

Status of the week

The only person you should try to be better than, is the person you were yesterday. So who is your competition?

Veesha Beotra, Amity Institute of Information Technology

INSIDE

Bollywood magic, P 4

Sangathan journey, P 6-7

poll

Should one put his/her nation above global interest?

(a) Yes (b) No (c) Can't say

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POLL RESULT

for GT issue October 28, 2013

How many total sporting events were held during ‘Sangathan 2013’?

Option	Percentage	Count
(a) Yes	10%	14
(b) No	73%	22
(c) Can't say	17%	30

Results as on November 8, 2013
Correct answer - (b) 22

Coming Next

Watch out for the contest edition of AIS Gurgaon 43

SANGATHAN
Inter Amity Institutions Sports Meet

A decade & a half of togetherness: Sangathan 2013

A bigger and grander Sangathan 2013, 15th in the series, spread its wings and unleashed ‘family-size’ happiness upon revellers. Here’s recapturing the moments

Kanika Bhardwaj
Amity Instt of Biotechnology

As enthusiasm and tempo built up, Founder’s Day 2013, fondly celebrated as Sangathan on October 24 every year, sent the spirits of Amity family soaring; the sports complex lit up with last minute preparations that culminated into a brilliant celebration comprising students, teachers and mentors alike.

A cultural potpourri

The cultural evening of Sangathan 2013 held on October 23 was an evening soaked in merrymaking. The audience were treated to enthralling song and dance performances. Students from all Amity campuses came together to display a brilliant amalgamation of different cultures. Myriad hues and symphonies accompanied with scintillating performances dominated the proceedings of the evening which left everyone asking for more. The cultural gala was very well organised, but what made it an evening to remember was the enthusiastic crowd. The highlight of the evening was undoubtedly the Sangathan Anthem that filled the air with energy and reinforced the immense pride one takes in being a sportsperson.

The big day

With smiles almost as bright as the sun, and cheers galore, Founder President, Dr Ashok K. Chauhan along with his family, inaugurated Sangathan Ceremony for the year 2013. He set the ball rolling for the exquisite display of sportsman spirit and teamwork. It was followed by a brilliantly synchronised march past by students of Amity International Schools and institutes of national and international campuses of Amity University. Bubbling with confidence and enthusiasm, each student took pride in representing their institution in various sports activities, held during the month long

extravaganza. Toddlers from Amiown won the hearts of spectators with their heart-warming display of team effort and a cheerful performance. Other splen-

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Dr Ashok K. Chauhan along with other members of Amity family release Sangathan souvenir

did performances included the dog march past by Amity Dog Academy, performance by students of the Amity Indian Military College and showjumping presented by equestrians from Amity Riding Academy. The evening concluded with a glittering ceremony wherein outstanding sportspersons were awarded with medals, certificates and trophies by the Founder President. Repeating their stupendous feat, Amity School of Engineering & Technology emerged winner for the fourth time in a row with a score of 139 points followed by Amity Law School, Noida at 130 points. Amity International School, Noida was adjudged the best at the march past. The sports contingent of Amity University, Rajasthan clinched the overall trophy. The ceremony would have been incomplete without motivational words of wisdom by Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe. After taking reins of the ceremony, he shared with everyone present the achievements of Amity over the last one year. He inspired everyone to work hard and live upto Amity’s name and fame. The day ended on a solemn promise that everybody would work hard towards excellence and make the best out of the opportunities provided to each one of us, in keeping with the Sangathan Anthem “Aao, bhadho, khelo, jeeto!”

Words that inspire: Dr Ashok K. Chauhan

One of the most memorable moments of

Sangathan was the heartfelt speech made by the Founder President on the occasion. This year, he imbued his students with confidence by telling them that they stand out because of their hard work, determination and fire in their belly to contribute to nation building. He went on to proudly share that Amity had filed over 514 patents and that the faculty would be publishing over 3000 research papers in famous journals in the next three years. He also shared his vision of setting up 5 universities in a year’s time with government support and 10 universities abroad in the next 5 years.

Ruling the air waves

Sangathan has always been the launch pad to all of the visions of Dr Chauhan. The 15th Sangathan saw the launch of Amity’s first ever state-of-the-art community radio station called ‘Radio Amity’. The radio station, which can be accessed at 107.8 MHz will rule the air waves 24/7 and cover a radius of 15 kms. The student-run station, which boasts of production and broadcasting facilities, will delve on subjects like education, health, culture, society,etc.

Welcome Amity’s baby: DIT

The newly acquired gem in Amity’s crown is the renowned Dehradun Institute of Technology, Greater Noida that joined the Sangathan celebrations for the first time this year. The institute not only participated but also took home a gold medal. That’s what is called cherry on the cake!🇮🇳

Staggering statistics

Grand entry of Founder President

50 military bands
4 Amity horses
presented Guard of Honour

The sporting bonanza

22 sporting events for boys & girls
8 sporting events for faculty and staff
19 winning teams from 61 institutes
74 rolling trophies
33 cricket trophies
17 special trophies
1263 medals
96 faculty shields
19 student shields
1004 medals for AGBS
2 special trophies for AGBS
421 gold medals
421 silver medals
421 bronze medals
4 time winner- Amity School of Engineering & Technology

Uniting Amity family

10,000 participants
61 institutions
10 participants from Amity University Dubai
9 vintage games

Pic: Rahul Kapoor

Marching with head held high

Amitasha students with their revered Chairperson

World at a glance

GT keeps the newswire ticking by bringing you news from around the globe

I found guidance, friendship and love...everything in one person and that person is you sir. Wish you a very Happy Birthday!

Khushi Jaiswal, AIS Vasundhara 1, VIII B



B'day wishes

China

Asserting that the old theories of alliance and containment are no longer relevant, Indian prime minister Manmohan Singh outlined seven principles of engagement for closer cooperation between India and China. Singh, who was on a visit to Beijing from October 22 to 24, also urged the two countries to show sensitivity to each other's interests and sovereignty and move quickly to resolve the boundary issues.

Pakistan

Heeding to the request of Indian officials, Pakistan authorities have agreed to facilitate the return of Sarabjit's clothes and other belongings retained by officials of Kot Lakhpat Jail in Lahore to his family. "We are going to hand over his (Sarabjit's) personal belongings soon," Interior Ministry spokesman, Omar Hameed Khan was quoted as saying by a newspaper.

Japan

An earthquake measuring 7.3 on richter sscale struck Japan's east coast on October 26. A release by Japan's meteorological agency said that the quake was an aftershock to the earthquake (measuring 9.0 on Richter Scale) and tsunami that struck the region in the year 2011, killing about 19,000 people and devastating the Fukushima Dai-Ichi nuclear power plant.

Dubai

The Gulf emirate of Dubai threw open passenger operations at its second airport, Al Maktoum International, touted to be world's largest, once it is completed. A Wizz Air flight from Budapest was the first passenger aircraft to land at the sprawling new facility, and it was welcomed on the tarmac with a water cannon salute.

India

A series of low-intensity blasts killed five people and left over 90 injured at a public ground in Bihar's capital Patna, where hundreds of thousands had gathered for BJP prime ministerial candidate Narendra Modi's mega 'Hunkar' rally on October 27. Six bombs- Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) went off in and around Gandhi Maidan between 11:40 am and 12:45pm.

Iran

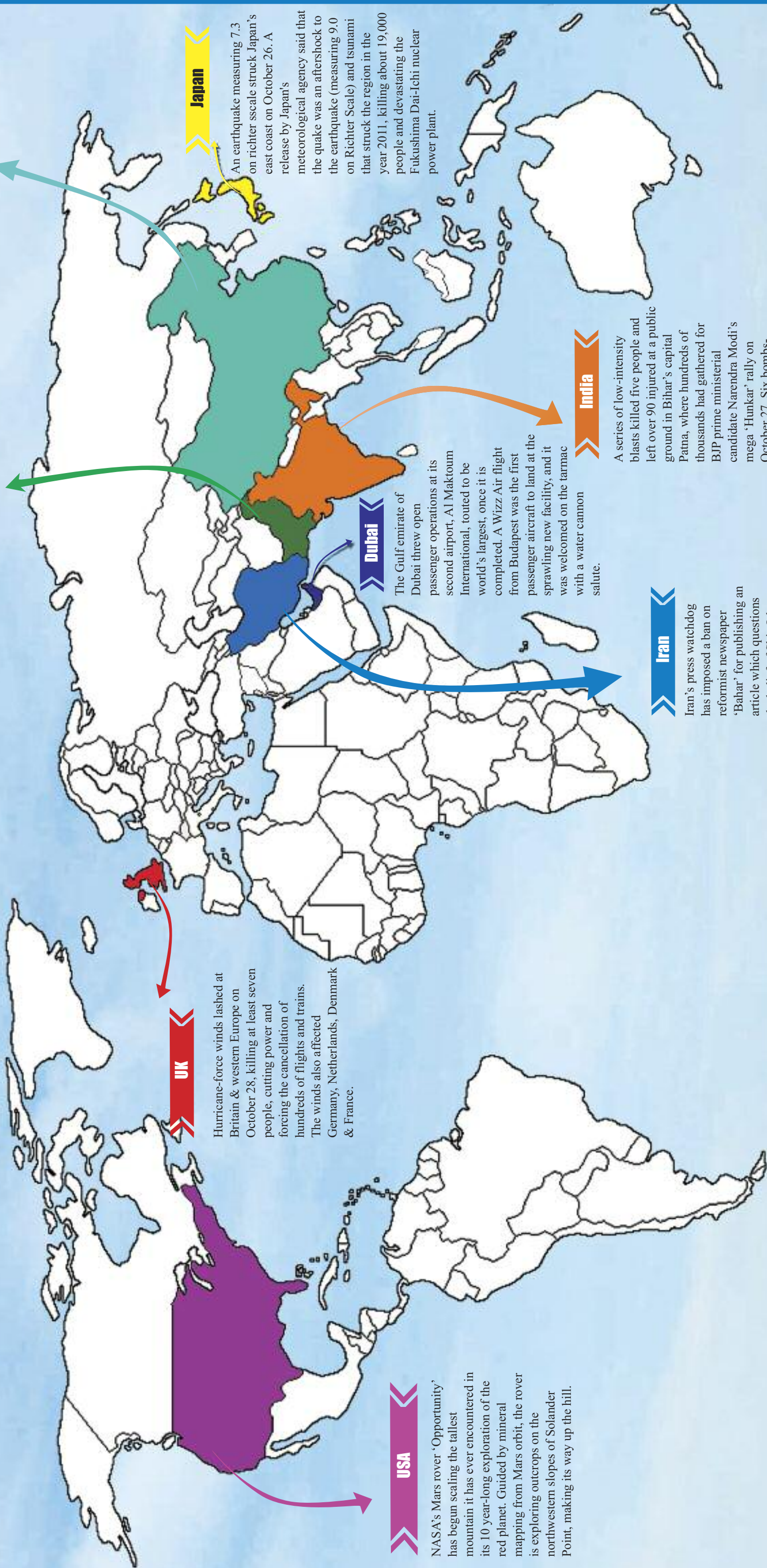
Iran's press watchdog has imposed a ban on reformist newspaper 'Bahar' for publishing an article which questions the belief of Shia Islam, media has reported.

UK

Hurricane-force winds lashed at Britain & western Europe on October 28, killing at least seven people, cutting power and forcing the cancellation of hundreds of flights and trains. The winds also affected Germany, Netherlands, Denmark & France.

USA

NASA's Mars rover 'Opportunity' has begun scaling the tallest mountain it has ever encountered in its 10 year-long exploration of the red planet. Guided by mineral mapping from Mars orbit, the rover is exploring outcrops on the northwestern slopes of Solander Point, making its way up the hill.





An education system is not great if it teaches only how to make a living, but doesn't teach to make a life. So, I would like to thank founder sir, who helped us recognize that.

Rishabh Jain, AIS Vasundhara 1, V B

ALS moots for future lawyers

Amity Intl. Moot Competition saw great luminaries sharing nuggets of wisdom...

Amity Law School, Noida

Mokshda Bhushan, Amity Law School, Noida, Asst Professor

The valedictory function of Amity International Moot Competition was held on October 19, 2013 at Amity Law School Noida. KV Vishwanathan, additional solicitor general of India was the chief guest. He enlightened the future lawyers with seven nuggets of wisdom:

Equipment: One should be equipped with the right knowledge. Today, legal matters relating to companies have escalated and therefore, those with specialisation in corporate law will have an advantage over others.



Founder President handing over memento to KV Vishwanathan

Discipline: One should neither waste time nor money, but make the best use of both. Better time management and discipline leads to improve efficiency.

Physical fitness: All lawyers have to

work for several hours; thus, one requires thorough fitness and alertness.

Monographs: Making monographs of subjects that one likes helps to decide the area of specialisation.

Taste for fine arts: Art, music and literature helps one to punctuate one's arguments with quotes which have a telling effect in the court room.

Sense of humour: It helps to sail smoothly through any situation.

Preparation: Research and preparing for arguments is a gift which must be cultivated.

The address was applauded by more than 80 law students from all over India and Nigeria. The best researcher award was bagged by Bhumika Palsania from Government Law College, Mumbai. She received a cash prize of Rs 1500 and books from Lexis and Nexis. The overall winner was Christ University, Bangalore; they won a cash prize of Rs 6000, medals, books from Lexis and Nexis and an internship. Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur was declared runners up. Founder President, Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, also motivated the students. The ceremony ended with thanksgiving by Dr Shefali Raizada, assistant director, ALSN. [G+](#) [T](#)

With inputs from Ananya De, LLB, III year

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Presents



Brainleaks-91

FOR CLASS XI-XII

As shown in the following diagram, find the radius of air bubble at the upper surface (assuming temperature is constant at lower surface and upper surface)

- (a) 2^3 (b) $2^{1/3}$
(c) 1 (d) 0.33

Last Date:
Nov 20, 2013

3 correct entries win attractive prizes

Ans: Brainleaks 90: (b) Just inside the cambium

Name:

Class:

School:

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Goa ahoy!



The team from ALSN enjoys the Goan sojourn

ALSN

Annirudh Vashistha, Amity Law School, Noida, Asst Professor

A group of ALSN students accompanied by their three faculty members undertook a short trip to Goa in the first week of October. The group visited Fort Aquada and Goa High Court on the first day of the trip. The visit to the court premises and interaction with the court officials was a wonderful experience. The next day, they enjoyed at the Vagator Beach and learnt that the rising temperatures due to global warming and water pollution was causing a great harm to the aquatic life and also affecting the inherent beauty of the state. The visit to Calangute, Candolim and Baga Beaches further enlightened them about problems like mining, waterlogging and pollution faced by the state. Overall, the team had a fabulous experience as they learnt about the city and its people. [G+](#) [T](#)

AIB's winning streak

Amity Institute of Biotechnology

Nida Ashhar, Amity Institute of Biotechnology

A team of students comprising Aashi Agarwal, Reyhan Ghalib, Ankita Bora, Adithya Nair and Akanksha Bhatnagar, under the guidance of their faculty Shreya Goswami and Arisha Siddiqui from Amity Institute of Biotechnology bagged the first prize in the graffiti making competition organised by Lady Shri Ram college, Delhi University at their annual cultural fest 'Tarang 2013' on October 6, 2013. The theme for the competition was 'Dilli' while the theme for the



AIB's graffiti experts with their winning piece of art

fest was 'Dastaan-e-Dilli'. The ambience of the fest was regaling and the entire college campus was soaked in festivity, reminiscent of the true spirit of Delhi.

The young artists of AIB took up the challenge and painted the streets with their imagination, pouring in colours of their heart. Living up to the spirit of the festival, they gave the slogan 'Dil ki Dilli' to their masterpiece which won them glory. Way to go AIB! Glory galore! [G+](#) [T](#)

Manchester writers @ Amity

International geniuses from the field of creative writing shared their experience and innovative tips at this workshop bubbling with creativity

Sumitra Singh

Amity Instt of Corporate Communication, Asst Professor

What: Creative writing workshop

When: August 30, 2013

Where: F1 auditorium, Amity University, Noida

Who: In collaboration with AIESR and Manchester Writing School - department of English, Manchester Metropolitan University (MMU), UK

Creative geniuses from Manchester Writing School showcased their writing skills at the creative writing workshop. Renowned writers and authors of several books- Sherry Ashworth and Iris Feindt from Manchester Writing School were the resource persons. Sherry Ashworth is an established author of books for adults and children. She also writes for radio and is the writer-in-residence at the Portico Library in Manchester. After years of serving as a lecturer at MMU, she now freelances for the university and other organisations. Iris Feindt is an associate lecturer of creative writing at MMU. She has written a novel for



AICC

children and gives workshops to children and youth. She has also co-edited an anthology of writing for children, 'Animal Stew'.

Prof Kanwal Bawa Bhalla, head of institutions, AICC and AIESR, delivered the welcome address. Capt HA Arfi (IAS retd), advisor, AICC and AIESR, motivated the audience with his words of wisdom. Around 150 students and faculty of AIESR and AICC attended the workshop which apprised the audience about creative report writing, effective emails, reflective paper writing, power resumes, etc. The workshop ended with a vote of thanks by Team AIESR and AICC.

About MMU: Established in 1998, the Manchester Writing School is a centre of creative excellence, hosting public reading events, outreach activities, writing competitions and a children's literature fest. The university's MA Creative Writing programme is available on campus as well as online.

You are the gardener of this garden, called Amity and we are blooming under your warm care and great vision.

Sakshi Jain, AIS Vasundhara 1, III A



Discover Bharat

Part 11

INDIA

A tribute to Bollywood

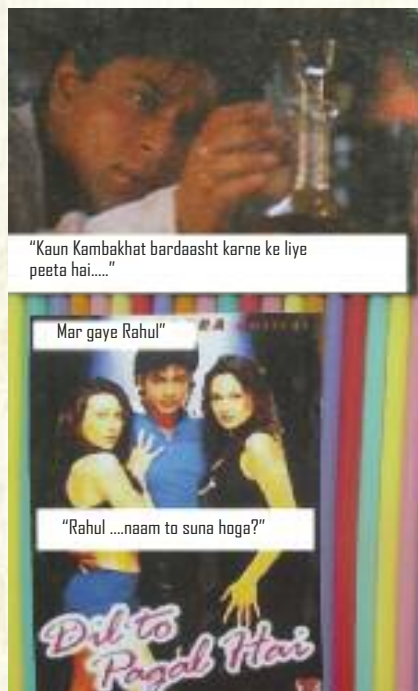
Bollywood is a colloquial term for the Hindi film industry based in Mumbai, Maharashtra. It is the largest film producer in India and is the second largest hub of cinema in the world. As Bollywood marks its century this year, students of **Class V of AIS Vasundhara 6** pay a tribute through handmade, colourful mats to Indian cinema, a treasure trove of heritage for not only Maharashtra, but also for the country. Here is retracing the wonderful journey of Bollywood.

Nation as one, through the kaleidoscope

The Indian film industry called Bollywood is situated in the city of Bombay (now Mumbai), which is the heart of Maharashtra. The city of dreams, as it is famously called, boasts of the vibrant industry that is one of the many jewels adorning the crown of Maharashtra's heritage and culture. Among the most unique features of the Indian film Industry is its secular outlook. It has embraced all classes, religions and castes to capture creativity on celluloid and take voice of art to the masses.

The rise and rise of Bollywood

Unlike the famous Hollywood district of Los Angeles, California, Bollywood does not exist in physicality. But it is



Bollywood mat made using colourful straws, posters and cutouts of actors

equally celebrated and loved across the globe. Bollywood rose to fame with its first silent feature film titled 'Raja Harishchandra' (1913) directed and produced by Indian icon Dadasaheb Phalke. By 1930s, the industry was producing over 200 films per year. The first Indian sound film, 'Alam Ara' (1931) was a huge commercial success. The Great Depression, World War-II and the tragic violence of partition was beautifully captured on celluloid. These historical developments had a major impact on Indian cinema and it emerged as the voice of the nation. The filmmakers used cinema as a medium to bring social issues to light. Many films based on independence struggle were made.

The golden era of 50's

The 50s can be regarded as the golden age of Hindi cinema and

some of the best films like 'Pyaasa', 'Shree 420', 'Awaara' and 'Kagaz ke phool' were made with the working class as the main protagonist. Epic films like 'Madhumati', 'Mughal-E-Azam' and Mother India caught the fancy of cine goers and consequently won acclaim and appreciation of the audience. The period also saw the emergence of a new parallel cinema movement which was mainly led by Bengali filmmakers like Satyajit Ray and Bimal Roy. 'Do Bigha Zamin' and 'Neecha Nagar' are among the frontrunners in this genre. In fact, 'Neecha Nagar' was the first film that won international recognition and shared the Best Film award at the first Cannes Film festival held in 1946.

Romancing the 60's

In the late 1960s, romantic movies starring actors like Rajesh Khanna, Shashi Kapoor,

Dharmendra, Sanjeev Kumar, Sharmila Tagore, Asha Parekh and Mumtaz enjoyed great success and a huge fan following. It was during this era that the larger-than-life character of the angry young man was effectively personified by actor Amitabh Bachchan who set new trends with every film.

In the 1990s, the pendulum swung back to family centric romantic musicals and films such as 'Maine Pyar Kiya', 'Qayamat se Qayamat Tak', 'Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayangi'. These movies became famous for their memorable dialogues and songs.

New age cinema

The advent of the new century saw tremendous rise in the popularity of Bollywood across the globe. Filmmaking rose to new heights in terms of quality, innovative story line, animation, special effects, music and

Heritage revived

Celebrating the rich and diverse heritage of India, Amity International Schools indulge in the art, cuisine, traditions, lifestyle, flora and fauna of different states. The year-long heritage activity, as envisaged by Chairperson Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, aims at reviving India's rich heritage and bringing it closer to the students.

GT brings to you 'Discover Bharat', a heritage series that captures the ongoing heritage celebrations at Amity Schools. It also complements the elective course on heritage, soon to be launched by CBSE for senior classes.

In spotlight:

Maharashtra

Next in 'Discover Bharat':

The popular folk dances from the state of Maharashtra like Lavani and Koli, etc.

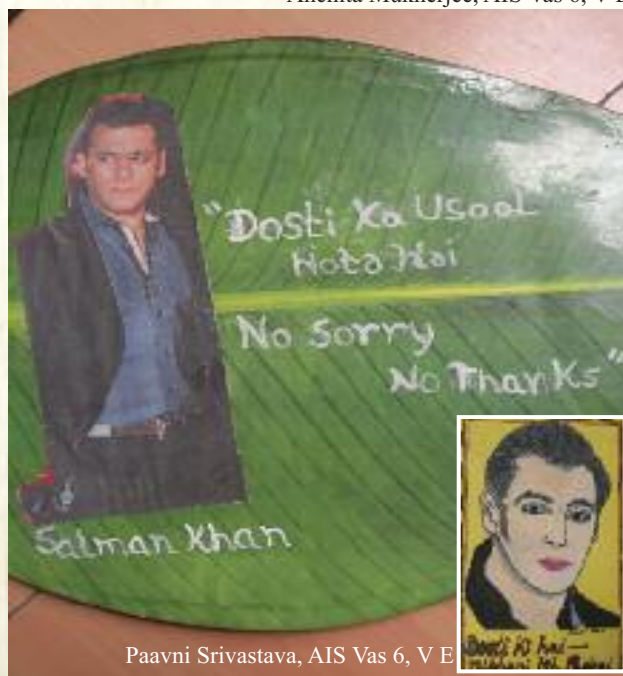
cinematography. Movies like 'Rang de Basanti', 'Devdas', 'Lagaan' and the like won critical acclaim from not only the Indian diaspora, but also overseas. **GT**

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Anchita Mukherjee, AIS Vas 6, V D

Kushagra Bhardwaj, AIS Vas 6, V D



Paavni Srivastava, AIS Vas 6, V E





On your birthday, we learnt from you that the purpose of education is not to make people masters in academics, but develop character. We pray for your long and healthy life.
Kashvi Puri, AIS Vasundhara 1, III

Spirit of Sangathan



Dr Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

“Gold medals aren’t really made of gold. They’re made of sweat, determination, and a hard-to-find alloy called guts.”

-Dan Gable

Every year, thousands of students gather on the grounds of Amity University to cheer for the long life of their Founder President as the entire Amity fraternity celebrates the month long mega sports event ‘Sangathan’. The annual sports meet is a culmination of endless hard work, tireless toil and rigorous practice sessions. What began as a simple Sports Day years back has metamorphosed into a magnanimous event of mammoth proportions with participation not only from Amity’s Indian campuses, but also from campuses across the globe. The euphoria that accompanies the victories at any sporting event is the fine line that separates the best from the second best. Winning isn’t everything but it beats everything else. Victories are the fruition of single minded dedication and focused efforts. When hard work meets determination and grit, it leads one to the path of unprecedented success. This is the spirit of Sangathan. Through its various sports events, it brings home the values of tireless striving, team spirit and sportsmanship. The vibes of positivity that cascade from the organisers to the participants create an atmosphere of unparalleled camaraderie that contributes to the holistic development of students, which is the core focus at Amity. Sangathan is not just a sports meet, it is a celebration of life in one of its most beautiful avatars. 🇮🇳

Sangathan effect



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

Sangathan, which marks the birthday celebrations of our revered Founder President Dr Ashok K. Chauhan is the grandest celebration that every Amitian looks forward too. What makes this event unique is the huge takeaway it offers. The event serves as a perfect training ground for grooming future leaders, who will take the vision of Founder President to make India a Superpower by 2030 forward. Though, a sporting event, Sangathan is not just about winning or losing. This extravaganza keeps every Amitian involved right from the stage of its inception to the spectacular finale. It brings to fore qualities like leadership skills, team building, resolving conflict, planning and much more. It’s also about celebrating small victories of life, dreaming big, recognising special skills and raw talent (Read Pg 6-7 to know how Sangathan served as a training ground for prodigies like Ronjan Sodhi and Vidur Agarwal). We have seen Sangathan adding new dimensions every year. This issue of GT attempts to trace the journey of its growth through interaction with people who have been associated with it since its beginning (Read Pg 6-7). With introduction of new sport every year the competition goes a notch up. About 22 sports were played this year (Read Pg 12). The organisers ensure that the event has something on offer for everyone. If not a medal, every participant goes back beaming with a smile and loads of blessings from Dr Chauhan. Nothing summarizes the reeling effect which Sangathan leaves behind, better than the quote, I read sometime back, “Somewhere behind the athlete you’ve become and the hours of practice and the coaches who have pushed you is a little girl who fell in love with the game and never looked back... play for her.” 🇮🇳



Born a girl

Despite widespread progress and development, what doesn’t seem to change, is the condescending attitude towards females. **Shriya Sehgal, AIS Vasundhara 1, IX** A questions ...

I am a female. I am worshiped as a Goddess. I am respected as a mother. I am showered with affection as a sister. I am loved as a wife. Yet, I am killed before I am born. People write inspiring quotes about me. They say, "If women are given a chance, they can do wonders." They cite how many of my kind have reached the summit of success. They sing peans of praises about how I can do anything I want. They allow me to enter male dominated fields like sports, aviation, defence and politics. Yet, they traumatise me and inflict wounds on my personality which leave me

scarred for life. Laws against female foeticide are passed. Sonography and ultrasound techniques promoting sex selective abortion, are declared illegal. The government has been pushing for gender equality, yet, educated people prefer sons over daughters and kill me in the womb. How can parents kill their own child? Is this any better than the ancient days when women were a victim of social evils like sati, dowry and a stigmatized widowhood? Female infanticide has given birth to another social evil- human trafficking. In 2011 alone, approximately 1500 Indian women were bought and sold as brides in areas where infanticide was rampant. This has led to a skewed sex ratio and created a gender imbalance. Is a female’s life so cheap that it can be traded? Why is that the condescending attitude towards females doesn’t seem to change? If more of my kind are killed in the womb, how will you know of more illustrious names like Kalpana Chawla, Indra Nooyi, Chanda Kochhar, Sania Mirza and Saina Nehwal? It is high time that awareness is spread among people, about girls being assets. Education should be made compulsory for women. Campaigns should be organised to cast away prejudices against females. Gender disparity must be crushed with a firm hand as a dignified life is everyone’s right. 🇮🇳

Sea of emotions

The vast range of emotions that fill our hearts need some pampering from time to time

Sadhika Sehgal
AIS Pushp Vihar, XII



guard and feel depressed. Instead, we must gear up our senses and recall those moments when everything was in place. Then, keeping that happy picture in mind, we should fix the jigsaw puzzle

of life, because this is one game we cannot afford to lose! All experiences, good or bad, help us to tide over the rocky patches in our lives. The main aim of life is to seek satisfaction and happiness. Just like the game of hide and seek, there are many things in life we search for; but just because we are unable to find solutions to a certain problem, it doesn’t mean we should quit! Instead, it means that we should take a little rest and restart our system so that we can work with double energy and vigour. Our spirit is what boosts or pushes us everyday to move forward in life and we must keep indulging in those activities so that we do not lose our spirit and zest for life. Everything in the world is possible only if you believe it is. One can climb the ladder of success in life only if one keeps pampering the positive emotions regularly and kicks out the negative ones. The sea of emotions that we swim in every moment, can be a really happy space if we keep pampering them from time to time. 🇮🇳

The need to break free

When everyday monotony of life takes a toll, it’s time to escape from reality and dive into the world of fantasy and imagination

Tarlika Gaur, AIS Gur 46, X D

Life is a glorious gift. It’s a vicious cycle of constancy and vicissitudes. However, everyday routine, life’s problems and the mad rush tends to make a person frustrated or depressed. When the harsh realities of the world become too overbearing, one wants to break free, leave behind all the worldly problems and travel into a new world- the fantasy world. To break free, a person enters a unique world filled with thoughts and imagination. It could be day dreaming or wishful thinking, but the flights of

fantasy provide one with the much needed escape from reality. People resort to various means to escape the harsh realities of life; one such medium is movies. In the entire duration of a movie, one’s mind is totally distracted from the chaos of everyday life. The success of movies like ‘The Lord of the Rings’ has largely been due to people’s fascination for fantasy. Such movies showcase imaginary and impractical world of surrealism. For instance, in ‘Harry Potter’, paintings speak, magic intrigues and images in the newspaper move; people find all this quite captivating. They know such

things are not real; yet, everyone enjoys that surrealism, even though temporarily. Fantasy provides a burst of entertainment and excitement in the monotonous humdrum of life. It helps one live one’s imagination, thus providing a sigh of relief from day to day stress. In the maddening rush of life, Everyone needs to take breaks from time to time to escape from reality. These breaks rejuvenate us. They not only freshen up the senses, but also provide instant energy. They trigger creativity and imagination. Fantasy, therefore, is a necessary ingredient for a long, healthy and joyful life.



Dear Editor,
Thank you for publishing my son Takhsheel’s experiment under the ‘Gyan Vigyan’ page of The Global Times dated October 7, 2013. We appreciate the hard work of the GT team in designing and editing the piece; it looked very attractive indeed. Even the headline ‘Ande ka funda’ was very interesting. We really liked the way the article was covered in GT. 🇮🇳
Bhavisha Buddhadeo
M/o Taksheel, AIS Gur 46, II G

Reliving 15 years of Sangathan

From a mere three day athletic meet to a month long sports extravaganza, 'Sangathan' has come a long way. The magnum opus through its 15 year long journey has set many historic benchmarks and witnessed countless euphoric moments. Smita Jain, GT Network, takes a walk down the memory and revisits the magic called Sangathan from start to finish



Pic: Deepak sharma, GT Network

The story of inception

There is a very interesting story behind the genesis of Sangathan, but not many people are aware of it. It goes like this... Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe, in the year 1999 during his interaction with a group of students from Amity International School, Noida (first group of students to go abroad) discovered that sports brought cheer, smile and joy in the life of students. He had asked the students casually what was that one thing that they enjoyed indulging in the most and the students in unison had replied, playing sports. It was then that Dr Chauhan decided that Amity Group of Institutions should host a mini Olympics and it should match the grandeur and scale of international sports event. For the first time in

the history of Amity, a three-day long athletics meet was organised at AIS Noida. The event was a phenomenal success, despite the absence of elaborate infrastructure and basic resources. It was quiet a sight to see the AIS Noida campus turn into a 'Karambhoomi' where students enthusiastically participated in day and night matches. Unbridled sportsman spirit reigned high. It was in that year that sporting skills of Mr Aseem Chauhan, Chancellor, Amity University, Rajasthan came to fore. He took part in 'shot put competition' and performed exceedingly well. Buoyed by the success of the event, Mr Atul Chauhan, Chancellor, Amity University, Uttar Pradesh suggested that it should be organised in respect of the Founder President on his birthday and as they say rest is history, Sangathan from its year of inception till date has dazzled one and all associated with it. ■■

Soaring high

It was the idea of Mr Atul Chauhan that Sangathan should have a flag of its own. The idea was further given shape by Dr Gurinder Singh. It was then that a group of students designed a flag bearing the torch of knowledge. The blue colour of the flag represents Amity colour and the bright flame of the torch on the flag represents knowledge. The flag since then has been an integral part of every Sangathan celebration and is looked up with reverence by every Amitian. No ceremony is complete without it, whether it is hoisting the Sangathan flag to mark the beginning of celebrations or carrying it with pride during march past. ■■



True to its name

It took many sleepless nights and several brainstorming sessions after which it was unanimously decided that Amity's mini Olympics, the grand event, would be called Sangathan. The term was coined keeping in mind the underlying philosophy of the Founder President, Amity Universe, Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, who wanted each and every member of the Amity family to take to the playground, soak and revel in the true sportsman spirit. The name was a token of love to the great vision of Dr Chauhan, who always saw sports not as an event but a medium to bring the entire Amity family together. And the name today holds true to its meaning, Sangathan symbolises core values like togetherness, unity and strength which Amity stands for and has always tried to inculcate in its students and staff alike. Sangathan today witnesses healthy competition between students and faculty members who turn out in large number to participate. ■■



A star is born

Sangathan is not only the new hunting ground for talent, but an event which sets on the process of polishing uncut diamonds. There have been several gems that owe their exuberance to Sangathan. We bring to you two such prodigies-



Vidur Agarwal: Star swimmer and proud alumnus of Amity Institute of Biotechnology, Vidur Agarwal shot to fame after a special coach was hired and he was given the permission to go and practice at Talkatora stadium. Though, a national swimmer Vidur was groomed and prepared for a larger feat at Sangathan. The champion went on to create

history by competing with eight other nations for Gold at Commonwealth Games held in the year 2010 in Delhi.



Ronjan Sodhi: Ronjan Sodhi, a double-trap gold medalist at 2012 Asian Games and a silver medalist at Commonwealth Games, 2010 is a product of Amity. A student of Amity Business School (ABS), this star shooter heralded Amity to fame after he won the country's highest sporting honour 'Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna'. ■■

The entire Sangathan story was shared by Dr Gurinder Singh

Retracing the journey of Sangathan

Get ready to undertake a voyage back into time, as GT brings to you a quick recap of 15 years of Sangathan from the time of its inception.

- It took a series of meetings to conceptualise, design and plan the framework of Sangathan. Under the able guidance of Maj Gen K Jai Singh, who is currently the group vice chancellor, Amity University the passion of all those associated with the genesis of this sports extravaganza touched new heights.
- The first Sangathan was a three-day athletic meet that was a phenomenal success. The three-day event organised at Sector 44 campus witnessed day and night matches. Each and every institution participated in the event and even the higher education institutes turned out in full force. The enthusiasm of the players and organisers was so high that nobody went home those days.
- Mr Atul Chauhan, Chancellor, AUUP after the grand success of the event suggested that it should be held every year on October 24 in respect of Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe. The next Sangathan saw a five-day long celebration.
- Next year Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools not only personally motivated all the members of the organising committee, she even expressed her desire to involve the students of all Amity International Schools in the celebrations. For the first time, the schools participated in the sports meet and school children played in matches against students from higher education institutes. Mr Amol Chauhan and Mr Abhay Chauhan also represented AIS Saket in many matches with great enthusiasm.
- Next three years saw resources being expanded, and new events being added to make Sangathan the most sought after event of Amity. All these became possible due to self-



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- less contribution of Major General K Jai Singh, S C Grover and M L Raina.
- The most anticipated cricket match between AKC Group of Companies and Amity University was played for the first time in the year 2001. The university team was led by Dr Gurinder Singh while the AKC Team was led by Mr Ajit Chauhan, Vice Chairman, Amity Directorate of Distance and Online Education. People from AKC Group of companies turned out in large numbers to witness the match. Food stalls were also put up. The entire place wore a festive look.
- In the following years, Sangathan celebrations became more structured and were headed by the vice chancellor of the university.
- With each passing year, the structure grew and improved in all areas, be it the addition of state-of-the-art equipment, organising refreshment, inclusion of army band or better planning and logistics.



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- The cricket match between members of AKC Group and employees of Amity University left behind many memorable memories. Many seasonal players got hurt while many amateurs hit sixes. The entire Chauhan family came to cheer the teams.
 - The first ten Sangathan celebrations were organised in AIS Noida campus. Year after year new colours and flavours were added to the event which today is compared to mini Olympics.
 - The year 2010 saw the valedictory ceremony of this mega event being held at Sec 125 campus for the first time. The ground was prepared overnight for this landmark day. The Founder President was so overjoyed that he announced that an Olympic size swimming pool would be open in the campus before the next Sangathan and so it was. Since 2011, Sangathan is being celebrated in Sec 125 campus.
 - Sangathan is no more an infant, it has grown into a 15 year old teenager who is all set to grow into a young man. In the years to come this event will not be restricted to Amity campus but the organisers plan to take it across the globe.
- ...the journey called Sangathan has just begun and many interesting chapters are waiting for their inclusion. ■■

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Sangathan in my soul

Dr Gurinder Singh, the former Chairman of Sangathan Organising Committee and additional group vice chancellor opens his heart and soul about the magnum sports extravaganza 'Sangathan'

How did the idea of having Sangathan on the Founder President's birthday germinate?

Sangathan was never an event for us. It was an expression, a dream, *armaan*, *arzo*, a commitment and display of respect towards Founder President. It was the ardent belief in his philosophy and vision that sports can bring the entire Amity family together that made us passionately work towards organising the first ever sports meet. The grand success of the event made Mr Atul Chauhan conceptualise and announce that the valedictory function of Sangathan would coincide with the birthday of Dr Chauhan.

What was the goal behind hosting month long sports meet?

The main aim behind holding the month long sports meet was to inculcate the feeling of togetherness, unity and strength. It was the dream of the Founder President to see each and every member of Amity family enjoy the feeling of togetherness.

What challenges did you encounter at the onset?

Though, the initial years saw us struggling with resources and infrastructure, but what overshadowed everything was love and bonhomie. Everyone took pride in the fact that they belonged to 'Amity family'. Sportsman spirit, togetherness, high adrenalin levels, cheering and dancing formed the integral part of our lives. The event gave students and teachers an opportunity to get closer. Their respect for the Founder President was so high that when they were asked to name their institution they unanimously replied 'Amity'.

How has Sangathan evolved over the years?

The first Sangathan saw a three-day long athletic event being held. Over the years the grandeur of the event has gone up. The celebrations are not restricted to Amity campus, they have spread offshore also. The level of competition has gone a notch up with every passing year. I hope this *armaan* of mine touches new heights.

There are many beautiful and vivid moments associated with Sangathan. Here are some special memories, especially gathered for you to relive and revel in the spirit of Sangathan:



I distinctly remember the year when for the very first time a march past was organised. All Amity institutes participated in the event with fervour. It was indeed touching to see the eyes of Mr Atul Chauhan brim with tears of joy as he saw a proud and happy Founder President take salute from marching contingents. Mr Atul Chauhan went personally to cheer the teams at Talkatora stadium, where some of the matches were held.

Another incident which is still fresh in my mind is when AIBS student Nitika Brar, fractured her leg during one of the athletic events. She not only participated in the 100 m race next day but went on to win gold.

Dr Gurinder Singh, former chairman, Sangathan Organising Committee(1999-2009)



Sangathan is the most sought after event in the Amity calendar. Everyone associated with it from its inception, eats, breathes, prays and loves Sangathan for complete one month. It was during my tenure as the chairperson of Sangathan Organising Committee that the tiny Amies participated with full gusto for the first time. Their performance was very well received and appreciated.

Dr Alka Munjal, former chairperson, Sangathan Organising Committee



I feel very proud that ASET has set a new record by leading the medal tally for the fourth consecutive year under me. It is their sheer hard work and determination which makes them champions. We as faculty members find it difficult to control our emotions during close matches and don't shy away from cheering aloud for our team. Whether it was tug of war match or net ball match against any team, whenever Team ASET descends on the field it gives a tough fight.

Col Kaiser Singh, secretary, Sports Competition, AUUP



It was in the year 2000 or 2001 when I was working as a teacher at AIS Saket that we got to know that school students are also supposed to participate in Sangathan celebrations. During those days, matches went on till late evening. I had just returned to school from Sector 44 campus at 7:30 pm when I got to know that a basketball match is to be played between school students and college students. We immediately returned to the venue and to our surprise the match turned out to be an interesting one. For the first time in any match, a school team was pitted against a team from higher education institute. However, the feelings which dominated the basketball court that day were those of healthy competition, bonhomie and brotherhood. I still vividly remember that Dr Gurinder Singh used to sleep in his office when Sangathan was on in full swing. He used to take bath in the campus only and be out in the field early morning. He was very committed and he passed on that passion, zeal and team spirit to all those associated with the celebrations.

Dr J Goswami, secretary, Sangathan Organising Committee



I was an Amity parent till the year 1997. But I joined Amity in the year 2007. It was a dream come true to work in an institution which promotes and patronises sports and shows their Founder President with so much love and respect. I was surprised and felt honoured to know that I have been made the chairperson Sangathan Organising Committee for the year 2012 by the acting vice chancellor. Organising a mega-multi sports event was a major leap in my professional journey. Interacting with luminaries of various institutes proved to be a beautiful learning experience. However, one moment which I would cherish throughout my life is when ASPES students in the year 2013 volunteered to be a part of core organising team and also managed the online portal of Amityzone.net/Sangathan.

Dr Kalpana Sharma, chairperson, Sangathan Organising Committee (2012-13)

You cannot recover what’s gone!

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Storywala

She felt sorry as she had no time to explain her behaviour or apologise to the man who had been kind to her.

now?” Then, the man, taking the last cookie, divided it into half, giving her one half. Ah! That was too much! She was much too angry now! The lady huffed and puffed, took her book, her things and stormed to the board the flight. When she sat down in her seat inside the plane, she looked into her purse to take her eyeglasses, and to her surprise, her packet of cookies was there, untouched, unopened! She felt ashamed as she had forgotten her cookies were kept in her purse. The man had divided his cookies with her, without feeling angry or bitter, while she had been very angry, thinking that she was dividing her cookies with him. She felt sorry as she could not explain her behaviour or apologise to the man who had been kind to her. That moment, a realisation dawned upon her that two things cannot be ever reovered: words after they are spoken and the time after it has flown by. 🇮🇳🇮🇳

Sukhleen, AIS Gur 46, IX G

A young lady was waiting for her flight in the boarding room of a an airport. As she was required to wait for many hours, she decided to buy a book to spend her time. She also bought a packet of cookies and a magazine. She then proceeded to the VIP lounge to relax and wait for her flight. She sat down in an armchair and picked up a pack of cookies lying next to the armchair. Soon, a

man came and sat down in the next seat, opened his magazine and started reading. When she took out the first cookie from the pack, the man took one also. The lady felt irritated but said nothing. She just thought to herself, “What a nerve! If I were in the mood, I would punch him for daring!” For each cookie she took, the man took one too. This was annoying her but she didn’t want to create a scene. When only one cookie remained in the pack, she thought to herself, “Ah! What will this man do



Rajasi paneer tukriya

Khwaish Gupta, AIS Gur 46, VII F

Ingredients

Paneer400 gm
Ginger-garlic paste2 tbsp
Onion paste1 tbsp
Chaat masala1 tbsp
Chili powder1 tbsp
Garam masala1 tbsp
Saltto taste
Refined oilfor frying
Flour3 tbsp
Cornflakes (crushed)1 cup

Method

- Cut the *paneer* into 5/7 cm pieces.
- Mix ginger-garlic paste, onion

paste, *chaat masala*, chili powder, *garam masala* and salt in a big bowl.
■ Add the *paneer* pieces and keep aside for 20 minutes to marinate.
■ Add enough water to the flour and mix to a thick paste.
■ Add salt to the paste and keep aside.
■ Heat oil in the pan.
■ Dip the *paneer tukriyas* (pieces) one by one in the flour paste and roll in the crushed cornflakes.
■ Fry the pieces in hot oil until golden brown.
■ Serve with green *chutney*, tomato ketchup or sweet and sour tamarind *chutney*. Enjoy!

POEMS



Kirti Wadhwa, AIS PV, IX B

It was the first day,
when I could feel myself,
my breath, my moves and
my body parts,
my tiny fingers, my nose and my heart.

I was with my mother, comfortable and
protected by any affliction,
I could not get affected.
I was wondering who I would be,
a boy or a girl.
Whoever I may be,

A girl’s fate?

I knew they’d treat me like a pearl.

After five months, I saw myself,
Oh! I am so happy, I am a girl!
On my mother’s lap I wanted to curl,
but she did not even touch me
because I am a girl.

You left me there in the dark
without any toys,
with you and dad
did I not deserve to enjoy?
Like I would have,
had I been a boy.
Then I grew up somehow,
hoping you’d love me now.
But you did not talk to me,
I couldn’t understand how.

Then on a usual day,
you told me to sweep the floor
and when I asked for food ,
you would hit me even more.
When I managed to grow 18,

you sold me for money.
Don’t I deserve to be treated humanly?
Don’t I deserve to have at least one day
of my life sunny?
First ‘I’ was sold, then my body parts
I wasn’t sure if people had a heart.

Every moment of my life
is a harsh punishment.
Each night I am used and
thrown in the basement.
Surviving with all those
scars on my body,
I have lost the faith in myself
to talk to anybody.

My soul was killed,
only a part of my body survived,
and to open my arms to God, I tried,
unfortunately, I survived.

God, there is only one thing I pray,
never make any girl of this world suffer
this dreadful way. 🇮🇳🇮🇳



Born to die

Maitreyi Mehndiratta
AIS Pushp Vihar, IX B

When parents hear a new born girl’s cry,
they say she is born to die.

In her mother’s womb a girl thought,
when I come to this world,
I will do a lot.

I shall be committed to my life,
I promise I shall be a good daughter,
mom and wife.


Let me be born,
give me the privilege to be a mom.
Let me know what it is like to live,
only happiness I shall always give.
A girl has innumerable roles,



Word of the week: Bibliophilia
Definition: Bibliophilia is the love of books.
It’s Meaning: A bibliophile is the one who loves books, but especially for its fine qualities or its format. A bookworm loves books for their content, or otherwise loves reading in general. But a bibliophile, in general, would love books for books. Although, the practice of loving or collecting books at times is dubbed as bibliophilism, and the adjective form of the term is bibliophilic, a bibliophile may not necessary be a book collector but a book lover all the same.

she has the wisdom,
but not the opportunities
to achieve all her goals.


Her dreams touch the sky,
but even before she could open her eye,
the devil in a human lets her die. 🇮🇳🇮🇳




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Gautam Bhatia, AIS Gurgaon 43, VI C

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Home sweet home!



Beauty comes naturally to me!



Caught in the act!

The tale of a bamboo tree

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Wisdom Tale



The bamboo did not argue. It patiently waited for the right time to show his strength.

breeze blows. You are so feeble and weak,” the neem tree mocked. “Even a strong wind cannot shake me, I am so strong,” he boasted further. The bamboo tree did not argue and waited for the right time to show his strength. One day, a violent storm accompanied by torrential rain raged the countryside. The thin flexible bamboo swayed back and forth to bounce back to its original shape, safe and unhurt. The stiff and stubborn neem refused to bend till the gale broke it and brought it down. The strength of neem and the bamboo tree was there for all to see. 🇮🇳🇮🇳

So, what did you learn today?
If you don’t bend, you will break!

Sanjana Saxena, AIS Vas 1, V A

A majestic neem tree grew beside a fragile bamboo tree in a forest. He

was overconfident of its enduring strength and looked down upon the thin bamboo tree. “You shake terribly even when a mild

Outside my window

Vrinda Rastogi, AIS Noida, IV L

Outside the window of my house where I live in, I find all types of noises generated by vehicles big and small, and the people walking by the roadside.

At times, I hear loud laughter, which makes me feel happy, atleast somebody has a reason to be happy in this world full of woes and misery.

The noble ideas of the mind and the idea of collecting huge crores, turns one blind.

POEM

Let’s all unite in doing our best to eradicate poverty and lack of education.
Lets spare something for empty



minds and empty hands, without wasting words and slogans.

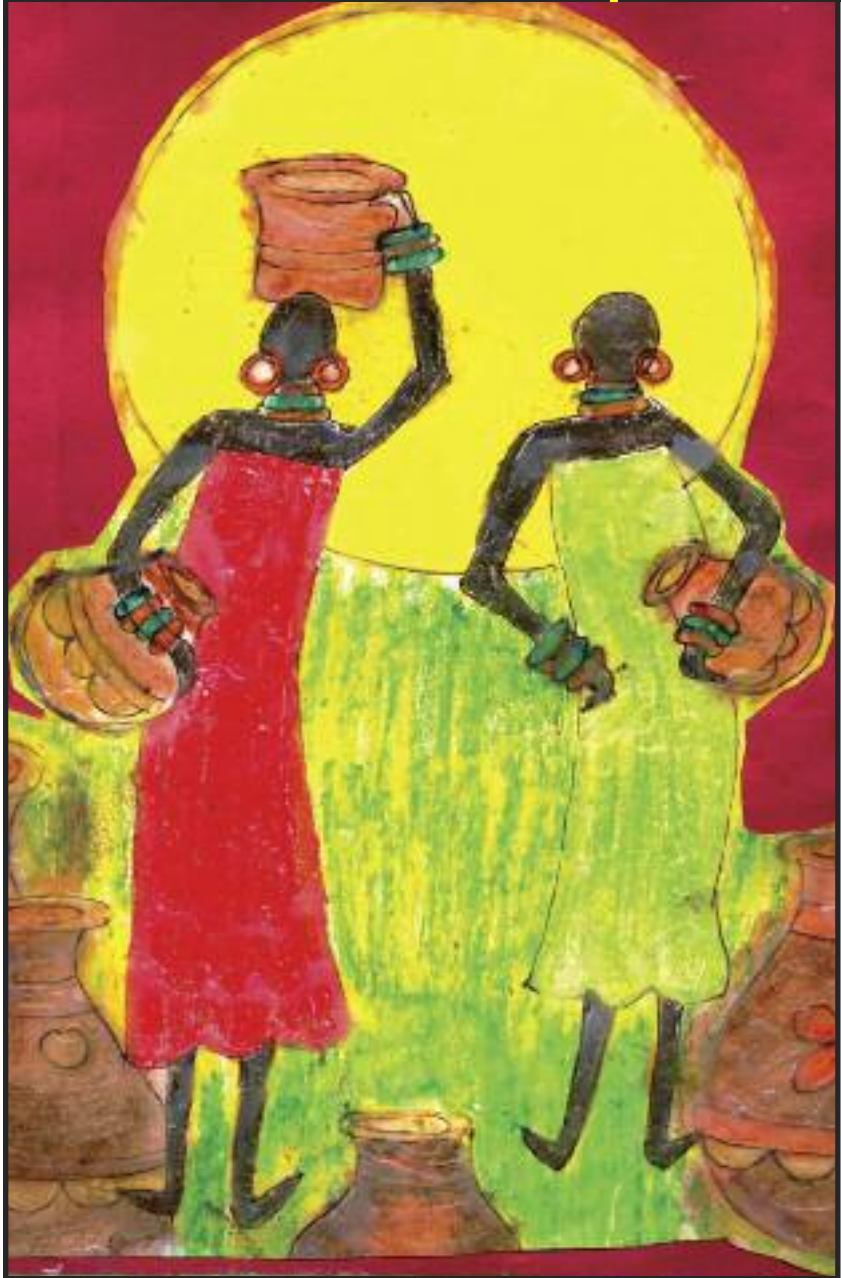
Let’s work for the upliftment of the entire mankind.

No war or harsh words, let corruption die a quick death. Be sympathetic to all our brothers and sisters, who are in need of help, to feed themselves and their families, and try to find shelter every night.

And then the scene I would see outside my window would be something else.

Painting Corner

Ishani Ghatak
AIS Noida, VII L



Jokey Pokey

Arnav Gupta, AIS PV, IV D

Q A man goes in a swimming pool, but when he comes out, his hair isn’t wet, why?

A Because he has no hair.

Q What animal is a tattletale?

A A pig. It always tattles on you.

Q Which is the tallest building in the world?

A The library, of course! It has the most number of ‘stories’.

Q Which flower talks the most?

A Tulips, because they have two lips!

Q Why was the math book sad?

A Because it had many problems!



Yashita with her shahi toast

Shahi toast

Yashita Chaddha
AIS Pushp Vihar, IV B

Ingredients

Bread slices.....4
Oilfor deep frying
Sugar½ cup
Water½ cup
Almonds (shredded).....a few
Edible silver leaf (vark).....2

Method

- Cut the bread slices into heart shape or any other desired shape. Now, deep fry the bread slices in pre-heated oil. Drain and keep aside.
- Now, to make the sugar syrup, take water in a pan, add sugar and heat it until it gets reduced to 3/4th of its original quantity.
- Dip the golden brown heart shaped-bread pieces in the syrup for a few seconds. Now, drain them carefully.
- Refrigerate till it is chilled or you can serve them immediately too.
- Arrange the sweetened slices on a plate and garnish them with shredded almonds and vark.
- Shahi toast is ready to be relished.

Transformers



Srijay Monga, AIS Gurgaon 46, II A

Transformers Prime is my favourite television show. I find it very interesting. The show is about the transformers who have descended to earth from a planet called Cybertron, which was earlier destroyed. Cybertron was ruled by Trion and the youngest Prime was Octumus who pleaded for gaining the Matrix of Leadership. Megatron, another Prime got jealous of this fact and he along with ‘Sandwave’ declared that all Primes were evil and destroyed Cybertron. But the surviving Primes who were good

became Autobots and Megatron & Sand-wave became the Deceptacons. The Autobots now protect earth from Deceptacons using various deadly-weapons like phase shifter, armour, spark extractor, star saver, immobiliser and magnetic files. They are called Transformers because they can transform into anything, be it a truck, a motorcycle or a jeep. The best thing I learnt from the show is from what Trion tells Megatron “Wisdom can’t be granted, it has to be earned.” I will also never be proud and selfish like Megatron but will always try to be good like Autobots instead. 🇮🇳🇮🇳

It's Me



My name: Tridrish Chatterjee
My school: Amity International School, Lucknow
My class: Nursery
My birthday: January 12, 2009
I like: to watch cartoons and play football
I hate: when my mom watches TV instead of playing with me
My hobby: dancing
My role model: my mama and Spiderman
My best friend: Utsav and Krishna
My favourite book: all books that

come with the image of my favourite character Spiderman
My favourite game: all mobile games and football
My favourite mall: Saharaganj, Lucknow
My favourite food: chips and popcorn
My favourite teacher: Preeti ma’am
My favourite subject: Math & Arts
I want to become: a scientist, so that I can make a Spiderman Robot
I want to feature in GT because: I love Amity and want everyone to know me and be my friend.

A tribute to team spirit

Pic: Deepak Sharma,
GT Network



For the Amiown family, Sangathan is like an annual festival where togetherness and sportsmanship are a way of life. Here's bringing Amiown's dedication to the celebration

Amiown PV

Nidhi Anand

Amiown PV, Teacher

Sangathan is an important event in the Amity calendar as it brings Amitians together to celebrate the birthday of Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe. Little Amies had prepared a sparkling surprise to convey their love and respect for Founder President on his birthday. Dressed in bright and colourful dresses, little Amies were

truly the apple of everyone's eyes. Energy and enthusiasm filled the air as the little ones put an enthralling performance on the groovy song track 'Follow the Leader'. The coordinated dance show saw a collaborative presentation of great footwork, coordination and colourful ribbons. The dexterity of the children enthralled the audience and called for a roaring applause. The groovy dance moves of Amies complemented by their delightful smiles had the crowds cheering for more. They were truly the star performers of the ceremony and contributed towards making Sangathan 2013 a sizzling event. The youngest members of the con-

tingent, the adorable Amitots from Noida and Pushp Vihar, also contributed to the excitement by joining Founder President in the balloon releasing ceremony. They conveyed their birthday wishes with their lovely smiles and sweet voices. The cheerfulness of the little ones coupled with the colourful balloons made it truly a sight to behold. Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools; Ms Sapna Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amiown and other distinguished members of the Amity family applauded the efforts of the young Amies. The celebrations were a true

Pic: Deepak Sharma, GT Network



Foot tapping: Dancing to the musical rhythm



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Up up up Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan & Ms Sapna Chauhan (L) release balloons

Camaraderie wins all!

A display of team work and self discipline by Amiown Gurgaon made their performance at Sangathan 2013 truly memorable

Amiown Gurgaon

Vandana Mathur

Amiown Gurgaon, Teacher

Education is the foundation stone and one of the most important parameters for development of any nation. Striving to make India a superpower by 2030, Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe is dedicated to providing rich and value based education. It is his passion and dedication towards fostering an education system in the country that is at par with global standards that has made Amity a premier educational in-

stitute in India.

To mark his birthday, Sangathan-Amity's inter-institutional sports meet, is organised every year at Amity University, Noida with great verve and enthusiasm. The event is aimed at promoting the spirit of sportsmanship and camaraderie amongst students. To express their boundless love and admiration for Founder President, the Amies of Amiown Gurgaon put up an electrifying performance at the sports event. Under the able guidance of Ms Sapna Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amiown, the tiny tots put up an enthralling performance, displaying excellent bonding, team work, discipline,

concentration, focus and above all, their hard work and sincerity- which are the hallmarks of education at Amity. The little ones won the heart of all the guests present by showing great coordination and sense of rhythm.

The little Amies also showcased their expertise in taekwondo techniques like middle punch, face punch, double punch and head block, which enhances flexibility of body muscles and also help gain control over one's mind, thoughts and actions. It was a moment of pride for the Amies when Founder President himself descended on the ground to applaud and appreciate them for their performance. **G.T**

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Hip hip hurray Founder President applauds the cheer leaders



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you are like a candle that guides us
in the darkness.
Udit Kansal, AIS Vasundhara 1, VI D

Expo-Sciences International





A student of Amity presents her science project at the science fair in Abu Dhabi

Expo-Sciences International (ESI) saw enthusiastic participation of Amitians in the largest mega science fair held in UAE, Abu Dhabi

AICE

A six member team from Amity under the guidance of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools ventured miles to participate in a mega international science fair – Expo-Sciences International 2013 held at Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre (ADNEC), Abu Dhabi, UAE from September 15 to

17. This is the largest event in UAE focusing exclusively on the scientific creativity of young aspiring scientists from all over the world. It was a combined effort of H H Sheikh Mansour Bin Zayed Al-Nahyan, deputy prime minister of the UAE, minister of presidential affair, the Abu Dhabi Centre for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (ACTVET) and MILSET. Around 1500 participants from 55 countries showcased 624 projects in 13 scientific categories. The event was marked with seminars, workshops, lectures and cultural activities. The event saw participation of six Amitians- Shramik Rawal, Mudit Gupta, Pooja Ghanghas, Shivangi Singh, Devyni Nautiyal and Nikhil Kumar who presented their innovative projects on 'Conserving electricity through weight lifting', 'Water: earth's mother and matrix' and 'Instant water heater'.



The Amity group was headed by Meenakshi Rawal, director, AICE who was accompanied by Piyush Kumar Madhava, project associate – innovation, Amity Children Science Foundation and a member of MILSET. Pooja Ghanghas and Shivangi Singh, students of AIS Gur 46 gave a dance performance along with other members of the Amity Team. The international participants also got an opportunity to explore the attractions of Abu Dhabi. It was such an enriching experience for the students.  



Team Bolt champs with their awards

Team Bolt champions

AIS Noida

'Team Bolt' comprising four diligent members (Class X students) of AIS Noida- Chittaranjan Prasad, Aman Agarwal, Aabhaas Vaish and Anjali Singh participated in the regional F1 competition in schools. The championship held from January 9-11, 2013, saw 88 teams from all across the country competing. F1 in Schools is a global educational programme that raises awareness about STEM and Formula One (F1) among students on an international level. The Team bagged the 'Best Verbal Presentation' award and won the title of regional champions and hence qualified for the national championship. At the national championship, the Team Bolt shone brighter by bagging prestigious awards like Best Verbal Presentation, Best Research and Development. It was also declared the winner of the first ever F1 in schools national championship in India. Team Bolt is the only team from the junior category which will represent India at an international level, in the Global Championship to be held in Austin, Texas from November 7, 2013.  

The students along with the chief guest and guests of honour celebrate womanhood





Dharohar celebrating womanhood

AIS Gurgaon 46

Amity International School, Gurgaon 46 celebrated its annual function Dharohar – the celebration of womanhood on October 19, 2013 in the school premises. The theme of the event was 'Woman in her varied roles as a custodian of Indian culture and heritage'.

The enthusiastic participation of 1800 students deserves a special mention. The chief guest for the function was Amod K Kanth, retired IPS officer and general secretary, Prayas Juvenile Aid Centre (JAC) Society. The guests of honour were Padamshree Santosh Yadav, first woman in the world to scale Mt Everest twice and Dr Swati Basu, director NCMRWF.

Santosh Yadav spoke on how scientific our Indian tradition and culture is. The gracious presence of Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe and Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools made the event very special for all present.

The event commenced with a wonderful orchestra performance, followed by the victory saga presentation by the council members of the school. A beautiful rendition of Vedic chants by the students of Amitasha enthralled the guests. 'Dharohar' saluted the moral strength, knowledge, resilience, devotion and valour, not simply from the Indian cultural scene, but also from abroad. The whole script was visualised and written by the staff and the students. A dance recital on 'Durga Shakti' and a drama on the life of 'Jhansi ki Rani' were breathtaking.  

Winners on wheels

The skating champs from AIS Vasundhara 1 & 6 unveiled their talent at the championship

Team AIS Vasundhara 6



The champs enjoy a moment of glory

It was a moment of joy for the U-14 girls' and boys' skating team of AIS Vasundhara 6 when they won a bronze each in the 7th Sub-Junior Roll Ball National Skating Championship held in Pune from September 12 -15 organised under the aegis of the Roll Ball Federation of India. The event saw 16 competitive teams representing their states, fight out in the tournament. In their preliminary matches, both the teams from the school defeated participants from Kerala, Jharkhand, Tamil Nadu and gave a tough fight in the semi-finals against Maharashtra to win the bronzes. Aply guided by their coach Anas Choudhary, the team comprising Palash Tayal, Chaitanya Maytray, Aakarsh, Vasu Agarwal, Deepika Dua and Ritika Chaudhary were

appreciated by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools. The team was also complimented by the president of the Roll Ball Association of Delhi and the general secretary of the organisation in UP considering this is the first time in 10 years that a team from Delhi has won a medal.

Team AIS Vasundhara 1



Winners with their school principal

Four students participated in the 7th Sub-Junior (under-14) Roll Ball National Skating Championship held at Pune from September 12 to 15. Skaters Shresth Anand, IV A; Maitri, IV D; Vidhi Pandey, IV D & Akansha Bhargav, VII A, coached by Anas Choudhary, brought home a bronze medal.

Amitians at Korea Science Creative Festival



Going International

AIS Vasundhara 6



A team of two students Palash Tayal and Naman Jain along with mentor teacher Ekta Soni did the school proud by participating in the Korea Science Creative Festival which was held from July 30 to August 4, 2013 in South Korea. It is the largest science festival in Korea. This prestigious event was organised by the Korea Foundation for the advancement of science and creativity (KOFAC), affiliated by the Ministry of Science, Education, Culture, Sports, Tourism, Trade, Industry and Energy, ICT and Future Planning and the Ministry of Environment, Govt. Of India. The event saw more than 200 projects on display from 13 countries like USA, UK, Japan, China, Poland, Korea and India. Representing India the team of AIS Vasundhara 6 presented two interesting projects namely 'Extraction of DNA from strawberries to decipher the genetic role' and 'Portable clouds' to understand the underlying scientific principles of cloud formation.  

Young achievers

AICE

Amity Institute for Competitive Examinations (AICE) felicitated its brilliant students on September 28, 2013 at Amity University for their outstanding performance in the entrance examinations held for engineering, medical, management and overseas education. The felicitation ceremony that saw attendance of principals of Amity International Schools was presided over by honourable Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan along

with several distinguished guests.

The ceremony began with the lighting of the lamp followed by recital of prayer by Amitasha girls. The students who were felicitated on the occasion have been awarded cash prizes varying from Rs 50,000 to Rs 2,000; these include 49 students, with 33 from engineering and 16 from medical. Besides, AICE has seen 85 selections in JEE (and other engineering entrance examinations), 78 selections in NEET and other medical entrance examinations this year. Four students were selected for admission to the prestigious AIIMS while 10 students secured seats in JEE.  



Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan at the ceremony



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Catch (the) 22!

Sangathan 2013 was a sports extravaganza indeed. With 8 games for the faculty, there was a delectable concoction of 22 sports for students (boys & girls)

