

Status of the week

It doesn't take long to do a quick fact check these days but unfortunately trending posts HAVE to be shared without giving it a quick thought. Think before you share should be the new think before you talk.

Rajat Rai Handa, AIS Saket, Alumnus

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Is the ‘intolerance’ debate:

- a) Overhyped
- b) Politicised
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for GT issue November 23, 2015

Career swapping promotes professional growth.

Response	Percentage
Yes	45%
No	46%
Can't say	9%

Results as on November 28 , 2015

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Return of Maggi

Terror at our shores

Death for death and anguish for anguish, will only make the world a rowdy mob and this earth a site for funerals. Case in point – Paris attacks

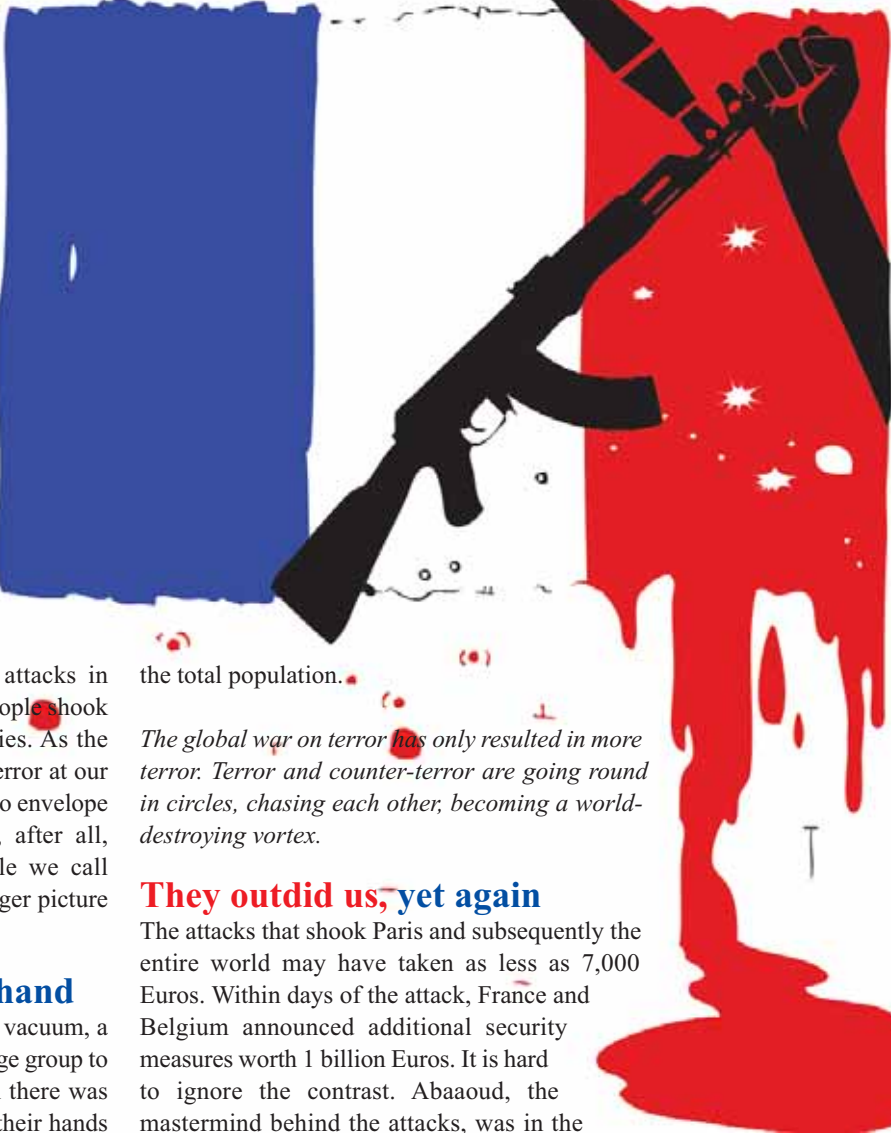
Anwesha Sen Majumdar, GT Network

We are living in deeply unsafe times; harsh times that Nostradamus had predicted. The attacks in Paris on November 13, 2015 that killed 130 people shook the world, leaving us to face the harsh realities. As the world still reels in shock and panic, we find terror at our doorstep, unfolding slowly but steadily, ready to envelope the world with its vicious tentacles. Paris, after all, remains just one dot in the bigger spectacle we call terrorism. Here’s an attempt to look at the bigger picture from the eyes of a terrified city.

A fringe group gone out of hand

When the US invaded Iraq, it created a power vacuum, a vacuum that gave an opportunity to ISIS, a fringe group to take a foothold in the war torn country. Then there was the civil war in Syria, where these rebels got their hands on abandoned US arms and ammunition. Before the world could get over the violence, ISIS had expanded and recruited gullible radicals from all over the world. But ISIS is not the end of the story. In the aftermath of Paris attacks, anti Muslim attacks have only flared up since. 32 anti-Muslim incidents were reported in a single week. And all this is when there are an estimated 10 million Muslims in America. France’s five million-strong Muslim minority is Europe’s largest and eight percent of

Graphic: Pankaj Mallik, GT Network



the total population.

The global war on terror has only resulted in more terror. Terror and counter-terror are going round in circles, chasing each other, becoming a world-destroying vortex.

They outdid us, yet again

The attacks that shook Paris and subsequently the entire world may have taken as less as 7,000 Euros. Within days of the attack, France and Belgium announced additional security measures worth 1 billion Euros. It is hard to ignore the contrast. Abaaoud, the mastermind behind the attacks, was in the same Paris area, despite his status as one of Europe’s most wanted men. Samy Amimour, another culprit, was on the Turkey-Syria border even though his passport had been impounded. All this points to several loopholes in one of the Europe’s most sophisticated security service.

It is clear that in the war between terrorism and humanity, the former has by far surpassed the latter. They have

upped the ante, we need to do so too. As Obama rightly put it, “What is true is that we can do a better job of coordinating between countries.”

Divided we empathise

Germany pledged to stand beside France in its fight against Islamic State *jihadists*. Obama did not shy away in expressing “solidarity to deliver justice.” Countries from all over the world showed empathy and support. National landmarks like Sydney Harbor, London Eye, Empire State Building, and even our very own Chatrapati Shivaji Terminus was lit up in the colours of the national flag of France. But what about Beirut, Mali and Tunisia? They were sites of deadly attacks too. Why were they forgotten?

Stepping up for humanity is always a good thing. But reserving your love and empathy for all things French may not be so humane after all.

United we terrorise

The ones who executed the Paris attacks were French; many had deep ties to Belgium. The majority is believed to have come home after training with Islamic extremists in Syria, as have more than 500 French extremists — more than any other Western European country. And that’s not it. According to intelligence agencies, foreign fighters of Chinese, Indian, Nigerian and Pakistani origin are part of the terrorist outfit.

So, even as global leaders champion the cause of peace, these terrorists have been able to provide the youth what peace talks haven’t – a sense of belonging. Hence, it comes as no surprise who has triumphed amongst the two. At least, as of now.

Stay focussed and work hard...

... says *Dr VS Chauhan, scientist and Padma Shri awardee. Known for his contributions in the development of recombinant vaccine for Malaria, he sheds light on the various aspects of biotechnology in an invigorating conversation with **Muskaan Mendiratta, AIS PV, XI**. We bring to you the highlights*

“Technology has helped speed up innovation.”

The achievements of science and the society at large have to be credited to the advancement of technology. Scientists today are on their way to predicting genetic diseases and coming up with a cure for the same. In genetics especially, the tools are very strong. An advancing technology will make way for more liberty and scope for scientists all over the world.

“Universities are engines of innovation.”

What we couldn’t have dreamt of doing about a decade ago, is now being done by students in universities. Universities are the seat of the knowledge triangle which comprises education, research and innovation; they are the engines of innovation. Universities have the potential to create quality human capital, which is further instrumental in stimulating entrepreneurial activity, that fosters innovation for the nation.

“Technology comes with great responsibility.”

Every technology and invention has two sides. One can use the gun to kill, or defend. The purpose you use it for

Dr VS Chauhan with GT Reporter Muskan Mendiratta

Pic: Deepak Sharma, GT Network

depends entirely on your judgment. Likewise, genetic engineering is a great tool, but it has to be applied with responsibility. For example, insulin, the ultimate cure for diabetics, is a gift of genetic engineering. With technology, comes great responsibility that is to be realised.

“The scope of biotechnology is very strong in India.”

Biotechnology is an exciting field for

students to take up as a career. The tools of biotech help us to ask relevant questions in food manufacturing, agriculture, environmental sciences, etc. Biotech can be applied in every area. It opens new frontiers in discoveries around the world. India has made strong inroads in biotechnology. Many research laboratories have come up with new applications of the previously discovered facts. As for the usage of biotechnology, India would be ranked

Founder President confers Honoris Causa on Dr VS Chauhan

Pic courtesy : Amity Media Cell

amongst the top 10 or 15 countries in the world in the coming years.

“India is rated high in production of vaccines.”

Indian companies have produced some of the best vaccines in the world and we are counted amongst the leaders in production and manufacturing. We need better infrastructure for inventions but when it comes to manufacturing, we are doing considerably good.

“Stay focussed and work hard to succeed.”

My advise to you would be that stay focussed and work hard. Use less mobile apps *laughs*. Jokes apart, it is important for you students to read more and more. Read as much as you can and don’t restrict yourself to just a particular field. Reading beyond your field will help you explore more hence increasing knowledge. It will also give you an edge over others and widen your horizons.

I can tolerate anything except being tortured by peer pressure.

Vasudha Pasari, AIS Vas 1, VIII C



And the award is returned by...

Protest has found a new expression. Writers, artists, filmmakers and even scientists are returning their national honours, the thrust of the rebellion resulting from an alleged atmosphere of 'intolerance' under the present government. But is this really an act of disapproval to the status quo or does it have political connotations? Students of AIS Gurgaon 46 bring you their views.

Grabbing eyeballs

Sensitising the masses or creating awareness is the first step towards ushering change. The protest, though lined with shortcomings, is sure to create awareness. These are honours of the highest order and returning them will certainly invite attention from the masses. Consequently, the government will have to take required steps. This immodest defiance can act as a catalyst in bringing about policy changes.

Soumya Malhotra, XI F

An insult to all involved

Such coveted honours are bestowed upon after rigorous selection by the jury members and also have public sentiments attached to them. Is returning them not an insult to the award, along with the jury and the common populace? Why did they accept the award in the first place, if it did not mean anything to



Renowned filmmakers return their national awards at a press conference as a means of protest

them at all? Such an act only amounts to demeaning of honours that are placed at a very high pedestal.

Aarambh Sabrawal, XI D

Returning not the solution

The recipients of these awards form the learned, intellectual class. They are a part of the pressure groups that impact the policy decisions in a big way. So why choose an ambiguous path like the returning of awards to express protest when they can clearly impact in a more pragmatic manner? There is a need to move beyond such moves.

Mokshi Jain, XI E

Politics by other means

Perhaps for many returnees, this is just another political gimmick on the part of those whose political orientations do not lie with the ruling party. It comes across as a series of structured steps in order to dismantle the proper functioning of the government. It is more about ideological intolerance than defiance and a protest that attempts to weaken the government's position. There is no other motive involved in this

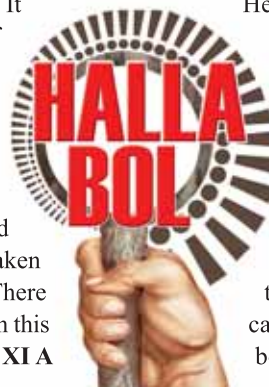
Shryans Goyal, XI A

Diluting autonomous bodies

Many of the institutions that give away these awards, the Sahitya Akademi for instance, are autonomous bodies.

Hence, viewing them in the same light as the government might threaten their autonomy as a result of government intervention in order to check such practices.

So even if unintentionally, this 'Award wapsi campaign' may dilute such bodies that truly and



Giving away

This year saw several prominent names return their awards: writers Arundhati Roy, Narendra Prakash & Nayantara Sahgal; poet Surjit Patkar; filmmaker Kundan Shah, Anand Patwardhan and Dibakar Banerjee and scientist PM Bhargava.

impartially felicitate good work.

Akshat Babbar, XII

What about the money?

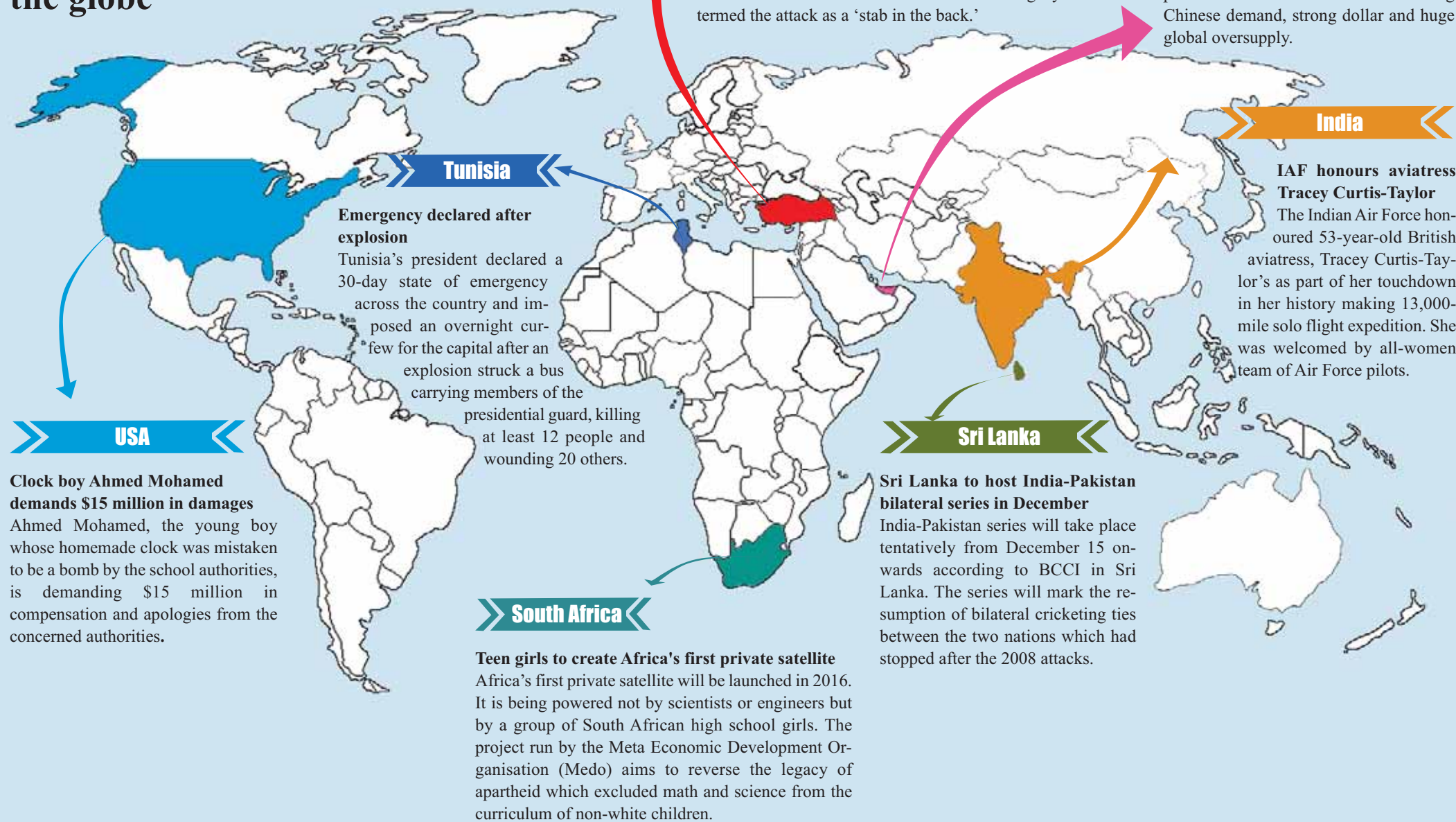
If these people are protesting for reasons that go beyond their personal gains then why just return the citations? What about the prize money that comes along with the citation? Such 'partial sacrifice' in the name of national interest raises questions on the purpose of the protest. They also question the intentions with which the awards are being returned.

Savvy Rai, XI F

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I can tolerate anything except getting low marks in Math even after studying for hours.

Prasan Bhardwaj, AIS Vas 1, X A

Kumbh of Innovation

The National Innovation Conclave, christened as the ‘Kumbh of Innovation’ by Founder President, was a confluence of great minds and philosophies



Founder President, Chairperson and other dignitaries release the ‘Research & Innovation’ chronicle at the conclave

Tulika Banerji, GT Network

“When you bathe in the Ganges, you become sacred and your life changes forever. Similarly, the lives of those who are attending the Kumbh of Innovation, their lives will change forever,” said Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe, aptly summing up the first National Innovation Conclave held at Amity University, Gurgaon, on October 5-6, 2015. The conclave, christened ‘Kumbh of Innovation’ by Founder President, saw the

convergence of great innovators and educationists, felicitating a healthy exchange of intellectual ideas. The two day event began on an auspicious note with the lighting of the lamp of knowledge and innovation. The eminent luminaries who graced the occasion included Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF; Dr Aseem Chauhan, Chancellor, AUG & AUR; Dr Atul Chauhan, Chancellor, AUUP; Ms Pooja Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, AHF; Ms Divya Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, ASFT & ASFA; Mr Ajit

Chauhan, Vice Chairman, Amity Online & Distance Education; Dr PB Sharma, vice chancellor, AUG; Dr Padmakali Banerji, pro VC, AUG; Vice Chancellors of Amity Universities at Jaipur, Mumbai, Kolkata, Gwalior and Raipur and heads of other Amity institutions. In his keynote address, Dr VS Chauhan, chairman, Executive Council - NAAC, stressed the role of educational institutions, “Universities are engines of innovation. They are the seat of knowledge triangle which is made of education, research and innovation. I’m proud to see Amity grow from practically nothing to

a comprehensive university of repute.” Dr Aseem Chauhan highlighted that education, research and training can help to create a better future for the mankind, stating proudly, “At Amity, innovation is inscribed on every stone and every leaf.” Dr Atul Chauhan congratulated Indian scientists for being at par with the best in the world, and said, “There is no greater joy than being surrounded by researchers and scientists.” Guided by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, the students of AIS Noida showcased a presentation on their project that won International Space Settlement Design Competition. Various plenary sessions held throughout the event comprised invited talks and presentation of research papers by successful entrepreneurs and eminent academicians from across the country. Invited talks by V Subramanian, former secretary, Government of India; Naveen Kumar, CEO, Amtech Foundation; Gaurav Loyalka, co-founder, Novabeans; Dr Rahul Panicker, CEO, Embrace Innovations and many others, provided food for thought. The innovation gallery set up on the occasion, showcased the inventions and entrepreneurial skills of students from various Amity institutes. The Centre For Robotics, Amity University Gurgaon, displayed many of their innovations there, including Line Follower Robot, Autonomous Underwater Vehicle, Bionic Arm, etc, which were applauded by everyone. The conclave concluded

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with Maj Gen (Retd) BS Suhag, dy vice chancellor, AUG, proposing the vote of thanks. The scientific fervour reached a crescendo with Founder President’s announcement that the next innovation conclave will be held at AUUP, Noida in January 2016.

Scholastic Alert

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Moot takes digital route

In a giant leap towards digital India, Amity Law School, Noida organised the first ever e-moot competition in India



The fifth Amity International Moot Court Competition 2015 in progress

**Ruchi Sharma
ALSN, AUUP, Faculty**

In support of the ‘Digital India’ initiative of PM Modi, Amity Law School, Noida devised Amity International Moot Competition 2015 as ‘e-moot’, ie, a paperless event. Held on October 8-10, 2015, it was the first of its kind event in India. A total of 38 teams participated in the competition including teams from Amity Law School, Noida; Dr Ambedkar College, Nagpur; Nepal Law Campus, Kathmandu; Army Institute of Law, Mohali; Nalsar University of Law, Hyderabad; Symbiosis Law School, Pune; Vivekananda Law School, Delhi; NMIMS, Mumbai and Sri Lanka Law College, Colombo.

The competition deliberated on the problem of political unrest in the fictional state of Redland, which took a turn for the worse when the government engaged in crimes against humanity to bring the political situation under control. This led to severe political backlash and an increased number of protests. But the situation spiraled out of control so fast that other nations began to show concern and the UN had to intervene. The valedictory ceremony of the competition was graced by the presence of Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe; Justice Rajeev Bhalla, Justice Vibhu Bakhru, Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva, Justice Amitabh Roy, Siddharth Luthra, senior advocate; Maj Gen Nilendra Kumar, director, Amity


Law School, Noida and Dr Shefali Raizada, deputy director, Amity Law School Noida. Addressing the gathering, Justice Rajeev Bhalla remarked, “Moots inculcate professional ethics in students and make them profession ready.” Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva said that lawyers must work with ethics. Siddharth Luthra reiterated the importance of politeness and humility in the legal profession. On the momentous occasion, Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, remarked, “This year’s moot is very apt in the current global scenario and has been effectively designed on the principles of international humanitarian law and refugee law, which provided participants with extraordinary legal issues to delve upon.”

Ozone Day celebrations

To draw attention towards the slowly depleting ozone layer, September 16 is celebrated as the World Ozone Day worldwide. AUUP commemorated the event of global importance on September 15, with talks by eminent personalities. Prof Tanu Jindal, director, Amity Institute of Environmental Toxicology, Safety and Management, Amity Institute of Environmental Sciences and Amity Centre for Antarctic Research and Studies, organised the event and delivered a talk on ‘Ozone layer depletion, implication of chemicals and health impacts’. Dr RB Lal, joint director, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, highlighted the environmental rights of people and appealed to the scientific community to protect the environment to prevent the depletion of ozone layer. Dr Sonu Singh, deputy director, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, urged the gathering to avoid the use of synthetic deodorants and cosmetics, which can have a deteriorating effect on the environment. On the occasion, several award winning films viz ‘A story’, ‘Chilika – Jewel of Odisha’, ‘The New Environment – From Chicago to the Karoo’ and ‘The Flight’ were screened by CMS Vatavaran, an environment and wildlife festival and forum. Several competitions like nature’s photography and slogan writing were also organised for the students, to spread awareness about the grave topic.

Youth Power 2015-16


Another year, another journey, another lot of students ready to undertake the challenges of the experience called Youth Power. Meet the chosen ones who chose to be the change and bring change



Youth Power, now in it's eight year, is a socially sensitising programme that aims to nurture ethical leaders while making them socially responsible and sensitive towards their surroundings. The programme, one of its kind, has evolved over the years to become a social drive.

AIS Pushp Vihar


Save electricity



Front to back: Shreya Dutta, XI C; Tanisha Chauhan, X D; team leader Sahil Bhatia, XI D; Parush Khurana, XI D with their mentor teacher Richa Chandna

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Road safety



L to R: Tusharika Vig X C; team leader Pranav Bhasin, XI A; Damini Mehta, XI D; Guneet Dhal, X A with their mentor teacher Vidushi Gupta

AIS Gurgaon 46

Reduce school dropouts



L to R: Team leader Shryans Goyal, XI A; Abhineet Srivastava, XI B; Tanvi Goyal, XI E; Manasvi Ahuja, XI H with their mentor teacher Devyani Kapoor

AIS Saket


Hygiene for street food vendors



L to R: Anushka Barthwal, XI F; team leader Tarini Sharma, XI F; PB Sashaankh, XI F; Ria Chopra, XI F with their mentor teacher Sushmita Roy

AIS Mayur Vihar


Stop food wastage



Clockwise: Aditi Sinha, X A; Tanya Aggarwal, X B; team leader Bharat Goyal, X A; Rishik Sood, X D with their mentor teacher Piyush Vardhini

AIS Vasundhara 1

Save paper



L to R: Arushi Arora, IX A; team leader Shubham Ghoshal, X A; Parth Vats, VIII B; Manika Joshi, VIII B with their mentor teacher Sanjay Michal

AIS Noida


Waste management



L to R: Naman Tekriwal, IX G; Shaurya Mehta, X B; Pankhuuri S. Srivastavva, XI F; team leader Mann Garg, XI F with their mentor teacher Sanyukta Priya

AIS Vas 6

Fight against Vitamin D deficiency



L to R: Avi Mudgal, X B; Praachi Ratra, X B; team leader Dhvani Bhargava, X B; Sakshi Arora, X B with their mentor teacher Deepa Sinha

AIS VKC Lucknow

Raising awareness about lifestyle disorders



L to R: Abhishek Srivastava, XI; team leader Samarth Pratap Singh, XI; Shachika Singh, XI; Nikita Negi, XI with their mentor teacher Meetika Seth

AIS Jagdishpur Lucknow

Fight against tuberculosis



L to R: Mayank P. Singh, IX B; Akshita Gupta, XI A; team leader Hrishita Saini, XI A and Aradhana Singhal, VIII A with their mentor teacher Vivek Vikram Singh

Debutante



I can tolerate anything except getting ignored by friends.

Sachi Lamba, AIS Vas 1, VIII B

Pic: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network

Guns & roses

Upholding human rights is not merely compatible with fighting terrorism, it is essential.

—Joichi Ito



Dr Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

Terrorism has come a long way. From being a mere term to a reality, it has enveloped the entire world. Gone are the days when terrorism was the problem of just one nation. Today, it is a threat that looms over the world at large, terrifying people in every nook and cranny across the globe, taking hundreds of innocent lives..

Mankind today faces an intermittent threat, wherein resorting to guns seems easier than solving differences. The only ray of hope that can be seen in these dark times lies in mutual respect and tolerance. It is only when we learn to respect beliefs, faiths, sentiments and needs other than ours that the world can truly be a place to live in.

The qualities of cultural tolerance, fraternity, co-existence and compassion towards fellow human beings need to be inculcated from an early age. At Amity, it is our constant endeavour to nurture humanitarians who live by the spirit of humanity before anything else and who view the right and wrong in an unbiased light.

Guns for guns can never be the answer to world peace. The history for the same is sordid. We have stood witness to World Wars and here we stand again at the brink of another; history forewarning us of the fate that lies ahead if we choose to take the same route yet again.

There have been enough guns, now let there be some roses. 🌹🇮🇳

I am tired of terrorism



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

When the news of Paris terror attack was broken to me, I felt a shooting pain. Not another one. The memories of numerous attacks that I have learnt to grow with, coupled with their gory pictures flashed repeatedly on TV channels and pasted all across the newspapers, only deepened the pain. This time, I did not have the courage to read, watch or hear anything about the what, where and how. If a peaceful and developed nation as France could not protect itself, then no one is safe.

I will not bow to terrorism. If the terrorists feel that by spreading terror, they can get their demands fulfilled, then someone needs to clear this myth. It can only lead to heightened terrorism. Next time they want to be heard, there is a more impactful weapon - ‘dialogue’.

I have become immune to terrorism. Any news of terror attack no longer scares me. I have grown hearing such news, and now begun to live with it. I know they can be present anywhere and in any form. I know no one is safe. So do we stop living? No.

I can never empathise with a terrorist’s justification for terror. For I believe that there is no justification for killing another human being. Zak Ebrahim, son of terrorist El-Sayyid Nosair convicted for bombing of the World Trade Center in 1993, confesses in his book, “Everyone has a choice. Even if you're trained to hate, you can choose tolerance. You can choose empathy.” If someone chooses terrorism as his/her path, it’s their choice that no reason can justify. I am not a terrorist. I lament for my brethren the terrorist killed and wronged me for no fault of mine. Yet I will not kill them. I will fight with them the ethical way.

I am tired of terrorism. I want to tell everyone that it needs to stop. So, can we talk? 🇮🇳🌹

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Make new mistakes...

...advises Rahul Panicker, president and co-founder of Embrace Innovations at the National Innovation Conclave- the Kumbh of Innovation organised at Amity University, Manesar. Vaishali Soni, GT Network brings you excerpts of the interview with the man who chose to serve the society over conventional success.

On the ‘Infant Warmer’

The product is specially made for premature babies who die because they are unable to keep themselves warm. ‘Embrace Innovations’ manufactures infant warmers that work on the concept of latent heat ie hidden heat. Since it does not use electricity, it costs less than 1% of the traditional incubator.

On giving life to a class project

The idea of the incubator sprang from a class project while studying in Stanford. We had no plans of starting a company. But we knew that if we didn’t do this, then no one else would. At that point in time, all of us were confronted by the dilemma of lucrative career opportunities vs addressing the needs of the society. On one hand, we had the opportunities of

working for major names like Silicon Valley, Google etc, whereas on the other hand there was the need to work for the biggest challenge looming over the world. So, does this imply that the most important problems of the world should be left to people who don’t have lucrative opportunities? And this doesn’t make sense. If I had taken the other path my degrees would have made me more successful, but I would have failed my education. And entrepreneurship was the only way to justify my education.

On availability of funds

Today funding is relatively easy for two reasons: Firstly, it’s easy to find money because if you want to do something, you can do it with a few lakhs. People are actually looking for good ideas to fund; just as you need money, there are others who need ideas and entrepreneurs to invest in.

Secondly, it’s much cheaper to try something today, especially if you’re in the field of apps or a software engineer as you don’t need a large team to build anything. There are so many tools publicly available to you. So, costs have come down.

Message for Amitians

Make new mistakes. Have a life plan, but don’t feel compelled to stick to it. If you are thinking of starting your own venture, then have co-workers because it always helps to have co-travellers in a long journey full of emotional pressures. And once you start your company, hire good people to support your dream. 🇮🇳



Pearls of wisdom

Children’s World

There is so much we could learn from children, but for that we need to communicate with them effectively, discovers Priti Agrawal

Last week, my son Aryav played the role of Jatayu the eagle, in the *Ramleela* show that his school was presenting. Every day we used to play-act with him at home — my husband would alternate between being Rama and Ravana. I would pretend to be Sita. There was this scene when Ravana is spiriting Sita away and Jatayu tries to rescue Sita. Ravana chops off Jatayu’s wings and he falls down, wounded. Later when Rama finds Jatayu, the bird informs Rama of how Ravana had taken Sita. And then Jatayu dies. I would tease Aryav, saying, “Oh! That means Jatayu lost the war with Ravana?” Instead of trying to defend himself or crying, Aryav simply looked at me and said in a matter-of-fact tone, “If Jatayu was not there, how

could Rama know that this is what happened? How would Rama know which way to go in order to chase Ravana down and reach Sita? So, Mummy, Rama’s victory was Jatayu’s success also — did he not give up his life in his attempt to protect Sita?” I was dumbfounded. How did my little one know so much? From where did he get this deep insight? The conversation I had with Aryav set me thinking: Why do we get depressed about the role we are playing on the stage of life? God gave each of us a role to play but most of the time people are not happy with what they have. The *Ramayana* also draws our attention to the concept of *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*, and tells us that the entire world is one family. We all are interdependent, therefore, each of us are playing

an important role in some way. My four-year-old son taught me something very significant: Never ever think that you are unimportant, whether at work or at home. Each person has a role to play in the cosmos. Without your contribution and support, big or small, it is impossible, for instance, to win the war against evil. The roles of characters like Hanuman, Kevat, and the animals — Jatayu, the eagle, Hanuman and the army of monkeys, the bear — they were all important, who helped Rama to overcome Ravana. Children respond differently than adults when they act on these inspirational and moral stories. They live the role they are given to play.

Always be happy: If you are thinking that you are not at the right place, whether it is home or office, then you should go and learn from a child to understand life. Your life is precious and unique.

“The school attempted to involve their pupils in *Ramayana* through play, so that children not only get introduced to classic literature, but also gain some moral lessons. They were practising

play for the last few weeks and the whole concept of *Ramleela* was explained to them,” says Sunila Athley, the principal of Amity International School, Vasundhara in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh. She also explains the motive behind organising *Ramleela* for nursery children. She says, “It is to make them aware of the difference between right and wrong, from an early age as this could prove a lifelong lesson for them.” Nursery class teacher Jaya Tuli observes that children strictly followed instructions and learnt dialogues easily with great team spirit. “There should be a balance between academics and other activities for children’s growth. Such exposure helps children evolve and understand better.”



Courtesy: The story is a reprint of an article written by Priti Agrawal, mother of Aryav Agrawal, AIS Vas 6, Nursery, published in TOI Speaking tree, issue dated Nov 15, 2015.

Perspective

Feeling of winter night

Annika Khullar, AIS Saket, X C

A shadow of hard stone shivers in the soft water of an icy winter night.

Thoughts rush through people’s minds when asked this simple question- “What does winter mean to you?” For many, the mere mention of winter brings to mind such pejoratives as barren, cold, desolate, empty, long, bare etc. While some find the fluff and bluster of a deep winter engaging, many tend to view it as a period of time that must simply be endured until life reawakens in the spring. For some it brings excitement, joy and exuberance with a hot cup of cocoa by the side of the window; while others without enough woolens struggle for survival.

Womanly winter
Fails to cool off smouldering passion...

...the passion to go out wearing a warm jacket and taking a long walk in the cold streets of the colony. As winter is just around the corner we have to take preventive measures. Our beds will be filled with our sweaters, jackets and all our summer clothes will be out of our cupboard stacks. Even the heaters will be out!

A gentle door knock
Is it winter’s cool breeze or spring as a guest?

But let’s celebrate winters in a different way. Instead of being woken up by your harsh alarm at 6, imagine being woken up by the cold breeze in the morning whopping in through the windows in your room, touching your face gently with care and then waking you up.

A solitary tree in an unfeeling winter
Surrendering its leaves to winter’s steel sky
Winter is reconciliation without forgiveness
the door to spring, the resurrection of hope

So let us go out and share the solitude of that tree, surrender ourselves to that wintry steel sky and then reconcile with spring as it longs for us standing at the door.

I can tolerate anything except
sarcastic remarks.
Nimisha Rajput, AIS Vas 1, XI A



Intolerance



I can tolerate anything except being
questioned about my capabilities and
loyalty towards my friends and family.
Saijal D, AIS Vas 1, IX B

International Get-Together

This special event saw the world converge, bearing testimony to Amity's firm belief in the philosophy of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' - the world is one family

AERC

An International Get-Together was organised by Amity Educational Resource Centre on Oct 9, 2015 at AKC house. The event hosted by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF was graced by the presence of Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe, members of the Chauhan family and heads of other Amity institutions.

The guests for the event were ambassadors and delegates from various European countries like Switzerland, Belgium, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Slovenia, Slovakia and Lithuania. The event also saw dignitaries from Japan. The occasion witnessed the participation of heads of different organisations such as European Union, UN Women, Indra Gandhi National Centre for Arts, UNESCO, AFS, Goethe Institut, Amity University etc. Parents, principals and students from Amity who hosted the international students were also present. The show began with an energetic song performance by Amitasha students. Congratulatory video messages from international partner schools, organisations & cultural centres were played. Speaking on the occasion, Chairperson Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan shared, "Ever since the establishment of AERC in 2007, we have made great strides in connecting our students with the world. Today, Amity has fostered international bonds with more than 30 countries." She also announced the launch of two new international projects with the European Union. Also speaking at the occasion were people from various participating countries. H.E. Martin Strub, ambassa-



International students pose with their Amity Alumnus certificate along with Amity heads and foreign guests



Founder President Dr Ashok K. Chauhan with H.E. Jozef Drofenik (L) and Arnaud Gaspard (R)



Chairperson Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan with H.E. Laimonas Talat Kelpsa (L) and Anne Marchal (R)

dor of Switzerland to Sudan and Eritra, who could not attend the programme especially sent a message that said, "Amity encourages fruitful debates and friendships between participants and it strengthens the bond between nations." H.E. Talat Kelpsa, ambassador to Lithuania said, "Education can connect different cultures and countries and Amity is a big contributor in bridging this relationship." Ann Marshal, part of

the delegation of the EU spoke about the scope of higher education in Europe especially through the Erasmus Mundus Scholarship programme. A member of the Swiss delegation thanked Amity and the host families for their involvement with the Swiss students and enriching their stay.

One of the highlights of the get-together was the versatile welcome address by the two comperes in various European

languages while welcoming the guests. Cheers and loud applause could be heard when foreign exchange students from Slovakia and AIS PV dressed in traditional Indian costumes, danced to Indian songs. The Swiss foreign exchange students performed an Indian folk dance. A few other foreign students rendered a near perfect rendition of the iconic song 'Vande Mataram', to loud cheering. Students from AIS Vasundhara 6, Pranav

and Vasavi who were part of the foreign exchange programme shared their experience as to how it helped them evolve their global perspective and become a better human being. Vasavi also recited a poem, describing her stay abroad. Italian exchange student Emmanule Falli spoke about the warmth and care he received from his host family. The parents of the participating students also shared their experience and thanked the Chairperson for providing such opportunities to students. They appreciated her for her personal involvement in the students' lives and her vision and nurturing leadership for the students. The family that hosted Emmanule thanked Chairperson for giving them a chance to host him and make a friend and son for life. At the event, Founder President applauded the work of all the schools and Chairperson. He felt that this event will connect people and cultures and appreciated all those involved in the programme, enabling to reach greater heights.

Jyoti Arora, director, AERC, spoke about the exponential growth of the programme and how it was promoting unity in diversity. She said, "AERC is a gateway to the world. Amity and AERC with its constant endeavour to open new frontiers of education have launched many new programmes every year, and AIMUN, which is the largest MUN conference in education has reached its sixth year and is one of the most awaited MUN conference." She also thanked Chairperson for her involvement and endeavours in the projects.

The foreign students were awarded an 'Amity Alumnus' certificate on the occasion. The evening concluded with high tea for the dignitaries and all those who were present at the event. 🇮🇳

Germany



Exchange students from Germany studying at AIS MV present Indian dance



Chairperson Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan felicitates the German students

Switzerland



The exchange students from Switzerland, studying at AIS Noida, present Gayatri Mantra

Amitasha



Dignitaries with Amitasha students



Amitasha students present a melodious song

Quote Unquote



"I am extremely proud to see how this international programme has expanded over the years under the leadership of your Chairperson under the aegis of Amity Educational Resource Centre. This will go a long way in connecting people and cultures of the world."

Dr Ashok K. Chauhan,
Founder President, Amity Universe



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Slovakia



Chairperson Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan addresses the gathering

Parents/hosts



Host family members speak on the occasion

Italy



Chairperson with Italian exchange student Emmanule

Japan



Dr Atul Chauhan, Chancellor AUUP with Shozo Kitamura, director, Ritsumeikan

Denmark



Exchange students from Denmark play Indian musical instruments

Compere



Versatile comperes from AIS Saket

Slovenia



Chairperson welcomes Boris Jeslovsek with potted plant

Audience



Chairperson with the guests



Founder President with other dignitaries

A memorable sojourn

Vasavi Sridhar of AIS Vas 6, IX who visited Slovakia for a month under the Nurturing Leadership Programme shares her experience in the form of a poem....

Those were the days
Golden days
As I see my diary and smile
The days which are so cherished
Words which make me relive each moment

I started looking forward to each day
As there was something exciting for me
Meeting ambassadors and dignitaries
And listening to their childhood memories

There were five of us
Each of us filled with excitement
Little did we know
That journey would change our existence

My heart was filled with excitement and enthusiasm
During my visit to Indian embassy and
UN centre in Vienna
When I met Secretary General Ban Ki-moon

My mouth was wide open with surprise
Slovakia welcomed us with its cold climate
Chilly winds and warm sunlight
The hosts were friendly and caring
The teachers affectionate and loving
My host sister, Kristina was sporty and kind
Lucia greeted me with tasty Indian cuisines
And someone like Henrieta is difficult to find

The Trenchin castle
Reflected the royal history of Slovakia
The trip to botanical garden was really newsy
With the beautiful flowers and endangered species

Hiking on the mountains was the most adventurous part
A feeling of pride filled my body when we reached the peak
Indeed it felt like a glorious victory
I had conquered the weakness within me

I enjoyed riding a horse in Riecnice
The heaven of Slovakia, the statue of Janosik
The national hero, the Maj festival
And Slovakian wedding
Have created an everlasting memorabilia.

One who saved my life



Storywala

The whole family tried to escape. In the chaos, the members of the family somehow forgot the infant in the cot.

“Once, upon a time, there was a family who used to live in a wooden cottage. They were leading a happy life but one day their house caught fire and nothing remained the same. The whole family tried to escape. In the chaos, the members of the family somehow forgot the infant in the cot. His grandfather, putting his life at stake, went inside the burning cottage to save the life of the infant. He was able to rescue the infant and handed over the infant to the mother from the window. But when he was trying to come out, the burning roof fell on him. He didn’t lose his life but he got paralysed forever.” Robert was listening intently. “That old man was your own grandfather and that infant was you,” she said, finishing the story. Needless to say, Robert was ashamed and started loving his grandfather more than ever for he knew about the one who saved his life. 🇧🇩

Mansi C, AIS Noida, IX D

Robert, a young enthusiastic boy never liked to stay at home and spend time with his family. He enjoyed spending time with his friends. One day, his mother gave him the responsibility to feed his grandfather as he was paralysed and took a lot of time to eat. At first, Robert argued with his mother, but, eventually he had to take the responsibility. After ten days, he got frustrated and told his mother that he

couldn’t feed his grandfather anymore. “I can’t keep wasting my time, trying to feed him. I could easily be playing outside instead,” he complained. Finally, tired of Robert’s rants, one fine day his mother said, “Fine, Robert, you will not have to feed your grandfather anymore. But first listen to a story.” Happy at the thought of getting rid of his responsibility, Robert who would have otherwise refused, agreed instantly. His mother began narrating the story and Robert listened carefully. She said,



Idli Dhokla

Mehak Sharma, AIS Gur 43, IX

Ingredients

Besan 200gm
Curd3tbsp
Chili ginger paste1 ½ tsp
Eno1 ½ tsp
Food colour(yellow).....a pinch
Saltto taste
Sugar1 tbsp
Coconut (grated).....for garnish
Coriander leaves.....for garnish

Method

■ Grease the microwave safe idli stand with oil.

- Mix besan, curd, sugar, salt, chili-ginger paste, food colour and Eno in a bowl.
- Mix the batter thoroughly.
- Pour the mixture in greased idli stand and microwave it for 2-3 minutes until cooked.
- To check if the idli dhokla has been cooked, insert a fork in it and see if it comes out clean.
- Mix 1 tbsp sugar in water and sprinkle it on the dhokla.
- Garnish with grated coconut and coriander leaves.
- Serve with sauce or chutney.
- Enjoy your idli dhokla!

WORDS VERSE

Paper boats



Ramsha Matin, AIS Vas 6, VIII A

Six billion paper boats
Flimsy sheets floating by
Six billion smiles they carry
Six billion sorrows tied

Hopelessly wandering about in streams
Half spoilt, half loved
Just a few pretty
When left to float by alone

Away from reality
Away from dreams
Six billion paper boats
Turning the streams from blue to white

Six billion paper boats
Crushed by hundreds tonight
Lower your eyes down
To smile at their simplicity

Stare across every now and then
To giggle at their fragility
Destined for defeat
Destined for drowning

Destined to be crushed
By every pair of feet
Six billion paper boats
Six billion souls they hold

Infinite reasons why they were built
Six billion destinations to know
Six billion paper boats
Just another piece of dust

From our childhood
Till we’re young
Trying to survive till it rains
Do the boats resemble each of us 🇧🇩

Rainy evening

Ritwik Kar, AIS Noida, X B

The drops fall down from the sky
Leaving the child wondering
Pondering and questioning
What lies there up so high?

That creates these tiny
Wondrous drops of water
And makes them fall
And causes hearts to flutter

Rain leaves all of us in hanker
To go out there and wander
The rain hit the earth
With the cool breeze

Endowed upon us by its birth
The child finds the sound
Of the drops striking the ground
Similar to the music in the background

While the veiled enigma
Occupies the foreground
He expects to find the answers
To this riddle with no dilemma

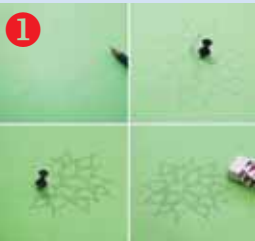
His eyes still staring at the sky
In hope of answers
Then he finds this all
Too rubbish to give a while

And runs down to enjoy the rain
And have a chance to smile
With friends of his
Whose company gives him utmost bliss



Then he starts to run wild and live life
That’s the beauty of a child
He leaves the house singing
To celebrate a rainy evening 🇧🇩

DIY PAPER LANTERNS



Things you’ll need

- Thick paper
- Glue
- Board pins
- Tea light holder/ bulb stand

Method

- Take a coloured paper and draw a pattern of your choice on it.

- With the help of a board pin, make holes along the pattern.
- Fold the paper into a cylindrical shape.
- Glue the two ends together.
- Put your lamp over the tea light container or a bulb stand.
- Switch the lights off and enjoy the lamp radiating patterned lights.
- Decorate your room with it or gift it!

Brush ‘n’ Easel

Ishika Mittal
AIS Noida, IX K




The smelly little dog



Short story

But Betsy did not know how to swim so she paddled in the shallow water.

busy to take notice of her. But the little dog saw her crying and ran into the waves to save her. He **plunged** into the ocean and swam with all his might. He got hold of her t-shirt and braving all odds, pulled the drenched and scared Betsy out of the water. In the meantime, Betsy’s mother ran towards her and the little dog. She hugged the brave little dog and wondered what would have happened to Betsy had he not been there. Joan and Fred, who had noticed the accident by then came running. They patted the dog and became kind to him. Everyone decided to adopt the little mongrel. They named him Splash because he splashed into the water to save Betsy. Splash finally found a family of his own and lived happily ever after. 

So what did you learn today?
A new word: Plunged
Meaning: Jump or thrust quickly

Namrata, AIS Gur 46, VI

Once upon a time a mother and her three children Joan, Fred and Betsy went to a beach for a picnic. On reaching the beach, the mother lied down on the deckchair, keeping a basket full of sandwiches aside. The children were ready to swim into the water when they saw a dirty little dog. Everyone shoed him except Betsy. Betsy’s mother warned them to be careful as she thought that the dog was after the sandwiches.

Illustration: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network
Soon, everyone started to have a good time. Joan and Fred who were very good at swimming went into the water. But Betsy did not know how to swim, so she paddled in the shallow water. In no time, the mother fell asleep while the dog kept watching the children play. The kids were enjoying but Betsy, not realising went a little farther into the ocean. She went so far away that the water was now up to her neck. Suddenly, a giant wave came without warning and dragged Betsy into the water. The other siblings, who were playing, were too



Riddhima Agrawal

Mixed fruit pancakes

Riddhima Agrawal
AIS Vas 1, III

Ingredients

Egg (beaten)1
Milk150ml
Flour.....100gm
Chocolate chips50gm
Butter50gm
Sugar1 tsp
Baking powder1 tsp
Cinnamon1tsp
Seasonal fruits(chopped)1 cup
Salt.....to taste
Honeyfor garnish
Nutsfor garnish

Method

- Add flour, salt, sugar, chocolate chips, cinnamon and butter in a bowl and mix them thoroughly.
- Now add baking powder to it.
- Pour the egg into the milk and mix it with the mixture to make a batter.
- Heat a pan. Take a little batter and spread it evenly on the pan.
- Once the pancake turns golden brown, turn it over and cook it from the other side.
- Place it in a plate and top it with fresh seasonal fruits.
- Drizzle honey and garnish with nuts to enjoy the yummy pancakes.

POEMS


Gift of gratitude

Gurneel Singh, AIS PV, V A

The good Lord blesses us
From the heavens above
Filling our lives
With unconditional love

We spend our lives
Every single day
In doing merry things
Eating and play



To count our blessings
We must give in to his servitude
For the most important of all
Is the gift of gratitude. 

Dreams for tomorrow

Kanhav Duggal, AIS Noida, II E


With many dreams in my mind
I look up to tomorrow
To plenty of smiles
And maybe a few sorrows

With my pen and papers
I am ready to learn and write
With values and knowledge
I am ready to fly

With my family and friends

My prayers I send
And prepare myself
For the quest ahead

Life will have challenges
Ready to be faced
And I am ready with confidence
To fight with grace

We, the heroes of tomorrow
With shoulders ready for responsibilities
Embrace our today
To hone our abilities. 



Painting Corner

Alina Ahmed
AIS Mayur Vihar, V B



It's Me



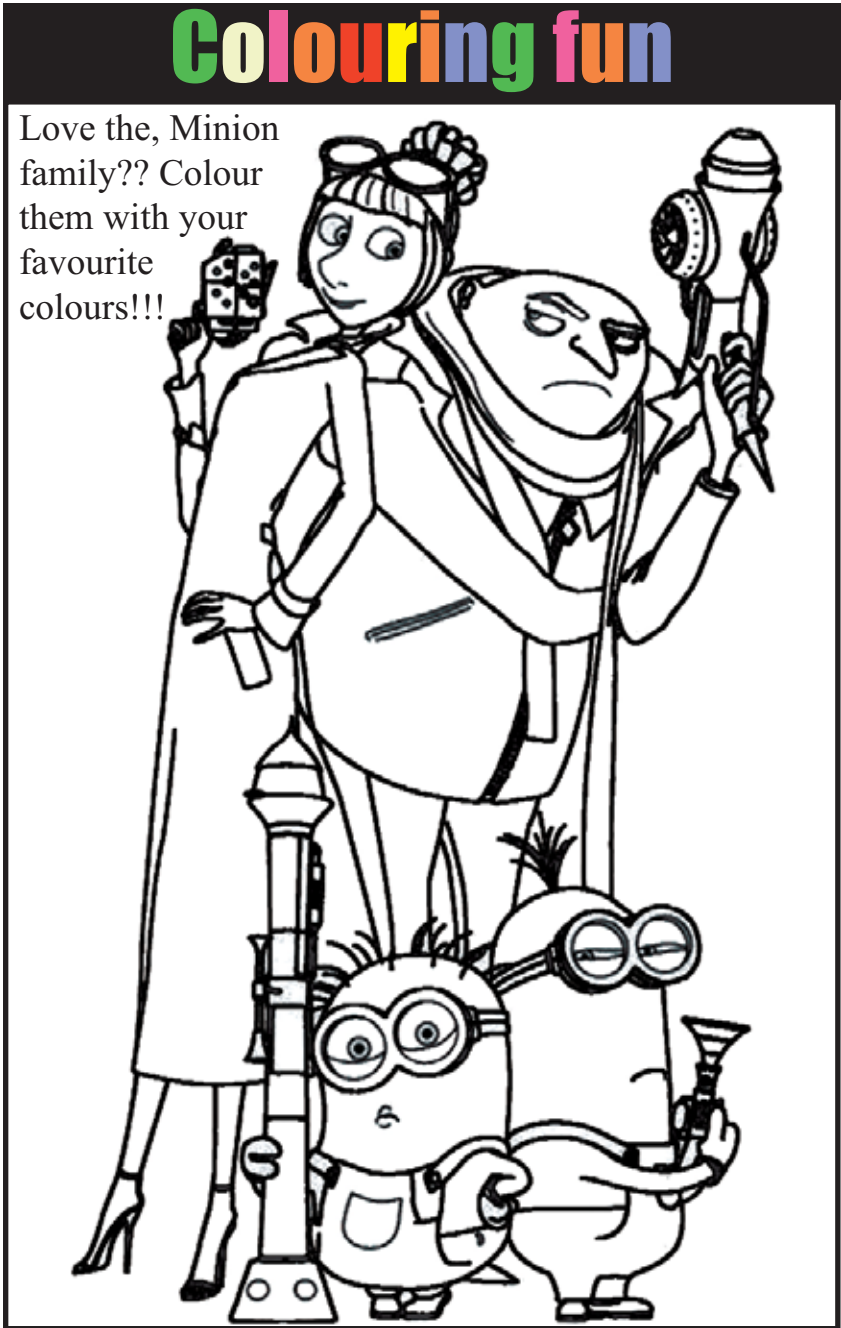
My name: Nabhansh Tyagi
My school: AIS Gurgaon 43
My Class: I
My birthday: June 7
I like: Colouring
I dislike: Hurting people
My hobby: Drawing
My role model: My dad
My best friend: Reyansh
My favourite book: Jungle book
My favourite game: Temple Run
My favourite mall: Ansal Plaza
My favourite food: *Shahi Paneer*
My favourite teacher: Meena ma'am
My favourite poem: *Hathi raja*
My favourite subject: English
I want to become: A doctor
I want to feature in GT because: I am a good and obedient student.

Riddle Fiddle

Ekansh Gupta
AIS Mayur Vihar, IV B

- 1.What do you call an alligator in a vest?
2. What do you call security guards outside Samsung shops?
3. If you look at the numbers on my face, you won't find thirteen any place.
4. The eight of us go forth not back to protect our king from a foe's attack.
5. Which word in the dictionary is spelled incorrectly?

Answers: 1. An investigator
2. Guardians of the galaxy 3. Clock
4. Chess pawns 5. Incorrectly



We are the world

We are the children

Childhood is a period of pure love and innocence. Children's Day at Amiown was a celebration of all this and much more

Let's have fun

Amiown Gurgaon

Divya Sethi, Amiown Gurgaon, Teacher

Childhood is all about playfulness, joy and freedom. Keeping this in mind, Amiown Gurgaon celebrated Children's Day with enthusiasm and zeal on November 17. The day replete with numerous fun-filled activities, turned out to be an enjoyable affair for the little ones. The celebrations commenced by giving little Amies an insight into the life of Chacha Nehru, whose birthday is celebrated as Children's Day every year. Children were narrated stories of his life. They were also apprised on his love for children. Amies were then taken outdoors for a plethora of sports activities. These activities were meticulously



Who's better Amies enjoy the game of volleyball





Battle of strength Amies enjoy Tug-of-war



Thrilled An excited young Amie

planned and designed, with an aim to harness their potential and aid in overall growth and development, while ensuring that the young ones have a good time. The games included hopper ball, throw ball and tyre jumping. Students enthusiastically participated in each of the activities. The school buzzed with enthusiasm and energy as the young ones partook in the tunnel activity. They

experienced fear and fun while crossing the thrilling 'Burma Bridge', another activity that was enjoyed by all. They showcased their skills and displayed their competitive spirit in games like sack race, cone race, hurdle race and tug of war. The children were excited as they watched the puppet show and enjoyed it to the fullest which was followed by another popular activity - tattoo making. Ms Sapna

Chauhan, vice chairperson, Amiown, who shares a special bond with the children, sent chocolates and juices for the kids as a loving gesture. Like all good things, Children's Day celebrations too came to an end. Their eyes still twinkled with the joy in their heart. They surely left for the day cherishing these moments throughout the year till another Children's Day.  

To chacha, with love





Chacha's rose A young Amie paints

Amiown Pushp Vihar

Trina Dewan, Amiown PV, Teacher

Children's day is always a sought after event, for this day celebrates childhood, the best period in a person's life. So, when the day finally arrived, it was greeted with aplomb and enthusiasm. Children's Day at Amiown Pushp Vihar was an event to remember. The day started with a talk on

the importance of Children's Day. Amies were informed that the day is special because it marks the birthday of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the first prime minister of India. Children were also apprised on his life and love for children in lieu of which, November 14 is celebrated as Children's Day every year. They were also acquainted with the fact that he was fondly called 'Chacha Nehru'. Little Amies were also told that he always used to put a rose in his pocket and wore a cap which is called the Nehru cap. Children then went on to colour the cutouts of rose flowers, which they wore as badges and took back home with them. To add spark to the day, a puppet show was conducted by the teachers. The show was based on a story, 'You all are my favourites' by Sam McBratney which gave out the message on the importance of familial bonds where all children are special for parents and are equally loved. Children tapped their feet to songs played in the class. They also participated in fun games like hoopla and hurdle racing, ball crawling, catch me if you can etc and had a great time. They posed merrily for pictures, wished each other a happy children's day and carried home pleasant memories of the celebrations.  



Excitement on their faces Amies enjoy Children's Day celebrations



Pete the cat Rituparna Ghosh with Amies



Enthralled Storytelling session in progress

Once upon a time

Amiown Noida

Sunila Kaul, Amiown Noida, Teacher

Children are adorable. They smile when they receive love and admiration, they cry when it is their first day at school away from their parents, they giggle when they mingle with their buddies, and they signify nothing but the pure and faithful love. To celebrate this wonderful creation called 'child', Children's Day was celebrated with full fervour at Amiown Noida. Since childhood is a time full of stories, a storytelling session was organised on the occasion of Children's Day. The session, conducted by Rituparna Ghosh, a renowned storyteller, turned out to be extremely engaging and informative. She used all three forms of storytelling – written, visual and oral to narrate interesting stories to the children. Her story session was creative as puppets, songs, trots and struts, funny noises and sounds were used while narration. The session began with the narration of story 'Tilu the dragon'. The story weaved around a dragon who was certain that no one would become his friend. He was sad about this. However, things changed as he helped a boy, who eventually became his friend. Another story, 'Pete the cat' was also narrated. –The story revolved around a cat, who had new white new shoes and how he dipped the shoes in heap of different fruits like strawberry, blueberry etc.

Children were encouraged to interact with the characters and mimic sounds that enhanced their concentration and communication skills. The young ones had a great time as they listened to stories and sang songs with her. They pitched in and helped take the story forward, developing their story telling skills along the way. Each class made and presented her with 'thank you' gifts and cards as a token of gratitude. The story telling session that aimed to help the young ones discover expressions, emotions and life through stories, served its purpose well. It engaged children in a fun filled and imaginative learning experience where both the teller and the listener created something magical. Children's Day turned out to be a learning yet fun filled affair for little Amies as they shared not just the love for language and the art of story telling, but also had a great time along the way.



Storyteller Amies listen attentively



I can tolerate anything except being betrayed by my friends.

Arnav Jain, AIS Vas 1, IX B

Olympic stars

Students of AIS Mayur Vihar shine as they fetch gold at the prestigious Delhi Olympic Games 2015



Principal Priyanka Mehta with the gymnastic stars

AIS Mayur Vihar

Under the ever inspiring patronage and constant support of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, two students of AIS Mayur Vihar won laurels for the school by winning gold medals in gymnastics at the Delhi Olympic Games 2015. Mallika Kulshreshtha, VIII C, won three gold medals in uneven bar, balancing beam and all round category. Ritika Kulshreshtha, XI B, won gold medal in floor exercise and a silver medal in all round category. The event took place at Govt Boys Sr Sec School, Subhash Nagar from October 24-25, 2015. The games were inaugurated at Talkatora stadium, New Delhi on October 23, 2015. Approximately 9000 students participated in 28 games held across different venues. Chief Minister of Delhi, Arvind Kejriwal gave away the gold medals, certificates of merit, cash prize and sportswear to the students. [G I](#)



Children enjoy Bal Mela at AIS VKC Lucknow

We are the children

AIS VKC Lucknow

To celebrate Children's Day, AIS VKC Lucknow organised a cultural programme and a Bal Mela for the students on November 7, 2015. The celebrations began with a prayer. The teachers performed a dance drama on the popular fairy tale 'Cinderella'. This was followed by a game in which the students had to recognise their teachers by looking at their feet. The students also watched a video showcasing the lessons taught by Jawaharlal Nehru. The cultural programme culminated with a dance performance by the teachers. Thereafter, the students enjoyed the swings, games and mouthwatering food items at the Bal Mela. The day was full of fun. [G I](#)

AIS VYC Lucknow

Children's Day was celebrated with much fun and frolic by the teachers and children alike at AIS VYC Lucknow on November 7, 2015. The students witnessed an unfamiliar side of the teachers with great awe, enthusiasm and glee. The teachers happily transformed themselves into students sporting pig tails and pony tails, holding teddy bears and dolls. A medley of songs, dances and skits kept the audience enthralled and entertained. Coordinator, Tanuja Singh presented each student a green gift- a potted plant to keep and care for. She also presented each child with a box of goodies. It was indeed a memorable and fun-filled day for all the students. [G I](#)

Diwali celebrations



Diwali party at AIS Saket

AIS Saket

To inculcate cultural values and ignite the festive spirit in little ones, AIS Saket organised a Diwali party for students of KG on November 9, 2015. Little girls and boys dressed up in traditional Indian attires viz colourful lehengas, sherwanis and kurta pyjamas. Ramayana was enacted on the occasion to impart the message of 'victory of good over evil' to the young

ones. The students were apprised on the pollution that crackers create, and hence were asked to celebrate a green and noise free Diwali. They also exchanged sweets amongst classmates. They were given 'Diyas' which were painted and decorated by them. On the whole, it was a day full of cheer and joy. [G I](#)

AIS VYC Lucknow

On the occasion of Diwali, a special assembly was organised on November 9, 2015 in the school premises. The celebrations began with a beautiful diwali song sung by students and a performance on 'Aayi re aayi diwali'. Following it was an informative presentation on the legends of Diwali and a short skit on the harmful effects of bursting fire crackers. Vaishnavi Yadav and Adishi Verma of Class I were the star performers of the day. The students also took an oath to use fire crackers in such a way that they do not harm or disturb others. [G I](#)



Students at AIS VYC Lucknow take an oath on the occasion of Diwali



Committee session in progress

JAMUN 2015

AIS Saket

Junior Amity Model United Nations for Class V-VII was organised from October 16-17, 2015 in the school premises of AIS Saket. The interactive event witnessed the participation of 400 students. The committees simulated were UNFCCC, WHO, AIPPM and UNHCR. The delegates debated and cross questioned with enthusiasm and fervour as they were prepared with minutest facts. The committees focussed on important agendas such as global warming and vector-borne diseases. The event saw passionate participation by the students. The best delegates from each committee were then awarded during the closing ceremony.

Beyond the classroom

AIS Saket

An educational field trip to India Gate was organised for KG students on November 4, 2015 by the school. The students were apprised on the history of India Gate, as it is a symbol of martyrdom. The tiny tots tried to read as many names as possible inscribed on the monument. They also visited the Raisina Hill. On the whole, the students enjoyed the excursion and took back a lot of information about the monument and martyrs. [G I](#)

AIS Vasundhara 1

An outdoor adventure camp was organised in AIS Vas 1 on November 6, 2015 for tiny tots of Nursery and KG. The camp was organised by Rocksport Team. The students enjoyed activities like hopscotch, commando net, swinging bridge, laser beam and commando crawl. School principal, vice principal and teachers also participated in the activities. The camp promoted the courage, sportsmanship, and confidence in Amitians. [G I](#)

Tiny tots in front of India Gate



Fun filled atmosphere at the camp



Little one on the swinging bridge

AIS Gurgaon 46



Students of AIS Gur 46 won the overall championship trophy at the Dr Styra Paul Memorial Mathematics Quest held at Apeejay School, Saket on July 30, 2015. The team bagged first position in exploring shapes and relay race, second position in pattern-o-metry and mathematical modelling.

Swimming champ

AIS Gur 43

The swimming champ of AIS Gur 43, Minal Gehlot, XI B, bagged medals galore, at the school nationals competition organised by CBSE North Zone II from November 4-8, 2015 at Kolkata. She won two gold medals in 400 mtr individual medley and 200 mtr butterfly. She also won a silver medal in 800 mtr free style and 2 bronze medals in the 400 mtr free style and 100 mtr back stroke. School principal, Dr Anshu Arora congratulated the winning champ.



Swimming champ Minal Gehlot



Traditionally

Married



Slovakia

In a Slovak wedding, the wedding guests stand near the entrance after the ceremony and break plates. The newly-wed couple is required to sweep all the glass pieces. This ritual is all the more important for the bride as she has to ensure that no piece is left behind. A piece that has been left behind symbolises the number of children the groom will have outside the marriage.



Czech Republic

In a Czech wedding, the couple is covered in a large cloth to symbolise unity. Then they are given a bowl of soup and a spoon to share. It is a tradition to ensure that the bride and the groom participate equally in their marriage.



Spain

Marriages are literally a glittering affair in Spain for here the groom gives his bride thirteen gold coins called arras. These are considered as unity coins, which indicate that the groom will support the bride forever. However, with time, the tradition has undergone a twist with the bride and groom exchanging arras, implying that they will share their wealth equally.

Marriages are made in heaven. They are also made on Earth. With some really strange traditions and rituals thrown in. **Romika Chakraborty**, GT Network delves into truly unique and bizarre wedding rules



Mauritiana

Hitting the gym for some pre-wedding workouts is a tradition in most parts of the world. Though in this Northwest African country, it is believed that the bigger the bride, the better it is. If the girl has stomach rolls, it indicates that her husband is wealthy enough to keep her satisfied.



China

If the traditional *rona-dhona* at the time of *vidai* makes you cringe, then wait for this one. In China, a full fledged wedding function is devoted just for crying. A month before the wedding, a bride is expected to cry for about an hour. After 10 days, her mother joins her in the ritual. After another ten days, her grandmothers, sisters and other females unite in the ritual. And if that was not enough, the would-be bride has to perform the Crying Marriage Song, where she weeps in different tones.



Germany

On the night before the wedding, a party known as Polterabend or 'Noisy evening' is held at the bride's residence. Herein, the guests break porcelain or old crockery to ward off evil spirits and bring good fortune to the couple.

Poland



According to a Polish tradition, the bride's shoes cannot be open toed. Open toed shoes mean that the future wealth and happiness can easily fly out of the newly-wedded couple's life. Also, it is said that the bride should never wear real pearls, as they will bring misery to her life. Not just this, they also believe that the months with the letter 'R' in them are auspicious for weddings and will bring good luck.



Malaysia

In the Tidong community in Malaysia, after the wedding, the newly-weds are not allowed to go to bathroom for three days. The couple is watched over and is allowed minimal amount of food and drink. Breaking the custom supposedly brings bad luck to the couple. Well, bad luck or not, the ritual might just end up bringing bad health to the newly weds.

Italy

Who said wedding was an easy affair? More so, if you are in Italy. Here, the bride and the groom face several obstacles along the way enroute to the wedding. They are required to perform a number of household chores and overcome various challenges to prove that they are fit to be married. Marriage cum scavenger hunt?



GT Travels to Jaipur



Krishiv Narula, AIS Gwalior, Nursery poses with his copy of The Global Times at Jal Mahal, Jaipur. He is the first student who got admitted to AIS Gwalior on the day of *bhumipujan* for the upcoming session 2016.

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