

Status of the week

Can someone just please travel with me sitting on top of the bus and through the mountains. Just please? I have been wanting to do that for five years now.

Brinda Taparia, AIS Noida, Alumnus

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AMITEpoll

Are SMS exchanges & social media creating distance between people than bringing them closer?

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

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POLL RESULT
for GT issue March 3, 2014

Will introduction of gender studies as subject pave way for women emancipation?

Results as on March 7, 2014

Coming Next

Looking for a low fat dairy ice cream? Check it out in the next edition.

Doing justice to justice

“If a Prime Minister’s killers can be released, what kind of justice should the common man expect?” Congressman Rahul Gandhi indeed raised a valid question when Tamil Nadu chief minister Jayalalithaa declared release of the assassins of Rajiv Gandhi. Close on the heels of announcement of the Lok Sabha election, could such an announcement be a political gimmick, or so the media reports claim. Besides, a Pandora’s box of vexing questions has been flung open- are the punishments awarded for a crime keeping pace with changing times? How is the quantum of punishment awarded for a crime decided and who decides it? **Namrata Gulati, GT Network**, ponders over some such questions relating to law and order and what’s beyond it- justice...

Is capital punishment inhuman?
Case in point: The commutation of death sentence to life imprisonment of Rajiv Gandhi, former prime minister, assassins (‘on the grounds of inordinate delay in disposal of their mercy petitions by the President’). And roughly 1560 convicts handed death sentences between 2001 and 2012. Under Articles 72 and 161 of the Constitution, the clemency procedure comes as a ray of hope to the prisoner and his or her family members since it permits commutation of death sentence to life imprisonment. India could well be on its way to joining the league of 135 countries that have abolished the death penalty in law or practice.
One side of the coin: The decision is unfair as it has been made to score political points. It reflects badly on the justice system, which has chosen to be subservient to the political system. In a democracy, powers should be separated and well defined.
Mokshda Bhushan, faculty, Amity Law School
Other side of the coin: The decision is more a move in favour of humanity than against it. The objective of any punishment is to evoke remorse and capital punishment fails to do so with the death of the offender.
Geetika Kalra, student, ASCO

Should the juvenile age be revised?
Case in point: The involvement of a minor in the brutal Nirbhaya gangrape case who was awarded a three-

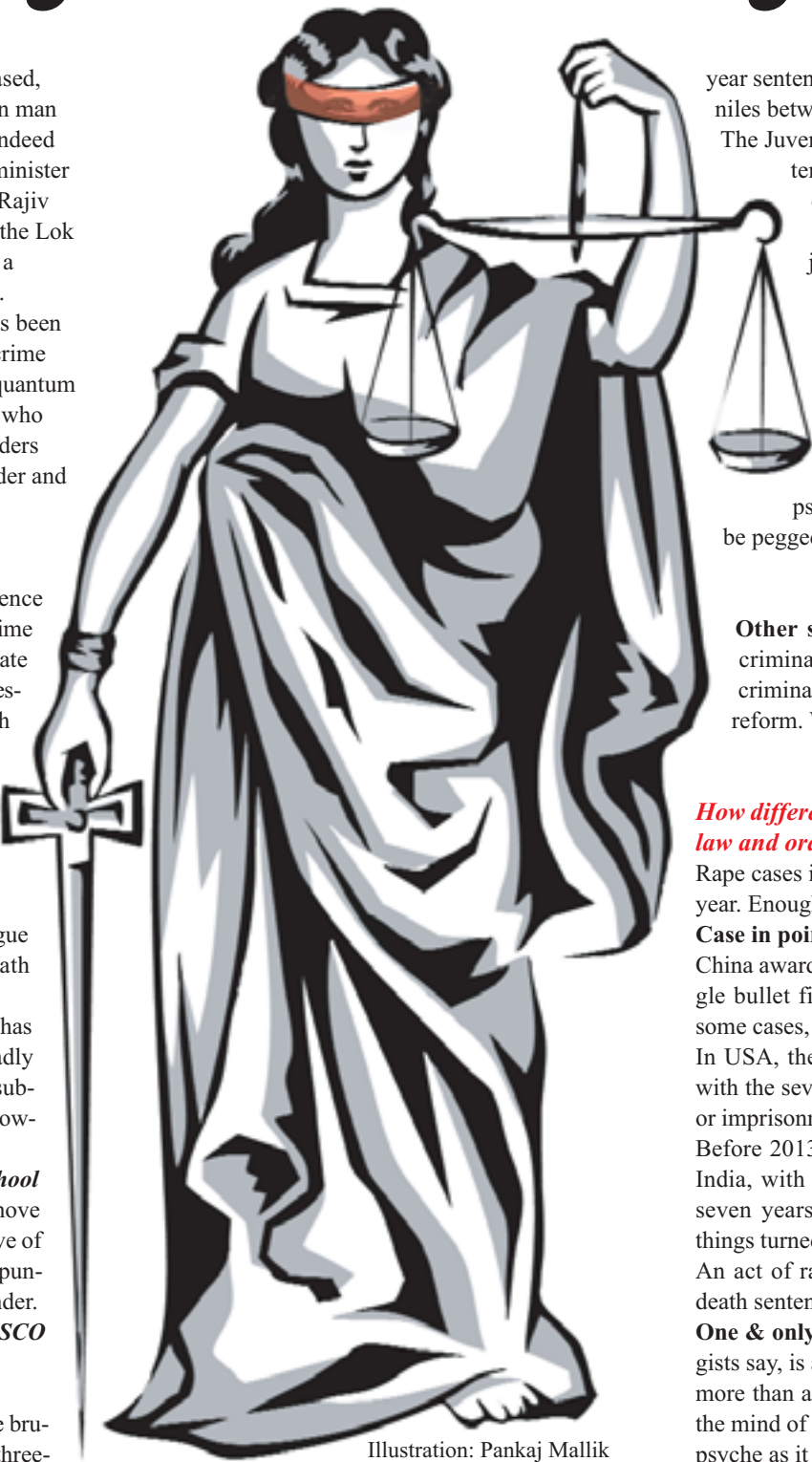


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year sentence. And 75,801 cases registered against juveniles between 2010 and 2012.
The Juvenile Justice Act creates a juvenile justice system in which people up to the age of 18 who commit an offence punishable under any law are not subject to imprisonment in the adult justice system but instead are subject to advice/admonition, counselling, community service, payment of a fine or, at the most, be sent to a remand home for three years. There has been a 143% rise in only rapes by juveniles between 2002 to 2012.
One side of the coin: Teenagers and the youth these days are maturing faster, both psychologically and biologically. Yes, it should be pegged at at least 16 years.
Prashant Chauhan, faculty, Amity Institute of Social Sciences
Other side of the coin: Irrespective of the age, a criminal should be treated like one. But I think all criminals should be counselled and given a chance to reform. We should enable this to take place.
Jamuna Rangachari, children’s author

How different are countries from each other vis-à-vis law and order?
Rape cases in India doubled in 2013 in just a span of one year. Enough said.
Case in point: Rape
China awards a death penalty to the rapist by firing a single bullet fired at the spinal chord joining his neck. In some cases, he is castrated.
In USA, the punishment awarded to the rapist/s varies with the severity of the crime. On an average, it is a fine or imprisonment for a specific time or life imprisonment. Before 2013, rape was not considered a major crime in India, with the maximum punishment being limited to seven years of rigorous imprisonment. In April 2013, things turned around after the Anti Rape Bill was passed. An act of rape is now liable to life imprisonment, and death sentence is awarded for rarest of rare cases.
One & only side of the coin: A rape, as most psychologists say, is about the male desire to overpower a woman more than anything else. A crime such as this sprouts in the mind of the rapist and can be eroded, only if from his psyche as it is more powerful than the law.🇮🇳🇺🇸

Germinating Indo-German ties



A talk on ‘Fluctuating World Economy’ organised by AERC at Amity University saw the presence of Dr Juliana Gloeckler-Fuchs, former project manager, International School Cooperation and Vocational Training, Goethe-Institute and Max Mueller Bhavan who spoke brilliantly on the topic. In an interview with Sana Sawhney of AIS Noida, Class XII, she gets candid about education, Indo-German ties on the educational front and economic slowdown.

How can the Indo-German relationship be strengthened on the educational front?
In my opinion, exchange programmes, wherein students from both the countries visit each other’s country, can help a great deal in strengthening the ties between India and Germany. Through such programmes, students get an opportunity to learn about the other nation. They get an insight into a new culture, a new language and get a valuable platform to interact with people with a different mindset and ethnicity altogether. Cultural exchanges like these are very beneficial indeed. Apart from programmes of this kind, Indo-German fests, student interactions programmes can also contribute in this regard.

How similar or different are India and Germany



vis-à-vis education?
The education systems of India and Germany are quite different from each other. In India, students are very eager and keen on learning new things. They seem to be quite intrinsically motivated with a deep interest in the concept of education. Besides, they are taught everything here. On the other hand, in Germany, students tend to mostly learn independently. They learn new things on their own primarily by taking a cue from their surroundings, seniors or experimentation.

Would you say that the current economic slowdown is going to affect student flow to Germany?
Yes, indeed. The current economic slowdown comes with certain implications. For one, prices have shot up, making everything extremely expen-

sive for foreign students. At the same time, students coming in from other countries have to incur other expenses such as accommodation, food et al. This is another major challenge posed by the slowdown to international students.
What are the career opportunities that Germany has to offer Indian students?
The world has grown by leaps and bounds. Thus, in this phase of development, there are several avenues that Germany has to offer on the educational front. However, it is difficult to choose one field as there is a range of new avenues that have opened up in any and every field you can think of in Germany. The opening up of new and different fields has thrown open the doors for students to a variety of welcoming work opportunities.🇮🇳🇩🇪

Pic: Ramesh Chandra, ASCO

Dr Juliana in conversation with GT Reporters



All for charity

YOUTH POWER *for Women*

Raising funds is a prerequisite towards bringing in a social change. The Youth Power teams meet this prerequisite as they generate funds for their chosen cause

AIS SAKET | Respect for women



Dr Ashok K. Chauhan visits the stall put up by the school YP team; the team sells Diwali related items as diyas, cards, paintings, etc to generate funds (L)

ACTIVITY Selling Diwali related items as glass paintings, diyas, cards, paper bags, etc.

PROCESS

Since Diwali was around the corner, the school art club and volunteers made items such as diyas & paintings.

These items were then sold at a Diwali stall set up within the school premises for three consecutive days. Two major events were held in the school during this time namely Breakout'13 and Founder's Day.

Circulars were also sent across

to parents briefing them on the cause and inviting them to visit the stall.

USP The stall attracted a large number of students and parents as the objects being sold were not only priced at low rates but were very beautiful.

AIS VASUNDHARA 1 | Stop dowry, protect women



Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan purchases healthy biscuits; biscuits made by the team (inset)

ACTIVITY Selling homemade gourd biscuits

PROCESS

The YP team along with volunteers made special homemade gourd biscuits with a secret health recipe formulated by

school coordinator Veena Mishra.

Delicious biscuits were made tempting through interesting and attractive packing.

These biscuits were sold during the school annual day at a

stall put up by the YP team of the school.

USP The model offered dual benefits. Firstly, it helped raise money and secondly it led to creation of a snack that costs low and is healthy.

AIS VASUNDHARA 6 | Abuses faced by urban women

ACTIVITY Selling of postcards

PROCESS

Postcards were purchased from the post office.

A message related to women empowerment was written on each of these postcards.

These postcards were then sold at various special occasions like PTMs, sports day, annual day, etc. to parents, students and the school staff.

USP Since postcards are cheap, this fund generation model was low on cost.



The team sells postcards; postcards (inset)

AIS MAYUR VIHAR | Education for women



Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan at the musical concert where the YP team donated books to Amitasha students

ACTIVITY Charity concert

PROCESS

Due permissions were procured from school authorities to organise a musical concert in school.

Notices were put up ten days in advance inviting interested students to buy the tickets that were available with the school's accounts department.

On the day of the concert, students who had the tickets were stamped with the logo of the school's YP team.

The concert started with the YP team introducing themselves and apprising the audience about their chosen cause.

An Amitasha student also sang an English song on the occasion. The event ended with the YP team donating books to Amitasha students.

USP A concert is something that interests everyone. Hence, this activity enjoyed a great reach and enabled the team to reach out to the entire school.

AIS GUR 46 | Vocational training to empower women

ACTIVITY From paper to money

PROCESS

An announcement was made in the school, requesting students to donate old newspapers and notebooks.

Over the next two days, over hundred kgs of newspaper was collected from the entire school. In lieu of newspapers, students were given a lucky draw coupon.

The lucky draw was held after the donation drive in which Dhruv Arya of Class V won and was gifted an Independent I (YP Team of AIS Gur 46) sweater. A flash mob was also held after declaration of results.

The collected newspaper was sold to generate funds.

USP This fund generation model did not require costs and helped in recycling old newspaper.



Students collect old newspapers

AIS NOIDA | Self defence for safety of women

ACTIVITY Generating funds by self-made pepper spray

PROCESS

A collection drive was organised at Orange County, Indirapuram, wherein the YP team along with some volunteers went from door to door collecting the ingredients required for the spray - lemons, pepper and chillies.

This liquid was put in spray bottles, obtained from sponsor-

ship by M G Agarwal Homez, a real estate company.

These sprays were then sold to the school teachers by going class to class.

USP This activity not just involved generation of funds but also encompassed creation of a tangible product i.e. a pepper spray, which can act as an important self defence tool for women.



YP team sells the pepper spray to teachers; ingredients collected from the donation drive (inset)

AIS PUSHP VIHAR | Nutrition & women

The YP team along with their mentor teacher at a stall put up by them; the recipe book made by the team (inset)



ACTIVITY Selling recipe books containing healthy and nutritious recipes

PROCESS

A recipe contest was announced on the team's Facebook page.

The best entries were compiled in the form of a recipe book. The book comprised of a

total of 13 recipes.

These books were then sold during the school carnival.

USP The fund generation involved creation of a tangible product - a recipe book comprising healthy recipes. It also helped mobilise support as the recipe contest received an overwhelming response.

AIS GURGAON 43 | Sanitation & hygiene for women

ACTIVITY Generation of funds through selling of hand painted mugs

PROCESS

The clay was collected from the school ground. The school potter, Chottelal, also helped by contributing clay.

An announcement was made in Class VIII-X inviting volunteers to come forward and make

mugs. The selected volunteers also agreed to bring along the required paints.

These mugs were then sold at a stall put up by the school Youth Power team during the school annual day.

USP This activity helped mobilise support as it involved working with volunteers, who lent support for the cause.



The team sells hand painted mugs on the school annual day



Try to focus while you sit down to study.

ALS moots for criminal law

The 2nd International Moot Court Competition saw enthusiastic participation of more than 40 law schools from across the country and a high level of debate



The dignitaries with their mementos



The winners flaunt their well deserved trophy

Amity Law School Noida

Deepanshee Bhugra, Himanshi Gupta & Ritu Bagaria
Amity Law School, Noida

What: 2nd International Moot Court competition

When: February 20-22, 2014

Where: Amity University, Noida

The International Moot Court competition brought together undergraduate law students from all over India, who argued on hypothetical problems involving international criminal law. A moot court is an extracurricu-

lar activity at law schools where students participate in simulated court proceedings, draft briefs and memorials and indulge in oral argument. 41 teams from different law schools all over the country registered for the competition.

Day 1: The inaugural ceremony commenced with the lighting of the lamp by prof Mamta Srivastava, additional director, ALS. The ceremony was graced by eminent jurists including Hon'ble Justice Sudhanshu Jyoti Mukhopadhaya, judge, Supreme Court of India. Enamoured by the fervour among the participants, KTS Tuls, senior advocate, Supreme Court of India, announced a

cash prize of Rs 1 Lakh for the best speaker. The esteemed guests were given mementos, as a token of gratitude. The ceremony culminated with a performance by the music society, IRIS.

Day 2: The competition was divided into two bouts, preliminary round I and II, where all the teams argued for both prosecution and defence. It involved an international war crime between two hypothetical nations, Nooba and Kimtaan.

Day 3: The final round was judged by Justice AK Patnaik, tribunal judge, Cuttack Bench and four other eminent jurists. In the valedictory session, guest of

honour was Hon'ble Justice Gyan Sudha Misra, first woman chief justice of a high court and sitting judge of Supreme Court at the time. She appreciated the event and encouraged the participants.

Awards and accolades

Winning team-College of Law, Christ University, Bangalore

1st Runner Up- Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi

2nd Runner Up- OP Jindal, Sonapat

Best Memorial- College of Law, Symbiosis, Pune

Best Speaker- Avni Kaushal, JMI, Delhi

2nd Best Speaker- Rishabh Raj, Christ University, Bangalore.

Scholastic Alerts

Examination: Management Aptitude Test (MAT), May 2014. It is a standardised test being administered since 1988 to facilitate Business Schools to screen candidates for admission to MBA and allied programmes. Govt. of India, Ministry of HRD approved MAT as a national level test in 2003. Any B-School - national or international - can consider MAT Score as an admission input based on the Score Cards issued to the candidates.

Course: MBA

Eligibility: Graduates in any discipline. Final year students of Graduate courses can also apply.

Entrance Examination: Mode of Test

Paper Based Test: May 4, 2014/ **Computer Based Test (CBT):** May 10, 2014 onwards*

*If the number of candidates registered for CBT is limited and can be accommodated in a single day; the test will be completed on May 10 itself.

Last date for sale of forms/online registration April 16, 2014; for online application- <http://apps.aima.in/matmay14/>

Last date for submission of registration forms at AIMA/online: April 19, 2014; online submission - <http://apps.aima.in/matmay14/>

Website: <http://www.aima.in/>

Examination: National Aptitude Test in Architecture (NATA).

Course: Bachelor of Architecture (B. Arch)

Eligibility: Candidates should have passed 10+2 or equivalent exam from a recognised board/university with at least 50% marks with mathematics as a subject

Online sale/issue of application forms: From March 1, 2014

Entrance Examination: On all working days from March 1, 2014 onwards

Website: <http://www.nata.in>

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Preserving the planet

With the presentation of 88 papers and 9 lectures, the national conference on environment initiated discussions on pertinent issues affecting our earth

AIETSM

What: National conference on 'Earth and Environment: Pollution and Prevention-2014'

When: January 28-30, 2014

Where: Amity University, Noida

A national conference on the pressing problem of environment pollution, was organised by Amity Institute of Environmental Toxicology, Safety and Management (AIETSM) in association with Ministry of Earth Sciences. Convener of the conference, Prof Tanu Jindal, director, AIETSM, highlighted the themes of the conference as land use and soil health, ocean and water resources and air quality, atmosphere and climate change.



Dignitaries with Maj Gen K J Singh, vice chancellor, AUUP

The conference was inaugurated by a galaxy of experts including Dr John Dunham, deputy chief, environment, science and technology affairs, US Embassy; Dr Vinod Babu, incharge, Hazardous Waste Management Divi-

sion, CPCB; Dr RK Khandal, VC, UP Tech University; Dr Sanjay Bajpai, director/scientist 'F', Technology Mission Cell, Water & Solar Energy, DST. Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe, conveyed

his best wishes for the success of the conference and wished all the participants good luck.

A total of 88 papers and 9 lectures were presented during the conference, which served as a platform to sensitise the masses about the grave implications of environmental deterioration. Among the eminent guests who delivered talks were Prof RK Singh, CSIR, Lucknow; Prof Neera Kapoor, IGNOU, New Delhi; Dr RS Antil, HAU, Hissar; Dr Chirashree Ghosh, DU; Dr J Behari, professor (retd), Jawaharlal Nehru University; Dr RB Lal, deputy director, Impact Assessment Division, Ministry of Environment and Forests and Prof Rasik Ravindra, Earth System Science Organisation, Ministry of Earth Sciences, New Delhi.

Exchange of ideas @ ORION

Amity School of Economics

Deepali Sharma & Atisha Mohanty, ASE

The 4th annual economic symposium of Amity School of Economics- ORION, was held on January 30, 2014. The topic was 'Growth in entrepreneurship and employment opportunities in India'. Dr Santosh Mehrotra, human development economist and member of Planning



Commission, was the chief panelist. He highlighted the immense potential India has for development, especially through entrepreneurship. Devrat Rana from DLF, presented a micro perspective on entrepreneurship and advised the stu-

dents to start their own venture only if they are ready for instability and hard work. Maj Gen Hemant Kumar Singh and Apurv Agarwal from College of Security Studies, led a stimulating session on lack of skilled workers. The next session by Vivek Kapoor and Sahil Jain, co-founders of the tech startup Dineout, was an interactive one. They shared a quick business mantra for entrepreneurs ie idea + good execution team + perseverance. A question-answer session followed.

Later, an inter university debate competition was held on the 'Outsourcing is the engine of growth'. The symposium, led by Prof (Dr) Gargi Bandyopadhyay, HOI, ASE was a stimulating one, where students picked up enough tips for their future.

Amity Institute for Competitive Examinations

Presents

Brainleaks-104

FOR CLASS XI-XII

Agranal chloroplasts are characteristic of

- (a) Bundle sheath of wheat leaves
- (b) Mesophyll of maize leaves
- (c) Bundle sheath of sugarcane leaves
- (d) Both (b) and (c)

Last Date:
Mar 23, 2014

3 correct entries win attractive prizes

Ans: Brainleaks 103: (c) 9

Name:.....

Class:.....

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Send your answers to The Global Times,
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Part 19

Discover Bharat

INDIA

The Agra Fort escapade

Folklore of Chattrapati Shivaji Maharaj Bhosle's valour, chivalry and presence of mind are popularly shared in Maharashtra through poetry, music, literature, films, etc. **Gaurav Pati** of Amity International School, Pushp Vihar, VII D shares one such less told story of his escapade from the Agra Fort through a comic illustration.



Heritage revived

Celebrating the rich and diverse heritage of India, Amity International Schools indulge in the art, cuisine, traditions, lifestyle, flora and fauna of different states. The year-long heritage activity, as envisaged by Chairperson Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, aims at reviving India's rich heritage and bringing it closer to the students.

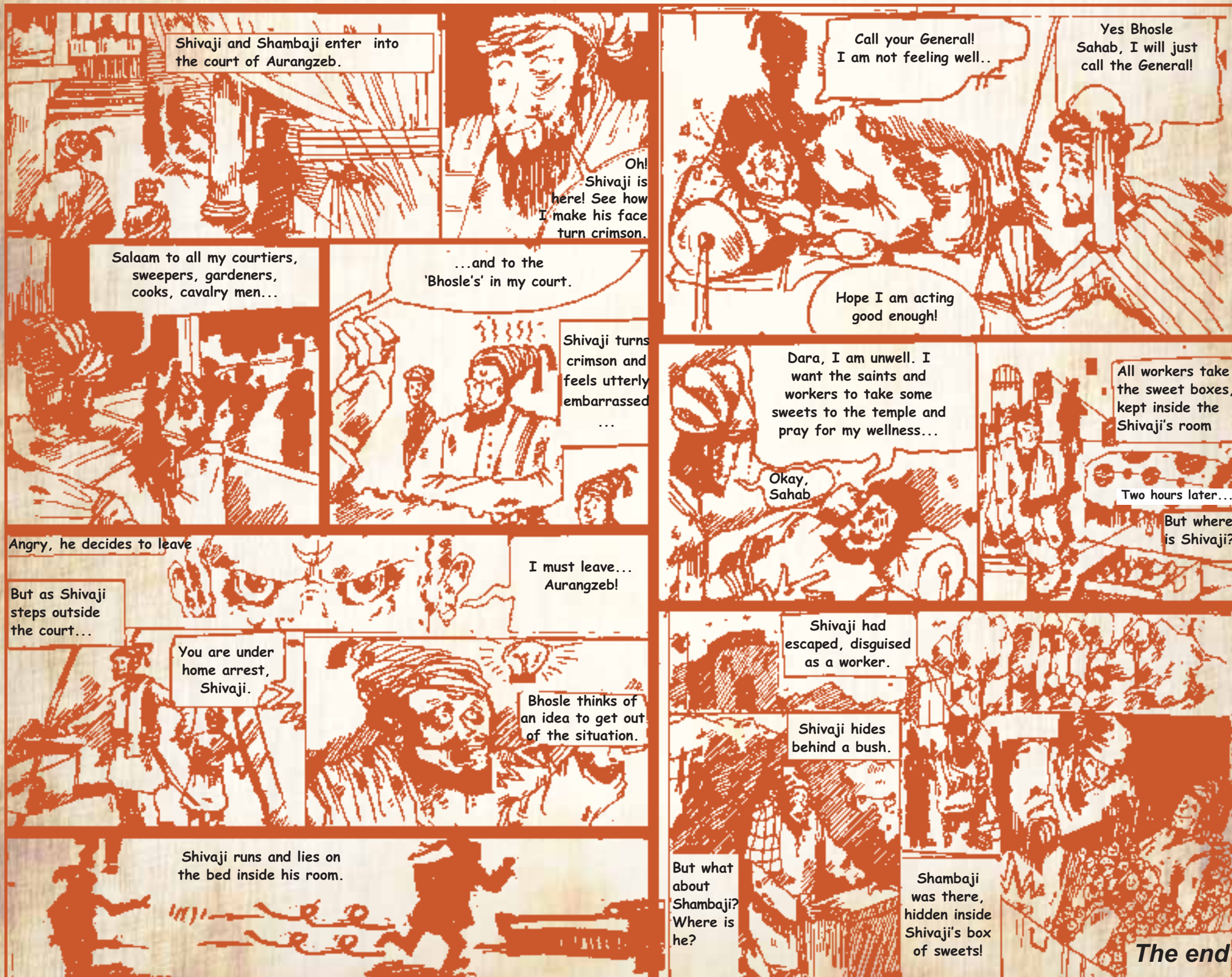
GT brings to you 'Discover Bharat', a heritage series that captures the ongoing heritage celebrations at Amity Schools. It also complements the elective course on heritage, soon to be launched by CBSE for senior classes.

In spotlight:

Maharashtra

Next in 'Discover Bharat':

Meet the famous personalities of Maharashtra walk down the ramp.





Don't worry and forget.
Relax and practice

A perfect potpourri



Dr Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

The Global Times is a complete newspaper replete with all the ingredients that make for an interesting read - information, news, entertainment, reflections and more. This week's edition of The Global Times offers all that and more.

The story on page 1, 'Doing justice to justice' examines certain subjects under law and judiciary which have been hotly debated and faced the scanner. The inside pages (p6 & 7) deal with the new states carved out of the existing states. The article sheds light on how the new states are faring in terms of all round development, supported by statistics and figures. Page 2 features Youth Power finalists who have worked relentlessly for the cause of uplifting women, inspiring all of us to be the change we want to see.

The heritage page brings to fore the intelligence of the legendary Chattrapati Shivaji, telling us that presence of mind is never an underrated virtue.

To sum up, this edition makes for a perfect potpourri, with something on offer for everyone. This is exactly the motto of this newspaper for, of and by the students. The Global Times week after week aims to inform and at the same time entertain its readers, sometimes leaving them with questions to ponder over.

So, as you read this edition don't just browse through the words; absorb, think and ponder for reading is just the begining of opening and exploring many dimensions that you otherwise would not have. 🇮🇳

Just Unjust

"We win justice quickest by rendering justice to the other party."

Mahatma Gandhi



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

We all have at some point or the other experienced being denied justice. And we seethe in pain, with each one of us wanting justice. While some fight for justice through the legal path, some take justice in their own hands and others leave it to the God's court of

justice. So what course of justice one takes recourse to is very subjective. But the more pertinent question is - What is justice?

Lord Krishna's definition of 'justice' in Gita is very akin to Dharma. As per him, when anybody feels that s/he has been denied justice, the person is completely shaken and broken. And in that frame of mind everything he/she sees around does not seem right. S/he loses control of his or her self, sees everyone as his/her enemy and demands an answer from everyone for having been wronged for no fault of their own. S/he seeks justice which is a perfectly normal and an expected behaviour because in any society accepting injustice is as wrong as being unjust to others. By accepting injustice s/he loses confidence in one self and faith in the society. Therefore, justice says Lord Krishna, is restoring the faith and confidence of the wronged in him/her self and society by evoking a feeling remorse in the heart of the person who was unjust. And if the wronged does not follow the path of justice and takes recourse to revenge in anger, he treads a path where the 'wronged' one day himself/herself becomes the 'wrong'. Justice therefore is subjective and many times a times blurring the line between justice and revenge. This thin divide between justice and revenge is Dharma. 🇮🇳

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Take small steps...

...for they will make big differences in the lives of women, says Shamina Shafiq, currently a member of National Commission for Women and a political and social activist, especially in the field of women empowerment and child development. Read on as she talks about the role of NCW, status of women in the society and more in an interview with Ishan Kapoor of AIS Gur 46, IV K

Tell us something about National Commission for Women (NCW).

National Commission for Women is the apex national level organisation of India. Its primary role is to ensure that the rights of women in the country are protected. We also review the laws which are made for women and spread awareness about the same amidst them. In our country, we have two-three ways of lodging complaints to NCW. The complaints can be lodged individually or personally, on the in-



ternet or anyone else can also lodge a complaint on behalf of the victim.

What is your role as NCW member?

My role is to look into complaints of the women who are victim of any kind of crime in addition to ensuring that women are aware of their rights. I am also doing a lot of programmes to make women aware of their rights.

What are your views about present status of women in our society?

Indian constitution has given equal rights to women. After December 16, 2012 (Nirbhaya's episode), the society as a whole has started thinking more for women. Previously, problems of women were considered as their own problems, but now men, young boys and even old men in the society are

concerned. The laws and the amendments made after December 16 are steps towards safeguarding the rights of women and I see a better approach towards women's status in society.

Which has been your most challenging case to date?

Every case that concerns a woman is very challenging. But still the most challenging case till now was in Haryana when a boy and a girl were killed in the name of honour because they had married against their parents wish. In NCW we don't call it 'honour killing', we call it as 'horror killing'.

What do you think that we as students can do to make the society better for women?

From a young age itself, one must be aware of one's legal rights and behave as a responsible citizen. For example, if you see your sister at home or a girl in school being deprived of something just because she is a girl you should take a stand. Such small steps can make a big difference. If such values are imbibed in children at an early age then we can eliminate crime against women faster. 🇮🇳

Break up with stress

Why ever does one need to be with 'someone' to feel complete and secure? Isn't there more to life- growing with friends, taking up a hobby or a new language?

Rahul Chowdhary, XI D &
Sunanda Natrajan, X A, AIS Saket

We're in our teens - the most precious, most valuable phase of our lives. Most non-teens say they would love to trade their lives with a teen. Why? Well, they are stressed, overworked, with a hundred dilemmas confronting them everyday. And here we are, all set to transcend into adulthood from the teenage years, not appreciating the time we have at hand to make something out of our lives. Instead, we are on a constant lookout for approval from someone from the opposite sex. So here's feeding your brain with some common sense!

Be self dependent: Are we so forever alone that we can't live without a special someone? Why on earth do we bother about all such things, when it's actually the time to do constructive and interesting things that can help us grow and learn. It's ironical that while at such a young age, which is of course the age to blossom, most are actually



looking for dependence on someone else for things that we can afford to do for ourselves on our own or even have our friends do it.

Love thyself: Now, now, a certain 'he' or 'she' did not look at you, and you find your monochromatic world crumbling. You question yourself, sulking in a corner; 'Why am I not better-looking?' 'Why could my parents

not pass on the genes for gorgeousness?' You go on a ranting spree and complain about the why-nots just because a certain someone passed by you! Why is it that a small episode such as this shatters your self confidence and in extreme cases, leads to depression. It's shocking how acceptance from the opposite sex has become so important that one forgets their

worth and their self esteem takes an all new dip. Okay alright, we heard you, so now, get up, show up and shine instead of brooding. The world is not coming to an end! So why not just plant your garden and decorate your soul instead of waiting for someone to bring you flowers? Brush up that self confidence because there is nobody worth your tears and agony especially when there is so much more to do!

Be & stay motivated: Incessant meaningless talk over the phone, long phone bills, spending hours on waiting to meet up- is it all really worth it? So why not spend this time on doing things we love and that add learning and meaning to our life. For instance, if you love singing, why not join a group with similar interests in your locality or help mom with the daily chores and make a nice cup of tea for daddy! Someone once said that it is the small things in life that give us happiness. That someone sure knew well about life. So relax and have your plate of Maggi with your sibling instead of wanting to share it with 'someone'. 🇮🇳

Pearls of wisdom



It doesn't matter who you are, or where you came from. The ability to triumph begins with you. Always.

Oprah Winfrey

I do not wish women to have power over men; but over themselves.

Mary Wollstonecraft

It is past time for women to take their rightful place, side by side with men, in the rooms where the fates of peoples, where their chil-

dren's and grandchildren's fates, are decided.

Hillary Clinton

Women are made to be loved, not understood.

Oscar Wilde

I love to see a young girl go out and grab the world by the lapels.

Maya Angelou

There is a great woman behind every idiot.

John Lennon



GT M@il

Dear Editor,

GT edition dated March 3 made for an interesting read. The story on page 1, 'Disappearing daughters' was nerve chilling. Being a hostel student, I enjoyed reading about Amity Hostel Talent Hunt and why it is important. The two special pages dedicated to Amity Youth Fest were captivating in colourful hues, yet high on content that shared important moments of the much-awaited annual affair.

Swati Sinha

Amity School of Communication

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United by birth, divided by fate

The government’s decision to carve out Telangana, India’s 29th state, from Andhra Pradesh was greeted by protests, tears and cheers. Students of Class X of AIS Pushp Vihar in an FA activity rovide you a sneak peek of other newly carved out states and how they are faring after separation

Chhattisgarh

Mother state: Madhya Pradesh
When: November 1, 2000
Why: The birth of Chhattisgarh was not marked by any major turmoil. Even though the demand for a separate state was raised as early as 1920, the only visible sign of turmoil was exhibited by Chhattisgarh Rajya Sangarsh Morcha after BJP-led NDA government failed to introduce the Madhya Pradesh Reorganisation Bill in the budget session of parliament. It introduced a similar bill in the Lok Sabha in 1998, but it lapsed after the government fell. It became a major electoral issue in the 1998 general election, with the then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee promising statehood for Chhattisgarh if elected to power. BJP managed to win 8 out of the total 11 seats falling in Chhattisgarh in 1999. The national party kept its promise and parliament passed the Madhya Pradesh Reorganisation Bill on August 9, 2000.
Impact: Chhattisgarh is India’s fastest growing state. In terms of agriculture, Chhattisgarh grew at 2.8% over 2004-09, way better than Madhya Pradesh at 0.8%. Even the industrial

sector reported a growth of 13% for the aforesaid period while Madhya Pradesh grew at a rate of 6.7% only. However, the state fared badly when it came to reducing poverty. It could reduce poverty only by 0.7% whereas the corresponding figures for Madhya Pradesh was 11.9%. Chhattisgarh reported a dip in Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) by 31 points, while Madhya Pradesh reported a decline by 29 points. Despite preference for male child and female infanticide creeping into tribal communities in Chhattisgarh, the state reported a sex ratio of 975:964 as compared to 932:912 reported in Madhya Pradesh for the time period 2001-2011. Both Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh reported a marginal increase in the literacy rate in the past two decades. But, the two performed fairly well when it came to school infrastructure and pupil-teacher ratio. Though, the state is suffering from chronic unemployment like any other newly carved states, the central government’s job guarantee scheme (MGNREGS) is helping a great deal.

Other regions demanding separation

- Gorkhaland- West Bengal
- Bodoland- Assam
- Vidharbha- Maharashtra
- Saurashtra- Gujarat
- Harit Pradesh, Awadh Pradesh, Poorvanchal, Bundelkhand, Braj Pradesh- Uttar Pradesh
- Kukiland- Manipur
- Kongu Nadu- Tamil Nadu
- Kamatapur- North Bengal
- Tulu Nadu- Karnataka
- Bhojpur- Eastern UP, Bihar and Chhattisgarh
- Mithilanchal- Maithali speaking regions of Bihar and Jharkhand
- Garoland- Meghalaya

Uttarakhand

Mother state: Uttar Pradesh
When: November 2000
Why: It was in the year 1930 that the locals in the region moved a resolution by a majority vote and demanded a separate state of Uttarakhand. The movement grew stronger when in a convention in 1946 Kesri Badri Dutt Pandey called for development of Garhwal Kumaon region as a separate unit or state. Poor development in the geographically unique state (93% hill region and 64% forest area), rising unemployment rate gave strength to the demand for a new state. The movement gained momentum in 1994 after firing on Uttarakhand activists in Muzaffarnagar district.

After several years of protest, BJP, for the first time in 1998, passed an ordinance for the formation of Uttaranchal state through the president to the state legislative assembly. Finally, in the year 2000, the NDA government headed by Atal Bihari Vajpayee sent the Uttar Pradesh Reorganization bill-2000 for the formation of Uttaranchal. The bill was introduced by the central government in the Lok Sabha on July 27, 2000. And the bill was passed in the Lok Sabha on August 1, 2000 and on August 10, 2000 in the Rajya Sabha. On August 28, 2000 it received the approval of the President. On November 9, 2000, the new state of Uttaranchal was born.
Impact: In initial years, Uttarakhand clocked an average growth rate of ap-

proximately 3%. In the post-birth period, the state improved its growth rates dramatically to 11%. The state stepped up its average growth rate to 12.3% since 2004-05 which is way better than the figure for Uttar Pradesh at 6.8%. The hill state surged ahead of the mother state, courtesy- rapid industrialisation in its plains. The state coffers reaped a rich harvest of tourism and hydel power to notch up a phenomenal annual growth rate of 16% in the last eight years. The growth rate of industries in Uttarakhand was 11.8% while the figure for Uttar Pradesh was only 6.5%. Uttarakhand tripled its per-capita income while Uttar Pradesh

failed to even double it. Even in terms of social milestones like healthcare, poverty reduction and literacy rate, the state performed better than Uttar Pradesh. Uttarakhand reported a significant rise of 8% in its literacy rate after separation from Uttar Pradesh for the period (2001-2011), a report released by Planning Commission claimed. The state even reported the lowest Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) in the year 2010 as compared to Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Uttar Pradesh.

Jharkhand

Mother state: Bihar
When: 2000
Why: The movement for a separate state of Jharkhand can be traced back to the early 1900s, when former Indian hockey captain and Olympian Jaipal Singh suggested the idea of a separate state consisting of the southern districts of Bihar. In 1955, the Jharkhand Party submitted a memorandum to the States Reorganisation Commission, reiterating its demand for a separate state. However, the demand was turned down as the party did not have clear majority in Chhotanagpur and Santhal regions. The party suffered many splits

and the movement gained strength when Shibu Soren quit the party in 1970 to form Jharkhand Mukti Morcha. After years of strife, the state split primarily on ethnic lines. Exploitation of tribals by *dikus* (outsiders), marginalisation and displacement of population for setting up industries, river valley projects and power plants emerged as primary factors for split along ethnic lines. **Impact:** The Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) of the state exhibited an impressive growth. The GSDP was pegged at US\$ 14 billion in 2004, which grew to US\$ 22.46 billion in 2010-11. But the per capita income continued to be below the national average. Bihar’s growth was mostly steered by a steady agricultural growth rate of 8.1% over 2004-09, while the figures for Jharkhand stood at a dismal 1.4%. Despite mineral wealth falling into Jharkhand’s kitty, Bihar’s GDP grew by 11.03% in the

period (2004-09), making it the second fastest growing economy in India, just behind Gujarat’s growth rate of 11.05%, but Jharkhand continue to suffer. Another survey conducted by Central Statistical Organization (CSO) and National Sample Survey Organisation, under MOSPI, claimed that Bihar witnessed a growth of 14.08% in factory output in 2007-08 which was slightly behind the Indian rate of 15.24%. In terms of poverty reduction, Bihar fared badly, the number of poor people increased to 5 million over 2004-09, while Jharkhand fared in terms of poverty reduction by reducing the number of poor people by 1 million. **Compiled by:** Harsh Aggarwal, X C; Gurleen Suri, X C; Shreya Verma, X C; Pamandeep Singh Puri, X C; Anuj Agrawal, X C; Isha Goyal, X C; Bhumika Ahuja, X C; Nikita Mutreja, X D; Gursukhman Kaur, X B and Shagun Verma, X C

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Did you know?

- The state of Bombay was dissolved to form Gujarat and Maharashtra on May 1, 1960.
- After liberation from Portugal’s colonial rule, Goa was integrated in the Indian Union in 1960. However, Goa attained statehood in the year 1987 only.
- The number of states in the India union may reach 50, if all demands for statehood are accepted.
- The Unification of Karnataka refers to formation of Indian state of Karnataka, then named Mysore State in 1956 by redrawing borders based on linguistic demographics.

Reminiscences in sand



Megha Jha, AIS Gur 46, IX D

As I sprawled in the sand eyeing the vast blue ocean, I ran my fingers through it. A light breeze was blowing, swaying the tall palm trees. Standing there, I watched the sea as the ice cool water tickled my feet. Slowly, I sat down, my chin resting on my knee and thought about my brother. Thinking about him, I carelessly ran my index finger in the sand and scribbled his name. No sooner than I had written it, waves rolling on the shore erased it. I scribbled again, this time harder, clearer, but in vain. The waves washed my scribbling away each time I did it. I had to give up on it, I couldn't beat those waves.

The waves can wash away his name every time I write it, but they will never be able to erode the memories of us being together.

Enjoying the breeze, I sat there thinking about all the times we had spent together. From pulling each other's leg to late night confessions, from giving each other cold shoulder to sharing love. Explaining how much we mean to each other, to walking out of the classes to talk, to laughing together at jokes, we had both been in it together. I might not make the greatest sister, but he is the best

brother, he is my angel and I respect him no matter how much we fight or however long we don't talk because in the end what matters is that I love him. The waves can wash away his name every time I write it, but they will never be able to erode the memories of us being together. I walked down the beach for the last time when I heard my phone ringing. It was him, calling to inquire about the doings of my day. I received his call. "Hey" a bright voice said from the other end. "Hi!" I replied. "What are you doing?" he asked me. Taking a last look at the scribbles, I replied "Nothing much, just having our moments of reminiscences in the sand."



Spring rolls

Khyati Agrawal
AIS Gur 43, VIII B

Ingredients
For crust (wrapping):
Flour (*maida*)1/2 cup
Cornflour1/2 cup
Milk3/4 cup
Melted butter2 tsp

For stuffing:
Spring onions (chopped)1/2 cup
Mixed veggies (French beans, carrots, cabbage).....1/2 cup each
Noodles (boiled and tossed)1 cup
Soya sauce2 tsp
Saltto taste

Method
■ In a bowl, mix *maida*, cornflour, milk, salt. To this, add ½ cup water and mix while avoiding lumps.
■ Now in a pan melt some butter. Spread the batter on the pan. Let it

turn golden brown and when it starts to leave edges, turn it over and cook from the other side. When it is crisp and brown from both sides, remove from flame. Repeat the procedure for as many crusts as you require.
■ Finely chop all the vegetables. Heat some oil in a wok. Now add all the veggies including spring onions and sauté well on high flame.
■ When the veggies are tender, add noodles, soya sauce, salt and seasoning to it. Cook for some time and remove from flame.
■ Take one of the crust (wrapping) and place some stuffing on it in the centre.
■ Now roll it from left to right, also sealing the bottoms. Brush some cornflour dissolved in water to seal close the edges.
■ Deep fry the rolls till they become golden brown. Remove from flame and cut it into eatable pieces.

POEMS



Pooja Pasari, AIS Gur 46, VIII B

How beautiful is the rain,
I think as I look from my window pane.
We can enjoy and relax our brains,
how beautiful is the rain!
Sparkling droplets falling from the sky,
bringing out shouts and cries of joy.
Helping the farmers and industries grow,

keeping the heat and temperature low.
The drying rivers get full again,
the farms get fertile again.
Hydroelectricity starts getting generated,
festivals are celebrated.
Sitting at the window,
watching the drops,
I think how lucky are we humans
to get the opportunity to appreciate
the beauty of rain!

The scene outside my window

Ojasvi Sharma, AIS Vas 1, VIII B

Outside the window of my house, I find all types of noise generated by vehicles big and small, and people walking by the roadside. At times, I hear loud laughter, which makes me feel happy, at least somebody has a reason to be happy in this world, full of woes and miseries. And when one starts that way, there is no end, the problem perplexing mankind is never addressed. Rather, it takes away the noble ideas of the mind, the idea of collecting huge crores turns one blind. Let's all unite in doing our best to eradicate poverty and lack of education.



Let's spare something for empty minds and empty hands without wasting words and slogans. Let's work for the upliftment of the entire mankind. No war or harsh words would be needed to speak to people who understand little of the topic going on in the speaker's mind. The so-called corruption would die its own death,

the moment we develop a sympathetic attitude towards our brothers and sisters, who are in direct need of help to feed themselves and their families, and to find shelter for the night. And then the scene I would see outside my window would be something else.

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Harsimran Kaur, AIS Pushp Vihar, XII A

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Still standing tall and majestic, the ruins of Bhangarh Fort, Rajgarh, Rajasthan



Try to avoid any shortcuts to study. Take a deep breath and read everything carefully, without panicking.

A talent gone waste

Illustration: Deepak Sharma, GT Network

Short Story



Shairyl Srivastava
AIS Lucknow, VII

It was the first day of summer vacations and the sun shone bright. The beach was crowded. It must have been only a few minutes of soaking in the warm sun when I heard a loud cry. I got up and ran towards the beach where now the crowd had started to gather. Everyone was pointing towards a boy drowning. **Fretting**, I looked left and right and jumped in to save the drowning boy. Reaching him, I noticed he had

turned dark red. I felt something was weird. The boy held me very tightly and flew up in the sky and suddenly I saw fire coming out of his feet. Before, I realised I was up in the air with him. Stunned, I gaped at him. He was a robot. Later, he dropped me in the middle of the sky. Looking down, I spotted a warehouse. Slamming through its roof, I landed on a trampoline. My head spinning, I saw a shadow nearing me. Just before losing consciousness, I realised I'd been kidnapped. The next thing I absorbed was that I was

The next thing I absorbed was that I was held roughly, and my face covered with a cloth, probably black.

held roughly, and my face covered with a cloth, probably black. "Give me the money first!" Beneath the wafts of the cloth over my eyes I spotted two familiar figures in front of me, my parents. I tried to scream but the cloth stuffed in my mouth refrained me from doing so. I saw my mother signaling the officers; slowly the cops came from behind and arrested the kidnapper. I removed my mask and ran to my parents. It was later that I discovered how my parents had plotted the arrest of the kidnapper and rescued me. Two days later, we found out that the kidnapper was a machine genius, hence the robot. He had been doing this for ransom and was a wanted criminal. I found my dad saying, "He was a genius, but a talent gone waste", the entire vacation that summer. **GT**

What did you learn today?

New word: Fretting

Meaning: To worry or panic



Crackling canopies

Ojas Kulshrestha, AIS Vas 6, II A

Ingredients

NutriChoice cracker biscuits1 pack
Tomato ketchupas per taste
Cheese slice.....a few
Oreganoas per taste
Spanish tomatoes (sliced)a few
Olives (sliced)a few

Method

- Take NutriChoice cracker biscuits.

- Apply a thin layer of tomato sauce on each biscuit.
- Now place 1/4th of a cheese slice on each piece.
- Now place half of one cherry/Spanish tomato and sliced olive each over this.
- Sprinkle some oregano over each cracker biscuit
- Now, grill it for a minute.
- Your yummy crackling olive canopies are ready. Enjoy!

Lament of a mother

Anika Gupta, AIS Gur 43, VII A

This girl of whom I sing,
the sweetest them of all,
was once a tiny little thing.
I knew her as a tiny tot,
I nursed her on my knee,
I cut her hair, wiped her nose,

and also cleaned her toes.
She was growing up into a girl,
and I had a fear in my mind.
One day she took leave from me,
but after an hour,
she was nowhere to be seen.
I ran and ran everywhere,
till I came to rest.
I found my little baby,
but in a deep sleep.
There were people watching the incident
but no one was there,
to help the poor girl.

People were there
to make a hue and cry,
but no one was there
to hear my child's cry.
Yes, it was breaking news,
but nothing could change
the social views.
This cry and plea
comes from the heart,
help them, respect them
and love them,
for they, are actually
your world's best part.

Holi hai!

Shreya Purkayastha
AIS Noida, III N

Spring is here, spring is here,
I love to swing without fear.
Sunshine and flowers
blooming everywhere,
colorful view and love in the air.
Season of colour is here,
we celebrate Holi with cheer.

Red, yellow and many colourful faces,
wet or dry makes our clothes a mess.
Everywhere far and near
friends, relatives, neighbours all cheer,
Holi is here, Holi is here. **GT**



Painting Corner

Arunima Gulati
AIS Saket, V B



Watching the golf God play

Star Struck

On February 4, 2014, 7 am in the morning, **Shaurya Mehta** of **AIS Noida, Class VIII G**, felt like the luckiest-person in the entire universe. He had the rarest of rare opportunity to meet the God of golf, Tiger Woods. "Shivers ran down my spine as I saw him coming out of the sparkling white Jaguar with Pawan Munjal, MD, Hero Group. The crowd gathered to catch just a glimpse of the golf star and shouted



"Tiger, welcome to India'," recalls a nostalgic Shaurya. Later, during the event Woods played all the 18 holes without a break and flawlessly. He engaged in a friendly game with Pranoy Roy,

MD, NDTV.

"It was an experience that I will cherish for life, as I truly felt starstruck. His shots were perfect, just like him. I wanted his autograph, but just couldn't get past the security guys, but one day I will. He's my idol," says Shaurya. While Shaurya is absolutely ecstatic on meeting his idol, his mother too shares his happiness. "I am extremely happy for Shaurya as he got to meet his idol. He has been very passionate about golf since the age of five." **GT**

It's Me



My name: Aadish Arora
My school: Amity International School, Gurgaon 43
My Class: I B
My birthday: June 13, 2006
I like: To play games on computer and watch cartoons and animated movies.
I dislike: Teasing animals
My hobby: Painting
My role model: My parents
My best friend: Jasvardhan
My favourite book: The Little Brown Teapot
My favourite game: Cricket
My favourite mall: Ambience Mall
My favourite food: *Rajma chawal*
My favourite teacher: Divya ma'am
My favourite poem: Little butterfly
My favourite subject: English
I want to become: A pilot
I want to feature in GT because: I want to be famous and recognised and this will make me confident in life.

Celebration in the air!

Signifying a glorious end to the year-long journey and the beginning of a bright new phase, Amiown organised two mega events



In the skin Amies enjoy their wild roles



Get wild Explore the enchanting world of animals



In synchronisation Let's skate together!

Sonali Jain

Amiown Pushp Vihar, teacher

Bidding adieu to the academic year 2013-14, Amiown organised two mega events - 'Graduation Day' for Nursery held on March 1 and 'Annual Day' for Pre-nursery held on March 6. Both the events were a perfect tribute to the achievements of all the Amies. The events saw excited and enthusiastic Amies as they looked forward to going ahead to the 'big' class. True to Amiown's philosophy of fostering holistic development of the child and giving equal opportunity to all, the much-awaited events witnessed 100% participation where the kids mesmerised all with their impressive skills and talents. The events commenced with the lamp lighting ceremony, which was accompanied by soulful chanting of the 'Gayatri Mantra' by Amitots.

The dignitaries

The occasions were graced by the presence of Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe; Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools; respected Nani ji; Ms Sapna Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amiown Schools and ACERT (Amity Centre for Educational Research and Training); Ms Pooja Chauhan, Vice

Chairperson, Amity Human Foundation; Mr Atul Chauhan, Chancellor, AUUP; Ms Divya Chauhan, Chairperson, ASFT, ASFA & ASPA; Mr Aseem Chauhan, Chancellor, Amity University, Rajasthan and Mrs & Mr Anand Chauhan.

Dr Ashok K. Chauhan motivated the children with his inspiring words. Immensely happy with Amies' confident performances, he appreciated the way Amiown had helped the tiny-tots imbibe values and *sanskars* and grow holistically.

Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan also gave her blessings to Amies and highlighted the significant role that teachers play in the lives of little children.

Ms Sapna Chauhan motivated and inspired all the children and her team. She also thanked the parents for their consistent faith and support. With great joy, she announced Amiown's new initiative - Amicots, a special programme for infants from 10 months of age. A vision of the Founder President, this unique programme will soon be launched at Amiown Pushp Vihar.

Cultural potpourri

Both the events saw an array of amazing cultural performances by Amitots. The toddlers' endearing performance on the rhyme 'Rock a baby' charmed the audience completely. It was a treat for the eyes to watch the little toddlers so confident and happy up on the stage.

Another major highlight was the play 'Where's my Mommy' wherein a little daring duckling explores the vast animal kingdom when she goes searching for her mother. The play brought to the fore Amies' excellent knowledge about the fascinating animal world. During the play, each section came out with a special character of the animal world. Lit-

tle Amies explored the world of animals from farm, sea, jungle, and snowy regions and also some endangered animals through the play.

Every story has a message and the play 'Where's my Mommy?' conveyed a message as well. Just as the little duckling became more confident, friendly, happy, and independent after its adventurous journey, likewise at the end of each session the Amies evolve and become more independent, aware, responsible, sensitive and curious learners.

Looking charming in their appealing costumes,



We are a family Amies play jungle habitants!

Annual report

While the events were high on entertainment, it also apprised the audience about Amiown's initiatives and achievements through the annual report presented by Ritu Verma, school coordinator. With great pride it was shared that Amiown is the proud recipient of Best Standalone Pre-school award in the prestigious Indian Education Awards, 2013 and also that Amiown Noida ranked in the top 5 most admired Preschools in Noida by a C-fore survey published in Education World.

Felicitation

The young achievers from the Young Performers Certificate Programme were also felicitated. The participant children, who had come out with flying colours at silver and gold level, were awarded the prestigious achievement certificates from Trinity College, London by Ms Sapna Chauhan.

Amies' cinematic journey through the year, which was a nostalgic trip down the memory lane, stirred up a lot of emotions. The beautiful pictorial musical presentation reminded everyone of the joyous times they had spent at Amiown and conveyed best wishes for the times ahead.

The grand finale offered the perfect ending to the spectacular events as Amies from all classes came up on the stage and swayed to joyful musical notes, enjoying every bit of it. Their cheerful smiles were clearly reflecting their sheer happiness!

Amiown wishes all the Amies joyful new wonderful adventures, explorations and discoveries. 🇮🇳



Caught in the act Amies enact flawlessly



Graduants Little Amies pose with their Young Performers Certificates

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‘Pani da rang’ with Abhiruchi Singh

With the famous track skyrocketing her popularity, Amity alumnus and singer Abhiruchi Singh shares why she believes in once an Amitian, always an Amitian in a candid conversation with Kritika Khanna, Amity School of Engg & Tech

How did your musical journey begin?

I began singing at a very young age. I remember participating in my first competition when I was 7. I participated in the 10 years and above category. Though, under age I still won a prize. That was the beginning of my musical journey. It was then that my parents realised that I could sing well and started encouraging me. Gradually, from district competitions, I reached state level and then national level. Later, I recorded songs with Nikhil D’Souza and Ayushmann Khurrana. It has been wonderful journey, especially when I have not taken any formal training in music! It’s only now that I am learning classical music in Mumbai.

Kritika (L) in conversation with the singer



Who has been your inspiration?

Music has been my biggest inspiration. I used to hear mom and dad sing, they used to sing to me. My parents have been my inspiration in the sense that they taught me how to sing and encouraged me.

How was the experience of singing with Ayushmann Khurrana?

It was amazing as I was in college when I got to record with him and Nikhil. Singing in a studio with people I used to listen to, who were on my playlist and whom I would see on TV ... sharing space with them and being connected to those names, was really special. I thank God I got such an opportunity; there are so many talented singers out there, I’m glad I was the chosen one.

Share your one memorable experience at Amity.

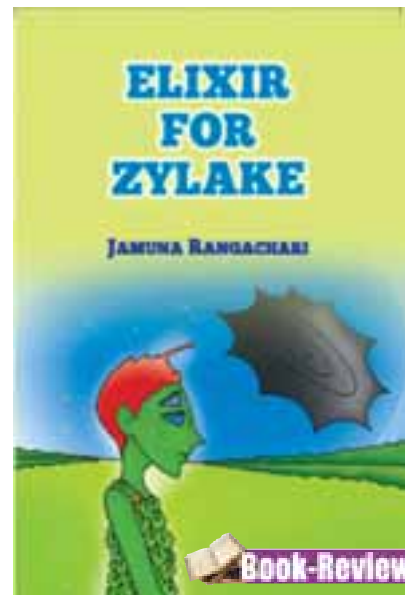
When I came back to college after recording ‘Pani da rang’, it was a different experience. Once I was going to the departmental store; I passed a group of students, they started singing the song and I realised that they recognise me from the song. I laughed at that time, but I knew I was on my way to becoming famous!

What role has Amity played in nurturing your talent?

As a singer, Amity gave me a lot of opportunities. Participating in various college events gave me exposure, besides, the people here boosted my confidence; that is what transformed me. Amity gave me three beautiful years of my life and I recorded all my songs while I was studying here. So, Amity holds a special place in my heart, it has always been lucky for me. I hope that one day I reach such a level in my career that everyone at Amity can be proud of my achievements. I wish to come back here and perform on the star night some day!

Your message for the youth...

Live your dreams. A lot of times, we just let go and give up our dreams midway. There may be ups and downs; we may fall many times before getting up. So, stick to your dreams and there is possibly nothing we can think of and not achieve! 🇮🇳



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Elixir for Zylake

Author Jamuna Rangachari allows the imagination of little ones to soar as she weaves a tale around a planet called Zylake. The planet is in danger when a large toxic cloud is sent by its neighbour Traxon, threatening its very existence. As one begins to wonder who would be the planet’s saviour... enters the chosen one, a child. The big question is, will he be able to find the elixir for Zylake? Then begins the journey to find an answer to the pertinent question through a holistic blend of adventure and life skills. Elixir for Zylake attempts to deliver strong messages for children, such as respect fellow human beings, value the planet’s resources, besides appreciating the efforts people are making to make human living conditions better. The dire need to save the planet and understand rainwater harvesting and other water related issues, become more effective with an element of adventure combined with simple language that children would be able to relate to. 🇮🇳

Amiown’s got talent

All of four, this little wonder wears many hats, making his way right into India Book of Records!



Jaysheel (centre) performing a street play with his buddies



The green champ

Jaysheel Buddhadeo, Amiown Gurgaon, Nursery D is a small wonder who has several achievements to his credit at the tender age of four. A storehouse of talent, he is not only a gifted vocalist but also a dancer, budding artist and a little conservationist too.

As a singer, Jaysheel has successfully cleared his first year Indian classical music (vocal) exam from Prayag Sangeet Samiti. He has given several radio

programmes in four different languages viz, Gujarati, Hindi, English and Sanskrit. He has 30 notable performances to his credit. He also appeared in a documentary film on the national channel, Lok Sabha TV. With his various wonderful performances (dance, music, skit, etc) and other welfare activities, he has set a new national record in the India Book of Records.

Sensitive towards the environment, Jaysheel fol-

GT Travels to Andaman



Tiara Chakraborty, Amiown Gurgaon, Pre Nursery D, displays The Global Times at Havelock Island, the largest island at Andaman. It is situated 57 km northeast of the capital city, Port Blair. It has snow white beaches, teal shallows and offers some of the best diving options in Asia.

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lows the three R’s- reduce, reuse and recycle and motivates others to do the same through songs, dance, actions, drawings etc With the help of his parents, he has been making compost manure from kitchen waste for more than a year now.

Jaysheel participated in an all India art competition and received ‘Meritorious Painting Award’. His

drawing was on display at India Habitat Center from October 16 to November 30, 2013. He also ran a marathon on August 15, 2013 for charity, in support of underprivileged senior citizens. And what’s more, he manages all this with a full attendance that fetched him the full attendance award in his school. This versatile child is truly a star! 🇮🇳