

**Status of the week**

The anguish was waiting by the peril of calm, that's no harm done, none at all. There was denial behind the demure affection. That's no wound, not for now. Then the veil fell once, to pall, pall.

Kanika Bhardwaj, AIB

**INSIDE**

All out for NOTA, P2

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**AMIT e-poll**

What is a possible solution to Syria crisis?

(a) Diplomacy (b) Surgical strikes (c) Democracy

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**POLL RESULT**

for GT issue October 07, 2012

Do you think 'Right to Reject' is a good decision?

Results as on October 18, 2013

**Coming Next**

Watch out for the contest edition of AIS Noida

# Sense the demon...

because that’s the first step towards slaying the evil. While we may have burnt the effigies of Ravana recently during Dusshera, the festival is beyond rituals. It is a reminder for us to purify our senses to make this world a better place



Illustration:Ravinder Gusain  
GT Network

Pooja Chaudhary  
GT Network

Asking in festive fervour, we recently celebrated the festival of Dusshera, symbolising the victory of good over evil, by burning the effigies of demon king Ravana and his two brothers Meghnad and Kumbhkarana. But the evil still continues to exist in our society. The modern day demon may not have ten heads and two horns, but it exists in a different form, waiting to grab every opportunity to distract us from good and sometimes even destroy it. Dussehra is a reminder for us to walk out of the darkness and purify our senses- sight, smell, taste, hearing and feel- for our own good and for the good of others.

**The eyes that see corruption**  
 Eye sore: India ranked 94th on Corruption Perception Index

2012 ratings, says Transparency International. “Corruption, the root cause of most of the problems of our nation, is a green eyed monster infiltrating every aspect and strata of our country. It can only be wiped off, if we all decide to not be corrupt.”

Shilpa Nair, AIS Gur 43, XI

**The foul smell of selfishness**  
 Stinks: The number of violent crimes increased by 65 % in 2012 as compared to the previous year. “Today’s Ravana epitomises the selfishness of the society we live in. We are only concerned about ourselves and are willing to trash everyone’s need for our benefit. If one starts treating others the way they themselves would like to be treated and possess compassion then definitely all social evils can be removed.”

Nikita Choudhary  
 AIS Pushp Vihar, XI D

**The bitter taste of illiteracy**  
 Numb taste buds: The literacy rate of India is 74.4 % as per the 2013 census. “Illiteracy is one of the numerous demons crippling our nation today. Being the second most populous nation, our human resource could have been a great boon, only if everyone were educated. Government has come up with a couple of effective policies, but a real change can come in only if we start working on our individual level. We can begin by educating poor children or helping them get admission in some government school.”

Kopal Gupta  
 AIS Mayur Vihar, XI A

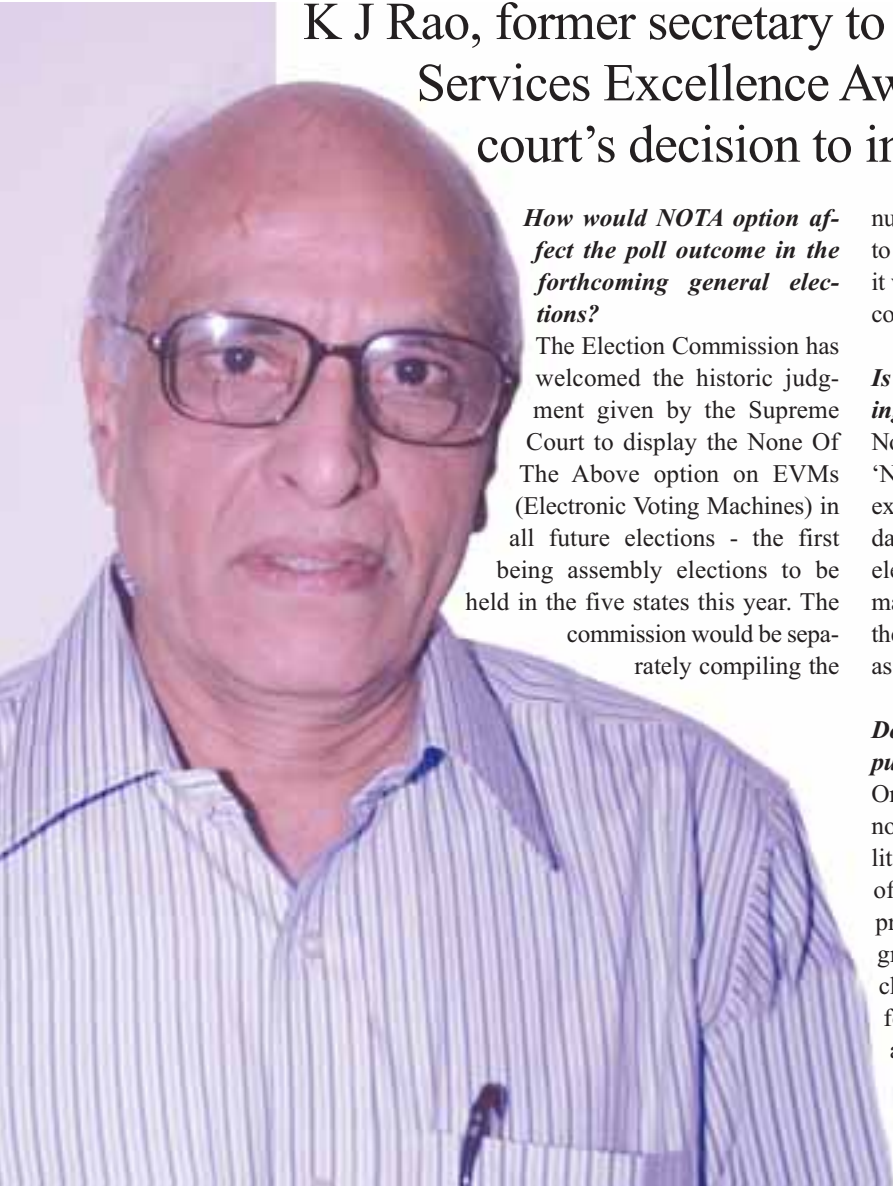
**The ears that are deaf to the cry of honour killing**  
 Hard of hearing: More than 1000 young people in our country are killed every year in the name of honour. “Honour killing has assumed demonic proportions in today’s world. I feel each and every individual has the right to live life as per their choice. Killing innocent people in the name of honour is a heartless and heinous crime. Stringent laws and a changed mindset is a prerequisite in the fight against this demon. We all should raise our voice against it and make a difference.”

Bhavya Mehta  
 AIS Vasundhara 6, XI D

**The skin that feels the irritation of pollution**  
 Irritant: India has the worst levels of air pollution in the entire world. “We have become insensitive towards our environment which is not only affecting our nation but the planet earth as a whole. Pollution has become nature’s worst enemy. Henry David Thoreau rightly said, “Thank God men cannot fly and lay waste the sky as well as the earth.” We must make efforts to protect our environment, if we wish to live a healthy life! And the change begins with a single person.”

Dhvanii Chawla  
 AIS Mayur Vihar, IX B

# NOTA will not affect poll outcome



K J Rao, former secretary to election commissioner J M Lyngdoh and winner of Public Services Excellence Award 2005 speaks to **Smita Jain**, GT Network on the apex court’s decision to introduce None Of The Above option (NOTA) in elections

**How would NOTA option affect the poll outcome in the forthcoming general elections?**  
 The Election Commission has welcomed the historic judgment given by the Supreme Court to display the None Of The Above option on EVMs (Electronic Voting Machines) in all future elections - the first being assembly elections to be held in the five states this year. The commission would be separately compiling the

number of people who used this option to not vote for any candidate. So, in short it would not have any impact on the outcome or results in the elections.  
  
**Is it as good as not turning up for casting your vote?**  
 No, I don’t think so. By choosing to press ‘None of the above’ button, the voter has expressed his anguish against the candidates fielded by political parties in the elections. It is his/her (voter’s) way of making the political bigwigs know that they are not worthy enough to be elected as representatives.  
  
**Do you think negative voting will foster purity and vibrancy in the elections?**  
 Only time will tell that. According to honourable Supreme Court, when the political parties realise that a large number of people are expressing their disapproval over candidates put up by them, gradually there will be a systematic change and the political parties will be forced to accept the will of the people and field candidates who are known for their integrity.

Do you see it as a first step towards systematic change in polls as

**political parties will be forced to project clean candidates?**  
 The manner in which the political parties are fielding candidates, with only victory in mind, I do not see any immediate changes happening.  
  
**Will it deal a heavy blow to the fortune of political parties who have fielded tainted candidates in the election?**  
 No, there is no provision in the Representation of the People Act, 1951 which calls for re-election in a constituency, even if the number of people who chose not to vote is more than the votes secured by any one candidate. This may come as a big relief for the political parties who are against the introduction of NOTA option.  
  
**Do you think NOTA will invalidate elections where negative voting option has been exercised in over 50% cases?**  
 No, I do not think so. There is no provision for any such invalidation in any Act.  
  
**What do you suggest in cases where votes cast under NOTA outnumber the votes received by a candidate?**  
 Though, I do not have any legal background, but re-elections are possible in a

constituency in such a scenario, if Representation of the People Act, 1951 and the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961 are amended by the parliament.  
  
**Do you see the possibility of forces like Hurriyat Conference and Maoists mis-using this option to discredit candidates put up by national parties?**  
 No, I do not see the separatist elements or Maoists misusing this option to discredit candidates fielded by national parties or jeopardizing the election process in the country.  
  
**Would this electoral rule destabilise the country keeping India’s large population in mind?**  
 I do not think so. I am optimistic that a day may come when the political parties put up candidates with impeccable character and integrity.  
  
**Will a candidate receiving maximum number of negative votes be dropped or banned from contesting elections?**  
 There is no such provision under any Act that bans or drops a candidate from contesting elections, in case he/she receives the maximum number of negative votes in an election.





# To NOTA or not to NOTA

Illustration: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network



*With the Supreme Court clearing the deck for the Election Commission to allow voters to reject all the candidates in fray, **Smita Jain, GT Network** finds out what effect the landmark judgment will have on the fortune of political parties and election process in the world's largest democracy*

With the world's largest democracy all set to go to polls in 2014, the Supreme Court's judgment which empowers the Indian voter to reject all the candidates whom he deems unworthy has created quite a storm in the political circuit. NOTA ('None Of The Above') or Right to Reject is largely being seen by the *aam aadmi* as the first step towards cleansing the political system of all the rogue elements. Read on to know more about the historic judgment, all facts associated with NOTA and whether it truly holds the key to political and electoral reforms.

**A historical judgment:** Taking cognizance of the fact that not allowing a person to cast vote negatively defeats the very freedom of expression and the right ensured in Article 21 ie the Right to Liberty, a three-judge bench of the Supreme Court, headed by Chief Justice P Sathasivam directed the Election Commission "to provide necessary provision in the ballot papers/EVMs and introduce another button called 'None Of The Above' (NOTA)." This would enable the voters, who come to the

polling booth and decide not to vote for any of the candidates in the fray to exercise their right not to vote while maintaining their right of secrecy. It also directed the Government of India to provide necessary help for implementation of the above direction. People's Union for Civil Liberties (PUCI) had moved the apex court in the year 2004 with a plea that the voters should have a right to negative vote, saying that a voter should be allowed to not vote for any of the candidates listed in the EVM, if he so desires.

**All game for NOTA:** Billed as the most radical and historical electoral reform ever introduced in the world's most populous democracy, NOTA gives the electorate the liberty to reject all the candidates by

merely pressing a button on an Electronic Voting Machine (EVM). Under the existing provision, a voter on the election day can go to a polling booth and tell the presiding officer that he/she be allowed to register his/her decision not to vote. The procedure which was in practice earlier was a far lengthier one, as whoever wanted to cast a negative vote had to first ask for a form under 49-O, which was not available for most of the time with the presiding officer. (Rule 49-O is a part of the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961. It describes the procedure to be followed when a voter decides against casting his vote and wants to record this fact.) People normally shy away from undergoing this hassle, so they abstain from voting. The judgment holds a significant ground, considering the fact that more than 150



MPs in the 543-seat Lok Sabha are facing criminal cases. According to Delhi-based election watchdog Association for Democratic Reforms, at least 1,460 serving lawmakers across the country are facing criminal charges.

**Weighing the pros & cons:** Though, the judgment has been welcomed by the common man on the street, the political *galiyara* is yet to openly quell or embrace the verdict. Here is a look at some positives and negatives of NOTA:

## Positives:

- It will give the voters a chance to express his/her displeasure and discontent over the candidates fielded by national parties.
- It is better than abstaining from voting as the presiding officer will record the negative vote.
- It will set the ball rolling for electoral and political reforms as parties are going to think twice before fielding candidates with a tainted past. It can go a long way in improving the quality of representation.

## Negatives:

- In a country where only 60% of polling is reported and a large section of the population is disenchanted by politicians, there is an increased fear that Right to Reject might end up becoming a 'fashion statement'.
- If some political pundits are to be believed, such a right will only destabilise the country.
- As they say 'the devil lies in the implementation', the state administration may manipulate the existing draft and thwart its successful implementation.
- Right to Reject could become a tool in the hands of separatists and Maoists who want to derail the election process.
- If the Election Commission decides to give its nod for re-election in constituencies where votes polled under NOTA exceed those polled in favour of a candidate, then it means an extra burden on the pocket of the tax payer.
- It means additional work for the teachers and other polling staff deputed on election duty.  

## NOTA fact file

- Right to Vote remains a statutory right under Indian Constitution.
- There is still confusion and uncertainty over whether re-elections should be held if a majority of candidates vote for 'None Of The Above' (NOTA).
- Constitutional experts are in a fix, still pondering over whether Right to Reject should be made a fundamental right, while holding Right to Vote as a statutory right.
- The Supreme Court order will come into force in the upcoming assembly elections in Delhi, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Mizoram.
- Under Rule 49-O of The Conduct of Election Rules, 1961, a voter can approach a presiding officer to record that he is unwilling to vote for any candidate.
- At present, if a voter does not wish to vote then they have to sign a register, which actually violates the Right to Secret Ballot.
- In 2004, former election commissioner TS Krishnamurthy had suggested to the government that the existing law be amended to specifically provide for negative/neutral voting.

## Popular sentiments

### First time voters



I personally believe that the Supreme Court's Right to Reject will strengthen our failing democracy because now parties will have no choice but to float candidates who live up to people's expectations.

**Brinda Taparia**  
AIS Noida, alumnus



Once it comes to force, the national parties would be forced to field worthy and better candidates, but I fear that it may become an instrument in the hands of separatists and other anti-social elements who want to jeopardise the political and economic stability of the country.

**Arjun Khanna**  
Amity Institute of Biotechnology, alumnus



It is a victory for the common man on the street, who used to find choosing a less deserving candidate over equally bad candidates in the fray a herculean task. With this option in hand, they will feel relieved.

**Anuvrat Parashar**  
Amity School of Engineering and Technology, alumnus



**Academician speak up:** The Supreme Court has made the Indian voter more powerful, by giving him the right to reject all the candidates in the fray. This landmark verdict would force the national parties to field candidates with a clean history. It would also mark the end of vote bank politics prevalent in the country. Development work done by a candidate would become the new barometer by which a candidate would be adjudged from now on.

**Dr Sumit Narula**, Dy. Director Amity School of Communication, Gwalior

### From political galiyara



I welcome the verdict of the Supreme Court wholeheartedly. I see it as a good step for strengthening of the institution of democracy. But, I do not think it is going to have any major impact in the forthcoming general elections. As of now it is purely a concept which exists on the papers, it is yet to be experimented with or implemented. All the political parties need to have a consensus with Election Commission on whether re-elections should be held in case the number of votes polled under NOTA option exceed the votes in favour of a candidate.

**Harshvardhan**, Senior BJP leader





I respect the verdict of Supreme Court. However, I personally feel it would not make much difference in the poll outcomes as 40% voters do not cast their vote. In this way they are already making use of 'Right to Reject'. Unfortunately, in our country, elections are fought on the basis of religion, region and caste, the people don't go into the dynamics of good or bad. Right to Reject can only prove beneficial if there is 100% voting and people choose their representatives purely on the basis of a candidate's clean background and development work done by him/her.

**Rashid Alvi**, Congress leader



## NOTA is not new

- Several countries like Russia allow their electorate to vote 'against all' candidates in the fray.
- In Canada, a voter, after appearing at a polling station can 'decline the ballot'. Though, the votes cast under this head do not count as votes, they are tallied separately from spoiled ballots and no shows.
- After the U S presidential election in the year 2000, some think tanks felt that the voter should have a right to approve of a candidate but disapprove of his/her party affiliation. A group of members belonging to the Green Party, known as 'Greens for Gore' not only made their support for presidential candidate Al Gore very explicit but openly disapproved of the Democratic Party he belonged to.
- France, Belgium, State of Nevada, Brazil, Greece, Finland, Ukraine, Chile and Bangladesh are some of the other countries which give their voters this right.  





**Sauropods:** In the Jurassic age, these giant plant eaters called became the largest animals to walk on earth.

# Some taste-y professions

Imagine getting paid big bucks for tasting all things nice! A career indeed!

Vaishnavi Kanugula, AIS Gur 46, XI

**W**ith an extraordinary sense of taste, smell and touch, you could land yourself the dream job of tasting all that is good and melts in the mouth. Already developed a lingering taste? Then hold it and read on to know more...

## Cheese taster

This ingredient (or flavour) is something you crave for when ordering for a pizza and it is also a word that brings a smile on your face while getting clicked! Yes, it is cheese! Cheese is loved by children and adults alike. So, if you have a passion for it too, why not get paid for it since the profession in cheese tasting is gaining recognition all over the world. However, a cheese taster should have a well-developed sensory vocabulary which goes a long way in helping to describe the nuances of the flavour of cheese. When first looking at various kinds of cheese, one needs to note the variations in colour, moisture ranging from soft to crumbly and then finally the taste. University of Idaho in Moscow offers a course in cheese tasting and so do a few universities in California, which is home to some of the largest cheese factories in the world. The pay begins at a mighty Rs 500 per hour and the package varies with experience.



Open up your senses and you could get yourself an envious job!

## Chocolate taster

Eating chocolate for a living might sound like a dream job but it could become a reality for you if you are a cocoa lover. Those blessed with a sense of taste and smell can do wonders in this field. The one must-have in this profession is oodles of enthusiasm and passion about chocolates. This job involves interaction with suppliers, designers and even customers, so one needs to be a people's person and a good communicator. University of Delhi and University of

Mysore offer nutrition courses which can help one pursue a career in this.

## Ice cream taster

Imagine a career in which the first thing that goes into your mouth early in the morning is the rich and creamy dollop of an ice cream! Well, this is indeed the ultimate dream of many a youngster. But this profession isn't as easy as it sounds. Your day at work not just begins with the realisation that you have to taste 31 flavours by 12 noon, but also perform

other duties too, such as evaluating the texture, smell, consistency, and a wide range of other elements. In fact, some of the sample-tasting is even carried out blindfolded! Ice cream tasters avail an annual package of Rs 36 lakhs! However most companies hire tasters that have a degree in chemistry or food science (dairy). Institute of Hotel Management in Goa and Italian Culinary Institute for Foreigners in Italy offer this high-in-demand course.

So, get ready to savour these jobs!

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## SCHOLASTIC ALERTS



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**Course:** Graduate Diploma Programme in Design (GDPD) is a four year long programme; including a foundation year. The course is offered at main campus in Ahmedabad.

**Eligibility:** Students who have cleared their 10+2 or those presently studying in 10+2 are eligible to sit for Design Aptitude Test for GDPD. For more details, please refer to website

**Application form:** Application form can be downloaded from the website

**Last date:** November 2, 2013

**Date of entrance examination:** Design Aptitude Test for GDPD will be held on January 12, 2014 (Sunday)

**Website:** [www.admissions.nid.edu](http://www.admissions.nid.edu)

**Institute:** National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT)

**Course:** Bachelor Programme (4 Years); Bachelor of Design (B Design) Fashion Design, Leather Design, Accessory Design, Textile Design, Knitwear Design, Fashion Comm Bachelor of Fashion Technology (B F Tech) -Apparel Production

**Eligibility:** B.Design: Cleared 10+2 level examination or equivalent. Those appearing for 10+2 are also eligible. Candidates have to appear for entrance examination.

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**Mode of examination:** Paper Based Test (PBT1); Paper Based Test (PBT 2) & situation test / group discussion/ interview

**Online Registration:** October 4, 2013 to January 10, 2014

**Entrance Exam:** Paper Based Test (PBT1): February 9, 2014; Paper Based Test (PBT 2): February 23, 2014; Computer Based Test (CBT): February 23, 2014 (The computer based test will be conducted only for B.FTech) & situation test/ group discussion/ interview: April - May 2014. Candidate has the option to apply for two programmes; taking test for the first programme on February 9, 2014 and for the second programme on 23rd Feb 2014

**Website:** [www.nift.ac.in](http://www.nift.ac.in)

**Taruna Barthwal, ACCGC, Career Counsellor & Resource Coordinator**

# Manthan: Going places

The dramatics society of Amity Institute of Biotechnology is creating waves in Delhi while also stirring people's conscience



The Manthan team caught in a jovial mood

Nida Ashhar

Amity Institute of Biotechnology

**M**anthan, the dramatics club of Amity Institute of Biotechnology embarked upon an adventurous journey this year by winning the two consecutive competitions. Not only did Manthan stand first at Jamia Hamdard's annual cultural fest, Manzar '13 but also clinched the third position at AIIMS-PULSE'13 (a South Asian socio-cultural literary fest).

Manthan, which encompasses all the genres of dramatics- street play, stage play and movie making and comprises actors, directors, scriptwriters, dialogue writers, stage managers, technical heads, lyricists and poets along with choreog-

raphers, has established itself as a connoisseur in the field of dramatics. Manthan began its journey in the academic year 2005-2006 and since its inception, there has been no looking back. In the past few years, Manthan has performed and won various competitions held in Delhi and NCR.

Last year, Manthan strived towards creating social consciousness and empowering women by taking an initiative to perform street plays on issues concerning women. This year, the issue taken up by the street theatre group is helplessness of the youth termed 'Bebasi' in Hindi, which also happens to be the title of their street-production this year. The winning stage play titled 'Kosi ka Kasa' performed at AIIMS-PULSE '13 was di-

rected by senior students associated with Manthan. The play is a melodrama revolving around the lives, beliefs and superstitions prevailing in a small village on the banks of river Kosi. The play brings to life the imagination of what would happen if the thin line between superstition and reality blurs. As the story unfolds, an intricate mix of emotions, tragedy and relationships are all depicted in a beautiful manner. The play was also greatly applauded by the judges. One of the lead actors of the team, Sneha Bhatnagar was bestowed with the title of 'Best actor' at the fest. Manthan has and will keep on delivering power-packed performances, creating an impact on society and giving you food for thought.



**Argentinosaurus:** This one is believed to be the largest living dinosaur. Scientists believe that he may have weighed as much as 100 tons.



# Discover Bharat

Part 10

INDIA

## Exploring magical Maharashtra

Through a collage making activity, students of **AIS Gurgaon 43** mark and discover some famous tourist places and celebrated cities of Maharashtra

### Ellora Caves

**About:** It is an archaeological site, built by the Rashtrakuta dynasty. It is also known as Elapura and Ellooru in the Rashtrakuta literature.

**Location:** It is located about 29 km north-west of the city of Aurangabad in the state of Maharashtra.

**Highlights:** It is known for its monumental caves and is also a World Heritage Site. Ellora represents the epitome of Indian rock-cut architecture with approximately 12 Buddhist, 17 Hindu and five Jain caves built in proximity, demonstrating the religious harmony prevalent during this period of Indian history.

### Shirdi

**About:** It is a town, also popularly known as Shirdi Nagar.

**Location:** It is located 185 km east of the western seashore line, via Ahmednagar and situated in Rahata *tehsil* in Ahmednagar district of Maharashtra.

**Highlights:** Shirdi is best known as the home of Shirdi Sai Baba, who lived in 19th century. It is considered one of the richest temples of the state.

### Tadoba National Park

**About:** A tiger reserve in Chandrapur district of Maharashtra, it is also distinguished as one of the oldest and largest national parks of the state. It is a part of India's 41 tiger reserves governed by

### Other tourist hangouts

Nerul Balaji Temple, Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Haji Ali, Gateway of India, Kailash Temple, Worli Sealink, Satara, Flora Fountain, Nandi Mandapa, etc.



Konkan Coastline; Inset: A collage on tourists places of Maharashtra made by the students of AIS Gur 43

"Project Tiger".

**Location:** It is situated in Chandrapur, in the north-eastern part of Maharashtra. The total area of the reserve is 625.4 square kilometres.

**Highlights:** It is an infinite treasure trove of innumerable species of trees, plants and wildlife that includes tigers, panthers, sloth bears, hyenas, jackals, bison, barking deer, nilgai, sambar, chital, etc. In fact, the Tadoba National Park and Andhari Wildlife Sanctuary together form the Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve.

### Konkan Coast

**About:** The Konkan, also called the Konkan Coast, is a rugged section of the western coastline.



AIS Gur 43 students with a collage of tourist places of Maharashtra

It is the land between the Western Ghats and the Arabian Sea; and also extends between the Tapi river in the north to the Chandragiri river in the south. The Konkan division is an administrative sub-division of Maharashtra which comprises all the coastal districts of the state. **Location:** It is surrounded by Sahyadri mountain range (Western Ghats) that form the eastern boundary of the Konkan, while the Arabian Sea marks the western boundary. The southern boundary is formed by the Gangavali River. The Mayura River forms the northern boundary.

**Highlights:** It is home to the tribal communities from Southern Gujarat, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Thane district of Maharashtra. The tribal communities are higher in number than found in Raigad and the Ratnagiri district.

### Matheran

**About:** A hill station in the Raigad district of Maharashtra. It is located in Karjat *tehsil* on the Western Ghats at an elevation of around 800 m (2,625

feet) above sea level.

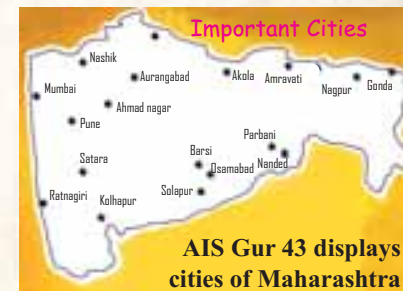
**Location:** It is located around 90 km from Mumbai and 120 km from Pune.

**Highlight:** It is the smallest hill station in India. Matheran's proximity to many metropolitan cities makes it a popular weekend getaway for urban residents. Matheran, that means 'forest on the forehead' (of the mountains), has been declared an eco-sensitive region by the Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India. It is the only automobile-free hill station in Asia.

### Celebrated cities

Maharashtra being a vast state has many important towns and cities, celebrated for their uniqueness. On the western coastal part of the state, stands Mumbai, the financial and entertainment capital of India with its dazzling streets and glamorous lifestyle. Another lively city is Pune also known as

'Queen of the Deccan' and the 'Oxford of the East'. Aurangabad known as the 'City of caves' is the pride of central Maharashtra. It is known for its cave paintings. This historical city has *Bibi ka Maqbara*, which is also known as the 'Taj of South India'. In the north lies the pilgrimage city of Nashik. Kolhapur, a shopper's delight shares its border with Karnataka in the south. Then comes the 'City of oranges', Nagpur, the pride of Vidharba region. Amaravati, Ahmadnagar, Thane, Chandrapur and Solapur are some of the other important cities that Maharashtra boasts of. **GT**



AIS Gur 43 displays cities of Maharashtra

## My trip to Maharashtra

**Shivam, AIS Gurgaon 43, III D**

During my summer vacations, I visited Maharashtra. I started my journey by visiting Sai Baba Temple in Shirdi. Next on my list was Pune and the famous Ellora caves in Aurangabad. The caves are famous for their rock or stone carvings. The caves house famous shrines of both Hindu and Jain faiths. The Kailash temple in the Ellora caves has one of the world's largest and massive sculptures. We also visited *Bibi ka Maqbara* (Taj Mahal of the Deccan), Daulatabad Fort, Panchakki, Sunheri Mahal.



Shivam at one of the rock cut caves

I saw various species of snakes, reptiles, birds and turtles in Snake Park, Pune. It was a wonderful trip and I enjoyed it immensely!



Majestic view of the Ellora caves of Maharashtra





**Compsognathus:** One of the smallest dinosaurs, it was the size of a turkey and weighed about six pounds. Heterodontosaurs and Lesotosaurs, both plant eating dinosaurs were just as small.

# Close your eyes and say... ABRACADABRA

Brochures made by  
students of AIS Vas 6



...and land in your dream destination. As a toddler, we have all dreamt of that land of chocolates (of course, the dream stayed even as we grew up). For some of us, the dream destinations matured to a land full of sunshine and beaches, robots, flying cars et al. Students of Class IX of AIS Vasundhara 6 boarded the flight to their dream destination albeit with open eyes and a creative touch as they created picturesque brochures of the land they have always dreamt of, as an FA activity. Here's a sneak peek into their dreams.

## CHOCOLARIA

Rhea Kalra, IX C

**This wonderful land made of everything chocolaty promises you a time of complete happiness and sweetness with lots of chocolates and candies to relish.**

### How to reach?

**Choco Choco Express:** Board the Choco Choco Express, the most famous train to reach Chocolaria, which itself is made up of chocolates.

### Where to stay?

**Ferrero Mocha:** This one is your ideal bet. It is a small city accentuated with chocolate trees and candy flowers.

### Tourist spots

**Bournville:** A tempting and delicious chocolate lake which has biscuits and wafers on its shore. Dip those in the lake and enjoy a yummy meal.

**Choco Rainy:** One of the most famous places in Chocolaria, this mountain peak has a chocolate rainfall every year in the month of December! 🇬🇧



## DREAMINGO

Mausam Singh, IX C

**Dreamingo is a tiny emerald land on the east coast of Trumen. Its scenic beauty, attractive palaces, dome shaped castles with a distinctive style of architecture are truly jaw dropping. Dreamingo is the most exciting tourist destination of Trumen, full of colours, festivals and above all, hospitable people with their cultural milieu.**

### Stay at...

...any of the top ten hotels and lodges located just near the airport. Use the pumpkin carriages that ferry people.

### Must visit...

**Krypton Waterfalls:** It offers the most alluring view of candy trees, red deers and magical butterflies.

**Banquets/fair halls:** Built during 16th to 17th century AD, these halls are either



animal or a fairy shaped.

**Floral Lake:** The centre of Trumen consists of a heart-shaped lake full of pure, sparkling water. The lake has a 15 inch floral border of coloured lotuses.

### Do not miss...

**The Trumen Carnival:** Trumen has some of the world's best sun kissed beaches. During this week long event, the beaches are extensively decorated with gold and silver. People move in processions on their white horses. 🇬🇧

## LAKSHMIPURI

Amogha GS, IX C

**Lakshmipuri is located near the coral islands, which are situated in the Bay of Bengal. Spread across an area of 40 sq km, it has a total population of 10,000 people. This place is a must visit for those who enjoy the cool blues of the ocean.**



### Check in @

**Hotel Landmark:** Surrounded by coral reefs on all sides, it is a perfect place for those who want to enjoy a stress free vacation. Bonfire and cultural programmes are

held at weekends for visitors. Special tours are also organised on request.

**Cinnamon Resort:** It was a kingdom built initially by Raja Jairaj. It has 3 villas, 10 suites and 1 special cottage surrounded by two swimming pools. This place also offers a wide variety of cuisines.

### Enjoy @

**The Fish Aquarium:** It is the only aquarium which has around 500 species of fishes. The visiting hours are 10 am- 6 pm. Check out the wide variety of corals, plants and squids.

### Eat @

**Shells & oysters:** Enjoy the best sea food in this underwater restaurant. The plates in the form of sea shells will make your dining experience even more interesting. 🇬🇧



## AQUATIA

Himanshu Burole, IX C

**For those who love beaches and enjoy the serenity of the deep blue seas, Aquatia is the best place for a vacation. This place is home to some of the most extraordinary marine animals.**

### Getting there

You will be taken to Aquatia by a special submarine.

### Stay

Aquatia offers many villas, condos and the best luxury hotels.

### Do not miss

Scuba diving is a must when visiting Aquatia. Also, the place houses some of the most beautiful statues of ancient Gods. 🇬🇧



## CHOCOLANTIS

VP Chaitanya

**Legend has it that a land came into existence when two rulers fought with each other using chocolates. But they were soon exhausted and became friends again. However, they decided to build a city in the memory of their fight and built the city of Chocolantis! This chocolate laden city is a heaven indeed.**



### Where to stay?

**Chocolate Extravaganza:** This hotel provides special suites and cottages. Many social events and evening shows are organised through the week.

**Choco Hills:** This hotel offers a good view of the Choco Lava mountain

### Tourist spots

**Chocolate Eiffel Tower:** An exact replica of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, albeit all in chocolate.

**Choco Lava Mountain:** Beautiful rivers of chocolate flow through this mountain. Trees laden with exotic nuts through the riversides.

**Museum of Chocolate:** It exhibits some of the most exotic varieties of chocolate. 🇬🇧

## ROBOTOPIA

Uditi Chopra, IX D

**Are you tech savvy? Do you love Robots? Robotopia is the place for you! Enjoy the best of technology with a flare of a fair!**

### Best hotels

Robbie Speedy; Metal Man; Tik Tok

PS: Enjoy the robot rides at the hotels.

### Places to visit

Robot Kingdom, Kidbot village, Finnyland 🇬🇧





# Igniting the fire

Ya devi sarva bhuteshu, shakti rupena sanshita  
Ya devi sarva bhuteshu, shanti rupena sanshita  
Ya devi sarva bhuteshu, Matra rupena sanshita  
Namastasyai namastasyai namastasyai namo namah  
-Ma Durga stuti



Dr Amita Chauhan  
Chairperson

It is the same time of the year when the air resonates with the beats of *dhaak* and the sweet smell of shiuli flowers. Yes, its time when we bow down in reverence to Goddess Durga, the ten-armed Goddess. Legend has it that when the *asuras* (devils) had wreaked havoc in the world, the *devas* (Gods) prayed to Lord Vishnu to come to their rescue. Hence, Goddess Durga was created with the powers of all the Gods and sent to earth to slay the demons. The nine-day festival resonates with the reverberations of divine stories. People indulge in fasts to appease the Goddess and purify their bodies and souls. On one hand, Dusshera is a cultural fiesta uniting people from every strata of the society as they engage in *dandiya* nights and *ananda melas*, on the other, it is a reminder of the power that resides in all of us; there is a Durga in everyone. She may be dormant, but when the time calls for, her fire can burn up enemies. This Dusshera, along with enjoying the festivities, redirect the fire within you to sculpt you into a better individual. Ignite your energies with the burning embers to exploit your fullest potential. Let that fire guide you in supporting what’s right and condemning the wrong around you. 🇮🇳

# Sensing good



Vira Sharma  
Managing Editor

There was a lot of confusion on the exact date of Dussehra day, leading to confusion over holiday dates. Heavy down-pour messed up the *pandals* decor. Phalin did not spare us either as people fought for safety measures to minimise the damage. Yet, amidst the rumpus, celebrations found expressions as people did step out to burn the effigy of Ravana, marking the triumph of good over evil. An impromptu announcement for a holiday on Monday, lifted the excitement quotient. Phalin passed away. The worst was over. The week punctuated with holidays, came as a stress reliever to many. Temperature dipped, heralding the arrival of winter. Charged with promises to kill the evil senses (pg 1), this Dusshera people burnt effigies of corruption and violence against women. Ravana, a symbolic of evil for years has assumed new faces over the years. To dismiss him as an evil would not be completely true. The first time my five year nephew ever got an opportunity to perform on the stage was the role of Ravana. Immersed in the role, he enacted his part with devotion that won him a huge applause. I treated him to his favourite burger. This innocent Ravana left me pondering. Was Ravana evil or his act? For someone who is worshipped in many parts of India, known for the study of Vedas and Shastra signified by his ten heads, yet why did he succumb to evil act of abducting Sita? Though mythology offers several reasons, any evil act can have no justification. Ravana is merely a symbol of evil, and thereby gaining victory over this evil is the justification of burning the demon king every year. The indomitable spirit of the people of Odisha, proved once again, that no one, not even the cyclonic fury can stop them from celebrating the victory over defeat. The evil is over. Sense the good. 🇮🇳

# Life, as you’d like it

In the race to live a meaningful and memorable life, are we running too fast?

Niharika Khanna, AIS PV, XI

All the world’s a stage, they say and men and women are mere characters. Then, by this theory, shouldn’t life be a script as well? But it is not quite so. Life, is not a script; it is a bit too complicated and embroiled to be known as a script. Life is not predefined. In fact, it is the most random thing ever. You could be ecstatic one moment and gloomy the very next. If there could be a word to define life, the closest would certainly be ‘unpredictable’. But what is it that defines us? Do the moments that we live define us or do we define the moments? Is there some meaning attached to our life? Everybody wants to leave a mark in this world and bequeath a legacy. But does the mark for which we slog ourselves to death and dedicate our lives for, really worth it? The mark won’t even remain in the world forever, it will gradually fade away, and then we will be forgotten. There are billions of people in the world and most of them don’t even know of our existence, let alone remember us. Then, why be a part of the rat race to achieve name and fame? These questions are often left unanswered. Mostly, because in this fast paced life, we have ended up becoming machines and have no time for ourselves. If only, we could slow down for a while, take a break and sit down and ponder, life would become a lot more



meaningful. If only, we could demand less from life, and more from ourselves, things would be a lot more simpler. If only, we could begin to keep ourselves happy and stop pleasing the world, life would be so much more peaceful. The point is, life doesn’t give us a roadmap according to which we can plan our moves. It rather throws googlies at us which bounce us off our feet! And then we are left jolted, as that is not something that we planned for. When things happen, despite, our not asking for them to, there is no point resisting them. The best way to move forward is by accepting what comes our way, with a smile. Perhaps that is the only way in which one can lead a happy existence and earn some

brownie points on the way. Even if we don’t try hard enough, all of us do leave a mark in the world, our world being the people we love and are loved by. It’s like a portion of their hearts is reserved for us and when it is time to bid farewell to the world, we take that portion of the heart with us leaving our mark in that very space. So the most important thing for us is not to know a lot of people, neither is it to be famous, but to actually know and hold on to those people who love us. It is only then, that we will be able to leave a mark in the world by leaving a mark of bittersweet memories in their hearts, a mark which is more permanent, which will never ever fade away. 🇮🇳

## What is life?

Manibha Sharma, AIS Noida, XI

Life has many hardships, which come and go in everyone’s lives.

Life has harmony and peace, but only some can achieve all that life has to teach.

Each moment is a lesson, each lesson is my life, life offers so much to survive.

Fights with friends is something common, ignoring and not talking to one is something obvious, God knows why this happens day and night! Is this life?

Strict teachers, strict mom, and rules of dad are the strictest of all! all have high expectations which I never seem to fulfill!

Every day I ask myself the same question, “Is this life?” And here comes the answer to mind, “Just try it yourself!”

## Pitter patter rain drops

As the monsoons refuse to retreat, it is time to enjoy the myriad emotions in which they continue to drench us

Nikita Choudhary, AIS PV, XI D

Incomprehensible emotions come together as one stands in the fresh drizzle. As the little rain drops become an entity of something much bigger than themselves, they soak us in new emotions we never knew existed within our heart. Have you ever noticed how rains come and go, unnoticed by some while others relish every palpable drop? Rains encourage the defeated to dream, give the lost a sense of being... the confused, a path to follow and the sceptic, the faith to believe in the divinity. The rhythm of the rain drops grants a voice to the dreams of dreamers. The first shower after months of rugged summer breathes life into nature as the winds graciously accompany their beloved partners - the floral queens- in a joy dance. Everything comes alive with a fresh new fragrance and trees get dressed in their greenest finery. The bright pinks, the cheery yellows and the effervescent violets lend an exotic feel to the vibrant atmosphere. As the trees, flowers, mountains and seas drench in dew drops, the heart also



begins to feel rejuvenated and refreshed. Nature’s beauty beckons one and all to soak in the pleasing delights and surrender oneself to the divine. Just as the rain and I become a single being, as we sing together taking delight in one another’s company; a gush of wind brings forth a spray of drizzle onto my face and I awaken! Awakened to see the rainbow; appearing and then gradually disappearing into oblivion but still existing; existing to let us know that we have mountains to conquer and unbounded seas to sail through as we relinquish our worries and enjoy all the colours of life. All this and more intrigues me while I sit in my balcony and look at the drops falling from the edges of leaves, as twilight engulfs everything. 🇮🇳

# Memento for the misnomer

Dhvanii Chawla  
AIS Mayur Vihar, IX B

As her 450th birthday just went by on October 1, here’s remembering the revered Mariam- Ul - Zamani, who was popularly known as Begum Jodha Bai, Akbar’s queen. However, if historians are to be believed, Jodha Bai was Jahangir’s wife. Let’s solve the mystery of her name...

**Did Jodha Bai exist?**  
Rajkumari Hira Kunwari, was born on October 1, 1542 as the eldest daughter of Raja Bhar Mal of Amer. In a marriage of political alliance, she was married to emperor Akbar on February 9, 1562 at Sambhar, Rajasthan. As per the custom of renaming a Hindu wife, Hira Kunwari was given the title ‘Mariam ul-Zamani’ by her new family.

**Jodha Akbar – fact or myth?**  
Mughal chronicles show that her name

was Mariam-ul-Zamani. “Tuzk-e-Jahangiri”, the autobiography of Jahangir, mentions neither Jodha Bai nor Heera Kunwari. Neither the “Akbar-nama” (a biography of Akbar commissioned by him), or any historical text from the period, refer to her as Jodha Bai. It is believed that the name Jodha Bai was first used to refer to Akbar’s wife in the 18th and 19th centuries in historical writings, but according to historians from Allahabad Central University, Jodha Bai was not the name of Akbar’s queen; it was the name of Jahangir’s wife Taj Bibi Bilqis Makani, whose real name was Jagat Gosain.

**The mystery of the name**  
A Hindu by birth, she remained a Lord Krishna devotee, and until now, her palace is decorated with Krishna paintings and frescos. Her tomb, built by Jahangir in 1611 is situated in Agra. Mariam-ul-Zamani died in 1623, and with her died the unsolved mystery of her name! 🇮🇳



Dear Editor,  
While teaching social studies, we were wondering how to make our son take interest and learn about Maharashtra’s heritage. However, we were amazed to see him gushing over an assignment which had colourful cuttings on

Maharashtra pasted in his notebook, taken from GT’s October 7 edition. The activity was captivating for him and he not only completed it within a few minutes, but was extremely excited about it too. This is called new age education! We are thrilled that GT is inspiring our children and enhancing their knowledge effortlessly. 🇮🇳  
**Katyayan & Gargi Thakur**  
Parents of Kreetik, AIS Noida, V A





**Ankylosaurs:** These were among the last living dinosaurs, standing 65 million years ago.

# YOUTH POWER 2013-14 *for women*

*Over 100 teams applied for Youth Power 2013-14. What followed was some grilling and intense interview sessions and some even more intense tie breakers. At the end of the ordeal, we met our eight finalist teams. Here's presenting those who made the final cut...*



## The top eight



**AIS GUR 43**  
Sanitation & hygiene for women

L to R: Suhani Khera, X; Maitreyi Saxena, X; team leader Purvangi Chopra, X and Arjit Agarwal, X. Their mentor teacher is Meenakshi Sharma.



**AIS NOIDA**  
Self defence for safety of women

L to R: Sarthak Dilawari, X; team leader Kripi Badonia, X; Isha Kalra, X and Shimona Mohan, X, with their mentor teacher Corina Mathur (C)



**AIS PV**  
Nutrition and women

L to R: Nikita Choudhary, XI D; Twinkle Taneja, XI A, team leader Niharika Khanna, XI A and Anchit Som, XI D, with their mentor teacher Richa Chandna (C)



**AIS Vas 6**  
Abuses faced by urban women

L to R: Team leader Riya Arora, X A; Shruti Sinha, X D; Saumya Kalia, X A and Akarsh Sharma, X C, with their mentor teacher Sampurna Satpathy (C)



**AIS Saket**  
Respect for women

L to R: Lakshita Handa, XI F; Azeez, XI D; Yash Vardhan, XI G and team leader Aarushi Mehta, XI G with their mentor teacher Debjani Das (C)



**AIS Vas 1**  
Stop dowry, protect women

L to R: Shivangi Goswami, IX A; Nandini Rajput, IX A; Adithyaa Sunder, IX B and team leader Pramay Rai, XI B with their mentor teacher Sanjukta Paul (L)



**AIS GUR 46**  
Vocational training to empower women

L to R: Aditya Thakral, X F; team leader Shrishti Kajaria, XI A; Saumya Mittal, XI F and Samridhi Nagar, X E, with their mentor teacher Devyani Kapoor (C)



**AIS MV**  
Education for women

L to R: Aakanksha Reddy, XI; Dhvanii Chawla, IX; team leader Ishani Goomer, XI and Anushka Vadhera, XI with their mentor teacher Manisha Batra (C)



# Alien attack



As night fell, the aliens fell asleep. It was then that I hatched a rescue plan. I gently whispered the details of my plans.

Sarthak Rajpal, AIS Saket, VIII A

It was a lazy Sunday morning. As I struggled out of my bed, I looked out of the window. It looked unusually dark. The sun looked very hazy and a strong wind blew past. I was curious and decided to take a stroll around the marketplace. From a distance, I noticed something peculiar coming towards me. Scared out of my wits, I rushed back home. Gasping for breath, I asked my family members and other elders in the neighbourhood to accompany me to the marketplace. My sixth sense told me that something was not right. The place wore a strange look. We decided to divide our-

selves into small groups and find out what was happening. Our explorations came to a brief halt when we saw a gigantic spaceship appear in the sky from nowhere. As some people dismissed it as an unidentified flying object, while others argued that it was a spaceship with aliens on board, the spaceship landed smoothly, right before our eyes and a group of aliens walked out of it. We found taking our eyes off those green eyed, bizzare looking creatures very difficult. Before we could believe our eyes, they were marching all over the place, destroying everything that came in their way. And after causing enough damage, they turned to us. They surrounded us

and tied us all with a rope. Everyone turned numb out of fear and anxiety. As night fell, the aliens fell asleep. It was then that I hatched a rescue plan. I gently whispered the details of my plans. I told everyone, “Let’s unite and fight the aliens!” Initially, everyone looked confused, but after much thought, all of us decided to fight as a combined force. In the morning, when the green creatures woke up from sleep, all of us raised our hands in the air and gave out a loud cry, “Come on! Attack us!” The aliens stood there transfixed for a few minutes. Gathering all our courage, we looked straight into their eyes and started walking towards them with clenched hands. The aliens started feeling intimidated with our united presence by this time. However, we did not give in. We all made one last-ditch effort to untie the ropes. As we started pulling each other, the ropes loosened and fell on the ground. With our hands still raised in the air and our roars louder than ever, we charged towards them. The aliens muttered something to each other and in no time, left in their spacecrafts. We hugged each other in joy as we were free from the clutches of the aliens.



## Panchkuta sabzi


Jayant Kumar Baloch  
Amity School of Engineering

### Ingredients

Coriander (chopped) .....half a bunch  
Coriander powder .....1 tsp  
Cumin seeds .....1 tsp  
Dry mango .....50 gm  
Dry mango powder .....½ tsp  
Ghoondha .....50 gm  
Ker .....50 gm  
Kumti .....50 gm  
Mustard seeds .....1 tsp  
Oil .....2 tbsp  
Red chilly powder .....1 tbsp  
Salt .....to taste  
Sangri .....50 gm

### Method

- Boil all the dry ingredients- ker, sangri, kumti, ghoondha, dry mango in water.
- Heat oil in a pan and add mustard seeds, cumin seeds as well as half of the boiled ingredients.
- Next, add salt, coriander powder, red chilly powder, turmeric and rest of the boiled ingredients.
- Now add dry mango powder, mix it well and cook for some time and switch off the flame.
- Garnish your Rajasthani dish with chopped coriander.



**Word of the week:** Wordology

**Definition:** The science or art of developing, organising, learning and sharing words relating to a specific subject matter in an informative, easy-to-read and intelligent way.

**Know what it means:** The word ‘ology’ is an informal word and a suffix used for a branch of knowledge or the study of a particular discipline, field of study, subject area (for example geology is used for the study of earth.). Hence wordology, in simple terms, would mean the detailed study of words, their different connotations, various meanings as well as their usage and treatment.

## POEM

# The lore of more

Savannah Woods  
AIS Vas 1, XI (Exchange student)

Black hands of death surround the lore of a goal so great, so much a treasure. Reminisced, but underneath it tore the people who sought its pleasure. The people who yearned for more, and perfection, they tried to measure.

Before, life was abundant, if one did measure, before, they did not need any more. Before, they were ignorant, and they enjoyed pleasure, before, they grew, made up their own lore. Before, family and friends were their treasure, before, perfection was let loose

and it tore.

Idolised; they did not realise the characters it tore, that the true nature was devoid of promised pleasure. That the power of perfection, the lore could not be of any human measure, that it stole their soul and offered nothing more, and wheeled its way into their treasure.

With stars in their eyes, they sought that treasure, where imperfection was nothing but a horrific lore. They reached higher and higher for that promised pleasure, they reached so high that it was themselves that they tore.

They sought a goal humans cannot measure, and every time they fell, they left wanting for more.

And they were somehow at ease, did not constantly measure theirs or anybody else's lore.

Remember the lore of those who sought pleasure, those it tore and the impossibility to measure.


### Sudoku 44

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## CAMERA CAPERS


Iti Rai, AIS Mayur Vihar, XI F



For the love of Sunday



Rain, rain! Come again!



The mightiest sword

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**Raptors:** They were the most feared dinosaurs in the prehistoric times. They were covered with feathers and had curved claws.

# The tale of gratitude

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## Wisdom Tale



**Ramsha Matin**

AIS Vasundhara 6, VI A

Along, long time ago, there lived a boy named David. He always remained very sad. His family did everything they could to make him happy, but things didn't change. He always felt gloomy. One day, while he was taking a walk in a garden, he came across a girl. The girl was searching for something. David went up to her and asked, "Can I help you? What are you looking for?" Looking up at David, the girl replied that she was searching for her coat- her thankful coat. David decided to help her find, her lost coat. So, together they searched for it in every corner of the garden. They looked behind the bushes, searched beneath the benches and everywhere they thought it could have gone missing. And finally, they found it hanging on a tree. Excitedly, they both took it down. David asked the girl and wore it very proudly. Suddenly, he felt happy and thankful for whatever

**But David refused to return it, saying it made him feel very good.**

he had. He felt blessed to have his caring parents, loving sister, supportive friends and a big house. Just then, the girl asked for her coat. But David refused to return it, saying it made him feel very good. The girl replied, "If you want a thankful coat so badly, you can make one for yourself and wear it every day." David did not understand and asked, "Is it possible?" The girl then revealed that it was a normal coat and he felt good because he thought about all the things he should be thankful for. And if he does that, any coat can prove to be a thankful coat and he will be happy forever. From then on, David stayed happy as he always counted his blessings. 🇧🇩

**So, what did you learn today? Count your blessings and not your sorrows.**



## Sesame roundels

**Meal Planning Club, AIS Vas 6**

### Ingredients

Milkmaid.....1 tin  
Ghee .....1 tsp  
Sesame seeds (white *til*) .....250 gm  
Cottage Cheese (*Paneer*) .....50gm

### Method

- Dry roast sesame seeds till light brown.
- Reserve 3 tablespoons of the sesame seeds for coating the roundels (*ladoos*) later.
- Coarsely grind the remaining sesame seeds in a mixer.

- Mash the *paneer* till it is finely mashed.
- Take a thick bottom pan (*kadhai*) and mix together *ghee*, *paneer* and milkmaid. Cook this mixture on low flame till it thickens.
- Remove from fire and mix with the coarsely ground sesame seeds.
- Make small balls of the mixture.
- Coat each roundel by rolling it in the reserved sesame seeds. 🇧🇩

(This recipe was prepared by **Aviral Jain, Kanav Bhardwaj, Mudit Parashar & Sanchit Jain, VIII D, AIS Vasundhara 6** under the meal planning club.)

## It's Me



**My name:** Samaira Sachdeva  
**My school:** AIS Pushp Vihar  
**My class:** II  
**My birthday:** January 20, 2007  
**I like:** to dance in front of the mirror  
**I hate:** when my brother nags me  
**My hobby:** Drawing and colouring  
**My role model:** My mother  
**My best friend:** Punya, Rohan and Samy  
**My favourite book:** Cinderella  
**My favourite game:** Badminton  
**My favourite mall:** DLF Place, Saket  
**My favourite food:** Pizza and *Kadhi* rice  
**My favourite teacher:** Sangeeta ma'am  
**My favourite subject:** English  
**I want to become:** a fashion designer  
**I want to feature in GT because:** I am a true representation of an Amitian. 🇧🇩

# Durga Puja is here again!

**Niharika Roy, AIS Saket, III B**

Last year on *Ashtami*, I was at my *Maasi's* place in Dwarka to celebrate Durga Puja. I started my day by wearing new clothes. After getting ready, I went to the *pandal* to offer *pushpanjali* (a special prayer). I also got to eat lots of sweets and *luchis* (*puris*). Later, we all sat in groups singing and dancing to the beats of the *dhaak* (a large drum). We enjoyed eating the delicious *bhog* (community lunch) served there. On the eve of *Navvmi*, I adorned a new dress again. A *dhunochi* competition (a dance performed with a hot incense

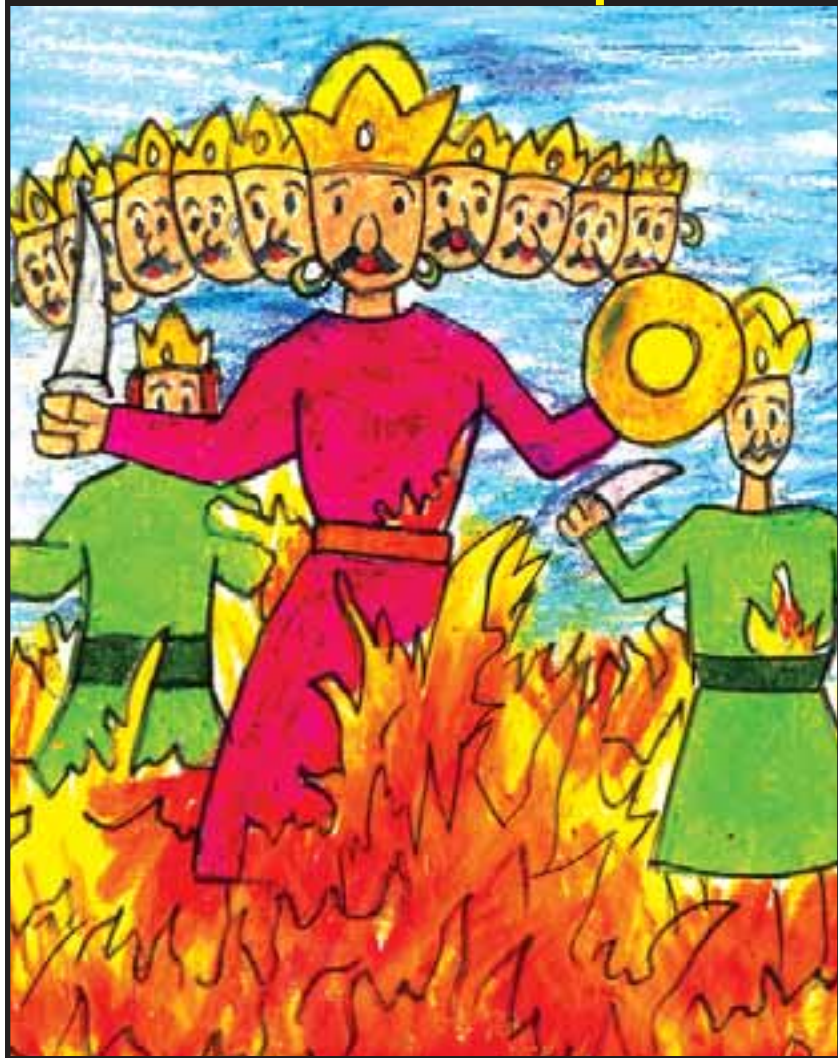
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burner in hand) was held in the evening, right in front of *Maa Durga's* idol, in the grounds. My uncle (*mausaji*) stood second in the competition. Then we had a grand dinner at one of the many stalls put up there, we later headed for *Sandhi pooja*. I willingly helped in the lighting up of the 108 *diyas* (lamps) and decorating the lotus flowers that are used in the *pooja*. As the clock struck twelve at the passing hour, it was *Dashami*. I felt a little unhappy that the *pooja* got over so soon, but consoled myself, as I knew that *Maa Durga* will visit us again. And till then saying what we always say ... "*Bolo Durga Mai ki Jai...Ashche Bochor abhar hobe!*" 🇧🇩

## Painting Corner

**Devansh Singh**  
AIS Vas 6, V A



## Mum, my world!



**Alan J Antony**  
AIS Pushp Vihar, VIII

God made the wonderful mother, with shining eyes like pearls. With a spark of excitement, but sometimes she boils, like spaghetti curls.

Talking of spaghetti, she also cooks well. Like the baker with the pizza dell,

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she makes tasty *appam* and stew, hot *vadas* and *idlis* too.

She is too cute and sweet, her voice is like a melodious tweet. But sometimes she growls and roars, like an angry pack of boars.

She rules our home, only in malls does she roam. Forever 21 is her favourite, and she is never late.

She is brave and strong, and she is never wrong. Her favourite job is to teach, great positions her students reach.

These are some qualities she has that you won't find in any other, So God made the wonderful mother.

## One fine day

**Ananya Singh**  
AIS Vasundhara 6, IV D

One day when I woke up, I had turned into a princess.

The people waiting outside, to greet me, were restless.



There was no work to do, just lie around and rest.

The guards and the servants told me that they were doing their best.

I was very happy, to see my gracious day.

But then I remembered my old life, so, I was not so gay.

At night I prayed to God, to turn me into my real self.

In morning when I woke up, He had fulfilled my wish. 🇧🇩



# Common parenting concerns

As a child grows, he brings along a new set of parenting challenges at every age. Amiown experts provide a solution to some of the common concerns that parents face for different age groups



**Mealtime challenge!** A child tries to finish her food

## Age group: Below 3 years

**Neelam Choudhry, Amiown Noida & Vasundhara, Coordinator/Sr trainer, Amiown/ACERT**

**How should I prepare my child for the first day in pre-school?**



You can start by preparing yourself for the big event, feeling positive with a lot of enthusiasm which should be reflected in your actions to the child. You can involve your child in shopping for his/her school bag, tiffin box, water bottle etc. You can drive past the school or visit the play area with your child so that s/he is prepared for the big day.

**Will my child make new friends?**

Activities for preschoolers are planned in a

group so that they can make friends and learn to share and care. Initially, they work in small groups and then transit to a bigger one and along the way they learn to take turns and share.

**I am worried about my child as she is a fussy eater.**

You should not worry too much. The focus for a pre-school child is to be independent. Teachers encourage children to eat and finish the meal provided by the parent. Each child is different and will eat when she/he feels like. Also keep small portions of food so that the child can finish the food. Teachers have many ideas and strategies on how to make a child eat. However, if there are still issues, then talk to the teacher of the child and resolve the issue.  

## Age group: 3 to 4 years

**Ritu Verma, Amiown Pushp Vihar, Coordinator**

**How do we wean off children from acting like cartoon characters? They dress up like Chota Bheem and even want their accessories to have their favourite cartoon.**

The marketing/glamourisation of cartoon characters is what makes them more appealing to the impressionable minds. Hence, it is not surprising that every child wants to ape his/her favourite cartoon character. With media's increasing prominence in our lives, we need to reflect on whether the seemingly harmless and innocent cartoons can really prove damaging for a child's development.

The answer lies in finding out what the child is focussing on while watching cartoons. For instance, while watching Chota Bheem, find out if the child is focusing on Bheema's virtues or the over stimulating animation. Also, one must realise that children do not understand the difference between reality and fantasy. Seeing their favourite character hitting or pushing, they too imitate these acts. These wrong role models send the message that it is fun to be mean! Make television a productive influence by limiting and monitoring the television time, encourage children to watch CBeebies, Animal Planet etc.



**How can we help build children's vocabulary and enhance conversational skills?**

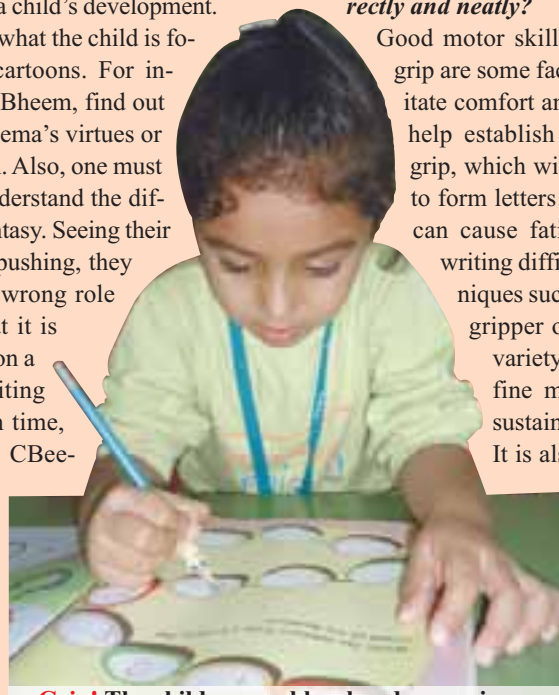
There are several simple things that you can do to im-

prove your child's vocabulary, one of them is using adjectives. For example, addressing your child each time with a different adjective as kind Kriti, helpful Kriti, sweet Kriti etc will expose her to new words. Developing a reading habit in your child can also help in improving the child's vocabulary. You can also share amazing facts and interesting news with your child to expose him/her to new words each day.

**How do I help my child to form letters and numbers correctly and neatly?**

Good motor skills, posture and correct pencil grip are some factors that are essential to facilitate comfort and fluidity in writing. You can help establish and reinforce proper pencil grip, which will make it easier for your kids to form letters and numbers. Awkward grips can cause fatigue and even pain, making writing difficult. Teachers use varied techniques such as putting a rubber band as a gripper on the pencil and providing a variety of writing tools which refine fine motor skills and develop and sustain the child's interest in writing.

It is also important not to pressurize the child to write, when s/he is not interested in writing. You should help your kids write enjoyably. Make sure writing is something the child not only learns, but enjoys too!  



**Grip!** The child uses rubber band as a gripper

## Age group: 4 to 6 years



**Fun with reading!** Little Amies enjoy reading in an interesting way at Amiown

**Anu Bhasin & Komal Girdhar**  
Amiown Gurgaon, Coordinators

**My child is in KG, please suggest me some ways to develop and improve her reading skills.**

The best way to enhance her reading skills is to read with her two-three times a day. Books are great means of building vocabulary and developing listening skills. Involve her in discussing the characters and setting, make predictions and come up with new endings. Try picture reading and also use your voice and expressions to make it interesting. But when the child is tired, stop.

**My child is 5 years old. I want to know if it is important for my child to get homework at this age.**

Take homework as an opportunity for your child to talk, listen and share. It is simply an extension of the learning





Anu Bhasin



Komal Girdhar

various concepts and how learning can be carried forward at home along with some resourceful links. Encourage children to be curious and ask questions. Engage and support them in solving everyday problems.

**How can I develop listening skills in my six-year-old child?**

Good listening skills are important for a child's overall development. Children who are good listeners have a social advantage, as they tend to be good friends to others. You must be a good listener yourself, if you want your kids to listen to you. They need to see that you will listen to them too. Children return the respect they receive and children who receive a good 'listening' response from parents often become good listeners themselves. Parents must read aloud, play listening games and give clear and simple directions to their kids.  



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**Hadrosaurs:** Also known as duck-billed dinosaurs, they were large, oddly shaped, low-slung plant eaters with tough beaks on their snouts for shredding vegetation.

# Bonding with Grandparents



Kids celebrate Grandparents Day with their grandparents



School principal V Balachandran with the kids

### AIS Vasundhara 1

Amity International School, Vasundhara 1 celebrated Grandparents Day on September 7, 2013, with great gusto. The grandparents of the tiny tots of Class Nursery and KG were invited to be a part of the joyous celebrations at the school. Principal Valambal Balachandran welcomed the grandparents and blessed the little ones. Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools graced the occasion with her presence.

The celebration was indeed a manifestation of her belief that the values must be instilled in the young minds right from a tender age. Working towards this endeavour, Amity Vasundhara 1 celebrates this day every year to make her dream come true. The event began by seeking the blessings of the divine, followed by an entertainment programme staged by little Amitans. They excitedly spoke about their lovely grandparents which left the grandparents smiling. A special song “Many congratulations if you are a

grandpa...” composed by the students for their grandparents left the audience mesmerized. The students performed on a foot thumping number, “Shree Ganesha Deva” highlighting the culture of Maharashtra. It was followed by an energetic Lavani dance performance. As the programme came to a close, the grandparents joined their loving grandchildren for a creative art activity from Maharashtra. Also, the children presented beautiful gifts to their grandparents which they had crafted with their own hands with love. 🇮🇳



The school team that won hearts with its dance moves

# Moving & grooving!

### AIS Pushp Vihar

Amity International School, Pushp Vihar organised an inter Amity dance competition on September 21 based on the theme 'Happy Feet' for the children of Class KG-I and 'Jashn-e-Junoon' for Class II-III. The occasion was graced by Ms Pooja Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amity Humanity Foundation; Ms Divya Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity School of Fine Arts, Amity School of Fashion Technology & Amity School of Performing Arts and Ms Jaishree Chauhan. The event commenced with the lighting

of the lamp by school principal Ameeta Mohan along with renowned Kathak exponents Vidha Lal, Getanjali Lal and Sarvshreshtha Tulsi as eminent judges. Children enthralled the audience with their well-choreographed dance sequence that was imbued with enthusiasm. Under the category 'Happy feet', AIS Gurgaon 43 bagged the first prize while AIS Pushp Vihar and AIS Saket won the second and third prize respectively. Under the category of 'Jashn -E-Junoon' AIS Pushp Vihar won the first prize whereas AIS Saket clinched the second prize and AIS Gurgaon 43 grabbed the third position. 🇮🇳



Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan shares the stage with meritorious students

# Prize distribution day

### AIS Gurgaon 43

Amity International School, Gurgaon 43 celebrated its senior prize distribution day wherein the meritorious students from Class V to XI were awarded prizes in the field of academics, extra curricular activities and sports. Students of Class X, who scored a perfect 10 CGPA were also recognised with an individual shield. Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools bestowed Sak-

sham Agarwal, Karan Dwivedi, K Varsha and Anvesha Moitra with the prestigious Baljit Shastri Shield, Dhananjay Mohan Trohpy, Vedvati Vidyalankar Shield and Europa Cup respectively. Scholarships were given to children with outstanding proficiency and for having scored above 90% in their classes. The Chairperson congratulated vice principal Vishakha Chitnis, teachers and the prize winners on the momentous occasion. Later, the senior girls presented a scintillating dance performance. 🇮🇳

# Amitasha meets minister

### Amitasha

#### Rahul Kapoor

Amitasha, Programme Coordinator

The students of Class X and XI of Amitasha Noida and Saket met minister for women and child development, Krishna Tirath on October 1 at Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi. Students gifted Krishna Tirath beautiful handmade greeting cards and paintings made by them. They also shared with her their experience of attending a film making workshop and thereafter making short films on social subjects like anti-ragging and empowerment of the girl child. The girls presented the minister a DVD of the short films made by them. The minister interacted with Amitasha students on sensitive issues concerning the fairer sex. It was a thought provoking interaction and motivated the students to



Amitasha girls with Krishna Tirath

become change agents in future. The minister also appreciated the talent of Amitasha students and lauded the initiative of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools to make a difference in the lives of the less privileged girl child. 🇮🇳

The short films 'Raahein', 'Pehla Kadam' & 'Sapno Ki Udaan' made by Amitasha girls can be watched on the following links:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=qK\\_HMM6GM8k](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qK_HMM6GM8k)  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=nDuno8JV5qw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nDuno8JV5qw)  
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# A talk on fluctuating world economy

### Amity Educational Resource Centre



From L to R: Jyoti Arora, Dr Julianna Gloecker-Fuchs & Mr Ingo Friedrich with students of AIS Noida

students of Amity International School, Noida & Amity University on fluctuating world economy. He covered diverse aspects like present worldwide interconnectedness, explosion of complexity, common interests and rules especially for the banking and financial sector, global identity and stability. He cited the example of European Union as a combination of regional, national and global interests and the need for keeping the institutions of state and religion separate for stability. He also spoke about various aspects of opening up the borders and its effect on trading industries. This was followed by an interactive question and answer session with the students on related issues. Mr Friedrich also visited Atulasha, Amity's wing for less privileged boys. The Global Times reporters interviewed the guests. A dance performance by the students of Amity University concluded the event on an exuberant and cultural note, enthralling one and all. 🇮🇳

Keeping in tune with the vision of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, of providing global exposure to students, Amity Educational Resource Centre (AERC) organised an in-

teractive session by Ingo Friedrich, former vice president of European parliament accompanied by Dr Julianna Gloecker-Fuchs of Max Mueller Bhawan on September 23, 2013 at Amity University, Noida. He addressed



The girls cricket team shines bright

# Fielding the girls

### AIS Gurgaon 46

For the first time, the girls' cricket team of AIS Gur 46 not only participated, but also won the U-19 District Girls Cricket Championship. Gauri, VI A, won the 'Woman of the match' in the championship. She then went on to participate in Haryana State U-19 Girls


Cricket Championship held at Panipat from August 26 to 29. On the basis of her performances in the matches, she was selected to participate in U-19 National Girls Cricket Championship to be held in Andhra Pradesh from October 10 to 15. She was the only girl participant from the district of Gurgaon to have participated in cricket nationals. 🇮🇳



# The new ‘IT’ boys

The girl of today is smart, intelligent, independent and carries her head on her shoulders. No wonder the Salmans and Shah Rukhs don’t fascinate her anymore. Her dream boy no longer needs to fulfill the six pack criterion. Instead, she looks for a brain full of gray matter and a heart of gold. **Ilina Luthra, AIS Gur 46, XI** brings you the top picks, who meet the new definition of ‘IT’ boys

Ratan Tata



**Meet the man** The Chairman of The Tata Group, until 2012, Ratan Tata, gave us Tata Tetley, Jaguar, Land Rover and the unforgettable Nano.

**Why we like him?** He's rich, he's single and he is super successful – Yes, he possesses every single ingredient that defines a successful man. From working in a floor shop, to building a new world of possibilities for all, he has come a long way. He is suave and every bit charming, even at his age. (\*Secret wish\* - can we get his younger version?) Tata gave the common man the biggest gift of all times, Tata Nano, a joy to all those who have been able to rise above the *khatara* scooter.

**USP** Man of ‘steel’

**Our match** For this corporate powerhouse, a perfect alliance would be Chanda Kocchar, MD, ICICI, an equally entrepreneurial match.

Raghuram Govinda Rajan



**Meet the man** With countless degrees and laurels to his credit, he is a sharp economist who has lately become the new RBI chief. His fame has been magnified, thanks to his good looks.

**Why we like him?** He is a rare combination of brawn with brains. While his brains restored our faith in the falling economy, his good looks has the likes of Shobha De drooling all over. And if you have heard him speak, you are sure to be even more awestruck. He looks like a man of promise and delivery too! Watch out for this one because rarely do we get a poster boy for banking!

**USP** Intelligence+Handsome = Awesome

**Our match** Sushmita Sen, being the quintessential beauty with brains, would be the perfect match for this genius poster boy! Besides, both work on their own terms.

Siddharth Shukla aka Shiv



**Meet the man** Shiv, the family-man from Balika Vadhu, is the new age metrosexual. A collector by profession, he performs his duty diligently.

**Why we like him?** A good looking, socially conscientious man who is willing to give back to the society...sounds like a dream? This man is a dream come true. Further on, he is totally accepting of his wife’s past. His broad minded stand on most issues (of course, pertaining to his wife) make him the subject of envy for every girl who’s dealt with fussy men. He supports his wife fully, both on the professional and personal front. Never mind the recent twist in the show, after all good men too have doubtful times.

**USP** Absolute marriage material!

**Our match** Sadly, for all the beautiful ladies out there, no one suits Shiv better than his Anandi.



Vikas Khanna

**Meet the man** Chef, restaurateur, humanitarian, author and filmmaker...Vikas Khanna is the talk of the town. Popularly known as New York’s hottest chef, he even had President Obama eating off his hands (literally).

**Why we like him?** He has some incredibly good looks to his credit and can make your heart go ‘dhak’ with that oh-so-charming smile. And what’s more is that despite being super-famous, he hasn't lost touch with his roots and continues to be the perfect *desi* boy! Watch him weeping with the kids and greeting the elderly on his show.

**USP** Looks good, cooks better

**Our match** Chavi Rajawat from Tupperware; she will give the *dabbas* and he will make the food and together they could possibly establish the best *dabba* service! 🇮🇳

# A hatke breakfast!

Looking forward to a sumptuous and delicious English breakfast on a Sunday morning? Fruit Forest in Gurgaon is the place to be

FOODreview

Gauri Arora, AIS Gur 46, XI D

What: Fruit Forest  
Where: Sector 29, Gurgaon  
Meal for two: Rs 650  
Rating: 3.5

Bored of having the regular *paranths* and cereal for breakfast? Fruit Forest, Sector 29, Gurgaon could be your saviour. Here’s a quick review.



SCORECARD	
Food.....	4/5
Service .....	2/5
Value for money .....	3/5
Ambience .....	3/5
Quantity .....	4/5

of the place. The service is very slow, and the wait only seems longer with the sumptuous menu they have on offer.


**The ambience:** Colours, colours and more colours make the interiors of this eating joint pretty impressive. But, don’t expect the lazy lounge chairs.

**The verdict:** If you are looking for a *hatke* menu, then this one is a must visit. All in all, it is a good place to hang out with friends and family. 🇮🇳

ferent kinds of fruits the place has to offer. And mind you these are not the regular apples and oranges. The place offers you exotic fruits like passion fruit, dragon fruit et al. The fruit *faluda* and panini are a must try. However, you can easily miss the mango cheesecake.

**The service:** Now this is the downside

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Suhani Sharma, AIS Vasundhara 6, II B, holds a copy of The Global Times in front of the Opera House, Sydney, Australia. The Opera House is a multi-venue performing arts centre in Australia and is among the busiest performing arts centres in the world.

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