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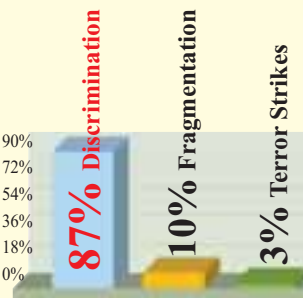
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Is racism the new breeding ground of



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Coming Next

It's time to kill the demon in the next edition of GT

Colourless

*...that's the kind of world we all wish for. A world where white is not superior than black. But that wish seems to be a distant reality as of now, so suggests the recent hue and cry that followed the crowning of Nina Davuluri, an Indian American as Miss America. But are Americans the only ones in the race of 'racism'? **Gaurav Sadhnani, AIS Noida, XII (synchro)** finds out...*

REPORTED Nina Davuluri, an Indian crowned Miss America **TWEETED** 9/11 was 4 days ago and she gets Miss America

“Miss New York is an Indian. With all due respect, this is America.” “Asian or Indian are you kidding this is America omg.” ...twitterverse went abuzz with racist slur as Nina Davuluri, an American of Indian origin was crowned Miss America. While some tweets demonstrated hatred, others exhibited ignorance calling Davuluri an ‘Arab’ - “And the Arabs win Miss America. Classic.” But the one that totally took away the cake was-“Congratulations Al-Qaeda. Our Miss America is one of you.” Seriously now?

REPORTED Mob beats up Sikh professor in New York **TWEETED** Egypt dancing? This is America

The anti-Indian sentiment does not just end with this incident, there are countless other examples. Recently, Prabhjot Singh, a Sikh professor was beaten up. To add to his agony, he was called ‘Osama’ by his attackers. But such sporadic hate crimes are not the only examples of how USA > India. Discrimination exists in every size, shape and even ‘colour’. An Indian student living in Charlotte reveals that the Americans do not invite Indians to their parties because they don’t want to be spotted with ‘brown’ people. “It’s the way they

talk over here. Everything they say, lays stress on the fact that I am Indian. It makes me feel out of place,” says Sarah, an Indian studying in the USA. But, these racist attacks are not really new. They have existed all along, albeit with not-so-subtle hints of humour. Take a look at the clichés (jokes) of American stand-up comics that now beg for retirement: “Indian kids on spelling bee...” “So, your movies have, what 28 songs?” “Indians have replaced calculators in elementary schools” “So, you’re 30 and still live with your mother....”

REPORTED Nandita Das supports ‘Dark is beautiful’ campaign **TWEETED** Indians prefer their beauty queens vanilla

One of the tweeters helpfully noted: “What’s interesting is Miss America Nina Davuluri would never win pageants in Asia because she’d be too dark to be considered beautiful.” So, while we condemn Americans for being racists, we on our own home turf are not lagging behind. The judges at Miss America may have found Nina to be an “exotic beauty” but over here, Davuluri is said to be too dark to even win Miss India. The infatuation with fairness makes it difficult for any beauty pageant contestant who is even slightly



Illustration: Ravinder Gusain
GT Network

darker than the shade of milk to qualify for the first round of the contest. While prejudice based on skin colour is an accusation that Indians have faced off and on, it again came to the fore with the crowning of Davuluri. The subtext this time: why expect anyone else to celebrate differences when your own house is not in order?

REPORTED Bigotry against Miss America slammed by Anti-Defamation League **TWEETED** Who cares if she's not white? She wouldn't have been crowned if she did not deserve it

So, before you begin to hate the Americans and tag the entire white clan as ‘racists’, take a look at these tweets:

Sample1: I am proud that Miss America is an Indian. What a great way to demonstrate diversity!

Sample 2: First Indian American Miss America! Proud of you!

The point being that not all Americans are anti Indians, just like not all Indians are obsessed with the ‘fair & lovelies’. So, if we have tweets calling Davuluri ‘Arab’, there were tweets that described her as ‘beautiful’. Likewise for every ‘wanted fair bride’ matrimonial ad, we have a Nandita Das rooting for the dusky. For every Sonia Gandhi, that we accepted with open arms in India we have a Bobby Jindal, who is serving as governor in Louisiana, US. For every anti Indian American joke, we have an Obama praising Indian Americans. 🇺🇸🇮🇳

A slice of Maharashtra

Maharashtra tourism minister Chhagan Bhujbal in a candid interview with **Siddhant Nair & Iti Rai, AIS Mayur Vihar, XI**, shares his plan to extensively market Maharashtra as the most sought after tourist destination of India and increase the tourist flow to the state during a press conference organised to inaugurate their information centre



Maharashtra tourism minister with Siddhant (L) and Iti Rai

What makes Maharashtra the most desirable tourist destination of India?

Maharashtra boasts of world’s best untouched beaches, magnificent Ajanta and Ellora caves and majestic sea forts like Sindhu Durg and Vijay Durg. The state houses many holy shrines, some notable names include Shirdi and Ash-tavinayaka temple. Bollywood industry is also based in the state.

What steps have you taken to promote Maharashtra in India and abroad?

We have been aggressively promoting

the state’s rich culture, traditions, cuisine and art forms through festivals, art shows and exhibitions not only in India but abroad too. We have advertisements splashed in print media; we are extensively using digital media and television channels to popularise the state’s rich heritage. The Diwali celebrations organised at Times Square on Sep 22 was a part of this promotion campaign.

What is the contribution of tourism to the economy of the state?

In terms of GDP, it is definitely low and

that holds true for countries all over the world, barring a few. But in terms of employment generation and overall economic development, tourism definitely plays a very significant role.

Other than Delhi, do you have plans to open tourism offices in other parts of India? How much money have you set aside for tourism promotion?

We recently opened an information centre in Hyderabad and are planning to lease out a property in Lucknow. Next on cards is Goa, Bodh Gaya and Tiru-

pati. We have set aside Rs 50 crore as of now to promote the state as a tourist hub.

Maharashtra is the first state to employ tourism police, has it helped in ensuring the safety of the tourists?

The safety of every tourist who visits the state, whether domestic or foreign, has been our top priority. We have installed CCTV cameras in many monuments.

How do you plan to improve the condition of MTDC hotels in Maharashtra?

We have already renovated five MTDC

resorts. We are working to provide world class facilities in MTDC run hotels and guest houses, including wi-fi access, superior services in terms of hygiene, cleanliness and ambience.

People from Hindi heartland do not feel safe in Mumbai, what steps are you taking to make them feel safe, considering you want to increase tourist influx from northern India?

I don’t agree with that. In Mumbai, the Hindi speaking population far exceeds that of Bihar and Lucknow. We have more Gujaratis in Mumbai than Ahmedabad. Mumbai is like a mini India, if there had been any discord, then it would not have been possible for such a diverse population to coexist peacefully.

You had issues with ASI regarding the upkeep of some monuments. Any major headway in that regard?

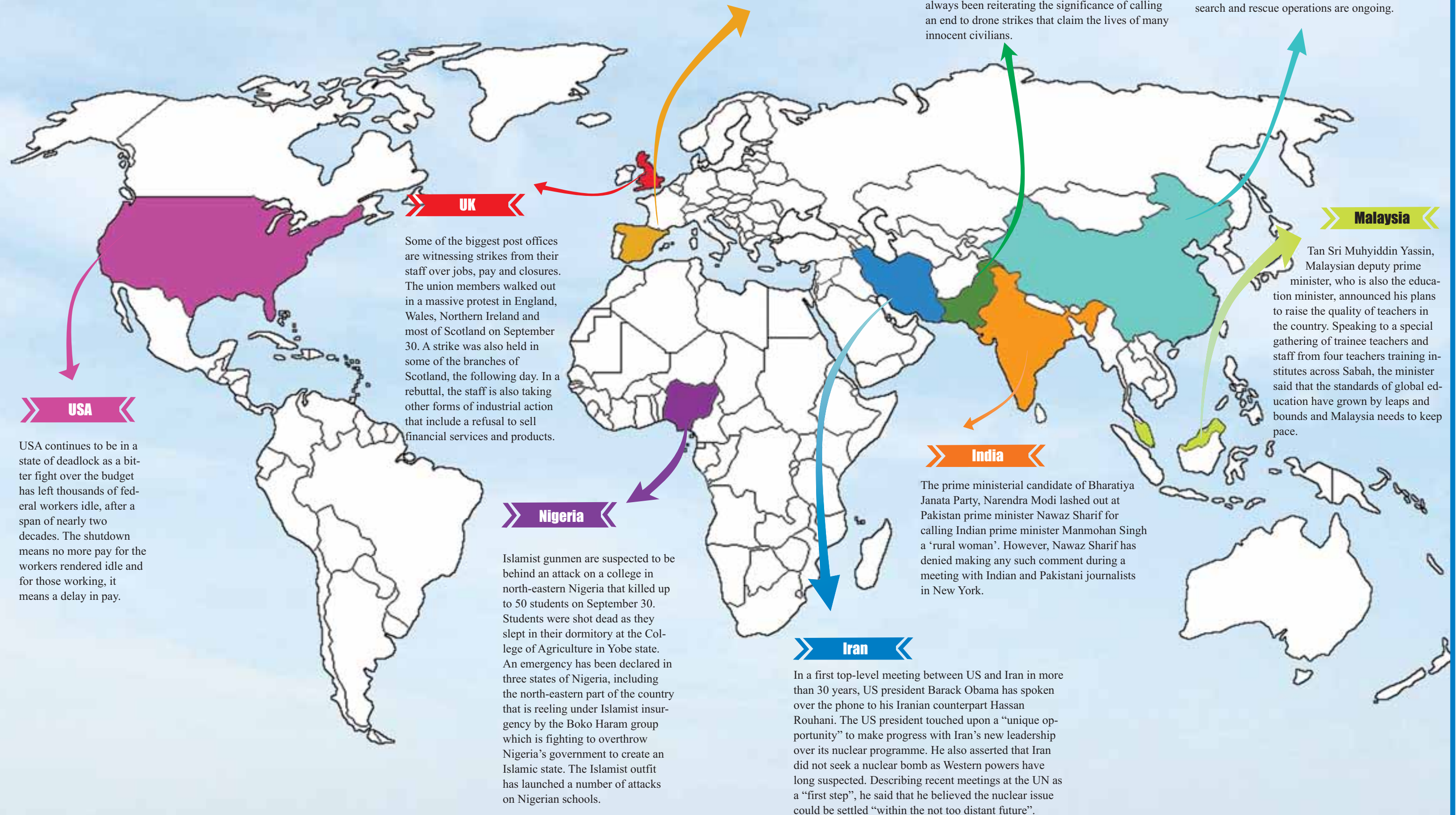
Yes, we did have issues with ASI regarding the upkeep of some monuments. But our chief minister, as well as our ministers in the union cabinet, are taking up the matter with ASI. We have given funds to ASI to restore Vijay Durg and Sindhu Durg and renovation is underway right now.

What is that one thing from Maharashtra that you want to popularise?

It is very difficult to point out any one thing. Our tagline itself is Maharashtra Unlimited. 🇮🇳🇺🇸

Around the world

Satiate your appetite for news as GT does a quick recapitulation of all that has been buzzing in the news circuit





Water helps in maintaining healthy body weight by increasing metabolism and regulating appetite.

Mini Olympics begin at Amity

Be a part of Sangathan 2013, Amity's very own mini Olympics. So, come celebrate the spirit of sportsmanship as the festivities unfold...



Mr Atul Chauhan, Chancellor, AUUP hoists Sangathan flag



The bewitching fusion dance performance

All Pics courtesy: Amity Media Cell

Namrata Gulati, GT Network

The fifteenth Sangathan that marks the birthday of Founder President, kicked off with grand fanfare on September 18 at Amity University. The entire Amity family assembled on the grounds to revel in the ostentatious festivities.

The celebrations began with the traditional lighting of the *marshal* that stands for team spirit and unity among Amity family, followed by the subsequent marshal relay from AUUP campus in sector 125 to Amity University, Sector 44 Noida and Amity Group of Institutions, Greater Noida.

The event began with the welcome address by Prof (Dr) Kalpana Sharma, chairperson, organising committee, Sangathan 2013. She traced the modest beginning of the sports extravaganza in

1999 to its transformation into a *khel mahakumbh* today. Dr Balvinder Shukla, acting vice chancellor, AUUP, shared that Sangathan had begun simultaneously in all other national and international campuses.

Mr Ajit Chauhan, Vice Chairman, Directorate of Distance and Open Learn-

ing, said, "Sangathan is a holistic event that culminates with another great day-the birthday of the Founder President. It paves way for exhibition of talent."

Mr Atul Chauhan, Chancellor, AUUP and the chief guest for the day in his address said, "Sangathan is the most important event in Amity's calendar since it

celebrates the vision and mission of Dr Ashok K. Chauhan." He showered words of praise upon the sports captains representing various institutions. He announced the opening up of a new engineering college in Greater Noida that will accommodate 1500 students.

The inauguration ceremony came to a close with Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, adding the final words of encouragement, "Sangathan is an auspicious day for the Amity family. It instills leadership skills in Amitians who will work for the betterment of their family and nation, which is the dream of the Founder President." This was followed by a fusion dance by students of Amity School of Physical Education and Sports Sciences (ASPESS), and exhibition football match between Amity International Business School and ASPESS. 🇮🇳

What's in Sangathan 2013 ?

21 Disciplines each for boys & girls

8 Games for faculty

8 Games for staff

4 New sporting venues from Amity Group of Institutions

Marked increase in number of vintage games

Greater sporting challenge

Watch out for: ■ Journey of Sangathan ■ Inception of Sangathan flag and more in the coming issues...



Sports captains carry the Sangathan torch



Science communication

The workshop at Amity University taught how to report issues on nuclear energy

Amity School of Communication

Swati Sinha, ASCO

On August 26, Amity School of Communication in collaboration with Vigyan Prasara, Department of Science & Technology, organised a science communication workshop on nuclear energy for the students of Amity School of Communication. The inaugural session began with a welcome address by Col R K Dargan, advisor, ASCO followed by an address by Dr W Selvamurthy, Amity Science, Technology & Innovation Foundation (ASTIF).

The guests included former scientist Dr Deoki Nandan; Nimish Kapoor, principal scientific officer, Vigyan Prasara; Amrithesh Srivastava, manager, corporate communication & media, NPCIL and Matiur Rahman, science

film maker.

The workshop was divided into three interactive sessions, 'Nuclear energy & science reporting', 'Myths & reality of nuclear Energy', and 'Peaceful uses of Nuclear Energy' followed by a session on science film making.

"As a science reporter, you need to be a watchdog. We are science communicators and should not exaggerate news. Remember that yellow journalism demoralizes our scientists," said Dr Deoki Nandan. Amrithesh Srivastava showcased a film 'Awakening of Budhiya' made by him aimed at spreading awareness among rural people on the set-up of nuclear reactors. Nimish Kapoor said that due to the dearth of trained science communicators, scientific achievements go unnoticed. Matiur Rahman shed light on how an audio-visual medium can effectively help communicate complicated issues in an easy way. 🇮🇳

ALSN organises Hindi debate

Amity Law School Noida invited luminaries and law students to ponder on the most burning topic of today



Maj-Gen Nilendra Kumar (L) with Dr A S Anand (C) and other dignitaries

Mokshda Bhushan

Amity Law School Noida, Asst Prof

Amity Law School, Noida organised a Hindi debate, open to all law schools in Delhi/NCR, on September 24. A total of 21 law schools participated in the event that focussed on the question, "Should the rapist get the benefit of being a minor?" The one-day event was conceptualised by Dr Kavita Surbhi, faculty, Legal Hindi, ALSN.

Presence of who's who

In this welcome address, Major-General Nilendra Kumar, director, ALSN, highlighted the importance of such an event in the annals of Indian legal education.

He also emphasized the transparency and fairness that shall prevail while evaluating the outcome of such debates. In her address, special guest Nidhi Kulpati, senior anchor journalist at NDTV, spoke on the role of media in handling such cases. She also spoke about the juvenile involved in the December 16 incident and highlighted the need to introduce reforms. She compared the Indian legal system to the legal systems prevalent in UK, US and Pakistan.

She concluded that such debates lead to a changed mindset. The guest of honour, Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, vice president, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Rajya Sabha MP congratulated the students for their excellent oratory skills in Hindi. In

his address, Naqvi said, "Though, there are tough laws in place, but their sound implementation is lacking." He stressed that there is a need for judicial, police and electoral reforms. He explained that India is a beautiful democracy where a simple man can shake the system and exhorted the students to raise their voices in the face of injustice.

Dr A S Anand, former CJI, head NHRC, former judge of J&K High Court, was the chief guest for the day. He spoke on the Juvenile Justice Act 1986 and said that collective consciousness is important. He stressed that age is a debatable issue and feeding values and ethics to our children is more important. He congratulated ALSN for organising an event that will contribute to the changes in attitude towards women in society.

Rewarding eloquence

The finale round saw Symbiosis Noida and ALSN competing with one another with the former bagging the first prize. The winners were lavishly rewarded with cash prize and gifts. The runner-up team of ALSN, won a prize of Rs 2500. Nilesh Kumar from Amity was awarded the 'Best Speaker' prize. 🇮🇳

(With inputs from Ruchi Sharma, ALSN, Asst Professor)

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Presents



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◀◀ Carcano

Carcano is the popular name for a series of Italian bolt-action military rifles and carbines.

Principle/ Technology: First used in 1891, this rifle was chambered for the 6.5X52 mm Mannlicher-Carcano cartridge. The type 1 Carcano rifle is based on the Type 38 rifle and utilises a carcano action (where pressure is kept around 40,000-42,000 psi). action, but retains the Arisaka/Mauser type 5-round box magazine.

USP: It has a speed of 755 m/s

Wars: Libyan Civil War, WWI



9K32 Strela-2

It is a portable, shoulder-fired, low altitude surface-to-air missile system with a high explosive warhead and passive infrared homing guidance.

Principle/ Technology: The new seeker works on FM modulation (con-scan) principle, which is less vulnerable to jamming and decoy flares than the earlier AM (spin-scan) seekers, which were easily fooled by flares and even the most primitive infrared jammers. Most importantly, the new seeker also introduced detector element cooling in the form of a pressurised nitrogen bottle attached to the launcher.

USP: Seeker sensitive and a thrust propellant. It has a speed of 430 m/s.

War: Iraq War, Soviet War in Afghanistan



▶▶ Dragunov sniper rifle

It is a gas-operated, semi automatic sniper rifle with a short-stroke gas-piston system.

Principle/ Technology: It uses short-stroke gas piston and a gas chamber that has two-position manual gas regulator.

USP: It has an illuminated rangefinder grid, a reticle that enables target acquisition in low light conditions.

Wars: Kargil War, Syrian Civil War



BM-21 Multiple rocket launcher

The BM-21 'Grad' is a speciality weapon utilized by over 65 countries in one form or the another. It is a viable and a relatively inexpensive system even today.

Principle/ Technology: The initial BM-21 Grad was based on the Ural-375D 6x6 truck chassis but has been upgraded to the Ural 4320 6X6 chassis in the year 1976. In either form the vehicle promotes high ground clearance and benefits from its all-wheel drive and 6 wheeled designs.

USP: It has an automatic operating and laying system, an electric firing system and an automatically re-loadable pack of 40 rockets.

War: Vietnam War, Iran-Iraq War, Angolan Civil War



BMP 2

A second-generation, amphibious infantry fighting vehicle, BMP 2 was a revolutionary design, which requires very little preparation before use.

Principle/ Technology: It works on hydrodynamic fairings & converts track momentum into water jets.

USP: It possesses a speed of about 10m/s.


Wars: It was extensively used in Iran-Iraq War and present Syrian Civil War

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Ande ka funda

Have you ever seen an egg float in water? Yes, it does, and it is no magic.

Taksheel Buddhadeo, AIS Gur 46, II G, shares with the readers interesting facts associated with density through a fun science experiment



Taksheel displays the findings of his experiment

Ever wondered why a coin sinks and a cork keeps floating in the water or why is it easy to float more freely in open waters than swim in fresh water or a swimming pool? The answer lies in understanding the principle of density. Here is a small and simple experiment that explains the concept beautifully.

Objective: To find out why materials such as eggs float in salt water.

Material required:

- 2 transparent glasses
- Tap water
- 2 raw eggs
- Table salt

Method:

- Fill the two glasses with tap water.
- Add about 1 tablespoon of salt in one of the glasses.
- Stir gently till the salt completely dissolves in water.
- Place one egg in each of the glasses and observe which one of the eggs floats in water and which one sinks.

Observation: The egg placed in the salty water continued to float while the one placed in normal tap water sank.

Conclusion: Salt water is denser than ordinary tap water, the denser the liquid the easier it is for an objects to float in it.

A slice of Raspberry Pi

Vasundhara Kaul
AIS Gur 46, XI F

Essentially a credit card sized computer, Raspberry Pi was originally released to create awareness about computer science and programming among children. Easy to use, this mini computer can be plugged into a TV or a keyboard, and you're good to go. High quality videos, games, spreadsheets, it can handle almost anything. Another attractive

feature of this mini wonder is its cost. It is available in two models, A and B and costs anywhere between Rs 1540-2160. The easiest way to buy one would be to get it from egoman.com. Whether you are a hardcore techie or an amateur geek, don't forget to take a byte of this Pi!

Features:
Available in Models A and B
CPU: 700MHz
Memory: (SD RAM),256 MB (shared with GPU)
Weight: 45gm

Tech tsunami

Ananya Sahai
AIS Lucknow, VIII

The advent of technology has popularised the use of gadgets and gizmos. There are no two views that technology has made life easier, faster and better in every aspect. However, it comes with its own share of disadvantages too.

Advantages: Technology is so powerful that it shapes our thinking and our way of life. Computers can be regarded as the greatest invention of the modern times as they not only save time, but human efforts also. The use of internet has not only brought the world to our living room, it has even made accessing any information far easier.

Disadvantages: The excessive use of gadgets has made children very lazy. They don't mind spending hours surfing on the internet, chatting on social networking sites or playing latest video games. This sedentary lifestyle makes them prone to diseases like obesity, diabetes and blood pressure.

Technology can prove to be a boon if used in a moderate manner, but its excessive use can prove harmful too.

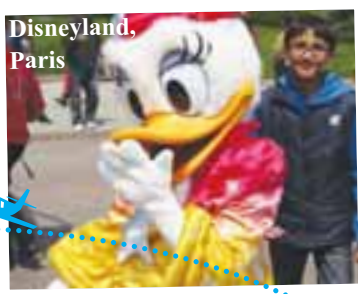


The daily recommended amount of water one should drink per day is 8 glasses of water.



Eiffel Tower, Paris

France: Fun in its purest form!
Checked out: Eiffel Tower, Disneyland, Are de Triomphe, Champs-Elysees and Concorde Square
Paisha vasool: The Disneyland rides and the characters with whom I danced
Bring home: Photographs clicked with Disney characters



Disneyland, Paris



London Eye, London

London: Truly European!
Checked out: London Eye, Swaminarayan Temple, Buckingham Palace & Wimbledon Center Court
Paisha vasool: The view from the top of London Eye is truly enthralling!
Bring home: Interesting souvenirs from Wimbledon



Rhine Falls, Germany

Germany: The home to architectural marvels!
Checked out: Cologne Cathedral, Heidelberg Castle, The Black Forest and Rhine Falls
Paisha vasool: The breathtaking view of Rhine Falls
Bring home: Eau de Cologne perfume (a special perfume made in Cologne)

Enchanting Europe

Belgium: The chocolate affair!
Checked out: The Atomium, Mannekin Pis Statue and The Grand Place
Paisha vasool: A visit to The Atomium, a strange building made in the shape of a unit cell of an iron crystal
Bring home: Mouth-watering chocolates



The Atomium, Belgium



Madurodam, Holland

Holland: Say cheese!
Checked out: Madurodam, cheese & wooden shoe factory and Volendam village
Paisha vasool: A visit to Madurodam which showcases miniature models of the famous places in Holland
Bring home: Loads of cheese as that's what Holland is famous for

Italy: A slice of fun!
Checked out: Venice, Bell Tower, Gondola ride, Florence Cathedral, Pisa, Leaning Tower of Pisa and Colosseum in Rome
Paisha vasool: The interesting Leaning Tower of Pisa
Bring home: Italian herbs



Bell Tower, Italy

Travel Desk Europe

A visit to some of the most fascinating tourist destinations of Europe left **Avi Patni AIS Noida, VI H**, overwhelmed. Here's tracing his joyous trip

Trending historical dramas

Television serials on Indian historic figures have enlivened history. Such serials may have grabbed nationwide attention but are drawing flak for tinkering with the real history. **Zohya Bakshi, AIS Noida, X G**, reflects

‘History is boring!’ And most of us fully agree with this statement which is a widespread perception. Even in school, it fails to grab our attention or interest. It is something we reluctantly mug up to pass an exam. But, what if loads of entertainment is mixed with it? For sure, the flavours of history will change and so will our perception towards it.

Learning history the new way

With the changing times, the medium of learning has changed. The same stories of the national historical figures which were narrated through the same old medium of textbooks only are now being told through television. A new era has indeed begun with almost each Hindi channel telecasting a serial based on the life of famous characters from Indian history. Knowing the history through historical television serials is any time much more interesting than knowing it through school textbooks. These serials provide children extra knowledge and lessons and are being widely recommended by parents and

teachers as they are a good way of learning as they are entertaining. Many parents feel that watching these Indian serials is far better than watching Japanese cartoons. These serials also provide children some lessons about life.

Learning history the exaggerated way?

On the flip side, these television serials at times don't really show the real incidents as they actually happened in the course of history. In order to make the serial more spicy and exciting, TV shows often exaggerate reality. When children watch these exaggerated versions, they come up with misguided questions because of this. In such a case, children get confused on whether what they know is right or wrong. Too much dramatization in order to connect with the audience, destroys the whole purpose of watching the programme as it tampers with the truth.

Watch with intelligence

The widespread success of these programmes will surely lead to the making



Imaging: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network

Here are some famous historical TV serials

- Mahabharata
- Jodha Akbar
- Veer Shivaji
- Chandragupta Maurya
- Ramayana
- The Sword of Tipu Sultan
- Buddha

of more historical serials which too will attract a large proportion of the population. And while some people continue to criticise them, others will continue to see

them as a good way of learning not only for their kids, but also for themselves. So, while these shows are a good way of acquainting yourself with history, one

must not forget the importance of the good old text books, for they give a true and more realistic picture. Happy watching! 🇮🇳





We are the world

"Life is a God-given gift bestowed upon mankind. Without life, humanity would not have existed, I would not have existed. Life gives us the freedom to choose, to see things in its pure goodness, but above all, life gives us the ability to live on this planet. For it is in life that we found each other. For it is in life that we are one. We are not only citizens in our own countries but we are citizens of the world."

-Anonymous





Dr. Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

I live for me. You live for you. They live for themselves. This is the biggest veracity of life. And this is also the biggest tragedy of life. Even if most of us do not realise, and believe that we are living among so many people, how is it that we are still alone? We live among people, but do we live together? Most importantly, do we even care to live together? All of us are so caught up in I, me and myself, that we ignore the very purpose of our existence. We forget the very principles of life like humanity, togetherness and wholeness. We forget that all individuals, are just a part of one whole and a tiny part of the universe. Our existence, and to a great extent our survival, is due to one another. But even then, we are all readily being sucked into a vicious vacuum called 'my world'. That the world doesn't really belong to any one of us, rather we belong to the world. The day this realisation dawns upon mankind, the world will truly become one and differences of caste, creed, colour and nationality will melt away. At Amity, being attuned with the world culture is of paramount importance. That is the purpose behind our international exchange programs. When students from abroad mingle with Amityans, learning and sharing becomes a common objective. My heart swells with pride as it takes us closer to the purpose of our existence- *Vasudhaiva kutumbakam!*  

Little things



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

You must be wondering that at a time when the world is threatened by issues like racism, when we stand at the threshold of choosing our next set of leaders, when communalism and terror rages on... why am I bothered about 'little things'? Well, because it's the little things in life that make a big difference. No, this isn't another piece of philosophy, it's a slice from your very own life, albeit a little ignored and unnoticed. Just as you read this, there will be several 'little' things that would make your experience of reading a 'little' more comfortable or happier. It might be that hot cup of coffee in your hand or the friend sitting next to you, muttering his/her reactions on this week's edition. Minus these little things from your life and you will realize the warmth that they brought along, and by that I don't just mean the hotness of the coffee. How many times has a dull day suddenly become a happy, chirpy one just because someone complemented you. Just a bear hug from a friend eases out the million worries that cloud your mind. Calling the north easterner guard 'shaab ji' in light hearted humour could offend the sentiments of the concerned community. Calling that dark girl in your class beautiful may go a long way in boosting her self esteem, even when she reads those 'wanted fair brides' ads. So, yes little things matter, even when the case in point is a big issue at hand like racism.  

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Women empowerment: Mission impossible

Do hands that rock the cradle really rule the world? The debate rages on...

For

Rhea Mehta, AIS Noida, XII



"God couldn't be everywhere, so he made mothers."
"Educate a woman, educate a nation."

Beautiful quotes, but why don't I feel empowered? Am I a pessimist or am I a despondent? No, I am a realist! Women and empowerment- two powerful words when put together, can change the destiny of our nation. But sadly, putting them together doesn't seem to be happening anytime in the near future. Remember Sita and Draupadi? Two strong, worthy women. One had to prove her chastity by walking into the fire, while the other meekly accepted being put at stake by her very virtuous husband. Centuries later, not much has changed. Even today, we have women who accept domestic violence as their fate and gender discrimination as natural. Why? They find solace in believing that 'this is how it has always been.' A hundred odd names that have attained success and glory cannot be an indicator of women empowerment. Real empowerment is when urban or rural, rich or poor, fair or dark, married, unmarried or widows, all lead a life of dignity, self worth and self respect. But the sad reality is that crimes against women have increased by a whopping 6.4% in the past year. To top it all, Delhi has seen a 23% rise in such crime rates. With a heart full of hope, here's re-phrasing Tagore- *Where the mind is led forward by a thinking society Into that heaven of freedom, my Father; let us, the women of India, awake!*  

Against

Swati Jain, AIS Noida, XII B

"Lock up your libraries if you like; but there is no gate, no lock, no bolt that you can set upon my freedom."

India, today, is at the cusp of a paradigm change in its growth and position in the world where women have acquired a distinct position in the society. When women contribute to development, control their lives and display the ability to influence social change, we can call them empowered. It's not like we have attained complete empowerment, but it is incorrect to believe that this mission is an impossible one. If women empowerment is not a reality, then the whole nation would not have stood as one, fighting for justice for Nirbhaya, the December 16 gang rape victim. Besides, renowned women achievers like Indira Gandhi, Arundhati Roy, Indra Nooyi, Kiran Bedi, Mary Kom and Sunita Williams stormed into predominantly male bastions. With so many illustrious women and more being added to the list every day, how can one say that women empowerment is a distant dream? Even the government has made numerous efforts to provide women what they rightly deserve. Twenty-six laws have been enacted so far to protect women from various crimes. When 33% reservation for women in the parliament becomes a reality, their voice will be heard in the highest forum of democracy in the country. Women's empowerment is a process that started long ago, but is carried forward each time a woman asserts her rights.  



Education enlightens

When around 40% of India's population happens to be below 18 years, it only makes sense to make the system of education more inclusive

Prateek Vachher, AIS Saket, IX A



India is a fast-developing nation, but with a population of over a billion, this progress is lopsided. While one part of India is a vibrant economy, on the other side, poverty is a major problem. Faced with limited options in rural areas, many poor people migrate to urban areas in search of work and better living conditions. Even then, about 40% of Indian families have to satisfy their hunger with

one square meal a day.

The children of such impoverished families do not know how a classroom looks like. Among those who do go to school, the dropout rate is very high. Reasons vary from having no money to pay fees, buy books, school uniform, or simply the inability to cope with the living conditions in slums. Free education is available, but most do not know how to access it. Children are the future of a nation. For an emerging country like India, develop-

Illustration: Sejal Arora, AIS Vas 1, VII A



ment of underprivileged children holds the key to its progress. Even though India's children account for more than one-third of its population, their interests have never been given priority. To add to the sad state of affairs, the system of education is not inclusive. Instead of teaching students how to overcome their circumstances and strive for excellence; the education system is merely lowering the bar. Education system should be adapted to meet the needs of underprivileged students to really benefit them. They need to be taught how to recognise opportunities and seize them at the right time. Vocational training integrated with academic syllabus is the need of the hour. Only then, can we hope for a truly literate and developed India.  



Study wise

- 40% of India's population is below the age of 18 years which at 400 million, is the world's largest child population.
- Less than half of India's children between the age 6 and 14 go to school.
- A little over one-third of all children who enroll in first grade reach eighth grade.



Dear Editor,
It was a sheer delight to see the 'Active Learning' section on 'Help the helpers' in the GT edition dated September 23, 2013. The Class III children of AIS Pushp Vihar were very excited to see the snippets of their project being presented in such a



creative way, while the other classes took inspiration from it. On behalf of our students, I extend my heartfelt thanks and look forward to frequent publication of our students' creative work. Seeing their work in print goes a long way in instilling confidence in them and boosting their creativity.  

Shalini Khanna
Headmistress,
AIS Pushp Vihar

Discover Bharat

Part 09

Maharashtra

Mapping Maharashtra: An overview

Through map making activity, Amitians across all branches mark the important rivers, fruit cultivation and first functional railway route from Bombay to Thane

Rivers, a source of living

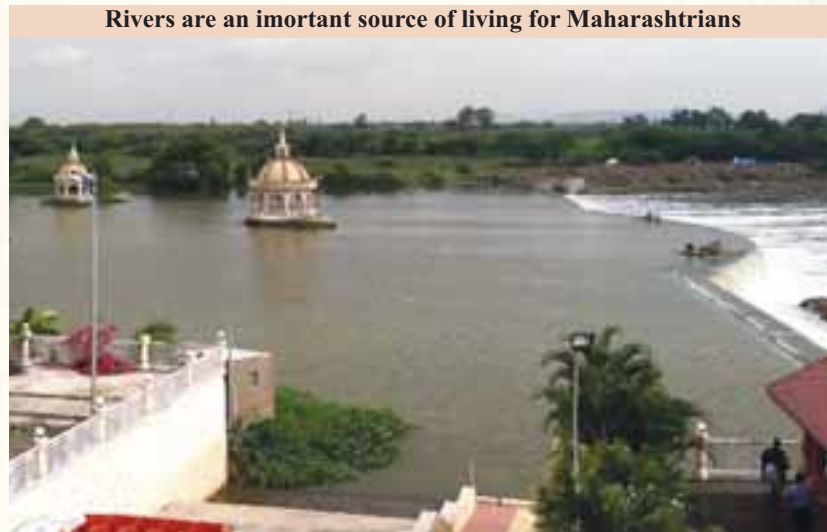


Students of AIS Gur 43, engaged in an activity, outlining the rivers of Maharashtra on map



Rivers in Maharashtra play an important role in the life of the locals residing in the state. The rivers not only benefit agriculture but also provide employment opportunities to the people. The river water makes different types of cultivation possible in this state, while the sea food available in abundance accounts for the high export of fishes from here. The main rivers that surrounds and flows through the state of Maharashtra are Godavari, Krishna and Tapi. The Godavari river rises from a place near Nashik in Maharashtra, which is at an elevation of 1,465 kms. It branches into major tributaries like Parvati, Purna, Manjira,

Rivers are an important source of living for Maharashtrians



Penganga, Wardha, Wainganga, Indravati and Kolab. The Krishna river rises from an elevation of 1337 m north of Mahabaleshwar. Ghataprabha, Malaprabha, Bhima, Tungabhadra and Musi are the

principal tributaries that join Krishna. The river Tapi rises with an elevation of 752 m near Multai in the Betul district of Madhya Pradesh.

Rivers are an integral part of the state of Maharashtra. [G.T](#)

Heritage revived

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

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

State in spotlight:

Maharashtra

Next in 'Discover Bharat':

Let's map Maharashtra a little more by marking its important cities and tourists sites.

Land of oranges & mangoes



Ripunjay Vashishth

AIS Vasundhara 6, I C

The state of Maharashtra is famous for the production of two tangy and delicious fruits, namely oranges and mangoes. Nagpur, the third largest city in Maharashtra after Mumbai and Pune is the centre of production of oranges. It majorly produces three varieties of oranges in abundance - Mandarin orange, Sweet orange and Acid Lime orange. The Nagpur Mandarin orange is exported all over the world.

Alphonso mango known for its sweetness, richness and unique flavour is grown in the Konkan region of Maharashtra.

It is also the most expensive variety of mango and is exported to many countries across the world, hence making it an important fruit for cultivation. [G.T](#)



Student of AIS Vas 6 holding the 'Mango & orange cultivation map' of Maharashtra



Student of AIS Vas 6 displays poster on Bombay to Thane railway route

Bombay to Thane

Dev Vinayak Mittal

AIS Vasundhara 6, II D

The first railway line that became functional on April 16, 1853 in the history of Indian railways was from Bombay to Thane. While the innovative plan was proposed in 1832, it took almost 21 years for it to become functional. This 34 km railway line was rolled out from Boree Bunder (now

Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus) to Thane. This also marked the dawn of railway age in Asia. British engineer, Robert Maitland Brekeron was thereafter responsible for the expansion of the railways from 1857 onwards. Since then it's been roving from Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus, adding junctions like Parel, Ghatkopar, Vikhroli, Bhandup, Mulund to Thane. [G.T](#)





The last attempt

Short story



It then zoomed back to the present time where Praveen despite standing fifth in the entrance examination wore a gloomy expression

years ahead in time to the day of his graduation, the day he was supposed to receive a promotion. But one thing which was common to all the days was Praveen was not happy with the way his life was proceeding.

The inner soul then without any admonition decided to play the scene where Praveen had confessed to his father that his interest lay in making a career in music industry and not medicine and was being shouted at. His father was so angry that he had kicked him out of the house. Praveen was forced to live on the streets. After years of struggle and condemnation, Praveen got his first break in the industry and had become a famous playback singer today. His fame was touching new heights and he had become a popular name to reckon with in the music industry. As these scenes unfolded before Praveen's eyes, his happiness knew no bounds.

Even his inner soul was gleaming with delight and was a picture of elegance. It was buzzing with confidence. It asked Praveen in a cheerful voice, "Am I worth putting a fight for? Would you make one last attempt for me?" Praveen kept staring at the soul for some time and then he picked up his guitar and went out of the room to have a heart-to-heart talk with his father. 🇮🇳

on his bed thinking all of this, he suddenly dozed off to sleep. After some time he woke with a shudder to find his inner soul standing in front of him. It had puffy eyes and his wrinkled face bore a strained look.

The inner soul said, "Let me play out a few scenes from both your past and future." Before a shocked Praveen could reply, the scene before his eyes changed. The inner soul had taken Praveen back to his school days when he was a student attending lectures and appearing for examinations. It then zoomed back to the present time where Praveen despite standing fifth in the entrance examination wore a gloomy expression

The inner soul then took Praveen a few

Kriti Tyagi, AIS Gur 46, IX G

Praveen brushed his hair aside from his forehead. He had been waiting for this day when the results of entrance exams were to be declared. If he cleared the written test, he had to appear for a small interview before he could get admission in a medical college. He was not worried about his results, all thanks to the question paper, which his father had managed by paying a bribe. And even if he failed his father was ready to get him admitted by paying a hefty donation. This thought made him feel suffocated. He knew his heart lay in learning music. It was music that gave him a reason to live and smile. As he lay

Recipe of success in a student's life...



Shlok Sahni

AIS Gur 46, IX D

Want to top the popularity charts in the school and be equally good at academics and extra curriculars too! Here is a secret recipe to becoming a successful student and that too by putting in mini-

mal efforts!

- Take 100 gms of knowledge and hard work. Put it in a mixer-grinder.
- Add 450 gms of sincerity and 300 gms of dedication.
- Churn it for at least five minutes.
- Now add 300 gms of revision and 200 gms of written work.
- Blend them together for two minutes. Pour it in a thick file and keep it aside for a day.
- Now repeat the same process by adding another 250 gms of revision.
- Keep it overnight.
- Garnish it with your choicest toppings from reference materials.
- Cut it into small pieces as per the main scores.
- Serve the first piece to the teacher to sample.
- Store the rest in airtight grey container called the 'Brain'.
- Follow the above steps diligently and you are bound to achieve desired results in the exam. 🇮🇳

Sudoku 43

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6	2			3	8			
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Venika Menon
AIS Noida, XII

Cake delight

Ingredients

For cake

Flour.....1½ cup
Baking powder¾ tsp
Sugar1½ cup
Eggs.....2
Curd¾ cup
Milk.....¼ cup
Butter¾ cup

For flavour

Vanilla extract1 tsp OR
Lemon zest2 whole OR
Orange zest1 whole

For icing

Dark cooking chocolate125 grams
Butter60 grams
Sugar2 tbsp

Method

For cake

- Mix all the wet ingredients first, then add the dry ones and blend

them together till a light batter forms.

- Preheat the oven at 200 degree Celsius and bake for 30 mins.
- Add the flavour of your choice. You could choose from vanilla extract, lemon zest or orange zest.

For icing

- Melt the butter on a stove. Add sugar and let it dissolve completely.
- Cut the chocolate into mouth-able pieces and add to this hot mixture.
- Leave on a slow flame for thirty seconds, undisturbed.
- Now stir this mixture, bring it to boil. Its consistency should look like a thick creamy un-spreadable mixture, like a chocolate sauce.
- Let it cool completely to room temp and refrigerate.
- Now coat your cake and refrigerate for two hours minimum.
- Your yummy cake is ready. 🇮🇳

POEM

It's life!

Rashi Mathur

AIS Noida, X F

Beautiful, calm and pretty,
sometimes grim and gritty.
Amalgamation of all emotions,
life is a beautiful creation.

Full of joy, gaiety and delight,
life is picturesque and bright.
It's full of ups and downs,



griefs and sorrows,
it has a new start every tomorrow.

Life is mysterious, enigmatic
and divine,
happiness-sadness, it all combines.
Peeping through the most arduous
times,
life gives rise to hope and sublime.

It's sweet, charming and luscious,
life is truly precious.
So, live life to the fullest,
along with enthusiasm, zeal and zest. 🇮🇳

Brush 'n' Easel

Kanchan

AIS Vas 6, VIII





Water leads to increased energy levels. The most common cause of daytime fatigue is actually mild dehydration.

The lazy employee

Illustration: Deepak Sharma, GT Network

Short Story



Aditya Aeri, AIS Saket, IV A

Lee was a photojournalist who worked for a news agency called ‘Times Watch’. One day, his boss told him about his new assignment. He was to go to a lake and click pictures of its surroundings, the nearby mountains and the wildlife it supported. He was informed that due to heavy deforestation, the lake was now in danger and he was supposed to submit a report along with the pictures on coming Monday. Lee thought that since the lake was only two hours’ drive from his house and

that he had four days to complete his assignment, he would rather delay it a bit and take his own time around it. “What luck! I would use the three days for my much awaited vacation before I get working,” he thought. So, the next morning he called his friends for a party. The party that started early, stretched till late in the night. On the second day, he woke up late and spent the rest of the day lazing around, watching television. On the third day, he went out for a movie with friends and shopped till late. On Sunday, instead of having started early, Lee treated himself to a lavish breakfast

Much to his dismay, about ten kilometers before the lake, there was a roadblock.

thinking that he would get enough time to work later. When he started from home all set to finally do his assignment, he turned on the radio and learnt about the **deteriorating** weather condition and the impending rain and thunder storm that was to hit the lake area. Much to his dismay, about ten kilometers before the lake, there was a roadblock. A policeman informed him that due to heavy rains the lake was completely submerged and all the traffic was being diverted. “This is bad news,” he thought. First he thought of all the deforestation which had caused this danger and then he thought of his own lethargy that led him to not act on time. Lee could not reach the lake and went to his office empty handed. He had to cut a sorry figure in front of his superiors and give an explanation for not completing his assignment. He not only lost his job but also respect amongst fellow workers. That day he realised the importance of doing work on time.

So, what did you learn today?
A new word: Deteriorating
Meaning: To become progressively worse



Mango surprise

Sanjog Kaul, AIS Mayur Vihar, III

Making a mango shake can be real fun and especially, when you add your favourite secret ingredient. My parents absolutely loved the drink. Now its your turn to surprise your loved ones!

Ingredients

Mangoes2
Milk4 glasses
Dry fruits (finely chopped)1 tsp
Ice cubesa hand full

Method

Step one: Cut the peeled mango into small pieces and churn it in a blender.
Step two: Add milk and ice and blend them together.
Step three: Pour it into a glass and garnish it with finely chopped dry fruits, the surprise element.
Step four: Your mango shake is ready to serve.

Jokey Pokey

Knock Knock
Who's there?
Abbott!
Abbott who?
Abbott time you answered the door!

Knock Knock
Who's there?
Ahadhair!
Ahadhair who?
Ahadhair once but I'm bald now!

Knock Knock
Who's there?
Alaska!
Alaska who?
Alaska my friend of mine to answer tht question then!

Knock Knock
Who's there?
Aladdin!
Aladdin who?
Aladdin the street wants a word with you!

Painting Corner

Shubhashri Rana
AIS Vas 6, VI D



POEMS

My mother

Ramsha Maltin, AIS Vas 6, VI

The most special and precious of all the things, a lady who made me grow my wings. The most kind and elegant giver, this lady is my mother! Someone who keeps me warm in cold nights, I'm sure in complete darkness, she will help me see the light. I guess I'm the luckiest person to be her daughter, this lady is my mother! She made me forgiving, so I understand what others feel. But she also made me as strong as steel. She accompanies me outside in all the weathers,

This lady is my mother!
This woman loves and keeps me safe day and night, kisses and hugs me daily and makes my day bright!
I love her so much, I can't describe her further, but I'm proud to say that this lady is my mother!

Yashita Chaddha, AIS PV, IV B

When I entered this world I saw you first. Your soft hands just cuddle me Your glowing face making me happy. All I would see was your charming face I think I could forever say That you are beautiful, everyday.



I always wanted to say this How can you do all the things? I just wanted you to know When I grow up, I'll one day show. When you'll be in fears I will just wipe all your tears. And I still look at your face Like the way when I was born. I just pray that you'll stay with me For your love, I'll always be greedy. All those things I could feel, Like your love for me in my dreams.

A lovely day

Ashmit Bhardwaj, AIS Saket, III A

Wherever I go, the sun is bright. It is a beautiful sight!

The sun is shining brightly today, the clouds are up in the sky... Oh! It is a beautiful day!

Part rain and part sun, and the birds are singing now! Oh what fun, there is a lovely rainbow, wow!

Everyone is so happy today, animals, fishes, people are all joyful and gay.

What peace there is, It is indeed a lovely day!

It's Me



My name: Radhika Mehta
My school: Amity International

School, Lucknow
My class: II
My birthday: April 14
I like: Reading books and swim
I hate: Non veg food and hurting other people and animals
My hobby: Dancing
My role model: My mother
My best friend: Gargi and Swastika
My favourite book: Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
My favourite game: Badminton
My favourite mall: Fun Republic
My favourite food: Rice and dal
My favourite teacher: My mother
My favourite poem: Yanky Doodle Doo
My favourite subject: Math
I want to become: A teacher
I want to feature in GT because: I want to become famous!

ACERT workshops for parents

Amity Center of Educational Research and Training (ACERT), in an endeavour to encourage holistic development of kids, conducted interesting workshops on meals, reading skills and maths

Meal time challenges



Gorge on! Little Amies enjoy their meal in the classroom

ACERT as part of its parent enrichment programme conducted a workshop 'Importance of nutrition and meal time challenges' for parents. Parents enthusiastically participated in huge numbers and benefited from it. During the workshop, light was thrown on the importance of a nutritious and balanced meal for the overall development of children.



Dr Bindu Selot
ACERT, Senior trainer

dren. Also, the challenges of modern times like distractions available in the form of junk food, scarcity of time from parents, nuclear family setups etc. were discussed. Other topics covered included how to involve children in menu making, why excessive fruit juice sometimes causes diarrhea, what are food jags etc. Some of the strategies discussed were:

PARENT SPEAK

After attending the workshop, I encouraged Aahana to create her own school tiffin menu the same day. I have observed over the last 3 weeks that she has been finishing her meals everyday and feels extremely happy in sharing with us that she finishes her meals in school.

M/o Aahana



Yum! Aahana with her menu

- How parents unknowingly impact the eating habits of their children for life.
- Parents must expect and tolerate child-like table manners.
- Parents must ensure one family meal during the day.
- Parents must ensure that children be given small and frequent, meals which are child sized portions.

Some ideas were also discussed for packing healthy yet appealing tiffins for children as preschoolers like to eat food that looks appealing to the eye.



It's all about numbers Amies enjoy learning Math

Mathematical minds

As a parent you give your child a great gift when you help him/her make a connection between the math used in everyday situations and the math he/she learns in school. Keeping this in mind, ACERT recently conducted a workshop for parents on "Developing mathematical mind in early years". The workshop focused on developing pre-mathematical skills in children like one-to-one correspondence, patterns and relationships, sets and sorting, estimation, measurement, shapes and spaces,



Rachna Jain
ACERT, Senior trainer

subitization, numeration and conservation and reversibility. With an audience of more than 100 parents, the workshop was an enriching one with lot of interaction and discussions. Many activities and games from day to day life were suggested to develop interest, aptitude and attitude for mathematics

in young children. Tips were also given to parents on how to create a mathematically rich environment. The next session of this workshop will be conducted at ACERT Gurgaon centre on October 19, 2013.



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Read to me mom & dad



To make reading an enriching and pleasurable experience both at school as well as at home, a reading workshop "Read to me mom and dad" was organised by Amity Center of Educational Research and Training (ACERT), Gurgaon.

The aim of the workshop was to sensitise the parents on:

- Importance of early language stimulation
- How to foster early reading habits in children
- Pre reading skills
- The art of storytelling

The session was interactive and activity based wherein par-



Ambikashree Nanda
ACERT, Trainer

PARENT SPEAK

I attended the workshop on Saturday and really found it helpful. I got to know various techniques of inculcating reading habits in Reyna. Thanks for organising the workshop.

M/o Reynna Upadhyaya, KG C

ents were made aware about what is sight reading and picture reading and how the same can be encouraged by labeling things at home. For reinforcement of relationship between letters and sounds, various activities were suggested like playing "letter tic tack toe", "hunting letters" in the newspaper" and "playing hopscotch". Parents were also given a demonstration on how to string the letters and read stories for children.



A person takes in about 16,000 gallons of water in his/her lifetime on an average.

Prayas- an initiative

A theater workshop organised by AIS Gurgaon 46 to hone the acting skills of its students culminated with a dazzling performance by the young show stealers



Amitasha students win the hearts of the audience with their melodious song



AIS Gur 46 students present a play

AIS Gurgaon 46

Amit International School, Gurgaon 46, in collaboration with Katyayani Theatre Group organised a theater workshop ‘Prayas-an initiative’, at Epicenter, Gurgaon on September 1, 2013, to polish the acting skills of its students. The event was organised under the sagacious guidance of

Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools. Katyayani Theatre Group is a prestigious group, initiated in 1994, involving budding writers, playwrights and actors along with the veterans in the field. The rehearsals had been invigorating and everyone looked forward to the final presentation, the eventual success which bore testament to the focus, hard work

and dramatic capabilities of the students of the school. The event commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by the Chairperson. It was followed by a presentation on Amity’s vision, mission and its commitment to nurture talent and breed success. School principal Arti Chopra, in her address, spoke on the initiatives taken by

the school.

The Kathak dance recital by Tulika Kirtiman was truly poetry in motion. The play ‘No Not I’ by Poile Sengupta, an acclaimed writer of children’s plays was staged by the children.

The hard working students of Amitasha, a school for less privileged girl child run by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, regaled the audience with their melodious songs. Their efforts focused on the importance of educating the girl child, hope for the future, enlightenment to dispel darkness, and the need for the strength within to combat external forces.

The Amitasha presentation was followed by ‘The Stone Soup’, a classic Russian folk tale which has been performed successfully across the world. This particular piece written by the Indian playwright, Poile Sengupta, is a play within a play.

Training of the students was a revelation to the Katyayani Theatre Group which discovered real talent and the students’ penchant for acting. The precision of the final performance bore testimony to the dedication, discipline and hard work of the budding actors. [G](#)[I](#)

Investiture ceremony



The student council members

AIS Pushp Vihar

Amit International School, Pushp Vihar enthusiastically celebrated junior investiture ceremony for the academic year 2013-14 on August 21. The event saw the benign presence of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, who congratulated the newly appointed prefects and entrusted them with their duties and adorned them with badges and sashes. The event began with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by school principal Ameeta Mohan, followed by a welcome speech. The student council members took an oath to perform their duties with utmost sincerity. An aerobics performance by students of Class IV and an inspiring song by the school choir left everyone enthralled. The event concluded with the school song and national anthem. [G](#)[I](#)

Pic: Deepak Sharma

An ode to grandparents

AIS Noida

Usha Verma
AIS Noida, Teacher

September 19 & 20, 2013, saw the exuberant Nursery students of AIS Noida dressed in their finery to welcome their grandparents to school on the occasion of Grandparents Day celebration. Amity’s first great grandma, Smt Leelawati Shastriji (Ammaji) graced the occasion with her valuable presence. This year, each section celebrated Grandparents Day separately in their classrooms. School principal Renu Singh, vice principal Soma Mukherjee and teacher coordinator Shivani Khanna visited each class and interacted with the



Ammaji blessing the kids

special guests - the grandparents and a bunch of lovely and enthusiastic students.

The grandparents were welcomed with a traditional *tilak*, while the children recited an auspicious prayer. A rhyme and action-song had them looking at the little ones in divine adoration. Each class

conducted creative activities like fan-making and paper holder-making, interactive session, quiz, games and storytelling session by the grandparents that generated lots of love and laughter. The kids enjoyed the snack-making activity the most wherein they made *bhelpuri* with the help of their grandparents. In the interactive session, the grandparents narrated stories, danced, played dumb charades, sang songs and shared their experiences. Meanwhile, KG students also celebrated the day by holding a special assembly. They enjoyed yummy delicacies in their class and crafted gifts for their grandparents. ‘Thank you’ cards were presented to the grandparents as a token of love and appreciation. Refreshments and free mingling made for a memorable day. [G](#)[I](#)

Grandparents Day celebration



A special performance of the day

AIS Vasundhara 1

Amit International School, Vasundhara 1 took great pride in celebrating Grandparents Day on September 7, 2013, with the grandparents of the students of Class Nursery and KG. The celebration served as a great opportunity for children to thank

and appreciate their respective grandparents. The occasion was graced by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools. The event began by seeking the blessings of the divine, followed by a cultural programme staged by little Amitans.

The little ones also spoke about their grandparents. A special song was composed exclusively for grandparents with the words “Congratulations if you are a grandpa!” The kids showed a glimpse of Maharashtra by performing a foot thumping dance on “Shree Ganesha Deva”. It was followed by a Lavani dance performance.

As the programme culminated, the grandparents joined their loving grandchildren for an art activity. Finally, children presented self-made gifts as a token of love to their grandparents. [G](#)[I](#)

ISMUN



Committee in action

AIS Pushp Vihar

Under the guidance of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, Amity International School, Pushp Vihar, organised its 3rd Intra School Model United Nations (ISMUN) conference on August 29-30, 2013.

There were four committees namely, General Assembly, Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), UNESCO and the Joint Parliamentary Committee

AIS Saket

British Council organised a workshop on classroom management on September 20, 2013 at The Lalit Hotel, New Delhi. The event was attended by school vice principal Anshu Mital; Ruby Gaur & Anjali Deora, YLE (Young Learners English) coordinators, AIS Saket and representatives from other AIS schools. The workshop began with a welcome of the participants. The welcome was followed by a presentation-aided workshop conducted by the resource person. The workshop was aimed at explaining the concept of class-

room management and finding out how effectively it can enhance learning experiences. This presentation was immensely appreciated by all the teachers present in the workshop. The post lunch sessions saw presentations by the British Council on its exam partnership programme for school and institutions and Cambridge English language assessments on Cambridge English- support for teachers. The session ended with the distribution of certificates to all the participating schools. It was truly a great opportunity that Amity gave its teachers to hone their skills for their own benefit and for the benefit of students. [G](#)[I](#)

(JPC). While the level of debate in the committees has always been impressive, the 2013 edition saw a beautiful performance by the students of Class VIII and IX, who were neophytes to the MUN culture. The General Assembly’s agenda was on combating cyber warfare, which saw the prominence of the delegates of People’s Republic of China, USA and particularly, the Russian Federation. UNESCO dealt with matters of child

abuse and the plight of children in armed conflicts. ECOSOC dealt with the issue of money laundering and its association with global terrorism. The JPC saw a simulation of the Indian parliament and conducted a debate on AFSPA. The third session of ISMUN’13 concluded with motivating words from school principal Ameeta Mohan. This was followed by the award ceremony. The 2013 session of ISMUN proved to be a success. [G](#)[I](#)

Some scientists have said that sound travels faster in water than in air.

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Pride & Prejudice

Think Punjabi, think all flashy; think Bengali, think art and literature. The country is home to many a stereotype

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We're all criticising Americans for harbouring stereotypes against Nina Davuluri, the Indian-American winner of the Miss America pageant. But back home, we have our own set of fixed notions and ideas about all the communities living here, so much so that they have come to be accepted as natural. Here's taking a look at some of the stereotypes that we, the Indians, have been feeding on and even cultivating since eons and centuries.

Punjabi shaan: Loud, pompous, gaudy and foodies is what Punjabis are touted as. This stereotype has become quite a brand. Punjabis themselves strive to live up to the expectations of being able to eat everything, to dress up in the most jazzy manner possible and be the most dominating dancers everywhere they go. Punjabi girls are supposed to be the prettiest, whereas Punjabi *mundas* are supposed to be the most smooth-talking. That's too much of great expectation to live up to, right?

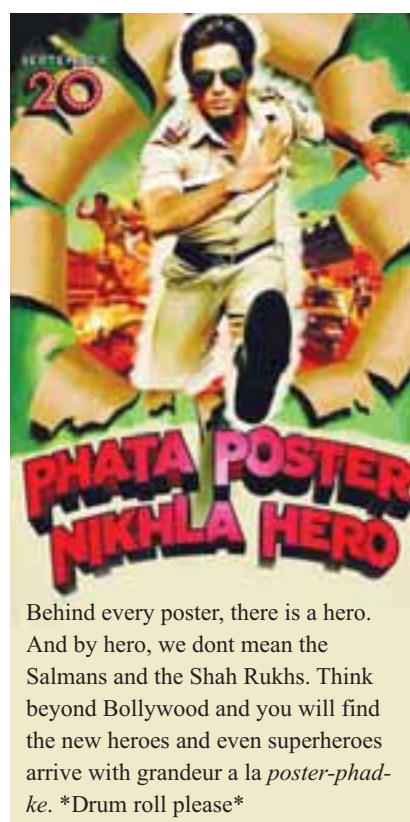
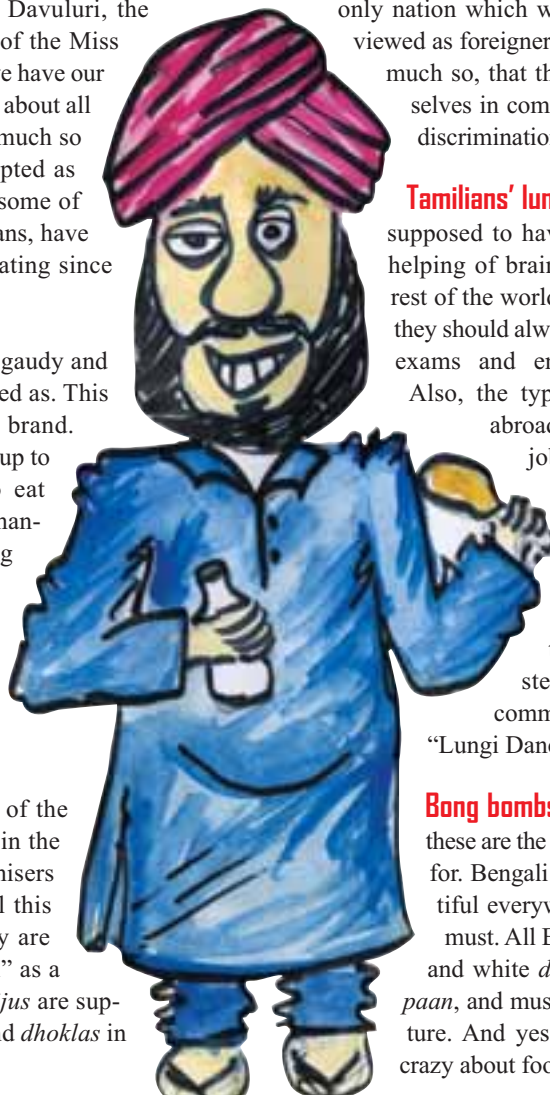
Gujju bhai & ben: People from one of the most economically developed states in the country are supposed to be the greatest misers of all. (Maybe that's how they created all this wealth!) All females from the community are supposed to have "Bane" and males "Bhai" as a suffix to their names. Not just that, all *Gujjus* are supposed to be traders, who bring *khakraas* and *dhoklas* in their *dabbas*.

Shaab ji from North East: This community perhaps faces the most discrimination. Jokes about them being employed as momo-*walas* or guards abound in the metropolitans. As if that wasn't enough, just because they live closer to the border of the only nation which wasn't part of India earlier, they are viewed as foreigners in the rest of the country. So much so, that they have to organise themselves in communities in order to battle discrimination in their own country.

Tamilians' lungi dance: Tamilians are supposed to have been given an extra helping of brains, as compared to the rest of the world. It is but obvious that they should always be the ones topping exams and engineering entrances. Also, the typical Indian who goes abroad to steal college seats and jobs from natives of the country is also always a Tamilian. (No offence to Punjabis, we know you have quite a reputation for living abroad, too). *Dahi chawal* is all they're supposed to eat, and for the rest of the stereotypes associated with this community, please refer to the song "Lungi Dance".

Bong bombs: Eating, cricket, and Durga Puja: these are the things Bengalis are supposed to live for. Bengali women should be the most beautiful everywhere they go, and long hair is a must. All Bengali *babus* must have fat bellies and white *dhotis*, should always be chewing *paan*, and must be obsessed with English literature. And yes, if you're a Bengali boy, being crazy about football is mandatory. 🇮🇳

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Narendra Modi, BJP's prime ministerial candidate rose from the ashes.

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Raghuram Rajan, the new RBI chief stepped in like a hero to save our dipping currency. PS: He looks every bit the hero too



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