

If You're Happy and You Know It...

...is a popular repetitive children's song stemming from an old Latvian folk song. Many variations of the song have been launched ever since...

If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands.
If you're happy and you know it,
And you really want to show it,
If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands!

Well, whatever the version, it implies...spread happiness in any which way. So, when was the last time you felt like singing this song?

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Bhawna Tuteja, GT Network

"Happiness is when what you think, what you say and what you do are in harmony."

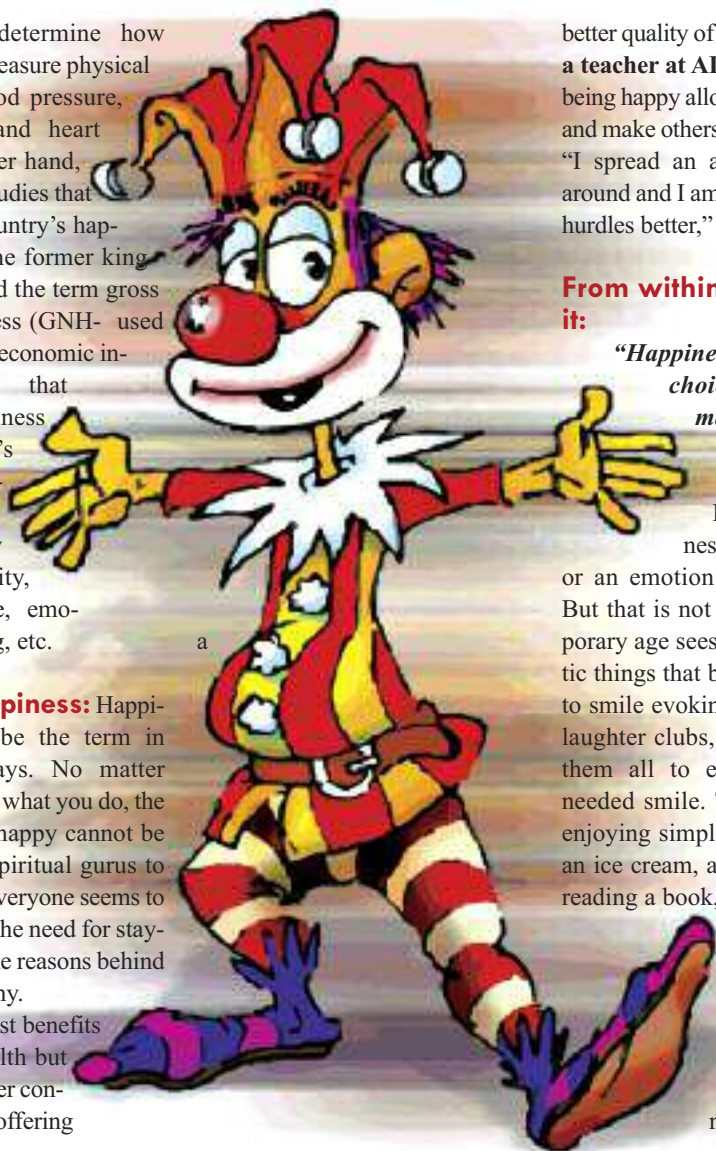
Mahatma Gandhi

Well, this is just one perception of the comprehensive term-Happiness. Though a single word, happiness has more connotations and definitions than you can imagine. The Webster's dictionary defines it as "a state of well-being and contentment." However, seven year old Isha has her own meaning of the term, "I'm happy being the class monitor." A mother, relates the term to the success of her children. When it is about defining happiness, to each his own seems to be the key dictat.

Measuring it: Going by the conventional meaning of the term, happiness is a feeling or emotion. And as far as common knowledge goes, feelings or emotions cannot be measured. But, if the latest studies are to go by, happiness could be a quantitative term too. There are several different approaches used to measure happiness. Certain studies

conducted to determine how happy you are measure physical factors like blood pressure, cortisol level and heart rate. On the other hand, there are other studies that also measure country's happiness index. The former king of Bhutan coined the term gross national happiness (GNH- used along with chief economic indicator, GDP) that measures happiness with country's standard of living, health, education, ecology and biodiversity, good governance, emotional well-being, etc.

Need for happiness: Happiness seems to be the term in vogue these days. No matter where you go, or what you do, the quest for being happy cannot be ignored. From spiritual gurus to fitness experts, everyone seems to be emphasizing the need for staying happy, and the reasons behind the same are many. Happiness not just benefits your overall health but also fosters greater confidence, thereby offering



better quality of life. **Debjani Das, a teacher at AIS Saket** feels that being happy allows her to do her best and make others also do their best. "I spread an aura of positivity around and I am able to overcome hurdles better," she adds.

From within or achieving it:

"Happiness is a conscious choice, not an automatic response."

- Mildred Barthel

For some happiness may be a feeling or an emotion that lies within. But that is not how the contemporary age sees it. From simplistic things that bring in happiness to smile evoking techniques like laughter clubs, people are using them all to evoke that much needed smile. The emphasis on enjoying simple joys of life like an ice cream, a walk in the rain, reading a book, or just talking to your friend is more than ever before. The participation in laughter clubs and happiness workshops

has also gone up substantially in the past few years.

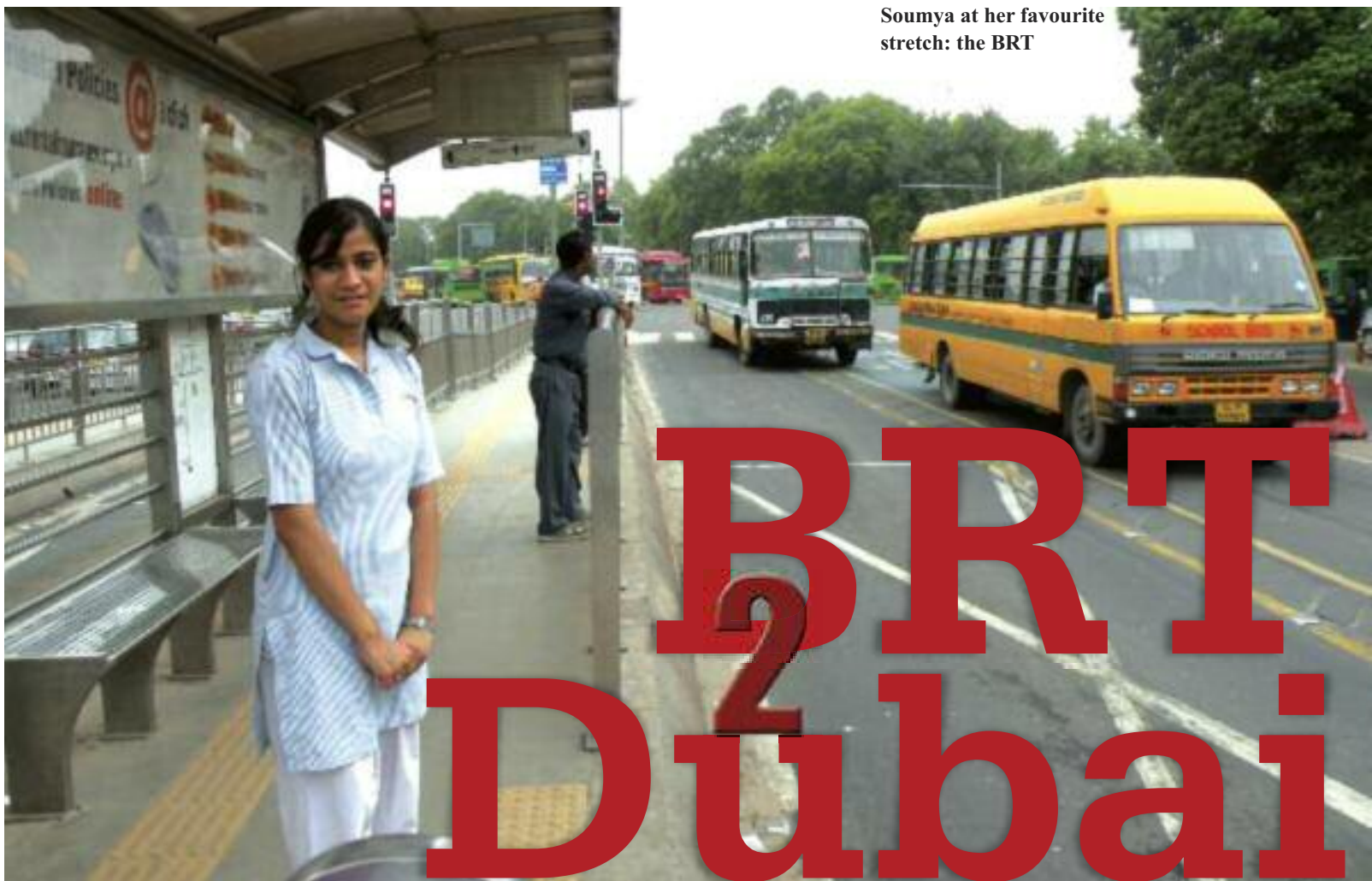
Happiest we are: The urge to stay happy is no longer just a matter of individual choice. It has become a subject of national prestige too. Countries are vying for the top spot in the happiness league. The World Database of Happiness has tagged Denmark as the happiest country in the world, followed by Switzerland, Austria, Iceland and Finland in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th positions respectively. In a global survey conducted by the University of Leicester, Bhutan was rated as the happiest country in Asia and the eighth-happiest in the world. India, still strives for a better ranking in the list. **Isha Malik, XI D, AIS Saket**, feels that it is the 'economic status and the urge to ape others' that is responsible for our unhappiness. She says, "We are always trying to be someone else and end up losing our individuality in the process. This makes us unhappy else it does not take much to be happy." Well said! Meanwhile, let's learn to be happy. So, when you are happy and you know it, clap your hands! 🇮🇳

What happens when a bunch of spunky youngsters take up cudgels for a public project like BRT? The result is Y4PT- Youth for Public Transport!

Namrata Gulati

Soumya Johri, AIS Saket, has donned the exclusive hat of the Chief Executive of Delhi, that will remind her of a significant responsibility she has on her shoulders. We all boast of the National Capital having CNG buses and the Metro train, but how many of us have actually traveled by them? Well, Soumya, along with the other three members of her team pondered over the question and thus, devised Project BRT. The Project undertook a series of surveys in order to understand why Delhites shy away from using public transport for commutation, followed by educating the masses. Soumya tells us how and why such a project came up in the first place, "Through my school, Amity Saket, I learnt of raising awareness about public transport, an idea fostered by Alessandra Gorini who is the International Youth Project Coordinator, and handles Executive Relations for UITP (International Association of Public Transport). After her visit to various countries across the world, she visited Delhi in India to achieve what her organisation strives to, which is promoting public transport. To attain such a goal, our team comprising graduate students Rashi Saxena, Tarun Mann, Priya Rawat and myself, was selected."

The messiahs of public transport: Being the Messiahs for a cause like this one couldn't have been easy. The entire group was first briefed about the reasons for organizing a Youth Parliament, introduced to the objectives of the Youth Project, etc. The key subject of the Youth Parliament was a Technical Report on the "BRT System in Delhi". This was then followed by the participants organizing themselves into various teams to carry out one task per team. They studied, researched secondary



Soumya at her favourite stretch: the BRT

sources, interviewed, conducted spot surveys, etc. Presentations and videos became important mediums to share the results of the study in a Delhi Youth Parliament attended by many reputed industry professionals and government representatives, as well as Delhi CM, Sheila Dikshit. It was here that the team of four clearly excelled and were chosen to promote the cause further in Dubai. Dubai will host the 59th UITP Worldwide Congress in 2011. A diaspora of like-minded individuals will get to interact with young managers of different companies, share and discuss their understanding, dreams, perspectives and goals related to Public Transport. A significant agenda of the Congress would be to dis-

cuss strategies for doubling the market share of Public Transport by 2025.

The success quotient: Has the team been able to stir people with its vision? Soumya is elated, "Yes, to quite an extent I have influenced the way people think. All my school friends now prefer public transport when it comes to commuting! It has all been a great learning experience for me too." Rashi quips, "We have held more than 12 youth parliaments around the world. We see each youth parliament as a success! We want to have many more parliaments because we want the voice to come from each section of our society, each community,

each country, and if possible, each individual!" On an optimistic note, Rashi says, "But we see success does happen, we as members of the Executive Committee spread in different countries and time-zones, meet over a conference every one or two weeks, discuss our progress and opportunities. Success comes when we realize that despite our distances, differences (cultural and geographical), each one of us thinks as Y4PT (Youth for Public Transport). The spirit of being "one" makes us happy!" The far-sighted team driven by the philosophy of sustainable development and social inclusion, wants to create employment and offer concrete opportunities and actions. 🇮🇳

FACE THE LEADER

YOUTH POWER ROUND V

Tulika Banerji

To acquaint the YP finalists with their hidden leadership potential and bring about team spirit, Youth Power organised Round V-Face the Leader on Sep 30, 2010 at Amity University, Noida. The resource persons was Brig Datta, Head Amity Institute of Leadership. The 16 finalists from all branches of Amity International School and AIMC Manesar, had a field day loaded with palpable excitement as they battled out several rounds like Non verbal Intelligence Test, Picture story, Word test, Obstacle alley and a mind boggling strategy game.

The Non Verbal test had the finalists dig into their reasoning prowess to solve a set of 49 questions in 25 minutes flat. After the mind crunching exercise, they were exposed to 4 pictures shown separately for 3 seconds each and were given 4 minutes to write a story based on each of them. Well, it was quite a test of nerves; some finished it in time, some were gasping for breath (and ideas) and



some others were found asking for more time! Right or wrong, none of the responses could escape the vigilant eyes of the resource persons. Another word game ensued, whereby participants



made meaningful sentences out of 60 words displayed in 15 minutes. Whoa! Ever done that before? Anupama Singh, AIS Gur 43 quips: "I enjoyed the sentence forming test as it increased the speed of mind-retaliation. Concocting stories helped improve my writing skills and the physical tests were too thrilling for words."

The one activity which got a clear thumbs up from all participants was the Obstacle Alley. The team of sixteen was

divided into eight each and given turns at the obstacles. With the help of 4 props- three different sized wooden planks and one small rope, the contingents had to reach the end point, crossing several hurdles without stepping on the grass below! Some task that was— both teams racked their grey cells, planned and re-planned, prodded the not-so-active ones and treaded precariously till they accomplished the task at hand. Truly, this one was a spectator's

Pix in numeric order

1 & 2: Youth Power participants engrossed in crossing the Obstacle Alley
3: Participants introducing themselves
4. Contestants in the midst of a gruelling written test



delight!

Back in the conference room, the participants got another strategy devising game to exhume their energies and showcase their individual and team skills. In front of them was a road map and a tough situation to wriggle out of. The participants seemed to enjoy the intricate planning and mind work and came out trumps in bringing forth innovative solutions.

Youth power is an annual event organised by The Global Times with the aim to empower students with leadership qualities to help them become balanced, socially aware and responsible citizens.

Participants: *Rashika Sood & Ritika Sharma, AIS Mayur Vihar; Kritika Dhawan & Aastha Gupta, AIS Pushp Vihar; Kripi Badonia & Vishryuti Sahni, AIS Noida; Drishti Jain & Niyati Agrawal, AIS Vasundhra; Mrilanini Kumar & Anupama Singh, AIS Gur 43; Sanskriti Sidana & Surabhi Dogra, AIS Saket and Gurkirpal Saint & Aditya Saraswat, AIMC.*

The wettest monsoons



Rains at best!

Rishi Dewan
III A, AIS Pushp Vihar

It's raining, it's raining all over the city,
It's raining, it's raining all over the streets.
My city is looking new,
The men on the road are few,
Traffic is less on the road,
Our lives are kept on the hold,

But we still love the rain,
Let it be as much as it can,
I love, I love to see the dance of the peacock and wish
I can, I can dance on a rock, dance on a rock.

Oh rain, Oh rain, came again by seas, oceans and streams
To make my country beautiful and full of greens!



Ishani Ghoshal
VI F, AIS Mayur Vihar

It might be fun to know that Delhi gets the extreme of everything. Extreme summers- June 2010 was the hottest June! And now extreme monsoon- this August-September were the wettest of all! The heavy rains provided relief from severe heat, fed up people and a shock for the organizers of CWG. As compared to other zones, East Delhi received the least rains but still sufficient to create water logging at a number of places. The rains created a lot of prob-

lems in Connaught Place, Ring Road, Chandni Chowk, Dwarka and NCR. There were many traffic jams and most importantly, the preparations for Common Wealth Games were disturbed. Many houses on the ground floor were flooded and sitting room furnitures got floating! While children had fun playing in the puddles, office going people had problems in going back home. Totally satisfied with the downpour, Mridini Anand, a student, says, "The balcony was my favourite place those days! In June-July, whenever I used to go out, I felt really angry in the summer heat

without any rains. But in September, I felt happy as we got rains at the correct time and avoided floods as well." Srishti Khurana begs to differ, "While the rain was on, it was a bit boring and dull sitting at home. I couldn't go to play outside and had to sit at home. It is nice to have rains for 2-3 days but not so nice to rain continuously for so long!" Everybody has their own opinion but this August-September was the wettest and when compared with rains in the last 110 years, then only 7 Augusts have been better than this. But whatever you say, monsoon is the best of all seasons!

Attitude Pill

Arushi Gulia, V A, AIS Saket



If I were a peacock, I would have danced and enjoyed the rainy season under the blue sky. I would open my wings and displayed my beautiful colours.-Aanya Khanna, Nur 6/W A, AIS Noida

Enrich Yourself With German

Milan Sharma, German Teacher
AIS Noida

*"Through learning language, we learn about culture.
Through learning about culture, we learn respect for others.
Through learning respect for others, we can hope for peace."*

Learning a foreign language helps us to understand how other societies think and feel, and how they experience and value, and how they express themselves. It also functions as a cultural mirror in which we can clearly see our own society. Some people might think why should we learn a foreign language when English is the lingua franca of the whole world? Well, there may be some truth in this argument, but only some. There are many reasons for learning a foreign language:

By learning a foreign language, we gain new horizons, reinforce our own identity, and also our self-confidence. A foreign language can contribute to a stronger personality. A foreign language gives us access to another culture. It gives us the ability to communicate and to exchange views with people all over the world.

Knowledge of German language can open doors to employment in a variety of occupations such as manufacturing, teaching, translation, interpreting, and the growing travel industry. It can also lead to an increased rapport with German contacts in companies abroad. Learning German also improves one's



chances of success in the job market.

Even if you're just a casual traveler, learning it can also be beneficial since a little German can go a long way in making a good impression on your hosts or German friends. Studying German to order food, communicate with locals or talk with taxi drivers will enhance the experience of your travels significantly. **Studying German** is one step to joining the ranks of the business elite oriented toward the growing German market. German is one of the great languages of

the world. Outside of Europe and the former Soviet Union, large German-speaking communities are found in the United States, Canada, and Brazil and in Argentina.

If you know German, you have access to one of the great European cultures. German is the language of Goethe, Mozart, Bach and Beethoven, and of Thomas Mann and Günter Grass - and also of Michael Schumacher and of the film "Goodbye Lenin", which in the last few months has been the most successful

non-English language film. Each year, there are 60,000 new publications in the German book market - that's 18% of all the books published each year in the world. That puts Germany at the third place among the world's book producers. In the global world characterized by international links and intercultural connections, linguistic skills are crucial for employment and career. Knowledge of foreign languages increases job opportunities in many careers where knowing another language is a real asset.

Counsel's Corner



Shikha Vij, Counselor
AIS Saket

We are advised to share everything with others. But in this era of survival of the fittest, I feel if I share my notes with competitors, they may forge ahead of me. Kindly advise...

Student of class IX

It is said that knowledge always grows if you spread it. Therefore, sharing is a good idea, which is why study groups are encouraged. Study groups make your life as a student simpler, as one person is assigned the task of note making; another, the task of checking references, etc. It is healthier if students share their notes and study, because despite having the same study material children differ in their output, their style of writing, etc. However, if in a group of students, only you are sharing your notes all the time then that is unfair to you. It also does not help your friends in the long run as it teaches them not to work for themselves, and makes them dependent. In such a scenario try and encourage your friends to do at least some note making on their own.



Inter School Patriotic Song Competition

AIS Noida
Usha Verma, Teacher AIS Noida

Nationalism peaked and patriotism filled hearts as Amity International School, Noida hosted the first ever Inter School Patriotic Group Song Competition in the School Campus on August 11, 2010 for classes VI-XII. The day commenced with the lighting of the lamp ceremony and a welcome

address by Principal, Ms. Renu Singh. Dr. Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity International Schools and Mrs Pooja Chauhan graced the event. Twenty-two schools from Delhi and NCR participated in the mega event as mellifluous notes filled the auditorium. Pandit Naresh Kumar Malhotra, Pandit Brij Bhusan Goswami and Pandit Sarit Das were the esteemed judges who praised the efforts of Amity in keeping the spirit of solidarity and love for the

country alive through such pioneering efforts and innovative strategies so as to bring out the best in Music and the performing Arts. **The results:**
■First- AIS Noida
■Second-AIS Gurgaon-43
■Third-DLF Public School
■Fourth-Vishwa Bharti School, Noida
Cultural Coordinator Amity Noida, Mrs Namita Rastogi proposed the Vote of Thanks.



MUN Strengthens Global Perspectives

AIS Vasundhara-6

In this global world, international co-operation, peace and the sustenance of resources is of utmost importance. This revival will surely bring greater prosperity to the whole world. With this unique and irreplaceable framework for maintaining and strengthening international peace, security and stability, the UN works on these current challenges.

The students of today who are the stake holders of tomorrow need to be sensitized about their duty of maintaining and strengthening cross border relationship. Keeping this grave issue in mind, AIS V- 6 hosted AMUN-2 –Amity Model United Nations, a mock UN session, on the 27th and 28th of September. The event involved students from classes IX to XII with 100% participation, organized in three different venues representing-The General Assembly, The Security Council and The Economical and Social Council. The delegates engaged in serious discussions and negotiations on topics like ...

■Situation in Afghanistan-Pak-



istan.
■Problems of border sharing between India, China and Pakistan
■Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind
■The role of diamonds in fuelling conflicts
■Sustainable developments and productivity
■Nuclear non proliferation treaty
The platform provided a wonderful opportunity to the students to set a benchmark in the history of schools across India and comprehend global issues. The benign presence of Chairperson Dr Amita Chauhan showed her support and affection for her Amitians. Principal Ms Shashi Ranjan, along with her dedicated team, stood as a strong pillar of support.

Spellathon

AIS Vasundhara-6

An Inter – School Spellathon was organized on August 27, 2010, in the school premises. The Chief Guest for the event was Chairperson, Dr. Amita Chauhan, who strongly believes, "The winners make a benchmark when they are given opportunities to explore themselves."

25 teams from different schools across NCR participated with great enthusiasm. The event was conducted for two categories –category 1-class IV – V and category 2-class VI – VIII.

The event comprised of a written preliminary round (dictation of words). Thereafter, 20 students were selected who had to further qualify another verbal spelling round, and finally top six students were selected for the final round. The finalists had to further attempt subsequent six rounds. The final round comprised five sub rounds. The rounds were 'Spell – well', in which students were made to guess the word according to its pronunciation and then spell it correctly. The other rounds were – 'Mistaken identity', where children were expected to choose the correct spelling from the given options, 'Clue – flu', whereby they had to complete the word with the help of the clues given, and 'Unscramble the scramble' where participants were expected to un-

scramble the given words.
The winners for the event were:
Category 1 (Primary) individual -
I -Aviral Alok (AIS Vasundhara-6)
II- Arun Singh (AIS Vasundhara-6)
III-Priyanka Dilip (AIS Noida)
Appreciation Prizes – Arkopal Nandy (AIS Mayur Vihar), Jay Bankoti (DAY, Sahibabad) and Aviral Saxena (AIS Vasundhara-1)
Category 2 (Senior) individual -
I-Sukant Kaul (AIS Vasundhara-6)
II-Sarthak Tyagi (Chabil Das)
III – Rahul Krishna (AIS Pushp Vihar)
Appreciation Prizes- Kopal Gupta (AIS Mayur Vihar), Nupur Bhatia (AIS Mayur Vihar) and Arundhati Dixit (AIS Gurgaon-43).
The Rolling Trophy was bagged by AIS Vasundhara-6 but as it was the host team, the Trophy was handed over to AIS Noida (second winning team). The event was graced with inspirational words by Chairperson, Dr. Amita Chauhan, as she motivated the participants to enhance their knowledge fund, vocabulary, and the love for English through such interesting competitions. She strongly believes that it is healthy for the youth to be competitive, and such events provide them with a platform to prove their worth. The event culminated with the words of blessings by the Chairperson.

Top to Top

As one of the stops of a 12 year long eco-expedition sailing across seven seas and climbing seven summits, powered only by natural energy, Swiss adventurer Dario Schwörer and his family arrived in New Delhi to share their story. Organised by Amity Education Resource Centre, Mr. Schworer gave a presentation to around 40 students of Amity International Schools, at the Residence of the Ambassador, Embassy of Switzerland New Delhi, on Sept 23, 2010. The children were greatly inspired by his life and got motivated too. The journey, called ‘TOP toTOP Global Climate Expedition’, is led by Dario Schwörer, a Swiss climatologist and mountain guide and his wife Sabine, a nurse. Together they embarked on this voyage in 2002, when they saw the impact climate change was having on the Alps. The family travels using only environment-friendly transportation: walking, biking and sailing. On sea, they travel by a Swiss-made boat, powered by solar and wind energies that can operate in the toughest marine environments. They also cycle across continents and climb the highest peaks using their own strength. Their journey also in-



Dario Schwörer and his family with Swiss Ambassador and his wife and, Amitians

Pic: Bhawna Tuteja



Dario Schwörer sharing his travails with Amity students

volves educational activities with schools and universities, all over the world, with a mission to inspire clean energy solutions. They have sailed over 70,000 kilometres in their expedition vessel, climbed 400,000 vertical meters, cycled over 18,000 kilometres and visited over 47,000 students. Starting out as a husband and wife team, TOPtoTOP is now a team of five – with Salina aged 5, Andri aged 3 years and the youngest child Noé who was born in 2009. The TOPtoTOP Global Climate Expedition is a unique project under the patronage of the United Nations Environment Program and the Swiss government, in particular Presence Switzerland and the Swissnex network. Sponsored by SGS, Victorinox, this is

the first expedition to travel over the seven seas and seven summits of all climate zones, powered only by human and natural energy. Along the expedition, the Schwörers share examples of nature’s beauty and innovations for a green planet, in class rooms all over the world. The key message is “climate protection” and “enjoy nature through sport but also give something back to nature”. The expedition demonstrates that great goals can be achieved in balance with nature. The vision is that TOPtoTOP becomes a lasting platform which inspires children for nature and sport globally. Mt. Blanc, Aconcagua, Denali, Mt. Kosciuszko, Mt. Everest, Kilimanjaro, Mt. Vinson are seven summits the expedition team plans to conquer in 12 years. 🇪🇺

+ Medicinal Plants

Herb’s the way!



Botanical Name : Catharanthus roseus
Family Name Apocynaceae
English Name Periwinkle
Common Name Sadabahar
Used Part Leaves, flower, root
Active Principle Vinblastine, Reserpine, Ajmalicine, Vincristine

Botanical Description: It is an erect perennial herb, with glossy opposite leaves, 2-3 flowers in cymes. Flowers white and pink.

Propagation: By seeds and cuttings. Propagated through seeds throughout the year. It can grow in wide range of soil conditions even poor soil.

Uses: Infusion of leaves used in diabetes and decoction of roots is used for hypertension, sedation and in toothache. Extract of leaves is anti-carcinogenic.

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IVY LEAGUE MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE- 2011

University of Pennsylvania, USA

Hosted by the University of Pennsylvania, the Ivy League Model United Nations Conference (ILMUNC) is the premier Model United Nations conference for high school students. Each January, roughly 2,200 students from around the world participate in a weekend of stimulating debate, hands-on learning, and enjoyable activities in Philadelphia and on University of Penn’s scenic campus.



Dates: From 27th to 30th Jan 2011

Venue: Philadelphia, USA

Website: www.ilmunc.com

Eligibility: Students of Class IX and above having good communication skills

Deadline to send the names of interested students: 30th October

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- Pre-conference training
- Visit to Upenn and Lafayette College, USA
- US Univ admission guidance
- Sightseeing in Pennsylvania

Cost: All inclusive ₹ 1.15 lac Draft should be in favour of “Amity Educational Resource Centre” payable at New Delhi

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Millions of Windows, Actually But One

Samyak Ranjan

XII-B, AIS Vasundhara

After the successful release of Windows® and its sub elements like XP, Vista and 7 (October 22) a new era of “personal” windows has initiated. People have started creating their own customized versions. They have learnt to tweak system DLL files and are releasing their copies in their own formed names. Windows Eternity, Windows Royal Home Premium, Windows Darker are some commonly termed OS (Operating System) for Vista and BlackXP, XP United are some modified Windows XP. The release of these versions was not accepted by Microsoft® as it was in one way piracy because these versions were illicit copies. Any user who used any of them would be counted as a part of software counterfeiting. Web forums which were distributing these copies were banned/deleted. Eventually people started to bellow as to why these versions were stopped because these “illicit copies” were much better than the original ones. The groups which created these versions knew exactly what these original released OS lacked and what was needed to be integrated. But as they were really pirated, they were banned. After a period of time users promised two things from their creation,

first that they will not charge any money for it and secondly they will not provide any activation information or a product key with it, only 30-day trial copies which can be fully activated by a user’s own private serial no. Thus a new epoch of OS was created. Now useful utilities and basic software are integrated with them. If you install any these designs you will get vital software’s like WinRAR, Codec Packs, Rocket Dock® etc. too without any extra installations.

Many others are now inspired to make their own creations too. Many torrent sites like h33t and iso-hunt are giving them for downloading. Forums like rtwincustomize.net are giving these by both torrent and direct download.

I too have got inspired and am currently working on Windows 7 ***** edition. It will be available in Rockers

(www.rtwincustomize.net)

Team©

tomize.net) which is my favourite site by far. It provides the best customizes, and a great deal of help! 🇪🇺



THE WORLD OF ANIMALS

Quaggas, Dodos, Dinosaurs and whales; all found a happy co-existence at Amiown

Amiown Pushp Vihar

Amiown conducted an Open House Presentation on September 29, 2010 for Pre-nursery and September 30, 2010 for Nursery. The theme was Amizone Jungle and the children displayed their creative work on animals very beautifully. Amizone was divided into many sections with Power Points of all activities done at Amiown. Children explained each concept with ease. To infuse excitement about CWG, children were given book marks with pictures of Shera.

The Nursery presentation had many segments: ■‘ASTER - Extinct animals

live here’, these lines welcomed the parents at one stall; parents had been hearing about Quagga, Dodo, Caspian tiger and dinosaurs from their children from some time. Aanandita’s parents remarked, “Thank you for igniting my daughter’s interest in myriad things!”

■At ‘BLUE BELLS’ Endangered Species- a Mothers verses Children quiz was organized with questions like- Which fish has a headlight on its head? – Angler fish; Which insect can live without its head for more than 9 days? – Cockroach, etc. Parents couldn’t but each child could answer the questions! ■CALADIUM ‘World of Water Animals’ had 3D models of water animals and a large ocean. Parents were intrigued by the vivid imagery: “It’s a pleasure to



Amiown kids celebrated the month of September enhancing their knowledge of animals with hands-on activities.

see the teachers’ efforts and see our children grow as individuals with a harmonious balance.” Other sites were DELPHINIUM ‘World of Birds’, EDELWEISS ‘Carnivores and Herbivores animals’, and FUSCHSIA ‘Farm animals’ where children came dressed as different animals like lion, tiger, cat, etc.

■The Pre-nursery presentation had stalls as SWEET PEA, where Ashank was dressed as the Mascot Hen; IRIS where Sayani became the mascot rabbit while Tanush became a tiger; TULIP in which Mascot Samaira was Jelly fish; ZINNIA, etc. Parents were ecstatic seeing their kids blossom, “Phenomenal effort by teachers to teach various concepts; a commendable effort!”



At Amiown Gurgaon, the month of September brought in the ‘animal theme’ with a lot of enthusiasm – a kennel for the class dog, a Farm for Farm animals with the song ‘Old Mac Donald had a farm’ all along to perk it up. “What about wild animals?” a child asked, and there – we had a forest scene ready for exploration and the in house aquarium gave it a touch of finality. Many aquatic, farm and forest animal models were created by the children with clay which helped them explore

the finer aspects of animals - who has stripes, who has fur, who has sharp teeth and who has a trunk and tusks! Activities like ‘Milking the cow’, ‘Floating Duck’ and ‘Dive under the ocean’ facilitated a hardcore kinesthetic experience. PPTs on marine life and a movie show of Madagascar served as visual reinforcement. A visit to the Amity Farm at Manesar catered to children’s naturalistic intelligence and understanding. Special guest–Roadie the Pug, graciously visited each class wagging his tail and huffing and panting with excitement. Some children went on fours too contributing to the collective huffing and panting! Clara the class cow (a huge jersey cow cut out mounted on the wall) with udders (made with surgical gloves) gave children a real life experience of milking a cow. Earlier when they were asked “Where does milk comes from?”, they promptly said “From packets!” But after working with Clara, they were able to easily scrutinize a real cow and point out ‘udders’ at the Manesar farm. Peter and Polly –the parakeets were received with great warmth. With the chirpy chatterboxes around, the school echoed with sounds of ‘chi chi’ making it difficult to tell the birds from the babies!

It has been the vision of our dear Vice Chairperson, Sapna maam, to facilitate a learning environment for children which “nurtures happy and life long learners” and the Amiown team is making earnest efforts to follow her lead to the best way possible.



Don't worry Be Happy

Saumya Kalia, VI-A
AIS, Vasundhara-6

Why worry about the past? It is already gone! Why worry about the future? It is yet to come! In the concerns of the past and future, we tend to spoil our present. Something that has happened in the past can’t be reverted and whatever is destined to happen in future will take its course of action. The maximum we can do is to put in our best efforts in the present. Sometimes we regret and feel disappointed with events that happened in the past but end up wasting all our energy and time in pondering over it. Ideally we should take a lesson out of it and move ahead in life trying to avoid the similar mistakes. When I say we should not worry about the future, I don’t mean that we should not plan for the future because without planning, we will be like ships without radars. We need to maintain a balance and planning for the future and enjoying the present. Let’s not forget, “Dream as if you’ll live forever, live as if you’ll die today.”



ENDURING POPULARITY OF ENID BLYTON

Navya Modgil, VI-D, AIS Mayur
Vihar

Enid Blyton (11 August 1897 – 28 November 1968) is one of the most successful children’s authors of all times. She wrote over 750 books, 6000 short stories and numerous magazine articles, verses and plays in her lifetime. However what is remarkable is not the number of books she wrote but the enduring appeal of her work.

Popularity saga: Almost four decades after her death, Blyton’s books continue to sell at a rate of 8 to 10 million copies every year. She has a wide following all over the world and her books have been translated in 40 different languages. More than 600 million copies of her books have been sold worldwide.

Enduring characters: Enid Blyton has been a big part of the childhood of several generations of readers. Many adult readers still fondly remember the adventures of “Famous Five”, “Secret Seven” and the “Five find Outers”. Talk to any young child and his eyes will lighten up at the mention of “Noddy” and “Big Ears”. Char-

acters like Fatty, Bets, George and Julian are familiar to children and adults alike. Her books have been made into films, TV shows and animations.

Fascinating tales: So how did a conservative British author, writing for a typically British audience, achieve global acclaim? Her books often portray ‘foreigners’ as fun fig-

Blyton’s books do not preach but tell stories which fascinate any child bound by rigid discipline, studies, homework and parental expectations in real life.

ures or as villains yet they have managed to win the hearts of people of all races and nationalities. The answer lies perhaps in the depiction of children in her books. In almost all her books the children enjoy extraordinary level of freedom. They roam the countryside on their bicycles, explore spooky places, and

visit exotic lands, live at the top of a tree or on a deserted island. Children make their own decisions and fight their own battles. Their lives are fun filled and exciting. They spend their school holidays solving mysteries, discovering lost treasure and exploring hidden passages. Even school is great deal of fun where they get into scrapes but manage to get out of them without any adult help and have midnight feasts behind the back of the school warden. Blyton wrote what children want to read about, that is, lots of fun and adventure in spooky places. Her books do not preach but tell stories which will fascinate any child bound by rigid discipline, studies, homework and parental expectations in real life.

Critical acclaim: In spite of her immense popularity, Blyton’s work has been dogged by controversy and criticism. Her writings are often not seen as ‘great literature’. For a considerable period, many libraries refused to stock Enid Blyton’s books despite strong demand from children themselves. The “Six Bad Boys” deals with juvenile delinquency, a bold subject for a children’s writer to choose. Rich or poor, all Enid Blyton characters especially chil-



dren, have a positive attitude towards life.

An uncomplicated world: Despite controversies and recent attempts to remove racial references from her books, Blyton’s works have stood the test of time. They talk of a world where life is less complicated, hard work is rewarded and justice gets done in the end. Her books do not preach yet teach the ideals of friendship, loyalty and courage in the face of danger and hardship. Though the works of Enid Blyton might not have touched the heights of literature, her books are undoubtedly very popular and have helped a generation of children become interested in reading.



If I were a peacock, I would love to dance in the rain and spread happiness around me. –Tushti Gupta, KG 4/ W A, AIS Noida

Sportastic!



Sports are been a great medium of learning. They teach you to be a team player, inspire you to work hard, and acquaint you with the ‘never say die’ spirit. The Commonwealth Games gave our country a close brush with the true sportsman spirit. The mega sporting event ushered in a wave of enthusiasm, excitement that is otherwise hard to witness. Though the grandeur of the event had lifted our spirits quite high already, India’s position on the medal tally took the excitement to a different level altogether. Our Indian sport stars struck gold bringing pride and glory to the nation. While some of us had the opportunity to witness the euphoria of the sporting event live, the rest of us remained glued to the television sets watching the drama unfold. Even as most of us were busy enjoying the sporty fervour, there were some discharging their duties to make the games a success. And I am proud to say that some of these responsible individuals were young Amitians too. From performing at the opening ceremony to participating in sporting events to serving as volunteers, students at Amity University were involved in various facets of the game. These young Amitians may not have been on the forefront, but they did contribute in making the game a success in their own special way. Their hospitable attitude and warm smiles ensured that guests take back fond memories of not just the game but Indian hospitality too. And this feat is no child’s play.

Leaps of joy



All big things come in small packages and all large bundles of joy come in the smallest leaps that you make. Your report card may show a marginal increase of 1% marks, but the happiness it leaves remains inexplicable. When the joy of small leaps is so huge, you can well imagine the level of enthusiasm, excitement and happiness that comes with the big plunge. That’s exactly how I feel as your very own ‘The Global Times’ takes a huge leap in the growth ladder. It has moved on to the adolescent bandwagon. Welcome with thundering applause and warm smiles – ‘The Global Times- Higher Education Edition’. This all new edition has been meticulously crafted to suit the tastes and opinions of university students, so that they have something they can call their very own. With a motto of instigating responsible journalism, the Higher Education edition brings in the fragrance of teenage and the flavor of responsibility. So, while you have fun solving puzzles on the mosaic page in your School Edition, university students enjoy a bit of campus gossip reading the graffiti page in the Higher Education Edition. You stay updated with developments in various schools and the University students brush themselves with happenings in their own vicinity. While you continue to embrace your copy of The Global Times every fortnight, the university students get acquainted to the feel of having their own newspaper too. Amity once again pioneers a giant leap in innovation with a customized newspaper for its youth. With this, the legacy of being informed in an individualistic way is sure to go miles ahead. There is a newspaper for each of us to Ride on, Read over or simply Revere. So, go ahead and choose your pick. The magic of GT at school is about to be unfolded in University!!!

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The idiotic idiot box!

Arushi Gulati, V A, AIS Saket

TV serials are a means to entertain people. But in the era of TRPs and sensationalism, these Soap Operas are damaging the very basic character of our society. A few people, for their personal monetary and ego gains, are damaging the character of our children. Can’t these directors and producers create anything else? There are so many topics out there apart from melodramas. No Indian serial so far has dealt with issues such as the legislative system, the medical system, rural issues, etc in the real sense. Every day, many talent shows based on children are telecast. And all of us are very well aware that children are not emotionally evolved to tackle the situation amidst such high media attention they are exposed to. They feel disheartened when they lose and that may disturb their overall growth. Is this what we expect to give back to the society? I fail to understand why Indian soaps are such trash? Don’t they have any creativity? All the serials have the same topics. The same *saas-bahu*, jealousies and extra-marital affairs; they are just full of crap. Some serials show age old traditions which have been curbed from the society to large extent e.g. ill treat-



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ment of girl child. The city children were not aware of child marriage and its sensational twists in the villages before “Ballika vadhu” was broadcast. So instead of eradicating an evil from society, they are encouraging it. Such serials are corrupting the brains

of youngsters and torturing all of us. These serials are often stereotypical, both in storylines and characters. The ideals of the quintessential ‘Indian Family’ are often given fanatical attention to, with lines being written in grand, melodramatic tones, drawing references from events in the Mahabharata and the Ramayana. There’s hardly anything interesting in these idiot hours. Cartoon channels which are liked by children have no longer remained the same. Bad language and behaviour by Shin Chan and Doreman can make the children pick up bad habits unknowingly. On the other hand, educational channels like Discovery, Animal Planet, and History are great fun watching. They entertain us productively and increase our knowledge base. At the end of every program, we get up with an increased knowledge base about a new subject and various aspects of life. It’s fun watching these programs and learning new things about animals, earth, our history, new inventions, greatest minds at work seamlessly and effortlessly. Well, enough can be said about these soap operas. I can just turn off the TV and do something constructive instead. But my point is that every time I think about these soap operas, I become aggressive and always think of making good use of time. It is now yours to decide, is it worth watching TV serials?

Split wide open

Do school authorities have the right to check student’s bags and lockers?

Samyak Ranjan,
XII B, AIS Vasundhara-6

School is a perfect meeting ground where great minds deliberate on greater ideas with greatest good in their heart. The relation between the teacher and the taught is that of mutual trust and respect. Nothing can be achieved without this. In Indian context, a teacher has a bigger role than that even of the all-powerful God, as he shows the direction to the taught and assumes greater significance in his life. On his part, a student hands himself over to the teacher and follows the path shown by him. A school is an educational institution which ideally tries to create a positive, conducive environment in which the teaching-learning process can take place without any glitches. Where is the scope for mistrust in this whole relationship of love and care? However, if students are considered suspects without adequate reason, it brings about a sense of alienation and isolation among them. For instance, students carry many things that can be a source of embarrassment if revealed publically. Sanitary pads, extra

pair of clothes, etc are needed by them but can be awkward if teachers start seeing them or pulling them out from their baggage. It is said that children learn from their teachers. The thought of checking student’s bags stems from the fact that students are going to hide something in it which teachers should check out and take action upon. This will be the very basis of discord between students and school. Should a school become a spying agency? Should it adopt the role of a policeman? Never. Because no meaningful educational transaction can take place in these circumstances. If teachers are going to be suspicious, student’s feelings will also be similar. And that is not a happy scenario. It is also obvious that if students are faced with the prospect of searches, they will just find another hiding place.



The thrust of policy should not be about finding things once they are in school – it should be about stopping them getting there in the first place. Occasionally, something incriminating may be found; almost always it won’t be, but any bond of trust between teacher and student will be broken, and disaffection is likely to follow. Always suspecting them of something widens the gulf between the generations. It will be better if the school tries to nurture a stable trusting bond and listens to student’s needs rather than playing a game of hide and seek. In this game of Tom and Jerry we know Jerry is always the winner. So let’s hope better sense will prevail on both the sides and schools will teach children to be responsible and mature, rather than treat them like escaped convicts who are supposed to be hounded and hunted.

The first week of MDG Board display as part of The Global Times event ‘Youth Power’, in our branch was a great success. Our board gathered a lot of attention, especially as we had used the board which holds the ‘substitution list’, something each student looks at, at least 5 times a day with hope in their eyes! Jokes apart, the central location of our board made it widely read, and the response for the lucky draw question was overwhelming. People were very curious about the MDGs. The charts mainly covered the three main aspects- what are MDGs; what is the 1st MDG and what is its importance? The lucky draw was an instant hit as the student chosen went around telling more people about the board. I am so glad and honoured to be part of the Youth Power Program. Looking forward to the upcoming weeks and the activities that come along.

Vishrutyi Sahni, Youth Power finalist, AIS Noida

I am an ardent reader of Global Times. I enjoyed reading the August2010 issue of Global Times, made by AIS Noida, immensely. Indeed, through the prestigious columns of your esteemed newspaper, you have brought out a treasure trove of articles integrally filled with knowledge, wisdom and interesting topics to enlighten our



minds. The theme article ‘Does the Tiger deserve to Die?’ was indeed an informative one which drew a great deal of attention from students. It was a unique and apt piece to generate awareness. Saving the tiger is definitely the need of the hour and should, in no way be taken lightly. Articles such as ‘Singapore: A Tangible Dream’ and ‘The Coffee generation’ were light, yet very informa-

tive. They made the issue wholesome and complete. ‘Drench In Style This Monsoon’ was a welcoming article to the monsoon. ‘Falling Asleep At The Wheel’ cautioned tired drivers to catch on their sleep before taking the wheel and it did speak for itself highlighting the consequences of falling asleep while driving and all the mishaps that could follow. While, ‘Watch It If You Must’ gave an insight to the Twilight Saga, ‘Small Goes Big’ spoke of the shows to be aired on the idiot box. Last but far from being the least, an article expressing the maladies of today’s generation which has eclipsed the age old classics over elementary fiction also found place in the issue. Page 9 made one want to be a child all over again! I would like to thank you for putting in your relentless and patient efforts and giving this issue such an appealing, vibrant and readable touch.

Saswati Das
XI H (Synchro), AIS Noida

Pearls of wisdom

Ruchi Avtar, VIII C, AIS Vasundhara-6

Once there was a boy in his second year of college. He saw a beautiful sports car and asked his father for it. His father promised that he would give this car to the boy the day he graduated. The boy studied hard and finally his graduation day came. But when he came home, his parents only gifted him a bible with his name embossed on it. He got angry at receiving the bible and after shouting at his parents, he left the house forever. For many years he worked and then he got married. During his settled life, he got a letter from his father saying that he was getting old, and wanted his son to take over his house. Unfortunately, by the time he reached home, his father had passed away. Walking into his childhood room, he found everything was the way he had left it. Even the bible was lying on the floor. When he picked up the bible, a pair of keys dropped from it. It had a tag which said ‘paid already’ then he realized that his father had indeed got the car for him but he didn’t even appreciate the bible that was given to him. Had he waited a little time, or read the bible, he would have found the car keys. Moral: Often we don’t get things in the way we want but that does not mean that we should jump to conclusions and leave our family forever.

Aaja meri gaadi me baith ja...



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On an over drive

While the bus passengers are having their share of fun playing loud music, or enacting a live karaoke for no particular audience, what exactly do you think goes on in the driver's mind? Ashok Kumar, who drives Amity Synchro students everyday, quips, "If they are youngsters, they will talk and have fun. It's only natural. However, if they play loud music or create too much hullabaloo, it does tend to disturb. Once, they threw some waste out of the window, which landed on a passerby's head! I chided them and it has not happened ever since. But such incidents are rare; Amity students are much better behaved in comparison to others."



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...at your own risk though, because some wonderful travel mannerisms await you, to give you a rollercoaster ride.

Tulika Banerji & Bhawna Tuteja,
GT Network

Musical nuisance

We all have our own taste for music. But little do people respect that when they are given the status of your co-traveler. Regardless of how you travel; you ought to train your ears for some forced music. While people flaunt their music-friendly phones in the metro, the bus conductor appeases you with *bhojpuri* songs. And if you think that car owners were any sophisticated, the blaring music from their vehicles perfectly showcases the latest audio system they have installed. If your ears are not music lovers, it's time you gear them for better audacity. Till then, you can only wish that music-lovers acquaint themselves with a technological device called headphones. **Saumya Ailawadi, XI E, AIS Gur 46** avows: "To irritate such people more than they are irritating them, others can sing the same song louder and totally out of tune!"

Uncouth youth

Beware, there are discourteous youngsters on the prowl! Ladies seats or handicapped, you'll find them sprawled everywhere. Lord forbid, if you try reminding them of the 'reserved' sign, they'll look the other way as if oblivious to your very presence. Welcome to the land of uncouth youth! It's a long journey, and they've shelled out the same number of bucks for the ticket. So why should they offer you their prized catch which they have probably acquired by dislocating someone else! If there's one place you can unabashedly flaunt your rudest behaviour, it's while traveling. **Anugya, X B, AIS Pushp Vihar**, wonders aloud: "Youngsters forget what

they are doing to others can also happen to their mothers, sisters or grandparents. How would they feel then?"

Conversation matters

Though our countrymen have several talents to boast of, their admirable ability to strike a conversation cannot be overlooked. Step into a bus or train and you are sure to find a random stranger dying to be heard. As you seat yourself next to these communication aficionados, they find in you the perfect hearing

Free-for-all dustbin!

Wondering where to dispose off empty cokes or Biseris? Look no further, there's a window right there. Just make an effort, use all your might and throw the trash out! So what if the garbage missile lands on someone's head? You have been on the receiving end many times, now it's their turn. India has enough free-for-all-dustbins along the sidewalks, bus and train floors. No matter how many 'Clean India' sign-

step guide for those who wish to avail the tattoo *sewa*, (free of course)

- Place your feet firmly in your favourite mode of transport.
- Stand next to impatient passengers.
- Wait for the next five minutes.

After you have followed these three steps diligently, you will be gifted with one of the most beautiful designs on your feet. So, the next time you are looking for a new tattoo on your feet, don't waste your money on tattoo artists. Head to a bus or take the next metro right

Kajol, "*Jaa, jee le apni zindagi?*"

Cut to our scene: Dearest Babua is catching a train back to his hostel, and who goes to see him off? Well, everybody! He's everyone's *dulara*, and how can *badi chachi*, *choti bua* and all neighbourhood uncle-aunties not pack him *desi ghee ke laddoos* as well as 'themselves' to the last point! Whoever coined the phrase 'less is more' surely doesn't know anything about Indian relatives! *Jaa beta, jee le apni zindagi!*

Rashika Raina, IX C, AIS Vas-6 believes: "Crowding a public place is not a good idea. It might be an emergency for someone, or someone may find it difficult to board the train because of the huge Indian family which has come over to see off just one person!"

Queue Kyun?

"Be in line!" shouts the teacher in school. Just when you thought you were out of all those school shackles, someone asks you to queue up at the metro ticket counter! Rules and regulations are oh-so-schoolish. Isn't it? So the moment the train arrives, all hell breaks loose, you ignore the half hearted queue because "Pehle aap" is old fashioned; you believe, "Pehle aap ke chakkar mein kahin train na choot jaaye!" **Ishita bedi, AIS Mayur Vihar** quips: "As I was standing in a queue the other day, someone shouted and started crying. We came to know it was a man who got infuriated due to the crazy behaviour of people, and shouted! Well, maybe we can be courteous; that definitely, will be better!" **Aakanksha Gupta, Class 10 H, AIS Noida** offers: "A robot with extendable hands should grab the queue-breakers and send them to the end!" Now that'll surely teach the boorish offenders a lesson, wouldn't it? What say? 🇮🇳

Travel tricks

Foot Tattoos, anyone? Here's a three-step guide:

- Place your feet in your favourite transport.
- Stand next to impatient or rowdy passengers.
- Wait for the next five minutes.

And voila! You'll be gifted with the world's best designs on your feet. And that too, free of cost!

boards come, will Indians ever learn? It's easy to twitch eyebrows at what 90% of the population is doing and even easier to be one of them! How can only 'you' make a difference, right? So just join the 'bin' wagon. **Angad Singh, IX A, AIS Gur 46** opines: "1. People are lazy. 2. The government has not kept enough dustbins! 3. These youngsters do not pay tax, so they don't care!"

Foot tattoos

Worn a new shoe? How about embellishing it with a tattoo? Steps in – the tattoo services! Here is a step by

away. **Aakanksha Gupta, X H, AIS, Noida** declares: "People seem to have a knack for crushing feet on a journey. Others should keep a box of bubblewrap handy in order to avoid foot injuries!"

Less is more!

Remember the last scene from DDLJ on a railway platform where Amrish Puri, accompanied by a truck load of family members, tells his on-screen daughter

Commonwealth Odyssey

Trupti Panigrahi
IX-F, AIS Noida

When I got to know that I would be given a chance to perform in the inaugural ceremony of the XIX Commonwealth Games, I was thrilled! After a series of tough auditions at multiple levels, I was lucky to qualify as one of the 80 Odissi dancers from across the country.

Our rehearsals started from August 1 under the guidance of Guruji Dr Sonal Mansingh. Initially, we would rehearse 3/4 days a week at Centre for Indian Classical Dances, Hauz Khas and Army Parade Ground, Dhaula Kuan. My school was generous enough to allow me half-day off for participating in the rehearsals every day. Later the rehearsal was held every day from morning till late night. We were given nutritious and healthy snacks during the break hours while rehearsing. The CWG gave me some good moments to cherish as I celebrated my 14th birthday with the team of the opening ceremony and all my dance gurus. I came face to face with Music Composer AR Rehman, Choreographer Shiamak Davar, noted singers Hariharan and Shivani Kashyap, Kathak exponent Pandit Birju Maharaj, etc. I had my sad moments as well. During the rehearsal days, my grandmother expired and I could not visit my native place to attend her last rituals. I am thankful to our Principal Mrs. Renu Singh for her encouragement all through. My teachers helped

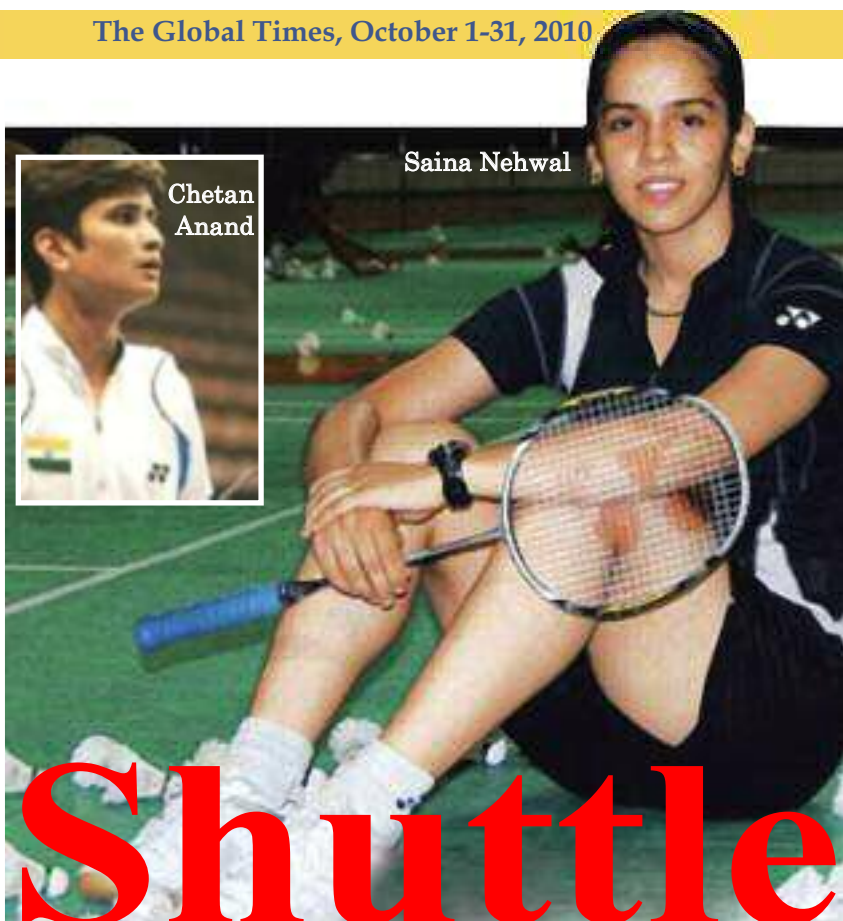
In full glory: Trupti

Trupti was a participant Odissi dancer in the segment, TREE OF KNOWLEDGE, under the able guidance of Odissi Maestro Padmavibhushan (Dr.) Sonal Mansinghji in the inaugural ceremony of the Commonwealth Games-2010, New Delhi on 3rd October, 2010.



me with my studies and gave me extra time to submit my home work. I would also like to thank my mother for all the extra pain she undertook and the way she took care of me when I would come back dog-tired.

On the opening on 3rd October, I felt thousands of butterflies in my stomach. Surprisingly after entering the arena, we were full-on and the entire Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium and television viewers have seen the outcome. We were happy and satisfied with our performance. I thank GOD for giving me this opportunity for contributing, in my own small way, for a great national event. 🇮🇳



Shuttle Service

Namrata Gulati

We bring you exclusive bytes of some of the most renowned Indian Badminton players Saina Nehwal (SN) & Chetan Anand (CA). The former struck gold, taking India on the number two spot in the medal tally. I was lucky enough to catch them on the day the Commonwealth Games kicked off at Siri Fort! Hop onto the Global Times shuttle service!

What do you have to say about the CWG preparations?

(SN) They're good. Siri Fort looks fantastic!

(CA) The arrangements are good, the Games Village in particular.

So how was the first victory against team Kenya? Who are going to be your tough contenders?

(SN) It was more or less a one-sided match since they're not very tough contenders; it will be challenging to play against Malaysia & England.

(CA) Well, today's match was easier. Both England and Malaysia are going to be tough contenders but I'm excited and confident.

If we have not satiated your appetite for sports yet, check out Gopichand Pullela in a chilled out rendezvous...

Apart from Badminton, which other sports do you enjoy watching?

I try and watch other sports as much as I can. But given a chance to watch live, I would watch Hockey. **Among international badminton players, who do you admire most?**

He just played and won his first match. It's Chong Wei Lee from Malaysia, seeded one.

What are the two most important qualities required to be a good Badminton player?

Hard work and sincerity.

With so many expectations pinned on you, do you feel somewhat nervous?

(CA) Well, not really. I feel pumped up when the crowd cheers for me! I feel I perform better in India.

Are you on FB?

(SN) No because I just don't have the time! But there are many fake accounts of my name on Facebook!

(CA) Yes. The guy in yellow playing a shot is me on FB! 🇮🇳

Mascot Shera visits Amity

AIS Noida

Usha Verma
Teacher AIS Noida

On September 27, 2010, the mascot for the 2010 Commonwealth Games, Shera, visited Amity International School, Noida to promote the then upcoming mega event among the children.

It was a day of full of eager waiting, thunderous applause, loud cheers and motivating slogans. The children welcomed Shera with large smiles on their faces. They greeted the Mascot by waving the flags of the Commonwealth Countries and proudly wearing the sashes of the countries' names across their chest. A formal welcome was extended by the principal, Ms. Renu Singh,



Vice Principal, Mrs. Sundana Grover and all the excited Amitians.

A number of Commonwealth Games related activities, including mask making,

card making, poster design and slogan writing, were conducted in the past month. A 'Literary Week' and a 'Math Week' were also observed in the month of September with the same theme. The Senior School students gave a poly bag each to Shera who was going around collecting them to create awareness on how they should promote eco-friendly items. This programme titled 'Under root CO2', was also aimed at school children promoting the benefits of eco-friendly alternatives. In partnership with Commonwealth Games committee and Shera, 'Humantouch Biotech' (an NGO) were promoting Green Games and the spirit of Commonwealth, interaction with mascot SHERA. The entire school fraternity enthusiastically wished Shera and the men behind the Commonwealth Games a big success. 🇮🇳

Little champs



Bhawna Sunkara, II B, AIS Gur 43 participated in Skating Championship (CBSE North Zone II) held at Fatehnagar from 24-28 September 2010 and won I position in Rink Race II and II position in Road Race. Another master on wheels Chaitanya Kishore, IV B, AIS Gur 43 went on to bag the III position in Rink race II and IV position in Road Race in the same championship. Little champ Bhawana Sunkara is selected for Nationals to be held soon. 🇮🇳

I like to go to Amity because I learn a lot of activities with my friends. My teacher loves, cares and motivates me. – Shaurya Agarwal, Nur V/ W A, AIS Noida



friend and his guests. Alice and her friends were overjoyed when the fairies showered some 'fairy dust' on them which made them fly. They flew into the enchanted palace full of crystal jewels. The girls marvelled to see a blue gem shining atop a golden lotus. The fairies told them that the gem preserved the power of 'Magic Land'. If stolen, 'Magic Land' would vanish forever.

Suddenly, a sparkling pond appeared around the lotus. The girls found stepping stones leading to a dancing pavilion in the pond. By the magic touch of the fairies they were soon wearing pretty dancing gowns and shoes. The pretty girls could hardly believe but they were indeed dancing with the fairies. Time stopped for the moment. Before they knew it, the girls were back in their garden, each, still wearing their pretty dancing shoes. Yes, the trip to "Magic Land" was a dream come true!




Poems

Oh! Examinations!

Oh! These hassling examinations,
Devoid of fun or relaxation.
And with parents' pressurization,
I would rather die of starvation

There is algebra with perplexing calculations,
And Hindi with unending explanations,
Not to mention English with poem comprehensions,
And on top of that Sanskrit with ‘Rattafication’

Geography comes with maps and directions,
Followed by history with Harrapa Civilization
Civics with study of Indian Constitution,
In short SST, a disastrous composition
Miss Bio arrives next with organisms’ description,
Leaving me with chemistry and its disbalanced equations
Physics follows, describing sound motions,
And I hate the trio and their long definitions!

There is computers containing software confusion,
And awful art requiring 100% precision,
G.K with worldly knowledge of our nation
And with this I end depicting examination sensation. 

The cool wind

The cool wind is blowing
On and on
It is a good time for seed sowing
But soon it will be gone
Birds are chirping
Merrily on roof tops
Animals are feasting
On the farmer's raw crops
Raindrops are pouring
On the little face
Of the children laying
On the grass to laze
People are dreaming
Of the rainbow spread wide
And of the fascinating
Treasures that lay at its side!



The fall after the rise

In the vast clear sky
The stars twinkling bright
In whispers talk the golden rays
Serve their creator submissively.

The moon may protect its beauty
Yet in the galaxy it shines brightly
Sorrow is always followed by joy
The sky too is bright and sprightly.
There is a fall after every rise
After every day comes the night
As dawn comes the dark vanishes
Every morning appears gay and bright.

Up in the sky the birds fly so high
But they only wander below the sky
The onset of rain bothers them not
Drops of the rain the earth beautify.


With scintillating colours the noon
Is beautified and made green
Cooling the heart of the earth with sprays
Spreads the bed on which angels swoon.

This world is really colourful
Offers temptation to the thoughtful
Unlimited is God's benign greatness
Everyone proclaims its wonderful.
Underneath the infinite horizon
Everyone sleeps with joyous peace
Alas! Everyone has a limited lease
Who've come, one day will be gone!



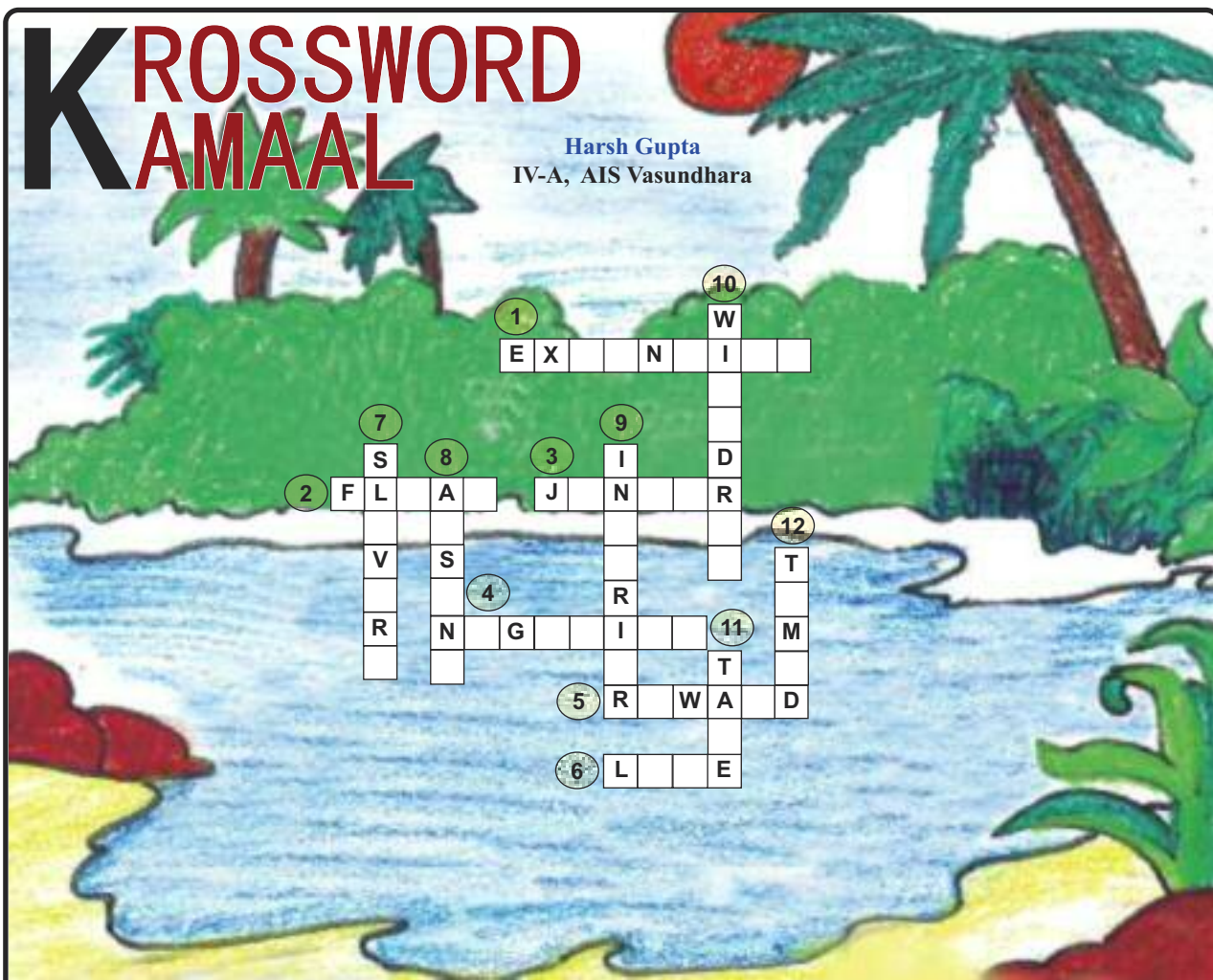
I love cartoons!

I love cartoon serials because they are fun,
but, my mother lets me watch them when my studies
are done.

I like them because they have action,
too bad I can only watch them in a fraction.
My mother thinks I watch them too much,
she tells me to switch off the T.V. before I get a punch.
Before I watch them I have to do my work,
that's when my face looks like a jerk.
If I don't study my mother makes me mad,
but, without cartoon serials my day goes bad. 

KROSSWORD AMAAL

Harsh Gupta
IV-A, AIS Vasundhara



Solve this crossword puzzle by filling in the antonyms of the given words:-

ACROSS: 1. Cheap, 2. Sink, 3. Senior, 4. Positive, 5. Punishment, 6. Win
DOWN: 7. Freedom, 8. Present, 9. Superior 10. Deposit 11. Wild, 12. Bold

NO WIRES Attached!

It takes foresight and vision to draw the best of global practices and encapsulate it into a tech savvy campus. Mr Atul Chauhan, Chancellor, AUUP brought with him this vision, giving us India’s first wireless campus ever at Amity University, Noida.



Dr. J.S. Sodhi,
Asst. VP, IT

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but it has its fair share of drawbacks too, breach of security being the most important one. “It is very easy for someone stationed outside our university to choke our bandwidth with excessive download. Besides this, there are a host of security concerns to address,” says Dr. Sodhi. But with staunch technical support and expertise in the domain, such problems proved to be no more than teething problems.

The newly launched ‘ipolicy’ has made the otherwise vulnerable wireless network a strongly connected zone. “We have started registering laptops that were authorized to use the wi-fi connection. Now, for using internet connection on a laptop within the network, it needs to be registered with us,” elaborates Dr. Sodhi. Even with its no-wires-attached status, Amity University remains one of the most closely knit and well connected campuses.

Pic: Pankaj Mallik

Bhawna Tuteja, GT Network

What does a heady mix of technological innovations and sound implementation result in? The first wireless educational campus in the country! Enter – Amity University! One of its kinds, Amity University boasts of an uninterrupted wi-fi connection through its sprawling campus. At a time, when educational institutions did not look beyond books and libraries, tech honchos at Amity were lucky to step into a technically ad-

vanced campus . Dr. J.S. Sodhi, Assistant VP (IT) recalls, “We started turning Amity into a wireless network 10 years back. Back then, there were limited service providers and the bandwidth offered was not very high either. Initially, we began modifying the Sec 44 campus into a wi-fi zone and then progressed to the Sec 125 campus. And now, this entire campus is a fully functioning wi-fi zone.” And mind you, this wireless network is not just any other wi-fi zone. Supporting a

whopping 25,000 to 30,000 users, it beats some of the best IT networks. Dr. Sodhi echoes, “Supporting so many users is not an easy task. You need to be equipped with state-of-the-art technology to be able to do the same.” With a bandwidth of 135 mbps, the pre-requisites for maintains such a strong network seem to be well in place. However, putting together such a strong backbone in place, was not an easy task. A wireless network does offer an array of benefits to the users



Amity Institute of Psychology and Allied Science

Understanding Parent Child Communicative Behaviour

AIPS organized a discussion on “Parent Child Communicative Behaviour- A Psychological perspective”. Mr. Sanjeev Arora, a leading child psychologist from Delhi was the speaker of the day. The event started with enlightening remarks by Prof. Abha Singh, Director, AIPS. She emphasized the importance of giving attention to Child Mental Health and Parenting issues. She also mentioned that AIPS believes in the 3 P’s Prevention, Promotion and Positivity. Mr. Sanjeev Arora held a talk on Parent Child Communication Behaviour. He emphasized the importance of communication between parents and children and giving them their personal space while growing up. He shared his practical experiences with the students to help them understand the importance of communication as an important tool for parenting.



An elocution competition was also organized for the students of AIPS. Eight students participated in the same. Some of the topics were communication with parents, possessiveness of parents and ways to handle them. The students were judged on the content and adaptability of the topic.

130 & still counting...

AIC Lecture Series

The lecture series conducted by Amity International Centre (AIC) hit its 130th mark with a panel discussion on “Food Security”. The discussion proved to be an enlightening experience as experts from various fields discussed vital issues pertaining to Food Security. Dr. Ashok K Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Group and Prof. JN Kaul, Director, Amity Institute of Organic Agriculture (AIOA) graced the occasion. Dr. M Parthiban, MD, Life Sciences & Intelligentsia spoke on “Food Production, Policies and Impact of Climate Change.” He stressed on the need to encourage students to pursue agriculture as a career and work for its growth and development. He said nearly 70 per cent of the small scale and marginal farmers live below poverty line. Mr. Ashok Kumar Zutshi, VP, National Bulk Handling Corporation (NBHC) spoke about “Post Harvest Management”. He said quality evaluation, use of insecticides and proper use of fertilizers are some issues which hold importance for the market as well as the consumers. The panelists also discussed topics like “Food Security at What Cost?” Meanwhile, Dr. AK Yadav, Director, National Council for Organic Farming (NCOF) asserted that food production in the country must match up to the requirements of its population. He also spoke on the need for developing natural resources. Dr. Ashok K Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Group, appreciated the suggestions given by the panelists to ensure food security in the country. He used this occasion to announce setting up of Amity Institute of Food Security Management. Students of Amity Institute of Organic Agriculture



Mr. Ashok Kumar
Zutshi addressing
the gathering

GUESTS GALORE

The eminent guests speakers on the occasion included:

Dr. M Parthiban, MD, Life Sciences & Intelligentsia

Mr. Ashok Kumar Zutshi, VP, National Bulk Handling Corporation (NBHC)

Dr. AK Yadav, Director, National Council for Organic Farming (NCOF)

Mr. Bharat Bhushan Tyagi, CEO Gayatri Suman Farm & Nursery, Service Provider of NCOF

(AIOA), Amity Institute of Food Technology (AIFT), Amity School of Rural and Urban Management (ASRUM) and Amity School of Natural Resources and Sustainable Development (ASNRSD) benefited from the panel discussion on Food Security.

I like to go to Amity because I get to play with friends and toys. Going out to the classroom balcony and sandpits is great fun!- Arushi Tandon, Nur 2/ W A, AIS Noida

CBSE Award to Ms Renu Singh

Teachers play an indispensable role in the development of a nation. “If a doctor fails, the patient suffers; if a lawyer fails, the innocent suffers but if a teacher fails then the entire generation of students suffers. It is very imperative for teachers, who mould the young, tender and impressionable minds, to be sincere and honest in their efforts. They should kindle the fire of curiosity and inquisitiveness in the students, which would enhance their wealth of real knowledge, leading to the overall development of the students,” stressed Mr Kapil Sibal, Hon’ble Union Minister for Human Resource Development, Government of India while highlighting the importance and role of a teacher in nation building activities during the glittering ceremony of “CBSE Award to Teachers for the year 2009” at India International Centre, Lodhi Road, Delhi. During the occasion, Ms. Renu Singh, Principal of Amity International School, Noida was felicitated with “CBSE Teachers for the year 2009” Award in recognition of her valuable contribution in the field of secondary education by Mr Kapil Sibal in the gracious presence of Hon’ble Ms. G Purandeswari- Union Minister of State for Human Resource Development, Government of India. The award comprised a Certificate of Commendation, cash award of Rs. 25,000/- and a shawl. With a teaching career spanning 28



Mr Kapil Sibal felicitating Ms Renu Singh

years, Ms Renu Singh has done distinguished work in the field of education and contributed to social and environmental development. She is not only an eminent educationist but is also committed to a social cause – conducting various programmes for the welfare of Army Jawan’s and JCO’s children and wives. She, very modestly, attributed her success and remarkable achievement to Dr. (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan- Chairperson, Amity International Schools, who was also present during the occasion. CBSE Award to Teachers was instituted in the year 2000 by the Union Ministry

of Human Resource Development. Every year, 14 Awards are conferred on the Headmasters (with 20 years of regular teaching experience in recognized primary/middle/secondary or higher secondary schools) and teachers (with at least 15 years of regular teaching experience in recognized primary/middle/secondary or higher secondary schools) of CBSE affiliated schools. Out of the 14 awards, one award is reserved for the teachers working in the CBSE affiliated schools in foreign countries and one for physical education teachers working in the CBSE affiliated schools. The Regional Committees instituted for the purpose recommend the names of the teachers to the Central Awards Committee of CBSE for final selection. Ms Renu Singh spoke to Kavya Bhargava (XI G) & Chitrangda Singh (XII F) of AIS Noida about her achievement... “It has been a long journey of 31 years. I started teaching in 1978 and since 1982, I have been teaching Chemistry to classes XI and XII. I have been a head examiner, paper setter, conducted workshops and helped schools all over the country. I love children and I love teaching them. I learn something new from them everyday, even after such a long time. I can never tire of this profession. As a teacher, you have to be true to your profession, students, subject and the system. That is the only way that you can successful in this career.”



A Voyage into space

AIS Pushp Vihar

The pinnacle of childhood fantasy is to know more about space. The idea of something so mysterious and overwhelmingly powerful has always fascinated children. Keeping this fantasy alive, the children of class III of Amity international School, Pushp Vihar, presented a show “Voyage into Space” under the guidance of hon-

ourable chairperson Dr. (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan. The children tried to find out answers by exploring the marvels of space from asteroids and comets to space shuttles and astronauts. They also tried to break the myths often associated with solar or lunar eclipse. The audience were left spellbound by the dance performance of the children showing various celestial formations.

Workshop On Study Effectiveness

AIS Mayur Vihar

AIS Mayur Vihar organised a workshop to motivate students and guide them on how to utilise time and implement effective strategies to obtain maximum output from their regular study schedule. Chairperson, Dr Amita Chauhan, an eminent educationist herself, lauded the efforts and encouraged the students to implement strategic study schedule for the best results. The renowned educationist and counsellor,

Mr Jitin Chawla, conducted the workshop on Study Effectiveness in the school auditorium on 27 August 2010. The workshop focussed on means to enhance study output through effective strategies in daily life to make learning a fulfilled experience and not just completing the colossal syllabus to attain good grades. It emphasised on the need to keep procrastination out of one’s mind and work efficiently to make study an interesting means to accomplish desired goals in life.

Speak to be heard



AIS Vasundhara-6, organized an Inter – School Debate on August 25, 2010 in the school premises. 19 teams from different schools across Delhi and NCR from classes IV - XI participated with zest. The young debaters voiced their opinions on topics ‘Children have the power to preserve cultural heritage’ for IV – V, ‘Outsourcing parenting – a burden or relief in this fast paced era’ for VI – VIII and ‘CCE – A Stress Booster Or A Stress Buster’ for IX-XI. The judges for the event were SK Gangal (Retd. Education Officer, CBSE) and Vira Sharma (Managing Editor, The Global Times) for IV – VIII and Ashok Srivastava (News Reader, Delhi Doordarshan), Veena Bhasin (Retd. Principal, Vishva Bharti School) and Pushp Ranjan, Journalist in European Union Area News for IX – XI. The main objective for conducting competition was to develop confidence and to enhance speaking skills among the young participants, which was successfully achieved. The results were as

follows:
Category 1 (IV - V): Best speaker ‘for’... I: Bal Bharti School, II: Cambridge School, Indirapuram. Best speaker ‘against’...I: DPS, Indirapuram, II: Indirapuram Public School, Best Interjector... I: Seth Anand Jaipuria School, Vasundhara II: St. Thomas School, Indirapuram.
Category 2 (VI - VIII): Best speaker ‘for’...I: Bal Bharti School II: St. Thomas School, Indirapuram, Best speaker ‘against’... I: Bal Bharti School, II: DAV Public School, Sahibabad; Best Interjector... I: Seth Anand Jaipuria School, Vasundhara, II: DAV Public School, Sahibabad
Category 3 (IX - XI): Best Speaker ‘for’... I: Dewan Public School, II: DAV Public School, Sahibabad. Best Speaker ‘against’... I: Dewan Public School, II: Seth Anand Jaipuria School, Vasundhara. Best Interjector... I: Dewan Public School, II: Cambridge School, Indirapuram The Rolling Trophy was bagged by Seth Anand Jaipuria School, Vasundhara.

Celebrating freedom

AIS Noida

Usha Verma, Teacher

On 13th August, students of 5 A /W B commemorated Independence Day by hosting a special assembly. Principal, Ms Renu Singh addressed the Amitians and reminded them the importance and correlation between ‘the head, heart and hand’. The importance of independence was eloquently depicted by speeches, songs—‘Mera Vatan’ and ‘Hum Honge Kamyab’, a tabla recital, dance—‘Desh Rangila’ and a Quiz on ‘Indian Independence’. The National Anthem concluded the assembly. Meanwhile Nursery, KG and Class I slipped on the garb of India’s great freedom fighters and took out a freedom march on the school campus. It was an innovative way to learn what liberty, equality and fraternity really meant by actually experiencing ‘freedom’. Throughout the week, the Primary School was engrossed with activities centered around ‘Independence’ such as a poster making com-

petition, spellathon and snack making involving the tricolours. Children had a great time celebrating independence.

AIS Vasundhara

AIS Vasundhara celebrated Independence Day in the premises for classes VI – VIII. Chairperson Dr Amita Chauhan inspired the students with her benign presence. The event began with a welcome note by a class VIII student. Instrumental live performance on a patriotic song – ‘Dharti yahi hamari, yahi aasma hai’ (prepared by Mr Ranjeet Pathak) mesmerized the gathering. The promising youth aroused the spirit of patriotism by bringing into light the historical past and present of our nation. Thereafter, a dance was performed on the patriotic track – ‘Mere vatan’ by students of classes VII-VIII, prepared under the able guidance of Mr Rekesh Sai Babu. The students of classes VI – VIII paid their tribute to the freedom fighters by singing a melodious song – ‘Ye tiranga’ prepared by Mr. Rakesh Pathak.

The event proceeded with a quiz on Independence, comprising of a series of gripping rounds such as – identify the places, speakers, freedom fighters, patriotic songs, arrange the incidents in chronological order and rapid fire. The students told the story of independence with a power point presentation whereby they highlighted the advancing of the British to India purely for trade, overpowering the rulers, dominating the nation and people, extensive exploitation, people forced to rebel, struggle for freedom, vital role played by freedom fighters, mass movements, etc that ultimately lead to a Free India. To sanctify the spirit of freedom among the young minds, a heart touching dance was performed by the students to the tune of ‘Bharat anokha rang hai – Jai Hind’ prepared by Ms Bhashwati Chakaraborty. The event culminated with a motivational speech by Chairperson Dr. Amita Chauhan, who inspired the youth to take an initiative for doing something remarkable for their nation, and with the singing of the National Anthem.

Students perform on Independence Day celebrations at AIS Vasundhara-6



Chairperson encouraging a student at AIS V-6



Brush with fame: Karn with Avika Gor

Spotlight

Avika, a grown up *Balika*

Karn Nag of class VI F, AIS Noida had a brush with the famed Anandi *aka* Avika Gor of Balika Vadhu. Says Karn about Avika, who was visiting Noida for Janmashtami celebrations, “I spotted Avika when I was covering various Janmashtami functions for my TV show Newz Buzz. Avika was very cordial and said that she was concentrating on her studies, and had no immediate serials to work on. She was looking much slimmer and grown up too!”

Diwali social ‘light’

Samridhi Nagar
VII C, AIS Gurgaon 46

Diwali, which is celebrated as a symbol of victory of good over evil, light over darkness reigning in the celebration of Lord Ram arriving at Ayodhya, has changed its meaning over time. Diwali is now becoming an occasion when Delhites like to flaunt their wealth. It’s time for expensive shopping, house renovation, bursting crackers, eating sweets, oily food, late nights, lighting up houses, shops and other establishments. The known tricks of discounts after hefty price escalation works even better at Diwali time!

How much is too much? We really need to ponder over the thought that how much sweets and dry fruits we need to eat for the sake of Lord Ram’s home coming? I’m not sure if his brothers in



waiting, Bharat and Shatrughan, ever realized the kind of excuse they are going to provide Delhites for the generations of opulent display! Diwali also provides a great opportunity for businessmen and corporates to please government officials by sending them expensive gifts. Well! This can’t qualify as bribery but works as effectively. The most enjoyable

time for children is Diwali night as they love bursting crackers. I’m sure if directed well, the amount of crackers fired by Delhites can beat an enemy’s battalion. Even if Goddess Lakshmi decides to come to Delhi on the auspicious night, she would not have the courage to encounter pollution and face the risk of being hurt by flying crackers!

The light of conscious: Nowadays, we do see some sense of responsibility in younger generation as they impose self restriction on cracker consumption. The government is also enforcing strict rules for not firing crackers after 10 pm. Some NGOs are using this occasion to serve the weaker and needy sections of the society.

Let’s use this occasion to make a little contribution to our society. Use the wealth for such causes and you can flaunt it too! This can be a different show time for Delhiites. Let this Diwali ignite a social ‘light’! 🇮🇳

Reporting Zindagi, LIVE!

Shohit Rana, IX C, AIS Noida met up with Richa Anirudh, a well known face on Indian television. A science graduate, Richa started working with Doordarshan followed by print media and then again back to television. She hosts the show ‘Zindagi Live’ on IBN-7 currently...

When did you discover you wanted to enter this field?

My media career happened gradually, partly by co-incidence. Doordarshan offered me a job as an anchor. For a year, I freelanced for Doordarshan and then I joined a newspaper in Ajmer. Then when I came to Delhi again, I started reporting for Doordarshan and subsequently ZEE-News hired me as a reporter.

Did you train to be a journo?

I was a Science graduate and as I did not plan to become a journalist, I was doing a computer course for three years when I got selected for Doordarshan. Later, I took up a job in a newspaper and studied simultaneously pursuing a course from IGNOU’s distant education.

When you came on TV for the first time, were you nervous?

I’ve never been nervous because I’ve always been good at stage, and debates and speeches are my strength. I’ve not been anxious while interviewing celebs like Aamir Khan, Salman Khan or Aishwarya. However, I was edgy when I first interviewed Amitabh Bacchan, because it was a dream come true for me.

How are live shows different from recorded shows?

Live shows are obviously much more difficult. In recording, you know if you fumble once or twice or you make a mistake, there can be a retake but in live shows there are no retakes.

Are reality shows scripted?

I script my reality shows in the sense that I script the structure but if I ask you a question I won’t know which direction the answer would go. I can only script the basic structure.

Are your working hours flexible?

Now yes, but initially not. In the beginning, I struggled a lot, working for 15-20

hours a day. Now as I’m doing a chat show, my timings are fine.

What is the starting salary for a fresher?

I think the first priority of youngsters should be to learn good work. Salaries depend a lot on your abilities. As of now the starting salary for a fresher would be 20-22 thousand rupees per month. But then the next growth depends on how much you have worked.

Is it important to have a beautiful face or fair complexion to get in the media?

I’m not fair; make up can give you a fair complexion. Maybe good looks are an advantage but more than that one has to be photogenic. People who are good looking sometimes realize that they don’t look good on TV. And I consider my self very normal looking but I have a photogenic face which I think people like on TV.

Your message for youngsters...

Youngsters should work very hard and not look for shortcuts. I have worked day and night without thinking about my work hours. Everyone should be prepared to do that to be successful in any career. 🇮🇳



It pays to be photogenic:
Richa Anirudh



Cartoon by:
Mayank Rajvansh,
VI D, AIS Pushp Vihar

“I haven’t been feeling funny lately, doctor.”

A DREAM TOO COMPLICATED

Perna Kashyap, X J, AIS Noida

Described by everyone from viewers to movie critics, as the biggest mind boggler of the century, Inception opens a whole new world of dreams, difficult to comprehend but enthralling to see. Directed by acclaimed filmmaker Christopher Nolan and starring the incomparable Leonardo de Caprio along with Ken Watanabe, Joseph Gordon Levitt and the gorgeous Ellen



Movie Review

Page, the movie is an original sci-fi actioner that travels around the globe and into the intimate and infinite world of dreams. Leo starring as Dom Cobb, the skilled thief with the rare ability of stealing valuable secrets from deep within the subconscious during the dream state when the mind is most vulnerable, is a coveted player in the treacherous world of corporate espionage, which has made him an international fugitive and cost him everything he ever loved. Being offered a chance at redemption, he could get his life and children back if he manages to perform one last impossible task of inception. The movie is a must watch for all the sci-fi geeks and the serious cinemaniacs (although one can’t guarantee that you will understand all of it). It is conceptually alluring and showcases the best as well as the most problematic aspects of Nolan’s directorial chops. If you think that expressions like mind boggling are exaggerations, Inception is the movie for you. 🇮🇳