

**Status of the week**

People come and go, but the vision continues .... I finished my last cultural performance as the technical coordinator at Sangathan'12. It was an emotional adieu to two month long efforts, culminating in a good closing ceremony...

**Harshit Walia, ASCO**

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**Will you burst crackers this Diwali?**

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**POLL RESULT**  
for GT issue October 15, 2012

**Should physical fitness be academically rewarded?**

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Yes	74%
No	13%
Can't Say	13%

**Results as on November 2, 2012**

**Coming Soon**

**AIS Pushp Vihar brings its contest edition**



Faculty members participate in musical chairs

Sangathan 2012 brought a wave of fresh air with a slew of vintage games and sports that brought back childhood memories. The games played in lighter vein, such as Dog & Bone, Spoon Relay, Doze Ball, Slow Walk et al maximized participation in the extravaganza, while achieving what the gala affair strives towards every year- uniting every-

## Amity all out for cricket

A thrilling cricket match held between Team AKC (Amity's Head Office) and Team Amity University had the spectators clean bowled. The high on adrenaline and action packed match between the two titans of Amity Universe held on October 27, 2012, at Amity University generated boundless euphoria. Team AKC, led by Captain Mr Ajit Chauhan, Vice Chairman Amity School of Distance Learning and Amity University Online won the toss and decided to field. Amity University team under the captainship of Dr Sanjay Srivastava, ADG, Amity Business School wrapped up the innings at 140 runs in 20 overs. Displaying fine batting skills, Mr Ajit Chauhan drove team AKC to a splendid victory by a margin of three wickets. The highest scorer for the team was Pankaj Pandey (44). Dr Ashok K Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe congratulated the winning team, "The purpose of holding Sangathan is to develop a feeling of camaraderie and sportsmanship amongst Amitians. Victory or defeat does not

# United colours of Sangathan



Amity family releasing the Sangathan Newsletter

**Smita Jain & Namrata Gulati**  
GT Network

Competition, commitment, zeal and unflagging passion to excel defined Amity's annual sports extravaganza Sangathan 2012. It also marked the birthday of Dr Ashok K Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe. However, like every year the impeccable ceremony now in its 14th year had its own high moments.

**Set the ball rolling:** The month long inter Amity sports meet kick started on September 21, 2012, with Mr Atul Chauhan, Chancellor, Amity University, Uttar Pradesh, declaring the tournament open by the ceremonial release of doves and colourful balloons. It was

indeed a sight to behold. The 'Khel Jyoti' (Sangathan torch) began its journey to various Amity institutions and campuses situated in Sector 125 and 44. But the novel factor this year was that the flame was lighted simultaneously in all Amity campuses, including international campuses.

**Participate one, participate all:** Displaying solidarity, friendship and unity, more than 6,500 students studying across various Amity campuses participated in an array of sports that included hockey, cricket, football, tennis, swimming, squash, and others. But it was the newly introduced non competitive games titled 'Vintage Sports' that caught the fancy of one and all. Offline quiz, essay competi-

tion and Super Achiever awards were other highlights of the event.

**Swelling with pride:** Marching to the tunes of the military band and exhibiting synchronized and perfect movement, 108 contingents comprising young and confident Amitians drawn from national and international campuses walked past the saluting dais. They were greeted with cheers and applause by one and all. Oozing with pride, Dr Chauhan, saluted the spirit displayed by the students.

**Cultural feast:** After the flag bearers, it was time for the cultural troupe to take centrestage. Dressed in colourful attire, they performed a semi classical number 'Saat Ras'. But the high point

of the cultural fiesta this year was a dance performance on a song on 'Amity Flag' composed and sung by Amity University students.

**Winning moments:** Repeating their victorious feat, ASET clinched the champion's trophy third time in a row. Leading by 160 points, ASET was way ahead of their counterparts with 23 gold, 19 silver and 9 bronze. Amity Law School, Noida bagged the second spot with 93 points while Amity Business School, Amity School of Rural Management and Amity Institute of NGO Management jointly settled for the third position. But it was the sportsman spirit that emerged as the ultimate winner.



**From sir, with love**

My students have the capacity and capability to change the world. Amitians are groomed to play a pivotal role in making India a knowledge superpower.

**Dr Ashok K Chauhan,**  
Founder President, Amity Universe

## A win-win with vintage

one in the Amity family including faculty, students and staff. Prof Kalpana Sharma, Chairperson, Sangathan 2012 & Director, Amity School of Physical Education & Sports Sciences said, "The purpose of introducing vintage sports was to connect all those not involved in competitive events though fun games. The response from participants has been phenomenal, and even better from the spectators." Sumitra Singh, Faculty, Amity Instt. of Corporate Communication, who won the silver medal in Musical Chairs, shares excitedly, "It was a charged up atmosphere as student spectators cheered and enthused me to win. I feel a sense of achievement after having won! Vintage sports are a brilliant idea since they're open for all and allow every Amity member to be a part of Sangathan." While the winners were conferred respective medals and trophies, participants were awarded certificates.



Three cheers for the winners- team AKC!

make much of a difference." The dignitaries who descended on the field to cheer the two teams included Mr Atul Chauhan, Chancellor, Amity University, Uttar Pradesh, Mrs Divya Chauhan, Chairperson Amity School of Fine Arts and Amity School of Fashion Technology, Mrs Jaishree Chauhan and Mr Ajay Chauhan, Trustee, RBEF.



## ASET: Thrice is nice!

23 gold, 12 silver & 9 bronze, Team ASET continues its flight to victory thrice in a row

**Prof (Col) Kaiser Singh**  
HoD, Computer Science & Engineering, AUUP

With their ardor and commitment, the united team of Amity School of Engineering & Technology (ASET) and Amity School of Engineering (AIEEE) have made the department proud by achieving the remarkable feat of winning the Champions Trophy for three consecutive years. The team holds a commendable record for scoring the highest points for the past three years, which perhaps look like mere numbers to many, but they shall be on record for many years to come, as a testimony to our togetherness and team spirit.

Every year, the first runners' up have been lagging behind the Herculean strength of Team ASET & ASE (AIEEE) by more than 60 points, chasing the mammoth scores of 154 points in the year 2010, 201 points in 2011 and 160 points in 2012. While the team had a set of challenges to face, but the sports person in the young, aspiring engineers fought tooth and nail and never gave up on the spirit to win. The team hopes to come back stronger next year, and add to its string of feats. The hattrick of ASET would have been incomplete without the support of Mrs Balvinder Shukla, Acting Vice Chancellor, DG, ASET and ASE as well as the faculty members.

Pic: Lakshya Manwani, ASCO



Sangathan is always fun. This is the second time I participated in the march past. I look forward to the event every year.

Sahar Malik, AIS Noida, IX B



Winning glory: AGBS



The Amity Sangathan Flame was lit across all the campuses of Amity in India and broad, fortifying the bond of togetherness and making us proud Amitians.

Mr Atul Chauhan  
Chancellor, Amity University, Uttar Pradesh

# Inter AGBS Sports Meet '12

As all the 12 centres of AGBS came together, Amity Global Business School, Noida emerged as the winner

## AGBS Noida

Aparupa Mitra, AGBS Noida

A year of hard work, dedication and participation came to fruition as Amity Global Business School, Noida bagged the 1st prize at the Inter AGBS Sports Meet 2012, as part of Sangathan. A month of energetic moments, relentless efforts and high showmanship, Sangathan saw it all. The goals were set; teams were announced. AGBS Noida was raring to go. This year, Sangathan brought the 12 distinct centres of AGBS under one roof. The first big achievement came with the exemplary performance in

basketball (boys) where AGBS Noida clinched the gold medal.

The basketball team under the captaincy of Pulkit Mohan, put up a grand fight against AGBS Chennai who put up a tough fight till the very end. The next accolade came with a smashing victory in badminton (boys), the credit of which goes to Captain Yash Chaturvedi and his team who performed equally well in the singles and doubles.

The winning spree continued with the basketball (girls) team led by Mansweeny Chanana bagging a silver medal. The badminton (girls) team led by Roma secured another silver medal. A silver medal won by Rohan Khanna in golf added to the crowning glory.

The different teams of AGBS participating in various sports exhibited high level of performance and team spirit under the able guidance and support of sports captains Pulkit Mohan and Sumit Jha. The month long efforts of the AGBS team furthered by the relentless motivation of Priyanka Malik, Faculty Coordinator and Col YK Arora, HoD, AGBS Noida fructified immensely; it amassed 15.5 points on the score sheet and was presented the Champions Trophy. It was a proud moment for everyone at AGBS Noida, which is sure to encourage many sports enthusiasts to come forward and make the institution proud in the coming years.

(With inputs from Mansweeny Chanana, AGBS Noida)

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## Medal Tally

Basketball (boys)	Gold
Basketball (girls)	Silver
Badminton (boys)	Gold
Badminton (girls)	Silver
Golf	Silver



## At a glance



# Sports Extravaganza

Sangathan 2012 - The 14<sup>th</sup> Inter Amity Institutions Sports Meet, saw massive participation, sporting talent, healthy competitions and much more, culminating in raining awards and accolades

## Super Achievers

Name	Instt.	Event	Achievement
Parth Choudhary	AIIT	Shooting	1 G*
Anandita Singh	ASET	Shooting & Others	1 G, S & B
Pranav Sharma	AIBS	Football	1G
Manit Moolchandani	ASET	Swimming	4 G, 1 S
Ankita Kumari	ASET	Overall performance	1 G, S & B



\*G-Gold, S-silver & B-Bronze

## Quick glance

- Sangathan 2012 saw participation of more than 6500 students across all Amity campuses.
- More than 1000 matches were played.
- A total of 21 sports events were organised. In addition 8 vintage games and 9 games between Faculty and students were held.
- An intra Amity Offline quiz competition saw participation of 46 teams.
- A total of 117 students participated in Essay writing competitions.

## Vintage Games

- Dodge Ball
- Spoon Relay
- Dog and Bone
- Three Leg Relay
- Musical Chair
- Slow Walk
- Blind Fold
- Stapoo



## Sports



- Cricket
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Football
- Badminton
- Table Tennis
- Lawn Tennis
- Hockey
- Squash
- Chess
- Carom Board
- Tug of War
- Kabaddi
- Kho-Kho
- Handball
- Netball
- Softball
- Shooting
- Golf
- Swimming
- Athletics

## SANGATHAN MEDAL TALLY

S.No.	Institute				Points
1.	ASET/ASE-AIEEE	23	12	9	160
2.	ALS Noida	8	12	17	93
3.	ABS/ASRM/AINGOM	4	10	7	57
4.	AIIT	9	3	1	55
5.	AISST/AIAE/AINST/AIRAE	4	7	3	44
6.	AIBS	3	6	2	35
7.	AIPS/AIBHAS/AIFS	3	5	5	35
8.	AIB/AIMT/AIA/AM/AIMST	4	3	2	31
9.	ASB	3	2	5	26
10.	AICISM/ASUM/ASE-Eco	3	3	1	25
11.	AITTM	1	3	5	19
12.	ACCF	3	-	2	17
13.	ASCO	2	1	2	15
14.	ALS Delhi	2	-	2	12
15.	ASH	-	2	3	9
16.	AIP/AIAS/AIES/AIHA	-	2	1	7
17.	AIIT	1	-	1	6
18.	ASAP/ASD	1	-	1	6
19.	ASET Brijwasan	-	1	1	4
20.	AIESR/AIE,Noida/ASFL/AISS	-	-	2	2
21.	ASCS Noida	-	-	1	1

Pic: Lakshya Manwani, ASCO





This year, we have clinched a silver in Soccer, but next year, we will strive for gold. Nonetheless, the hattrick is a very proud moment for our department.  
Dharani, Soccer team, Amity School of Engg. & Technology

# Stormed & sanded

Superstorm Sandy hit the eastern United States on October 29, bringing life in the nation to a standstill. Here's a lowdown on the storm that was...



President Obama offers support to victims



Superstorm Sandy creates havoc in US



Stranded by Sandy

Bhawna Tuteja, GT Network

Superstorm Sandy lashed out at eastern US on October 29, 2012, leaving countless people on roads roaming in search of food, power and a hot shower. The storm hit 15 US states, with New York, Connecticut and New Jersey being the worst hit.

## The damage

The storm wrecked over 6 million homes and businesses. Over 8.5 million people were rendered powerless, which surpassed the record 8.4 million customers who went dark from last year's Hurricane Irene. The death toll has been estimated at 72. Ranked as one of the

## SANDY IN NUMBERS

Estimated death toll **72**  
Power strapped **6 million homes and businesses**  
Estimated damage **\$20 billion**  
Flights cancelled **18,100**  
Power outages **8.5 million**

costliest storms in US History, the damage is estimated at \$20 billion.

## Politicking

With presidential elections hot on the heels, both Obama and Romney seem to be making the 'politically right' moves. Obama presented himself as the prez in

control, stating, "We are here for you, and we will follow up to make sure that you get all the help that you need until you've rebuilt." He also halted the campaigning, and set aside political differences with New Jersey Republican Governor Chris Christie for a helicopter tour of the coast garnering praise from the latter. Romney, on the other hand, appeared at a fund raising event for victims.

## Help? No thanks

Islamic terrorist Hafiz Saeed, believed to be the man behind 2008 Mumbai terror attacks, said he was willing to send relief aid to those on the East Coast. He stated that this was his religious duty. US, however, politely declined the offer.

## Long road to recovery

New York has started showing signs of life. While the subways are still down, the bus service though delayed resumed. Flights are slowly back into service. The New York State Exchange too has resumed action. Power is still down in some areas. It will be some time before the city springs back to its feet again.

## B Town supports

As a token of support, Bollywood celebrities tweeted with concern: **Amitabh Bachchan:** Hurricane 'Sandy' still huge cause of concern..satellite pictures look so frightening..be safe! **Priyanka Chopra:** Sandy needs to leave! Hope all's well! Be careful.

## Newsreels

### Reliance down by 2.1%



Shares in Reliance Industries Ltd (RELI.NS) fell as much as 2.1%, a day after anti-corruption activist Arvind Kejriwal accused the energy conglomerate of hoarding natural gas and exerted pressure on the government to favour the drive.

### Cyclone Nilam

Cyclone Nilam on October 31, 2012, swept across north Tamil Nadu coast near Mahabalipuram, leaving two dead. The storm weakened a day after, though 15,000 people had been displaced by then.

### RTI undiluted

The proposal to withdraw the amendments proposed to the Right to Information Act in 2006 has been accepted by the Cabinet. Hence, the RTI remains undiluted.

## Youth Power

Making a difference



# Be the change

As Youth Power 2012-13 makes headway, the teams gear up with innovative yet pragmatic solutions to rally for the cause

### AIS Gurgaon 43



The YP team conducts cleanliness drive at HUDA market, Sector 56, Gurgaon with the help of student volunteers

### AIS Mayur Vihar



A 'Tee party' with school students to spill messages on road safety over T-shirts; mascot 'Traffic Buddy' (inset) joins in

### AIS Noida



Plastic is the new Ravana, say kids of AIS Noida as the YP team urges them to join the fight against plastics

### AIS Pushp Vihar



Let's spread the message of 'Supporting senior citizens' everywhere including school assembly and classrooms (inset)

### AIS Saket



"Respecting heritage - A must," says the YP Team of AIS Saket as they address their peers in the school assembly

### AIS Vasundhara 6



YP team conducts a workshop on 'Eye donation' where students were made to play 'Life without eyes' (inset)



# Virtual vs Real

**First Person**

‘Virtual world is somewhere I, can really be me’...  
**Saksham Agarwal**, AIS Gurgaon 43, XI debates otherwise

*God gifted me eyes so that I could see, the rising sun, the cascades fall.  
He gave me too the sense of smell so that I could judge and correctly tell.  
The power to feel and touch, has filled my life with happiness.  
When I touch, when I feel, when I taste, and when I see I learn so much and yes that is when I'm really me*

The question is not whether the virtual world allows me to be me; but more importantly us to be ourselves. Virtual world is just a simulation of the original world, it can never be the real world. In the virtual world, only physical appearances are there; our identity as an individual human is lost. When our identity is lost; who are you? Who am I? It's just a mortal machine operating on an immortal one. The most befitting example to illustrate



Pic: Ravinder Gusain, Imaging: Deepak Sharma

**Models:** Aparupa Mitra, Amity Global Business School & Sourav Panthari, Amity School of Engg. & Technology

the difference between the virtual world and real world is that of sun and moon. It is said we are all sons of one star, the sun. It is the sun's rays and its eternal light that powers the entire life on earth and shows us the path to reality. Moon on the other hand, symbolising the virtual world has neither its own light to guide our way through darkness nor the

capability to nurture life. Echoing the same sentiment, Pablo Picasso rightly said, "Computers are useless. They only answer." Virtual world may help you know, but it's the real world where we apply; you may be willing to do something in the virtual world, but it's the real world where we can actually 'do' to bring about a change.

It is often argued by many that the virtual world is the ideal medium to gain confidence and a perfect platform to achieve all what you can't in real life. However, little do they realise that this virtual world is a mere escape route, which is more often than not taken by the cowards. Virtual world is for those who are afraid to face life challenges and

often succumb to them. Real world, on the contrary is for the brave, who believe in themselves. It's imperative to understand that with responsibility comes accountability. I become me when I love and respect this world; when I strive to help its people as my own brothers and sisters; when I have the courage to defy the wrongs and turn dreams into reality; when my emotions become my expressions, my thoughts, my words; and most importantly, I become me, when 'we' are all together as 'ourselves'; Virtual world doesn't give us any of it. When it doesn't, what life is it anyway? When there is no life, what are you and me doing in there? To top it all, the virtual world has its devils sitting there waiting to misuse your avatar, your identity for their own selfish interest; and unlike fairy tales there are no angels in there. If I win a debate competition, I know whom to hug – my mother, not her avatar, whose feet to touch - my teacher, not her image; to thank everyone present there, and not anyone in the virtual world; each one of you to celebrate with and most importantly where to celebrate – in reality  
Get Smart; Get Real. 🇮🇳

**This article is the debate that fetched Saksham Agarwal, the first prize in the debate competition- Cicero Carnival 2012 held at IIPM. He won a cash prize of Rs 1 lakh, a certificate and a trophy.**

# Going Gangnam Style

**Priyal Chaturvedi & Navya Khurana**, AIS PV, VIII D

*Rapper Psy's 'Gangnam Style' is about South Korea's materialistic fascination with Seoul's Gangnam district, a symbol of wealth and socio economic status. The song has taken the Billboard by storm.*

Chances are that you may never have heard a Korean pop song, but Gangnam Style is much more than that!

**Making way into pop culture:** Gangnam Style seems to be the latest pop anthem to have cast a spell over us. The quirky song, written and sung by South Korean rapper, Park Jae Sang, or Psy as we know him now, has truly become a global sensation. In the glossy world of pop, the rapper has struck an instant chord with his eccentric personality and an emphasis on silliness. Gangnam Style is outrageously catchy, but this alone doesn't explain the songs's sudden meteoric rise. Though the repetitive, bizarre lyrics hardly make any sense to most of us, the song is an imitation of (pop)ular chartbusters that sound so familiar that you almost know what Psy is singing. The chorus only makes the song more addictive. **The ludicrous dance:** This song's video has made an extraordinarily comical, ludicrous looking dance move suddenly look cool. You don't need dance skills to follow this one. Even people with two left feet can attain mastery over Psy's crazy horse dance moves. **Going viral:** Since this video was posted on YouTube, it has reached more than 359 million views and has also spawned a series of parodies. Its popularity is nearly more than evident on the web and has caught the fancy of one and all. Not to forget the number of cartoons and caricatures it has inspired!

All and sundry have fallen for charm of the global dance marvel that has got everyone from students to music lovers; dancers to non dancers; celebrities to you and all of us grooving and swinging to the crazy dance moves. Go Gangnam style! 🇮🇳



## GT Travels to Dhanaulti (Uttarakhand)



**Shaurya Dwivedi**, AIS Noida, Nursery L shows off GT at the Eco Park in Dhanaulti, Uttarakhand. The park that houses a protected patch of forests dotted with Deodar trees is the main attraction of the hill station.

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I participated in the march past for the first time! It was fun! I loved the cultural show since I love dancing.  
**Tarun Alugolu, Amity School of Engineering & Technology, Amity University, Manesar**

# The 'cool'-fi treat!

The next time your taste buds long for all things tangy or sweet, head to Roshan di Kulfi. Follow **Veeshal Beotra**, Amity Institute of Information Technology, as he finds out more...

**R**oshan Di Kulfi is a popular Punjabi food joint on Ajmal Khan Road in Karol Bagh. Established way back in the year 1954 by Roshan Lal Soni, the restaurant is now owned and looked after by the founder's son Joginder Kumar Soni and his grandson Ishan Soni, who exudes extraordinary warmth.

Though, three-generations old, Roshan Di Kulfi continues to see long queues lined up everyday only to relish snacks and especially the uniquely flavoured *kulfis*.



## FOOD review



### Menu

When the joint was set up, there was only one item on the menu, the *kulfi*. With its growing popularity, the joint began to offer a variety of dishes including North Indian sweets, Punjabi snacks, *chaat*, *lassi*, *jalebis*, *chole poori*. The *chole bhature* is among the most popular snacks that sells like hot cakes.

The *navratri thali* found on the menu during the pious season is another hard to resist hot favourites amongst the connoisseurs of food.

## Speciality

As the name suggests, the joint is flocked by many for its authentic flavour of *kulfis*. There are three varieties of *kulfi* on offer, *kesarbadampista*, sugar free and mango (seasonal). But the *kesarpistabadam kulfi faluda* with its unique fragrance and flavour of rose-water, cardamom, almond and *kesar*, bags the trophy. Ishan Soni shares the USP of the specialties, "The enriching flavour from the 1950s has been retained till today. What makes the *kulfis* extra special is the overflowing love of all our customers."

The *kulfis* and *kulfi faludas* are all equally priced at Rs 75.



## Ambience



Veeshal with owner Ishan Soni (R)

The ambience of the joint resembles a small Indian town, a pleasant change from cosmopolitan eateries. Even though it has nothing like a five star dine-in surrounding, it is a fun hang out where you can chit chat with a group of friends or family. 🇮🇳



Akshat: All set for the play

## Stage act

From learning lines to understanding voice modulation and then getting the expressions right, my first stage performance in a school play taught me a lot

**Akshat Jain, AIS Noida, KG G**

**I** was extremely excited when I got to know that I had got a role in the school play to be staged during Dusshera celebrations. We had to act out scenes from the epic 'Ramayana'. Though, I had a minor role in the play, it was an important one. I played Ravana's messenger who breaks the news of Lord Rama's and Laxman's arrival in Lanka with their giant army.

At first, I suffered from stage fright, but a little guidance from my teacher and endless rehearsals at both home and school helped me overcome it. In a few days, I learnt my lines by heart

and also spoke them with perfection. To match the character of Ravana's soldier, I needed a good costume. Then began a wild hunt for the perfect costume. I was very happy after we got one. But what I loved the most about my costume was my shining sword.

I along with my friends practiced everyday till the D-day arrived. Dressed up in a black glistening outfit with a sword by my side, I attracted everyone's attention. As we got on the stage with my friends, we were welcomed with cheers. I said my dialogues well.

With my stage act, I said goodbye to my shyness and learnt to work as a team. What I loved the most was appreciation by my class teacher, Prabhjot ma'am. I would like to use this platform to thank ma'am for her faith in me. 🇮🇳

(As told to Smita Jain, GT Network)

आपको पता है  
राजन श्री राम और  
लक्ष्मण अपनी वानर  
सेना के साथ लंका  
पहुंच गए हैं?

## AMITY-UNESCO Heritage Inheritance

Do you own a valuable possession that's been handed down from one generation of your family to another? Let us know, just like **Shreya Tayal**, AIS Vasundhara 1, VII A, did.



**Necklace:** My grandmother gifted my mother a traditional necklace on her marriage. It forms a very special part of my family treasure. In future, my mother plans to hand it down to me as a gift on my marriage.

**Treasure Trunk:** My grandfather passed on a trunk to my father that he has been using for years to keep important things that are close to his



heart. In future, he would hand it down to my brother, says my father.

**Baby Blanket:** We have a baby blanket that was used by my mother and later, by me and my brother. It has been well maintained and is still in good shape. It has been going around in the family for quite some time now. We intend to preserve it for generations to come. 🇮🇳

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## An artistic opportunity

**Ayushi Singh, AIS Saket, VI B** cherishes her moment of glory after winning an award at an art do. The young artist in her shares how life is all about seizing opportunities

**O**nce Alexander the Great went to a museum, where he came across an unusual statue with a covered face and two wings. He was told the statue was called Opportunity. Curious, Alexander asked the curator why its face was covered and it had wings. The curator replied, "Because people can hardly see an opportunity when it comes. And when they realise its value, the opportunity flies away."

Taking a cue from the above, I decided to fill in the entry form for a mega art

event - a painting competition held at the Art Gallery, Epicentre, Gurgaon. And to my utter surprise, I managed to win an award too! My love for brush and easel is no secret. I have been expressing myself through different hues and colours, always looking out for an opportunity to take them to the world. I was overjoyed when I stumbled upon an entry form lying carelessly on the classroom floor for a painting competition themed "World of my dreams". The attractive cash prize was another draw. Though, I

was excited about the contest, I forgot about it after reaching home.

It was through a news flash nearly three weeks later that I was reminded of it. Nevertheless, I prepared myself and reached the venue the next morning to find young art enthusiasts already there. As I settled down, I felt nervous as everyone around me looked all set. Painstakingly, I coloured a Buddha to symbolise peace with doves and flags of countries. I titled my art work "The World of My Dreams... where all co-

exist". I was happy with the end result. Then the award ceremony began. My heart began pounding very fast, when my name was announced. I sprang up and ran to the stage amidst applause to receive a cash prize of Rs 5000. The day will always remain etched in my memory as it taught me that life is all about grabbing opportunities and making the most of them before they slip away. 🇮🇳

Check out [www.worldofmydreams.com](http://www.worldofmydreams.com) for more



Ayushi with her fruit of creativity





## Spirit of Sangathan

*"You're never as good as everyone tells you when you win, and you're never as bad as they say when you lose."-Bill Shankly*



Dr. Amita Chauhan  
Chairperson

Finally, Sangathan 2012 came to a befitting end. After days and weeks of unfettered enthusiasm and genuine sportsman spirit displayed by thousands of students and staff members, the annual sports saga peaked with glory at its culmination. As Sangathan concludes with the Founder's Day every year, it leaves me with nostalgia. And so does its years' long journey of establishing a distinct identity of its own.

Sangathan is celebration. It is the rejoicing of the sporting spirit, taming the fierce urge within to go out there and utilise one's physical prowess to its fullest capacity. It is all about letting go and stretching one's limits to tap the strengths and vanquish the weaknesses. It is a celebration of health and vigour. Each segment of Sangathan packs in a promise of good health as physical activity promotes strength and vitality.

Sangathan is competition. A healthy competition between various Amity institutions, to rise above daily academic pressures and outshine one's own potential. Sangathan is camaraderie. It is about getting together, absolving all differences and participating as a team. Sangathan is unity; the confluence of souls who believe in spreading good cheer. It is uniting for the common mission of universal brotherhood, peace and harmony. Sangathan revels in the belief that sports not only promote good health but also encourage character building. They reveal a person's true identity, thus inculcating self confidence. Besides, the charged up adrenaline helps release toxins from the body and induce happy hormones, leading to a content and satisfied approach to life.

Sangathan is an invitation, to celebrate life in its multi-hued splendour. 

## Sangathan ke sang




Vira Sharma  
Managing Editor

Any attempt to explain the significance of Sangathan in the life of an Amitian is futile. For Amitians, it is a way of life.

This annual month long sports fest which commences on September 24 and concludes on October 24, marking the birth anniversary of the Founder

President, is an institution par excellence. Awaited eagerly by every Amitian, Sangathan is a school of thought that teaches camaraderie, sportsmanship, competition with compassion, togetherness, leadership, ethics, morality and the spirit to be a winner in whatever you undertake. As every year, this issue of The Global Times brings to you the spirit of Sangathan that presents a mélange of activities, which promote the understanding of the shared vision and legacy of Dr Ashok K Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe. The Sangathan torch lighted at all Amity institutions across the globe is a promise to illuminate the world from darkness to light. The beautifully depicted *rasas* of life presented on the occasion merged into one *rasa* - the Amity *Rasa* as little Amies ( pg 10), Amitasha and even the alumnus joined the celebrations *sang sang*.

Soak in the spirit of Sangathan, that marks the legacy and success of the institution. 

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# Politics is a great profession

*... says Abhishek Mishra, Minister of State for Protocol in Akhilesh Yadav's (CM, UP) cabinet. A PhD from University of Cambridge, he was professor at IIM, Ahmedabad before joining politics. Join in as he sheds light on his unique work profile in a candid chat with Ishan Kapoor, AIS Gur 46, III K*

**What is the work of a Protocol Minister?**

The function of a Protocol Minister is to arrange and ensure facilities/amenities to the dignitaries visiting the state which are at par with their status, and extend the same to the dignitaries of the state when they go out of the state for official purposes.

**Which is the most challenging task that lies ahead of a Protocol Minister?**

The most challenging task is to deal with the Chief Minister's image management, perception building and arranging meetings with people. Only the right people should meet him and his positive and right image should be projected in front of the public. Also, I have to ensure that the messages that are going out to the people from his end are in sync with his public image and profile.

**What inspired you to join politics?**

I joined politics because of the desire to serve people and give back to the society more than what I have taken. I firmly believe that good and educated people should join politics to serve people. In fact, politics can be one of the most noble professions.

**Which role has given you more satisfaction: a Protocol Minister or a professor at IIM?**

IIM Ahmedabad was a great experience. I learnt a lot and developed analytical skills and thinking powers that I am currently using for my job as a Protocol Minister. I am enjoying my current stint as a Minister equally much. It is a very fulfilling and enjoyable experience to work for people.

**Are there any qualifications required to become a politician?**

First and foremost, you must be sensitive to the problems of the people and have a keen desire to help and serve others. You must have the ability to take pains for others and be capable and competent to serve the nation.

**You have an impressive educational background. What steps do you suggest to improve our educational system?**

The educational system needs both quality and quantity. Quality wise, we need to improve the intellectual infrastructure, that is, we need to train the trainers. In terms of quantity, we need to build




All smiles:  
Ishan with the  
Protocol Minister

schools and colleges in places where there are none. So there has to be both capacity and capability development.

**You must be meeting a lot of interesting people...**

Yes, I meet a lot of people. In fact, celebrities come to meet me now as part of my profile. I have met Salman Khan, Katrina Kaif and Priyanka Chopra in the past few months.

**Any message for the young generation?**

Politics is a great profession. If you are competent and capable, begin by achieving your personal and professional goals, and then plan to join politics. In that way, you shall be able to serve your country. 

# Do we really need to celebrate everything?

**Whatever time or occasion, youngsters find themselves celebrating every little thing in their lives. Are too many celebrations making festivities frivolous?**

**Anoushka Raj, AIS MV, VII D**

Today's youngsters seem to be on a celebration spree. They celebrate all kinds of festivals like Rose Day, Chocolate Day, Father's Day, and others. In the process, our much awaited, religious and family festivals sometimes lose their significance. Is it the *Zindagi-Milegi-Na-Dobara* effect or the rising stress levels that is converting each day into a party?

Parents are left sighing at the so-called festivals of Gen Y, which they find of no use. Parents are of the view that everyday celebrations of such petty events are fading the spirit of festivity. The longing and eagerness with which people used to wait for festivals like Holi and Diwali is diminishing. Due to all these parties, people no longer share the same anticipation of meeting


friends and relatives. These so-called festivals that children are so fond of, also create dents in their parents' pockets, besides disrupting daily routine. However, most kids argue that parents do not know how much life has changed since they were kids. Tanveen

Kaur Bedi, AIS Mayur Vihar, VII D opines, "Today, kids have high stress levels, be it from academics, co-curriculars or peer-pressure. These special days act as stress busters. But this trend can never overcome religious festivals because in India, family is



given foremost importance. In foreign countries, parents let their kids be independent, so children celebrate Father's Day or Mother's Day with enthusiasm. Though these days are important, they shouldn't replace religious celebrations."

Children today want everything fast just like instant noodles, and religious festivals are way too elaborate for them; they take time, so many preparations, so much to do. While Friendship Day, Daughter's Day, et al require no elaborate preparations and are quick. Maybe they are so stressed out that they find refuge in their own special days.

Maybe they just want to live life to the fullest, not missing out on having fun. Maybe they think religious festivals are much too slow. Whatever the reason, the question of too many celebrations still lingers. 

# Positive Thinking

**Pearls of Wisdom**

**Ojasvi R Sharma  
AIS Vasundhara I, VII A**


It is common for everyone to run into problems, face difficulties and commit mistakes. Past experiences greatly influence our attitude, our thinking and most importantly, our habits, which impact the way we see

ourselves. Often, an unhappy and negative experience leaves a scar for life. But does worrying about it serve any purpose?

Remember, success in life depends on positive attitude. Happiness comes with optimism. Our interests, goals and dreams revolve all around happiness, but it is the attitude (positive or negative) that ultimately affects the quality of life and determines whether

we succeed or fail. A positive attitude can carry forward an individual through all kinds of difficulties. With a brighter outlook towards life, all that we do takes on a new meaning, thus reaping rich dividends. It helps us sail through setbacks and misunderstandings with faith and confidence.

The question is how can a person cultivate positive attitude? Take a look at yourself, give your future a new pur-

pose, a new direction by modeling your life to suit your nature and capabilities. Do things that are necessary to achieve your goals. Begin by accepting responsibilities, taking charge of them and carrying them out. Read books on positive thinking, watch happy movies. Spend time with the less fortunate. You'll instantly feel upbeat about everything. Be positive and see how life turns beautiful. 





Like a dutiful Indian host, our team's job was to offer hospitality to those from Amity University Dubai. Let's hope they got an insight into our rich culture!  
**Harnoor Singh, Amity Instt. of Information Technology**

## Media: A faithful neighbour

**Sukant Koul, AIS Vas 6, X A**



In an era governed by technology, it would not be an exaggeration to say we are playing witness to an information revolution sweeping the world with the media as its head. I would compare the media to a friendly neighbour. It has its flaws no doubt, but it's friendly. Sadly, but truly this is also the 'Age of Corruption'. And most of the scams have been unearthed under the watchful eyes of media. The media has often been accused of being a weapon of in-

trusion. A half accurate accusation, I must say. A weapon, yes, but of intrusion? (I doubt). After all the glaring scams that it has unearthed, it's a rather biased view to have. If it has to live with that tag, then intrusion is the way forward, I would say. Media, in my humble opinion, is a weapon, yes, but of protection. If we term it intrusion, then it is nothing but hypocrisy! The media often acts as a messenger or a catalyst and speeds things up. I admit that the media does intrude at times into the life of 'the rich and famous'. But as everything has its flaws, it also has some. However, we should learn to live with it.

## Media: the median of life

**Vivasvaan Srivastava**  
**AIS Saket, XII**



It's a world that is in a state of continuous flux. Information here is the key and the media is the epicenter of this vital exchange. Our lives now have one definitive axis to rotate around and that's the media juggernaut that emits information, shapes views, encourages debate and drives introspection. From the sun kissed copies of the morning newspaper which unravels the kaleidoscopic world of political news, social tremors, business moves and the

glamour of page 3 to the yoga filled spiritual calls of the morning TV, media creates a bustle in our lives that's unmistakable. Young impressionable minds are coached into appreciating the world of newspapers through succinct school editions. The evenings are accompanied by a serving of family intrigue ridden fare of sitcoms, heated prime time debates rounded off by the late night fare of crime reporting dramatised to the point of being comical. Add to it the phenomenon of internet and the blitzkrieg. The upside is that information is accessible to all.

Debates make the society more inclu-

sive and demolish the taboos. Cover-ups are hard to sustain. Transparency is fast being enforced.

However, the media is a hungry giant with an unending appetite for stories that needs to be fed continuously. Non-issues flare up and lead to mass frenzy, while developmental stories quickly accede to the next topic. Call it superficial if you may, but it suits the fleeting mind of the Generation Y.

From playing a refuge to academics and elderly, the media profession today attracts the young and the restless with a mission.

# I, me and media

From playing a friendly neighbour to a powerful weapon of intrusion, media has today become the indispensable median of our life. Love it, hate it but you cannot ignore it, it's all around you...



## Media: A friend or foe?

**Snigdha Shahi, AIS Noida, XI J**



Clichés stating media as only a platform for news can no longer find a place in the continuously evolving fabric of our society.

The media isn't monotonous anchors rattling off from the teleprompter in a soulless voice; it is the result of passion, grit and hard work

flashing across television screens, the internet and front pages of newspapers. Media is the power of the word rolling off an impacting pen or tongue. It is experimenting with your potential with surefire hiccups along the way- rejection, disappointment and struggle. But at the same time, it's an eye opener, a tool to update vocabulary, hone social skills and present glaring truth. It is ludicrous to undermine the media; if required, it can be an olive branch at one moment and a hyena feeding on

rotting carcasses of controversies on the other. However, lofty ideals today remain only musty cobwebs adorning dark corners; courtesy-malpractices and corrupt conduct of various agencies. More than ever now, the media is crackling with conscientiousness, the weight of which hasn't mostly sunk in. Prominent news channels showcase the life and times of godmen at the prime slots, gut-wrenching cases of rape, robbery and murder seep through the ink splattered generously on almost all pages of the newspaper. Is this what we hoped for while boasting of the staggering popularity of the media?

## More to media...

**Nihal S. Majithia, AIS PV, XII**



Contrary to the popular belief, media is one of the most useful and important forms of communication – a way of sparking what eventually turns into wildfire before you know it. Just because most of us are interested to know about Kareena Kapoor's marriage or Salman Khan's 'Ek Tha Tiger' earning 200 crore, doesn't mean there is nothing else that the Indian media has to offer. In fact, one of the greatest achievements of India is our free and vibrant press. This, however, is also ironic –

because this 'accomplishment' happens to be the very thing we're going against at the moment.

With the recent "censorship frenzy", it is a privilege to even be breathing (so long as you don't look too happy) without fearing accidental infringement. But is this how media is meant to benefit mankind?

Adolf Hitler made everybody buy a copy of 'Mein Kampf' so that the people could understand his vision, and appreciate it. Martin Luther translated the Bible into German and wrote his own interpretation of how things should be so that people could recognise it. Simply put, media in India – in the form of literature – is still backward and underdeveloped.

Every time social ethos and its harmonious canvas comes under threat, an effective media makes people aware of their rights and duties.

**Divyanshu Talwar, X B, AIS MV**

The media of any country is the reflection of the values and ethos of the country.

**Riya Arora, IX A, AIS Vas 1**

### Amitians voice their views

Media has played a robust role in formulating public opinion. Since, media and society are intrinsically linked, a healthy balance between the two pillars of society is imperative.

**Nikita Ahooja, IX, AIS Saket**

Media has shrunk the distances in the world. US presidential elections, violence in Syria or the live enthusiasm of London Olympics are not mere happenings on foreign land now.

**Sukarmana Biswas, XI, AIS PV**

It is difficult to escape the prying eyes of media. Right from government officials, to filmstars. Media spares none.

**Ashna Aggarwal, XI, AIS Gur 43**

Derogatory news articles are without doubt, devoid of all traces of ethical humanity.

**Shimona Mohan, IX J, AIS Noida**



# Are you afraid of the dark?

Labani Biswas  
Amity Institute of Biotechnology

It was all dark and swampy. She could hear her ragged breathing echo against the walls of the tunnel, the sound of her footsteps reverberated throughout. Her body was numb! She could feel it tense even more, as if preparing to put in more..to run faster, but she knew.. it did not really matter. It was closing in, the time had come... She suddenly woke up in cold sweat on her bed. Clutching her bed sheet, she tried to stop shivering, but realised that she had goose bumps all over. Her room was shrouded in darkness and deafening silence. The only thing that she could make out was the pattern of the grills of her window that the moonlight had carved in the wall opposite, it was strangely distinct and resolute. A slight breeze made the pattern waver. She noticed that the lights were out, probably there was a power-cut, the expressway that overlooked her window was pitch black except for one or two vehicles which hurried past. She checked her cell phone, it was 3:30.



There was none around, sheer silence pervaded the room. But, she could hear the thud of her heart-beat. Sound, sight and every kind of sense was overridden by her sense of fear. She did not know what to do, whether to run with all her might or not to budge even an inch. She finally decided to stay put and to divert herself. Running her hands through the bedsheet she decided to get hold of her phone so that she could listen to

some music. She plugged in the headphones and played a DJ mix, loud enough to deafen the sound of silence. As she settled against her pillow, in a half flying position, something very strange happened which send chills down her spine, the pigeon which perpetually lived outside her window was looking at her, with a unfaltering and unnerving gaze...  
(To read more log on to [biswaslabani.blogspot.in](http://biswaslabani.blogspot.in))



Jharna Agarwal, AIS Vas 1, VIII A

### Ingredients

- Cornflour.....2 tbsp
- Refined flour (Maida).....2 tbsp
- Cottage cheese (Paneer) .....200 gms
- Capsicum (chopped).....1
- Soya sauce .....2-3 tsp
- Tomato sauce .....2-3 tbsp
- Vinegar.....½ tbsp
- Oil .....2tbsp
- Green chillies (chopped) .....4-5
- Garlic cloves (chopped) .....4-5
- Coriander leaves.....A bunch
- Ajinomoto .....¼ tsp
- Black pepper .....½ tsp
- Salt .....2 tsp

### Method

- Mix maida, cornflour and salt together and add water gradually to make a batter of thick consistency.
- Cut paneer into ¾ square pieces.
- Now dip the paneer into the batter and fry till light brown.
- Heat 2 tbsp of oil and saute finely chopped garlic and green chillies.
- Put capsicum and sauté it for a few seconds till tender.
- Add salt, black pepper and ajinomoto followed by soya & chilli sauce, tomato ketchup and vinegar.
- Now add fried paneer and garnish with coriander leaves.
- Serve it with noodles or rice. [G.I](http://G.I)



# Mom and me

**Open Up**  
She nurtures you with unconditional love, tenders you with care and affection, stands by you in trials and tribulations and above all, she is your best friend. Who is she? **Priya Agarwal, ASET** answers it all...



God could not be everywhere and therefore he made mothers.

Jewish proverb

Hostel life has taught me to be strong, decisive, independent and yet courteous. But the credit for shaping my personality goes to my mother. Ruffling back through the pages of my childhood, I wonder how painstakingly she helped me shape my life without thinking for herself. Of course, I have had arguments with her on what clothes to wear and which friends to hang out with. But she is one person; who knows me inside out and can really read my mind. She is the best confidante,

a true guide and a source of constant support and inspiration. As I stand under the sky and look at the moon, I smile at it as my mom would have done, when she was preparing for my arrival in her life. As you read these lines, I am sure you can feel that purity and strength of the bond that a child shares with her mother. Pause and take out a few seconds from your busy life and thank the woman who forgot all her sorrows and pains after cuddling you in her arms. She glowed with joy as she saw you take the first step and stood like a shield protecting you from all the adversities of life. Don't forget we are what we are because of her.[G.I](http://G.I)

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Kshitij Mehani, AIS PV, XII A


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Hanging by a drop



Kiss of dew



On a nutty trail





It's always fun to participate in the march past, since the motivation and encouragement we get is never ending.  
Reena Gupta, Amitasha, X

# Angel on Earth

## Short Story



Shourya Ahuja, AIS Noida, III J

Once upon a time there was a child about to be born. One day the child asked God, "I have been told that you are going to send me to earth tomorrow, but how am I going to live there, being so small?" God replied, "Among the many angels on earth, I have chosen one for you. She will be waiting for you and will take care of you." The child anxiously questioned, "But what will I do there? Here in heaven, I just sing and smile and that's what makes me happy." God replied,

"Don't worry. Your angel will sing to you every day. Her love and care will keep you happy."  
"But how will I understand the language of people on earth," asked the child again. "Oh, that is very easy. Your angel will tell you the most beautiful and sweet words you will ever hear. With much patience and care, your angel will teach you how to speak many languages," God reassured. The child looked up at God innocently saying, "What am I going to do when I want to talk to you?" God smiled at the child saying, "Your angel will teach you

**There was silence in heaven and sounds from earth could be heard.**

how to pray."

The child clutched God's hand and fearfully asked, "I've heard there are bad men on earth. Who will protect me?" God pacified the little one saying, "Your angel will defend you, even if it means risking her own life!" The child looked sad, saying, "But I'll always be sad because I will not see you anymore." God answered, "Your angel will always talk to you about me and will teach you the way to come back to me, even though I will always be next to you."

Suddenly, there was silence in heaven and voices from the earth could be heard loud and clear, signaling the child it was time to be born and arrive on earth. The child in a hurry, asked softly, "Oh God, I am about to leave now, please tell me my angel's name!" God replied, "Your angel's name is of no importance... you will simply call her MOTHER."

**So what did you learn today?**  
**A new word: Clutched**

## Kashmiri Phirni

Aashiva Kaul, AIS Noida, II F

### Ingredients

Rice (soaked overnight) .....1 cup  
Full cream milk .....1 litre  
Sugar ..... ¼ cup  
Pistachio .....10 pieces  
Saffron .....4-5 threads  
Cardamom .....2 pieces  
Almonds .....10 pieces

### Method

- Grind the soaked rice in a mixer till it becomes a smooth paste.
- Boil milk in a heavy bottom pan, add sugar and rice paste. Give it a stir.
- Cook this mixture on a medium flame and keep stirring till it turns thick.
- Add cardamom powder and saffron threads. Stir it for a while, till the mixture comes to a boil.
- Turn off the flame and keep the phirni aside till it's at room temperature.
- Pour it in bowls and put it in the refrigerator.
- Garnish with almond flakes and serve chilled.



## It's Me

**My name:** Ekansh Gupta  
**My school:** AIS Mayur Vihar  
**My class:** I B  
**My birthday:** November 2  
**I like:** All my friends  
**I hate:** People who tease me  
**My hobby:** Listening to music  
**My role model:** My dad  
**My best friend:** Vinayak Seth  
**My favourite book:** Activity books  
**My favourite game:** Cricket  
**My favourite mall:** Great India Place, Noida  
**My favourite food:** *Rajma Chawal*  
**My favourite teacher:** Sonali Ma'am  
**My favourite poem:** Fishy – fishy in the pond  
**My favourite subject:** English  
**I want to become:** A Doctor  
**I want to feature in GT because:** I love the Global Times and want to be a part of this interesting newspaper



## Painting Corner

Layatmika Pattnaik  
AIS Gur 46, KG 7



## POEMS



## Dear Founder Sir

Manan Hingorani, AIS Noida, IV I

Our great Founder President, always aspires for accomplishment. He is 70 years old, and has a heart of gold. His smile is charming, his actions are inspiring. His efforts are immense, he is fond of excellence. We appreciate his leadership innovation, we respect his business transformation. He teaches us to be cautious, and helps us in fulfilling our wishes. We really love him. Our wonderful Founder President.

## The Cheaper Alternative

Comic strip :  
Vedika Gaddhyan  
AIS Saket, VI B



## Jokey Pokey

**Teacher:** What is the bees favourite singer?  
**Student:** Sting

**Iggy:** How does the lion greet the other animals in the Forest?  
**Ziggy:** Pleased to eat you.

**Tom:** Why is fish easy to weigh?  
**Harry:** Because it has its own scales.

**Friend 1:** Where do polar bears vote?  
**Friend 2:** The North Poll

**Sam:** .What do you call a sleeping bull  
**Sally:** A bull- dozer

## Diwali

Mansi Chaudhry  
AIS Noida, VI A

Diwali brings along joy and pride, lets keep all our sorrows aside. We will have many sweets, and indulge in elaborate treats. Lines of light decorate the street, making our city beautiful and neat. Everyone decorates their house, and worships Ganesha with his mouse. So here comes diwali on the door, with sweets, lights, gifts and much more.



# Ding Dong Dumbbell!

A spectacular synchronization of dumbbells to drum beats stole the show at Sangathan

**Amiown Gurgaon**

Sangathan is an attempt to bring the entire Amity family together to celebrate Founder's Day, the birthday of Dr Ashok K Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe. As we all know, the literal meaning of the word 'Amity' is friendship. This concept of friendship and togetherness is inculcated in each and every child from Pre Nursery to the University level. Sangathan is organized with a platter full of sports and cultural events at Amity University, Noida, every year to

achieve the goal of unity among Amity Institutions. This year too, all Amitians came together under one sky to celebrate the day with great fervour. Physical development is one of the important areas of development at preschool level. Little Amies from Amiown Gurgaon participated enthusiastically in the mega event and exhibited their gross motor skills and balancing ability by presenting a dumbbell drill. 41 proud gladiators from Amiown Gurgaon brimmed with confidence as they presented their well

practiced drill in front of thousands of spectators. They exhibited excellent coordination and display of fine motor ability while listening to drum beats. This mind and body coordination helps children to be more active, which further supports learning. These physical activities help them to lead a happy and healthy life. They also build their confidence, providing stronger self esteem, more energy, better memory and understanding of the surroundings. The spectacular show with perfect coordination and rhythm by the Amies was

applauded by the huge audience present on the occasion. Founder President always encourages and motivates children who participate in Sangathan. True to the tradition, the children were blessed by Dr Ashok K Chauhan, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson Amity Group of Schools and Mr Atul Chauhan, Chancellor Amity University. Ms Sapna Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amiown schools also graced the occasion and boosted the confidence of her dear Amies. 🇮🇳



Synchronised The dumbbell drill



Perfect coordination A spectacular show



All Pics: Deepak sharma

# Here a twist, there a twist!

Amies and Amitots infused a musical 'Twist' to the annual sports carnival Sangathan in their unique endearing style

**Amiown Pushp Vihar**

It was a special day as little Amies gathered up to be a part of Sangathan 2012, a celebration of compassion, commitment and success. The 14<sup>th</sup> edition of the annual mega sports meet was inaugurated at Amity University Campus, Noida. Thousands of students, faculty members, institutional heads and senior officials of Amity and



Amiown thronged the sports ground on the warm, sunny afternoon to witness the grand ceremony and celebrate the birthday of Dr Ashok K Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe. Young Amies were all set to perform at the spectacular event. The joy of travelling together from school to the venue was evident in their bright smiles. It is said that music is a linguistic creative experience and for young kids, there is nothing more joyful than music and movement. Children love to sing and dance to any kind of music which evokes movement. To express their love for their beloved Founder President, tiny tots of Amiown Pushp Vihar presented a musical extravaganza 'Twist' by Patty Shukla. Through their dance performance, they displayed bonding, team work, discipline, concentration and above all, hard work and sincerity. Pre-nursery and nursery children were dressed up smartly in their green tracksuits, whereas the Amitots (children between 18 months – 2 years) looked endearing in little yellow T-shirts. The beautifully coordi-

nated dance show was a collaborative performance by the Amies, comprising great footwork, bright costumes and delightful smiles. The audience was mesmerized by the skill and dexterity of the children. They were truly the show stealers of the ceremony and won the hearts of everyone present there. Ms Sapna Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amiown, was a pillar of strength for everyone; her constant motivation at each step encouraged the children and gave them confidence. Her dedication, love and support could be clearly seen in the way she stood up with the children each time to cheer them. Regular visits and interaction with every child makes her the inspiration behind the success of every event. After the wonderful performance, Founder President blessed everyone and commemorated the event by the ceremonial release of balloons with Amitots. The sight was a visual treat for thousands of beholders, who were captivated by the magnificence of the occasion. The celebrations were a true depiction of team spirit, camaraderie, sportsmanship and harmony in unison. 🇮🇳



Enamoured Founder President and Chairperson interact with Amies



Together we dance Amies perform the 'Twist'





I loved marching together with my friends. I felt wonderful when everyone was looking at us.

Rohit, Atulasha, I

# Top of the tops!

Nothing succeeds like success. The ace achievers of Amity Institute for Competitive Examinations (AICE) proved that with great aplomb, as was evident during the AICE felicitation ceremony

## AICE

Tulika Banerji, GT Network

A packed auditorium with students vigorously cheering the awardees, the AICE Felicitation Function 2012 turned out to be an emotionally charged affair. Held at AIS Noida on September 29, 2012, the ceremony was graced by the esteemed presence of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools; Ammaji, (Mother of Chairperson); Ms Pooja Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amity Humanity Foundation; Ms Divya Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, ASFT & ASFA and Ms Jaishree Chauhan.

The glitterati present at the event also included Prof PR Ramanujan, Pro VC, IGNOU; Dr B Athiyaman, Head, National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting (NCMRWF) and Scientist-F Head, Computer & Networking Division (Ministry of Earth Sciences); Dr SV Eshwaram, HoD Chemistry, St Stephen's College; Prof SC Arora, Former HoD Mathematics, DU; Mr Anuj Sinha, Director, NCM-RWF, heads of Amity institutions, AICE faculty members, parents and students.



Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan blessing a student as other dignitaries look on

The event commenced with the lighting of the lamp accompanied by a melodious hymn by Amitasha students. Meenakshi Rawal, Director, AICE welcomed the august gathering and shed light on the pioneering initiatives being undertaken by AICE, viz GTSE going

global in 2012 with the exam being conducted simultaneously at Canada, Hong Kong, Kazakhstan and India; 1st International Olympiad organised with students of Kazakhstan and Afghanistan, and many more such endeavours. Among the students who were felicitated

with a cash prize of Rs 10,000 at the ceremony, were Abhinav Bindal, AIS Saket who has cleared IIT Delhi; Oshan Saini, AIS Mayur Vihar who has cracked AIIMS and Savyasachi Jain, AIS Mayur Vihar who has joined Vardhman College. Many others were awarded cash

prizes of Rs 5,000 and Rs 2,000 each for cracking various important entrances. Abhinav Bindal's father expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Amity for taking care of his son through all his milestones. Oshan's father, put forth his views thus, "For true success, you not only need good education but also direction and inspiration, which Amity provided at all stages."

Faculty members of AICE, under whose guidance the students were groomed, were rewarded for their dedication towards the cause of education. Sunil Parabrajak and OP Dubey were awarded cash prizes of Rs 50,000 each while Dr V Verma was awarded Rs 25,000. Dr Ashok Agarwal and Rakesh Ranjan were awarded Rs 22,500 each. Dr Adarsh Pratap Singh, Warden, Saket Hostel and Sherin Emerson, Synchro Coordinator were awarded Rs 10,000 each for their excellent contribution.

In her address, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan traced AICE's journey from inception to success, "Though we have moved at a slow and steady pace, the focus of our attention has always been the child. We want to be the biggest coaching institute in the country, not in terms of quantity but quality." 🇮🇳

## Commerce Connection

Commerce enthusiasts gave wings to their imagination with brain tickling challenges



The AD-MAD competition in full swing

## AIS Mayur Vihar

Amity International School, Mayur Vihar buzzed with activity on October 19, 2012 as it played host to 12 schools from all over Delhi for its third Ecom Forum. Organised every year under the tutelage of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, Ecom Forum provides a unique platform to Commerce students to showcase their creativity. SK Bhatia, a renowned writer of Commerce and Malvika Mago, Professor, SS College of Business Studies and a young achiever in the field of commerce, presided as judges.

The programme began with the lighting of the lamp by Sarita Aggarwal, Principal, AIS MV and the guests. The principal accorded a formal welcome to the

judges by presenting a sapling as a memento of gratitude.

Ecom Forum began with the AD-MAD competition wherein the audience was in splits as each team presented an advertisement to sell hilarious products like Spiderman glue, Dolly Bindra anger management classes, Zoom Zoom car, etc. The BUSINESS TOONS contest saw students coming up with innovative cartoons and caricatures on topics like corruption and inflation. The various rounds of the quiz 'INQUISITIVE' saw nail-biting and adrenaline pumping competition among the teams. At the end of the event, the judges enthused the participants with their inspiring words. The event culminated with the presentation of certificates to the winners amidst thunderous applause. The rolling trophy was clinched by AIS Pushp Vihar. 🇮🇳

## Go green, go clean

### AIS Pushp Vihar

To develop a sense of empathy and commitment towards the society and environment, the Interact Club of Amity International School, Pushp Vihar, organised a 'Tree Plantation Drive' on October 4, 2012. The event was graced by Atul Dua, President, Rotary Club, Delhi Midtown and other prominent dignitaries of the Rotary Club. The occasion commenced with the lighting of the auspicious lamp accompanied by a *shloka* rendition. The guests were then escorted to the garden along with



The tree plantation drive in action

Ameeta Mohan, Principal, AIS Pushp Vihar; Divya Bhatia, Vice Principal and members of the Interact Club. After a song signifying the beauty of Earth, the Rotarians together with the students of

class II, members of Eco Club and Interact Club, planted saplings of lemon, mango and guava trees. Students and teachers pledged to nurture the young saplings with their heart and soul. 🇮🇳

## Celestial Soiree

### AIS Vasundhara 6

To commemorate the launch of the first human made earth satellite, Sputnik 1 on October 4, 1957 and the signing of Outer Space Treaty on October 10, 1967, AIS Vas-6 celebrated the World Space Week – Celestial Soiree. The celebrations were organised by 'Kritika', the Astronomy Club of the school under the guidance of teacher Anshu Khanna. Students participated in activities relevant to the UN agenda of Science & Technology. The activities included Astronomy Quiz, screening of the movie 'Hubble Telescope by NASA', poster making on 'Human Safety and Security in Space', solar observation through telescope to observe Sun spots, etc. The astronomy club students also designed a space board on 'Mars science laboratory' and 'Biographies of astronomers'. 🇮🇳



## Bande main tha dum

### AIS Lucknow

Gandhi Jayanti, the birthday of one of the greatest leaders of mankind, Mahatma Gandhi, was celebrated with a special assembly at Amity International School, Lucknow on October 1, 2012.

The programme began with the children enacting true and inspiring incidents from the Mahatma's life, portraying his faith in *Ram Naam*, his love and compassion for his countrymen and the values of truth and honesty. The soul stirring skits were well presented by students of classes II to V. The song *Raghupati raghav raja ram* depicting the life and teachings of Bapu, inspired everyone. This was fol-



Bapu and his three monkeys

lowed by a dance on the song *Bande main tha dum*, *Vande Mataram* by students of classes Nursery to IV.

Mukta Ghosal, Headmistress, AIS Lucknow, elucidated the teachings of the great man and the relevance they hold in today's world. A presentation and quiz on Gandhiji's life rightly summed up the assembly. 🇮🇳



The sparkling uniforms of Sangathan are among the best symbols of unity among Amitians.

Ankur Mehrotra, Amity School of Foreign Languages



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Recapture the pride, sportsmanship and fun 'n' frolic that defined the annual sports gala



Amity will lead India towards becoming a superpower, says Founder President as he addresses the gathering



Team Amity Instt of Education, Noida - Winners of the march past



Amitasha marches with determination

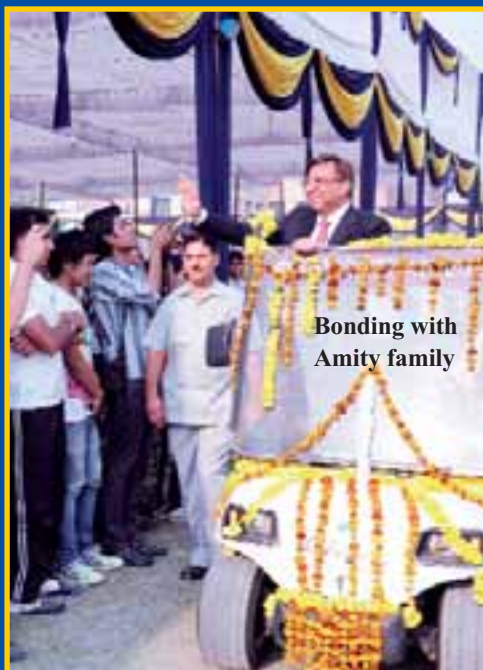
Cultural performers spread cheer



The tug-of-war is on!



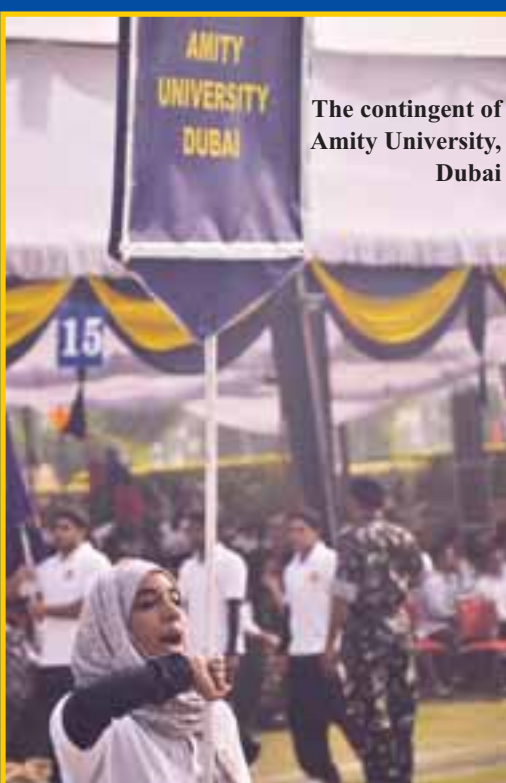
Amity Dog Squad marches past



Bonding with Amity family



Atulasha revels in the spirit as it marches forward



The contingent of Amity University, Dubai



Students present an ode to Indian culture



Dr Balvinder Shukla, Acting Vice Chancellor, AUUP addresses the august gathering



Igniting the spirit of unity