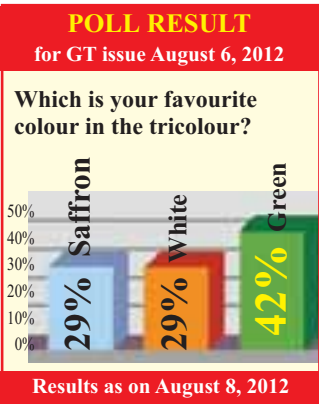


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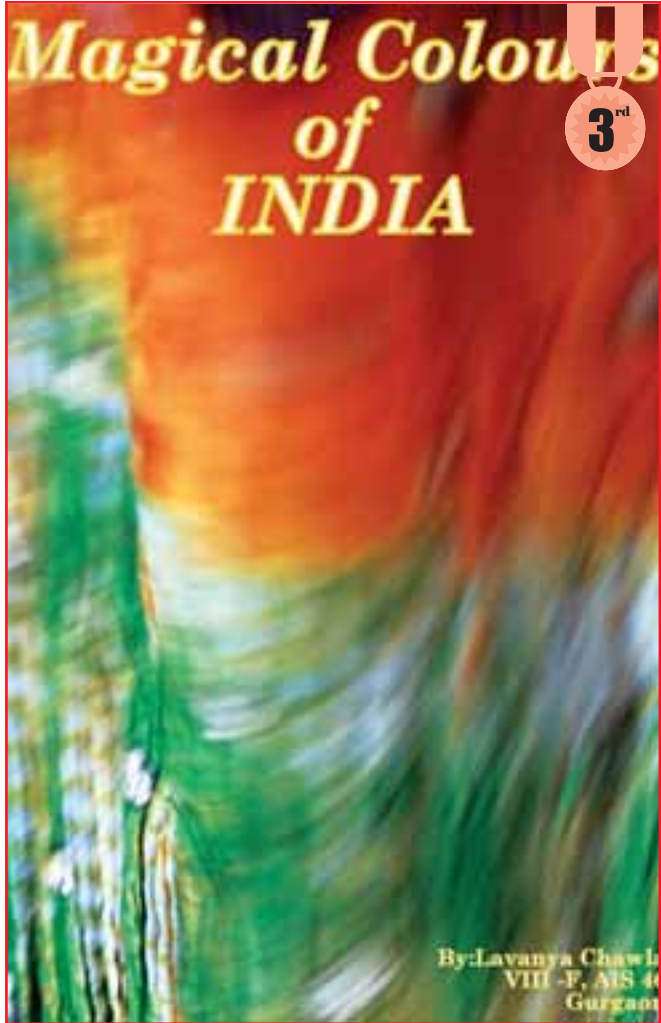
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# Legend has it

Debolina Goswami,  
Labani Biswas & Raghav Vij  
Amity Institute of Biotechnology

**L**iterature and entertainment have always flirted with the fantasy world. But the recent avalanche of mythical creatures on crisp pages and movie screens have seen the makeover of some fairies, dragons and ghosts. Let's turn the yellowed pages of history and witness this transformation ourselves

## Vampires

This soulless, immortal creature has been most freely interpreted by authors galore. From totally repugnant monsters, fresh out of the grave to attractive, charismatic heroes- how and when did this drastic trans-

formation occur?

Certain traits have been universally acknowledged. Vampires are nocturnal creatures with an 'eternal lust-for-life essence'-its source varying from the carotid artery of fair hapless maidens, a clinical 'blood bag', to the 'vegetarian' diet of animal blood. Their daytime activity has evolved from sleeping in coffins to wearing magical rings and sparkling.

Vladimir Dracula, 15th century Romanian prince as immortalized by

Bram Stoker, not only impaled prisoners, but also blinded, dismembered and boiled them alive. Today Stephenie Meyer, Anne Rice, Richelle Mead have painted vampires with a whole new brush, transforming them from evil to tragic, misunderstood superheroes capable of romance and redemption.



## Shape-shifters

The ability of humans to turn into another shape has been chronicled in almost all cultures. Indian actresses Reena Roy, Sridevi, and more recently Mallika Sherawat have portrayed *nagins*, part-human-part-serpents, to tunes of a snake flute.



Illustration:  
Debolina Goswami, AIB

Mermaids can be found in seas and lakes, grooming themselves on rocks, with seals for company. Legend has it that mermaids charm the sailors with their enchanting voices, luring them to shipwrecks. And then, there's Greek Sea God Triton, who is usually depicted as a merman.

Werewolves find their origin in Greek mythology as King Lycaeon was turned into a werewolf by the wrath of the angered Gods. And since then, werewolves have run a rampage in arts—Rowling's Professor Lupin, the Quileutes of Twilight, and Little Red Riding Hood. Generally, lycanthropy is triggered by the full moon after being infected. Werewolves are said to be intolerant to silver and survive on human flesh.

## Witches and warlocks

Magic has been feared and revered alike throughout history. Witchcraft has its fair share in modern literature.

The magical world of Harry Potter has changed everyone's notions. In Shakespeare's Macbeth, the Three Witches represent darkness, chaos and conflict, reflecting the mood of the play. [G.U](#)

# Between myths & reality

Dispel some common myths & lies and discover some interesting untold facts with **Nida Ashhar** and **Nishtha Tuteja** of Amity Institute of Biotechnology

**T**here is nothing better than bursting some common misconceptions or so called myths. Here are some terribly common myths prevalent all over the world.

**Myth:** Eating turkey makes you sleepy.

**Fact:** Turkey contains an amino acid called tryptophan, a sedative, but so do plenty of other foods. People feel drowsy after a heavy meal. Blood is diverted to the digestive system to enable digestion of fats and carbohydrates, which in turn, decreases the blood flowing to the brain and causes drowsiness.

**Myth:** Chewing gum takes seven years to get digested.

**Fact:** Chewing gum is largely indigestible, but it will make its way through your digestive system at the same rate as anything else you consume.

**Myth:** Indonesia produces an expensive coffee made from beans; swallowed, digested and excreted by a small mammal.

**Fact:** The beans pass through the system of the 'luak' or 'palm civet'- a mammal, undigested and are deposited in its droppings. The fact that they can fetch more than \$100 per pound makes up for the unpleasant way it is harvested.

**Myth:** Energy-efficient light bulbs contain toxic material that can be hazardous if broken.

**Fact:** Compact fluorescent light bulbs, contain a small amount of mercury, which can cause severe health problems if breathed as vapour or ingested. Hence they should be disposed carefully as hazardous waste.

**Myth:** Paper grocery bags are better for the environment than plastic ones.

**Fact:** Paper bags are made from a renewable resource and are recycled. Their manufacturing requires 40 percent more energy and above all else, it causes more air and water pollution in the process. Meanwhile, plastic bags made from fossil fuels are not only biodegradable but are reusable and recyclable.

**Myth:** When exposed to the vacuum of the space, the human body pops

**Fact:** This myth is inspired from the science fiction movies which deliberately

use it to heighten the excitement or add drama to the plot. The reality is that human beings can survive for only 15 – 30 seconds in outer space as long as they breathe out before the exposure (this prevents the lungs from bursting and sending air into the bloodstream). After 15 or so seconds, the lack of oxygen causes unconsciousness which eventually leads to death by asphyxiation.

**Myth:** Food that drops on the floor is safe to eat if you pick it up within five seconds of the fall.

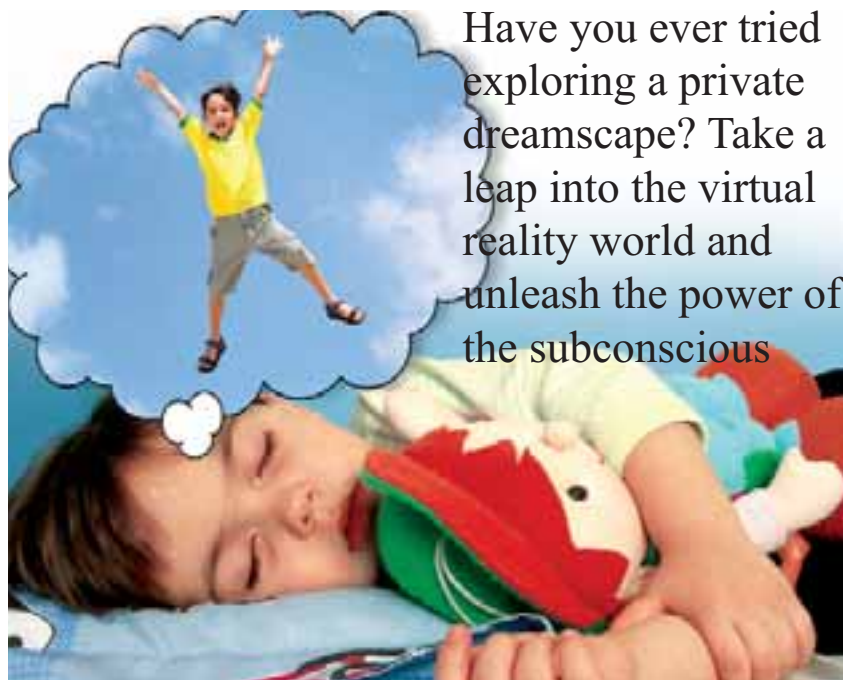
**Fact:** The germs immediately stick to the food item as soon as it lands on the floor. Eating germ infested food is not always a bad thing as it helps one to develop a stronger immune system.

**Myth:** There is a dark side of the moon.

**Fact:** Every part of the moon is illuminated by the sun one time or the other. This misconception results from the fact that there is a side of moon that is never visible to the earth due to tidal locking. Earth's gravitational pull on the moon is so strong that it shows one face to us.

**Myth:** A penny dropped from a high building can kill a pedestrian below.

**Fact:** The aerodynamics of a penny are not sufficient to make it dangerous. The person who gets hit feels a sting, but is bound to survive the impact. [G.U](#)



Have you ever tried exploring a private dreamscape? Take a leap into the virtual reality world and unleash the power of the subconscious

# Lucid Dreaming

Kanika Bhardwaj & Kopal Joshi  
Amity Institute of Biotechnology

**I**t was the overnight popularity of Hollywood blockbuster Inception which made us explore the strange new world of dreams that can be manipulated with power of thought. Here's decoding what lucid dreaming is all about. When you are in your dream world, you are no more bound by any physical laws. Anything you conceive comes true! A lucid dream is a dream in which the person is aware that s/he is dreaming while the dream is in progress. This

## Mastering lucid dreams

- Remember your dream.
- Do a reality check as it increases your self awareness while awake.
- Meditate- The more you meditate, the easier it will be for you to start experiencing conscious dreams.

awareness can be referred to as lucidity. They aren't any normal dreams; they're HD with 360 degree awareness. Lucid dreaming is often confused with controlling a dream. It is, however, totally possible for a dream to be lucid despite not having any control over it. Lucid dreams go to a fantasy realm where everything you see, feel, taste, hear and smell can be as authentic as your waking reality! You can focus on distant landscapes, feel the texture of the grass and taste any food you imagine. A lucid dream can either be dream-initiated or wake-initiated (when one is fully awake and alert). The former starts as a normal dream and the dreamer eventually concludes it as a dream, whereas the latter occurs when the dreamer goes from a normal waking state into a dream state, directly, with no loss in consciousness. The ability to go lucid and control your dreams develops with training and practice. [G.U](#)

The technical error of interchanging the photographs of Dr V Pooja & Dr Seema Bhatnagar on page 2 (AIB Special) of August 6, 2012 edition is regretted

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Anshul Chaudhary, AIS Vasundhara 1, II C

# Value 'Ad'ding

Amity University students continue to share how their internships added value to their resume, learning graph and gave them moments to cherish

**Sanchay Goswami**

**Amity School of Communication**

**Learning ground:** Mccann Worldgroup, Delhi

This summer vacation, I worked as an intern at Mccann Worldgroup, a highly reputed advertising agency. In the one month period of my internship, I gained a deep insight and knowledge of the media industry. Regular interaction with industry bigwigs did wonders to my creativity and propelled me to push the envelope.



## With the bigwigs

As a copy writer in the creative department of Mccann Worldgroup, I was fortunate enough to share my ideas and learn from erudite creative directors, copy writers and art directors of the advertising world. While working with the group, I got an opportunity to work closely with some giants in the corporate world. My clients included Coca Cola, Dulux Paints, Lava



mobile, Aircel and Perfetti.

## The first day & beyond

On the very first day of my internship, I struck an instant chord with like-minded co-workers and quickly became a part of the group comprising copy writers. I was privileged to be a part of the team led by three visionary creative directors.

The first week was spent in understanding and grasping the work culture and I wasn't given any assignment then. However, I capitalised the time well by understanding the structure and functioning of the organization. I was asked to watch and read more about national and international award winning advertising films.

In the second week, I was told to pen down ten ideas everyday for my clients. The first opportunity came knocking while I was working for Dulux Weather Shield Paint. We were given a brief and asked to come up with advertising proposals for a paint that makes homes 5 degrees cooler. After much deliberation and thought, I came up with 10 to 15 advertising ideas. Though they were much appreciated, the ideas were not selected. The third week was even more eventful. I received the advertising brief for Lava mobiles- "If you believe, you can achieve." I was yet again racking my brain over ideas which won me enough adulation, but I was directed to be more meaningful, expressive and creative with my writing.

## Best internship moment

The best moment of my internship was the surprise sprung upon me on my last day at the organisation. I was completely overwhelmed when my supervisor, Mr Talha (creative director) gifted me a self-composed poem.

## Testing waters



### My ideal internship

**Geetika Kalra**

**Amity School of Communication**

An internship is a pre-professional experience of a career field so I would like to intern in a media house. I have many expectations from my internship. The top most includes gaining valuable experience that prepares me for the industry.

I would like to put to practical use the theoretical knowledge gained at college. That would enable me to polish my life skills. However, the cherry on the cake is that it would give me an opportunity to interact with industry bigwigs. It would also ensure that I have an edge over my compatriots and make my resume appealing for the recruiters.

# The perfect mentor



**Ananiah J Blessing**

**Amity Institute of Food Technology**

**Learning Ground:** Kraft Foods Cadbury, Bangalore

## Leading projects

In my internship with the leading confectionery brand, Kraft Foods, my industry guide, Mr Sagar Puthran led me through the world of Lean Six Sigma (a method of reducing variations at various levels and run the product manufacturing line smoothly). During my training period, he assigned me various projects. In fact, my training allowed me the privilege to work as a Project Leader in a Six Sigma Project. It was a big challenge for me as I had never even worked earlier as

a team member on such a project.

Another project that I was assigned was Lean Manufacturing or a method of reducing unnecessary waste of any form in an industry/organization.

## The guiding light

The constant support from my Faculty Guide, Dr Poonam Chhabra, Sr Lecturer, Amity Institute of Food Technology, kept me going throughout the length of the training, constantly encouraging me with her inspiring words. The industry guide, on the other hand, offered me indispensable support. A chemical engineering graduate with vast experience and a black belt in Six Sigma, his experience of six years with Kraft Foods proved to be my guiding

light. Right from helping me in decision-making to finding the right resource person for project-related activities, my industry guide stood by my side, never running out of patience and constantly pushing me towards the goal I was striving to achieve.

## Imbibing organisational values

The values Kraft nurtures among its employees, all the way from the bottom-most division to the top of hierarchy, are indeed commendable. Some of the values that I imbibed from the work culture prevalent at the organisation are: the head should rule over the heart and one should adopt a practical approach in life; tell it like it is and inspire trust.

# Before the final plunge

**Suruchi Khanna**

**Amity School of Communication**

As my summer vacations were on, I thought of taking up an internship. But I eventually did not as I hadn't set my mind on anything in particular since I have too many dreams, and I still need to pick one. From the first day that I joined college, I dreamt of working with big companies, TV channels, newspapers or any other media house. But before I take the final plunge, I'd give it all a shot and the idea



### My ideal internship

of internship would allow me just that. For instance, I could exploit the freedom of working with some newspaper such as Hindustan Times or some TV channel like NDTV. I could even dabble with some event company and find out what I love doing the most.

On the other hand, taking up an internship before a job will train me for a job in the industry and give me a first hand experience of how employees overcome their problems, the strategies they employ to concentrate better on targets as well as workplace etiquettes.

## Amity Institute for Competitive Examinations

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**Brainleaks**

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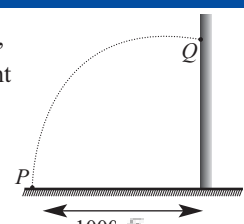
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A projectile is to be fired from point  $P$  towards a wall,  $1000\sqrt{3}$  m away, so as to hit the highest possible point  $Q$ . Find the height of point  $Q$  if the speed of the projectile, just after firing is  $100\sqrt{3}$  ms<sup>-1</sup>.



(a) 1000m (b) 500m (c)  $100\sqrt{3}$  m (d)  $50(\sqrt{3})$  m

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**Website:** [www.aicte-cmat.in](http://www.aicte-cmat.in)

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**Course:** BE in Printing Technology 2012-2016

**Application forms:** Upload application online from July 26, 2012  
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**Website:** <https://beprinting.tiss.edu>

**Taruna Barthwal, ACCGC, Career Counseling Resource Coordinator**



# God Particle Decoded

The mystery behind the elusive Higgs boson or God particle as it is famously called... revealed for you!

J Vignesh, ASCO, AUUP

GT Classroom

After whom is the particle named?

The Higgs boson is named after Peter Higgs who, along with two other teams, proposed its existence in 1964. The 'boson' is named after the renowned Indian physicist Satyendranath Bose who is famous for Bose-Einstein statistics.

Why is it called 'God particle'?

The media often refers to it as the 'God particle', after Leon Lederman's book with the same title (1993). Peter Higgs, an atheist, believes that the term might 'displease religious people'. One of the stories says that when the first article about it went to press, it was titled, "The Goddamn particle" which the editor later changed to God particle! 🇮🇳

What is the proof of Higgs boson's existence?

On July 4, 2012, the CMS (Compact Muon Solenoid) and the ATLAS (a toroidal LHC apparatus) experimental teams at the Large Hadron Collider confirmed the discovery of an unknown body of mass which behaved like a Higgs boson.

What is the God particle?

The God particle or Higgs boson is a proposed elementary particle in the Standard Model of particle physics. The Higgs boson's presence proves the existence of the hypothetical Higgs field, which is the basis of several proposed explanations for the origin of the mechanism by which elementary particles acquire mass. In simple terms, Higgs boson helps particles to acquire mass.

How does Higgs boson give mass?

A field with non-zero strength exists everywhere, even in empty space. Particles acquire mass by interacting with Higgs field. Particles which interact positively acquire mass and ones which don't, are mass less.

Pro@Project

It's magic: Sansita performs the water trick!

# The water wonder

If a glass full of water is upturned, the water spills out. However, **Sansita Dewani, AIS Pushp Vihar, II B**, proves the bang opposite!

**Experiment:** Surface Tension of Water  
**Materials required:** A piece of cloth, a rubber band, a glass tumbler, water  
**Method**

- Fill the glass tumbler with water.
- Wet the piece of cloth at the centre.
- Adjust the cloth over the mouth of glass tumbler and stretch it tight.
- Wrap a rubber band around the neck of tumbler to keep the cloth firmly in place.

● Suddenly turn the glass tumbler upside down in a corner.  
**Result:** The water does not seep through the cloth. It stays in the glass tumbler.  
**Reason:** On wetting the cloth, water seeps into its spaces forming a kind of film. These water molecules are very close to each other and therefore, they block fresh water from passing through the cloth. Water molecules not only adhere to the cloth but also adhere to each other. The surface tension compels the water molecules to bond tightly.  
**Example:** Rain drops are in the shape of a sphere because of surface tension.  
(The experiment on surface tension was performed under the guidance of teacher Sonal Chawla.) 🇮🇳

Sports

Howzatt!?!

# Bharat Ratna for Sports

When Bharat Ratna is meant for people who excel in their fields, inclusion of sports is a welcome move

**Archana H, AIS Gurgaon 43, X**

With the government having finally included sports as a category for the highest civilian award in the country, the Bharat Ratna, it has triggered hope that sportspersons will finally get their due. Literally translated as the "Jewel of India", the Bharat Ratna has so far been awarded for excellence in fields of art, literature, science and social service. It is a welcome change that the Government has decided to include sports also as a category for nomination.

Anyone who makes India proud ought to be considered for

Bharat Ratna. Taking a broader perspective, "Jewel of India" should not be restricted to certain fields only. Bharat Ratna was conceptualized in 1954, a time when Indians were not excelling in the field of sports. But of late, the scenario has changed tremendously. We have had great sportspersons like P T Usha, Vishwanathan Anand, Sachin Tendulkar, Abhinav Bindra, Dhyan Chand and countless others who have risen out against all odds and won laurels for the nation.

Dhyan Chand famously known as "the hockey wizard" helped India in winning gold medals in hockey in 3 successive Olympic Games; Amsterdam Olympics (1928), Los Angeles Olympics (1932) and Berlin Olympics (1936). Sachin Tendulkar, considered a role model for many young cricketers, is the leading run scorer and the first male player to score a double century in ODI cricket. These sportspersons have given their best to sport and made exceptional contributions in making India proud. Sport is a great uniting factor in a diverse country like India. Thus,

the inclusion of sports as a field of excellence for Bharat Ratna, is indeed apt and in tune with the changing times. But with the raging controversies over who should be the first recipient from the field of sports, let's hope the truly deserving wins the honour. 🇮🇳

SPORTS Quiz

Olympics Special

1) What do the Olympic Rings represent?

2) What does the Olympic Motto 'Citius, Altius, Fortius' mean?

3) In which country is the International Olympic Committee headquarters based?

4) Where is the Olympic Torch lit before making its way to the Host City for each Games?

5) How many sports are there at the London 2012 Olympic Games?

6) How many sports are there at the London 2012 Paralympic Games?

7) In how many continents must a sport be played before the Indian Olympic Committee considers making it an Olympic sport for men and women respectively? 🇮🇳

Answers

(1) The five participating continents, Four and three respectively  
(2) Faster, Higher, Stronger  
(3) Switzerland  
(4) & Oceania)  
(5) 26  
(6) 20  
(7) (Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe





Freedom for me is to have the right to make my own decisions and choices.

Kehkashan Saluja, AIS Vasundhara 1, II B

Pic: Yamini Sejwal, AIS PV, X A



# Got your perfect crew?

A crazy sister, an insane best friend or an adorable pet- what makes them close to your heart? Find out!

**Gurmehar Gulati & Yamini Sejwal**  
AIS Pushp Vihar, X A

All of us have a Perfect Crew-the people closest to our hearts. We may share everything with some or many people, but it's only one person we trust the most; in whom we see a part of ourselves. Maybe, that's why we call him/her our 'soul' mate. That one person, may be your loving mother, your crazy sister, your caring dad, your insane best friend, your sweet lover, your Hitler brother...it may even be your cute little pet or someone who's not in this world anymore, but still resides in your heart. It can be anyone. Having that one person in your life is like having the sun rise even in the darkest of the nights. Just being there with that person makes you feel that everything's going to be all right in your tough times. That person is not just someone you love to be with but someone whom you can't bear to be without. You share a bond that the world may notice or see

but only two understand. And with a bond so strong, come the elements which make it so...

**Fights:** The silly ones, the big ones. The ones that sometimes make you break your phone, the ones that make you cry your eyes red. The ones that make you say sorry even when it's not your fault. But what's a bond without fights? And to understand a person that well, you need to go through misunderstandings. It's funny how little things said by the

one you love can hurt you so much. But at the same time, it's that person who brings a smile back on your face. And once things fall back into place, you know your bond just got stronger.

**Mix it up:** A dash of laughter, cups of patience, heart full of understanding, open communication and a good sprinkle of unconditional love and generosity are all that you need to have a lasting perfect crew.

Try imagining a day without them in your life. Forget a day, try imagining yourself. Do you really think that you'd be the same without them? No. Our life would be so incomplete. So today, make that 'someone' feel special. Bake your mom her favourite cake. Play your dad's favourite sport with him. Spend a day with your sibling and do all the crazy stuff you can think of. Sing a song for your love. Paint an 'I love you, idiot!' T-shirt for your best friend. And if you're in a fight with your special someone, go upto him/her and talk things out, make a sweet card for them. 🇧🇩



# Queen of Arts

Her affair with the brush and easel has led to sheer poetry in colour. Meet Ashima Bansal, a promising artist and alumnus of Amity University

**Namrata Gulati, GT Network**

Ashima Bansal, alumnus, Amity International Business School (2010-12 batch), discovered her affinity for the brush and easel during her childhood days. "I used to participate regularly in competitions at school level. But back then, it was more of a hobby than passion," she reminisces.

**First brush with success:** In 2008, the artist inside Ashima yearned to grow and she took up training in her locality so that she could juggle academics and her love for art with ease. Four years later, the artist got her first break, "With the support and encouragement from my mentor, Mr K M Chaudhari, I wanted to put up an exhibition of my paintings at India Habitat Centre. When I checked with them, they readily agreed to include me in a three-day group exhibition by an assortment of artists."

A new entrant into the commercial world of art, Ashima had some apprehensions, but they were soon quelled as three of her eight paintings were bought by art

lovers, quite a start for a beginner, "I was only hoping to cover the cost price of the paintings, but I ended up making some profit too."

**Muse:** "My strokes produce the thoughts that predominantly emerge out of my day-to-day imagination, harsh realities of the present and the leanings from the past. My images mostly represent nostalgia," Ashima elucidates. "One of my paintings titled 'Entrapped', is a concoction of all these. It depicts a woman trapped inside a prism, but the sun emanates hope for freedom." She adds, "The mediums I use to represent my thoughts are acrylic, oil and mixed media."

**Painting the future:** Ashima has earned herself a well-deserved place in the renowned Delhi College of Arts that has a limited number of seats on offer. "I am elated that I have scored the second rank in the exam which is very difficult to crack. I shall now fulfill all my dreams," Ashima signs off. 🇧🇩



## AMITY-UNESCO

## heritage इरिटेड

**Do you possess an object, furniture, jewellery, book or anything else that has been handed down from one generation of your family to another? Let us know, just like Tanmay Gupta, AIS Gurgaon 46, VIII A, did with the following ancestral collection**

**Coinage clank :** When I was six or seven years old, my mom gave me a coin (as shown in the picture), which was given to her by her maternal uncle. It is a one rupee coin belonging to the British era (1918) embedded with a picture of King George V. He told her that in pre-independence era, coins were issued in the name of the King or Queen. Special coins were minted for India where on the obverse, they had a crowned effigy of the king and on reverse there were four flowers, three of them were emblem of UK and 4<sup>th</sup> lotus flower the emblem of India. This is one of such rare collections of that time and I feel lucky to have one with me. 🇧🇩

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# India in Amity



It is eye opening how we, the people, come together every time we walk the path to freedom. However, Amity often becomes a microcosm of India as it provides varied glimpses of such patriotic fervour and the indestructible spirit of unity that is encouraged in its institutions throughout the year. Amitians learn to appreciate and celebrate the cultural diversity of India at an early age through cultural events held every now and then. On such occasions, music, dance, poetry and theatre become perfect messengers of patriotism that bring out the treasure of the country’s wealth of heritage. The Independence Day uplifts spirits as the Amity family patriotically salutes the motherland in their own distinct ways- a sight to behold! Amity showcased India’s rich and diverse heritage on a global platform like the Commonwealth Games 2010. A vast number of Amitians contributed well to their responsibility towards the country; while some happily volunteered to ensure the smooth functioning of the games in order to keep the Indian flag flying high, others shared the pride by delivering impeccable cultural performances, a visual fest indeed on the global arena. Upon the culmination of several activities, Amity plays the National Anthem to create an ambience of patriotic vigour and unity. Amity also provides endless opportunities to the students to interact with leaders of the country and participate in the process of nation-building. I earnestly believe that my Amitians will continue to make the country proud day after day.

# Freedom struggle II



The annual ritual of hoisting the national flag at the majestic Red Fort by the Prime Minister, on the occasion of India’s Independence Day, is a moment of pride for every citizen of the country. While the Independence Day reminds us of the struggles of our forefathers, their impeccable gift to the future generation is also a reminder of our responsibility towards the nation. The responsibility to keep the country clean. The responsibility to free it from corruption. The responsibility to give back to the nation what it has given us. This reminds me of the famous quote by former US President John F Kennedy, “Don’t ask what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country.” If we are fulfilling our responsibility, then we have the right to hoist the flag with pride and dignity and join the nation as it salutes the tricolour amidst the rhythmic rendition of the national anthem. The riot of scams, misuse of public fund, disregard for women, rule of *khap panchayat* are a shame on the face of nation. For the young India, that has inherited freedom, the day is a reminder to raise their voice against the social evils as a homage to our freedom fighters. It is a gentle reminder to rise to and contribute to the second phase of freedom struggle – freedom against social evils that threaten the social fabric of our country. This Independence Day, don’t just hoist the national flag. Be a part of the next freedom movement or simply be the beginning to one. It is your turn now to usher a change that will strengthen the country.

# Master of all trades

Rajeev Shukla, Member of Rajya Sabha, IPL Chairman, journalist, political commentator & TV host, is a multi-faceted personality; here’s more of him

Debolina Goswami  
Amity Institute of Biotechnology

**How do you juggle journalism, cricket & politics?**  
I try my level best to give equal attention to all my endeavours. My primary job is to serve the government. I have additional responsibilities as the chairman of IPL. I also have social responsibilities. So, I need to divide my time wisely.

**Does being a minister influence your journalistic writings?**  
I began my career as a journalist. For about eighteen years, I worked as a full fledged journalist and continued writing columns till I became a minister. I used to write two columns regularly; after taking over as the minister, it became hard to contribute as my views were taken as the official government word. I regret not being able to write regularly. But whenever I get an opportunity, I will take up writing. In my opinion, positive journalism has the power to shape the nation.

**What are your thoughts on the current status of Indian journalism?**  
Journalists should be accountable to society. In the name of freedom of press, one cannot get away with anything. National interest has to be kept in mind.

**How was the transition from journalism to politics?**  
Smooth! My background in political journalism has



led me to believe that a journalist covering political events is already half a politician. But, I firmly believe that all the professions are equally challenging!

**Would you say that cricket is hogging the limelight among Indian sports?**  
We should be happy that Indian cricket team is earning laurels and respect all over the world. It has not received any official patronage from the government. We developed it without any financial help from government.

**What is your take on the current 20/20 format?**  
Initially, I was reluctant and had doubts about the format, but it enjoys huge popularity. All the three formats – test cricket, ODI and 20/20—are interesting and going to survive with minor changes.

**Your message to budding journalists of Amity?**  
Specialize in one field. You should not be “Jack of all trades, but master of none.” A journalist should have knowledge of everything, but expertise in one field to be known as an excellent journalist.

# Are we always right?

There is nothing new about inter-generational conflicts; it is all about redefining the philosophy of life and handling criticism in a positive light

Oohini Mukherjee  
AIS Gur 46, XI J

Today’s generation is about “being right”, well, mostly. It is usually never moderate, only fanatic about most things. Rebelliousness among teenagers, in particular, is responsible for the I-am-never-wrong attitude ruling them. The teens must be open to accepting thoughts contradictory to their philosophy (what is usually termed as generation gap.) It’s high time that we, as teenagers, realize that criticism is the only way to perfection. This generation gap springs from our elders-seniors, teachers and guardians, who are somewhat more experienced, knowledgeable and skilled than us. They’ve gone through the same phase in life and stumbled upon the same blocks. They know the



possible aftermath of every step because they have simply been there, done that.

Imaging: Ravinder Gusain

can be much more useful for teenagers in solving problems and handling criticism. We must always keep in mind that our elders have been through almost everything that we are experiencing today and thus, will always leave a trail of the “right” path behind for us to follow. The stereotype to our mob mentality - “We know everything, and nothing beyond is acceptable or satisfactory” needs to be thrown out of the window and done away with. The need of the hour is to just open up our minds and allow an assortment of ideals to be breathed in. We have to realise that sometimes, it is okay when our strongly held beliefs or doings are questioned. After all, if one can learn from soft touches, then one can learn better from hard knocks.

# Restless Caterpillars

Anuj Vashisht  
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As I waited for my friend at the metro station, a skinny lad approached me, begging for alms. I had none in my pockets, so I asked him if he wanted to study. He nodded. I asked him if he had attended a school. He whispered, “My mother does not approve of it.” The answer brought me back to the past one and a half years of my struggle to find out why these children ig-

nore me when I ask them the reason for not going to school. In the journey, I learnt that children at the red light or maggi points are not failures rather, we are, as we have failed to provide them their basic rights. It may sound surprising but these children are far more talented than us; all they need is a guide, a mentor. While teaching a boy in rags at a museum I realized that every child is different and special and we should respect that. Their smiles remind me of the winter sun, which brings out the caterpillar that has been denied evolution and progress. A nation whose large part of the population does not know how to spell their names cannot march ahead. So, each one of us should take out time from our busy schedules and teach at least one child if we sincerely want to make a significant difference in their lives and usher them towards a brighter future.



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## GT M@il

**Dear Editor,**  
I have been reading The Global Times religiously since the four years of my employment with Amity University. I would like to tell you that your newspaper is the best as compared to any other newspaper that I have come across. What makes the newspaper excellent is the variety that it has to offer its readers. From news to features, movies, technology, sports, entertainment and others, The Global Times covers everything in its twelve, power-packed pages. I am eager to write for The Global Times!  
**Kamal Gulati, Asst Professor, Amity School of Insurance & Actuarial Science, AUUP**





Freedom for me is to speak the truth and do the right thing.

Aditi Rajawat, AIS Vasundhara 1, II B

# Foreign returned!

Amitians took to holidaying abroad in full swing this summer vacation. Welcome aboard as the young travellers jot down their countless memories, experiences and moments captured through their lens in their overseas travel diary...



Chaitenye Vaid, V B & Katyavani Vaid, II B, AIS PV

SINGAPORE

Tia Raizada, IV F AIS Noida

**Places Visited:** Jurong Bird Park (biggest and largest bird park in the world, collection of more than 300 species of birds), Night Safari (world's first night zoo), Sentosa Island (Theme park with Butterfly Park and Insect Kingdom, showcasing numerous varieties of each) and Universal Studios (Theme park famous for fun rides based on movies like Jurassic Park, Transformers, Mummy Returns, etc)

**Highlights:** A ride on the Singapore Giant Wheel is a must do when in Singapore. The huge giant wheel which completes one cycle in 45 minutes, has 28 air conditioned capsules that can seat 8 to 10 persons each. During the ride one can enjoy the panoramic and breathtaking view of Singapore and even get a glimpse of picturesque Malaysia from the top most point of the ride.

**Fun moments:** Last day of the trip had us enjoying an hour long journey on Hippo bus and duck ride. The bus was shaped like a duck and could run both on water and land. The journey explored Singapore's famous skyline and historical landmarks.

**Places visited:** Singapore flyer (world's largest observation wheel standing at a height of 165m from the ground), Marina Bay, Mustafa centre (Singapore's 24 hour shopping mall) and Merlion Park.

**Did you know:** Singapore is among the 20 smallest countries in the world. It comprises one main island and 63 small islands which are mostly uninhabited. Singapore is one of the most densely populated countries in the world, with 6,430 people per square kilometre.

**Highlights:** Merlion Park is the most visited of all the tourist destinations. From far across you can spot the archetypal symbol and mascot of Singapore- the Merlion. It is a mythical creature with the head of a lion and body of a fish. The name is a combination of 'mer' meaning sea and lion. The fish body represents Singapore's origin as a fishing village when it was called 'temasek', meaning 'sea town' in Javanese. The lion head represents Singapore's original name Singapura, meaning 'Lion City' or 'Kota Singa'.

PHUKET

Kanishk Goel, AIS Gurgaon-43, V D



**Where:** Phuket, an island situated south of Bangkok, the capital of Thailand.

**Famous for:** Phuket is renowned for its limestone cliffs, sandy white beaches, tranquil broad bays, underwater marine life and tropical forests. Phuket is also known as Pearl of Andaman as it is nestled by the sea of Andaman.

**Places visited:** Phang-nga and Phi Phi island, Patong Beach (the most crowded beach of Phuket), Kata or Karon beach (ideal holiday retreat for quiet relaxation)

**Highlights:** While Phang-nga, better known as James Bond island, is famous for its needle shaped limestone rock emerging right from the middle of the sea, Phi Phi Leh island boasts of a beautiful underwater life, ideal for snorkeling.

**Travelers' tip:** For the first time travelers, stay at Patong. One gets an easy access to food, shopping, rocking night life, etc- all at one place.

HONGKONG

Nayana Bakhru, IV A & Palak Bakhru, KG, AIS PV

**Where:** Hongkong and Singapore

**Places Visited:** *Honkong-* Ocean Park (Marine mammal park, oceanarium, animal theme park and amusement park), Disney Land; *Singapore-* Bird Park, Sentosa Island, Night Safari

**Highlights:** Hong Kong Disney Land was amazing especially the numerous adventure rides that it offered. Every minute of the stay was fabulous; even an entire day wasn't enough to enjoy all the rides. 4 D shows, the huge entrance with a Mickey Mouse bouncing on water and the parade by the Disney Characters were the real show stealers.

Nayana and Palak at Disneyland, Hongkong



Manan Hingorani, IV I & Lakshya Hingorani, KG, AIS Noida

**Where:** Rome, Venice, Milan, Paris, Zurich and Switzerland in Europe.

**Places Visited:** *Milan-* La Scala (famous opera house); *Venice,* a unique city built on water in the middle of a lagoon, known for its canals, gondolas and Saint Mark's Basilica; *Rome-* The leaning

EUROPE

USA

Anahita Singhal, AIS PV, IV D

**Where:** Las Vegas and Seattle in USA

**Did you know:** Las Vegas is commonly known as Vegas in USA. Vegas is a part of the state called Nevada (NV) in South Western USA. Vegas is a city which never sleeps – it lives through the night. Located in the middle of the desert, the place is one of its kind. It showcases a different world which is always brimming with lights, fun and entertainment 24X7.

**Highlights:** The major attractions of the place are the huge hotels that are located on either side of the 'Vegas Strip', a road more than a kilometre long. Each hotel has a unique theme which is reflected in its décor and ambience. Some of the hotels are designed as replicas of the world's main cities like New York, Paris, London and many more. Every hotel has a casino section (with thousands of games) and entertainment areas that allow access to kids.

**Memorable moments:** It was a great time for family bonding as I went with my grandparents and cousin. I also visited my aunt's place at Seattle. I had great fun with my family there. It was an unforgettable trip.



Anahita during her Vegas trip

Manan and Lakshya soaking in Swiss beauty



Tower of Pisa, The Vatican and St Peter's; *Paris-* Eiffel Tower, Disneyland Paris; *Switzerland-* Alpine Meadows, Lake Geneva, Chillon Castle, Swiss Alps Jungfrau-Aletsch (largest deeply glaciated area in western Eurasia)

**Highlights:** The Eurail pass was our key to Europe's top places. With a single Eurail train pass, you can travel to more than 23 countries, hopping off along the way to experience Europe's most fascinating monuments, museums and breathtaking scenery. The most unique thing about getting around Europe with a Eurail Pass is that the travel is part of the whole adventure. On our trip, we saw so much of the continent from the train window.



# The Feverish Awakening



What happens when you wake up from your slumber to realize there is a minute line blurring dreams from reality?

Labani Biswas  
Amity Institute of Biotechnology

She was laughing, flashing her perfect white teeth, I could feel my world illuminate, warmth seeping down my veins on the chilly day. I can spend hours and watch her laugh, hear the laughter reverberating in her throat gently, then wide out in the open, giving the feeling that the world was a good place to live in, and then she vanished, into the air, ‘and what seemed corporal melted as breath into the wind’, as if ‘the earth hath bubbles and she was one of them’ gone was the laughter, gone was she, I shivered...

I opened my eyes a little, to prevent them squirming from the bright sunlight only to realize that I was not in my room. The reason being, my room was always shrouded in darkness with two windows that open to a hostel corridor. It is always difficult to say whether it is day or night; it was the perfect place to do the thing I loved the most, sleeping. I tried to recollect where I was, I got my

answer instantly when I heard the voices chirping away in glory, making plans to go out somewhere. Everything was still foggy, what was I doing here, and as I thought, the previous day’s events came tumbling down. Instantly I felt tears pricking my eyes, is this reality or was I still in midst of my worst nightmare! Lit-

tle was the difference between reality and my worst nightmare, I dared to crack a joke knowing it was cracking all of me. I don’t want to wake up. I want to sleep forever.  

<http://biswaslabani.blogspot.in/2012/01/she-was-laughing-showcasing-her-perfect.html>



## Khasta Kurkuri





### Ingredients

- Wonton Sheet ..... 4
- Maida ..... 4
- Eggs ..... 1
- Oil to fry .....
- Stuffing**
- Oil ..... 4 tsp
- Kalounji and Saunf ..... 1 tsp
- Red chillies (julienned) ..... 1 tsp
- Celery ..... 2 tsp
- Mushroom (sliced) ..... 160 gm
- Pepper corn (crushed) ..... 1 tsp
- Green olives ..... 2 tbsp
- Sundried tomato ..... 2 tbsp
- Pine nuts ..... 1 tbsp
- Cheddar cheese (grated) ... 60 gms
- Salt ..... To taste
- Sauce**
- Butter ..... 50 gms
- Garlic (chopped) ..... 2 tbsp
- Red chillies (julienned) ..... 1 tsp
- Tomato ..... 100 gm
- Tomato puree ..... 50 ml
- Sugar ..... 1 tsp

- Pepper corn (crushed) ..... 1 tbsp
- Salt ..... To taste

### Method

- **For stuffing:** Heat oil in a pan, add kalounji and saunf. Let them crackle. Add mushrooms and rest of the ingredients for stuffing except cheddar cheese and sauté till dry. Keep the stuffing aside. When it cools down add grated cheese.
- Stuff the wonton sheets with the above filling and shape them like medium sized cigars.
- Seal the corners with the batter prepared with maida and egg.
- Deep fry the khasta kurkuri at moderate temperature.
- **For Sauce:** Heat butter in a pan and add chopped garlic, sauté them till golden brown. Add remaining ingredients and cook till tender. Cook till a thick consistency is achieved.
- Serve the fried khasta kurkuri with the sauce.  

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## Independence

Tulika Mathur, AIS Gur 43, IX C

For my independence I acknowledge those, who are known or anonymous?  
With their spell bound work,  
in my heart they rose.

Time ran like an antelope,  
in our hearts we had hope,  
To be called independents,  
and to reach success  
we will climb all ropes.

Their love for the country,  
is still considered to be antique,  
they surrendered their lives with a grin,  
And always marked  
their comfort to be secondary.



I wish I could ever meet those diamonds,  
who are happy to see us  
independent from heaven,  
to remember their golden names,  
should be our only aim.  



POEMS

## Beautiful Days

Priya Agarwal  
Amity School of Engg & Technology

Gone are those days when the first ray of light signaled for school,  
It was I who cried and made a big water pool.  
School sounded boring, school sounded waste,  
with nothing to do but colorful papers to paste.  
From jumping to hopping to making bubbles,  
the teacher instructed us to intentionally tumble.  
A was for apple, then A for astronaut,  
circles were formed from tiny dots.  
But as time passed the school showed me its real colour,  
It had protected me ever since with velvet fur.  
Presence of teachers, books and friends were worthy enough,  
they have always taught me to be rough and tough.  
My seniors, my juniors have always been inspiring,  
instilling the confidence was all they were doing.  
I will always express my heartfelt thanks to all those who have been there when needed,  
I will cherish those memories in a necklace beaded.  

## Camera Capers

Akash Deep Arora, Amity School of Communication



Peeping beauty



Hide ‘n’ Seek



Little diva

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# The tale of hopeful Priya

## Wisdom Tale

Samridhhi Prakash, AIS Vas 1, VI B

Once there was a small girl named Priya. Her parents had died when she was only five years old. She started living with her uncle. Her uncle and aunt ill treated her. They had a daughter of Priya's age, Sunita. After Priya came to their house, the maid who used to do all the household chores was asked to leave. The poor girl used to work day and night for a paltry amount of Rs 50 a month while her cousin Sunita went to a reputed school.

Whenever Priya expressed her desire to go to school, she was rebuked by her aunt. One day, she gathered all her courage and pleaded before her uncle to allow her to go to school. He turned down her request saying, "If you join school, who would do the household work?" When all her requests went un-

But she did not give up. She started reading books at the book store where she worked.



heard she decided to leave the house and do some menial work to fund her education. She got up at two in the morning and after stealing one thousand rupees that her aunty owed her as salary, she left the house. She went to several places look-

ing for work but was turned down every time because of her age. Finally, she managed to get a job at a book store for half a day. With one mission accomplished, she began her hunt for finding a school for herself. Clearing the interview was a cakewalk for her, but she got rejected whenever questions pertaining to her parents were raised. But she did not give up. She started reading books at the book store where she worked. One day, a costumer saw her reading a book. He asked her "Do you know how to read and write?". She replied in affirmative. When asked whether she went to a school, she had tears in her eyes. Moved by her plight, he asked Priya whether she would like to reside at his home and study. She happily consented and from that day Priya started taking her lessons at home.

### So, what did you learn today?

You should never give up hope, however grim the situation is.

## Instant Hide & Seek Chocolate Cake



Rishita Ujjwal Bharani

AIS Noida, III

### Ingredients

Hide & Seek biscuits .....1 packet  
Milk .....½ cup  
Sugar .....2 tbsp  
Dairy Milk chocolate .....1

### Method

- Powder the biscuits in a mixer.
- Add milk and sugar to it slowly

and keep it aside for some time.

- Grease the glass bowl and pour the mixture in it.
- Bake it in microwave for 2 mins. Take out the cake gently and let it cool down.
- Melt the chocolate in a bowl.
- Spread the melted chocolate evenly over the cake and refrigerate it for nearly 30 mins.
- Your yummy cake is ready! Serve it with tea or coffee.

## Poems

# Freedom



Asawari Bhatia, AIS Gur 43, IX A

15th August is the day we became free,  
and all citizens smiled with glee.  
Our freedom struggle began in 1857,  
the British rule came to

an end in 1947.  
The day now begins by saluting the national flag,  
with a promise to move ahead and not drag.  
Finally, we were out from the dark prison,  
singing patriotic songs in unison.  
Paying tribute to the freedom fighters,  
Each of us pledges to be a passionate lamp lighter.  
We are now living in peace,  
We will not separate in piece.  
Its protection is our duty,  
protection of people, culture and beauty.

# Mr Cooler Respect

Rajshwii Bhattacharjee, AIS Vasundhara 1, VII A

Oh! Cooler, such a lucky thing you are;  
you don't have a brain,  
but you do have a fan.  
You do have a heart,  
which pumps water in yourself.  
You can't move but,  
still you have four legs.  
You are not made by God,  
but still give refreshing air.  
You can give us hot air,  
you can give us cold air too.  
You are tall like us,  
you do have a mouth.  
You have been made like a living being.  
Then why not call you a living being?



Respect is given to a person, by a person.  
Respect is a man gifted thing, which brings a smile to someone's face.  
Some may disrespect for something; some may respect for nothing.  
Respect makes someone happy; respect everyone around, it will surely come back to you.



Ishita Moudgill, AIS PV, VI D

Which word becomes long when we take out 2 letters from it ?

Lounge - Long

What occurs once in every minute, twice in every moment, yet never in a thousand years?

The letter M



If there are 3 apples and you take away 2, how many do you have?

If you take 2 apples, then you have 2.

How many times can you subtract

number 6 from 30 ?

Once because the next time you will be subtracting from 24 instead of 30.

What number can you subtract half from to get a result that is 0 ?

The no. 8 (it is made up of two zeros).

What has six eyes, but can not see?

Three blind mice.

## It's Me



Name: Chitralkha A. Borah

School: AIS, Vas 6

My class: KG D

Birthday: October 13

I like: Flowers, books

I hate: Crying

My hobby: Colouring

My role model: My grandmother

My best friend: Manasvi, Farhana, Nibir, Hemanya

My favourite book: 5-Minute Princess Stories

My favorite game: Swimming and cycling

My favorite food: Pasta, omelette

My favorite teacher: Barbara Ma'am, Manvi Ma'am

My favorite poem: All things bright and beautiful

My favorite subject: Maths

I want to become a: Doctor

I want to feature in GT because: I want others to know about me.

## Painting Corner

Abhijeet Singh Rekhi  
AIS Gur 43, IV B





# Dad's day out

A dad is someone who holds you when you cry... scolds you when you break rules...brims with pride when you succeed and has faith in your abilities when you fail



Dad and kids create happy memories



Presenting fun acts together

## Amiown Gurgaon

Under the guidance and support of Ms Sapna Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amiown, an exciting and fun filled family day was organized at Amiown Gurgaon on July 21, 2012. Mothers were invited for a workshop on Phonics whereas fathers were invited along with their children to celebrate the spirit of fatherhood. The father-child bond is getting stronger these days since fathers are becoming equal partners in bringing up children. To

further strengthen the bond between the two, Amiown provided a platform through Father's Day celebrations. Fathers and children came prepared to present acts of their choice like songs, skits, rhymes, playing of musical instruments, etc. It was great to see the enthusiasm with which the two performed together. The fathers also got an opportunity to spend more time with the child than usual and discover new things about them. Apart from the act, fathers enjoyed the game of 'Tug of war'. The excitement, frenzy, fun and

involvement could be clearly seen on their faces. While the fathers played, children cheered for them and when kids played, fathers cheered for them with great energy. There were some mind tickling puzzles to be sorted by fathers and children together. The team which finished first, won the game. The two had lots of fun doing an art and craft activity. Fathers helped their children in making *Papa* a present. The celebrations came to an end with some delicious snacks and wonderful moments to be cherished forever. 🇧🇩



Learning turns 3D with model making

# Exploring the world

At Amiown, there is a lot of focus on theme based learning wherein the teachers try to integrate different subjects so that children are able to relate to the world around them. The theme of the month for the Amies at **Amiown Gurgaon** was "Exploring My World – Home, School and Friendship." Discussing the theme through stories, audio visual presentations and hands-on activities enabled the children to inter-relate home with school and friendship. Different projects were conducted in the school so as to enhance the kids' knowledge. The Family theme was introduced

through hand print stick puppets and it was extended to the different types of houses that those families live in. Further, the school theme was introduced to discuss the importance of school in their lives and the essence of friends in school. The theme of home, school and friendship was internalized by assembling painted cartons to make 3D models of different types of houses and their own school building. Such an activity contributed to a greater awareness about the inter-relationship between different topics. Integration of subject content was intended to help students understand the many dimensions of their world. 🇧🇩



Little skate champs rejoice their victory

# Skate surfers

It has been rightly said that success favours the brave. Little champs of **Amiown Gurgaon** brought laurels for their school and parents by participating and winning under various categories in the Rajiv Gandhi Roller Sports Club Skating Championship held at Tau Devi Lal Stadium, Gurgaon. The little skaters who won prizes in the under-4 age group were: Akshay Shriram, Nur E,

I<sup>st</sup> in Inline Skating; Keshav Sethi, Nur C, II<sup>nd</sup> in Quads; Aryan Thakur, Nur A, III<sup>rd</sup> in Quads; Jagrit Sabarwal, Nur D, II<sup>nd</sup> in Adjustable Round and Vedant Tejaswi, Nur B, III<sup>rd</sup> in Adjustable Round. Riddhima and Harshpreet Kaur, Nur F also participated in the event. Heartiest congratulations to all the winners and participants. The future is full of promises; the journey has just begun! 🇧🇩

# Jolly good phonics!

Amiown mothers enjoyed jolly well at the Phonics workshop while learning interesting ways to teach their kids

Amiown follows the proven phonic scheme of Jolly Phonics. The phonics workshop was conducted by Amity Centre for Educational Research and Training (ACERT), with the intent to engage and educate parents with the Jolly Phonics Scheme that is being followed by the school. The workshop was organised at **Amiown Gurgaon** on July 21, 2012 for Pre Nursery and Nursery parents. The mothers of Amies attended the workshop and they participated with great enthusiasm. For most mothers, it was like returning to innocence as it was the first time they were learning the phonetic sounds. The facilitator took them through all the letters of the alphabet, in the same order as suggested by Jolly

phonics and taught them the sound of various letters. The mothers were introduced to the rhymes and actions which help in recognizing each phonic sound.

They joyously sang along with the facilitator and appreciated the Jolly Phonics Scheme adopted at Amiown. The facilitator also taught the mothers, ways to spin a story around the letter sound with objects from their immediate environment to make learning easier for their children. The workshop also suggested various activities that can be done with the children at home to make learning more interesting and engaging. The mothers appreciated the value of phonics as an early step to future reading. The parents took away with them immense knowledge to rev up their little ones. Heartiest thanks to Ms Sapna Chauhan, Vice Chairperson Amiown, who had the vision to bring parents into partnership with the school. 🇧🇩



Parents pick up smart tips at the Phonics workshop







Freedom for me is living in a country where all the people are treated equally.

Ishika, AIS Vasundhara 1, III A

# Encouraging toppers

AIS Noida, a trailblazer in the academic sphere, encouraged the deserving toppers through a grand felicitation ceremony



Cake cutting ceremony with Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan



Principal Renu Singh addressing the parents

## AIS Noida

Amity International School, Noida, held the felicitation ceremony on July 13 to felicitate over 140 students who topped their respective subjects and scored an aggregate of more than 90 percent in Class XII CBSE Board exams 2011-2012.

### Congratulating the gems

The programme commenced on an auspicious note with the lighting of the lamp and an invocation to the Almighty. Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools blessed the meritorious students and urged them to

be humble and responsible individuals. She exhorted them to carry forward the Amity tradition of excellence with pride. Principal Renu Singh congratulated the young achievers and motivated them to work towards their goals with determination and perseverance. She also commended and congratulated Class X students for bolstering the school's parameters of excellence to that of rank two in the country.

### Expressing gratitude

Class XII toppers Meghna Bansal, Kavya Bhargava and Aditya Garg went down the memory lane as they expressed gratitude to their alma mater for

sharpening their confidence levels. They reminisced the time they joined AIS Noida as reticent toddlers and the journey of how they were provided with ample opportunities to recognise their innate potential.

### Thanking teachers

A presentation on a teacher's unflinching dedication to the profession and her role in nurturing talent was well appreciated. The teachers were then felicitated with bouquets and appreciation letters and lauded for their relentless efforts towards the students.

The function concluded on a sweet note with the cake cutting ceremony. [G](#) [U](#)



Parent Orientation at AIS Noida

# Welcoming Parents

## AIS Noida

AIS Noida organised a parent orientation for Class XII on July 7. Principal Renu Singh welcomed the parents and apprised them of the spectacular CBSE board results 2011-2012. She proudly told them of the enrollment of AIS Noida students in prestigious universities. Vice Principal Sangeeta Kain acquainted the parents with the teaching methodology followed in Class XII.

The parents were then taken on a virtual tour of the Amityranet Parent Section. Senior School Co-ordinator Veera Pandey provided an insight into the mentor program and life skill sessions. Synchro Coordinator Mrs Naidu spoke at length about the Extensive Training Program (ETP) for synchro students and shed light on juggling CBSE with competitive exams.

## AIS Vas 1

AIS Vasundhara 1 held an orientation program for Class V on July 21. The occasion was graced by the benign presence of Chairperson Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan.

The program commenced with the traditional lighting of the lamp ceremony by Principal V. Balachandran, Headmistress Roop Kamal Singh and the parents.

This was followed by a formal welcoming of the parents where the students greeted them with a melodious welcome song and the Principal spoke humble words in her address to them. The headmistress introduced the parents to the teaching methodology followed by the school in a simple yet informative manner. The school counselor contributed to the program by sharing tips with the parents on exams and tests and handling peer pressure. [G](#) [U](#)



Dr Parikh and Dr Dwivedi with AIS Gur 43 participants

# Workshop on managing anger

## AIS Gur 43

Pallavi Vemuganti  
AIS Gur 43, XI B

Fortis Memorial Research Institute, Gurgaon, organised a pro-social peer moderator program on July 24. The pro-social movement on anger and aggression management, held at the institute, aimed at engaging and helping peers and juniors learn the skills to communicate assertively and manage anger effectively. Students of class XI, Pallavi

Vemuganti, Nandini Gupta and class IX, Aditya Mathur and Sarthak Agarwal, along with school councillor Vipula Gupta, attended the workshop. The students from the 25 participating schools were encouraged to hold poster making competitions, organise skits and hold discussions around aggression management.

Presentations held during the school assembly and in the classrooms, coupled with slogan writing competitions, were a valuable means of spreading awareness on the issue in discussion. [G](#) [U](#)

# Assembly with a special touch

School assemblies can spread cheer, joy and fun while sharing some food for thought and sending out a noble message



Little ones of AIS Lucknow welcome rain



## AIS Vas-6

AIS Vasundhara 6, held a special assembly organized by classes X A and X B on July 20. The assembly, titled "Let's Give Not Take", saw enthusiastic participants distinctly put forth the desired message through a short skit, reflecting upon the conditions in the socio-political fabric and the potential of the present day youth in combating critical challenges. Pop singer Michael Jackson's famous Number "We are the World." sent out a hard hitting message.

Principal Sunila Athley complimented

the students and teachers for their commendable efforts in presenting the assembly to drive home the message of inculcating values of caring, sharing and compassion among Amityans.

## AIS Lucknow

A special assembly to celebrate the arrival of monsoon was held at AIS Lucknow on July 20.

The program began with the song 'Barkha Rani Aaj Barso Itni Zor Se' sung by students of classes K.G. and I. A foot tapping dance presentation by the kindergarteners on the song 'Ghanan

ghanan ghan ghir aaye badra' won many a heart. The little ones also presented an action song 'Barkha Aayi' along with students of Nursery.

The tiny tots of nursery mesmerized the audience with their dance performance on the song, 'Badal Raja, pani jaldi se barsa ja'. The concluding performance by class I on the song 'Meri Aasmani Chatri' was a delight to watch. The children also dabbled with colours through various activities like dot painting.

The underlying theme of the whole presentation that life is a rainbow, with both the sun and the rain, was well relayed by the little ones. [G](#) [U](#)





# Picture it- GT Photo Contest



▶ Tricolour badge  
Harshul Sharma  
XII Synchro, AIS Gurgaon 43



▶ Tricolour in Nature  
Vrinda Singhal  
VII D, AIS Vasundhara 6



▶ Father of Tricolour  
Shivika  
X, Gurgaon 46



▶ Floral tribute to Tricolour  
Jaideep Singh  
X D, AIS Gurgaon 46



▶ Ode to Tricolour  
Karan Kataria  
X B AIS Gurgaon 43



▶ Tricolour Pride  
Satjit Singh  
XII A, AIS Pushp Vihar



▶ Pinwheelled Tricolour  
Prakher JS Josan  
XIII B AIS Vasundhara 6



▶ Tricolour salad  
Swetabh Changkakoti  
V B, AIS Saket



▶ Pegged up Tricolour  
R Vishwakarthik  
X C, AIS Gurgaon 43



▶ Tricolour painting  
Mehul Mathur  
IV D, AIS Vasundhara 6



▶ Tricolour order  
Himanshi Batra  
IX A, AIS PV

## WINNING CLICKS

**1<sup>st</sup>** Prajwal Bahukhandi, B Tech Biotech, AIB wins personalized portfolio photoshoot by Tasveer

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Arun Singh, VI C, AIS Vasundhara 6 wins photoshoot by Think Tonk

**3<sup>rd</sup>** Lavanya Chawla, VIII F, AIS Gurgaon 46 wins signature photograph by AndPictures Photography