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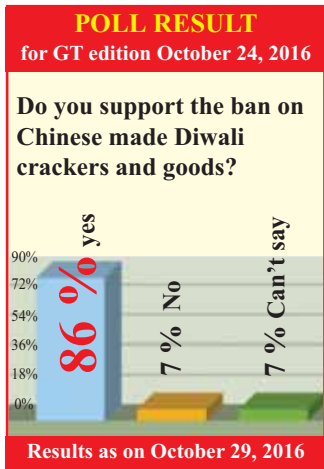
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AIS MV contest edition



Sangathan 2016

Power Packed

Excellence, exuberance, enthusiasm and exhilaration - Sangathan 2016, in its 18th year, experienced all this and more as the mega inter institutional meet brought all the Amity campuses on one arena, spreading the message of warmth and good cheer

All Pics: Global Times Team

Abhilash Rout & Priya Arya
GT Network

What's gargantuan in magnitude, magnanimous in execution and spells exuberance in its very spirit? Sangathan, of course! Now in its 18th year, the annual sporting gala resonated with enthusiasm, zeal and frolicsome atmosphere as the grounds of Amity University, UP witnessed its culmination on Founder's Day, celebrated on October 24, 2016. The day, that marks the birthday of Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe, commenced with a performance by the Army Band. The vibrant melodies of the Scottish Band led by students of AIS Noida proffered a befitting welcome to the illustrious cavalcade led by Founder President.

Power of presence

The mega event was graced by the presence of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF; Dr Atul Chauhan, Chancellor, AUUP; Dr Aseem Chauhan, Chancellor, AUR & AUH; Ms Sapna Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amionwn, Ms Pooja Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amity School of Hospitality; Ms Divya Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity School of Fashion Technology and Amity School of Fine Arts, heads of Amity institutions, senior officials and students.

Power of performances

As magnificent horse riders from Amity Riding Academy escorted Founder President to the Sangathan arena, he unfurled the national flag to the chorus of the national anthem. A splendid Guard of Honour by the cadets of AIMC, Manesar



mesmerised everyone.

Founder President handed over the symbolic Sangathan torch 'Khel Jyoti' to the sports captains of the previous year's winning captains, who carried it around spreading the message of positivity, unity and values. The day was further glorified by adorable performances by Amionwn PV, Noida, Vasundhara and Gurgaon. A melodious performance by Amitasha girls touched a chord in everyone's hearts. A short film 'Sangathan ki Udaan' highlighted Sangathan's 18 year long journey.

Power of expression

The sports rendezvous was replete with stimulating words from Founder President, "If you are an Amitian, nothing can stop you," thus inspiring everyone to work hard diligently and with great enthusiasm. Professor Kalpana Sharma,

and international campuses from Dubai, Singapore, London, California, New York, Abu Dhabi, etc, converging at AUUP. The unity apparent in the impressive march past by the students of all campuses showcased confidence and brilliant synchronization.

Power of prizes

Around 1700 medals and trophies were awarded to students and faculty for their exemplary display of sportsmanship and skill in more than 22 sporting events including shooting, basketball, kabbadi, cricket, football, table tennis, chess, swimming, etc. Amity School of Engineering and Technology (ASET) emerged as the unbeatable winners with 94 points, followed by Amity Law School Noida at the second place with 73 points.

Power of happiness

The joyous exuberance of Sangathan aptly reverberated in the 'Happiness Tree', installed in the portals of Amity for the first time, with the aim of spreading the message of peace and happiness. Created by Amity School of Fine Arts, it was inaugurated by Founder President, who shared his secret of happiness by writing it on a leaf and sticking it on the tree. The tree captured the joie de vivre of Sangathan in its true essence.

Power of togetherness

A family that plays together, stays together, is what Amity believes in. Hence, Sangathan celebrated the spirit of togetherness, with students from various national



New Entrants

- Intra Amity Sports Quiz
- Essay competition
- Vintage games
- Weekly reporting of the games to the Vice Chancellor, AUUP
- 2 lady horse riders in the guard of honour
- Participation of cadets from Amity campuses in New York, China, California, Singapore and Mauritius in march past
- Live telecast of entire programme on Radio Amity
- Happiness Tree

New announcement

- Amity acquires 170 acre campus in New York City, USA

New Rule book

- In a move from last year, boys could participate in 4 games, while girls in 5; this was done to maximise participation

Number game

15000 Total participants

962 Total matches

1693 Students felicitated

77 Faculty and staff felicitated

158 Marching contingents

20 games for students

7 games for faculty

Winners ahoy

Overall

- **1st:** Amity School of Engineering and Technology lifted winner's trophy with 10 gold, 12 silver and 13 bronze medals
- **2nd:** Amity Law School Noida was declared First Runners Up with 9 gold, 15 silver and 7 bronze medals

March past

Juniors

- **1st:** AIS Noida
- **2nd:** AIS Gur 43

Seniors

- **1st:** AIE, Noida
- **2nd:** ASET, AUUP

Sangathan gave me the opportunity to exhibit my talent and spend time with others. It united sportspersons from various campuses.

Deepak Arjun, RICS, AUUP



YOUTH POWER

2016-17

To beat 800 students takes courage. To become the harbingers of change requires determination. To work all through, demands persistent efforts. These finalists had it all. Meet the leaders, striving to make a difference in the social leadership programme



AIS Vashundhara 1

Cause: Befouled sky-Air pollution

L to R: Shakshi Maurya, IX; Team Leader Megha Chattopadhyay, IX; Adity Mishra, IX; Pinank Mehra, IX with mentor teacher Nishu Dass



AIS Jagdishpur

Cause: Health Care

L to R: Team Leader Akriti Singh, XI; Vedansh S Lodhi, XI; Anas Suheb, XI; Ayushi Tiwari, XI with mentor teacher Vivek Singh



AIS Gurgaon 43

Cause: Jalanjali-Water Management

L to R: Saksham Manaktala, X; Ria Aggarwal, XI; Team Leader Vaibhav Bhat, XI; Rohan Yadav, XI with mentor teacher Vidushi Gupta



AIS Noida

Cause: Tikavach-Vaccination for all

L to R: Team leader Aasheesh Randeo, XI; Jahnvi Vig, X; Anna Upreti, X; Preeti Panigrahi, X with mentor teacher Sanyukta Priya



AIS Vasundhara 6

Cause: Jazbaa-Physical Disability

L to R: Team leader Lagan Sethi, X; Aditi Gautam, X; Richa Avtar, X; B.Saksham Rao, X with mentor teacher Nandita Manaktala



AIS Lucknow

Cause: Working towards Animal Care and Rights

L to R: Vinay Kumar Gupta, XI, Team Leader Aavya Srivastava, XI, Shreya Shahi, XI, Anushka Singh, IX, with Mentor Teacher Meetika Seth



AIS Gurgaon 46

Cause: MustQuitto- Reducing mosquito-borne diseases

L to R: Yajur Lath, X; Archita Sharma, XI; Team Leader Neharika Garg, XI; Gursimran Singh, XI with mentor teacher Devyani Kapoor



AIS Mayur Vihar

Cause: Mithaas, the bitter truth- Diabetes

L to R: Tejasvi, X; Tejas, X; Team leader Utkarsh, X; Rishima, X with mentor teacher Piyush Vardhini



AIS Saket

Cause: Edukashi-Quality education for the underprivileged

L to R: Ayush Jha, X; Aryaman Kashyap, X; Rishabh Agarwal, X; Team leader Aditya Mohan Sharma, X with mentor teacher Garima Pandey



AIS Pushp Vihar

Cause: Plas-Untick -Minimising the use of plastic

Clockwise: Team leader Sidhaant Verma, XI; Sanya Kanwar, IX; Rishita Paruthi, X and Tanmay Pharlina, XI, with mentor teacher Sonali Batra



I am in awe of Amity's hospitality; the faculty and students were very welcoming and friendly. I really appreciate that!
Jerolyn, Amity University, Dubai

Legal talent development

ALSN hosted a four-day programme for students from BRICS countries to promote legal talent and deliberate upon the technicalities of Indian law



The delegates from BRICS nations with Dr Balvinder Shukla, VC, AUUP and the academic team

Amity Law School Noida

Amity Law School Noida organised a prestigious four day legal talent development programme for 20 legal students, lawyers and professionals from BRICS countries. BRICS is the acronym for the association of five major emerging economies of the World viz. Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. ALSN undertook the task of training the selected 20 delegates in Indian laws and their topical relevance. The facilitator for the programme was Dr Shefali Raizada, Additional Director, ALSN, while the programme coordinator was Bhavna Batra, Asst Professor, ALSN.

The opening

The inaugural ceremony was held on September 14, 2016. The BRICS Legal Training Program began with welcoming the delegates with garlands and *tilaks*. It was followed by the lighting of the lamp and invocation of Goddess Saraswati. Addressing the gathering, Prof DK Bandopadhyaya, Chairman, ALS, AUUP, highlighted that the aim of the programme was not just imparting legal knowledge but also sharing the cultural ethos of the country. Welcoming the guests, Dr Balvinder Shukla, Vice Chancellor, AUUP said that BRICS nations are contributing immensely towards the economic development of the world and the programme was a testament to what the citizens can achieve.

The training

Through the course of the training, the delegates underwent sessions on topics ranging from Indian legal history to aspects of arbitration law. Many interactive sessions were also held wherein the delegations interacted with post graduate students and showcased their presentations. In the global scenario today, the need to know the laws of other countries is imperative and thus, these sessions proved to be a positive step in the direction. The simulative sessions strengthened the friendship between the delegates of the five countries. All delegates were given participation certificates, study material, alumni certificates, mementos, group photographs and gifts, as tokens of their hard work and zeal to learn.

The valedictory

The closing ceremony which took place on September 17, was a gala affair and saw the presence of Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe. He enlightened everyone by highlighting that joint efforts can be made by BRICS legal forums for the reinforcement and strengthening of the rule of law, as well as social, economic and human rights. The guest of honour for the occasion, Advocate Pinky Anand, Additional Solicitor General, emphasised, "BRICS is a new way forward and this historic alliance promises to take the world forward." At the end of the sessions, the delegates were enriched with memories, friendships and knowledge. [G T](#)

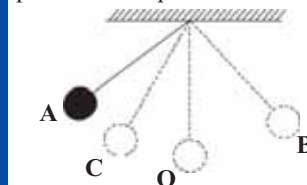
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Presents



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CRC for law

ALSN

Garima Wadhwa, ALSN, Faculty

With the aim of bridging the gap between industry and students, a Corporate Resource Cell (CRC) has been created as a common entity for all law schools, under the guidance of Prof (Dr) Balvinder Shukla, VC, AUUP. The cell is under the mentorship of Prof (Dr) DK Bandyopadhyay, Chief Advisor to Founder President & Chairman, ALS. As its first initiative, CRC invited the firm Orion-the constellation, to ALSN for an interaction on September 30. The event started with a keynote address by Dr Shefali Raizada, Additional Director, ALSN, followed by addresses by Dr Tomar and Gp Capt AK Saxena, Dy Director, CRC. Orion has been co-founded by ALSN alumni, Nikhilesh Bhargava, who gave a detailed presentation about the company profile, vision and work area. The students were informed about the internship program and pre-placement opportunities. A QnA session helped the students gain further insight into the opportunities.

(With inputs from other members of Placement Cell, ALSN)

Words beyond nations

As part of an exchange programme, students from Queensland University interacted with AU Mumbai students about the intricacies of Indian ethos

Amity University Mumbai

Ananya Sen & Revathy Baiju
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A team of 20 students from School of Communication and Arts, University of Queensland (UQ), Australia arrived in Amity University Mumbai for a 10-day visit under New Colombo Plan (NCP)* 2016, on September 27, 2016.

The visiting team was welcomed by the faculty of Amity School of Communication (ASCO), AU Mumbai. The students welcomed them with a flash mob performance, a cultural program depicting various cultures and traditions of India, besides a Bollywood style dance. One of Amity's talented musicians sang a well-known Australian pop number, giving the students of University from Queensland a little taste of home. The performances concluded with a breathtaking



Dr VV Khole (R) & Dr CK Singh with guests from Queensland University

bharatnatyam fusion performance.

UQ team leader Prof Bruce Woolley shared that he was overwhelmed by the performances and Amity hospitality, while expressing the possibility of further collaboration between Queensland University Australia and AUM. Prof

(Dr) VV Khole, Vice Chancellor, Amity University Mumbai, presided over the programme and said that such collaborations will help students to understand the culture, economy and history of both the countries. The event was also attended by Paul Smith, technical man-

ager, UQ; Maj Gen S Sridhar, Vice President, RBEF; Dr Anil Srivastav, Registrar AUM, HODs/HOIs, faculty and students of ASCO. The UQ team was gifted mementos and caricatures made by ASCO faculty.

During their stay in Mumbai, the 20 UQ reporters worked on various stories depicting lifestyle, economy and day-to-day life of Indians in general and Mumbaikars in particular, with the help of 20 ASCO students who were assigned as their 'buddies'. Their experiences were then uploaded on www.jacdigital.com.au.

*The focus of New Colombo Plan 2016 is acquiring knowledge of Indo-Pacific countries by Australian undergraduates. It caters to partnership between governments, universities and private sector to groom a new generation of Australians with direct experience of living, studying and undertaking work placements in Asian Countries. [G T](#)

World Green Building Week

Kaushal A Desai & Chandrapal Khasiya
RICS, AUUP

The IGBC Student Chapter of RICS School of Built Environment (SBE), celebrated the World Green Building Week 2016 from September 26-October 1, as announced by World Green Building Council (WGBC). The event raises awareness about green buildings around the world, highlighting how they are the most effective means to achieving a range of environmental, social and eco-

nomical goals, from addressing climate change to creating sustainable homes, businesses and communities. The flagship event at RICS SBE is the only Indian event being featured on the WGBC Site. The students also started a blog titled 'SFS - Students for Sustainability' as part of the event. Out of the amazing events organised on the occasion, two sprang to life with colours galore- face painting and T-shirt painting competition. The students were at their creative best during both the competitions. With inspiring and informative speeches from industry leaders, exciting



Students partake in T shirt painting competition

competitions, challenging events and fruitful workshops, the event was a huge success. The event received a positive feedback from the industry.

Play with caution!

Video games have always received flak for being the devil. But they have a few benefits too. The key lies in striking a balance

Siddharth Dua, AIS Saket, X

Video games, the reason for every mother’s anger, the ones blamed for wastage of time and the ones held accountable for increasing violence among children. But have you ever wondered if these games deserve the scorn and ridicule they are met with? Maybe not. Studies say that moderate use of video games, under the supervision of a medical expert, may offer certain health benefits. This article offers an insight into those benefits. But don’t get too swayed away for moderation has always been the key.

Overcome dyslexia

A recent study revealed that playing video games can help dyslexic kids to read better. Most dyslexic children find it difficult to pay attention. Video games, on the other hand, because of their constantly changing environment require the game to focus and pay attention. As a result, it improves one’s ability to focus, thus improving reading comprehension in dyslexics. But then you can’t go on playing forever.

Reduces stress

It is true that there are games that induce stress. However, the opposite of that sometimes holds true too. In another study, that monitored avid video game players over six months, it was revealed that playing video games on a regular basis could bring down the adrenaline response by over 50 percent. People undergoing chemotherapy or other serious treatments when immersed in a virtual gaming world, reported significantly less stress and fear.

Effective painkiller

Games have become a post injury prescription; all

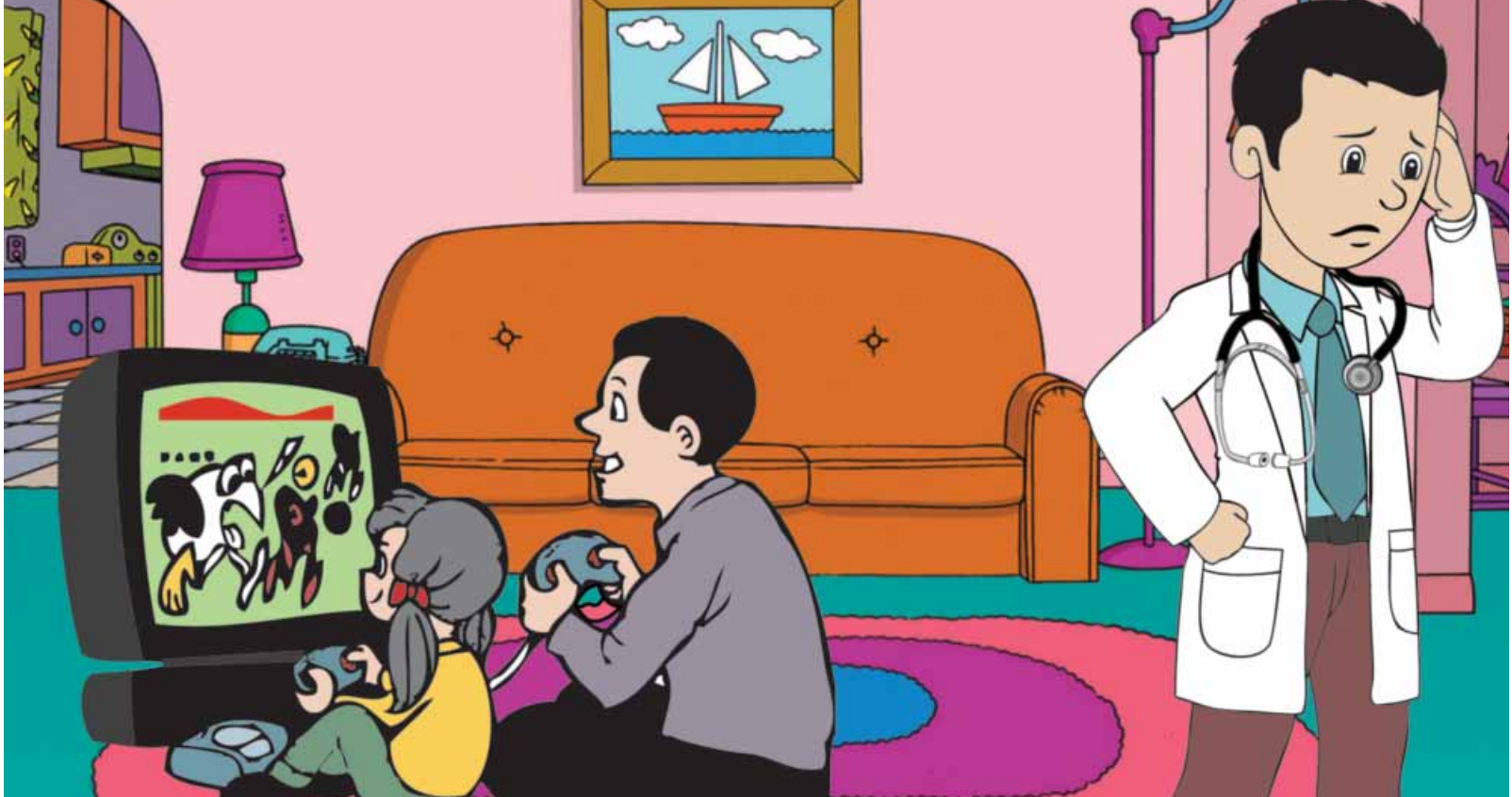


Illustration: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network

thanks to their distracting abilities that distract the patient from pain. But that’s not all. Playing video games has also been related to the production of pain killing (analgesic) response in the body. Those being treated for burn wounds, found a decline in their pain by 30-50 % upon playing games.

Better vision

If you’re a fan of Call of Duty, then you can be expected to have better vision. According to a study, locating and aiming at enemies exercises the gamer’s eyes. Doctors are trying to treat the ‘lazy’



eye syndrome through video games. When patients were asked to play games with the correct eye obscured, the players showed significant improvement in the affected eye. But too much of anything is bad.

Slow aging

Various studies have found that playing video games may slow the aging process. Games that involve problem solving, memory and puzzles have shown to have a positive effect on older players. These games result in increased cognitive

functioning, thereby, slowing the aging process. This is one unique anti-aging tip for all.

Improved skills

Reading and math skills have been found to be better in active gamers as compared to non-gaming individuals. This is due to the fact that gamers have more gray matter and better integration of brain networks associated with attention and sensorimotor function.  
(Though there are some benefits, it’s best to use discretion while playing.)

The WOW signal

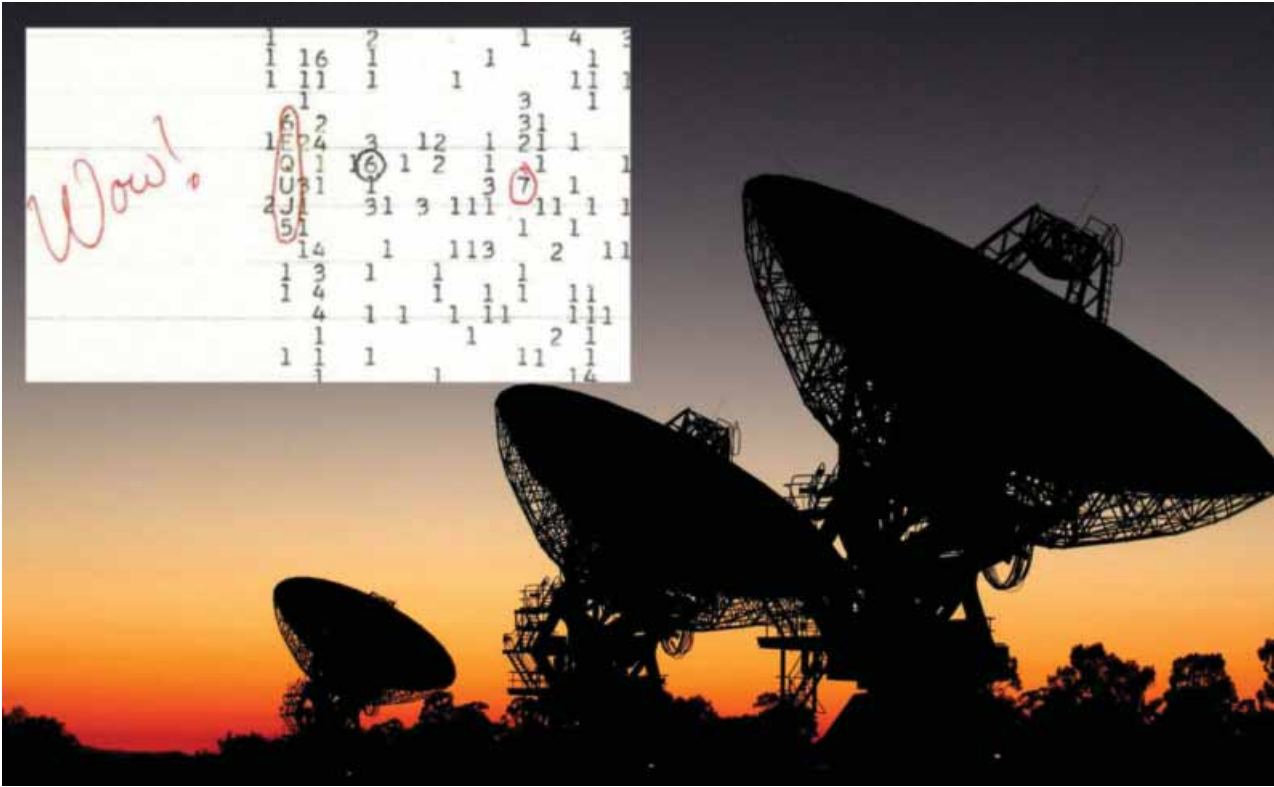
We always wonder whether we are alone on Earth or do we have neighbours we do not know of. The WOW signal from outer space only adds to the debate

Syed Hameed Tehseen
AIS Saket, XII

Aliens. Do they exist or are we truly alone in the world? A question that has divided all of us. But something happened to Jerry R. Ehmann, junior scientist at Ohio State University on August 15, 1977 that further tangled the myriad questions we have about extra-terrestrial life forms.

The first contact

An unusual transmission was picked up by astronomer Jerry Ehman while working on a SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence) project at Ohio State University in 1977. This transmission from outer space was an anomaly he had never seen before. On the side of the paper, next to the numeric representation of the signal, he simply wrote WOW. Thus, it became known as the WOW signal. This WOW signal went on to become one of the biggest mysteries of science. It is believed to be the first interception of an alien broadcast, but scientists have been unable to discover anything like it for nearly four decades. They have debated and deliberated on several factors that could have been responsible like military intervention, satellite, aircraft signals or accidental beam from space debris. Even though astronomers



keep finding new sources of noise in space - colliding black holes, glitching pulsars, gamma ray bursts, etc, they have not been able to attribute the WOW signal to any of these. Columbia University astronomer Caleb Scharf says it is very hard to exhaust the possibilities when we are learning more about the universe every year.

The truth... maybe



Recently, a US astronomer has claimed to solve the origin of this mysterious signal. Antonio Paris, professor of astronomy at St Petersburg College in Florida, says that two previously undiscovered comets which passed by Earth in 1977 may have caused this signal. He plans to test his theory by

analyzing hydrogen signals from the two comets when they pass Earth again in January 2017 and January 2018 respectively. Some astronomers are however, skeptical about whether comets can produce enough hydrogen to cause a similar reading. Only time, debate and research will tell if he was truly right.

Is it the right thing ?

Alien life. No one knows for sure. Yet the human desire to explore the unknown have kept alive stories of alien gods, alien abductions, crop circles and structures like pyramids which defy human expertise and knowledge. Archeology and aviation is peppered with examples of aliens visiting Earth, leading scientists to try and discover ways to contact life in space. But is it the right thing to do? Many scientists like Stephen Hawking and Professor Matthew Bailes feel that intelligent aliens could destroy humanity as they feel that ‘the history of weak civilisations contacting more advanced societies is not a happy one’. But does that mean we should stop looking? Don’t think so. It will finally be closure for us to know we are not alone.

Will they or won’t they?

So, no matter how much we try to establish contact with the outer world, we are far from proving life survives in outer space. The WOW signal is also not a clear signal that aliens are trying to broadcast. No other signal has been caught for the last 20 years. Instead, it’s more likely we’re just polluting space itself with more junk and radio signals. Till then, keep an eye on the skies. 



I attended Sangathan for the first time and believe me, it was splendid. I am mesmerised with the colour coding of the mandaps. One can easily fall in love with the fest.

Kirti Malhotra, Amity Institute of Physiotherapy, AUUP

Happiness unfurled



Dr. Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

One mission, one vision. These are the two things that serve as the driving force for success. But success cannot be achieved in isolation. We need people who instill faith in us and our dream. It's only when all of them work together in harmony, with the same vigour and enthusiasm, a dream witnesses its fulfillment. Sangathan is a tribute to a combination of such efforts and endeavours. When hundreds of teams work in unison, extending their support to each team member, sharing joys and sorrows, sharing one dream of winning, then they become unstoppable. And such tiny steps taken by our students of Amity will contribute to the vision of our Founder President in making Amity a super power by 2030. Sangathan unites all.

Dreams become a source of happiness when they turn into reality. This 18th year of Sangathan, Amity unveiled its very own 'Happiness tree'. The innovative tree symbolises putting together of thoughts in a creative installation. With the quotes of happiness from various dignitaries visiting Amity, this tree will continue to inspire millions and create a wave of happiness. At Amity, we wish to see everyone happy. The happiness tree also finds mention in Hindu mythology. Just like 'Kalpavriksha' that spread happiness to people by granting wishes, the happiness tree aims to inspire people through the words written on it. Founder's Day ended on a jolly note with high spirits and spectacular celebrations. I earnestly hope and believe that with each passing year, my Amitians will raise the Sangathan flag higher and spread the spirit of unity across the globe. 🇮🇳

Sports Strength



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

This Sangathan, Founder President shared that next time onwards the organising committee should not address this day as 'Founder Presidents Birthday' but as 'Founder President's Happy Day' as this day gives him a lot of happiness. The happiness that he gets from seeing and meeting all his Amitians and the distinguished faculty that gather from all across the world, who have contributed in the growth and development of Amity, makes him feel very excited and proud of each one of them. It is this happiness that gives one the strength and power to do more for others. The Happiness Tree unveiled by Founder Sir on the occasion with his message (Pg 12) is motivation for others to think what makes you happy and work for the same. For, it is the strength derived from happiness that paves the way for peace, progress and prosperity. Sangathan marks the display of Amity's global strength with its presence all across the world (Read Pg 1). The increasing number of marching contingents confirms that the pace at which the Amity family is expanding, there is nothing to stop it. The vision and mission of Founder President of having an Amitian in every field be it engineering, medical, armed forces, etc, contributing towards Nation Building, can be seen becoming a reality. The performance of students reflected the diverse culture of the world with one goal-to make India a superpower. (Read Pg 7)

Sports has a universal appeal and Sangathan makes for that perfect sport arena. The world converges to be a part of the dream of a leader born to bring change and to be the change. 🇮🇳

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Crusade against cancer

We know there's apathy all around. We know we should do something.

*But how many of us get around to doing anything? If your emotions echo similar thoughts, time to take a cue from this group of passionate crusaders from AUUP, who have joined hands in the fight against 'cancer' with their non-profit 'JAX Healthcare Foundation'. **Tulika Banerji**, GT Network unfolds their heartwarming journey ...*

The dreaded big 'C' – Cancer – continues to send shivers down the spine, despite medical breakthroughs and widespread awareness. However, the sad truth is, escalating costs and the psychological and physical scars make treatment unaffordable for a large section of people. Spurred by their inherent instinct to reach out to those in need, a bunch of youngsters from Amity University, UP, began with a small group of like-minded volunteers, a group which has today grown into a 100-member strong organisation.

Little steps, big dreams

"When my dad's best friend lost his battle with cancer, my dad was heartbroken and since I'm very close to him, I could feel his pain. That set me thinking; when people with a strong support system find it so difficult to cope, those without any would find it practically impossible to deal with it," shares Pleza Rani, one of the founding members. "That's when we decided to create a support group," chips in founder Jitendra Kumar, adding, "When we floated our idea, we didn't realise how quickly our tiny group of four would burgeon into a 100-member strong foundation!" 'Jax Healthcare Foundation' came into being with the motto of bringing joy and smiles on the faces of cancer patients. But what prompted such an unusual name? "Because we would be dealing with such a depressing disease, we wanted the name of our foundation to be a cheerful one. Hence we chose JAX – J for Juvenescence, A for Awareness and X for Xenodochial," a proud Pleza informs. "Jax Healthcare Foundation strongly believes that all people living with cancer have the right to the best treatment and support," apprises Pushmeet Kaur, another member of the team.



The JAX team at Andh Mahavidyalaya, New Delhi



With cancer patients at AIIMS



Interacting with blind students



Volunteers at Lady Harding Medical College & Hospital

Mission and vision

With the vision to work towards a cancer free world and reach out to the underprivileged who cannot afford the expensive treatment of cancer, the mission of JAX is to generate awareness, identification of cancer patients, providing pre-eminent medical aid and facilitating guidance and counselling at all levels.

What JAX does

Sometimes, a helping hand is all it takes to save a life. Jitendra explains, "Through personalised access to services, quality training and education, JAX aims to provide the needy with essentials and work opportunities to live their life with dignity and hope." In the six months of their existence, the enterprising team has conducted several workshops at rehabilitation centres, collected funds worth Rs 50,000 and reached out to many patients at AIIMS, Andh Mahavishwavidyalaya, Lady Harding Medical College, etc.

Expanding network

The foundation's partnerships and associations with industries, non-governmental agencies, health care providers and cancer organizations across the globe helps them to provide effective solutions for access

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to treatment. JAX Global Network Partners include students, cancer foundations, research institutes, government and corporates, hospitals, etc. Its association entails participations of students from fields like biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, medical, etc.

Core members

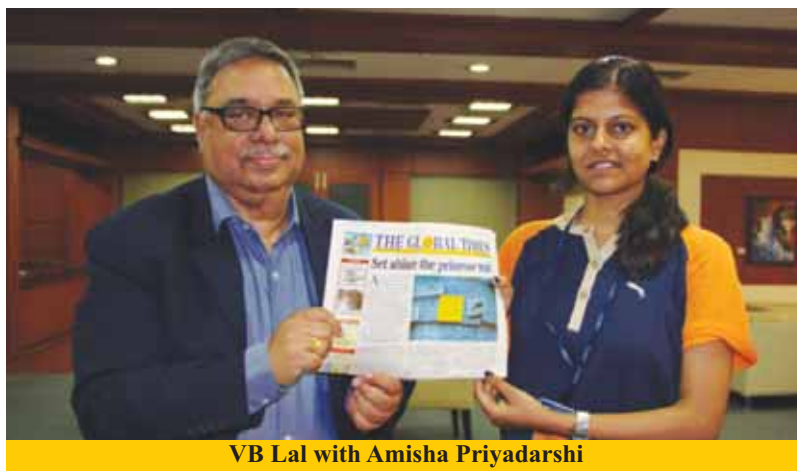
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Lighting up lives

*Shedding light on their new LED products and challenges faced by the industry is VB Lal, Head Admin, Moserbaer India Ltd, in a tete-e-tete with **Amisha Priyadarshi**, ALS 2, Amity University, Uttar Pradesh*

As one of the most credible brands in hi-tech manufacturing, what challenges does being the best entail?

The biggest challenge is to remain updated with technology. These days, technology has become very vast. At Moserbaer, we began with storage products initially for storing data, starting from floppy disks, pen drives and micro SD cards. Then, we realised that all these products will become obsolete after 10 - 15 years, because with the advancement of technology, many



VB Lal with Amisha Priyadarshi

alternatives would soon be available in the market. So, the company decided to diversify into two areas. One being solar energy, as it has become one of the most credible sources of energy in the world. And the other - innovative lighting products. Thus, came in LED. If you reconstruct the history of 15 years or so, you will realise that from floppies, CDs, DVD, blue ray products, flash drives to micro SD cards, six variant products have already come and gone. This is the biggest challenge

of being in the technology market. In fact, the world has already moved on to OLED - organic LED. Even we are working on it.

How was the transition to LED?

LED is a part of nanotechnology as well as electrical engineering. The challenge lay in adopting the technology and train the manpower simultaneously because LED is a technology where you don't require much of manpower. But what you do require is

highly skilled and trained manpower, which is not easily available in the market; so you have to train them yourself. However, as we followed a systematic strategy, the change was quite smooth and we didn't have many breakdowns or troubles.

As the administration head, what has been your greatest achievement?

My greatest achievement has been keeping the employees engaged. Employees will remain engaged if you take care of them. Hence, administration plays a huge role in providing various facilities to cover basic needs. In Indian context, we are at 87 percentile of employee satisfaction, which means only 13 companies are above us. That has been quite satisfying.

What would be your advice to aspiring administrators and managers?

If I have to deliver a message in one sentence, it will be to 'remain focused'. If you remain focused in what you want to achieve, you will achieve it because then nothing will be able to stop you from reaching your goals.

Sangathan 2016 will always be one of my favourite memories. All faculty members of AUUP treated us with love and care.

Rashid, Amity University, Dubai



Festival of values

We play. We stumble. We fall. We dust ourselves. We get up. We win. We lose. We learn. This Sangathan, students not just played, they learnt too. For, there are 'values' in sports too.

All pics: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network; Models: Students of ASPESS, AUUP



ASPESS

Rajni, Renu & Rahul Bishkarma
ASPESS, AUUP

Each year at Sangathan, passions ride high as sports enthusiasts undergo a flurry of emotions from exhilaration, elation to even frustration and disillusionment, all in their bid to win the coveted trophy. Little do they realise that with every emotion they experience, they get a bit closer to being the best they can be, as sports is almost a way of life. For, there is everything therein that one needs to lead a healthy and content life. When Amity respondents were asked to fill a survey about the same, the results proclaimed loud and clear, that Sangathan is a true festival of values...

Doing one's best

72% feel successful after giving their best
Nothing beats the feeling of winning a Sangathan game. The joy of taking a trophy home is directly proportional to the amount of effort one has put in. The harder you work, the more successful you feel. And at Sangathan, you can only do your best, as the sports saga takes the success benchmark to another level. On one

hand, while the competition gets tougher with the number of teams rising each year; on the other, it translates to a higher level of achievement for the winners on the success meter.

Trying hard

44% say they make efforts even when losing
The scoreboard reads 3:0. You know the opponent has stood strong all this while and there isn't the scantiest chance that you will win. What do you do? Give up and put up a shoddy show in the last 15 minutes, as you know you are losing in any case? It's actually the exact opposite; Sangathan teaches one to put up a tough fight till the very end. Trying hard, and losing with dignity are two important values learnt here.

Never give up

44% don't give up even after making mistakes
A crucial penalty stroke goes awry. The opponent team rejoices in their glorious victory dance. But do you let that shake your confidence? Instead, you dust yourself and get ready to put in a fiercer shot next time round. Sangathan is about going all out, and not giving up whatever it takes. A value, that eggs you on at every stage of life.

Getting along with everyone

56% mingle with opponents & congratulate them
In any other game, the opponent is the potential 'enemy'. But, at Sangathan, you are as good as your competitor. Here, one learns to see the opponent in the eye, learn from their strengths and most importantly, being on amicable terms with those one played against. Shaking hands and back slapping opponents after a game, teaches a pertinent life skill – getting along with others. A life skill which comes handy at every stage, be it education, work space, or dealing with friends and family.

Ethical fair play

78% believe in playing it fair
With rules and regulations of the highest order, Sangathan takes the notch upper each year. The sporting gala provides opportunities galore for learning ethics, fair play and honesty along with sportsmanship. For, a fair competition induces respect, feeling of equality and camaraderie, besides paving way for tolerance, discipline, solidarity and integrity – the building blocks of life.

Sticking together

58% feel sports is all about team work
How does a team work if one of the players launches a non-cooperation movement? Or, a player holds a grudge so deep, that he refuses to

Invaluable Survey

The article is based on a 3-pronged questionnaire based survey conducted on around 400 students of Amity Universities across the country. The respondents included sports persons from various Amity institutions.

bat his turn? Sangathan upholds the value of sticking together as a team, under all circumstances. Sinking and swimming together, delivering both as an individual and as a team player, ensures that students learn to work towards the fulfillment of the team's objectives, rather than their own. A value, indispensable for a harmonious life.

Feels good

77% feel sports is an opportunity to enjoy
The adrenalin rush, the fun element, the highs of a game well played...everything in Sangathan induces an instant feel good factor. With every hit of the racquet, every dive, run and swim, the body burns fat at approx 450 calories per hour; thus, releasing serotonin, the 'happy hormone'. Besides, the agility and rapid movements of athletes improves their reflexes, enhancing the feeling of elation. Sangathan induces the feeling of joy, unparalleled to anything else.

(Article guided by Dr Kalpana Sharma, Chairperson, Organising Committee, Sangathan 2016)



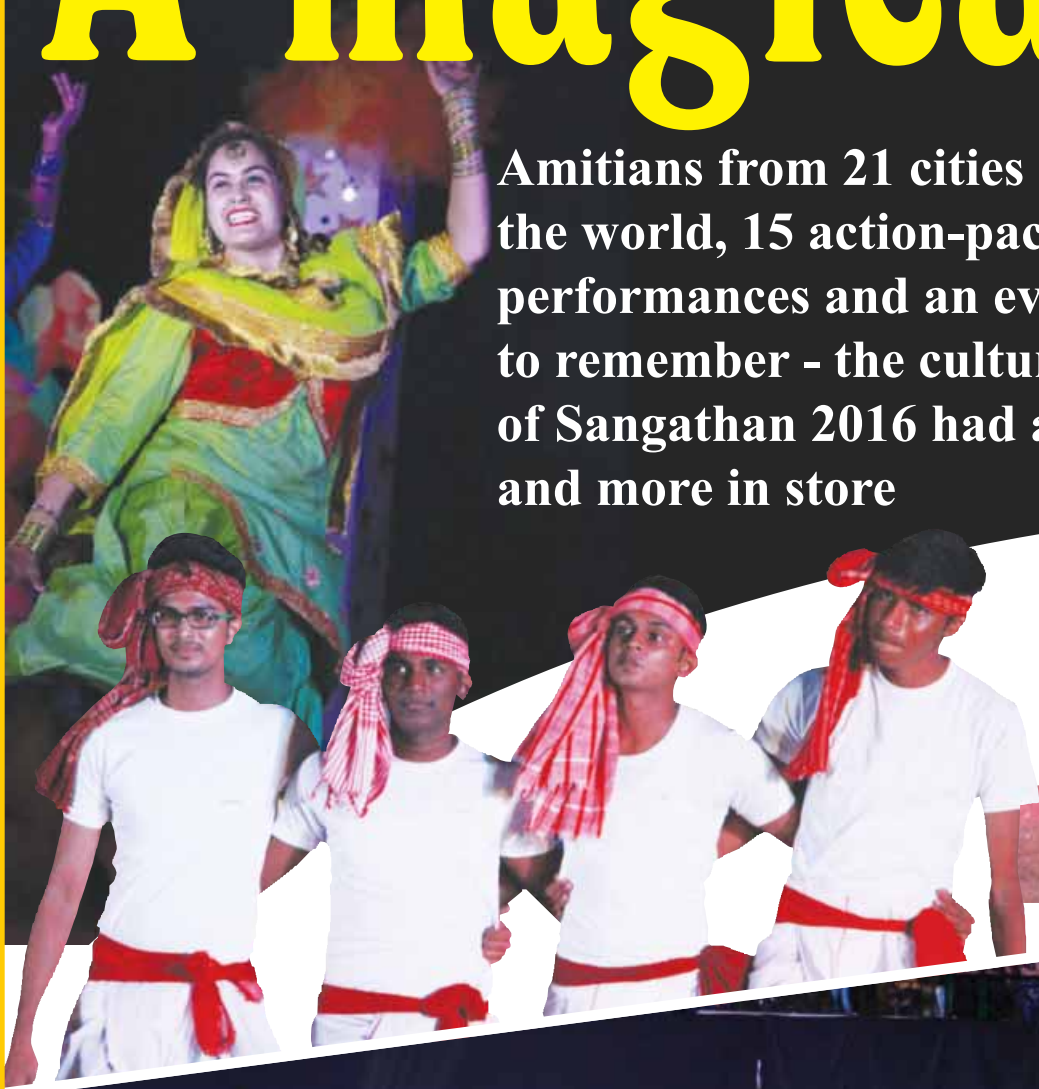


Amity has grown wide, with international presence and recognition. The parade has also grown to a humungous extent and it's a matter of achievement for us.

Ela Kashyap, Organizing Committee, ASET, AUUP

A magical evening

Amitians from 21 cities across the world, 15 action-packed performances and an evening to remember - the cultural eve of Sangathan 2016 had all this and more in store



All pics: Arushi Dayal, ASCO, AUUP

Agrima Singh, ALSN, AUUP

Collin Powell said, "A dream doesn't become a reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work." The Sangathan dream to recreate the magic of togetherness year after year, transcended into reality on October 22, 2016 at the cultural evening held at Amity University, Uttar Pradesh. As an ode to the multicultural diversity of our country, students from various branches of Amity University across the globe, put up awe-inspiring and fascinating performances. The glittering evening saw the distinguished presence of Dr Atul Chauhan, Chancellor, AUUP; Dr Aseem Chauhan, Chancellor, AUR & AUH; Ms Pooja Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, AHF; Prof (Dr) Balvinder Shukla, Vice Chancellor, AUUP; heads of institutions, faculty members and students.

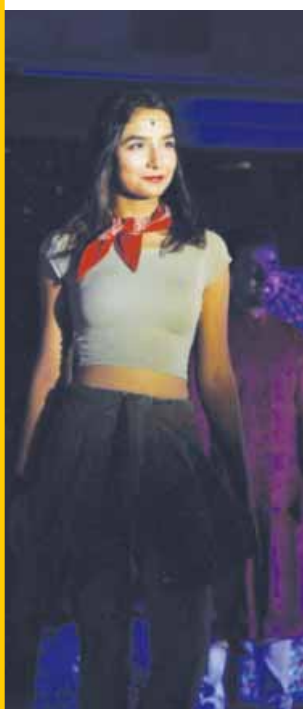
Colourful kaleidoscope

With girls in their vibrant lehengas and guys with peacock feathers on their heads, AU Lucknow began the evening with a charming classical performance depicting Lord Krishna on the song 'Woh Kisna Hai' followed by a graceful folk performance by the girls of AU Manesar. AU Gwalior presented a beautiful contemporary performance depicting that,

sometimes you don't need words, music is enough to express a thousand words. Amity Mumbai brought the essence of Marathi folk while AU Raipur put up a soulful performance. AU Ranchi and AU Kolkata represented their cultures in their spectacular performances. When girls from AU Jaipur in the black mirror work lehengas performed to 'Shubh Aarambh', they had the crowd on their feet. The one performance which had the crowd asking for more was undoubtedly from AGBS West - their powerful bhangra on 'Gabru' had everyone swooning; they turned up the heat with 'Kala Chashma'. 'Expect the unexpected' - Amity Dubai justified the phrase with the loud cheering that accompanied their fabulous fashion show and creative runway dance. The closing performance by the home team, AUUP Noida, was a beautiful medley depicting 'Societal Pressure' and how one can overcome it. Dandiya, fusion folk and a variety of enjoyable performances kept the crowd entertained.

Befitting finale

The talented duo Ishani Singh (AICC, faculty) and Akshay Goel (ASCO, student) kept the audience on top of their spirits with their cheerful anchoring. Eliciting loud cheers from the huge crowd, they ensured they had everyone's spirits high. Dr Atul Chauhan avowed the crowd with his words, "Amity has the most talented students in the world. You are a force to be reckoned with, you are the leaders of tomorrow." The magical evening ended with the vote of thanks proposed by Chaya Chordia, Director-Hostel Administration, AUUP.



The last goodbye



His heart knew he missed his mother but the mind refused to believe that he would miss her incessant pampering and values.

flooded with his mother’s messages but never did he pay any heed to it until the last week of holidays. His heart had finally gained control over his mind as he took the bus to his town. He checked his phone. “It’ll be too late. Come soon, son,” read the last message. He rushed through the corridors where his mother used to place swing-sets for him, knocked the door which was always opened by his caring mother for whom he never cared and kept his bag which his mom packed as he left without saying goodbye. She was living her last days but still struggled to open her arms for her son. But there was his ego and harsh differences which stopped him from having any loving relationship with his mother. So he stood there as her hands fell down, eyes teary and slowly, all their loving memories faded. This was when he realised that it’s not the last goodbye that hurts but the string of flashbacks that follow.

Muskaan Paintal
AIS Gur 46, XI H

He witnessed the last bright sunshine of his town while his mom packed his bag as he left for hostel which was far away from the city. Not caring for a warm hug or even a humble goodbye, he slammed the door for what he thought was the last time and rode away on the bus. All he could think on the way was how now he’d be free to do whatever he wanted and live without

any rules. The smell of freedom engulfed him. A year passed by and the hostel and the college became his cage. He was suffocated by the rich brats and the careless environment he once wished to live in. He lost himself somewhere trying to adjust and fit in. Alas! His heart knew he missed his mother but the mind refused to believe that her incessant pampering and moral lectures would be something he would reminisce. Holidays ushered in but his ego still held him behind the hostel gates. His inbox



Choco lava cake

Tamanna, AIS Vas 6, IX

Ingredients

Refined flour1/2 cup
Cocoa powder6 tbsp
Baking powder1/2 tsp
Baking soda1/2 tsp
Dark chocolate (chopped)1/4 cup
Butter1/2 cup
Castor sugar1/2 cup
Yogurt3/4 cup
Milk1/2 cup

Method

- Preheat the oven at 180 degree cel-

sus. Sieve together refined flour, baking powder, baking soda and cocoa powder in a bowl.

- Place dark chocolate and butter in another bowl and melt in a microwave oven for a minute. Whisk well till well blended.
- Add castor sugar to the chocolate mixture and mix well. Fold in the flour mixture. Add yogurt, milk and mix till the mixture is smooth.
- Pour the mixture into four individual silicon muffin moulds and bake for seven minutes.
- Oozing hot lava cakes are ready!

Read Play and Win

Reading your favourite GT can fetch you a prize too. Complete all the boxes below. Click a picture and send it to editor@theglobaltimes.in or submit it to your GT Teacher Coordinator. 3 lucky winners will win a prize every week!

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Q: Sangathan is in its which year?	Q: When is Founder's Day celebrated?	Q: Name the foundation which works for the cause of cancer.
Ans:	Ans:	
Q: Students of which foreign university came to Amity for an exchange programme?	Q: Who picked up the WOW signal?	Q: Mention any one value learnt at Sangathan.
Ans:	Ans:	Ans:
Q: When was the cultural evening of Sangathan held?	Q: What is the DIY activity on page 9?	Q: Which page mentions the Youth Power teams?
Ans:	Ans:	Ans:

Name:.....Class:.....School:.....

Results of Read Play and Win-13: **Aashna Gugnani**, VIII M, AIS N; **Anisha Singh**, VIII J, AIS N & **Isha Singh**, VIII M, AIS N (Prizes will reach in 15 days)

Words Verse

Magical shoes

Priyal Jain, AIS Gur 46, XI

Up and down
Rolling about
These are my magical shoes
They help me to my goal
Direct into the court
With them, I am not less than Usain bolt

Oh, oh my shoes
You be the one I stand upon
You change colour as people do
You take me to the fiction world
That could be heaven
Or down to the precious pearl


You glitter at night
You feel like a galaxy of my size
'Cause oh my magical shoes
You are a part of me
You're the best transforming
Magical shoes I have ever seen

No one can dare to have you
'Cause my finger prints work on you
You help me explore
the whole wide world
Meet new people and culture around
My magical shoes, you are the best
Stay with the me for
The adventure next.

My father, my friend

Sehaj Ghuman, AIS Noida, VIII F


He's never looking for praise
He's never the one to boast
Always supporting me
He just goes on working hard
Keeping his family foremost
He taught me how to tie shoelaces
He may not braid my hair
But he is a pillar in times of need
My father is a friend indeed.




CAMERA CAPERS


Akshat Nigam, AIMC, XII

Send in your entries to cameracap@theglobaltimes.in






The flame of hope



Deserted



Together, in unison



The feeling of Sangathan is the best and the happiest moment for sportspersons. I thank the Amity family for such a wonderful event.
Shubham Mitharwal, AU Rajasthan

Hamster adventure

Short story



Jhalak Agarwal, AGS Noida, VI

In the land of animals, the Hamster Brothers Jack and Jacky embarked upon their journey to travel around the world once again. This time, they first came to the graveyard that had the five dead unicorns out of which they found that four were 'good' and one was 'bad'. "Hello! How are you? I am glad to meet you," said Jacky. "Hello, we all are sisters and brothers. Will you both be our friends?" replied the smallest unicorn. So they all made a group (except the bad unicorn) and called themselves the 'friendly six'. The hamsters stayed there for a week and spent a good time together. On the last day, Jack took some good selfies for their travel **catalogue** and then the hamsters moved forward. After two days of gruelling travel on

After two days of gruelling travel on foot, Jack and Jacky finally reached the land of 'Horror fairytale'.

submission of their previous day's assignment. "Ma'am, please forgive me, I could not do the homework as I was busy saving the princess from the monster. You can punish my brother Jacky," begged Jack. "No I will punish both of you," she answered with a wicked laughter. Suddenly there was darkness all around. And then came a sound from nowhere, it was the XQ robot's car. "Don't worry, I will save you," exclaimed the XQ robot. The robot killed Skeleton Ma'am with his special gun and saved the little hamsters. Seconds later, the hamsters were on their way to a new adventure. BOOM! "Oh no! The television has cracked. Today also I couldn't finish watching my most favourite programme, made by Jhalak Agarwal," regretted the monster Bumble Bee. **GT**

So, what did you learn today?

A new word: Catalogue

Meaning: A complete list of items



The finished feather on the POP

Feather casting on POP

Materials required

- Plaster of Paris (POP)
- Water
- Feather
- Containers/Bowls
- Stirrer



Method

- Take POP in a bowl and add water to it.
- Stir continuously to avoid lumps.
- Transfer one inch thick POP onto a

- circular paper plate.
- Place the feather gently in the centre of the plate.
- Hold the feather for one or two minutes and then gently remove it.
- Make sure that the impression made is fine and visible.
- Your artificial fossil is now ready for display.

DIY prepared by Manas Negi & Harshul Aggarwal, AIS Vas 6, V D

It's Me



My name: Atharv Raj Mishra
My school: AIS Gur 43
My Class: I
My birthday: July 1
I Like: Playing outdoor games
I dislike: Bugs
My hobby: Swimming & painting
My role model: My father
My best friends: Jai and Tejas
My favourite book: Ramayana
My favourite game: Football
My favourite mall: Ambience Mall
My favourite food: French fries
My favourite teachers: Alta ma'am
My favourite poem: Balloons for me!
My favourite subject: Maths
I want to become: A commando
I want to feature in GT because: I love this newspaper and I want my friends to know about me!

POEM

While playing in the park

R. Sarthak

AIS Noida, V H

While playing in the park
 I hear the dogs bark
 I like the birds chirping sound
 And squirrels playing round-n-round

In the park there are many swings
 And with joy birds flap their wings
 Slide, monkey ladder and seesaw

Nature has its own law

Playing in the park is really fun
 Play and run in the setting sun
 Rose, sunflower and tulip I have seen
 But the lotus is the queen.

Autumn, summer, winter and spring
 Birds migrate flapping their wings
 It is all beauty of nature
 Don't cut trees; it will save our future. **GT**



Riddle Fiddle

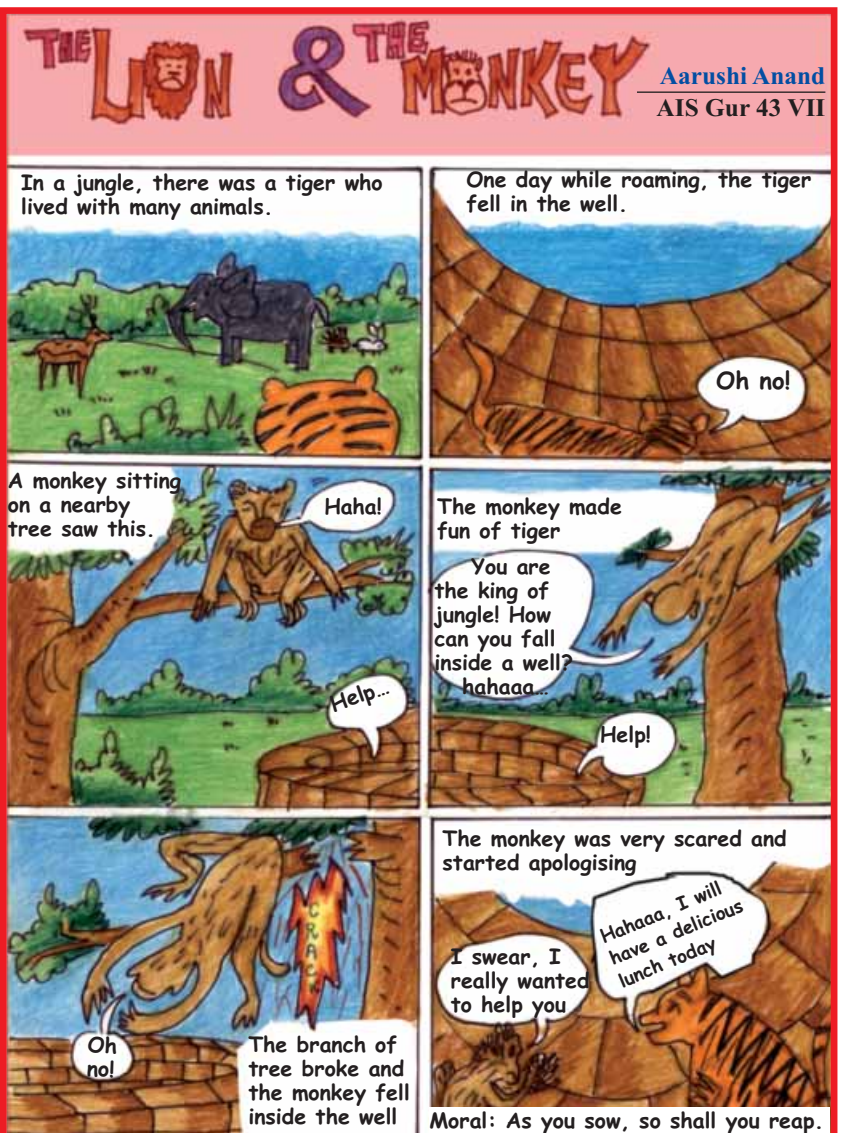
Nemmay Bhai, AIS Saket, IV

1. How many months have 28 days?
2. If there are 3 apples and you take away 2, how many do you have?
3. When my cap is taken off, I start working and when you put back my cap. I take rest. What am I?
4. What belongs to you but other people use it more than you?

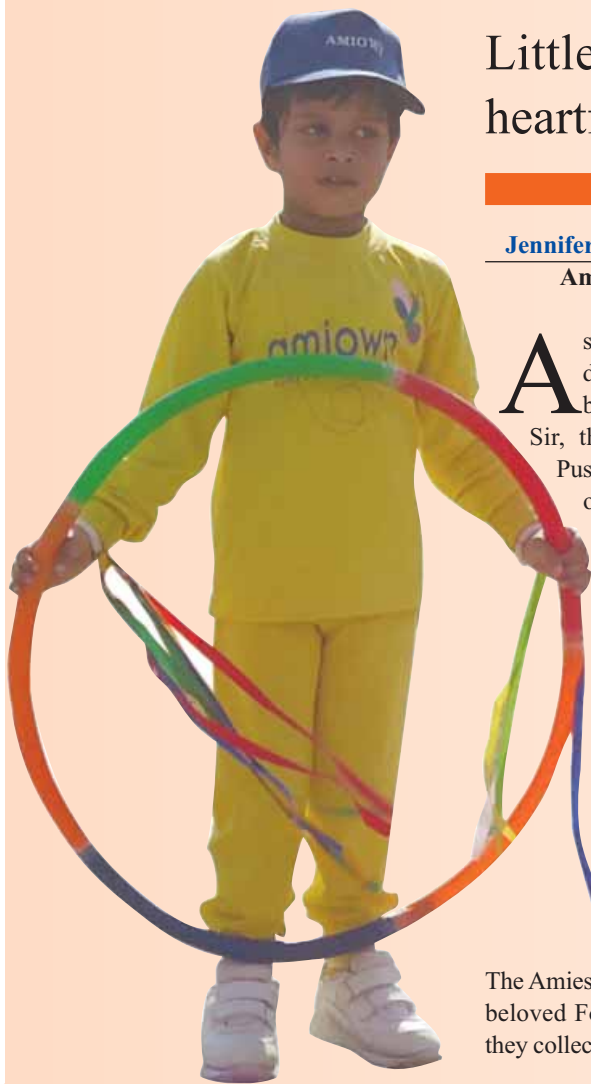
Answers: 1. All months 2. You have two apples with you 3. Pen 4. Your name

Painting corner

Himadri Singhal
AIS Vas 6, VII D



Happy Birthday Sir! We love you!



Little Amies flocked together at Amity University to wish their Founder Sir a heartfelt 'Happy Birthday' through a number of activities and grand performances

Amiown PV

Jennifer A Chauhan & Prabha S
Amiown PV, Teachers

As a run up to the grand birthday celebrations of their beloved Founder President Sir, the little ones of Amiown, Pushp Vihar organised a number of activities.

During the Circle Time, children were told about Sangathan and its significance. They were shown the picture of Founder President Sir and explained his vision and achievements. They were also apprised about his magic mantra of success 'BHAAG' i.e. Behaviour, Hard work, Attitude, Ambition and God.

The Amies made a special card for their beloved Founder President Sir, where they collectively promised to follow the

successful life mantra of 'BHAAG' in their lives. Inspired by him to dream big, they also shared with him their dreams of becoming a doctor, teacher, engineer, nurse, dancer, singer, etc.

Further, the little ones enthusiastically sang the birthday song and expressed their joy on receiving chocolates as return gifts. On the day of Sangathan ceremony that marks the birthday celebrations of Founder President Sir, organised at AUUP, the Amies dressed in yellow track suits, sporting Amiown caps, showcased an energetic performance. An impressive martial arts exhibited by them, showcasing the upper, lower and middle punches as well as head blocks, thrilled the audience. A beautiful hoopla drill had them dancing around with colourful hooplas in their hands. Their artistic bent, swift stretches, hops and jumps, reflected their energy, superb coordination, endurance, flexibility, focused mind and confidence. The breathtaking performance was met with loud applause and thunderous cheers from the spectators. The event became even more special



Harmony in synchrony Amies perform for their Founder President Sir

when Founder President Sir and Sapna Ma'am, Vice Chairperson, Amiown, came down to meet the Amies on the

ground and bless them. The air resounded with their heartfelt wishes of "Happy birthday Sir! We love you Sir".

Amiown Noida

Kamla Karki
Amiown Noida, Teacher

With smiles on their faces, joy in their hearts and twinkle in their eyes, the little Amies reached the Amity University grounds, to partake in performances and wish their Founder President, Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, a 'happy birthday' at 'Sangathan 2016.' The debut performance of the tiny tots of Amiown Nursery with their colourful hooplas and utmost finesse, was the star attraction of the day. They collaborated with the Amies of Pushp Vihar and gave a perfectly coordinated performance. Their team spirit, camaraderie, sportsmanship and unity in diversity was met with a loud applause.

The little Amies, who had been introduced to their Founder President through his pictures when they welcomed the 'Sangathan Torch' in their school a month before, were delighted to meet him in person. They heartily welcomed him as he walked down to meet them, following a brief introduction by their teachers. It was a dream come true for them as they shook hands with their beloved Founder Sir, fondly addressed by them as 'Sapna Ma'am's father'.

As a part of the Founder's Day celebrations, each class collectively prepared a lamp with the help of their teachers, signifying the 'Light of happiness and good health.' Every class made use of different techniques to prepare the same, which they then gifted to their Founder Sir. The little ones were rewarded with chocolates as a token of his love for them.



Birthday balloons Designed with love



Birthday preparations Creating innovative props

Amiown Vasundhara

Vinisha George
Amiown Vasundhara, Teacher

The spirit of Sangathan lights the heart of every Amitian, with the fire to excel in academics, in human values and as individuals. Carrying this spirit forward, the little Amies rose to give their first stage performance on the occasion of their Founder President Sir's birthday on October 24, at AUUP. Their immense excitement on meeting

their Founder President with whom they had been acquainted only through pictures and heard from their teachers earlier, was clearly visible. The students who had been trained at school to wish Sir, a 'Happy Birthday' when they looked at his picture, repeated the act in unison when they met him in person, charming their way into his heart. The little ones gifted him bright and vibrant balloons that had colourful butterflies made with finger dabbing and bubble wraps as a token of their immense love for him.

Amiown Gurgaon

Atreyee Das Gupta
Amiown Gurgaon, Teacher

On October 24, 2016, the little Amies wished their Founder President a very happy birthday through a breathtaking dance performance during the Sangathan celebrations. The commendable brain gym presented by the children that requires cross lateral

exercises, coordination, flexibility and a focussed mind, was met with a huge applause. Impressed by the display of the strength and courage of the little Amies were Founder President Sir; Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, Ms Sapna Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amiown and Mr Ajit Chauhan; Vice Chairman, Amity Distance & Online Education and Vice-President, RBEF. Children also widened their knowledge

about respected sir and his vision; and came to know about the enormity of Founder's Day celebrated as Sangathan – Amity's Inter-Institutional Sports Meet through a power point presentation before the event.

All in all, every year during the event, the synchronised and enthusiastic performance of the kids, becomes a medium to strengthen their skills and a vehicle of their self-expression.



Brain gym Beautiful display of coordination and strength



Recognising competitive excellence

Amity felicitates students and teachers for securing top ranks in competitive examinations for medical and engineering

AICE

The students of Amity Institute for Competitive Examinations (AICE), a visionary initiative of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, to enhance the knowledge base of students by developing their analytical skills and ability in order to succeed in competitive examinations achieved remarkable ranks in the year 2015-16. A special function was organised on October 15, 2016 at Amity University, UP, to felicitate these students, now placed in the top engineering colleges such as IIT-



Student felicitated by Chairperson, along with heads of other Amity institutions and school mentors

Delhi, Mumbai, Kharagpur & Assam; NSIT, DTU, NITs, etc. and premier medical colleges like AIIMS, Maulana Azad, Lady Harding, KGMU (K GMC) and CMC, etc. Over 145 students were awarded gold, silver and bronze medals for securing top ranks in different competitive exams, making their school and country proud. The occasion also felicitated the mentors at AICE who motivated and guided the students all along their competitive journey, to achieve the desired results. Approximately 30 teachers and coordinators, were felicitated with cash awards, trophies and certificates for their hard-work, dedication and devotion.

The ceremony was graced by a galaxy of eminent scientists and educationists as Dr Rajiv Sharma, Head - Technology Mission Division, DST, Former Executive Director Indo-US Science and Technology Forum (IUSSTF); Dr RP Bapat, Prof, Dept of Mathematics and Statistics, ISI, ND; Dr SV Eswaran, Emeritus Scientist, UNESCO, DBT Regional Centre for Biotechnology, Faridabad, Emeritus Professor - Academy of Scientific & Innovative Research (ACSIR), Advisor AICE and Emeritus Professor Amity University (Honorary) and PK Singh, Dy Director General, Doodarshan, HPT (Hindustan Prasar Bharti) [G.T](#)

Sawan ki bahar

AIS Noida

The nursery and kindergarten children observed 'Sawan ki Bahar' to celebrate the season of monsoon. This is part of an educational initiative of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, to



Little ones enjoying the monsoon celebrations

promote the pattern of thematic learning. A special assembly was held to reinforce the importance of rain, the mythological connotation behind it and the importance of monsoon. Samudra Manthan, a skit by children, followed by poems, a Kavariyan and Teej dance with colourful props, resulted in a vibrant and informative assembly. The day concluded with children participating in an enjoyable photo session, all dressed in colourful outfits. [G.T](#)



Enacting the life of Bapu

Celebrating Gandhi Jayanti

AIS VKC Lucknow

The school organised a Special Assembly on Gandhi Jayanti on October 3, 2016, to commemorate the birth anniversary of Bapu, the father of the nation. The assembly began with a prayer song. The students narrated and even enacted inspirational anecdotes from the life of the Mahatma. A quiz was also organized on the father of the nation in which all took part with lot of enthusiasm. The song 'vaishnav jan ko tene kahiye' filled everyone's heart with patriotism. The assembly concluded with the national song and all present went back with the lesson of truth and ahimsa in their hearts.

Grandparent's Day celebrations

To strengthen the relationship between grandparents and grandchildren, schools organised Grandparent's Day, making this bond meaningful and memorable

AIS Noida

The nursery students of the school invited their grandparents to visit them in their classrooms on September 8 and 9, 2016. The children welcomed their grandparents with the traditional *aarti* and *tilak*. Every class organised their own creative activity, interactive session, quiz, games and storytelling session by grand-



Special performance only for grandparents

parents that were filled with lots of love, tenderness, laughter and fun. Some grandparents also shared snippets from the life of their children and grandchildren. The little ones gifted garlands and ties to their grandmothers and grandfathers respectively. They also presented them with 'Thank you' cards as a token of appreciation. The grandparents returned the gesture by penning special lines about the celebrations, on easel

boards. School Principal Renu Singh, Vice Principal Soma Mukherjee and Coordinator Neelu Khanna visited each and every class, and interacted with the children and their grandparents.

AIS Vasundhara 6

'Vatsalayaam' celebrated by Class IV children of the school on September 19, 2016 was a unique and heartfelt day, dedicated to the importance and value of grandparents in the lives of grandchildren. The grandparents were filled with great enthusiasm as they walked down the ramp and participated in all the fun filled games as musical chairs, lemon and spoon race, blindfold game, and creating costumes from newspaper. The little ones presented a graceful ballet and also recited poems in honour of their grandparents.



Grandparents create costumes from newspapers

AIS Vasundhara 1

Nursery and kindergarten children celebrated Grandparents Day on October 5, 2016 with a special performance of the epic Ramayana, personifying the journey of Lord Rama with the message- 'victory of good over evil'. The occasion was graced by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group



Staging the journey of Lord Rama

of Schools & RBEF, and Ammaji (Chairpersons mother). School Principal Valambal Balachandran welcomed the grandparents and other guests for the special presentation. The event began by seeking the blessings of the Almighty. The breathtaking performance by the little students stole everyone's heart. Vice Principal (primary) Roop Kamal Singh delivered the vote of thanks. [G.T](#)

Ramleela enacted by little ones send the message of the victory of 'good over evil' while setting The mood for festivities

AIS VVC Lucknow

The school organised a two-hour long 'Ramleela' enacted by the students in glittering costumes and magnificent sets on October 7, 2016. The saga of devotion,



Ramleela in full swing

brotherhood and sacrifice was unfolded before the audience in scenes enacted with immense ease and confidence. 'Chaupais' sung at regular intervals added to the devotional mood and spirit of the day. Parents invited to witness the event, lauded the efforts taken by the school for encouraging and educating the young children about the rich cultural and religious heritage of our country. School coordinator Tanuja Singh congratulated the efforts of the students and teachers in presenting this grand event.

AIS Gwalior

The school organised a special assembly on October 7, 2016 for students and parents. The programme

commenced with Arnav Sharma of Class IV giving the welcome speech. The students of Nursery to Class II enacted scenes from the epic Ramayana which glorified Lord Rama and his kin,



Enacting a scene from Ramayana

his valour and righteousness even in tough times. School teacher Nidhi Tiwari gave a short speech on the significance of Dussehra. The students of Class III to V, dressed in traditional 'garba' attire presented a spectacular 'dandiya' folk dance and song. In her speech, School Principal Seema Thakur stressed that the epic Ramayana is filled with lessons, teachings and reminders which help us to walk on the righteous path of 'dharma' and 'karma'.

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To apprise the students with Indian heritage and the values it teaches us, the school organised Ramleela within the school premises on October 6-7,



Playing the epic Ramayana

2016. The dramatic presentation of the life of Lord Rama as depicted in Ramayana, was performed by the children of the primary section. The young students were applauded by one and all for their realistic portrayal of characters. [G.T](#)

Dussehra celebrations



Glimpses of Sangathan 2016



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