

Food for thought

“If you have it [Love], you don't need to have anything else, and if you don't have it, it doesn't matter much what else you have.”

Sir James M. Barrie

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‘The best things in life are free’, crooned Janet Jackson. So proclaimed Parvathy Omanakuttam, Ms World Runners Up 2008, as she accepted the crown. Just like the rain, the air and the sunshine, if the best things in life are indeed gratis, is love one of them?

Ishita Bedi, VII B, AIS ED, Shivangi Mittal, Class VIII-C, AIS Gur-43, Aarti Khandelwal, Class XI, AIS Noida & Siddharth Sharma, Class XI, AIS Saket

“Love don’t cost a thing”: Love is unconditional and one doesn’t need expensive gifts to express love for one’s friends, parents, grandparents or even pets. Agrees **Charu Gupta, AIS Noida**, “Love doesn’t cost anything. Giving gifts is not the criteria to measure love; it’s the feeling that matters. I can give a loving smile to anyone and make that person feel nice.” **Deeksha Kokas of AIS Noida** echoes, “If a poor household cannot afford gifts, it does not mean that they do not love each other.” Expresses **Neha Singh of AIS East Delhi**, “Love does not see your Gucci bag or your bank account. It only sees the person you are and you cannot put a price tag on that.”

**Unconditional love:** Love is selfless, it only knows to give;

not to take back. **Sunaina Bhat-tacharya, AIS Noida** opines, “Love is without any preconditions. Understanding and respect come automatically with love.” Love doesn’t wait for rewards, feels **Anwesha (class VII) AIS East Delhi**, “The purest love is between siblings; it is a bonding that is strengthened without the hope of any reward.” **Tuhin-an-shu Sharma, mother of Sid-dharth, AIS Saket (class XI)** says, “Love is what I feel for my children, my family. It is a powerful emotion.”

**Love makes the world go around:** Love has the power to strip away every other emotion from our body. It can subdue our pain yet induce agony like we’ve never felt before. **Bharti Sharma, Principal AIS Saket**,



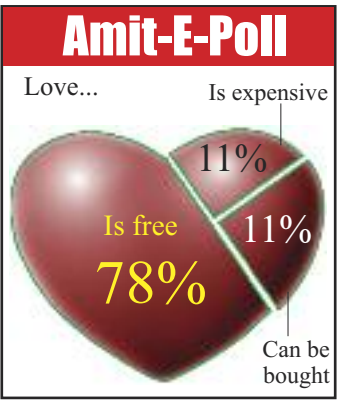
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feels that love is “An emotion so powerful that it can move the world. It helps us transcend from being human to being part of the Almighty. Love is indescribable; it’s beauty lies in feeling it.” “The world is like a mirror-what you give is reflected back to you. When you give love, you get it back manifold!” feels **Shikha Singh, SST teacher AIS East Delhi**. Agrees **Aradhana Bedi-Biology teacher, AIS East Delhi**, “Love holds the world together. If it is finished, the whole world will be scattered. Money comes and goes but love has been there, is there and will always be there .”

**Great expectations:** Once you entrust your love and faith in someone, the expectation from such a relationship is sky high. One such beautiful relationship exists between parents and chil-

dren. What better time than this to put across one’s gratitude for one’s parents? **Shivangi Mittal (class VIII-C) AIS Gur-43** says, “I would like to thank my parents for being there for me always-to help me while I’m in trouble, to tell me when I’m wrong and to be proud of me when I’ve achieved something! So a big ‘Thank You’ and lots of love to them!”

**For everything else, there’s**



**MasterCard!** True, love as an emotion, doesn’t cost anything in material terms. However, **Kirti Gandhi, AIS Noida** feels, “Love costs time, tolerance, trust and faith.” It requires a lot more than a card or a bouquet to make your loved ones feel special. It needs a lot of respect, care, time, patience and understanding for those we love. And as we know, for everything else, there’s MasterCard! Love is selfless and unconditional. It only knows to give; not to take back. A mother’s love for her unborn child; a disciple in devotion to God; a soldier fighting for his country; a father awaiting his son outside the school; a couple going out for dinner; a teacher lovingly helping her students- all are expressions of love. Can they be bought? No! They are priceless!●

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“I have done nothing outstanding. I have only done what I felt was very important.”

**Padma Bhushan Dr Rajendra K Pachauri**, recipient of the honourable of honours – Noble Peace Prize- for the distinguished efforts made by IPCC (Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change) under his guidance as Chairman and Director General of TERI, interacts with the winners of Amity Science Congress.

**Dhawal Aneja, AIMC Manesar:** How does India differ from other countries in its use of alternative resources?

India has an edge over other countries in terms of

abundance of alternative sources of energy, yet it lags behind others in its usage. This is partly due to the lack of technology and partly due to political will. India has an efficient supply of solar energy and efforts are being made to harness its potential to its maximum.

**Prapti Alok, AIS Vasundhara:** As part of the Amity Vasudha project, I have been working on the extraction of silver from waste hypo solution. What type of platform do we need to implement this further?

For any project to be implemented, it is important to ensure that the project is economically viable at a commercial level. And if that is so, it would be a pleasure to be associated with the project. I am very happy to hear that you have taken up this project and wish you all the best for your future.

**Kunal Rattan Arora, AIS Sec-46, Gurgaon:** What according to you is more important: preservation or innovation?

You need both. Preservation is important, to save the earth; and innovation is required to implement the same. For instance, water is important for irrigation, but innovation is required to ensure that it reaches to all.

**Apurva Talluri, (VIII B) AIS East Delhi:** We often watch people burning garbage and thus contributing to global warming. What can we do to build an effective garbage disposal?

The organic waste can be used for composting. Citizens need to organize themselves at various levels, commencing from their neighbourhood and colony; only then can we have a solution for the city. Burning of organic garbage is a sheer waste of energy.

**Neha Gupta, Amitasha:** In rural areas, people do not understand the implications of pollution. How can we spread awareness, so that they can help in conserving nature?

We can educate them by citing examples

from our day-to-day surroundings. For eg, we can tell them that excess of chemical fertilizer damages plants and soil, and when it reaches underground water; it pollutes the water we drink. Then, it enters our body, causing serious health hazards. Other means of education are through TV and newspaper.

**Arnimal Kaul, AIS Noida:** Does a country like India benefit from Carbon Credits and if yes, how can the strategy be implemented so that everybody is fully aware of the strategy?

Definitely India benefits from the Carbon Credit strategy if properly implemented. The Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) is an organization which undertakes large-scale projects, funded by foreign countries. Common man can only be benefited by these projects once they are implemented and duly informed by government officials.

**Abhinav Bansal, AIS Pushp Vihar:** How can students be more effectively sensitized about preserving the environment?

We can do this by reading more and more books and internet sites as TERI. It is also important to ensure that adults preserve the nature. Through debate and

discussion with others, one can make a beginning towards achieving this goal.

**Aditya, AIS Gurgaon Sec-43:** With limited petrol and diesel stock, which fuel, according to you, will become a reality in the near future?

That can’t be predicted because there are many solutions which can become a reality in the near future. This season, winters were comparatively warmer with one of the newspapers quoting the temperature as 8 degree Celsius above normal. What is the reason for this? The reason could be anything from Global warming to the natural effects of the environment.

**Sanskriti, AIS Saket:** You have done the country proud by winning Padma Bhushan and Nobel Peace Prize. How does it feel to be thus recognised and what has been your biggest challenge so far?

I have done nothing outstanding. I have only done what I felt was very important. Rewards followed later. We started as a small group. As we grew bigger, we understood the culture around us and began to publicize our achievement. And I am not embarrassed by openly publicizing my projects.●

“Preservation is needed to save the earth. Innovation is required to implement the same.”



## Are we ready for the war?



**Madhur Mehta, X, AIMC:** We are not prepared for a war because we have many more internal issues to resolve before indulging in any war. War involves a lot of money and support from other countries that India does not have right now.

**Tanay Arora, XI, AIMC:** I honestly

feel that we are not ready for the war. Our economy is

feeling the pressures of global recession and a war would only expedite the process. With limited defence budget and fear of nuclear attacks, India is definitely not ready for a war.



**Rohit Kundra:** The pronoun for evil is war. No war has ever proved to be for the betterment of any society. On

the contrary, it only brings forth the incapability of the government to resolve the issue amicably.

## Cadet Speak

**Tanuj Thakran,**

**IX, AIMC:** Yes, we are ready for the war because we should not stand any injustice. Its important to nip the evil at an early stage before it engulfs the nation.



**Vinayak, XI, AIMC:** I agree that our relationship with our neighbours has been unpleasant, but that does

not mean that we should enter into a war. War has never benefitted anyone. We need to keep in mind the destruction, loss of life, property, etc that follows every war. So we should abstain from war and instead, invest in maintaining peace.

**Paritesh Royal, X,**

**AIMC:** War, is something that India would not hastily opt for.

India is a peace loving nation. However, when the peace of our country is under threat, it is our duty to fight against the evil and restore peace.



**Ashish Deb, X, AIMC:** India has the second largest Army, Navy and Air Force in the world.

Having the most intelligent defence force, India is definitely ready for the war at any time.

# Horn not ok, please!

**Sachit Tandon**  
IX-B, AIS East Delhi

**B**eep! A big car, maybe a Scorpio, honked at my father's car as we tried to manoeuvre our way through a busy street near a mall. Beep went another horn and then another, as if all the vehicles were participating in some sort of road opera! Is honking of any use? All the people who honk think that by blowing the horn, the vehicles in front of them will vanish into thin air to make way for them! Huh?

Despite education and literacy, we Indians are the best when it comes to blowing the horn. To initiate a significant step against the honking menace, the Delhi government announced January 1 as 'No Honking Day'. Delhi-ites actively participated in it and said a big 'NO' to expressing anger by blowing horns at each other. Bemoans Telecom Professional Satish Tandon (48), "Driving on Delhi roads has become increasingly hectic. Honking has become an intolerable nuisance that irritates you and forces you to become a part of the honkers. It's addictive!" Some

others are thankful for such a day. "Its great that 'No Honking Day' has been introduced in our calendar. Though honking needs to be stopped, but not honking on Delhi roads is almost impossible. It is mandatory for security reasons," quips Romit Mehrotra, an Engineering student. "No Honking Day comes to me as a good surprise, as it would allow humans to live in a noise-free environment. Less honking would mean less irritation and less chaos in our world—a peaceful life!" says Akash Tandon, also an Engineering student.

Even students of AIS East Delhi are positive. "Honking is definitely a menace. This irritating nuisance sure needs to be stopped," feels Yugantika Tomar (14). "Honking not only causes noise pollution, but also harms the environment. The best way to stop this is to install cars with horns that are not very loud," believes Satrajit Sahani (15). Both Vasundhara Gupta (14) and Samay Das (14) nod in agreement! Were you a part of the No Honking Day? If not, why not make another New Year resolution of not blowing horns at others? •

**No Honking Day: Jan 1st**



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## Satyam's Mithya

**Shampa Subhadarsinee**  
MJMC, ASCO

**I**ndia's fourth largest software services provider has been recently in news for all the wrong reasons. The Chairman of Satyam, Ramalinga Raju has been arrested after he acknowledged having inflated and forged the company's profits to the tune of about Rs 7000 Cr over the past seven years. The mismanagement of funds in Satyam has led to erosion of shareholders' confidence, exposed the politician-mafia-corporate nexus, reflected the darker side of capitalism, raised disconcerted questions on corporate governance and the role of auditors (Pricewaterhouse Coopers) and has

thus tarnished the image of India Inc. We can still salvage some pride by making stringent rules and increasing the involvement of government and regulatory bodies. Rohit Kaul, MJMC, ASCO quips, "The Satyam fiasco will affect India's corporate image in the international market. They should be punished so that frauds like this are not repeated." However, Madan Bharadwaj, MJMC, ASCO thinks, "What has happened with Satyam is actually happening in every MNC. We should not mix politics with business."



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## Gaza battle: Out of control

**Saksham Singh**  
AIS, Gurgaon-46

**I**srael is known for its military power and technology. The 2008–2009, Israel–Gaza conflict began on December 27th, 2008. A six-month truce between Hamas and Israel expired on December 19, 2008. Contending that Israel had not lifted the Gaza Strip blockade and following an Israeli raid into the Gaza Strip in November, Hamas resumed its rocket and mortar attacks on Israel. After initially announcing, that the truce was "over", Hamas offered to extend the truce in December. On December 27th, 2008, Israel launched its military operation to defend itself from



Hamas rocket fire. Hamas demands the cessation of Israeli attacks and an end to the Israeli blockade. Most of the people living in Gaza are refugees. According to Palestinian Ministry of Health and UN figures as of January 12, 1024 Palestinians have been

killed and 3,860 have been injured. In January 2009, in a press conference, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert declared a unilateral ceasefire effective that night at 2400 GMT. But Hamas have vowed not to cease their fire. Both parties feel they are right but what they do not feel is the pain of the people who are stuck in the crossfire. Pratibha Garg, Housewife and mother says, "My heart goes out to the people there. What kind of childhood must they be having?" Anil Pandey, student of Ryan International opines, "I see no solution in the near future. Both countries have long since crossed the point where negotiations can take place." •

## Scam it up, boys!

**Shivangi Kakkar**  
IX-A, AIS Pushp Vihar

**H**ow did property dealers manage to fake identities and get Delhi Development Authority (DDA) flats in the lottery of 5000 flats? Speaking to NDTV, Deepak Kumar, a small Delhi entrepreneur admitted that in May 2008, two property dealers asked him to partner in a scheme that Deepak would introduce them to a chartered accountant who had been hired by ICICI bank to review loan applications of anyone applying for DDA flats. However, soon fake applications were filed under the Scheduled Tribe quota. Realising the scam, Deepak told this to Udit Raj, a former Revenue Service officer and politician. The two men lodged a complaint with both the police and DDA. But the complaint was ignored and the lottery took place as scheduled in December. DDA believes it's not a serious lapse pointing out that documents are checked only after the lottery has taken place. While Deepak admits that he did initially work with the property agents to help get the applications, he says that it was when he did not know anything about a scam. All said and done, one thing is clear, the scam could easily have been avoided had some stringent rules been there in the first place.



# Jai Ho Rahman!

**Kritik Soman**  
IX-A, AIS East Delhi

**A**llah Rakha Rahman, popularly known as AR Rahman, did India proud by winning the Golden Globe for his music for the film 'Slumdog Millionaire'. A general sentiment echoed among Indians – this reward was long overdue to such an exceptionally talented composer. Rahman's music has transcended the changing tastes of times and generations.

His genre of music finds unsurpassed appeal across all classes of people. His compositions have an inherent blend of rhythmic aesthetics that seamlessly infuse melody into the ears. His work has consistently earned accolades, and this prestigious honour justifies his mettle to the world. We, as Indians, have always been proud of Rahman, whose creed of music conception is unique and exemplary.

AR Rahman's score for Slumdog Millionaire is truly phenomenal. 'Jai Ho', the flagship number of Slumdog Millionaire, boasts of an amazing mix of melody and rhythm, remains Indian at heart and is instantly catchy. No wonder, it is the lone promotional song of the film and also sees a music video dedicated to it. The background theme piece 'O Saya' speeds up the pace of the film with its sheer energy.



**GT Crown for February goes to AR Rahman for his Golden sound track in Slumdog, proving that Indians are no more the underdogs in Global awards race!**

'Mausam - Escape' is mainly a fusion piece that amalgamates Indian and Western classical music and heightens the impact of the narrative. With 'Dreams on Fire'-a soft and sensitive number, Rahman shows once again why he is the preferred choice for many international filmmakers! "Slumdog Millionaire has a great storyline and is a sure winner. No wonder it swept the Golden Globes award ceremony," feels Aman Tyagi, IX - A, AIS (ED). "Rahman's music is outstanding. I hope he gets the prestigious Oscar as well - let bollywood rule!" quips Shubham Gupta, IX - A, AIS (ED). •







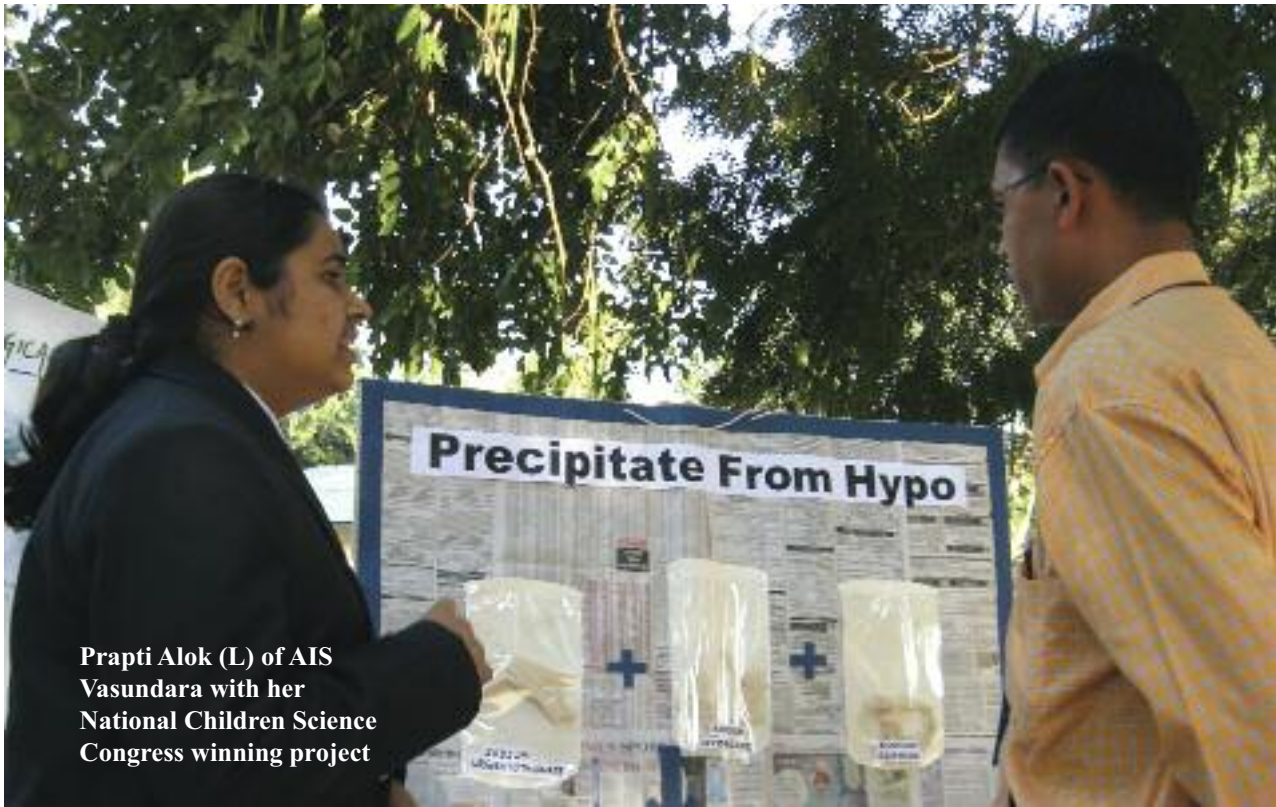
# Joyous journey to international Glory

Prapti Alok

VII-B, AIS Vasundhra

I still remember the day when my teacher Veena Ma'am told me about NCSC and asked me to prepare a project for the same. My group brainstormed for a few days and then zeroed on the topic 'Hospital waste management with special reference to value recovery'.

I distinctly remember the day, November 16, 2008 when my dream came true. We had cleared the state level held at Lucknow and were going to represent UP in the 16th National Children's Science Congress in Dimapur, Nagaland. 580 students from various parts of the country took part in the event. I can never forget the colourful event of flag hoisting of various states and the town parade of the participants with their state flags. This ceremony concluded with planting of Christmas tree by each state in the garden of the venue - Livingstone Foundation Higher Secondary School. The Congress was inaugurated by former President Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam. His speech was a package of inspiration for everyone. The next day we had an interactive session with Prof. Yashpal, an eminent academician and science scholar. I heard other students, who came from every corner of the country presenting their commendable projects. And then came the day of my presentation. I remembered the inspiring words of my teacher and presented to do my best. I was assisted by Kunal Bhaiya of AIS Gurgaon during my presentation. Even the judges were happy after listening to the project. Soon after my presentation I was interviewed by the NCERT



Prapti Alok (L) of AIS Vasundhra with her National Children Science Congress winning project

team who were making a documentary on the whole event. This was really a moment I'll cherish throughout my life. 'But was it really my best?' I got the answer to this question when the results were declared. Ours was among the 23 projects that made it to the list of select top projects.

This was a wonderful news for all in the New Year. I would like to convey my heartfelt thanks to Chairperson Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan for giving me the platform; my Principal Shashi Ranjan for motivating me and my guide, Veena Ma'am for her invaluable support and faith in us. I am also grateful to my parents and family for their encouragement. And of course, my team members, Chhavi, Shruti, the youngest member Sahej and Harshit, without whom the achievement would not have been possible.●

## National Children Science Congress 2008

Students of Amity International School, Vasundhara marked yet another red-letter day in the history of their school when their project 'Hospital Waste Management with value recovery' was selected to represent India at the National level at the 16th National Children's Science Congress at Nagaland.

The five day event which commenced on December 27, 2008 was inaugurated by former President Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam. Out of 580 best projects from all over the country, the school project made it to the top 23 projects at the national level. The amalgamated efforts of Founder President, Dr. Ashok K. Chauhan; Chairperson, Dr. (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan; Principal, Guide Teachers and team members came out with flying colours.

### The prize winning project of NCSC 2008

## Medical waste Management

Participants: **Prapti Alok (team leader), Shruti Kumari, Chhavi Garg, Sehaj Shukla and Harshit Singhal**

Hospital is an institution for diagnosing and treating the sick or injured, housing them during treatment, examining patients and managing childbirth. Hospital waste includes all types of waste and discarded material that can't be reused in the hospital. Hospital waste management activities include reducing the toxic waste, proper disposal of waste and recycling or processing the waste to get utility value. The waste generated in the hospital includes anatomical and

body fluids, parts contaminated with radio nucleids and chemical waste including used chemicals, solutions and water in liquid or gaseous phase which are discharged from the labs, pathology and surgical areas of the hospital. Silver compound is mostly used in X-ray plates for radiographic and photographic purposes except in those machines which are based on CR technology that requires wet processing of film. Silver, if not extracted from the chemicals / solutions which are used

for X-ray processing and discharged from the X-ray machine, pollutes the water. An experimental approach to extract silver from X-ray processing chemicals is being suggested in the model that results in the saving of silver as well as large reduction of water pollution caused by its mixing. The unique feature of this project is that without the use of any scientific apparatus/laboratory, silver can be successfully extracted bearing a minimum cost of Rs. 1.05 per 10 gm. Application has also been filed for obtaining Patent for the project, provisional number for the same is 2925/DEL/2008.●

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**Neel Rakholia**

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**Parth Mehta**

■ Summer workshop at Stanford University, USA. ■ Silver medal in International Junior Science Olympiad at South Korea ■ NTSE Scholarship.



**Twinkle Parekh**

■ Summer workshop, at Smith College, USA. ■ National topper NASA contest. ■ NTSE Scholarship ■ Selected for Indian National Olympiad in Sr. Astronomy.



**Vijat Bhalodia**

■ NTSE Scholarship.



**Saket Mehta**

■ NTSE Scholarship.



**Aishwaraya Rathore**

■ Bal Shree award in Creative Scientific Innovations.



**Vishad Bhalodia**

■ Selected for INO in Junior Science.

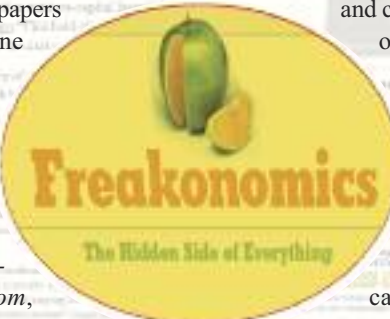
## Freakin' economics

**Kshitij Lauria**  
XII-B, AIS Noida

Now that blogging is as established a medium, and demonstrably as influential, as the other traditional media outlets, some of this medium's more subtle properties are becoming apparent. One of these is a blog's single-mindedness and focus: for a single blog, day after day for months and years, follows the same subject and develops the same themes, and as such can be much deeper than traditional newspapers and magazines. One blog that epitomizes this property of the medium, and is brilliant and fascinating, too, is the Freakonomics blog at <http://freakonomics-blogs.nytimes.com>, written by Stephen Dubner and Steven Levitt. Their book

calculations, the post concludes that using a \$1000 Zimbabwe note instead of toilet paper would be a wise decision. Another recent post applied an advanced topic in economics, game theory, to an MBA entrance test, and showed how using some clever reasoning, a question could be answered looking at only the answer choices - that is, without even knowing the question. The Freakonomics blog has several readers amongst school-going students. "I love how they once did an analysis on the Somalian pirates, and concluded that piracy off the coast of India increased coffee prices in South Africa because pirates injected their criminal money into the African economy, causing inflation. It's that kind of thing that's surprising at first, but more and

more convincing when you think about it, that keeps me coming back," is what **Anerudh Raina of Class XII, AIS Noida** had to say, who's been reading this blog regularly for two years. Quips **Aanchal Jain of Class XII, AIS Noida**, "I started reading the blog after I finished their book Freakonomics, but I kept reading on because they carried their lively writing style into their blog, too. It's a great way to learn interesting things about the web."



**Blogger's Park**



# Say it with a rose!

Charvi Aggarwal  
AIS Gurgaon-46

Rose. No sooner one hears this word than one's senses tingle and come truly alive. A whiff of the wonderful scent of the rose and we imagine the beautiful feelings connected to it. This flower of love, friendship, devotion and peace is commonly associated with special occasions like birthdays, anniversaries and other festivities. Some give red roses which signify love, some pink which signify friendship. Black roses which signify hatred are, obviously, very rarely used!



On the other hand, a white rose signifies innocence, loyalty and humility; whereas yellow roses are exchanged between platonic friends. The rare blue rose is given when it appears that the love you aspire to, is unattainable! Love is spread all around the world by giving either a bouquet of roses or a single rose - all that matters is just true love. Every denomination of roses serves a unique meaning in itself- so it may be a good idea to check out the significance of the number of roses before you hand them over!

## A single bud or a bouquet?

Vaishnavi Sridhar  
AIS Noida

A flower that conveys affection and warmth in the best way, is a rose. Did you know the significance of the different colours of roses? Here you go...

**Blushing crimson:** Red stands for love, as most of you must be aware. However, it also stands for beauty, purity, courage and respect. The red rose bud symbolizes love and beauty, a bouquet in full bloom means you are expressing gratitude. If you give a bouquet of red and white roses, then this combination stands for unity. Peach signifies gratitude and humility; deep burgundy is for unconscious beauty.



**Tickled pink:** Deep pink symbolises gratitude, sympathy, empathy, appreciation and "Get well soon", whereas light/pale pink is for admiration, liveliness and fun. Pink as a whole, is symbolic of grace, gentility, joy and "Thank You". Giving a pink rose to a hostess is an excellent idea. A single rose of any colour signifies simplicity. A combination of pink and yellow signifies friendship, while that of pink and cream is to say "Thank You".

**Graceful whites:** Cream signifies charm and thoughtfulness; white symbolizes purity, innocence, youth, girlhood, secrecy, silence, peace and divinity since the Victorian Era.

**Colour me bright:** Orange and coral signify enthusiasm and desire, while a combination of red and yellow is for joviality and happiness. Yellow also signifies joy, gladness, friendship, delight, care, reassurance and "I care". Now you know that giving the rose of the right colour is so essential. My friend Sanskriti says that she always gives a combination of cream, yellow, red and pink roses to her teachers on Teacher's Day. While my mom receives yellow roses from her friends, her friend Rekha got a bouquet of white and red roses on her wedding. It just shows that most people in our society are well aware of the significance of different colours of roses!●

# The Valiant Saint

Ankita Naik  
A.I.S, IX A, Pushp Vihar

Every February, across the country, candy, flowers and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine. But who is this mysterious saint and why do we celebrate this day? The history of Valentine's Day and its patron saint, is shrouded in mystery. St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for

young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death. According to one legend, Valentine actually sent the first 'Valentine' greeting himself. While in prison, it is believed that he fell in love with a young girl. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter, which he signed 'From your Valentine,' an expression that is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories certainly emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic and most importantly, romantic figure.



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## Little Chef

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**NITA MEHTA Tip:** Make your atta (wheat flour) healthier by mixing some soya flour with it. 1 kg atta (wheat flour) should be mixed with 250 gm soya flour.

# Gift Your Love!

Sakshi Goel  
Class VII, AIS Sec-43, Gurgaon

February is an interesting month; there's Rose Day, Chocolate Day and of course, Valentine's Day. What better time than this to express your feelings to your loved ones...be it your life partner, your parents, your grandparents or your siblings? How nice it feels to express your tenderness to your near and dear ones, and snuggle in their arms saying, "Hope this makes you realize how much I love you." Don't be afraid of showing affection. Be warm and tender, thoughtful and affectionate. The most common gifts associated with this month are chocolates, soft toys, flowers, cards, etc. But most important of all, is to gift them your love! Show



your loved ones, the warmth you feel when they are near and the grief you overcome when they are not. Who else will always be there to share your joy and congratulate you; who else will give you a shoulder to cry on during bad times? Who will support you no matter what; and help you to use your hidden talents? This is the best time to show that you care!●

## Rose trivia

Roses depict many emotions depending upon their colour. Here are a few:  
**Lavender:** Enchantment and Uniqueness ✧ **Orange:** Fascination ✧ **Pink:** Thankfulness, Friendship and Admiration ✧ **Red:** Love, Respect and Courage ✧ **Peach:** Modesty, Gratitude, Admiration and Sympathy ✧ **Pink (Pale):** Grace, Joy and Happiness ✧ **Deep Red:** Beauty and Passion ✧ **White:** Innocence, Purity, Silence, Reverence, Humility ✧ **Yellow:** Joy, Friendship, Hope and Freedom ✧ **Black:** Farewell ✧ **White:** Unity ✧ **Peach:** Modesty, Gratitude, Admiration and Sympathy ✧ **Yellow/Red:** Congratulations ✧ **Rosebud:** Beauty, Youth and a Heart full of Love

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**Ankita Naik**  
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# Cuddling up in cozy winters

Meghna Ganesh  
VIII-B, AIS Sec-43, Gurgaon

Life is getting cooler as winter is here! It's time for smart cardigans, styled pullovers and cute winter caps. It feels so good curling up in cozy blankets at night. The arrival of winter spells relief for students as it marks the end of first terminal exams. It's time for enjoyment! That reminds me of the winter carnivals that are set up at every nook and corner of Delhi. Winter also

brings the feeling of joy with festivals like Diwali, Dusshera, Christmas and of course, New Year which call for revelry and celebrations. It's time to rejoice. Well, winter has its own disadvantages, too. Nights become shorter and our sleep is disturbed. Getting up early in the morning becomes the most difficult thing in life. Parents yell, alarm clocks ring and still, eyes don't open! Monday morn-



ing blues and the laziness make me yearn for summers! Also, I hate being forced to wear a dozen sweaters; the sun shines in the afternoons after all! Chilled water and ice-creams are strictly forbidden! Apart from this, winters are awesome. The cool and foggy atmosphere makes me feel refreshed. I wish there was snow-fall in Delhi. Well, got to go to sleep now. Bonne nuit, little diary. ●

## Attitude Pill

Chitra Jain, AIS Vasundhara





# Award Excellence rewarded

**“The highest reward for man’s toil is not what he gets for it but what he becomes by it.”**

**John Ruskin**



Dr. Amita Chauhan  
Chairperson

The XX National Excellence Awards for Education and Cultural Heritage, bestowed by the T P Jhunjunwala Foundation on January 27, 2009, has been an honour for me and the entire Amity Family. The award defines the quality education and cultural values that Amity Schools have imbibed in every child that passes out of this institution. It’s been my earnest desire to bring up a new generation, rich in traditional values, ready to adopt modern outlook, while moving ahead with confident strides, leaving their imprint at all levels.

While the award has definitely made me feel proud, it has also increased by responsibility. Remember, each award that recognizes your excellence, brings with it a lot of expectations. The award is a motivation, to excel and surpass the earlier performance level.

At Amity, I have given awards to so many students for their superior performance in academics and co-curricular activities. For me, every prize distribution function was a step towards enhancing my performance. In every success, I see my success. The numerous awards displayed in the schools is a constant reminder to reinforce the excellent standards defined. Each award has a story. A tale of perseverance and perspiration. A tale of nights spent awake while the world slept. A tale of humanistic ambitions and self belief.

And next time, when you receive a prize, remember the one you bestowed on me. ●

Adorning the Amity Universe as the crowning glory was the felicitation of Chairperson, Ritnand Balved Education Foundation, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan with the prestigious National Excellence Award 2008-09 bestowed by the T P Jhunjunwala Foundation for promoting and preserving Education and Cultural Heritage. The award was given at a special function held at Chinmaya Mission Centre, Lodhi Road on January 27, 2009.

The occasion was presided by S P Jaiswal, Union Minister of Home Affairs for State, chief guest Dr Abhishek Manu Singhvi, eminent parliamentarian and legal luminary, *bhajan samrat* Anoop Jalota, Swami Nikhilanandji and Shila Jhunjunwala. Congratulating the recipients, Swami Nikhilanandji, in his discourse, conveyed the message for others to follow the path shown by the award winners. Drawing lessons from Bhagwad Gita, he said, “We often look for happiness outside us, while real happiness lies within us. To change the world, we need to put our actions and thoughts together and the world will become perfect.”

“The award is a celebration of person behind person,” said Dr Singhvi. “Just as Dr Ashok Chauhan supported Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan at every stage,

she reciprocated the same by standing bedrock behind him,” he elaborated. Commending on the noble work done by the recipients, Shri S P Jaiswal pointed out, “I don’t agree that someone has no time for social work. There is enough time, opportunity and means especially in a country like India.”

The award instituted in 1991, has been conferred upon individuals who have left a mark in their fields

through their commitment for the cause. Amongst the list of recipients are Dr Naresh Trehan, Pandit Birju Maharaj, Sonal Mansingh, Prof Yash Pal, Raja & Radha Reddy and Geeta Chandran. The occasion also marked the felicitation of Dr Mohan Nair for remarkable work done in the field of medicine.●

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## The citation reads...

T P Jhunjunwala Foundation National Excellence Award 2008-2009

The TP Jhunjunwala Foundation National Excellence

**Excellence Award**

Award in Education for the year 2008-2009 goes to Dr Amita Chauhan, noted educationist, Vedic scholar and philanthropist, for her immeasurable contribution to the select field of education and for taking the cultural heritage of India across the seven seas.

Founder President of the Institute of Vedic Culture, Germany; Chairperson, Amity International Schools

and a Sanskrit scholar of eminence, Dr Chauhan is an educationist whose influence goes far beyond the boundaries of her institutions. A visionary with the gift of realism, she has dedicated her life to the cause of bringing world-class education to Indian students. She regularly articulates her views on various aspects of learning and edification in all forms of

media and was even a guest Editor for The Times of India.

Current chairperson of the Ritnand Balved Education Foundation, Dr Chauhan has infused a new impetus into the activities of the programme of

Amity Humanity Foundation, which promotes equitable social development by undertaking projects on issues targeting women, children and the elderly. Under its benevolent aegis, Dr Chauhan founded

Amitasha, a school that provides free education, books, meals and clothing for over a thousand underprivileged girl children. Amongst her many pioneering schooling concepts is the Amity Indian Military College, Manesar, a residential school that aims at imparting education with a view to equip students to seek entry into the armed forces of India.

The TP Jhunjunwala Foundation salutes Dr Amita Chauhan for her abiding efforts to preserve the essence and improve future hopes of education in India.



**Awarded by  
Shila Jhunjunwala,  
Chairperson &  
Yatish Aggarwal,  
Trustee**



From left to right: Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, S P Jaiswal, Swami Nikhilanand Ji and Dr Abhishek Manu Singhvi

## Fare in love and war

*“People always make war when they say they love peace.”*

**DH Lawrence**



Vira Sharma

Love and War. Love in War. Or was it War & Peace? Leo Tolstoy wrote a masterpiece epic which I never dared to read. Love begets Peace and War is assumed for Peace. The subject has been written, discussed and filmed zillion times (An award winning topic in any case). So, what’s new if February brandishes Love notes & War fears? It’s a strange feeling, to define and celebrate love as platoons across the borders march closer to one another. But it’s definitely an expression that needs to be shared, spread and debated.

What’s love? The Amity-e-Poll poses: Is Love free; can love be bought or is love expensive? Love, most of us agree, is the best thing in life and Free. Most agree that it cannot be bought. The new generation that has been fed dollops of ‘Buy one get one free’, views what is Free with ‘Condition’s apply’. The materialistic, consumerist milieu may seem to have blinded humanistic virtues, but values that define and differentiate an Indian from the world, emerge strong and steadfast... Love with no bonding. Love with Freedom. Love with No returns. And Love begets Love.

Then why not share it?

And though War may seem be the only option to fight terrorism and expensive, ‘love thy neighbour’ Spiderman continue to weave its love spells with negotiations and negations. A bunch of chimpanzees may fight the whole day, but end the day with kisses. From Animal kingdom to universe, the language of love has only one expression. It has no place for war. February springs-in hues of Love that adore the nature.●

# “The youth should not give up their cultural heritage”

**Rishav Lugar, Manu Goel & Rahul Rana, IX, AIS PV**

When we were assigned the task of a Radio Show by our English Teacher, we decided to give it our best shot. We really wanted a famous personality who was serving the nation and very soon, we happened to get in touch with one such person, the then CM of Jammu & Kashmir, Ghulam Nabi Azad. The moment we contacted him, we got a positive reply. We were thrilled albeit pretty nervous, but the simple man that he is, he immediately put our fears to rest.

**Since when are you in politics?**

I am in politics since I was a student of class XI. My father and uncle took active part in politics at that time, so they influenced me to join politics too. First, I became a student leader, then

Youth Leader of Indian National Congress and served the Congress for eight years after which I forayed into the central government as Deputy Minister in-charge of Law, Justice and Company Affairs Ministry in 1982 for the first time.

**Who is your role model?**

My role model is Mahatma Gandhi. I have been reading him since childhood and attended many camps where they taught about the sacrifices made by him. His love and affection for the people inspired me and attracted me towards politics.

**What do you like to do during your free time?**

My hobby is gardening. Whenever I go abroad, instead of shopping I look for different type of seeds. I have not had much time to watch movies for the past 30 years but whenever I get time, I watch action movies. Mostly, they



are my companions in cars and planes, ie, when I’m traveling. I enjoy listening to songs of Mukesh whenever I travel.

**What is your message for the young people?**

The youngsters today, are very lucky.

*The Global Times* is a good newspaper. The best part of the paper is that it is helping young talent to express themselves freely.

**Lovely Mehrotra, BJMC-II, ASCO, Amity University, Noida**

It is a remarkable newspaper, as it has achieved great heights in relatively no time. Given that it is mostly managed by school kids, the effort is worth its value in

gold! Looking forward to a ‘school-college’ collaboration!

**Ashish Anant, BJMC-II, ASCO, Amity University, Noida**

A paper for old times sake, a paper to make you feel special and give

you importance. A paper

that touches your heart and mind when you go through it-that’s *The Global Times* for you!

**Megha Chauhan MJMC-I, ASCO, Amity Univ, Noida**

As a creative person, I love the vibrancy of colours and its so good to see such a colourful newspaper! My best wishes to *The Global Times*! May it scale new heights!

**Gunjan Singhvi, MJMC-I, ASCO, Amity Univ, Noida**

The January edition of *The Global Times* was very interesting. The fact that a major chunk of articles in the newspaper is contributed by school students, it’s indeed commendable.

**Vishal Bazaz, MJMC-I, ASCO, Amity Univ, Noida**

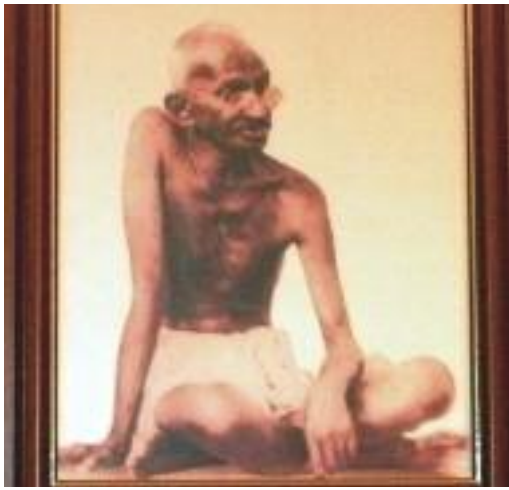
## Pearls of wisdom

- If you want to succeed, you must make your own opportunities.
- If you want your dreams to come true, you must wake up.
- The man who cannot believe in himself, cannot believe in anything.
- They who conquer believe in themselves.

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*“When we talk about India, the name Gandhi is inseparable. India is known as the land of diversified cultures and also the land of Gandhi.” GT reporters in an exclusive chit-chat with Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee, the granddaughter of Mahatma Gandhi, revisit the Father of the Nation, as she resists the temptation to be the spokeswoman for the Mahatma, elegantly dressed in a simple cotton sari, representing the Gandhian spirit and legacy for 74 proud years.*



GT Reporters with Tara Gandhi (LtoR): Vasudha Singh, Vatsala Srivastava, Swati Mongia, Siddhant Sharma, Ankita Naik and Raghav Chauhan

# “Gandhi wasn’t the man with a message. He was the message himself”

**Gandhi wasn’t the man with a message. Gandhi was the message himself to the world.**

Gandhi is an idea, a philosophy, a religion, a way of living for the people of India. We swear by his determination, singularity of purpose, undaunted courage and the ability to step in another’s shoes and relate to his/her sorrow and difficulty. Without even reading the (Bhagwad) Gita, he did what it said. The collective celebration of humanity, nationality, harmony and diversity, was what made him bigger than the others. The timeless virtues of non-

violence and truth were his stalwart principles which he never compromised upon even in the face of adversity and opposition. He had discovered ‘matra-shakti’ (mother’s instinct)-the flow of compassion, the ability to nurture, which was supremely important in the making of the Mahatma.

**When Gandhi travelled, his mind also took a separate journey whose final destination was India’s freedom.**

Travelling was one way in which he kept abreast with the immediate problems faced by the actual masses of the country.

He revolutionized the railways making them his sole mode of commutation.

For him, travelling became a metaphor for the journey within, the quest for solutions to the

numerous problems of our multitudes and the eventual enlightenment.

**His attire: unstitched, untailored stretch of cloth was the statement of elegance that described minimalism.**

Gandhi was the original minimalist. He made it sure that people learned to accommodate themselves with the basic necessities and not indulge themselves with the luxuries of more than required. He set it as an example by not possessing anything beyond absolute need.

**Gandhi liked being transparent. That is possibly why he wrote on postcards.**

The postcard meant many things. It meant maintaining good handwriting, good command over language and being brief and precise. Besides, it was also

cost effective and required no postage. He used to personally reply to each letter sent to him, on postcards. These are some things that I have inherited.

**He used to tell me that he had learnt the lesson of non-violence from his wife, Kasturba.**

The serial, Balika Vadhu, reminds me of Kasturba. She understood him better than anyone else...better than he understood himself perhaps. Even though Kasturba was illiterate, her strength was unmatched. Kasturba was smart. I recall an incident when Ba (Kasturba Gandhi), gifted me a beautiful sari. Even though I was overjoyed at my wonderful present, I was scared. I thought that Bapu (Gandhiji) would take it away from me and give it to the poor and needy. I thought

of running away with the sari. But before I could do that, I looked at Bapu, watching me take the saree while spinning the wheel in the corner of his room. There was a gentle assurance in his eyes that conveyed the message that ‘It’s Ok, you can keep it’. Perhaps, he recognised me as a needy person at that point...needy for love.

**Gandhi was Mahatma or Bapu to the nation but for me, he was and will be Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, my grandfather!**

Gandhiji was adored and worshipped like royalty and he lavished equal attention on those who cared about him. As a kid, I felt extremely possessive and sometimes even jealous of not being special to him despite being his granddaughter. ●

## Tara Bhattacharjee, Vice Chairperson Gandhi Darshan Gandhi Samiti and picture of elegance and poise, shares her views on different issues, with compassion and coherence ...

**On Terrorism:** Terrorists are also humans. Their minds function like any of ours. It’s not only the people who are victims of terror but also the terrorists. We ignore a lot of terror in our lives everyday. Because we have ignored this, the terror is so large scale now.

We need to be conscious of the violence around us.

**Message for youth:**

Try and encourage people of today to be kind and non violent to children. Show companionship for others and treat everyone as your own. We must try to be good human beings in our

lives. We must learn from Gandhi and what he did. We must try and adopt his message for humanity. And we must show compassion to all living beings.

**On Khadi:** Khadi is production by the masses, not by mass production. Gandhiji’s famous tool, his *charkha*, beamed of its power and the wealth that it provides the nation. Khadi means bread on the plate for millions of people. Khadi is meant for self-consumption rather than export. Even if it is exported, it should only be the surplus stock. Khadi industry needs the promotion and welfare of workers and weavers. Whenever people buy khadi cloth, the benefit should go to the workers and weavers.

**On Globalization:** Globalization is bad only when it takes away our jobs or harms our environment. Globalization should produce more jobs, not take them away. In today’s world, we see

that even Gandhi has been globalised.

**Men’s liberation:** It should not be women’s liberation, but rather men’s liberation or better still, child liberation. Let boys also learn management like girls. Boys should be, and need to be given interests like those of girls. Why are boys told that they can’t cry? Life for men is as difficult as for women.

**Gandhi in films & books:** Gandhiji has to be associated with art, music and films, not only with books and speeches. Through books, we cannot portray Gandhi properly. This has to be done through films and entertainment. Gandhiji liked laughter, so he needs to be known through laughter.

*As told to Vatsala Srivastava & Swati Mongia (MJMC ASCO); Raghav Chauhan, Siddhant Sharma & Vasudha Singh (XI, AIS Saket) and Ankita Naik (IX, AIS Pushp Vihar)*

**We ignore a lot of terror in our lives everyday. Because we have ignored that, terror is so large scale now. We need to be conscious of the violence around.**





Vira Sharma & Tulika Banerji, ANN



If you thought fighting for one’s rights is something only Human Right activists indulge in, you couldn’t be further from reality. A bunch of spunky kids, **Vinayak, Rishabh and Mridul (VIII) from AIS Pushp Vihar**, have shown to the world that ‘Nothing is impossible for the one who believes’, by undertaking upon themselves the task of preserving their right to play!  
**Cut to six months back:** Rishabh Shankar and his friends- Mridul Vij, Vinayak Gupta, Anish

Deva and Anshuj Deva had gone out for their regular games one evening, when they found the LIG Park in Alaknanda (their play area) encroached by shop owners. Much to their chagrin, soon, temporary shelters and illegal encroachments began to mushroom along the fenced borders of their only play area. Miffed, Rishabh and his band of boys tried to reason with the perpetrating shop keepers to leave the ground free for the kids, but their pleas fell on deaf ears. After all, why would anyone listen to a bunch of small kids? Convincing people double their age was no joke.  
**Garnering support:** Spearheaded by Rishabh, the group approached the Society President, whom they fondly call Rishi Bhaiyya, to look into the matter. Softened by their persistent appeals, Mr Rishi took the mantle of releasing the park from the encroachers and after almost a six month long struggle, the park is devoid of any encroachments and triumphantly theirs to play and enjoy. Informs TC Shankar,

Rishabh’s father, “As Rishabh became increasingly keen on not letting go of his play area, I allowed him to take charge. One of the first things parents can do to organize a child’s life is to let him organise his play time on his own.”  
**Lessons learnt:** Quips Rishabh, “A similar problem had occurred in our colony park, some time back. When we played cricket, it clashed with the evening walk of the ladies and after some tiffs, we mutually agreed upon time slots for ourselves. We realized that it’s important to co-exist! I also learnt that patience does pay!” Mridul took his lessons fast, “Often, elder’s advice is something not to be avoided, but respected.” One needs to put one’s foot down, feels Vinayak Gupta, “Sometimes, it

becomes very important to voice our concerns.” These youngsters have proven to the world that all one needs in life is determination, a sense of purpose and the right attitude.●

# Where have the playgrounds gone?

## YOUTH POWER

Pix by: Tulika Banerji

Top to Bottom: Mridul, Rishabh and Vinayak

“ Youth Power is the power held by youngsters, as they are the ones who can influence and improve the society: *Rishabh* ”

# Spolitics!



Chitra Jain  
AIS Vasundhara

Following the chilling terror attacks on Mumbai, the BCCI was forced to cancel India’s upcoming tour of Pakistan which has left millions of cricket crazy fans angry and sad. What does it mean to us?  
It’s no news that India is a cricket crazy nation. But there’s a time when the cricket fever reaches such a pitch that

you could fry ‘omelets’ on the heat that’s generated. Indo-Pak matches is one of them. No matter how much we deny our ‘supposed’ rivalry with Pakistan, there is always a time when that sudden hatred comes up against the ‘Pakis’ and apparently, the feeling is mutual. So it’s no wonder that Indo-Pak series is one of the most watched in the world. And one of them just got cancelled. They could have postponed it or held it in a different place, even here in India. But the question remains, is it just ‘security’ that the government is concerned with or is it something else? Here’s the students take on it:  
“Of course it’s security! Why would the Government want to, put on stake such talented sportspersons who bring in so much revenue to the country?” quips *Arush, class VI, AIS Vasundhara*. “Pakistan is suddenly appearing to be a dangerous nation. Who would want to go there? The BCCI’s decision is absolutely right! Why stake the lives of so many talented and loved people for a cricket series?” *Ruchismita (IX) of AIS Vasundhara* wonders aloud. *Ankush (IX) of AIS Vasundhara* is concerned, “Today we are cancelling this series, tomorrow we’ll cut off every possible contact with them. How long will this go on?”●

## Is it justified to mix Politics with Sports?

**Prankur Arora**  
**VIII-A, AIS Gurgaon-43**  
In the present scenario, most countries such as India, Pakistan, Israel, Palestine, Bangladesh and even USA are in great tension due to the curse of terrorism. The Mumbai siege has shaken India as a whole. There are bound to be diplomatic and political repercussions of this. But, somehow, it is unjust to mix politics with sports. The motive of the terrorists to destroy the friendly relations of Pakistan and India completely have been more or less successful, by attacking India several times. Sports teach us to have a positive spirit and they also play a vital role in sustaining good relations between the countries. We can take examples of the DLF Cup & IPL which had players of different countries. The refusal of BCCI has given a long rope to the terror groups. The terrorists are closer to destroy Indo-Pak relations. It is wrong to mix politics with sports as they are the only ray of hope to bring all countries together.●



**Rohit and Ronit, of AIS, Saket join the league of select stalwarts, to win a gold in both team and individual events.**

# Twin victory

Continuing with the tradition of bagging medals at National School Games ever since the duo started playing for it, the Bisht brothers once again brought glory to the Capital with their stupendous performance at the 54th National School Games held in Delhi from December 23 to 28, 2008. Ronit Bisht, winner of team silver medal in 2005 and team gold & individual bronze in 2006 bagged a Gold in individual & team category in ‘under 14’ in 2008 . Elder brother Rohit Bisht, also won an individual and team gold in ‘under 17’ in the 54th National School Games. He sports a medal track of team and individual gold in 2006 in ‘under

14’, as well as silver medal in 2004 and 2005. Rohit and Ronit, students of **Amity International School, Saket** join the league of select stalwarts, to win a gold in both team and individual categories at NSG.

NSG Medals Tally		
Year	RohitBish	Ronit Bisht
2008	Individual & team Gold (under 14)	Individual & team Gold (under 17)
2006	Individual Gold(under 14)	Team Gold & Ind Bronze
2005	Silver medal	Team Silver medal
2004	Silver medal	-----

## Sport Spotted



# Be a Water Baby

## UWR for strength, speed, mobility & team spirit


Ankita Daga  
AIS Vasundhara

Ever felt like running through water and never coming back? Do you love bathing more than watching MTV? If yes, then Underwater Rugby might just be the right sport for you. Underwater Rugby or UWR is a young sport which originated in the ’60s. Invented by Ludwig Von Bersuda in 1961, the game is hugely popular in Germany, also the place where it originated. The game has also found a liking in Norway and Sweden where it is

played not only for recreation but also for money! It is generally played in German diving clubs and has little in common with ‘normal’ Rugby except for its name. The rules are pretty simple- two teams, each with six players, try to score a goal by sending a ball filled with saltwater into the opponent’s goal. So, what’s the catch? The ball which is quite uncontrollable must not go out of water. And that’s quite difficult to do when you’re inside water. Also, teams can only dress in blue and white. Like they dress much at all!  
Water sports are known to be ex-

haustive; therefore, teams play with six substitutes who replace their counterparts after an interval of one hour. The game tests one’s strength, speed, mobility and team spirit. Although the sport has not been introduced in India, more and more Indians are heading north for a taste of this game. There is also an annual Underwater Rugby Tournament held in Munich which is apparently the oldest tournament in the history of sports. Like underwater hockey, Underwater Rugby is controlled by CMAS, the world underwater foundation. ●







# Painting Contest

Hey little ones of Pre-Nursery, Nursery and KG! Cut out this picture along the scissor marks. All you have to do is: take out your colouring boxes and splash the picture in your favourite colours. Five best entries from each class/category will get exciting prizes! Post your entries to: Painting Contest, The Global Times, AKC House, E-27, Defence Colony, ND

Name : .....Class/Sec .....School : .....





## A parent Thanks

Amiown has not just been holding the Amity flag high; but also setting new standards as a leading pre-school at Gurgaon. The experience of going to a school, which also happens to be the first prolonged exposure that my child has had outside her home, put across in simplest of words, is amazing. Offering a complete package of fun and frolic along with learning for children, Amiown is aptly serving the purpose. My daughter, Juhi, is excited to go to school every morning. It is all the more visible when she returns home. She is full of incidents she has experienced at school, that she shares with us. I am sure what she narrates to us is much less than what she actually experiences on any given day.

Amiown is certainly giving her ample opportunities to learn and enjoy. I have not only heard her murmur numbers and alphabets but also noticed her sing the national anthem (although in parts) and recite the Gayatri Mantra. It is a pleasure to see her become a good citizen alongside being trained in traditional and educational fronts.

I am happy and satisfied that Juhi is studying in Amiown. I would like to thank all the teachers and staff for the proper upbringing of my beloved daughter.

**Rajiv Khanna**  
Father of Juhi Khanna,  
Pre Nursery A, Amiown Gurgaon

# Ghosts

Do you believe in ghosts?  
Well if you did, you would hear so much boasts.

There is a tale which I can narrate,  
Of a house with a blood stained gate.  
All inside the house it was dark,  
Only in a room there was little, light spark.

There were so many voices,  
Heard from the walls of the house with cracks and crevices.  
Suddenly, I felt someone touch my back,  
Ah! It was mother who woke me up from the dream!

**Anushka Singh**  
VII-A, AIS Pushp Vihar



Aditi Banerji, KG 15, AIS Noida

# Change in life

As a child I had a whale of a time,  
Away from the worldly stress, reading my rhyme.  
Lost in my own world, full of fairytales  
Untouched, by the world's harsh reality scales.


As I grew up, so did my perspectives in life,  
Facing the newfound world and its strife.  
Still entangled in the worldly web,  
Childish stories were replaced by reality net.

I envied the calmness of beauty around me  
Lost somewhere in the tide's of my life sea  
Seeing the people rush to do mundane jobs,  
I wondered, was evolution to make man a mere cog?

I must have wisened up really,  
For now I find the question quite silly.  
Life is a gift; happy moments must be cherished,  
It has sad moments which should be perished.

Like the darkest cloud has a silver line,  
In the dark night, something will shine.  
To illuminate the traveler's way,  
A ray of moonlight will keep sadness at bay.

**Ritika Bohra**  
XII-E, AIS Noida



## Know THE GLOBAL TIMES CONTEST

1. When is No Honking Day celebrated?
2. How many awards did AR Rahman win at the Golden Globe?
3. What is the full form of UWR?
4. Name the Vice Chairperson of Gandhi Darshan Gandhi Samiti.
5. Name the students who fought for their right to play, and defended their playground?

**Hardik Bansal, • VII C, AIS Gur 43, • Garvit, VII, ED , • Parna Chowdhury, II A, AIS Noida , • Sidhant Moza, VII E, ED , • Kashish Minocha, VII B, AIS Saket**

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**Ghazal Singh, IV -F, AIS PV**

# My Country My Pride

My country, my pride  
for its freedom many died  
men and women, young and old  
gave their lives as a precious gold.

**Musckaan Chauhan**  
V -C, AIS Gur- 46

# Oh! Peace

Everybody has a mind of Peace!  
We can achieve with great ease  
But the cases happening in the world are not good  
It is not easy to make the best livelihood!

To maintain peace be noiseless  
Who are good are hateless  
I will help my country to maintain peace  
So that we do not face the future's beast

**Harshita Mittal**  
VI-C, AIS Vasundhara



## Jigsaw Puzzle Contest Result

Jigsaw Contest Winners: Arpit Goel, V A, AIS ED; Aditya Goel, VIII C, AIS ED; Tanvi Bakshi, VIII D, AIS Gur 43; Arnish Jain, VII D, AIS ED; Ankur Jain, V E, AIS Gur 46



# Convocation 2008 Recognizing Excellence



To reward the hard work and diligence of the students, Amity University, held its 'Convocation 2009' at Amity University, Sector- 125, Noida. Chief Guest, MN Venkat-achaliya, Former Chief Justice of India; commended the extraordinary work. Dr. Ashok K. Chauhan, has been doing in promoting science and research. Dr. Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe, motivated the alumni to aim higher in life and prepare a roadmap to reach the pinnacle of success. Congratulating the alumni, Mr. Atul Chauhan, Chancellor-Amity University, Uttar Pradesh urged the students to earnestly respect and thank their parents who made the students what they are today. The occasion was also graced by Mr. Aseem Chauhan, Chancellor, Amity University, Rajasthan, Board of Trustees, Office bearers of University and other Faculty Members. Maj. Gen. K Jai Singh, Vice Chancellor,

Amity University gave a brief overview of programs and scholarships offered under Amity University and reviewed the achievements and progress of the University. Presenting the impressive annual report, he said that Amity University has done exceedingly well with almost cent per cent placements in MBA, Nanotechnology, Telecom technology, Micro Biology and many other flagship courses. Over 2500 alumni received Degrees/Diplomas and a total of 3,959 degrees were awarded in various disciplines. Over 1812 Post Graduate degrees, 1551 Under Graduate degrees and 92 Post Graduate diplomas were awarded to the graduates. For the first time, five Ph.D. Degrees were conferred upon erudite scholars. Over 66 gold medals, 63 silver medals and 32 bronze medals from 41 institutes of Amity University, Uttar Pradesh and Amity University, Lucknow were awarded during the convocation.●

## Best All Round Student 2008

- Ashish Kalla, MBA
- Dipanjan Banerjee, MBA-CRM& Mkt.
- Aanchal Tripathi, MBA- HR
- Dipak Kumar Jha, MBA- IB
- Manan Modi, BBA
- JacobMario, MBA- Biotech
- Inderdeep Kaur Gill, M.Sc Biotech
- Isha Lall, B. Tech-Biotech
- Vidhi Mehrotra, B Sc. (H)-Biotech
- Megha Purohit, BJMC
- Varun Mittal, B Tech
- Devashish Dwivedi, B Sc.-HM
- Rashmi Sharma, B. Ed
- Anshita Srivastava, B.Tech-Biotech
- Himani Babbar, MBA
- Madhumita Chakaravarty, MBA

## Shri Baljit Shastri Award For The Best in Human & Traditional Values 2008

- Jitender Gupta, MBA - IB
- Girish Chander Gupta, MBA -TM
- Mansi Banga, B.Tech
- Rishi Gudwani, PGDEM & PR
- Michelle Lee, MA
- Abhinav Bhatt, MJMC
- Megha Purohit, BJMC
- Sumit Saxena, MBA
- Afrin Moulvi, B.Sc-H

## Corporate awards 2008

**The Jubilant Organosys Entrepreneurial Excellence Award:**  
Pulkit Dublish, MBA  
**Max New York Life Award for Best All Round Student:** Ashit Prakash Mahajan, PG Dip in Insurance Mgmt  
**The LG Best Potential Manager Award:** Jitesh Arora, MBA(2006-08)



**Vertical Limits: MBA students from Amity University, Noida enjoying military camp at Manesar. For more pix, log on to [www.theglobaltimes.in](http://www.theglobaltimes.in)**

## What Education means to me



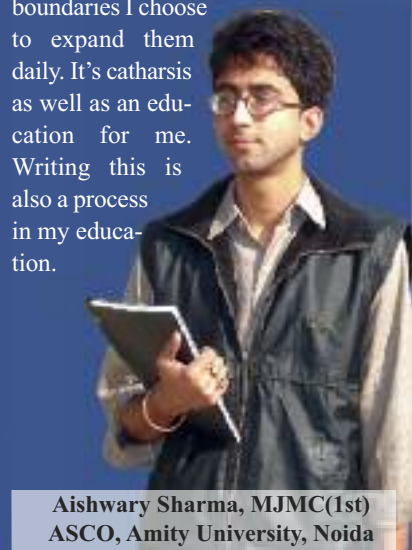
As my name is to my identity, education is to my existence. The pedagogy is a perpetual process which continues till the mortal body ceases to exist. Like an astute craftsman gives shape to a statue, we are moulded like soft clay into thinking individuals through continuous chiseling by education. We imbibe values and our thought processes are influenced by it. Education is not only about degrees and diplomas, it is more about seeing, hearing, perceiving the tangible and intangible facets of our milieu. This confluence results in shaping the personality and the futures of millions.



**Shampa Suhadarsinee, MJMC(1st) ASCO, Amity University, Noida**

*If I could, then I would but here's the 'bard's fool' Who never did really learn at school, the impulses will hence he remains a child but what about life? That education of sorts riddled with vicissitudes, interludes, now a wit, later a twit, Aye! To listen and not to speak 'For they shall inherit who are meek, Not a cipher, just my say, Let the 'fool' have his way.*

I could say that education is a never ending process, or that it is something which I am undergoing even now, or other clichés of the sort. Truthfully speaking, I do not know the meaning of education and I will not attempt to do so; for that would be defining the limits of the word. However ignorance is not bliss in my case, but knowing my boundaries I choose to expand them daily. It's catharsis as well as an education for me. Writing this is also a process in my education.



**Aishwary Sharma, MJMC(1st) ASCO, Amity University, Noida**

## Experiencing Tribal Living

Amity in Orissa works for welfare of the tribes to fulfill dreams of our beloved Founder President, Dr. Ashok K. Chauhan. Students of Rural Management of Amity Bhubaneswar stayed three days in the district of Koraput under guidance of NK Rath, scientist of the institute as a part of study exposure visit. The students visited watershed development project, Horticulture development, nursery raised by tribes in indigenous

way to gain practical knowledge. The students along with Mr. Rath interacted with tribes of both male and females to understand their problem, avenues of income generation, functioning of Self Help groups and adoption of new technologies. The students remained in tribal community from 18th – 20th December 2008. They also visited oil seed demonstration project undertaken by Amity Humanity Foundation and sponsored by DST.●



## Terrorism in the context of Maritime Security

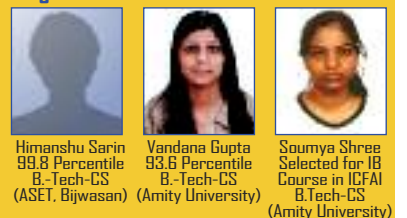
Admiral Sushil Kumar, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, NM, Former Chief of Naval Staff delivered lecture on the topic "Terrorism in the Context of Maritime Security" at Amity University Campus, Sector-125, Noida. This was the 108th lecture under the Amity International Centre Lecture Series on January 2, 2009. In his lecture Admiral Sushil Kumar touched upon the importance of Maritime Security after the menace of 26/11. Pointing out the difference in land and air, he said, "In land and air, everything is pre-deter-

mined with set border, LOC, air space and air corridors. However, oceans have huge highways, nobody owns the water. In India at any given time, there are more than 50,000 trailers, sailing in our waters. It is not possible for coast guards to stop and check all moving ships." Mr. Aseem Chauhan, Chancellor, Amity University Rajasthan proposed the vote of thanks. "Terrorism has affected the image of our peaceful country. It is high time that the common man should be also on vigil like our all security forces," he said.●

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# Karate World Chief visits AIS Saket



January 13th, 09 was indeed a momentous day at AIS Saket. Soshi Isamu Kamagata- the Grandmaster, Founder President and World Chief of Seigo-Kai Karate Do, Japan visited the school along with the reigning Japanese Champion Mr Takayasu Aoyagi and

India Chief Sensei RR Raha. Principal Bharti Sharma accorded them a warm welcome and expressed her immense pleasure at having the honour of such an august gathering. The highlight of the day was a live demonstration of some techniques of self defense by the World

Chief himself. He exhorted the students to learn karate as a defensive martial art and achieve a balance between the body and mind, channelising the untapped propensities of the human body towards constructive activities leading towards betterment of the society at large. The day's programme culminated with a workshop where the young karate-kas were trained by the experts. AIS Saket has the rare distinction of having more than 40 1st Dans Black Belts and five 2nd Dans Black Belts which is the highest achievement at school level. It takes 10 years of rigorous practice to reach this distinction. To add further to the illustrious achievement of Amitians, the school won this year's Kamagata Cup, which has been instituted by Seigo-Kai Karate-Do Association, India. A national level event, this competition saw 26 teams with a total of more than 500 participants. AIS Saket lifted the Champions trophy by bagging 66 points. The profound vision and discerning intellect of Chairperson Dr Amita Chauhan has inspired students to achieve excellence in diverse arenas and bloom as sensitized and responsible architects of tomorrow. ●

# Skating champions



Amity International School Sector 46, Gurgaon participated in the Haryana Roller Skating Championship held at Yamuna Nagar from December 3 to 7 and won laurels for the school.

Dushyant of class-1 won a Gold Medal in under-6 age-group and Musckaun Chauhan of class 5-C won 3 Gold Medals in the 'under-10' age-group. She represented the school at National Level held in January. ●



**AIS Pushp Vihar: Inter-class folk dance competition for the kindergartens held on December 15.**

# Winter carnival

AIS Saket celebrated its Annual Winter Carnival on December 20, 2008. Beginning early in the morning, the school grounds turned into a fun fest as everyone queued up at the food stalls and rides. The atmosphere was one of joie de vivre as the students laughed and joked, with everyone dressed in their best. Their euphoric yells could be heard reverberating through the school. Students used their ingenuity and initiative to come up with interesting games that wooed many parents to come and try their luck at miniature golf, latest PS2 and the ever favourite lucky dip. People waited with



bated breath for the raffle prizes to be announced, for the prizes to be won ranged from laptops to the top-of-the-line electronic items. The winter carnival, a brainchild of chairperson Dr. (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, sends the message of all round development of a child's personality. The high point of the event was the wonderful opportunity it provided the ex-students to meet their old teachers and friends. ●

# Investing responsibilities



AIS Noida held Investiture Ceremony for the installation of the Prefectorial Council. The Council members pledged to uphold the Amity ethos and values and to be perfect role models for the students. Principal

Mohina Dar encouraged the new Council members to be true leaders with a vision and urged them to cherish the values instilled in them from an early age. Dr TPS Chauhan, Advisor RBEF, advised them to exhibit self control and work as a team. Class XII students Mallika Khera and Aanchal Chaturvedi shared their memories of Amity. Kunal Khilnani and Aditi Raman (XI) bid an emotional adieu to the outgoing Council members. Vice Principal Renu Singh proposed the Vote of Thanks. ●

*For complete list of Council members, visit: [www.theglobaltimes.in](http://www.theglobaltimes.in)*

# Noble winter drive

The Interact Club of AIS Gur-46 conducted two donation drives simultaneously during the winter vacations. One of the drives included collecting woollens for the underprivileged communities in and around Gurgaon. A large number of woollen clothes, shoes, etc were donated generously to help them survive the harsh winter. The other drive

comprised collecting soft toys and magazines for the School for the Visually Handicapped at village Behrampur. While soft toys were given to the tiny tots, the magazines collected were sent across to be used for Braille practice. All the material collected was sorted out and distributed with the help of Rotary Club, Qutub Enclave. ●



# Green energy

The project, 'Household green energy plant' prepared by **Dhruv Sethi, Karan Vaish, Soha Jagdeep Chhaya and Ayush Sachdev**, headed by **Kunal Ratan Arora** of AIS Gur-46, was chosen for Indian Science Congress held from January 3-7, 2009 at North Eastern Hill University, Shillong. The model uses sunlight to boil water into steam and uses it to produce electricity. Cheap components as satellite dish coated with polynum silver reflector, copper piping, fresnel lens and a glass box, put together concentrate heat on the chamber containing water. The steam thus produced generates electricity. ●

# Adolefest Jingles

AIS Vasundhara participated in Adolefest 2008, Annual Inter-school Adolescent Festival celebrated at National Science Centre, Pragati Maidan, on December 19, 2008. The event was organized by Expressions India – the life skills, education and school wellness program, a collaborative venture of National Science Centre and Child Development & Adolescent Health Centre, New Delhi. More than 40 schools from NCR had participated in the event and showcased their talent and creativity. Saumya Josan, Priyanka Tandon, Lavanya Thakur (VIII), Bhawna



and Anupriya of class IX participated in 'Euphony – Create a Jingle' and bagged the 1st position. The zealous girls brilliantly depicted the theme 'girl child' giving life and soul to the jingle. The jingle was composed and choreographed by Sangeeta Paruthi. Rakesh Pathak supported the event with his soulful music. ●



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Tulika Banerji, ANN

*“Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and the most patient of teachers.”*

*-Charles W. Eliot*

When most kids her age while away their leisure hours on the telly or play stations, Ruchismita’s reading habit has brought about life swinging changes. A swelling collection of Enid Blytons’, Nancy Drews, Harry Potters and Booker winning ‘The White Tiger’; Ruchismita Bhattacharjee of class IX, AIS Vasundhra, has a wide taste in literary works. This, from someone, who was never really into books. “As a child, I didn’t enjoy reading much, though everyone

# A book that changed my life

in my family forced me to! Much later, when a friend gifted me Enid Blyton’s ‘Famous Five’ on my 9th birthday, that’s when the bookworm in me really got into action. I found that book so intriguing that I was completely hooked to reading more of its kinds!” Ruchismita candidly confesses. A voracious reader, she can devour a book from start to finish in a day’s time, but consciously prevents herself from doing so, “I try hard not to finish a book in a day as then, I don’t have anything left to do!” Ruchismita is now eagerly waiting to lay her hands on JK Rowling’s ‘Bee-dle, the Bard.’ ●



## What’s your iZone

Are you special, are you fun?  
Do you have something to astonish everyone?  
Is it a swank collection or a room full of cars  
Or fancy telescopes to check out the stars?  
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To Kabul with love:  
Ruchismita with  
Hakima (Centre)  
and her brother



## “I survived with a leg fracture”

If there’s one book that truly changed Ruchismita’s life, it has to be ‘The Kite Runner’ by Khaled Hosseini which talks about the plights of Afghan refugees. Miraculously, when a relative who was hospitalized, shared a room with a 17 year old Afghan girl Hakima, a victim of terror attacks in Afghanistan, she couldn’t stop herself from befriending her: An interaction with Hakima that changed Ruchismita’s life...

**Where did you live in Afghanistan?**

I lived in Kabul and studied in a girls’ school ‘Lesai Naswan Jui Bahar.’

**What happened on the day when you were attacked?**

The Governor and a minister were to visit the area near my school. My classmates

and I were made to stand at various points to honour them with flowers. As soon as the VIPs entered the boundary, a terrorist wearing explosives all over his body entered and bombed the place. The suicide bomber, the VIPs and people surrounding them, including some of my classmates died on the spot. As I was positioned a little far away, I survived! But as the explosives exploded, I was thrown away with a great force. I don’t know what happened after that but when I woke up, I was in a hospital in Delhi! I survived with a leg fracture and small injuries all over my body. Now, I want to study here in a Delhi college.

**What do you like about India?**

First of all, there’s a lot of peace here as

compared to the daily shootings taking place in Afghanistan. Here everything is a lot cheaper and of better quality. India is a very nice place and the doctors are good, too. And I just love Bollywood! **Which Bollywood stars are you fond of in particular?**

I love Shahrukh Khan, Sanjay Dutt, also Tulsi (Smriti Irani) of *Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi* and Anurag and Purna of *Kasauti Zindagi Kay*.

**What has India done for your country’s development?**

India has done many things. It has built an Apollo hospital and constructed many buildings and roads there.

(Hakima is now back in Kabul and in regular touch with Ruchismita.) ●

## Jack and Jill’s empty pail

**Guest Column**

**Yukti Anand,**  
1st Year, National  
Law School,  
Bangalore

Jack and Jill went up the hill with empty pails one day  
On the way to the hill, Jack told Jill of a boy called Willie DeKay  
Willie was a brat, you’ll agree to that, if you listen to Jack’s account  
For the things Willie did were vile and horrid, and ghastly to recount.

One fine morning, stretching and yawning, Willie got off the bed  
AC, lights and fan just ran and ran, and Willie just scratched his head  
(Oh, he left them on from dusk to dawn), and dragged his stinky feet  
Out of his room, into his bathroom and began to brush his yellow teeth

And while he was brushing, water was gushing out of the running tap  
(Jack observed that what Willie deserved was an eye-opening slap)  
If Willie should slaughter precious water, there wouldn’t be any to drink  
Such a plight would serve him right, when he’d have to bathe in the kitchen sink!

Willie was never thoughtful, he was slow and slothful; he was running late  
His mum made a fuss- “You’ll miss your bus”, and gave him breakfast on a paper plate  
So on his way to school, he ate his full and felt a giant burp implode  
He crinkled his nose and wiggled his toes, crumpled the plate and tossed it on the road.

At school, Willie was a big, fat bully; to his teachers he was a big, fat pain  
His plummeting grades led to livid tirades, but Willie just scratched his head again  
He made paper planes and he made paper cranes and paper he would waste and fritter  
The playground he would gag with plastic bags that each day he’d use and litter.

One day, when Willie went out to play, he saw the most lovable little kitten  
To sentiment he wasn’t prone, he had a heart of stone; he wasn’t in, the least, smitten  
He picked the thing up, gave it a fling up in the air, and the helpless kitten landed  
In a garbage can, (Willie, that wretch, isn’t half a man!) he left the poor thing stranded

And so forth and so on, Willie would go on, wrecking his earth without a care  
Willie is arrogant, Willie is ignorant, and to him his environment isn’t half an affair  
He pollutes and litters, wastes and fritters, cruel Willie DeKay is an idiot, if truth be told  
If all Willies knew a thing or two, they wouldn’t have let such a crisis unfold

The world won’t smell so rotten if we aren’t as misbegotten as horrible Willie DeKay  
Let yourself, the earth and me breathe fresh and free, let’s make this world a little better everyday  
The earth is sick, but bit-by-bit, we can make it, if we realise now, if we don’t delay  
Because every big and little issue is now and today...don’t just put it away- for there is no way!

## Its time to groove on, people!

Kanchan Joneja  
VIII-I, AIS Noida

The movie ‘High School Musical’ was a big hit and spread like wild fire across the globe in November 2006. All age groups favoured it and the foot tapping music was perfect for the youth to groove and shake.

### Getting updated

Disney in India had started a countrywide interschool group-dance competition ‘My School Rocks’ and organized it again last year for High School Musical. Its popularity among Indian audiences symbolizes the fame of Disney Channel’s contemporary and universally relevant content. ‘My School Rocks’ contest is basically a means to promote the movie and to provide viewers delightful moments to be enjoyed with the peer group and the entire family.

### About the movie

**HSM 1:** It is about a boy named Troy (Zac Efron) who is the captain of the basketball team and Gabriella (Vanessa Hudgens), the brainy and beautiful member of the academic club, break all the rules of the East High society when they secretly audition for the leads in the school’s musical. As they reach for the stars and follow their dreams, everyone learns a thing or



two about acceptance, teamwork and just being themselves.

**HSM 2:** Along with their friends, Chad (Corbin Bleu) and Taylor (Monique Coleman), Troy and Gabriella set off to Lava Springs to enjoy their summer and make it a memorable one! But Sharpay (who owns the place) wants to win Troy’s heart by taking advantage of her position and tricking him into working for a college scholarship. This makes him think if he would like to rise to the top and leave the Wildcats (his basketball team) and Gabriella behind. But in the end he realizes that it is more important to think about the present and enjoy with friends and so they get to-

gether to have fun in the sun! The hip and entertaining movie is set to fun tunes and cool dance moves!

**HSM 3:** High school Musical 3 released in October 2008 for the first time in theatres, unlike the previous ones that were premiered only on Disney Channel! Now high school seniors, Troy Bolton (Zac Efron) and Gabriella Montez (Vanessa Hudgens) are facing the prospect of being separated from each other as they go off in different directions. Joined by the rest of the Wildcats, including Sharpay Evans (Ashley Tisdale) Ryan Evans (Lucas Grabeel), Chad Danforth (Corbin Bleu), Taylor McKessie (Monique Coleman), and others, they stage an elaborate spring musical reflecting their experiences, hopes and fears about the future. Those of you who haven’t watched this one yet, what are you waiting for? ●