

Status of the week

And you'll turn around and look back at this. All of it. Whatever you're leaving behind. Whether it's good or bad. It will affect your life in some way years later and that's when you'll sit back and realize how much you loved every bit of it.

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Gullible or Reasonable

Debargha Roy, AIS Pushp Vihar, IX A

A research centre in US recently released studies suggesting chances of life on a planet named KOI-351. Actually, I am kidding. There have been no such studies and KOI-351 is not even a planet, it's the name of a star. Before you try to understand the rationale of this joke (and that too in the beginning of a top story), throw your mind back a few seconds. On reading the first sentence, you regarded it as truth, with no room for doubt, didn't you? The thought that it might be untrue did not take the foggiest form in the remotest part of your mind. The simple words 'research' and 'studies' are accepted as sacred truth. This goes on to show the effects that science has begun to have on the very psychology of human beings.

What is the reason for this blind faith in science, something that made us turn away from blind faith, in the first place? According to modern perception, the blind but sacrosanct path to sanctity is science. The obvious argument that crosses our mind is: why not? After all, everything is based on results; and results favour even the most seemingly ludicrous propositions by science. From impossible robots to startling revelations by modern physicists, the great leaps mankind has taken through technology has turned science into a religion for us. Every word spoken is true and has even resulted in drastic



modifications of nature. The end result is that we believe in science with our mind, body and soul.

Science has proved what may strike a normal person as revolutionary. **Austria, 1999:** An experiment called double-slit experiment proved that a particle can be at 2 places at the same time. This, unlike my first claim, is a proven fact. Physicists have proved this through experiments, something that is believed to exist only in sci-fi. Though, research is still going on, it's known and accepted as a norm in quantum physics. I don't want to bore anybody with long connotations

made out of physics, I just want to emphasise on the fact that science has already proved the 'unbelievable'.

In the last century, science has crossed many borders of common sense. There are a series of experimental theorems that can blow apart a person who thinks he/she is scientific and has common sense. We say it's impossible; but a particle can have more than one definite history and sometimes particles may skip places in space-time. Things we don't believe because they sound supernatural are paving way into the world of science today.

We imbibe the entire world as science sees it, even though science itself is in a muddle as to what it really sees. As kids we were taught that Pluto is a planet, because science said so. We grew up with our nine orbits in place only to realise that Pluto was no longer a planet, because science said so. Talks of Pluto regaining its planet-ship are doing the rounds; again, courtesy- science. The point is, science has become an institution of hypocrisy. It violently demands for religion to move on and accept that it had been wrong once, which is ironical because it cannot accept that modern physics had long forsaken traditional science in exchange for answers to questions that were once only spiritual: where do we come from? How did we happen? What is the purpose of creation?

Truth is, neither religion nor science has anything wrong. Like the book, 'Angels and Demons' said, "religion is flawed because man is flawed". Same applies to science. But the biggest part of all of this is that it works. Airplanes fly, weather predictions are more accurate, we have a GPS system that can cover time zones. Maybe the flaws in both science and religion help keep together a system so vast and so antique that its breaking down would result in a big apocalypse.

But don't go around gulping everything. Everything said and done, we're humans, the most vain of them all. We pride ourselves on being the right one. As long as we're happy, nobody actually cares about the validity anymore. But don't buy everything served to you, whether at the hands of religion or science. The information I gave is verified, I researched it. But who is wrong and who is right is always debatable. Food for thought.🇧🇩

(The views and opinion expressed are entirely the writer's own.)

Science titan

Professor Xiangyi Li's efforts to develop scientific temper among the masses won him the coveted Kalinga Prize in the year 2013. The recipient of this prestigious award and founder of Chinese Science Museum opens up to **Dhvanii Chawla & Debaditya Chakraborty**, AIS MV, X B in an exclusive interview

As a student, how did you fare in science?

As a student, I was always interested in physics and astronomy. At the Beijing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics, I majored in astronautics. I was always fascinated by the labs where jet engines were designed.

What according to you has been the greatest discovery of science?

I firmly believe that 'Theory of Relativity' given by Einstein changed the concept of time and space in science and opened up new vistas for development in science and technology.

What do you think is the best way to popularise science?

We should all make concerted efforts to help students explore the world of science and its benefits. As a student, one needs to be inquisitive and keen to know how and why things happen. A simple activity like teaching students robotics can lead to promoting scientific temper amongst children. According to Nobel Prize recipient Roger W Sperry and writer of the famous book 'A Whole New Mind', Daniel H Pink, the brain has two parts- left and right brain. The left focuses on creativity, and the right one on logic. I believe if we acquire six essential traits- creativity, emphasis, sympathy,

modernity combined with art and natural science, it will lead us from the information age to the conceptual age. In the future, we need people with new minds. Conclusively, our final aim is to stimulate imagination, innovation and curiosity in young minds.

Tell us about your endeavour to popularise science.

Thirteen years ago, I worked as a professor in Beijing University of Aeronautics and used to teach jet engine designing. It was in the year 1983 that I took the first step towards popularising science. As a part of this novel endeavour, I used to encourage people to think innovatively. Later, I went on to become the director of the National Science Museum of China and as its head, I did not focus only on import of knowledge, but laid equal emphasis on learning its application too. I believe if educational institutes focus only on imparting formal education, we wouldn't be able to raise people who will have the acumen to think out of the box.

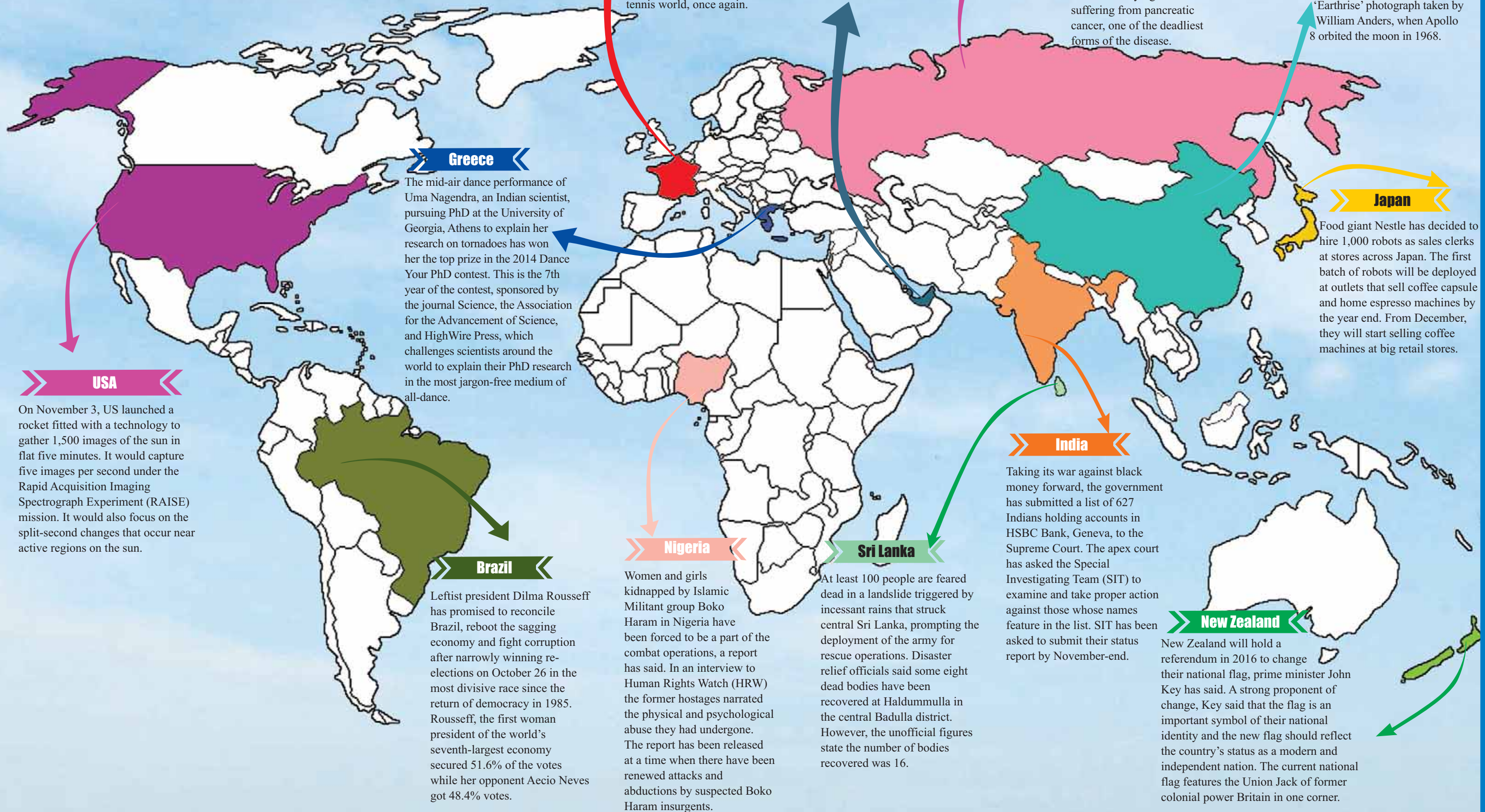
GT reporters with Xiangyi Li

What according to you, is the greatest challenge before science today?

It is hard to identify what is the greatest challenge before science today. According to me, finding a cure for cancer is the greatest concern before science today. To fight this deadly disease, a genuine approach is required and efforts are going on worldwide to find a cure for it. Neuroscience is another field which is still a challenge for the scientists. Though, they have unravelled a major part of the mystery surrounding it, yet a lot lies unexplored. We should manage our resources well.🇧🇩

World at a glance

GT keeps the newswire ticking by bringing to you news from across the world



France

Ace tennis player Novak Djokovic is all set to end the year on the number one spot, after winning his third Paris Masters Crown for his 600th ATP victory. The 27-year-old Serbian thrashed Canadian Milos Raonic 6-2, 6-3 to announce his dominance in the tennis world, once again.

Dubai

Kerala-born businessman and the managing director of the Lulu Group, Yusuffi Ali MA topped the list of powerful Indians in Gulf. Yusuffi has retained his top position in the annual list of powerful Indians in Gulf countries for the fifth time in a row.

Russia

Russian president Vladimir Putin's spokesperson has rubbished the United States media reports that claim the Russian strongman is likely suffering from cancer. Dmitry Peskov has rebuked all those who started the rumour. The New York Post had cited sources as saying Putin was suffering from pancreatic cancer, one of the deadliest forms of the disease.

China

Chinese spacecraft Chang'e 5-T1 has captured a relatively fragile look from the far side of the moon. Chang'e 5-T1 is taking a tour of the moon to test heat-shielded technology for an advanced mission that is being planned for 2017. The beautiful image captured by the space craft reminds of the iconic 'Earthrise' photograph taken by William Anders, when Apollo 8 orbited the moon in 1968.

Japan

Food giant Nestle has decided to hire 1,000 robots as sales clerks at stores across Japan. The first batch of robots will be deployed at outlets that sell coffee capsule and home espresso machines by the year end. From December, they will start selling coffee machines at big retail stores.

USA

On November 3, US launched a rocket fitted with a technology to gather 1,500 images of the sun in flat five minutes. It would capture five images per second under the Rapid Acquisition Imaging Spectrograph Experiment (RAISE) mission. It would also focus on the split-second changes that occur near active regions on the sun.

Greece

The mid-air dance performance of Uma Nagendra, an Indian scientist, pursuing PhD at the University of Georgia, Athens to explain her research on tornadoes has won her the top prize in the 2014 Dance Your PhD contest. This is the 7th year of the contest, sponsored by the journal Science, the Association for the Advancement of Science, and HighWire Press, which challenges scientists around the world to explain their PhD research in the most jargon-free medium of all-dance.

Brazil

Leftist president Dilma Rousseff has promised to reconcile Brazil, reboot the sagging economy and fight corruption after narrowly winning re-elections on October 26 in the most divisive race since the return of democracy in 1985. Rousseff, the first woman president of the world's seventh-largest economy secured 51.6% of the votes while her opponent Aecio Neves got 48.4% votes.

Nigeria

Women and girls kidnapped by Islamic Militant group Boko Haram in Nigeria have been forced to be a part of the combat operations, a report has said. In an interview to Human Rights Watch (HRW) the former hostages narrated the physical and psychological abuse they had undergone. The report has been released at a time when there have been renewed attacks and abductions by suspected Boko Haram insurgents.

Sri Lanka

At least 100 people are feared dead in a landslide triggered by incessant rains that struck central Sri Lanka, prompting the deployment of the army for rescue operations. Disaster relief officials said some eight dead bodies have been recovered at Haldummulla in the central Badulla district. However, the unofficial figures state the number of bodies recovered was 16.

India

Taking its war against black money forward, the government has submitted a list of 627 Indians holding accounts in HSBC Bank, Geneva, to the Supreme Court. The apex court has asked the Special Investigating Team (SIT) to examine and take proper action against those whose names feature in the list. SIT has been asked to submit their status report by November-end.

New Zealand

New Zealand will hold a referendum in 2016 to change their national flag, prime minister John Key has said. A strong proponent of change, Key said that the flag is an important symbol of their national identity and the new flag should reflect the country's status as a modern and independent nation. The current national flag features the Union Jack of former colonial power Britain in one corner.



Music, your muse

Music is almost like a magic potion that can turn your scores around for the better

Pawandeep Singh Kohli

Amity School of Communication

Some call music a distraction, while others believe it lowers concentration levels and IQ. If you agree with such theories, this article could change your opinion forever.

Music & the brain

It is fascinating to see music lovers understanding the tonal patterns and instruments involved in a song or music. Music gets processed in many different areas of our brain, making us sensitive to a certain tone or a tune. Music impacts our creativity as it is believed that pleasant music can improve our creativity, stimulating our abstract processing. According to researchers, the placid harmonies, tunes and melodies stimulate the brain and relax our muscles, allowing us to be efficient and stimulating the brain in such a way that it helps our educational and emotional development.

What the studies say

According to a study done on students, listening to classical music stimulates a temporary improvement on performance in certain kind of tasks which involve 'spatial-temporal reasoning'. The study



proved that students who listened to classical music did better at tasks and were more creative. This is known as the 'Mozart effect'. Mozart effect is believed to boost the IQ of babies and make adults smarter and creative. The

Mozart effect has led to worldwide debates on the power of sound therapy and its benefits.

Music & driving

Contrary to the common belief that

Mozart effect is believed to boost the IQ of babies and also makes adults smarter and creative.

music distracts us while driving, a study on teenagers and adults focused on how music affects one's driving. Surprisingly, it turned out that unfamiliar, uninteresting music is the best for safe driving. So, next time there is an accident, do not blame it on music!

Infants and music

Music is a part of our biological heritage, as infants have unexplainable music abilities since they reciprocate to music. Each one of us has encountered the involuntary replaying of the song tunes or parts of a song, mentally. These are known as earworms as they burrow into us, entrenching themselves as we sing the song or the part meaninglessly, hundred times a day. For better or for worse, music has a wonderful power of penetrating the natural rhythms of our body which are the heartbeat, pulse and breath. So go ahead, and play on that tune!🎵

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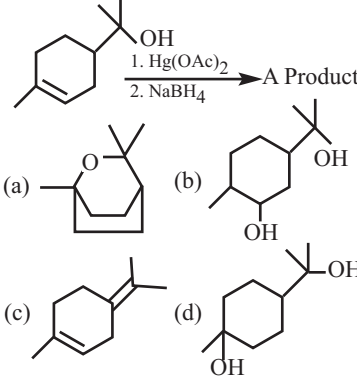
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Indo-Nepal cultural meet

Sumitra Singh

Amity Instt of Corp Comm, Faculty

In an ode to Nepal, Amity Foreign Students Facilitation Centre (AFSFC) celebrated the festival of Dussain, the Nepalese counterpart of the Indian festival of Dussehra. Around 150 foreign students studying at Amity University partook in the celebrations. A dance performance was delivered by the Nepalese girl students, while students from various departments reflected on Indian culture. Students of Amity Insti-

tute of Social Sciences and Amity Institute of English Studies & Research (AIESR) presented a classical dance, and a bhangra dance performance respectively. Dr Sanjeev Bansal, director, Amity Business School, acquainted the foreign students with Indian culture. Capt HA Arfi, advisor, AIESR & AICC, and incharge, AFSFC, AUUP, instilled a feeling of belongingness among the foreign students. This was followed by a meeting of faculty coordinators of foreign students, fellow students and foreign nationals.🇮🇳🇳🇵

AICC workshop

Sumitra Singh

Amity Instt of Corp Comm, Faculty

Amity Institute of Corporate Communication (AICC) and the literary society of Amity Institute of English Studies and Research (AIESR) held a workshop on communication skills on October 15. The workshop was conducted by Vipul Soota, an industry expert on communication skills. Capt HA Arfi, advisor AICC & AIESR,

attended the workshop along with other faculty members of AICC & AIESR. The audience comprised about 150 students from AIESR. The workshop began with Prof Kanwal Bawa Bhalla, HoI, AICC & AIESR welcoming Vipul Soota, who conducted communication drills on verbal, vocal and visual components of communication. The workshop also saw the faculty of the two departments engage in drills and simulations sessions.🇮🇳

Career advice, the 'beta' way

Do not have a meltdown when you get endless advice on studies. Instead, deal with the situation smartly.

Aastha Singh, AIS Noida, XII

It is in the 'beta' world that you will find aunties giving you career advice accompanied with skin advice. It is here that while you are enjoying a choco bar in your verandah in the evening, your neighbour will pass by you and instead of the most obvious, "Enjoy your ice cream", will try to satiate his curiosity by subtly asking "Beta, padhai kaisi chal rahi hai." It is here that a Mercedes will stop by, the window will roll down and an aunty will call out, "Beta, acchi

maths tuition pata hai?"

If you are looking for reality checks and have had enough of the 'beta' version of advice on what to do, to last you a lifetime, here is what you definitely can do to escape the tricky situation:

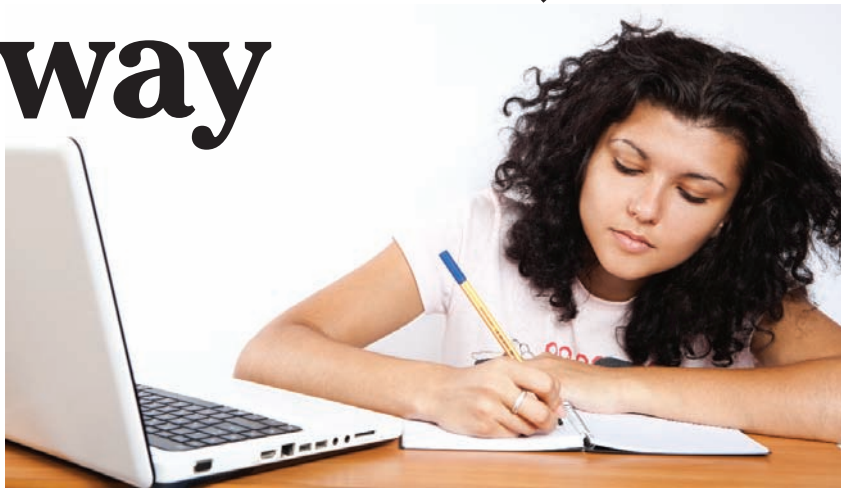
✓Before you sit down to study, you must not turn off your cellphone. While they're busy giving you beta advice, you can turn on Google and go internet surfing while simultaneously nodding your head.

✓Do not listen to your neighbour's rant about how his sister's friend's husband's

niece became a successful engineer because she was always into studies. Use ear plugs instead.

✓"IAS exams are the national pass time" said career counselor Parveen Malhotra in the Mission Admission campaign. Therefore, kindly do not fall in the IAS pastime category, just for the sake of it.

✓And lastly, next time you hear the word beta, do not submit to the advice. They might push you into not believing in your dreams but don't fall for it. You and yourself alone know yourself best!🇮🇳🇳🇵



Radio Amity completes one year

Abhishek Saha, Amity Instt of Nuclear Science & technology

Radio Amity- 107.8 fm turned one when it celebrated its birthday on the occasion of the closing ceremony of Sangathan held on October 29, 2014.

Radio Amity was inceptioned on the auspicious occasion of Sangathan on October 24, 2013, and has grown from strength to strength since. The first promo of Radio Amity was



recorded on October 22, 2013. Today, 107.8 comprises of 22 regular shows aired throughout the week on diverse topics ranging from agriculture to film reviews to many others. Radio Amity is open to students from all departments to air their shows.

Radio Amity played an instrumental role in covering the recently concluded Sangathan through its programmes Sportsline and Buzz@Amity. The radio shows covered victories, emotions and captured the feelings of all Amitians who participated in Sangathan 2014. During its remarkable journey so far, Radio Amity has gone through its fair share of changes, from going live to switching from Hindi to Hinglish and trendy songs replacing the old classical numbers that were originally played on it. Three cheers for Radio Amity!

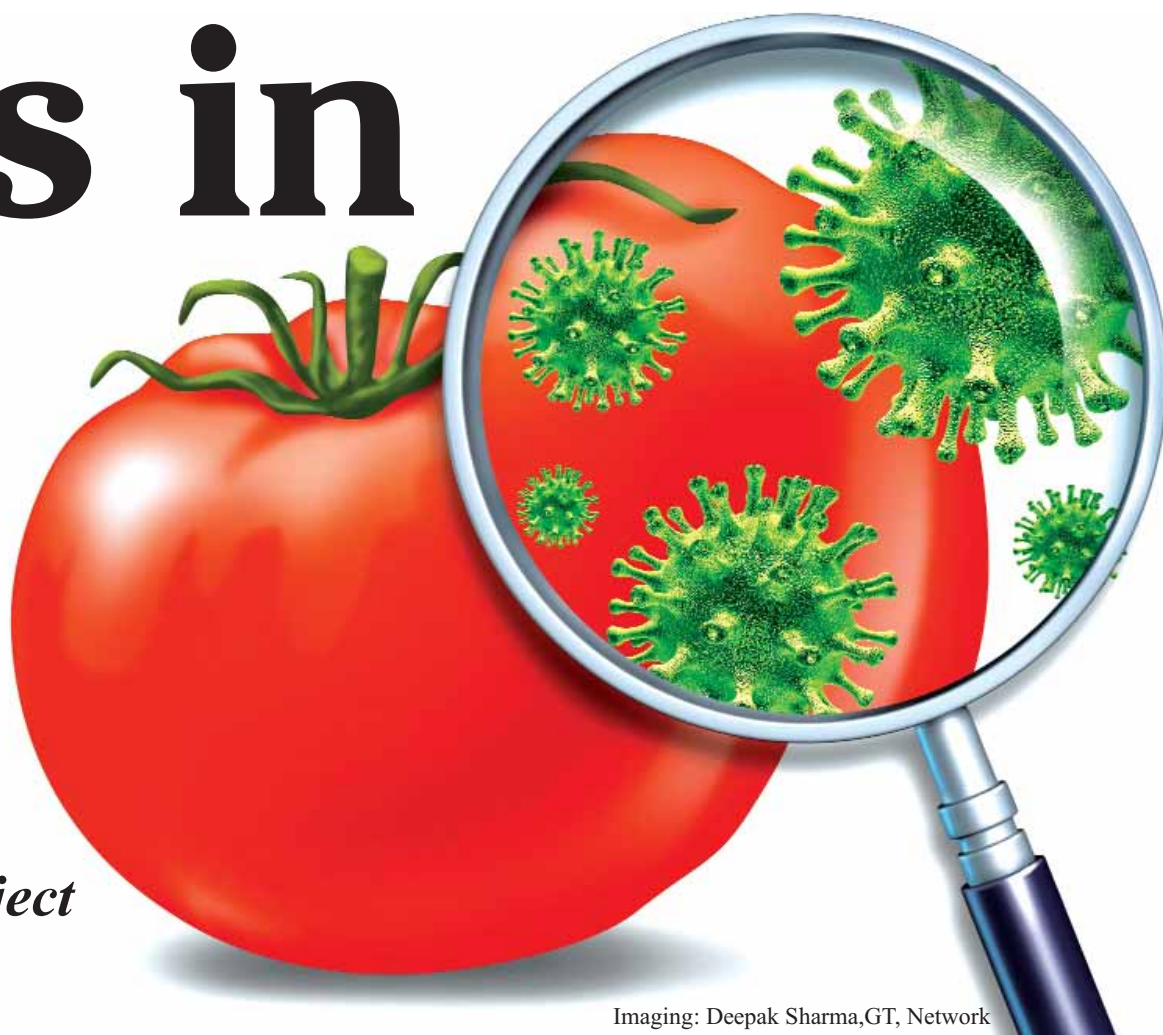
It is a day when children get to spend more time with their parents and are pampered with loads of love and gifts.

Divya Upadhyay, AIS Mayur Vihar, IV C

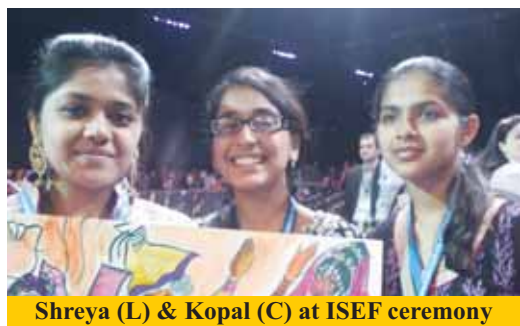


Partners in science

*The scientific genius of **Kopal Gupta** and **Shreya Nandy**, AIS Mayur Vihar, Class XII, won the team of two a Gold at IRIS and a Grand Award at ISEF. Here is more about the outstanding project and its achievements...*



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Shreya (L) & Kopal (C) at ISEF ceremony

Project masters

After their visit to a local *sabzi mandi* and interacting with vegetable vendors in the form a survey, the duo found out that cypermethrin is a commonly used pesticide on vegetables. From then on, the two decided to develop a kit to test the presence of a pesticide on veggies. Not only can the test kit detect the presence of a pesticide in vegetables, it can also remove them. The test kit includes the following:

Test strips

Pre test, the test strips are white in colour. If the test result is positive, the strip shows orangish-red spots.

Distilled water

The kit includes 20ml of distilled water. Before testing, the strip is wet with just a drop of water. The strip is then rubbed on the vegetable.

Dropper

A dropper is used to drop water on the test strip.

Colour gradient

If the test results are positive, the intensity of the colour of the spots on the strip are compared on the colour gradient. This gives one the idea of the concentration of the pesticide on a vegetable.

Activated carbon tablet

The carbon tablet is used to remove the pesticide through the process of adsorption. The tablet attracts impurities and thus removes them.

Selling price of the kit

One of the USPs of the kit is that when commercialised, its selling price will stand at less than Rs 50. Worth the money, isn't it?

Patenting the project

"We have already applied for the patenting of our project and have consulted a few lawyers about it. The process is still in progress as getting a project patented is time consuming," shares Kopal.

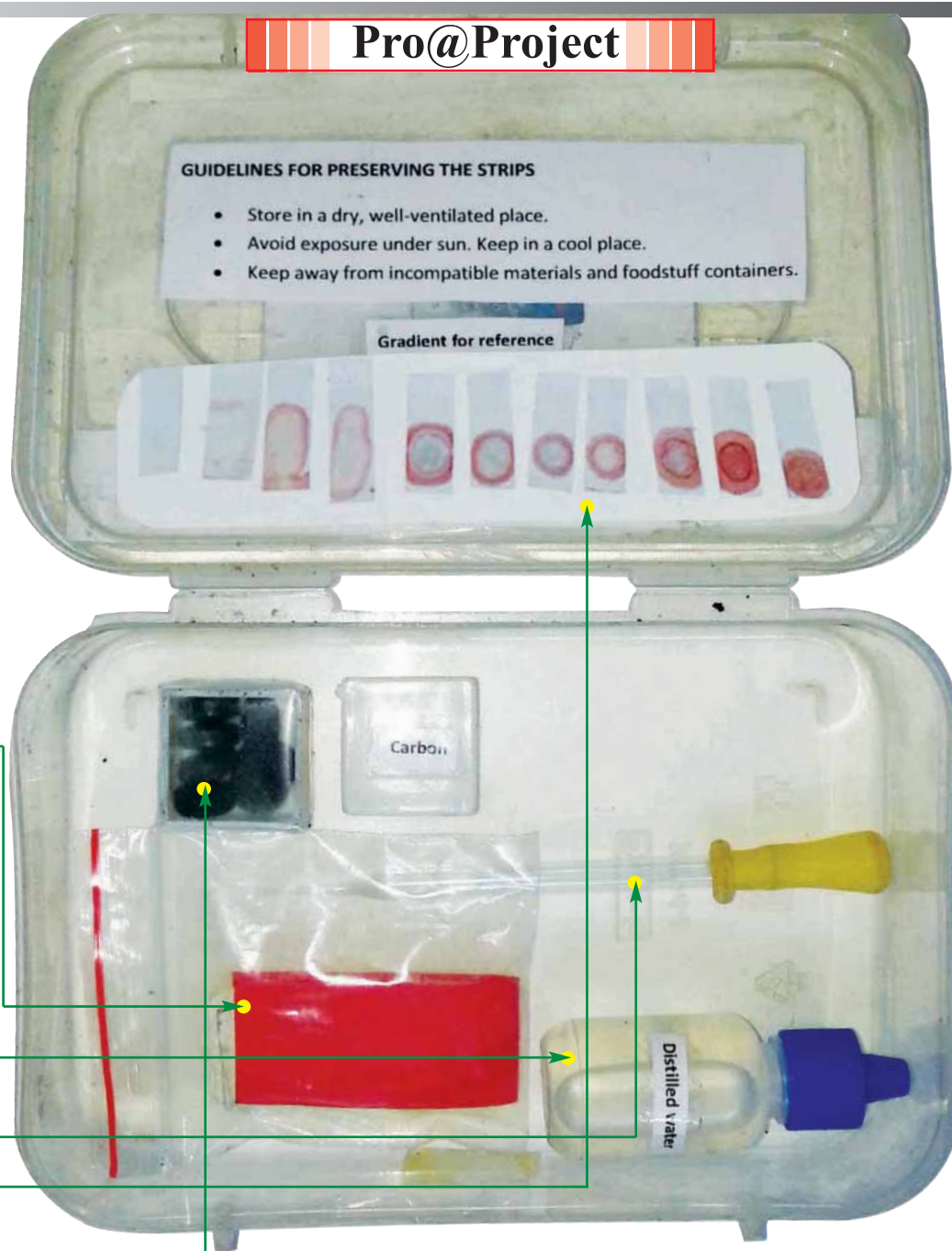
The project shines through

The first level of the project required the participants to submit their projects online by August 31, 2013. Following the submission, the Scientific Review Committee (SRC) screened the projects for selection. In the process of screening, 130 out of 2000 projects were finally selected. Among these 130 projects, the project made by Kopal Gupta and Shreya Nandy was also shortlisted for the next level — the national science fair held at Bangalore- IRIS, which stands for Initiative for Research & Innovation in Science.



The young scientists at the Intel Museum

Pro@Project



At IRIS

The national fair held in Bangalore in 2013 was a week-long affair, which exhibited the various innovative projects selected by the judges. At IRIS, the seven days were extremely challenging for all the exhibitors where their projects were scrutinised by the judges. Finally, IRIS concluded with 15 projects being selected for the international level out of the 130 projects that were on display at the national fair. "Ours was one of them. Honestly, we had never expected that our project would get selected for ISEF, let alone winning a Gold, as we had received heavy criticism on many grounds by the SRC judges. In fact, a look of disinterest hung upon our faces when the results were being announced as we had already given up!" chuckles the pair.

At ISEF

The Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, short for ISEF was a gala affair too held in the



At the Special Awards ceremony

city of Los Angeles. The budding scientists arrived in Los Angeles on the evening of May 10, 2014.

"ISEF was so, so much fun!" Kopal and Shreya share excitedly, "There were so many fun activities. There was a Shoutout Day, wherein we had to shout out the name of the country we were representing as posters depicting the cultures of our respective countries were held out by us."

"Another very interesting activity was one called pin exchange. We exchanged badges that shared information about our countries with each other," she adds. "On the third day, three coaching camps were organised. These camps helped us identify the strengths and weaknesses of our projects," shares Kopal.

Alongside the fun activities, the judging days and the public viewing days carried on. "The standards stipulated by ISEF for projects are quite stringent. They are extremely strict about the safety too. Thankfully, we met all the standards. What added to the happiness was that we received several compliments from the judges on our project. This time, we had expectations!" And their expectations were met as the project made by the talented duo won not one, but two awards.

On the Grand Awards ceremony held on the concluding day, the team of two bagged the fourth Grand Award. Next, the Special Award awaited them. Is the Special Award bestowed upon everyone, we ask the two, and pat comes the proud reply, "No!" There is reason why it is called special!



Team displays their Grand Award badge



The day would hold its significance only if each and every child in the world would enjoy equal rights.

Trisha, AIS Mayur Vihar, IX F

My hope



Dr Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

I look forward to this day every year. The day of Children's Day celebrated annually on November 14. The welfare of my Amitians is always on my mind and my foremost priority, but it is on the occasion of every Children's Day, that I proudly walk down the Amity lanes to see the faces of my children gleaming with joy and hear the laughter of little Amies, which sounds like music, that makes me smile even through a hard day. The hope that shines bright in the eyes of my girl children at Amitasha; an extraordinary vigour that is evident in the stride of the Atulasha boys; the ambition of my children who study at Amity Schools and the enthusiasm of those who study at Amity Universities... it is all this that keeps my hope for a better tomorrow alive. Everytime that you, my Amitians, bring laurels back home, you make me proud, proud of all of you working diligently towards building a better nation, a better world, which is the primary goal of Amity Institutions. On this Children's Day, I wish to tell you that you are the children of the nation; the children of a country that has its eyes firmly set on you, that has its hopes pinned on you for a better tomorrow. At the same time, I invest all my faith in you, my children, as I am convinced that Amity is rightly igniting your minds, your souls and potential to make the country, in fact, the world, a happier, more peaceful place to live in. I am more than sure that you will tread the path of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam with Amity each day, with enthusiasm. Here's wishing all of you a very happy Children's Day. 🇮🇳

Learn like a child



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

I learn every day. Thanks to children. Beaming with ideas, shooting questions, answering the same, we have a good brain storming edit meets in schools that translate into an out-of-the-box GT issue. What amazes me is their fearless freshness, endless enthusiasm and never ending idea bank inked on GT pages, one issue after another. And I learnt that sometimes, it is very important for all the adults to plug out of the 'adult' mode and think like a child to be able to view the world from a fresh perspective. Someone once said, "Children are really the research and development division of the human species, and adults are production and marketing." And indeed, I experience it in every edit meet. A usual meeting begins with topics that seem way serious for a young mind to comprehend. I intervene to say, "Think like yourself. What is it that you would like to write about and read about." And then a volley of subjects bounce from those impressionable minds, unlike an adult whose ideas seem more fixed, unable to view beyond a certain point. The fact that a child's mind can be the seeding ground for big ideas has even been acknowledged by several industry leaders. Perhaps this explains why many companies have moved on to have a dynamic workplace for employees. Some organise friendly matches, some take them out for picnics, and some also have special video game sections or even a place to take a nap break. It may sound childish, but they do enhance the employee output. Therefore, to be a child once in a while is good for all. And the best way is to spend the time with a child. Wish you a Happy Children's day. 🇮🇳

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In a world of the grown ups...

The Children's Day, hear out the voice of the little victims over the world, who suffer silently at the hands of the 'grown ups', who are commonly called 'adults'

Namrata Gulati, GT Network

Yes, we couldn't ever, but this Children's Day, at least the one day in the 365 days that truly belongs to them, let us try and step into children's shoes and imagine the pain and anguish shrouding their lives.

Parental conflict

It happened again tonight. It happens everyday, all day, all night. The two people I love the most in the world fight over the silliest of things. Sometimes, I want to run away. But there is no other place in the world I can call home. Sometimes, I shut my ears to drown out the voices, but they are too loud to be wiped out. And so, I find myself a corner where there is no light and weep quietly. I hope one day they stop fighting and we can be a happy family once again.

Child abuse

Everytime my teacher says "Finger on your lips", I am reminded of the way he says "Shhhhhhh, don't tell anyone". I can't tell anyone, if I did, he would do it all the more. But what if I told my



mother? I can't tell her, she says that girls should not talk. What if I told my father? Will he believe me? What if I told my teacher? I should not, she will punish me. And then, if she tells the class, they will never talk to me. I

Bullying

It was a new class. I was excited. And ma'am asked us our names. When it was my turn, she asked me, "What's your name, dear?" I said "Fatso." The whole class roared in laughter. I hung

my head in shame. I was embarrassed and could not face the class or my teacher. Over the years, that's what everyone has been calling me - "fatso". Everyone; that boy in the park, my senior in the bus, that backbencher. I don't remember the name given to me by my parents. But Fatso suits me, I deserve it.

Child labour

I want to study with Gaurav. I want to play with Ramesh. I want to go to that school which is next to the market from where I fetch the grocery everyday. Ah! I too want to wear those blue pants, blue shirt with a tie. I too want to look good. No, I must crush these desires and not share them with anyone or they will beat me again and ask me to stay up all night and do the extra cleaning.

Child indoctrination

"Palestine is your country, and you must hate the Jews," we are taught. They call it our 'duty'. When we ask them why, they shut us up and say, "Do as you are told. Hate them." I do not like it at all. I wonder why do we need to hate people. I want to learn to draw, and not learn to hate. 🇮🇳

Building a better India

Najeeb Jung, Lt Governor, Delhi, tells Varalika Sharma, AIS Vas 1, IV D, why reading is vital in an interview

Why is reading important?

Reading is important because it is enjoyable and is the most constructive way to use one's time. Reading books helps to increase concentration and vocabulary. We learn, churn our brains, improve our language and above all, are in good company.

How should we inculcate a reading habit in children?

The habit of reading should be developed in children right from their early formative years. Parents play a vital role in inculcating this habit in their children. When children read along with their parents, they derive not just information, but also happiness. With time, children learn to enjoy reading on their own. However, parents and teachers, in due

course, should guide children about which books should be read.

These days many children spend time watching TV and playing on mobiles and other electronic gadgets instead of reading. What is your opinion on this?

Watching TV and playing with gadgets cannot be avoided these days. But parents should fix timings for each activity and ensure that children spend some time reading regularly. Teachers also play a crucial role here. Students should be motivated to read on their own and the school can guide them on the choice of story books. While teachers can motivate children to use school library, parents can help them buy books of their choice from bookstores. 🇮🇳



Lt Governor, Delhi, Najeeb Jung, was born on January 18, 1951 in the capital city and attended St. Columba's School and completed MA in History from St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi. Later, he completed M.Sc. in Social Policy and Planning in Developing Countries from the London School of Economics, UK. He joined the IAS in 1973, Madhya Pradesh cadre and has served in various capacities in the government. Jung took over as the 20th Lt Governor of Delhi on July 9, 2013.

Little pearls of wisdom

Laugh out loud

Aarush Aggarwal
AIS Vasundhara 6, VI

Ever wondered why we need laughter clubs around us? Why do old and young people come together in parks under the open sky and laugh in groups? It is truly said that laughter is the best medicine. We all love to laugh. It is one of the cheapest and natural pain killers. Laughing reduces stress, chronic pain and also lowers the risk of various diseases. It is a universal language and exudes joy and

happiness. It brings a positive attitude in our personality and improves our creativity. Researchers say that when we laugh we take three times more the oxygen than normal. Isn't that wonderful? When in stress, just a smile can do wonders. When you look at someone with a smile on your lips, it is certain that you will be greeted with a smile in return. Laughter is contagious. It spreads happiness and increases the longevity of life. So let's laugh and spread happiness all around.



Model: Vari Sehgal, AIS Vas 6, II



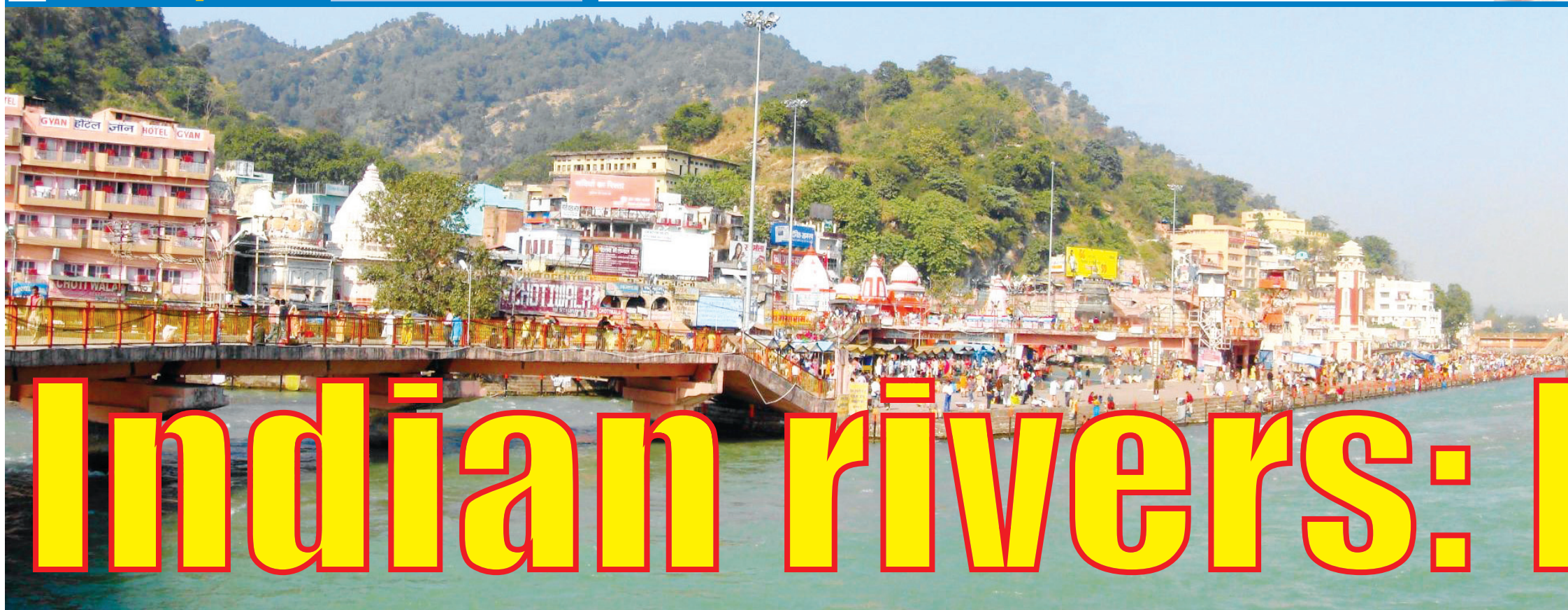
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Dear Editor,
The Alumni Speak- page 4 poster on the #EkbaarPunah campaign dated October 27, 2014 fills us up with delight. When Sakaar and I started the



campaign, we didn't anticipate the monumental impact it could create. The stories are a testament of the bond the students and teachers share. We thank the GT Team for treasuring some stories which might have been lost in the plethora of internet posts. 🇮🇳

Sarthak Batra, AIS MV, alumnus & co-founder, Ek Baar Punaah



Indian rivers: I

Nothing describes best the condition of Indian rivers than the song by late singer Bhupen Hazarika 'Ganga tum behati ho kyun?' Sad, but true, most of the rivers in India have been reduced to drains. Isn't access to clean water a basic human right? But does the responsibility of cleaning rivers rest with the government alone or can people-public partnership in the project yield better results? The question and many such questions were vigorously debated by teachers from all branches of Amity International School during the final round of Amity Yuva Vichar Manch (AYVM). AYVM is a forum provided by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools to rake up scientific as well as other issues confronting mankind. The comprehensive programme that entails several stages is aimed at cultivating scientific temper. The event every year witnesses large scale participation from both students and teachers alike. Read on to know the suggestions mooted by the teachers to revive India's dying lifelines...

Rivers: The elixir of life

Sanyukta Priya, AIS Noida, Teacher

Rivers have been used as a source of water for obtaining food, for transportation, as a source of hydropower to drive machinery and as a means of disposing waste. Some other uses of rivers include:

- The coarse sediments, gravel and sand generated and moved by rivers are extensively used in construction.
- In parts of the world this can generate extensive new lake habitats as gravel pits re-fill with water.
- River water is also used by humans for domestic, agriculture as well as industrial purposes.
- Most river banks like Prayag in Allahabad and Haridwar in Uttarakhand are thriving centres of tourism.

Major threats to rivers

Bharati Bhardwaj, AIS Saket, Teacher

Some of the primary reasons that are responsible for the deteriorating condition of Indian rivers are as follows:

- All three major sources of pollution (industry, agriculture and domestic) are concentrated along the rivers.
- Agricultural activities tend to be concentrated near the rivers because river flood plains are exceptionally fertile, but excessive use of fertilizers makes the soil highly acidic or alkaline.
- Industries and cities have historically been located along the rivers because the rivers have emerged as a convenient place to discharge waste.
- Religious offerings wrapped in non-degradable plastics add to the large amount of pollutants already present in the river.
- The cremated dead bodies that are allowed to flow in the river is a major cause of river pollution.
- Unrestricted and excessive sand mining has grave consequences, it is a threat to the life of fishes.
- Mass bathing on auspicious days affects the water quality as a notable change is noted in the coliform microbial density.

Implications of human activities on river

Sonal Deshpande, AIS Vas 6; Sanyukta Priya, AIS Noida & Bharati Bhardwaj, AIS Saket, Teacher

A polluted river has many harmful effects on the health of humans and animals alike. Some harmful effects are as follows:

- A number of waterborne diseases are caused by pathogens present in polluted water. This affects humans and animals alike.
- Pollution affects the chemical composition of water. Pollutants and chemicals can alter acidity, conductivity and temperature of water.
- Polluted municipal water supplies pose a threat to the health of people.
- Many plant species supported by rivers are getting extinct.
- One of the major victims of water pollution has been the dolphin of the Ganges, which have become an endangered species, with a population of just 2000 left.
- Cholera, skin lesion, diarrhea, heart diseases and diseases affecting the nervous system are linked to water pollution.
- Water pollution leads to depletion of nutrients in the soil. This damages crops.
- Industrial waste dumped in the rivers makes the water unsuitable for drinking purposes.
- Pollution also reduces or completely damages the 'self-cleansing' capacity of rivers.
- It causes a decline in tourism activities.
- Discharge from the power stations reduces oxygen in the water body.
- Alteration in the chromosomal make up of the future generation is observed as a result of water pollution.

The sad story of Ganga & Yamuna

Sanyukta Priya, AIS Noida & Bharati Bhardwaj, AIS Saket, Teacher

Realising the need and urgency of cleaning rivers, the Indian government has been working on improving the quality and quantity of its river water since the early 1980's. In the past few years, the government has taken up many related issues and is spending considerable time and money on resolving them. But the programmes have hardly been successful. Crores of rupees have been pumped in to clean the holy Ganges and Yamuna but the two continue to be in a pitiable state. Let's find out why these cleansing plans have been a failure.

Ganga Action Plan: The Ganga Action Plan or GAP was a programme launched by former Indian prime minister Rajiv Gandhi in April 1985 to reduce the pollution load on the river. The programme was launched with much fanfare, but it failed to decrease the pollution level in the river, incurring a whopping 901.71 crore over a period of 15 years. The action plan GAP Phase-I initiated in 1985 were declared close on March 2000. The

No longer holy



salvage Ganga of its misery and also develop the river front.

A dying Yamuna, waits for its resurrection

Around 60 million people depend on Yamuna waters for sustenance. An alarming report on Indian government's website claims that there is not a drop of natural river water left after Yamuna flows through Delhi. Among the various reasons cited, one of the major reasons behind the river's deplorable condition is the construction of Hathnikund dam, built by the Haryana government. Other factors adding to its pitiable state are as follows:

- Available water treatment facilities are not capable of removing the high concentration of pesticide residue.
- Even Water Works laboratories cannot detect the presence of toxins.
- Worse, Yamuna leaves Delhi as a sewer, with a heavy load of city's biological and chemical wastes.
- Almost 97% of natural fresh water is taken away after a few kilometres of Yamuna's birth.
- Despite the government pumping in huge sums of money for cleaning the river, the plan has failed due to lack of public participation. Former environment minister Jairam Ramesh after taking a boat ride on the Yamuna and after a meeting with former Delhi chief minister Shiela Dixit said that a third Yamuna Action Plan was the need of the hour. Even after the launch of Yamuna Action Plan Phase-III in 2011, no tangible difference was seen in the water quality of the river. Many other plans or movements were launched by the government and several social groups, but none was able to deliver any positive outcome.

Lessons to learn from Sabarmati river

Sanyukta Priya, AIS Noida & Bharati Bhardwaj, AIS Saket

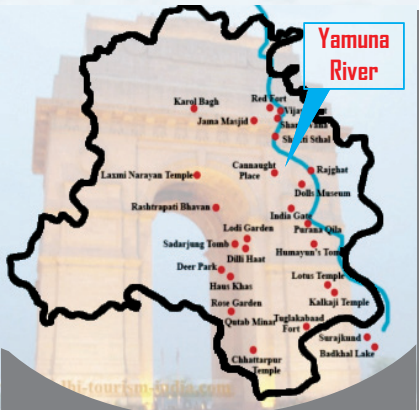
Sabarmati: A success story

The Sabarmati Riverfront Development Project began as an urban renewal project to significantly improve the spatial structure and habitat conditions of the river and its adjoining areas. This project aims to transform Ahmedabad's historic yet neglected river into a vibrant and vital force for the city. Ideas for the development of the Sabarmati river started pouring in as early as 1960s. In 1997, the Sabarmati Riverfront Development Corporation Ltd was formed by the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation and the construction work began in 2004. The development project encompassed the 10.5 km stretch on both the banks of Sabarmati, creating approximately 185 hectares of reclaimed land. The Fatehwadi canal fed by water stored in the Vasna barrage through releases from the Narmada canal made it possible to store water in the river for irrigation purpose — enabling a public waterfront. The project includes water management systems to minimise flooding in traditional flood-prone areas and to clean up the Sabarmati with new sewage treatment infrastructure. These include providing interceptor sewer lines along both banks of river to divert sewage to Ahmedabad's sewage treatment plants; and building retaining walls which will protect the low-lying areas near the riverbanks from flooding. A key element of the project is a new linear two-level promenade. The lower promenade with a minimum width of 10 metres, just about water level to provide uninterrupted pedestrian access to the water. The upper promenade will host a variety of public buildings, cultural and educational institutions, while new infrastructure will connect the riverfront to the city.

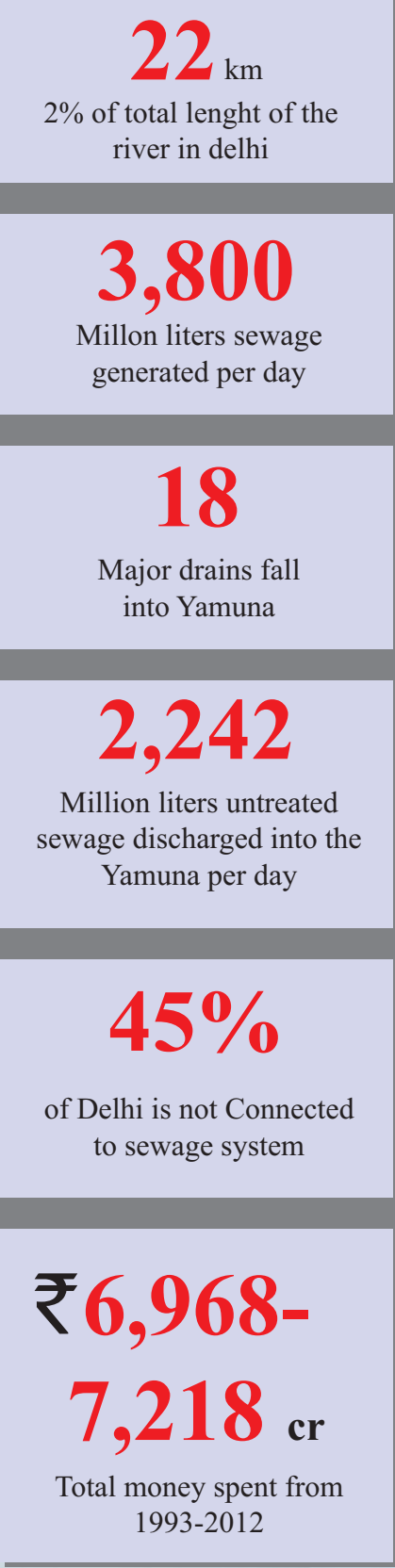
The government cannot alone be held responsible for the cleanliness of the river. It is the duty of the government to make laws and policies for maintaining the purity of our lifelines and for ensuring the proper implementation of these laws.

However, it is not economically viable or socially feasible for the government to divert all its attention and resources to this particular job. Also the government working alone cannot achieve much, unless the public contributes to it. But, we the citizens also have to be aware of our duty of keeping environment and rivers clean so that our future generations can enjoy the quality life they deserve. We should always remember that cleaning the river starts with us. Finally as David Bolling has stated, "When you choose to save a river, it is often an art of passion than careful calculation. You make the choice because the river has touched your life in an intimate and irreversible way".

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Yamuna: LIFELINE OF DELHI?



When life calls



Open Up

Ruchismita Bhattacharya
AIS Vasundhara 6, Alumnus

“Wow! You’ve got a 10 CGPA! You should definitely take up science.” they said. “Fine, I like science,” I replied. “You must start preparing for engineering,” they said. “Umm, but I don’t really want to...,” I replied coily. “Just join a coaching centre and see how it turns out. You can leave it if you don't like it,” they said. And thus started my two year journey to get into one of the most reputed engineering colleges of India- IIT. Well, I was in the habit of putting my 100% into anything I did. So, I studied religiously at the coaching centre and did really well in the first test. That is when I began preparing for the entrance exams seriously. I did well for

half a year. Everybody started having expectations from me. But alas! If there is one thing I cannot handle well, it is pressure. As the course got tough over time, pressure started building up and I failed miserably. I just couldn’t perform well in the tests anymore. Consequently, I failed to get into even the best undergraduate colleges of Delhi, forget the Mecca of engineering-IIT. However, the silver lining was, I got into a fairly decent engineering college. But mentally, I continued to be in a very bad space. I hadn’t been able to achieve my goal; I felt miserable and it was affecting my life. I started watching English sitcoms and movies like crazy! It was a way for me to forget my problems. But something interesting happened in the process. I became really interested in movies. I had always been an avid reader and stories had always fascinated me.

If there is one thing I cannot handle well, it is pressure. As the course got tough over time, pressure started building up and I failed miserably in handling it.

What if I could tell stories to the world my way? I started looking up for workshops on film making on the internet and found a very good one in south Delhi. A documentary film maker and FTII Pune alumnus conducts the workshops. After enrolling, I realised I actually had talent for that. For a person who found it difficult to keep her eyes open beyond 11 pm, I stayed awake one whole night to shoot a short film! The workshop proved to be an awesome experience. I realised that engineering wasn’t really a profession for me but it’s a good thing that I am doing it. I will have a backup degree to fall back on in case things don’t work out. I had set out to become what almost 50% of Indians want to become - an engineer, and along the way I realised that I was more interested in the art of storytelling. This taught me two very important things- first to dream big and never stop believing in them. It pays to go with the flow at times. Second and the most important lesson was- life is an adventure, enjoy it!



Chocolate pudding

Aditya Dheer
AIS Gur 46, VIII E

Ingredients

Marie biscuits 1 pack
Britannia chocolate cake1 pack
Milk.....1 glass
Coffee powder.....1/2 tsp
Chocolate powder1/2 tsp
Sugar10 tsp
Cream1 cup
Choco chips and nuts to garnish

Method

- Mix coffee powder, chocolate powder and sugar in milk.
- Put a layer of chocolate cake in a flat serving bowl.
- On top of it, place a layer of Marie biscuits soaked in the milk mixture.
- Arrange alternate layers of cake and biscuits in the bowl.
- Spread cream on top.
- Garnish with chocolate chips & nuts.
- Chocolate pudding is ready to serve.

POEM


Let it be!

Kanika Mohan, AIS Noida, XII K

When reality becomes so unbearable, that you’d prefer to dwell in dreams, it’s time to take a step back or you’ll burst at the seams. Just take a slow, deep breath, calm yourself down. Count to ten and close your eyes, there’s no need to frown. There are times when you feel the world closing in on you, but don’t be afraid of this feeling that others had too. And when it feels like your moment of bliss has come to an end, remember that this phase would cease soon, my friend. When the night becomes too dark and you can’t get a wink of sleep, know that everyone slips on the mountain called life, it is a bit steep. When the anxiety of the future has taken a toll on you, take it in your stride, because you’ve done all you can do. Even when there seems to be no escape, there will be a way out. With a cool head and the will to do, there’s nothing that can’t be worked out. Believe you can and soon you’ll see, everything becomes alright. At the end of your dark tunnel, you’ll find a ray of light. Because life is a roller coaster ride,



there are ups and downs for both you and those beside. You’ll get a piece of heaven and even of hell, what might be coming your way, you can never tell. So just smile and enjoy the ride, take it easy. It’ll pass, whatever it is, you’ve just got to let it be.



AIS Vasundhara 6

Spin and Spell

Unjumble the given words using the clue provided. Recognise the word and spell it correctly.

1. An angle in the horizontal plane, usually measured with respect to the body coordinates.
HUMITAZ
2. International distress call
AYMYDA
3. Someone who designs and makes very expensive clothes.
IURURCEOT
4. Dummy used to display clothes in a shop window.
NIUQNMAEN

Answers: 1. Azimuth 2. Mayday 3. Couturier 4. Mannequin

Brush 'n' Easel

Merina Davis
AIS Vasundhara 6, VIII A



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The ‘precious’ tale



One day, a question arose in the king's mind. He asked his courtiers, "What is the most precious thing on earth?"

Akriti Yadav, AIS Gurgaon 46, V C

Once upon a time, there was a king who had a huge council of ministers. However, his main advisor was a very intelligent man, Balraj. One day, a question arose in the king's mind. He asked his courtiers, “What is the most precious thing on earth?” The first courtier said, “Gold is the most invaluable thing on earth.” The second courtier said, “Money is more valuable than gold.” The third courtier interrupted, “Excuse me, but I think the most valuable thing on earth are

diamonds.” But the King was not satisfied with any of the answers. So, he asked his advisor Balraj, “Whose answer do you think is correct?” Balraj replied, “None of the answers are correct. There are many things which are very precious. But on a particular occasion, the same precious thing might prove to be worthless. I think water is the most precious thing on earth.” The king was very angry upon hearing this. He shouted, “How foolish! Diamonds are definitely the most precious thing on earth. God has given us plenty of water in the form of rivers,

oceans and ponds and you say that water is the most precious?” Balraj laughed and insisted that water will always be the most precious thing. The king asked him to prove his point. Balraj replied that he would do so when the right time comes. After some days, the king went hunting. He took Balraj with him. By the end of the day, he was very thirsty. He ordered Balraj to get some water. Balraj went away for a while, but instead of water, he brought some diamonds on a tray. The King was furious, “I'm thirsty, how can I drink diamonds? Throw them away!” Balraj smiled and said, “My Lord, I have proved my point. Now you know how precious water is!”

So, what did you learn today?
Water is precious. Let's join our hands to save water.



Vegetable pasta

Kanu Kumar, AIS Vas 1, III

Ingredients

Penne pasta2 cups
Olive oil4 tbsp
Saltas per taste
Carrots (sliced)2
French beans (chopped).....1/2 cup
Tomato sauce2 tbsp

Method

■ In a deep bottom pan, boil water with salt and 1 tbsp oil.

■ Add pasta and cook till tender, but not too soft. Drain the water and set the pasta aside.
■ Heat the remaining oil in a pan.
■ Add vegetables and cook till they are just tender.
■ Add pasta, salt and tomato sauce.
■ Mix all the ingredients properly.
■ Remove pasta from flame and garnish with seasoning of your choice. Serve hot!

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Mythology Quiz

Sanya Sarin, AIS Vasundhara 6, V

Hanuman

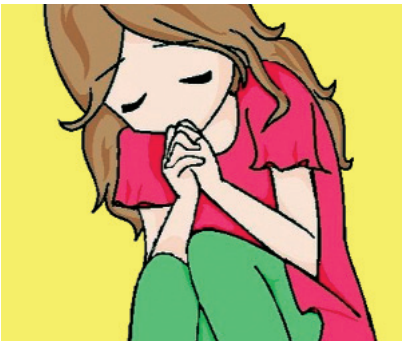
- Who were the mother and father of Hanuman?**
His mother was Anjani and his father was Vayu, the wind God.
- What boon did Hanuman have?**
He had the blessings that no one would be able to kill him. He could die only when he pleased.
- Who informed Hanuman about Sita's whereabouts after she was abducted by Ravana?**
A vulture named Sampati.
- What was Hanuman's favourite chant?**
Jai Shri Ram.
- In which disguise did Hanuman enter the city of Lanka?**
As a tiny monkey.
- Who reminded Hanuman that he was blessed with divine strength?**
Jambhavan.

POEM

Glamour girl

Roshini Srivastava, AIS PV, VII A

She was just a girl,
standing alone in the deserted street,
staring at the distance,
though there was nothing to see.
She was once frolicsome,
she was once congenial.
But when glamour hedged in,
she was nothing but cold,
hard and shimmery plastic.
She looked at things in the way,
she never looked in the days of yore.



She curled her hair in the way,
she never did before.
She painted her face in spectral colours,
that made heads turn,

but made the heart of every girl burn.
She wished to sit on the throne
she retained,
and have the portmanteau
in which she kept,
the precious jewels.
Although treasured, although prized,
they were villainous,
they were accursed,
withholding the retention
of several ruptures,
she concealed and hid them away.
She was the body of a girl
who's soul had given up
who's soul was lulled to sleep
the day she looked at them.

It's Me



My name: Atharva Arya
My school: AIS Vasundhara 1
My Class: Nursery A
My birthday: May 1, 2010
I like: Doremon
I dislike: Shinchan
My hobby: Playing with cars

My role model: Papa
My best friend: Veer
My favourite book: My Math book
My favourite game: Car racing
My favourite mall: Shipra Mall
My favourite vegetable: Lady finger
My favourite teacher: Anupama Ma'am
My favourite subject: English & Math
My favourite poem: Johny Johny, Yes Papa
I want to become: An army officer
I want to feature in GT because: I want to become popular!

Riddle Fiddle

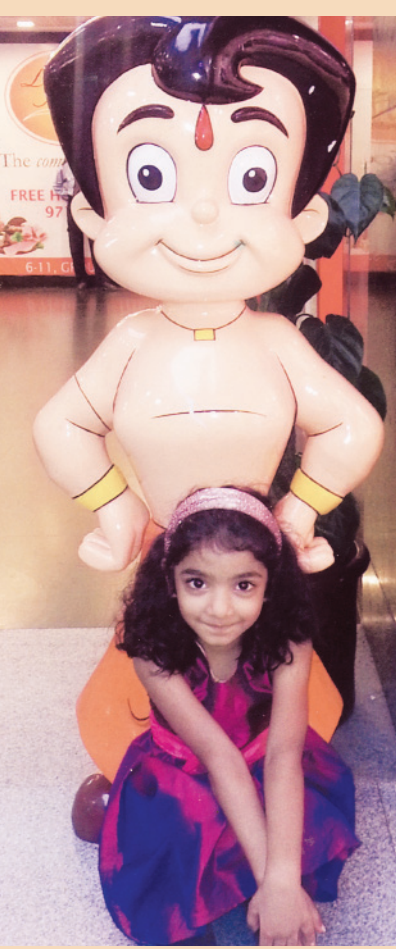
Shreyas Sharma, AIS Vas 6, II

- It's full of holes, but it holds water.**
- What is the easiest way to double your money?**
- What has a thumb and four fingers but is not a living thing?**
- What has a neck but no head?**

Answers

1. Sponge 2. Put it in front of the mirror 3. A glove 4. A bottle

I Dream



I want to become... Chota Bheem.
He is big hearted, strong and intelligent and saves not only his village but also the whole world with his courage and strength.
Siyanshi Gupta, AIS Gur 43, I B

Painting corner

Shubanker Shandilya
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To me, Children's Day means lots of fun and frolic with my friends and expressing my sincere gratitude to Chacha Nehru.
Kriti Garg, AIS Mayur Vihar, VIII



Quiz winners enjoy their moment of success and glory

Quiz champions

AIS Lucknow

Amity International School, Lucknow hosted Derek's Faster Smarter Better Challenge 2014. The exhilarating quiz show was organised by Derek O'Brien and associates. The quiz was held for the junior classes as well as for the senior

ones. Four teams each from both the categories participated in the quiz. To make the game more thrilling, the teams were named after cricket players: Dhoni, Ashwin, Raina and Kohli. The quizmaster also added fun segments by involving the audience in games and distributing gifts to the members of the audience who actively participated in

Winning team

Junior category winners

Harsh Babuta V

Sonal Shekhar VI

Saumya Rai VII

Senior category winners


Shivam Shekhar VIII

Aniket Singh IX

Srishti Mishra X

All-rounder award winners

Aryan Sharma VIII B

the comical segments. The quiz was divided into three rounds-life skills, memory and rapid fire for the junior section and rapid fire, techno round and logical round for the senior one. The competition was tough, but the students showed enthusiasm till the very end. In both junior and senior sections, team Dhoni won. The winners received medals along with gifts from Vodafone and Sunfeast Yippie noodles. The winners also qualified for the city level quiz. 



Students prepare rangoli during Diwali celebrations


Special assembly

Founder's Day and Diwali celebrations bring joy

AIS VYC Lucknow

Amity International School, VYC, Lucknow organised a special assembly on October 20, 2014 to celebrate the birthday of Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe, and the festival of Diwali. The celebration began with the lighting of the lamp by Tanuja Singh, coordinator of the school.

The assembly began with the felicitation of Founder President by the staff and students who wished him success and happiness in all spheres of his life. The great achievements of the Founder President, an eminent educationist and visionary leader whose pursuit for excellence has brought worldwide recognition and appreciation to Amity, were shared with the students. The Diwali celebrations began with a talk by Ruchi Sharma, librarian, AIS VYC, Lucknow, on the significance and traditions associated with the festival. This was followed

by a dance performance by Yashasvi Verma of Class VI A, Ashutosh Verma of Class II A and Shaswat Singh of Class V A on the melodious tunes of the song 'Deepawali gali gali aayi re'. It was followed by a talk by Yashasvi Verma on safety measures to be taken by children in order to have a safe and environment friendly Diwali. The assembly concluded with an *aarti* of Lord Ganesha and Goddess Lakshmi by the staff and students and distribution of *prasad*. The assembly was truly a delightful beginning to the festival of lights. 

Spic Macay

Students were provided an insight into the world of classical dance


AIS Saket

Amity International School, Saket, under the aegis of Spic Macay, hosted an incredible performance by eminent Kathak dancer Prerna Shrimali. Accompanying her were Shri Fateh Ali Khan on sitar, Shri Fateh Singh Gangani on tabla and Shri Imran Khan who played the harmonium and provided vocal support. The ceremony began with the auspicious lamp lighting which was followed by welcome address by school principal Divya Bhatia, wherein she shared the significance of staying rooted to our rich cultural heritage.

Prerna Shrimali began the presentation with *Devi Stuti* and went on to present a mesmerising dance. An interaction with students made the session enjoyable yet informative. The nuances of the dance,



Amitians join Prerna Shrimali as she lights the inaugural lamp

the significance of mythological stories adapted in dance forms were also explained to the students. It was an unforgettable experience for them as they were exposed to the classical dance forms of India. 

Educational trip to Tol

AIS Lucknow

Amity International School, Lucknow organised an educational trip to The Times of India, Lucknow on October 26, 2014. A group of 24 students of Class VIII, along with four teachers went on the trip. Anirudh Sen, production manager, TOI, Lucknow guided the children about the basic procedure of making a newspaper. The students got to know about the basic colours used in newspaper printing (cyan, magenta, yellow and black). Next, they were

taken to the newspaper printing press where they learnt about the printing process and much more. Anirudh Sen answered several questions put forth by the students. The trip was an eye opener for the students as they came to know of the effort and the hard work that goes behind the making of a newspaper, which one can't imagine when they pick up a newspaper to read every morning. The trip proved to be a great learning experience for students. *(Compiled by Anant Sabharwal, Tanmay Tandon and Aditya Saxena, AIS Lucknow, VIII A)*




Chairperson addresses audience during Class presentation

Class presentation

The Class presentation on the Indian heritage states was a sight to behold

AIS Pushp Vihar

With an aim to promote India's rich cultural heritage, the students of Class IV of AIS Pushp Vihar enthusiastically showcased their class presentation on the heritage states of the year- Jammu & Kashmir, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh. Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools graced the occasion. In her address to the audience, she expressed how overwhelmed she was to see the confidence and presentation skills of her budding Amitians. The presentations began with Class IV B showcasing the beauty of Jammu and Ladakh with the description of their famous tourist destinations, cuisines and other points of interest. The clear skies,

the deep blue water and the breathtaking view of the Pangyong Tso Lake in Ladakh kept the audiences captivated. The presentation was carried forward by the students of Class IV D through an act on the heavenly state of Kashmir. The young Amitians vowed to do their best to restore peace and humanity. Class IV C showcased Madhya Pradesh, the heart of incredible India, with the most apt tagline of 'Hindustan ka dil dekho'. It was followed by a presentation on royal Rajasthan by Class IV A, which began with a poetic rendition about the culture, tradition and cuisines of the state. The majestic description of the cuisine, forts and palaces left the audience spellbound. The combined efforts of teachers and students was appreciated by one and all present on the occasion. 

Rashtriya Ekta Divas


AIS Gurgaon 46

Amity International School, Gurgaon 46, celebrated Rashtriya Ekta Divas on October 31, 2014 and brought the noble ideas of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Iron Man of India, alive. The event was also attended by the students of several schools such as Ajanta Public School, Rotary Public School, Government Girls Senior Secondary School and Government Model School. The celebration aimed at preparing students to take on challenges in life by laying strong emphasis on imbibing values and discipline to boost their self confidence and courage.

The event began with a pledge taking ceremony wherein the students promised to strive to maintain the unity and integrity of the country. This was followed by an inspiring march-past by NCC cadets of the host school as well as the visiting schools. The highlight of the event was 'Run for the Nation' which saw nearly 245 contestants run for the nation. Several interesting activities were conducted during the event such as



Amitians perform nukkad natak


poster making, collage making, debates in English and Hindi, sports competitions like kho-kho and chess. The programme came to an end with a jingle on Sardar Patel and a *nukkad natak* based on 'Cyber safety'. The winners of the events were awarded by principal Arti Chopra. The participants made the event a great success and each was awarded with a participation certificate. 



Teachers busy in activities for Odyssey of the Mind

AIS Mayur Vihar

educational programme 'Odyssey of the Mind' for its teachers on October 18, 2014.

The aim of the programme was to train teachers on how to develop creative thinking, analysing and evaluation skills among children so that they can prove useful in real life situations. The workshop was organised under the guidance of Dr Madhu Phull, advisor, Science Communication, Amity Group of Schools and Mohina Dar, director, academics, Amity International Schools and Amity Global Schools. Prabhat Sachdeva, associate director, Odyssey of the Mind India and Piyush Kumar Madhava, project associate, innovation, Amity Children's Science Foundation, addressed the teachers on key issues such as spontaneous problem solving, creative discussions and experience sharing sessions. The teachers were also guided through video and slide presentations. The workshop helped the teachers to provide innovative and effective coaching to students. 

Odyssey of the Mind

In order to inculcate innovative thinking and develop scientific temper in students, Amity International School, Mayur Vihar, organised a workshop on the international



Himmanshoo Malhotra: A star is born

Amity’s rising star

His brush with fame as a tele actor happened with several popular TV shows as Aap ki Antara, bhagonwali etc. **Himmanshoo Malhotra**, alumnus, AIBS, shares his journey to stardom in an interview

Smita Jain, GT Network

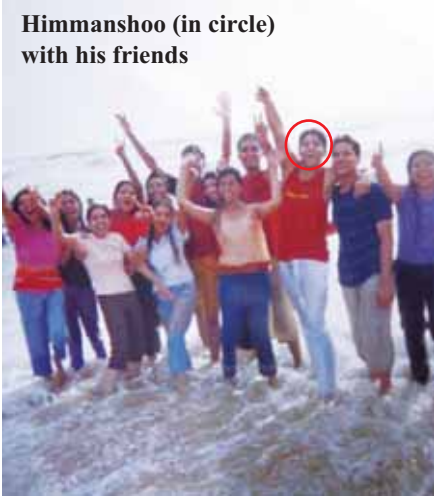
Smitten by acting bug in Class nine, Himmanshoo Malhotra realised that his true calling lay in acting only while pursuing MBA at Amity International Business School (AIBS). The actor cannot thank his teachers and alma mater enough for his rise to fame.

When were you smitten by the acting bug?
I think it all started when I was in Class nine and acted like Nana Patekar. I never wanted to be an actor then as I thought it required a lot of hard work, getting into the soul of the character and mugging up lines. The thought of delivering a powerful performance in front of a packed audience was super scary. But destiny had different plans for me.

How easy or difficult was it for you to bag your first assignment?
It wasn’t a cakewalk as people perceive it to be. Like any other struggling actor I had to wait for hours all together in serpentine queues for giving audition. It was an important lesson for me as I started valuing my work. After giving a few auditions, I finally bagged my first show ‘Hum Tum’.

Describe your journey to stardom.
The success of every show keeps feeding your popularity as an artist. The same happened with me. My performance was highly appreciated in shows like ‘Bindaas Champ’, ‘Aap ki Antara’, ‘Seven’,

Himmanshoo (in circle) with his friends



‘Bhagonwali’, etc. The audience appreciated my role as Guddu Shukla from ‘Bhagonwali’. It has been more than two years that the show has ended, but I keep on receiving gifts from across the globe.

What has been the most challenging role that you have played so far?
Every role has a new challenge associated with it, your success as a performer depends on the approach you take. For me the most challenging role that I have played so far has been that of a UP-based goon Guddu Shukla from Bhagonwali. The character had many layers to it. The role was very intricate and required speaking in a mix of Awadhi and Bhojpuri. Being a Punjabi, I found it difficult to cope up initially, but my hard work paid off and I was awarded by Zee Network for my performance.

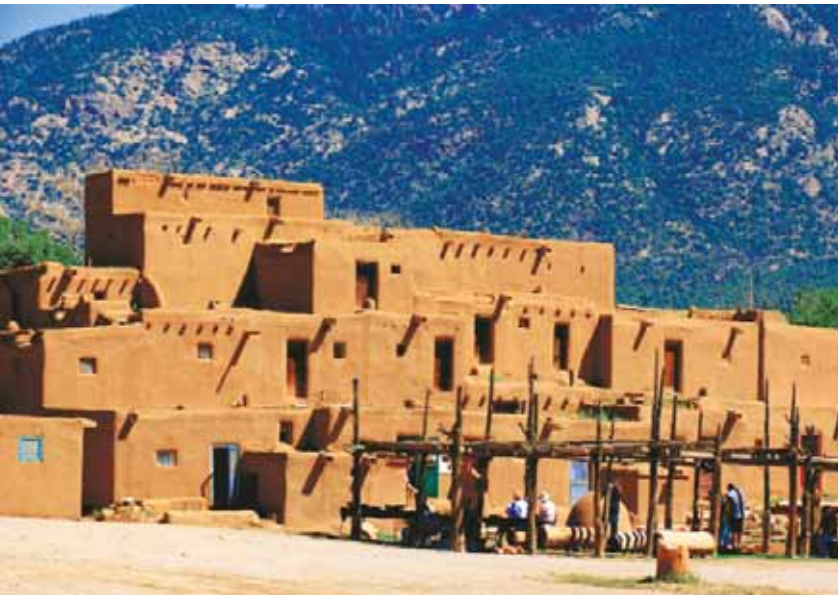
Tell us about your days at Amity.
The very mention of Amity brings back beautiful memories of days which were full of innocence, *masti*, friendship and working hard for presentations. Those were truly wonderful days when mornings were spent working on presentations and afternoons meant catching up with friends over lunch at canteen, while evenings were devoted to guest lectures and acting classes.

How instrumental was Amity in your success?
Amity has played a pivotal role in my journey to stardom. I started taking acting lessons while studying at Amity. After finishing classes, I used to rush to Saket to attend Barry John’s theatre workshop. The presentations that I gave at Amity helped me get rid of stage fright. Performances put up during fresher’s party, farewell and Youth Fest helped me gain confidence. I got selected for Zee Cine Stars and even bagged my first assignment while at Amity.

Any teacher or student who proved to be a guide or mentor in your journey to stardom?
Dr Gurinder Singh, additional vice chancellor, Amity University in every sense was my guide and mentor all throughout my stay at Amity. I admire him for his demeanour, calmness, confidence and communication skills. I cannot thank him enough for letting me chase my dreams at such a crucial juncture of my career. I owe my success to him.

HISTORIC MYSTERIES

Countless mysteries lie submerged in the collective history of mankind. Here are some unsolved ones that will surely baffle you



Nandika Mogha, AIS Noida, VIII B

What would be your reaction, if you were to know that Japanese caves, which date back to thousands of BCs adorn the drawings of complex spacecrafts, similar to the ones we draw today? There are many such verities that have vindications so vague and thrilling that they leave you pondering. Here are some unexplained mysteries:

Disappearance of Fredrick Valentich:
In the year 1906, 20-year old pilot

Fredrick Valentich was flying his plane to King Island, 130 miles south of Melbourne, Australia. During the flight, The Melbourne Flight Service Control recorded some strange radio transmission from Frederick himself, after which he completely disappeared. Through the transmission, Frederick reported that he could see ‘four bright green lights’ that seemed to be following him. When asked to further describe, he said, “It seems to be an aircraft that is flying at a speed, I find impossible to estimate.” The people at the Service Control were baffled for there wasn't

supposed to be any air traffic that day. Suddenly, the transmission was abruptly cut, and when it was reconnected, Frederick's last transmission went : “It is.... it is not an aircraft.” Frederick Valentich was never found again.
50 Feet, 50 dogs, 50 years: The Overtoun Bridge in Milton, near Dumbarton in Scotland is not known for its splendid architecture and picturesque environment. What has made this bridge a topic of discussion is the ghostly stories around it. There have been a number of unexplained instances wherein dogs have committed suicide by leaping off the bridge's parapet and falling 50 feet to their death. In the past half-century, some 50 dogs have leapt to their death from the same bridge.
The Taos Hum: In the small town of Taos, New Mexico, a strange and constant ‘humming’ sound has reportedly been heard which has driven many people insane. The interesting thing to know here is that scientists and researchers have tried everything to figure out where the humming sound comes from, but they have failed to find out the real source. However, the residents of Taos simply say that the loud humming comes from an alien spacecraft that landed there thousands of years ago, and is now buried underground. The residents claim that the noise is that of an engine. 🇺🇸

GT Travels to Thailand



Nabh Jain of AIS Mayur Vihar, III A, poses with his copy of The Global Times at Marine Park, Thailand. The museum that houses various species of animals offers a great variety of entertainment to the visitors. What draws people in huge numbers to the museum is the intimate and a friendly encounter with the dolphins.

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