

Status of the week
Me: How the heck do you do P-Block?
Anantika Jain: Learn the equations, write them, they should be on your fingertips...
Me: My fingertips aren't big enough!
Aditya Batra, XII, AIS Saket
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The best way to make kids realize their mistake is:
1. Punish
2. Counsel
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The lady with a dream: Mrs Louis Khurshid

I Dream of Ice Cream!

Ice creams transport you to another world where you forget everything else and the feeling that lingers is of sheer bliss. Dip into summer freshness with this frozen delicacy...

Tulika Banerji, GT Network

Cones... sticks... cups... bricks ... what do they have in common? Ice creams! This sweet melt-in-your-mouth dessert that has everyone go week in the knees has the whole month of July dedicated to it, the third Sunday of July being National Ice Cream Day. All the more reason for you to dig into your favourite flavour...

Cool Off: Think summer, think ice cream. What better way to cool off on a perspiring day than sink into a scoop of icy creaminess? **Ruchismita Bhattacharya, XII, AIS Vasundhra-6** shares, “It is so hot these days that whatever money we have, we pool it to buy ice creams. Due to limited pocket money, we usually buy one cone and its quite funny how it keeps circulating among 4-5 of us!”

Flavour Favour: From teeth bitinglly cool lic-lollies to luscious sundaes, from one-bite scoops to lavish avalanches...there are loads of options to suit your mood. **Anwesh Padhy, X, AIS Mayur Vihar** is high on chocolate, “Chocolate flavour from Baskin Robbins is my choice any day. I’d also like to try out the low fat versions from Gelato.” **Kaveri, X B, AIS Pushp Vihar** is another chocolate freak, “I love Belgian Chocolate at Giannis and Mint Chocolate at Nirulas.” “I love making my own ice cream sundaes with biscuits, nuts and cake slices as toppings!” cooes **Aditi Banerji, III A, AIS Noida**.

Crazy ’bout it: Ice creams

transport you to another world where you forget everything else and the feeling that lingers is one of sheer bliss. “When I was 7, I hid an ice cream brick in my drawer to have it at leisure. All hell broke loose when my sister discovered something dripping from the drawer!” laughs **Kavya**



Sharma, X H, AIS Noida. Abhinav Moona, AIS Noida reminisces, “On my friend’s birthday, I sloshed ice cream over his face instead of cake!” Anwesh Padhy shares a similar experience, “On my last birthday, we had an ice cream fight; it got really messy but it was so much fun!” Kaveri quips, “Whenever I’m down and out, I just head to my freezer which is stuffed with choco-chip flavour. And I feel

ok after a while!”

Freezing fit: There’s good news for weight watchers and fitness enthusiasts. With milk as the main ingredient, ice creams are high on health quotient. Dr Pallavi Vaish, Dietician at Kailash Hospital & Heart Institute, Noida avers, “Ice creams are good especially for kids who don’t like milk. As far as calories are concerned, kids

burn them out anyway by running around so much. And if the ice cream is home made, nothing better. One can make almond ice cream at home or freeze mango shakes into cubes, make ice lollies out of frozen *nimbu paani* or Rooh Afzah.” Recent studies reveal that calcium-rich dairy foods help slow down or stop those lost kilos from piling up. Another thumbs up to gorge on your favourite frozen treat. 🇧🇩

Icy Cool

Must know
The largest ice cream cone featured in Guinness Book of Records measuring 2.81 m was made in Italy on January 22, 2011.

Must Try
Nirula’s Death By Chocolate, a delightful medley of Belgian ice cream. For the calorie conscious, Amul Prolife sugar free Probiotic wellness dessert.

Must visit
Nirula’s Ice Cream Museum at Sector 12, Noida

Taking the road less traveled

Journalist, social activist and now a politician, Mrs Louise Khurshid believes in making a difference

Pranay Chhibber & Sonali Lakhotia
ASCO

Robert Frost said, “Two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.” Here’s to a lady who knows how to make a difference. She has a dream and she will see to it that she fulfills it. From a journalist, to a social activist and now a politician, Mrs. Louise Khurshid is an inspiration for all those who believe in making a difference. Excerpts from an exclusive interview...

Tell us about your career as a journalist?



Sonali



Pranay

I started in 1980 with Deccan Herald but within six months I was the stringer for a paper called Sunday. I have worked for twenty years as a journalist, especially as a political reporter.

How do you think the journalistic scenario has changed over the years?

Things were different when I was a journalist. I remember we had to struggle a lot to get a byline. These days the bylines are bigger than the headlines. I am sorry to say, but as journalists we were a little old fashioned. In my time, an average journalist was protected by his editors, but these days editors have turned into businessmen and there is nobody to protect the average journalists anymore which is why there are a lot of compromises now. I think I quit journalism at the right time.

Any suggestions to the budding journalists?

Keep your mind open and don’t have preconceptions. In case you report a controversial story, give people the benefit of doubt. Don’t print anything without knowing the other side because if a person’s reputation is gone, it cannot be retraced.

From journalism, you moved on to politics. Was it your husband’s influence?

Of course. Initially, I had no intentions to become a politician. I met my husband (Salman Khurshid) in 1973. We were both students. I called off the relationship because he wanted to join politics. It’s just that the joke was on me as I later became a political journalist. Eventually, I realised politics is just an extension of development work.

What is the picture like from the other side?

Both I and my husband are not conventional politicians. We both do development work all through the year. There is no earthly reason. I knew I had to do something. Maybe not ‘morchas’ but something that will help change the scenario. So, here I am!

Your speech was inspired by Martin Luther King’s speech- ‘I have a dream’.

JFK as well as Marthin Luther King have been a great inspiration for many. As they say, it’s all about what you do for your country. I also make the same speech that I have a dream that things will change but they can only change if you and I work together. 🇧🇩

As a child I used to suffer from frequent bouts of influenza; I used to look the other way when my mother and sister enjoyed an ice cream.

Anuvrat Parashar, ASET



Clarion call to put an end to sex surgeries

Smita Jain, GT Network

The unprecedented news that scores of girl child are being converted into boys in Indore- at an age where they cannot give their consent for this life changing operation has sent shock waves through out the country. The surgery, known as genitoplasty is done on the pretext that these children have internal organs that do not match their external genitalia. If done exclusively for corrective purposes, it stands some respite. As Dr CP Khandelwal was quoted in Hindustan Times, "This (corrective) surgery at least gives these kids a chance to live a respectable life." Though, "emasculatation" or "castration" is considered illegal under Section 320 of the IPC and invites a jail term of seven years or a fine under section 325 of the IPC, there are no specific medical guidelines for sex reassignment surgery. Apart from a strong legislation the Indian society needs to get over its fetish for male child. Don't you think such medical procedures which perpetuate the preference for boys and biases against the girl child amount to child rights violation? The Global Times spoke to some people about this grave issue:

"It is shocking to know that children as young as one or two year old are made to undergo these grievous

surgeries. What is equally disgusting is that parents know fully well that the 'converted' male would be infertile and still they make their children undergo these life changing surgeries. This act is unpardonable. The Indian Constitution guarantees freedom and liberty for members of both the sexes to co exist. If we do not put an end to this practice it will difficult for the government to maintain the sex ratio thus putting the future of an entire civilization at stake."

Arjun Khanaa,
Amity Institute of Biotechnology

"Such practices are not acceptable in any civilized society. Although there are enough legal provisions to deal with such practices, if the need be we should not shy away from framing new legislations to tackle the problem



Graphic: Ravinder Gusain



before it assumes mammoth proportion. There should be a strict procedure for video filming surgeries and giving proper justification for conducting them. It will make the whole

procedure transparent, doctors more accountable and decrease cases of medical negligence. 🇮🇳

Maj. Gen Nilendra Kumar,
Director, Amity Law School

Politicians: Limelight hoggers or media savvy?

Prashant Kumar, ASET

The systemic rot which has set in the Indian politics has left the common Indian seething with anger. And more so if scam tainted politicians continue to voice their self righteous anger on the current state of affairs and parade their half baked knowledge during television debates. Their comments instead of acting as a soothing balm and defusing the mounting anger leave the blood boiling. This blog highlights the resentment that is brewing against the insensitive state machinery.

As a student I have been to so many debates in my life, initially as an audience and later as a participant. However, seeing the mighty politicians debating and deliberating I feel like getting "chullu bhar paani" for them to drown their big egos in it, instead of opening their big mouth which literally stinks. Participation in debate requires brushing up of facts, logic, intellect, facts, precision, irony, humour and language... But our *mahaan rashtriya netas* haven't brushed their teeth ever since they got their respective 'kursi'... Their 'Kursi prem' is kinda "pehla nasha, pehla khumar" but uss "raat ka nashaa abhi" has not come to an end... Listening to political debates on NEWS CHANNELS where these politicians come unprepared to talk – I am still discovering "what" exactly it is if not "crap"... I feel pity for all those TV anchors and

news correspondents who have to bear with these politicians..... More than listening to their blabber I spend time reading the anchor's facial expressions which suggests that "Come on Indians- why do you vote for such people..."

"I would start with our respected PM Dr: 'Maun'mohan Singh (the silent Mohan). In short if I place before you small statistics- It will be as bad as (Oh! I don't really have a comparison).... 7

never answers a direct question... *talent hai bhai*. Let's get back to relatively less dumb talking-rocking- mocking stars of Indian politics.....

Our so called representatives are always in stress in front of press..... They never give an answer to a question but backfire with question They never defend an allegation but offend their opponent with yet another allegation..... The simplest art of formal communica-



years of ruling and four press conferences only..... Considering the record break corruption, it is high time that the respected PM answers.

Not all politicians get an opportunity to show how dumb they are on TV... for example the Chief Minister of Crime Pradesh who has her statues put up everywhere is never found without a paper- her oratory skills are limited to the content written on a sheet of paper- she never looks up while speaking and

tion skills where one person talks at a time is also not known to them. *Char neta come in a car to talk about bhras-tachar, atyachar* and end up in a non conclusive war. ... The only thing they don't do is *mardhaar* the art which they mastered during parliamentary debate by throwing chairs and mikes.

If these politicians are to be ever judged internationally by eminent panelists they will surely disqualify. 🇮🇳

Blog: <http://pacificimagineering.blogspot.com>

Newsreels



Sport stars: Novak Djokovic, nicknamed 'joker' for his impersonations of other players, beat Rafael Nadal to clinch his first Wimbledon men's title. Meanwhile, Petra Kvitova of Czech-slovakia defeated Russia's Maria Sharapova to win her first grand slam.

Temple of Boom: The stock taking by a panel of experts at the Sree Padmanabha Swamy temple has catapulted the shrine to country's richest, with reports claiming that the value of recoveries may have touched close to Rs 1 lakh



crore, more than Kerala public debt of Rs 70,969 crore.

Lokpal debate: India is set to get a tough anti-corruption Lokpal by the end of the year. Faced with a deep crisis of credibility, the political class

came together on July 3 to pledge a "strong and effective" Lokpal bill in the monsoon session beginning August 1.

Tau to set calculations right: The humble "pi" may have had its day. Mathematicians are campaigning for the most important number in the world to be replaced with alternate value "tau". They are claiming that the number — the constant which references the circumference of a circle to its diameter — is wrong and it should be replaced with tau, the 'Daily Mail' reported.



The mathematicians have said that while 3.14159265, the number's value, is not incorrect, it is the wrong figure to be associated with the properties of a circle as a matter of course. Tau has a value twice that of pi of 6.28.

Home-grown 'jugaad' set for patent cover: India's spirit of 'jugaad' is finally headed for legal backing. Innovators, who have been dismissed as copycats or blamed for piracy, will soon get intellectual property rights at par with patents, with the industry department planning a bill. 🇮🇳



Their are no ice creams in heaven, I am not going!!
Shreya Jain, AIEBC

Careers in LAW

Model: Shreya Saxena, AIEBC;
Pic: Ravinder Gusain

Bhawna Tuteja, GT Network

L.A.W. – Lost At Work could be perhaps the most apt way of defining one of the hottest careers in the contemporary scene. Considering the hard work, patience and struggle that the career calls for, being lost at work seems only obvious. The world of law is not just about sharp shooting arguments (as the outsiders perceive it) but about diverse career choices too. Here is taking a look at some hot options that a law student has enroute campus to office.

CORPORATE LAW: Also known as the more glamorized side of the profession, corporate law could be a dream-come-true for many law students.

What it is? If you land up in the world of corporate law, your job responsibilities could include drafting documents, negotiating on behalf of the company, tracking mergers and acquisitions amidst several others.

The Good: The ‘glamour’ quotient associated with this job is evident from the fact that many professionals involved in corporate law do not even get to see the sight of real life courts. The perks associated with the profession are heavier pay cheques, comfortable work environment and easy progress.

The bad: After few years one may get irked by saturation. The work may also get monotonous few years down the line.

The bottomline: It offers you all the perks of being in the field, though mental stimulation may have to be compromised on.

LITIGATION: The most challenging and perhaps one of the most gratifying routes a law student can take.

What it is? For those who wish to opt for indi-

vidual practice, litigation is the way to go. Of course, there are litigation firms too that can take you aboard. Whether you want to be a criminal or a civil lawyer, the choice is yours.

The good: Spread across diverse genres, this one gives the scope to experiment. After few years you could work as a public prosecutor or consultant fetching huge sums of money.

The bad: Be prepared to work hard before you make it somewhere. And the sad part – initially, you could be earning nothing.

The bottomline: If you are prepared to struggle, you have a long way to go. For aspiring husbands/wives this may not be the best bet.

JUDICIAL SERVICES: Affinity for government-related jobs? Judicial services are the way to go.

What it is? You could be filling in as a judge, public prosecutor or positions in the Ministry of Law and Justice.

The good: A law career that sticks to the conventional meaning of ‘being well settled’. It not just earns you money but also the kind of respect that many aspire for. Clear the judicial exams and you could be on your way to fill in these positions.

The bad: Nothing really bad about this one, if you do not mind being cast in a set frame.

The bottomline: Earn well, command respect and enjoy a settled life.

Legal Process Outsourcing (LPO): More money, less creative satisfaction...this is how most law professionals describe the field. But, there is a silver lining to the cloud too.

What it is? Legal services abroad are expensive. Steps in – outsourcing! Legal experts abroad ideate and leave the rest such as drafting, documentation and the like at the disposal of LPO experts.

The good: The industry is flourishing, so you have chances to grow.

The bad: The work could be boring. So, be prepared to witness the evaporation of your creative juices. Also, your chances to switch career diminishes.

The bottomline: If being an advocate is not your thing, then LPO could be the absolute choice for you.

With Inputs from Kanika Bhutani, Legal Associate, R. K. Dewan & Co.

OTHER CHOICES YOU HAVE

Apart from the aforementioned hot picks, you may also explore...

Academics – Join the faculty of any law school and you could be imparting what you have learnt.

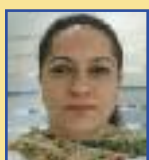
Corporate jobs – With MNC culture at its pinnacle, companies have sprung up with their own legal departments.

Consultancy – This one puts you in an advisory position and fetches huge sums of money. It also requires several years of experience.



What is the best way to find out world's leading institutions in design technology and how should a child prepare to get into them?

Gauri Nair, IX, AIS Gur-46



Taruna Barthwal
ACCGC
Career Counselling
Coordinator

I appreciate your concern, as it's not easy to make a choice among much options. However, one must keep certain points in mind while choosing an institution:

- Credentials of the institution
 - Recognition / Accreditation of the Degree Program
 - Infrastructure & facilities available
 - Software & Technology available
 - Experienced Faculty
 - Internships & placement record
- After short listing the institutions, find out the details and start preparation for the application process. [G.T](#)
Send in your career related queries at careercounselor@amity.edu

Teachers@kewlquotient.com

Labanya Maitra, XII, AIS Saket

So you wish to be a cool teacher? Well, it's not really that difficult. All you need to do is acquaint yourself with the student Bible of what's cool and what's not. Here is unveiling a few popular ‘myths’ that some teachers believe and ‘facts’ that contradict them.

Teacher: Class, why do birds fly south in the winter?

Child: Since it gets very cold in the north, Ma'am.

Teacher: No. Anyone else? No one? Because it's too far to walk! Hahaha!

Child: Most teachers think that cracking such silly jokes in class is cool.

But is it really? Have a look at some popular examples:

Myth #1: Cracking poor jokes in the class makes them look “cool”.

Fact: No one except for the teacher's pets laughs at these jokes and they really aren't that funny.

Myth #2: Asking questions to those who have not raised their hands makes them look as if they care.

Fact: Asking questions to those who have not raised their hands simply infuriates both, those who have and those who haven't.

Myth #3: Using technical terms makes them

look smart.

Fact: We know you're smart; you know everything, after all you are a TEACHER. Using terms that we will not be able to understand does not help.

Myth #4: Picking on the same child again and again entertains the class.

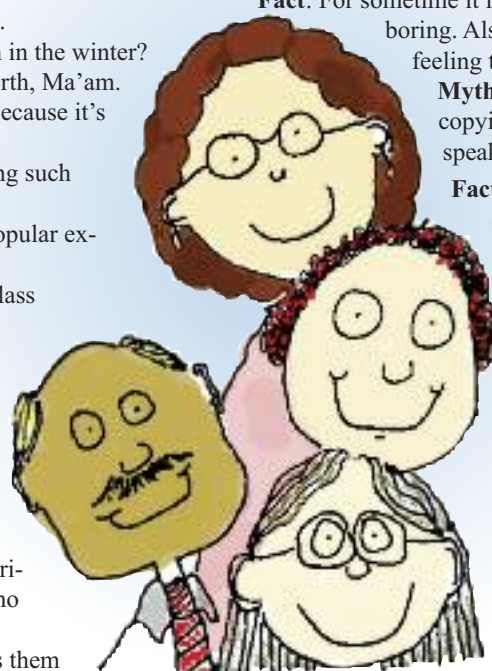
Fact: For sometime it is entertaining, but after a while it gets boring. Also, the poor child develops a sour feeling towards the teacher.

Myth #5: Speaking in a false accent or copying the way the younger generation speaks is the ‘in’ thing.

Fact: Students actually respect their teachers much more if the teachers are themselves.

This doesn't apply to all teachers though. Some teachers are aware of how their statements will affect the students and how they will react. Such teachers don't even have to try to impress the students; their presence alone is enough to do the trick. And these teachers are the ones who are more than educators and end up being a friend for their students.

Bust the myths and adapt to the facts and you will become the student's favourite-KEWL teacher. [G.T](#)



Amity Institute of Competitive Examination

Presents

Brainleaks-11

FOR CLASS XI-XII

1. Coir is obtained from which part of coconut?

- (a) Epicarp
- (b) Mesocarp
- (c) Endocarp
- (d) Seed

Last Date:
August 3, 2011

3 correct entries win attractive prizes

Name:.....

Class:

School:.....

Correct Answer for Brainleaks 09

(a) Magnitude=0.35mv³/g along negative z-axis

Winner: Ankita Vashisht, XI D
AIS Saket

Send your answer at The Global Times, AKC House, E-27, Defence Colony, New Delhi - 24 or e-mail your answer at amityglobaltimes@gmail.com



Save the earth, it's the only planet with ice creams!
Shwetank Bhatt, AIESR

The unsung STARS of Amity

Lush green gardens, clean premises, prim and proper classrooms...all of this put together makes Amity University campus no less than the set of a Bollywood dream sequence. This dream set has taken the shape of reality because of innumerable hands, that work off screen. **Shreya Saxena, Shefali & Srinjoy Ghosh, AIESR** draw the curtains and bring to you the off-screen stars.

Amitywood Heroes

Upendra Baitha
(a.k.a. 'Upenderrrrrr')
Working as an office staff. Six years of dedicated service and the journey still continues.
Straight from his heart:

"Timings bahut convenient hain aur salary bhi achi hai yahan. Aur isse zyada kya chahiye?"

Sanjay (a.k.a. 'Sanju bhaiya')
Serving as a cleaning staff since five years. Five years! Half a decade ! Simply incredible spirit and still contributing to the 'shine' of Amity. *Bole toh chakachak!*
Soulful declaration from his side:

"Yahan ke log bahaut acche hain isliye humein yahan kaam karma pasand hai."

Rajbeer (a.k.a. 'Uncle ji')
Contributing to the hygiene of Amity since last five years. He aspires to serve lifelong to the 'cleanliness' of our own second home.
Satisfaction clearly etched on his face:

"Sab kuch accha hai. Zindgi kat jayegi yahan aram se." (All is well !)

Rajiv (a.k.a. Chotu bhaiya)
Responsible for administrative concerns. Half a dozen years of unfathomable sincerity and dedication towards his duties.

"Jitna hai usse kaam chal jaata hai, agar aur hoga toh sone pe suhaga."

Rakesh (a.k.a. Bhaaaaaiya)
This middle aged man takes care of most of the nitty-gritties of office management in his respective department. Seventy-two months of smiling, no objection ruthless service.
"Main yahan bahaut khush hoon, sab kuch avval darze ka hai aur Chauhan sir toh hamare bhagwaan hain."

Rahul (a.k.a. 'Rah-oooooll')
An office attendant in one of the departments. Not even a year... just around ten months of un-wavered service.
Short term experience. Long term association.

"Humein toh sab badiya hi lagta hai, bas sab kuch aise hi chalta rahe."



From Left to right: Upendra Kumar Baitha, Rajbeer, Rahul, Rakesh, Sanjay, Rajiv

Amitywood Heroines

Poonam
Chauka maar ke! Four years of highly 'entertaining' work.
Works as a housekeeping staff in the Amity Clinic.

"A.C. ki thandak mein hamara pooru din sukoon se guzarta hai, ek aur fayda hai mujhe naye-naye logon se milne ka mauka milta hai."

Ravita (a.k.a. 'Aunty')
Working as a housekeeping staff for over eight years.

"Maine Amity school me bhi kaam kiya hai aur mujhe donon jagah ke bachhe bahut ache lagte hain."

Rekha (a.k.a. Rekha rani)
Working for nine years as a housekeeping staff.

"Mujhe yahan ki sab cheese pasand hain. Main apne kaam se santusht hoon."

Bala (a.k.a. Semi thin folks!)
Working for six years without hassles. An avid cleaner with a broomstick longer than her.

"Mere parivaar ko do waqt ka khaana thik se mil jata hai aur yahn ka mahaul bahut acha hai."

Saroj (a.k.a. 'Saroj Aunty')
Raring to go into double figures. She's been working for nine years, as a chemistry lab assistant.


"Ek parivaar ke jaise sab log rehte hain, sab hamari izzat karte hain, teacher se lekar bachon tak."

Sunita (a.k.a 'Sunita Aunty')
High fiver!! Working here for 5 years and still very keen to keep Amity clean.

"Timing yahan ka bahaut accha hai, isi kaaran ghar pe bhi dhyaan acche se de paatein hain."

Babita (a.k.a. 'Didi')
Working at Amity Innovation Incubator as cleanliness staff for nine years.

"Yahan ki buildings aur log bahut ache hain."



From Left to right: Poonam, Ravita, Rekha, Sunita, Babita & Saroj



Small movie with a big heart

Vansh Narang, IX-C, AIS Gur-46

If you are game for some simple, unadulterated, innocent fun with friends, Chillar Party should be your pick. Chillar Party is a small movie with a big heart. It is a low budget comedy directed by Vikas Bhal and Nitesh Tiwari with a meaningful message on friendship. Chillar Party is a simple story about a couple of middle class families, their children and a politician. The movie revolves around a gang of kids with unusual names given by so-

ciety mates such as Encyclopedia, Silencer, Panouti etc and a child car washer called Fatka and his pet dog Bidu. As the movie proceeds, all the kids become great friends with Fatka and Bidu. After the first half, the movie takes a serious turn as the politician passes a new law against street dogs targeting Bidu. To save their dear friend Bidu, the gang of kids takes up cudgels against the politician. As per the law, the children have to get signatures of

more than 50% of society members to get the No Objection Certificate for Bidu within thirty days. Only that would allow him to stay in the society. The growing palpitation, a face off on live TV, run for the precious signatures....the movie has enough to keep you hooked. Does the Chillar Party manage to get the required signatures? Do the society people support them whole heartedly? Or do the kids end up making enemies in the process? Go watch the movie to find out for yourselves. Surely a one-time-watch and 'paisa vasul' movie.

MOVIE REVIEW

URBAN
DICTIONARY

No hangear. No hanging around. Avoid hangears during classes, else the punishment dose will have hangover effects.

Hiso. High society. The popular up coming slang: Is that chap a Hiso or LS?

I miss having ice cream with my friends on a cold night at Shimla. The sheer act of smearing ice cream on each other's faces was such fun.
Aman, MJMC, ASCO



Nipped in the bud





Dr. Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

The news that hundreds of girls are being converted into boys in gender-bending factories in Indore is really alarming. It clearly shows that despite the tremendous progress made in every sphere, the prejudice against the girl child still exists.

I can never imagine how a mother can allow the surgeon's knife to destroy the beautifully sculpted body of her priceless girl child. Knowing fully well that the girl will enjoy a much better life than a mutilated and infertile boy she wants to convert her into. It's ironic.

The mere thought of contemplating such an action sends shivers down my spine and makes me ponder when Indians will desert their obsession for a male child. With women breaking new grounds in every field, it is high time we stop weighing them in terms of money. Formulating new legislations to stop such abuses can prove vital. However, we can bring a drastic change in the society by empowering the girl child through education. This initiative can go a long way in curbing the menace of gender inequality, declining sex ratio and discriminatory treatment against women. The thought of giving a new lease of life to these downtrodden girls lead to inception of Amitasha- the school for underprivileged girl child. An educated girl child has the potential to break the vicious cycle of poverty, illiteracy and ignorance.

So let us all take a pledge to save the girl child and bring a radical change in our thinking. So let's protect her, she has a right to live too.  

Ice Cream Story



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

It's so amazing to learn that there is a day for almost everything that we love to share and celebrate. Above all, if it's an Ice Cream, the

joy has no bounds. Talk of National Ice Cream Day being celebrated on the third Sunday of every July and everyone has a story to share.

We all know that Ice Creams melt-down. The scientific explanation lies in the presence of partially coalesced fat structure. When the cold ice cream comes in contact with an ambient environment, two things happen, first it melts. This is followed by the melting of the fat-stabilized foam structure which is the partially coalesced fat structure formed by whipping the cream that causes the ice cream to collapse.

Now, do you know the 'Solid' property of the ice creams that does not melt? Well, it is the icy sweet quality that Binds relations and memories. When we spoke to our readers to share their experience of their favourite Ice Cream, almost everyone had a story to tell. Cutting across every age group – toddlers to grannies, Class – rich or poor, Occasion- celebration or toothache...there was an ice-cream for all occasions and moods. As for my favourite. it is always the orange lolly bought from the roadside ice cream vendor. The fondness to this particular lolly being linked with childhood memories. I tried introducing this lolly as a sweet dish during one of our family dinners and it was an instant hit. The party gained momentum with everyone reminiscing their old days.

Try it at your place the next time and let the secret stories spill.  

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Battling Autism

As autism continues to affect hordes of people across the globe, this is an attempt to inform readers about the disease and available cure

Monika Kumar & Smriti Karan
BA (H) III, Applied Psychology

It is startling to know that autism affects one in 150 people across the globe. This fastest growing disability has affected nearly 1.7 million people in India alone. However, a large number of cases go undetected due to lack of diagnosis.

What autism means

People with autistic disorder typically show an unusual pattern of social and cognitive development from childhood itself, with marked differences in social interaction. Autism originally was considered to be extremely rare, recent epidemiological studies indicate that there has been a marked rise in the cases. Whether this increase is a result of an increased awareness about the disorder or whether it represents a real increase is still unknown. Autistic disorder does not affect men and women equally. The rate is four or five times higher in boys.

Characteristics of Autism

Children with autism show impaired social behaviour, communication and activities. People with autism generally show lack of awareness towards existence or feelings of others. They don't like to be held, avoid eye contact, prefer to play alone and have poor understanding of social conditions.

Diagnosis or Tests for Autism

There are no lab tests or X-Ray required to confirm autism. The diagnosis of autism depends on clinical judgment of the individual's behaviour. However, the information provided by the family members



proves vital in its diagnosis. The pediatrician may however, order tests to rule out other conditions that might be confused with autism. Some extensively used screening tests that are carried out to establish autism include Checklist for Autism in Toddlers (CHAT) and Autism Screening Questionnaire for children aged 4 years and older. The evaluation of a child with autism includes recording complete medical and family history, physical examination, formal audiology evaluation, selected medical/lab tests on an individual basis, language, and communication assessment; cognitive and behavioral assessments and academic assessment.

Treatment and medication

There is no standard treatment available for autism.

The political tangle

If today's youth is not politically conscious, blame it on corruption, lack of political icons or interest

Prashant Rao, IX A, AIS Gur-46

Politics is a heady cocktail, they say. With ingredients like diplomacy, power and manipulation, the cocktail has been indeed well mixed. But is every one savouring the drink? Well, not really! The onus for this lies with our political leaders.

THE PROBLEM

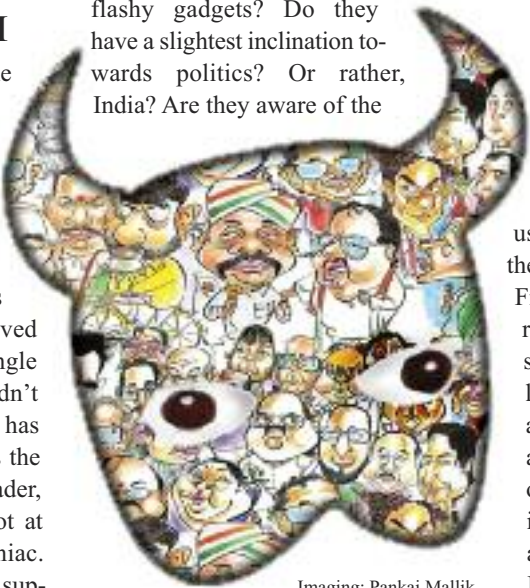
A political leader is not really the one who proves his mettle by garnering votes. The best example of that is the father of our nation, Gandhiji. The first thought which strikes us when we hear of him is *satya* and *ahimsa*. He led the country's struggle for freedom and achieved it without picking up a single weapon. He was fearless, didn't fight a single election and still has millions of followers all across the globe. He was a charismatic leader, and India wept, when he was shot at point blank range by a maniac. Why? Because he had won the support and love of the people (at least a majority of them).

No, this does not mean that we need a follow-up for him. But, his leadership qualities and boldness, should well serve as a source of inspiration for any 'leader' of today. His perseverance and willpower changed the face of India. Gandhiji's ideologies are relevant for the youth, even today. We need leaders like him, great ones. Like Kennedy, Lincoln, Churchill and Dr.Kalam. We do not need leaders

who are more of fill-ins in the name of Prime Ministers or Presidents.

THE CONSEQUENCE

It could be due to these lacklustre leaders that the present day generation fails to be interested in politics. Does Generation Y even bother to get out of their world of social networking and flashy gadgets? Do they have a slightest inclination towards politics? Or rather, India? Are they aware of the



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'ripple' consequences of the price hike of an oil barrel? The answers to these are definitely not the ones we would want to hear. We asked Pritika Bhat-tacharya (name changed), a fellow student about the Brazilian Prime Minister. She was totally stumped on that! She couldn't even fathom where Brazil was! At last, we left the poor miss at peace.

However, with constant prodding by teachers and parents, some of them do



mend their ways a tad bit and bother to pick up the newspaper to enlighten themselves. Yeah, some of the honest ones don't even require the prodding. Mostly, it's a GK test or a quiz at school which prompts them to do so, but nevertheless, they do something beneficial for themselves!

THE BOTTOMLINE

It is a so-called 'universal' fact that elections and 'money' go hand-in-glove. But is it necessity for every politician be corrupt? Or incompetent? Or regressive? Aren't there those exceptions that usually wriggle out and establish themselves?

Frankly speaking, Indians are in a rush to progress. It's happening at such a rapid pace, that we usually leave politics behind, which should actually be the forerunner. We usually praise the 'perfect' democracy of the United States, without realising that this 'perfection' has come after 250 years. Compared to that, India's 60 years is a puny figure!!



All the developed nations have had these systematic governments for such long times, that they have matured enough to kick out corruption, sweep away poverty and rub out all the 'stains', the ones that hold back progress!

Indian politics WILL change, when WE change. When WE fight for our rights. When WE refuse to pay bribes. When WE care to vote. Remember, everything counts... WAKE UP GUYS!  

Pearls of Wisdom

Aastha Sareen,

VIII A, AIS Gur 46

Despite growing up hearing that beauty is skin deep we all crave to acquire that million dollar look. Is physical appearance the only parameter to judge beauty? The real beauty of a person lies in the beauty of his character and soul. Physical beauty can wither away with time and age but not eternal beauty. According to Upanishads a person blessed with divine qualities such as serenity and compassion appears naturally beautiful. On the other hand an individual who is full of anger and vengeance, however, beautiful he or she might be, would always appear ugly. In brief truth, goodness and beauty are different faces of the same thing.  





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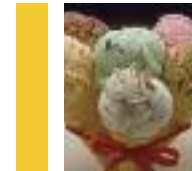
Empowering Youth

The last GT issue was very special. The initiative taken by GT to apprise the school children of their social responsibility through "Youth Power" program is really commendable. It will enable them to understand the



problems faced by their lesser counterparts much better. Even the GT summer internship program is very rewarding. It will provide students who have a flair for writing an ideal platform to exhibit their writing prowess. It won't be wrong to label GT as the voice of youth. Cheers!  

Mohit Sachdev, ex- student (ASB)



Where were you this Summer?



Celeb diaries: Dhrti with Ram Kapoor of 'Bade Ache...' fame

Lights camera action!

Dhrti Juneja, II C, AIS PV

This time my holidays were a very exciting experience. I started our journey and had no idea it would be that exciting. I participated in a theatre workshop with Balaji Telefilms in Mumbai. My first day was spent in understanding the theatre language....what is a story...what are primary characters, types of media....electronic, satellite, theatre, print, how does one create a good story, etc. Then started our experience in the challenging world of theatre industry where I met some of TV serials' known faces like Mr Ram Kapur, Ms Sakshi Tanwar and Mr Sushant (popularly known as Manav of Pavitra Rishta). They all were very warm and friendly. When I saw them shooting for the episodes of BADE ACHE LAGTE HAIN, PAVITRA RISHTA, etc, I learnt that this industry is very challenging. The work is very interesting but the actors have a very busy life. There is no day, no night but I enjoyed it very much. It made me more aware of my theatre skills and now I am more confident in handling the pressure of shooting. It made me understand my love and passion for theatre.

Come holidays, and what is topmost on your priority list? Kick back, put up your feet and enjoy life. Or wear your traveling shoes and head off straight to a holiday destination. Well, there's certainly more to a vacation than this, for a cross section of Amitians from diverse age groups redefine the meaning of holidays showing ways to do more, live more and get so much more out of them...

Pic: Tulika Banerji



Curling up: Aditi with her sister

A cuddly time

Aditi Banerji, III A, AIS Noida

We spend our vacations doing different things: summer camps, outstation trips, movies and outings. This summer, I didn't do any of these but still had a great time, because I was with my little sister Piu! I wanted to have a sister from a long

time, and when she was born, it was a dream come true. Piu is 6 months old now. She is very cute. Her cheeks are soft and her eyes are black in colour. I play with her and sing lullabies to her. When she cries I take her in my arms. And I also love changing her clothes just like a doll. My mother calls me her 'Little Mommy'. During my summer holi-

days, I enjoyed spending time with Piu. I would take her for a stroll in her pram in the evening so that she could enjoy the fresh air. The whole day would pass watching her cute actions. It is so exciting to see her turn and roll over. She can also sit on her own for a few seconds before tumbling over. She has learnt to listen and smile to jokes. When I give her

something to play with, she seems to smile. When I talk to her, she chuckles as if she understands everything. I am so lucky to have such a cute sister. I love my sister very much. In my summer vacation I was not bored at all. I had a wonderful time with her. I realised that when there's a little baby in the house, everything feels so sweet and cute!

Rendezvous With Ruskin Bond

Chirag Singh, V-I, AIS Noida

My Musoorie trip during this summer vacations was aimed at meeting Ruskin Bond, the famous Indian writer of British descent whom I admire since childhood. I knew that he visited a particular bookstore every Saturday and we planned accordingly. The day arrived finally and exactly at 4pm, the author stepped out of a Santro in front of the Cambridge bookstore. I felt a sudden chill up my spine. He sat on a chair near me. At first I had no clue how to initiate a conversation with a person so famous. My mother helped me begin. He had a soothing voice and asked me what books I read. He told



Literary chit chat: Chirag with his favourite author Ruskin Bond

me how he got ideas for stories. When I expressed that I would love to become a writer when I grow up, he even shared some secret writing tips with me. He suggested that I finish my studies first and then try writing as a past time, and then if lucky, may be become a full time author. He told me about his next book and asked me if he could use my mother's name (Kakoli) in one of his short stories. We got a few books authored by him autographed. We bade him good bye with a hope to see him again in future.

Out of the frying pan, straight into the fire



Perky trio: the interns

Pic: Gunjan Sharma

Shefali, Shreya Saxena & Srinjoy Ghosh, AIESR

Hold it! This fire (read GT Summer Internship) was a treat as our attributes got retuned and the stats rose. Positivity, that's the key to living life. We knew that pursuing GT summer internship programme would lead to a rev up of our original schedules that we had planned for summer. Nev-

ertheless, we are all familiar with the phrase, "when the going gets tough, the tough gets going" and we sure are tough. 'Tough' in the sense that we are adaptable to the whims and fancies that are thrust against our obstacle free path (direct test for our dexterity and presence of mind as we start evading them). So in short, our situation was such that 'we had work, and now, more work'.

We had anticipated that this 'new endeavour' promised ample exercise to the creative faculty of our brain. So here we are, recollecting our deeds and thoughts of the past 5 weeks as they flew by in a jiffy. Our summer plans were fully attuned towards our academic betterment and of course tuning up our unchiseled physical selves (gyming shimming). But this internship brought with it an opportu-

nity to extend our learning, and familiarize ourselves with the currents of professional media writing. We grabbed the opportunity with both hands (actually with the legs too). And getting to know a new genre of the unexplored territory of the empire of our brain was rivetting. We had a gala time and will try to keep ourselves associated with GT whenever and however we can. Kudos!

Which ice cream do you want?

Who would have thought an innocent question could solicit such complex queries...

Shilpika Saxena, ASET

Looking back at the iridescent memories- A past incident of innocence and love and good... pops into my mind... Once upon a time, a loving and responsible father along with his little kid entered the ice-cream parlour. The little kid was very excited about the ice-cream that he was going to have. The father held the little finger of his little child and walked up to the ice-cream fridge. The child had a wide look at all the ice-creams in the fridge that were visible to his innocent eyes. After having noticed the curious eyes and the mouth-watering expressions of his cute little *bachha*, the father asked him, "Which ice-cream do you want? Chocolate, mango, strawberry or butter scotch?" The child after having given much thought to the question, replied,

"I only want my life, defined by me, created by me, lived by me and not the one wanted by others, created by you"

"No *papa*. I want an ice-cream only." The father, silently admiring the innocence of his dear son asked him once more, "Yes *beta*, you'd surely get an ice-cream but first tell me which flavour do you want? Chocolate, mango.. There are all flavours of ice-cream." The child looked terribly confused. Not knowing what to reply, the



child re-iterated, "No *papa*, I don't want all these. I want an ice-cream only." And after several such rounds of questions and answers, the understanding and caring father was in awe of his child's innocence and honesty. Finally, the father brought him an ice-cream and the child gave him a tight hug for he got exactly what he wanted. **12 years AFTER the above incident:** The so-called grown up child's teacher asked him, "This is the most important phase of your education. What do you



want to choose? Science, Commerce, Arts, Fashion?" The child answered, "No ma'am, I want education only..." As the various scenes of his life unfolded, the protagonist of our story had a beautiful girlfriend. There was a stage in their relationship when his girlfriend enquired, "How do you want me to be?" The hero responded, "I want you and

only you in all..." After walking several lanes of life, the Genie appears and asks a simple question to him, "Tell me what type of life do you want and you shall have it! And the answer was, "I only want my life, defined by me, created by me, lived by me and not the one wanted by others, created by you and lived by so-called well-wishers on behalf of me..." And at the dawn of death on his death-bed, the God of Death appeared and asked, "What type of death you want? Lifeless, lively, adventurous, merciless, silent? And I have an offer you can choose between heaven and hell." The man explained, "I only want death...and send me anywhere, heaven or hell. It doesn't matter, I know how to do my duty and work accordingly. And most importantly, I love myself and hence I have always been, will be and shall always be loving, my fellow beings irrespective of the external circumstances and environment of heaven or hell..." **Log on to <http://shilpikas.wordpress.com/2011/05/07/which-ice-cream-do-you-want/>**

No matter how bad a day you have, it just takes a scoop of chocolate chip ice cream to make it all right and good.
Aanvi Goel, AIS Noida



MAKHANA KHEER



INGREDIENTS:

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Soft white Makhanas

Desi ghee/White butter

Rich milk

Sugar

Shredded almonds

Grated pistachios

Green cardamom seeds (crushed)

Rose water

100gms

1 tsp

5 cups

4 tbsp

1 tbsp

1 tbsp

1 tsp

3-4 drop

Method:

Cut makhanas into halves and put it in a saucepan along with ghee.

Stir over a low heat for about 5 minutes and puree it.

Heat milk and add the makhana puree. Add sugar and stir well.


Leave to simmer for about 1 hour, until milk reduces to half and of a creamy consistency.

During this period, stir from time to time so that milk does not stick to the bottom of pan.

Now add almonds and pistachios and leave for 10 minutes

Sprinkle crushed cardamom. Sprinkle rose water.

Serve the makhana kheer hot or cold, as desired.



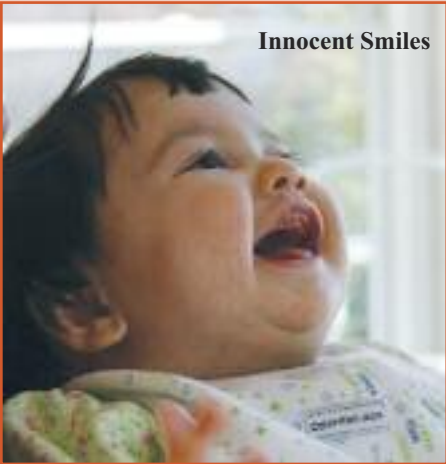
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Meghna Kaushik, XII D, AIS Saket



Innocent Smiles



The sky is at our feet



Have hands, will dance

Unleash your photographic side:- Send pics at amityglobaltimes@gmail.com

Don't worry, I am fine

Kritika Nanda, AIEBC

I saw you first when I opened my eyes
A pretty face, with an innocent smile
Let me look at your face mother
Once more, just for a while.
You took me in your arms whenever I tumbled
You held my hand and taught me to walk
Oh dear mother, please come back

I am dying to hear your voice and to listen your sweet talk.
You scolded me when I did wrong and appreciated when I was right
You hid and protected me from every high and low tide
Dear mother, whenever I blow my birthday candles
I always want you to be on my side.
Who said she's not here with me?

She will always remain in front of my eyes
Loving me and blessing me even more with the same innocent smile which I fantasize
Although, she has left this materialistic world
But she is in safe hands of the divine
I love you and miss you mumma
But don't worry, I am fine.

Poems

School Years

Simran Sachdeva, X
AIS PV

School years,
Loads of laughter,
Loads of tears,
Heaps of work,
Lots of fun,
Sarcasm and little pun,
A phase to evolve,
A phase to grow,
A phase to learn,
A lot to know,
Monday morning blues,

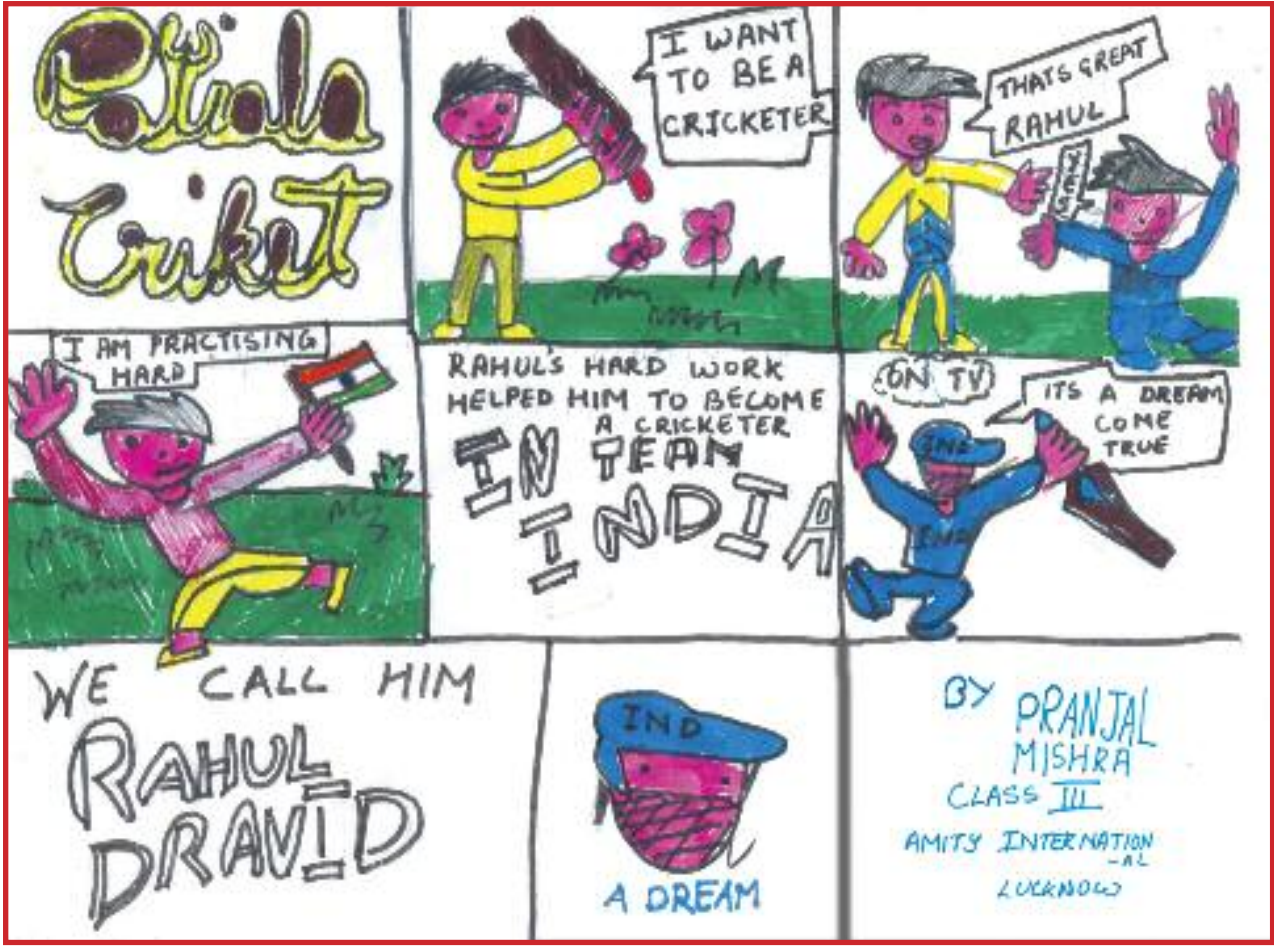
Standing in long queues,
Days full of jokes & pokes
Fuss about books,
Conscious about looks,
Many hands in a lunch box,
Little time and long talks,
Bunks at classes,
Dunks at courts,
The silly picnics to forts,
Run for marks,
Play for sports,
Quotes to learn,
Charts on boards,

Cute little fights,
Sleepless nights,
Creative work,
Graffiti sites,

Times that will stay with us forever
Moments that can be forgotten never!



I like sneaking out for an ice cream with my friends after tuition classes in the evening.
Aarushi Sinha, IX, AIS MV



Pranjal Mishra, III, AIS Lucknow

Riddle Fiddle

Nandini Chaturvedi
V, AIS Gur 46,

1. There were two ducks in front of a duck and two ducks behind a duck, and one in the middle. How many ducks were there in total?
2. What vehicle is spelled the same backwards and forwards?
3. What kind of stones are never found in the ocean?
4. In which gate we cannot enter?
5. Which table can we eat?
6. In which room we cannot live?
7. A cowboy rides on Friday and comes back on Friday. How? [GT](#)

Answers

1. Three 2. Race car 3. Dry stones 4. Colgate 5. Vegetable 6. Mushroom 7. His horse's name is Friday!

Poems



Ice Cream

Tanishi Adhikari
III-B, AIS Saket

Ice Cream Ice Cream
Delicious Ice Cream
Tasty and cold Ice Cream
I love the Butter Scotch Ice Cream the most
I never want
My Ice Cream to get lost
Oh Lovingly! I love to eat Ice Cream
Oh! Ice Cream Ice Cream
My delicious Ice Cream
Crunchy chocolate on Ice Cream
Oh munch them crunch them and eat Ice Cream
Oh my delicious Ice Cream![GT](#)



It's Me

My name: Akshat Jain
School: AIS Noida
Class: Nursery G
Birthday: 5 September, 2007
My role Model: My Grandfather
My best friend: Rachel
My Favourite cartoon: Thomas and his Friends
My Favourite food: Chocolate ice cream

My favourite poem: Out in the Garden
I like: Trains
I hate: When someone breaks my toys.
I want to become: Santa Claus and distribute gifts.
I want to feature in GT because: I will become a star and everybody will love me more.[GT](#)

The Four Seasons

Nandiini Siingh
V D, AIS Gur 46

The seasons change,
Autumn is cool.
Four times a year the leaves fall down,
From spring to winter the colours change
They appear, All over the town.
Spring is wet, winter is cold
The flowers grow the snow flakes fall
It rains a lot we skate and ski
The snow melts,
We make snow balls
Summer is hot, The seasons change.
It's full of sun from sun to snow
There is no school and that is all
It's a lot of fun. You need to know.[GT](#)



Mahika Singh
II-E
AIS Gur-46

Short Story



Tooth Fairies and Rain Storms

Anuva Bajpai
IV A, AIS Saket

Aanya lost her tooth one day. “Mummy can I put this tooth under my pillow tonight for the Tooth Fairy?” Aanya asked. But her mom said, “Not tonight dear, the Tooth Fairy cannot fly in a rain storm.” So Aanya went to bed and soon fell asleep. While Aanya was sleeping, she dreamt about a rain storm, and all the water she could play in. She dreamt of splashing in the puddles and suddenly a big rain-drop hit her right in the mouth and knocked her tooth out. In her dream, Aanya had put her tooth under the pillow for the Tooth Fairy. The Tooth Fairy in her silver glittering dress, golden hair and blue eyes was flying towards Aanya’s bedroom window. The rain was falling fast and hard. The Tooth Fairy was having problem with water all around. Then suddenly she fell. Ka-Plunk! The only thing Aanya could see was the Tooth Fairy’s silver slippers. Around the Tooth Fairy had fallen silver coins and yes, teeth! Aanya did not know what to do. She

crept out in the night to help the Tooth Fairy. Finally the Tooth Fairy came out flying! Then Aanya asked, “Tooth Fairy, why did you come out on such a rainy night?” The Tooth Fairy replied, “Aanya when little children put their teeth under their pillow for me to collect, I have to collect them no matter what the weather is.” “Why?” asked Aanya. The Tooth Fairy replied, “Because the teeth I collect and exchange for gifts, give me all my magical powers. If a tooth is not picked up by me on the first night it is placed under a pillow, my magic begins to fade away. The next time you lose a tooth in a rain storm, please Aanya, wait until the rain stops before placing it under your pillow.” Aanya promised to do so. Aanya woke up to find herself in her warm bed. She was happy that she was only dreaming. The Tooth Fairy really did not fall. Aanya climbed out of her bed and looked out of her window, just to make sure. She found no signs of the Tooth Fairy. Aanya remembered her promise any way and she never put a tooth under her pillow during a rain storm.[GT](#)

I enjoy going to India Gate with my family to enjoy my favourite ice cream.

Aman Jain, AIS Noida



Saluting Womanhood!

Photo courtesy: Sanwle, ASCO



Dr. Ashok K Chauhan, founder president Amity, Maj Gen K J Singh, VC AUUP, Dr. Alka Munjal, Director, ASB and Dr. Balvinder Shukla, Pro VC (A), AUUP

As a part of Amity International Centre (AIC) lecture series, Dr Alka Munjal, Director, Amity School of Business, Amity University, Uttar Pradesh (AUUP) delivered the 138th lecture on “Challenges faced by Woman Leaders”.

In her lecture Dr. Munjal said, “It is heartening to see that women have been perform extremely well in every field whether it is in service, education or management. Though, their achievements call for celebrations it is shocking to know that despite constituting 50 per cent of the population only 4 % are top earners.” Presenting her view on the issue, Dr. Balvinder Shukla, Pro VC

(A), AUUP said the old saying that “Behind every successful man there is a woman” has undergone a major change. It has been rephrased to “Behind every successful woman there is a emphatic and supportive husband.

She said family support is very important for a woman to climb the ladder of success. If the family rallies be-

hind the woman and supports her through every phase of life it appears to the woman that the entire world is rendering a helping hand to her. Announcing the establishment of “Amity Women Power Club” in Amity University, Dr. Ashok K Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Group said that the lecture presented by Dr Munjal was relevant in present scenario as woman are now excelling in every field. The other eminent dignitaries present during the lecture included; Maj. Gen K. J. Singh, VC, AUUP, Dr. Abha Agnihotri, Senior Scientist, Ms. Ragini Singh, Senior Vice President, Amity and Ms. Sunita Singh, Director-Admissions.

CAMPUS NEWS

ARC- the largest producer of case studies in India:

Amity Research Centers started in July 2009 at Ahmedabad, Bangalore(HQ), Chennai & Kolkata, have become the largest producers of business case studies in India. The case studies developed at these centers are registered with European Case Clearing House. The case studies have made brand “Amity” known to academia across the globe in 94 Institutions / Business Schools located in 21 countries.

Singapore Varsity keen on tie up:

With the objective of exploring educational collaboration opportunities between Amity and the leading Universities of Singapore, Her Excellency Ms. Karen Tan, High Commissioner of Singapore visited AUUP campus on May 26, 2011. Responding to the interest of Ms. Tan, Mr. Aseem Chauhan, Chancellor, Amity University Rajasthan said that Amity and Singapore share a close relationship and they plan to expand its academic offering in all the areas in future.

Ex AIB student first in all India Patent Agent exams:

Rishu Srivastava, ex student of Amity Institute of Biotechnology, AUUP has secured the first rank in All India Patent Agent Examination conducted by the Controller of Patents, Design and trademarks, GoI.

Workshop on conservation of Asian elephants

What: Workshop on Conservation of Asian Elephants in Fragmented Habitat: Issues and Challenges

Where: Amity University, Uttar Pradesh

When: June 15-17, 2011

Host: Amity School of Natural Resources & Sustainable Development (ASNRSD) and Amity Institute of Global Warming and Ecological Studies (AIGWES)

Eminent Panelists: H.E Mr. Prasad Kariyawasam, High Commissioner, Sri Lanka and Mr. A.K. Srivastava, IFS, Inspector General of Forest (Wildlife) & Director

The three day workshop on conservation of Asian elephants saw eminent academicians, environmentalists, ecologists, and conservationists converging at AUUP to coercively brainstorm and discuss the critical issue of elephant conservation.

Inaugurating the workshop His Excellency Mr. Prasad Kariyawasam, High Commissioner, Sri Lanka said, “Humans and elephants can co - exist harmoniously in India when there are set boundaries for both. The respective landscapes for both humans and elephants are highly intermeshed and that’s why the challenge of sustainable elephant conservation is becoming more complex. Establishing of parks and reserves is one way of ensuring habitat for elephants.”

“According to Hindu mythology, Lord Ganesha is worshipped as elephant God. Despite this, there has been a dras-



HE Prasad Kariyawasam, High Commissioner, Sri Lanka and Maj Gen KJ Singh VC, AUUP lighting the ceremonial lamp to declare the conference open

tic decline in numbers of wild elephants. Various anthropogenic factors including increasing human population, degradation of forest habitat, fragmentation of breeding populations have resulted in greater Human – Elephant Conflicts (HEC). There is great need to educate the rural dwellers that elephants are the keystone species for protection of biodiversity and eco systems in which they inhabit and also they are of immense importance for our biophysical and ecological security,” Mr. A.K.

Srivastava, IFS, Inspector General of Forest (Wildlife) & Director Wildlife Preservation Ministry of Environment & Forest said.

During the course of his interaction with the distinguished participants Dr. Ashok K Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Group said with hope, “Amity is committed to the cause of conservation of environment and will continue to seek dialogues with the State and the Centre to find a practical solution to the issue. This workshop will assume great significance in bridging the gap between scientific knowledge and wildlife management to formulate effective policies not only to control the existing cases of HECs, but also to prevent the future possibilities of HECs.”

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Dr. Balvinder Shukla, Pro VC (A), AUUP presenting citation to The Washington Centre delegation head Ms. Virginia Gergoff

High level US delegation comes calling

With an aim to boost relations between Amity and The Washington Centre, (TWC) Pramerica, a high profile delegation comprising of eminent industry professionals and experts visited Amity University, Uttar Pradesh (AUUP). The delegation was led by Ms. Virginia Gergoff, Managing Director, Advanced Leadership and International Programs was accompanied by five members. Welcoming the esteemed delegation Dr. Balvinder Shukla, Pro Vice Chancellor (A), AUUP said “Amity University has collaborated with TWC for Internships and Academic Seminars by signing a MOU last year. Under this unique collaboration, Mr. Gaurav Bhattacharya from Amity Institute of Aerospace Engineering and Ms. Apoorva Sharma from Amity Institute of Biotechnology were selected to do their internships for their first semester at TWC, US and it has

been indeed a highly rewarding journey for the students.”

Expressing her deep pleasure in partnering with Amity Ms. Virginia Gergoff, MD Advanced Leadership and International Programs informed, “TWC founded in 1975 is a unique educational center based on fully integrated mix of professional experience, academic coursework and real life challenges. TWC’s non profit professional academic internship programs bring together exceptional and dedicated college students from various countries and help them transform their potential into achievements personally, academically and civically.”

The visit was followed by the felicitation of the esteemed guests by Dr. Shukla, and Heads of various Institutions of Amity along with a brief round of Amity University Campus, including various institutions of Amity.



Ice cream is one thing that I always want when it's sunny. It is something that uplifts my mood any given time.

Kashish Minocha, X, AIS Saket

Jashn-e-Bachpan



Vibrant Hues
Students give a colourful performance

AIS Vas-1

Amity International School, Vasundhara, Sector-1 held their first Annual Day on 29 April, 2011, 'Jashn-e-bachpan' in their new school campus for classes II to IX. Over 505 Amitians from classes II to IX participated in the event, which highlighted the belief that a complete personality is the product of learning from amalgamation of both academics as well as co-curricular pursuits. 248 prizes were awarded on the occasion to Amitians from Nursery to Class VIII. Chairperson Dr. (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan blessed the students.

School Principal, Mrs. V. Balachandran, in her address reinforced her commitment for providing holistic education to Amitians and gave a brief overview of the school's achievements and immediate plans for future development. Col. Ahluwalia, Sports Advisor, Amity Group of Schools, spoke about the importance of sports in our lives. The junior reporters of the school presented the

'Annual Report' as they highlighted the multifarious co-curricular activities and achievements during the last academic year. The Chief Guest, Mr. Gurinder Singh, Pro Vice Chancellor, Amity University, UP urged everyone to strive for excellence by setting a higher goal for themselves so as to fulfill the vision of the Founder President, Dr. Ashok K. Chauhan and Chairperson, Dr. (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan. The cultural programme comprised of a mellifluous number - 'Crescendo' by the school orchestra. A welcome song titled, 'Abhivaadan' and a Ganesh Vandana mesmerised the audience. Meanwhile, 'Fairy Song', 'Hygiene Song', 'Working Song' and 'Qawali' added vibrancy & colour to the night.

Karate Champs

AIS Saket



It was a proud moment for all children of Amity International School, Saket, as the students won the Runners Up Trophy in the 7th All India Kotaka Karate Championship 2011, organized by International Karate Federation of India (IKFI). Over 35 schools from across India took part in the tournament held on April 29 and 30 at the Talkatora Indoor Sta-

dium. The school bagged 13 Gold, 19 Silver, and 34 Bronze medals in this tournament. Adding more to the kitty was the Sub Junior Team of the school comprising Aranshu Modi, Aryaman Dosajh, Chirag Sethi, Agnibho Chakraborty and R. Karthik at Kumite Championship. The school won the Championship with their marvelous display of karate skills.



Parents orientation

AIS Pushp Vihar



Amity Pushp Vihar held the kindergarten parents orientation programme on April 2, 2011. School Principal, Mrs Ameeta Mohan in her address to the parents who had just been associated with the Amity family, apprised them with the systems of the school and made them familiar with the school ethos. The parents were also introduced to Vice Principal Mrs. Divya Bhatia and Headmistress Mrs. Shalini Khanna. The school faculty members demonstrated the teaching methodology adopted by the school for the Kindergarten. Counselor Dr. Bindu, addressed the parents and answered their queries.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION AT AMITY

AIS NOIDA: AIS Noida held its Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony for the senior students on May 2, 2011. Over 500 prizes and certificates were awarded to the meritorious students of classes VI to XII for their exemplary performance during the year 2010- 2011. School Principal Mrs. Renu Singh lauded the achievers and encouraged them to pursue their goals with focus and determination. The school orchestra presented 'Madhur Dhwani', a mellifluous composition. This was followed by 'Tarana', a jugal bandi in Kathak & Bharatnatyam Nritya Shaili and a scintillating Rajasthani folk dance. Chief Guest Dr. (Mrs.) Veera Gupta, Secretary, CBSE, commended Amity for upholding exceptional academic standards and providing a plethora of opportunities to students to develop their potential. Dr. (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, blessed the students & encouraged them to be trailblazers in every sphere of life. Vice Principal Mrs. Sunanda Grover delivered the Vote of Thanks.

AIS SAKET: The pre-primary and primary section of AIS Saket held its annual prize distribution on April 28, 2011. Initiated with the solemn chanting of shlokas and lighting of the lamp, the programme witnessed the felicitation of academic achievers and the special prize winners



for mastery in various spheres. Chief guest Mrs. Anita Satia felicitated and congratulated the special prize winners. School Principal, Mrs. Rekha Ranade accorded a warm welcome to the guests. She expressed her fervent belief in the innate potential of each child to attain heights of glory and accorded a congratulatory note to the winners. The musical rendition by the school choir was noteworthy.

AIS VAS-6: AIS, Vas-6 celebrated its 5th Annual Prize Distribution ceremony on April 21, 2011. The occasion was graciously presided over by Dr. (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity International Schools & other dignitaries like Ammaji, Mr. B.N. Bajpai and Mr. T.P.S. Chauhan. Prizes were given away for scholastic as well as co-scholastic excellence as 'Avid Reader', 'Spell Bee', 'Perfect Strokes', 'Marked Improvement', 'Cyber Kid', 'General Awareness', 'Mr./Miss Eclectic', 'All Rounder' and 'Amicable Personality'. The event, interspersed with a variety of colourful cultural performances enthralled the audience.

AIS GUR-43: AIS Gur-43 held the Junior School Prize Distribution Ceremony for the session 2010-11 on April 15, 2011. The Chief Guest Legislator Shri Rao Dharmpal motivated the students to excel in life through hard work. School Principal Mrs. Nandita Sahu presented the school's annual report, highlighting the numerous accolades won by the students during academic session. The vision of Chairperson Dr. (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan was praised in its entirety for her commitment in imparting value-based, holistic education in all the Amity International Schools.

Meritorious delight

AIS Noida

Vaishnavi Sridhar of class XII, Amity International School, Noida was selected to attend a two day educational program from 13th-14th April, 2011 under CPYLS 2010-2011 at NBRI, Lucknow. She was one among the fifty meritorious students chosen from UP, to

attend this program based on her 10th board results. The program comprised of a tour of NBRI, Botanical gardens and lectures by eminent dignitaries. She was

awarded a certificate of appreciation and a memento. Vaishnavi also won the Times NIE Student of the Year Award for 2010-2011, which was decided after various selection procedures. She was awarded a certificate, a trophy and a gift voucher of Rs 1000.



Vaishnavi Sridhar showcases her prize

My younger brother is so fond of ice cream that he has to have the first bite from every one's share!

Khushi Aggarwal, III A, AIS Noida



Back to College with Aarti Chhabria



Celebrity Chat

She dazzles the screen with her stellar performance, but this pretty damsel from tinseltown who came to be known for her petite performance in hits like Shootout at Lokhandwala and Aawara Pagal Deewana still gets nostalgic when talking about her college days. In an interview with **Priyanshu Jora & Babua Viswas, ASCO**, Aarti Chhabria talks about the golden days of her life that she spent in HR College, Mumbai and her struggle to create a niche for herself in the industry.

My College, my pride: Those were the best days of my life. I still treasure each and every moment that I spent at college. It was an ideal training ground; it shaped my personality and prepared me for the challenges ahead. I was never an extraordinary student. I loved studying accounts and detested history. But still I was my history teacher's pet. She used to pamper me a lot and ignore my mistakes. I used to sit with my friends on the last bench and we



Pic: Sahil Sharma, MJMC, ASCO

would finish our food during the class timings and were never caught!

Ensuing Struggle: I had to struggle a lot to make my mark in the Hindi film industry as I had no godfather. I never believed in resorting to skin show or other antics adopted by wannabes to create a niche for them. Initially, I faced a lot of hardships, the journey from modeling to acting was not smooth, and it took me several years to win the hearts of my viewers with my acting skills. I have many new milestones to set and do more challenging roles before I bid adieu to Bollywood. I have a long way to go.

Foodie at heart: Despite being a celebrity, I am not allowed to enter the

college premises without an I-Card. But I do go to grab a bite of the tantalizing street food from the food stalls outside my college. I still miss binging on tasty burgers prepared at the college canteen.

Fashion Fundas: Do not ape someone blindly. Wear what you are comfortable in. It is not important to wear something which is in just to appear hot and happening, especially if you are not comfortable carrying that outfit.

Success Mantra: It is important to keep on trying and not stop till the goals are achieved. One should not give up or hang his boots in despair without giving life its best shot and regret later. That's my message for the youth.

International flavours @ Capri Italy

Shefali, Shreya & Srinjoy, AIERS

Italians are known for their immaculate sense of dressing that stems from the notion "think good and feel even better." This chic dressing sense 'is in honour of the beholder and not the wearer'. This notion can be found even in their culinary delights and was quite in abundance in 'Capri Italy'.

SIGHTS: In the heart of the Defence Colony Market, tucked away in a brown four storey building, a dull and somber entrance leading to a dimly lit passageway leads us to the restaurant. The second floor houses the sophisticated dining section and bar and the third floor has a funky and trendy café.

AURA: The feel of Italy is prominent. Double paneled wooden doors opening inwards with high aquariums on either side paved our way as we walked into the dining area with gold patterned upholstery. The tables were basic black Italian wood with a single broad sturdy base, covered with white casement sheets. The third floor café was a hippy kind with empty wine bottles, utensils of varied shapes, pouches of aromatic cooking herbs hanging from the side walls. Ok guys. Prices are definitely high but compensate the taste buds.

A review of the hot selling items...

INVOLTINI: Little diced chicken stuffed with cheese and Italian herbs baked with white wine and garlic butter. Phew...calories! The pieces were

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HOT SELLERS

- 'Primi Piatti' – Arrabbiata pasta
- Wine – St. Mary and Opera
- Grilles – Seabass with caper sauce and Grilled Chicken with Mustard Sauce
- Pizza – Chicken and Pepperoni
- 'Dolci Deserts' – Tiramisu & Chocolate Bomb



quite soft and succulent but could have done with a little more seasoning. **Rating: 7.5 /10**

MASALA STUFFED GARLIC BREAD: A three inch square piece baked bread immersed in garlic aroma and stuffed with seasonal veggies. A bit

heavy on the stomach with the garlic tinge. The pieces were soft and dripping with hot cheese. By the time we had the last piece, it was certain that this was better than the previous one. **Rating: 8.5/10**

PIZZA MISTA: An all meat extravaganza with ham, bacon, salami, bell peppers and black olives. Thin crust, clearly for the health conscious. We could get the taste of each ingredient in just a single bite, i.e the portions of ham, bacon, salami were scattered in good measure. **Rating: 7.5/10**

MYWAY: A minty iced soda with lemon juice and mint garnishing served in beautiful high neck wine glasses. The drink reeked of mint flavour; the lime texture was easily overshadowed. **Rating: 6.5/10**

FINAL SCORE: The petite restaurant provided a delightful and engrossing ambience. The aroma of food wavered across the cozy and relaxing place. Come and get ready to be a bit more ITALIAN.



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