


Straight from the heart
I feel elated and proud that you all could join in the birthday celebrations of Founder President. I congratulate the organisers of Sangathan.

Mr Atul Chauhan, Chancellor, AUUP



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Sangathan turns sixteen

This year, Sangathan was an extended affair. Join [Namrata Gulati](#), GT Network as she encapsulates the splendid cultural extravaganza and the big day that followed

All Pics: Deepak Sharma, GT Network



Sangathan 2014 concluded on a grand note on October 29, when Amity family converged on AUUP grounds to give their heartfelt wishes to Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe. Here is reliving the days of Sangathan 2014 and its grand finale through a Sangathan dictionary.

A for Dr Ashok K. Chauhan: Amity begins with him and so does our dictionary. Sangathan, the annual sports extravaganza coincides with the birthday of Founder President of Amity Universe.

B for Band: The Founder President and Amity officials were welcomed to the harmonious symphony produced by the Army Band.

C for Champs: Head to p4 for more on the Sangathan sports champs.

D for Departments: It is pleasing to see the marching contingents represent their departments. ALS Noida won the award for best march-past.

E for Essay Competition: An essay competition was held in the run-up to the Sangathan finale.

F for Flagging off: The Indian flag and the Sangathan flag were hoisted during the finale.

G for Guard of Honour: Founder President inspected the Guard of Honour.

H for Hockey/ Havan: The national game of India was introduced in Sangathan this year. The closing ceremony of Sangathan begins on an auspicious note with a havan.

I for Inaugural match: An inaugural hockey match was played on August 28.

J for Jolly: We bet you can't find even one unhappy face on the occasion of Sangathan!

K for Khel Jyoti: The Khel Jyoti was enthusiastically carried by the sports captains of the various Amity institutions.

L for Lighting the Khel Jyoti and spirits!

M for March/ Medals: Who can forget the sight of the marching Amity Cadet Corps, Amity Polo Club and Amity Dog Academy! Sangathan is about rewarding the hard work of sports teams and champions with Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.

N for National Anthem: The patriotic fervour was ignited with the National Anthem.

O for Organising Committees: Kudos! Is our message to the OC of Sangathan! (Turn to p6 & 7)

P for Performances: How we basked in the performances put up by Amies and Amitasha girls!

Q for Quiz: 33 teams from 16 institutes participated in the offline sports quiz. An online quiz was organised as well.

R for Runner's Up Trophy: It was lifted by Amity School of Engineering & Technology.

S for Salute/ Souvenir: It was a special moment when students from Amity fraternity saluted Founder Sir. Equally special was the moment of the release of Sangathan souvenir.

T for Trophies: Need we say more!

U for Unity: That's what Sangathan translates to!

V for Vintage games: Games like musical chairs were held to drive up the participation.

W for Winners: The Champion's Trophy was lifted by Amity Law School, Noida (ALS-N).

X for (E)Xpectations: All of which were fulfilled!

Y for You: Remember the three mantras of success shared by Founder President? You must live them.

Z for Zest: We zestfully look forward to Sangathan 2015! See you next time!



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AKC v/s AUUP

As a part of Sangathan 2014, an exciting cricket match was held between AKC House and AUUP. The T-20 match was organised on October 18 on the grounds of Amity campus, Sector 44, Noida. The dignitaries present on the occasion included Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe; Mr Ajay Chauhan, Trustee, RBEF; Mr Atul Chauhan, Chancellor, Amity University Uttar Pradesh; Mr Aseem Chauhan, Chancellor, Amity University Rajasthan; Ms Divya Chauhan, Chairperson, ASFA, ASFT & ASPA; Ms Sapna Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amiown; Maj Gen KJ Singh, Group VC, Amity Universities; Dr Balvinder Shukla, vice chancellor, AUUP; Dr Alka Munjal, director,

Academics, AUUP and senior officials of RBEF and Amity University. While Team AUUP was captained by Prof. (Dr) Ajay Rana, director, Amity Technical Placement Cell, Mr Ajit Chauhan was the captain of Team AKC. The latter won the toss and decided to bowl. Team AUUP won the match by 95 runs and 4 wickets.

Scoreboard					
Team AUUP			Team AKC House		
Opening batsman	Overall score	Special mention	Opening batsman	Overall score	Special mention
47 RUNS	183/ 6	Sanjay Rawat 60 RUNS	25 RUNS	88 ALL OUT	Bowling & fielding by Mr. Ajit Chauhan



October 28 was a cultural feast. The event was graced by Mr Atul Chauhan, Chancellor, AUUP and Ms Pooja Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, AHF

From the desertland
Amity University, Rajasthan

The cultural show began with vibrantl dressed girls performing a dance on popular Rajasthani tunes.

From the royal land of Nawabs
Amity University, Lucknow

AUL truly lived up to the Amity insignia, 'Where modernity blends with tradition' by presenting a Hollywood-meets-Bollywood dance.

From the regal land of Nizams
Amity University, Hyderabad

AUH won hearts with a fusion dance. It was a tribute to pop king Michael Jackson.

From the city of Hanuman temples
AGBS Pune

It was a sight to behold when Team AGBS Pune interpreted Hanuman Chalisa in a dance form.

From the land of cultural diversity
AGBS Noida

A Punjabi dance had everyone shaking and grooving in their seats!

From the land of robotics
AGBS Kochi

Kochi's is the only Indian airport to boast of a high-end robotic security system, thus it was no surprise when AGBS Kochi held the audience captive through their robotic dance moves.

From the uninhibited streets
AGBS Chennai

AGBS Chennai performed a street dance, typical of Southern India.

From the land of temples
AGBS Orissa

The Odissi temple dance showcased by AGBS Bhubaneshwar stood out for its fine movements.

From the land of Babu
AGBS Ahmedabad

Who doesn't love the dandiya!

From the land of the foodies
AGBS Kolkata

Ah! The dance to the beat of dhak, Dhanuchi was a visual treat!

From the neighbour
Amity University, Greater Noida

The classical dance form presented was enchanting indeed.

From overseas
Amity University, Dubai & London

Amity University, Dubai and Amity University London gave captivating performances.

From the mustard fields
AGBS Chandigarh

AGBS Chandigarh brought the folk dance from the green, mustard fields of Punjab.

Sangathan is a day that glorifies the importance of sports in our lives and our love for Founder President Sir.

Aryaman Gupta, ASET



YOUTH POWER

for A Healthy Nation



2014-15

From advocating the message of 'pink' in 2013-14 to promoting 'pink of health' this year; Youth Power is back with a bang. The social leadership programme now in its 7th year, saw nearly 200 teams across eight branches of Amity vying for the title of YP Finalists 2014-15; and finally the best made the cut. Here's presenting those who'll be the change, bring change.

AIS PUSHP VIHAR | Oral health and hygiene



L to R: Team leader Simran Arora, X D; Kirti Wadhwa, X B; Medha Mathur, X C and Muskaan Mendiratta, X B with mentor teacher Richa Chandna

AIS GURGAON 43 | Visual & auditory health



Clockwise from extreme left: Muskaan Manchanda, XI D; Pranav Bhasin, X B; team leader Kaori Singh, XI B and Muskan Tehlan, XI B with mentor teacher Meenakshi Sharma

AIS NOIDA | Combat anaemia



Front to back: Team leader Gaurja Sehgal, XI J; Dhruv Khanna, XI D; Rishab Srivastava, XI D & Manav Sehgal, X J with mentor teacher Corina Mathur

AIS GURGAON 46 | Health of the aged



L to R: Team leader Abhavya Roshan, XI G; Rajul Yadav, XI; Jatin Sethi, XI G & Prisha Singh, X F with mentor teacher Devyani Kapoor

AIS VASUNDHARA 6 | Maternal health



L to R: Kavya Aggarwal, IX C; team leader Mausam Singh, X C; Tavishi Jain, IX A & Rhea Kalra, X C with mentor teacher Deepa Sinha

AIS MAYUR VIHAR | Hand sanitation



Clockwise from front left: Aashna Manocha, X D; Oorja Mehta, X B; team leader Kuber Sumra, X E; Radha Agarwal, X F with mentor teacher P Rohini

AIS SAKET | Health of ragpickers



L to R: Shreyanshi Upadhyaya, XI E; team leader Smrti K, XI E; Neha Gulecha, XI E & Vidushi Chaudhary, XI E with mentor teacher Debjani Das

AIS VASUNDHARA 1 | First Aid



Clockwise from left: Team leader Shreyans Jain, IX A; Ishaan Garg, IX B; Archit Bansal, IX B; Siddhant Jha, IX B with mentor teacher Nisha Dhingra

World Tourism Day

The World Tourism Day, observed on September 25 was celebrated by Amity Institute of Travel and Tourism with enthusiasm and much fanfare

Amity Instt of Travel & Tourism

Tushar Jain

Amity Institute of Biotechnology

An annual convention on ‘Tourism and Community Development’ was organised by Amity Institute of Travel and Tourism (AITT) on September 25, 2014. The event witnessed the presence of several dignitaries from the tourism industry as well as foreign embassies. The eminent guests included Silvia Constantini, first counsellor, political affair delegation of the European Union to India; Pragya Kumar, HR head, Yatra.com; Prof Kapil Kumar, director, Indira Gandhi Centre for Freedom Struggle Studies; Dr Selvamurthy, president, Amity Science, Technology and Innovation Foundation. The event commenced with the lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries while Dr Upinder Dhar, group additional VC, Amity University declared the lectures on tourism open by sharing his experiences as a resident of J&K. He laid stress on how religious tourism has revived the fortunes of cities like Katra, Shirdi and Tirumala. He said that these cities, which boast of excellent



A spectacular cultural performance

hospitality facilities today, were earlier not that popular. They now have a giant share in the revenue collected from pilgrimage tourism. Dr Selvamurthy delivered a lecture on strengths of India as a nation with a widely chronicled history of culture and tourism. This was followed by a presentation on the growing tourism market in India. The speakers expressed concern about the declining interest of tourists in shopping from local markets, yet littering them, thus giving rise to the urgent need for eco tourism. Silvia Constantini, enriched



Prof (Dr) M Sajnani, director, AITT honours a dignitary

the students’ knowledge about tourism in European Union, which includes several top ranked and popular tourist destinations of the world. She discussed employment opportunities that the tourism sector offers in the EU, the role of institutions in tourism development and steps taken by the European Union to cater to the rising tourism demands. The convention included a very informative and insightful lecture by Prof Kapil Kumar who discussed the sad state of tourism awareness in India. He proposed introduction of tourism as a

subject in schools, which can help fill gaps in our understanding of tourism and boost India’s tourism.

This was followed by an energetic cultural performance put up by the students. The convention proved to be a lifetime experience for the students as it updated them about the dynamics of the industry through discussion and guidelines imparted by the finest experts from around the world.

(Turn to page 5 for interview with Pragya Kumar, HR head, Yatra.com)

Amity Institute for Competitive Examinations

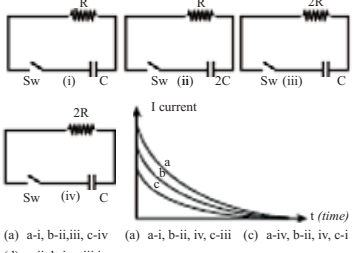
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FOR CLASS XI-XII

Consider four R-C circuits, where each capacitor is initially charged upto charge Q_0 and switch is closed simultaneously at $t = 0$ in all four circuits. Match the respective current-time graph to their circuits.



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Ans:Brainleaks 120 (b) Cyathium

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Dr Balvinder Shukla with the dignitaries

Confluence 2014

Confluence 2014 was an ideal platform for professionals to share industry insights

Amity School of Engg & Tech

Abhishek Saha

Amity Instt of Nuclear Science & Tech

What: Confluence 2014

When: September 25-26

Why: Discussion on cutting edge research on newest technologies

Where: AUUP

Who: 72 foreign delegates from 36 countries, with Dr Rajkumar Buyya presiding over as chief guest

Confluence is an annual two-day event organised every year by the Computer Science and IT department of Amity School of Engineering & Technology. The occasion marks a confluence of aspiring researchers, students and renowned industry experts from all across the globe to discuss cutting edge research on the newest technologies in the field of computer science and IT. Confluence 2014, the 6th Confluence in the series, was held with great enthusiasm. The organising committee with

Dr Natasha Hasti, HoD, IT department, ASET at the helm was co-chaired by Dr Abhay Bansal, HoD, Computer Science department, ASET.

This time around Confluence saw a huge turnout of students and aspiring researchers submitting their research papers for evaluation during the event. While 72 foreign delegates attended Confluence 2014 from 36 different countries, each delivering their keynote speeches over the period of next two days, more than 300 research papers were submitted. The event was graced by Dr Rajkumar Buyya as the chief guest, a world renowned researcher on cloud computing.

The two-day event successfully concluded with a valedictory ceremony, where the outstanding researchers were awarded. Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe, presented the vote of thanks. He expressed his gratitude to the delegates and the organising committee. The valedictory ceremony was graced by several high ranked officials, politicians and other dignitaries.

Amity Institute of Forensic Sciences

Thank you, teachers

Amity Institute of Forensic Sciences (AIFS) introduced an innovative dramatics club with an equally unique named called ‘Nyaynaman’. The club recently performed a play in which they presented the journey of a student from Kindergarten to the professional world. It was a dedication to the teachers and

mentors at AIFS. The first scene depicted the playful days of childhood, when life is full of joy and fun. The next scene portrayed the school life, where teachers teach their students to be honest. This was followed by depiction of college days. The concluding scene showed how students step into professional world. The play conveyed the message that this smooth transition is made possible only with the guidance of the teachers.



The skit in progress invites the curiosity of the onlookers

Towards a new education system

A revised education system can do wonders to India’s future

Radheshyam Choudhary

Amity School of Engineering

The education system of a country plays a significant role in shaping its future, for it is education that nurtures the human resource of a nation. Hence, constantly improving the education system is of key importance. Here are some suggestions in the same direction.

Eliminate the divide: The difference between the rich and poor should be eliminated by providing equally good infrastructure to both the classes. Besides, a common syllabus would also be a good idea.

One compulsory language: The language barrier is a major challenge for the people of India. Therefore, one language should be made compulsory all over India, which could preferably be English or Hindi or the mother tongue.

Admissions under government control: In the private sector as well as government sector, the admission process should take place under the supervision of government, so that there is no discrimination.

Others: Some other measures that can be incorporated are regular checks by government officers in schools, a provision wherein students can give feedback to teachers anonymously and well equipped science and computer labs.

Amity’s global story



Prof Dr Gurinder Singh on official visit to San Francisco

Carrying forward the legacy of Founder President Dr Ashok K. Chauhan to make Amity a truly global institute, Prof Dr Gurinder Singh, addl vice chancellor, Amity Group of Institutions; vice chairman, Global Foundation for Learning & Excellence and the director general of Amity Group of Institutions, Greater Noida set out on a mission to forge international ties. Prof Singh has been spearheading the internationalisation ventures of Amity Education Group along with a dedicated team of International Affairs at Amity Education Group. Dr Singh’s latest initiatives includes a visit to San Francisco in October this year to merge international standards of learning with the Indian culture.

Sangathan taught me the most unforgettable lesson of my life. It taught me compassion and endurance and above all it developed in me a liking for sports.

Sugandha Nagpal, Amity Institute of Biotechnology



Saluting Amity's sports stars

*It is not hunger for gold that makes them champions, but it is their ardent belief that records are meant to be broken so that new ones can be set, that propels them to the top spot in the race to glory every year. They are truly Amity's pride. **Smita Jain**, GT Network brings to you the rising sports stars of Amity Universe, who have etched a place for themselves in Sangathan's hall of fame*



Squash wonder



Name: Sharad Singh
Institute represented: Amity School of Engineering (ASET)
Sport played: Squash
Prizes won:
2013: Gold- Squash
2014: Gold- Squash

Moment of glory: During the first set of the final match, when my teammate took his last few shots with absolute ease, it was then that we both realised that victory was all ours. The moment of this realisation is one moment that I would treasure the most in my life.

Memorable moment associated with Sangathan: The moment I cherish the most is when I was given the task of choosing the team that would represent ASET during Sangathan. There was pressure on me to live up to the faith bestowed on me. After the selection procedure was over, I knew I was leading a winning team that would be gunning for gold.

Unforgettable lessons learnt: The most priceless lesson that I learnt while playing for ASET was that fruits of success taste even sweeter when you learn how to capitalise on your strength and turn your weakness into your strength.



Shooting star



Name: Tanisha Jahangir Monir
Institute represented: Amity Law School, Noida
Sport played: Rifle Shooting (Peep sight 10 meters)
Prizes won: Silver medal in 2011, 2012, 2013 Sangathan. I kept the Amity flag flying high even at UP State Championship by winning the silver medal.

Moment of glory: Represented Amity University in the First Sportcraft Shooting Championship in the year 2014. I have also won the fifth spot in Senior Women category all over India. Another proud moment in my career has been winning the silver medal in the UP State Shooting Championship.

Memorable moment associated with Sangathan: My joy knew no bounds when for three consecutive years, I won the silver medal for my department. I developed a love for shooting after joining Amity. Today I am a national player.

Unforgettable lessons learnt: It has enhanced my concentration power and nudged me to perform better.



TT champ



Name: Rohit
Institute represented: Amity School of Engineering and Technology
Sport played: Table Tennis
Prizes won: Winning Gold for the department as a captain

Moment of glory: One victory that I will cherish for long is winning a gold medal for my department as a captain after previous years' massive loss. Being a final year student, this was my last chance to prove myself.

Memorable moment associated with Sangathan: I felt elated after winning the final match against Amity School of Business. A tough fight ensued between the two teams vying for the gold and I was happy to see the hard work put in by me pay off well.

Unforgettable lessons learnt: The tournament was a great learning experience for me. Table Tennis is a team sport, it taught me how to boost my teammate's morale. Faith and belief in each others capability can prove to be a match winner at times. It reminds me of some lines shared by Michael Jordan, "Talent wins games but teamwork wins championships". This stood true in our case.



Master of all



Name: Ridhima Gupta
Institute represented: Amity School of Engineering and Technology
Sports played: Squash, Lawn Tennis, Badminton and Cricket
Prizes won: Gold medal in squash in Sangathan 2012, 2013 and 2014

Moment of glory: I always love to put my best foot forward in every match. Every match that I have played so far has had a nail biting finish and I have relished each and every victory of mine, but my most unforgettable win has been against Amity Law School, Noida in the year 2013.

Memorable moment associated with Sangathan: Participating in a mega event like Sangathan for the first time and winning the very first match is one of the dearest moments of my life. It is one memory that will always leave a good aftertaste. I hope that eventually it paves way for participation in national and international events.

Unforgettable lessons learnt: Sports is not always about winning or losing, it has more to do with the way you conduct yourself on the field.



Sprint queen



Name: Shama Goel
Institute represented: Amity School of Engineering and Technology
Sports played: Athletics: 100m, 200m and 4×100m Kho Kho
Prizes won:
2012: Gold-200m
2013: Gold-200m, Bronze- 100m and kho kho

Moment of glory: I was on cloud nine after I emerged a winner in all the events I had participated in.

Most memorable moment associated with Sangathan: I have many sweet memories associated with Sangathan. Some that will remain etched in my heart forever include winning the kho kho match for my team and capturing the celebratory mood of my team after victory.

Unforgettable lessons learnt: The most important lesson that this sports gala has taught me is that winning and losing is a part of the game. It is important to deliver your best shot and leave the rest to God. It was while playing on the grounds of Amity that I developed the never-say-die spirit.





This sports fiesta has helped me make new friends. It helped me realize that it is not impossible to reach for the stars with feet firmly placed on the ground.

Ashima Jalali, Amity Institute of Biotechnology

Spirit of Sangathan

“Champions aren’t made in the gyms. Champions are made from something they have deep inside them - a desire, a dream, a vision.”

Muhammad Ali



Dr Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

This year once again, Amityans displayed unparalleled sportsmanship and camaraderie at Sangathan that marked the birthday of their Founder President Dr Ashok K. Chauhan. The rise in the grandeur of the celebrations, the enthusiasm of participants and display of talent spread over two days fills me with pride and joy. It is heartening to see that Sangathan has today moved beyond the realms of being a mere sporting tournament to an occasion, where Amity titans from across the globe gather to demonstrate their sport skills and talents. I am happy to share that this year, hockey, the national game of India was added to the bouquet of sport events conducted every year on Sangathan. In a cricket crazy nation, this initiative will help popularise the sport. Sangathan may come across as a sporting event to many, but this extravaganza is a test of sporting excellence, organisational skills, camaraderie, teamwork, etc. While it is the sports stars that lend the event its true shine, but the success of the event rests on the shoulder of the organisation committees which work silently behind the scenes, to cast a magical spell called Sangathan (Read Pg 6-7). It takes months of preparation and hard work to put together an event of such grandeur. Amity is a hub of talent and Sangathan serves as a platform to nurture that talent. From sports extravaganza to cultural performances, it truly showcased Amity’s strength and the spirit of togetherness. 🇮🇳

Power to sports



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

I happened to watch the first episode of Satyamev Jayate’s third season that was dedicated to sports. Intricately crafted and well presented, the episode highlighted the tremendous potential of sports to bring about a change that India needs to awaken to. In simple and small words, the show struck a chord with its audience, that sport is not just about winning medals, but more about building team spirit and learning to take both victory and loss in the same stride.

In a country like India where sports is always considered secondary to education, I am privileged to be a part of India’s largest private educational group that celebrates the birthday of its Founder President as an annual sports extravaganza— Sangathan. In a country where most parents allow their children to pursue sports only if they are able to excel in academics. Sangathan is one event that displays the sport competencies of a youthful India. India boasts of many gold medallists such as Abhinav Bindra, Mary Kom, Geeta Kumari and Babita Kumari who rose to glory because of their love for the sport and to see the tricolour flutter with pride. This dream is shared by our Founder President, Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, who has dedicated his birthday celebrations to sports in the form of Sangathan. The entire Amity family stands united to salute the spirit associated with Sangathan.

Sangathan celebrations have become grand with each passing year, indicating that the process of change as envisaged by Founder President to make India a superpower has begun and we all stand committed to realising it. 🇮🇳

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Building a better India

With a large section of our society groping with evils like poverty, can we call India a developed country?

Abhishek Marda

AIS Noida, VIII D

India is home to many millionaires, but does it imply that the country is really heading forward on the path of progress. It is quite common to encounter people sleeping on the footpath, begging for alms on the streets of Delhi. It hurts deeply to see a section of India’s population calling the streets bustling with traffic their home and fighting a losing battle against hunger and poverty.

Was this the picture of free India that Mahatma Gandhi had painted in his mind? If he would have been alive today the sight of little children walking barefoot on the road and living a life of misery would have made his heart bleed. Here is what we all can do to walk unitedly towards a better and progressive India.

Eradicating child labour

Hundreds of children are rescued

every year from the clutches of slavery. The only way to restore their lost childhood is to explore their talents and help them tap their potential to the fullest for their own betterment. We should shower them with love and words of encouragement so that they can gradually carve a niche for themselves in the society.

Empathising with the poor

We should not forget our not so privileged brethren while marching on the road of progress. The government should open up more night shelters so that people do not die of biting cold and scorching heat out in the open. Vocational training should be provided to them so that they can become self employed. Healthcare facilities should be within the reach of the poor. The hospitals should make medical facilities available to economically weaker section of the society at minimal cost. It is a matter of great shame that every year hundreds of



people die of hunger and malnutrition, as many of us continue to waste food. The corporates as a part of the CSR initiative should set up food banks where people can go and donate food. This will be a first step toward wiping off hunger.

Fighting illiteracy

The war against poverty would never be successful if we do not eradicate illiteracy from the face of the country. For that to happen one should follow

the philosophy of ‘Each one, teach one.’ We should donate books and stationery items that we no longer use. These books can illuminate someone’s life. Adult literacy programme should be pursued at war footing if we want results to speak for themselves.

The responsibility of making India a better country does not wrest with the government alone. It is our responsibility too. It is about time that all of us join hands to make this mission a great success. 🇮🇳

Unravelling the travel industry



Pragya Kumar, HR head, Yatra.com in a candid conversation with Spoorthi Ramesh, Amity Institute of Travel & Tourism, speaks about the success of Yatra travel portal and challenges the travel industry is encountering.

How is Yatra different from other travel portals?

Yatra is definitely different from other travel portals since we offer an entire range of products. Some organisations offer holidays, some offer flight bookings, some offer hotels, some offer buses and car rental services, but Yatra is one company which offers you all these products, all on a single platter. Besides, our USP lies in making our travelers feel happy and content.

In a world of cut-throat competition, how can Yatra maintain the competitive edge over others?

In a service-based industry, customer service is what can help you survive and grow. The manner in which you interact with the customers, or offer services to them is what makes the difference.

What kind of growth do you anticipate in travel and hospitality industry in the next decade?

The industry is rapidly growing and we hope to see at least 50% growth in the coming years. I am quite optimistic about it.

Yatra is also competing directly with airlines and hotels. What advantage does it offer to its customers, other than just cost effectiveness?

One can always book hotels and airlines directly by logging on to their portal. But Yatra promises unparalleled advantages. If one directly books a ticket from the online portal of the airlines, he gets an onsite rate. But Yatra has partnership with a range of airlines, so our online portal offers you the choice to pick the best airline deals. Yatra

also provides a broader outlook on things like sightseeing places to visit, how to get to the holiday destination without any hassle, places to eat, etc. That’s the advantage of an online portal; it’s a one-stop destination for all the information you need.

Is India’s low internet penetration rate a concern?

It actually is. There was a time when it actually bothered us. As a result of advancement of technology and efforts of the previous government we have better internet connectivity now. 2G and 3G network has proved to be a boon for India. And with the 4G on its way, we will have a greater internet penetration soon.

What is your advice to those who want to work in the tourism industry?

It’s been almost three years now that I have been interviewing post graduate students. One thing I always feel is that they should not take up a profession just for the sake of it. In this profession we create happy people. At the same time students should not take their studies and academics lightly. 🇮🇳

Sangathan and me

Lt Col DK Sharma’s love for hockey was rekindled after he got to play the hockey match during Sangathan

First Person Account

I had signed off from competitive hockey in the year 1988, while still in Indian Army. It was only in the year 2009 that I once again picked up the hockey stick to train the students of Amity University, Noida. I don’t know whether it was the love for the game or something else that propelled me to pick up the hockey stick once again and play for ASET, where I serve as a faculty. Putting aside the fact that I was soon going to turn 67, it was with the permission and blessings of Dr Balvinder Shukla, vice chancellor, Amity University, Uttar Pradesh, I decided to play the match, little realising that I did not even have a proper hockey stick. This reminded me of Zafar Iqbal, Olympian and for-

mer captain of Indian Hockey team, who also happened to be an engineering graduate ex AMU. I had been meeting him occasionally in the past during hockey matches but more frequently in the recent past at Noida Golf Course.

Once I told him that I need a hockey stick and he was kind enough to send me one of his own hockey sticks immediately.

I took to the field with last year’s Sangathan champions- ASET on August 28, 2014 all set to play against Amity School of Physical Education and Sports for the inaugural exhibition match. When Mr Atul Chauhan, Chancellor, Amity University was being introduced to the teams, he was utterly surprised to find that I was also playing the match. I felt



Mr Atul Chauhan meets Lt Col DK Sharma (inset), hockey player from team ASET, AUUP



elated when he got this announced from the podium. It was like a dream come true for me. I played for good 20 minutes, displaying reasonable skills. But these 20 minutes filled my life with so much happiness and have given me pleasant memories that I will cherish forever.

I am grateful to God, Indian Army, Mr Atul Chauhan, AUUP and Dr Balvinder Shukla for making Aug 28, 2014 a red letter day for me 🇮🇳

Lt Col DK Sharma (Retd), Corps of EME is a faculty at Amity School of Engineering and a hockey enthusiast.

They are the backbone of Amity and no celebration at Amity is complete without their unflinching support and hard work. It is the results of their herculean efforts that Sangathan celebrations, with each passing year, have become more magnificent. The onus of making the celebrations more spectacular rests with the Organising Committees. **Smita Jain, GT Network**, introduces the teams which work behind the scenes to make Sangathan a memorable extravaganza.



All pics: Deepak Sharma, GT Network

Sangathan 2014 is brought to you by...



Quizzing the genius: Dr Arun Sacher

Sangathan is not about testing physical prowess alone, it is also a test of knowledge of sports and current affairs too, and who better to do it than the Quiz Committee!

What does Sangathan mean to you?

The term Sangathan signifies harmony of mind, body and soul.

How difficult or easy it is

to put up a grand show like this?
Amitians are blessed with the rare attribute of turning even impossible into possible. The love for our respected Founder President is so overpowering that people turn up on their own to lend a helping hand.

Do you think Sangathan teaches lessons of camaraderie?

Sangathan instills in every Amitian a sense of pride and be-

longingness. It teaches us to work as a team, keeping aside personal interests.

Your birthday message for the Founder President?

On this occasion, I pray to God to shower honourable Founder President with a long life so that he can contribute more for the mankind. 🙏

(Dr Arun Sacher, director, Amity International Business School was the head of Offline Quiz Committee)



Planning a grand salute for a grand man: Lt Gen B K Bopanna

What makes the Sangathan celebrations more grand and popular is the march-past by various Amity departments. The synchronised steps of the students and the tunes of harmony belted out by the army band, which instill a sense of pride in every Amitian is the result of painstaking efforts of the Army Band and the March-Past Committee.

What does Sangathan mean to you?

Sangathan is an extraordinarily well-organised sports extravaganza involving thousands of students from all the Amity

Universities. The games are conducted in the true spirit of the guidelines enshrined in the National Youth Policy for giving a fillip to outdoor activities and sports.

Any special memories associated with Sangathan?

I have been associated with Sangathan since 2005. For the first time, I brought the Brass Band from the army to add colour to the events, and also lined up a contingent of young cadets from the Amity Indian Military College to present a 'Guard of Honour' to the Founder President. Over a

hundred marching contingents take part in the march-past and their numbers are steadily growing. Doesn't it call for entry into the Guinness Book of World Records!

Your birthday message for the Founder President?

All ranks of Amity Indian Military Education Society and I, wish Sir good health, happiness and success on his birthday. May all his dreams come true! **(Lt Gen B K Bopanna, DG, Amity Indian Military Education Society was the head of Army Band and March Past Committee)**



Serving delight: Dr V Sengupta

Sangathan celebrations are incomplete without the scrumptious food packets prepared by Amity School of Hospitality (ASH) and who better to ensure that than the Hospitality Committee!

What does Sangathan mean to you?
Sangathan is an event which goes a long way in inculcating team spirit, camaraderie, perseverance, etc.

What special preparations did you make for Sangathan this year?

A grand event like this calls for strong coordination and motivation. I feel immense pride in acknowledging that the students of ASH were on their toes to ensure that the guests carried back pleasant and warm memories with them.

Your birthday message for the



Founder President?

I wish him luck, happiness and prosperity today, tomorrow and beyond. 🙏

(Dr Vaskar Sengupta, director, Amity School of Hospitality was the head of Hospitality Committee)



Keeping a check on finances: Dr Munjal

Without a sound committee to take care of the finances, it is very difficult to put up a mega event like Sangathan.

What does Sangathan mean to you?

Sangathan means camaraderie, friendship and working towards a common goal. It also means friendship and lifelong loyalty to Amity and our beloved Founder President.

How difficult or easy it is to put up a grand show like this?

It is not easy to prepare for a grand ceremony like this. But this challenge has a unique pleasure associated with it. Each year, we raise the bar of the celebrations by setting a new benchmark. It is our earnest effort

to make Sangathan celebrations grander than previous years.

Any special memories associated with Sangathan?

It gives me immense pride to acknowledge that I have been associated with Sangathan from the time of its inception-1999. It was celebrated as a 'Sports Day' then and now, it has acquired the grandeur of a mini Olympics.

Your birthday message for the Founder President?

It has been the result of his concerted efforts that we can boastfully say that we are a part of Amity. He has given us the most precious gift of our lives 'Amity'. I, along with every Amitian, pray to God to wish him with success and good health.

(Dr Alka Munjal, director Academics, AUUP was the head of Finance Committee)



Putting safety first: C Rosha



opportunity to nurture physical fitness and sports competencies in the youth.

What was new in this Sangathan?

For the first time since its inception, the undergraduate students of AUUP participated in the cultural gala. This year's inauguration ceremony saw a hockey match being played.

How difficult or easy it is to put up a grand show like this?

The logistics involved in Sangathan are mind boggling. It calls for extensive cooperation between all institutes.

Your birthday message for the Founder President?

I would like to wish him good health, happiness, long life and success. May he be successful in all his endeavours. 🙏

(Dr C Rosha, director of Amity Instt of Hospital Administration was the head of First Aid/Medical Care Committee)

What does Sangathan mean to you?
Sangathan is an event that gives you an



Creating news ripples: Dr Ravi Prakash

Want to read all about Sangathan 2014? Go grab the latest copy of Sangathan newsletter, brought out exclusively by the Newsletter Committee.

What does Sangathan mean to you? For how long have you been associated with Sangathan?

I have been closely associated with Sangathan as the director of ASET. I feel immense pride in sharing with the GT readers that ASET topped the medal tally four times in a row and this year, it bagged the second position.

How difficult or easy it is to put up a grand show like this?

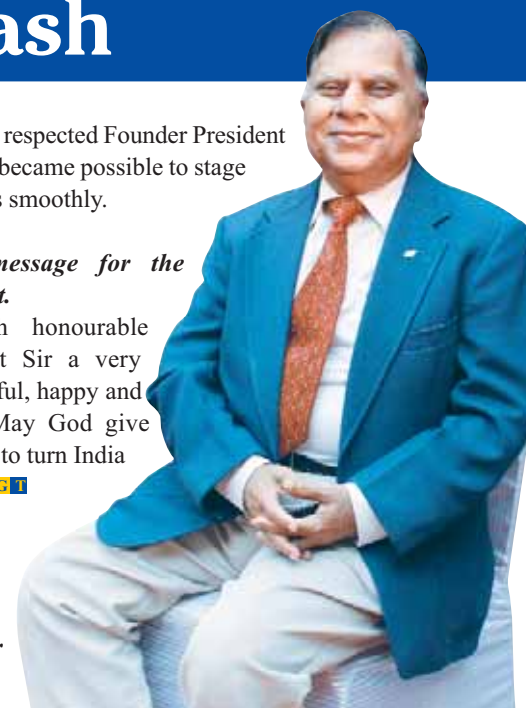
To put up a grand show like Sangathan is not a cakewalk. But every Amitian is so committed and

connected with our respected Founder President Sir's vision, that it became possible to stage this mini Olympics smoothly.

Your birthday message for the Founder President.

I want to wish honourable Founder President Sir a very long, healthy, fruitful, happy and prosperous life. May God give him all the powers to turn India into a superpower. 🙏

(Dr Ravi Prakash, director, Amity School of Engg and Tech, was the head of Newsletter Committee)



Guarding the prized possessions: Dr S Bansal

Pulling off a grand ceremony is no ordinary feat and winning a shiny medallion isn't either. The onus of giving away the prestigious trophies and medals lies on the shoulders of Awards, Medals & Trophies Committee.

What does Sangathan mean to you?

Sangathan to me, is much more than a sports extravaganza. It is an event that celebrates the spirit of teamwork, camaraderie and sportsmanship.

What special preparations did you make for Sangathan 2014?

I was the Chief Coordinator for prize distribution. My team and I made every

possible effort to ensure that the ceremony went off smoothly.

How difficult or easy it is to put up a grand show like this?



It is a herculean task to pull off a grand show which witnesses participation of over 40,000 people. It is an uphill task to ensure distribution of over 2000 medals and 150 trophies in an open ground. But we Amitians are taught to face any challenge bravely, so every challenge looks minuscule to us.

Your birthday message for Sir?

I pray to God to shower His blessings upon the Founder President. May He bless him with good health, peace and happiness in all his endeavours!

(Dr Sanjeev Bansal, director, Amity Business School, was the head of Awards, Medals & Trophies Committee)

Meet the Committees



Prof Kalpana Sharma was the chairperson of Sangathan 2014. She believes that Sangathan is a momentous occasion celebrating the spirit of unity of all Amitians.

■ Inaugural & Valedictory Committee ■ Certificate Committee ■ Cultural Committee ■ Logistics, Procurement and Distribution Committee ■ Stage, Seating Arrangement ■ Technical, Draw & Jury Committee ■ AGBS Outstation Campus Committee ■ Outstation Campuses Committee ■ Souvenir Committee ■ Media & PR Committee ■ IT Committee ■ Quiz Competition (Online) ■ Essay Competition Committee ■ Vintage Games Committee

Moonlight Sonata



His body seemed to relax as he played the violin and his anticipation quelled. His confidence rose; he was a born musician, a true artist.



longer a man; he was a messenger of God. The world seemed like a huge void, and his was the only soul. His violin seemed to be telling a tale — a tale that started on a rainy night.

The melody was soft as satin, but the message was aggressive. His fingers ran down the strings, as though the instrument was

a part of him. The symphony grew louder and louder, reducing his worry. His fingers danced on the violin, eager to play a final note on the instrument, and completing the very final aspect of his legendary piece. The wind blew gently as he struck the final, as though singing with joy, the music of God. Beethoven seemed lost in his thoughts, as he turned back to stare at the sole audience to the symphony, a man sitting in an armchair bearing an expression of pure shock on his face. With a half smile on his face, he quietly walked out of the room. At last, Moonlight Sonata was born.🇮🇳🇮🇳

Ritwik Kumar, AIS Noida, XII

Beethoven's hands trembled with anticipation and his lower lip quivered. He was too close to giving up. His stroll turned into a trot as he hurried down an empty field, gazing at the inked sky as rain drops lashed the earth with fury. His mind was constantly racing against time. His hands started moving up and down, as if he was playing an imaginary violin. His heartbeat quickened as he recognised the street lamp in front of the shack. He pushed the door open and immediately slammed it back. Glancing at the dreary interior of the shack, he picked up his violin and played. The

tremble in his hand gradually reduced and he stopped shivering. His body seemed to relax as he played the violin and his anticipation quelled. His confidence rose; after all he was a born musician, a true artist. The symphony was divine, it seemed as though nature itself had held her breath to listen to this great man play. His eyes closed, turning into a crescent red moon. His body gleamed as the moonlight caressed his pale skin, giving him a supernatural effect. He was no



Handmade chocolates

Muskaan, Amitasha Noida, VIII

Method

Ingredients

For preparing chocolate:

Dark/ white/ milk/ semisweet/ sugar-free chocolate..... 1 bar each

Chocolate transfer sheet

Filling for Chocolate:

Butterscotch

Sugar10gm

Cooking cream100ml

Unsalted Butter20 gm

Vanilla extract1 tbsp

Nougat

Almond/nut100 gm

Sugar200gm

Milch

Hazenut paste.....100 gm

Milk chocolate100 gm

Cashewnuta handful

Melt the dark, white and milk chocolate in separate pans.

To make butterscotch filling, heat sugar in a pan. Pour cooking cream followed by some butter.

To make nougat, heat sugar a little and add some almonds to it. Now cool it by spreading the mixture well on a chocolate transfer sheet.

To prepare milch, put some hazelnut paste in a pan and add milk chocolate to it.

Pour a little chocolate in the chocolate tray. Now add milch/nougat/butterscotch filling. Put some more chocolate on top and refrigerate it for some time.

Your delicious chocolates are ready to serve! Enjoy it with your friends or family.

This recipe was prepared as a part of the culinary certificate programme organised for Amitasha by Amity School of Hospitality



AIS Vasundhara 6

Spin and Spell

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

1. Branch of economics dealing with the way land is used.
MONICROGAS

2. A triangular metal piece used to strengthen a joint.
TESUGS


3. A person who excels in multiple fieldstone.
AMYLOHPT

Answers: 1. Agronomics 2. Gusset 3. Polymath



POEM

A journey to the end



Aarush Gupta, AIS Vas 6, XII A

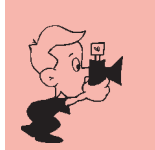
The last stand, the mark of horizon, is it success in disguise?
The dingy tunnels, the solemn sunset, is it failure or malice?
When future walks forth, it is the shadow of fallacy that walks behind.

We cannot seize the failure, but could strive to tame our minds, the stifling victory, the warmth of sun, is it our dwindling inception?
The stark befall, the dull, hazy moon, is it our false perception?
When defeats are inflicted upon us, our soul aspires but relents.
The moment we lose our hopes, it embarks our journey to the end.🇮🇳🇮🇳

Sudoku 65

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Harshal Dev, AIS Vasundhara 1, IX B

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Web of dreams



Calling out aloud



When the city lights up



Naughty Neptune

Short story



Mudit N Mehta, AIS Saket, II B

In the happy family named solar system, there were eight planets orbiting around the sun. They were master Mercury, cute Venus, elegant Earth, handsome Mars, jumpy Jupiter, shiny Saturn, ultimate Uranus and naughty Neptune.

All planets used to have fun and enjoy themselves except Neptune. Neptune resided in the last orbit and it took him 165 years to complete one revolution around the sun. That is why it could not

So, one day, naughty Neptune jumped out of its orbit and positioned himself between Venus and Earth.

join the conversation of other planets and felt lonely. So, one day, naughty Neptune jumped out of its orbit and positioned himself between Venus and Earth. All planets moved and adjusted

their orbits to make room for Neptune. Venus, which moved nearer to sun started melting, while Earth which moved away from the sun, started freezing. This made all the planets and living beings residing on Earth complain to the sun about Neptune's mischief. The Sun, head of the family, scolded Neptune and asked him to return to his own orbit.

And to solve Neptune's problem the Sun promised him new friends and company. This is how Neptune got 13 moons and 6 rings. Neptune was elated and all became fine in the happy solar family.



Eggless cake

Jiya Sachdeva

AIS Noida, III B

Ingredients

Milkmaid/ condensed milk½ tin
 Refined flour (*maida*)1 ½ cup
 Sugar½ cup
 Milk.....1 cup
 Baking powder1 ½ tsp
 Baking soda.....½ tsp
 Butter½ cup
 Assorted nuts.a handful

Method

■ Sieve flour, baking soda and baking powder in a bowl.

- Cream together sugar and butter, till light and fluffy. Add condensed milk and mix it well.
- Add lukewarm milk to it.
- Gradually add the flour and mix it well for three to four minutes till the mixture is smooth and light. Now add the assorted nuts.
- Preheat the oven at 150 degrees Celsius for 10 minutes.
- Pour the batter into a greased baking dish and bake for 30-35 minutes.
- Check the cake by inserting a toothpick in the centre; if it comes out clean, the cake is ready.

I dream

I want to become...a princess



I dream of becoming a princess. I will have a beautifully decorated bedroom. I will have many beautiful gowns, dresses, earrings and necklaces to choose from. I will live with my parents and pets in a beautiful palace. The palace will have a lovely garden with beautiful multi-coloured roses. I will have a magnificent carriage to go to school. I will go for a joy ride with my friends.

Samaira Sachdeva, AIS Saket, III



POEMS



Our country

Shashwat Jha, AIS MV, VI C

Our country is great,
 it is our true mate.
 Our country is healthy,
 it makes us wealthy.
 But for the country we lack respect,
 those respect-lacking people I detest,
 so in our hearts we have to inspect.
 We should make our country proud,
 so that its name will be mentioned everywhere aloud.

So, promise me today you will lead the country in the right way.
 Do good and be the change,
 but be ready to wage a battle with fate.
 To the poor open your gate,
 and please stop pollution,
 be like the 'Father of green revolution.'
 Try to stop the country from falling into the wrong hands,
 and protect this beautiful land.
 We should do all these things to make our country great,
 as it is our true mate.
 Jai Hind, Jai Hind, Jai Hind !

Our precious friendship

Anshika Khanna, AIS MV, VIII C

Singing this song together,
 we celebrate life forever.
 With feeling of love in our hearts,
 we hold hands forever under the twinkling stars.
 The distance between you and I,
 is only a heartbeat away.
 We live in each other's heart, and like this there forever we will stay.
 Your cute smile,
 warms my heart once in a while.
 Our long time kinship,
 will bloom into lasting friendship.
 It has never been so profound,
 a lifetime friend I have found.
 Let our friendship be a bond,
 this will never be like a dry pond.
 You will always be a friend to me,
 and that's the way it has to be!

Mythological Quiz

Lakshya Dixit, AIS MV, V

Q 1. Who was the 8th incarnation of Lord Vishnu?

Q 2. What did Yashoda see when little Krishna yawned?

Q 3. Which fearful snake poisoned the water of Yamuna?

Q 4. Who is known as the king of heaven?

Q 5. Who gave birth to Lord Krishna and who brought him up?

Q 6. What did Shri Krishna steal from the houses of other people?

Q 7. Who was Krishna's best friend?

Ans: 1. Lord Krishna 2. The universe birth to him, while Yashoda brought him up 6. Butter 7. Sudama

Riddle Fiddle

Adhyayan Verma

AIS Vasundhara 6, II

1. I always run but never walk; often murmur, never talks; have a bed, but never sleep; have a mouth but never eat. Who am I?
2. During night we come without being fetched, by day we are lost without being stolen! Who are we?
3. What is in seasons, seconds, centuries and minutes but not in decades, years or days?
4. The more you have of it, the less you see.
5. I stare at you, you stare at me. I have three eyes, yet I can't see. When I blink, I give you commands. You do as you are told, with your feet and hands. What am I?
6. I demand an answer, but ask no question. Who am I?

Ans: 1. River 2. Stars 3. Letter 'n' 4. Darkness 5. A traffic light 6. Telephone

Painting Corner

Aarav Verma

AIS Gurgaon 46, III J



It's Me

My name: Manish Singh Rathore

My school: AIS Vasundhara 1

My Class: KG D

My birthday: March 27, 2010

I like: Visiting grandparents

I dislike: Staying alone

My hobby: Colouring

My role model: Subhash Chandra Bose

My best friend: Kshitij

My favourite book: Panchatantra

My favourite game: Hide and seek

My favourite food: Burger

My favourite teacher: Shruti ma'am

My favourite poem: *Machli jal ki rani hai, jeevan uska paani hai*

My favourite subject: English

I want to become: A pilot

I want to feature in GT because: I want to be known by every Amitian!



Saluting the spirit of Sangathan

For Amies, celebration of Founder's Day began much in advance. The little ones expressed their love for their Founder President Dr Ashok K. Chauhan in the form of cards, songs and by learning about the BHAAG philosophy preached by him. But it was their breathtaking performance on the valedictory function of Sangathan 2014 that stole everyone's heart and made even the dignitaries descend on the ground to personally applaud the young performers. **Komal, coordinator Amiown Gurgaon, Neha Taneja, teacher Amiown PV, teacher and Ritu Kashyap, Teacher, Amiown Noida** bring you a report on the celebrations.

Grand celebrations



Besides the grand Sangathan celebrations at Amity University, Amies got the flavour of festivities at their school campuses too. Students of Amiown Pushp Vihar partook in the festivities at AIS Pushp Vihar, with each one of them expressing their love and gratitude through loving words and birthday song. The children presented cards as a token of their love to their beloved Ms Sapna Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amiown, Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe and Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools. At Amiown Noida, the tiny tots were engrossed in week-long preparations for the big day. During circle time, they were sensitised about the vision and achievements of Founder President. They were shown his picture along with a powerpoint presentation on his life. Children prepared a special gift for him and expressed their joy on receiving chocolates as return gifts.

It was undoubtedly one of the most enjoyable weeks at Amiown Gurgaon with the school bursting with fervent energy and pulsating enthusiasm. All through the week preceding Founder's Day, children got the golden opportunity to hear the inspiring words of Founder President through various videos.



Invaluable lessons

There are innumerable lessons that one can learn from the life of Dr Ashok K. Chauhan. The class discussions helped the tiny tots learn about the magic mantra given by Founder President — BHAAG where B stands for behaviour, H for hard work, A for attitude, A for ambition and G for God. The facilitators explained the mantra through value based stories on good behaviour, hard work, keeping surroundings clean, etc using hand puppets, books and soft boards. The students of Class Nursery of Amiown Pushp Vihar shared some insights on what they have learnt from him.

Naman, Adventurers : I want to be like Founder sir. I will also open a school as big as Amiown.

Vihaan, Browsers: I have learnt it's a good habit to touch my grandparents' feet in the morning.

Anyu Vyas, Creators: Sir has taught us to never lie and behave properly.

Aahana, Discoverers: I have learnt to behave nicely and not trouble my parents.

Jai, Explorers: I have learnt to love others from our Founder President Sir. Founder's Day was the perfect occasion for Amies to imbibe the timeless values propagated by Founder President.



Cultural extravaganza



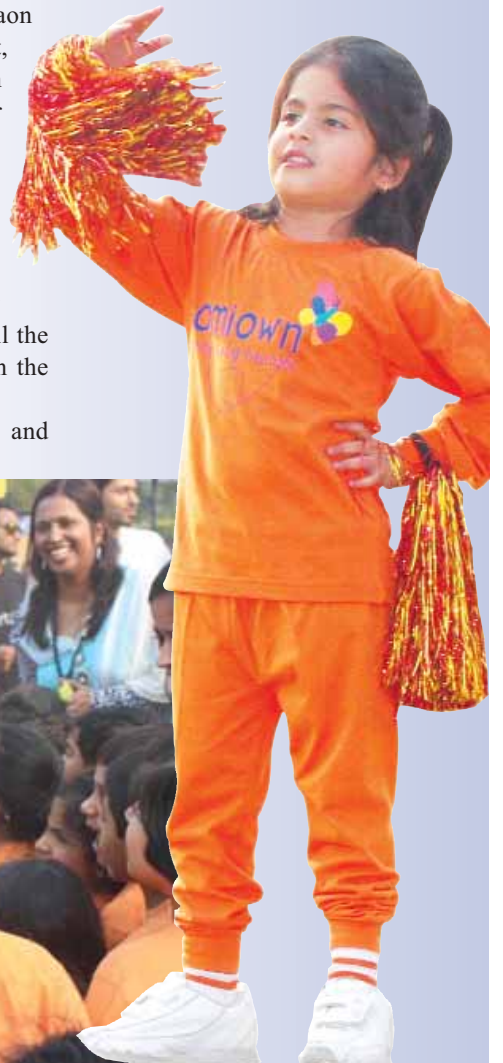
Festivity was in the air as little Amies gathered to be a part of Sangathan 2014 on October 29 at Amity University, Noida to celebrate compassion, commitment and success. The joy of travelling together from the school to the venue was evident in their bright smiles. Amiown Pushp Vihar put up a lively dance performance titled 'I like to dance', a perfect potpourri of coordinated movements, bright ribbons

and delightful smiles. The audience was mesmerised by the skills and dexterity of the little ones. They left thousands of beholders captivated by their magnificent performance.

To express their boundless love and respect for Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, students of Amiown Gurgaon prepared a conical flower bouquet, replete with personal wishes from each child. Amies showcased their energy and enthusiasm through a rhythmic musical show. Their performance was a display of team work, discipline, concentration, focus, hard work and bonding. The spectacular presentation won the hearts of all the dignitaries and guests present on the occasion.

Throughout the preparations and

performances, Ms Sapna Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amiown, continued to be a pillar of strength for everyone; her constant motivation at each step gave them confidence. Her love and support was apparent in the way she stood up to cheer the tiny tots.





What I like most about Sangathan is when the winners get an opportunity to have their photograph clicked with Founder President.

Pratiman Uniyal, Amity School of Communication, Faculty

Blood donation camp

A blood donation camp organised during PTM saw many parent volunteers



Amity parents donate blood during the blood donation camp

AIS Vasundhara 1

The students of the Interact Club of AIS Vasundhara 1 organised a blood donation camp in association with the Rotary Club of Indirapuram Pariwar. The camp which was held within the school premises on October 11, 2014, coincided with the Parent-Teacher Meeting. It was a runaway success.

The students of Interact Club distributed pamphlets to encourage parents to donate blood and save precious lives. Chandak, secretary, Rotary Club Indirapuram Pariwar and a team of doctors were present throughout the camp to motivate the donors. Valambal Balachandran, principal, AIS Vasundhara 1 and Veena Mishra, school coordinator, supervised the entire activity, encouraging the parents and staff to come forward for the noble cause. The secretary, Rotary Club Indirapuram Pariwar, acknowledged the efforts of the students and applauded the donors in making the event successful. The school principal expressed her heartiest thanks to everybody associated with the humane cause. [G I](#)



Mohika performs during the Max I Genius scholarship competition

Talent unlimited

AIS Saket

Mohika Shankar of AIS Saket, VIII B, was selected as one of the two finalists for the 4th edition of Max I Genius scholarship programme held on August 27, 2014. She was awarded a cheque of Rs 1,00,000 as she stood tall among the crowd of more than 1.2 lakh children from all across India. The competition comprised of three rounds. The first

round was a mini question-answer round. The second round consisted of a live interaction with Pt Vishwa Mohan Bhatt, Padma Shree and Sonal Mansingh, Padma Shree. The final session put to test the skills of country's top 10 most eligible all-rounders. They were judged by a jury comprising quizmaster Neil O'Brien, Sonal Mansingh and Ruskin Bond, who posed questions on the spot, which the finalists answered with confidence. [G I](#)



A student learns to wash hands properly at school

Putting hygiene first

AIS Pushp Vihar

Under the valuable guidance of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, Amity International School, Pushp Vihar, took a special initiative to educate children on personal hygiene. Keeping in mind the ongoing battle against Ebola and other diseases, the school invited healthcare giant Dettol on October 10 to apprise the students about the threats associated with poor hygiene. The staff from Dettol interacted with the children of Class I-IV and educated

them about maintaining cleanliness and personal hygiene. They informed the students about the importance of washing hands and also showed them a video on the correct way to wash hands. Next, the students demonstrated the correct way to wash hands. Subsequently, the students had their hands checked for germs under a backlight before and after washing their hands, so that the germ build up could be demonstrated before and after washing hands. Finally, the students received bands to remember the message "Spread health, not germs." [G I](#)

Handwashing Day

AIS Saket

Emphasising good health and hygiene, Amity International School, Saket celebrated Global Handwashing Day on October 15, 2014. The campaign was aimed at raising awareness about washing hands properly with soap to prevent diseases. The first session was held for Class III-V wherein Dr Vandana from AIS Saket, addressed the children on the importance of this day and demonstrated the proper way to wash hands. She also highlighted the areas to be cleaned and important facts related to hand washing. The second session was held for Class VI-VIII. Dr Vandana also showed a presentation and apprised students on the need to wash hands to ward off ailments in an interactive session. At the end of the session, the students took an



Kids learn how to wash hands

oath in Hindi emphasising the importance of washing the hands properly before and after meals and using clean water and soap to prevent various diseases. [G I](#)

Youth parliament

AIS Vasundhara 6

AIS Vasundhara 6 organised a two-day session of parliament on the lines of the Lok Sabha on October 15-16, 2014, for Class VIII. During the Question Hour two agendas were hugely debated and deliberated upon. The issues that were discussed on the floor of the house included; government's policy on terrorism and developing smart cities in India. The opposition attacked the government on its soft stand towards terrorism, even as the government defended its position. While discussing the second



Amitians conduct mock parliament session at AIS Vasundhara 6

agenda, the government proposed to develop Varanasi as the first smart city of India based on Kyoto in Japan. The final session witnessed the passing of the Women Reservation Bill by the house. Sahil Chaudhary and Manan Mahajan were adjudged the Best Speakers. The parents who witnessed the session applauded the efforts of the students. Sunila Athley, principal, AIS Vas 6, encouraged the young parliamentarians

by saying that the seeds of good governance have been implanted in the most fertile minds of our country- the students. Such a simulation sets running the growth engine for research and development of any democracy. Mentor Aarti Saxena commented "If we wish to change our country for the better, my advice would be to ask every student to understand the working of parliament and work at the grassroots level." [G I](#)

Celebrating good over evil

AIS Lucknow

With an aim to apprise its students with the rich Indian culture, Amity International School, Lucknow organised Ramleela on a grand scale from September 26 to October 1, 2014. The students dressed in beautiful outfits, portrayed different characters from Ramayana. Their performance was liked by one and all. The entire performance showcased the various episodes right from 'Ram Janmotsav' to 'Rajyabhishek'. The fourth and last day showed the victory

of good over evil as Lord Rama defeated and killed Meghnath, Kumbhkarana and Ravana. The return of Lord Rama, Sita and Lakshman from exile was enacted beautifully by the students. They also brought forth the essence of Ramayana and the relevance it holds in the present times through their wonderful performance. They gave the message of 'Satyamev Jayate' meaning 'Truth only triumphs'.

The Ramleela culminated with burning of the effigy of Ravana to depict the victory of good over evil. It was truly an enthralling performance. [G I](#)



Students put up Ramleela

Radio Mirchi studio visit

Amity International School, Lucknow, organised an educational excursion on September 26, 2014 for the students of Class V I. The students got the unique opportunity to visit the Radio Mirchi studio and see how the various programmes were telecast. They interacted with RJ Rashi and asked questions related to building a career as a radio jockey, and how the advertisements and songs are incorporated into the live telecast of



Amitians with RJ Rashi

programmes. It was an enriching experience for the students and they enjoyed every bit of the visit. [G I](#)

Special assembly

AIS VYC Lucknow

Students and teachers of AIS VYC, Lucknow, paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi and former prime minister Lal Bahadur Shastri on the occasion of their birth anniversary on October 2. The students were given an insight into the lives of these great leaders through a presentation which they watched keenly. This was followed by a medley of songs 'Vaishnava Jan', 'Raghupati Raghava Raja Ram' and 'Vande Mataram', it instantly created an aura of peace.

Sangathan gives us an opportunity to participate in sports like shooting which no other institute can boast of.
Aman Monga, AGBS Noida



Havan: Invoking the blessing of the Almighty



Ride for unity: Young horsemen escort the dignitaries

Spectacular Sangathan

Reel in the magic of Sangathan 2014 by taking a photo tour of this annual sport spectacle as captured in the lens by **Sarthak Gaur**, Amity Law School, Centre II



Victory: Winners all the way



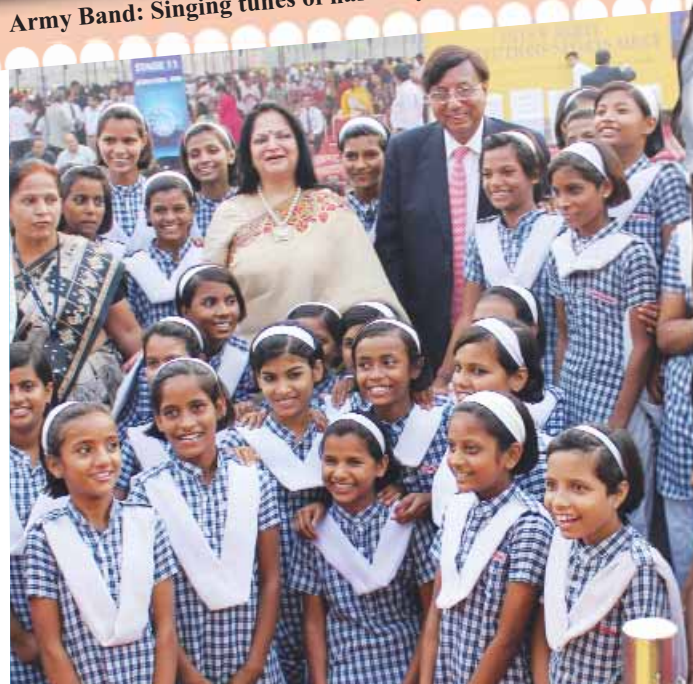
Spreading joy: Amies put up a splendid performance



Army Band: Singing tunes of harmony



Together we watch: United colours of Sangathan



All smiles: A candid moment for Amitasha students



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