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# Let the PHWs roar

Pulling out nostalgia, pride, tears, warmth, showers of blessings and more in an emotional roller coaster ride with this issue's Citation Special. Read on to know what departing from the red brick building means to Amitians.

Next: Look out for a Pullout loaded with the farewell extravaganza!

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Can human values be taught? a) Yes b) No c) Can't say To vote, log on to www.theglobaltimes.in

#### **POLL RESULT** for GT issue April 27, 2015

Is it possible to measure happiness?



around the increase of pictorial warnings on cigarette packets from 40% - 85% gathers momentum, Hriday, an NGO dedicated to dissemination of health related information to youth debunks 5 myths, with facts to support the increase in the size of Pictorial Health Warnings (PHWs)

*s the debate* 

Myth 1: The increase in the size of specified health warning from 40 % to 85 % is arbitrary, excessive and unreasonable. Fact: As per Cigarettes & Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is the competent ministry to make rules around pictorial warnings. According to the current packaging and labelling rules, the norms on warnings can be revised every 24 months. India reached this point on April 1, 2015. In compliance with this, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare constituted an expert committee, to look at the best global practices to develop effective India specific warnings.

Myth 2: Large tobacco-producing countries (China, USA, Indonesia & Zimbabwe) do not have oversized health warnings. India being the 2nd largest producer should therefore adopt a reasonable approach.

Fact: India ranks abysmally low on global health warnings at 136th position. Argentina, which is

among the top ten tobacco producing countries, has Pictorial Health Warnings (PHWs) covering 50% of the packet, while Brazil, the third largest tobacco producing country has a PHW covering 100% of its front side. More recently, Ireland, France and UK decided to introduce plain packaging of tobacco products. India, being a world leader in Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) negotiations, must lead the world in PHWs and take the plain packet route soon.

## Myth 3: Article 11 of FCTC states that pictorial warnings should not be less than 30% and thus, by implementing the 85% principle, India will go beyond FCTC guidelines and international norms.

Fact: Article 2(1) of the WHO-FCTC itself encourages the parties involved to go beyond the FCTC provisions and guidelines for better protection of human health. Furthermore, the guidelines to implement Article 11 of the WHO-FCTC recommend that "Given the evidence that the effectiveness of health warnings and messages increases with their size, parties should consider using health warnings and messages that cover over 50% of the principal display areas and aim to cover as much of the principal display areas as possible." Currently, India does not even meet the FCTC minimum stipulation of 30% PHW.

Myth 4: Large PHWs infringe the intellec-

Fact: Section 11 of the Trade Marks Act, 1999

provides for negative rights preventing the un-

lawful use of a registered trademark by any

person other than the person who is registered

to be its rightful owner. No law prevents the

government to restrict or regulate the usage of

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lows reasonable restrictions for protection of

the health interest of the general public.

tual property rights of tobacco companies.

# Larger PHWs, larger impact!

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Don't tell me

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WARN you!

SAre among the most prominent and cost-effective medium of health communication.

Sencourage high awareness levels and visibility among non-smokers and youth. Solution Can increase the motivation to quit

and encourage cessation behaviour. Are especially important for reaching smokers and children who belong to the lower literacy rungs of society.

# Myth 5: Large warnings do not help achieve the objective of tobacco control.

Fact: The PHWs are more effective than textonly messages as warnings with large pictures are more likely to draw attention. Larger pictures improve recall memory.GI

# **Germinating Germanic ties**

r Alexander Hansen, director, German House for Research and Innovation (DWIH), and German Research Foundation (DFG), was conferred honourary professorship by Dr. Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe. Amlaan Kumar, XII J & Manasvini Pandya, XI J, AIS Noida struck a conversation with him...



For many years, DFG and DWIH have been jointly funding projects in India. We have been sending a group of young Indian delegates every year to Germany to meet scientists including a few Nobel laureates. Other than this, the countless research projects started by DFG and DWIH in India have ushered in a new era of Indo-German relationship.



#### What does Germany think of India as its ally?

India is currently one of the fastest developing nations in the world. It has achieved extensively in the past 10 years. It has also made immense progress in the field of science. The Mars orbiter launched by the Indian Space Research Organisation is a clear example of what India can achieve. This growth has caught the eye of many nations, who are now viewing India as an important ally, as is Germany.

#### In which areas of science and technology can India and Germany collaborate?

There are many areas where Germany and India have already been collaborating for many years. Some of them

include aero technology and medical infrastructure.

#### How is the German education system different from its Indian counterpart?

In Germany, it is of paramount importance to provide the best quality education since human resource is considered the most important resource. While India is providing quality education, achieving and sustaining the requirement is much more challenging since India has a population of 1.2 billion while Germany has a population of only 80 million.

How has DFG and DWIH contributed to the Indo-German cooperation?

#### How, in your opinion, will the new Indian government take forward the Indo-German relations?

The new Indian government is very favourable to science and research, an area that the Germans are known to be proficient in and famous for. I am sure the new government will take the Indo-German relations to new heights and strengthen ties.

## What message would you like to convey to the youth of the country?

I would like the youth to be more conscious of the international community. While Indians are now exposed to quality institutions, such as Amity, they must accept the idea of globalisation and its positive impacts. One cannot stay within the confines of his or her immediate surroundings, for venturing out to experience knowledge, is important. While there may be obstacles on the path to international exposure and global outlook, they must be looked at as new challenges and opportunities meant for development.GI

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Send your answers to The Global Times, E-26, Defence Colony, New Delhi - 24 or e-mail your answer at brainleaks@theglobaltimes.in

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"I had a really good time at AUSS during my course. Learning about film making and photography in a practical atmosphere was great and the fabulous teachers added to the wholesome experience. Hope to come to here again!

Megha Ghai Film Awareness & Film Making Delhi Public School, Noida

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Ashrut Mohan Narula Biotechnology, Dhirubhai Ambani **International School, Mumbai** 

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# ent areas of biotechnology. I learned some useful laboratory techniques."

Saumya Kedia, Biotechnology United World College, Singapore

Highly qualified and experienced faculty gave an invaluable theoretical as well as practical knowledge at AUSS. I also enjoyed swimming, horse riding and many other sports. For me, hostel was truly a home away from home."

**Dhwanit Rahul Dave English Comm & Journalism** Lilawati Podar School, Mumbai

"It was a new and enriching experience for me. I enjoyed thoroughly and learned a lot of new subjects. The teachers were very supportive and encouraging."

Simrat Bains, Forensic Science Loreto Convent, Delhi

"The infrastructure and facilities provided were remarkable." **Abel Jaison** Aerospace & Avionics Sandeepani Niketan, Kerala

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**No Smoking** 

## Infographic: Pankaj Mallik, GT Network



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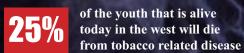
One third of male population in the world smokes



Cigarettes are sold in 1 min

# 80,000-1,00,000

Kids start smoking everyday



# All about PHWs

"My daughter took up photography at AUSS and liked

it quite a lot. With a practical exposure at AUSS, she

Father of Himanya Singh, AIS Gur 46, XI S

has many career choices including journalism"

An insight into Public Health Warnings and global smoking trends that will apprise you on everything that you must know about the two

# **Retracing PHWs**

The Cigarettes Act of 1975 introduced the first 'text only' health warning i.e. 'Cigarette smoking is injurious to health' in India.

SThe first set of health warnings were notified in July 2006 and were to come into force from February 1, 2007. However, after much delay, a set of very mild images covering 40% of the principal display area of tobacco products were implemented from May 31, 2009.

New field-tested, stronger warnings were notified in March 2010 for depiction from June 1, 2010. However, these were delayed to Decem-

# **Impact of large** PHWs on youth

A study amongst youth in Canada and UK shows that pictorial warnings make smoking less attractive.

A study in India shows that warnings with pictures are more likely to draw attention and improve memory for the accompanying text.

SIn a survey conducted in Mexico, it was found that pictorial warnings featuring graphic depictions of the disease were significantly more effective on young smokers than text only warnings.

(Solution) In a survey conducted under the International Tobacco Control Policy Evaluation Project in China, it was found that the youth rated pictorial warnings as the most effective means to arrest smoking.<sup>G</sup>

# ber 1, 2010 but were never implemented.

& A new set of warnings were notified on May 27, 2011 to be implemented from December 1, 2011. Following a controversy over the notified warnings, revised warnings were notified on September 27, 2012 to be implemented April 1, 2013 onwards. &In February 2014, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare constituted an expert committee to study global standards on PHWs and suggest field

tested warnings for notification.

Based on the committee's suggestions, MoHFW amended the packaging and labelling rules and notified the new set of rules on October 15, 2014 with 85% pictorial health warnings to be implemented from April 1, 2015. However, considering the rules, the committee on subordinate legislation (Lok Sabha) in its interim report recommended, delaying the implementation after intense pressure from the tobacco industry.

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SFor now, the 85% field tested pictorial warnings, which would have put India in a position of international leadership, have been put on hold.GI

# World trends

Solution Canada was the first country to implement health warnings on cigarette packets in 2000. 8 Brazil, leading the global pro-

duction and export of FCV tobacco covers 100% of the front side of the tobacco packs with PHW.

Slobally, nearly 80 countries require PHWs on tobacco products, among which 60 countries require the warnings to cover more than 50% of the packet, whereas countries with the largest warnings are in the South East Asia Region (Nepal 90%, Thailand 85%, Pakistan 85% & Sri Lanka 80%). Australia leads the world with plain packaging of tobacco products with PHW's covering 82.5% of the display area. 8 In 2010, a report by the Canadian Cancer Society on PHWs ranked India at 100th position in comparison to other countries vis-à-vis warning labels. The rankings further plummeted to 122nd position in 2012 and to 136th in 2014.

# **Pictorial Warnings of top 4 countries**

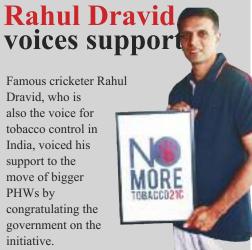


# **Ample public support**

**D**lain packaging prohibits **I** the use of logos, colours, brand names or prominent information on packaging and has always won support from all sections of society

France and New Zealand are also considering this major move.

A Lok Sabha MP Baijavant Panda has introduced





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Solution In 2012, Australia became the first country in the world to adopt plain packaging of tobacco products to protect youth from tobacco imagery and promotion. Countries like United Kingdom, Ireland,

a Private Members' Bill in the Parliament seeking plain packaging of tobacco products in the country. Solution The Allahabad High Court, in the matter of Love Care Foundation vs Union of India & Anr, urged the Indian government to study the feasibility of plain packaging of cigarettes as well as other tobacco products.

& According to a study conducted in Delhi, a majority of people and stakeholders support plain packaging of tobacco products in India.

# Catch them young...

...seems to be the philosophy of tobacco industries, which spend millions on marketing tactics to catch the young and vulnerable. Here is an insight into a few of them...

le Tobacco companies sponsor sports events, teams, sports stars and develop tobacco packaging on sports-related themes to make smoking look good. & Many teenagers light their

first cigarette or use tobacco after watching their favourite actor smoke or use tobacco on screen. Tobacco companies know this

fact and promote their products in films based on this.

ln a bid to enhance their social profile, tobacco industry sponsors various events like school competitions, bravery awards, fashion events, etc. Tobacco companies sponsor contests, which often require the purchase of tobacco products to

enter the competitions. Prizes include cash prizes, gold, key chains, cars, etc.

ln India, tobacco companies give away free samples of tobacco products in public places like shopping malls, rock concerts and discos.

Facts & reports contributed by NGO HRIDAY

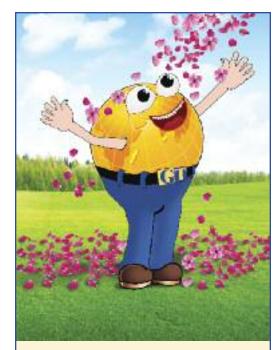


The reports have been contributed by HRIDAY (Health Related Information Dissemination Amongst Youth), an NGO engaged in promoting informed health activism among youth. HRIDAY works with the MoHFW, MoEF & WHO. HRIDAY was awarded the WHO Director General's Award for tobacco control. The programme has been enlisted as 'Best Practice Model' and recommended for global replication by WHO.

# GT pulled Citation Special

# Oulling out Citation Special

May 4, 2015



Goodbyes are always hard. And they're much harder when it's your school that you are saying goodbye to. For some, it is a place where they learnt their first words and for others, it is here that they transformed from toddlers to leaders. With overwhelming speeches, tear filled eyes and showers of blessings, the citation ceremony at Amity International Schools pulled out much more than can be described in words.

# I learnt my words here

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## Sanjana Chopra AIS Saket, Soon-to-be-alumnus

Since extraordinary emotions. It is like a soft wind, extinguishing candles on one hand, fanning fires on the other, all the while seeming strangely intangible. You never really figure out what is happening. I wonder how "No school tomorrow!" changed to "No school from tomorrow?" and this is when I realise just how much and what Amity means to me. I don't think words can do justice to my appreciation for my extremely understanding and

compassionate teachers, for making me everything that I am today. Or to my gratitude towards my friends here, for being a part of all my experiences at Amity and letting me be a part of theirs. From basketball matches to MUNs, from 'tune humein utpann kiya' to the heavily

scribbled last pages of registers, these beautiful memories will echo in our minds long after the red-bricked corridors have forgotten our footsteps.

Life at Amity is something that can only be experienced,



Dr Amita Chauha

As I see my Amitians all set to venture into the outside world, I can say with conviction that Amity has made them into confident

Chairperson individuals, brimming with sanskars. The citation, that we honour the outgoing batch with, as it bids farewell to Amity, is a souvenir that shall shower benign blessings upon them, one that will always remind them of their alma mater, one that will remind them of the pledge of honesty, sincerity, service and hard work that Amity has taught them. Make your alma mater proud, Amitians!

felt and fondly reminisced, but can never be truly recreated. How could I, for instance, describe those last few minutes of anticipation before the bell for dispersal rang, or the way ten people shared a plate of chowmein, or the efforts that went into convincing a teacher to sign permissions? How could I attempt to chronicle this journey from the first golden star and the first good chit to the Founder's Trophy and the Head Girl badge? For me, Amity is all this and so much more. I learnt my words here and then I spoke, I learnt my letters here and then I wrote. As I bid farewell to this building that has nurtured me for fourteen years, and step out into the world beyond these walls, I know that Amity will always hold a special place in my heart.

# Thank you, ma'am

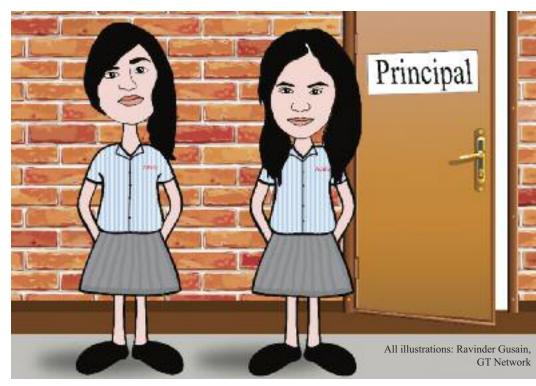
Niharika Khanna & Twinkle Taneja AIS PV, Soon-to-be-alumni

ong hair? She will tie them up in rubber bands. Fringes? "You aren't walking the ramp, it's a school," she would say. Chance upon her in the school corridors and all you can say is, "Ma'am, I was just going to the washroom," even if the washroom was never a part of your mission. She has played multiple roles in our lives. Sometimes, as a mother and at others, a strict hostel warden. But all the time we spent at school, our principal Ameeta Mohan ma'am left an indelible mark on our lives. Wherever we go, all her teachings will be etched in our minds. Mohan ma'am always ensured that we stand by our principles and values. Every time she pointed out the rebellious teenager in us, she compelled us to ponder over our deeds. She has been an integral part of our growing up. Had it not been for her, we would have been ignorant of humility. How can one forget the silence

that prevailed every time she stepped into our classroom and we stood up to greet her out of respect and humility. These are the values that we take back with us. Today, as we stand on the threshold of entering a new world, we take along a bagful of memories we made with people, who we never thought would be a part of our lives. Foremost among them is Mohan ma'am, who has given us a treasure trove of memories and experiences to relish for the rest of our lives.

Yes, there were times when we wondered about the validity of her decisions, times when we would question the disciplinarian in her. But today, as we bid adieu to this phrontistery, we understand the reason behind her decisions and actions, and give her credit for turning us into fine individuals. We go out into this world unafraid, confident and with our head held high. We go out as strong willed humans she created, all set to conquer the world and make history. Thank you Mohan ma'am, for everything!





## Shreya Bansal AIS Gur 43, Soon-to-be-alumnus

## Dear School,

It seems like only yesterday when I sat before my computer, typing out an article for the farewell we hosted for our seniors. I remember how I put myself into their shoes. And today, when I am in the same place as them, I have no words. For as long as I can remember, I have been a part of this community. But now, I look back at you for the first time with so much gratitude. I thank you for the beautiful white building; it may be small, but it has always been big enough to hold my happiness and dreams. I would miss how the sunlight seeped through your windows and bounced off the walls to illuminate my mind and soul.

I thank you for my teachers, who with their wisdom and experience, imbibed in me the desire to succeed and showed me the light that I need to follow.

I thank you for my friends, who showed me the meaning of unparalleled and unconditional love and who, I intend to cherish for life.

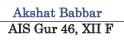
I thank you for The Global Times. This beautiful newspaper that has helped me discover unexplored facets of myself. It has made me realise that I can write, giving me wings of expression. It's a way of life that I'll never be able to part with and I take it along happily.

I thank you for the happiness and the joy, they made my childhood more memorable, that I shall carry with me all my life. I thank you for the sorrows, they made me fall and taught me to pick myself up. I thank you for the failures and disappointments which made me fight and challenge myself and push myself harder to go beyond my limits.

I thank you for making me what I am today and showing me what I can be. And last but not the least, I thank you for giving me my most loved ones in life, a family, one that I chose and a home where I'll always feel welcomed.

I say this on behalf of my classmates, who I know, echo the same sentiments. Yes, we will all move on with our lives. We may not think about you all the time, we may not see you so often. But we do know that there will be no place like you ever again. Wherever we go, the identity of an Amitian is always going to stay with us. We came as children with running noses and weeping, frightful eyes and we leave as adults with solemn smiles, however with teary and nostalgic eyes.

You taught us everything why not goodbye? Time to fly away **AIS Gurgao** 



s the students of AIS Gur 46 walked into Litheir citation ceremony, they were reminded of their first tiny steps into the building, when they let go of their mother's hand and stepped into a new world. But teachers who held them with a warm smile, making them feel protected in the cocoon. Today, these pupae have turned into butterflies, ready to explore the new world.

The ceremony began with a *hawan* and blessings from teachers and parents. As the teary-eyed teachers looked like proud parents. From butterflies fly away.

tiny tots to harbingers of change, their children had come a long way. In her address, the 🚽 principal asked them to carry the values

Amity has instilled in them and to win the world over with confidence. With divas in back then, they had their their hand, they reiterated the promise to always keep the torch of Amity's values aflame.

The atmosphere turned nostalgic as students and parents shared the treasure trove of experiences and memories with Amity. They thanked the Amity family for making their lives extremely special. With heavy hearts and wished their students luck, they tight hugs, it was time to let the

aiting for the recess bell to attack your friend's lunch box, hiding your faces be-hind books while talking in the library, being punished for playing tic tac toe in the math class... school life is bliss. But every good thing must come to an end and so did this memorable journey for batch 2014-15 of AIS MV. As the outgoing batch stood at the threshold of a new journey, they lived every moment of the day, knowing they might not see the same faces again in a long time to come. The function commenced with grandeur, followed by a melodious rendition that celebrated the spirit of the wistful students whose faces wore a smile while their eyes held back tears as they received their citations. This marked an end to their delightful journey at Amity.

Pic: Samyak Aggarw AIS Gur 46, XI C

# Once an Amilian, always an Amilian

# Chinmaya Kausik, XI B & Disha Rawal, XI D, AIS Gur 43

ears welled up, smiles were shared, but amidst the ex-L citement of stepping out into a whole new world, there was a certain sadness that prevailed, of sweet alma mater.

The ceremony started with a *hawan* followed by the citation ceremony. The principal encouraged the outgoing batch to keep the Amity flag high. The former head boy and head girl recounted all the the young adults would carry for memorable years they had spent in school and thanked their teachers Amitian, always an Amitian!

for the unconditional love and support, leaving their teachers teary-eyed. Having received their citations, the students also passed on *diyas* to the current batch of Class XI, symbolic of the values, hopes and legacy of Amity. Blessings were showered as the leaving the benign folds of their misty-eyed teachers showered marigold petals on the moving trail of students and blessed them for their life ahead. Thus ended the 14 years of school life for yet another batch of students passing out of the warm folds of Amity, whose essence the young adults would carry for the rest of their lives. After all, once an

One school life is not enough

Mehak Bawa & Anmol Gupta AIS Noida, XII

Best days

**T** t was time for another batch to tomary selfie tradition was They received their citations with Looking around at their friends The cheerful batch reassembled school journey, the outgoing batch photograph, a unit together, for not enough!

Pic: Inaayat Sachdev,

AIS Noida, XII

was brimming with emotions. one last time. A movie that aptly

say goodbye to those red followed, with a million pictures pride and walked away with Libricks that shall forever re- being clicked every second at each nostalgia. The ceremony ended main etched in their memory. nook and cranny of the school. with showers of blessings and a and teachers, reflecting on their on the stage for their class mind one school life is clearly not

Hugs and greetings were ex- summarised their school life left changed generously and the cus- the students on the verge of tears. unanimous thought in everyone's



# Words yet speechless

AIS Saket, XI

**((Tt**'s here that I learnt the words to speak, I learnt to read and write and for this, I am forever indebted," said head girl Sanjana Chopra as she stood on the verge of saying goodbye to her school life at Amity. The words may have been hers, but the sentiments that resonated within those words were shared by every student of the batch of 2014-15, AIS Saket. The citation ceremony stood witness to several words - some that were said aloud

with sobs and some that were ings of awe and pride. One could beaming with hope and promises of meeting again. "Even though we part our ways from here, we will never forget our portals so dear," said SYNCHRO students liance and nervousness for Abhinabo and Namrata.

The hawan added the perfect spir- for they had worded perhaps the itual touch to the ceremony. The most beautiful chapter of their act of each student lighting up the lives and were yet speechless.

Anushka Barthwal & Ria Chopra with pride; some that were said Amity symbol brought about feelsee a medley of sentiments mirrored on each face. Joy for the future, sadness of parting, excitement for imminent self-rechoices, dominated. And why not,

# Leaders of tomorrow

and nostalgic citation ceremony set the perfect back person, school principal, teachers and staff. drop for an emotional goodbye.

seen it grow from a temporary building to the institution that provided holistic education to their children. The teachers couldn't conceal their emotions either, as they regaled their students with humorous anecdotes nd experiences of being a 12th grade teacher, stirring emotions of joy with reminiscence. The outgoing head boy, Pranav Bawiskar, broke down as

Pic: Muskaan Manchanda AIS Gur 43, XII D

s 126 students of AIS Vas 6 bid adieu to their he spoke about the role his school had played in makalma mater amidst the tender and warm em- ing him a better person. Emotions of gratitude and Alma mater annust the tender and warm on brace of parents and teachers, one could see in love reverberated in the air as students expressed them leaders ready to take on the world. A glittering their heartfelt thanks to Founder President, Chair-

A befitting ballet 'Raise Me Up' was the highlight of The ceremony was riding high on emotions, as was conspicuous in every word that was spoken and every the function that paid a tribute to the parents and to the podium, their voices boom- teachers for raising these 126 young students beaution in garross the auditorium, bounce the parents and to the podium, their voices boom- stood there with teary eyes on the same floor they had built counteye that shone with memories. Teary-eyed parents fully. The event culminated with a tearful shower of ing off the grand red-bricked shared their memories of the school and how they had blessings. Thus, the curtains came down with unend-

> unshaken hope that the outgoing teachers and alma mater. The atch will take on the world as lead- overriding emotions left ers of tomorrow,

> > ready to lead.

# Don't you forget me

# Aadya Vibhuti, AIS PV, XII

t was that time of the year when tears come easy and goodbyes come hard; when laughter is but, a mere hindrance of the heart. The end of the outgoing batch's Amity journey commenced with a *hawan* ceremony, followed by a warm welcome. It wasn't long before students took walls for the very last time, pouring enthusiasm, unfailing determination ing out their feelings for their

everyone with moist eyes, not just those stepping out of the redbricked building, but also those staying behind as was evident when Dr. (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, blessed the outgoing batch. Finally came the shower of blessings, when down poured the petals of love as did tears of happiness. Students less memories on. As they flung open the school gates for the very last time, the sounds of their footsteps and echoing laughter down the corridor might fade away, but the memories never will. And at last, they could just say, "Don't you forget me!"

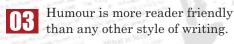
# **GT** *pullCht* Citation Special

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As soon as I entered twelfth grade, like every concerned parent, mine too started asking me what I wanted to do with my life. That's how I ended up at a career counselling session. I was asked to describe my dream job and I told them, I want to write. "For a newspaper like TOI?" they asked. "No. Something fun. Like The Global Times," I said. At that fateful moment, I realised that leaving Amity means bidding farewell to the newspaper that changed my life. Aastha Singh, AIS Noida, Soon-to-be-alumnus enumerates her love for GT!

They taught me that there is no wrong or right way to write. Everyone is a writer.

Black isn't the only beautiful colour. In fact, illustrations are boring in black.



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You'll learn to use MS Word even better than a Microsoft employee. Just kidding.



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40 from the takeaway near AKC House, you now have an opportunity. Your life will change after that.

You will have brand new DSLR pictures for profiling after you write an article and pose for it.

The GT family doesn't stop its love after the work is over. From teachers, they become friends and you manage to have a conversation at least once a week.

GT taught me that even more important than the article is the headline, the byline, the subhead and the name you save the document with.

We probably never keep exam pa-44 pers for years, but the competition editions are souvenirs. Other than our own school's issue, I also keep the editions of others for strict comparison purposes.

about reading what you've written, in over three rounds. They call it proofreading.



The entire team of GT makes you feel at home.



Every time you go to their office for the competition issue, you get juice and chocolate cake.



Writers learn to illustrate and il-13 lustrators learn to write.



You can never throw away a newspaper because you know the amount of effort that went into it.



You'll meet other students who detest math.



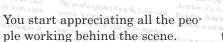
You learn to make fifteen phone calls (to coordinate things) in a record time of ten minutes.



You will realise that editing means practically re-writing.



You start appreciating all the peo-



You write good stories and bad stories but over a period of time, the table turns to only good stories.

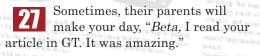
Writing an article during the English exam becomes a cake walk.

You learn to be a team. Take the credit together and take the blame together too.

Even the most negative events 24 leave scope for positive stories.

They give new food recipes in every issue.

Nursery class children will come up to you and say "Didi, I saw your picture in The Global Times!"



Random people on Facebook will **28** start asking for your help to edit their articles.

The absence of a comma, a full **30** The absence of a stop or capitalisation can some times result in a door slamming, banshee screaming fight.

You'll wait six months for the 31 competition issue buzz to begin and then wait more till 7th Aug for the GT Awards.

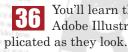
Every year, on the way to the GT 32 Awards, you'll pray in the bus that AIS Gurgaon 46 doesn't win again.

You'll make sacrifices to adhere to the deadlines and eventually learn that sacrificing for something you love, is always worth it.

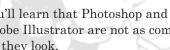
> You'll learn to find inspiration in everything and everyone.



**35** You'll have an excuse late, overload your body with caffeine and write your heart away.



You'll learn that Photoshop and Adobe Illustrator are not as com



At least once, during your course 45 of writing for GT, you will forget to save an article and rewrite it. After that, you will remember to save a document after writing the first line.



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You will learn to laugh at yourself when you give senseless ideas during the brainstorming sessions.

At GT, we integrate fun and pro-48 ductivity. You will find yourself stuck in bouts of nostalgia even months after working for the competition issue.

The Global Times is 'your newspa-49 per'. There are no rules. It is exactly what you want it to be.



I owe my writing, my confidence and a lot of who I am to GT.

Disclaimer: All content in this article is factual and is not intended as 'a-buttering-the-toast' tactic.



"I took up fashion design at AUSS as I'm good at art and enjoy designing dresses. The course was good but it would have been more interesting had it been for three weeks instead of two!" Pournima Sood, AIS Noida, XII

# The grumpy king



## Ananya Nagar, AIS Gur 46, VII

long time ago, there lived a grumpy king called Pingola. He was a very good king but a strict disciplinarian. The king was so busy making the kingdom safe that he forgot to be cheerful. He made sure all his people had enough to eat and all the laws were strictly followed. One of the laws made it compulsory for everyone to go to bed at 9 pm. No one could eat sweets or light fireworks in the kingdom.

Illustration: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network

The most cheerful person in the kingdom was Pingola's son, Prince Singola. People loved him for his generosity. The prince decided to prove to his father that life is not just about discipline and work but also fun and kindness.

One night as the king lay in bed, he could see fireworks. He went to the window and saw people dancing on the streets. He yelled, "Hey! Why are you all dancing ? Go to bed at once!" "Don't you know," said a man who did not recognise the king, "King Pingola is

He went to the window and saw people dancing on the streets. He yelled, "Hey, why are you dancing? Go to bed at once!"

dead." The king was shocked and heartbroken to see people celebrating his absence. He realised his folly and decided to correct his ways. The next morning, he announced to his people, "9 pm is no longer the bed time, people can sleep whenever they want. All sweet shops should be opened and sweets should be given to children for free." People stared in disbelief, for not only their king was alive but was a changed person. Turning to his son, the king said, "I know that it was you who spread the news of my death in order to teach me a lesson. Thank you son. Now I know what is more important in life." G T

#### So what did you learn today? A new word: Grumpy Meaning: Bad tempered, complaining nature



# Date puran poli

## Ingredients

Whole wheat flour	1 cup
Milk	6 tbsp
Deseeded and finely	chopped date
(khajur)	<sup>3</sup> ⁄4 cup
Roasted and coars	sely powdered
sesame seeds (til)	2 tbsp
Brown sugar	<sup>1</sup> /4 cup
Ghee	1-2 tbs

# Method

- Mix the flour and milk to make a dough and keep it aside for 15 mins. Mix *khajur*, sesame seeds, brown sugar and milk to make the filling.
- Roll out a portion of the dough into

a small circle using a little whole wheat flour for rolling.

- Place a portion of the filling in the centre of the circle and bring the edges together to seal it tightly.
- Lightly press the sides using your fingers and roll out into a big circle, using wheat flour.
- Heat a non-stick *tava* (griddle). Cook the puran poli till it turns golden brown from both the sides.
- Smear <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> tbsp of *ghee* on each *puran* poli and serve hot.

This iron rich recipe was contributed by the YP team of AIS Noida working for the cause of anaemia.

# **Pledge for earth**





# POEMS Wonders of nature

#### Saksham Khanna AIS Gur 46, IV C

From rivers so peaceful, to birds so cheerful, the nature is filled with wonders of the world.

Flowers grow into trees, I freeze due to the cold, soothing breeze. From high mountains

Don't cut trees and spoil the Earth, our planet we need to secure. Let us promise to save our land, nature's future is in our hand. GI



# **Riddle Fiddle**

Mehul Sehgal, AIS VAS 1, VII

1. Name 100 words that do not contain the letter 'a' in 90 seconds.

2. How can you take out 1 out of 19 and leave 20?

3. 3 friends went to a haunted house to click pictures of ghosts. They clicked a total of 15 pictures. Ravi observed all of them but did not find any ghost. To play a prank, he used Photoshop to edit a photo of the three friends and made a ghost appear in it. Looking at the picture, Rahul instantly guessed that it was fake. How?

4. You have 2 bags. Inside them, there are 100 marbles. How can one bag have twice as many marbles as the other bag?

5. What can bring back the dead, make us cry, make us laugh, make us young, born in an instant yet lasts a life time?

#### 5. Memories one bag inside the other!

4. Place 50 marbles in each bag and then put

With a long pink tongue

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AIS Noida, IX J

belly rubs- for them, just rocks. A dog's life is just perfect, Cats and mice they stalk.

A man's best friend

it has trees so green.

So let us protect our home, for nature is very pure.

to colourful fountains,

Class I C, AIS Saket, visited a museum in Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary. He says, "I learnt about the importance of water and natural resources. There, I pledged not to waste water and use recycled products. Let's all pledge to save Mother Earth and her natural resources."

Dakshesh Katoch, a student of

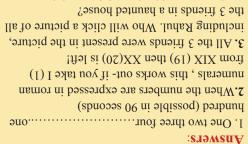
and wagging tail, it will appear in a jiffy when the master hails. Jumping with excitement, barking for fun, a dog's love for a man never fails.

Forever ready to go on walks and fetching balls, But men are ruthless, mean and cruel, they hit dogs and use them like tools. Why do humans act like fools?

Once earned their trust, they're faithful and nice,



intelligent and wise. Just give them some attention, and they will give you affection. Let's adopt man's best friend, your sadness it will end. A dog loves you with all its might, love is its right.





# **Ice-capade!**

Have you ever been on a mountain and felt close to touching the sky?

Shivraj Banerjee, AIS Pushp Vihar, Class V, says that's exactly how he felt while skiing in Switzerland with his father. Says he, "I loved the snowy hills in the morning. I once went skiing near Zurich in Switzerland with my father. It was around 10 am and the sky was blue and the sunlight was white. The majestic and partly white clouds were splendid. I felt truly alive being surrounded by the beautiful and pure natural world!"

He further adds, "For many of us who live in the city, this experience of beauty and nature is unique. Our polluted cities do not provide us with that feeling."



Shivraj enjoys skiing in Switzerlan

Amiown



# Sowing the seeds of human values

Amies across all branches celebrate the month of April that marks the B'day of their chairperson Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan as 'Human Values Month' with activities that teach human values and ethics



Nurturing Good Deed Tree



-Understanding values Imbibing values

#### Amiown Pushp Vihar

#### Nidhi Anand, Amiown PV, Teacher

The month of April is special as it gives everyone at Amiown, the opportunity to express their deepest respect for Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, on her birthday. To honour her strong commitment towards the holistic development of each child, the month is celebrated as Human Values Month, as it is the perfect occasion to reflect as well as reinforce moral values, in keeping with her beliefs. During the month-long celebration at Amiown, Amies learnt to be kind, loving and respectful through a number of activities.

**The Good Deed Tree:** During Circle Time, discussions revolved around values, such as sharing food and toys with friends, using magic words as 'please', 'sorry' and 'thank you', how one should do good things everyday and be kind to others. Children learnt a new word 'deed' and promised



to do good deeds everyday. With just a little encouragement, the little ones started sharing the good acts they did back home, like, "I helped mommy in the kitchen", "I cleaned up my toys after playing", "I give water to *dadu* when he's thirsty", "I gave my old clothes to someone who needed them" etc. As a motivational exercise, these innocent and precious confessions were recorded on maple leaves and brought together to make a beautiful Good Deed Tree. The tree served as a symbol of invaluable human values inculcated in children, inspiring everyone to make a difference. **The Story Gallery:** Dramatisation of moral stories was also undertaken during the month, focusing on values like helping, respecting elders, being empathetic, etc., after which chil-

ing, respecting elders, being empathetic, etc., after which children were given the opportunity to depict the story by making a poster together. The poster highlighted team work and functioned as a unique reflection of their learning. Through these activities, little Amies thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the Human Value Month celebrations and pledged to be good human beings.

# Driven by values

# **Amiown Gurgaon**

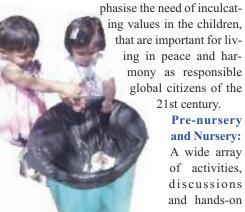
#### Sunita Paliwal, Amiown Gurgaon, Teacher

Inculcating and imbibing values and *sanskars* form the bedrock of Amiown curriculum which is driven by the vision of Chairperson, Dr. (Mrs) Amita Chauhan. She is the epitome of motherhood and strongly believes that a person without values is like a body without soul. The Human Values Month aims to highlight and em-

experiences were organised to instil values as sharing, caring, truthfulness, kindness, compassion, friendship, hard work, spreading happiness, etc. The children were sensitised towards caring for animals as they were encouraged to feed the birds and place water bowls for them. Little Amies were encouraged to take care of plants and environment by planting saplings, watering the plants and cleaning the trash to keep the surroundings clean.

**Kindergarten:** Children of KG were encouraged





to be kind, compassionate, helpful and respectful
by making a collage on moral values. A divine expression of kindness descended on their countenance as they made lemonade and shared it with the
children of a nearby NGO. During the entire month,
children were narrated and shown moral value stories like 'A Ray of Moonlight', 'The Ant and the
Dove', 'Alex', etc. The celebrations concluded with
a *hawan* for the well being of Chairperson. Children also crafted a magnificent birthday card imbued in expressions of human values. It was indeed
an excellent gift reflecting the impact of the Human
Values Month which was evidently successful in
achieving its goal. 611



**Pledging A better world** 

Befriending winged friends Bird calling activity

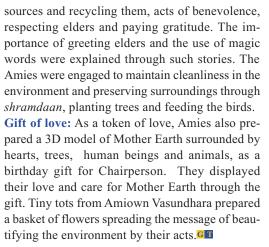
# Humane instinct

## Amiown Noida & Vasundhara

#### Jaya Auluck Amiown Noida, Teacher

Human values are life enriching values. Caring and sharing, respecting elders, being kind to everyone, saving the environment, are some of the values Amiown tries to inculcate in the children during the Human Values Month.

**Shramdaan for the environment:** To mark the celebrations, the little ones were narrated stories on sharing and caring for their family, keeping the surroundings neat and clean, saving natural re-





Happy birthday Chairperson ma'am!



**Bonding** With nature



"My stint with law at AUSS was useful and informative. The course gave me a great insight about the profession and the life I would lead in college if I take up that stream." Aparajita Marwah, XI, AIS Noida

Wassup

# **MUNing in Rome**

The trip aimed to foster cultural exchange and educational growth



Team Amity forged loving bonds during their Italian sojourn

#### AERC

eam Amity comprising six students of AIS Gur 46, accompanied by their teacher Shalini Agarwal, took part in the RIMUN (Rome International Model United Nations) IX session, held from March 27-31, 2015 at Liceo Farnesina School in Rome, Italy. The initiative organised by Amity Educational Resource Centre (AERC), and supported by Dr. (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, aims at nurturing global leaders of tomorrow. The conference comprised 14 committees and witnessed a participation of more than 280 foreign delegates from 16

international schools from across the world. The conference saw debates and deliberations, followed by lobbying to ensure passing of resolutions.

The closing ceremony was held at LUISS University, Rome, Italy, where the Executive Board gave away awards for the best delegate and special mentions. Chandra Vardhan Das of AIS Gur 46, did the school proud by bagging the Best Delegate award for the ECOSOC committee commission on narcotics. During their stay in Rome, team Amity got the opportunity to meet several dignitaries. They also visited places of interest like the Indian embassy, Colosseum, Piazza de Navona, Vatican City, Villa Borghese, Spanish Steps, etc. The conference also witnessed a strong cultural bonding between Italian and Indian students as the Indian students stayed with their Italian counterparts. Team Amity: Chandra Vardhan Das, XII; Divyanshi Goel, XII and Gitanjali Vohra, XI, AIS Gur 46; Dev Jain, XII, and Sanyam Dhandhania, XII, AIS Vasundhara 6 and Amisha Srivastava, IX,



AIS Vas 6 students present a proverb through creative oration

# Inter section competition

#### AIS Vas 6

IS Vas 6 conducted an inter section competition for enactment of proverbs on April 15, 2015. The competition conducted for the students of Class VIII, emphasised how the wisdom of age old proverbs not only adds depth and meaning to English language, but is also quite enjoyable. With creative dramatisation and clever oratory, the young artists conveyed proverbs in a simple, concise and forceful manner.

The event started with the proverb guru, a special character who emphasised the 360 degree of learning. Different teams were given diverse subjects as Math, Science, History, Moral Science, Culinary, Relationships, Professions, etc. Some of the proverbs that were presented during the competition were - there is nothing such as a free lunch, do not put all your eggs in one basket, false friends are worse than enemies, the tongue wounds more than a lance, doubt is the beginning of all wisdom, etc.GI

# Annual day Earth Day

# AIS VKC LKO

IS VKC, Lucknow celebrated its fifth annual day function on March 21, 2015. The programme started with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF along with Mr Abhay Chauhan; Maj Shobhit Pandey, ADC to the president of India; Mohina Dar, director academics, Amity Schools; Maj General K K Ohri, pro V C, Amity University and other eminent guests.

The theme of the programme was conservation of natural resources and taking care of the environment. Students showcased their talent and exuberance through the recital 'Nirmal Dhara, Sankalp Hamara' which highlighted the adverse effects of man's selfish and ignorant actions on the environment and stressed on increasing awareness and sensitivity for the environment. The tinv tots of Nursery and KG presented the song 'School Hai Hamara, Saaf Rakhe Hum' that aimed to spread the importance of cleanliness and good etiquettes.



This was followed by shadow dancing act 'Wizardry of Shadows' by the students of Classes VII and VIII. The event culminated with prize distribution ceremony, followed by school song and national anthem.GT



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special assembly on the occasion of Earth Day was held at AIS Vrindavan Yojana, Lucknow, on April 21, 2015. The event provided a platform to the young Amitians to voice their concern about the damage and destruction of the planet and also demonstrate measures for environmental protection. Padmakshi Arora, III A and Yashaswi Verma, VII A conducted the assembly and apprised the students about



## AIS Vrindavan Yojana Campus, Lucknow

the significance of Earth Day. They informed that it is a day to take cognizance of the generosity which the planet offers to its inhabitants in the form of water, air, mountains and forests. They also reminded everyone that one should not only enjoy the privileges, but also work towards preserving the natural resources. Students of Class III-VIII performed songs, skits and dances to highlight the issues of deforestation, pollution and degradation of earth. The event culminated with children pledging to save Mother Earth from destruction and protecting it for the future of mankind.



Spreading awareness on Earth Day

# **Show and tell**

 $\mathbf{T}$  ith an aim to polish the public speaking skills of young children, AIS Vrindavan Yojana, Lucknow organised a Show and Tell activity on April 22, 2015. Organised for the students of Classes Nursery to IV, the activity provided a platform to the and ingenuity as they shared their views. youngsters to showcase their talent. The highlight of the day was the performance by Vaishnavi Yadav, I A and Gur Simran Kaur, IV A, as both of them

spoke confidently and effortlessly about the objects shown to them. During the activity, the children spoke about a wide variety of objects like dolls, balls, bats, mangoes and even potatoes. The young participants displayed keen enthusiasm School coordinator, Tanuja Singh, lauded the efforts of the little children and encouraged them in their innocent attempt at public speaking.



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#### **AIS Pushp Vihar**

s a part of the ongoing German-Indian Classroom Programme between AIS Pushp Vihar and Gymnasium Schloss Neuhaus, Paderborn, Germany for the last three years, AIS PV organised a German Day in the school on April 1, 2015. The celebration was specially organised for the ten German students and



German Indian Classroom team

two faculty members who visited the school from March 22 to April 4, 2015, as part of the project programme on 'Living and working in another country - India and Germany (2014-15)'. During the celebrations, students presented a report on the German-Indian Classroom Programme highlighting its objectives, the project undertaken and the learning outcomes. To showcase the cultural intermingling of German and Indian students, the two schools presented a dance on a Hindi patriotic song. Thereafter, Class IX students of AIS PV presented a German song followed by a German pop song by the German students.

The occasion was graced by the presence of Dr. (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, along with Jyoti Arora, director, AERC; Alicia Padros, head, Education Services, Goethe-Institut; Olav Schroer, project manager, PASCH; Julian Frombgen, volunteer of Organisation Kulturweit and Deepica Sachdeva, project coordinator, Educational Services, Goethe-Institut. Parents of Classes V- X students were also invited on this occasion.

The project, an initiative of Amity Educational Resource Centre (AERC), had ten students from Classes VIII-X visit their counterpart school earlier last year from November 15- 30, 2014.

# Scholastic Alerts

Board of Secondary Education or its equivalent examination with a minimum of 70% overall aggregate and 60% for candidates belonging to SC/ST. The candidate should have appeared for CLAT/LSAT/any other law test, and should have secured a decent percentile score in each component of the test, group discussion and interview Last date for issue of the **application:** June 5, 2015 Last date for receipt of the application: June 8, 2015 Entrance examination: CLAT/LSAT/ any other national level law. entrance examinaInstitute: Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC), Pune **Course: MBBS** Eligibility: AFMC MBBS admissions for the year 2015 will be through AIPMT - 2015. Candidates are required to register on AFMC website using AIPMT – 2015 Roll No. **Online Registration on AFMC** website: Started on April 21, 2015 Last date for Online Registration on AFMC website: Till May 15, 2015 **Examination:** Entrance AIPMT - 2015 Website: www.afmc.nic.in /www.afmc.dg1d.gov.in

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Variety

"The best part about the Film Making course was making our own short films. Experimenting with lighting and interesting shots was good fun!" Adithyaa Sunder, AIS Vas 1, Alumnus



# Beauty with brains

# Theatre, ballet, Bollywood, entrepreneurship - Perizaad Zorabian has donned many hats, showcasing outstanding talent in all fields



Perizaad Zorabian with AUUP students and faculty members

he brought a breath of fresh air to Bollywood with her debut 'Bollywood Calling'. She went on to win critical acclaim with 'Joggers' Park'. The ballerina and woman entrepreneur opens up to Mannat Bhandari, ASET, AUUP...

#### You were always a businesswoman. How did **Bollywood happen?**

I am a gold medallist from Bombay University, with an MBA in marketing and advertising from New York. The plan was to be an entrepreneur. However, I've always enjoyed being on stage, performing ballet and How did it feel to spot your first film hoarding?

theatre in school and college. While in college, I took up modelling. Upon my return to India from USA, I was offered Kukunoor's 'Bollywood Calling'. I always thought it to be a one-film experience and was all set to go back to my office in USA with dad. So, after shooting for the movie, I came back to USA and started looking after my poultry business. But destiny had different plans. The film released a year later and soon, one opportunity after the other kept knocking. My father told me that life is giving me fun opportunities and I should make the most of them.

I had already been on banners and hoardings as a model. But to see myself on a film hoarding was unbelievable!

## How does it feel to be a successful entrepreneur?

It is challenging and exciting, especially in retail, which is a high profile field. When I go down, especially to Bombay and Pune, people come up to me and talk about my poultry more than my movies and I love it! Because I am advertising and marketing for the brand as well, to see the little initiative we began with a little budget become successful, gives me a high. Being on screen and the stage is a high but being an entrepreneur is an absolute high!

# Which quality of yours made you successful in every field?

A sense of discipline and professionalism. Bollywood is getting more and more intolerant to unprofessionalism these days.

# Your message to Amitians?

You are lucky to be in a campus like this. Make the most of this opportunity. These days never come back and things you learn in school and college hold you in good stead as life pans out. My MBA in New York prepared me for being not just as an actor, but also as a businesswoman.



# **Event Xperts** A dynamic group of students from AUUP are running their own

event management company with perfection





# **Blockbuster events**

DestinX is credited with planning, organising and managing diverse

few of them:

by Farhan Akhtar.

Circuit, Noida.

#### Palak Makkar ASET, AUUP

estinX, a dynamic event management company, founded by Rohit Ranjan Rout, Palak Makkar (executive secretary), Ankit Hasija (executive manager), Ankit Sahu (HR and marketing head), Monam Mishra, Nishant (graphic designer), Bhavya Malik (editor) and Mallika Majithia (secretary), all students of Amity School of Engineering & Technology, AUUP are touching new heights. More about the ambitious organisation ...

## The X factor

Founder Rohit Rout shares the reason behind the fast-paced progress of the organisation, "We are hard working, honest and committed to the goals of our clients. Besides, we use effective strategic marketing and communication tools to deliver to companies of all sizes." He continues, "We understand that each client measures the return on investment of their event based on different outcomes and results. Team DestinX is recognised for creating and managing events to yield a first class production."

# The all rounders

Other than being professional experts at organising and looking after the smooth functioning of meetings, incentives, conferencing, exhibitions, Team DestinX also excels at social media marketing, real estate management and celebrity

management, keeping in mind the budget of their clients. If that doesn't suffice, DestinX goes a step ahead to offer complete audio visual production service, right from the conception to the final performances of the event. They surely are a team of all rounders.

# **Rules for the game**

DestinX is a team of professionals, that strives to offer excellence in services for the benefit of customers to meet their demands well in time. Rohit concludes with a valuable tip for aspiring event managers, "Don't let one mishap upset your entire event. Steer yourself out of the skid by shifting to plan B as soon as plan A fails." Here's wishing many more success stories to DestinX! GT

Shivani Sinha, AIS Noida, V, holds up The Global Times in the sacred Pashupatinath temple at Kathmandu, Nepal. Dedicated to Lord Shiva, it attracts hundreds of followers. Thankfully, it is still safe after the earthquake.

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