


Status of the week
 General Elections: A nationwide exercise involving lakhs of people working together to determine who will not work for next 5 years. 😊
 Parul Jauhari, Alumnus, AIB

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 for GT issue March 24, 2014
 In the forthcoming general elections, do you think any one party will get clear majority?

 Results as on March 28, 2014

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Mother of all elections

With the Election Commission sounding the bugle for general elections, the stage is set for the biggest dance of democracy to unfold. But what makes these elections special are not the slug fights between netas or last ditch efforts of the political parties to reach out to the voters, but the various firsts that these elections are going to be a prime witness too. *Siddhant Nair, AIS Mayur Vihar, XII brings you some of these major firsts.*

As the race between the major national political parties to achieve the magical figure of 272 hots up, for the first time 8.14 crore will be deciding the fate of Indian polity and country’s 16th government. This however, would not be the only record that would be broken when world’s largest democracy goes to poll. Read on to know what makes 2014 Lok Sabha elections India’s most record breaking elections.

BIGGEST ELECTION: India’s mammoth parliamentary elections for the first time would see over 814 million electorate, greater than the population of Europe cast their ballot. The electoral data shows that

10% of voters would be casting their mandate for the first time. The 2014 Lok Sabha elections will see a staggering increase of some 100 million from 2009.

HIGHEST YOUTH VOTERS: For the first time in the history of India, a large number of youth would be choosing their representatives. The data released by Election Commission reveals that 2.3 crore people in the age group of 18-19 have enrolled to vote, out of a total electorate of 8.14 crore. Around 12 crore people aged 15-19 would be eligible to vote in 2014 elections.

LONGEST IN HISTORY: India would be voting for its new government from April 7, 2014 With voting spread over in nine phases across the country till May 12 and the results expected to be out on May 16, Lok Sabha elections 2014 are undoubtedly the longest one in the history of India.

NONE OF THE ABOVE: Indian voters will be able to exercise ‘None of the Above’ option and air their resentment towards any major political party. Though, the option was made available in assembly elections held in November- December 2013, the voters would use NOTA facility on the EVMs for the first time in the parliamentary elections.

PHOTO VOTER'S SLIP: The Election Commission for the first time has issued an official slip that will carry the photo, name, address of polling station, room number and other details. This



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move will help nip bogus voting.

TRANSGENDERS RECOGNISED: Two years after Election Commission introduced ‘others’ as gender option, over 28,000 members of the transgender community have registered in the electoral roll so far and would be able to cast their vote.

EC EMBRACES TECHNOLOGY: Sounding the bugle for change, the Election Commission has given the candidates an option of filing their e-affidavits in the forthcoming Lok Sabha polls and assembly polls. The affidavit contains details of the candidate such as his assets, liabilities and pending criminal cases if any. By making the provision of filing of affidavit online the EC has taken the first step to moving towards a paperless society

2nd MOST COSTLY ELECTION: According to a report released by Centre for Media Studies, Indian politicians are likely to spend as much as \$4.9 billion in the forthcoming election, making these general elections the second most expensive of all times, a little behind 2012 US presidential campaign. If the estimates are to be believed, 2014 general elections would cost three times as much as 2009 elections.

A WIDE ARRAY OF CANDIDATES: Our netas are in for a tough competition from the first time political entrants who come from fields as diverse as history, cinema, writing, football. Major political parties for the first time have decided to pass the baton to famous personalities like Yogendra Yadav, Medha Patekar, Meera Sanyal, Moon Moon Sen, Baichung Bhutia, etc.

Life is a stage

Close on the heels of the World Theatre Festival celebrated on March 27, **Jalabala Vaidya**, a leading theatre actor gets candid in an exclusive interview with **Tushar Jain** of **Amity Institute of Biotechnology**. Associated with Akshara theatre, she has over 2000 performances to her credit.

Jalabala Vaidya, a celebrated theatre artist is known for breathing a new lease of life in English theatre. Read on as she talks about theatre, her work and much more.....

What makes theatre different from movies and TV soaps?

Theatre captures the beauty and power of communication. Acting manifests imagination, quality and emotions. In movies, the medium is predominantly visual, whereas theatre is all about live performance. Sometimes, a camera can’t make live per-



Tushar Jain

formance powerful, though, both are effective mediums. In theatre, telepathy between audience and the performers works the best. The script and words are equally important. In theatre, drama is based on narration/ reading of novel, which gives way to imagination.

Though India is seen as a liberal country, where everyone enjoys freedom of speech and expression, several writers and artists have faced the axe when they have been critical of mythology. What’s your take on it?

Artists in India largely enjoy freedom of speech and expression, but sometimes, some people under the umbrella of an NGO take the mantle of deciding Amish Tripathi’s books are popular because he has given a new identity to Indian mythology.

Do you think that your work can be construed as elitist because they are generally in English?
Some of the words that we use in English language have their origin in Sanskrit. We should not term English as an elite language because everyone has studied it at least till university level. People have been using English as a medium of communication for over hundred years, and today we have more English writers and readers than in America. I would not call our work elitist. It is just a form of



expression. Though, the script is in English, it includes a lot of Hindustani music also. We have taken our play based on ‘Ramayana’ to over 35 cities and people have enjoyed it because of its universal appeal.

‘Ramayana’ contains several characters, how did you manage to play all the characters alone?
Initially, the play was written with 26 characters in mind. Gopal, my husband, was the director and had dictated the play to me, hence I was very much involved with it and therefore was familiar with great deal of nuances. While the play was being planned, a number of artists started dropping out and it was then that I decided to do it all alone. At first, I was nervous, but then Gopal modified the settings in

such a manner that it suited and encouraged me. I vividly remember that in one of the scenes I had to play both Kaikei and Dashrath and I being a single person could not afford to change again and again, hence I wore a borderless sari, an attire which was mutual to both. The difference between two characters primarily lied in their bodily posture. I used my voice modulation skills to bring the characters alive.

What are your expectations of an artist?

The first thing that I look out for in an actor is that s/he should be reasonably good looking and physically fit because acting requires a lot of physical movements and dance. An actor should know voice modulation and have a thorough understanding of the character.

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Neuroscience buds in Amity

March 2014 saw AINN make exciting strides at Amity University, both on the national and international level. Encapsulating the invaluable progress...

Amity Instt of Neuropsychology & Neurosciences

Dr Ben Newman Wright
Director & HoI, AINN

The month of March saw the newly set up Amity Institute of Neuropsychology & Neurosciences abuzz with activities.

March 3: Interacting with the erudite

Dr Newman Wright, Director & HoI, AINN met global experts in neurology and neurosurgery during international conference held at AUUP in the presence of Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe. Dr Wright delivered a short presentation on AINN.

March 4: A first for AUUP

AUUP hosted its first international conference on neuroscience and neurorecovery. The meeting was attended by national and international experts, and those from Amity institutes. There were presentations from Dr Wright and Dr Katare from Amity Institute of Biotechnology. Prof (Dr) Selvamurthy, Amity Science, Technology and Innovation Foundation; Dr. J P Singh, Amity Foundation for Developmental Disabilities and representatives from other Amity institutes also participated. There were presentations from a number of highly distinguished international experts who were welcomed as honorary professors in neurosciences with Amity.



International conference held at AINN in the presence of Founder President

The delegation included renowned educationists from international universities. On the occasion, Founder President inaugurated the Amity International Foundation for Neurosciences, of which AINN was announced as a core member. Later, discussions towards collaboration in neuroscience expanded across Amity institutes including between AINN, Amity Institute of Biotechnology and Amity Institute of Nanotechnology.

March 10: Visual treat

Short movies on lectures, sponsored by Dana Foundation (established in America and Europe to become one of the main private philanthropic organisations for neuroscience globally) were showcased. The subjects that were dealt with

in the lectures included NeuroLaw and Neuroenhancement.

March 11: Brain Awareness Week

AINN organised its second annual event to celebrate the Brain Awareness Week. Short movies on brain imaging, phenotypes and proteomics, and artificial intelligence were showcased. Posters were submitted by students from Amity institutes. Later, Dr Shrivastava, assistant professor, AINN, briefly introduced her area of research in cellular neurobiology. Amit Chaudhary, assistant professor, Amity School of Foreign Languages, spoke on neurolinguistics and psycholinguistics, particularly the relation between brain and language. Dr Ruchi Jain, assistant professor ASB, presented



Dr Ben Newman Wright enlightens

a talk on neuromarketing. Dr Aman Gupta, Ph D. scholar from AINN, gave a talk on clinical neuroscience, followed by a panel discussion chaired by Prof (Dr) Selvamurthy, advisor to AINN.

March 13 & 14: All India meet

Dr Wright participated as a panelist in a British Council All India Coordinators Meet at the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Pune. Various national institutes including Amity University were present on the occasion.

A fresh start

The B Sc and M Sc programmes proposed by AINN have been approved to join the institute's existing Ph D programme in neurosciences.

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Harry Potter time

Wizard, muggles, witches, all alike participated in a gala Harry Potter quiz hosted by ASET's literary society Alfaaz

Pics: Vidur Gupta, ASET



Getting into the mood for HP quiz



The quiz in progress with Aarzo playing the quizmaster

Amity School of Engg. & Technology

Aarzo Malhotra, ASET

Alfaaz, the literary society of Amity School of Engineering and Technology organised a Harry Potter Quiz on March 6. Various departments from Amity University were invited to participate in the celebration of one of the biggest fandoms of their times.

In keeping with the theme of the event, the hall was decorated to resemble Hogwarts while Alfaaz members dressed up as various characters from Harry Potter books.

The quiz kicked off with simple questions that tested the participants' knowl-

edge about the life of 'The Boy Who Lived'. HP enthusiasts participated in teams of two. Despite having abundant knowledge on the subject, some of the questions left the participants stumped. After the hustle and bustle of the first round, four teams with two members each were selected for the final round. The members qualified as representatives of the four houses of Hogwarts for the final round, with a little help from the 'sorting hat'.

The teams thereafter proceeded to the next level which consisted of several rounds. It was a test of their knowledge of spells, characters and even scenes from the movies. Sheer joy and excitement ruled the hall. Witty responses of the participants had the audience in

splits. The quiz based on several incidents in the books, ranged from very simple questions to ones that only a true Harry Potter fan could answer. In the end, the house of Gryffindor emerged victorious but the grin on everyone's face present there showed that prizes and gifts did not matter. What mattered the most was that the event was successful in bringing diverse people from Amity UniversE together to celebrate one of the most cherished memories of their childhood. The success of the event showed that Amity has a lot of avid Harry Potter fans. The quiz aptly brought alive the seven magical HP books, summed up in one evening!

(Test your HP quotient on page 8 with a small quiz!)

Be the change

YOUTH POWER *for Women*

Change, no matter how small, is the first step towards building a better world. YP finalists pave way for a better future for women as they bring about a tangible change

AIS VASUNDHARA 6 Abuses faced by urban women



YP team makes a pepper spray with the help of their chemistry teacher

THE CHANGE Making a low cost pepper spray
BEFORE The need for an inexpensive substitute to commercially available pepper sprays.

AFTER A pepper spray that can easily be made at home.

PROCESS

■ The material required for making the pepper spray i.e. red chillies, black pepper, lemon, cloth etc was donated by school children.

■ The school's YP team along with the help of Manju Sharma, their chemistry teacher and lab assistant made a pepper spray from the aforementioned materials.

■ The product was then chemically tested.

CHALLENGES

■ Keeping the cost of the pepper spray low.

AIS GURGAON 46 | Vocational training to empower women



Underprivileged women identified by the YP team undertake cooking classes

THE CHANGE Providing vocational training to women.

BEFORE A group of 15 unskilled women without any formal vocational training or the confidence to change their lives.

AFTER Two of these fifteen women are now employed, one as an assistant teacher and the other as a beautician. The rest of them are more confident.

PROCESS

■ The first step was identifying

women who were to be trained in vocational skills. Circulars were distributed amongst the Amitasha kids in school. The team also spoke to school helpers. Finally, fifteen women were identified.

■ Five vocational skills were shortlisted that included; needlework, pottery, baking, English speaking and beautician training.

■ A curriculum and time table was chalked out. These women were trained everyday between

1-2 pm within the school premises.

■ These fifteen women were trained in diverse skills such as pottery, cooking, needle work, English speaking and beautician training by school teachers, students, parents and even professionals in the field.

CHALLENGES

■ Identifying the target women

■ Zeroing down on the right vocational skills. 🇮🇳

AIS VAS 1 | Stop dowry, protect women

THE CHANGE Rehabilitation of a dowry victim.

BEFORE Ujala Rawat (name changed) was ill treated by her family everyday as she did not bring in any dowry. She was forced to sleep empty stomach and even physically tortured by her in-laws. Frustrated, she left her three months old daughter and stepped out of her home in search of help.

AFTER Ujala Rawat is now living with her in-laws and is united with her daughter.

PROCESS

■ The matter was reported at Indirapuram police station.

■ The police who lodged the FIR suggested peaceful dialogue with the family as solution.

■ The school counselor along with police played mediator. The police threatened the family with necessary legal action if Ujala was harassed again.

■ Ujala was taken back by the family. Meanwhile, she was given regular counseling.

CHALLENGES

■ Convincing Santoshi to lodge a police complaint against her family.

■ Convincing the family to take her back.

AIS PUSHP VIHAR | Nutrition & women



YP team member gives medicines

THE CHANGE Increase in HB levels of the school helpers.

BEFORE 50% of the school helpers were anemic with some of them having HB levels as low as 6.

AFTER The HB levels of the school helpers has been restored to normal.

PROCESS

■ A blood test to ascertain the HB levels of female helpers was conducted.

■ The test revealed that the HB levels of most of them were low.

■ These helpers were then provided iron supplements in the school for one month.

■ These helpers were then again tested and their HB levels had improved significantly.

CHALLENGES

■ Convincing the helpers to take the medicine regularly.



A health workshop in progress

AIS MAYUR VIHAR | Education for women



THE CHANGE Getting a girl admitted to a school

BEFORE Shikha, a 4 year old girl was leading the life of an illiterate.

AFTER Shikha has started going to Amitasha. She was admitted in Nursery Class.

PROCESS

■ The YP team surveyed the nearby slum to find girls who wanted to get admission into

a school. They identified one such girl - Shikha.

■ The team spoke to her parents and convinced them to send their daughter to school.

■ After coordinating with Amitasha, the team finally managed to get the child admitted to the school.

CHALLENGES

■ Convincing parents to send their daughter to school. 🇮🇳

AIS NOIDA | Self defence for safety of women

THE CHANGE Self defence training for women

BEFORE Women in the identified areas had little or no knowledge about self defence techniques.

AFTER The girls in these area are now aware of various self defence techniques.

PROCESS

■ A self defense workshop was conducted in four legs in four different areas – residential area in Sector 21,

Noida; Orange County, Indirapuram; Landisgyry (an MNC), sector 56, Noida and for 25 underprivileged girls of Makkhanpur village.

■ Permission was taken from RWA president/HR Head and a formal notice was put up.

■ These classes were conducted by trained karate students of the school.

CHALLENGES

■ Ensuring that maximum number of women turn up.



The YP team trains women in self defence

AIS GURGAON 43 | Sanitation & hygiene for women



YP team member gives sanitary napkins to a maid

THE CHANGE Creating a sanitary napkin distribution system in Sujan Vihar

BEFORE Domestic helpers of Sujan Vihar were using cloth during menstruation.

AFTER They have switched to using sanitary napkins.

PROCESS

■ The team interacted with the domestic helps working in Sujan Vihar, a residential society in Gurgaon.



Maids show the sanitary napkins distributed to them

■ During the interaction, it was discovered that these women used cloth during menstruation as they did not have enough money to buy sanitary napkins.

■ A sanitary napkin distribution plan was chalked out. As per this plan, every household in the society was required to donate 3-4 sanitary napkins on the 4th of every month.

■ The sanitary napkins were deposited at society office where a

monthly record of both collection and distribution of sanitary napkins was maintained.

■ These sanitary napkins were then distributed to the domestic helps during the monthly maid meetings.

CHALLENGES

■ Ensuring that sanitary napkins were collected within the given deadline.

■ Maintaining a regular record for collection & distribution.

AIS SAKET | Respect for woman



The team surveys the area with Ajay Pratap Singh, SHO, Saket

THE CHANGE Police patrolling on a road in front of AIS Saket, adjoining a government school

BEFORE School girls crossing that area were eve-teased by the government school boys during their dispersal time.

AFTER Police patrolling takes place on the street during dispersal time of the government school. Girls crossing through that area can now do so without any hesitation.

PROCESS

■ The team approached SHO of the area – Ajay Pratap Singh. He was apprised of the situation in

the area.

■ He visited the school during dispersal time and ensured police patrolling in the area.

■ He ensured that the police booth

on the road was functional and an officer was always present.

CHALLENGES

■ Constant follow up with the police authorities. 🇮🇳

Visionary leader



With elections just a few days away, I am left pondering whether India will get a leader who is committed to good governance or not? India needs a strong leader who not only promises a corruption free tenure but can also revive the economy and steer the nation on the path of progress.

The question arises, what are the qualities that define a good leader? The quintessential qualities that every leader should possess are that s/he should be easily accessible, articulate, competent, confident, compassionate, committed, a rational decision maker and above all a great visionary. S/he should be able to think ahead of time and plan for the future. There are many tall promises that politicians make during elections, but they should be able to deliver the same.

We at Amity are extremely proud as well as lucky to have found a profound visionary leader as Dr Ashok K. Chauhan to guide and lead us. It is the result of his foresightedness that Amity Universe has carved a niche for itself in the educational sector. Amity today is credited to have filed second highest patents and developed highest number of case studies in the country. This would not have been possible without the leadership of Dr Chauhan. He stands committed to his vision of making India a knowledge superpower by 2030.

We at Amity are also dedicated to raising a brigade of committed global leaders who place their own country before individual interests and can handle vexed issues confidently. Various programmes at Amity as Youth Power programme, Yuva Vichar Manch and Amity International Model United Nations conference are a step in that direction.

Valuable voter



It's been a long journey from being elected in school for the student council to being a member of the panelist selecting the student council for the respective schools. The long walk from contesting for the seat of students union in college to writing campaigning pamphlets for a party /candidate standing for elections at JNU and attending the much hyped presidential debate at the campus was indeed enriching.

Over the years, as one graduates from elections at school to college, learning the ethics of elections becomes increasingly challenging but imperative. Working hard to build a reputation for being selected into the students council, surrendering a seat for a more deserving candidate, taking a decision to vote for a friend or responsible leader are some of the decisions student fight for in elections under parental and guidance of seniors. Every election is thus a preparation for the larger election chapter to unfold, with the attainment of political franchise i.e the right to vote at the age of 18.

The 2014 LS elections shall witness many first (Read pg 1) and one of them being the largest number of youth casting their vote for the first time. The election machinery has tapped all its resources to reach out to this section. The latest appraises of all election discussions, debate and deliberations through e-newspapers, social campaigning, WhatsApp, humorous takes could never have been so absorbing.

And if you are to vote this time, it becomes imperative to follow the election updates as there lies an immense responsibility of exercising the right to vote. And if you are too young to vote, it becomes even more imperative so that by the time you turn 18, you are an informed decision maker and a valuable voter for tomorrow that shall benefit the nation.

From the art cart

Celebrated filmmakers Anjali Monterio and K P Jayashankar in an interview with **Nidhish Sharma**, AIS Pushp Vihar, XII speak about the purpose of visual arts

K P Jayashankar and Anjali Monteiro are documentary filmmakers who believe in going beyond their camera stops rolling. It is a medium through which their social concerns are voiced. For them documentaries are the best way to integrate feelings, thoughts, words and visuals. Read on to know their view on art, its future and much more...

What does 'art' mean to you?

Art is looking at the world in familiar and unfamiliar ways and involves prompting others to really move out of their comfort zone in introspection and their understanding of the world around them.

How can art be used as a medium to reach out to the masses?

It would be wrong to refer to them as masses per se, as that comes laced with a

sense of disconnect. It stirs the feeling of aloofness among various communities. Different communities have their own individual perceptions of art and this perception varies from individual to individual. So, art can be used as a medium to communicate with all these communities based on their perception of art in daily lives.

What do you envision as the future of art?

The key to ensuring that art does not lose its essence is that it transcends the idea of becoming an industry enclosed and encapsulated solely within galleries and museums. Art has to be viewed as a medium that is beyond commercial and monetary interests. It should not lose its relevance and be of interest to even the common man, then only the future of art will be bright.



Masters of celluloid: Anjali Monterio & K P Jayashankar

Beating traffic woes

Mayhem, chaos and confusion best describe the traffic situation in Delhi. Thank your stars if you don't end up becoming a victim of this jamboree

Tanvi Sethi, AIS Gurgaon 46, XII

Delhi has undergone tumultuous changes. But what has remained constant is the influx of population from neighbouring states that puts an additional burden on already overburdened civic amenities and also adds to the chaos on the roads. It is quite baffling to know that in a developing country like India more number of people die in road crashes than anywhere else in the world. The major cause for these mishaps is lack of basic traffic sense in the people. It is not only BMWs that vye for space on road, even horse-drawn carts want a firm foothold. Here are some tangible solutions:

Create traffic sense: Regular sessions should be held in schools, institutes and offices to apprise people about traffic rules and how we can make our roads safer.



Roping in celebrities: Recently Hrithik Roshan held a road safety drive at India Gate and it was quite a success. Roping in celebrities to endorse the cause is the right step.

Timely traffic updates: Regular traffic updates can go a long way in helping people plan their travel in a

better way. It would help in saving time and trouble.

Lane driving, safe driving: There should be separate lanes for two wheelers and other slow moving vehicles during peak traffic hours.

Encouraging public-private

partnership: A strong partnership between private and public sector will go a long way in decongesting our roads. The government can deploy students and volunteers to manage traffic during lean hours.

Stringent fines: The government should levy heavy fine and dole out strict punishment in case someone is found violating traffic rules deliberately and repeated offenders should be penalised suitably.

Multi-level parking: With a large number of vehicles hitting the road every year, it is difficult to find safe parking lots. Multi level parking is the key to solving the problem.

De stressing traffic cops: Traffic policemen have the most stressful job up their sleeves. If they are given better emoluments they will ensure that people comply by the rules.

Social media: Boon or bane?

With more and more people, especially children turning to social networking sites for forming opinions, Anika Gupta, AIS Gur 43, VIII, finds out whether this new media comes with its own share of vices or is it a boon in disguise.

Social media has become an indispensable part of the tech savvy Indian. According to a study carried out by Nielsen Company in association with Absolute Data, about 30 million Indians who are online are members of social networking sites and about two-thirds spend time on these sites daily. Sad but true, social networking sites are also the reason behind increased cyber abuse. Let's probe the advantages and disadvantages that this new media comes laced with.

Advantage Social media: Social media has become a fertile ground for shaping public opinion. The outreach of this media has made it an increas-

ingly popular medium to express news and views. The success of India Against Corruption (IAC) movement speaks volume about its impact. Such is the power of this medium that national political parties are turning to it to reach out to their voters in the 2014 Lok Sabha elections. It is also one of the best mediums to connect with long distant friends and relatives.

Disadvantage Social media: Social networking sites are not only time consuming but they are also making children lazy. Though, it is compulsory for the users to be above 18 years of age, still a large number of young children are hooked to it. Ask any parent what S/he thinks of social networking site, most of them will not approve of it. But with parents themselves addicted to it, the children have easy access to adult content and many of them become a victim of cyber abuse.



GT M@il

Every Monday GT is awaited by all anticipating Amitians. We can't wait to open the crisp pages of the weekly to find a treasure trunk of glorious articles. The Global Times issue dated March 10 didn't disappoint either!

The cover story was indeed thought provoking and voiced the concerns of the common man in such a beautiful way that even those who do not have any inclination towards politics were eager to read it. The article 'Break up with stress' was indeed rejuvenating as it was subtly written in a refreshing way without being preachy. Even the recipe for making spring rolls was scrumptious! I could not help but try it out myself. Looking forward to many more prodigiously written articles in the future too.

Anoushka Raj, AIS Mayur Vihar, IX A



Suhani Chauhan
I A, AIS PV



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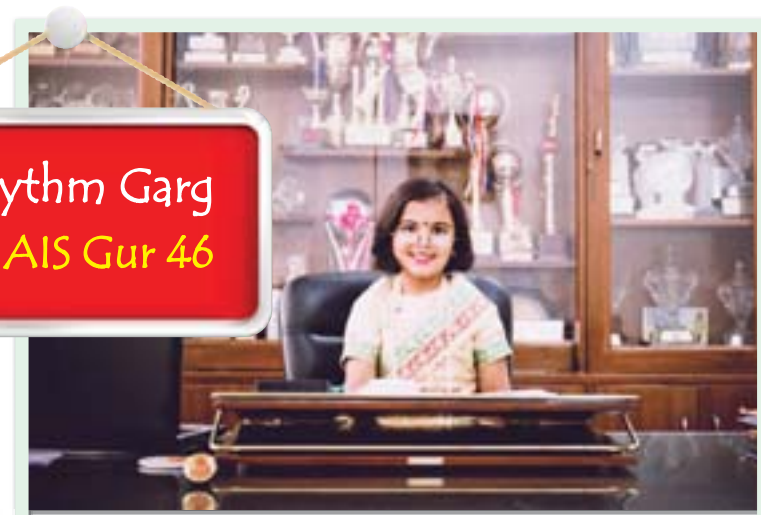
winners of PICTURE YOUR DREAM CONTEST

We asked them to dream. The result? Countless entries that painted innocent dreams of a chocolate land to the ambitious ones of being an astronaut. After relentless shortlisting, we bring to you some handpicked dreams captured in the lens in an exclusive photoshoot

The photographer gets candid in an interview on Pg 12



Rhythm Garg
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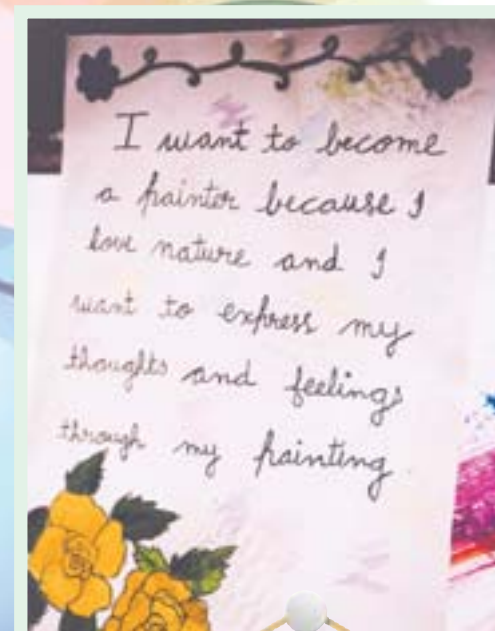
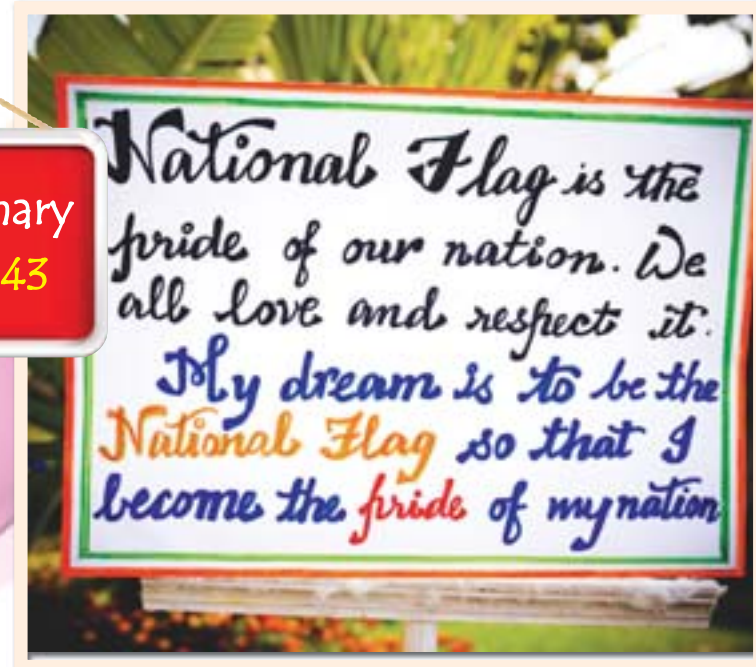
I want to be a chef because I love eating food and the aroma of food entices me. I want to cook healthy food.



Soham Vats
Nur A, AIS Saket



Aditi Choudhary
I D, AIS Gur 43



Nandini Sangra
II E, AIS Noida



Ayanna Tyagi
II B, AIS Vas 6



Ekansh Gupta
II B, AIS MV



The perfect beauty



Surudhip Raam, X A & Vinayak Shrote, IX B, AIS Vas 1

Hi, I am Karthik, a southie. I took a flight along with my parents from Chennai to Delhi, when I was hardly eight. As the flight landed, the first thing that hit me hard, more than other diverse relief features of the city was the striking tone of the people. But I could never imagine what was to fol-

low next. When I secured a seat in one of the schools in Ghaziabad and started attending the school, there were students who would call me ‘kaala’, not in whispers but loud enough for the world to hear. Day by day their mockery grew and my heart bled. My parents constant support gave me the courage to handle the problem on my own. One day, I decided to take the matter to

Yes, that was the quickest and sure-shot measure for temporary relief.

my school principal. Yes, that was the quickest and the sure-shot measure for temporary relief. I thought deeply about it and realised that I need to do something that would make my classmates understand that what really matters is not the colour of the skin or good looks but the grey matter and the heart of a person. I proved my worth by not only topping t in academics, but in other genres like taekwondo too! In these five years of schooling in Ghaziabad, I have won accolades and many hearts too! Today, I have friends who call me to clear doubts in academics, request for a painting or poetry, an essay, to share jokes or just hang out. But above all, now my friends call me by my name, Karthik. To conclude, friends, once there was somebody who commented on Dr APJ Kalam’s hairdo. To this, Dr Kalam replied that what actually matters is not the hair, but what is inside the head.



Paneer papad roll

Muskan Tewari

AIS Pushp Vihar, IX A

Ingredients

Pepper *papad* (medium size)8
Cottage cheese (*paneer*)150 gms
Ginger (chopped)½ inch piece
Green chilli (chopped)1-2
Red chilli powder½ tsp
Cumin powder (roasted)½ tsp
Coriander leaves (chopped)2 tbsp
Chaat masala½ tbsp
Black pepper½ tbsp
Saltas per taste

Method

Cut all the *papads* into halves.

In a bowl, mix *paneer*, ginger, green chillies, salt, chilli powder, roasted cumin powder, *chaat masala*, black pepper and coriander leaves.

Roast *papad* halves directly over an open flame or hot *tawa* and shape immediately into a cone.

Arrange the cones in individual small glasses and stuff them with the cottage cheese mixture.

Serve immediately.

POEMS

The civil war

Aranya Chakraborty
AIS Mayur Vihar, VIII B

Once a thief stole a car, this petty thing led to a civil war. Roosevelt sided with the thief, but Lincoln was the other army’s chief.

Roosevelt said, “It was only a car the thief took, this mistake even God can overlook!” Lincoln argued, “The car he took costs 10 crore,” this statement led to an uproar.

George Washington went on a fast, even the sky was overcast. John F Kennedy declared a curfew,

no one was allowed till the flowers were soaked with the morning dew.

Missiles were being loaded in Russia, and all this worried the Prime Minister of India. He immediately contacted the President of Costa Rica, together they decided to fly to United States of America.

When they reached, America was completely in ruins, the whole of California was transformed into sand dunes. Can you believe what started this war was only a petty thief who stole a car. I hope America will start anew, with this, I say thank you.

Different shades of friends



Simran Chhabra, AIS Noida, VIII C

Friends are like a rainbow colourful, they make our lives cheerful. The seven colours of a rainbow, bring happiness and wipe away sorrow.

The violet one makes us realise that our life is beautiful, and makes us feel that it will be fruitful. Indigo boosts the confidence in us to go ahead and prove our talent. Blue is forever there for us, like friends who are precious. Green makes us feel we are one of a kind, when we feel lonely, they relax our mind. Yellow adds daylight to our life, and is there to cheer us up. Red, the special one makes us complete, and is always there to support whenever we compete. These colourful and wonderful mates come when we want to create a new colour can add to our life. with these seven colours in my life, I’ll remember them always,

like the rainbow with colours of life, after the long, rainy and stormy days.

Sudoku 53

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Log on to: www.theglobaltimes.in for solution

Mascot Muse

Aditi Gupta
AIS MV, IX A

Are you a Potterhead? Prove it!

1. What is the full name of Hogwarts’ headmaster, Dumbledore?

2. What was it that enabled Gryffindor’s sword to become a weapon to destroy Horcruxes?

3. Name the prison that Gellert Grindelwald created to imprison his enemies.

4. What are the three Ds of Apparition?

5. What is given to a wizard when he comes of age?

6. You are searching for evidence in the house of a dark wizard, which is believed to be abandoned. Yet an auror would always confirm, and thus you wish to find out if there is another human except you in the house. Which spell would you find best to use?

7. Name the character who was given a life sentence in Azkaban

for the murder of the Riddles?

8. Where did Harry Potter see the sign of the deathly hallows for the first time?

9. What was the name used for Buckbeak in the letters between Harry and his godfather?

10. Whose death did Voldemort use to convert Nagini into a Horcrux?

Contributed by Aarzoo Malhotra, ASET

Answers: 1. Albus Percival Wulfric Brian Dumbledore 2. Basilisk Venom 3. Nurmengrad 4. Destination, Determination and Deliberation 5. A watch 6. Homennum Revelio 7. Mofrin Baunt 8. Marvolo Gaunt’s ring 9. Witherwings 10. Bertha Jorkins

Brush ‘n’ Easel

Katyayani Bhargava
AIS Saket, XII E

The tale of forgiveness

Illustration: Deepak Sharma

Wisdom Tale



Antara Rajpoot, AIS Noida, V J

The tale of Aryan and Kabir’s friendship was sure to be penned down for posterity. Nobody ever anticipated that one day it would take a turn for worse. It all happened during the football practice. When Kabir was made the captain of the junior football team, Aryan boiled with anger and did not even congratulate his best

As a part of the class activity, she asked everyone to get as many apples to school as the number of people they hated.

friend. As days passed, the rift between the two only widened. Mary, their teacher was troubled to see two best friends fall apart, so, she decided to clear the air. As a part of the class activity, she asked everyone to get as many apples to school as the number of people they hated. She was shocked to see that some got as many as five apples. She asked them to put them in a packet and carry it with them everywhere and every time. The confused students did as they were told. But soon it became a nuisance for them to carry the bag of stinking apples everywhere they went; it even hurt to carry the heavy packets. A week later, the students were on top of the world, as Ms Mary announced it to be the last day of the activity. When she asked them to share their experiences, the students vented their frustration and trouble it had caused. When Kabir asked the motive behind it, Ms Mary smiled and replied, “A small packet of apples felt like a huge burden when carried all the time, also its stench was so unbearable. Imagine how badly the reek of hatred can contaminate your heart, how heavily the useless jealousy can weigh on your relationship.” It only took that one sentence of hers to make Aryan realise his mistake. He quickly got up and went to apologise to his friend and promised to never do it again.🇮🇳🇮🇳

What did you learn today?
Jealousy harms relations. Learn to forgive and forget.



Yashita Prabhakar

Vegetable idlis

Yashita Prabhakar, AIS PV, I B

Ingredients

Semolina flour (*Sooji*)1 bowl
Curd1 bowl
Onion (finely chopped)½
Tomato (sliced).....½
Cabbage (chopped)½ cup
Capsicum(chopped) ¼ cup
Boiled peas½ bowl
ENO¾ packet
Saltas per taste
Oilfor greasing

Method

- In a bowl, take *sooji*, curd and enough water to make a thick batter. Mix well.
- Add chopped onion, carrot, tomatoes, cabbage, capsicum and peas into the batter.
- Now add salt and ENO, mix well.
- Pour the batter into greased *idli* moulds and microwave for around 3 to 4 minutes.
- Serve hot with coconut *chutney* or tomato sauce.

Riddle Fiddle

Yash Sharma, AIS Saket, II C

1. I am colourful. The king cannot reach me and neither can the queen. I show my colours after the rain .
2. If you have me, you want to share me. If you share me, you haven’t got me. What am I?
3. I am round like an apple. Flat as a chip. I have eyes but I can’t see.
4. What is as big as an elephant, looks like an elephant but has no weight?

Ans: 1. Rainbow, 2. A secret, 3. A button, 4. An elephant’s shadow

It’s Me



My name: Raina Singh
My school: AIS Vasundhara 1
My Class: KG A
My birthday: June 19
My hobby: Dance and listening to music
My best friend: Tanu
My favourite teacher: Ms Anuradha
My favourite subject: Math
My favourite game: Ludo
My favourite poem: Teddy Bear Teddy Bear turn around
My favourite food: Egg and cheese
My favourite mall: V3S mall
My favourite book: Fairy Tales
I dislike: Onion and tomatoes
I like: Rhymes and stories
My role model: My mother
I want to become: A teacher
I want to feature in GT because: I love GT



Aarav Bhandari, AIS Saket, V C

Why was Six scared of Seven?
Because Seven Eight Nine. (7 ate 9).
■■■■

Mother: Why are you not doing well in history?
Son: Because my history teacher keeps asking about things which happened much before I was born.
■■■■

Why did the barber win the race?
He knew the short cut.
■■■■

How can you make seven an even number?
Simple, just remove the ‘S’.

Painting Corner

Khushboo Gupta
AIS PV, VI D



POEM

My friend



Adit Rustagi, AIS Saket, V B

My friend is the best,
he always wants to give a test.
He is very fond of vibrant colours,
and looks like a small wonder.
He always wants to fly so high,
that he can look like a wonderful guy.
Whenever he buys a balloon,
it takes him to the moon.
Whenever there is a show,
he always tells me to go.
When he sees a dream,
he always wants to eat an ice-cream.
He wants to play basketball,
whenever his friends come in to call.
I always make him a fool,
still he loves going to school.🇮🇳🇮🇳

Recipe of friendship

Divya Upadhyay
AIS Mayur Vihar, IV C

Friends are awesome, friends are funny. To have friends forever, follow my recipe. Take a cup of truth and loyalty, a spoonful of dedication and sincerity, and mix it with love, compassion, fun and *masti*. Wow! What a wonderful dish! Let’s relish this yum friendship!🇮🇳🇮🇳



I dream

Sparsh Bisht, AIS Gur 43, KG A



I want to become the best chess player in the world. I love to play chess and I practice it every day. My mom helps me in my practice. I am happy to share that I won the first runner up trophy in Haryana State Chess Championship in Under 7-category. I have also represented Haryana state in National Chess Championship. I want to become a grandmaster like Vishwanathan Anand. I will work hard to fulfill my dream.

Ready for first day at school

To quell the transition and separation anxiety experienced by parents, Amiown counselors bring to you some FAQ's to help you get prepared and cope with the situation better

Beating anxiety



Fun together Learning in group

My child has never stayed away from me; I am really anxious as to how I will handle her first day at school.

Keep calm during separation period. If your child sees that you can stay cool, he or she is more likely to be calm. Be firm but friendly and do not prolong good-byes. Reassure your child that you will always return to collect him/her from the school. This assurance builds trust and confidence in your child.

If my child throws tantrums in school how will the school manage?

Your anxiety will reflect in your child's behaviour, so try not to sound anxious in front of the child. Try and involve him/her for preparing for the big day like purchasing tiffin, water bottle, etc. Sound excited when you talk to the child about starting school. Despite this some

children are likely to throw tantrums and as childhood educators we are equipped to handle the situation.

I am worried whether my child will make friends?

Most of the activities that are planned for preschoolers are in group. Initially they work in small groups of three to four and then move over to a bigger group, learning to take turns and share.

How long will my child take to adjust in a new environment?

Generally, it takes one week for a child to settle down in a new surrounding. However, for that to happen, parents need to take care of a couple of things like never talk negative about the school and teachers in front of the child, dissuade from giving instructions in the



Bonding Together to school

morning to the child like if you don't cry today, mamma will give you a chocolate. Never prolong goodbyes.

Kindly suggest a few strategies to handle separation anxiety?

Starting school is an important time for young children, their families and educators. It has been described as 'one of the major challenges' children face during childhood. Applying some of the following strategies can prove useful:

- Do not make any major changes in the home environment.
- Encourage the child to participate in healthy social and physical activities.
- Praise your child's efforts.
- Prepare your child for separation in advance, even if it is just for a while.
- Playing games as 'Simon says' prepares child to follow instructions. [G](#) [U](#)

Food guide

My child is a picky eater, when will she have her food on her own?

Don't overfeed the child in the morning and secondly pack the food as per your child's liking. At Amiown just before the lunch break, children are made to recite prayers and asked to lay their mat and wear their apron. They are encouraged to have their food on their own in the company of their peers. It also helps children learn how to socialise.



Food time What's on your plate?



Grand lunch Eating excitement



First ride Safe and secure

Safety first

Will there be somebody to take care of the child in the transport service provided by the school? Can we avail the school transport from July onwards?

The school provides utmost care to the child while ferrying him back and forth to school. A maid always accompanies the children to ensure their safety.

What steps does the school take to en-

sure the safety of my child?

The school pays a lot of attention to safeguard child's well being and safety. The school entrance gates are manned by security personnel, who also accompany during any outdoor activity or visit. Female security guards work in close proximity with the children. We ensure that all activities are supervised by an approved caretaker.



Baby shower Learning to bathe

I am worried about the hygiene condition in the school, especially washroom as my child is prone to urine infection?

We maintain utmost cleanliness in the school. All the washrooms are regularly sanitised at short intervals. They are also equipped with liquid soaps and tissue papers. At Amiown we do not initially force the children to use the washroom on their own instead we take them there on regular intervals.



Hygiene first Wash your hands

My child is still not toilet trained and uses diaper? Should I continue doing the same? Please advice.

We would suggest that the child can use diapers initially till s/he gets familiar with the school environment and teachers. However, try and keep toilet experience positive and relaxed. Encourage the child by making positive comments when s/he has been successful. After some days try and make the child wear

pants with elastic waists to school.

What kind of medical facilities are provided in preschool if child gets unwell?

The school provides a sick bay and a doctor on call in case of any emergency. Also the parents are informed immediately. Parents are asked to share their child's medical history i.e if they are sensitive to particular food or suffer from any kind of allergies. [G](#) [U](#)

- ❶ Aye mere watan ke logo
- ❷ Sare jahan se acha
- ❸ Jhana daal daal par
- ❹ Hum honge kamyab
- ❺ Vande Matram

Robotics champs



Winners pose with their robots with their principal Ameeta Mohan

AIS Pushp Vihar

Siddhartha Jaitly

Amity group Robotics instructor

Shreshth Tuli (XI D), Nikhil Rath (XI B), Anuj Aggarwal (XI B), Shikhar Tuli (XI D) and Chitwan

Bansal (XI B), AIS PV brought laurels to their school by winning the national championship 'FIRST Tech Challenge' on February 10, 2014 at Pune. The team built their winning robot under the guidance and support of Siddhartha Jaitly, robotics instructor at Amity Group and Rashmi Sherawat, a teacher at AIS PV.

FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC), a student-centered activity is mentor supported and aims at providing students a unique and stimulating experience.

The students along with their mentor's guidance designed, built and programmed their robots to compete with other teams. It took the team several weeks to develop sketches, CAD Models and simulations for testing and then finally creating the robot. This was followed by development of various algorithms, testing of the robot's stability, speed, accuracy and timings. The team was well prepared technically and mentally to give their best. Many special tips and tricks were discussed and practiced during the training period. Finally the team was all set to establish themselves in the record book of FTC by winning the championship. [G](#) [I](#)



Apoorv receives the trophy for securing first position in the olympiad

GLOBE science olympiad

AIMC

Cadet Apoorv Chauhan of Amity Indian Military College (AIMC) secured first rank in GLOBE Science Olympiad 2013. The competition was organised by the Indian Environment Society. The purpose behind holding the science olympiad was to encourage students to explore, discover, and learn more about the environment. A felicitation ceremony was held at

Hotel Mapple Emerald, Delhi to felicitate the winners. Some eminent guests present on the day included Dr. Tony Murphy, director, GLOBE Program USA and Dr Deshbandhu, director, GLOBE Asia-Pacific regional office. Dignitaries from 12 different countries were also present.

Apoorv won an all expenditure paid trip inclusive of stay, meals, travel, etc to participate in student's conference in Kathmandu. [G](#) [I](#)



The dignitaries at the junior annual day celebration

Junior annual day

Basking in the celebration of the annual day, Amitians won hearts with their performances

AIS Pushp Vihar

Amity International School, Pushp Vihar celebrated its Junior Annual Day- 'The Magical Umbrella', for the session 2013-2014 on February 13, 2014.

The occasion was graced by chief guests Dr Vasant K Bunwaree, minister of Education & Human Resources, Govt. of Mauritius and Sangeeta Verma, economic advisor, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India. The programme began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp. School Principal Ameeta Mohan shared her vision for the future of the school. She also spoke about the ideologies of the institution. She said the institution believes that humanity lies in divinity and no amount of intelligence,

success, achievements are of any worth if children are not kind and loving at heart. The school orchestra enthralled the audience with the soulful rendition of fusion music 'Suro ki Chatrachaya'. The young students proudly recollected the achievements of the trailblazers of their school in their annual report.

This was followed by a truly spectacular show 'The Magical Umbrella' which was a heartwarming story of laughter, honesty, love, care and many other virtues that would help young students tread on the path of happiness and also sow the seeds of peace.

Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools presented the vote of thanks. She commended the students on the brilliant portrayal of the concept. [G](#) [I](#)

Eat healthy be healthy



Kids dressed as fruits & vegetables

AIS Noida

Usha Verma, AIS Noida, Teacher

Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, ardently advocates that a healthy mind resides in a healthy body and supports all endeavours related to

holistic learning. Keeping this in mind the students of Classes I and II of AIS Noida enthusiastically observed the 'Eat healthy be healthy week' from February 3-7, 2014.

The Class I students put up a colourful treat by dressing up in vibrant costumes that depicted various fruits and vegetables. The Class II children brought healthy food items and had a class presentation on healthy and junk food. Each and every child participated enthusiastically in the event. Through this activity they were motivated to eat healthy food. The purpose of celebrating the 'Eat healthy be healthy' week was to encourage children to eat healthy food to attain good health. [G](#) [I](#)

AIS Vasundhara 6

Tiny tots of Amity International School Vasundhara 6 had a field day during Amity Mart held on February 26, 2014. Armed with colourful shopping bags and pockets filled with make-believe rupee notes, the students of Class Nursery went on a shopping spree at an artificial market set up in the premises of the school.

The primary aim behind organising this event was to make the children aware of the value of money, its judicious use, instilling decision making skills and prioritising their wants.

The colourful market was dotted with stationary shop, toy shop, *mehandi* stall, tattoo maker stall, bakery shop, etc. Parents were also invited to be a part of the



Tiny tots enjoy shopping to the hilt at Amity Mart

event. The ambiance of the market left them enthralled. They were extremely impressed to see their children confidently go from one stall to the other to buy items of their choice.

They thoroughly enjoyed seeing their children shop wisely. They were also amazed to see the toddlers handle money and spend it judiciously within the limited budgets. [G](#) [I](#)

Strokes of genius

AIS Vasundhara 6

The students of AIS Vasundhara 6, Chaitanya A K, Class IX bagged the first prize while Nishtha Gupta, Class VIII and Bhanvi Kapoor, Class V A won consolation prizes at a national level painting competition held at Sangeet Natak Academy, Lucknow. Chaitanya also received a cash award of Rs 10,000. The annual painting competition was organised on theme of 'energy conservation' by Ministry of Power, Government of India in three categories for students of Class VII - IX (Category 1) and Class IV - VI (Category 2). Around 17 lakhs students from across the country par-

Painting: Chaitanya AK



ticipated in the event which has the patronage of the honourable President of India who believes that, "Today's children are the citizens and the nation builders of tomorrow. The involvement of school children in spreading the message of energy conservation in the country is commendable." The judges for the event included B J Sharma, secretary, Bureau of Energy Efficiency; K K Chakravarti, energy economist, Bureau of Energy Efficiency; P T Bhutia, dy secretary, Ministry of Power and Anil Sharma, project coordinator. [G](#) [I](#)



Chaitanya A K

Heritage celebration

AIS Pushp Vihar

Under the esteemed guidance of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, the students of AIS Pushp Vihar celebrated the heritage festival - 'Our heritage- Hamari Dharohar.' Through this celebration, they shared their year long learning of the heritage of Indian states namely Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Kerala. Students performed with gaiety and zest, leaving the

audience enthralled. The school wore a festive look with the art and craft of all the three states put on display. The beautiful cultural amalgamation of the states was a sight to behold.

The celebrations began with the *Ganesh vandana*. It was followed by the famous Braj dance of Uttar Pradesh, Koli dance performed by fishermen community of Maharashtra and Onam dance of Kerala. The folk song from Uttar Pradesh, 'Baandh ke preet ki dor' was a treat to the ears.



Kids in traditional gear

The right click!

Photography for some is a career, for some an opportunity to capture precious moments of life in the lens. Meet **Neha Malhotra, founder, TinyLove Photography**, who captures young ones with as much passion and love as everything under the sun. In an interview to **Namrata Gulati, GT Network** she shares her love for photography, ensuing challenges and much more....

What's the idea behind TinyLove?

TinyLove is all about on location natural light photography for kids and families. The whole idea is to take out photography from the artificial setup of a studio to a more natural ambience. It is about creating a

memory book for a child and not just a couple of photographs. Today, nobody wants the age-old 'say cheese' kind of pictures. TinyLove is about real, natural moments captured in the lens.

So, why on-location photography?

A studio with its harsh lights, big equipment and four walls, can be quite intimidating for a child. And you cant really expect to click the best photographs with a child who is not at ease. This is where on-location photography steps in. Besides, in India babies are not taken out of the house for the first 40 days and these photoshoots conducted within the first 15 days of a child's birth. Hence, I visit my clients at their home.

How challenging is it to click newborns?

Clicking a newborn can be very challenging for it is not just the photographer who is getting accustomed to the newborn but the parents too are in the process of adapting to their new roles. The parents themselves are in the learn-

ing process of handling a child. So, to convince them that the child is safe with you is the first challenge. Other than that, you cant expect the photoshoot for a newborn to wrap up within a few hours. The baby will need to be fed, cleaned, his clothes changed; so while all that is being done, you need to relax, be patient and wait till the lil' one is ready for your next shot.

Are toddlers equally challenging ?

Each age group brings with itself a different set of challenges. For toddlers, it is more about their likes and dislikes. This is the reason that before each shoot I try to know the preferences of a child so that the shoot can be planned accordingly.

How acceptable is the idea of kids' photography in India?

Kids' photography is relatively new in India, but the concept has picked up in the past few years.

Nowadays, parents are willing to spend a lot more. And these days, they dont want just a picture or two; they want a comprehensive photoshoot. And why just kids photography, photography as a whole has gone a metamorphosis of sorts in the past few years. These days, people are looking for photographers who understand their craft well.

You click a variety of subjects. Who do you enjoy clicking the most?

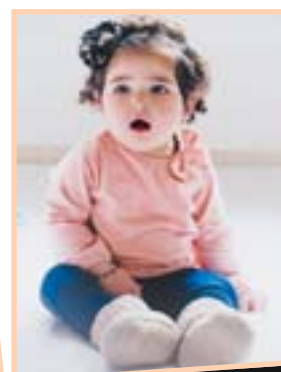
Newborns, because they are clicked in the most different way. I personally enjoy clicking newborns who are just 15 days old as the environment at their home is exciting. With the entry of a new baby emotions run high in the family. Toddlers can be a lot of fun too. They never fail to surprise you.

Any tips for people who want to take child photography as a career? Is it lucrative?

It's most important to love kids. A little knowledge about photography and tons of patience to handle a howling child or a to-be mother with her mood swings is a must. A photographer can earn anywhere between 20K-1 lakh a month. [G+](#) [T](#)



Neha captures moments in her lens; some of her work (R)



Oscar fever

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It's never too late to discuss the 89th Academy Awards aired on March 3! Be it the fact that Leonardo DiCaprio didn't win an Oscar again or that Ellen DeGeneres gave out free pizzas, the Oscars have been the most viewed entertainment since the season finale of 'Friends', earning 111.5 million viewers! An overview of the winners: ■'12 Years a Slave' won Best Picture. Hats off to Steve McQueen who became the first black director whose film won



the prestigious award.

- Mathew McConaughey won Best Actor for 'Dallas Buyers Club'.
- Cate Blanchett, who after being nominated six times, finally won her first Oscar for 'Blue Jasmine'.
- Gravity won 7 awards including Best Director and Best Cinematography.
- Disney Studios won their first Oscar for 'Frozen', for Best Animated Film.

Robert Lopez became the youngest person to complete his EGOT (Emmy, Grammy, Oscar, Tony).

The best moment of the Oscars was when the good humoured host Ellen DeGeneres clicked a selfie with some of the Hollywood biggies. It got retweeted 2.3 million times, breaking Barack Obama's record of the most Twitter re tweets in an hour. [G+](#) [T](#)

Make an impression!

Bid adieu to the last session and your favourite teacher at school and get ready for a new beginning this session. Gear up to be in the good books of your new teacher with some tips from **Kaushiki Agnihotri, AIS Mayur Vihar, IV C** on how to impress your teachers.

- Make sure you are neatly dressed.
- Arrive at school in time. Reaching late shows irresponsible behaviour.
- Make small talks with your teacher. Just say a friendly 'hello'. Ask her "How was your weekend?" Talk a little bit about yourself. Teacher will be a bit friendly to you.
- Come to class well prepared. Complete your homework. Always remember to bring any specific thing that your



teacher asks you.

- Sit at the first bench of the classroom whenever possible. This will prevent you from fooling around.

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