

## Food for thought

The earth is burning as the wheels are turning. Changing Seasons what is the reason? I just wish to tell, don't turn earth into a hell. Heed to God's warning, save earth from Global Warming It's a Global Warning.

**Aashna, VI - B AIS, Mayur Vihar**  
(First prize winner of the slogan writing competition held as a part of the National Environment Awareness Campaign by AHF)

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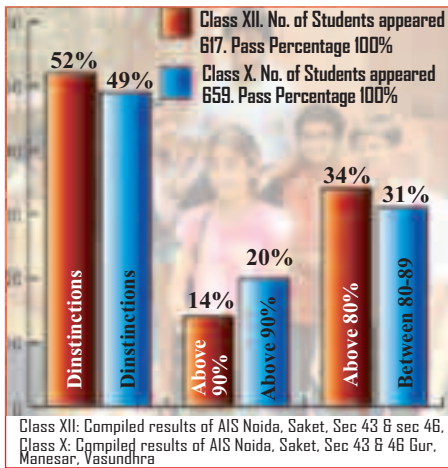


**AIS Noida toppers in a jubilant mood**

## Amity Report Card

**ANN | Cent Percent Result:** Cent Percent results in CBSE (2008-09) classes X & XII in all the branches of Amity at Noida, Saket, Gur Sect 43, Gur Sect 46, Vasundhara and AIMC Manesar was a moment of absolute elation. The complete batch of 1276 students who appeared for class X and XII, marched ahead with confident strides.

**Distinctions:** What made the results even outstanding was the huge number of distinctions. Out of a universe of 617 students in class XII and 659 in class X, 467 and 505 students secured distinctions respectively. Approximately three-fourth students secured above 75% marks. Amongst



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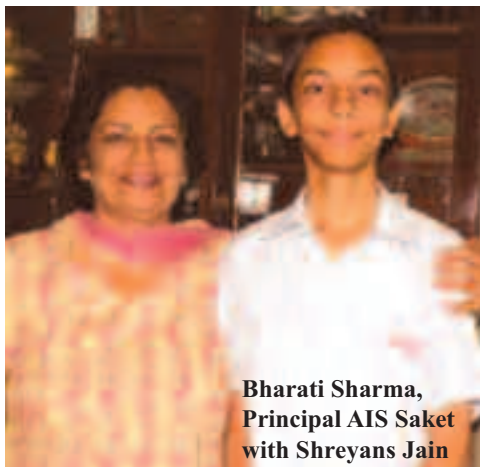
the distinction holders, brilliance was further defined with 126 students in Class XII and 214 in Class X securing above 90%. Those scoring between 80-89% in Class XII and X figured 315 and 327 respectively, which is more than 50% of the total students appeared.

**Perfect Scores:** Amity hit the bull's eye with over 40 of them securing cent percent in different subjects and many more missing the target only marginally. Amity has not only produced Math and IT wizards who secured absolute marks but in a first of firsts, an Amity created a record by securing 100% in Physical Education. ●

## “Just be regular and work hard”

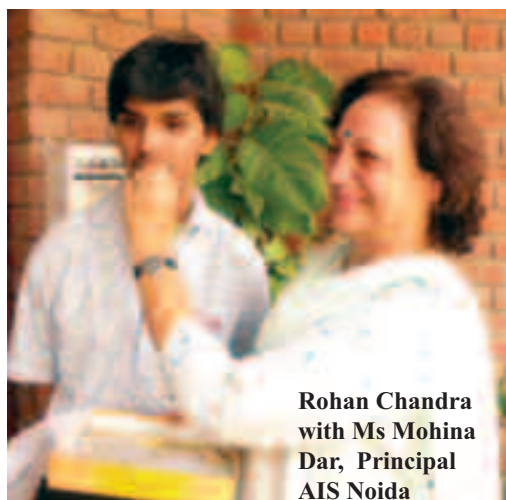
Soft spoken and shy but totally focused, **Shreyans Jain of AIS Saket** topped Class X CBSE and secured 2nd rank in the Delhi region with 97.4% agg (best of 5) and 97.8% agg (best of 6). Ever since he saw the results on the net, he did not have time to celebrate for the next 48 hours. “I have not had any time to celebrate as I have been continually receiving calls and congratulatory messages,” he explains. A consistent school topper since class V, Shreyans never failed to disappoint his mentors. “He is a brilliant student and we were expecting him to top all India. His English marks pulled down the score which is difficult to accept and I

shall personally look into the matter. Yet, I am very proud of him and wish him all the best,” commented school Principal Mrs Bharati Sharma. Topper of NTSE in Class VIII, 2nd in the Junior Science talent Search in Class IX, and semi-finalist in India's Child Genius, Shreyans believes that putting in 2-3 hours of honest and regular hard work everyday is sufficient for securing good results. With no tuitions, Shreyans gives the complete credit to the school and his parents. “My teachers have consistently provided me with tips and sample papers to crack the CBSE. I must have solved over 50 sample papers since I began my revision,” he said. ●



**Bharati Sharma, Principal AIS Saket with Shreyans Jain**

**Score card: Maths 99, Sanskrit 99, SST 99, Science 99, IT 100, Eng 91**



**Rohan Chandra with Ms Mohina Dar, Principal AIS Noida**

**Score card: SST 99, German 99, English 96, Maths 97, Science 96**

## “I studied with extreme concentration”

Humble and sophisticated **Rohan Chandra, Class X, AIS Noida** was thrilled to amass a whopping 97.4% which made him the school topper. Winner of individual silver medal and Team Bronze in IYMC (International Young Mathematicians Competition), Rohan is jubilant about his achievement, “I really didn't expect such good marks!” A family oriented boy, Rohan accredited his success to his parents, grandparents and school teachers, “Be it the doubt clearing sessions or after school classes, my teachers helped me at each step. My mother religiously gave

me ‘Shankhapushpi’; it tasted awful but gave me a memory boost. A special thanks to my brother who was a constant morale booster and took good care of me.” Highlighting the importance of co-curriculars, Rohan elucidates, “I studied regularly for three hours each evening with extreme concentration, which left me enough time for my swimming and chess practice.”

For Board aspirants, Rohan has a word of advice, “Don't forget to write ‘Hence verified’ in proving sums and in case of graph equations, always put the value in a box.” ●



**Aanshu Mishra with Chairperson Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan**

**Score Card: Maths 99, Eco 98, Chem 98, Eng 96, Phy 95**

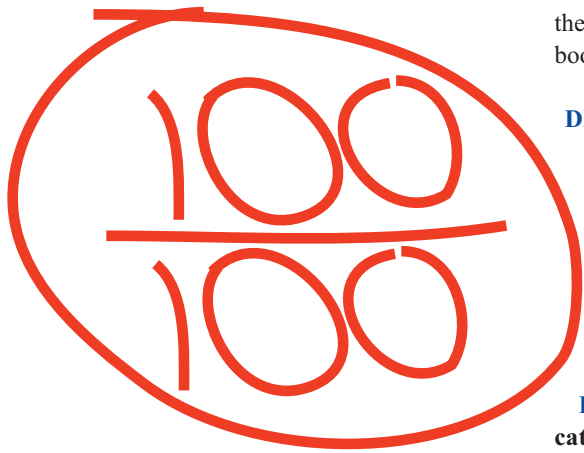
## Topper's Mark sheet

*“Following the well packaged school curriculum regularly is sufficient to score well.”*

Confident **Aanshu Mishra of AIS Noida** with 97.75% in Class XII CBSE 2009, would just not stop beaming with pride. It was a moment of ecstasy when he realised that he had not just topped his school but also ranked 2nd in Delhi and NCR, missing the top slot with a margin of 0.25%. Surrounded by media and flashlights he posed, poised and confident. This was his second success after topping class X CBSE in 2007, ready to strike a hat-trick in the future. “I would like to give the credit to myself, the school and my parents for my success,” he claims with élan. A student of AIS Noida since class nursery,

Aanshu explains, “The school curriculum has been packaged so well that all one needs is to follow it regularly. One does not require any tuitions or coaching beyond the school. I consistently put in 2-3 hours of work during normal school days and 5-6 hours during holidays.” A student of Synchro Study, Aanshu remained a boarder while he was in Class XI benefiting from the personalised guidance of experts within the school premises as he prepared for his competitive exams simultaneously. A proud father, Mr Mishra was optimistic about his son's performance and had full faith in the school's support system. “When I sought the admission of my son to Amity, I learnt about the vision and mission of the Chauhan family behind the institution. That gave me a lot of confidence,” he confessed. ●





Tulika Banerji

*‘Perfection is achieved, not when there is nothing more to add, but when there is nothing left to take away.’*  
- Antoine de Saint-Exupery

Who can prove it better than CBSE perfect scorers who have managed to amass an astonishing ton of marks, some in more than one subject! Let’s find out what it takes to secure 100% marks in CBSE...

**Aishwarya Lakshmi, AIS Gur 46 (X-SST & Maths):** For SST, there’s no short cut. Prepare for each and every class test so that by the time boards arrive, there’s no backlog left. The key lies in being thorough with all the chapters. In Maths, of course, practice daily;



the more you solve question papers from different books, the better you will be.”

**Dhruv Tyagi, AIS Noida (XII-Physics):** “Practice numericals thoroughly. Sometimes, 1 markers are very tricky, so its important to know your theory well. I’d also like to recommend the book by HC Verma which is very good for Physics.”



**Rahul P Dhar, AIS Noida (XII-Physical Education):** “P.Ed is perhaps the only paper where there’s no word limit. One should be able to write point wise long answers. There are mostly open ended questions and one should not segregate between 1 and 2 mark questions. The idea is to write as much there is about the topic so that the examiner feels that you know enough.”

**Siddharth Madan, AIS Gur 43 (X-Maths):** “I did a lot of practice as Maths was my weak subject and relied on the books of RD Sharma and NCERT. I also made it a point to solve the paper neatly, doing one sum per page and marking the answers in boxes. It’s important to be regular with your practice.”



So, the verdict is out. Everyone agrees that hard work, regularity, consistent practice and smart presentation make the perfect ingredients to score a century in the Boards. Are the upcoming board aspirants listening? ●

## Tips to Score 100% in Mathematics

**Skand Bhardwaj**  
XI, AIS Vasundhra

Scoring 100% in Mathematics is not a difficult task. Sincere efforts and taking care of a few things can make every student capable of scoring well in boards. Scoring full marks in boards depend solely on two factors: preparation and presentation

### Preparation

- Thorough practice of NCERT book.
- Intense practice of problems based strictly on the NCERT pattern.
- Regular two hours practice from day one.
- Practice drawing diagrams

quickly and accurately.

- Formulae and conversion table should be on finger tips.

Strong faith in your school teacher and yourself will help you go a long way.

**Presentation:** It has 4 aspects:

### Reading

- Avoid reading the entire paper during reading time. It either makes you feel very excited or very nervous.
- Read the questions carefully before attempting them. If you don’t understand anything, read it twice or thrice to be very sure.

### Writing

- Write the essentials (given/to prove/find).

- Draw figures wherever necessary.

- Avoid starting the paper with calculative questions like mensuration and statistics.

- Show step-by-step presentation.

- Give reasons wherever required.

### Arithmetic

- Careful handling of calculations avoids loss of marks due to silly mistakes.

### Revision

- Revise each question soon after its completion.
- Check if proper units are written in the answer, and labeling of the diagrams is done.

**Skand secured 100% in Maths in class X CBSE 09**



## Recipe of success

**AIS Noida Topper-duo Rohan Chandra and Sarthak Vaish whip up an unfaltering recipe for success in the Boards:**

- Pay special attention to presentation of answers.
- Avoid purchasing additional reference books in the beginning of the session; buy them once you’re through with the syllabus.

- Don’t cave in for peer or parental pressure.
- Good hand writing is sure to score brownie points with the examiner.

- Don’t forget to keep some time aside for games and recreation; play football, watch movies, do anything to keep your grey cells recharged.

**Rohan Chandra, AIS N Topper (class X): 97.4%**  
**Sarthak Vaish, AIS N (class X): 96.6%; Maths - 100% ●**

## Toppers speak

Nothing succeeds like success. This has been proven time and again by Amitians who’ve carved a niche for themselves in whatever field they’ve set their foot in. Here, Amity School Toppers spill the beans on their success mantras for CBSE Boards. A GT exclusive...

**Akanksha Khanna, AIS Saket (class XII-96.25%):** XIIth boards can make or break your career. A little seriousness and regular work from the beginning will be of great help because students tend to panic at the last moment. Hard work, sincerity and determination definitely pay off.



I did not follow any specific methodology as such, but took things seriously from the starting; it was not a last minute study. I took every test/exam as a challenge, worked hard on it, gave my best shot every time and the boards seemed like a cake-walk by then.

**Chaitanya Sood, AIS Gur-46 (class XII-94.8%):** Attend classes regularly and concentrate on your studies. CBSE is a fairly easy exam where one requires to give to-the-point answers. Don’t write more than what is really required.



**Adarsh Bakshi, AIS Gur-46(class X-**

**95%):** To do well in boards, one needs to strike a balance between studies and sports; it is all about time management. Be regular in your studies and play sports to keep fit and fine. If you are physically fit, the mind doesn’t get distracted.

**Catherine Victor, AIS Gur-43 (class X-96.8%):** The most important thing is to make a Time Table 2-3 months prior to the exam and stick to it. One should do Maths and English regu-



larly and other subjects every alternate day. During studies, one must give some rest to the eyes at regular intervals by taking a walk in fresh air.

**Ankit Singh, AIS Vasundhra (class X-95.4%):** Amity curriculum is quite self-sufficient; make it a point to solve all worksheets given by the school and stick to a regular time table. Subjects like Science and Maths require daily practice and in SST, make notes on each topic. With such effective tips pronounced by seniors, how can the juniors not come out with flying colours? All the best!



# Pig tales

## Swine flu hits India

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“It really is all of humanity that is under threat,” Margaret Chan, Director-General of the World Health Organization, said at an emergency meeting in Geneva. Within a fortnight of its eruption the flu became a life threatening epidemic. It started in Mexico in the end of April, 2009. Within a span of 20 days, it affected more than 40 countries in different parts of the world.

**Origin:** The disease originated in La Gloria, a small town in Mexico, and spread to North America, Europe and Asia so fast that it alarmed health authorities across the world. On April 29, the World Health Organization (WHO) sounded a phase-five alert for the flu indicating a pandemic was imminent.

**H1N1 influenza virus:** Swine influenza (also called Swine flu, Hog flu and Pig flu) refers to influenza caused by those strains of influenza virus, that usually infect pigs. Swine influenza is common in pigs in the midwestern United States. The 2009 flu outbreak in humans, known as ‘Swine flu,’ is due to a new strain of influenza - a virus sub-



type H1N1 that contained genes most closely related to swine influenza.

**Symptoms:** Fever, cough and sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body ache and headache, chills and fatigue, diarrhoea, vomiting and muscle soreness.

**Treatment:** 1) Oseltamvir or Zanamivir are recommended by CDC for the treatment.

2) Palliative care – At home or in hospital focuses on controlling fever and



maintaining fluid balance .

Take these everyday steps to protect your health:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or

sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.

- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

- Follow public health advice regarding school closures, avoiding crowds and other social distancing measures.

- Be prepared in case you get sick and need to stay home for a week or so; a

supply of over-the-counter medicines, alcohol-based hand rubs, tissues and other related items could be useful and help avoid the need to make trips out in public while you are sick and contagious.

- Stay home if you are sick for 7 days after your symptoms begin or until you have been symptom-free for 24 hours, whichever is longer.

### To prevent infecting others:

- Don’t spit outdoors.
- Don’t take medicines without consulting the physician.

All said and done, there is no need to panic. Like every other epidemic, it can be controlled with precautionary measures and medication. Though our country was considered safe earlier, a number of cases have been reported in some cities, including Delhi. We have to remain cautious and keep ourselves abreast about the world wide scenario on Swine flu. ●



Pic courtesy: AIS Gur-46

## Jai ho democracy!

Kartik Mehta, X

AIS Sec 46, Gurgaon

What if there was a commandment that would automatically eradicate the ruling party within the first six months of its tenure if it doesn’t do any major development that would result in the progress of the country? No law would be able to overrule this, not even the Supreme Court!

The development project should be substantial, not just beautifying roads, residence complexes or malls. Why only this? The decree should incorporate that development should take place within the opening six months, and in each of the six month tenures when the party is in rule! If the party does not attest any of its manifestos’ phrases, it will be cast aside and the throne will be taken over by the party with the second most

majority of votes, the rule being pertinent even to this party and so on. The need for re-election would thus be eliminated, as it is costly and time-consuming.

When enforced, this law will be a guarantee that the resources are being used in an organised manner, giving chance to each candidate to prove his/ her worth when the need arises. The winning candidate would be under pressure to prove

his worth as his survival

would depend on what he does for the nation! Also this law might bring sleaze to an end as no legislator would be

able to play the blame game or prove his/her worth by

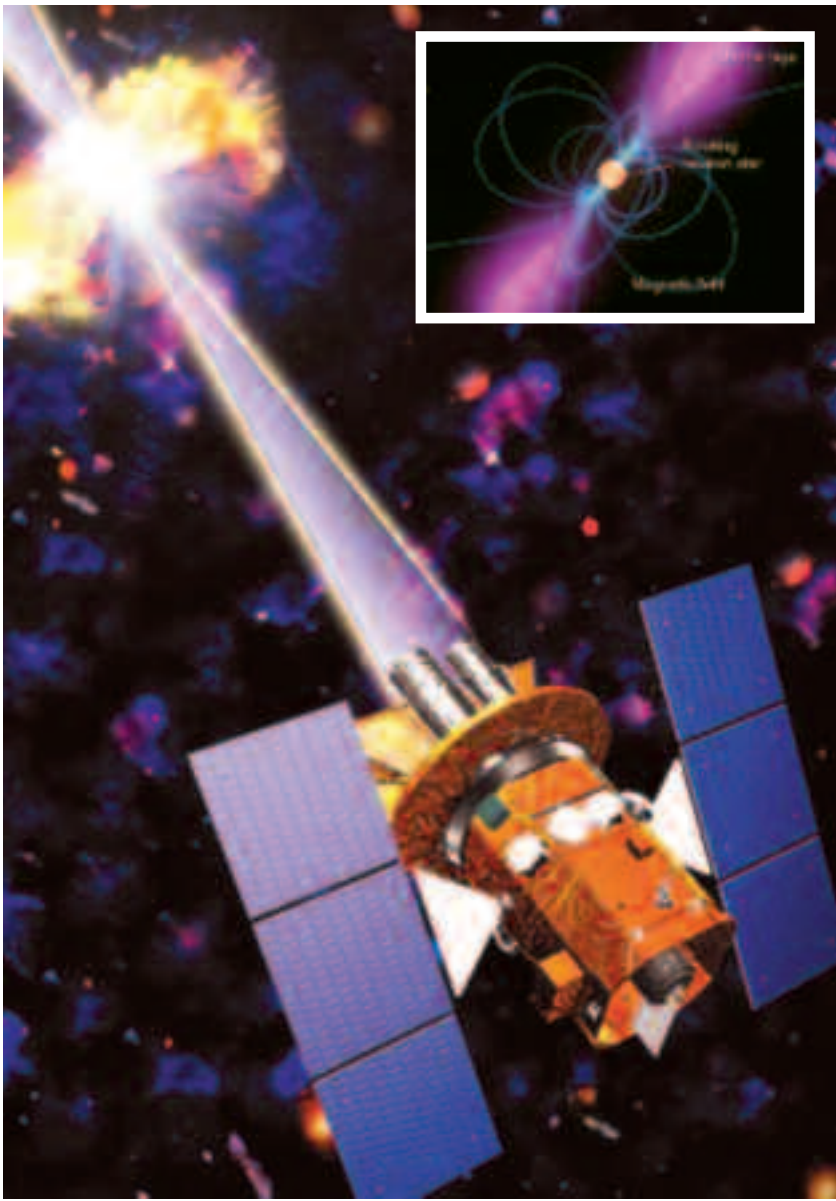
slinging mud at his/her opponent. The nation would emerge stronger and all erstwhile countries substandard. The country’s financial system will be unmatched. India wouldn’t just shine - it would DAZZLE!

If only things were this simple!●



**GOKU action figure is my favourite toy because he has a good build and muscular power. He can defeat his enemies in a single punch. -Siddharth Bansal, III-D, AIS Mayur Vihar**





# Gamma rays strike

Shivangi Kakkar  
Alumnus, AIS Pushp Vihar

First global warming, and now these gamma rays. Looks like our earth isn't going to get any rest with all these alarming issues in the air. Just to make sure you know what's the new topic, we bring to you a handful of facts about the most-talked about, deadly, diabolical gamma rays.

**What are gamma rays and how are they produced?**

Gamma rays (denoted as  $\gamma$ ) are electromagnetic radiation of high energy. They are produced by sub-atomic particle interactions, such as electron-positron annihilation, neutral pion decay, radioactive decay, fusion, fission or inverse Compton scattering in astrophysical processes.

**What are the uses of gamma rays?**

This property means that gamma radiation is often used to kill living organisms, in a process called irradiation. Applications of this include sterilising medical equipment (as an alternative to autoclaves or chemical means), removing decay-causing bacteria from many foods or preventing fruit and vegetables from sprouting to maintain freshness and flavour.

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Due to their tissue penetrating property, gamma rays/X-rays have a wide variety of medical uses such as in CT Scans and radiation therapy. However, as a form of ionizing radiation they have the ability to effect molecular changes, giving them

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How are Gamma rays used to treat some types of cancer?

Send in your answers to  
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E-27, Defence Colony, New Delhi

GT Q 6.When did the first elections take place in independent India?

Ans. 1950

Winner of GT Q 6  
Baldip Singh,V D, AIS PV

the potential to cause cancer when DNA is affected. The molecular changes can also be used to alter the properties of semi-precious stones, and is often used to change white topaz into blue topaz. Despite their cancer-causing properties, gamma rays are also used to treat some types of cancer.

**What are the disadvantages of Gamma Rays?**

They are responsible for cell damage and can cause a variety of cancers. They also cause mutations in growing tissues, so unborn babies are especially vulnerable. Gamma Rays burst aimed at Earth could deplete the ozone layer, cause acid rain, and initiate a round of global cooling from as far as 6,500 light-years away.

**Why are they so important?**

A brilliant burst of gamma rays may have caused a mass extinction event on Earth 440 million years ago—and a similar celestial catastrophe could happen again, according to a new study. Most gamma-ray bursts are thought to be streams of high-energy radiation produced when the core of a very massive star collapses. Currently WR104, a massive star 8,000 light-years away in the constellation Sagittarius, is in position to be a potential threat.●



Aankoo Mehta & Shashi Gauba  
AIS Saket

The fundamental concepts of each lesson in Microeconomics and Macroeconomics should be thoroughly learnt and understood. This equips the students with confidence to solve all numericals and theoretical problems.

- The diagrams should be neat, well labeled and self-explanatory.
- In Value Added numericals, if domestic sales are only given, then exports have to be added. In case of total sales, exports are excluded because it means domestic

and international sales.

- If purchases from a firm or within domestic territory are only given, then imports should be considered. In total purchases, imports are not considered.
- In determination of income and employment through Savings and Investment approach, the diagram indicating equilibrium between savings and investment only should be drawn. The disequilibrium situation where savings and investment are not equal, should be marked and explained properly.
- In determination of income and

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employment through consumption

and investment approach, the diagram indicating equilibrium between aggregate demand and 45 degree line only should be drawn. The disequilibrium situation where aggregate demand and aggregate supply are not equal should be explained properly.

- In case difference between any two concepts is asked, the first point should give the definition of the two concepts and then other points should be given.
- The number of differences should be according to the marks

allotted to that particular question.

- In case of justification for the shape of production possibility curve, the reasons for rising marginal opportunity cost should be given.
- Be careful about the shape of demand and supply curves.
- While solving numericals on national income through expenditure method, remember: Gross domestic capital formation = Gross domestic fixed capital formation + change in stock
- Gross domestic capital formation = Net domestic fixed capital formation + Depreciation

## Scholastic alerts July 2009

**Institute/Exam:** Staff selection Commission  
**Course/Discipline:** Services in Govt. sector  
**Entrance Exam:** Comb. Graduate (Preli) exam  
**Website:** www.ssc.nic.in

**Institute/Exam:** Forest Services  
**Course/Discipline:** Forest Services  
**Entrance Exam:** Indian forest service exam  
**Website:** www.upsc.gov.in

**Institute/Exam:** IGNOU  
**Course/Discipline:** UG and PG Courses  
**Website:** www.ignou.ac.in

# Foreign Universities have the biggest advantage of international exposure

Says Amol Chauhan, student of AIS Saket, having secured admission to ten top universities across the globe. Rejuvenating after his XII boards, he spills the beans on his clean sweep, in an exclusive tete-e-tete with The Global Times...

**Congratulations for securing admission in the Top prestigious Universities of the world. How do you visualise your success?**

Securing admission in top universities of US was a childhood dream. All my brothers and sisters have studied at some or the other US/UK university. Since they are my role models, I wanted to follow in their footsteps. I aimed for a number of universities at the same time, as I wanted to have the option of picking and choosing the one that I liked the most. It is definitely a fabulous feeling!

**Which University will you join and why?**

I was in quite a dilemma. While, Stanford has a huge variety of courses to choose from, Harvard has a great reputation. I've decided to study Electrical Engineering and Computer Science with minors in Economics at Harvard for four years and take up summer school in Stanford. In that way, I'll have the best of both!

**When and how did you begin your preparation? How much time does**

**one require for serious preparation to secure admission?**

I first appeared for SAT in January 2008, the preparation for which I had started roughly from November 2007. I gave SAT again in May, June and October 2008. I started to build on extra curriculars from class IXth itself. As you have to send the over all grades for classes IXth & Xth as



well, it's best if you start early.

**Whom would you give the credit for your success?**

Well honestly, most of the credit belongs to my family members. My subject teachers in school were my support system. They were always there to clear my doubts, even outside the school. I extend my immense gratitude to our school Principal Bharti Ma'm who was extremely encouraging and wrote my recommendations.

**What are the pre-requisites for securing admission abroad?**

Universities abroad have very different criteria from Indian Universities. They give merit-cum-need scholarships, which one needs to study in detail. Good grades only secure you a better chance but doesn't guarantee you admission. The profile should contain extra curriculars both inside as well as outside school. As for me, I was an active MUNer (both participant and organiser); attended foreign exchange programmes and went to NASA from the school's Astronomy Club. These activities backed my profile.

**What do you think is the major difference between Indian and foreign Universities?**

Indian educational curriculum lays undue emphasis on bookish knowledge. Universities abroad have the biggest advantage of international exposure as well as a diverse curriculum. As much as 45% of their students are foreign nationals. For instance, Harvard University, founded in 1636, is more than 3 and a half centuries old. Most of their faculty members are Nobel laureates. The experience and exposure such a place can give you, is incomparable. I'm sure, with time, even Indian Universities will gain that kind of reputation and expertise.

**What are your future plans?**

I'd like to come back to India and become an entrepreneur. I want to use my education and knowledge in a good way by doing something that not only reaps profits but also helps the society. ●

### Universities Amol has secured admission in:

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|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1.Harvard University       | 6.New York University          |
| 2.Stanford University      | 7.Carnegie Mellon University   |
| 3.Upenn and Wharton        | 8.University Of California, LA |
| 4.Cornell University       | 9.Boston University            |
| 5.North Western University | 10. Columbia University        |





# Chairperson's Birthday Bash

Chairperson Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan's Birthday Party exclusively hosted for the winners of Chairperson's Birthday Bash Contest announced in The Global Times was celebrated with special affection. The party held at AKC House on May 2, 2009 was attended by *Utsav Jena*, VII E, AIS Gur-46; *Shivin Chaudhary*, VII B, AIS Gur-

43; *Ayush Sisodia*, VII D, AIS Gur-43; *Nikita Bakshi*, VIII A, AIS PV; *Archana H*, VII D, AIS Gur-43; *Vasudha Singh*, XII G, AIS Saket; *Ruchi Avtar*, VII C, AIS Vasundhra and *Priyanka Dilip*, IV F, AIS Noida.

The party commenced with the game 'Know your Chairperson Contest' which

was won by Priyanka Dilip and Utsav Jena. Then, ensued a heart-warming interactive session with the Chairperson. The invitees also shared their special prize winning entries with her. Every invitee was later awarded a special book as a 'return gift' along with a letter personally signed by Chairperson. This was fol-

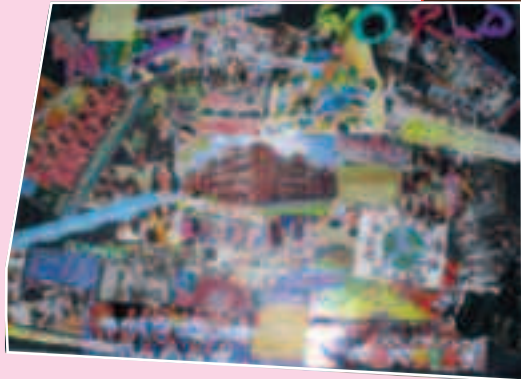
lowed by cake cutting and refreshments. Priyanka Dilip shares her excitement, "2nd May was a memorable day for me. When I was congratulated by Chairperson Ma'm for bagging the first prize in a game, I was literally on cloud nine. I received the 6th edition of "Please, Mom! It's My Life!" as return gift and simply

love it as it teaches values and morals. I consider myself privileged to share precious moments with such a great personality."

Others who won, but could not make it due to prior commitments were *Ritika Sharma*, IX A, AIS Mayur Vihar; *Ketan Sakkarwal*, XI, AIMC Manesar and *Akshay Aggarwal*, XII B, AIS Saket. ●



Collage Making on 'Amity & Its World'



## Chairperson's Birthday Celebrations

The following competitions were organized:

- Class VI: Making Of Gratitude Cards
- Class VII: Painting On 'Amity My Dream School'
- Class VIII: Article Writing - 'How

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to Spend A Day with Chairperson Ma'am'  
Class IX: Poetry Writing 'Under The Umbrella Of Amity'  
Class X: Collage Making on 'Amity & Its World'  
Class XI: Paragraph Writing On 'Chairperson Ma'am's Vision Of Amity & Amitians'  
Class XII: Recipe to Become An Ambassador Of Amity  
For names of prize winners, visit [www.theglobaltimes.in](http://www.theglobaltimes.in)

# Come, let's make a difference...

By segregating, your daily household waste can be decreased to just 10%.

Ojaswini  
AIS, Mayur Vihar

Ting-tong! Oh! Who is it? Must be the cleaner. Every morning s/he comes, collects the garbage from our doorsteps and then throws it outside the society in two big blue/green coloured bins. Later some trucks come, empty these bins and go somewhere...far, far away... And our story ends there itself....it's out of our eyes, out of our minds and out of our lives! Okay, today for a change come, let's follow these trucks and see what happens next... Uh! Where have we reached? Looks like the outskirts of the city and ...Oh, My! Look! Mountains of garbage all around! If all these mountains are joined together, I bet they'll be as high as Everest! Daily about 600 trucks carry the domestic garbage from the NCR region, travel 60,000 km of distance consuming 20,000 liters of diesel which cost approximately Rs. 647000. This amount, when calculated, turns into Rs. 236155000 by the end of the year!



Barbie Doll is my favourite toy because it is my partner during leisure time. My Barbie very beautiful and she is one of an all-time good friend of mine. -Sona Azam, IV-B, AIS Pushp Vihar

There is some thing everyone can do even sitting at home. All you have to do is to start dividing or segregation your daily household waste. Sounds like a tough job? But, it's not!

Have you ever been to your kitchen (I bet many of you haven't!)? All the kitchen waste which includes vegetable peels, fruit peels, left over waste etc. (known as organic waste), can be collected in a pot and left to decompose, later it can be used as manure for plants.

Then there's paper waste - bits of paper, cardboard boxes, newspapers, etc. They can be collected and in the end of the month, they can be sent for recycling.

The next main waste is plastic waste-plastic bags, plastic bottles can also be collected and just like the paper waste, can be sent for recycling.

Yes! That's all! Small steps like these decrease our daily waste to just 10%. "You know, it really feels good that you are contributing to save the environment.

Even if in small bits, it does make a difference," says Kanupriya, media person, who has made a documentary film on the issue and has been following this practice for the past two years.

"My mom didn't allow me to segregate the waste. She called it playing with waste. So I started segregating my own room's waste," quips **Manvika Gulati**, student of AIS Mayur Vihar.

In your whole life, if you want to do something special, something unique, so here's your golden chance to actually do something which will make a huge difference! ●



## Managing disasters

Simran Sachdeva, VIII-C  
AIS, Pushp Vihar

On May 6, students of AIS Pushp Vihar participated in a wonderful workshop organised by the department of Natural Disaster Management. First, various techniques to help the victims affected by the catastrophe were demonstrated (we even did it practically). After the demonstration we were told about the mock drill that followed. A rescue team, the cordon & search team and a first aid team were appointed along with those who

acted as injured. After our dispersal, a hooter rang; that was a signal for everyone to take some support (to prevent head injuries) and assemble on the ground. This was when the appointed teams came into action and carried the injured to the assembly area. When the drill ended, there was a thunderous applause! We all heaved a sigh of relief as everyone's sincerity and efforts made it all seem so realistic. Thanks to the Natural Disaster Department, now we are equipped with basic skills to help ourselves and others in case of a natural disaster.●

## Sniff! Sniff! Something fishy

Pranjal Jain  
AIS, Pushp Vihar

Researchers have suggested that humans can detect the scent of fear and being scared is 'contagious'. A study by Stony Brook University in New York found that chemical signals emitted by the body in sweat when scared, can be picked up by others and

trigger fear in their brains. The research which is yet to be published, found people who are scared give off 'pheromones', hormones that sub-consciously trigger parts of the brains associated with fear. The study indicates that there may be a hidden biological component in human social dynamics, in which emotional stress is quite, literally, contagious.



# In Aid of your health

Doc Pills



Dr. Ranju Modi, Medical Officer  
AIS, Gurgaon Sec 43 & 46

Don't have any second thoughts about First Aid. A sudden fall or a burn could result in more trauma than necessary, unless first aid is given promptly. Here are some tips to guide you to handle common emergencies with confidence.

**Wounds:** For a bruise, apply an ice pack. If there is accompanying pain, you may take a pain killer. In case of cuts and scrapes, it is important to control the bleeding. First, clean the wound with an antiseptic lotion, mop the area dry, and then apply an antiseptic cream to prevent infection. Finally dress the wound with a sterile cotton bandage.

**Nose bleeds:** Tell the person not to blow his nose and to breathe through the mouth. Have the person sit down, lean forward slightly and hold his or her nostrils together for about 10 minutes. If nose continues to bleed, repeat the procedure.

If the bleeding persists, seek medical advice.  
**Fainting:** Lay the person down with the feet raised and loosen the clothing. Make sure there is adequate fresh air. Check the breathing and the pulse. Ask him to take deep breaths. Encourage him to rest for a while and do not give anything to eat or drink.

**Burns:** Cool the burnt area with cold but not icy water, ideally by placing the burn under gentle running water for at least 10 minutes. Cover the burn with sterile, non adherent dressing. Do not apply ointments or lotions. If burn is large, seek medical help.

**Foreign Body in Eye:** Do not rub the eye. It is advisable to wash the eye with copious running water. If problem persists, consult an eye specialist.

**Fall:** After a fall or slip, the most common injuries are fracture in the hip, a fractured arm or dislocation of shoulder. In case of fractures, stabilise the area by using a piece of wood or cardboard as a splint. For dislocation, tie a triangular bandage and consult an orthopedic surgeon.

**Electric shock:** Don't touch the casualty if bare foot, wear insulators such as rubber slippers. Pull the person using wooden stick, a rope or even dry end of his clothing. It is always advisable to switch off the mains. Check for vital signs. Treat for burns and arrange for medical attention.

In all cases, once the initial crisis is over a doctor must be consulted. Keep a First Aid Kit and the number of ambulance service, ready.●



## Mint King

Kunal Govil, VIII G  
AIS Noida

The Mint King is a refreshing summer time drink that really soothes you after a hard day's work. It appeals to people of all ages, i.e., from 9 to 90. It is a simple mix of 2 of nature's best wonders - Mango and Mint. Lets see what goes into making this one of a kind, simple refresher.



### Ingredients

1 whole Mango, 5 Mint Leaves, 2 table spoon Sugar, 500 ml Sprite

### Procedure

**Step 1:** Mince a whole mango in a blender, adding 2 tbsp of sugar and a little sprite to make it into a thick paste.

**Step 2:** Add the mint leaves to the paste and mince again. The result will be a thick paste with a distinct smell.

**Step 3:** Pour paste into a long bottom glass and add sprite on top.

**Step 4:** Serve chilled with a stirrer. I hope that you will savour the great refreshing taste of my MINT KING.

**Nita Mehta Tip:** Don't discard the outer green coloured leaves of cabbage because they contain more vitamins and calcium.

Share your innovative recipes with culinary queen NITA MEHTA. The selected ones that get featured here win a NITA MEHTA cookery book alongwith an opportunity to attend a free cooking workshop with NITA MEHTA.



## Aromatic Sun tan cure

Roohi Sobti, VIII-D, AIS Noida

Sandalwood is useful in treating most skin problems. It protects the skin from sun's rays, acts as an anti-aging agent, and keeps skin smooth and aromatic. Sandalwood is extremely effective on pimples, prickly heat, skin eruptions, itching, rashes, spots, freckles, and swellings.

**To remove suntan:** ■Take 4 tsp of sandalwood powder, five tbsp of coconut and two tsp of almond oil. Mix together and apply on the exposed areas.

■Mix almond, neem leaf, turmeric, sandalwood and poppy seeds. Blend this mixture into a fine paste using milk. Apply this paste on face and allow it to dry. Remove the dried mask by massaging your face in a circular motion and wash your face using lukewarm water.



# Fashion forward

Mehak Gautam, VI  
AIS, Gurgaon Sec 43

By nature, both men and women are love to dress up and look good. They are conscious of their clothes, manners, conduct, style of speaking and living. And want to look attractive, inviting, smart and fashionable. Fashion is never static. It is always changing. What is fashion today will become obsolete and out of date some time later. And people never like to be out of fashion. They want to be in the mainstream and flow with the current trends. Fashion works as a very powerful tool in the society and also reflects change, progress, prosperity and advancement. As such, fashion is all pervasive and influences all aspects of our life. Fashion can never be an end in itself. It is simply a means to satisfy our urges of change and novelty. But one should not allow fashion to rule us.●

## Is the book worm inside us healthy?

Arihant Kuba, AIS, Saket



All of us like to read books, at least most of us do. We all say that it is a great exercise, improves our language and our spellings. However, while reading a book we need to keep certain things in mind, i.e. where we read, what we read and when we read. These factors affect our health, our studies and in the long term our mindset too. We should refer to a library on what We, at our age, should read or talk to good friends about it. Sometimes, elders give sound advice too. Classics are highly recommended for impressive language. Comics are 'Ok' for fun reading, but do not help enhance our language much. The time and place of our reading also affects our health. Reading in the car or while traveling in a moving vehicle strains our eyesight adversely as it is difficult for our eyes to focus. Reading after food is also a bad habit as our body energy, after a meal, is used in digestion of the food.

We must not only read for fun but also to learn new things about our surroundings. Newspapers, journals, health or nature magazines and encyclopedias are of help. So friends, watch out—is the bookworm inside you healthy?●

## Counsel's Korner

*My child is sometimes very rebellious about routine things, like changing after school or eating normal home cooked food. How does one handle rebellion?*

Parent of a VIth grader.

What you are seeing is probably just the tip of an iceberg. Has his routine in some way been changed or recently established? If not, find out the true reason for the rebellion and what usually triggers it. The key to dealing with rebellious behaviour is avoiding confrontation, being patient and recognising that your child has a tendency towards it. Most children cannot know the limits of their behaviour without first exploring the edges. We are not born with an innate sense of right and wrong. We learn the difference through trial and error. When dealing with a rebellion, think about how important the issue is. Prioritise the issues and deal with the ones that need immediate attention.

*My son is an active sportsperson, taking part in national/international events. However, his daily practice and tuition routine don't leave him with much time for studies. This irritates him; and I wonder if I should let him continue with his games?*

Parent of a VIth grader.

It all really depends on how your child takes it. If it irritates him and he is not able to cope up with the school work then probably he should think about playing only for a little while. But you will have to find out what is it that he really wants. Show him the pros and cons of participating and not participating in events. Let him take the ultimately decision. It'll improve his decision making skills and help him learn to shoulder responsibility for his own actions. Don't be too hard on him if he wants to go back on his decision two months later. The most wonderful part of school life is that most wrong decisions can be undone.●



Surbhi Talwar  
Counselor AIS Sec 46, Gurgaon



Friendship Day is around the corner. What's special about your gang of friends? Tell us about it. You can talk about:

Who all are there in your gang? (2 or more pals, their names, class, etc)  
Your USP/what makes you click?  
Is there a name for your gang?  
How old is the friendship?  
A fond memory of the group (funny, nostalgic, etc)

Email your write-up with your name, class, branch & telephone no. to [tbanerji@amity.edu](mailto:tbanerji@amity.edu). Don't forget to send your pix! The best entries will win a chance to feature in GT August issue. Last date: July 15, 2009





# Success Mantra

# Is Gen Y a lazy generation?

*“The battle of success is half won when one gains the habit of setting goals and achieving them. Even the most tedious chore will become endurable as you parade through each day convinced that every task, no matter how menial or boring, brings you closer to fulfilling your dreams.”*

OG Mandino



Dr. Amita Chauhan  
Chairperson

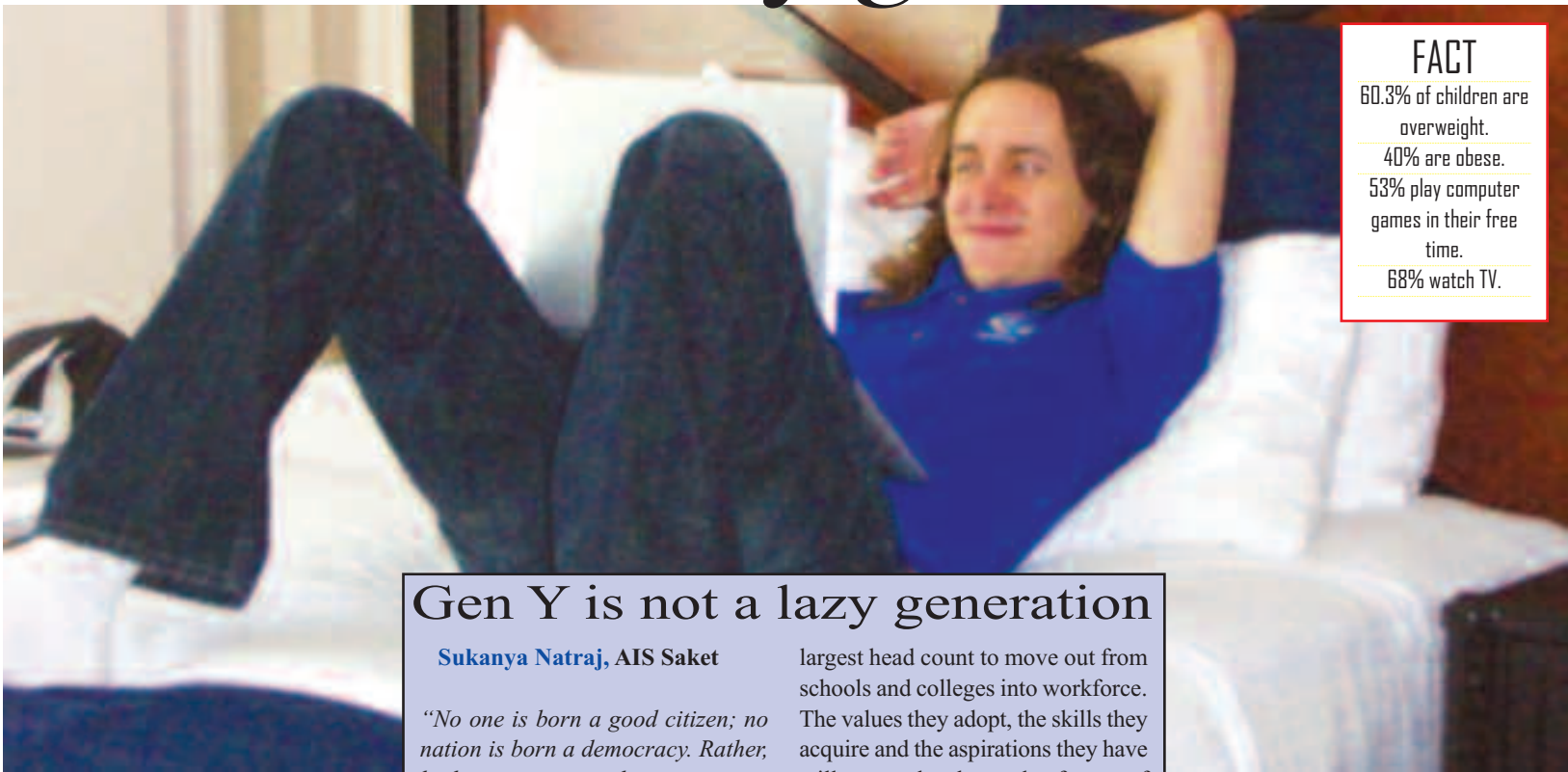
The exhilarating success of Amitians in CBSE 2008-09 makes me feel very proud. Each passing year, the Amitians have been surpassing their previous records with flying colours. The cent percent results with over 75% of the students recording a distinction, many scoring above 90%, is a moment of pride for any mother who is committed to the success of her children. While an Amitian appears for the Boards only twice during his schooling years, this is an exam I take every year. Topping the exam for me is not just a simple goal anymore. For me, this success has now become a habit. Someone one asked me what do you feed your children so that they continue to perform and excel each year. I laughed. There is no tonic or a secret recipe. If it were, everyone would be a topper. To be successful in life, it is important to build good habits. This is what I inculcate in them through my school and teachers. If you consistently do the things to achieve your goals on a daily basis, over time you will be successful, as long as you do not quit. I teach my children to be persistent, guiding them through the right path of success. And this makes all the difference.●

## Holiday Package



Vira Sharma

This summer vacations as I prepared to go to office each morning, everyone looked at me with an expression that read...what will you do when there is no issue of The Global Times? It was hard to explain that I have a lot of Holiday Homework to catch up with. While parents and students called up incessantly enquiring about uploading The Global Times Holiday Package (given to students before the vacations) and then once again to check that I received the same, I could read many issues and concerns in their voice. One such ‘silly’ but ‘important’ question that I wish to share was, “Why do you call it a GT Holiday ‘Package’ and not ‘Homework’?” Let me make an effort to explain. I called it a ‘Package’ because along with this activity came many things in a package. For the first time in Amity, the GT Holiday Package made the historic move to empower the youth with technology and literary skills from nursery to high school. For the very first time the Amity family collectively learnt to connect online. It’s a Package, that offered a variety of options to choose from and followed the same pattern of work for every branch. The unique package provided equal opportunity to all to write for the Global Times and be featured in the same. The package lead its readers to its rich archive on the website. Yet another question that needs to be mentioned is ...Are we going to be marked on this? I ask, do we perform only to be marked? The vacations are the longest break that one can take from school. It’s an opportunity to introspect, hear your calling...no one can mark you on that. There is life beyond marks. The GT Holiday Package goes beyond the marking paradigm. Read it.●



**FACT**  
60.3% of children are overweight.  
40% are obese.  
53% play computer games in their free time.  
68% watch TV.

## Gen Y is not a lazy generation

Sukanya Natraj, AIS Saket

*“No one is born a good citizen; no nation is born a democracy. Rather, both are processes that continue to evolve over a lifetime. Young people must be included from birth. A society that cuts off from its youth severs its lifeline.” -Kofi Annan*

Case I: 1000 candles lit in the memory of Jessica Lal. Four months later Manu Sharma was given life sentence. Case II: More than a million young people with banners in their hands protested against ‘reservation case.’ These are just an iota of the millions of cases in which the participation of youth has made all the difference. India has a population of about 150 million young people between the age group of 15-24. They are the

largest head count to move out from schools and colleges into workforce. The values they adopt, the skills they acquire and the aspirations they have will not only shape the future of India but also the ‘world of tomorrow.’ And still, you’d like to believe that ours is a lazy generation? Sachin Pilot, Jyotiraditya Scindia, Rahul Gandhi are all fresh faces in politics yet they have made significant contribution. They have actually changed the face of Indian politics. And yet again you want us to believe that our generation is lazy? My answer is NO, an emphatic NO. For the youth of today, “Tomorrow is too late; so start today for it’s our future.’ What can you relate with youth - the word itself, describes energy, power and valor.

Jigyasa Chauhan , AIS Saket

Picture this: My friend Sukanya lives just 2 blocks away from me and I met her a week ago, on the internet! Is this not sheer laziness? Do we actually need to examine what makes our generation so lazy? Youngsters of today are a ‘spoilt breed’, ‘have no values or ethics’, irresponsible and lackadaisical, for them, everything is just a phone call away! Today morning I opened my mail box just to find a Birthday invite from one of my friends. How easy and how wonderful life is today! Everything is available at a mouse click! Who needs to step out of their time indoors living a couch potato existence. They are lazy, computer and TV obsessed, chunky and depressed individuals piling on weight with the help of junk food. Have you ever travelled to the hills? Well, you must have seen tea stalls selling instant Maggi noodles. That’s how far instant food has permeated our

country. Today’s world is instant. The youth want everything instantly – Instant Success, Instant Promotions, Instant Love, Instant Marriages, Instant Foods, Instant Soft Drinks. The world has advanced so much because of facilities and technological comfort. 50 to 100 years back, man used to be laborious and used to do all house hold

chores manually and walk for long hours. What do the youth do today? Hang out in cafeterias, party late night and SMS (they are even too lazy to write letters). Diabetes, Hypertension and other Obesity related chronic diseases are now common among youngsters. 1 million children and teenagers are overweight.

Are the youth today active in any field? Let’s look at the political scenario – punctured promises of political parties make them wary. The generation is confused because it’s disenchanted with the Indian polity. Despite the media awareness campaign, the power to vote doesn’t enthuse them. The low turnout of voters in Mumbai that was worst hit by terrorists clearly points that they don’t want to enjoy a participatory democracy. Our generation requires a medium like cinema to make them aware of Gandhian values and principles. It’s indeed a sorry state of affairs that in a country with such a glorious back ground and chronographed history, the current generation needs to be reminded of the importance and relevance of the Father of the Nation. Still such movies as *Rang De Basanti* and *Munnabhai* seem to be casting little impression on their minds. Apart from one or two isolated incidents, how many of you have sent flowers to corrupt politicians?●

## Change: it starts with you

Gitanshi Sharma  
AIS Mayur Vihar

One day I went to the market with some work. As I was walking, an ice-cream cup came blowing towards me. It came from two ladies who were discussing about the filthy and muddy roads of Ghaziabad. The ladies turned around and apologised saying they didn’t see me. I told them they should have thrown it in the dustbin, instead of the road. They argued that the road is already dirty, “It would hardly make a difference.” It was a waste of time and energy to make them understand. I picked it up myself and threw it in the bin. Most of us want to live healthier lives, but most of us want to be part of the solution and not the problem. Take personal responsibility. Never think “It’s not my job” or “What can I do, I am only one person.” You don’t need anyone’s permission to make changes. Remember this little gem,

“If it’s to be, it’s up to me.” Nothing or no one can change by itself. Individual acts really do matter. We can start small and make a big difference. As Mahatma Gandhi said, “Be the change you want to see in the world!”●



Thanks for featuring me in GT. The write up looks amazing! The entire issue has been put together very well. Keep up the good work.  
**Aparajita Sharma, B Tech- Bio Tech (IIIRD), AU, Noida**



The current issue (May-June) of GT is in hand, and what an issue it is! I am completely amazed by the way the layout has been de-

signed, it’s just awesome! A huge thanks to the GT Team! The work done by the editorial team is of top-notch. In fact, now I feel that I’ll have to improve my writing level to match the standards of the newspaper! Thanks a lot for publishing my article on automobiles!  
Regards  
**Shivank Bhatt, ASET, AU, Noida**

## Pearls of wisdom

## Forgiveness

A Kindergarden teacher had decided to let her class play a game. The teacher told each child in the class to bring along a plastic bag containing a few potatoes. Each potato will be given the name of a person that the child hates, so the number of potatoes that a child will put in his/her plastic bag will depend on the number of persons he/she hates. So when the day came, every child brought some potatoes with the name of the people he/she hated. Some had two potatoes; some three while some up to five potatoes. The teacher then told the children to carry with them the potatoes in the plastic bag wherever they go for one week. Days passed by, and the children started to complain due to the unpleasant smell let out by the rotten potatoes. Besides, those having five potatoes also had to carry heavier bags. After one week, the children were relieved because the game had finally ended. The teacher asked, “How did you feel while carrying the potatoes with you for one week?” The children let out their frustrations and started complaining of the trouble that they had to go through having to carry the heavy and smelly potatoes wherever they go. The teacher said, “This is exactly the situation when you carry your hatred for somebody inside your heart. The stench of hatred will contaminate your heart and you will carry it with you wherever you go. If you cannot tolerate the smell of rotten potatoes for just one week, can you imagine what is it like to have the stench of hatred in your heart for your lifetime? Learn to Forgive.

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*Amity schools beat the heat this summer with a wholesome package of activities designed exclusively for students, magnetising them back to the school campus, even during vacations! From sports to theatre, creative art to educational trips, nature trails to developing scientific temperament, summer camps provided ample respite from the scorching heat. The Global Times sneaked into school campuses to know what they did this summer...*

# I know what you did this summer!

**Fit 'n' Fine Sporty Summers:** Varied sports activities ranging from cricket, badminton and basket ball to karate, horse riding and skating, witnessed maximum participation. *Khanak Bhargava (VII A)* and *Yashita Pruthi (VIII C)* of AIS MV joined the Badminton team to stay fit and lose weight in a healthy way. *Rishabh (IV B)* of AIS Noida enrolled for the Swimming camp upon his mother's insistence, "My mother says, swimming is the only sport that can help you learn a skill that can save your life." National level swimmers *Apoorva & Ashmi (VIII A)* and *Ruhi Kumar (XI D)* of AIS Noida look forward to the

**Akshatt Khetrpal, III A:** "I've enrolled for skating and skateboarding. Its good fun to be able to ride on the skateboard anywhere I want to. I enjoy this part of my summer vacations the most!"



summers as an opportunity to devote undivided attention to enhancing their swimming skills. *Ansh (V A)* and *Harsh Gupta (VII B)* of AIS MV sporting 'hockey on skates,' enjoyed the sport more during the vacations. Says Harsh, "Summer camps give us enough time to indulge in our favourite sports without the pressure of teachers and classes." Agrees Karate teacher *Jitesh Kumar*, "The response of the students is very encouraging. They are free and relaxed and get longer hours to practice; hence they grasp the lessons faster." The lure of the camp does not deter even Board students *Rajan Singhal (X B)* and *Shivam Singh (X A)* of AIS MV from joining cricket coaching. "The pressure of Boards is there, but we have our routine chalked out, leaving us with ample time for studies," quips Rajan. Enjoyment and entertainment is what pulled *Kirat Gill (IV B)* and *Akshatt Khetrpal (III A)* of AIS MV to skating classes. An excited *Anuj, III-B*, AIS Gurgaon-46 says, "I enjoy skating in the ground and playing games like relay race, ice on water and, dog and the bone." *Shlok, V-B*, AIS Gurgaon-46 has learnt new tricks as "half-skating, camel pose, breaking and sitting forward."

**Tall dreams:** The promise of gaining inches lured many to Basketball. *Anjaney* of IV A/Wing B, *Avirhal Kumar* of IV D/W A and *Aditi Gupta* of V B/W B of AIS Noida echo in unison, "We joined basketball to get taller and thinner." Little champ *Shlok Rawat* of V A/W B loves to shoot the ball in the basket. Students who otherwise miss out on sports practice make full use of the opportunity during summer camps. *Anirudh, VI-F*, Gurgaon- 46 quips, "I have learnt how to control the ball and how to take a shoot." *Esha, VI -E*, AIS, Gurgaon-46 enrolled in hockey, "I have learnt dribbling, hitting and stopping. Now, I am confident of joining the School Hockey Team!" An unusual sport like Archery had many takers too. "I am learning archery for the first time; it has helped increase my concentration level," elaborates *Nayanika, VI -C*, AIS Gurgaon -46. Table Tennis, Lawn Tennis and Chess also vied for the kids' attention in the summer camps. Quips *Chirag Goyal, VI A*, AIS Gur 43, "Learning chess at the summer camp has helped improve my concentration. I want to become the best chess player in the world." *Asawari Bhatia, VI B*, AIS Gur 43 claims, "In the morning, we learn yoga as it keeps

us healthy and strong. Then follows basketball, meal planning and art. I've joined the camp to use my time judiciously."

**Music for my soul:** *Paramveer (VI -C*, AIS Gurgaon-46) struck the right chords as he strummed the Guitar, "I have learnt playing Happy Birthday, 500 miles and Congratulations. We are all geared up for a final presentation on the last day." 'Tabla', casio and vocal music ensured that the kids learnt to enjoy music whole heartedly. While on music, how can dance be left behind? A multi-cultural platter was being offered at most places. "I got an opportunity to learn Bengali and Rajasthani dance forms. We are all preparing for *Ganesh vandana* for the final day," informed *Vasudha, VI B*, AIS Gurgaon-46. *Akriti, VII-D*, AIS Gurgaon-46 trained in folk and semi-classical and also won a film dance competition.

**Tech talk:** For technology geeks, there were Computers and mind boggling Science Projects. "I learnt to make a movie, a Google sketch and also made invisible ink!" exclaims *Aditi, VI-F*, AIS Gurgaon-46. While *Sanchit, VII- E*, AIS Gurgaon-46 learnt "new software and designing," *Orycia, IV -E*, AIS Gurgaon-46 "made a water filter to purify water."

**Brain Mapping:** What better way to polish one's brains than by enrolling in AICE Mathematics Olympiads Workshop organised by ASCO (Amity Centre for Science Olympiads)? Participants of the fully residential camp held at Amity University Noida, gained much more than expertise in Maths. As *Neharika (IX B)* of AIS N puts it, "Our visit to the National Physics Lab enlightened us on how to measure the Sun's temperature." Most of them agreed that the workshop was taxing on their brains, but interesting nonetheless as they learnt new concepts, were allowed to watch the IPL final and even saw a movie. Fun learning all the way!

Meal planning for little chefs, art & craft for amateur artists and personality development for introverts, there was something for everyone. Though the reasons for enrolling in Summer Camps varied from staying fit, learning a survival skill, gaining height and losing weight to fun and entertainment, everyone agreed – 'A healthy body leads to healthy mind.'

With inputs from Ratna Pandey, AIS Gur 46





# India can never host Olympics

For

Digant Pandey, AIS Noida

Despite being home to every sixth human on the earth, an emerging super power, and a country that produces a population equivalent to Australia every calendar year, India is also a country that could manage to attain just 17 medals in Olympics that have been attended till date compared to Australia’s 400 medals and the 2197 medals conquered by United States. So, it shall be not just foolish but also ridiculous and unimaginable to even think about the possibility of India (Delhi) holding an Olympic. The inefficient bureaucracy and inept politicians shall certainly act as dampeners, and Delhi has not yet produced any vital evidence of the fact that it can successfully host a Game as big as the Olympics. Delhi has to prove its mettle keeping in mind the various delays that have been plaguing the various infrastructure projects. Already the construction of stadiums like the Tyagaraj Sports Complex and Indira Gandh Indoor Sports Complex are well behind schedule. Above all, the recent survey of the sports complex designated area carried out by the



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Against

Anantdeep Singh, AIS Noida

Commonwealth Games officials ruled it unsuitable for the required purpose. So, looking at the tragic record of India at the Olympics and various infrastructure related problems, India holding an Olympics is nothing except a hallucination of patriots.

lence and no nation is born great, they are made great by patriots who dream of it’s success and who take steps to aid their nations achieve brilliance rather than sitting on their couches and criticising the nation’s initiatives. We may not have a great record at Olympics, we

may not be infrastructurally as advanced as the U.S or even China but challenges encourage to attain objectives. This theory is evident from the fact that the quest to host successful Commonwealth Games gave Delhi one of it’s most treasured marvel -The Delhi Metro, which shall long stay even after the commonwealth or long after even patriots like you and me. The upgradation of Indira Gandhi International Airport, an underground tunnel and Yamuna bridge, introduction of high-end hospitality services, heritage preservation and not to forget the huge games complex to be built near the Akshardham Temple at the cost of a whopping USD 237.3 million, are the pillars that lay the foundation of the success of the world’s largest democracy. Reforms are being initiated in various sports organisations of the nation; investments are being made in sports such as hockey and football, a privilege that was once enjoyed only by cricket, thus ensuring that our future record in international events is better. We simply can’t turn a blind eye towards these achievements. Let’s be optimistic. One day, if not in the near future then certainly later on, even we shall proudly boast of being a nation that play host to Olympics.●

My Favourite Sport



## Pool Pal

Sushovit Razdan , 5-B, AIS Saket

We all love sports and have our favourites too. My favourite is swimming because it is both a popular recreational activity as well as a competitive sport. It is one of the best sports to engage in during summers. Imagine, what could be better than a dip in the awesome pool and some fun in the sun? I love to dive in the pool and swim with different strokes like butterfly, back-stroke, freestyle and breast-stroke. While freestyle is the fastest, most efficient and popular stroke, breaststroke is a good choice for injured shoulders. For this sport, it is essential to wear a swim suit, a goggle to protect the eyes from

water and a cap. The beginners also need to know that one’s resting heart rate decreases to 10 beats per min in the water and maximum heart rate decreases by 10-30 beats. While swimming, there are many precautions to be taken or else it can prove to be life threatening. It is important to swim at a depth that is safe for you. Under age (below 8) children should be allowed to go in water only under the supervision of elders. One should also not push someone or jump unaware. My favourite swimmer and role model is Michael Phelps of USA. He rocked the world with 8 gold medals in 2008 at the Beijing Olympics. His 100 m victory in butterfly was accompanied by a world record.●

## World’s Number 1



Niharika, 7 B, AIS Pushp Vihar & Ayush, 8-E, AIS Noida

**Name:** Roger Federer  
**Date of Birth:** August 8, 1981  
**Country:** Switzerland.  
**Height:** 6 ft 1”, **Weight:** 85kg  
**Plays:** Right-handed, one-handed backhand and specialises in clay court



Rated as the World’s number 1 tennis player, Roger Federer retained the position for a record 237 consecutive weeks. He has won fifty five career titles and has gained \$48,072,634 as his prize. He has dominated Wimbledon and US Open like no other tennis player before him. His success in tennis, earned him the title of Laureus World Sportsman of the Year for 4 consecutive years (2005–08).  
**Achievements:**  
■15 Grand Slam victories in seven years smashing Pete Sampras’ record.  
■ Six Men’s Single Wimbledon titles; defeated Andy Roddick in 2009.  
■Won three times at Australian Open.  
■Crowned ‘King of Queens’ in 2008, with his fifth consecutive US Open victory, equaling the record set in 1924.  
■Gold medal in Men’s Double at 2008 Olympic Games.●

Spiderman is my favourite toy because he punishes the bad elements in our society. -Aranav Singhal, Nursery C, AIS Saket

# IPL fanfare in recession times

**Prabaarja Bedi, XI:** IPL brings enthusiasm and excitement in people. It is because of such events that the entire world stands united. Recession is affecting the entire world and IPL has only helped boost everybody’s morale. Everything has positives and negatives; like the two sides of a coin. It is our responsibility as humans to look at the positive side.  
**Ruddhika Ardey, X B:** At a crucial time like this, IPL seems irrelevant. IPL is a fun-filled package, but it resulted in a lot of unnecessary spending. If all the resources were diverted elsewhere, a lot of companies would have benefited.  
**Kiran Hans, IX A:** There are several ways to look at it. First, it is a welcome distraction; second, it is a way by which money can be pumped back into

the economy and third, it is a hopeful sign that despite problems, we still love cricket!  
**Ishita Misra, IX A:** IPL has portrayed our country as a strong and independent nation. It gave us hope to overcome the slowdown, look at the problem in the face and overcome it. Despite it being held abroad, the fanfare remained the same. People still cried and laughed during the matches.  
**Sukriti Singal, XI:** IPL gave people a ray of hope to overcome recession. Families curled up in front of televisions to watch the matches together; contests were organised to send people to South Africa. So, I don’t think recession brought down the enthusi-

asm one bit!  
**Anantika Jain, XI G:** There is no denying the fact that IPL in South Africa is nothing like IPL in India. But IPL still unites us and makes us jump out of our seats and cheer, no matter where it is held.  
**Poornima Kharbanda, XI D:** In the time of recession, IPL has emerged as an entertainment and relaxation factor.  
**Sanya Sud, XI D:** As far as fanfare being affected by taking IPL to South Africa is concerned, for the common man, it doesn’t matter. What do we want - some enjoyment, and break from our humdrum lives. The League gives just that!  
**Arjun Hans, XI-** I view the IPL as an experiment - it is a test of our organising abilities and doing things in the face of adversity.

AIS Saket



Youth Power 2009 Round 2 ‘My Voice’ finalists from AIS Saket participate in the Group Discussion.



# Who’s your soulmate?



Once upon a time, in the small kingdom of ‘Jersey’, there lived a king called Edward with his four queens, Susain, Lousie, Janet and Arsala. King Edward loved his first wife, Susain very much. He always showered her with the finest clothes and jewels. But Susain didn’t love him. He loved his second wife, Lousie and would ‘show her off’ to other people. But Lousie didn’t love him. The third wife, Janet was like a friend to him. She helped Edward solve his problems. Janet loved Edward, partially. His fourth wife, Arsala was very weak. Edward

ward hated her and ignored her the most. But she loved Edward dearly. Years passed by. Then the time came when Edward became old and lay on his death bed. The king called his wives and asked if they would die for him. Susain replied, “No, why shall I leave this beautiful world for you?” Lousie refused too. “Why should I go with you when I can remarry?” she asked. The third wife, Janet replied, “Look king, I can come till your graveyard but after that this journey is yours. I will cry for you a lot but I am helpless.” The king felt

lonely and hurt. He looked towards God and asked, “Dear God, is there anyone who loves me and is ready to die for me? Soon he heard a voice, “I’ll come with you O’ king.” He looked around and saw Arsala crying for him. He remorse, “I always ignored her and still she is willing to die with me.” Can you guess who were Susain, Lousie, Janet and Arsala? Susain was the king’s body, Lousie his wealth, Janet his family and Arsala his soul. The king was a normal person just like us. A man dresses his body all his life but does it come with him after his death? No. A man shows off his wealth and is proud of it throughout his life but does it come with him after his death? No. A man’s family loves him and solves his problems but it too does not come with the man after his death. But the soul is always with a man whether he is alive or dead. We ignore it, but it is the only thing that doesn’t leave us. **Moral:** We should value our soul and nourish it with good acts and valuable words spoken.

Contributed by: **Prachi Uppal**  
**VI B, AIS Pushp Vihar**

# Fear no more

Eepsita Mishra, AIS Saket

This poem is based on the Suffragette movement that women all over the world undertook in the 20th century to gain voting rights  
Fear no more the tyrant’s whip  
Or discouraging scepter.  
Fear no more the Satan’s grip  
Nor a corrupt preceptor.  
Fear no more castigation  
Or hours of fruitful dolour.  
Fear no separation

Or responsibilities to shoulder.  
Fear no more indubitable death  
Or your obsequies.  
Fear no more obdurate texts  
Or deaths face to kiss.  
Fear no more the beckoning gallows;  
For our crusade, it’s a nostrum.  
We are ever implacable fellows.  
We welcome incarceration.  
Achates, one and all!  
Fear no more ephemeral laughter.  
Courageously unveil clandestine decadence,

Inside our so-called master.  
Abandon chivalry like a path left behind.  
Oppose the euphony of euphemism.  
Uproot their carnal desires.  
Surrender to your violent paroxysm.  
Fear no more parlous consequences.  
Don’t condone their crimes.  
Don’t yield to fake penitence.  
Don’t let them wash their grime.  
Fear not a debacle, if it comes.  
Fear not pelagic tempest.  
Fear not descending into doldrums.  
Fear not eternal rest.



Painting by: Susnata Paul, XII, AIS Noida

## Try to be

Vaani Behl, AIS Saket

Be understanding to your enemies.  
Be loyal to your friends.  
Be strong enough to face the world each day.  
Be weak enough to know you cannot do everything alone.  
Be generous to those who need your help.  
Be frugal with that you need yourself.  
Be wise enough to know that you do not know everything.  
Be foolish enough to believe in miracles.  
Be willing to share your joys.  
Be willing to share the sorrows of others.  
Be a leader when you see a path others have missed.  
Be a follower when you are shrouded by the mists of uncertainty.  
Be first to congratulate an opponent who succeeds.  
Be last to criticize a colleague who fails.  
Be sure where your next step will fall, so that you will not tumble.  
Be sure of your final destination, in case you are going the wrong way.  
Be loving to those who love you.  
Be loving to those who do not love you; they may change.  
Above all, be yourself.

## Success

Saksham Thakral  
AIS Sect 46, Gurgaon

Striving ahead to reach

the horizon of our goal  
never to look back  
at the past, lost forever.

But to learn from the same  
with a renewed zeal for the morrow  
seeking the brightness of the sun  
surpassing the darkness of despair.

With a glowing trust walk past  
the nightfall of failures,  
to light the lamp of hope and courage  
passing through the tidal waves.

The boat of success to row  
to aim for and achieve  
walk on, for the mission of success.

## The smart applicant

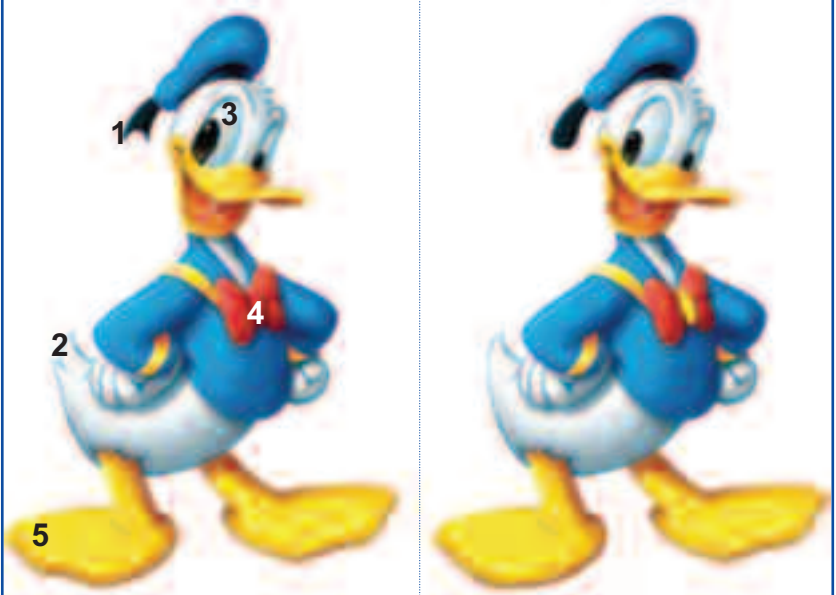
The Indian Railways was recruiting linesmen. To apply for the post, Rumjhum went to the Railways Office. During his interview, one of the officers asked Rumjhum, “What will you do if you come to know that two trains are running on the same track?” “I will pull the lever and shift it to another track,” answered Rumjhum. “What if there is any malfunctioning?” asked another officer. “Then I’ll inform

the Station Master,” replied Rumjhum. The third officer asked, “What will you do if all the officers happen to be on leave?” Rumjhum retorted, “Then I’ll call my uncle to the station.” “Your uncle! But why?” asked the officers. “You see Sir, my uncle has never seen a rail accident!” Rumjhum shot back.

Contributed by  
**Abhineet Srivastava, V D, AIS Gur 46**



### Spot 5 differences Results




**Winners:** Karan Deshwal, I B/W B, AIS Noida; Aditi Banerji, I A/ W A, AIS Noida; Sanjmi Kaur Khurana, I B, AIS Saket; Chirag Sethi, III A, AIS Saket; Vivaan Taneja, I B, AIS Saket

### How to write a poem

Preksha Gupta, AIS Saket

How to write a poem?  
Isn’t it a big problem?  
It is quite a difficult job  
Because words don’t easily crop  
Concentrate a bit  
That’s rather an important tip  
When you go somewhere for recreation  
You can easily draw an inspiration  
From the elements of nature  
And it’s wonderful creatures  
Put on your thinking cap  
Switch on the creativity tap  
Let the words flow down  
From your crown  
Just don’t give it a second thought  
And pen down your creative thoughts  
Go to a secluded corner and put rhythm  
To the thoughts you’ve written  
Very systematic and not at all messy  
So as I end this poem  
I can say writing a poem is not a problem!



**1. Who topped class XII CBSE 2009 in Amity?**  
**2. Who are the latest Brand Ambassadors of Vodafone?**  
**3. Name the Indian nominated for the prestigious SPIE Denis Gabor Award for the year 2009.**  
**4. What are the symptoms of swine flu?**  
**5. Mention ‘first aid’ for burns.**

**To submit your answers, log on to [www.theglobaltimes.in](http://www.theglobaltimes.in)**  
(Postal/courier entries will not be accepted.  
Last date: July 15, 2009 )

**Winners of Know GT-11**  
• Arjun Dhawan (II B) AIS Vasundhara •  
• Drishti Jain (VII C) AIS Vasundhara •  
• Kriti Sharma (VIII A) AIS Mayur Vihar •  
• Kavya Gupta (VB) AIS Gur Sect 43 •  
• Medha Mathur (V A), AIS PV

### Zoozoo Talk

Do you know any concept of Mathamity?

Jfuh! Maybe the speed at which the ball comes hurtling to your ice cream!



### Contest

What does the 3rd Zoozoo say? Complete the dialogue and win exciting prizes. You just have to: Cut the cartoon strip along the borders and fill the box with a whacky, quirky or interesting line. Post your entry to: Zoozoo Talk, The Global Times, AKC House, E-27, Defence Colony, New Delhi-24. Last date: July 15, 2009.





# “Recognitions give you the necessary encouragement and motivation to perform better”

**Rajpal Sirohi, Vice Chancellor of Amity University Rajasthan, with his wide teaching experience, has had the honour of serving educational institutions at US, Singapore and Germany in varied capacities. The first IIT Delhi alumnus to serve the same institution as its Director, Mr Sirohi acquired his primary education in a small village, went on to major in Physics (MSc) from Agra University and then Post Msc. and Ph.D. from IIT Delhi. He did Amity University and the nation proud by bagging the prestigious international SPIE Gabor Award 2009 to be given away on Aug 5, 2009 at San Diego, USA. The award acknowledges Sirohi's accomplishments in numerous aspects of holography, speckle metrology, interferometry and confocal microscopy.**  
**GT Journo Muhammad Zulqarnain 'Zulfi' (BJMC, ASCO) in-conversation with the Vice Chancellor on his achievement, global education and future plans.**



**Mr Rajpal Sirohi, Vice Chancellor, Amity University Rajasthan**

**Congratulations on receiving the prestigious SPIE Gabor Award for the year 2009. How does it feel?**

Recognitions give you the necessary encouragement and motivation to perform better. However, one must not feel proud because pride hath a fall. I am the first Indian to have received this award. The other two Indians [P. Hariharan (1992) and Chandra Vikram (2003)] who received this award were working in Australia and USA respectively. Chandra Vikram was also my student. He was a bright student who is no more with us. Good students like him enhance your reputation while bad students bring grief and sorrow. **Please tell us more about Diffractive Wavefront Technology?**

Diffractive wavefront technology provides us devices and products that function due to diffraction of light. One of the mostly common products is a hologram which is used as a security label in almost all products. Its more expensive variant is a display hologram. Hologram can store enormous amount of data. Compact disc is also a product of diffractive wavefront technology. These products produce brilliant colours when exposed to light.

**What are the benefits of Diffractive Wavefront Technology?**

This technology helps to create devices that can store large amount of data, manipulate light, carry out unusual transformations, generate 2D optics for imaging and manipulations. A large number of products of common use are based on this technology.

**Where do Indian Universities stand in competition with world class academic institutes?**

The issue is not to compete with one another, but to achieve a respectable standard of excellence. The best of Indian Institutes like IITs have students who excel as well as disappoint. Like any other country we have institutions of excellence. Excellence arises due to our commitment – commitment of a teacher and commitment of a student. There are great teachers in our academic institutions and good research work is being carried out in various disciplines.

**India has been a flag bearer in the field of education, science and research in the past. But today,**

**most of the Indian students if given a chance, give priority to foreign universities. How do you see the situation?**

Studying in a foreign university is not a crime. Many prominent scientists from India visited foreign shores for higher education because the facilities available in India were not upto the mark. Equipped with knowledge they returned to serve their country. Today we are living in a global village. Not availing of better opportunities is foolishness. The intermingling of cultures is essential for the development of humanity. Indians are better than others in all fields. What we need to develop is the team spirit.

**Talking about Amity, what are your dreams and expectations from students and faculty in order to make it a world-class institute of learning?**

Amity University has one of the finest management, faculty and students. We are constantly striving to make it better. I expect my students to utilize their time constructively in the classes and libraries, develop confidence and problem solving skills, ability to memorize well so as to make quick decisions. They need to learn how to avoid as well as cope with stress.

**Where do you see Amity University Rajasthan in 5 years from now?**

I visualize it as the biggest and best University in Rajasthan. I have plans in action to enrol more than 1000 students every year, appoint the best resource people in our faculty to actively engage in some kind of research and development and update the curriculum periodically. My main object is to provide the best environment for learning.

**Sir, we would like to understand your principles of life...your theory.**

My theory in life is very simple and clear. Everyday before I sleep, I analyze my day. If I have done something wrong or hurt someone, I won't get sleep. I prefer to have good sleep, so I make sure I don't do anything wrong or hurt someone. I think good for everyone around me and work honestly.

*(With inputs from Vineeta Arora and photographs by Rajpal Rathore of ASCO, AUR)*



## Video Conferencing

**Amity Education Resource Centre (AERC)** organized a Video Conferencing for Collaborative Projects of Amity schools with UK for the first time on March 23 at Amity University, Noida.

The presentations discussed various activities conducted by the Centre as well as collaborations with other countries. Mohina Dar, Principal AIS Noida, outlined the Maths Activities of Amity Schools under the aegis of ACME with the help of a detailed power point presentation. The proposal of the collaboration with UK initiated by Chairperson Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, includes many new collaborative projects designed keeping the future in mind. The Projects are to be carried forward by AERC. ●

## Indoor Games

**Amity Global Business School, Bhubaneswar** conducted its Annual Sports Meet (Indoor) under the leadership of Mr. NK Rath. Boys and Girls participated in individual events. The winners were Rajashree Swain (MBA) & Jyotiranjana Jena (MBA) in Carom, Sinorita Das (MBA) & Kiran Kr. Nadel (MBA) in TT, Monalika Roy (MBA) & Bighneswar Sahu (MBA) in Chess. Indoor Games witnessed huge participation from students & faculty. ●



## Mastering Maths

**Tulika Banerji**

If there's one subject most students are scared of, it has to be Mathematics. To inculcate a love for the subject and endow students with a competitive edge, ASCO (Amity Centre for Science Olympiads) in association with AICE (Amity Institute for Competitive Examinations) has been organizing Mathematics and Science Olympiad Workshops every year. To reward and honour Olympiad winners, the Valedictory function was held on May 28 at Amity University, Noida. The occasion was graced by eminent dignitaries: Chief Guest Padmashree Dr SK Sikka, Ex Scientific Secretary, Principal Scientific Advisor to the Cabinet; Guests of Honour Dr A Mukherjee-Director, Centre for Science Education and Communication, DU and Dr B Athiyaman, Head NCMRWF, Ministry of Earth Sciences; Chairperson Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Mrs Divya Chauhan, Vice Chairperson ASFT and Principals of

Amity schools. 114 students were awarded during the function. The Valedictory flagged off with lighting of the lamp followed by 'Gayatri Mantra' and 'Vandana' by Amitasha children. After a brief insight into Amity's astounding progress by Wing Cmdr SK Goel, participants of the workshop shared their experiences. Dr Rasaniya, a parent said, "In the 8-day Workshop, my daughter not only got to learn intricacies of Maths but has also become more responsible about her future." Chief Guest Dr Sikka opined, "It is easy to locate talent, but it's difficult to nurture and sustain it. The government has started 'Inspire Programme' and 'Yuva Vyaganik Protsahan Yojana' to promote young scientists." Chairperson expressed her pleasure thus, "From 2005 till today, Olympiads have only known ascent. I'm happy that three of our students have been selected to attend an International Camp at Homi Bhabha Centre, Mumbai." Deputy Director Meenakshi Rawal proposed the vote of thanks. ●

## Human values quarter

To commemorate the birthday of Dr. (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan- Chairperson- Amity International Schools, and instill human values and ethics in the students, all the institutions of Amity University observe "Human Values Quarter" from January 27 – April 27. The conclusion of the same took place with much zeal and fervor at Amity University, Sector- 125, Noida. Prof. R R Grover- Convener, Amity Human Values Core Committee and Director, Amity School of Insurance and Actuarial Sciences presented a brief report on "Human Values Quarter" outlining how it is an acknowledgement of the philanthropic and value-based activities of Dr. (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan. L N Jhun-

jhunwala- Chairman, IIM, Indore commended the value laden education provided by Amity. Mr Roger, an attorney from Houston, USA commended the tradition of celebrating "Human Values Quarter." Sharing his views with the Amity family, Dr. Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, RBEF, said that there is a dire need to collectively reinforce the values of love, truth, honesty, humanity, compassion & justice and urged everyone to reach out and touch the lives of the socially disadvantaged sections of society. Expressing his joy on the momentous day, Mr. Atul Chauhan, Chancellor, AUUP said that Amity is a movement that will redefine the way society works.

Mr. Aseem Chauhan, Chancellor, AUR & Additional President, RBEF, was all praise for his mother. Prof. RR Grover presented a cheque of Rs. 3,10,000 for 'Amitasha' raised from several insurance companies and Amity fraternity. During the quarter, a wide array of events including Debates, Plays, Poster making Competition, Essay Competition, Workshops, Lectures, etc. were organized to spread awareness about the importance of human values. The occasion was graced by Mr. Anand Chauhan, Mr. Arun Chauhan, Ms. Divya Chauhan, Ms. Pooja Chauhan, Ms. Sapna Chauhan, Maj Gen KJ Singh, along with many senior officials, institutional heads of Amity and students. ●



Trailer is my favourite toy because it has got ten wheels. Rishabh Roy, KG-4/ W A, AIS Noida





AIS Noida

| Dateline                  |
|---------------------------|
| Classes II-V: 29th April  |
| Pre Primary-I: 30th April |
| Seniors: 2nd May          |

# Awarding excellence

Meenal Mudur & Usha Verma

**A**IS Noida held the Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony for students wherein over 2300 prizes and certificates were awarded to the meritorious students for their outstanding performance during the academic year 2008-09. The functions commenced with the traditional lighting of the lamp and Shloka Gayan. On April 29, Chief Guest Ms. Anne Lee Seshadri expressed her joy at the unique experience of ‘Amitian’ hospitality and motivated the children to “revel in childhood by participating and seizing opportunities for betterment in all facets of their lives.” In her keynote address, Principal, Mohina Dar welcomed the guests and stated how proud she was of her Amitians’ achievements. She reiterated, “At Amity, my children develop the habit of excellence early in their lives, by first learning to constructively improve small, positive actions. The habit to do this, once inculcated and if repeated daily, tremendously advances life’s every facet.”

Prizes for excellence in the various subjects, story telling, recitation, computers, handwriting, reading, full attendance, overall improvement, amicable personality, fine arts, sports and ‘All Rounder Award’ were conferred upon students. The ‘Commendable Improvement Award’ and the ‘Overall Improvement Award’ were bestowed upon those who had achieved the maximum improvement over the entire academic year. The Chief Guest for Senior Prize Distribution was Chitralekha Gurumurthy, Director, Academics, CBSE. Dr. Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity International Schools, Mrs. Divya Chauhan and other distinguished members of the Chauhan family graced the occasion with their presence. In her welcome address, Principal Mohina Dar encouraged the students to set goals for themselves and work diligently to achieve them. This was followed by a mellifluous composition, ‘Pratibha’ presented by the school choir and orchestra. A classical dance performance by the students called ‘Invo-

cation’ enthralled the audience. Chitralekha Gurumurthy congratulated the students and praised Amity’s efforts in providing exceptional educational standards and ample opportunities to the students to develop their potential. Chairperson, Dr. Amita Chauhan blessed the students and urged them to cherish the values instilled in them while treading the path of success. The cultural programmes jubilantly echoed the sentiments of the day, mesmerising the parents and guests in equal measure. The mellifluous *Abhudaya* by the Percussion Orchestra, *Ganesh Stuti*, by the Dance Troupe and the School Choir’s lively rendition, *Shukriya Aane Ka*, *Jashn-e-jeet Manane Ka* set the notes, full of accomplishment and success. The two days earmarked the dreams of Dr. Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Schools and Dr. Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President by creating “little leaders” who would soon make India a Super Power by the year 2030, thus fulfilling their profound “Vision.”●

## Green efforts

### Earth Day

As part of the celebrations of Earth Day, TERI organised a series of competitions in which over 38 top schools of Delhi/NCR took part. Amity International School students occupied top slots in a number of competitions. **TERI Quiz: Nishant Roy, VIII D and Ananya Rajput, VIII A of AIS Noida** bagged the 1st position and were

awarded a cash prize of Rs 2500. Their accompanying teacher received a book on Sudoku. **Rahul Krishna and Anshit Sadana of class VIII, AIS Pushp Vihar** won the IIIrd prize and received a cash award of Rs 1000 and solar torches. **Jyoti Nagpal of AIS Vasundhra** designed a meaningful poster that fetched her the well deserved First cash prize of Rs 2500 as well as a solar torch in the Inter School Poster Making Competition. Her winning poster was made into a sun-board and put up at the Metro stations at Rajiv Chowk, Vishwavidyalaya and Kashmeri Gate in Delhi.●



## Science: What, Why and How

Vidhi Jain  
AIS Sec 46, Gurgaon



“Science is not a subject like English, Hindi, but Science is related to What, Why and How” according to Piyush Sharma, member of IRIS (Initiative of Research and Innovations in Science) which is a joint venture of - Ministry of Science and Technology, Intel Education and Confederation of Indian Industry. He was at AIS Gurgaon 46 on 20 April 2009 to conduct a workshop. The students were shown a presentation to motivate them for making innovative inventions in Science. The organisation expects the students to work in groups of two and make innovative projects. The students were given useful tips to help them to think

about new things. The students were given a vast choice - Botany/Plant Sciences, Bio-Chemistry, Computer Science, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Earth and Space Science, Engineering, Mathematics, Physics, Zoology/Animal Sciences, etc. The 12 steps listed in the project were as follows: Select a topic, Focus and Research, Make a plan - Purpose of experiment, Variables in experiment, Details, Procedures, Make a hypothesis, Design experiments, Experiments and Records, Record your observations. Guide - Consult your guide and seek guidance, Calculations, Summarise your result, Draw Conclusions and Cost feasibility. Recorded interviews of winners were screened to encourage the students.

## Celebrating World Veterinary Day

**W**orld Veterinary Day was founded by the World Veterinary Association in 2001 to highlight the work of the veterinary profession around the world in food safety/public health, border controls and quarantine, clinical practice, animal health, animal welfare, environmental protection, research and development and wildlife conservation. This is celebrated on the last Saturday of April month. This year, as a part of celebration, NCSTC - Network arranged a series of lectures in association with Amity International Schools in and around Delhi for the students. A series lecture was conducted by veterinarian - Dr. Lalit Sharma on April 24, 27 and 30 at **Amity International School, Pushp Vihar, Noida, and Sector 46, Gurgaon** respectively. The focus of the lectures was to sensitise the students and make them aware that on planet earth, animals are also



‘living beings’ and not ‘living things’. The lectures also addressed queries including who is a veterinarian, how can one become a veterinarian and the scope for a veterinarian. The multi-dimensional avenues available to a veterinarian were discussed, punctuated with real-life experiences. Inhibitions and misconceptions in the young minds towards the animals were cleared out during post-lecture interactive session.●

## Nursery Orientation

### AIS Saket

**T**he Orientation programme for Nursery class for the session 2009-10 was held on 2nd April 2009. School principal Bharati Sharma welcomed the gathering and enlightened everyone about the school and the notable achievements. She motivated the parents and ensured their wards’ academic excel-

lence in Amity. Guest Speaker Professor Abha talked about parenting skills and effective child development plans. Coordinator Anshu Mital further enlightened everyone with useful tips for a successful year. Last, but not the least, an impressive performance by the nursery tiny tots was truly a comprehensive glimpse of the multifarious school activities which exhort students on the path of success.●

# Applauding success

### AIS Saket

**A**mity believes in recognising and enhancing talent and steers excellence by appreciating even the smallest accomplishments of their tiny tots. 21st April was indeed a momentous day for children at AIS Saket as the Junior Prize Distribution ceremony took place. It was a day everyone was looking forward to as it promised to give due credit and honour to all those who have been achievers. The programme was initiated with the chanting of the *shlokas* and

lighting of the lamp. Principal Bharati Sharma accorded a warm welcome to the august gathering. The Chief Guest Anita Setia, Deputy Director of Education, applauded the endeavors of the primary in academics, sports and extra curricular activities. Chairperson Dr. Amita Chauhan instituted an award in this academic year for the impeccably truthful student. This award is to identify one student per class for the virtues of honesty and truthfulness. ●

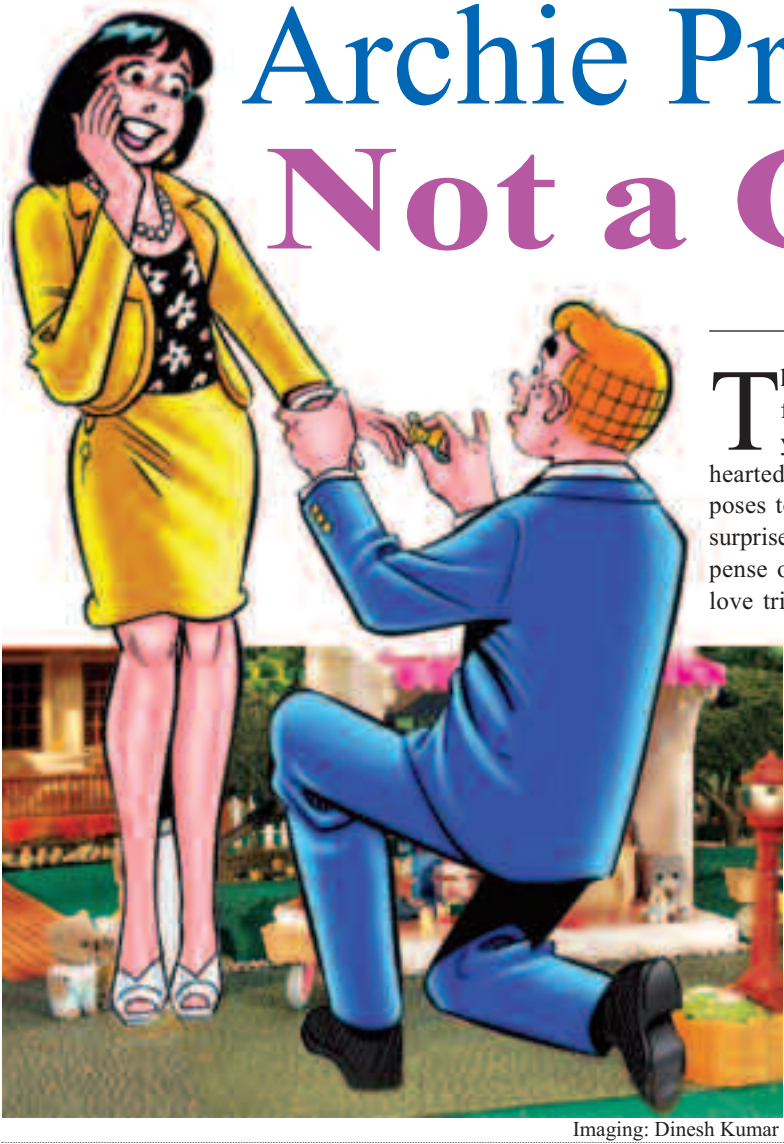


## Talent Fiesta

**A**IS 46-Gurgaon (Junior Wing) organised a Talent Fiesta on 17th April 2009 in the school. Chairperson Dr Amita Chauhan graced the occasion with her presence and blessed the young ones in the inauguration ceremony. It was a celebration of creativity, innovative ideas, resourcefulness and lot of fun! The Fiesta helped budding artists and young visitors from twelve major schools across Gurgaon and Delhi to exhibit their potential and talent. As usual, Amity’s talented students won several laurels for the school. True to Chairperson’s vision of ‘Modernity blends with tradition,’ AIS 46 won the First prize in *Shloka* recitation, Fusion dance, Finger dance and SST presentation. Students also won prizes in various competitions like Picture quiz, Salad making and Debate. ●







Imaging: Dinesh Kumar

# Archie Proposing To Veronica... Not a Good Idea, *Sir Ji!*

Vira Sharma

This summer, the wedding bells chime for the most eligible bachelor, aged 68 years. Archie, the eternal dumb-hearted flirt at Riverdale High School, proposes to Veronica in the 600th issue to the surprise of all. The comic hero ends the suspense of the longest and most sought after love triangle with Betty Cooper, the pretty next door girl and Veronica Lodge - the rich spoiled beauty, raising many questions. In a swift but sudden move, author Michael Uslan, credited as the producer of many super hero movies as Batman, leaves Archie's huge international fan following including the Bollywood damsel Asin, dumbstruck. The lucky dame Veronica, walks away with her prized booty as others watch shocked, happy or amused. Let's check out how this high school hero fares with his epic decision...

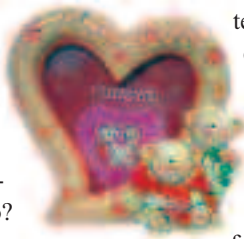
Sunaina Bhattacharya (XII F,

**AIS Noida):** Archie's sudden move to propose to Veronica is quite unexpected. One can still expect Jughead to take a decision like this, but not Archie. There is a vast class difference between them. Veronica belongs to a rich family unlike Archie who has a middle class background. Will Archie be able to afford her the lifestyle she is used to? The survival of the marriage looks very dicey.

**Tanya Singh, IX-A, AIS Sec-43, Gurgaon:** Personally, Archie comics have been a staple part of my upbringing. I'm so used to his chocolate boy persona that it is hard to digest, wedding bells are actually ringing round the corner for him. He will be definitely losing his most eligible bachelor image, hence his most inescapable 'charm.' As far as his marrying the snooty flirty birdy Ms. Veronica is concerned, well, Mr. Doormat Archie will be paying a heavy price big time.

**Rubina Mulchandani, XII, AIS Vasundhara:** I am not at all happy with Archie's decision to marry Veronica. I feel that Betty is

the one who suits him. Archie probably doesn't love Veronica but is just after a rich heiress to secure his future. For Veronica, fashion interests, shopping, luxuries and credit cards come before her friends and near ones. She is very intimidating even when it comes to her closest friends. For her, Archie is someone to be snatched from Betty, just to grab his attention and make Betty feel jealous. Betty is the sweet and pure hearted girl next door. She has always been there for Archie whether it is for his homework or anything else. She is a level headed person for whom love, care, trust and loyalty are really important and being rich or not doesn't really matter. I feel that it is quite possible that after the initial hype, stealing Archie's attention and making Betty (her rival) feel jealous, Veronica may go for Reggie, the rich guy. She can never maintain a successful, genuine relationship. So, I strongly feel that Betty is the right girl for Archie and he should not think about anyone but Betty, his real friend or else he may have to regret his decision and suffer for life!●



## IPL stars, simply irresistible!

Vira Sharma

IPL 2009 hit the grounds amidst much speculation. It managed to garner the support of its fans and did fairly well. However, what invariably drew the attention of young and old, cricket and non-cricket fans to IPL 2009 were not the matches, but the birth of the new stars at the show, the cute and lovable ZooZos, the latest brand ambassadors of Vodafone. "My mother is not an avid cricket fan, but every time the ZooZos advertisement appeared, she would rush to watch it. She finds them simply irresistible," says Amlaan Kumar (VI E) of AIS Noida.

Smitten by the ZooZos, Ayan Marwaha, IV B, AIS Mayur Vihar fell in love with them instantly. He went crazy downloading almost everything related to ZooZos. Shares Ayan, "When I first saw the ZooZos advertisement, I did not imagine them to be real people. I just love them and the way they unexpectedly fall down or start laughing. These are the best advertisements I've ever seen. They can be serious, funny, ridiculous, angry, helpful, evil - anything you can imagine. I am thankful to their creators because, thanks to them I look forward to the commercial breaks now!"●

To watch the ZooZoo videos or download wall papers, login to [www.vodafonezoozoo.in](http://www.vodafonezoozoo.in)

## A legend never dies ....a tribute to MJ

Amlaan Kumar  
VI E, AIS Noida

I share a special relationship with Michael Jackson. He 'rocks' my bonding with my father. My father and I belong to two generations. We differ in our views and perspectives. But when it comes to Michael Jackson, we are united as never before. While the nation mourns the death of this legend, it's a personal loss for me.

Born on August 29 1958 in Gary, Indiana, USA, Michael Jackson was the seventh child of the Jackson family. His journey from his first professional debut as a solo singer in 1968 in a group called 'Jackson 5' to being King of Pop is replete with many twists and turns. His highly publicized personal life-from an abused childhood and the shame of being a black to going under the knife 21 times in an effort to become white; being accused in child sexual abuse to winning 13 Grammy awards, 13 number one singles and being listed in the Guinness World Records for his support to 39 charities; he was hailed as the 'Most Successful Entertainer of All Times.'

His timeless albums Thriller, Dangerous, Bad and many more changed the face of music. In fact, eight songs of 'Thriller' ruled on top of the music charts for more than 20 weeks, with the highest CD sale of 28 million in US alone.

He said, "Music has been my outlet, my gift to all music lovers in the world. Through it, my music, I know I will live forever."

And so for me, he is not dead. A legend never dies. ●



## Hannah Montana: The movie



Kaveri Modayil  
AIS Pushp Vihar

All Hannah Montana fans, get geared up for this fabulous movie starring Miley Cyrus herself! The movie is proposed to be released in India on the 15th of August, 2009. I'll try and give you all a special sneak peak by bringing to you the gist of the movie. The movie is set against the wild but beautiful backdrop of Los Angeles, Columbia, Tennessee. Parts of the movie are also filmed in California, USA. The movie is directed by Peter Chelsom, and is produced by David Blocker, Billy Ray Cyrus, Alfred Gough, Miles Millar, Steven Peterman and Michael Poryes. The people who appear in the main roles

are Miley Cyrus, Emily Osment (Lilly), Mitchel Musso (Oliver), Jason Earles (Jackson), Billy Ray Cyrus and Moises Arias as Rico. Miley Cyrus is overwhelmed with her life as teen superstar, Hannah Montana. Her father tricks her into going to her hometown, Crowley Corners, Tennessee, to reflect on the things that really matter

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in her life. Dismayed, Miley asks whether this means an end to her other life as a teen rockstar. She spends time with her two best friends, Oliver and Lilly. She has a rough time adjusting to life at the farm. At Lilly's sweet sixteen birthday party,

Miley is forced to attend as her double, and performs the song *Let's Get Crazy*. Miley becomes the nucleus of attention and the Guest of Honour at Lilly's birthday and thus hurts the feelings of her best friend. She also develops a deep connection with her childhood friend, Travis Broody.

The main plot revolves around a reporter called Oswald who knows that Miley is harbouring a secret and is bent on finding it out. Miley soon realises that she loves life in Tennessee and is reluctant to leave it. Miley has to make a tough decision: which life should she lead? I'm waiting as impatiently as you are for the movie to be released. In the meanwhile, why not try downloading some songs from the movie? ●

## How true!

Bhavya Mehta, AIS Vasundhara

The most damaging one letter word - **I** - avoid it.  
The most satisfying two letter word - **WE** - use it.  
The most poisonous three letter word - **EGO** - kill it.  
The most used four letter word - **LOVE** - value it.  
The most pleasing five letter word - **SMILE** - spread it.  
The fastest spreading six letter word - **RUMOUR** - ignore it.  
The most enviable seven letter word - **SUCCESS** - Achieve it.  
The most nefarious eight letter word - **JEALOUSY** - distance it.  
The most powerful nine letter word - **KNOWLEDGE** - acquire it.  
The most essential ten letter word - **CONFIDENCE** - trust it.