

“When it rains on your parade, look up rather than down. Without the rain, there would be no rainbow.”
Jerry Chin

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Romancing the rain drops

There's something magical about rains. Everything turns mint fresh and the nip in the air washes away the scorching heat

Tulika Banerji, ANN

What's wet and wild, cool and fresh, romantic and mushy? It's the monsoon! In which other time of the year can one enjoy the sheer bliss of savouring hot tea and spicy pakodas at a roadside dhaba? Or, go biking with the rain spraying across one's face, blurring the vision but creating endless ripples on the road? There's no joy to beat the pure, unadulterated fun of getting drenched in a heavy downpour. The unabashed abandon of street urchins wading through muddy puddles bring back nostalgic memories of the carefree paradise that childhood is. Recalls mediaperson Kanupriya, “As a kid, I loved getting drenched in the rain and its just the same even today. Just the other day, I was on the road when it started to pour. It was so much fun!”

There's something magical about rains; everything turns mint fresh and the nip in the air washes away the scorching summer heat. Monsoons spell revelry, the world is in a celebration mode. Trees exult in the birth of new leaves; farmers rejoice as the cloudburst quenches the parched earth and waters the crops. It's time to dig into luscious mangoes and juicy blackberries. As Chairperson, Amity International Schools, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan reminisces fondly, “Monsoons bring back memories of plucking fresh mangoes from the farm,

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It's raining books

- *The Rainmaker* : John Grisham
- *The Puddle* : David McPhail
- *Its Raining Cats and Dogs* : FM Branley
- *A Drop of Rain* : Wong Herbert Yee
- *Come On, Rain* : Karen Hesse

soaking them in bucketsful of water and waiting impatiently to devour the juicy fruits for hours on end. Those were the days of innocent fun.”

Monsoons provide the perfect ambience for long drives and picnics galore. Romance is in the air, the romance of new places to visit and novel things to do. Even the pitter patter of rain drops excites many. “I love the sound of rain. Once, I recorded the sound of rain drops and used to play it while going to bed. It was so soothing that it put me to sleep instantly,” divulges RJ Rathore.

The drizzle and the zephyr have inspired poets and film makers to polish their craft. From kiddie special, ‘*Ghode jaisi chaal, haathi jaisi dum*’, to ‘*Kosa hai, baarish ka bosa hai*’ to the golden oldie ‘*Rim jhim gire saawan*’, rains have brought out poetic geniuses. Jagjit Singh's famous rendition, ‘*Woh kagaz ki kashti, woh baarish ka pani*’ marvelously expresses the innocuous joys of childhood. Echoes Dinesh Khattar,



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Chairperson

Reader at Kirorimal College, “I used to have loads of fun playing in the rain. Had I been a kid today, I would love to do the same again!” The simplest of things turn exotic during monsoons. Monsoons are a photographer's delight, nature's pristine splendour is at its best during the rains. From dancing peacocks to cooing nightingales, all rejoice in the festivity that rains bring. The earth wears a different hue, as if layers of girth and grime have been replaced by a sparkling new sheet of freshness. Trees are greener, roads are cleaner and even the rivers are bluer, being rain-fed after months of dryness. Monsoons are a carnival of colours, the sky is multi hued, bountiful rainbows adding to the visual tapestry. If the earth changes clothes once in a year, it's undoubtedly during the monsoons!●



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OP Rathore, RJ

Winner takes all

CBSE class X topper of Delhi and NCR, Nikita Khattar decodes her mantras

Bubbling with teen spirit, Nikita Khattar of AIS Noida, has come out trumps in the boards, not only topping the Delhi & NCR merit list, but also attaining perfect scores in Math and Social Sciences. A multifaceted personality, Nikita plays the guitar, loves tennis and is also an active debater. Recently, she bagged the State Runners Up award in a competition organised by Air India and Dainik Jagran. A budding orator, she has compeered in numerous school functions. Outstanding in academics, she knows how to win the race, having won scholarships right from class V. Here, Jigyasa Chauhan of AIS, Saket decodes her winning mantras.

Congrats! How do you feel?

The day I got to know the result, I was on cloud nine. I just couldn't believe it. Topping the northern region was totally unexpected.

Please unravel your success mantra. I followed a fixed routine from day one, organizing a time table for myself. I worked hard regularly, did 2-3 subjects everyday and tried to balance leisure with academics.

So, it wasn't all study and no play? Definitely not. I usually studied till 1:30 am and woke up at 8 in the morn-

ing. Still, I found time to watch TV, play with my friends and chat.

How did you manage perfect scores in Math and SS?

Both my parents are mathematicians.



Topper's marksheet

Subject	Marks
Math	100
Social Science	100
English	95
Science	98
Sanskrit	99

My dad is a lecturer in Kirorimal College and mom teaches math in a government school. They have also written a book- Macmillan Q-Bank. So, I always had help at hand. Besides, I believe practice makes perfect. Though, S.St was one problem area-tough and difficult to tackle. I really worked hard on it. I always made it a point to first understand and then learn. It makes your job a lot easier.

Whom do you credit your success to?

My school- I have been in Amity since nursery. Amity teachers are the best, they were always there for me. My mom and dad have been very encouraging and motivating. They always said, “*Karma karte jao, phal ki chinta mat karo.*” To top it all, I had my grandparents' blessings.

Would you recommend other books apart from the prescribed NCERT ones?

Not at all. NCERT is your Bible. For Math, one can take an extra book but for all the other subjects doing NCERT is sufficient enough to score well.

Did you take any extra coaching or tuition?

I didn't take any tuitions. My school teachers helped me a lot.

What are your future plans?

I have opted for Commerce with Maths in XI. I shall take up Economics/Maths honours later. But my main aim is Civil Services.

Tips for CBSE aspirants.

Do your best and leave the rest to God. Take time out for leisure. One should work hard and not worry about what is going to happen.●

Desi rupee vs Uncle Sam's dollar

The cat and mouse game just got more exciting!

Divya Sohal, Saumya Dikshit & Shibani Sondhi
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The rupee is only 39.90 leaps behind the dollar! With this new ascent, one can purchase a dollar for less than Rs. 40. You may think that we are rattling on about some meaningless economic drivel. So for the nonplussed layman, here's the explanation. The value of the Indian rupee is always in comparison with the US dollar, which is the benchmark currency worldwide. When we say the rupee is rising, it means that one can now buy a dollar for fewer amounts of rupees. The flip side, however, is that the declining dollar makes the rupee look stronger in the world market. Now the million dollar question is, how does this cat and mouse game affect you?

The losers

Exporters- The shrinking dollar has burnt the fingers of exporters who charge their clients in dollars.

IT companies/BPOs- They are at the losing end as they pay salaries in rupees and earn in dollars.



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NRIs- The families of NRI's, who depend on the money sent by their kith and kin abroad, are not happy because one dollar translates into fewer rupees.

The gainers

Importers- They have to pay a lesser price for imported goods and thus, stand to earn more.

Students- Studying in foreign universities is now cheaper.

Tourists- Their rupee will buy more goods and services; so sightseeing and shopping will be brighter avenues. Tourists, India beckons you!

Nation- Most important is the substantial gains the country will make if the rupee appreciates; an indication that India is an important economic player in the global market.●

Kudos to the trio for penning a self-explanatory, student friendly version of market fluctuations. Way to go!

Bol baby bol!

If you jabber nineteen to a dozen, be a Radio Jockey

Akanksha Khanna, AIS, Saket & Ojaswini, AIS East Delhi

If you are a blabbermouth who can churn out two dozen words a second, radio jockeying is the career for you. And what's more, there's no one to reprimand you for talking so much because your job depends on how slick and voluble you are. FM radios crackled to life on August 15th 1993, with the voice of Hrishikesh Kannan who hosted the first ever FM show. RJs find an instant connect with their listeners when they take their request for particular songs and air them free of charge. They are our faceless friends whom we can tune in to anytime. RJs acts as brand ambassadors for FM channels and it is their popularity that makes or mars the radio station.

You can be a radio jockey if:

"As more and more radio stations are being started, there is going to be a huge demand for good RJs."

Praveen Malhotra
Career expert and counselor



You are between 18 to 35 years of age, have a strong command on your language, have a pleasant speaking voice and love music. It's a bonus if one is a graduate too. However, some private radio stations do take plus-two qualified persons. Clear diction, fluency and confidence are essential – though, irritating accents are avoidable. Radio jockeys don't just jabber for a living, they also inform. They are our perennial time keepers and traffic jam busters. Hence, one needs to know what's happening all around should know the pulse of the listeners. Echoes RJ OP Rathore, "RJs are always in close contact with the masses. If I'm able to strike a chord with people, that's my biggest achievement."

Where to study

AIR offers a two-month in-house training course to its Radio Jockeys. AIR Chandigarh conducts a 'Vaani Certificate' course. The Take One Academy of Broadcasting, Chandigarh, offers trainees a chance to present a show on the local AIR channel once a week. Mudra Institute of Communications, Ahmedabad (MICA), offers internship with FM radio channels like Radio Mid-Day, Red FM and Radio Mirchi as part of its one-year graduate programme in Broadcasting Management. Xavier Institute of Communications, Mumbai, conducts a course called ABCD - Announcing, Broadcasting, Compering and Dubbing. RJs can easily land extra moolah by doing voiceovers, advertisement jingles for radios and television channels and can

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Popular RJ

also compere TV shows. Praveen Malhotra, career expert elaborates, "Each RJ is known for his personal style, content and way of speaking. As more and more radio stations are being started, there is soon going to be huge demand for good RJs." ●

Business studies

How to crack

Priyanka Jain, PGT-Commerce
AIS 46, Gurgaon

Taking an exam is just like being in a wrestling match. One needs to scan the size, nature and character of the opponent before one actually tackles him. Just keep a few things in mind, and you will find success coming your way.

1. As per the changed pattern of the paper, there will be a compulsory section of one mark questions. Answers to those questions must be to the point.
2. During the reading time of fifteen minutes, select the long questions that you would like to answer, since there is internal choice in such questions.
3. Attempt the easy questions first. It helps to ease the load, and gives a feeling of accomplishment.
4. It pays to follow the serial order, ie, answer the very short questions first, then short questions and lastly, the long questions.
5. Try to contain your answers within the word limit prescribed.
7. As headings also carry marks in Business Studies,



- make sure there are sufficient topic related headings. Underline the headings and key points. Support your answer with diagrams and relevant examples.
8. Give answers in points rather than in paragraphs.
9. Don't get confused by the words - state, explain, describe, etc. Check the marks assigned to the questions and answer accordingly.
10. Give more emphasis to introduction and conclusion while attempting essay type questions.
11. Whenever you need to differentiate between two or more terms, answer in a tabular form along with the basis of each difference.
12. Last but not the least, read the question paper with a cool mind so that you are relaxed while writing the paper. After all, it's just another exam! ●

Countless theories, no evidence

Poornima Kharbanda
AIS Saket

When students of DPS Noida marched their way to Aarushi's residence to pray for her soul, their lips were sealed but their eyes, ignited by the quest to know nothing but the truth, revealed utter dismay. Each flame that emanated from the candles has jolted teenagers across the country who have joined the movement to seek the truth. Countless theories and no evidence. And to spice it up, blaming a dead 14 year old and assassinating her character. Leaking out of personal e-mails has left us appalled. The media hype has raised fingers on the institution of the family. Are we safe in our own houses?

Teen speak

"CBI and media have been in a hurry to solve the case. First they blamed the father, now the servants; but they still don't have conclusive evidence."
Bhuvan Ravindran, AIS Noida
"If the CBI knew that Dr Talwar is innocent, why did they retain him in custody for so long? Losing a daughter wasn't enough, to lose the world's trust is beyond repair."

Chitra Jain, AIS Vasundhra

NEWS FLASH



Twin murder mystery

May 16: Aarushi Talwar, 14 year old student of DPS Noida, found dead at her Noida residence. Prime suspect: domestic help Hemraj
May 17: Hemraj's body found on Talwar's terrace
May 23: Father Dr Rajesh Talwar arrested
May 27: Compounder Krishna declared a witness
June 30: Hemraj's accomplices suspected culprits
July 11: Krishna, Durani's servant Rajkumar & driver Vijay Mandal framed for the twin murders
July 12: Talwar gets a clean chit, released from jail.

Many questions, no answers

What happens to the damage done to the Talwars? Is police justified in cooking up baseless theories?

"It's high time the real culprit is taken to task."

Akshara Rai, AIS East Delhi
"They didn't seal the house after the murder!"

Vartika Mathur, AIS East Delhi
"Media has dramatised the case, to up their TRPs."

Stuti Aggarwal, AIS Saket
"Our parents have got pretty scared concerning our safety. A bit of our freedom like going out alone is stolen. Is that fair enough?"

Ritika AIS, East Delhi
"I'm so scared. That girl was just 14 years old and so am I!"

Ojaswini, AIS, East Delhi

"Parents are scared to leave us alone. They've become over protective."

Kavleen Bains, AIS Saket
"Media has created unnecessary hype and the police has just made assumptions instead of finding evidence."

Devyani Gera, AIS East Delhi
"It makes us wonder if we are safe with people we instinctively trust."

Agrim Sachdeva, AIS Saket
"Public display of personal mails is not acceptable."

Vipanchi Handa, AIS Saket
"Preposterous speculations have formed wrong perceptions of the helpless girl. It's injustice."

Udita Mehta, AIS Saket ●



Wash all fruits and vegetables thoroughly, particularly leafy vegetables and cauliflower, which not only contain larvae and worms, but also collect dirt from the streets.



Sangamitra Sankaraiah & Somil Goel
AIS Saket

Arthur C. Clarke wasn't thinking 'satellite TV' when he wrote an article 'Extraterrestrial Relays', but the seed was planted. The article, which was published in 'Wireless World Magazine' in 1945, set the wheels of progress in motion. Clarke had no idea what impact his ideas would have on the future of com-

munications. But impact they did! And thus, satellites were born. Scottish electrical engineer **John Logie Baird** used mechanical devices at the first practical demonstration of television on 27th January 1926 in London. The world's first public television service was started from the BBC station at Alexandra Palace in North London, on 2nd November 1936. Live performances gave way to videotaped shows by late 1950s, and colour sets

Inside the idiot box

became popular from 1960s.

Transmission

A television camera converts the pattern of light into a pattern of electrical charges. This is scanned by a beam of electrons from an electron gun, resulting in variable electrical signals that represent the picture. These signals are combined with a radio carrier wave and broadcast as electromagnetic waves. The TV aerial picks up the wave and feeds it to the receiver (TV set). The result is a recreation of the pattern of light that entered the camera.

Television channels

1970s and 1980s saw the growth of pay-television cable networks, which are received only by subscribers, and of devices, which allow the viewers' opinions to be transmitted instantaneously to the studio via a response button, so that, for example, a home viewing audience can vote in a talent competition.

The Color TV

Signals indicate the amounts of red, green and blue light to be generated

at the receiver. The three signals are coded into one complex signal, which is transmitted as a more or less normal black-and-white signal and produces a satisfactory or compatible picture on black-and-white receivers. The colour receiver has to amplify the complex signal and decode it back to the basic red, green, and blue signals; these primary signals are then applied to a colour cathode-ray tube. The

colour display tube is the heart of any colour receiver. Many designs of colour picture tubes have been invented; the most successful of these is known as the 'shadow mask tube'. It operates on similar electronic principles to the black-and-white television picture tube, but the screen is composed of a fine mosaic of over 1 million dots arranged

in an orderly fashion. More kids are getting glued to the television everyday. There is also increase in technology which affects the working of satellite TV. So, the next time you switch on your sets, do think about the void our lives would be without television, and appreciate the people who brought about this revolution.●

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Even a bluetooth bites

Siddhant Bhatia
AIS Pushp Vihar

Wanna be hip and yet follow rules? Try the Bluetooth! Today's funda is – if the mobile phone rings while you are driving, just activate the Bluetooth and go ahead, talk to your heart's content. A Bluetooth is available in many different colours, features and designs. It is a software invented by Thomas Blue and is used for transferring information, pictures, etc. in between computers and mobile phones. It can be fun to use as you can wear it on your ears and do anything else you want to without having to bother your hands each time it rings. But, if you send a morphed image of your Sir to Sir only instead of Sid, then you are in for trouble. Many a times, a virus may cause the data to be sent to another mobile near you. May God bless you in those circumstances!●

THE GLOBAL TIMES Presents YOUTH POWER

"If we are to reach real peace in this world, we shall have to begin with children." - Mahatma Gandhi

Name

School

Class/Sec

Contact No

E-mail

1. What do you think is 'Youth Power'?

Ans

2. Describe one occasion where you got to display 'Youth power'?

Ans

3. Mention five qualities one needs to be successful in life.

Ans

4. Describe one incident in your life that you consider your biggest accomplishment.

Ans

5. Who is your role model and why?

Ans

6. The biggest challenge faced by the youth and how you propose to overcome it.

Ans

7. What is your ambition in life?

Ans

8. If God granted three wishes, what would they be?

Ans

9. Academic achievements (last 3 years)

S.No	Class	Year	Percentage / Grade

10. Mention 5 co-curricular participation/achievements. (enclose certificates if any)

Ans

Rules:

- Eligibility: Class VI onwards
- The entries shall be judged on the basis of academic performance, co-curricular achievements, writing skills and sensitivity towards the surroundings (based on answers to the issues).
- All incomplete forms stand rejected.
- The entries shortlisted by the panel of judges shall qualify for the second round.
- Submit your entries to The Global Times Co-ordination in your school by 30th July 2008

Oprah's big secret

Neither a shrink nor a doctor, yet she manages to cure all

Aparna Shankar, Procheta
Chattaraj & Harshita Bansal
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The big secret in life is that there is no big secret. Famous words of the world's most loved talk show host and actor, Oprah Winfrey. If there is someone who can make even the most introverted person speak his heart out in a room full of people, it has to be Oprah. Neither a shrink nor a doctor, Oprah has helped thousands of people lead happy and stress free lives by giving them a platform to voice their miseries. The Oprah Winfrey Show has turned out to be the most religiously followed one across the world.

Born on January 29, 1954 in Kosciusku, Mississippi, Oprah was raised by her grandmother during the early years. Oprah later moved to Wisconsin with her mother where she experienced the worst of times. After running away from home, Oprah moved in with her father who lived in Tennessee. Oprah was racially jeered at by the white skinned. Despite

Oprah'sms'

- The big secret in life is that there is no big secret.
- It doesn't matter who you are, where you come from. The ability to triumph begins with you. ALWAYS.
- Luck is preparation meeting opportunity.
- God helps those, who help themselves.



abuses and molestation by her own family, she marched ahead hoping for a better future.

Oprah was smart, she earned a full scholarship to Tennessee State University. Oprah's career crossed an important milestone when she moved to Baltimore where she co-anchored the evening news. It wasn't until 1983 that Oprah's career took her full speed ahead into television. A morning show

in Chicago dubbed AM Chicago was the lowest ranked show on Chicago television but after Oprah took the reins, she bypassed the highly acclaimed Donahue to take the lead in the Chicago market. It was AM Chicago that later became The Oprah Winfrey Show and Oprah was on her way to national fame.

Oprah starred in *The Color Purple* and got nominated for an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress. Oprah's magazine, 'O' was called the most successful start-up magazine by Fortune in 2002. Oprah has co-authored numerous books and has become the go-to voice for suggesting winning book titles.

She is one of the most philanthropic African Americans of all time, and the world's only black billionaire for three straight years. Oprah has used her wealth and influence to support some very well meaning projects including her very own Oprah's Angel Network.

Thanks to many of her good deeds, she was the first to be awarded the Bob Hope Humanitarian Award.

Oprah is known as America's Beloved Best Friend. Our heads bow down in respect for such a great person who changed the lives of many. Life has never been easy for her. Her sincere dedication and tremendous hard work has taken her to the heights where she is standing today. Her empathy, honesty and love for people is like our guiding light, inspiring us to move ahead. In her own words, "It doesn't matter who you are, where you come from. The ability to triumph begins with you. Always."●

"Quote unquote"

When life throws a curve ball, you better catch it

Shagun Arora
AIS, Saket



Life as we know it, is not always sweet and glamorous, and the ball is not always in our court. Then, there are times when one feels that nothing could get better! There are different phases of life, different experiences and different perspectives, but one factor that helps us sail through ups and down is inspiration. Words are such beautiful elements that can change one's thoughts. They can greet you in the form of a dialogue or a story, and make you aware of your actions.

At some point of life, we come across quotations that while we read them, we live through them. A noteworthy one that I seem to live by is by Moliere, "The greater the obstacle, the more glory in overcoming it." Once your eyes wander over the marvelous

usage of words, a certain feeling of 'making' it till the end sprouts from within. It's as if no longer any problem can hold you back. That is where the role of an inspiring quotation begins. Sometimes reading a written quote can inspire you, make you laugh and keep you going when life challenges you. Sometimes, the wisdom of others can inspire our own wisdom.

When life throws you a curve ball, football or even a whole beach ball to deal with in the form of unpleasant events, what do you do? Do you go into the victim mode, "Poor me, it always happens to me?" or become defiant, "No buggers gonna get me?" Or are you a damsel/dame in distress, "Please help me, I can't cope?" Then suddenly, the quote you once read, on the edge of a torn newspaper, comes rushing back to you, showing you the way. And when everything falls back in good place, we believe, "All's well that ends well."●

Quotes that keep you going in each phase of your life

I'm in love: "Love is the beauty of the soul."

I'm happy: "All I can say about life is, 'Oh God, enjoy it!'"

I'm blue: "Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it."

I'm stressed out: "Just do it because impossible is nothing!"

I'm giggly: "Comedy is simply a funny way of being serious and I am a serious person!"

I'm a friend: "Friendship makes prosperity more shining and lessens adversity by dividing and sharing it."

I'm enraged: "If you speak when you are angry, you will make the best speech you'll always regret!"

The cliché of God

A five year old may consider God to be Santa. What does He mean to you?

Agrim Singh & Sukriti Luthra
AIS, Saket

Most people believe in a Supreme Being, even though they may call Him by different names. We know that God, our Heavenly Father, lives. He is the Father of our spirits. He knows you and each of us and loves us all as His children.

God is imagined as a different person by different people. A five year old might consider God to be Santa

even Unitarian Universalists. There is so much speculation over the so-called Ram-Setu. If the formation of the bridge is questioned, then the whole of Hinduism faith is being questioned. People adopt religion because of social constraints. Many do so as they need a support system to fall back on and as they can always say that whatever happened was meant to happen. But one can always say, if God created the world in seven days, where does the Darwin's theory of evolution come in? How can the whole world be wrong? There must be some grain of truth to these theories.

At the end of the day, the only thing that matters is what you believe and what you don't.●

Claus, and wait for him till Christmas to get his gift. Or a sixteen year old with a recently broken heart may think of God to not exist at all. An octogenarian may say that his survival is just as a blessing from God. As your Father, God knows and loves you personally. He wants you to find joy in this life. He has prepared a plan to help you do these things. It is the plan of salvation, the plan of happiness.

God has provided many evidences of His existence. One of these is the testimony of His creations: Have you ever looked in awe at the night sky with its millions of stars? Or studied the intricate details of a leaf or flower? Or marveled at the miracle of a tiny new baby? These beautiful and complex creations didn't come about by chance. They are the creations of God.

Prayer is one of the greatest blessings we have. You can pray anytime, anywhere, with perfect confidence that God will hear you. God does answer sincere prayers. The answer may not come immediately or may not always be the answer you hoped for. He will answer your prayers at a time and in a way that He knows will help you the most. But, God won't help us until we make an effort. Somebody has rightly said, "God helps those who help themselves."●



Playing chemistry

Meet youngest CEO:
Anshul Samar

Srishti Prasad
AIS, East Delhi

A few months from now, your teachers might be telling you not to learn but to play chemistry! Thanks to Anshul Samar, chemistry would be more fun. At fourteen, he is the youngest CEO in the world, of a company called Alchemist Empire Inc which aims to provide chemical solutions. The young genius has invented a card game, 'Elementeo'. The game pits two players against each other in a card based fantasy combat. Create, combat and conquer is Anshul's mantra. Anshul Samar is an Indian American teenager. While his friends spend time playing, he looks forward to raising half a million dollars to fund his 'Silicon Valley' start up. He has already stolen the show at the 235th national meeting of the American Chemical Society in New Orleans. He believes, "Make a will and you will get the way." He inspires us to dream big and achieve big.●

Do you believethat everything will be all right?

Neharika Gupta
AIS, Noida

Faith- it is the feeling of believing in everything that surrounds us. It is the feeling that if we just believe, everything will be all right in the end. Faith can take us many places; to the top if we are lucky, or to dark and hopeless alleys if not. It even makes us go that extra mile sometimes.

What about faith in God? Why is it that we have blindly swallowed down whatever our par-

ents have told us? What if something as big as what we put our faith in doesn't actually exist? Leave alone the scientific facts, which somehow do not adhere to what is written in holy books. Do we have enough evidence? Evidence regarding the existence of a supreme power? There are so many people bound with the ties of religion. Is God just a figment of their imagination? Is He for real?

Today, faith and religion are being questioned. People are declaring themselves Atheists, Agnostics, and



Garlic, pepper, ginger, asafoetida (*hing*), cumin powder, turmeric and coriander help enhance digestion and improve immunity. Drink warm beverages; add mint to tea.

Yugantika Tomar
AIS, East Delhi

Myriad colors have myriad effects in our lives. Colours influence our physical and mental well being immensely. They have a profound effect on our mood, clothing, interiors, landscapes and even natural light. A colour can change our mood from sad to happy, from confused to intelligent, from fear to confidence. Response to a colour may be influenced by a number of factors such as the body's need for a specific colour or a memory associated with a colour. Some colours make you want to get out of your chair, others make you want to nestle down and read. While some colours are articulate, others are very quiet. Colours in the red area of the colour spectrum such as red, orange and yellow are known as warm colours and evoke emotions ranging from feeling of warmth and comfort to feelings of anger and hostility. On the other hand, colours in the blue area of the spectrum like blue, green and purple are called cool colours and are described as calm. Red is a colour of energy, excitement and vitality. Orange represents warmth and happiness and enhances our social interaction. While yellow is a colour of intellect, clarity and insight, green is for balance and harmony. Blue is for peace and tranquility. The royal purple helps us connect with our spiritual self.

Colour me red

Ancient Egyptians and Chinese practiced chromotherapy using colours to heal moods. There are colours for each day of the week: Monday-blue (didn't you hear of Monday blues?); Tuesday-red/orange; Wednesday-green; Thursday-yellow; Friday-pink/white; Saturday-black/purple and Sunday-well, try any other colour on that day except the ones already mentioned!●



“There is a colour for every mood and a mood for every colour.”
Dr Morton Walker

Health capsule



Mango: The king of fruits

Aarushi Jain
AIS, East Delhi

Monsoons mark the onset of the juiciest of all fruits, mangoes. Unique to taste, the flesh of a ripe mango is very sweet. It is considered auspicious to decorate the entrance of the house with mango leaves. Mangoes are eaten both raw and ripe. Raw mangoes in pickled form are most popular. The mango is an excellent nutritional source, containing many vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants. Magneferin and lactase

in mangoes aid in digestion. Mangoes are rich in vitamin A and have good amounts of vitamins B and C as well as potassium, calcium and iron. Mangoes are a rich source of fibre and prevent colon cancer. Mangoes are said to be good for the skin too. Mangoes also aid in maintaining low cholesterol levels. There are many thirst quenchers like juices and milk shakes that are prepared from mangoes. Mango jams are also very delicious to eat. They also make mouth watering desserts and yummy ice creams!●

Life's little perks!

Here are some handy hints for the sticky monsoon season

ANN Correspondent

You know how you look forward to a major occasion like your birthday bash or a tropical vacation? While you have a blast when it happens, it's easy to get the post party blues afterwards. Instead of looking forward to extreme spikes in happiness, make everyday experiences enjoyable by immersing yourself in activities that you enjoy. Indulge yourself by topping your French toast with fresh fruits and whipped cream or lazily devour your favourite magazines in bed one afternoon. Monsoons tend to pour humidity and depression. These little efforts will surely perk up your life.

Handy hints

- Rub an ice cube over your face to reduce the impact of humidity.
- Stay fresh with floral fragrances.
- Ditch the style statement: Don't ex-



Rub an ice pack over your face to reduce the impact of humidity. Wear cotton clothes to keep yourself cool.

periment with body piercing and tattoos in the wet weather. ■ Throw open your windows and let

the fresh air circulate through your house whenever the weather permits. Humidity levels are lowest around 4 pm, so try ventilating your rooms then.

- Wear loose cotton clothes in bright colours that'll keep you cool and cheer you up as well.
- Keep your hairstyle simple. Elaborate hairdos are difficult to manage, especially when you hair is damp and limp. Tackle lank locks by applying hair serum (the silica in it coats your mane and gives it shine and volume) to damp tresses. You can use gel and mousse as well, but do not get easy on the conditioner. Take care to wash your hair on alternate days.
- Tip: Don't be alarmed if you shed a lot of hair in this season, it's normal.
- Have fun with umbrellas. Buy some in assorted colours and co-ordinate them with your outfits. Enjoy the monsoons, after all it arrives but once in a year! ●

Canine Couture

Dog lovers, ask yourselves: when did you take your pet to the beauty salon?

Nishant Roy & Bhuwan Ravindran AIS, Noida

Yesterday, while taking a leisurely stroll down the streets, we were attracted by a dog wearing a glittering collar. But what struck us more than the collar was the leash studded with semi precious stones! We were flabbergasted at how owners pamper their pets with the latest trends! It didn't end at that; the dog's hair were spiked and the tail curled. It was the height of indulgence, up-market style. Why shouldn't one groom one's pets?

After all, a pet is also one's beloved. So dog lovers, ask yourselves - is your dog hip? Is it updated with the hottest styles? Do you want your pet to look elite? Well then, why not take your pet to a beauty salon or to the latest pet fashion store in town? Sprucing up pets with desirable accessories is an expression of the owner's love. Spice up his wardrobe with corduroy jackets and faux fur for nippy nights, surfing shorts and shades for



hot summer days. Every dog deserves at least an attractive collar. Spiked collars suit big dogs like bulldogs whereas cute, little bands look good on petite dogs like cocker spaniels. Assort your dog's bedding with bone shaped cushions and spotted bed sheets, especially for Dalmatians. A spacious kennel is an absolute must for big and small canines alike. Do you think your dog likes getting wet in the rain or frozen in the cold? Not always. So why not buy an alluring raincoat and get a sweater knitted for him? We like looking fashionable, so do our dogs. The next time you take your pet dressed up grandly and heads turn to stare, remind yourself that they are not for you, but for the recent four legged trendsetter on the block. ●



You can dance!

Ashley Lobo shot into limelight, with his choreography of the musical Westside Story, which won him accolades during the early 90's. For this economics graduate, dance happened by chance. He gave up a stable career in exports to form his own dance academy, The Danceworx in New Delhi, with an aim to teach dance, at par with international standards. Catch the well grounded choreographer in conversation with Nikita Bakshi, AIS Pushp Vihar.

Is there hope for people born with two left feet?

Everyone can dance. We prevent ourselves from taking the first step because we do not believe in our capacity. Hence, The Danceworx slogan says, "You can dance!"

How do you manage your time with such hectic schedules?

My mother taught me that one has to make time for everything. After prioritizing, I usually do not find it hard.

How do you define dance?

Dance is a moment in time when you are one with yourself. It is a celebration of life.

Tell us something about 'The Danceworx'.

The Danceworx is a dream come true. It is a place where people can discover themselves in a fun and nurturing way. Do you experiment with dance forms when you choreograph?

Yes, I am into fusion in a big way.

Which choreography have you enjoyed the most?

I have enjoyed all my assignments. I tremendously enjoyed choreographing for the film Dhoom. It was the first time I was choreographing for a film. Your favourites in Bollywood? Among males, it is Hrithik; while Madhuri is my favourite among females.



Ashley doing what he does best, choreography

Career highlights	
You, Me Aur Hum	2008
No Smoking	2007
Namastey London	2007
Ahista Ahista	2006
Socha Na Tha	2005
Aitraaz	2004
Dhoom	2004

What is your advice to budding choreographers?

If you have a dream and are willing to learn and work hard, anything is possible. Now is the best time to choose dance as a career. ●



Even you can create history

“Success is not the result of spontaneous combustion. You must set yourself on fire.”

Reggie Leach



Dr. Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

Winners don't do different things, they do things differently. The stupendous CBSE results of this year have proved this all over again. The northern region topper, Nikita Khattar, a student of Amity Noida, stands out as a shining example of sincere hard work reaping rich dividends. It fills me with immense pride and an overwhelming sense of accomplishment to share that the young girl has achieved success solely by her own efforts sans any frills like coaching and guidebooks. A feat that will continue to epitomise achievement in years to come.

Each one of you has it in you to be a winner. There is no formula for success except perhaps an unconditional acceptance of life and what it brings. Many of life's failures are those who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up. The catch lies in the ability to identify one's potential and single mindedly commit oneself to the goal. For me, life is about learning something new each day. The quest for knowledge is my greatest driving force. Let the burning desire to learn propel you to forge ahead with a vengeance. Let the impediments in your trail open up a sea of unseen opportunities for you to explore and conquer. May the novelty of each day excite you to discover and innovate. As Gandhiji once said, “Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.” ●

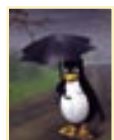
20:20 of life

Tulika Banerji

Sometimes in life comes along an upheaval that turns everything topsy-turvy. The IPL has been nothing short of an uprising. The 20:20 format made addicts out of cricket teetotalers. Here was a winner concept; mint fresh and high-speed, just the way we like it. The exhilaration of a short and sweet cricket match was unbeatable. Movie makers daren't have any new releases; those who ignored the 20:20 deity, fell flat on their faces. Hasn't our entire existence come under the IPL spell? We want everything served on an express platter, just like instant 2 minute noodles. Perhaps, some pizza makers cashed in the concept way back, to have finger smacking delicacies home delivered in '30 minutes or free'. If you don't have time to shop groceries or go banking during gentlemen hours, worry not. 24X7 stores have been exclusively designed for special needs like yours.



The Metro with its catchy FM ad, “*Kahan se baithe the, kahan jaake nikala hai*” has revolutionised the way Delhi commutes. Managers, CEOs, milkmen and maids; all jostle for space in the air conditioned confines of the low cost, jet speed metro ride. While at all things swift, how can we not thank the networking world? Kith and kin, friends and colleagues, every one is just a click away. All's well with the world, but do we have time to smell the roses? ●



The Great Indian Schooling Challenge

The Global Times View

DEBATE
Desi feather
Vs
foreign pen

Shivangi Kakkar, AIS Pushp Vihar

Everything about the Western world has acquired such a larger than life status, that even those things that we adored about our Indianness, have bit the dust. Today, rare is a child who does not dream of a foreign degree to boost his/her career. But what is this brouhaha about western education that all are eager to lap it up with both hands? It's almost like the grass is greener on the other side. Did Aryabhatta study abroad to be able to 'zero' in the value of π ? Or, for that matter, did former President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, get a Harvard degree to be acclaimed as the Missile Man of India?

If the burgeoning number of foreign students at Delhi university is anything to go by, India is on its way to becoming a favourable destination for many foreign students, especially those in Asia. Education is not only affordable here; the ambience is also conducive and appreciably welcoming toward students of foreign origin. Indian schools, too, boast of an increasing number of foreign students who have shifted base to settle on the Indian landscape. Besides, students who have studied the Indian system are generally found to be more diligent than their western counterparts. The in-depth knowledge and systematic pattern of education inculcates value based learning in children. Thus, students have longer concentration power and tend to be fast learners. Indian education is not just about books and numbers; it has a moral fabric deeply entrenched in an age-old value system that teaches self control. For, how often (barring a few random cases of juvenile hostility) does one come across frustrated kids who blow off their friends and then kill themselves without any apparent rhyme or reason? Such is the power of Indian education that it shapes the complete personality of the individual, resulting in intelligent people who are geniuses in their own right. ●

Indian education is not just about books and numbers; it has a moral fabric entrenched in it.

In the west, children are trusted enough to take their own decisions, from a very small age.

Besides, the syllabus is unwieldy and the marking schemes stringent. Indian students are completely stressed out and turn into book worms, more than anything else. In colleges, admission cut-offs are so high that even the best students aren't sure of getting a seat. If admission in colleges are becoming this difficult to get now, the future of higher education sure seems bleak. Why can't our schools take it slow like the western countries? The purpose of education lies in imbibing knowledge, not in accumulating marks and degrees. It's high time that the guardians of Indian education take cue from their western contemporaries and make education enjoyable and stress free. ●

I wanna live no more

Aishwarya Sharma

AIS, Noida

Time and tide wait for none, but what if time holds still for a person and that too causing immense pain and suffering? Would you offer the person death to get rid of all these miseries? So the big question that arises is should mercy killing be legalised or not? In a country like ours where people do not get proper facilities due to inadequacy of money as well as services, is it fair to spend hordes of rupees supporting lives that have reached the point of no return? Is it possible for us to kill a person whom we truly love, and are so emotionally attached to? Can we love someone so much that we kill them? It is human duty to give others their space, their share of happiness, peace and a healthy life. Doesn't the same extend to having a peaceful nemesis? Can euthanasia be considered as murder on moral grounds? The answers to

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these questions lie within oneself and totally depend on the situation. One spends millions of bucks to see their loved ones fight for their life, not able to breathe and living like a vegetable. Under such circumstances, isn't death better? Who can decide this is not the question; the question is what to decide? Moral police, religion, theology, all have different view points. For once, put yourself in the shoes of someone who is in such a state. Feel the despair of one who is helplessly watching his/her dear one dying a painful death each day, yet a fickle of life refuses to let go and put an end to the trauma. The decision depends on the sufferer. Your fate has already been written by the almighty; it's just the way you want it, and how you get it. ●

Are you happy?

Ashima Khanna AIS, Noida

Can you recall when was the last time you were happy and why? Were you actually happy or trying to put up a fake mask on your face to hide your dissatisfaction and worries? What is happiness according to you? When this question was put up to many of my acquaintances, it was not surprising to see that they were struggling to find an answer to it. Life is a storehouse of numerous evils, affecting each one of us in some way or the other. But to fight against them, God has also bestowed upon us an eternal weapon – the joy of a simple smile, which we, unfortunately, at times forget to use. In the

quest of making a glowing future, we disregard the happy moments of today. In this way, we neither live the present nor enjoy the future. Thomas Jefferson has probably voiced the thought of many, in the following words, “It is neither wealth nor splendour, but tranquility and occupation, which give happiness.” Happiness means different things to different people. Whether it is transient or permanent, is yet an-

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Thomas Jefferson

other perspective. To some, it may be earning higher dividends on their investments; to others, it may be something as simple as savouring a chocolate cake. Our Vice Principal, Renu Singh, rightly defines it as contentment gained from work, quite similar to my English teacher's view of experiencing bliss at a job being well done. My Business Studies teacher, way far from her knowledge of money and



capital, finds the essence of happiness in a new life, a new born leaf, slowly discovering the realities of life. Each individual has a different interpretation but I was happy to find that my Principal and I share a common thought in this respect. She dedicates the success of her work to the young ones, who come to school each morning, with faces brimming with joy and enthusiasm. This is what has been infusing in her the willingness to take up all challenges 'happily' for all these years.

It is a scientifically proven fact that you are happy when the atmosphere around you consists of happy people. So friends, in this scientific world, one might as well go by the principles of science. But for that, do you know what is needed – giving happiness, and nothing else. Let us all try doing this simple deed at least once a day and then observe the change it has on the people around. Happiness lies in self-giving, not in self seeking! ●

Reader's voice

If we are to teach real peace in this world and if we are to wage real wars against our many enemies like illiteracy, malnutrition, superstition, poverty, unemployment, infant mortality, global conflicts based on religion, caste and gender discrimination, we shall have to begin with children. Guided by our Chairperson, Dr. Amita Chauhan's zeal to nurture scientific reasoning in youngsters and inspired by



Founder President, Dr. Ashok K Chauhani, AIS ED has been making every effort for the holistic development of every child. The Global Times is yet another medium to

build a generation that is more tolerant, more humane and more willing to accept new ideas and not just create literates.

Sarita Aggarwal
Principal, AIS East Delhi

The April issue of 'The Global Times' was awesome. The topics that the students had taken up were knowledgeable and remarkable. It was also reflective of the keen interest shown by my friends in all Amity schools in the newspaper. I gained wonderful insights upon

reading the superb articles. It was truly an outstanding edition!

Aditi Sharma
AIS Vasundhara

I really liked the article 'Black hole: a faceless wonder' written by Karan Saharya of AIS Noida. A well written scientific piece containing all the information that one can possibly want to know, it made an interesting read. Hoping to see more such informative write ups.

Shivam Verma
AIS East Delhi

CDIT families

It's not the end of world



Bhavika Govil & Tazmeen Siddiqui, AIS Noida

It hits you like rock. Your parents want a divorce. What went so wrong? How could it happen to your parents? Separation of parents can devastate the life of children. It can leave them confused, shattered and hopeless for the rest of their lives, if they do not handle the situation with maturity. Here are a few tips to help you tide over the turbulent times smoothly.

Marriages are not made in heaven.

You wonder, "Why did they get married in the first place?" You must realise that to err is human. Not everything in life works out perfectly. Do not blame

To err is human. Not everything in life works out the way one planned it. Be happy and think positive.

your parents, because someone rightly said "To forgive is divine." **The world does not revolve around you.**

You wonder, "Why didn't they think about me?" You must realize that not everything in life can be in accordance to your convenience. And it's not like you'll never see your parents again. Just imagine, things could have been a lot worse. You could have been an orphan. Thank God for all that you have.

It's life. You've got to move on.

Ok. It's very bad. There's nothing much you can do. It happens. That's what life is all about. Try to make the most of it. Be happy and think positive. Do your best and leave the rest to God.

A few handy tips for parents:

Custody is going to be the most crucial deciding factor. Be honest with your child and tell him/her about the pros and cons of selecting you as a guardian. Make sure you don't pressurize your child. S/he is going through much more than you. Appreciate her/his cooperation and show your concern. After all, it's not the end of the world. ●

Should kids be made to eat all that's on the plate?

Family dinners are turning into battle grounds. Changing food habits, impatient teens and coercing parents; but, there is a mid way

Aru Talwar AIS Saket & Shalya Singh, Pushp Vihar

It's time for supper! The family sits down on the dining table. A few minutes later, after everybody has finished, Ashmit is still dwindling with his boiled peas and is most unwillingly fed those. Family dinners are fast turning into battle grounds. Changing food habits, impatient teenagers and coercing parents; eating right has become a big issue.

Here, enters the ever widening age gap between the parents and children. Children are often being coerced into doing those things which they are most reluctant to do. If one delves deeply into factors that could have caused this conflict, one valid factor comes through- the existence of two completely distinct thought processes. On one hand, the carefree youngster gets ready to enter a lifestyle (that of a teenager) where s/he decides for himself, has the liberty to



do as s/he pleases; there being no one to stop him/her. Where s/he is of the opinion that s/he has the ultimate decisive power. Concurrently, his procreator is of the opinion that the child must be acquainted with all that life has to offer. S/he should be well aware of his surroundings and be ready to

overcome any kind of hindrance to his path of success. And the one aspect that is considered most important is food habits. Ruling out the pros and cons of these two conjectures, we arrive at a few basic postulates. The child must try to apprehend that his parents want nothing but his own ben-

efit, so that he overcomes every ordeal with ease. And the parents, concomitantly be able to understand that it is time for their child to blossom into a leader, for letting him know that he is quite efficient in taking the most important decisions for himself.

The fuss at the dining table occurs due to the easy availability of mouth watering junk variants everywhere. Young people crave for pizzas, pastries and pies. This junk does not help us in anyway, except gratifying our taste buds. Instead, one ends up gaining weight and a poor digestive system.

This is not to ban fast food altogether, neither is it a green signal for parents to have their way. It's best that one adopts a middle path. Parents can make home food more fun by introducing paratha pizzas or nutritious burgers with home made French fries. Kids can continue eating out, albeit restrict it to once or twice a month. So, let's end the battle amicably. ●

Neither here nor there!

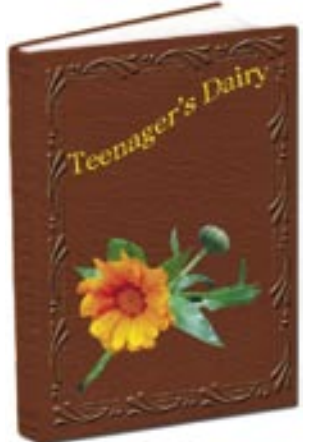
Does anyone care to know what I want?

Nikita Ojha, AIS Sec-43, Gurgaon

These days I really feel depressed by everything happening around me; the politics, academic pressure, friends, parents; the list is endless. Nobody seems to understand my life and my problems. I feel like a bird chained to the mighty sky.

This is the normal life of an abnormal, rather 'responsible' teen. Being Head Prefect of the school is not easy. Living up to everyone's expectations, and achieving your personal and academic goals is no cakewalk. Teachers expect me to study, the school wants me to fulfill my responsibilities, and parents want me to concentrate on studies and friends! Oh! They seem to be friends for the sake of it so that they can get their actions 'legally approved'. Not to forget the prim and 'propah' way everyone wants me to behave in! Does anyone care to know what I want? In the midst of all this, I feel I have lost my own individuality. Just the other day, my friends were planning to bunk a class and wanted me to take permission from the teacher on the pretext of some practice. Now that put me in a fix. If anything went wrong, the entire blame would be on me because I am the one 'responsible' here and as if the rest are all innocent. Peer pressure, save me! That's not all. Every now and then, I face my opponents churning out a new political agenda against me. I can't help it and Gandhigiri certainly doesn't work. I used to think that teenage has been over-hyped, but now I seem to realize what it is to lead a teen's life! I desperately crave for a change. A change that would change my life! That would bring happiness to everyone around me and give me some satisfaction!

"I doubted if I should ever come back. I shall be telling this with a sigh Somewhere ages and ages hence; Two roads diverged in a wood, and I I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference And that has made all the difference." (Robert Frost - 'The Road Not Taken') ●



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Counsel's Korner

My friend's parents are divorced. Though she puts up a brave front, I know she's depressed. Can I do anything to soothe her?

Aanvi, 14

The best thing you can do for her is be her friend. Help her focus on building her future, shaping her destiny. This will help regain her confidence. As a friend, fill her life with happy and positive memories.

Mom and I used to be best friends. But of late, anything she says irritates me. Is our relationship going to turn real bad?

Paridhi, 14

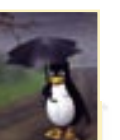
Each time you are irritated with your mother, think that she loves you and worries about you, even though she is not sounding right. You can either hug her tight or simply count ten to cool down. Take a deep breath and hear what she has to say. Imbibe what works for you and then tell her your point of view. See her as an individual and not just your mom.

I'm a single child and my parents are too focused on me. I'm not allowed to talk on the phone for long and have no privacy. I'm too tired of all this.

Aditi, 13

Remember that no one in the world loves you more than your parents. Instilling a degree of discipline is their responsibility and you should respect their word on this. Besides, you can negotiate space, hours on phone, on internet, study time, friends' time, etc. Hear them and let them hear you. ●

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Slay your demons

Teens go through craziest of times. Some tips to tackle your daily woes

Shagun Arora, AIS Saket

I know you need my help. I know it all; how it feels to go through the toughest and craziest times of one's life, those teen years. Constant pressure, struggle for perfection and hectic schedules; it's not easy. Well, let's put our foot down once and for all, and get to the bottom of the little problems that grow into huge mountains. Teen problems scaring you?

For once, slay your demons.

Irate parents:

Allow me to speak.

They are your guardians. They have every right in the world to make rules. Learn to reason without answering back. Life's golden rule: keep shut!

Sleepovers:

You have a room, your TV and computer; so, if you can't go out, call them in! I know I'm the best.

Shopping spree:

Do what I do. Leave the savings to your dad and take that pocket money out before it starts to rot. Now bow down!

Boyfriend/girlfriend:

Join Gandhigiri. Maintain your limits and re-

peat after me, "Honesty is the best policy, honesty is the best policy, honesty is the best policy!"

Fag parties, eeks!

How many of you know that men in Bahamas are really cool, and they don't smoke? Forget smoking, it's for the denied lot!

I'm your saviour, now live!

Exam Stress:

Study hard and party harder. It's cool to get good marks and cool people are invited to my party next week!

Stretch yourself:

You're hot if you are fit. Play on dude, go the sports way. So friends, stop those daily tantrums and get on to living life king-size. Have a feel good day. Peace! ●



International champs

The karate workshop saw the confluence of experts from around the world



Tulika Banerji, ANN

International Traditional Karate Federation, under the traineeship of Sensei Rajeev Sinha, organised a three-day intensive workshop for children and international karate teams at AIS, East Delhi in the month of April. Having held the offices of the Director of the World Body ITKF (International Traditional Karate Federation) at Los Angeles and several other key international positions, Sensei Sinha was the best trainer the kids could have. Other luminaries who attended the workshop were Ute Burghardt, First Secretary, Embassy of Germany in Rekjavik, Iceland; Petr Suja of Czech Republic; Durjay Singh, CEO, Astral Infotec of



Clockwise from left: Tiny cheerleaders; Students wishing Chairperson; Teams with Head Mistress Rashmi Sharma, Principal Sarita Agarwal, Am-maji, Chairperson Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan & Sensei Rajeev Sinha; Children practising karate during workshop; A still from the play 'Sanskars'

UK; Boltayev Zarif Esirgapovich, President UTKF of Uzbekistan, Hojayev Hangeldi, President TKFT of Turkmenistan; Jitesh Kumar, Member Team India and Coach AIS East Delhi, Dr. Rajesh Singh and Sushant Roy, members of Team India and coaches and athletes from across the world.

"International karate is a journey toward the perfection of mind, body and spirit", endorsed Sensei Sinha in his opening address. He urged the students to believe in the purity of the soul and never take short cuts to reach their goal. "One can destroy a powerful opponent without even touching him. Such is the power of the human mind. The only pre-requisite is purity of the soul," he concluded.

The three-day workshop saw enthusiastic students learn traditional karate techniques. Youngsters trained alongside seasoned experts from all over the world, grasping fine nuances of the martial art. What made the workshop even more exciting were the little an-

"One can destroy an opponent without even touching. Such is the power of mind."

ecdotes shared by Sensei drawn from various instances of his life.

The concluding ceremony flagged off the celebrations of Chairperson Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan's birthday. Tiny tots lined up as cheer leaders on the way leading to the auditorium rendered a colourful sight. The school orchestra's melodious rendition of Raag Bhairavi held the audience spellbound. As Chairperson's birthday is commemorated as 'Human Values Day', the middle school's humorous skit 'Sanskars' not only had everyone in splits, it aptly brought home the significance of values.

Chairperson had words of praise for Jitesh who had been instrumental in arranging the workshop, "He's the best ambassador of Amity. I hope all Amitians reach the top of the world in whatever they undertake." She presented mementos and potted plants to all the guests. Later, Principal of AIS East Delhi-Ms Sarita Agarwal, proposed the vote of thanks. ●



"Anyone can perform miracles"

Believes Sensei Rajeev Sinha, international karate expert, whose small frame belies his iron grip and punch of steel. In a first of firsts, he put India on the global karate map by achieving the 2nd place at the Rothmans

World Cup Karate in 1984. But, to prevent his victory from making him complacent, he broke his trophy into pieces! A candid tete-a-tete with Assistant Editor Tulika Banerji



of myself. So I dismantled it and threw it into my junkyard. I did not let myself become its slave.

Besides self defence, how can one benefit from it?

Karate plays a vital role in transforming one's personality. However, to attain its benefits, purity of the soul is very important.

How do miracles happen?

Miracles are science, not spirituality. Anyone who is pure from within can perform miracles. Once, a friend lost a bag that had important papers. I reached to my nucleus and found that the thief would return the bag. Much to my friend's astonishment, he got the bag back within a week.

Your message for students.

In real life, there is no time for warm ups; you've got to act instantly. Intelligence is about taking the right decision at the right moment. ●

What drew you to karate?

It was a childhood passion. So much so, that I used to bribe my friends not to tell my folks when I bunked tuition to learn karate.

How has it influenced your life?

It has made me what I am! Karate helps one to detach from worldly things. When I won the World Cup, I kept looking at it and feeling proud

Olympic glory



Shikhar Tyagi of AIS Sector 46 Gurgaon, has brought glory not only to his family and school; he has also raised the banner of the country in the international arena. Shikhar participated in an International Olympic Drawing and Painting Competition titled 'Sports in Imagination - Beijing 2008'. His collage has been judged as one of the three best entries. The collage will be displayed in 2008 at the International

Exhibition in Beijing and will be used to popularize the Olympic values and sports all over the world. He stands to win a handsome cash award of 5,000 to 15,000 dollars for the same.

A fun loving boy and talented artist, Shikhar displays keen interest in sports and is good in academics too. He has a well developed competitive spirit and the Olympic award is not the only feather in his cap. He won the third prize, a Maruti 800 car in the 'Toyota World Dream Car' painting competition. He bagged the third position in a painting competition organized by Disney Channel. Shikhar was ranked fourth at the state level (Haryana) and fiftieth at the national level in the Third National Olympiad. Shikhar ranked second in Chess at the state (Haryana) level and second in Archery at the district level. He has an unbroken record of winning the Overall Trophy for Excellence at school for the last six years. Shikhar participates whole heartedly in skating, cricket and football, too. We wish him success in his future endeavours. ●

Pump up your adrenalin with skydiving



Mayank, Parth & Karan
AIS Noida

Well, today sports are no longer just the ones you can play in a stadium or in a court. A new 'whacked out' genre of sports ie extreme sports has surfaced.

Skydiving is one such popular sport. Typically, a trained skydiver and a group of associates meet at an isolated airport, aka 'drop zone'. A typical jump involves individuals jumping out of an

airplane travelling at a mind boggling 4000 metres altitude and free-falling for a period of time before opening a parachute to slow the landing down. It is in this period of free-fall that the skydivers get together in awe-inspiring formations and do everything that a bird can possibly do (except going back up). Once the divers open their parachutes, they use two directing chords to position their landing and softly touch home ground. The only prerequisite is nerves of steel! ●

Rafael Nadal Backhand master



Nickname(s): Rafa, The Gladiator
Country: Spain

Residence: Manacor, Mallorca

Date of birth: June 3, 1986

Place of birth: Manacor, Mallorca

Height: 6 ft 1 in

Weight: 85.0 kg

Turned pro: 2001

Playing style: Left-handed; two-handed backhand

Career titles: 28

Highest ranking: No. 2 (July 2005)

Grand Slams: French Open: 2008, 2005, 2006, 2007; Wimbledon: 2006, 2007; US Open: 2006 ●

Go in for something different; like transparent sandals, strappy sandals and rubber shoes which come in different colours. Just make sure they are in bright colours.



Animation film festival

A screening of short animation films made by students of Amity was held at National Science Centre in April. A total of 17 films were screened simultaneously at New Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore and Kolkata. The films were a joint effort by the students of AIS Saket, Noida, Pushp Vihar and Gurgaon-43 under the able guidance of Nitin Donde, animation instructor Amity schools and Animation Head, IIT Delhi. The children rode on flights of fantasy to create incredible stories out of imaginary characters. From 'The



smelly friends' where a pair of stinking socks display the nasty characteristics of people to 'Gastronomy' which endorses good eating habits in a fun way, the animations were reflective of the intensive thought process that went into their creation. Four animation students were invited to be a part of the jury at International Animation Film Festival in Annecy, France. • (more on pg. 11)

Kids just wanna have fun

The children of the Primary School of AIS Noida joyfully embarked upon day picnics to various places in and around Delhi. A scrumptious lunch was provided by the school as the children basked in the company of their friends and teachers in total camaraderie and enjoyment. The pre-primary wing sauntered off to the Delhi Zoo and Indraprastha Park; while classes I to V visited Qutub Minar, Air Force Museum, Nehru Planetarium and Millenium Park, among others. •



Ist: Mandakini

An Inter-house Spell-Vocab Quiz for classes VI to VIII was held in AIS Gurgaon-46 in April 2008. Participants tried hard to outdo each other.



IInd: Bhagirathi

Under the spell

It was a keenly contested competition which was enjoyed by everyone present. Bhagirathi and Mandakini houses tied for the Ist position and a tie-breaker had to be put to the two teams to get a clear decision and end the quiz. The final positions were:

1st	Mandakini House
2nd	Bhagirathi House
3rd	Alakhnanda House •

Thanking mother Earth

On 24th April 2008, primary classes of AIS, Noida put up a special assembly to commemorate World Earth Day with the underlying theme 'Save our earth'. The piquant message that we have inherited the Earth and were merely "borrowing it for the future of our children" made the Amitians aware that the natural resources were fast dwindling. Problems such as pollution, global warming, deforestation, denudation, drought, floods and other climatic changes were on the rise that would have devastating effects on the world population. The urgent need of the hour was to protect and care for the Human planet for the well-being of humanity. Children who practiced the 4R's-Recycle, Reuse, Reduce and Replenish positively were doing the best to contain the 'dangerous situation'. The Amitians took a pledge to work towards saving Mother Earth. Eloquent poems, 'The Weeping Tree', 'The River' (a dance) and 'Save the planet' (a song) gave helpful hints on how children could do their bit and start the movement of 'saving our Earth'. •



A little spunk, a little valour: All India Kotaka Cup

The fourth All India Kotaka's Cup Karate Championship was held in Delhi from 18-20 April 2008. 75 students of AIS Noida from KG to class XII participated with great gusto under the expert guidance of their great instructor Mr. Raju Roy, winning laurels in several categories. They won 12 Gold, 17 Silver and 34

Bronze medals in several categories. They also bagged the following championships:

8-9 years Kota Boys team.
11-12 years Kunita Boys team.
11-12 years Kunita Girls team.

Photograph: The winners with Mr Raju Roy and Head Mistress, Mrs Roopma Singh. •



The spectacular show: Swarnim Bharat

AIS Pushp Vihar celebrated its Junior Annual Day and Prize Distribution Ceremony on 14th March. His Excellency Nusruddinov Salahoddin, Ambassador Extraordinaire of the Republic of Tajikistan was the chief guest and Shiv Shankar Gupta, Resident Commissioner of Meghalaya was Guest of Honour. Young Amitians were applauded for their achievements and scholarships were

presented a special report. In her vote of thanks, Chairperson Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan reiterated her sentiments for the matchless Amitians and appreciated their commendable efforts. •



Honouring Mr Nusruddinov Salahoddin

awarded to meritorious students. The highlight of the evening was a grand performance by the Junior Wing 'Swarnim Bharat' - a spectacular show that enthralled the audience and held them spellbound. Principal Mrs Ameeta Mohan

Bidding farewell

AIS Noida hosted a farewell do for class XII, transporting the audience into the ambience of the 1960s. A snazzy band played a melody of numbers including English and Hindi songs interspersed with contemporary remixes. After the comic *Nariyal* awards, the much awaited real ones were announced. Siddharth Prabhakar was bestowed with the title of Mr Am Idol; while Venu Bhanot was declared Miss Am Idol. Professor Sitaram, from Amity University urged the youngsters to pursue excellence in all areas of life. Principal, Mrs Mohina Dar wished the outgoing Amitians the very best for a fruitful future. •

SAARC meet

An inter-country SAARC Adolescent was held recently in which students from the SAARC countries (Maldives, Bhutan, Thailand and Nepal) visited India for an exchange programme. The event was organised to show case work done in the respective schools to promote life skills and psycho-socio well-being of adolescents. AIS, Noida hosted the students from Thailand and Bhutan. The group visited the school and had a qualitative interaction with the Amitians and Principal, Mrs. Mohina Dar. •



In action: Participants at the Summer Sojourn

Work hard, party harder

Agrim Sachdeva
AIS, Saket

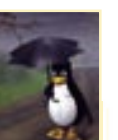
This summer holidays, fun and frolic wore a new connotation as students of Amity schools attended Summer Sojourn, a summer camp of The Global Times. Having looked upon journalism as something severe looking reporters practiced, I attended the camp with much scepticism. However, all attendees including myself, were in for a pleasant surprise. None

of us had known that this camp would be the best we had attended. Tulika Bannerji, Assistant Editor of The Global Times, made it the most lively and interesting camp ever. Not only did we utilize the holidays in a wonderful manner, we got an opportunity to meet, interact and work with children of various Amity Schools, forging ties of long lasting friendship that automatically bridged the gap among various branches. "Amazing experience. I'm just waiting for the next camp!" says Jigyasa Chauhan of AIS, Saket. The camp exposed children to the intricacies of how newspapers are made using specialized software called Quark. "These things will certainly help children who want to pursue journalism. Memories of this workshop are etched into my memory for ever," comments Ojaswini Dwivedi, student of AIS East Delhi. A party on the last day ended the workshop in style. Three cheers to Amity for this initiative! •



(L-R) Sitting: Aarushi, Ruddhika, Jigyasa, Vipanchi, Udita;
Standing: Vartika, Akshara,
Camp coordinator Tulika Banerji,
Ojaswini, Poornima, Agrim

Its the season to show off some bolder options. Go for bright beads, large wrist cuffs and some funky earrings. Bright hair bands are a great way to dress your hair.



An 'out of the box' workshop



Mr Aseem Chauhan sharing his insights

Amity Centre for Science Olympiads (ASCO) to develop a pool of famous scientists and Nobel laureates to compete globally



Dr Anuj Sinha (l) and Dr VB Kamble addressing the gathering

Sampada Sansara, ANN

Science and Mathematics are the foundation stones of a country. They are the yardsticks by which the development of a country is measured. Realising this important fact, Amity Centre for Science Olympiads (ACSO) has been successfully organizing Mathematics and Science workshops to create world famous scientists and mathematicians. In collaboration with Srinivasa Ramanujan Institute for Mathematics Olympiad, ACSO conducted a unique Mathematics Olympiads Workshop at Amity University, Noida. The workshop was a perfect blend of theory and hands-on practice. Over 110 students of classes IX to XII from schools from Delhi/NCR including DPS, Cambridge School, Mothers In-

ternational School, Springdales School, Modern School and Amity International Schools participated in the workshop. They sharpened their analytical skills in stimulating sessions conducted by expert faculty from Srinivasa Ramanujan Institute. During the valediction, certificates were awarded to the students by Chief Guest, Dr. Anuj Sinha- Advisor and Head, Dept. of Science and Technology, Govt. of India, Prof. S.C Arora-

Mr. Aseem Chauhan urged the students to develop a strong foundation in Maths which would help them in all subjects.

Head, Dept. of Mathematics, University of Delhi; Dr. VB Kamble- Director, Vigyan Prasas & Advisor, Dept. of Science and Technology, Govt. of India, Mrs. Divya Chauhan-Chairperson, Amity School of Fine Arts and Fashion Technology and Mr. Aseem Chauhan- Chancellor, Amity University, Rajasthan. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Anuj Sinha called upon the students to be practical and have high principles in their lives. Mr. Aseem Chauhan urged them to develop a strong foundation in science and mathematics which would help them to excel in every subject. Prof. S.C Arora compared maths to a factory, "Maths is a factory where tools are produced and supplied to the society." The participants expressed how they had developed 'out of the box' thinking skills in the workshop. ●



From India to the land of the rising sun

Adding another brick to the Indo-Japanese friendship

Ashima Khanna
AIS, Noida

Japan, a country rich in culture and traditions embellished with natural scenic beauty and the latest technology has mesmerized not only me but all my fellow Indian students who accompanied me in our trip to the country of the rising sun, Japan under the Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths (JENESYS) Programme with the motive of deepening the mutual understanding among the youth who will assume important roles in future in the East Asian countries. Our very first impression of Tokyo, after coming out of the Narita airport was the high rise buildings, well developed infra-

structure and not a bit of dirt to be seen anywhere. The programme began with an orientation at the Tokyo Prince Hotel wherein we were briefed about our ten days' hectic schedule. This was followed by an enlightening lecture on Japan by Professor Yoshiteru Makita. We visited many sights, be it the historic ones like the Buddhist temple at Asakusa or the modern ones like the Tokyo Tower and above all, the National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation, which gave us an insight into modern science and technology being developed in the country. Worth appreciating was the polite and helpful attitude of the people towards their fellow citizens as well as foreigners. They went out of their way to make us comfortable. ●

'Polish'ing sweet ties of cultural exchange

A select team of two teachers and twelve students from Amity International School, Sector 46, Gurgaon visited Poland for a culture exchange programme with Bednarska School, Warsaw, Poland. The team comprised of Jyoti Keswani (PGT English), Madhu Tyagi (TGT Hindi), Devashish Sharma, Vinit Sansanwal, Akanksha Goel, Siddhart Iyer, Lovish Dhawan, Nipun Bountra, Shriya Sharma, Anjali Gupta, Saloni Kapil, Soha Chhaya, Ayush Sachdev and Rohan Bhanot. They shared cross cultural practices including music, art, education and dances. The Indian students were hosted by the families of their Polish counterparts. They travelled to various places of in-



terest within the country. The Indian Ambassador in Poland, His Excellency Anil Wadhwa hosted high tea for the team. The visit was a success with students coming back with loads of knowledge, awareness and augmented behavioural skills. Later, the Polish counterparts visited India. ●

Cyber buzz

To mark the Cyber Day, Amity International School, Sec-43, hosted Inter Amity Cyber Buzz for the fourth consecutive year. Fourteen eminent schools from all over the city and all the schools of the Amity Group participated with great enthusiasm. Four events were organised

from various techno areas like Magazine Cover Designing using Adobe Photoshop, Web Site Designing using Scripting, Cyber Quiz and Multimedia Presentation on the theme 'World Water War – Myth or Reality.' Eminent members from IBM, Aptech Education, Garud Infotech and Kean were invited to judge the participants competing under different categories. Mrs. Pooja Chauhan, Member of Managing Commit-

tee, graced the occasion and also encouraged the participants with her inspiring words. She highlighted the importance of communication systems and the cyber world in enhancing the role of education. She implored the students to continue to learn with zest and be competitive by being open to learning from various sources and by including technology in their learning process. ●

Amity Institute for Competitive Exams

Peter, Twitter and Wiser
Peter was on his evening stroll humming to himself when he encountered Twitter who came staggering and scratching his head. Peter said, "Hi Twitter! Are you trying to count the stars which have not appeared?" "Nay, I've got a problem and am finding a solution to the same." "What's the problem?" "What's the last digit of $(16)^{1248}$?" "So simple! Obviously it's eight!" "No, no. See how it is solved! Multiply 16 by itself 1248 times," using a calculator he said, "and you'll get the solution." While Twitter got busy solving the problem, Peter slipped away quietly. Just then walked by Amity's Mr. Wiser. "What are you up to Mr. Twitter? Trying to crack the most tedious CAT quant problem as usual?"

"Yes", Twitter got busy once again. Wiser, however, did not give up. "Can you convert $(16)^{1248}$ into $(2^4)^{1248}$?" "Why? Yes, I can." "Remember, whenever a number can be written in the form of 2^4 , then regardless of its exponent, the last digit of the resultant will always be 6." "Six! How did you get that?" "Come along. I will teach you." "Of course." Twitter followed Wiser and learnt the method. But next time he had a similar problem, he resorted to his calculator once again. *What do you do if you have to crack such nutty CAT problems? Calculators are not allowed there anyway. For any queries regarding Management Entrance Exams including CAT/GMAT along with GRE/SAT, please contact on 9818750084, 9811425835, 9711020543, 9810687824*

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JMET	1 st week of December	1 st week of September to 1 st week of October
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Abhinav Jain - 930 AIR (IIT-JEE), 92.75% (CBSE), Mayur Saxena - 2400 AIR (IIT-JEE), Kaustav Bijalwani - 3240 AIR (IIT-JEE), 93% (CBSE), Animesh Jain - 5804 AIR (IIT-JEE), 92% (CBSE), Aaditya Prasad - 6000 AIR (IIT-JEE), 90% (CBSE), Seep Goel - 7571 AIR (IIT-JEE), 8000 (AIEEE), UP-Tech 465, 91.47% (CBSE), Ashbir Singh Bhatia- Qualified (IIT-JEE), 93.25% (CBSE), Aparna Sarkar - 357 (AIEEE), 506 Rank (DCE), Deepthi Singh Chauhan - 459 (AIEEE), 413 Rank (DCE) Ankit Bharathan - 1475 (AIEEE), Archana Sharma - 2261 (AIEEE), Anusha Gupta - 2163 UP Tech, Yashika Malik- 4000 UP Tech, Manul Agarwal - 4000 UP Tech, 84% (CBSE), Abhishek Bhan - 1899 (AIEEE) 5000 UP Tech, 2500 Manipal, 87.75% (CBSE), Akash Saxena - 4611 (AIEEE), Amitesh - 7200 UP Tech, Anjali - 8000 UP Tech, 76% (CBSE), Praphall Dhingra - 3000 Manipal, 81.25% (CBSE), Amit Saxena - 3500 Manipal, 80% (CBSE), Chinmay Shao - 6000 Manipal, Gaurav Khatana - 68 Rank (DPMT- OBC), Kaushik Ghosh - 99 Rank (DPMT-OBC), Abhisit Kumar Choudhary - 242 Rank (DCE), Ankita Thakur - 485 Rank (DCE), Aparna Sarkar - 506 Rank (DCE), Rakesh Ranjan - 520 Rank (DCE), Amit Singh - 566 Rank (DCE), Ankit - 746 Rank (DCE- OBC), Shikha Tomar - 768 (DCE- OBC), Sushant Singh - 796 Rank (DCE- OBC), Preeti Singh - 853 (DCE-SC), Ravi Pratap Singh-937 Rank, Manish Tomar - 954 (DCE- OBC) And many more...

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Amity launches ‘Vasudha’, a movement to foster scientific temperament among young children

Amid scientific fervour and palpable excitement, AIS Noida hosted the launch of ‘Vasudha’ under the aegis of AICSF (Amity International Children’s Science Foundation) on 29th April 2008, to foster scientific temperament among children. Two educational films titled, ‘Ozzy Ozone’ and ‘Rain Water Harvesting’ paved the way for this year’s focal theme- ‘Our Earth: explore, share and care.’ Chief Guest Padamshree Dr. P.S. Goel, Secretary- Ministry of Earth Sciences, Govt of India, lit the ceremonial lamp as the school choir chanted *shlokas*. Dr. Ashok K. Chauhan (Founder President, RBEF), Dr.(Mrs) Amita Chauhan (Chairperson, Amity International Schools) and heads of Amity institutions graced the occasion. Among other dignitaries present were Madhu Pant (Ex Director, Bal Bhavan), Anand Arya (eminent bird watcher), Dr. AK Sharma (Ex Director-NCERT), Mr. Ranade and BK Tyagi (Vigyan Prasara), Vinod

Primary wing’s presentation ‘Save our earth’



Vasudha Save our earth

Garhwal (Project Director, Aravalli Foundation), Ranjana Saikia (TERI), Ms Usha Srinivasan, (Senior Advisor, Development Alternatives) and Dr. Ratnashree (Director, Nehru Planetarium). A musical ballad, ‘Save our earth’, showcased a vibrant medley of eloquent poems. ‘The weeping tree’ (a poem), ‘The River’ (a dance), ‘Save the planet’ (a song) and a pledge demonstrated how children can do their bit to save the Earth. The Vasudha poster and brochure were released during the ceremony. Also, the children science foundation website www.amityicsf.org was launched with the symbolic press of the button. Dr. Ashok K. Chauhan, blessed the students and promised Dr. Goel that Amity would produce a Noble Laureate in the near future. The students

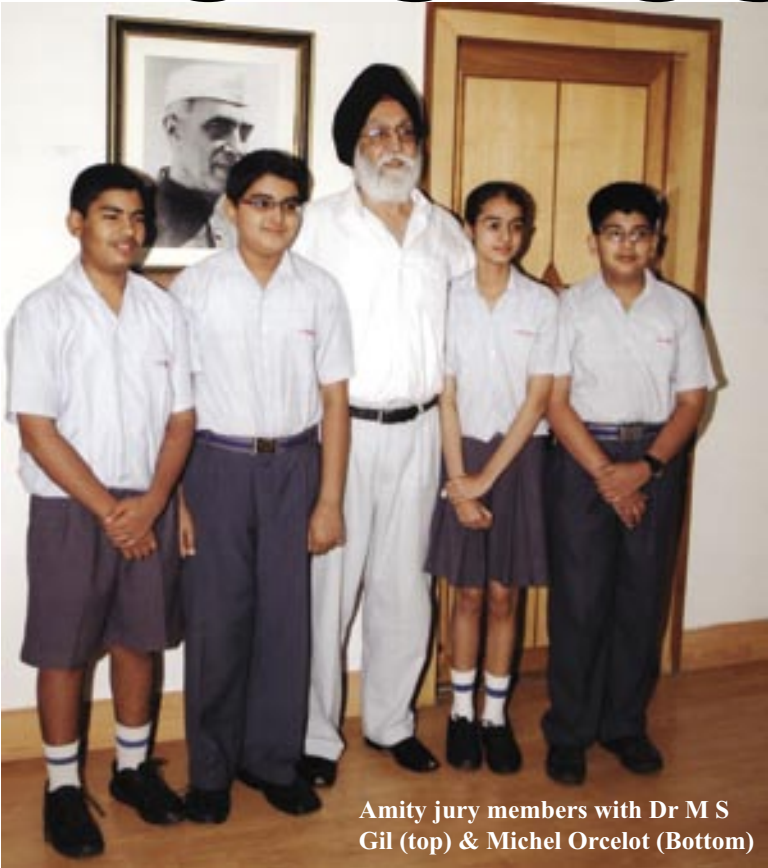
who had participated in the national Science competition from Dec. 27 to 31, 2007 (NCSC) were felicitated. Dr. (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity International Schools, gave her blessings in her vote of thanks aptly titled, ‘My Aspirations’. “Believe in yourself. If you don’t believe, you cannot do anything. If you believe, you can do everything”, she concluded. ●

Watch Out: Vasudha Festival from August 19 – 23 hosting animation movies on environment, popular science talks, video conferencing, vigyan vivid, Dhananjay Mohan symposium, Science quiz and nukkad plays.



(Top) Founder President & Chairperson releasing Vasudha poster; Dr Goel addressing the gathering

French connection



Amity jury members with Dr M S Gil (top) & Michel Orcelot (Bottom)

...meeting delegates, learning new techniques and judging films

France has been hosting the International Animation Film Festival for the last 45 years, in which the world’s best animation films are showcased in front of connoisseurs of animation films. This year, the festival that was held from 9-14 June in Annecy, France had its theme as INDIA. Four Indian children animators from Amity International School walked the red carpet as members of the elite jury panel. They were accompanied by Nitin Donde, School Animation Teacher and Jyoti Arora, Resource Centre Coordinator, all Amity schools. Shaurya Athley, Akshath Sharma, Ruhi Khosla and Lakshaye Singh along with Maroussia Humbert, Leo Grimaud, Thibault Comte and Yan Song Le Van Ho from AAA (Atelier de cinema d’ animation d’ annecy et

de haute-savoie) were the official jury for the festival which commemorated 100 years of animation this year. They got to select prize winners for short film and graduation film category. The unique opportunity to be jurors was a life time experience which not only enabled the youngsters to interact with well known animators like Doug Sweetland, Matt Groening, Ram Mohan, David Silverman and Michel Orcelot but also helped them to capture the richness of this progressive industry which is expected to take the world by storm in the next couple of years. The final moment of being on stage to announce the winners was something they would cherish throughout their lives. Every day the students had a watertight agenda-watching films, meeting delegates from different countries, visiting French Schools, learning different techniques of animation and attending press conferences. Watching and judging around 100 films in diverse languages and being at the centre stage infused the young Amitians with pride. Staying of the students with the French families, the Humbert family, Le Van Ho family and Grimaud was a pleasurable experience. ●

A visit accomplished....

- A promising motivation: Dr M S Gil announces screening of the select animation film for other students.
- A life time opportunity to interact face-to-face with world renowned animator Michel Orcelot.

- Visit one of the world’s première ‘Les Gobbins School of animation’ in Paris.
- An appointment with ‘Lycee Gabriel Faure’, Annecy paves for ‘student exchange programme’ to commence from the ensuing year.

Winners & Achievers

Climatology



Shagun Arora of SAIS Saket was adjudged ‘Indian Climate Champion 2008’ by British Council, and invited to attend a four-day camp on critical climate change issues in India. In the camp, she interacted with eminent personalities from India in the field of climate change and attended a workshop on communication skills. She was also taken to a guided tour of sites around Delhi to learn about low carbon and energy efficient technologies with the overall objective of mitigating the effects of climate change. ●

Mozart Choir of India

Eighteen children of AIS Saket have been selected in the Mozart Choir of India organized by Austrian Embassy. Musicians from Austria, France and Denmark will train these children for two to three months. Thereafter, an Indian Choir will be formed out of the selected children. They will perform in Austria and other countries apart from prestigious functions in India. ●

Earth Matters

Amitians have mastered the art of outperforming their peers in all fields. This time round, Akhil Bhardwaj of AIS Saket has won the third prize in ‘On the spot Essay Writing Competition’, held on the occasion of Earth Day organized by National Museum of Natural History. Another feather in his cap is the Best Delegate Award that he received at the International Model United Nation at New York. ●

Global concerns



Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh (in white) awarding Joshita(l) & Medhavi

The 10th World Congress on Environment Management was held on 30th May 2008 and ended on 1st June 2008. The conference was held in Palampur, Himachal Pradesh. The programme brought together dignitaries from all over the world. The programme shed valuable light on various perspectives, centering around the concern for global environment. Amity International School feels proud to be a part of the noble cause. Joshita Bountra and Medhavi Arora of AIS, Noida participated in the Essay Presentation and won prizes. Honourable Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh awarded the winners. ●

Masters of the universe

Bringing glory to the phrase ‘United we stand’, students of AIS Saket participated in the 4th All India Invitational Karate Championship 2008 and Kata-Kumite Training by Japanese Grand Master. They played under the banner of Delhi team and achieved a volley of medals. The school has bagged seven gold, one silver and nine bronze medals.





Student	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Sahej Ratta	1		1
Rohit Kathuria	1		
Somil Goel		1	2
Aditi Seth	1		1
Mahima Kaul			1
Mayank Kaul	2		1
Rishabh Arora	1		2
Pranav Seth	1		
Shrom Arora			1



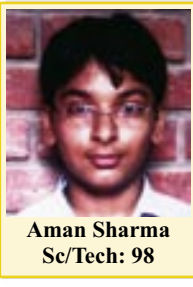
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Wall of fame: School Toppers

Class: XII Tanvi Saxena 95.4%	Class: X Nikita Khattar 98.4%	Class: XII Swati Krishnamurthi 94.2%	Class: X Yajur Narang 97.2%	46 Gur-XII Komal Dahia 94%	46 Gur-X Aman Agarwal 94.6%	43 Gur-X Akanksha Chhokra 97.6%
Member Synchro study Programme						
NOIDA Class: XII						
 Tanvi Saxena Phy:98, Bio: 97	 Shivam Chopra B. St: 98	 Kanika Mathur Painting: 93	 Pranav Gupta Sanskrit: 100	 Nikita Beri Eng: 95	 Deepti Singh Chauhan Maths: 100	 Skiti Lakhwani B.St: 98
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Children love splashing through water-logged streets. This could be dangerous as waterborne bacteria may cause eye infections like conjunctivitis.



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Bhoomika Singhania
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Niharika Chawla
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Karan Vaish
German: 90



Soha Chhaya
Eng: 97



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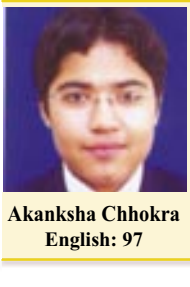
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Shivangi Gupta
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Life on wheels



Muscan
Chauhan

Students of AIS Gurgaon 46 participated in National Schools Games Skating Championship held at Ahmedabad. They represented the school in the Open District Skating Championship at Gurgaon and attained the first position. They also participated in the Haryana State Skating Championship and State Championship Gurgaon District and bagged the first place. The categories under which the children took part are: Himanshu Saini (under 11), Yeshika (under 11), Muscan Chauhan (under 11) and Apoorva Singh (under 13). Muscan Chauhan, youngest in the group, secured fourth position in the National Schools Games Skating Championship organized by Schools Games Federation of India. •

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Innovating incubation

Transforming technical and virtual ideas into reality



(L) Prof. Vedachalan lighting the lamp with Chairperson and Founder President of Amity; The first inspection



Amity Group added one more feather to its cap and launched Amity Innovation Incubator (AII) in support with National Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board at Amity Campus to transform innovative, technical, virtual ideas into business reality.

AII with the help of an advisory body consisting of industrialists, venture capitalists, technical specialists and managers will help entrepreneurs realize their dreams through a range of infrastructure, business advisory, mentoring and financial services. At present, AII is incubating companies in the areas of e-learning, bi-fuels, software testing, mobile testing, clinical data management, media and e-commerce including Q Square Technologies, Marksman Technology, Direct Infotech Limited, Sirez Infosystems and AM Bio research and many others. AII, along with day to day mentoring, is also providing vir-

tual incubation to companies and training programs in Venture Capital, Certified Business Planner Course, Intellectual Training Program, Software Training Program, Skill Development Program and Technology Enterprise Development Program.

Prof. Vedachalan- Former Director, ISRO; Ms. Nafisa Ali- Social Activist; Prof. D V Singh and Dr. Ashok K Chauhan- Founder President, Amity Universe inaugurated the Incubator. During the occasion, website www.amity.edu/aai was launched by the distinguished guests. The distinguished guests for the occasion in-

Amity Innovation Incubator will offer a range of services to nourish entrepreneurial talent in India.

cluded Maj. Gen K J Singh, Vice Chancellor, Amity University; Prof. Raj Singh, Pro-VC, Amity University; foreign delegates from Russia, academicians and CEO's of the corporate world.

Inaugurating the prestigious and pioneering project under Amity, Prof. Vedachalan complimented Amity for starting this new concept, Amity Innovation Incubator which would brace the Indian companies and their entrepreneurs to compete globally. He expressed his hope that eventually Amity Innovation Incubator would flourish as a "centre of excellence."

Dr. Ashok K Chauhan- Founder President, Amity Universe promised that in next three years over 300 companies will be incubated under Amity Innovation Incubator and expressed that AII would foster entrepreneurial spirit amongst students, faculty and society at large and promote technology-based start-up companies in the region. ●

'UN'iversal recognition

Amity University in UN list



International Association of Universities of the United Nations has recognized Amity University

Amity University has added one more feather to its cap. International Association of Universities (IAU) of the United Nations has recognized Amity University and in-

cluded Amity University in the list maintained by it. The list can be seen at: <http://www.unesco.org/iau/onlinedatabases/list.html>

For viewing Amity University's name, please select India from the List of Universities of the world. This is just one more step towards the global recognition and standing of Amity University. ●

Back to the roots

Streamlining traditional knowledge



Founder President Dr Ashok K Chauhan with the dignitaries

Amity Institute for Herbal and Biotech Products Development (AIHBDP) in association with Ministry of Environment and Forests (Govt. of India) organised a three day conference on 'Stream Lining India's Traditional Knowledge towards Formulating a Sui Generis Regime' at Thiruvananthapuram. Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, Member, Rajya Sabha & Chairman of MSSRF, Chennai; P.K. Sreemathy, Minister for Health and Social Welfare, Govt. of Kerala; Dr. Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe and Dr. (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Schools inaugurated the

conference and shared their valuable insights with the august gathering.

Dr. (Mrs) Amita Chauhan released a book titled 'A Glimpse at Tribal India' edited by Prof. K. V Peter. Dr. Ashok K Chauhan presented the mementos to the dignitaries present. Speakers for the technical sessions were Darshan Shankar -Advisor of FRLHT, Bangalore (Foundation for Revival of Local Health Traditions); Dr. Indira Balachandran, Head of Medicinal Plant Research Centre, Aryavaidyashala, Kotakkal; Dr. Ram Boojh, UNESCO, New Delhi; Dr. A.K. Sharma, FRI, Dehra Dun and Tom Basar-Lecturer, Delhi University, LAW Centre. ●

Student exchange

ILPB members visit Amity University



Interaction with ILPB members

A team of International Laureate Programme for Business (ILPB), USA visited Amity School of Business. The team comprised of 16 Undergraduate students and two faculty members- Mr. John Cassidy, Faculty Advisor and Ms. Kelly McSween, Program Manager. The team was welcomed by Prof. Alka Munjal, Director, Amity School of Business and faculty members of ASB. The team was taken to the classrooms

where they were shown the pedagogy at Amity School of Business. They were also taken round the campus and were acclimatized with infrastructure such as library and canteen provided by ASB. John Cassidy, on behalf of his ILPB team, expressed his joy on visiting Amity School of Business which is providing cutting edge education and knowledge to its students making them globally competent. ●

Best foot forward

Amity initiates football league for rural India

The long cherished dream of rustic children of Haryana came true with Amity Football Development Center's Rural Football League - Sub Junior which kick started at Village Bahalba, Rohtak, Haryana on June 20, 2008. Total 8 teams from Haryana partook in the tournament including Bahudeen - Sirsa, Masoodpur - Hissar, Noona Majra - Jhajjar, Bahalba - Rohtak, which demonstrated exemplary sportsmanship and team spirit.

Amity Football Development Center, established under the aegis of Amity United Football Club, is a pioneering step towards promoting football at the

grass root level, tap the hidden talents and train them to take the game of football to its highest zenith.

The humungous crowd from neighboring villages comprising women folk, elderly people, children and men



Mr Aseem Chauhan presenting memento

gathered to cheer up the young participants who want to make big in this area. The faces of participants, who were under 12 years category, emanated remarkable courage and unflinching determination to make it the winners' title. The spectacular and exciting finals of the AFDC- RFC league were played on the grounds of Bahalba village between Bahalba team and Noona Majra team. Until half time the score was 1 goal in favour of Bahalba team. The winners title was bagged by Bahalba team by defeating Noona Majra team by 1-0 goal. On this occasion, Mr. Deepender Singh Hudda, MP Rohtak lauded the initiative of visionary and sports enthusiast, Mr. Aseem Chauhan, President, AUFC saying that this effort will revive the interest of people in the once-popular football. ●

'Apna sapna: money, money'

The verdict is out, loud and clear: money can buy anything

Sumit Soman

AIS Noida Alumni

The day human life originated on this planet, the concepts of giving and taking in monetary terms was abstract and unknown. As time evolved, the fundamental necessities of life changed and so did the means to procure them. The barter system was followed in ancient times by which man procured what he wanted by exchange of material goods with others. This system soon became antiquated and gave way to what is described as a revolutionary change in the annals of history - the invention of money. Money, in layman's terms can be described as rectangular pieces of paper or coins with certain denominations printed on them in vivid colors. However, the



Imaging : Pankaj Mallik

implications of this 'revolutionary change' transgress the limits of ultimate human intellect and philosophies of life and ethics.

In today's society, the fundamental rules regarding money - those having money in excess of their requirements to splurge and flaunt are rich and those who do not have money to buy food,

clothing and shelter are poor, deprived, needy and underprivileged. In fact, such words came into society and subsequently into dictionaries due to the invention of money only. Money is a malady to humanity.

At the outset, advantages and positive aspects of the invention of money are numerous and appealing to most of us. The old method of exchange of material goods was cumbersome, incompatible in some situations, unstandardized, irrational and obviously impractical. Surely, every commodity cannot be replaced by another one. The principle and quintessence of such a system are questionable for reasons which do not require reiteration. The use of money has brought about a renaissance and a revival of economies. Stop money from dictating your relationships. ●

The 'biryani' of life

Shed the mask, hear the voice of your soul

Amrita Kansal

B.Tech Electronics Amity Univ.

There are noises in the street. There are talks of victory and gains. But I'd rather hear the voice within me. And make everybody listen to it.

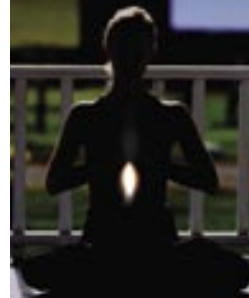
What is it that separates productive people from those who for whatever reason are unable to be all that they would like to be? It is an irony to be sure, but our comfort zones can actually bring about a great deal of discomfort when they keep us from accomplishing. Self talk is nothing more than thoughts, but thoughts have the powers to motivate or cripple us. Clinging to familiarity can keep us from accomplish-

ing things that are important to us.

One never gets a second chance to make a first impression. We communicate with each other to express our feelings and thoughts, find out others' views and opinions so as to build lasting relationships.

The word personality comes from the latin word 'persona' which means 'an actor's mask'. A genuine person will never put a false front as it will effect genuine communication. There is

nothing more exhilarating than the feeling of genuineness which comes by listening and feeling the presence of one's soul. This is known as the voice of your soul. It is important that you tune into your deepest intentions and inclinations, and then, relish the *biryani* of life. ●



Winners of caption contest

Ist: 'Houseful'

Akshara Rai, AIS East Delhi

IInd: 'Rise together, live together & die together'

Ruchismita Bhattacharjee, AIS Vasundhara

IIIRD: 'A majestic ride'

Priyanka Dilip, AIS Noida

Special prizes

'Supporting Lives'

Prateek Khullar, AIS East Delhi

'Enjoying the greens'

Ankush Jain, AIS Vasundhara

'Nature's way of saying peace'

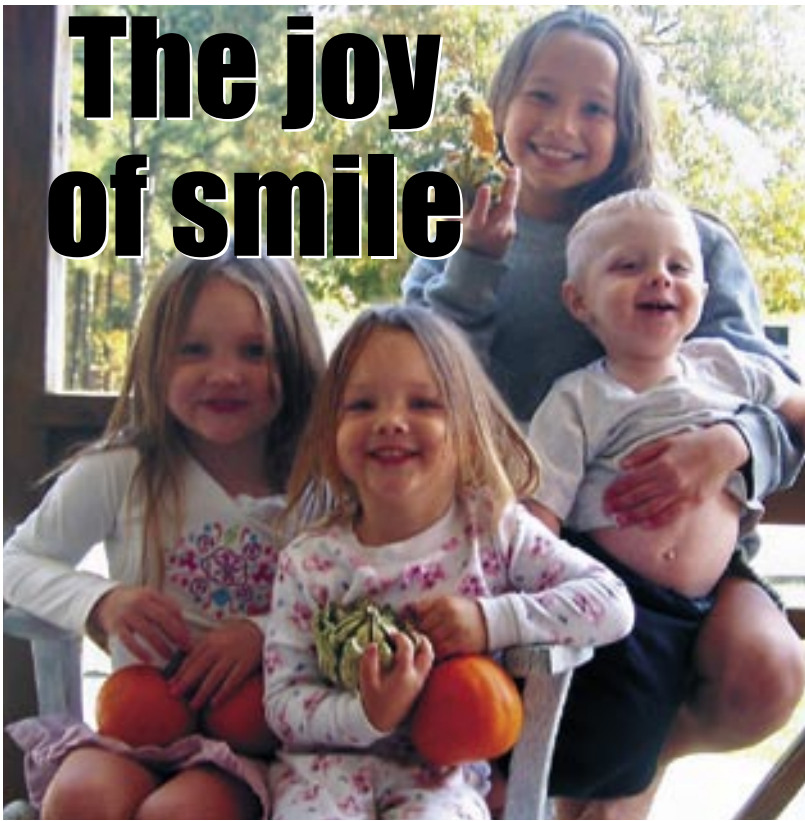
Poornima Kharbanda, AIS Saket

A smile is like a balm: it enlivens the atmosphere and generates positivity

Pranav Jain
AIS, Noida

We all have come across the phrase, "Smile; it improves your face value." It implores us to reconsider the immense value of stretching our cheeks sideways, which has become a rare catch in the present day, hectic and harried life. We have no time to smile at others, but nevertheless find time to laugh at others. It is said that face is the index of our mind and it reveals all the feelings and emotions hidden deep within us. A smile adds glow to our face and grace to our personality. To express anger, it is said, we strain more nerves than when we smile. A charming smile can do wonders. It brings people closer and puts them at ease.

A mere smile can communicate feelings of affection, appreciation and at times, even sympathy. They say "Laughter is the best medicine", maybe because it eases tension, helps release pent up feelings, and makes us forget our worries. A smile is like a balm; it enlivens the atmosphere and helps establish a good rapport with others. For a sales person a smile is an indispensable tool; s/he cannot do without it. Imagine going to a shop where sales girls have glum faces; will you want to buy anything from there? With a flash of smile and a little vivacity, one can spread exuberance all around. The most important benefit of a smiling face is enhanced relationships. A smiling countenance generates optimism, energy and a keen sense of belonging. ●

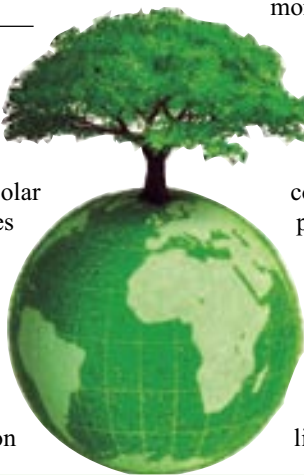


The joy of smile

Earth to go extinct due to global warming

Sachit Tandon
AIS, East Delhi

Have you ever imagined that how can a 0 to 1 degree celsius increase in climatic conditions can harm the Earth? It can lead to melting of polar ice caps, floods, extinctions of species and what not. All this happens due to global warming. We don't realize, but our over usage of resources and exploitation of nature can lead to Earth's end. Global warming is caused due to the excessive presence of greenhouse gases like carbon di-oxide, carbon



mono oxide, etc. in the atmosphere. These are released as the fumes from exhausts, vehicles, factories and combustion of fossil fuels. Right now, we are not considering it an important issue. But it must be observed as a global threat and concern, because we know of no other planet that supports life, but Earth. Due to our carelessness, a yearly increase of one degree Celsius in the Earth's temperature has been recorded by surveys and is expected to increase more rapidly over the years. The onus of preserving our earth from an early nemesis lies on our shoulders. ●

Friendship day messages

"Life is to be fortified by many friendships. To love and to be loved is the greatest of all hapiness."

Sydney Smith



How many times have you wanted to express your feelings for your dear friend but have been saving it for a special occasion? Friendship day is round the corner. Why not use our 'Friendz Only' corner to say all that you always wanted to? If you want to express your appreciation for your friends, send in your friendship bytes along with your name and that of your friends' to tbanerji@amity.edu.

The best message stands to win a special prize!

A psalm of life

Chirag Vijay, III D,
AIS Sec. 43 Gurgaon



Feel me not in mournful numbers,
Life is but an empty dream!
For the soul is dead that slumbers,
And things are not what they seem.
Life is real! Life is earnest!
And the grave is not its goal;
Dust thou are, to dust returnest,
Was not spoken of the soul.

Not enjoyment, and nor sorrow,
Is our destined end or way;
But to act, that each tomorrow

Finds us farther than to-day

In the world's broad field of battle,
In the havoc of life,
Be not like dumb, driven cattle!
Be a hero in the strife.

Trust no future, howe'er pleasant!
Let the dead post bury its dead!
Act, act in the luring present!
Heart within, and God o'erhead!

Lures of great men all remind us,
We can make our lives sublime,
And deporting have behind us.
Footprints on the sands of time.

Footprints, that perhaps another
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother
Seeing, shall take heart again,

Lets us, then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate,
Still achieving, still persuing,
Learn to labour and to wait.



Anvi Shandilya, Nursery
D, AIS Vasundhara;
won Silver medal in
competition organised by
LB Shastri Training
Institute

Books

Abhijay Verma, II D, AIS Sec 43, Gurgaon

Books, I feel, are my friends
They introduce me to the latest trends
With them I fly to my dream land
And make beautiful castles in the sand
So many friends, they have brought for me
Cinderella, Rapunzel, Aladdin and Bruce Lee!

Nurture Kiddies Korner

Dilemma

Aryaman Punj, III-C, AIS Sec 43, Gurgaon

I am now in my class new
It feels so good, but my friends here are few
My new teachers follow latest trends,
But the old ones were more than friends
I'm very happy, but little sad
The thought of the year gone by makes me feel bad,
But my teacher says, with time I'll feel nice
I know they are right, teachers are always wise.



Gurnoor Kaur, IV B, AIS Sec-43, Gur

Shreyshi, II A, AIS Sec 43, Gurgaon



Nikita Ranjan, V A, AIS Sec-43, Gurgaon



The wind

Manvi Jain, III-C
AIS Gurgaon, Sec -43

I saw you toss the kites up high,
And the birds blow about the sky.
And all around I heard you pass,
Just as the adder skirts across the grass.
Oh wind, blowing all day long,
Oh wind, that sings so loud a song.
I saw the different things you did,
But you yourself then hid.
I felt you push, I heard you call,
But I could not see yourself at all.
Oh that you are so strong and cold,
Oh blower, are you young or old,
Or just a stronger child than me?



Lights, camera, sound!



Ojaswani (r)
& Arush Dua;
A still from Doraemon

The most lazy and useless but a little funny character in the cartoon DORAEMON is dubbed by a very talented, phenomenal teenager of AIS East Delhi, Ojaswini Gul. Arush Dua of AIS East Delhi finds out what makes her tick.

Tell us a little about your work.

I have been dubbing from the last two seasons. It is good exposure, though I am more interested in videos.

How did you come into this field?

Actually initially, I got into serials. I was very young at that time (about 9-10 years). I stopped working for some years and then one day suddenly, I got a call from UTV asking me to come for an audition for Doraemon. It may sound very dramatic, but it's true!

How do you find dubbing?

It's just a simple hobby. It's not interesting as compared to other activities. It's becoming more of a work now.



Is dubbing easy?

It's tough. Repeating all the dialogues several times is really hard. One needs to concentrate to be able to match the cartoon's movements and getting the accurate voice modulation as per the cartoon's emotions. Sometimes, one has to record everything all over again to correct a minor mistake.

How do you manage your academics with so much work?

It's really tough to cope with both. I don't know how I am surviving! A little time management and self-discipline does the trick. I usually come

back home by 8 at night and stay up till 1 am to complete my home work.

Do you get tonsils by shouting half the day?

(Giggles) Not now, but in the beginning, I did get tonsils after my third recording. But now I am used to it.

How do you prepare yourself?

I take some special medicines for the role. As I have to shout a lot, I have to gargle everyday.

Tell us something about you family.

My mom, my dad and little sister complete my family. My mom is from this field only, so I get some extra facilities.

What projects are you looking forward to?

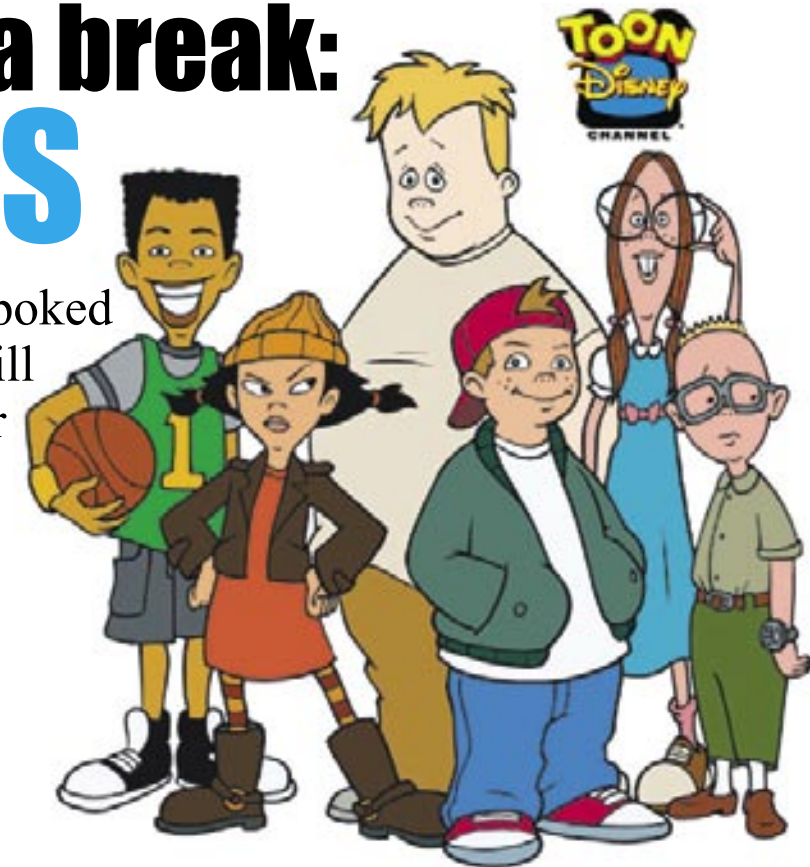
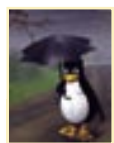
As television excites me, I have given auditions for 9X and Sony for acting in soaps. I'd like to take up advertisements, some of which I've done earlier as well. I'm also planning to publish a book of my poems soon. ●

Time for a break: RECESS

Bullied by friends, poked by peers? Recess will help you relive your growing up pangs

Jigyasa Chauhan & Srishti Luthra
AIS, Saket

Recess is Disney's popular animated series set in Third Street School. Among the elementary school faculty is the sleezy principal - Prickly, the tough playground guard-Finster and the nice fourth grade teacher-Ms Grotkey. The six main cast members are TJ -the fearless leader of the group, Spinelli -the bully with a heart of gold, Vince- the sports jockey, Gretchen -the science wiz and the smartest girl in school, Mickey- the poetic drama king and Gus -the wimp with a military family. Then there are plenty of other kids like spy Randall, the four Ashley snobs, the diggers and King Bob. Everyday, the group hangs out at



recess dealing with different problems they must work together to overcome. The creators Paul and Joe have approached these situations with a humorous and warm-hearted approach. The life and times of the characters is something all school going kids can identify with. The values and principles expressed by the cartoon works as a great learning tool.

Recess promises to open the doors of communication between kids and parents on shared experiences, help knowing and valuing true friendship, and simply enjoy being a kid. As for adults, it provides hilarious scenes and characters that remind them of the memories of elementary school. It is the best example of the dictum, 'It takes all kinds to make the world.' ●

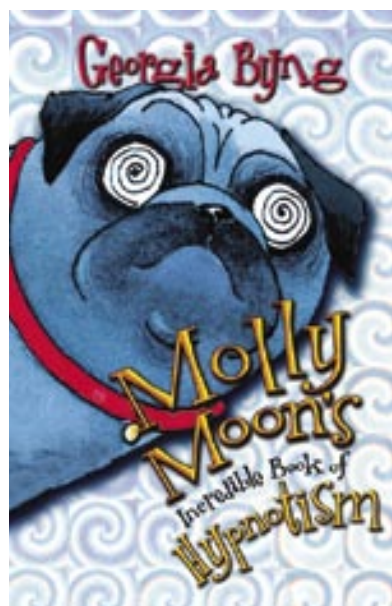
Hypnotic world of Molly Moon

Kaveri Anna Modayil
AIS, Pushp Vihar



Author:
Georgia Byng

Books are a storehouse of knowledge. It's not necessary to read novels like 'Hamlet' or 'Othello' to gain knowledge and increase your vocabulary skills. It's more important to have fun while you are reading a particular book than to rather force your eyes to read a page. I have experienced the joy of reading while going through 'Molly Moon's Incredible Book of Hypnotism' by Georgia Byng. Molly Moon is an orphan living at the Hardwick House orphanage in Briesville. Being scolded by Miss Adderstone, the headmistress, ticked off by Miss Toadly and bullied by Hazel and her gang, Molly thinks life couldn't be worse. Her tale takes an amazing twist when she finds a book on



hypnotism. Molly hypnotizes Petula, the pug, Edna, the orphanage cook, Miss Adderstone and Miss Toadly. She wins the talent competition and takes a flight to New York. She zooms her way to the top of the film industry after starring in the Broadway show 'Stars on Mars'. Her contentment is shattered when Nockman, a professional crook comes to know about her talent. Will Molly become a crook's accomplice or go on to fight against odds? Read the book to find out! ●

15 seconds of fame

When the spotlight goes off, the world turns dark

Ishita & Anwesha
AIS, East Delhi

There are countless reality shows being aired all over the country at present. Be it 'Chote Ustaad' or 'Little Champs', these shows lure kids from all nooks and corners of the country for their fifteen seconds of fame. Once they get selected for even one of the shows, they think their lives are made. But what these kids do not know is that they will be crushed under the pressure to perform. They go on to become professional performers and are robbed of their childhood. And when they are eliminated and the spot-



light suddenly goes off, it hits them like a bolt from the blue. It is then that they realize that there is no elevator to success and that the road to success is full of curves and loops. But it's too late by then. Sometimes, the depression is too much to handle. So, let's not be swept off our feet in search of fame and quick bucks but remain ourselves, that is, bubbly and playful kids. ●

Chinese whispers

Silly playground games bring great pleasure to kids

Lavanya Thakur &
Surbhi Aggarwal, AIS Vasundhara

Have you ever imagined life without playground games? Though they do not make any sense, they bring immense pleasure to tiny tots. These evening games are a major source of physical activity as well as entertainment.

Blind man's bluff: It is played in a large area. One player is designated as 'IT' who gropes around and tags others out of the game. The first person to be tagged becomes the next 'IT'.

Chinese whispers: Many players line up in such a way that they can whisper to their immediate neighbours but are not heard by anyone else. The player at the beginning of the line whispers a phrase to his neighbour. This is repeated till it reaches the person at the end of the line. The player at the end of the line calls out the phrase. If the



game has been successful, the final message will bear little or no resemblance to the original one!

Hide & seek: A tag game in which one or more players search for the others.

Dodgeball: It is a game taught in elementary and middle schools all over the world where players of the first team avoid being hit by a ball thrown by players of the other team.

Hopskotch; red light, green light; doctor, and so many others; how dull life would be without such silly games! ●