#### **F** Status of the week

One year. One cause. One team, not of 4 but of each and everyone of vou. Be it just a like on the FB page, or helping us carry out our activities, you guys made this happen. A dream come true. YOUTH POWER WINNERS, 2013!

Sana Sawhney, AIS Noida, XII Youth Envoy 2012-13

#### **INSIDE** Director talks, P3

IRIS special, P4 Manchester ahoy, P 5 Sports fever, P7

#### AMIT**e**/poll

#### The best thing about summers is

- a) Going on a vacation
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#### **POLL RESULT** for GT issue April 29, 2013

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Richa Anirudh Anchor, Zindagi Live,

#### An Awestruck Jury



Megha Mamgain Senior producer & Anchor,



Meenu Vadera Founder, Azad Foundation & Sakha **Consulting Wings** 



Manager, Resource Mobilization, Breakthrough (NGO)

# THE GLOBAL TIMES

# POWER TO US

The year long programme met an impressive climax at Youth Power Grand Finale 2012-13. Power packed performances, spell binding speeches, mesmerised audience...the event saw it all. Bhawna Tuteja, GT Network lets you in on what made the YP Grand Finale so grand



Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, awards the trophy to (L to R) Ayan Pandey, Ayushi Gupta, Ananya Rajpoot and team leader Sana Sawhney, the winning team of AIS Noida

#### A day in history

pril 23, 2013, Amity University, Noida – the stage was set for the ▲ biggest ethical leadership hunt. YP Grand Finale 2012-13, held amidst much fanfare was a melting pot of zeal, enthusiasm and passion stirred with commitment. The occasion was graced by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools. The event also saw the presence of Mr Aseem Chauhan, Chancellor, Amity University, Rajasthan; Ms Divya Chauhan, Chairperson, ASFA, ASFT & ASPA and Ms Jaishree Chauhan. Heads of various Amity institutions turned up in full attendance.

#### Heal the world

Eight spirited teams = Eight different causes = World, a better place AIS Noida- Say No to Plastic AIS MV- Road Safety & Discipline AIS Saket- Respect Heritage

AIS Pushp Vihar- Support Senior Citizens AIS Gurgaon 43- Sanitation & Hygiene AIS Gurgaon 46- Protecting Stray Dogs AIS Vas 1- Prevent Food Adulteration AIS Vas 6- Pledge your Sight

#### Be the change

 $E_{\text{chosen cause, showcasing the work}}$ they had done for the same in the year gone by. This was followed by a creative communication round, wherein the teams communicated their cause through musical skits, mime, dance, etc. A little prodding by the jury members ensued in the Q n A round. All the teams also presented a 59 seconds movie on their respective topics.

#### Once bitten, twice shy

Team AIS Noida bagged the title of Team AIS Notice to age to the Team Team Team magnificent victory of last year. Team leader Sana Sawhney and her team members Ayushi Gupta, Ananya Rajpoot and Ayan Pandey stifled competition from 7 other teams, making the final cut. In their thank-you speech moments, the team says, "We would like to thank Chairperson ma'am for providing us a platform like Youth Power. Our win would not have been possible without the support of our school principal and all our friends who volunteered and stood by us throughout our journey. A special thanks to our teacher Praveen ma'am who was always there."

#### A round of applause

T oud cheers...check. Thundering ap-⊿plause...check. Hip hip hurray... check. While the audience clapped and hooted (including the principals), the jury was left awestruck. Of course, the teams were on the receiving end of compliments for their hard work but the deal breaker was two teams being invited on Citizen Journalism, a show on CNN IBN.

# Winner: AIS Noida





#### **Second runner up: AIS Saket**

Best research strategy AIS Gurgaon 46 Best awareness campaign

**AIS Pushp Vihar Best fund generation model** AIS Vasundhara 1

**Best social implementation AIS Saket** 

Best awareness movie

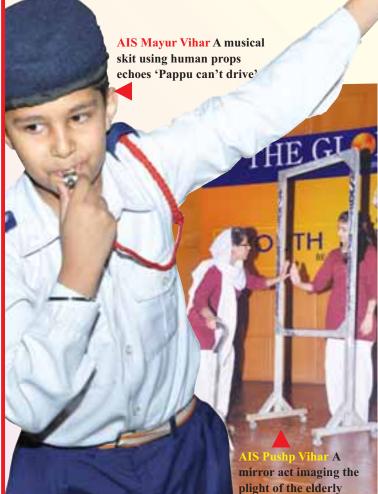
AIS Vasundhara 6 **Best fund raising proposal** 

**AIS Mayur Vihar** 

**Best creative communication AIS Gurgaon 43** 

Best mentor teacher Amika Handa, AIS Saket Shalini Agarwal, AIS Gurgaon 43

## **JUST SAYING**



## ...NOT THROUGH WORDS

Words are passé. Creative communication is in. The teams echoed similar sentiment as they communicated the significance of their chosen cause through less chosen mediums during the YP grand finale



AIS Saket Fusion dance strumming to the beats of live orchestra



AIS Gurgaon 46 Dancers pop out amidst AIS Vas 6 Dance blindfold; open the audience; the flash mob engulfs all



AIS Noida Earth and plastic dance to the beats of trash music



your eyes to an on-the-spot painting



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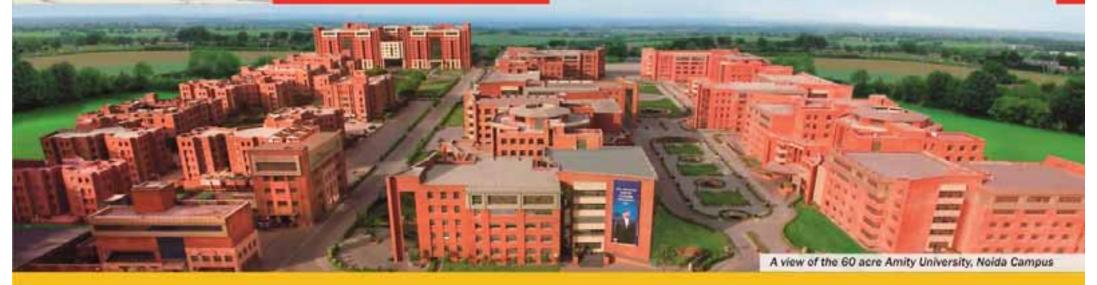
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It helped me a lot by providing exposure to different areas of Biotechnology, I also learn't some useful laboratory techniques\*



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Vansh Saluja, AIS Saket, XII, Second runner up, YP 2012-13

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# Law in practice

Join Mokshda Bhushan and Palka Rishi, Asst Professors, ALS, Noida as they speak to Major General Nilendra Kumar, prolific author and Director, Amity Law School, on the release of his 12th book on Clinical Legal Education

**Amity Law School** 

Major General Nilendra Kumar speaks about his new book

What made you choose clinical legal education for your book?

It is important to study law because of its varied uses in daily life. Whether it is civil law or laws related to property, crime and taxation, it is vital for a law student to have mastery in the subject. This prompted me to write this book.

#### With which target audience in mind, has this book been conceived?

The book is a must read for law students currently studying in law colleges and universities across India and for their teachers too.

#### What are the major areas that the book sheds light on?

I have tried to cover the syllabus prescribed by the Bar Council of India. There are chapters devoted to trial advocacy (mock trials), appellate advocacy (moot trials), legal aid clinics, legal writing, etc.

### What do you think are the challenges faced by the Indian legal system with regards to legal education?

The most critical challenge before legal education in India as well as the Indian subcontinent for that matter, is the absence of good faculty equipped with the requisite experience to introduce the students to clinical legal education.

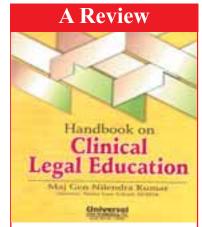
Do you mean there is a gap between legal education and the prevailing legal system?

Whenever a law student enters the ac-

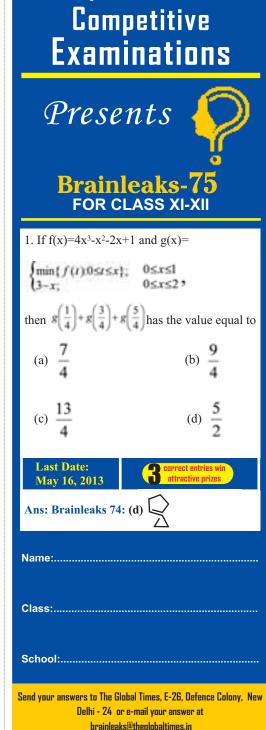
tual legal world, be it a court or a law firm, s/he feels bewildered as sadly, the education system lays focus on gaining theoretical knowledge alone.

So, is your book a bridge between the academic and real legal world?

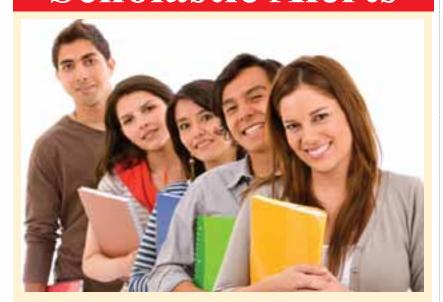
Yes, in a way, it is a step or a special offering towards sensitising the academia about clinical legal education.



The handbook on 'Clinical Legal Education' was written with the objective to make the law curriculum more practical and to inculcate practical legal skills in students. The book tries to act as a bridge between the real and academic world. By incorporating chapters on legal writing, mock trials, cross examination, etc in a simplified manner, the author has tried to prepare students for what to expect once they start their own legal practice.



## **Scholastic Alerts**



Institute: Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC), Pune
Course: MBBS

Eligibility: Those seeking admission to AFMC, Pune should have appeared in NEET (UG) 2013 and also applied online to the institute. 130 candidates (including 25 girls) will be selected for MBSS course commencing on August 1, 2013 on the basis of NEET (UG)

**Application Form:** Prospectus & application forms are available online from April 15. The last date for filing application is May 12, while last date for accepting bank *challan* is May 14. **Application Guidelines:** 

- It is mandatory for the prospective candidates to have a valid e-mail id. ■Candidates desirous of admission to AFMC, Pune will have to register and apply online.
- ■Detailed modalities for the application process will be available on the websites www.afmcdg1d.gov.in and

http://www.afmc.nic.in
Institute: Delhi Technology University (formerly Delhi College of Engineering)

Course: BTech

Eligibility: Admission would be on the basis of merit rank secured at Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) (Main), 2013. The candidates should have 60% or more marks as aggregate in Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics. A candidate must have passed English at the Senior School Certificate level (Core or Elective).

Application Form: Last date for seeking admission is August 30, 2013 Examination Date: The candidates have to appear for JEE (Main) Website: http://www.dce.edu/For more details on JEE (Main) 2013, log on to:http://www.jeemain.nic.in For more details on JEE (Advanced),

visit http://www.jee.iitd.ac.in In Itaruna Barthwal, Career Counsellor & Resource Coordinator, ACCGC

# World Water Day

Amity University, Noida commemorated World Water Day (March 22) to draw the attention towards depleting water resources across the world and the need to save the elixir of life

#### **AIETSM**

orld Water Day celebrations organized by Amity Institute for Environmental Toxicology, Safety and Management (AIETSM) on March 22, 2013 saw eminent speakers voicing their concern about the water

crisis staring the world and the need to encourage wise and judicious use of water resources.

Rajesh Kumar Chairman, Central Water Commission Honourable Minister of Water Resources, Harish Rawat, said, "We will not let World War III happen due to water crisis." He elab-

water to all by encour-

aging its judicious use

and integration of

orated about the plans of the Indian government to provide



Prof. Tanu Jindal Director, AIETSM water resources .
Prof. Tanu Jindal, Director, AIETSM, shed light on the various projects being undertaken by AIETSM to study the surface and

groundwater contamination by unlined drains and the heavy use of pesticides. In his address, Rajesh Kumar, Chairman, Central Water Commission, enlightened



the audience about the various schemes run by the Commission in cooperation with the state government, to supply adequate water. He not only laid emphasis on increasing the per capita storage of water but also touched upon the planning and designing of river valley projects, flood forecasting and flood management. He reiterated that climate change and environmental pollution were proving to be major obstacles in making good quality water available. Rajesh Kumar added that there was a

dire need to augment the available water resources through methods like rain water harvesting, recycling and reuse. He emphasised that inter basin transfer of water through interlinking and desalination of brackish water, is the need of the hour.

Meanwhile, Dr Ashok K Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe, launched Amity Centre for Water Technology and Management and entrusted the responsibility on Prof Tanu Jindal to develop it further.

# Amity shines at IRIS

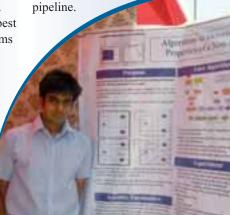
Taking forward the vision of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools to inculcate scientific temper in children, eight teams from Amity, under the aegis of Amity Science Foundation, made their mark in the national fair at IRIS (Initiative for Research and Innovation in Science) 2012. Clinching two golds and one bronze, the winning teams are all set to represent India at Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) to be held in Arizona, USA in May 2013

**Project:** Algorithms to find acoustic properties of a non ideal room using tone burst Student: Akshat Boobna, XI C Subject category: Computer Science Award: Gold medal in national fair **IRIS 2012** 

Principle & working: Thousands of dollars are invested in state-of-the-art audio equipment; however, often a crucial factor - placement of speakers is neglected. For an ideal rectangular room with uniform walls and no furniture, the best locations for placing stereo speakers can easily be determined using an approach known as room mapping. Theoretically, there are multiple 'best locations'. However, everyday rooms which are not designed to be acoustically perfect, deliver very different results. It has been realized that the present method is unreliable and inaccurate. The novel algorithms devised in this project not only measure the acoustic room response, but can measure it on any computer without

microphones and equipments. Based on the success of the algorithm, an App was created that asks the user to place his speakers at a few calculated points in a room.

Future feasibility: The App also helps collect room response at those points using the algorithm and accordingly decides the best speaker position. This allows the audio quality to increase dramatically without making physical changes in the room. This App has been released for PCs and a version that can be used in Android phones is currently in the



Akshat Boobna with his algorithm chart

which works on the principle similar

Project title: Soil cell- an innovative

technique to generate energy along

Students: Kashvi Singh and SM

Subject category: Environmental

**Principle & working:** Soil is a

mixture of rocks, minerals and

decaying matter of plants and

animals. When soil is moist, the

minerals in it produce ions which can

with enhanced plant growth

Anshuman, VI

Management

to that of normal refrigerator. The

model consists of an insulated box

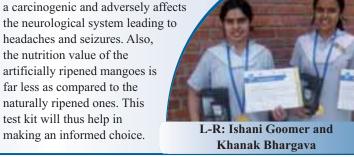
Rakheja, XI C

**Project title:** To develop a test kit for detection of calcium carbide in

Students: Khanak Bhargava and Ishani Goomer, X A

Subject category: Biochemistry Awards: Gold medal in national fair IRIS 2012 Principle & working: For the project, a test kit was developed to differentiate between natural mangoes, and mangoes artificially ripened with calcium carbide, a chemical compound known

for accelerating fruit maturation. Future feasibility: Calcium carbide is a carcinogenic and adversely affects the neurological system leading to headaches and seizures. Also, the nutrition value of the artificially ripened mangoes is



Project title: Activated charcoal battery Students: Sharnik and Rohan

Mittal, VIII B Subject category: Energy and transportation

Awards: Bronze medal in national fair IRIS 2012

Principle & working: The project aims at making a low cost, home made activated charcoal battery using easily available materials like salt, tap water, charcoal, aluminium foil, paper towel and wires. The initial set up

comprising the given materials arranged in a particular fashion, generated voltage of around 0.5 V and current of 3mA. To increase the current output, the design was altered. Roughly 50gm of salt was mixed with 100ml of water and 25gm of charcoal in a cup. Crumpled aluminium foil was put in the cup. The new set up generated voltage of around 0.75V and current of 55mA, which is enough to light up a LED (when 4 such cells are connected in series). Future feasibility: The aim is to



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Kriti Chopra

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Mehak Goyal

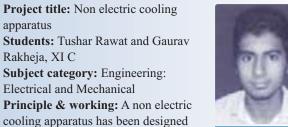
Project title: Generation of electricity from keystrokes of a keyboard

Students: Mehak Goyal and Kriti Chopra, XI C

Subject category: Engineering:

Electrical and Mechanical **Principle & working:** Wherever there is motion, there is a possibility for power generation. The project aims to generate electricity from the motion of keystrokes of a keyboard. The project set up comprises a special keyboard generator which has a plurality of keys mounted with magnets. Additionally, coils are mounted on the end of the magnets. The movement of the magnet over the coil generates

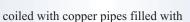
Future feasibility: One key generates about 220  $\mu$  A-400  $\mu$  A of current when four button magnets are mounted on it. If this energy is trapped and put to efficient use, every hour, one can save around 2.676 X 108a-5.352 X 108a of current, considering six billion people across the world use computers. This energy can be utilized to charge small gadgets or can also be harnessed to charge the computer itself, thereby resulting in more efficient batteries.



Gaurav Rakheja



**Tushar Rawat** 



acetone. The box has two partitionsupper and lower. The project works on the property of a gas to absorb all the heat present in the surroundings and convert it into kinetic energy. As heat is induced in the lower compartment, it vapourises the acetone, which in turn absorbs all the heat and thus causes cooling.

Future feasibility: It can be a cost effective alternative to refrigerators.

#### AIS Vasundhara 6



Kashvi Singh



SM Anshuman

move and conduct electricity. In addition, roots of plants and

microorganisms present in the soil also facilitate the movement of ions, which in turn increases conduction. Hence, this soil potential can be used as a source of energy in the future. Future feasibility: This set up can serve the dual purpose of not only increasing the growth of plants without the use of any harmful chemical fertilizers, but can also be used to generate electricity for various alternative purposes.

#### AIS Vasundhara 6

**Project title:** Producing electricity from thermogenesis Students: Utkarsh Vardhan and Abhishek Agarwal, X Subject category: Energy and transportation

Principle & working: The project is based on the concept of utilizing the heat produced by plants as an alternate source of energy. Experiments were conducted with different species of plants (kept in



water) under different set ups like room temperature, AC conditions,

glass jars, etc and the rise in temperature was measured each time. It was observed that plants radiated more heat during the night as compared to the day and grew better in warm water as compared to cold water. In one of the experiments, a solar concentrator was used to convert water into steam which can be directed with pipe to rotate a turbine. Future feasibility: This concept can help farmers in irrigating fields.



Gauri Kashyap



Bhavna Johar

Project title: Cost effective geothermal heat pump Students: Gauri Kashvap and Bhavna Johar, VIII A Subject category: Environmental Sciences

Principle & working: Geothermal energy is the heat from the earth. It is a clean, sustainable, non polluting and renewable energy. The earth maintains a constant temperature of around 20-25 degree celsius at a depth of around 200-300 feet beneath the surface. The project depicts how a building is heated or cooled using constant temperature reservoir, ie geothermal heat pump, which lies beneath earth's surface. Such pumps use the top layer of the earth's crust as a source of heat.

Future feasibility: In comparison to traditional air source heat pumps, geothermal heat pumps are quieter, last longer, need little maintenance and do not depend on the temperature of the outside air. Installing geothermal pumps can appear to be a huge investment in the beginning, but can be very cost effective in the long run. Installing them can help one save 30% to 70% on heating and 20% to 50% on cooling utility bills as against conventional systems.

Shilpa Nair, AIS Gur 43, XI, First runner up, YP 2012-13

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U, MG & HUII Whose life is it anyway?

# Land of backwaters

The backwaters, the untouched beaches and the beautiful temples beckon you to Kerala, fondly called God's own country!

Parth Khullar
AIS Saket, IV B

he flight to Trivandrum, the capital city of Kerala, proved very exciting for me and my family. What made the journey even more thrilling and exciting were the new friends that I made enroute. I became friends with not only the airlines staff but also the pilot, Mr Khan, who obliged me by allowing me in the cockpit! It was wonderful to see the entire functioning of the aircraft from up close.

Our happiness knew no bounds when we learnt that we were going to stay right next to Kovalam beach, which is just 16 km away from the capital city. Next, we checked into Hotel Vivanta by Taj at Kovalam. We were greeted with beautiful shell necklaces and an amazing welcome drink. My favourite snack, banana chips, were also served. They were so yummy and crisp that I just could not get enough of them!



costumes and ran into the cool, blue waters to swim. We also made sand castles in the sand. Our grandparents, who were basking in the shade of an umbrella, enjoyed watching my cousin and me as we played and jumped around. After great fun on the beach, we relaxed on the hammock under the shade of coconut trees. On the second day, we went to see the famous Shree Padmanabhaswamy Temple, dedicated to Lord Vishnu. Over 400 pillars support the temple corridors. As per the custom of the temple, the males have to wear a white dhoti and women have to adorn either a saree or a dhoti during their visit. We did not know about

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the custom, so when we reached the temple entrance, we were guided to the

stalls to purchase *dhotis* to wrap around our waists. A long walk led us to the temple. Upon entering it, a gigantic Vishnu idol in a beautiful sleeping position, caught our attention. The area around the temple looked like a jewellery market to me as it was full of gold jewellery shops.

We took a canoe ride into the backwaters on the third day. It was indeed a calm and breathtaking experience to ride on the water alongside dense, tropical

vegetation. The next day, we all simply lazed around at the beach and enjoyed ourselves in the hotel. I remember how much I used to look forward to the meals there as South Indian food had become my favourite by then. We also made friends with the hotel chefs who were very hospitable and took utmost care of our food preferences. On the last day of our visit, we thanked the chef and the hotel staff for making our holiday memorable and the best so far!

# Kicking in some fun

A soccer fan recounts his memories of participating in a camp put up by Manchester United Soccer Schools



Divyansh Jain, AIS PV, IV C

Then I learnt that a five-day soccer coaching program by Manchester United Soccer Schools (MUSS) was coming to town, I was keen to get a taste of the best

soccer club!

#### Five days of fun

Before the batch began, there was a presentation by the MUSS coach, Chris O'Brien. The program, led by Aseem Chauhan Sir, Chancellor, Amity Univer-

sity Rajasthan, had five days earmarked for five different topics - 'Win the Battle', 'Combine to Attack', 'Skill Challenge', 'Dominate 1 v 1' and finally, 'Make it count'. The coaches encouraged us to play like Man U team players with each passing day.

#### The winning attitude

The program was successful in inculcating a winning attitude, team spirit, walking with confidence, taking the ball from the opponent and dribbling it, scoring goals from a distance, etc. I also learnt important soccer techniques like scissors, step over, et al. During the five days, we imbibed the most important quality, ie, having a big smile on our faces whether we won or lost, which is why it did not affect me much when I did not win the Star Player award as I was happy that I had played my best.

#### The concluding day

On the graduation ceremony, each player was given a player report card while some were selected to go to Mumbai. If they continue to play well, the chosen few can win the golden opportunity to go to Manchester and take on other schools at the Old Trafford.



A beach lover recounts what made her first experience by the seashore extra special



Shubhra Sharma, AIS PV, VIII B

y summer holidays had just begun when dad came home one evening, proudly flashing four air tickets. He then broke the exciting news that he was taking us to Goa for a week long holiday as he had received a promotion. I was like a cat with a dish of cream! My happiness knew no bounds as I would now get a chance to visit the seashore.

As we approached the sea in Goa, the vast stretch of golden sand beckoned me to its limitless lap. I kicked out my sandals and felt the soft sand beneath my feet. I breathed in the cool caressing breeze and felt totally refreshed and energized. I looked up and saw the cloudless sky that stretched out endlessly and felt a wonderful sense of pleasure and freedom. The approaching tides and the waves beating against the rocks made me happy.

I saw a fisherman returning with a boat

loaded with fish. There were many people strolling along the beach, while some were sitting on the sand, enjoying the gentle breeze. I caught the sight of some ladies enjoying a chat with their tiny tots who were engaged in building sand castles. Children looked the happiest as they ran here and there and dipped their feet in the cool sea water.

Soon dusk fell and the sun began to sink beneath the horizon; the sky was painted in beautiful tints of pink, gold, orange and yellow. Its reflection on the water left me spellbound. In a little while, the sun went down below the horizon and darkness enveloped us. "Time to move," I told myself and started walking back, feeling more refreshed than a rainwashed flower. The great blue expanse of the sea, the vast golden stretches of sand, the caressing breeze and the magical effect of the sunset pepped me up.

I was delighted with my first experience of the beach and longed to visit the seashore again.

(Before the finale) No matter what happens tomorrow we know we

will stand tall. Good luck guys it all goes down to tomorrow.

Editorial

"There is nothing like returning to a place that remains unchanged to find the ways in which you yourself have altered." Nelson Mandela



As a child, I used to look forward to summers and mangoes, quite like most of you do. Vacations usually meant dunking the king of fruits into water filled pails and savouring them. But summer vacations apart from being the time of luxury to relax, are also the

time to imbibe a new skill, explore your environs and enhance your knowledge.

I'm sure, all of you have your favourite holiday activity to look forward to, those, which will not only fill your vacations but also create happy memories. While you indulge in your favourite activity, go ahead and try something new for your never know where your real potential may lie. The Amity University Summer School gives you a chance to do just that. It gives you the opportunity to explore and experience untouched areas. My little Amies are not lagging behind either as they enhance their development, learning new things at the summer camp.

Even the scorching heat cant fizzle out the competitive streak in Amitians as some of them head to USA for the world finals of the Odyssey of the Mind, while my science wizards are set to compete in international arena at IRIS in Ari-

My other gems can take up a mission too; you can be an enviro-tourist and lend a hand in conserving the local green belt or help out the local craftsmen to set up a website.

## Youth EmPower



Youth Power seems to be going strong and steady. Post the grand finale of the fifth Youth Power programme, it is encouraging to see that the cause became more important than winning the title for the young participants. As we bring to you the report of the

grand finale and winning teams (Page 1), we also share an appreciation note received from the organisation 'Centre for Sight' (refer to GT Mail on Page 6) sent to the school. The YP team of AIS Vasundhara 6 convinced over 100 people, to donate eyes thus pledging to bring light in the lives of 200 people. The YP team of AIS Gurgaon 46 may not have won the top spot, yet they won hands down. Thanking GT for the opportunity, YP, team leader Vasundhra Kaul of AIS Gur 46 who worked for the cause 'protect stray dogs' wrote... "I am planning to continue Woof! In the future, maybe even turn it into an NGO. Youth Power has really brought this cause closer to all our hearts. As of now, our team has decided to volunteer at animal shelters and try to help out stray dogs."

It's reassuring to see that the young today are pursuing their passion. Three and half year old Taksheel of AIS Gurgaon 46 has already participated in over 100 radio shows (Page 12). Though born with a silver spoon, Jacky Bhagnani willingly puts in 200 percent more to live his dream (Page 12). Upcoming dancerchoreographer Blossom agrees that the young today have no dearth of opportunities (Page 6). The need of the time is to nurture this talent. And Amity offers unlimited opportunities for every talent to be nurtured with excellence, be it sports (Page 7) or scientific temper (Page 4). Amity's youth shine their way to glory. GIT

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# Rejuvenate Dancing away to glory

Tushar Jain, Amity Institute of

**Biotechnology** encapsulates the journey of upcoming dancer-choreographer Blossom D'souza from Danceworx, who has featured in a television show on NDTV Good Times as well as a promotional video for Walt Disney. Her claim to fame includes performing in the theatrical show 'Salaam India' directed by Lushin Dubey (2008),

'Commonwealth Games XVIII Queen's Baton Relay' at National Stadium, New Delhi (2005), 'Hungry Heart Festival Musical' at India Habitat Centre, the opening ceremony of International Film Festival of India in Goa (2006) and the musical concert 'Tribute to R D Burman' with Shankar, Ehsaan & Loy (IFFI 2006) among others

#### You've chosen quite an unconventional career. How did dance happen to you?

Dance chose me at a very early age, when I was four years old. I have received formal training in kathak and Rajasthani folk, as well as jive which runs in our family. Later, I joined Danceworx, which gave me the opportunity to explore my talent. As far as taking



up dance as a career is concerned, it was my mother who suggested that I to go for it as I was always passionate about dancing.

#### What do you think of the social stigmas attached to dancing as a career?

I count myself lucky as my family was very open and supportive from the very beginning. I know a lot of females who initially faced many hardships from their own families. However, the good thing is that our society is slowly changing and evolving. People are opening up and looking at dance as a respectable

It is commonly believed that dancing is a short term career. Do you agree?

The dance industry is an upcoming and fast growing industry. There is a wide scope in this field. In fact, academies like Danceworx are constantly working towards creating awareness about the same and providing opportunities for dancers to grow and develop as professionals. Dance can definitely be a long term career beginning from a performer to growing as a choreographer. One can choreograph for school functions, movies, television, commercials, stage shows, etc. There is no dearth of opportunities if one is innovative and hard working.

#### How do you see dance vis-a-vis other careers?

Today, there are lakhs of people going for conventional fields like engineering, medical and management where demand is limited and supply is abundant. On the contrary, dance is one field where the demand is on the rise as the industry is seeing an upward trend too.

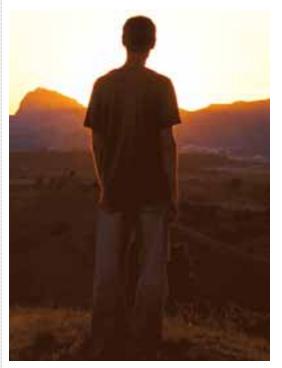
#### Are reality shows a shortcut to success?

Reality shows help an artist to reach out to millions of people. They have also been one of the mediums to explore possibilities in dance, and have acted as a launch pad for some.

#### What are your plans for the future?

I want to create awareness about international dance, develop professional dancers and choreograph at an international platform. I want to help young talents who want to take up dancing as a career.

# Nothing is forever



When life seems like a dark tunnel, it makes sense to remember that there's light at the end of it...

Trisha Puri, AIS Gurgaon 46, X E

ave you ever felt like crying all night, unable to get any sleep? There must have been Ltimes when you didn't feel like laughing or reacting to things...when you just wanted to be left alone? That is actually the time you face complications in life that you are not ready for.

One faces challenges at every stage of life. Under such circumstances, it is very easy to go into a shell and stop reacting to the friendly gestures of friends and family. But such a behaviour cannot solve our problem. Whenever life throws an unexpected situation, we should remember that nothing is permanent. All things come to an end, whether they are good or bad. Going through bad things has one pos- good things; as long as we know they both are going itive impact for sure, it makes us strong as a person. Though, we are likely to repent certain things in life

but we should know how to move on because life does not allow us to be stuck in one position for long. There will be times when you are frustrated with yourself, with the things that you have done; when you feel that the people around you hate you for what you are. The best way to deal with such a situation is to let yourself loose. You must tell yourself that it's normal to feel low at times, but that isn't the end of the world. Just put on some cheerful music, go for a walk amidst nature or rustle up a cool drink for yourself. Do something you love; it will instantly pick up your mood and make you feel better.

"The truth is that everybody is going to hurt you – you just have to find the ones worth suffering for." Remember, bad things happen all the time, but so do to end, why not just enjoy the good things before they come to an end?

## GT M@il

Youth Power: Pledge for Sight

As part of their Youth Power project, the team from AIS Vasundhara 6 inspired 100 people to pledge their sight for eye transplant, an act that will enable 200 blind people to be gifted with the power of sight. The 'Centre For Sight' organisation has complimented their efforts by sending a letter of appreciation, that goes a long way in motivating the children for such noble causes.





#### Letter of appreciation

Thanks for sending us the duly filled 100 forms for eye donation. We appreciate your students' (Shatakshi Agarwal, Urvashi Gupta, Manav Vinayak and Tarunika Gaur of class X) who worked to spread awareness about eye donation and motivated the people to pledge their eyes to the nation. It is fortunate that organisations such as yours are supporting us in our mission for sight. With the

support of socially aware organisations like 'Mission Drishti', we are confident that the difficulties of the corneally blind can be mitigated. We thank you once again for your generous contribution to the society and we look forward to your continued support.

Vinay Bisht, Manager, Eye Bank (Tech), Centre for Sight

Keep up the good work team! We are proud of you.

I have been reading GT ever since my son joined Amity. Now he is in Class I and has started writing short stories/articles as he has always been fond of reading/writing. I would like to get his short story published in GT as it would surely boost his confidence. I would also like him to feature in 'It's Me'. Hence, I would like to know the procedure of sending articles/stories or anything else that we

want to get published.

#### Romana Siddiqui M/o Ayaan, AIS Noida, I

There are many ways in which you can contribute articles. There are separate email ids for respective columns

- gtmail@theglobaltimes.in (for GT Mail)
- gttravels@theglobaltimes.in (for GT Travels)
- cameracapers@theglobaltimes.in (for Camera Capers)

Alternately, you can write to the editor at editor@theglobaltimes.in or log on to theglobaltimes.in and simply submit your article under the

'Post Article' tab.

The cover page looks amazing, I am really happy. It's the first time my art work has reached a very large audience. Thank you so much.

Rachit Jain, AIS Noida, XII (Outgoing Batch) GII

# Inter-Amity Schools perts Competition

From that one step of being the YP finalists to finally

Ananya Rajpoot, AIS Noida, XII, YP winner 2012-13

being the winners, it was an exhilarating journey.



nter Amity **Sports** Competition saw 6000 students participating in the grand tournament. Pallavi Joshi, GT **Network** captures the sports fever

#### Basketball

Held at AIS Saket, the tournament witnessed a neck to neck competition. The semi finals between AIS Saket vs AIS Gur 46 and AIS MV vs AIS Vas 6 led to AIS Saket and AIS MV winning, and then competing against each other in the finals. AIS Saket seized the winning position with the difference of only one point leading the tournament to a thrilling and exciting finish.

Winners at a glance- Boys Category: AIS Saket; Girls Category: AIS Noida

#### Cricket

The game held at AIS Noida was based on the 20-20 format and was played on weekends. The semi-finals saw AIS Noida beating AIS Gur 46 and AIS Saket defeating AIS Vas 6. Though, AIS Noida won the cricket tournament with a clean sweep at the finals, AIS Vas 6 also received accolades for their unexpected brilliant show in the semi-finals.

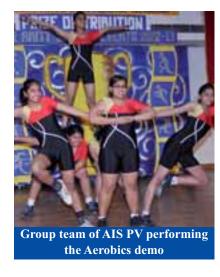
Parth Sawhney, X and Madhvi, XI, AIS Noida presented a brilliant live commentary for the matches and were cheered by a huge crowd.

The all-girls cricket team prepared for the contest on the format of 'tennis ball cricket'. Amongst the matches played between AIS Noida, AIS PV and AIS Saket, AIS PV won.

Winners at a glance- Boys Category: AIS Noida; Girls Category: AIS PV

#### Aerobics

Happening for the very first time, the Aerobics tourney stole the show in being one of its kind. Held at AIS Pushp Vihar, it was designed on an entirely new format. Premeditated as a one day tournament, it was judged on the basis of the athletes' flexibility, speed, coordination, precision, etc. The competition was di-



vided into four categories, namely, individual, duo, trio and group. A total of two entries were allowed in the individual category while the other categories allowed only one team per participating school. The competition was based and judged on a two minute routine performed by the participants. All the rounds were open for both boys and girls. In the individual round, Pallavi Kahandhari of AIS PV, won with 92 points. AIS MV won the duos category by scoring a neat 94. At 92 again, the AIS PV team comprising Pallavi Kahandhari, Nikita Satija and Rupanjali Gupta took the lead in the trios. In the group category, the flawless and skilled performance of Somya Sahani, Rishita Paruthi, Ayshna Sagar, Soumya Goyal and Vidushi Rastogi of AIS PV topped the score charts with 92.

Winners at a glance- AIS PV (Combined Category)

#### Football

Held at AIS Noida, the game saw spirited players ready to compete till their last breath. The students heeded the running commentary and cheered for their favourite teams from every corner. Every student present on the ground behaved like a true cheerleader, dancing and cheering at every goal of their respective house teams.

> Winners at a glance-Both Boys & Girls Category: AIS Gur 46

#### **Table Tennis**

Table Tennis, being an indoor game, saw the enthusiastic squads playing the matches in a well-lit and comfortable ambience at AIS Vas 1. The game saw some of the most spectacular performances. Deserving a special mention in boy's single and double category, the twin brothers, Shourya and Shubhang Singh Thakur from AIS Vas 1 managed a cool sweep of the tournament with a twin silver win. Succeeding as the final winners in the boy's category, AIS Gur 46 proved their mettle.

Winners at a glance - Boys Category: AIS Gur 46; Girls Category: AIS Saket

#### Skating

Held at AIS Gur 43, it was the most popular tournament amongst the students. Though it drizzled on the day of the tournament, the spirit of contesting participants failed to waft. The skating tournament was extremely thrilling as the participating teams delivered their best,

Winners at a glance- Boys Category: AIS Gur 43; Girls Category: AIS Noida

#### Chess

The chess tournament was the most challenging one. Motivational posters splashed with slogans were displayed across the corridors of AIS Gur 46, the venue for the matches. The level of competition was unparalleled as every contesting player had a FIDA ranking. GIT

Winners at a glance- Boys Category: AIS PV; Girls Category: AIS PV

# **Students of AIS Gurgaon 46 presenting** a brilliant karate performance

fter the serves, sixes, dribbles, goals, check and mate, arrived the occasion for crowing the winning glory - the grand finale of Inter-Amity Schools Sports Competition. The prize distribution ceremony held at AIS Gurgaon 46 on January 23, 2013 saw the host school lift the overall champions' rolling glass trophy and wave Colours -the flag of honour. The event was graced by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, along with all

the participating school teams with their respective principals and school heads. In her address, Chairperson congratulated one and all for the grand success of the sports tournament, which was held for the first time. She motivated the students explaining the importance of physical education in the grooming years of a student's life. The ceremony witnessed special demo performances like aerobics and karate along with other cultural acts, which were thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by the parents.

Col B S Ahluwalia, senior consultant- sports, Amity Group of Schools, presented the tournament report. He announced the introduction of new sports like kho kho, roll ball, etc; three levels of participation for junior, middle and senior school; compulsory participation of girls in all categories and participation of one child for one game only in the coming tournaments, and to ensure more fun and maximum participation in the coming years. GI

### **Highlights**

- The Trophy: A special rolling trophy, beautifully crafted from glass was introduced for all sports.
- The Flag: Colours the rolling flag of honour to be awarded to the champion school. It shall adorn the principal's office for one
- The PEC: The Physical Education Card games were introduced for the primary sections. This included joyful and fun games like ladder jumping, butterfly race, jigsaw puzzle race, hurdles, etc. This year, the winner for PEC was AIS Gurgaon 43.
- The Cluster: To avoid chaotic movement amongst the schools and yet keep the spirit of the tournament, special clusters were formed. All the eight schools were divided

- in four clusters to initially compete amongst themselves. Each cluster winning school team competed in the semi-finals.
- **Observers** gave an overall view for talent identification of the students throughout the tournament. Talented student players who performed brilliantly in their respective sports, were identified, irrespective of the wins. In future, these players would represent Amity in national level and international level competitions.
- Amity Global Schools competed with their respective branches of AIS.
- Inauguration: Cheering their teams, the principals inaugurated the tournament in their respective schools.
- Festive feel: All schools wore a festive sporty look that was at par with any international level competition. GIT

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- The students are given a variety of assignment during class room sessions and sample papers to practice at home
- The students conduct experiments in the hi-tech laboratories of Amity Schools during Olympiad training for all Science subjects like Physics, Chemistry and Biology
- The students are given special attention during Junior Science Olympiad, Senior Olympiad, Regional Mathematics Olympiad, NTSE as well as Bal Shree Awards Camp for innovation and creativity
- Day & Night Workshops for Mathematics and Science Olympiad for the students of classes IX to XII
- During the Workshop, the students stay in hostels, within the Amity University Campus, Noida
- Regular yoga sessions and career counselling motivates students to excel



Dr. (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan, Hon'ble Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF and Prof. R.K. Shevgaonkar, Director, IIT Delhi at the 1st International Olympiad Valedictory function



Students at the 8th National Olympiad Workshop organised by Amity



Prof. Y.S. Rajan, Hony. Distinguished Prof., ISRO, Night Olympiad workshop organised by Amity





Dr. Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, RBEF (The Foundation of Amity Institutions and the consoring body of Amity Universities) & Chairman AKC Group of Companies and Dr. (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan, Hon'ble Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools &



Mrs. Meenakshi Rawal, Director Amity Institute for Competitive Examinations along with dignitaries and students at the 1st International Olympiad

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Amity has yet again set a benchmark in the history of Indian education by organising the First International Olympiad for Physics and Mathematics at Amity University, Sec-125, Noida from May 21 to 26, 2012. A total of 70 students participated from Afghanistan, Kazakhstan and India.

#### Highlights of the International Olympiad:

- Examination Pattern
- Experiment 3 in each subject
- Participants subject-wise
- Physics 23 participants - Mathematics - 47 participants





#### AICE - Creating a winning edge for life

#### Memories at a glance



Dr. G.J. Samathanam, Advisor & Head, Technology Development and Transfer, Department of Science, Govt. of India, Chief Guest, Prof. R.K. Shevgaonkar (Director IIT, Delhi) of Schools & RBEF at the Valedictory Function



Group of Schools & RBEF and Mrs. Meenakshi Rawal Director



Dr. (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan, Hon'ble Chairperson the Valedictory Function of the 1st International Olympiad



Dr. (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan, Hon'ble Chairperson, Amity Group Chancellor IGNOU and Dr. S. V. Eshwaran, National

#### Students who topped in International Olympiad & NTSE



**ABHINAV BINDAL** Selected for International Junior Astronomy Olympiad





**NEEL RAKHOLIA** (Silver Medal in IJSO, Jr. Astronomy, Jr. Science Olympiad, President Award in Sc. Category & NTSE)

**VISHAD BHALODIA** 

**GOPAL PURI** JSTSE, Rank - 16 Vishruti Saraf, AIS Noida, XI, Second runner up, YP 2012-13

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# In my caged world

#### Short story

Vipasha S Nair AIS Saket, IV A

ello, this is me, Ruby Red. A long time ago, I was a free bird and loved to soar high in the sky. I could hear the sounds of the whistling wind and would fly freely to touch the clouds. But today, I'm caged and I feel

so unhappy. Trapped in a small cage, I cannot feel the breeze rustling through my feathers. My master purchased me as a gift for his two daughters, aged 4 and 8. As human beings love to shower their children with affection, animals have similar feelings for their offsprings. I am a mother too. I have two small babies to take

care of. I don't know how they are coping in my absence. I pray to Almighty to take care of them while I'm away. One day, my master's elder daughter Meenu, left a paper and pencil next to my cage. So, I decided to pen my experience of how I was caged.

"I am sure you may be wondering how I ended up here. The other day, when I stepped out of my nest to fetch food for my babies, I saw some grains strewn

> to gather them in my beak for my hungry children, I got entangled in a net. The very next moment, I was surrounded by iron bars...," I scribbled.

near a tree. As I flew down

The next day when I opened my eyes, I was greeted by Meenu with a smile. I was happy to see a key in her hand and the piece

As human beings love to shower their children with affection, animals have similar feelings for their offsprings. I am a mother too. I have two small babies to take care of.

of paper on which I had written my feelings. Soon, she set me free. Before I could realize, I was flying high up in the sky. I was overjoyed to be reunited with my family. Tears of happiness rolled down my cheeks as I told them how I was freed. We decided to go back to my master's garden and make a nest there. Today, Meenu had to write an autobiography of a caged bird and she chose to write mine. This story, that I just shared with you was written by her, the story of a bird who was once caged. GT

So what did you learn today? A new word: Entangled It means 'caught in'.



#### Tanisha Nanda

AIS Pushp Vihar, III A

#### **Ingredients**

| Kiwi (chopped)       | ½ cup  |
|----------------------|--------|
| Pineapple (chopped)  | ½ cup  |
| Strawberry (chopped) | ½ cup  |
| Watermelon (chopped) | ½ cup  |
| Sugar8-              | 10 tsp |
| Ice cubes            | .10-12 |
|                      |        |

#### Method

■ Mix chopped kiwi with two 2 tsp

sugar and a few ice cubes. Blend it well till it forms a thick puree. Keep the kiwi puree aside.

- Similarly, prepare puree of pineapple, strawberry and watermelon separately.
- Take a tall glass. Using a spoon, gently put one layer of any fruit puree. Follow it up with layers of different fruit purees. In this manner, keep on adding one layer of fruit puree after another.
- Serve chilled. G T

### To ma'am with love

Aaratrika Ganguli

AIS Gurgaon 43, III C

You are a role model for many, you touch the hearts of so many. We always find you smiling, this, for us, is very encouraging. You are a guiding light, you are always shining bright. You show us the right path to tread and surpass our own inner potential. Thank you Amita Ma'am,



for giving us Amity; A lighthouse of knowledge, and a house full of activities.

## My teacher, my guru

Manan Khandelwal AIS Noida, IV I

My teacher, my guru, you always teach me to be true. Each day I learn something new and all the credit goes to you. My teacher, my friend, I know you love me no end. All my erroneous ways you mend, and to all my needs you tend. My teacher, my philosopher, you make me feel a lot safer. All the support that you offer, has made me even tougher.

My teacher, my guide, you are always by my side. You teach me to strongly abide with every law worldwide. You teach me never to hide, no matter low or high a tide My teacher, you are my all, you have never let me fall. You made me strong as a wall, and today I stand so tall. My teacher, as I was growing, you made me study, dance and sing.

You have taught me everything, Now all I need is your blessing. GIT

#### Ridhima Somra

AIS Vasundhara 1, VI D

**Anil:** The doctor said he would have me back on my feet in two weeks. Sunil: And did he?

**Anil:** Yes, I had to sell my car to pay the bill.

Teacher: Did your father help you with your homework? **Raju:** No, he did it all by himself.

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Dad: Disgraceful! I have never got such low marks in history.

**Rahul:** That's because in your time. history was 500 years shorter.

Ram and Shyam went to the stadium. Ram: Why are all these people

**Shyam:** This is a race; the winner will get the cup.

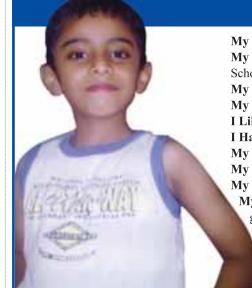
Ram: If only the winner gets the cup, why are others running? G1 999

- 1. What has a face and two hands but no arms or legs?
- 2. What has a neck but no head?
- 3. What is insect's favourite sport?
- 4. Which letter of the alphabet has the most water?
- 5. Which month has 28 days?
- 6. What did the mustard say to the ketchup in a race?
- 7. What has a lot of keys but can not open a single door?
- 8. What runs but never walks and has a bed but never sleeps?
- 9. What can you break just by saying its name?
- 10. It is a teacher's favourite music.
- 11. What gets wetter as it dries? GII

#### **Answers**

1. Clock 2. A bottle 3. Cricket 4. C (read Sea) 5. All of them 6. Catch up! 7. Piano 8. A river 9. Silence 10. CLASSical 11. Towel

# **Painting Corner** Aashna Gugnani AIS Noida, V N



My Name: Anadi Tanwar My School: Amity International School, Pushp Vihar

My Class: II D

My Birthday: May 20, 2006

I Like: Music, studying and playing

I Hate: Pasta

My Role Model: My dad

My Best Friend: Aryan Malhotra My Favourite Game: Football

My Favourite Colour: Blue and My Favourite Food: Pizza and

My Favourite Drink: Iced tea

and guava juice

**My Favourite Ice Cream Flavours:** Mango and strawberry

My Favourite Book: Pinocchio

My Favourite Poems: Teddy Bear and Twinkle-Twinkle

My Favourite Subjects: Math and

My Favourite Teacher: Komal

Ma'am

My Favourite Movie: Ra.One My Favourite TV Channels: Discov-

ery and Animal Planet

My Favourite Mall: TGIP, Noida I want to become a: Doctor I want to feature in GT because: I

am very popular in my class. GI



# Summer Cool Camps

Amiown announces Summer Camp for tiny tots. Look forward to exciting opportunities for children to engage in activities that will enhance their talent in speech, drama, art and general awareness

#### **Amiown Gurgaon**

#### **ACTIVITIES**

Art & Expression: The children will engage in drawing and colouring.

Craft and Clay Moulding: Engaging in craft activities will keep the little ones creatively occupied during the summers.

Amies Kitchenette: Children will try their hands at new recipes and indulge in flameless cooking. Performing Arts: Kids will learn the nuances of performing arts. There will be a special stage performance for parental viewing for children attending the camp for three weeks.

Games Galore: Daily games will keep the children active and healthy, physically as well as

Skating: Kids will learn balancing on wheels along with having a good time.

See, Think, Tell: Why does something float on water? Why does it sink? Facts like these will be clarified by performing simple experiments.

Splash Pool: A dip in the splash pool will refresh them after the activities.

**DATELINE:** 1st Week: May 5-17

2nd Week: May 20- 24 3rd Week: May 27- June 1

Camp timings: 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

**REGISTRATION:** Last date to enrol for the sum-



mer camp is May 10, 2013.

Mob: 9971133582, 9958983500

**CONTACT:** 0124-4289401, 0124-4289402

NOTE: The summer camp is open for non Amiown

children too. Anyone between the age group of 2-

6 years can join. School transport will be available

for children attending the camp. To know about the

fee details, kindly get in touch with the school.





Theatre Club: The kids will get an opportunity to learn theatre skills to enhance their physical and mental development. The children will also get a chance to perform at Amity International School, Noida at the end of the three week camp.

Amiown Noida & Vasundhara

Art Attack: Kids will try their hands on various techniques of textile printing in 'Perfect Palette', sketching and shading in 'Different Strokes' and play with textures in 'Mud and Mould'.

**Funology:** Here's a chance for young children to learn science through active involvement. There will be a variety of interesting materials for children to explore and manipulate.

**DATELINE:** 1st week: May 13 – 17

2nd week: May 20 – 24 3rd week: May 27–31

**REGISTRATION:** Last date to enrol for the sum-

Camp Timings: 9: 30 - 11:30 am

mer camp is May 9, 2013.

**CONTACT:** Hamsa - 9818704663

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NOTE: The camp is open for both Amiown and non-Amiown kids aged 2 - 7 years. Kids can opt for Theatre Club for three weeks, whereas Art Attack and Funology can be opted for any combination of one/two or three weeks. To know about the fee details and transport facilities, kindly get in touch with the school.

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## **Award for Amiown**



miown - Amity's Caring Preschool, won the prestigious Standalone Preschool of the Year Award for 2013. The award was received by Ms Sapna Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amiown at the 3rd National Convention and awards on Business of Education ceremony amidst a lot of cheers. It was an overwhelming moment and success well deserved for the Amiown team as well as Amiown parents whose contribution and involvement have been commendable. The ceremony held at Claridges, Surajkund on May 3 and 4, was attended by experts and stalwarts from different

Amiown Preschools, functioning from Pushp Vihar, Gurgaon, Vasundhara and Noida under the able guidance and leadership of Ms Sapna Chauhan, bagged the award amongst hundred preschools that



Amiown team at the award ceremony

were nominated under the category. The award recognises excellence in education sector, thus launching the awardees as the best education entities in the country.

In its third edition now, the Indian Education Congress 2013 has emerged as the foremost forum that integrates the best in the field of education. GIT

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### Dhvanii Chawla, AIS MV, IX, YP finalist 2012-13

# Awarding excellence

#### AIS Gurgaon 46

IS Gurgaon 46 held the prize distribution ceremony for junior Classes II-V on April 16, 2013. The programme commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp amidst chanting of saraswati vandana. The school principal, Arti Chopra in her address congratulated the students and their parents for their year round hard work. The event also saw the gracious presence of B N Bajpai, Advisor R&D, Amity Group of Schools. The awardees were congratulated for their outstanding performances and blessed for their future endeavours. The awardees celebrated their success.

#### **AIS Noida**

rize distribution ceremony for primary school of AIS Noida was held on April 25 and 26 respectively. It was an occasion to appreciate and celebrate the outstanding performance of the students. The event saw the presence of Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe and

Little winners of AIS Gurgaon 46 display their awards at the

prize distribution ceremony

Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools with other members of the Chauhan family. The event was also attended by JP Singh and Dr Pachauri, head of institutions, Amity University. Dr Usha Kumari, director, National Bal Bhavan graced the event as the chief guest. Founder President congratulated the parents of the winners and shared his mantra of success with them. He also gave them some essential

tips on attaining success. Meanwhile, Chairperson in her speech gave an overview of the holistic education that Amity provides to bring out the best in each child. Explaining the same she spoke about the 'Youth Power' programme recently organised by The Global Times, which also aims to nurture future leaders. The ceremony concluded with the school song and the national anthem. GIT



## **Farewell 2012-13**

**Amity Global School** 

Rohini Singhal, IB1 Amity Global School, Gurgaon

farewell bash was organized by Amity Global School for the graduating batch on April 12, 2013. A musical medley welcomed the guests. Principal, Lon W McDaniel along with Coordinator IBDP, Ved Prakash and Coordinator CIE, Dr Manisha Mehta graced the occasion. The students were awarded for their proficiency in academics and co-curricular activities. Fun filled performances by the students left the audience enthralled.

A ramp walk by the senior students was followed by an interesting question and answers session. Based on the performance of the students in this round; Mr and Ms Amity Global School were chosen. Jasmeher Wadhwa was awarded the title of Mr AGS while Preethi Iyer was chosen as Ms. AGS.

The school also introduced, 'The Student of the Year' trophy for consistent excellence in academics and overall personality. Narain Ashta who had brought many laurels to the school in diverse disciplines, remained the unanimous choice of the judges.

Some funny and mischievous titles were also awarded to seniors by the juniors. A movie which showcased the beautiful moments and memories of the outgoing batch was screened for those present. It left everyone nostalgic.

#### **Avon Green Health on Wheels**

**AIS Lucknow** 

On April 7, 2013 the World Health Day, Avon organised a campaign, 'Avon Cyclo Green-Health on Wheels' in association with Shri Ramswaroop Memorial University and Times of India in Lucknow. The event witnessed the presence of Mukta Ghoshal, headmistress, AIS Lucknow as one of the judges. The cyclothon was flagged by UP Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav at La Martiniere Boys College Grounds. He also gifted an Avon cycle to the headmistress. The campaign was aimed at motivating the public to ride bicycles at least once a week for keeping healthy and creating an eco friendly environment. GIT



## **Blood donation camp**



## **Chess champions**

AIS Vasundhara 6

n April 13 and 14, 2013, the chess team of AIS Vasundhara 6 won the best U-10 team award in the second Delhi challenge, chess tournament held at Ludlow Castle Sports Complex, Delhi. Shivang Paul of Class III won a trophy in the U-8 category and Vandan Sharma of Class V was presented a cash award of Rs.500 under U-10 category. Under the guidance of their coach, Sumit Sharma the team gave a tough fight at the competition.



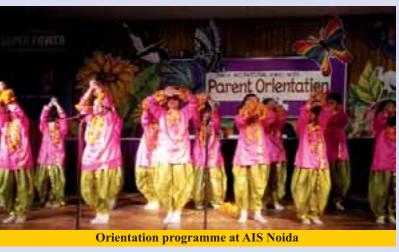
#### **AIS Pushp Vihar**

he Interact Club of AIS Pushp Vihar organised a L blood donation camp in the school premises on April 20, 2013 in collaboration with Rotary Blood Bank, Delhi.

Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chair-

person, Amity Group of Schools encouraged the donors with her presence. She also appreciated the efforts of student volunteers. The camp was attended by Atul Dua, President and Rahul Bhargava, Chairman, Rotary Club, Delhi Midtown. The objective behind holding the camp was to encourage people to donate blood. Over 200 people donated their blood and the list included the school principal, Ameeta Mohan.

The members of the Interact Club also put up informative posters at prominent locations including the nearby police station to break the myths associated with blood donation and encourage people to come forward for donation. GI



## Orientation programmes

#### **AIS Noida**

mity International School, Noida Aheld the orientation programme for Classes V and VI respectively on April 12, 18, and 20, 2013. The orientation programme was aimed at apprising the parents about the revised teaching methodology adopted by the school. The parents were also informed at length about the new assessment system of Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE). Dr Kanika Khandelwal, Associate Professor of Psychology, Lady Shri Ram College, Delhi University who graced the event as chief guest lit the ceremonial lamp along with the school principal Renu Singh, vice principal Soma Mukherjee and coordinator Neelu Khanna amidst chanting of gayatri mantra. Dr. Khandelwal guided the parents on how to foster honesty, trust, integrity, forgiveness, understanding, tolerance and other virtues in the children. She also cautioned them not to live their dreams through their children through a Power Point presentation titled, 'The ABC's of Parenting'.

Dr Shakuntala Dawesar, the chief guest at the orientation programme of Class VI spoke about the transitional phase in a child's life and the need of parental involvement in helping the child cope with the same. The programme also included a skit on the topic, "Charms and Challenges in the Middle Wing", enacted by the students. Over 350 parents benefited from

#### AIS Vasundhara 6

IS Vasundhara 6 held the orienta-Ation programme for Class Nursery on April 3, 2013.

The programme commenced with the invocation of the Almighty. The havan organised at the school premises was attended by the parents and teachers alike. The orientation programme was held with the objective of apprising the parents about the teaching methodology adopted in the school by the school headmistress Anjleen Berar. School principal, Sunila Athley encouraged them to become an active participant in their child's overall growth.

#### AIS Vasundhara 1



n orientation programme was Aconducted by AIS Vasundhara 1 for Classes KG-X on March 16, 2013; Class V, IX and Class I held it on April 6 and April 20 respectively.

The programme commenced with the

ceremonial lamp lighting amidst chanting of shlokas. The students welcomed the parents with a melodious song. In her welcome address the school principal V Balachandran apprised them on the latest teaching methodology. She urged the students to cherish the values imparted to them for overall personality development. Presentations by school headmistress Roon Kamal on exam patterns, curricular & co-curricular activities, child friendly methodology and pedagogy and other teaching and learning programmes left the parents enriched.

The occasion was graced by the presence of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, who showered her blessings on the young Amitians and encouraged them to scale new heights in life. Her words of wisdom enlightened the audience and left them inspired. GI



# Talent Broadcasted

A master of many trades, Taksheel Buddhadeo, AIS Gurgaon 46, II G is a bundle of talent. Read on to unravel various facets of the versatile kid who is a young vocalist, musician, artist and much more



Pallavi Joshi, GT Network

rom two years of age, Taksheel → has been training in classical singing. He cleared his very first musical examination at the age of 3½ years. Since then there has been no looking back for the kid. He has been a part of several musical shows like 'Chhote Ustad' on AIR FM Rainbow, 'Satranga Bacchapan' on Doordarshan, 'Hunnarbaaz' on community FM Radio



At a time when kids can equate music only to lullabies and rhymes, at the most, Taksheel already has an intense learning and understanding of sargam, tarana, taal and bandish in different raags. His clear diction and impactful pronunciation of Sanskrit shlokas deserves admiration. Not only has Taksheel mastered the recitals, but can also sing classical songs and bhajans, explaining the bhavartha too. He is well versed in different languages like Hindi, Gujarati, English and knows some Sanskrit too. Kudos to the little one!



At five years of age, Taksheel holds a degree in Indian classical instrumental (synthesizer) from Prayag Sangeet Samiti, Allahabad. To add to it, he has passed the junior diploma examination in the same. Besides, the multi talented musician can play raags- Bageshri, Kafi, Bhupali, Bhairav, Bihag, Malkoush, Yaman-Kalyan etc on the keyboard with much ease. Taksheel is further redefining the meaning of a tabla player and extending his horizons by excelling in his tabla playing skills. Way to go kid!



Little Crusader

The star kid Taksheel recently presented an environment awareness project on the 3Rs- Reduce-Reuse-Recycle, for the community he resides in. It included a musical skit, presented in the presence of about 600 families. He was awarded the certificate of appreciation from the President of the Resident Welfare Association, Gurgaon Sec 22 for his social initiative. Being socially sound, the versatile kid also took part in the 5km hurdle run for charity. Though, he could not complete the race but being the youngest of the runners won him a warm welcome by the organisation and a medal for Special Talent at the



Taksheel Buddhadeo's voice programmes have been broadcasted more than 100 times on different Frequency Modulation (FM) stations all over India. Here's a glance!

- •·Live performances on an educational FM show 'Gali Gali Sim Sim'.
- Invited as a guest anchor to host one hour live program for the show 'Chhote Ustad' on AIR FM Rainbow FM 102.6
- •Sang Bollywood songs on a live broadcast on the channel Radio City, FM 91.1
- •Live performance on AIR FM Gold 106.4 on the occasion of Women's Day
- •Hosted Master Little Chef show for the community radio, Gurgaon FM 107.8

#### **Budding Artist**

Taksheel, a passionate artist has been rewarded by Rao Dharampal, MLA, Gurgaon at one of the drawing competitions. Lately, the budding artist also stood first in a drawing contest by a USA based company and bagged the winning position and a reward of 200 USD. GI

# Wow! Amity's own newspaper...



hat was actor Jacky Bhagnani's first reaction when Swati Sinha, Amity School of Communication & Shivang Sharma, Amity School of Engineering & Technology caught up with him for an interview with The Global Times. The young actor of movie F.A.L.T.U fame visited Amity University during Amity Youth Fest 2013 and made Amity prance along as he danced to the foot tapping numbers of his film Rangrezz

You are the son of bollywood's ace producer. Is it more challenging to be a

See, the grass is always greener on the other side. If you ask me, I think there is no comparison between being a star kid and not being one. But I am on this side of the grass, right? However, if you look at it from the other side, I'd have rather struggled a little more and got my first film so that at least I would have got the credits for my performance. But when you're on the side that I am, no matter how hard you try, somewhere down the line, almost fifty percent of your effort is taken away as you're a star kid.

Did you always want to be an actor? Always, always! I love the con-

#### **Rapid Fire**

Favourite Film: Jo Jeeta Wahi Sikandar Favourite Actress: Kareena Kapoor Favourite Actor: Hrithik Roshan Favourite Song: Yaaron (Rangrezz)

cept of cinema and I like acting, so that's how it all began. People may think I am an actor because of my father. But no, my dad did his first film in 1996 and I was in the fifth grade then. Before that, he was a contractor and we weren't a very affluent family. We're the second generation and I have seen him grow.

#### Would you say you're the next big thing on the dance block?

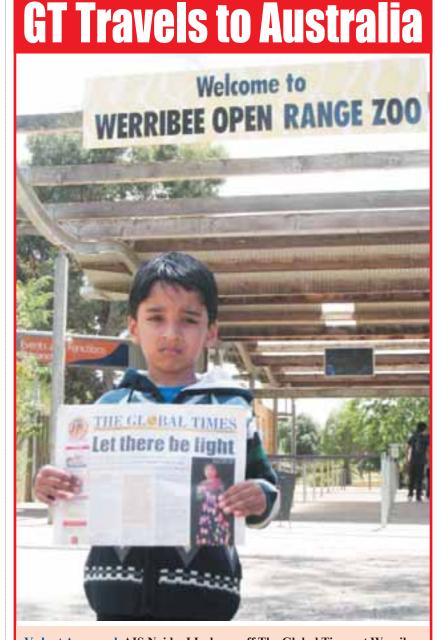
I was expecting this question! It might sound funny, but I think I am yet to establish myself completely. At the same time I would like to establish myself as a performer first and a dancer later.

#### You played a rebellious college student in F.A.L.T.U. Were you like that when you were in college?

Totally! Somewhere, all of us are like that as all of us have a rebellious streak in us. I am a rebel in Rangrezz too, but in a different way; as a good friend.

#### Your message to Amity students?

Students are smart these days and I don't believe in giving messages as I am just 27! But there is too much information on iPhones, iPads, so make the most out of it. Also, think before you act! GIT



Vedant Aggarwal, AIS Noida, I L shows off The Global Times at Werribee Open Range Zoo in Melbourne, Australia. The African themed zoo is home to lions, cheetahs, waterbucks, et al. The animals are kept in open and can be observed on a safari tour or by walking along the trails.

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