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The World
Aashna Agarwal, XI, AIS Gur-43

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1. Batman
2. Superman
3. Spiderman

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Method	Percentage
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Download free	56%
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Fictional Superheroes
Thumbs up or a big no~no?

From Batman to Ra.One, our superheroes have always impacted our lives. Good or bad - You decide!

Tanvi Sethi, AIS Gur 46, X

When we were kids, we all have, maybe just once, dressed up as our favourite superhero – be it Superwoman, Superman, Spiderman or our very own Krrish. Oh! And we have our *desi* Ra.One coming up too. We all have grown up watching their movies, wearing them on our T-shirts, speaking to their replicas, and reading about them in comic strips.

While we reel in the awe of these new age fictional superheroes, we somewhere forget to revel in the charm of our real life heroes. The idols the youth admire have undergone an adverse transformation. From the moralistic role models like Bapu, Chacha Nehru, to the new-age fictional characters like Batman or Spiderman, we have come a long way. How does this new change impact the personalities of children and young adults? Does this fictional hero worship make them better performers in life? Or, is it playing havoc with their lives?

Ratul Roshan from AIS Gur-46, opines, “We can’t be superheroes ourselves, but every person desires to achieve perfection. We somewhere do want to fulfil our responsibility towards the society by doing good for the less privileged. Our superheroes show us the way to become almost-perfect. Now, we can’t make our cars fly, but we feel elated when our superhero saves the world from flying missiles and terrorists.” Point taken! Panya Baldia, a

student of AIS MV, couldn’t agree less. “I think everybody needs something bigger than their own selves to hang on to. It gives them the inspiration to do something worthwhile in life,” she says. In a nutshell, superheroes tell us the do’s and don’ts of real life – ie, what we should become. So far, so good.

But, there are some who beg to differ. Manvika Gupta, a student of Montfort Secondary School, contradicts the oh-so-cool status of superheroes, “Being too obsessed with the fictional world could undermine our own individuality. Plus, it isn’t an easy job explaining little kids that jumping off terraces is make-believe and their ‘superheroes’ don’t exist! So many young girls suffer from severe medical ailments because they starve themselves to get a figure like Barbie doll.”

Many reports and studies too don’t seem to be much in favour of these superheroes. Several researches suggest an increase in the number of child deaths due to the superhero fad. There have been many incidents of kids trying to fly in the sky without wings by jumping off terraces.

Heroes have been there since times immemorial – so has their impact. But, what we need to realise is that the heroes of today are tech savvy stuntmen and not ordinary human beings with superhuman strength.

Shikha Vij, Counsellor, AIS Saket shows the middle path, “Everything has both rights and wrongs and so do the superheroes. Kids need to learn to examine and only pick the best. Besides, sensitization is very important. Parents constantly need to tell the kids that they can’t jump off a cliff along with monitoring what the child is watching.”

So, go ahead and pick your favourite superhero, but steer clear of blind imitation.

Words of wisdom: Sunil Shastri

Like Father, like Son

Shefali Verma
AIS Gur 46, IX B

Lal Bahadur Shastri, India's second Prime Minister, conferred with the ‘Bharat Ratna’ was a man who practiced simple living and high thinking. His famous slogan 'Jai Jawan Jai Kisan' still echoes in the heart of the nation. On his birth anniversary (2nd October), his son Sunil Shastri, former Cabinet Minister in UP government, Chairman Jai Jawan Jai Kissan Forum opens up about his bond with his father, role of youth in building the future of the country and more:

My father - An inspiration

My father has been my greatest inspiration. Apart from my father’s ideology of Jai Jawan Jai Kisan, I believe I have inherited a lot from him. The biggest

strength I draw from him is honesty and dedication to my work. When you’re doing your service with dedication, sincerity creeps in on its own. My book "Lal Bahadur Shastri: Past Forward" is a tribute to him. Replete with glimpses from his life beginning as a freedom fighter till his later years as Prime Minister, each moment is an inspiration of a unique kind. I hope I can take his legacy forward, carrying the torch of his ideals successfully in times to come.

Nostalgic moments

Oh! There are so many, close to my heart. My father was a very simple, honest and straight forward person. One day, he asked me to clean his almirah and arrange his clothes accordingly. The small almirah had seven khadi kurtas, dhotis with few Gandhi caps and Jawahar jackets. Three of his kurtas were torn, so I gave it to Ammaji (mother) to make handkerchiefs out of them, knowing that he would never discard his khadi as he was a true *Swadeshi* at heart. When Babuji came to know of it, he called me and said, “In winters, I will wear them under my coat and nobody will know that I am wearing a torn *kurta*.” He lived in the simple philosophy of ‘waste not, want not’. This small incident touched my heart and is the most memorable mo-

ment in my life.

Youth-the torchbearers

The young generation of today has a huge role to play in building the nation’s future. The generations prior to us were involved in the freedom struggle and they gave us our independence. Our generation was involved in laying the foundation of democracy and building it further in the country. India still has a long way to go before becoming a successful nation and the onus lies with the youth of today. The youth

has the potential and ought to have dedication towards society’s progress. The increasing caste discrimination, inequality between rich and poor and regionism has to be curbed down at all costs. It is imperative to nurture Indianism (*Bharatiyata*) in every young person as only then we can think of building a united country for us and the future generations.

Message for youth

Today’s youth should take inspiration from great and iconic leaders of yester-years. They must also implement high standards of honesty, integrity, hard-work and transparency in their everyday life be it on a personal or professional front. Most importantly, the youth should follow NO ONE, but learn from EVERYONE.

My superhero is God because He helps me in everything. I love Him. God is everywhere and He can do anything.

Parneeka Karnani, AIS Saket, I A

LED to lead wireless communications?



Ankit Gupta, II year,
Amity School of Engineering
and Technology

Can you imagine turning on the wireless internet connection at your home, simply by switching on the light bulb? If not, take a look. This imagination turns into reality courtesy a British physicist at the School of Engineering in Edinburgh University, Professor Herald Hass. He has discovered a



unique methodology, revealing that LED (Light Emitting Diode) bulbs could be used to transmit wireless data, indicating that

we could tune in to the internet, just by turning on a light switch.

Principle involved

According to Prof. Hass, since light is part of the electromagnetic spectrum, it's a great idea to use the same for wireless communications. Currently radio waves are being used as the means to transmit wireless data, but they prove to be ineffective in carrying out proper data transmission. In comparison, light spectrum can handle the electromagnetic transmission more effectively as it is said to have 10,000 times more space than the radio waves.

By fitting a regular LED bulb with a microchip, Hass was able to transmit wireless data with an LED light bulb and a sensor. By turning lights on and off at very high speeds, the LED bulb can send out

high bandwidth wireless data. This data is then converted into pulses of light which is directed at a light sensor that picks up minute changes in light intensity and duration. This light signal is then converted back into data formats for output from a computer. This methodology has applicability in various spheres like hospitals, airplanes, military and even underwater. Airplane passengers, for instance, could access the internet with the signals beaming out of the light bulbs on the board.

Benefits

The invention, dubbed as D-Light is capable of sending wireless data faster than 10 megabits per second, which is the usual speed of a typical broadband connection. All you need to do is to alter the frequency of the ambient light in the room and voila, you are all set to log on the internet. So, how about replacing old fashioned incandescent bulb models with LED bulbs and turning them into Internet transmitters? **GT**

GT Intern

Newsreels

Akash Chaudhary

Amity Institute of English Studies & Research

Tiger Pataudi no more

Mansur Ali Khan 'Tiger' Pataudi breathed his last on September 22. He is survived by wife Sharmila Tagore, son Saif Ali Khan and daughters Saba and Soha. The nation will miss the great cricketer who brought style and aggression to Indian cricket with his bold captaincy and fearless attitude.

Miss Angola crowned Miss Universe

Miss Angola, Leila Lopes became the first African to win the Miss Universe pageant. She said about racism, "Any racist needs to seek help. It's not normal to think in that way."

Facebook launches music sharing

Facebook, recently, unveiled a new music sharing service, which will offer new ways to users to listen to songs and watch TV. Users will even be able to notify their friends which songs they are listening through the day.

Rushdie Vs Taslima

Authors Salman Rushdie and Taslima Nasreen have locked horns with each other on Twitter. The spat began with Nasreen accusing Rushdie of "begging" for followers to which Rushdie tweeted back comparing her to an "envious" cat.

Elmer hits out at Indian Govt

Swiss banker Rudolf Elmer has accused Indian Government of not doing enough on the black money front. He said cricketers and filmstars own secret accounts, but refused to disclose names. **GT**

Pic: Aayushi Ranglani, Amity Institute of Psychology and Applied Sciences

Tremor Terror



As the death toll in the 6.8 magnitude earthquake that convulsed Sikkim on September 18, crossed 57, rescue teams are battling heavy rain and landslides to make their way to ground zero. As many as 105 Army columns, with an estimated 6,000 personnel, have moved into the affected areas and are trying hard to restore road, telecom and power links. However, gloom and panic continue to envelop the residents as aftershocks continue to jolt the state. With rumour of another tremor shaking the hill state rife people are huddled out in the open.

Make your emergency kit

Kids' knapsack can have:

- Old pair of tennis shoes and socks
- 2-3 sets of clothes
- Glow sticks/candles & matchbox
- Whistle & flashlight
- Protein or other nutritional bars
- Water boxes and dusk mask

The family kit can contain:

- Water & packed food to last at least 3 days
- Water purification tablets
- Heavy-duty gloves & a first-aid kit
- Family photos and details of family members
- Portable radio & extra batteries. **GT**

Examination Blues!

It is not just you who is down with the exam fever, FB reels from the fever too

Vathul BS, XI, AIS Gur 46

Want September to end- FAST.

Vivasvaan, XI, AIS Saket

Chemistry preparations going smooth. Hope I can nail down a decent score in this one!!

Eklavya Malvai, XII, AIS Noida

A Lonely September.

Akshara Bhattacharya, AIS Gur 46

Hindi, yay! Now, we can bang our heads on the wall and still not get anything right.

Deepesh Wadhwa, XI, AIS Gur 46

Physics puts my brains into circular motion.

Rashi Khindri, XII, AIS Saket

Business Studies = Shortcut to Hell!

Shivangi Mittal, XI, AIS Gur 43

"And who art thou?" I asked. "The most difficult English book on the planet," said the book.

Simran Sachdeva, X, AIS PV

Wake me up when September ends. *Yawn*

Amlaan Kumar, VIII, AIS Noida

A universal truth we learnt- "Sun rises

in the east."

Fact: "Sun neither rises nor sets, only the earth rotates."

Moral: "Education spoils our common sense."

Yashasvini Mathur, AIS Gur 46

The next person who tells me, "10th hai, padh lo" is going to have it from me now. FOR SURE.

Rashika Sood, XI, AIS MV

Who else is enjoying their Monday? (On Facebook, rather than studying)

...And the worst struck was

Eepsita Mishra, XII, AIS Saket

Status 1: You know you are losing your mind when you try to observe reflection, refraction and dispersion in your glass of Roohafza.

Status 2: New Vodafone AD: Zoozoo 1 enters a room, laughs out loud and runs.

Zoozoo 2 & Zoozoo 3 enter the room. Again these 2 laugh and run out. The whole Zoozoo family goes into the room; all laugh, some lie on the floor laughing.

The camera moves slowly inside the room and what do you see- Commerce students are studying!

Status 3: If I wrote the physics textbook, I would call chapter 3 "Haaye, current maarti hai." **GT**

FB FACT: 429,082 people like "I Hate the Kid Who Reminds the Teacher About Tests and Homework."



Music Maestro enthralls all

Taqdees Fatima &

Aman Singh Jaswal

Amity Institute of English Studies and Research

A classical music concert was organized by the Sangeet Pratibha Vikas Parishad on September 10, at Triveni Auditorium, New Delhi. The musical event was organised by the students of *Pt Chotey Lal ji*, a leading music composer, singer, instrumentalist, dance choreographer and poet, as a tribute to their guru on his birthday.

The event witnessed the presence of honourable chief guest Mahendra Sareen, Music Director, All India Radio.

Besides, leading classical instrumentalists were also a part of the concert. The musical event began with a *Ganesh Vandana*, followed by an introduction of the musical instrumentalists who were present at the affair. The audience, however, could not contain their excitement when *Pt Chotey Lal ji* himself began to sing a collection of classical songs on the stage. While the music maestro enchanted the audience with his serene voice, the instrumentalists played a tranquil harmony of music on their musical instruments.

The event was extremely stimulating and concluded with the audience singing praises of *Pt Chotey Lal ji*. **GT**

About Sangeet Pratibha Vikas Parishad

Sangeet Pratibha Vikas Parishad (SPVP) is a musical society or tradition that *Pt Chotey Lal ji* is following by teaching music to students at his residence, free of cost. He sums up the ambition and the vision of SPVP, "The main goal of the organisation is to provide music training to the maximum talented, upcoming artists irrespective of caste, creed or colour."

My superhero is Spiderman because he can climb walls and helps people in danger. He can spin a web, too.
Soham Haldar, I A, AIS Saket

Nurturing Global Leaders

The 7th Global Leadership Summit organized by Amity Business School was all about bridging academia and industry divide and transforming students into global leaders

Amity Business School

What: 7th Global Leadership Summit

When: September 17, 2011

Where: Amity University, Uttar Pradesh

Highlights: Interaction between industry expert and management students to prepare them for corporate world.

Galaxy of Stars: Some of the well known names from the industry included; Mr R S Dahiya, MD, Delhi State Cooperative Bank; Mr Anil Sunkara, VP, Sales and Marketing, Woodland; Mr Ashish Srivastava, Director-HR, HSBC; Mr Raghav Bhattacharya, VP, Citibank; Mr Mahesh Kukreja, GM- F&A, Jaypee Associates and Mr Deeraj Bhargava, GM Strategic Account Executive, IBM




Dr. Ashok K Chauhan, Founder President, flanked by Dr. Sanjeev Bansal, director MBA and Doctoral programme(L) and Dr. Sanjay Srivastava, ADG and Head of Amity Business School (R) releasing the e-sovenir

the summit unique was corporates visiting every classroom of the business school to share their views and invite opinions on issues like - qualities mandatory in a leader, importance of strategies in professional and personal life and using persuasion as a tool to achieve success.

Addressing the distinguished gathering Dr. Ashok K Chauhan, Founder Presi-

dent, Amity Universe expressed his gratitude to the corporates for providing vital industry training to Amity students and preparing them for corporate life ahead. "The credit for Amity students rising to great heights in a short span goes to the training imparted by the industry leaders during internship program," emphasized Dr. Chauhan. He also shared his success mantra with the gathering saying that

India has tremendous potential, power and wisdom, but all we need is to master 'BHAAG' to achieve success in life. Decoding the word, he said B stands for Behaviour, H - Hard work, A -Ambition, A-Attitude and G for God.

Meanwhile, Dr. Sanjay Srivastava, ADG and ABS head, quoting the recent Gallup Poll said, "In a workplace, when the organization's leadership fails to focus on individual strengths, the odds of an employee being engaged are a dismal 9%. But when the organization's leadership focuses on strength of its employees, the odds soar up to almost 73%. Research says the strength of a top performing team lies in executing, influencing, relationship building and strategic thinking." The participating corporate leaders shared with the students their first hand experiences and insight on various issues pertaining to the business industry. They talked about qualifications and traits necessary to achieve success. They also praised the students for being focused and well versed with traditional values and business acumen. 

Amity Institute of Competitive Examination

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Brainleaks-20

FOR CLASS XI-XII

1. The total no. of function 'f' from the set {1, 2, 3, ..., n} such that $f(i) \geq f(j) \forall i < j$, is equal to

(a) nC_m

(b) nC_n

(c) ${}^{m+n-1}C_{n-1}$

(d) ${}^{m-1}C_{n-1}$

Last Date:
Oct 6, 2011

3 correct entries win attractive prizes

Name:

Class:

School:

Correct Answer for Brainleaks 18

(b) $14\sqrt{2}$ m/s

Winner: Shubham Malik, XI C AIS Vas-6
Sakshi Jindal, XI-C AIS-46

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I am a science student and want to be a Software Engineer. I would like you to suggest a suitable institution where I can pursue this course. Will appearing for AIEEE help me in achieving my goal?

Aashima Saxena, XI, AIS Gur- 46



Taruna Barthwal
ACCGC
Career Counselling
Coordinator

Dear Aashima,
A Software engineer must possess strong programming skills. His work entails developing algorithms, analyzing and solving programming problems. The

basic eligibility criteria to seek admission into BE/B.Tech in Computer Science Engineering is 10+2 or equivalent examination with PCM. The selection into this four year program is made on the basis of marks secured in 10+2 exam and Joint Entrance Exam (JEE) conducted by IITs or All India Engineering Entrance Exam (AIEEE) or other state and national level exams. Besides BE / B.Tech, one can also pursue BCA to make a career in software programming. Most of the universities and some engineering colleges also offer BCA courses. Admission to BCA and MCA course too is based on the performance in written test. 

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STOKING AMBITIONS WITH EDUCATION

Purusharth Mohan, a fourth year student of Amity Institute of Biotechnology, AUUP, bagged the Outstanding Leadership award for spearheading the campaign 'My School, My Voice' initiated by the NGO Childreach International, that works across the globe for empowerment of children through education. The conclave, an initiative of Childreach International, an NGO, was aimed at bringing together children from all spectrum of the society under "My School, My Voice" campaign and train them under the guidance of eminent academician and policy makers.


Adept with the Amity's philosophy of participating in nation building, a team of ten students drawn from Amity University, Uttar Pradesh worked as volunteers at "Education for All" conclave held in the Capital recently. The volunteers firmly bound with the firm belief that children are like blank journals and education can make a huge difference in their lives, worked with dedication.

The students not only helped organizers hold interactive sessions, discussions on the education system prevalent in the country but, they also got an opportu-



Amity volunteers at 'Education for All' conclave

nity to rub shoulders and interact with eminent officials from Ministry of Education and Principals of various schools spread over Delhi.

The volunteers felt proud working for such a noble cause and were appreciated for their dedication by the organizers. 

Get set for fast track

With Formula-1 India Grand Prix a month away, the motors sport enthusiasts in Amity are already feeling the adrenaline rush with RB7 racing car on display in the campus




RB7 racing car on display in Amity University Campus

Harini Subbaraman
Amity Institute of Biotechnology

F1 racing is back with a bang at Amity University! Amity's very own F1 racing club, in collaboration with world-famous Formula One team Red Bull Racing showcased the RB7, a racing car specially designed by the energy drink brand in the sprawling Amity University campus. This initiative was aimed at increasing awareness about the popular motor sport among the youth, not to mention gather more fans for the Grand Prix scheduled in October 2011. Needless to say, the F1 car has created a buzz amongst students of Amity Uni-

versity, who have the credit of designing some brilliant cars like India's first tri-fuel hybrid concept car and suitcase car. "The students also have had the privilege of presenting the design of FI racing car to David Marshall Coulthard, former British F1 racing driver from Scotland", Ms Savita Mehta, Vice President Communications, Amity University said.

The students could be seen making a beeline to get their photographs clicked with this engineering marvel. The Amity F1 Club also held a contest in which two lucky winners received the golden opportunity to visit the Red Bull Racing factory in Milton Keynes, England. Now all that remains to be done is to rev up your engines in and Get Set Go! 

Embryonic Stem Cell Debate

Want a cure for degenerative diseases? Embryonic Stem Cells might be your answer. Join in, as the debate on whether it’s science’s first step to a disease-free future or humanity’s last breath, snowballs

Parul Jauhari
Amity Institute of Biotechnology

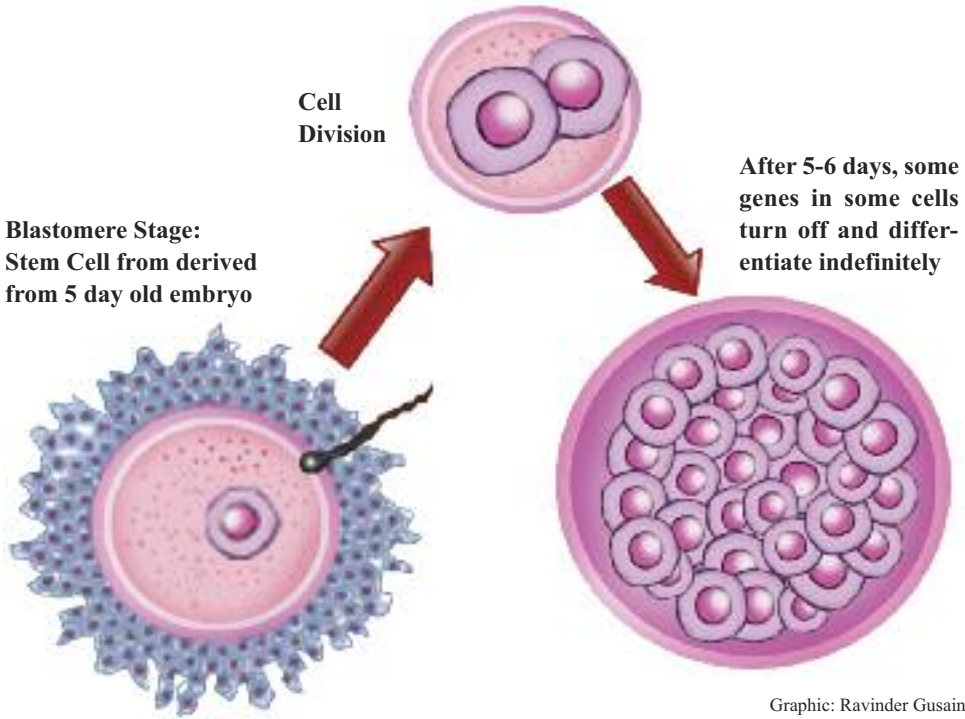
What is common between the 40th President of USA, the man who played Superman and one of the most famous singers of India? They all suffered from degenerative disorders. Ronald Reagan suffered for 10 years before finally succumbing to Alzheimer’s. Christopher Reeve had a spinal cord injury which led indirectly to his death. And Kishore Kumar died of a heart disorder. Every year, millions of people around the globe suffer from what are called degenerative disorders, caused by a loss or damage of specific cells of the body. And the only ray of light so far in treating these disorders has been shown by stem cells.

What is it?

Stem cells are special cells which can divide indefinitely giving rise to any of the 260 types of cells found in the human body. They have the ability to make specialized cells for various tissues in the body (such as heart muscle, brain tissue and liver tissue). Named as per their source of origin, stem cells are of various types, the most well-studied being embryonic stem cells (derived from the embryo) and adult stem cells (derived from different parts of the adult body).

Long standing debate

Embryonic Stem Cells are derived from the human embryo, at the blastomere stage, that is, when it is 5-6 days old. At this time, the embryo is practically a mass of cells, held to-



Graphic: Ravinder Gusain

gether by a sac. Being derived from embryos, ESCs have also given rise to one of the biggest scientific debates of modern times- the embryonic stem cell controversy. This is the ethical

debate on the creation, usage and destruction of human embryos for the purpose of ESC research, giving rise to two lines of thought, as alongside: 🇮🇳

As a scientist, I feel that provided there is strict regulatory control, if any such research can be used for the treatment of a human being, it is perfectly legitimate.

Dr K R Unnikumar, Lecturer, Amity Institute of Biotechnology

If I were in the mother’s place, I would probably not want to donate what could be my child, for research.

Smriti George, 2nd year, BA Psychology, Jamia Milia University

PRO-LIFERS	PRO-CHOICERS
Embryos, at any stage, have life. So, their extraction for research purposes and even for saving others' lives is unethical.	Embryos have the potential for life. They don't have life itself. In fact, at this stage, only 1/3rd of embryos actually survive even in natural conditions.
All these cells have DNA, which means they have life. So using them for research is akin to murder.	All cells have DNA. So do we murder someone when we bite our tongue?
An embryo (or, in later stages of development, a fetus) is a human being, entitled to protection from the moment of either conception or implantation and therefore, has a right to life that must be respected.	You cannot take away the right of a female to give or not give birth to a child. Then, when done with legal consent, how can donating unwanted embryos for research be unethical and illegal?
Embryonic stem cells have given very few successful results in humans till now. After transplantation, if they are not completely differentiated, they have a tendency to migrate throughout the body to produce tumours. Tissue incompatibility is another big problem these cells are known to create. So, using them for research is not a good idea.	In IVF clinics, a couple ideally has 5-7 embryos generated, out of which, only 1 is implanted into the female for conception. The other 6 are either donated, frozen for further usage (which usually are rendered useless in some time), but mostly discarded. Usage of such embryos for saving a life, or research, seems to be a much more dignified and sensible choice.

Watch out for page 4 in the next edition to know what makes ESCs a better option than adult cells.

Sports

Howzatt!?!

The Duping Cycle of Doping

Sportsmen, always on the lookout for competitive advantage, have accepted Performance Enhancing Drugs (PEDs) as the quickest route to success. They are ready to risk it all, just for a win

Namrata Gulati, GT Network

Doping in sports is not a new phenomenon; athletes have taken performance enhancing agents since the beginning of time to increase their efficacy while playing. Though first considered to be no more than a cheating problem, the doping issue has reached proportions now that it concerns society as a whole. Dynamic media, introduction of multiple sports agencies & bodies, advancement of drug-testing facilities, increasing popularity and globalization of sports, including hero worshipping of sportspersons are among the primary reasons that have brought doping under public scrutiny.

The Doping Trend

Doping has become a celebrated practice among sportsmen. But what prompts an athlete to resort to something so extreme? Among the foremost reasons is the mounting pressure upon the sportspersons to bring home a trophy. The promise of fame, wealth and endorsements that a career in sports yields, comes a close second. While a sportsperson may opt for PEDs by his independent choice, clean athletes might feel compelled to take drugs, knowing that the opponents have an ‘unfair advantage’ over them. Often, the compelling factor is peer pressure. Black marketing of PEDs which has made these drugs

easily accessible to sportspersons, is another contributory factor.

Coping with Doping

The onus of the prevalent practice of doping is mostly on athletes themselves. But uprooting this malpractice once and for all, calls for collective responsibility. ● An athlete, being a role model and representative of the country, must resist any unethical practice, which shames the sport itself. A sportsperson, who knows how to say ‘no’ to unfair means, will

never fail to win hearts.

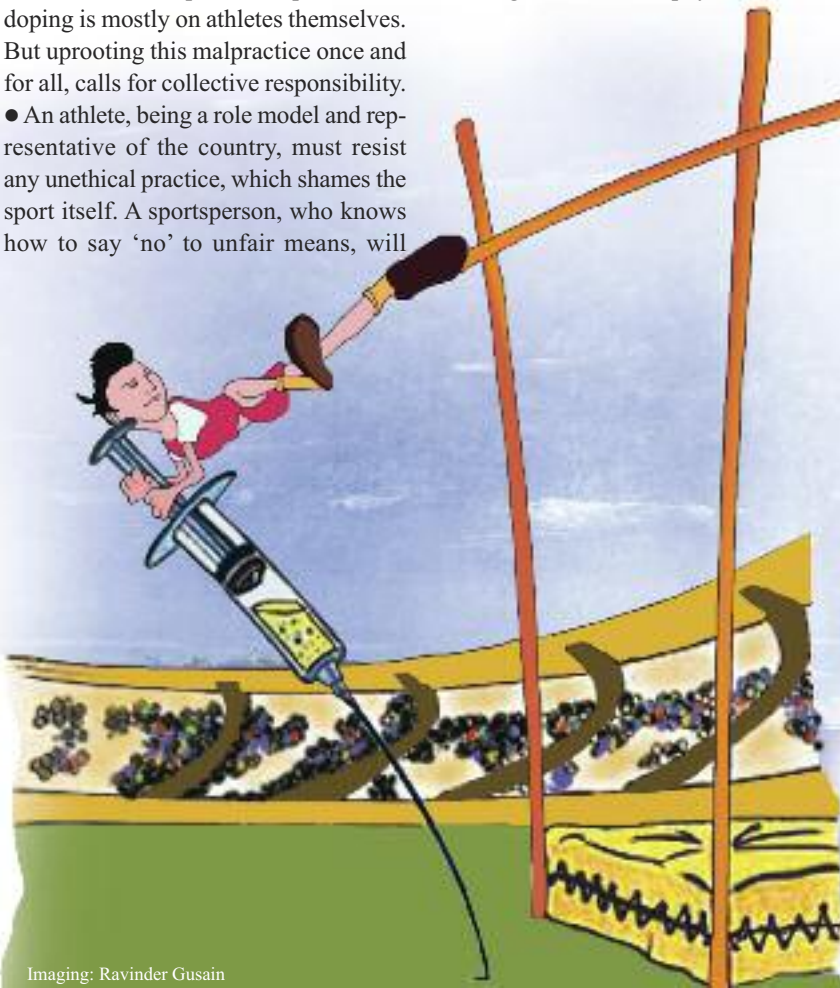
● Sports bodies and organizations should compulsorily educate the sportspersons about the legal and moral implications of using PEDs and the physical & men-

tal degeneration that they may lead to.

- Doctors and coaches must be made aware of the guidelines pertaining to prescription of drugs to their mentees. The mentors should be acquainted with the punitive action that defiance of such guidelines will invite.
- Coaches or doctors guilty of turning a blind eye towards any violation of laws by the sportspersons or prescribing drugs with forbidden substances should be banned from the trade.
- There could be educative sessions for the pharmacists on banned substances, particularly, OTC drugs.
- Random one-off raids on pharmacies could curb the flourishing black market of sports drugs, provided anti-doping laws are rigorously implemented.
- A sportsperson is as much a victim as he is culpable, and thus a one-off violation may be considered. But habitual offenders should be banned from competition.
- Researchers must explore natural alternatives to steroids.

Bottomline

Spectators and opinion makers have a responsibility towards sanitization of sports. Also, the government should provide adequate facilities to sportspersons in order to enhance their performance as well as, confidence. Sportspersons are not super Gods and pinning jingoistic expectations upon them is unfair. 🇮🇳



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SPORTS Quiz

Aryaman Kashyap
AIS Saket, V B

1. How many Cricket World Cups have been played so far?
2. What was the name of the official mascot of 2011 Cricket World Cup?
3. Which nation does World Cup umpire Billy Doctrove, belong to?
4. Which country won the Cricket World Cup in 2007?
5. Rafael Nadal won his seventh Monte Carlo Masters & his 44th career title by defeating which tennis player 6-4, 7-5 on April 17, 2011?
6. Who was the first Indian to reach the semi-finals in Wimbledon Tennis Championship?
7. What is the length of a cricket pitch?

Answers

1. 10
2. Stumpy
3. West Indies
4. Australia
5. David Ferrer
6. Ramesh Krishnan
7. 22 yards

My super hero is Parimarjan Negi because he is an excellent chess player. He plays it very well. He is a Grandmaster. I want to become like him.
Hridhik Bhai, AIS Saket, II B

Zazen: A paradise for foodies

If you want to tickle your palate with mouth watering, lip smacking ambrosiac dishes then Zazen is a must visit

J.Vignesh

Amity School of Communication

*"We may live without poetry,
music and art;
We may live without conscience;
we may live without heart;
We may live without friends;
we may live without books;
But a civilised man cannot
live without cooks" - Owen Meredith*

If you believe that the above quote is true, then your next destination ought to be Zazen. The eatery, in a very short span of time has become the toast of the town and is making news because of its excellent food and free 'gyaan' on food service. Located amidst the bustling Sector 18, Noida market, Zazen with its beautiful yet simple decor and warm hospitality bewitches you with its tangling tastes and comfortable interiors.

Hot Bytes

"The ambience here is simply out of the world and allows you to enjoy a culinary journey beginning from tongue tantalizing starters to awe inspiring desserts."

Mr Nanda (General Manager)

For your palate only

Zazen's specialties are standing fish (this is no levitation trick), dim sums, chop-sueys, fried ice creams to name a few. But, the best part is the complimentary

Dimsums



Have you ever felt food melt in your mouth? If your answer is negative, then it is high time that you have dimsums. For those who love their chicken and want to have it too, then do try chicken dimsums.

Rating

9.5

Veg. Fried Rice




Fresh vegetables stir fried with boiled rice ...sounds melancholic right? Wait till you change your words once you taste the fried rice. It is really lip smacking and tasty. The seasonings used are different.

Rating

8.5

Veg. Sambal



Low on calories, high on nutrition this is crunchy, crispy, yet soft and delicate delicacy. The dish is made in a chilli based sauce, and will leave you wanting for more. So, try it only if your taste buds love the heat.

Rating

9.5

Fried Ice-cream



Words fail to describe the ecstasy our palates experienced when we got to taste a piece of ambrosia right out of the kitchens of paradise. Warm outside, cold inside, it is perfect dessert to round up your meal.

Rating

9.5

food 'Amuse'. It changes everyday and sets the stage for the other delicacies to follow. We had fried wanton.

If you thought that food is the only reason to visit Zazen, then here's one more reason to visit it: Kink-The fun pub, which is in the same building as the restaurant. The ambience here is mind-blowing. It also has a terrace lounge that lets you feel free and escape the rush of one's daily life. So what are you waiting for? Join the gig in Kink and let your taste buds amok in Zazen.

With inputs from

Parul Ritvik Sood & Lakshika Verma

Food Review





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Kashmir, on the way

Often the beauty of the journey, makes you forget about the destination itself. Come experience it for yourself on a road trip to Leh, and encounter majestic Kashmir enroute

Kreetik Thakur, AIS Noida, III A

Travel Desk

What can I say about the "Heaven on Earth" that has not been said already. This year, my parents and I decided to go to Leh by road. We started from Delhi on a Friday evening and reached Srinagar next day afternoon. We had planned to stay there for one day, but had no idea of what we were going to do there. By sheer luck, we found a Shikara owner, Qadir uncle. He was very helpful, as he arranged for us to stay in a houseboat on the Dal Lake. I know we have been studying about them since nursery, but nothing compares with the thrill of staying in one of them. They are like floating hotels made of walnut woods with every facility we could think of. The food provided can be of your choice, but their specialty is Kashmiri food, especially the kahwa. It's salted tea with spices like cardamom and saffron in it. My dad is a big fan of Kahwa now. Nothing I have ever seen can be compared with the sight of Dal Lake. Hundreds of beautiful houseboats floating on the lake and numerous people standing near the shore. This lake has a market, a colony of houses and Lakkad Bazaar, which sells from serving spoons to furniture and has factories, where houseboats and shikaras are manufactured. My parents shopped to their hearts content. Though, I was fascinated by many things, I wanted to buy a toy shikara of my own. I was simply in love with shikaras. My mom as usual could see that and requested Qadir uncle to let me



Revelling in nature
Kreetik enjoys a ride on Shikara

Pic: Kreetik Thakur, AISN

Imaging: Pankaj Mallik

row the shikara next day from our house boat to the shore. I was thrilled. In the beginning I could see he was keeping an eye on me but soon he left me to my rowing and started to entertain my parents with his stories.

In the evening, when we came back from Yousmarg, the mood on the lake was lazy, relaxing and pensive. People

were just floating on their shikaras reeling in the beauty of the fading lights, sinking sun and the musical rhythm of chappus rowing their shikaras.

My parents are big fans of nature, often we travel to places by road as they say, "We don't want to miss the gradual changes in the terrain when we reach the destination." Don William Jr. once said,

"The road of life twists and turns and no two directions are ever the same. Yet our lessons come from the journey, not the destination." However, I am yet to meet people who believe in it more than my parents do. Maybe someday I will write about my destination-Leh of this journey, but who cares for it if the journey was so memorable.

URBAN
DICTIONARY

Amitesh Singh
AIS Noida, X D

Mondaze: The hazy or dazed feeling you get on a Monday, usually after a fun or crazy weekend.
Sentence: I locked my keys in my car because I was in a total Mondaze.

Examxiety: Exam anxiety
Sentence: John was unable to concentrate on his studies due to increased examxiety.

Exambrushed: While writing the exam, you discover that the test paper does not include a single question that you had revised
Sentence: I felt totally exambrushed on the day of my Mathematics exam.

Friennoyance: Someone who you are semi-friends with/used to be friends with, but is now annoying.
Sentence: I thought you were friends with Samatha, but now I see that your relationship with her is more of friennoyance.

Mending the Faultline



Dr Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

The high intensity quake that struck Sikkim on September 18, leaving hundreds dead, has turned the once beautiful hill state into a grim picture of devastation.

With the rescue team still grappling with nature's fury, the toll is bound to mount.

The rescue team has a Herculean task before itself, with road, telecom and power links totally snapped. My heart goes out to those who lost their loved ones and are now huddled outside, under the open sky fearing for their lives. However, the sad truth is that it's only when nature starts playing havoc with humans, that we realize its strength and importance in our lives. Humans have been playing truant with nature, disturbing its fragile ecological balance to fulfill their greed. It's important to realize the damage the humans are causing to the nature; before they become the victims of nature's fury. Although, research is underway across the globe to design an advanced warning system to predict earthquakes, there is an urgent need to develop community based disaster management programs. The govt. has awakened to this fact and developed some programs. What is needed, is to expand these programs and bring under their ambit, people living in far flung villages. We, at Amity, make a conscious effort to keep students abreast about disaster management by making it an integral part of the course and organising a series of workshops. We need to strengthen our disaster management program by involving members of the society before another disaster strikes. [G T](#)

Real Life Heroes



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

For my little four year nephew Aarna, Bhim is her superhero.

The best way to engage her is to play the Bhim CD and she can watch it again and again, without a blink. Bhim eats *ladooos* and so *ladooos* become her favourite. She loves to dress as a boy, simply because

Bhim is a boy. She is fearless, as she is convinced that Bhim can fight all evil forces, so you cannot scare her with ghost tales anymore. This Superhero is her ultimate benefactor. The make-believe world of the superhero that ends with the victory of good over the bad, sensitizes the child to differentiate between good and bad. Even an adult, fully aware that this is just a fictional character, cannot hide his/her emotions when the hero prevails victorious over the evil, because somewhere, in each of us there is a desire to kill the demon in the society. The image of a superhero has caught on the imagination of both the young and old, so much so, that it has given rise to Real Life Superheroes (RLSH), a phenomenon, where real people disguise themselves as super heroes to cleanse the system. They fight against the malpractices of the system and help the needy. Sometimes, they are small groups that act as neighborhood watches, patrolling the vicinity or providing for their needs. Their role is termed differently, from creative activism to unconventional philanthropy. Whatever it be, as long as they benefit the society and do not interfere with the law and order, RLSH continue to be an extended imagination of our fictional hero.

As of yet, Anna is our current hero because he is fighting a battle against an evil that has plagued the whole society. But does he qualify to be a superhero? I guess not, unless, a comic giant plans to immortalize him. [G T](#)

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My superhero is Doremon. He has a lot of gadgets and shares them with his friend Nobita. I wish I had a friend like Doremon so that he could do my homework & studies and I was free to play!

Srishti Mangla, AIS Saket, I A

GT IMPACT

Anna in all of us

Charvi Sinha, AIS Noida, VIII C

The story "Hazon Question Aise" in the GT issue dated August 29 was thought provoking. It made one ponder over the numerous questions that a common man can bring to the fore. Anna Hazare, a social activist from Ralegaon, Maharashtra is a common man, who wants his country, India, to be corruption free. This common man has stirred the soul of the entire nation.

Hazare's campaign against corruption became a nationwide movement. He garnered the support of the *Aam Janta*, with people from all spheres, taking part in the protest. Unabashed by his arrest and false charges of corruption, he did not give in.

Anna's dedication has made the common people stand up and fight against the demon of corruption. His movement has aroused a feeling of 'We can make a difference' within the hearts of the people. People from all spheres of life took part in what was being touted as the 'second war of independence'. Also, he has awakened the youth about their fundamental rights and has made them see the difference between right and wrong. His campaigns have shown that even a man of his age can do anything for his country, if he has the will power. It is high time that we take charge of the nation that we call 'ours'. There is an 'Anna' in all of us, and it is about time that we awaken him for the benefit of the nation. [G T](#)



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1 Akshita Sharma, II C, AIS Pushp Vihar, participates in the Anna Hazare campaign.

2 Sanskriti Sidana, XII, AIS Saket, demonstrates her support for the cause.

3 Kushagra Srivastva, VII E, AIS Noida, joins the supporters at the Anna rally.

Hope and faith

Dakshata Sahni, AIS Noida, X K

"The road that is built in hope is more pleasant to the traveller than the road built in despair, even though they both lead to the same destination."

Marian Zimmer Bradley

It is just these two words 'hope' and 'faith' that can carry one through life.

Hope – it is a word that supports the entire world and has the power to change the world. It is just about the chance that we give to ourselves, based on the hope to derive something better, that makes us succeed in life. Hope is like the ray of light that exists at the end of a tunnel, or the season of spring that follows every harsh winter. After all is lost, it is hope which gives one a reason to survive, and look at life optimistically. Hope is like a bridge which helps us cross the river of hurdles. An apt example of this is the trapped Chilean miners, who only relied on the hope of being united with their family to survive through the ordeal of being trapped miles underground. Another example of boundless hope is the book 'Jonathan Livingston Seagull' by Richard Bach, which describes the desire of a seagull to fly high. It elaborates on how hope helps him to soar high in life and fulfil his dream.

Faith, which is the ability to trust something, can as-



sume various connotations, right from faith in God, to faith in a friend or a family member. Even the teachings of great saints and spiritual gurus like the Brahmakumaris talk of this magical word. Faith has the ability to bring about great changes in one's attitude. It has the power to transport one from darkness to light. One example of this is Valmiki, who was initially a dacoit, but turned over a new leaf in his life because of his faith in Lord Ram. Another example of pious and

true faith is that of Mother Teresa, who transformed lives through her powers of faith and hope. Gandhiji and Martin Luther King are people who put their faith in their respective nations, and hoped to succeed.

Now, for a word of caution. As every coin has two sides, hope can be torturous too. One can be devastated if he/she hopes for things that are humanly impossible. The same holds true for blind faith. If we put our faith recklessly into something, we are bound to face serious consequences. Some such instances are blindly trusting self styled gurus, believing in age old superstitions and practices. Another example of an incorrect connotation of

faith are the terrorists, who consider it noble to fight in the name of faith, but are actually spreading hatred and violence in the world.

To quote Helen Keller, "Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence." [G T](#)

No more stress

The articles on 'Exams and stress' in your issue dated September 19 were very helpful. The table 'How stressed are you' to measure your stress levels and the different ways to deal with stress were quite nice too. The article I liked the most was "Sweet September". I totally agree with the fact that we should use our birthday dates to bring out a smile on our faces. Since Class V, when we began with our first terminal exams, I realized that my birthday which incidentally falls on September 9, sure does intervene in my preparations for my exams. But two years ago, I started using the 'birthday formula' as a stress buster. Every time I took a break in between my studying hours, I used to plan for my post exam birthday bash. I hope that the article has also helped others born in the month of September too.

Many useful articles are published in GT. But, I would also like to request you to include more articles on fictional books. Another point that I wanted to bring forth is that many students don't like reading



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classics, so it would be useful if we could also have book reviews from the new age writers. Some of the books that we can review are from Eoin Colfer, Dj Machale, John Grisham, Sidney Sheldon, Tom Clancy, Robin Sharma, Jeffrey Archer, Rick Riordan, Dan Brown and many others.

These days there is a lot of discussion on the changes in technology in every field. It would be very nice to read about the latest technologies, competitions and random blogs from technoholics. Tips and tricks about using tech in everyday life along with celebrity technoholic interviews would be very nice too.

Along with all this, a humour section is a must in any newspaper. Though there are jokes and riddles, they do not come often and are missing in many issues.

I hope the GT team works on it.

Daksh Chhokra, AIS Gur 43, VII D

For our young ones

We want to thank you and your team for devoting your precious time and appreciating our child. It was really great to see our child's picture in the 'It's Me' column of your reputed newspaper.

It's good to see the effort you put in encouraging so many children. But what is even more heartening is that the children feel encouraged by seeing their names in the newspaper.

I think that The Global Times is doing a great job of bringing out young talent. We wish the team at The Global Times all the best, for their future endeavours. Thanks! [G T](#)

Atul Jain & Nidhi Jain
Parents of Anirudh Jain,
AIS Vasundhara-1, Nur A

What are your views on this newspaper? Write to us at gtnail@theglobaltimes.in

Get more out of life *with* SYNERGY

Smita Jain, GT Network

After foraying into the market with only 200 merchants in its kitty, Synergy Card has become the most sought-after discount card in a short span. An exquisite product of Synergy Promotions and Marketing Services Private Limited, Synergy promises to make best discounts available under various categories ranging from dining to entertainment, shopping to healthcare and salon to spa, to its customers. Here's unfolding all that you ever wanted to know about the product, and more...

In sync with Amity philosophy

Synergy Card was launched in all its grandeur by Amity University, Uttar Pradesh with the aspiration to make each member of the Amity family feel empowered with this privilege card in their wallets. It was conceptualized for providing Amity fraternity, especially Amity University students and parents, discounts at book-shops, restaurants, apparel stores and other leading outlets. The card which targets people in the 18-40 age group from students to professionals all across India, is already pushing up the revenue of the company, by leaps and bounds.

Power of Synergy

It has been commonly observed that astrology, Bollywood, cricket and discounts sell like hot cakes in India. So, the company decided to jump on to the bandwagon to create a niche for themselves in the market. The company is now on an expansion spree and has over 5,000 merchants on board. With aggressive marketing strategies in place, it would not be surprising if the number touches 20,000 by next year. What started as a small venture confined to Delhi and NCR has brought 61 cities in its fold and is set to make its presence felt in other cities, too. To avail various offers, one just needs to flash their Synergy Card at the participating outlet and enjoy discounts as high as 15-70%. Above all, this card comes free of cost to Amity University students, staff and parents, while others need to shell out a nominal annual membership fee of ₹ 750 (renewal is ₹ 500).

Widening Horizons

With the card being a runaway success with students and staff of Amity, the company decided to expand its horizons and reached out to the corpo-

Model: Supriya Chaudhary, ASCO
Pic: Ravinder Gusain

rate world. Nowadays, a lot of companies give recharge mobile coupons and other gift passes to their employees. That brought out the idea that, why not empower the employees with something that makes a real difference to their budget? And the formula struck gold as they got an overwhelming response from both IT and telecom industries. They saw Synergy as a vital weapon in their arsenal for retaining and awarding their employees. The card now comes co-branded with Tata Photon.

Rising Revenue

A major chunk of the company's revenue is expected to come from Corporates. Sectors like IT, banking and insurance have a reward system to benefit their employees and these cards can be given under that program. The corporates are latching on to the card because of the wide range of product discounts that are on offer.

It's Raining Discounts!

The company offers heavy discounts at all leading eateries like Pizza Hut, Nirula's and Baskin Robbins, to name a few. It also has major apparel, healthcare and fitness brands under its umbrella. Customers interested in availing a particular offer without purchasing a Synergy card can simply log on to synergycoupons.com and avail discounts as high as 95%, meanwhile Synergy card holders can avail an additional 10% discount. What comes as a cherry on the cake is that the first deal struck with the merchant using this portal, is free.

Shoppers' Delight

The card is a win-win for both buyers and sellers. One can save ₹ 4000 -5000 every month, with Synergy card. So the next time you step out for shopping, whether it is sale time or not, you can enjoy a slew of discounts.

USP of Synergy

The USP of the Synergy Card is that it is the first and the only company on India to offer discounts in leading hospitals like Apollo, Fortis, Kailash and Rockland. The card holders not only get discount on IPDs (inpatient departments), but they get massive discounts on OPDs (outpatient departments) and diagnostic tests too. They have the distinction of being the only card to offer a discount of ₹ 50,000 on booking a flat with AMR Infrastructure Company.

West Bound

As a part of the company's growth, they plan to take Synergy to offshore markets too. To begin with, they plan to reach out to Amity Global Business School students spread across the globe, and then slowly capture the international market. 🇬🇧

Marketing First

From cheesy pasta to traditional Indian cuisine, from Mughlai to tantalizing Oriental, the recently concluded Synergy Food Fest had all the necessary ingredients to suit everyone's palate.

The food fest, which kicked off at Noida on August 22, saw some well known eateries with the likes of Zazen, Kaffiiaa, Hungry -I, Cheenos, Kink and Desi Vibes participating in it. The six-day long fest was a great hit as Synergy card holders thronged the restaurants in large numbers even during day time to enjoy lip smacking delicacies.

Similarly, the fest organized in the capital on September 6, saw denizens making beeline to their favourite joints, which included Gulati, Manjasa, Hell Pizza and The Arab Street. Banking on the success of the fest, Synergy has decided to make Chandigarh as their next stop over destination. Looking forward to the many interesting stop overs and destinations to cover in this gastronomically delightful journey. 🇮🇳

How Synergy Works



Get Synergy Card

The card can be procured online by registering on synergysavings.com by paying a nominal annual membership fee of ₹ 750 (renewal is ₹ 500). Amity Univ. students, parents and staff get it free of cost.



Check offers and deals

Once you possess the card, you can check out offers of leading brands at outlets near you by clicking on synergysavings.com



Present at the outlet

Produce the card at the merchant outlet associated with Synergy to avail a handsome discount. Happy shopping!



Get exciting discounts

Save money with exciting discounts and offers. Truly, a shoppers' delight!

Happy shoppers

For all those who love to shop and dine without burning a hole in their pocket, Synergy Card is proving to be a blessing in disguise. According to the findings of a study carried out by a marketing research agency, a person with an annual salary of ₹ 1.2 Lakh and an annual spending pattern of ₹ 4,080 on shopping and dining, can save nearly 20% per annum. Similarly, for those whose income falls in ₹ 1.2-2.5 Lakh bracket, and spends nearly ₹ 14,532, can save a month's salary after using Synergy Card. A person with an annual salary of ₹ 3-5 Lakh and an annual expenditure of ₹ 34,320 can save as much as one month's salary by flashing the card at merchant outlets associated with Synergy. It proves to be a boon for students who have meagre pocket money!

Sharing her experience, Labani Biswas of Amity Institute of Biotechnology said, "Synergy card comes handy when I have to treat my friends. Now you can go shopping and enjoy a hearty meal without feeling guilty." 🇮🇳

My super hero is Ben10. He has a secret in his watch. I like him because he fights the enemies and saves all people in need. I also want to become Ben10 and save my family.

Rishabh Sen, AIS Saket, II A

MIDNIGHT HORROR

Imaging: Deepak Sharma



Story Wala

Saaransh Mehrotra
AIS Gur - 46, XII B

She stretched out her right arm to catch it but moaned in pain instead. He rushed to be by her side and found a long gash on her right forearm. He chanted a few words, and to her utter surprise she saw her wounds heal rapidly but before she could thank him,

the door burst open and the creature came roaring in.

In a wink, she aimed the revolver at the creature and released several shots. Wearing an astonished look on her face she pondered How did I get the aim right at the very first go? Where did I learn to do that?

The bullets limped the creature and a black mist began to surround it like a cloak. It was him. Suddenly, the creature exploded into fragments of dust, filling

the area with a rancid, rotten odour.



“Thank you for saving me...” Emma said to him. “Ryan. You can call me Ryan.”

The name had a sense of mystery attached to it, yet hearing his name made her calm. She had never heard of him before, nevertheless, the name sounded strangely familiar. “You need to come with me”, he said breaking the awkward silence. “You must. I’m the only one who can protect you from that creature.

I am sure that he will strike again” he spoke as he approached her slowly.

Her mouth gaped open; she bit her lip “I can’t.... I don’t.... but why?” She stammered. She turned around, pondering for a minute. How could she possibly wander off with a stranger? “I know you are confused right now but I promise to explain everything once we get out of here.” He pointed towards the museum door and started walking towards it. Emma’s legs involuntarily followed Ryan as if there was some magnetic attraction between them. This could have been the adventure she had always wanted and dreamt of, no more drifting away into the fantasy land. As she walked towards the door, she heaved a sigh of relief that she had someone throughout the adventure. But, as Ryan opened the door and she walked in she saw him transform into vapours of gleaming white light. She gasped for air and could not believe her eyes. All this confusion led to a flurry of thoughts in her mind, and in all this commotion she went low and laid flat on the ground.

When she woke up, she was back on her table with the lot of paperwork surrounding her. Her wild and dreadful fantasy had come to an end and she was still trying to recall what had happened. All this was a figment of her fantasy that she bore every single night.

“Alas! another adventurous nightmare, has come to an abrupt end,” she muttered to herself while still wiping the sweat from her forehead after this ghoulis experience.  

Poem

Smile

Nainika Tokas,
AIS Noida, VIII C

A smile adds grace, to your face
Smile is one of the new trends
It can turn our enemies to friends
Smiling is infectious; you catch it like the flu

When someone smiled at me today I started smiling too.

I thought about that smile, then I realized its worth.

A single smile just like mine could travel round the earth.

So, if you feel a smile coming, don’t leave it undetected.

Let’s start an epidemic quick, and get the world infected!



Every time my happy heart smiles I feel it jumping with joy everytime.

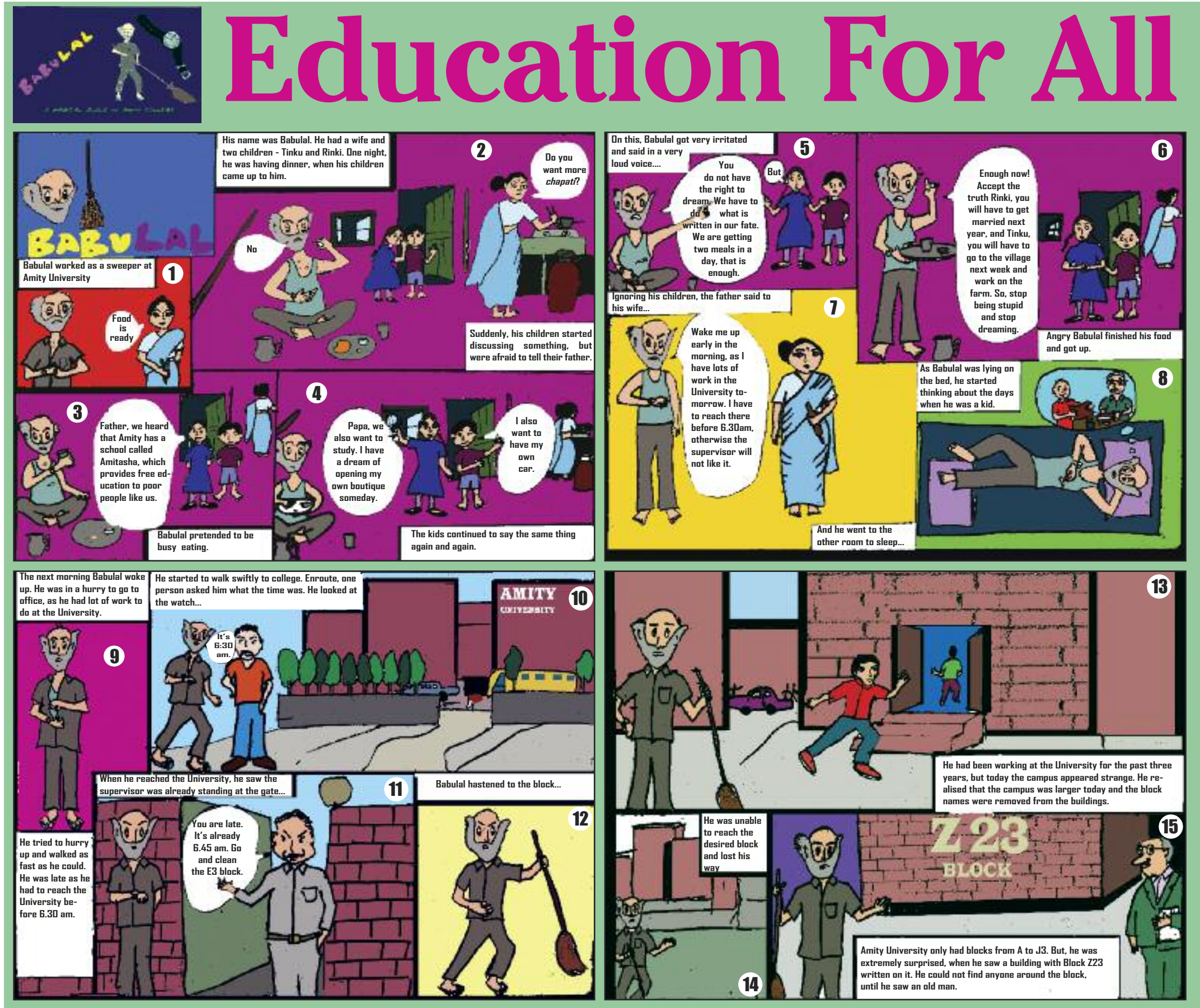
My life enjoys covering new miles. Keep smiling while you can. Be kind and loving to everyone

A smile is a sign of cheer and trust A smile shows how you can be happy even in hard crust

For nothing but only a smile Picks your trouble’s pile

And lets you smile, smile, smile So, while we are here only for a while

Why not enjoy life and wear a broad smile?  



My superhero is Jerry. He is very funny. Jerry is smart and clever. He can beat Tom even though he is a tiny mouse. I like his courage.

Manya Bhatia, AIS Saket, I B

The tale of the little witness

Wisdom Tales

Mehul Sehgal

AIS Vas-1, III C

Once upon a time, a traveler embarked on a journey. When he reached a town, he rang the bell of a house. The owner of the house opened the door.

Owner: What do you want?

Traveler: Sir, may I stay here for a few days?

Owner: Yes, of course.

Traveler: Thank you Sir!

So, the traveler began to stay in that house. But the surprising element was that, from that day, there were a lot of thefts in each house in that town.

One night, the watchman broke the wall of the house in which the traveler was sleeping. He saw a huge box kept near him. On opening the box, he found it full of jewels. The watchman was so overjoyed at finding the jewels that by mistake he stepped on the sleeping traveler! The traveler immediately woke up, saw the watchman and caught him by his leg.

Traveler (shouted): There is a thief!

Watchman: Hey, stop!

The watchman kept his hand on the traveler's mouth and tried to bribe him by sharing the jewels but the traveler re-



fused. Hearing the noise, the owner came to the room.

Owner: What's the matter?

Watchman: The traveler is trying to steal the jewels and run away from the

broken wall.

Traveler: No! The watchman is lying. It is the other way round. He is trying to take the jewels.

Owner: I trust my watchman. You are

lying. Let me take you to the emperor. The next day, the owner took them both to emperor Akbar and narrated the situation to him.

Akbar: Ok! This is a little complicated. Birbal, kindly look into the matter. Suddenly another watchman came and said, "Jahapannah! My child has fainted on the road. Please help me first."

Akbar (turning to the quarreling traveler and watchman): Ok, I will solve your case if you both help to bring the child here.

While they were bringing the child, the watchman pleaded to the traveler to save him. Meanwhile, the child (who was actually acting to have fainted) heard everything. When they returned to Akbar's court, the child stood up and told everything he had heard and the watchman was exposed.

Akbar: The child had fainted. Then how does he know everything?

Second Watchman: It was all Birbal's idea to catch the thief. My child was told to act like that.

Akbar: Birbal! Wonderful job!

Birbal: Thank you Jahapannah!

And the watchman lost his job.

So what did you learn today?
Stealing and lying are bad habits.

Poems



Drawing by: Arshyia, AIS Saket, I A

The Yellow Yellow Sun!

Arshyia Dahiya

AIS Saket, I A

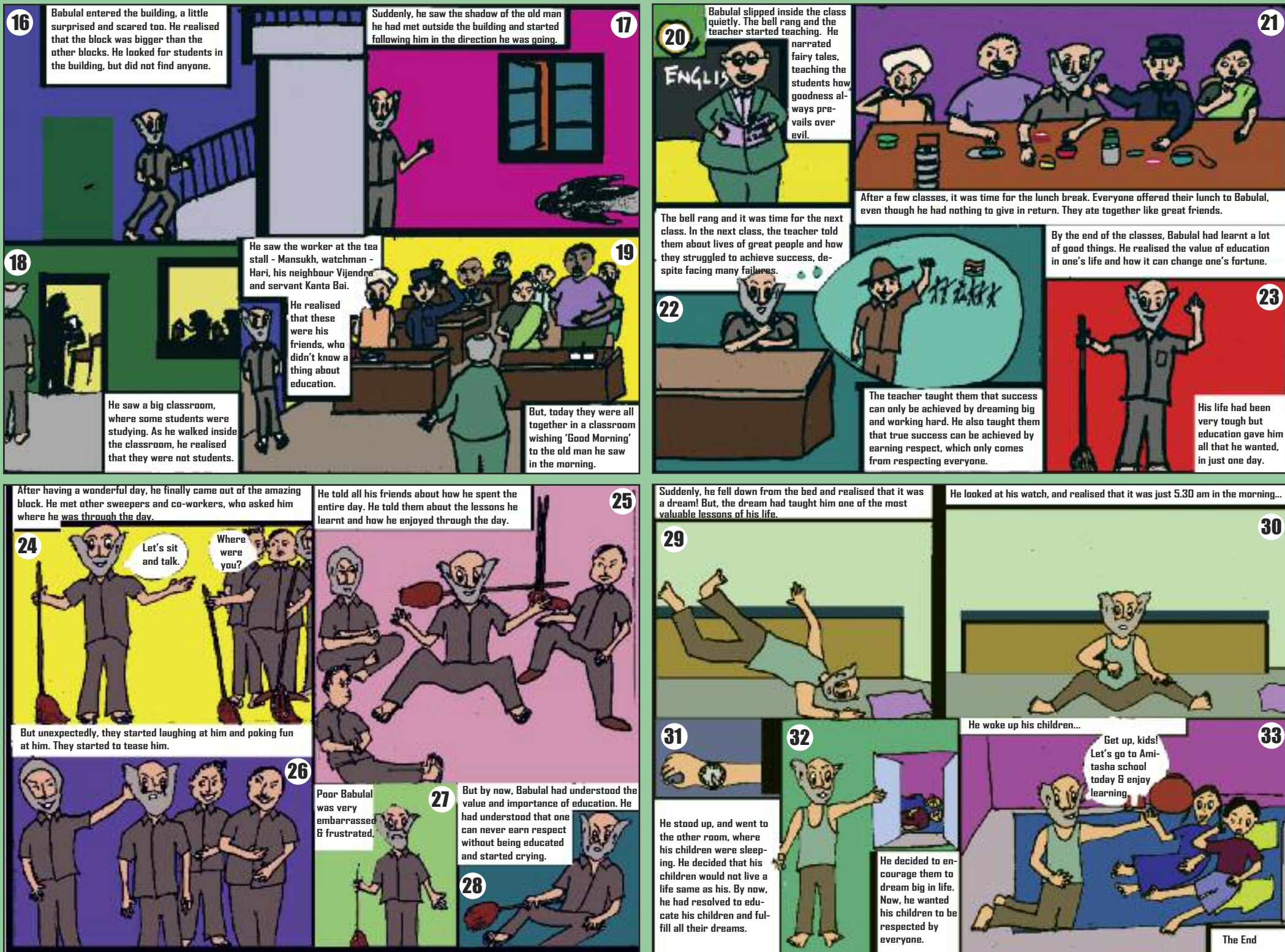
Yellow, yellow Sun
Big and round
It's nice to have
A friend like you around.

Yellow, yellow Sun
Blazing & bright
Giving heat and light
To everything in sight.

Yellow, yellow Sun
Sunny and round
Giving light and warmth
To everyone around.



Sanchay Goswami, BJMC-II, ASCO, is an upcoming film maker, actor and story teller. He has starred in the online Cadbury Chocolate commercial. He created this comic strip on the occasion of Literacy Day (September 8). He reminisces, "Drawing cartoons and caricatures is a childhood hobby. As a child, I used to enjoy observing people closely; their unusual mannerisms and different facets of personality made me dig out my drawing tools and sketch. I want to use this medium to highlight the unsung heroes of our society. We need to exploit their potential and give them opportunities to grow and succeed."



The Second Coming!



Pic: Ravinder Gusain

We borrowed from poet Yeats to describe round two of GT Internship season (well, we couldn't help but introduce another season, thanks to the stupendous success of season I!) Here's all about the second batch of GT Interns, in their very own words!

Scratch I had, and to scratch I will end

Etti Bali, Media management, Ist Year
Amity School of Communication



"Whether We Fall By Ambition, Blood, or Lust Like Diamonds, We Are Cut With Our Own Dust."
Ferdinand, The Duchess Of Malfi

I'm an MBA student by morning and a sloth for the rest of the day. As it is, life is full of difficulties and to add to this unending list, I've got this daunting task of writing about myself. I'll keep the formalities to the minimum. Most of the times, I end up being in 'clown-class' solely because I like cracking jokes; and not because I think of my contemporaries as such. I shamelessly draw inspiration from Mr Chandler Bing (a la F.R.I.E.N.D.S). I'm also quart schizophrenic because sometimes I find myself talking to nobody in particular and to the faceless winds in general. In the end, all I have to say is, "Scratch I had, and to scratch I will end."

I love being sarcastic and pulling people's legs

Vignesh J, Ist Year
Amity School of Communication



Shakespeare said, "What's in a name?" Yeah, right. If there's nothing in a name, what more can a profile give you? Anyway, let's leave that to the pundits and get down to the job at hand. I believe in the adage, "Life's a symphony and you need to play according to its tunes." I take life as it comes. I love being mamma and papa's child. Writing is my dream and passion. I want to be an IAS officer, if not, maybe a journalist. I am a down-to-earth guy, who is a quiz and debate freak, who loves to eat yummy food. I love to hang out with my friends in our usual addas. I love humour and sarcasm. I am also an avid reader of books, be it fiction or non fiction, pirated or original- it doesn't matter. I love watching movies with good themes. I love quotes and quoting them too. I love playing cricket, badminton and carrom. I like being sarcastic and pulling people's legs. I love pointing out people's mistakes when it comes down to facts, so it won't be a surprise if you find people ganging up to have a go at me (especially my close friends). So is this all, or is there more? Could be, I don't know myself enough! Thanks to GT for giving me an opportunity to intern.

Writing is my passion and the pen, my bestie

Supriya Chaudhary, Ist Year
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I am a mystery to myself, running in a cosmic maze to reach my destiny. Life is a box full of surprises and I glare into it each time, a part of it unfolds in front of me. I strongly believe in miracles, the power of love, colors, and raindrops. My aim in life is to serve humanity at its best. As a person, I am sensitive and emotional. This world is a rich place to be in, with food, literature, music and people galore. I like exploring different places, especially mysterious ones. Writing is my passion and the pen is my bestie. There is a solace to my restlessness, a life in my lifelessness; I bounce when I am still; I cross the road when I am already there. I like psychology; as a hobby I often read case studies of various psychological diseases. I love observing, capturing life as I see it, moments and situations. Audrey Hepburn, Virginia wolf and Shakespeare's Rosalind (the character of as you like it) are my idols. This whole world is a stage and I wish to play an enriching role. I like absurd plays, related to the absurdist theatre because I believe in that nothing-ness, emptiness and silence speak volumes. I would like to bring out more of me through my little scribbles in GT. I believe it's a wonderful platform to showcase one's talent and it also serves as an outlet to an individual's ideas. And yes, "There are miles to go before I sleep."

I've always sought refuge in the pages of a novel

Debolina Goswami, B.Tech AIB
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Optimism is something I have always valued about myself. You might call me naïve but nothing so far has shaken my belief in it. Add to that, a hint of practicality and life is a bed of roses! My love for music and cinema has always been a great source of annoyance to everyone around me. I generally take up more work than I can handle and end up doing everything at the last moment; my fondness for procrastination doesn't help either (not something I'm proud of). Being an introvert from childhood, I had always taken refuge in the never-ending pages of a novel. It didn't really hurt that our school library was well-stocked with books of every genre. A little sweet-talking with the librarian helped accessing books mainly reserved for older readers. Needless to say, one of my first dreams was to become a published author. In the internship with GT, I see a great opportunity to fuel my affair with words. And not only do I get to see my work published, I also get to interview famous personalities! When your homework is something you are passionate about, your life becomes so much easier. Being an optimist has never paid off better!

I keep on learning to grow, and growing to learn

Aman Singh Jaswal, Ist Year
Amity Institute of English Studies & Research



About me, well, it's very easy to label, but it's really hard to describe who I am truly. I am perhaps a combination of the spirit and the physical body, connected together by feelings and emotions. I am a part of the universe, like a swara of the rhythm. I am the sky, the flowing river, the wind, the burning fire and the soil or this universe is a part of me ruled by my soul. I am the son of Zeus, the birth of immortal bliss. Whoever I am, I am here on this earth living to serve, and serving to live. I cannot accept the security of a certain stage of life, enough to be settled. I live my life along the lines of a proverb - "A ship is safest in the harbour, but that is not what ships are built for." I keep on learning to grow, and growing to learn. There is nothing in this world which can block our way from doing what is important, till we have sold ourselves to the false belief that we cannot get a triumph over them. I am more than I appear to be, the power of the whole world rests inside me. I believe, we all are free beings, there is nothing which can stop us; so go out and win yourself. My heartiest thanks to The Global Times for giving me an opportunity to learn. An internship with GT will enable me to learn a lot of new things. I look forward to reporting assignments and interacting with people.

My super hero is my father because he is a doctor and he saves people and treats them when they are sick. I admire him a lot and also wish to become like him. I love my father a lot.

Arush Singhal, AIS Saket, II C

Learning through presentations

Students perform at Science Presentation



AIS Pushp Vihar

SST Presentation-Class V

“Jo dridh rakhe dharm ko, tihi rakhe kartar” meaning, “He, who protects the faith, is protected by God.” Drawing inspiration from this tenet, AIS Pushp Vihar organized an SST Presentation for Class V, on August 20, 2011. Students presented a skit on the life and exploits of the great Hindu ruler of Mewar, Maharana Pratap. The book on the great warrior has been included as a supplementary reader in English. The students learnt about the life, character and values of the great hero through the pages of history. Maharana Pratap is a name worth remembering. His name is engraved with gold among the list of valiant kings who protected the *dharma*, culture and freedom of this country by sacrificing their lives. This presentation was a holy remembrance of his valour. The aim of the presentation was to make

learning enjoyable for children and foster multifaceted talent among students. It saw a cent percent participation by the students. The parents applauded the efforts of the teachers and students.

SST Presentation-Class VI

A skit organised for the students of Class VI on the theme ‘Rabindranath Tagore’ gave an opportunity to every child to showcase his/her talent and creativity. The presentation helped to boost their confidence and enhance their speaking skills and dialogue delivery, thus taking a step forward in the all round development of children. The skit revolved around the childhood days of Tagore, his education (at Shantiniketan), his role as a poet, composer of national anthem and his views on education and patriotism. The dedication of the students made the event successful. The parents were in-

Depicting the life of Maharana Pratap



vited to the show; they were enthralled to see their children performing so well on stage and appreciated the principal, vice principal and the teachers for organising such a grand function. The presentation taught the children lessons in cooperation and team work and it proved to be an educative and enlightening experience.

By: **Neha Kohli, SST Teacher, AIS PV**

Science Presentation-Class V

A science presentation was organized on August 19, 2011 in the school auditorium for Class V A, C & E. The topic of presentation was ‘Science magic - dispelling

myths’. It started with a skit about a village where a few quacks try to swindle the villagers by showing them some magic tricks. Further in the play, it is shown how all the magic tricks were based on scientific concepts. An English song stressing the importance of science in our lives, followed. The skit ended with a rain dance that fuelled the mood of joy and celebration. A short quiz for parents proved to be entertaining and informative. Children learnt interesting scientific facts by doing the activities themselves. The exercise was successful in inculcating scientific temper and developed a questioning attitude in kids. [G.T](#)



SST performance by Class VI

‘Subhashika’ nurtures Sanskrit



AIS Mayur Vihar

AIS Mayur Vihar organised its Inter-school Sanskrit Competition ‘Subhashika’ under the guidance of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson Amity Group of schools. In her message, she stressed on the importance of such competitions to enhance the interest of students in Sanskrit language. She urged the new generation to show profound interest in this ancient language and the role of teacher and parents in guiding them. In the competition, junior school students recited *shlokas* from ‘Bal Kand’ in Valmiki Ramayan, which enthralled the audience. The senior group presented a dance-drama based

on ‘Navras’. School Principal, Mrs Sarita Aggarwal, concluded the competition with her motivational words which lifted the spirits of the participants.

Results

Junior Group: AIS Vas - 6, AIS Gur 43 and AIS Noida won First, Second and Third prizes respectively. AIS Pushp Vihar received the consolation prize.

Senior Group: AIS Noida, AIS Gur 43 and AIS Mayur Vihar secured the First, Second and Third positions respectively. AIS Saket received the consolation prize.

Rolling Trophy: The overall Rolling Trophy was awarded to AIS Noida. [G.T](#)

AIS Vasundhara-6

Managing young minds



A workshop was organized by the counselling department of AIS Vas - 6 on September 1, 2011 for Classes XI-XII. Renowned Psychiatrist Dr Avdesh Sharma guided students on how to make choices in life. He urged them to follow their passion, and explained that, if a person takes up a career

under pressure, then s/he will never be able to succeed in life. Dr Avdesh discussed the relationship of mind and body, and elucidated simple ways to train one’s mind. He said, “Once a person knows how to manage his thoughts, s/he can lead a better life.” The students discussed their problems and learnt a lot from the interactive session. [G.T](#)

‘Spellaratti’ impresses literati

AIS Vasundhara-6 hosted Inter School Spellathon Competition (Spellaratti...Bonding Over Words) in which 18 reputed schools of Delhi/NCR participated with great enthusiasm. After the preliminary written round, 10 teams participated in five rounds – Spell Well, Wagon Jargon, Clue Flue, Word Pyramid and the Sound of Silence. Not

only was the competition entertaining, but also informative. The Rolling Trophy was bagged by AIS Saket. Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and Mrs Sunila Athley, Principal, AIS Vas-6, encouraged the young linguists and congratulated them for putting up a great show. [G.T](#)



Debating burning issues



AIS Vasundhara - 6 hosted Inter School Debate Competition on the topic ‘INDIA LACKS LEADERSHIP AND NOT LEADERS’. Students of Classes IX to XII from 16 schools of Delhi & NCR participated in the event. The debate witnessed heated discussions and deliberations. The confi-

dence, conviction and zest of the speakers impressed the judges. Their forthright views showed that they were in tune with the topic. Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, blessed the participants. Mrs Sunila Athley, Principal, AIS Vas-6, applauded the efforts of the young debaters. The Rolling Trophy was bagged by DPS Vasundhara. [G.T](#)

My superhero is Noddy. He is funny, polite, sweet and friendly and teaches us good manners. He is the hero of the town. Everyone loves him. His cap is very cute.

Shreya Mangla, AIS Saket, I B

The SAME happily ever after

...over and over and over again, but the teen romance novels refuse to read anything new, and so do the teenagers

Snigdha Shahi, AIS Noida, X D

Unintelligible gushing and phrases like, “Twilight is sooo romantic” and “Oh my god, I cried so hard, when I read Love Story!” are common reactions you can expect on asking an average teenager his/her favourite books. Girls, and now even boys yearn to read more and more teen romance novels, or to be precise, cliché romantic teenage novels.

RECIPE FOR LOVE

Pick a girl in high school, and add a group of giggly girly ‘BFFs’ and feel the crisp clear skies overhead, the bright sunlight, and a “feeling” that something good is going to happen today. Let it simmer, till you’re finally drawn away from the politics, and the various omnipresent cliques of the school, where, “coincidentally” people do everything, other than study.

Add a sufficient helping of drama and those oh-so-popular girls. Drop a dreamy boy in the pan, who has ‘baby-blue eyes’, ‘gorgeous smile’, ‘perfect teeth’ and ‘dark curly hair’. Wait for the boy and girl to fall in ‘love at first sight’, and talk, talk, and endlessly talk, while you throw in a couple of side ingredients like family dramas, or depression problems.

Sauté an ex-girlfriend in a pan, and wait till it’s the perfect time for the climax to drop in. On cue, mix the contents of both the pans together. Watch them sizzle and cook, throughout confrontations, emotional outbursts and loads of tears. Wait till the boy approaches the girl, they talk it out, laugh, cry, and then OBVIOUSLY make up. Allow the dish to cool, garnish

with a happy, gooey, mushy, ending as they live happily ever after. Serve it to millions of unsuspecting readers who will gobble it up like it’s the best thing ever.



NOT FOR US

While many of you just love reading these clichés, some beg for mercy. Kavya Bhargava, AIS Noida, XII, says, “I’ve got so annoyed of reading the same, ditto same thing over and over again. Ever heard of variety people?”



IT WORKS

Young adult romance novels are huge sellouts, as statistics show that more than 40% of readers are in the young, adult or teenage category. This, of course, is encouraging writers to write more and more of these books, while we speak. A friend, who likes such books tried explaining, “I love reading these books because, they always have a happy ending. They’re entertaining, thanks to the drama factor, and sometimes, I can relate to it.”

Well, *sigh*. To each her own.

Idolizing music

Pic: Ravinder Gusain



Exchanging musical notes
Naushad with Harini (R)

Favourite singer
Ustad Nusrat Ali Khan & Rahat Ali Khan
Favourite co-contestant
Swaroop
Favourite Judge
Salim sir

ination was a little disappointing, but then it was a great feeling and a very fulfilling one to have gone so far. I quite enjoyed singing diverse styles. There was a lot to learn from the other contestants. I think reality shows such as Indian Idol are a great platform. They provide people like me the opportunity to come forward and display their talent. It brings out the talent from different parts of the country, especially the small towns.

Life after...

Life after Indian Idol has been beautiful. It is an amazing feeling, when people tell you that they want their kids to be like you. I also launched my own music academy, which is called the Kawa Music Palace. The academy has received a great response. I have sung songs for the popular television serial- *Baat Humari Pukki Hai*.

With inputs from
Surya Dev Aggarwal, AIB

The journey so far...

As I child, I have won several awards at the school level. My dream to be a star someday, took me on to a journey, which is almost ten years old now. I have been singing at various levels and places for quite some time now. I also used to play Tabla in hotels. The money I made there helped me sustained myself initially when I came to Mumbai.

A dream called Indian Idol...

Indian Idol was truly a dream come true. It had always been my dream to be a singer. It was my mother’s dream to see me on television. As is natural, the elim-

GT Travels



Aditi Angelina Patro, AIS Noida, III A, at Anand Bhawan, Allahabad. Anand Bhawan is the home of Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India, at Allahabad. A number of freedom movement meetings were held here. Gandhiji often stayed here.

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One of the top 16 finalists of the popular show, Indian Idol, Naushad Ali Kawa has come a long way. His sufi notes struck the chord right with the audience, making him a household name. Though he could not make it to the finals, he still continues to be a rage for his impeccable talent.