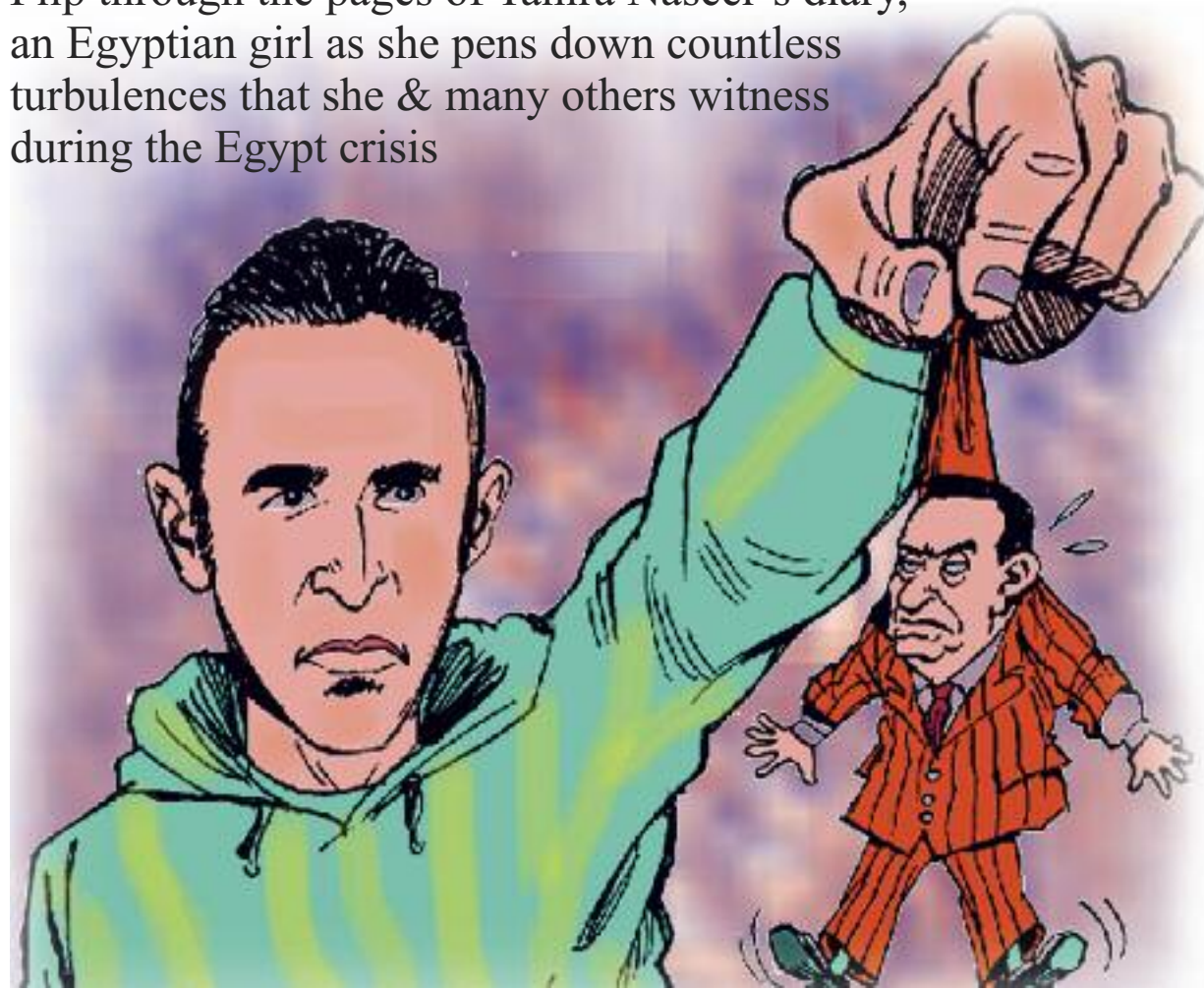
It was an overwhelming experience watching the students work so professionally to bring out a newspaper, which is so close to their hearts. They worked and reworked to ensure that the result was quite astounding.

Deepanwita Purkayastha, Teacher Coordinator



Egypt Unrest to rest

Flip through the pages of Tahira Naseer's diary, an Egyptian girl as she pens down countless turbulences that she & many others witness during the Egypt crisis



Anugya Gupta, X B &
Akanksha Gupta, X A, AIS PV

Dear Diary,

Jan 25 – Outside my window, in the Tahrir Square, hoards of protestors have taken to the streets to mark 'The Day of Revolt'. People are demanding an end to Mr. President Mubarak's 30 year-old police state rule and emergency law spanning three decades. His govt. tried to repress the upsurge in brutish manner.

Jan 26-28 – The 'Friday of Rage' protests began today. Mubarak made Omar Suleiman the new Vice President and Ahmed Shafik, the Prime Minister. The US govt, which initially supported Mubarak, their old trusted ally is now playing a neutral game.

Jan 29-31–Hillary Clinton wants us to negotiate and protest for free and fair elections. Surprisingly, Egyptian Army defied Mubarak and is with us. **Feb 2-3**– Violence escalated as waves of Mubarak supporters met anti gov-

ernment protestors. Gosh, 800 people wounded and 10 killed! The police fought with water cannons and rubber bullets.

Feb 4–Muslim Brotherhood, the opposition party, is finally calling for a transitional government. Amr Moussa, our favourite politician, also visited the square today.

Feb 5 –Americans are hypocrites. First they backed the compromise that wouldn't end Mubarak's rule, now they say that our military "holds the

key" to govern us!

Feb 6 –Vice President Suleiman met us today. As per him, and the gathering produced "a transition to a post-Mubarak era has begun." LIAR!

Feb 7-9 – Oh no! We're losing our support base! The govt. has announced a 15% salary hike for 6 million employees. UAE has warned the US not to support us as the whole arc of monarchies can get destabilized.

Feb 10 –Foreign Minister Gheit has refused to scrap out Emergency laws. A 'Super Military Council' has been created to "protect the nation". Mubarak is adamant on continuing as President! Damn him!

Feb 11 – Today was the 'Friday of Departure' that saw massive protests in response to Mubarak's speech. Finally Uncle Mubarak has fled to Sharm el-Sheik. It was nice to see his resignation on State TV.

Feb 13 – Military has promised a transition to civilian rule. The police now supports us. The Swiss banks are going to freeze account of Mubarak and Company. I am glad!

Feb 14 – Parliament dissolved, constitution suspended, fresh elections after 6 months! I'm busy sweeping streets, painting fences and planting bushes in the Tahrir Square - a would-be memorial.

Feb 15-18- Great! The Military has convened a panel of jurists to revise the Constitution pro-democracy. It has vowed to assuage restive labour forces. Sheik Yusuf al-Qaradawi, the banned Sunni cleric, addressed us when we conglomerated to mourn those who died protesting.

Feb 20 – After a long violent, tyrannical break, school has begun. Today was the first day. FREEDOM FEELS LIKE HEAVEN! 🇪🇬

NEWS BRIEFS

Bryan Bummer

Kaveri Modayil, IX B, AIS PV

The eagerly awaited Bryan Adams concert was cancelled in Delhi at the last minute, much to the great disappointment of the singer's fans. The authorities stated that the clearance certificates and the NOC (No Objection Certificate) had not been granted for various reasons. The concert that was then rescheduled in Gurgaon, was also called off due to logistical issues. The authorities, seeking to placate the angry masses, stated that the singer would be back later in India after touring London and Kathmandu, and people holding a ticket would get a refund. The seething masses are disappointed but not really surprised. "Delhi's never organized for such huge international artists," says Simran Haryal (X A), AIS PV.

And the Grammy goes to...

Simran Sachdeva, IX A, AIS PV

The 53rd annual Grammy Awards, held on February 13, 2011 (at the Staples Center in Los Angeles) was replete with sweet and sour surprises. Lady Gaga (as usual) donned a unique attire but this time not to look different but to spread awareness about HIV AIDS. She was hatched from an egg wherein she'd stayed for 72 hours! Katy Perry and Russell Brand came in together for their first award show after marriage. Surprisingly, Lady Antebellum took away most of the awards. It was a disappointing night for Justin Bieber & Miley Cyrus. All in all it was a night of breathtaking performances, emotional speeches and great humour...making everyone wait for the next Grammy's.

Six weeks only for Apple CEO

Shenjit Basu, X B, AIS PV

If rumours are anything to go by, then Steve Jobs, CEO, Apple, may have only six weeks to live. Jobs, 55, had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in 2004 & underwent a liver transplant in 2009. He had taken medical leave in January but retained his post as the CEO. 🇺🇸

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Edit Meet Moods

We did it! AIS Pushp Vihar Edit Team



Journalistic joys Enjoying the freedom of press



Style quotient We will show you how it's done





An excellent experience as it was, I thoroughly enjoyed editing and rewriting. I learned what journalism is really all about. It was my second time and I loved it like the last time.

Manasvi Malik, IX B

BOARDing the EDUCATION train

To fulfill the purpose of learning, education is provided through various Boards. Get set to board your express to reach your dream destination

Manasvi Malik, IX B &
Himanshi Mailk, VIII C, AIS PV

'The purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows.'

Sydney J. Harris, American Journalist

Here's how various educational Boards meet this purpose:

Central Board of Secondary Education

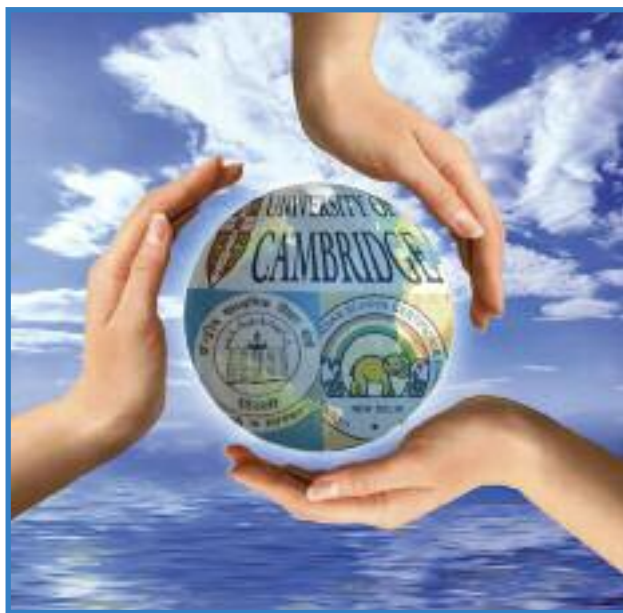
CBSE, a self financing body was formed on November 3, 1962. It is the education Board for the masses in the country, which holds examination in both Hindi and English.

HIGHS: The recently introduced concept of Continuous Comprehensive Evaluation by CBSE comes across as a new breakthrough, as it offers real education to students of Class IX and X. CCE evaluates student's performance on a more regular basis rather than just sticking to the old format of examination recital. It lays equal emphasis on academic excellence, sports and extra curricular activities also.

LOWS: CBSE does not provide courses with industry exposure. It doesn't offer much help to students who wish to take up unconventional and interesting vocational courses after Class XIIth. Mrs. Ameeta Mohan, Principal AIS PV, says, "CBSE is coming up with various innovative courses at Class XIIth level which would give students an edge over others. CBSE helps nurture a child and offers holistic development."

Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations

CISCE is a private all India Board of school educa-



Brightlands School, Dehradun, the board is very student oriented. It lays emphasis on English and hence conducts 200 marks paper in the language. But according to her the same focus is not laid on subjects like Maths and Science and hence they do not match up to level of competitive exams.

University of Cambridge International Examinations and International Baccalaureate

If you are looking forward to achieving international qualifications, then CIE and IB are ideal and great choices. CIE provides international qualifications to Indian students who fall in the age group of 14 to 19. The board offers qualifications in more than 70 subjects in over 160 countries. The three programmes under the IB for students aged between 3 to 19 years aims to develop intellectual and social skills of students. IB covers 140 nations across the globe.

HIGHS: CIE or IB are a great option for students who wish to pursue their higher studies abroad. These two boards are recognized for admissions in both foreign and Indian universities. CIE also offers a gateway to students to join the Cambridge University in London.

LOWS: Being an international board, the education offered by them is quite expensive. Miss Indira, teacher of CIE board at AIS Pushp Vihar says, "CIE offers practical industry exposure & flexible curriculum of self learning to students." All these Boards provide quality education to students to nurture them. So, board the Board train as per the destination you wish to head to.

With No Malice

How should a lecturer keep students awake?

Aditya Khuller, VIII B, AIS PV

Lectures – a word that students dread, a test of endurance to see who can stay awake the longest. Students plot and plan ways of bunking classes, but this often doesn't work. Students usually perceive lectures to be long, boring and uninteresting. So, here are some ways to make them fun and interesting (teachers, please note):

The first option is to shorten the lecture as much as possible or you'll end up with snores all around you.

If the above isn't possible, start off with the most interesting part and add a joke or two, so that students stay awake.

Show a good action movie and intersperse the "advertisement breaks" with the actual lecture. Try to add interesting personal experiences that are funny (if you need help, students will be happy to assist).

Let students get laptops to class and go online while the lecture is going on (to browse for information on the relevant topic, of course!!). Create a PowerPoint presentation and add lots of cartoons and graphics (animated ones preferably) and talk simultaneously.

Get feedback from students every ten minutes to see if they are really listening.

Finally...A linguistics professor was lecturing his English class one day. "In English," he said, "A double negative forms a positive. In some languages, though, such as Russian, a double negative is still a negative. However, there is no language wherein a double positive can form a negative."

A voice from the back of the room piped up, "Yeah, right."

Moral of this joke: At least one student was awake!

A letter to Mr Sibal (Our savior?)

To,
Mr. Kapil Sibal
Minister of Human Resource Development

Sir,
It is an honour for me to be able to write to you. Your 'revolutionary' step of eradicating Class Xth Boards stimulated my desire to write to you and express my distaste.

I wish to bring to your notice that to an average student such as I, the adoption of the CCE (Continuous Comprehensive Evaluation) system has not served the purpose of its implementation. The pressure is still on students – perhaps not for the Board Examinations, but I assure you Sir, the innumerable projects are no less taxing. The projects would not have been an issue if they were graded on the basis of their content and not aesthetic appeal. The proposal of the CCE system was quite rational (to say the least) because not every student can reach IIT or IIM; and to be graded in fields other than academics is a very valid point indeed.

But, I feel the idea was not executed the way it should have been i.e. where students would be evaluated simply through a series of curricular and extra-curricular evaluations. Instead, we have been put under scrutiny where a gigantic microscope records every movement of ours. I apologize for my bluntness, but this isn't encouraging "stress-free, friendly" atmosphere.

I am not pleased with CCE as it seems like a 'poor replica' of the Western system of education. I feel quite angry to see that my batch was the one 'experimented' with. In any case we have to give XIIth class Boards and this system would deprive us of preparatory experience. For an average student to be trained for an exam from the time he steps into school, only to find it replaced by something completely different at the last moment is sure to dent his self confidence. Do you still feel, that it was a 'commendable' idea? I would feel deeply privileged if you would reply.

Yours Sincerely,
Nihal S. Majithia, X A, AIS PV

Small minds, big thoughts



Niharika Khanna, VII A, AIS PV

Sitting with your child, helping him/her with those tricky Mathematics calculations, or helping them with the difficult-to-pronounce English words are common 'ordeals' for all parents. While there is so much to be taught to children, have you ever thought of a role reversal- where your child teaches you something? Probably not! Children can teach you much more than any subject they spend years studying; for they teach you about facets of life that one as an adult often sidelines in the walk of life. A sweet innocent child with his

disarming smile, could teach you that life is not as bad as it may seem. Happiness is within us and a smile can take away all your blues. It's a lesson that a child gives to the hassled parents, who are at their wits end at learning the intricacies of parenting and deciphering the inane babbles of a child, a language that takes a while and whole lot of hard work for the parents to comprehend.

There are several lessons that children teach their parents as they grow up and mind you, not in the preachy, sermonising way that the parents are themselves guilty of. Children are the best educators when it comes to teaching small yet important things of life like living in the present moment to the fullest, to enjoy life without malice, to find happiness in the small, almost unknown things of life like fragrance of flowers, beauty of colours and the feeling of pure, unadulterated bliss.

Kids teach us that life is not made up of materialistic possessions alone. The real gems in life are our friends, who transcend beyond age, colour, religion and social ladders and remain with us until the very end. Through their small gestures, subconsciously, children help you to introspect your actions, decisions and your choices. So are you game for re-learning the long lost forgotten lessons of life from your little one?

"Love unconditionally, be optimistic and find happiness in the simple things of life - these are few lessons children teach us."

SCHOLASTIC ALERTS

Institute/College : All India

Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi

Exam: AIIMS MBBS 2011

Online Application:

15.02.2011 to 15.03.2011

Offline Application:

15.02.2011 to 10.03.2011

Last date of submission

By post: 10th March, 2011

By hand: 15th March, 2011

Exam Date: 01.06.2011

Website: www.aiimsexams.org

Taruna Barthwal, Resource coordinator
Amity Career Counselling & Guidance Center

This has been the newest experience of a kind, working in the real world of journalism, surrounded by a flotsom and jetcam of articles, poetry, stories and debate. I thoroughly enjoyed myself.

Akanksha Gupta, X A



Holiday, the eco friendly way

Switch to tents and bring smiles for environment as well as your pocket

Pro@Project

Abhinav Bansal, IX B
AIS PV

Whenever we think of holidaying, our mind races to imagine having fun in distant locales, maybe backpacking or lazing on the beach. However, one thing that you always look for while going on a holiday is hotel reservation. But, what we do not realize is that such accommodations not only cost a bomb, but also consume large land surface areas, thereby hampering our environment. A visit to Mane-sar for ACC training, organized by our school where all of us stayed in tents fixed up in open areas, got us thinking and from here we got the idea of our project- ‘Conservation of land with use of eco-friendly tents’.

Aim & Objective

The main objective behind choosing this project was to introduce people to new concept of holidaying using recreational tents and the benefits offered by the same. In simple words, the project aimed at promoting awareness about land conservation by using tents as another effective alternative instead of expensive hotels for holidays.

Methodology

- Researching on different materials and shapes of tents used for camping and adventurous vacations in resorts along with their cost.
- Calculating the total surface area taken by each shape of the tent to determine the length and cost of material required



Team members of Vasudha Project that qualified for State level NCSC (National Science Congress) (L to R): Harshit Khanna (IX B), Tushar Goel (IX B), Shaifali Jaida (Teacher coordinator), Abhinav Bansal (IX B), Varnit Chopra (IX C), Apoorva Vashishat (IX C)

to build the tent.

- Calculating the volume of air present inside each tent so as to find out the number of people that can live in the tent comfortably.

Observation & Results

The research, survey and calculations concluded on ranking the shapes of the tent in the following order
1. Hemisphere 2. Half Cylinder 3. Square Pyramid 4. Cone 5. Pentagonal Pyramid 6. Cuboid.

The calculations clearly hinted that pre-

ferring tents over hotels for vacations is not only a cost effective option but also completely eco friendly.

Future & feasibility

The success of this project can offer a plethora of benefits to the vacationers and also help them do their bit to save the environment too. It can prove to be highly beneficial for those looking for an affordable holiday. Some of the benefits that can be availed through implementation of this concept are-

- Sustains land for future use.

- Reduces Global Warming
- Maintains balance of Greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.
- Economical for all.
- It brings us closer to nature as one gets to live in close proximity with natural surroundings.

Overall Experience

The project left us with an absolutely enriching experience. It was an overwhelming experience to learn so much while making this project. It was also encouraging for us as we not

only qualified for the State level of National Science Congress but were also declared first amongst all the teams at the Zonal level. I, Abhinav Bansal along with my other group members- Harshit Khanna, Tushar Goel, Apoorva Vashishat and Varnit Chopra would cherish this wonderful experience throughout our lives. We are really thankful to our science teacher, Shaifali ma’am for her encouragement, support and valuable guidance without which we would not have been able to complete our project successfully. 🇮🇳

Tablets - A new revolution

Do tablets really match up to all the hype that surrounds them?

Anchit Som &
Dhrupad Roy Choudhary
VIII B, AIS PV

The power of touch, the ease of portability and a new generation of technology comes packed for the Gen X in the elegant gadget named ‘Tablet’. As per Wikipedia “A tablet computer, or simply tablet, is a complete personal mobile computer, larger than a mobile phone or Personal Digital Assistant (PDA), integrated into a flat touch screen and primarily operated by touching the screen.”

FEATURES

The highlights for any gadget are its features and when it comes to Tablets; there are plenty. The just released Samsung Galaxy tab, which has sold 1 million tablets, has a fast 1 GHz processor that provides a good multitasking experience and a camera that facilitates video calling. Adam is another 10 inch Tablet using Android, powered by the Tegra 2 chip. What makes the tablet



that too without occupying much space.

- With minimal designing and fewer parts, durability is higher.
- Great choice for professionals who can write faster than typing. You easily handwrite with a virtual stylus or use a virtual keyboard.
- High quality processor offers uncompromising graphical experience & a new dimension to Tablet computing.

THUMBS DOWN

- It doesn’t have any USB ports, nor does it support Flash.
- Typing on a tablet is quite uncomfortable.
- The cost factor is a lowdown as they are twice the price of an average laptop and rarely available on sale.
- There is lot of trouble with the availability of apps in comparison to the iPad.
- The slate model Tablets are very prone to scratches and the convertible and hybrid models have moving parts that are susceptible to breaking. Wait! This isn’t the end! While there are selective Tablet models available nowadays, the World market will soon see several fresh faces. So, don’t wait more and get the best buy. But be careful with your choice if you wish to have these smart devices as ‘faide ka sauda’.

THUMBS UP

- Tablets are vertically designed like clipboard and are light weight. Hence, they are a great choice for those who wish to stay connected on the move and

even more special is that it comes from an Indian startup company-Notion Ink. It uses a screen technology that combines the best of a full color multi-touch LCD display with a low-power reflective mode that’s readable in direct sunlight. There are several other tablets thronging the market like Motorola’s Xoom, Idea Pad U1 Hybrid and many more, each of them targeting the attention of the user with unique features.



Ctrl+ F the vanishing kids with ying yang ho!

Akanksha Gupta, X A, AIS PV

Lights-Camera-Action! That’s all it takes to set 24 snaps per second into action. Then why not 24 snaps a second to set the authorities into action? Yes, here is our chance to learn a few tricks from China. 30,000-60,000 children go missing in China every year. But, the Chinese government has not gone in a mad tizzy. They have found a smarter way of locating the missing kids, the e-way – micro-blogging. They post pictures of lost kids on micro blogs. This way the netizenry, in close coordination with the govt. and the parents, is helping rescue these kids. Recently, a Chinese professor launched

a micro blog that roused a good 175,000 followers, who posted 2,500 pictures within three weeks. The State media was able to locate 6 missing children. Just as we copy-paste Television shows from the west, we can replicate this smart Chinese trick too. In our city, in the last three years, 6687 children have been declared untraceable by the Crime Branch’s Missing Persons Squad. We really can avoid this sorry state of figures. But how? Here’s what you and me can do. Make some good use of our Blackberries, Nokia E90s and Samsungs. Every time you’re in your car and a child beggar comes knocking at your window, take a quick snap and post it online. Do your bit to help send a stolen child home. 🇮🇳



How awesome it is to work with your favourite newspaper and know how it's made! I am overwhelmed to be part of the newspaper making contest

Simran Sachdeva, IX A

School years, 3 cheers

Times that will stay with us forever; moments that can be forgotten never!

Simran Sachdeva, IX A, AIS PV

You half-heartedly wake up in the morning, catch up on beauty sleep in the washroom, force yourself into the uniform, run and reach the bus stop and somehow manage to board it and then... good night once again!

You finally reach the school (struggling to keep your eyelids open), meet friends and suddenly the most dreaded place on earth becomes the most interesting one. You study, laugh, sleep, gag around, forget, make excuses, get scolded and just then you hear a sound - the school bell! Alas! The school is over! And then you wonder, was this the place you didn't want to go to?

The connotation of the versatile word 'school' lies in the mind of the beholder. To some, school is a time to be spent be-

hind a pile of books, where as to some it's a playground for having fun. Some think of the school as a pathway to success and to some it's a detention room. But for me, school is where I first learned how to draw a 'standing line' and a 'sleeping line'. It's where agreeing to share my crayons got me besties, the place where I solved maths problems of Raju and Ram (Still don't know why Ram had to give his apples to Raju. Couldn't he just have eaten them all?). It's where I had my first crush and also where I learnt the true meaning of a friend.

As I grew from a toddler to a child and then a teen, it was the school which helped me grow in every way and evolve not just as a good student, but more importantly as a good human being.

I have come a long way from a small child who cried in the first day of school,

dreading the thought of being away from my parents, to a confident, self-dependent teenager. We meet so many different kinds of people in school. Each one teaches us a valuable lesson in life. Our friends teach us the true meaning of friendship and selfless love. Our competitors teach us to work harder and make that extra effort. Our teachers, besides giving us knowledge, act as our friends, philosophers and guides.

Even though school time is the time of assignments, deadlines, tests, punishments and other uncountable things...yet, it is also the time which leaves the fondest memories in our mind. School life is a time which whenever thought about, brings a tear, sigh or smile to one's face. Undoubtedly, this innocent, carefree phase leaves a niche in every heart - tween, teen or those who've been...

Collage by Sukriti Kapoor, IX B, AIS PV



The to-do list for HAPPINESS

Surbhi Gupta, X B, AIS PV

What do teens symbolize? Well, happiness, enthusiasm, enjoyment, zeal and dynamism are some obvious answers. But do you think that you have them all? Here's a simple to-do list to keep you happy and positive in every situation of life.

GIFTING YOURSELF A HAPPY PRESENT: The actions of your past shape your present, and actions of the present, your future. You can be as assured of the results as getting an iMac after scoring a 90 percent in your exams from your parents. Good actions may involve some sacrifice initially but it is surely worthwhile in the long run. Happiness is full-on guaranteed in the end!

VIBRATION MODE: ALWAYS ON The saying- 'Never start your day crying, or else the entire day will go in vain' is not said without reason. You might get upset over someone's harsh words or negative behaviour towards you, making you feel like crying. However, little do you realize that crying will only trigger the negative energy, further attracting worries for you. Instead, start your day with a smile and attract all the happiness

and positivism around you. Everything you think or do creates a vibration and subsequently affects others and yourself. So, stay with people who attract positivism and try to be one!

BE YOUR MIND'S RULER: After a long wait, your mother finally buys you the most coveted dress or shirt of the season. You merrily don it and go for a party to flaunt it to the maximum possible! But then as soon as you enter, someone passes an unpleasant comment. And BOOM! The whole party and your mood is spoilt, all because of an unpleasant comment. It is not really a good idea to get affected by what others say so easily. Keep the key to your peace of mind to yourself, don't circulate!

THE UNCHANGEABLE: You need to accept people and situations, the way they are. Just contemplate on this question - Would you change your way for others? Is your answer no? Then don't expect them to change for you. Besides unpleasant situations often occur because of the circumstances that are beyond your control. So, why fret and blubber? Just Chill!

Adopt these simple everyday tricks and you are all set to live an upbeat life!

My Pehla Pyar GUITAR



Strumming Strings: Karan Wadhwa, X B, AIS PV

Swimming in the depth of music, grooving with notes, playing with the rhythm - we take you through the musical journey of Karan Wadhwa.

Aayushee Sharma, X B, AIS PV

*"Sangeet mein hai aisi fuhaar
Pathjhad mein bhi jo laaye ba-
haar
Sangeet se judi kaaynaat
Sangeet ki naa koi zubaan
Toofanon ka bhi rukh modta hai
Sangeet toote dil ko jodtaa hai"*

If Karan Wadhwa of class X-B from AIS PV could give voice to his love and dedication for music, this melody is what his heart would have hummed. He discovered his passion for guitar at the age of 11 and since then his bass guitar is his best friend. It has stood beside him in every situation possible, be-

it overcoming frustration, re-

laxing himself before exams, fighting anger, sadness or even impressing girls. This up-and-coming bass guitarist not only strums guitar strings but also composes songs generally based on friendship and love. A member of Amity Pushp Vihar's band, he has participated and won various inter school competitions. Apart from this, Karan has also proved his musical skill by playing in various concerts at places like Sri Ram School, Indian Habitat Centre, Durga Puja etc helping him earn name and fame at the early age of 15.

When asked about his secret mantra to rock the stage with his bass guitar, he replies "I always practice as much as I can before any concert or competition. But when I'm about to perform on stage, I talk to my bass guitar for a minute and believe it or not the bass guitar begins to create music on its own."

He has been

appreciated by everyone who has heard him play. During Razzmatazz 2011 in AIS PV, the 'EKA' band members who were the judges for the competition praised him saying that he has immense talent and his fingers have magic which will help him become a successful bass guitarist irrespective of the hurdles. He has also been praised by the legendary Bass player Victor Wooten who has been his role model since he started learning bass guitar.

His dream is to play at the world stage and work in Coke studio, a platform where renowned as well as upcoming musicians from various genres collaborate musically. This extraordinary bass guitarist is truly dedicated to his passion for the instrument and his enthusiasm for playing bass guitar knows no boundary. We hope that Karan fulfills all his dreams and overcomes the roadblocks that lie on his path.

I loved editing the newspaper and the brainstorming sessions proved to be every informative. I believe that the editorial meet would help me in achieving my goal of becoming a journalist.

Kaveri Modayil, IX B



CONTEST ISSUE

Celebrating HER



Dr. Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

Woman – a single word that encapsulates the entire universe. She nurtures as a mother, imparts valuable lessons as a teacher, offers companionship as a wife, takes the economic challenges head on as the CEO of a company... and goes on to essay every

role with élan that mankind can ever create.

Her contribution to the society, a network that she has channeled its way through her womb, goes way beyond words. In her conventional avatar, she has shaped the foundation stone of the society by playing the dutiful homemaker. Today, her modern version propels the entire nation forward in the form of a woman president and countless working women who dive through to pull the otherwise drowning economy.

If at all, there were to be a female catalogue enlisting her offerings, ever a thousand pages would not have done justice. For she seeps effortlessly into the nook and cranny of every sphere of human existence, shielding it with protective armor and simultaneously pushing it forward on the path of progress.

For all that she does, celebrating her becomes the duty of everything that is mortal. Thankfully, the realization does come to many as is evident in days like Woman's day. Even though a single day cannot do justice to her innumerable sacrifices efforts & brave initiatives, the day does reiterate the significance and value of womanhood. This woman's day, let us celebrate her existence, the beauty that she adds to even the most repulsive things and the inexplicable aura she brings to each realm. Let us celebrate her for she will continue to be a mother, a daughter, a wife, a friend, a teacher...but more than that she will continue to be a woman, the epitome of human existence. 🇮🇳

Arise, awake

"The highest education is that which does not merely give us information, but makes our life in harmony with all existence."

Rabindranath Tagore



Mrs. Ameeta Mohan
Principal, AIS PV

Today, when the world is undergoing a sea of change in terms of culture, values and morals, in the name of development and global acceptance, we need to ponder over the words of Tagore.

Education in its purest form, leads us forward with infinite

energy, enthusiasm and patience because only in this way, great deeds can be accomplished. Imparting this form of education is the biggest challenge that educationists battle with. The challenge lies in balancing & creasing out the conflicts of ideals, manners and habits pervading the atmosphere. The challenge also lies in defining a solid framework of education that would enable spiritual reawakening of the soul.

At Amity, addressing this challenge through a comprehensive curriculum delicately woven in its day-to-day activities enables the learners to discover themselves by emphasizing on 'HOW' to think and not 'WHAT' to think. The educational program equips the youth to not only contribute to the material progress of the country, but also to maintain the supreme worth of Indian spiritual heritage that will keep the perennial flow of our eternal values into the world culture. Today's generation is charged with spontaneity and capability to move mountains if their vibrant energy is channelised in the right direction and if they seek a purpose in life. An education with a progressive view and a balanced attitude can give direction and focus to this new generation. I thus, reiterate the call of Swami Vivekananda to the youth of today - "Arise, awake & stop not till the goal is reached." 🇮🇳

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Oye Lucky, Lucky Oye!

Being successful is the dream of every person living in the world. Some people say that success is a matter of luck. Others say that it is a result of hard work. So, what's the deal all about? We find out.

Manan Rai, VI C, AIS PV

How often have we heard our classmates complaining of someone "getting lucky?" The phrase 'luck by chance' is extremely popular amongst today's youth, a widely accepted fact, one that offers ample scope for food for thought.

What is luck?

It is said that greed is the greatest of the seven sins. So, is it the idea of committing a sin that keeps Lady Luck from being greedy once in a while and bestowing her blessings on a select few? It is widely believed that we are like pawns in the game of Chess, traveling upon a fixed path that has been predetermined by some ethereal and otherworldly force. We consider every activity to be a pre-planned event, our lives thus becoming determined by 'kismet'. People so widely believe in luck that they are willing to part with any sum of money to



know what lies for them in the future. In fact, the greatest gullible victims to fall prey to phony fortune tellers are our Bollywood movie stars. A recent example being that of Ajay Devgan changing his name to Devgn, just because it was considered lucky.

Luck vs Hard work

To be at the right time at the right place might be lucky, but then taking things forward is possible only when hard work intervenes. Life's real enjoyment lies in experiencing the ups and downs, that's what makes it so memorable. The opportunities, the out-

come, the consequences of our choice are what add the 'mirchi tadka' to our lives.

And the main ingredient for this is the spice of hard work, and the final dish being garnished by hope. We all aspire to achieve and in order to concretize our dreams, we must work hard. When the opportunity comes our way, we must utilize it to the fullest. People don't notice you till you have accomplished something really big in life, and to do that, the first step is hard work. If you depend only on luck for all your accomplishments, you are taking a great risk. Luck is something intangible and no one can guarantee that it would ever come your way. Hard work pays off even if it takes time.

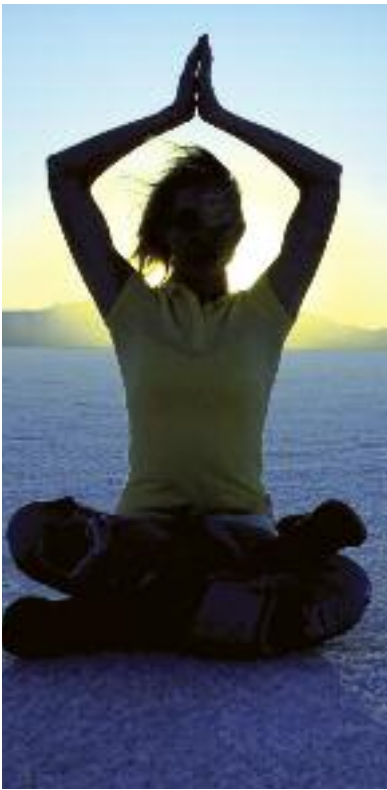
Striking the perfect balance

Just like the perfect recipe is a mix of sugar & spice, success is the golden elixir of hard work and luck. You don't need to cook by the book, just remember one golden rule: the more experience you have, the better it tastes. Cook your own success stories; they're the ones that come out the best! 🇮🇳

Yo God, wassup?

Knocking on heaven's door can prove to be beneficial for the teens of today, as it would help them discover and awaken the teenage sage that resides in them

Kaveri Modayil, IX B, AIS PV



The very mention of the word 'Spirituality' brings to mind umpteen heavy duty thoughts ranging from turning a yogi, meditating for hours, to visiting places of worship or reading Holy Scriptures. The meaning of this elaborative term varies with each generation, including the teens of today. Ever thought what spirituality means to the young and ambitious teenagers, whose life revolves only around internet and gadgets? Highlighting the attitude of today's effervescent and vivacious teenagers towards spirituality, it comes as no surprise that the word seem to be very loosely defined in their lexicon. Majority of them believe that in the present fast paced world spirituality is a dated concept, often confused with religion. Rudresh Ghidliyal (X B) says "We dont need religion, we have Rajnikant," capturing the true colors of

modern generation.

However, the concept is not as misunderstood by the teens as generally thought to be. Sristhi Pandey (IX B) waxes eloquently, "I have no idea what spirituality is all about." Pratibha Nigam (IX B) shares completely polarised views, "Spirituality has many facets; it can be interpreted by differ-

doing. The 'quiet sessions' we all have with ourselves, is a time when we actually tune into our inner voice and rationally reason out the problem. When we hit the nadir of our lives, we take God's name to reassure ourselves that we are not alone.

It is quite a simple concept that revolves around base theories of realiz-

We tread the path of spirituality, without even consciously realising it. Spirituality has more to do with *being* than *doing*.

ent people in different ways. Spirituality does exist and is indeed very authentic."

Spirituality may be a very big word, and it might be a herculean task to actually wrap your mind around the subject. But in reality, we tread the path of spirituality without even consciously realizing it. To put it simply, spirituality has more to do with *being* than

ing who you are, and what your aim in life is. We must stop planning for tomorrow, even though that might sound a dangerous prospect to some, and live life in the present, for what it really is. And finally, we must learn to value ourselves and not the superficial. Just be yourself to know yourself, as no one can know you better than you know yourself. 🇮🇳

PEARLS OF WISDOM

The woman of today is proud and strong, her energy surrounding her like a glowing aura. Her success mantra is unique, her experiences of life are nothing like anyone has ever seen. She is gallant & fierce on one hand, and compassionate & benevolent, on the other. The woman of today is focussed on her goal, serving as an inspirational & iconic figure. While every woman signifies substance, there have been some unforgettable figures. Here are some pearls of wisdom they bestowed us with.

-Joan of Arc

"In this life, we cannot do great things. We can only do little things with great love."

-Mother Teresa

"I think that somehow, we learn who we really are and then live with that decision."

-Eleanor Roosevelt

"If you want the rainbow, you've got to put up with the rain."

-Dolly Parton

"It takes a great deal of courage to stand up to your enemies, but even more to stand up to your friends."

-J. K. Rowling

"Success is getting what you want; happiness is wanting what you get."

-Ingrid Bergman

"Life is a daring adventure or nothing."

-Helen Keller

"I am not afraid, I was born to do this."

GT M@il



From unique dishes to cute wishes

Something in the last edition of The Global Times that instantly caught my interest was the Punjabi Pizza by Professor S.K Saluja. It piqued my curios-

ity to think what a Punjabi pizza would be like. I also liked 'Price Rise vs Price Wise'; the humour in it could definitely help the readers get out of the plight of plummeting prices. 'News Brief' was useful for all those youngsters who are sleeping in oblivion, unaware of the country's issues. I found 'A letter to God' very cute. All in all, the edition was a package well served.

Chhavi Sahal, IX C, AIS PV

Diamond in the nutshell

The article on Introvert ≠ Loser was one that grabbed my attention at once. I am not an introvert but after reading this article I could understand them much better. The article was, in a way, an eye opener. It revealed a totally unknown spectrum of views. The article sensitized me towards their frame of mind. I was able to comprehend their apprehensions in a much better manner. Simran Sachdeva, IX A, AIS PV 🇮🇳



The excitement of working on various genres of different articles was truly great. Being inclined towards working as a journo, this opportunity gave me an insight in the world of newspaper making. Loved it to the core.

Anugya Gupta, X B

Women

How safe are they?

Pratibha Gauri Nigam, IX B, AIS PV

Eleanor Everet rightly said, “For safety is not a gadget, but a state of mind”. Acknowledging the same, we want women to feel a strong sense of self-assurance and security as we progress towards a more futuristic and globalized era. To illustrate the current scenario, we have the story of many vulnerable women in contemporary Indian society. They are daily subjected to terrorizing threats posed by various anti social elements, who laugh in the face of our security mechanisms...

Safety Check

If the latest figures and statistics are anything to go by, then her deplorable state is indeed evident. In 2008, ASSOCHAM Economists revealed that 53% working women in India fear for their safety. Moreover, 86% women on night shifts face commuting problems because of lack of adequate transportation arrangements. It was further indicated in the report that in sector specific cases i.e. BPO's and ITeS (Information Technology Enabled Services), women employees were the most vulnerable and prone to both physical and non-physical attacks, especially after their duty hours. The reports by National Crime Records Bureau in 2009 also came as an eye opener! The report disclosed that a total of 2,03,804 incidents of crimes against women were reported in the country in 2009, a 4.1% increase as compared to the previous year. And our very own capital city was in the spotlight rather infamously! According to NCRB, Delhi accounted for 23.8% of rape cases, 38.9% of kidnapping & abduction cases and 14.1% of molestation cases. The unpardonable instances just never seem to cease. The city is also guilty for overlooking the reproachable practice of

'eve teasing', a euphemism used for sexual harassment, which is a persistent problem. Wrecking further havoc to women security are the "Date Rape Drugs". These are used to facilitate sexual crimes by adding them to the food or drinks. They are extremely hazardous as some of them not only erase the victim's memory of the assault made upon her, but also are very difficult to detect in blood test. This makes the identification and consequential penalty of the criminal just about impossible! A significant proportion of the respondents in a Public Perception Survey con-



one has to win. The predicament can be tackled if the government and the people vigorously address it. And the government has realized its role, and is essaying the same too. The Delhi Government launched its 'Safe Delhi for Women Initiative' in 2011 in collaboration with UNIFEM, Jagori and UN Habitat. Through the awareness campaign, the government aims to create a city that is safe and accessible to women by taking measures such as installing CCTV cameras in public places and employing the services of the Delhi Police. In Mumbai, the safe and glamorous "Pink Cabs" were launched, driven by

Sharing Responsibility

Sharing the responsibility with the government are various Non Profit Organizations and Public Service groups. Showing responsible citizenry, these groups have pushed the safety barrel forward. NGO's like Women's Collective, Smile Foundation, NCW (National Commission for women) have been working towards the cause. Among other commendable schemes, a mentionable one is the successfully implemented - Swabhiman, a creative venture of Smile Foundation, which aims to 'Bring pride and dignity for our girl.'

tolerance' formula must be applied to every situation if we need radical improvements. Every infringement must be reported, and no one but the law is to be feared. But, bringing that change will be a gradual phenomenon. Precautions such as learning self-defense techniques by enrolling in karate camps or carrying pepper sprays can be of great help. A personal pointer when dealing with physical assaults: the elbow is a strong part of your body, if you're close enough; use it to your advantage! Remaining vigilant while traveling on foot is also a necessity. Developing certain wise habits such as locking all doors when sitting in a parked car, being aware and informed via newspapers and news channels, saving helpline numbers in the speed dials of one's mobile and not accepting any eatables or beverages from strangers can also help avoid mishaps.

Male renaissance

To nip the problem in the bud, it is the male chauvinistic mindset that has to change! Even though India is fortunate enough to have the world's largest number of professionally qualified women, an Indian woman is regarded as a trivial appendage to the male-dominant society. Aarti Lucy George, Counselor, AIS PV points out, "The way a man respects his mother, wife or sister, similarly he should value the dignity of other women. Besides, if a person is physically strong, then it becomes his own responsibility to protect his female counterparts. Also, thinking that women are the weaker sex is wrong and thus they should be treated equally."  

Does a woman President indeed signify the progress of the fairer sex? Not if you take a reality check!

ducted during the preparation of the Human Development Report for Delhi feel that the streets of Delhi are becoming more and more unsafe for women. On being asked the vital question, "Are women in Delhi Safe?" 45 of 50 respondents completely disagreed and about 14 women out of the lot recounted 'personally witnessed' acts of transgression against women safety laws! With such alarming and eye opening statistics and figures, the need for immediate action becomes more significant than ever.

Government Steps in...

But the war is never lost; as for that, some -

women, catering exclusively to women commuters! Our very own Gurgaon came up with its Pink Auto's, a means to make traveling safe for women in the otherwise precarious NCR. And not to forget, the recent reservation of coaches in the Delhi metro for women, which makes late-hours traveling viable. To foster greater security, women are also being given an authoritative voice in the law making. It is quite laudable that a problematic state like Bihar offers 50% reservation for women in Panchayats, increasing their influence on political and internal affairs. With the government stepping in to address the issue, women may be able to see a day free of fear & insecurity. But as they say, a single stick is easier to break, it calls for a shared initiative.

Designed to emphasize upon the self-respect and dignity of a woman, the programme enables women to realize their full potential in every sphere, be it home, office or community. NGOs like Mamta and Swasthya, are working towards providing medical aid to women who are victims of threats. Family counseling services offered by NGOs such as Action India, Guild Of Service and Shakti Shalini are also an important step in the direction.

Stronger we are

Even God helps those who help themselves, leave alone the government or the NGOs. Women need to be self reliant if they wish for a safe future. The 'zero-



Shocking statistics reveal her unsafe state in a land where she is worshipped

Game for online gaming?

Archit Singhal, VI C & Nihal S. Majithia, X A, AIS PV

As the name might suggest, on-line games are the games played ‘online’ i.e. on the internet. Sports, fighting, puzzles...you name the category and you have a plethora of games in the same. There are many gaming sites such as Zapak, Miniclip and many more that allow users to play the games of their choice at either a minimal price or free-of-cost altogether. The best part, however is that one can play any game, in the comfort of one’s home, with somebody thousand miles away.

THE GOOD

Though online games have a rather bad reputation in the eyes of parents and counselors, gaming sites have, in fact, proven to be quite beneficial to many of its users. Take a look at some benefits:

Better focus

Children suffering from Attention Deficit Disorder or ADD, can sit for long to play their favorite games. It helps them stay focused and be more patient.

Improved coordination

Internet games can help improve hand-

eye coordination. When playing internet games you are required to look at the computer monitor, while using either a mouse or keyboard to operate the game. This facilitates better coordination.

Games and Medicine

Many medical departments are using computer games as a form of physiotherapy. These games also help people who are recovering from physical injuries gain motor skills & coordination.

Knowledgeable too

Many games are based on history, city buildings and other topics. They indirectly teach children about various things, updating their knowledge bank.

Others...

They help children gain self confidence, improve problem solving & cognitive skills. They motivate players to strive and reach more difficult levels, thereby enhancing competitive spirit.

THE BAD

While online games offer a slew of benefits, they have their downside too

Physical impact

Their addiction is the biggest drawback.



Online games have been at the receiving end of constant criticism. But are they really all that bad?

Psychological impact

Health experts opine that excessive on-line gaming can affect the mindset of a child. For instance, playing too much of action games can leave the child with a violent streak.

THE BOTTOMLINE

The negative effects of online games have always been overrated, while the advantages have conveniently been brushed

under the carpet. But, you can make the most of the good and minimize the bad. Online games too like everything else must be played in moderation for ‘excess of anything is harmful’. Choosing the right game can also help a great deal. Opt for games that challenge one’s intellect. Focus more on playing games that improve vocabulary, increase logical and mathematical skills instead of the ones that offer mere entertainment.

Disabled but not disheartened!

Agamya Goel, VI C, AIS PV

One are the days when the paralyzed could only watch with yearning heart the sport persons performing and exhibiting the talents, they are as much capable of. Today, they do not find themselves on the couch watching their favorite game, but on the field playing it. Welcome with great applause - **Paralympics!** Paralympics are major sport events where the paralyzed athletes participate. This includes people with mobility disability, amputations, blindness, cerebral palsy and even intellectual and sensorial disability. The event is organized by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), the global governing body of the Paralympic movement which organizes the winter and summer Paralympics and serves as an international federation of sports. So far, several countries have hosted these games including China, Russia, Rome, New York, India, Tokyo, Toronto amidst many others. To say there is not much competition in Paralympic sports is pure ignorance. India has a success-

ful history at the Paralympics Games including two individual golds & a couple of silver and bronze medals. The Indian contingent for the Paralympics includes Arjuna awardee Farman Bhasa and Rajinder Singh (Power lifting), Marakanda Reddy & Jagseer Singh (Athletics) and Naresh Sharma (Shooting).

Today, the Paralympics are an elite sport event for disabled athletes. They emphasize on the participants’ athletic achievements rather than their disability. No wonder, the movement has grown dramatically since its initial days. Hopefully, with more Paralympics games coming to the forefront, all the eyes that, stared at the disabled sympathetically will look at them with excitement and anxiety as they see them compete.

POPULAR PARALYMPIC SPORTS

Though there are numerous paralympic sports that are practiced worldwide, there are some that are more popular than the rest. These include:

Wheelchair basketball: It retains major rules and scoring of basketball and maintains a 10-foot basketball hoop and standard basketball court.

One Hand Riffles: In this game, riffles are designed to be held and operated by one hand. As an option, the other hand may be used to support the shooting hand.

Wheelchair Fencing: Athletes are connected electronically to a scoring box that records hits on their opponent.



LESSER KNOWN PARALYMPICS

- Boccia
- Cycling
- Equestrian
- Football 5-a-side
- Sailing
- Alpine skiing



Wrestle the Sumo way

Utkarsh Rath, X C, AIS PV

In layman terms, Sumo can be best described as a competitive sport that tests the strength of the wrestler. The two wrestlers, referred to as Rikishis take up the game of wrestling in a circular ring, which is known as dohyo. The game comes to an end, when one of the wrestlers forces the other to touch the ground with any part of the body other than the feet. The game is played both indoor and outdoor. Though the sport is fast finding popularity in many countries, it has its roots in Japan. Several purification rituals are performed prior to each match including tossing of salt or rice in the air.

ABOUT A SUMO

The Sumos are required to wear a 7 metre long loincloth called Mawashi. Only the higher ranking wrestlers can wear the silk ones. The wrestlers should follow a typical regime as per the directions of the Sumo Association. Any de-

viation from norms can invite disqualification from the sport. A sumo wrestler is not allowed to drive his own car. Another must do is to grow long hair and form a top knot. They have to adhere to wardrobe specifications in public places even when not playing. This helps them showcase their level of expertise to public that happens to see them. They can take just one heavy meal during the day without any breakfast and maintain excessive weight.

THE FUTURE

Sumo is not a global sport but recently the Sumo Association has started inducting wrestlers from different countries. Takamiyama from Hawaii and Asashoryu from Mongolia are some notable examples. Some popular Sumo Wrestlers known worldwide are Yokozuna, Ozeki, Sanyaku and Juryo. In future, the sport may see further participation from different nations which may help the game garner international status and fame.



It was a new experience and certainly memorable. It made me feel so professional. I hope I get to do this next time as well.

Chhavi Sahal, IX C

POEMS

I wonder How?

Naman Bareja, IV C, AIS PV

I wonder how birds fly?
Or why does a baby cry?
I wonder how a bird would stay alone in a tree?
Or how will you adjust in a group of three?

I wonder how a child grows into an adult in no time?
Or how to make juice of lime?
I wonder how does a plant grow?
Or how does water flow?

I wonder how a country be, without any tree?
Or how will anyone win if there is no one to loose?

Pollution

Vidushi Rastogi, IV D, AIS PV

Think about this Pollution,
Nobody can find a solution.



There is no fresh air to breathe
And that’s what we need
The vehicles give out black smoke
That makes us cough and choke
What would be the possible solution
For this terrible pollution
How lovely is the country sides
Where there are trees and river sides
But when back to town,
The day starts with colour brown
What can we do about this pollution
Now is the time to find the solution

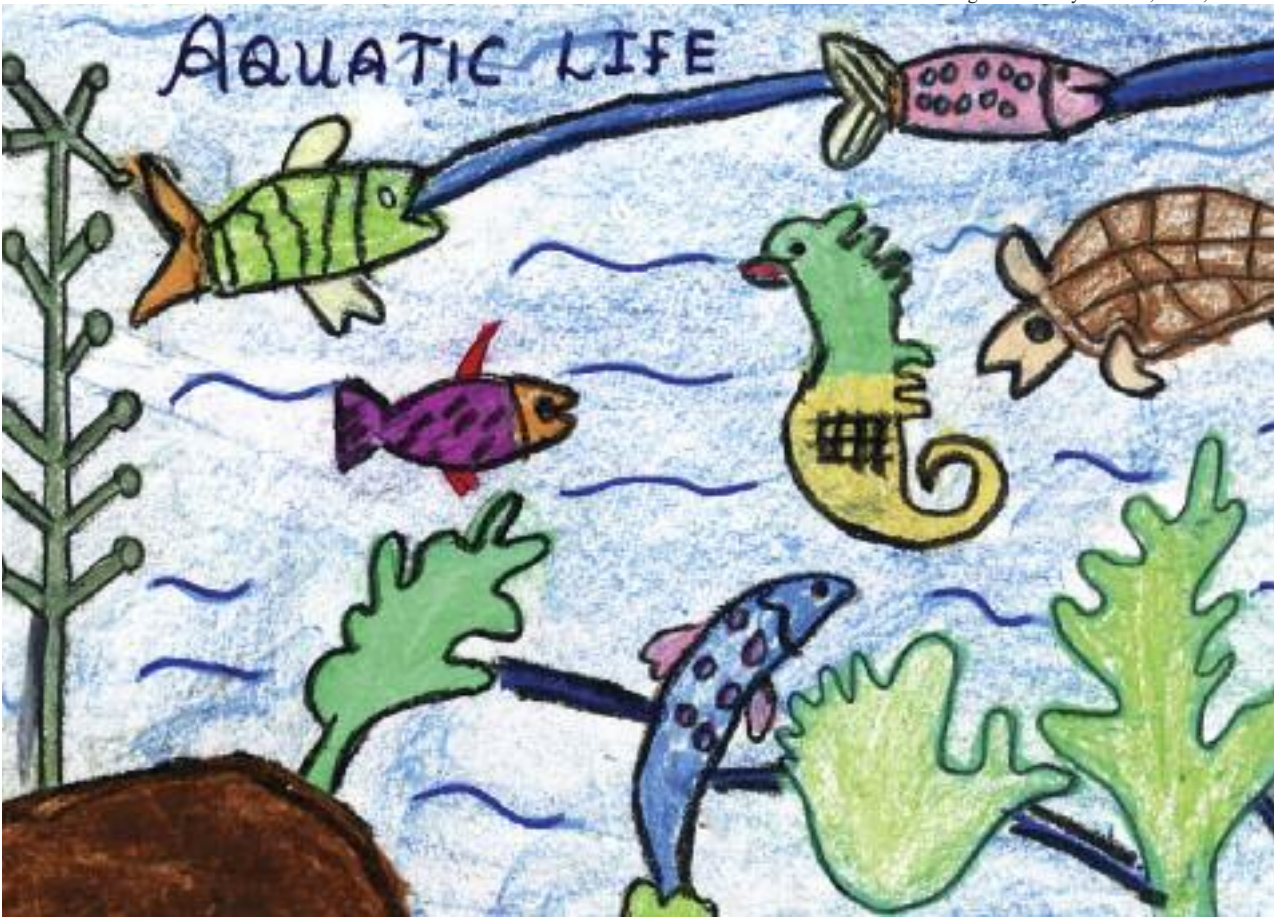
Global Warming

Saavi Ohri, III C, AIS PV

Global Warming is an important issue
It is just because of paper and tissue
We are cutting trees
And we aren’t planting tree



Can’t this be stopped?
Can’t this problem be solved?
Time is passing by,
But still there is no solution
Copenhagen assembly is considered to be a failure
Green house effect is still victorious
We are the ones who don’t realize
Our mistake is what we deny
Nations do not accept that they are part of Global warming
Time is passing by yet no one’s realising
We should hurry up before time passes by,
Or we will be left remorseful.



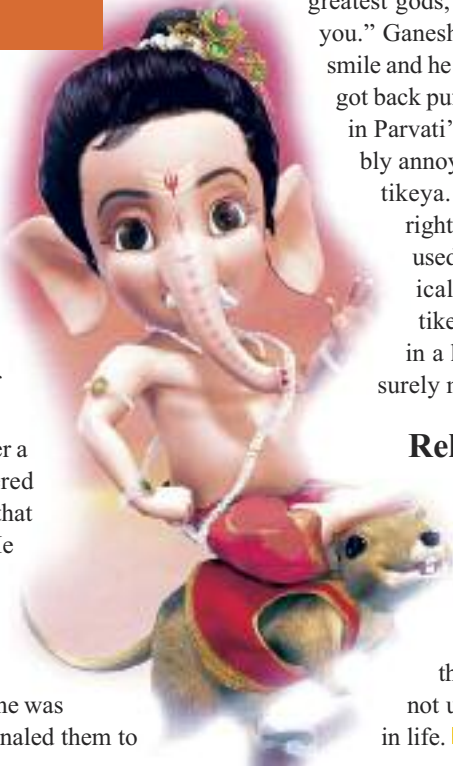
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The race

SHORT STORY

Devika Bassi, VIII B, AIS PV

The great Gods, Shiva and his wife Parvati had two sons, Ganesh and Katikeya. They were very proud of their boys. Both children were bright and brave. The elephant headed Ganesha was the God of wisdom and the handsome Kartikeya was the commander of the army of Gods. One day both the boys were fighting over a laddoo. Their constant shouting angered Lord Shiva and he scolded them saying that they will have to race for the laddoo. He announced that whoever will take three rounds of the world and come back first would get the laddoo as reward. Kartikeya was thrilled about the race as he was sure of his victory. As soon as Shiva signalled them to



start, Kartikeya was off in a flash but Ganesha stayed behind. He had a plan. He requested his parents to sit together, drew a circle around them and he took three circles around them. After completing three circles, he touched the feet of his parents. He said, “Dear mother and father, I love and respect you very much. You are my entire world. Also, since you both are the greatest gods, the world is nothing but a small part of you.” Ganesh’s quick thinking made both his parents smile and he was declared the winner. When Kartikeya got back puffing and panting , he saw Ganesha sitting in Parvati’s lap and eating the laddoo. He was terribly annoyed. Both the parents tried to pacify Kartikeya. They explained that “Son, Ganesha is right in saying that we are his entire world. He used his brain while you used only your physical powers and not your mind.” But Kartikeya still remained upset and left the house in a huff...but I’m sure the family must have surely made up by now.

Relevance in Today’s world

This story is totally relevant in today’s world as nowadays everyone uses their physical strength than their mind to get their way through. We should learn from this story and put our brain to a good use so that we get what we want and that too without bullying anyone. We should not use physical strength to achieve our goals in life.



Comic Strip by Kunal Mudgal, VI B, AIS PV

Jokes

Somya Sahni, IV D & Himanshi, III D, AIS PV

Jim: The moon is closer to us than France.

Teacher: Why do you say so?

Jim: I can see the moon. But I can’t see France.



Teacher: Why do birds fly south in winter?

Kate: Because it’s too far to walk.



Pam: Why is 6 afraid of 7?

Sam: Because seven eight (ate) nine.



Pete: Do you write with your right hand or left hand?

Greg: Right hand.

Pete: That’s funny, I write with a pencil.



Ron: Would you yell at me for something that I didn’t do?

Teacher: No

Ron: Good. I didn’t do homework.



Teacher: Shyam, tell me you father’s name in English.

Shyam: His name is ‘Butter Red’

Teacher: What?

Shyam: Ma’am his name is ‘Makhan Lal’

Riddles

Siddhant Kohli, IV B, AIS PV

1. In which pan can you go inside?
2. Why did a boy study in the aero-plane ?
3. In which city can you not enter?
4. Who can shave 20 times a day and still have a beard?
5. What did the traffic light say to the car?

ANSWERS: 1. Japan 2. He wanted higher education 3. Electricity 4. Barber 5. Don't see here, I am changing!

It was a wonderful experience working for our own school newspaper, together with the students. It was my first experience and each step taught me something new and proved enriching.

Dola Dutt, Teacher Coordinator



Titans clash to support underprivileged girl child

Feb 13, 2011 saw the clash of two mighty titans Sahgal Stud and Cavalry Team Jindal, in the epic polo match organized at Jaipur Polo Grounds, with the latter lifting the coveted Amity Polo Cup.

The Amity Polo Cup held to support “Amitasha”, a project under the ‘Amity Humanity Foundation’ to support the underprivileged girl child began on Feb 9 with eight eminent teams including’ Sahgal Stud, Equisport, Jindal- IPG, Hamburg Polo Club, ASC- Navy, Cavalry – Team Jindal Polo, Deep Strikers and Armoured Corps participating in the event. India’s illustrious four and five goalers like Mr. Vishal Singh from Sahgal Stud, Mr. Dhruvpal Godara from Equisport, Mr. Simran Shergill from Jindal – IPG, Mr. Angad Kalaan and Mr. Uday Kalaan from Hamburg Polo Club and Mr. Samir Suhag from Cavalry – Team Jindal Polo turned out in full force to support the cause.

The finals saw a close competition between Sahgal Stud and Cavalry Team Jindal Polo. The fight between the two reminded the spectators of high handicap thrilling finals played by the likes of Gaston Moore, Uday Kalaan and Ravi Rathore. The match, which had the adrenalin soaring in the beginning had a nail biting finish with Cavalry Team Jindal scoring a win over Sahgal Stud by 8



Pic courtesy: Amity Media Cell

goals to 4½ in the final moments.

The umpires for the finals were Mr. Henry C Stevens and Mr. Uday Kalaan and the referee was Brig VP Singh (Retd.), India’s only 7 goal handicap player in the last 50 years.

The winning team Cavalry Team Jindal captained by Mr. Samir Suhag was felicitated by Dr Ashok. K. Chauhan, Founder President, RBEF; Mr. Atul Chauhan, Chancellor, Amity University, Uttar Pradesh and President, RBEF and Ms. Pooja Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amity Humanity Foundation in a grand Prize Distribution Ceremony. Also pres-

ent were Dr. (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools; Mrs. Divya Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amity School of Fine Arts and Amity School of Fashion Technology; along with Mr. Aseem Chauhan, Chancellor, Amity University Rajasthan

The award for the Valuable Player for Amity Polo Cup 2011 was bagged by Mr. Navin Singh (-2) for his quick bursts of speed, stamina, agility and maneuverability. Applauding the sportsmanship of the Polo players, Dr. Ashok K Chauhan said, “It does not matter whether one wins or loses. It is important to give

one’s best shot in the field.”

Dr Chauhan, who has a soft corner for the underprivileged section of the society promised to hold more such events to support the noble cause.

“Amity will always support such events so that the marginalized section of the society can be integrated into the main stream,” he said. The finals were preceded by an exhibition match between Alchemist and Amity Team which was a treat for the spectators’ eyes. The players of both the teams displayed remarkable confidence, grit and determination and finally in the last and deciding chukker Alchemist overpowered Amity team with a score of 3 goals to 2.

The Game of Kings attracted who’s who of the city including – eminent Bollywood actor (female) Chitrangada Singh; prominent fashion designers Ritu Kumar and Leena Singh; Her Highness Sultanah Zanariah and Princess Maseera Iskandar, Johor Malaysia. The event also saw in attendance diplomats and ambassadors from various countries like Arab League, Italy, Azabaizan, Icot Ivory, Lisotho, Kirkistan, Oman etc. Ministers Councilors of Egypt, Zordan, Israel and Poland and were also present. Renowned Socialites Mr. Dilip Cherian, Mrs. Devi Cherian, Mr. Alok Singhanian from Volkswagen, enjoyed the finals basking in the sun. 🇮🇳



Kailash Kher enthralls audience

Acce Bollywood singer Kailash Kher who made his mark in the industry with “Allah Ke Banda” mesmerized the audience during the last day of the annual festival of Amity Business School on February 18, 2011.

“Kailasa” fever gripped Amitians days before the concert. The students and faculty members thronged the venue to catch a glimpse of their favourite star. Kailash who arrived fashionably an hour late had the audience eating out of his hand as soon as he took to the stage.

The singer was felicitated by Dr Balvinder Shukla, Pro Vice Chancellor (Academics), AUUP; Dr Sanjay Shrivastav, Additional Director General ABS and Gen PD Bhargava, DG AITTM in the traditional Amity style. He not only enthralled the audience with his soulful Sufi renditions, but also belted out Bollywood hits like “Tu Jaane Naa” and “Yeh Duniya Ult patanga”. However, the stage was on fire when he sang “Teri Dewani” and “Sayiaan”. He also shared interesting anecdotes. 🇮🇳

ASB fest

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A crowd puller

Nishant Jayaswal
& Nakul Parameswar
(BBA), Amity School of Business

With an aim to bring together the best minds from across the country to devise creative, innovative and rational solutions which will help corporates repose itself in the market, a three- day undergraduate management festival of Amity School of Business (AUUP) “AURA”, 2011 commenced on February 16. Based on the theme R3- Revival, Restructure and Resurrection, the inaugural ceremony saw the presence of high profile dignitaries like Mr Amit Rana, Editor in Chief, Dainik Mahamedha; Mr. Bharat Nagar, Corporate lawyer; Dr Balvinder Shukla, Pro VC (A), Amity University and Dr Alka Munjal, Director Amity School of Business. A theme video of AURA, 2011 was also aired for the audience. Inaugurating the event, Dr Shukla said, “Around 250 fests are held at various institutes every year. Such events provide a platform to students to interact with industry bigwigs and also compete with their counterparts from other institutes. It is not important whether you win or loose but it is the participation that matters.”



Addressing the gathering, Guest of Honour - Mr. Bharat Nagar said, “Good management strategies are required in every field. If a person has good management skills, he would be successful

in life. It is good to see that such managerial skills are being imparted to the students here.”

The fest was successful in integrating the concept of revival in business sector. Various events organised during the festival touched upon various aspects including finance, marketing, strategy, human resource and managerial skills. It also saw three stand alone events like Into the Quest (Quiz), Engineered Image (AD-MAD) and Raging Bulls (Debate) being held.

Other events which witnessed participation on large scale were ‘Fashion show’ and ‘Choreography’ competition. Nearly 17 colleges and 83 teams from as far as Bangalore, Hubli and Kolkata participated in fashion show and choreography competition. Though there were numerous events which proved mind boggling, it was the “Offerte Round” which was based on the concept of IPL bidding that took away all the praise.

The performance by Indian Idol -5 contestant Naushad Ali Khawa on February 17 was enthralling. Christ University stood first and bagged a cash prize of Rs 15,000, while KLE Hubli held the second position and won a cash prize of Rs 7, 500. 🇮🇳

Setting new trends in management

Prof. Kanwal Bawa Bhalla
Amity Business School & team

Amity Business School, that has been producing the best managers and leaders in the country held its 16th Annual Management Festival- Trends 2011 from Feb 16-19. The three day festival saw convergence of business icons, distinguished academicians & management students from top institutes, to create new insights, share knowledge & learn skills needed to thrive in today’s competitive environment.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Sanjay Srivastava- Head, Amity Business School provided a brief overview of the three-day Management Festival. He called upon the students to utilize the interface with renowned industry leaders to the best to enhance their knowledge and adopt the winning strategies necessary to survive cut throat competition. Sharing his views with the present gathering, Dr. Ashok K Chauhan- Founder President, RBEF said, “Strategy devising has acquired a lot of importance in today’s corporate world and can help a corporate achieve anything and everything on earth.” The first day saw an annual Business Summit being held, which was addressed by several renowned speakers like Dr. Nitish Sengupta, Chairman, Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises; Dr. U. D. Choubey, Director, General Standing Conference of Public Enterprises; Dr. Mukesh Aghi,



Amity Business School (ABS)

CEO, Steria and many others.

A host of captivating and competitive events like Ranghoomi-The Debate, Khel Khel Mein-The Corporate Game, TRISHNA-The Marketer’s Quest and Shreshtha-The Best Manager, took place during the three days. The event saw a vibrant and intellectual performance by various teams from top notch institutes such as IIT, Delhi; ILM, Greater Noida; IMT, Ghaziabad and Symbiosis, Pune. TRENDS 2011 was an event epitomizing youthful zest & energy, facilitating networking amongst eminent personalities and students.

The event culminated with a Star Night-a concert featuring “Kailash Kher – The Music Maestro”. Kher mesmerized the audiences with his soulful singing. His melodious voice touched everyones hearts and stirred their souls. 🇮🇳

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It's my second time as a teacher coordinator. I have learnt the art of editing and making on the spot changes. It has been a very enriching experience for me.

Shweta Ahluwalia, Teacher Coordinator

Citation & Investiture ceremony at Vas-6





AIS Vasundhra, Sec-6 organized the Investiture ceremony for the newly elected cabinet on 9th February 2011. There was a blend of moods and emotions everywhere as the Citation ceremony for class 12th students was also organized on the same day. In order to seek the blessing of the Almighty for achieving success in board examinations, a Hawan ceremony was conducted in the school foyer area. After an auspicious beginning, the parents and students proceeded to the auditorium for the Investiture and the Citation Ceremony. Alumni students also attended the ceremony and relived the experiences they had also once cherished. The event began with a welcome



speech by School Principal, Mrs. Shashi Ranjan. The newly elected cabinet was called on stage to take the oath.



Dr. (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, congratulated the newly appointed ministers and motivated them to achieve success in all their endeavors. She also encouraged the students of class XII to work hard

and pass with flying colours and bring laurels to the school. The ceremony was not just a formal affair. The atmosphere picked up a lighter wave when some students of class XII shared the most cherished experiences of their 'school days'. A power point presentation recollecting the 'full-on

masti' moments was shown to the gathering. Parents of class XII students were also invited on stage to share the experience of their ward's journey through the school days. The ceremony concluded with shower of blessings and vote of thanks by students of class XI. The ceremony witnessed the auditorium reverberating with applause and the tasty lunch made everybody's day.  

Prize distribution ceremony

AIS Vasundhra-1



Prize distribution programme was held at AIS, Vasundhra, Sec-1 on February 7, 2011. Smt. Laxmi Singh, IPS Officer, Commandant, 41st Battalion PAC, Ghaziabad was the chief guest for the event. Illuminary dignitaries including Dr. (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools; Mr. TPS Chauhan, Advisor to Chairperson; Mr. B. N Bajpai, Advisor (R & D); Ms. Shashi Ranjan, Officiating principal and Ms. Bala S, Would-be Principal were also present on the occasion. The event embarked with the rendition of welcome song by the choir group. Ms. Shashi Ranjan welcomed the gathering and congratulated the prize winners. Ganesh Vandana by the students filled the auditorium with an air of spirituality and calmness. Dr. (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan encouraged the students to continue discovering the orbit of excellence and work hard to fulfill the lofty vision of Dr. Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, RBEF. The skating dance made the audience groove. Ninety nine prize winners were felicitated on the occasion. The ceremony was also attended by the proud parents of the prize winners.  

Winter Carnival

Students of AIS, Gur-46 enjoyed a colourful and fun filled day, celebrating winter carnival in December. The carnival organised on a big scale, saw children dressed in vibrant colours. They enjoyed various innovative games at the stalls which included Lift the Brick, Coin the Bangle, Tail the Donkey, Spot

AIS Gur-46

the Beauty and many more.



The food stalls put up by renowned food chains like Dominos and Rajwada served mouth watering delicacies. However, the discotheque and joy rides were the major crowd pullers for the old and young alike. The participation of alumnus added even more excitement to the carnival.  



Annual day celebration

The annual day function of AIS MV was an extravaganza, showcased by class I & II students. A play 'Andher Nagri Chaupat Raja' put up by class I had the audience in splits. 'Zelda the zebra' by class II was also highly appreciated. The serene grand finale 'Spring is here to stay' stole the show. Mr. Pankaj Butalia,

AIS MV

a well known documentary film maker was the Chief Guest for the event. Dignitaries including Dr. (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools; Dr. T.P.S Chauhan, Advisor to Chairperson; Ms. Sarita Aggarwal, Principal, AIS MV and Dr. B.N. Bajpai, Advisor (R&D) were also present.  

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AIS Noida

New student council inducted

Investiture ceremony for the newly elected student council of AIS Noida was held on January 31, 2011. The office bearers pledged to uphold the unique Amitian ethos and to serve as perfect role models for the student community. The newly elected Head Boy, Aditya Garg and Head girl, Aishwarya Garg administered the oath of office to other council members. A team of 52 Prefects and 33 Deputy Secretaries were trained by Col. Ahluwalia, Sports Advisor, Amity Group of Schools. Also present on the occasion were Dr. (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and proud parents of the council members.

School Principal, Mrs. Renu Singh congratulated the new appointees and urged them to mantle their responsibilities with dedication and commitment. She advised them to maintain the high parameters of excellence laid down by the previous council. Anantdeep Singh, Ex-Head boy and some other students of class XII went the nostalgic route, reminiscing their formative years at Amity that helped hone them into confident and independent individuals, ingrained with the right values.



Dr. (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan exhorted the students to show solidarity and respect towards fellow human beings and nurture a sense of pride in our nation.  

ISO team visits



AIS, Noida played host to the officials of the ISO team (International Standards Organization) for periodic audit by DNV (Det Norske Veritas A.S.) of ISO 9001—2000 Certification on Jan 6, 2011. A team of three comprising Mr. Amitabh

Sharma, Mr. Om Khuller and Ms. Phalguni appreciated the special assembly on 'Positive Thinking'.

School Principal, Mrs. Renu Singh encouraged the students to continue being 'the embodiments of goodness and humility'. She also thanked the ISO Team for their visit and for granting accreditation to AIS Noida.  

Award galore



AIS MV

AIS, MV organized the prize distribution ceremony for classes VII, VIII and IX to acknowledge the hard work and brilliant performance of the students.

Dr. (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools gave away the prizes and scholarship to the meritorious students. The ceremony was also attended by a delegation from Switzerland. The delegation was fascinated by Indian hospitality and praised the education system for portraying a perfect blend of contemporary and tradition. School



Principal, Mrs. Sarita Aggarwal applauded the proud achievers and congratulated their parents for extending full support to their wards.

Dr. (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan blessed the students and urged them to continue with their winning spree so as to bring laurels to their alma mater and their family.  

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The experience of writing for The Global Times was invigorating as I was writing an article for a newspaper for the first time. Also, I was excited at the thought of my article being seen by countless young minds like mine.

Shenjit Basu, X B



THE RAINBOW YEARS

Tvisha Goswami, IX B, AIS PV

If one were to compare human life with vastness of the sky, the teen years would be a beautiful rainbow across the firmament. Just as the rainbow captures all the colors in a band, the teen years, though a small fraction of the life, contain all variations of life.

Teenage is the most colorful phase of one's life. During teenage various moods, attitudes, thought processes crosses youngsters mind and colours are best representation of these changes.

Using varied colors is not only a fashion statement for teens but is an expression of their personality, attitude and mood. Accessorizing outfit with a variety of hand bags, sandals, sunglasses, wrist watches, scarves etc that are available in

extensive color ranges is very common among teens.

The importance of colors in the life of today's teen is incredible. New funky colors like fluorescent green and yellow or pastel shades like lavender, peach, etc are keeping the color palette of the teenage phase full to the brim. Here are some common and unusual ways through which teens infuses colors in their life:



Death by dyed nails

While it is common for girls to sport colorful and vibrant nail paints, nail art is the new thing to have caught fancy of many young girls. It is a fun way to brighten up the look with decorative designs on fingernails that match with your outfit. Go in for sober colorful designs like that of flowers or beautiful trendy designs like studded crystals. If you wish to upgrade style quotient, try nail piercing.

Ink It

Unusual ways of color usage by teens is evident from the rising popularity of tattoos. Tattoos are in vogue these days, more so with the variety of the colors they are available in. Dragon, cryptic or the full body art styles, youngsters are seen sporting them all. Sporting tattoo is not a style statement alone, it is their way to express beliefs and statement of self to the outside world.



Hair Dare

Wish to have a funky mane? Well getting a chic hair cut is not the only way out. How about a splash of color streak on your locks? Red, green, purple, blue, orange or a multilayered effect you name it and today's teens can be seen sporting them with élan.

Eye Spy

Gone are the days when lining kohl and putting mascara were the only ways to accentuate beauty of the eyes. For the teens the traditional black kajal is passé as they prefer new and funky hues like turquoise, sea green golden and many more. For the added glamorous effect they experiment with colored mascaras too. And how can you forget the dramatic coloured cosmetic contact lenses thronging the market?

Colors not just form a part of the new trends but also reflect a person's confidence and thoughts. They make life rich and eventful.

So, how about adding a dash of color to your colorful teenage life.... Simply know your colour.  



Holi cuisine

Surina Jaidka, VI C, AIS PV

Holi is a festival that adorns everything with colours. So, why spare food? This Holi let your taste buds enjoy a dash of colour with some colourful recipes.

Rang Birangi Idli:

Ingredients:
Suji – 1 cup
Curd – 1 cup
Salt -1/2tsp
Oil - 1tsp
Eno - 1tsp
Beetroot juice - 1 tsp



Mint chutney - 1 tsp
Turmeric - 1tsp

Recipe:

Add suji, curd, salt and oil together in a bowl and mix them well. Add eno to the mixture and divide the mix into three parts. Add beet root juice to one part, mint chutney to the



second one and haldi powder to the third. Steam the three separate portions idli mould for 10 mins to get healthy, colourful idlis.

Gulali Cake:

Ingredients
Maida - ½ cup

Baking powder - 1tsp
Baking soda - 1/2 tsp
Thick curd - 3/4 cup
Granulated sugar- 1 cup
Refined oil- 1/2 cup
Grated beetroot- 1/4 cup
Vanilla essence- 1/2 tsp

Recipe:

Sieve together Maida, baking soda and baking powder. Mix oil, sugar, curd, grated beetroot and Vanilla essence Add all ingredients and bake at 160 degrees for 45 mins.  

HOLI FEVER

Old festival, new celebration

Simran Sachdeva, IX A, AIS PV

"Change is the only constant". As time changes, needs change, things change and people change too. Today, almost everything has undergone a change and our traditional festivals are no exception. Holi, the most colourful festival of India too is celebrated in new styles these days. Gen X has come up with innovative ways to make the festival more vibrant. Take a look:

Play Holi with herbal colors at day and try neon/radium colors at night.

Surina J. (VI)

How about making eatables colorful? Think golgappas filled with colorful water!

Manan Rai(VI)

It would be so much fun if we are allowed to celebrate Holi in school.

Naman (VI)

Celebrate with the underprivileged children. They deserve happiness too

Anhad (VI)

Paint your loved ones with sponges dipped in color. (Artistic touch... hmm?)

Surina J. (VI)

The balloons hurt! Play safe by using flowers.

Simran Arora (IV)  

The Social Network

Shenjit Basu, X B AIS PV

Movies teach you many things. They teach you how to love, how to carry out a big heist and even enlighten you about social issues. 'The Social Network' is one such movie. Though the movie has 'social' in its name, it's a different 'social issue' that movie addresses.

The movie revolves around the creation of the Facebook revolution, how it had its share of ups and downs and highlights the effort and hard work that has gone into the creation of this revolution. The idea of making a different social networking site in a dorm

room will enlighten the mostly Facebook-using audience. It spills some secrets and trivia about Mark Zuckerberg as a person, and how Facebook had become his life.

While fame came Mark's way in the story, it also brought along few enemies like Winkle Voss twins (played by a single, Armie Hammer) and their partner Divya Narendra (Max Minghella).

Directed by David Fincher, best known for his movie 'The Curious Case Of Benjamin Button', the movie shows his directorial skills yet again. The movie boasts of a fabulous cast. While Jesse Eisenberg, plays Boy wonder, Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg, exhibits acting skills

by playing the role of a geek who has a brilliant mind. Andrew Garfield, playing Zuckerberg's best friend-turned-foe, does a pretty good job too.

The movie has some flip sides, as it tends to lag a bit during the end, when the lawsuits get discussed. Also Justin Timberlake, cast as creator of the music website Napster Sean Parker, could have done a better job. Overall, the film is just the right mix of suspense, intrigue and funny moments, making it a must watch, especially for the youngsters who are hooked to Facebook. It is a great choice for those looking for a movie which can be enjoyed with both their friends and family.

After watching this movie, everyone shall be 'Facebooked'! 