

Status of the week

Society's idea of perfection is so damaged. And we in turn beat ourselves up trying to fit into this mould. Some of us swear to never be defined by these ideals. Hope we all can shape, instead of getting shaped by, the world someday.

Venika Menon, AIS Noida, XI

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AMITepoll

Is it cool to be a vegan?

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

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POLL RESULT
 for GT issue October 8, 2012

If a country falls short of enough food to feed its people, should it export food?

Response	Percentage
Yes	16%
No	68%
Maybe	16%

Results as on October 12, 2012

Coming Soon

Let's go vegan in the next edition of GT...

Food for thought



As we bask and boast of living in a country that is ready to outstrip Japan as the world's third largest economy, it is alarming to wake up to the rude reality that India ranks 65th in 79 countries in the 2012 Global Hunger Index

Smita Jain, GT Network

With 21% of its population undernourished, nearly 44% of children under five years of age underweight and 7% of them dying before they turn five, India is sadly home to the largest number of hungry people, about a quarter of the estimated 820 million in the world. It is time to come face to face with the real India living under the dark shadow of shopping malls, high growth rates and superior nuclear capabilities. According to International Food Policy Research Institute's Global Hunger Index 2012, the country ranks a low 65 out of 79 countries. On the eve of World Food Day, GT ponders over why resurgent India goes to bed hungry and how we can eradicate hunger. Read on as Amitians recommend innovative solutions to fight the crisis.

Improving Public Distribution System

The Public Distribution System (PDS) needs to be improved in our country to prevent a huge portion of the harvest from rotting in the open or being devoured by rats. With a fair and equitable system in place, we can meet the nutritional requirements of even the lowest strata of our society.

Vatsal Saxena, AIS Noida, XI J

There should be adequate storage space to prevent the huge stock of grains from rotting in the godowns. Perhaps it is time for another Green Revolution to sweep India.

Vishruti Saraf, AIS Saket, X

Cut down on feasting during celebrations

As socially conscientious citizens, people should spend less on celebrations and ensure that there is



no food wastage during weddings and other ceremonies.

Abhishek Dang, AIS Noida, XI I

Before shamelessly wasting food during celebrations, people should think about the needy who go to bed without having a square meal. The leftover food can be donated to the needy and hungry instead.

Rishi Chowdhary, AIS Saket, XII

Penalizing the guilty

Taking punitive actions and imposing penalties on those who waste food can act as a deterrent and make people realise the importance of food.

Sarthak Batra, AIS MV, XII

Educating farmers

Under social initiative programs, educational institutions can organise trips to rural areas, where the children can introduce the farmers to new farming practices.

Snigdha Shahi, AIS Noida, XI J

The government should train the farmers to integrate new techniques with traditional methods and also educate them about the market practices so that they receive an adequate amount for their produce.

Kirn Hans, AIS Saket, XII

Technology fix

Genetically Modified crops (GM) might prove helpful in a dire situation like ours, but in the long term they pose a major risk to food security. They continue to be mired in controversy as a large part of scientific community still considers them potential disaster for environment and human health. [GT](#)

Swapnil Tandon, AIS Vas 6, XI

With inputs from **Snigdha Shahi, AIS Noida, XI J**

War against hunger

With the launch of the first food bank, India has blown its bugle in the fight against hunger. Catch excerpts of an interview with **Kuldip Nar, MD Aidmatrix**, founding member Delhi FoodBank

How did the idea of setting up the first food bank in India originate?
The concept of 'Food Bank' is not new, it has been implemented globally. It was grim to see India lag behind Sub-Saharan Africa on the nutrition scale, so we decided to engage all sectors of the society by leveraging food banking as a tool to augment food security through a community and stakeholder driven model. India's first food bank was set up on June 8, 2012 under the leadership of Sam Pitroda, Advisor to the Prime Minister, in collaboration with food major Cargill and Aidmatrix Foundation and Global FoodBanking Network.

What was the objective behind opening the food bank?
The food bank was aimed at bringing the government, NGO and private sector together in the fight against hunger. The main objective behind setting up the food bank was to break the vicious cycle of poverty and address the nutrition



challenge. There is no way we can educate a hungry child, or expect maternal health to improve without addressing the nutritional needs. However, our immediate goal is to reach out to 2.5 lakh people in need of nutrition for survival Delhi and NCR by 2013.

What are the major challenges that you foresee in the mission?
The major obstacles that I foresee in eliminating hunger are lack of warehouse support, legislative challenges, making the community assume an active role in feeding the hungry, working in tandem with the government to have an easy access to data and information and above all, finding multiple sources of sustained funding.

Could you name a few organisations that are a part of this venture?
The Delhi Government is working in tandem with Reliance Foundation, DLF Foundation, Global FoodBanking Network, Cargill India and Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition to reach out to the needy. DLF Foundation is a mission partner for FoodBank and runs a program to provide nutritious food to migratory workers.

How can an ordinary citizen contribute to the organisation?
Food Banks are driven by volunteers. We invite the common man to come forward and contribute by generating funds or donating food. The volunteers help cut operation costs and most importantly, provide new ideas and approach. Individuals can register with us by visiting www.delhifoodbanking.org or call us to become an integral part of the Volunteer Engagement Program.

Can you suggest some measures to eliminate hunger from the Indian soil?
We have ample food resources to meet the needs of the Indian population. What we need is a more efficient model that addresses agriculture and infrastructure needs. If we cut down on wastage of agricultural produce by 40%, we can improve agriculture linked infrastructure and supply chain management. [GT](#)
As told to **Smita Jain GT Network**



Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan receives the award from Maha Mandleshwar Guru Sharnanand Ji Maharaj

Awarding excellence

Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan honoured for outstanding contribution in education

Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools was honoured with the 'Young Entrepreneur Award' for her outstanding contribution in the field of education by Respect Age International in a glittering ceremony held at India International Centre on September 30, 2012. Emphasising the importance of education, the exemplary entrepreneur said, "Education develops family, society and a country. An educated woman has the power to empower the whole society." She further added that India had the distinction of being a world leader in education for centuries with universities like Nalanda being a reservoir of learning. The country continues to excel in education and IT.

The ceremony was held on the eve of International Day for Older Persons to award outstanding individuals from different fields for their contribution in nation building. Other young entrepreneurs who were felicitated included Dr Bindeshwar Pathak, Santosh Yadav, PK Gupta, Archarya Gopi Goswami, Nikhil Nanda, Naresh Agarwal, Hashmat Ali, Vivek Kumar. Those felicitated in the Grand Old Senior Citizens category included Padma Ranganathan, Uday Pratap Singh, Kapila Vatsyayan, Paramhans Swami Ananta Bharti, Prof Somdutt Dixit and Dr KC Johri. [GT](#)
Members of the Amity family send congratulatory messages and heartfelt wishes (Refer top quotes)



Ma'am, you are a beacon of excellence, an embodiment of perfection personified and this award just reiterates the same.

Mohina Dar, Senior Consultant, AIS



Congratulations

Meet the finalists

YOUTH POWER 2012-13

Beating competition from 76 other teams, these 8 chosen ones have finally made the cut. Before they get started for the rallying and all the hard work, it is time to introduce them...

AIS Gurgaon 43



Mentor teacher Shalini Agarwal (C) with (L-R) Shreya Bansal, Shivin Chaudhary, Rishabh Srivastva and Shilpa Nair



The team leader: Shreya Bansal, X C

The team: Shivin Chaudhary, X C; Shilpa Nair, X C; Rishabh Srivastva, X C

Mentor teacher: Shalini Agarwal

The cause: Sanitation and hygiene

YP to us is: a means through which we can bring about a tangible difference. It is a platform where we can walk the talk. More than a competition, YP is a small step towards a better India.

Our USP: Our determination will help us go a long way in bring about a change. Besides, we are an ideal blend of creativity, organisational skills and systematic communication.  

AIS Vasundhara 1

Mentor teacher Debosmita Mukherjee (C) with (L-R) Shreya Trivedi, Aayushi Shakya, Shreya Tayal and Tanvi Nigam





The Team Leader: Shreya Tayal, VIII B

The Team: Shreya Trivedi, VIII B; Tanvi Nigam, VIII B; Aayushi Shakya, VIII A

Mentor Teacher: Debosmita Mukherjee

The Cause: Food adulteration

YP to us is: a chance to make the future of the country brighter. It gives us the opportunity to stand up and act now for a better tomorrow.

Our USP: We are smart and socially active.  

AIS Noida



The team leader: Sana Sawhney, XI G

The team: Ananya Rajpoot, XI E; Ayushi Gupta, XI G; Ayan Pandey, XI G

Mentor teacher: Prabha Chaube

The cause: Say no to plastic

YP to us is: a platform where we can implement our ideas rather than just talking about them. It has given us the opportunity to awaken people towards the seriousness of the problem and bring about a change in their mindsets.

Our USP: We are very passionate about the cause and have been working for it for quite some time now. Our experience will show as we progress forward in YPP. Apart from that, we are good team players as well.  



Mentor teacher Prabha Chaube (C) with (L-R) Ayushi Gupta, Sana Sawhney and Ananya Rajpoot

The team leader: Dhvanii Chawla, VIII D

The team: Shashwat Das, VIII B; Ankita Drohia, VIII E; Aanya Mittal, VIII B

Mentor teacher: Archana Upadhyay

The cause: Road discipline

YP to us is: a platform where we can define our role in shaping the society's future. It gives us the chance to be active citizens and not just passive spectators. We are the future of the nation and Youth Power makes you realise just that.

Our USP: A well planned strategy implemented with innovation and the right resources.  

AIS Mayur Vihar



Mentor teacher Archana Upadhyay with (L-R) Aanya Mittal, Ankita Drohia, Dhvanii Chawla and Shashwat Das

AIS Pushp Vihar



Mentor teacher Richa Chandna (C) with (L-R) Arsalan Ahmed, Harsimran K, Anirudh Choudhury & Raunak Jain



The team leader: Anirudh Choudhury, XI A

The team: Raunak Jain, XI A; Harsimran Kaur Khurana, XI A; Arsalan Ahmed, X C

Mentor teacher: Richa Chandna

The cause: Supporting senior citizens

YP to us is: a medium to reach out to a larger audience and work towards changing the society for a better future. Youth Power inspires change; a change within to bring change in the society.

Our USP: We are effective team players, fuelled with both innovation and passion.  



The team leader: Vasundhra Kaul, X D

The team: Asavri Misra, X C; Aparajita Bhattacharya, X D; Siddhant Misra, XI B

Mentor teacher: Padmini Das

The cause: Protecting stray dogs

YP to us is: a platform where we can work towards something, we are so passionate about. It will give direction to our passion and give us the chance to be the voice of the unheard.

Our USP: When four dog lovers unite, you sure expect some commitment and a lot of action for the cause!  

AIS Gurgaon 46



Mentor teacher Padmini Das (C) with (L-R) Vasundhra Kaul, Asavri Misra, Aparajita Bhattacharya and Siddhant Misra

AIS Vasundhara 6



Mentor teacher Swati Pandey (C) with (L-R) Urvashi Gupta, Tarunika Gaur, Shatakshi Agarwal and Manav Vinayak

The team leader: Tarunika Gaur, X A



The team: Shatakshi Agarwal, X A; Manav Vinayak, X A; Urvashi Gupta, X A

Mentor teacher: Swati Pandey

The cause: Eye donation

YP to us is: the chance to put human resources to better use. It is an excellent platform, where we can express our ideas

and views so that they can reach out to the masses and make a difference. It gives us a chance to explore and learn about the various facets of a cause.

Our USP: We complete each other. Each one of us brings something new to the table, in terms of creativity, communication and technical expertise.  



Mentor teacher Amika Handa with (L-R) Anubhuti Agarwal, Vishruti Saraf, Gaurav Dua and Vansh Saluja

AIS Saket



The team leader: Vansh Saluja, XI F

The team: Vishruti Saraf, X; Anubhuti Agarwal, X B; Gaurav Dua, X B

Mentor teacher: Amika Handa

The cause: Respect for heritage

YP to us is: a platform to bring out the leader within us; a leader who takes charge instead of just speaking up. It will give us the chance to act as socially responsible citizens and take charge of the future of the nation. More than that, it is an opportunity to be the change you want to see in the world.

Our USP: Passion, leadership, communication skills, commitment, dedication, management skills, creativity, determination, innovation...you name it, we have it.  



We, at AIS Noida, congratulate you for the prestigious award bestowed upon you. Your poise, determination, benevolence and charisma have earned you this award. May the spirit never fade!
Renu Singh, Principal, AIS Noida

Jet set go... for admission abroad

Here's putting an end to all your queries, curiosities and questions regarding admission into a foreign university

An interactive session with Jordan Pascucci, Regional Director Admissions, University of Pennsylvania (UPENN) and Rohan Tibrawalla, Alumunus, Wharton School, UPENN provided valuable insight about seeking admissions to a foreign university. The event held on September 18, 2012 at AIS Noida was graced by Sapna Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amiown; School Principal Renu Singh and Jyoti Arora, Head, Amity Educational Resource Center.

How can the visa challenges during the admission process?
Once you take admission, the university

instructs you on how to go about getting your visa. At UPENN, we have an office dedicated to helping students with visa appointments and issuing pointers along the way. We are in touch with every admitted student to make sure that they're getting the assistance required, irrespective of the countries they belong to so that they can make it in time for their classes.

How does one learn about the accreditation of an institute?
The university usually gives out information on the website. You can also check with reliable government bodies like the US-India Educational Foundation (USIEF).

Does UPENN offer any scholarships?
UPENN is one of the few universities in the US that offers need-based financial aid. Once admitted, we guarantee 100 percent financial aid. We spend US \$6 million to financially support students from across the world. If you need financial aid to study in the US, you must apply for it at the time of admissions.

What tests should I take for undergraduate admissions?
You need to take the SAT exam along with two SAT subject tests. Your SAT score is reflective of your performance in school and national exams. There is no set SAT score that you must achieve. You can go online and check what students are typically scoring every year and getting admitted to UPENN. Usually, the score is between 670-770 in each section. Sometimes, the difference can be as high as 60 points on missing a single question. We are not very particular about the specifics of the score, we look at overall academic record.

How does one get started with the admission process?
The first thing that you need to do is talk to your counselors and teachers and seek guidance on how to prepare yourself. The decision of choosing a university can be based on the distance factor. One has to



A student asks a question

What you must know

- The USIEF is an important source of information because they have plenty of resources on how to take SAT, how to prepare for it and also information on thousands of colleges across the United States.
- When the SAT test is taken more than once, the highest score of each time is combined to yield a super score.
- Visit www.commonapp.org for all the information on the admission forms including what forms look like and what they would look like when you have filled them out. The website also gives out a list of colleges and universities that accept the common application form for admission.



Session in progress with Sapna Chauhan (L), Jordan Pascucci & Rohan Tibrawalla

take into account the source of financial resources and make a list of things that foreign universities can offer.

How are the placements at UPENN?
UPENN has a very aggressive on campus recruitment process that brings hundreds of employers on campus each semester. It is also common for students to take up internship and later bag a job with the organisation too. Despite the downslide in the economy, there has been no decline in the number of placements at UPENN. About 87% of the graduants got placed by July, the

figure is supposed to jump to 90% by October. We also have a wide alumni network who help open doors to job opportunities.

Should the letter of recommendation be taken while applying for admission?
Recommendation letters can be sourced earlier by the students as per their convenience. It always helps to update the teacher writing the recommendation to make it more individual specific.
(Questions by students Misha, Shivangi, Devangana, Aditya, Shivesh, Utkarsh of AIS Noida)

SCHOLASTIC ALERTS

- Institute:** National Institute of Design (NID)
Courses: Graduate Diploma Programme in Design (GDPD)
Eligibility Criteria: Design Aptitude Test for GDPD
Application Form: can be downloaded from the website
Last Date: Nov 2, 2012
Examination Date: Jan 20, 2013
Website: www.admission.nid.edu
- Institute:** Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore
Courses: Engineering, Sciences, Medicine, Business, Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences, Education and Sports Sciences
Eligibility Criteria: Admission is based on class XII results. Actual results need to be submitted within 3 days after release for final decision.
Application Form: available from October 1, 2012
Last Date: Apr 1, 2013
Examination Date: Refer to website
Website: <http://admissions.ntu.edu.sg/undergraduateIntlAdmissions/Pages/InternationalOthers.aspx>
Taruna Barthwal, ACCGC, Career Counsellor & Resource Coordinator

Calling collage experts



Students present their collage

The collage making competition held at Amity University was a visual delight

Sumitra Singh, Faculty, AICC

To enhance the creative abilities of the students of Amity Institute of Corporate Communication (AICC), a collage making competition was organised by the department at Amity University on October 3. The participants included a large number of students from across various departments. The collages were showcased to

the visitors, who marvelled over them. The judges on the dais included Dr DS Rathore, Mentor, Amity School of Foreign Languages; Satinder Ragobur, HoI, Amity Instt. of Social Sciences and Capt HA Arfi, HoI, Amity Instt. of English Studies & Research & AICC. The first prize was bagged by Sayed Yavar Habeeb and Yashna Anand Singh from Amity School of Economics (ASE) for the theme Indian Politics, while Ak-

shita Tiwari and Arun Denduluri (ASE) bagged the second prize. The third prize was won by Pallavi Gautam and Tanushree Singh of Amity Institute of Geoinformatics and Remote Sensing. All the participants were given participation certificates. A token of remembrance was given to the judges by faculty coordinator, AICC, Dr Juhi Upmanyu. The programme was compeered by Eeshani Saraswat, Asst Prof, AICC.

Amity Institute for Competitive Examinations

Presents

Brainleaks-56

FOR CLASS XI-XII

A buffer solution 0.04 M in Na_2HPO_4 and 0.02 M in Na_3PO_4 is prepared. The electrolytic oxidation of 1.0 milli-mole of the organic compound RNHOH is carried out in 100 ml of the buffer. The reaction is:
 $\text{RNHOH} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \longrightarrow \text{RNO}_2 + 4\text{H}^+ + 4\text{e}^-$
the approximate pH of the solution after the oxidation in complete is:
[given: for H_3PO_4 , $\text{pK}_{a1}=2.2$; $\text{pK}_{a2}=7.20$; $\text{pK}_{a3}=12$]

- (a) 6.90 (b) 7.20
(c) 7.5 (d) None of these

Last Date:
Oct 25, 2012

3 correct entries win attractive prizes

Winners Brainleaks 54

- 1) Prashant Yadav, AIS Gur 46, XII C
2) Manish, AIS, Gur 46, XII C
3) Amit Kumar, AIS Gur 46, XII C

Name:.....

Class:.....

School:.....

Send your answer to The Global Times,
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or e-mail your answer at brainleaks@theglobaltimes.in

In the story 'Stirring a debate' in edition dated October 8, 2012, the sentence "In simple words, Ego is an individual's defence mechanism." was wrongly mentioned. The error is regretted.

Your most important pursuit in life has been giving yourself to others and making a difference in the lives of thousands of children through your selfless service. Heartiest congratulations, respected ma'am!

Sarita Aggarwal, Principal, AIS Mayur Vihar



All Pics: Ravinder Gusain

Get ready for pocket friendly water purifier

Amity Patent

Smita Jain, GT Network

Amity has many firsts to its credit and the first time convergence of academics with industry has resulted in shaping a product that proposes to be a boon for humanity - a low cost electroless water purification system based on nanotechnology. This water purifier is portable and can be carried everywhere. Dip it into a glass of water for two minutes, and you have absolutely safe water to drink. The purifier uses silver nano particles to give 99% pure water. Designed by Amity Institute of Advanced Research and Studies (AIARS) and packaged by Kunstocom (India) Ltd, (An AKC

Group Company), it is bound to give tough competition to other products in its segment.

Inception and Conception: Most water sources in India are contaminated. Although access to drinking water has improved, World Bank estimates that 21% of communicable diseases in India are related to unsafe water. Diarrhea alone causes more than 1,600 deaths daily. These startling figures triggered Dr Ashok K Chauhan's (Founder President, Amity Universe) desire to come up with a portable purifier, which could meet the requirement of troops posted at high altitudes as well as the common man on the street. "Environment and healthcare are two subjects very close to Dr Chauhan's heart. He wanted his team to develop a portable water purifier that could cut down the need to install costly equipments to purify water," shares Mr

Abhinav Chauhan, Director (IB) Kunstocom (India) Ltd, who planned the entire packaging of the product. "The theory that there is 'no bacterial growth' in Ganga water formed the basis of the study. After carrying out extensive research, it was concluded that during its course of flow through the upper hills, Ganga water would be coming in contact with some nano particles that resulted in microbial decontamination of the water," Dr VK Jain, Director, AIARS, informed.

While conducting experiments to study the effect of nano material on bacteria and fungi, Dr Jain and Dr Suman, Assistant Professor, AIARS stumbled upon an application that could make drinking water available to one and all at every altitude. What followed was six months of hard work, intensive research, testing and convincing the team to believe in the viability of the product. Dr Ramesh, Scientist, AIIMS helped in testing the device. "The product has been certified and tested by authorised agencies and the results are in agreement with our observation," said Dr Jain.

Technology Trail: Nano materials are well known antimicrobial agents, especially silver nano particles. The proposed system provides an active nanoscale architecture, which deactivates the bacteria, as contaminated water passes through the nanocomposite medium. This leads to a biofouling resistant device that can deactivate bacteria at faster flow rates than the conventional filters without consuming any energy or UV light. "The use of nano-materials embedded in porous concrete pebbles in bind form, prevent its leakage into the treated water and hence, the water is free from any kind of nano-material based toxins," informs Dr Suman.



The portable purifier; (inset) Use it like a tea bag

"Environment and healthcare are two subjects very close to Dr Ashok K Chauhan's heart. He wanted his team to develop a portable purifier."

Mr Abhinav Chauhan



The resourceful team: Mr Abhinav Chauhan (R) with Dr VK Jain (C) & Dr Suman

Economically viable: The purifier, in the form of a small portable tea bag, is priced at an unimaginably low cost (approx. Rs 100). It does not require any external source of energy and can be reused to cleanse nearly 120-125 glasses of water. Its portability and simplicity make it usable in remote areas and even at high altitudes by the armed forces. The product, patented by Amity University, Dept. of AIARS, was selected amongst top 50 innovations in 'Power of Ideas-2012', a joint program of IIM Ahmedabad, Economics Times in association with Dept of Science & Technology, Govt of India and also awarded a cash prize of Rs 2 Lakh.

Science cures ... or kills?

Loyalists vouch for its wonders; critics cry hoarse over its disasters. Wondrous science or killer science: on which side are you? The debate on 'Science has the potential to kill rather than cure' rages on...

Nikita Ahooja, AIS Saket, IX

Nagasaki and Hiroshima - two unsuspecting cities, where nuclear bombs were dropped resulting in millions dead or maimed for life. Today, even after 66 years of the criminal strike, there are bodies and minds scarred by the traumatic incident. Admittedly, science has done wonders for mankind. Things that were inconceivable a few years ago, have become an integral part of our lives today. One can't contemplate a life without TV, computers, internet and PSP. All these are gifts of science. But, what about the curse of demonic inventions such as atom bomb? Science has played a humongous part in the miseries that have befallen mankind. Today, we jet set around the world in supersonic jets. Did you know that jet propulsion technology was invented by the Germans during World War II to make rockets that could kill enemies more effectively and efficiently? Today, every nation is armed with a bewildering array of sophisticated weapon systems that can kill thousands of people.

For the motion

The gifts of science have wreaked havoc on environment and climate too! Floods, hurricanes and other natural disasters have their genesis in mankind's unbridled pursuit of development. Vehicles clog our roads belching toxic fumes that we breathe day in and day out. Factories produce noxious effluents that pollute air, water bodies and soil. A Cornell University researcher has deduced that 40% deaths worldwide are caused by air, water and soil pollution. As science has evolved, mankind has plunged into a never-ending race towards newer inventions, mindless of the consequences. The sedentary and stress laden life bequeathed to us by science has resulted in lifestyle diseases such as heart attacks, strokes, blood pressure and diabetes, which are amongst top 10 killer diseases of the world. Science empowers man with choices and regretfully, he has been found making the wrong ones. There will always be mere mortals amongst us who use science to kill rather than cure.



Graphic: Pankaj Mallik

Against the motion

Meera Anand, AIS Saket, VIII

How can we forget Agastya, the father of science who lived around 5000 years ago or Charaka, the renowned physician of the 3rd century? Charaka was the first person to propound that more than finding a cure for a disease, it was important to prevent it. Today, it sounds pretty obvious, doesn't it? But to come up with something like that hundreds of centuries back, was nothing short of a revolution. All thanks to science and its baby medicine, the worst epidemics in history - influenza (estimated deaths - 100 million) and small pox (estimated deaths - 60 million) have been eradicated now. If it hadn't been for medicines and counter check on epidemics, diseases and primitive orthodox beliefs, mankind would have come to an end long back. The miracles of science have more than doubled life expectancy and enabled children to be vaccinated against dis-

eases, which have been known to cause massive infant mortality. If you still doubt the capability of science, pack your bags and get ready to go back to stone-age! A scary thought, isn't it? Science is the magical line that divides the modern day era from the dark stone-age. Time and again, science has come to relieve us of sufferings, remove our ignorance and lighten our toil. It has revolutionised communication and simplified our lives with innovative tools and gadgets. Science and technology have become indispensable for modern existence. Technology allows people unprecedented access to information. It is up to them as to how they interpret this information. Whenever science makes a new discovery, the devils grab it while the angels are still debating the best way to use it. The difference lies in whether you want to be an angel or a devil. Like any of mankind's inventions, the gifts of science must be treated with care and not abused, but it is ludicrous to condemn science itself as a menace. So what do you want to be - an angel or a devil? The choice is entirely yours.



Your exemplary vision and magnanimous soul have transformed many lives, ushering an influx of new ideologies. Following your tenets, we wish to transform this society into a better abode for the humanity.
Ameeta Mohan, Principal, AIS Pushp Vihar

My friend from afar

The six week long AFS intercultural programme India struck the perfect chord with offshore friendship, cultural exchange, loads of memories and nostalgia

Gauri Nair, AIS Gur 46, X C

When I first heard about the programme of hosting a student from US, I wasn't up for it. It made me very apprehensive to share my family and home with someone unknown! But my mom persuaded me to sign up for it. The student I was to espouse was Danielle Elizabeth Cohn. She landed in India on the July 3. My mind was home to a swirl of emotions as I welcomed this new guest home. My mom cooked a traditional Indian dinner comprising *dal*, *chawal*, *roti* and *subzi* for her. Dani expressed instant liking to Indian food. We clicked as if we were friends for years. She attended school along with me everyday and was a great company at home too. We shared thoughts, experiences and would talk for long hours without realising the time. She soon became a chit-chat pal with our maid too, practicing Hindi learnt in school with her. The connection that the two shared was unusual; they talked and giggled for hours even though neither really understood the other's language. Dani found my parents very similar to her's. My mom bonded well with her and soon became Dani's favourite shopping partner. Dani went berserk in In-



AFS intercultural programme India

The 6 week programme from July 3 to August 13 had 20 US students coming over to Amity, as part of the National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y). The programme was organised by Amity Education Resource Centre (AERC) along with AFS. Amity students played host siblings to AFS students as they learnt Hindi, participated in social services visited Agra and went on Delhi darshan, organised by Amity.

dian markets and shopped loads. Just like me, she too started calling my dad 'papa', which made my father emotion-

Dani (R) with fellow students of the AFS programme and Hindi teachers

ally more attached to her. She also became his *chai* partner in the morning. My family loved her and so did I. Dani had discovered another interesting passion in India-Mangoes! She gobbled them down in no time! The way my neighbours hopped in at any hour of the day to meet us, Dani felt it to be queer but strangely liked it. We all grew very close to her and soon she became family. Spending such memorable and joyous moments with her I failed to realise that it was already time for her return! I planned her farewell with my friends and family. There was a sudden flash back of the six weeks spent with her that passed by in no time. As we set to see her off to the airport, my stomach



Friends Connect: Danielle and Gauri

churned with a bundle questions popping up in my mind. Tears rolled down my eyes as we bid adieu to her with heavy heart. Returning back home, looking at the empty guest room, I remembered how I used to wonder what it would be like to have a sister. Now that I have experienced it, I wished if it could last forever. I missed every thing about her. I will always cherish the experience throughout my life! Thank you AFS for organising such a program that befriended two hearts across seas, bringing cultures together. We will surely meet again someday, somewhere in some part of the world but till then you will always be cherished in my memories. I MISS YOU DANI. 🇮🇳

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हेरिटाज इराटेड

Do you possess something that has been handed down from one generation of your family to another or ever heard a story of an inherited item's journey? Let us know, just like **Ayushi Daga**, AIS Vasundhara 6, VIII B, did with the following objects

Locket

Bought in 1950's
Made of God
Tirupathi's image

Watch

Bought in 1963
Made in India
Origin of Timex



Journeyed from

Great Grandmother (Veena Periwal)
↓
Grandmother (Urmila Somani)
↓
Mother (Kanchan Somani)
↓
Daughter (Ayushi Daga)

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Illustration: Deepak Sharma

Ball of fire

Aditi Sharma, AIS Vas 6, XII

We all cherish our childhood days. It is during those days of innocence that we often become fond of certain things. Some bond with toys, others with dresses and many more with shoes. I, for instance developed a fascination of colours. Be it sketch pens, water colours, crayons, pencil colours or any other type of colours, I simply loved them all. They transported me to the world of varied hues and shades. I vividly remember my first drawing and the experience still gives me a sense of wonder and pride. I had drawn a yellow ball of fire; the sun. On a white sheet, moving the yellow colour pencil from left to right to left, up and down, mak-

ing sure it does not surpass the periphery of the round yellow object, I felt elated. As a kid, it seemed to me as if I had called Lord Sun to kindly come, spread on my sheet so that I can get an A+. Being the innocent child that I was, I felt both joy and fear as I presented the sheet to my teacher for her to mark it. There were butterflies in my stomach as I saw my drawing teacher analyse my work of art. On taking my drawing back from her, all my doubts and fears melted. I noticed that my sheet had been marked with an A+, exactly near the ball of fire that I had religiously drawn. It was my first masterpiece. I felt delighted. The fact that I now draw my paintings with so much zeal and passion goes back to the sun in my first drawing. Childhood days, sure are very special. 🇮🇳

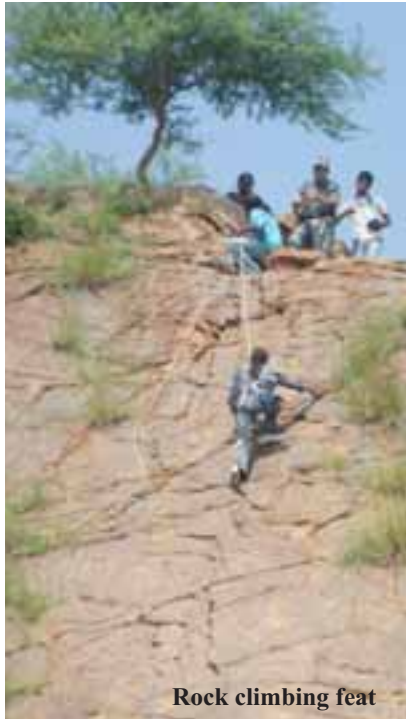


Military Camp!

A student group of Amity Global Business School recount their experience of first ever Amity Military Training Camp...



AGBS students at Amity Military training camp at Manesar



Rock climbing feat

Nisha Kumar, AGBS

The Amity Military Training Camp (MTC) Manesar, Gurgaon was a wonderful experience and one of a kind. We came to learn about a lifestyle, to be proud of. MTC is a training camp that is run by Army officials comprising retired colonels, retired brigadiers and instructors. The unique camp life with its array of activities destresses and detoxifies the human body, soul and mind. The one week of learning at the camp helps inculcate camaraderie, brotherhood and team spirit. The camp aims to throw light on the lifestyle of Army people and to imbibe the discipline that they follow. Our stint with the millitary camp was a learning experience interspersed with a whole lot of fun. We excitedly reached the camp venue, where we received a warm welcome. As we settled ourselves,

we received a list of instructions to adhere to. For seven days, it was a roll down of activities lined up for us to try, explore and learn. Each day, had a special schedule, made by the officials. We woke up at five in the morning and were taken for exercises. After an hour and 15 minutes of breakfast and getting ready time, we proceeded for the march. The march session was followed by lunch, after which we attended lectures by different delegates. The seven day camp also comprised physical training and sport activities. Adventure sports like parasailing, rappelling, rock climbing and ambush attack became our trained knack; all thanks to the rigorous yet fun filled training sessions. The camp was interspersed with various competitions too. On the fourth day, our group won the shooting competition and stood second. It was an experience to be cherished for life. 🇮🇳

Celebrating success



I feel honoured and humbled to receive the coveted ‘Young Entrepreneur Award’ from Respect Age International for my contribution in the field of education. I have always been an ardent believer that education has the power to transform societies. It is true that knowledge alone brings light, harmony, humility and peace. It helps people to rise above their individual needs, and look beyond their own personal interest and serve mankind. We, at Amity, are committed to raising a generation of young achievers who are not only driven by the desire to achieve personal goals, but also serve as nation builders. But to achieve this objective, it is imperative to teach children from the economically weaker backgrounds; especially girl children. Amitasha and Atulasha are an extension of this vision of Amity. The award is an acknowledgement of the high quality education and cultural values that Amity stands for. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and express my gratitude to the entire Amity family for working day and night to turn our vision into reality. It has given me the motivation to introduce path breaking educational reforms so that we transform India into a knowledge superpower. It has also made me introspect and evaluate the task we undertake everyday. It is essential to assess the task so that we do not lose sight of our goals. This recognition has strengthened my resolve to strive harder to nurture future leaders who are torch bearers of India’s culture and traditions and also committed to its development. 🇮🇳

Ready to question



The last two weeks spent visiting schools, interacting with the teams that applied for Youth Power programme 2012-13, now in its fifth year has been extremely satisfying. It was heartening to see over 80 teams from across all Amity branches apply for the programme, expressing their concern for varied social issues ranging from bird conservation, instilling moral values to organ donation, peer pressure and even attempting to create awareness on teenage suicides. While only eight teams made it to the finals (refer to pg 2), it is encouraging to observe that Amitians are conscious of their responsibilities towards the society and are willing to be the change they want to see. The Youth Power Programme, a dream vision of our revered Chairperson Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, is an initiative to instil social leadership skills amongst children. It challenges the youth to address the social issues plaguing the society. It was overwhelming to observe boys take up causes such as women empowerment, abolishing infanticide and fighting eve teasing. With over 25% of the applicants challenging gender socialization, it is clear that they have begun to question social dogmas, the seeds for which are sown in their early years of development. As a parent, you buy a Barbie for your daughter and a Spiderman for the son. And you think it’s OK. No. Stop and think. The son turns back to ask why does Barbie have a kitchen set and not Spiderman? Does he not eat food? The challenge lies with the adults to answer their queries satisfactorily. 🇮🇳

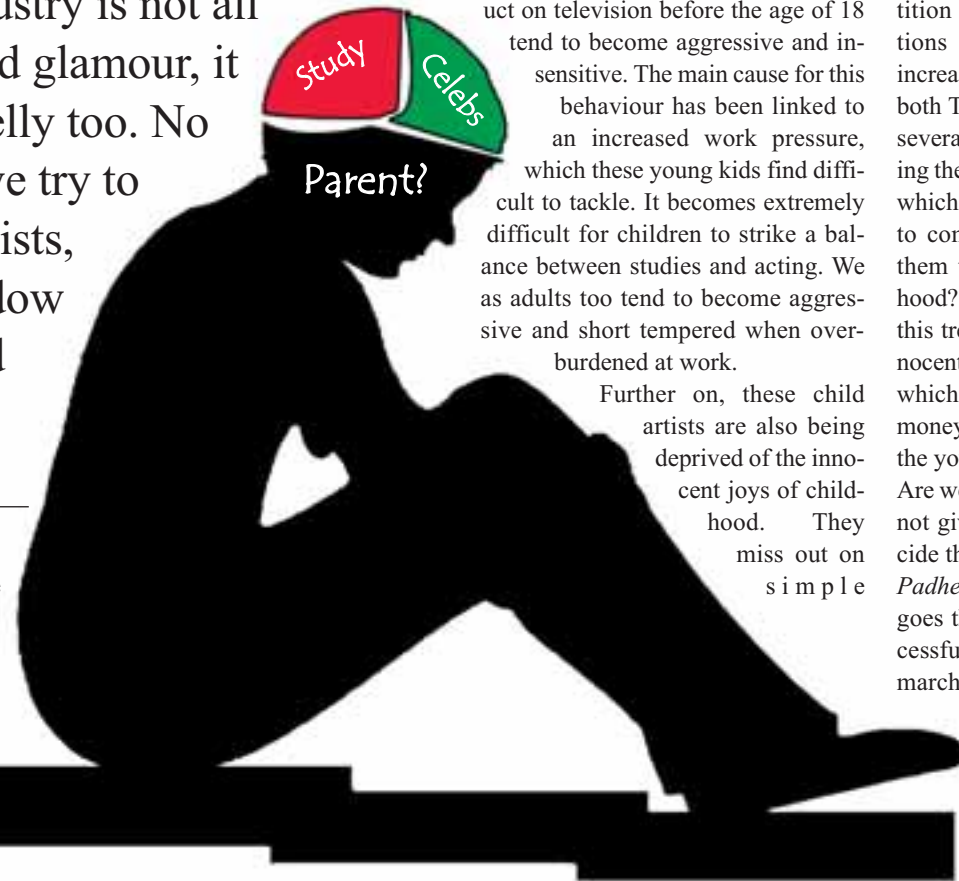
The murder of a dream

Perspective

Entertainment industry is not all about arc lights and glamour, it has a dark underbelly too. No matter how hard we try to shield the child artists, it casts a dark shadow on their young and gullible minds

Sejal Tandon
AIS Lucknow, VI

Remember, the cute face from the popular TV commercial that pulled your heart strings to buy a product or the little protagonist from a well known soap who plays a married woman (twice her age)? An alarming trend has set in the entertainment industry where young child artists are roped in to play characters that



are suitable for an adult audience only. According to a survey carried out in the US, children who endorse a product on television before the age of 18 tend to become aggressive and insensitive. The main cause for this behaviour has been linked to an increased work pressure, which these young kids find difficult to tackle. It becomes extremely difficult for children to strike a balance between studies and acting. We as adults too tend to become aggressive and short tempered when overburdened at work. Further on, these child artists are also being deprived of the innocent joys of childhood. They miss out on simple

joys of life such as playing and spending time with their parents and peers, and crumble under the heat of competition and the vicious cycle of auditions and rejections. This trend of increasing presence of child artists in both TV shows and movies has raised several questions - Are we not exposing these little ones to serious subjects, which their young minds find difficult to comprehend? Are we not forcing them to take an early road to adulthood? Who is responsible for sparking this trend; parents who force their innocent children to take up assignments which bring in instant fame, name and money or the industry which exploits the young ones to rake in the moolah? Are we not playing with their future by not giving them adequate time to decide the career they want to choose? *Padhega India tabhi to badhega India*, goes the tagline of an extremely successful brand. But how can India march ahead on the road of development if we brutally murder the dreams and aspirations of our future generations? To conclude, don’t nip them in the bud, let them bloom to glory. 🇮🇳



Anahita Gangwani
Amity Institute of Telecom Technology & Management

Accept it or not, it is impossible to imagine a day without the latest gizmos and gadgets. The credit for the same goes to new media that has taken the telecom industry by storm and swept the layman off his feet. Beginning the day to the chime of alarm on the mobile, catching news on the smartphone, connecting with clients through video conferencing, tuning to social TV before hitting the bed...new media has indeed become an integral part of our lives. The advent of new media can be traced back to the late 18th century with the commencement of print media and radio broadcasting in 1927 and the screening of Auguste and Louis Lumière moving pictures in Mumbai during July 1895. By the end of the 20th century, personal computers paved way into homes. Internet also slowly became a global phenomenon. Technology saw significant advancement since 2000 as visual messages such as beacon, smoke signals and semaphore telegraphs to audio signals of coded drumbeats, lung-blown horns and loud whistles evolved to CDMA, Wifi, EDGE and WiMax. Over the years, Indian media, one of the oldest and largest

Heralding a new era

Kindles have replaced books and gramophones have given way to iPods. The technological revolution sweeping the globe has captured the mind and space of today’s generation

media in the world, has relentlessly pursued freedom and independence. Democratization in publishing, creation and consumption introduced ‘new media’. And today, we are at a stage where print, recordings, cinema, internet and telecom are the buzzwords. An ingenious culmination of electrical devices, radio & microwave communications, fibre optics & orbiting satellites and internet telecommunication announced its revolution in the wireless world. And that is not all. The telecom industry too has traversed a long path of development and takes pride to be the most demanding industry today. Set up in the year 1851, Indian telecom industry had only 82,000 subscribers in 1947. It was in the year 1985 that the government started regarding telecom sector as an important driver of the economy. Major shift in policy took place in 1994 and 1999 with the formation of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI). The industry contributed a revenue of over \$1.7 trillion in 2008 and is likely to touch \$2.7 trillion in 2013. With lowest tariffs in the market, India owns the third largest telecommunication network in the world. Driven by the ‘one nation, one license policy’, it is the fastest growing economy of Asia. Technology in the country has indeed come a long way in the country and is sure to herald more revolutions. 🇮🇳



Dear Editor,

I would like to begin by thanking you for covering me and my work in your esteemed newspaper. It was a privilege to be featured in The Global Times. I am very grateful to you for providing me the space and making me feel like a celebrity. I am on the verge of completing my third book and would be very happy if you could publish its review too!

Akash Bansal, Alumnus, Amity School of Architecture and Planning



I enjoyed reading the interview of ace photographer Archie Misra published in the October 1 issue of The Global Times. I was greatly inspired after reading about his achievements. I am an equally good lensman and hope to feature in GT one day too! 🇮🇳

Lakshya Manwani
Amity School of Communication

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■ The trust of the innocent is the liar’s most useful tool.

Stephen King

■ You can’t connect the dots looking forward; you can only connect them looking backwards. So you have to trust that the dots will somehow connect in your future. You have to trust

Pearls of Wisdom

in something - your gut, destiny, life, karma, whatever. This approach has never let me down, and has made all the difference in my life.

Steve Jobs

■ Learning to trust is one of life’s

most difficult tasks

Isaac Watts

■ He, who does not trust enough, will not be trusted.

Lao Tzu

■ The best way to find out if you can

trust somebody is to trust them.

Ernest Hemingway

■ To improve is to change, to be perfect is to change too often.

Winston Churchill

■ The best proof of love is trust.

Joyce Brothers🇮🇳



Ma'am, your unparalleled work ethics have made you a real entrepreneur in every sense of the word. My warmest congratulations to you on this achievement, which is a step towards your pursuit of nation building.

Valambal Balachandran, Principal, AIS Vasundhara 1

Amity Yuva Vichar Manach

Amity Science Foundation

Amity Yuva Vichar Manach is a forum where the students and teachers discuss and debate on various scientific and technical issues of importance. This year-long programme introduced in the year 2010 comprises of five stages. Here's a complete lowdown on Amity Yuva Vichar Manach 2011-12



Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan blessing the participants



Youth Parliament in session

Stage 1

Mera Vichar

Dateline: September 3-15, 2011

An essay writing competition was organised for students of class IX to XII across all AIS branches. The students were free to choose any one of the five topics given below:

- Is it time for the second green revolution?
- Do alternate energy sources provide a viable and affordable solution to energy crisis?
- Is media helping to inculcate scientific temper?

- Is the education system advancing by using modern technologies?
- Is sophistication in transport system a necessity for green earth?

To ensure active participation of teachers in this activity, one teacher coordinator was selected in every AIS branch for each topic.

While students wrote essays on given topics, teachers prepared case studies on the issues chosen which were later evaluated and ranked by industry experts (in Stage 4).

Stage 2

Vichar Vimarsh

Dateline: Sep 20 - Oct 5, 2011

The teachers assumed the role of mentors, taking responsibility of registration and screening of teams for a particular issue. This round centered on group discussions amongst students and teacher coordinators working on particular issues. The session helped the teachers judge the potential of the teams and screen the best entries per issue for the next round.

Stage 3

Tark Vitark

Dateline: Oct 10 - Nov 15, 2011

This stage comprised intensive debating sessions on the issues taken up. Intra school debate sessions on all the five topics were conducted. The 3 best teams for each topic were selected from each school, culminating into a total of 15 teams per school. Each team comprised of two members, one supporting the issue and other contradicting the same.

Stage 4

Abhivvyakti

Dateline: Jan 13, 2012

This round saw exclusive participation of teacher coordinators who showcased power point presentations based on the compilation of case studies undertaken by them in Stage 1 (Mera Vichar). The final presentation of the case studies was held at AIS Pushp Vihar, wherein a total of 40 presentations were put up. Every school had 5 selected teacher coordinators, each representing one topic. The maximum award winning entries were

from AIS Pushp Vihar and AIS Noida followed by AIS Vasundhara 6 and AIS Gur 46. Sarita Singh, AIS Vasundhara 1 was presented with a Special Award. Experts who adjudged the teachers' presentations were Dr Monika Kaul, Assistant Prof, Hansraj College; Biman Basu, Science writer; SK Srivastava, Prof (Physics), AICE; Dr OP Sharma, Prof, NIOS and Dr Rekha Agarwal, Prof, NCERT. The round concluded with giving away of awards for best presentations.

Stage 5

Youth Parliament

Mains

Dateline: August 7 - 8, 2012

The final round of AYVM was held at AIS Vasundhara 6. To give the event a parliamentary feel, the school auditorium was converted into a Parliament with huge sets. This stage incorporated all the proceedings of the Parliament like introduction of bill, clause by clause discussion, voting, zero hour, etc.

DAY 1: The proceedings began with a mellifluous Saraswati Vandana and lamp lighting ceremony. In the inaugural speech, Narendra Kashyap, MP, Rajya Sabha and Rajpal Tyagi, MLA applauded this initiative of Amity. The first session had discussions on starred questions pertaining to topics like role of media in inculcating scientific temper and use of technology in education system. The second session was the Crisis Question Hour. The issues raised by young parliamentarians were related to current affairs like train accidents, power failure, price rise, problems of farmers etc. The remaining part of the day was on the status of last year's pending bills. Both the bills- 'Sustainabil-

ity of production through use of organic farming' and 'Use of solar energy as alternate source of energy' were finally passed after the procedure of voting.

DAY 2: The day began with discussions and passing of the bill - 'Mass transport system for green environment'. The experts- Biman Basu, Science writer; B K Tyagi, Science Communicator, Vigyan Prasar; and Dr R S Yadav, Science Programs, All India Radio assessed the quality of questions raised. Suresh Bansal, MLA Ghaziabad presided as the Chief Guest for the valedictory function. The session ended with Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson Amity Group of Schools blessing the students and award distribution by the Chief Guest. The ten best questions and answers were awarded along with the winning teachers of the Abhivvyakti round. The rolling trophy was bagged by AIS Noida.

Issue	I prize	II prize	III prize
Food Security - Is it the time for the second green revolution?	Ekta Soni, AIS Vas G	Rashi Bhanot, AIS Gur 43	Radha Kumari, AIS PV
Energy crisis - finding alternatives	Deepti Singh, Rashmi Sehrawat, AIS PV	Seema Kaushik AIS Gur 46	Vikrant Manchanda, AIS MV
Mass transport system & environment protection	Rinki Puri, AIS Gur 46 & Nivedita Verma, AIS Noida	Aarti Lavania, AIS Vas G	Poonam Nangia, AIS Noida
Media's role in inculcating scientific temper	Rakhi Bardhan, AIS Noida	Krishna Veni, AIS Vas G	Meghna Pohani, Shaifali AIS PV
Use of modern technologies in education system	Anindya Rastogi, Poonam Leekham, AIS PV	Vibha Sarin, AIS Noida	Suman Bisht, Sunita Dash, AIS Sake, Shuchi Gupta, AIS Vas G

Portfolio	Student
Prime Minister	Chirag Agarwal, AIS Gur 46
Deputy PM	Ishita Bedi, AIS MV
Leader Ruling Party	Anchit Som, AIS PV
Leader Opposition	Harmit Dhiman, AIS Gur 46
Min. of Agriculture	Vipanchi Handa, AIS Saket
Min. of Power	Vansh Saluja, AIS Saket
Min. of S & T	Sushobhan Verma, AIS Gur 46
Min. MHRD	Aditya Jain, AIS PV
Min. Inform. & Broad.	Shivin Chaudhari, AIS Gur 43
Min. Surface Tras+C. A	Sayesha Bhattacharya, AIS G -46
Min. of Environment	Snehil Jindal, AIS Vas G
MDS - I & B	Aaarushi Malhotra, AIS Noida
MDS - Transport	Sarina Mulchandani, AIS Vas G
Independent Member	Kanchan Juneja, AIS Noida
Finance Min.	Pranav Bawiskar, AIS Vas G
Speaker	Vallari Suharsh, AIS Noida
Dept. Speaker	Shikha, AIS Noida



Big Fat Wedding

Aditi Sharma, Amity School of Architecture & Planning

The great Indian wedding,
the honey dipped customs,
the oil fried souls.
Enters the mass, the
society for social class.
Do this, do that;
the rituals govern the facts.
And then comes,
the goat ready for slaughter.
The bride moves in tons,
the groom with dancing quarters.
The wailing flow of Ganga - Jamuna,
mother's love, father's choked throat.
And in the midst of this,
the groom stands like a pork.
Caught in the dilemma,
whether to support the wailing wife
or keep on standing as a mute spectator.
The easier is latter but the best is to run.
Save your life as you just had a glimpse.
For how can one stand by
that trailer full of emotional stuff?
Who on the planet has asked you
to leave your home lady?
Why can't you say a "No"?
Either don't be the epitome of sacrifice,
and if you do, don't ramble like a baby.



While digging out the reason why, the Indian lady is always the one to leave her home, I realised it is not like that everywhere. In South India, there exists a strong matriar-chal society. There is no compulsion for the daughter to leave home; rather she be-comes a guarding hand for her family. The boy moves in if so required. Who should leave their home is decided on the basis of which side is more capable or which side needs a supporting hand. If a part of our own country can take its deci-sions based on such unbiased thoughts,

why can't the rest do so?
My gracious relatives keep reminding me of the clock ticking on my head like a time bomb. While I act unaffected, the constant reminders do give me shivers. What will happen when the time comes for me to leave my home? But, why should I leave my home? Will the guy do the same for me if I ask? For cen-turies the wife has been following her husband. Why not rewrite that chapter and make space for change?  

Read blog @ www.adtsharma.blogspot.in



Choco-Vanilla Cupcakes



Ananya Mohanty, AIS Noida, VI I

Ingredients

Flour (maida)1&1/2 cup
Baking powder.....1 tsp
Salt.....1/4 tsp
Sugar (granulated)1 1/4 cup
Unsalted butter(room temp.) ...1/2cup
Eggs3
Vanilla extract1 tsp
Milk3/4 cup
Semi-sweet chocolate chips ...1/2 cup

Method

- Preheat oven to 350°F.
- Line the muffin pan with paper liners.
- In a small bowl, mix together flour, baking powder and salt.
- In a large bowl, beat together sugar and butter using an electric mixer,

- until well combined.
- Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition.
- Beat in vanilla extract.
- Alternately beat in flour mixture and milk, making three additions of flour mixture and two of milk, beating until smooth.
- Stir in chocolate chips.
- Scoop batter into prepared pan.
- Bake in preheated oven for 25- 28 minutes or until golden. Test for perfect baking: the top of cupcakes will spring back when lightly touched.
- Let the cupcakes cool in the pan on rack for 10 minutes. Remove from pan and let it cool completely on the rack.
- Top cooled cupcakes with your favourite frosting.  



POEM

Life's Journey

Snigdha Gautam, AIS Saket, XI

The day stars unite to set
A new future, without a bet
God raises his hand of simplicity
To give a new tiny life materiality
He sets the ground
With a pompous sound
Human smiles appreciate proudly
The entrance of a new
vivacity in this world, loudly
A new pair of eyes
and a new heart is born
Still so much of happiness,
sometimes leaves us torn
Because many obnoxious things
approach our way
But luck holds a sword
in its hand to play
When planets revolve so quickly
The days pass by shortly
The little bud, like vigour,
is nurtured earthly
By a mature loving feeling,
which is motherly
The amateur is gratifyingly taught
The greatness of each erudite thought
Finally, one day comes about
an alluring wonder
Astoundingly, that kid turns
into a school going toddler
Apart from the worry
of losing mother
And dourly be a part
of something other
That apprentice morosely
drags to school whining
Unaware of the future plans
made by parents cherishing
Scholar child when doubles
To be a teenager,
surrounded by troubles.
The teenagers have a big duty
To manage feelings, parents and study
The parents have a great worry
Of losing their child's merry
In the world, ready
with a dominating plot
Peer influence matters a lot
Some may be have debauched attitude
But others may have
a compassionate fortitude



The innocence is cordial
For anyone to use it as providential
Pool of emotions is very enormous
Sentiments like hatred,
love and feeling jealous
Soon benign time will follow
Where the anxiety is shallow
The day hats are off the head
And chivalry rises as said
When fire and water meet
The youth is married, giving a treat
Things sometimes come out well
While sometimes not so well
The day hands come out
of the denim extrovert
Further slide into pants
of formal introvert
Several problems surround us
With so many enamoured
feelings within us
The instability in life
Makes us go pale with time
However, there is
something to remember
That there is someone with you forever
Problems are like speed breakers
Which make you
prepared and experienced players
For reducing the life's load
And avoid accidents on
life's long road.  

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Brush 'n' Easel

Justy Chauhan
AIS Gurgaon 43, X B





Respect Age International has indeed chosen the right person for the Young Entrepreneur award. Ma'am, you have has always lead all of us here by example. Congratulations Ma'am, from all of us here at AIS Gurgaon 46.
Amity International School, Gurgaon 46

The tale of witty Tenali Raman

Imaging: Pankaj Mallik



Wisdom Tale

Vritika Chandwani

AIS Vasundhara 1, VIII A

Witty Tenali Raman was known to all as King Krishna Deva Raya's favourite courtier. It was also believed that he was a wealthy man as he received lot of valuable gifts from the king. This made Tenali Raman an ideal target for thieves. One summer night, when Tenali Raman

and his wife were relaxing in their courtyard, his eyes caught some movement in the leaves in his garden. There was not even a faint breeze, so Raman presumed that there were intruders in his house. He was right - a couple of thieves were hiding there, waiting for the right opportunity to break into Tenali's home. "My dear," said Raman quite loudly to his wife, "I've heard that too many robberies are taking place in our neighbour-

hood. So let's hide our jewels in the well." A little later, Raman and his wife came out lugging a heavy box, and dropped it into the well. It fell with a mighty splash. They went back in to the house, as if to sleep.

The thieves waited for a while and quietly began to draw water from the well. They hoped to empty the well and get the treasure. The whole night, the two thieves drew water and poured it out as quietly as they could. They got the trunk out and to their dismay, they found huge stones inside them. By morning they were completely exhausted and very miserable to know that they were out-smarted by the witty Raman. Tenali Raman came out in the morning and saw the thieves. "Thank you for watering my garden. You have saved me a lot of trouble," he called out. The two men begged Tenali Raman for forgiveness and hobbled away as fast as they could. 🇧🇩

So what did you learn today?
Quick wit and intelligence
can prevent troubles.



Crunchy fruity Salad

Nandini Rajput

AIS Vasundhara 1, VIII A

Ingredients

Fresh broccoli, 5-6 florets
Celery (chopped) 1 cup
Green onions (chopped) . . 1/2 cup
Green grapes (seedless) . . . 1 cup
Red grapes (seedless) 1 cup
Raisins (soaked) 1/2 cup
Almonds (sliced) 1/2 cup
Mayonnaise 1 cup
White wine vinegar 1 tbsp
White sugar 1/4 cup

Method

■ In a salad bowl, toss together broccoli, celery, green onions, green grapes, red grapes, raisins and almonds.
■ Whisk together the mayonnaise, vinegar and sugar. Pour dressing over salad and toss to coat.
■ Refrigerate until ready to serve. 🇧🇩

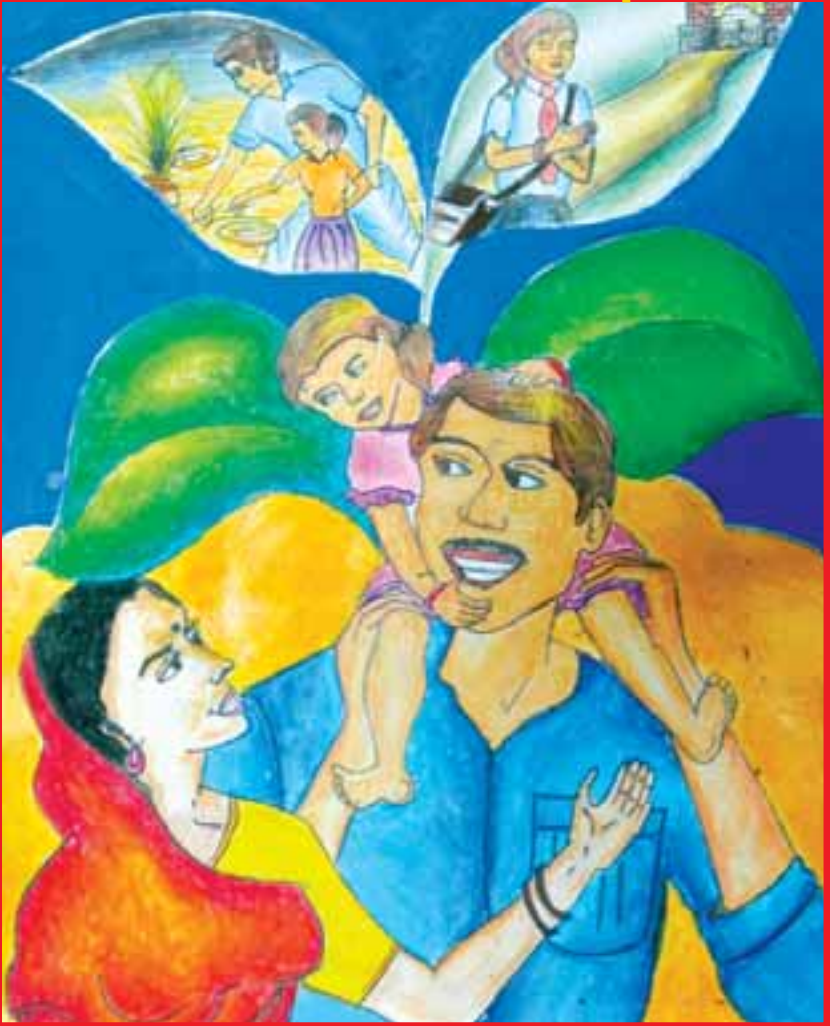
Nutritional Information

Amount Per Serving

Calories..... 540
Total Fat: 44.8g
Cholesterol: 39mg

Painting Corner

Aditya Agarwal
AIS Vas 6, VI C



Musically yours

Learning Indian classical music is no easy feat, but Taksheel Praful-lakumar Buddhadeo, student of AIS Gurgaon 46, I B proves otherwise.

A learner of Indian classical music from the tender age of 2, this budding musician has done Amity and his parents proud with his mellifluous, robust and vibrant voice, rich in tradition, deep in devotion and dexterous in 'Bhav'.

At the young age of 5 years, Taksheel's intense learning and deep understanding of *sargam*, *tarana*, *taal* and *bandish* in different *raag*s have helped him clinch a first division in the Indian classical instrumental exam in "Synthesizer" from the renowned university- Prayag Sangeet Samiti. The success spree continued as he also cleared the next level- Junior Diploma Exam with flying colours from the same university.



Taksheel Prafulkumar
AIS GUR 46

His versatility calls for admiration when he recites Sanskrit *shlokas* with ease. The young musical prodigy has participated and performed in quite a few cultural programmes held in Delhi-NCR and won appreciation from people in the music industry as well. Though, music is his forte, he has a sporty and artistic side too, as is evident from his interest in skating, taekwondo, dance and drawing.

He also has a long list of certificates of appreciation and merit in his kitty. Way to go Taksheel! 🇧🇩

- 1st in Christmas tree decoration
- 1st in Drawing and coloring competition
- 1st in My favourite mythological character
- 1st in Rakhi making competition
- 2nd in Hindi poem recitation
- 3rd in clay modelling
- Full attendance



Funny names of cities

Ritika Khareta
AIS PV, VII A

- The city of Girl - Kanyakumari 🇧🇩🇩
- The city of Queen - Ranikhet 🇧🇩🇩
- The city of God - Haridwar 🇧🇩🇩
- The city of Krishna - Gopalpur 🇧🇩🇩
- The city of Respect - Srinagar 🇧🇩🇩
- The city of Ear - Kanpur 🇧🇩🇩
- The city of Snake - Nagpur 🇧🇩🇩
- The city of Silver - Chandigarh 🇧🇩🇩
- The city of honey - Madhubani 🇧🇩

It's Me

My name: Pihu Pant
My school: AIS Gurgaon 46
My class: I E
My birthday: August 16
I like: Cornetto
I hate: Chillies
My hobby: Dancing and drawing
My role model: Papa
My best friend: Parisha
My favourite game: Bungee jumping
My favourite mall: Ambience mall
My favourite food: Paneer pulao
My favourite teacher: Kanika Ma'am
My favourite poem: Little tea pot
My favourite book: Tangled

My favourite subject: Maths
I want to become a: Choreographer
I want to feature in GT because: I want everyone to know that Pihu is a good dancer 🇧🇩



POEMS

What's friendship?



\Shreya Tayal
AIS Vasundhara 1, VII A

Friendship is not about, 'I missed you'.
It's about, 'Where have you been?'
Friendship is not about, 'I'm sorry'.
It's about, 'It's all your fault'.
Friendship is not about,

'You look dazzling'.
It's about, 'We're not going to a fashion show'.
Friendship is not about, 'Lets go out for dinner'.
It's about, 'See me at Mc Donald's at 10 am sharp'.
Friendship is not about, 'Going out, come along?'
It's about, 'Get in the car, stop being such a couch potato'.
Friendship is not about, 'Please leave me alone'.
It's about, 'We are together'.
Friendship is not about, 'I, me and myself'.
It's about, 'You, me and us' 🇧🇩



Amitabh Singh
AIS Lucknow, VII

My class seventh, is full of strength. Always on top, who ever tries to stop? Their plans always flop. Unity is our vigour, confidence is our figure. Against us whosoever tries to compete, always tastes defeat. We are the young students,

we are the future steeples. Yes, we are a whirl, precious like a pearl. Our hearts are full of love, we inherit the purity of a dove. We are powerful enough, to win over the rough and tough. We are naughty indeed, but we do not have any greed. Life for us is simple and gay, our class is the best that everyone says. 🇧🇩

Dear Deer We are here

Amiown Pushp Vihar

...shouted Amitots as they were taken on an excursion trip to Deer Park. The little ones had a wonderful time learning in a natural environment



Share some Amitot feeds the deer



Luncheon-ing Enjoying a pot lunch

An excursion is much more than just a journey outside the classroom. It is a journey into life experiences that cannot be duplicated within the classroom walls. While kids learn by observing their surroundings, they also have the opportunity to bond with their classmates in a more relaxed atmosphere. Field trips submerge children into the environment of their curriculum studies. For instance, if a child is learning about

animals, taking him to the zoo allows him to have a physical interaction with the animals. He can view and sometimes touch the animals, which provides an authentic reference, creating a quality learning opportunity that enriches the educational development of the child. Amitots got their quality learning opportunity in a real life setting as they were taken on an excursion trip to Deer Park. Amitots were introduced to the deer as a part of their curriculum with the help of

pictures, videos and model toys of the animal. While some of the children could name it, there were others who required a more concrete experience. A short trip organised for the toddlers and their mothers to the Deer Park substantiated the learning well. As the little ones entered the park, squeals of delight could be heard. Many kids scrambled away from their mothers' laps and rushed to the enclosed area for a better view of the animal, who till now

they had only seen in picture books. Of course, there were others who took a while to relate to the animal and clung on to their mother's hands. The enthusiastic learners proceeded to feed the deer with slices of bread and spinach which they had brought along. Once every child had satisfied his/her curiosity, it was time to delve deeper into the park, where the little ones experienced a firsthand view of a family of ducks who were enjoying waddling in

the large pond. On the way, the young ones were shown different types of trees, flowers, butterflies, ants and even a large lizard. So, the excursion was not just packed with oodles of fun, but also a lot of learning. The eventful day came to a close with a hearty pot lunch enjoyed by both mothers and their children. Even though the little ones were tired at the end of the day, a smile of satisfaction could be seen on their faces. 🇮🇳

Show n Tell



The activity offers an array of benefits ranging from speech and emotional development to encouraging the children to listen

life at home and interests with their group creates an environment of caring and aids emotional development.

Respectful listening: Show and tell can create a structure for preschool children to learn to be respectful when someone is talking.

Taking the lead: by asking the child to choose an item, talk about it in front of peers and show it to everyone; the act of show and tell gives children the chance to be in charge and have their choices and voices honoured. This is especially true for the shy children.

Learning how to ask questions and answer: Many preschool children do not understand the difference between a statement and a question. Show and tell helps teach this concept.

In order to channelise the benefits of Show and Tell activity, it is being used on a regular basis for both Pre Nursery and Nursery children. For the Pre Nursery children, the activity is being used to introduce letters of the alphabet and their related sounds. The children were asked



to identify their favourite letter and relate it to corresponding objects with a similar sound.

On the other hand, the activity was used for the slightly older Nursery group to familiarise them with several adjectives which they use to describe themselves and their friends during Circle time. The kids displayed their knowledge of adjectives, which they used in short sentences for their Show and Tell activity titled 'I can use describing words'. This activity was an invaluable means for achieving vocabulary enhancement for Amies, and also helped to increase their confidence by leaps and bounds. 🇮🇳



Lend an ear Parents attend the workshop

Settling Siblings

A workshop on 'Managing Sibling Rivalry and Supporting Sibling Relationships' helped parents settle their young ones for a stronger sibling bond

A workshop on 'Managing Sibling Rivalry and Supporting Sibling Relationships' was organised by ACERT at Amiown, Pushp Vihar. The workshop aimed at shedding light on various aspects of sibling relationships and help parents develop a strong bond between siblings. Amongst other things, the workshop discussed at length the myriad reasons that lead to a conflict between siblings. It also involved a detailed discussion on how squabbles between

siblings could be handled in a way such that children learn valuable lessons in communication, listening, empathy, love, forgiveness, resolving differences and developing interpersonal skills. The consequences of always trying to give 'equal' of everything to the children, knowingly or unknowingly making comparisons (both favourable and unfavourable) between siblings, taking sides in sibling fights, showing favouritism and using inconsistent disciplining strategies, were some of the important points spoken about through relevant examples. Strategies were suggested to teach children how to express their negative feelings of anger, frustration through creative outlets such as drawing, writing etc. In addition, the workshop also focused on constructive strategies and preventive methods that can be used to effectively reduce the differences between siblings. Ways to build a strong relationship between siblings were also enumerated. 🇮🇳



Recently, a Swiss delegation that visited Amitasha was left awestruck with the level of grooming the girls had achieved. Ma'am, this award reiterates the great achievements you have accomplished.
BN Bajpai, Advisor (R & D), Amity Group of Schools

AMUN unplugged

With unleashed zeal, strategic resolutions and confident debaters, AMUN gathered quite a few points on the floor! Here's unfolding all the action for you

AIS Vasundhara 6
Sarina Mulchandani & Karishma Malhotra
AIS Vasundhara 6, XI

An expanse of smartly dressed young leaders, brimming with unmatched zeal and enthusiasm, is the best description of the committees of Amity Model United Nations (AMUN) 2012-13, hosted by Amity International School, Vasundhara 6. Organised on October 3-4, 2012, AMUN saw the participation of students of classes IX and X. With three distinct committees - General Assembly, Economic & Social Council and Security Council on the roll, the agendas comprised highly debatable issues like anti-money laundering, nuclear crisis in Iran, poverty reduction through micro finance, local entrepreneurship, etc. AMUN 2012-13 was officially declared open by Sunila Athley, Principal, AIS Vasundhara 6. As the committee sessions gathered momentum, the delegates brimmed with ex-



Flagging off AMUN



citement. They were constantly on their toes, grabbing every opportunity to take hold of the microphones, to the extent that the poor placards couldn't help slipping off the

tables and hurting themselves! The Executive Board was extremely supportive of the first timers and equally patient toward the super-confident veteran debaters. From explaining the procedures to complying with the rising temperatures, their contribution was worth applauding. The enthusiastic participation of delegates in the moderated caucus and strategically prepared futuristic resolutions,

Executive Board
Security Council: Arushi Srivastava (President); Bhavya Mehta (Vice President)
General Assembly: Pallavi Ratra (Chair), Pranav Baviskar (Director), Pritish Tayal (Rapporteur)
Economic & Social Council: Swaraj Bose (Chair), Jairaj Gambhir (Director), Ruchi Avtar (Rapporteur)
International Press: Sarina Mulchandani, Karishma Malhotra, Sudhi Bhatia (Mentor Teacher)

were the highlights of the event. The cherry on the cake was the emergency with the most earth shattering crisis ever, created by the Executive Board. The delegates needed an intellectual rush to handle the supposed terrorist attack on the London World Summit and the demand for releasing Kasab! The event was a smashing hit, both as a detour from the monotonous routine as well as a welcome experience to gain and learn.

Abroad Ahoy!

AGS Noida

To get an in-depth view of what constitutes a good environment for students who wish to study abroad, class IB 1 of Amity Global School, Noida, visited the British Council on September 7, 2012. They were greeted by the Council's representative, who introduced them to a marketing research team from Hong Kong. The research team had come to India to learn what motivates and de-motivates students from going abroad for studies. The students were asked three main questions by the team: "What turns you off about a destination?", "How important is safety when choosing a destination?" and "Where do you see yourself in 2013?" The students shared that racial prejudice and lack of scholarships were the greatest turn offs. The research representatives were very appreciative of the students' response and answered their candid questions. The interactive session helped the students gain perspective on aspects other than academics. The students received British Council souvenirs and certificates of participation-cum-appreciation. The visit to the British Council benefited the students immensely.

Grandeur of Grandparents



Grand celebrations at AIS Lucknow

AIS Noida
Usha Verma, Teacher, AIS Noida

September 13, 2012 saw the exuberant Nursery children of Amity International School, Noida welcome their lovable grandparents to their school on the special occasion of Grandparents Day. Amity's first Great Grandma, Mrs Leelawati Shastriji and Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, sent a special message of love and reverence for Amities and their grandparents. Renu Singh, Principal, Roopma Singh, Consultant and Shivani Khanna, Coordinator interacted with the guests and students. The grandparents were welcomed with a traditional *tilak*. A rhyme and action song by the little ones, had them all misty eyed. Each class had their own creative activity, quiz, games and story telling sessions by the grandparents. Children gifted self created handicrafts to their grandparents during 'Thanksgiving'. Class KG celebrated the day with a special assembly, treats and hand crafted gifts for the grandparents.

AIS Lucknow

AIS Lucknow celebrated Grandparents Day on August 25, 2012. Mukta Ghosal, Headmistress, along with Chief Guest Nishi Pandey, Faculty, Dept of English, Lucknow University and Guests of honour Major General KK Ohri, Pro Vice Chancellor, Amity University along with his wife inaugurated the function by lighting the lamp. The students welcomed their grandparents with the musical number, "I just called to say, I love you." Thereafter followed fun filled games to engage the grandparents. The tiny tots put up a beautiful performance on the song *Hakuna Matata*. The skit *Khichdi*, highlighting the importance of grandparents in our lives, was loved by all. The grandparents shared heart warming stories about their grandchildren. The love, praise and blessings of grandparents were gifts that the children happily received. And as for the grandparents, they had tears of joy in their eyes. The day ended on a joyous note and was enjoyed by everyone.

AIS Pushp Vihar

Rock the dance floor!

Results
Group A
I - AIS Vasundhara 6
II - AIS Gurgaon 43
III - AIS Mayur Vihar
Group B
I - AIS Gurgaon 43
II - Army Public School, Shankar Vihar
III - AIS Pushp Vihar

Taking further Amity's vision of creating a vibrant and innovative environment for students through experiential learning, Amity International School, Pushp Vihar hosted an Inter School Dance Competition on September 13, 2012. Fairy tales have excited children since ages. Keeping in mind, the excitement and exuberance they exude, fairy tales were taken up as the theme for classes KG and I. To celebrate the rich cultural tradition and heritage of the Indian



The dignitaries bless the participants

states, classes II and III had state dances as their theme. All the groups presented beautifully choreographed dance numbers based on their theme, using a wide variety of props. The participants looked resplendent in their vibrant and colourful costumes. The inter school dance competition gave young children an oppor-

tunity to showcase their talent. The occasion was graced by Ms Pooja Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amity Humanity Foundation; Ms Divya Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, ASFT & ASFA, and Jayshree Chauhan. The competition was judged by two eminent dancers, Dr Rekha Mehra and Harshita Tulsi.

Healthy Food Day

KG students of AIS Pushp Vihar celebrated Healthy Food Day on September 25, 2012. Various craft activities were integrated with physical activities to excite the kids. Children made collages of healthy and junk food. They also played a game of 'musical food', where they had to run in a circle around cut-outs of fruits, vegetables and junk food like pizza,



Kids enjoy 'Musical Food' game

burger, French fries, etc. Foot tapping music played in the background. When the facilitator called out the name of a junk food, like pizza, children standing near it were out. The game continued till only one child was left. In the end, the healthy food eater was declared the winner. The children enjoyed the game and understood the importance of healthy food in a play way manner.

The award is an affirmation of your unremitting efforts that address today's problems by providing the best ideas and cutting edge strategies which draw strength from deep knowledge and scholarship.

Dr Rekha Ranade, Principal, AIS Saket



Congratulations

Being my favourite cartoon character

Doraemon goes to school

One morning, I looked into the mirror and saw that I had turned into Doraemon. When I told my mother about it, she said it was because I watched too much of cartoons.

As I waited for my school bus, the next morning, the kids around looked at me strangely. In the classroom, when the teacher asked me who I was, everyone in my class screamed, "Doraemon is here!" Then they surrounded me, and I told them that I want Nobita (cartoon character), with whom I can live, listen to his parents and do his home work on time. After spending time with my classmates, I reached back home very happy after eating lunch and playing with my classmates. I shared the proceedings of the day with my mom, and went to bed. When I woke up the next morning, I realized it was only a sweet dream!

Ishaan Singh, AIS Vas 1, III D

Doremi enjoys attention

Life took an interesting turn for me when I changed into my favourite cartoon character, Doremi, Doraemon's sister. When I went to school, my friends couldn't believe that Doremi was going to study with them. They

The little ones ponder over what would happen if they turned into their favourite cartoon character one fine day



Imaging: Ravinder Gusain

were excited as they could now see the past, present and future. Everyone wanted to sit with me. Suddenly, the class started making noise and the teacher got angry. Then I used my

gadget 'Mood changer' and made my teacher happy, so she allowed the children to enjoy the rest of the day with their new friend. My friend Parth came to me and asked me about my brother

Doraemon. He wanted to have a gadget that would help him to fly from one place to another. I came back home and my day as Doremi ended.

Swati Sahu, AIS Saket, III B

Doraemon surprises everyone

It was a bright morning and children were playing in the park, when I suddenly realised that summer vacations had begun. I got up from the bed and saw that my mother was busy in the kitchen. So I headed to the park where my friend Aneesh was playing football. I greeted him, but he stared at me as if he was surprised to see me. When I patted him on the back, he screamed, "Look, Doraemon is here!" Everyone suddenly gathered around me and asked me to show them my gadgets. People surrounding me could not take their eyes off me. Somehow, I managed to give the crowd a miss.

As I glanced in the mirror I was surprised to find myself looking like Doraemon. I happily returned to the park where everyone was discussing who I was. I told them, "I am Sanket, God has turned me into Doraemon, my favourite cartoon character." I proudly showed my gadgets to everyone. On my way back home, I saw a dog scare a cat. I took my gadget which exchanged powers and so, the dog was now scared of the cat instead; and that gave me a sense of achievement. I felt on cloud nine and wondered if I could remain Doraemon forever. 🇧🇩

Sanket Jain, AIS Gurgaon 43, III H

It's José!

Join, Namrata Gulati, GT Network as she speaks to VJ José, the anchor known for tickling your funny bone on MTV and ruling the radiowaves for six years!

VJ & RJ José is sure to catch you off guard with his wit and whacky expressions on television and bowl you over with a smooth and convincing voice on the radio on Saturday nights.

Take us through your journey of becoming a VJ & an RJ.

After completing my BSc, I joined 93.5 Red FM as a trainee in 2002. A few months later, I went on air and it was a roller coaster ride after that. During my stint there I donned the hat of RJ, Creative Head, Programming Head, Sound Engineer...you name it, and I had done it! I guess this is when MTV spotted me and I joined the channel in December 2008; and that marked the beginning of another roller coaster ride. Now I am mostly on the radio on weekends and



twitter on other days.

Did you ever have any doubts about taking an unconventional career path?

Yes! Of course, I did, I still do! This isn't something everyone should pursue. Of course, I'm insanely talented and good looking, but there's a lot of luck involved! There are millions of people way more talented who could be in my place. Plus these 'unconventional' career paths have shelf lives. So be prepared to switch over to other careers later in life!

What do you think is your biggest achievement so far?

Realising that there is nothing else I



could possibly do is an achievement in itself. I don't believe in the concept of achievements. I just try to do as much good as I possibly can.

How did the audience respond to the rumors of your being kidnapped, which was actually an ad?

Oh they hated it! I got a lot of hate mails, tweets after that. I ended up writing a blog post trying to explain myself!

Were you born with a comic timing?

I don't really know what comic timing means. I'm just being myself most of the time. But yes, it comes naturally to some people and my mom says that I have this quality because you can't be talented and good looking at the same time unless you're an American!

What would you like to tell the budding VJs & RJs at Amity?

Be realistic. Don't always listen to friends and family. Check if people you know think you have what it takes. Follow your heart always, it never lies. Don't just sit around and send CDs to different channels and radio stations. Go there, meet people. Remember that your job is important, but it is not your life (until you get married). Have fun, because if you're not having a good time, then it's not worth it. 🇧🇩

GT Travels to London



Samarth Gautam, AIS Vasundhara 6, V D, flaunts a copy of The Global Times with the London Tower serving as the perfect backdrop. The Tower (or Her Majesty's Royal Palace and Fortress) is located on the north bank of River Thames in central London, England. The Tower of London has played a significant role in English history. 🇧🇩

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