

When I born, I black  
When I grow up, I black  
When I go in Sun, I black  
When I scared, I black  
When I sick, I black  
And when I die, I still black

And you white fellow  
When you born, you pink  
When you grow up, you white  
When you go in sun, you red  
When you cold, you blue  
When you scared, you yellow  
When you sick, you green  
And when you die, you gray  
And you calling me colored?

*This poem was nominated  
by UN as the best poem of  
2006; written by an African  
child.*

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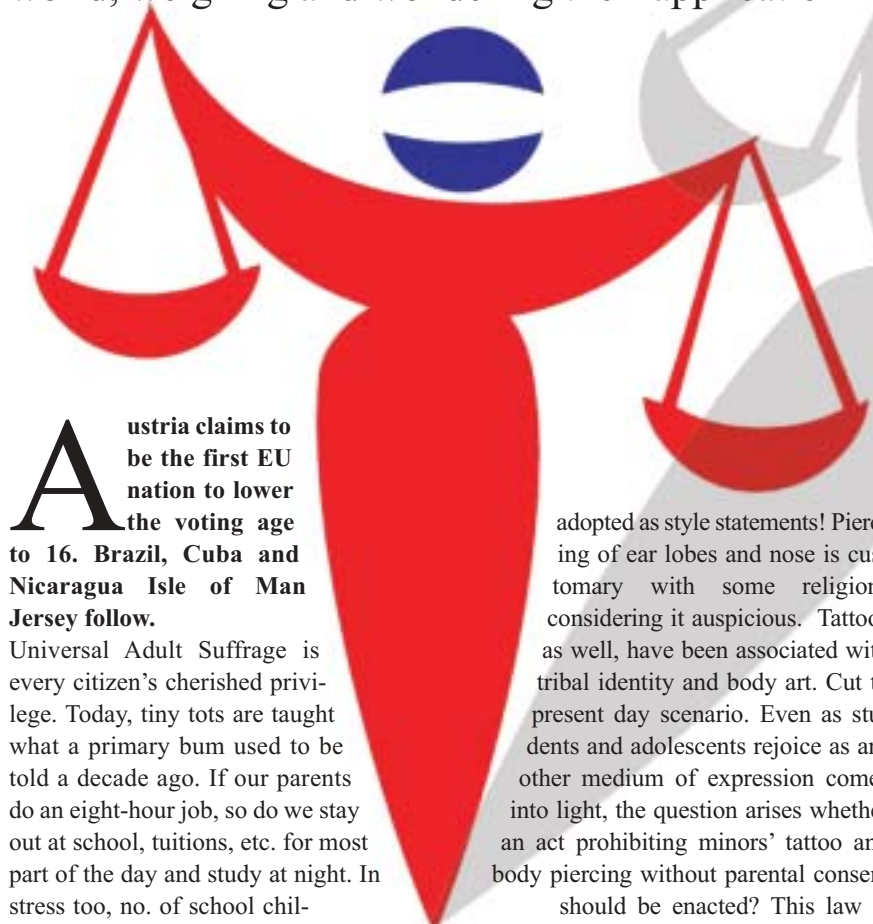
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# THE GLOBAL TIMES

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As India celebrates Children's Day, marking the birth anniversary of their beloved Chacha Nehru, The Global Times takes a peep into the rights of children across the world, weighing and wondering their application in India....



**A**ustria claims to be the first EU nation to lower the voting age to 16. Brazil, Cuba and Nicaragua Isle of Man Jersey follow.

Universal Adult Suffrage is every citizen's cherished privilege. Today, tiny tots are taught what a primary bum used to be told a decade ago. If our parents do an eight-hour job, so do we stay out at school, tuitions, etc. for most part of the day and study at night. In stress too, no. of school children's suicides out-lists the adults. Tension of studies, career, merit, right courses, home task, class projects, etc is no less challenging. For these and a lot more reasons, I support reducing the adult suffrage to sixteen in India. This question is much like denying voting rights to women in some orthodox Islamic countries under fanatic presumptions. Don't presume we cannot handle it. At least we adolescents are not as casteists, separatists, factionists, vandilists and extortionists as some of our senior politicians.

**Vibhav Shankar Mishra & Yogesh Yadav AIMC, Manesar**

Twenty-eight states in US have laws that prohibit both body piercing and tattooing on minors (under 18) without parental permission.

In India, they have been part of long standing traditions much before they were



Imaging: Dinesh Kumar

adopted as style statements! Piercing of ear lobes and nose is customary with some religions considering it auspicious. Tattoos as well, have been associated with tribal identity and body art. Cut to present day scenario. Even as students and adolescents rejoice as another medium of expression comes into light, the question arises whether an act prohibiting minors' tattoo and body piercing without parental consent should be enacted? This law is practically not viable; in a country where many major acts are not valued. Tattoos are more of an exhibition than expression. Costly surgery is one of the scant u-turns to such a decision, besides health risks. But why a law prohibiting tattoos? If there has to be a law, why not one that ensures a safer tattooing?

**Udit Saxena & Siddhant Panda, AIS Saket**

The right to Privacy, highlighted in the Law of the People's Republic of China on the Protection of Minors stipulates that no individual or organizations can open or read letters, diaries or emails of minors except in certain instances.

"Privacy is of paramount importance. We can't sacrifice it for a little bit of safety, because then, where is the line to be drawn between security and freedom?" remarks Aishwarya Singhal of AIS Noida. "If China can do it, India definitely can," he

## Don't give-up the fight Stand-up for your right

adds. Others were more hesitant in their support. "Childhood is a time to make mistakes and learn from them. Such a law grants children broad rights to make mistakes and escape the consequences. There are many temptations. Parents cannot help their children if they don't even know what they're up to," comments Aditya Singha. There is, perhaps, a middle path between Orwellian intrusion into citizens' privacy, and a laissez-faire free-for-all. Suggests Aishwarya Singhal, "nomination, by the child, of one adult/teacher/parent/counselor, anyone - who would have access to the child's information, and who would in turn be bound to protect it."

**Kshitij Lauria, AIS Noida**

**In India, it is proposed to pass a law that will make beating of children by teachers and parents a punishable offence.**

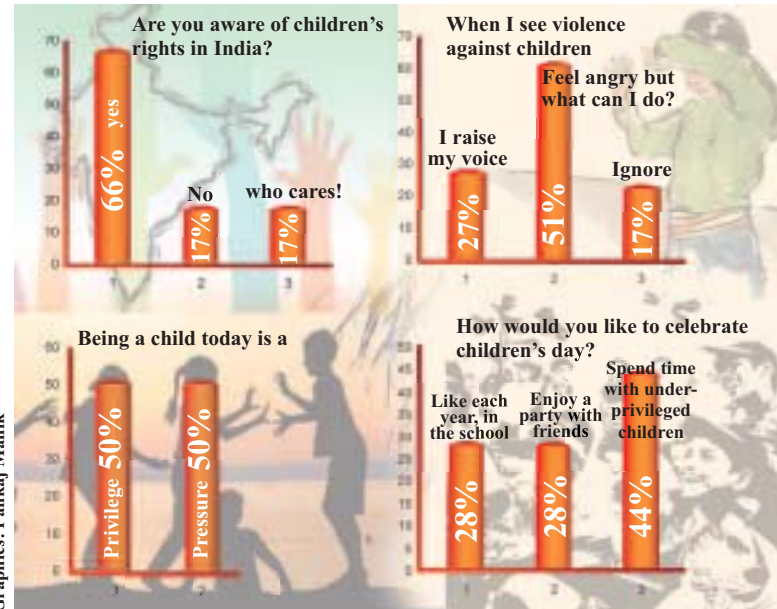
It may bring about a complete change in the attitude of parents and teachers towards children. An excited Kush (VIII) exclaims, "I would tell my teachers about this law if they would ever try to beat me. I am sick of seeing children being beaten up!" "I will never call police to send my own parents or teachers behind the bars, but they must be careful!" warns Mansi (VIII). "I think it will be a good step by the government because physical beating not only hurts the child physically but also hinders his mental and emotional development," quips Ojaswini (IX). The implementation and effectiveness of the law in India is, however, doubted. As long as students do not take undue advantage, such a law can protect as well as safeguard their interests.●

**Arush Dua & Apoorva Talluri, AIS East Delhi**

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# Match box living spoils the natural instinct of children

**This is why urban kids' enthusiasm is somewhat dulled and beaten.** So believes script writer and actor **Amol Gupte**, in an exclusive interview with **Managing Editor Vira Sharma**

**How did you conceptualize TZP?**

TZP is not a project. It is a by-product. I wrote the first draft in 2000 which was royally rejected by the Children's Film Society. It was a purpose, a concern that required a rally and that's how TZP saw the light of the day, eight years later.

**What/ who was your inspiration?**

Children. I've grown-up with them, listening to them in their world, uninterrupted. **Graham Bell, Einstein, Pierre Currie, George Washington and Tom Cruise are a few famous dyslexics. Do you believe dyslexia is a problem or that such kids are naturally interested in learning something else altogether?**

What happens is that we tend to segregate such children from the rest? We don't expose children to any other learning environment. Is learning only about knowing

the alphabet and being able to pass examinations? Why is reading and writing the only way to judge a child? That's just a malady created by the urban system of education. If you have a child with cerebral palsy in the class along with the normal children, it would only sensitize the other child and does not defeat the system. Treat the school as a family. You do not throw a member of the house because s/he is disabled. Do you? Similarly, learning is about applying multi-ability platform, so that there is something for everyone. Has anyone heard of dyslexia of music or art? It's

**"You can't expect teachers to change the system. They are not imported from Mars. They are human beings and above all parents too. It is the establishment that needs to be addressed."**

just about finding the right teacher.

**Do you agree that today's parents are too pushy with their kids to perform better?**

How dare the adult community impose their way of thinking and learning on kids and prescribe them counselors and educators for life? Someone rightly said, "The speed of the human species is determined

by the slowest." We've blindly adopted Lord Macaulay's system of education without sparing a thought to whether it is suited to the Indian mindsets. I think we've continuously pick pocketed our younger generations and robbed them of their innocent childhood.

**Everybody agrees that teachers play an important in the society today. Yet, a teacher's role is undermined. Comment.**

It all boils down to the question what came first – chicken or egg? In the last 50 years, Mumbai city has not come up with any school for the middle class. But 500 malls

have been built. Instead of 30 students in a class we have 60 now. Who is responsible for all this? You can't expect a teacher to change the system; they are not imported from Mars. They are human beings and parents too. It is the establishment that needs to be addressed. The whole education system needs to be revisited. A school

should be treated like a family, not a mutton shop.

**Your biggest challenge ?**

I don't take up challenges. Challenges end up in fights. For me, the purpose behind doing anything is most important.

**How is Amol Gupte- Before and after TZP?**

I'm just the same. Amol Gupte doesn't matter. What matters is the movie and the message it conveys. Yes, it's OK to carry the cross, but the importance ends there.

**What are your future projects?**

I'm playing a bad man in Vishal Bhardwaj's next flick. My next project 'Item India' is an attack on the economic inequalities from children's eyes. I think the nation needs to be re-sensitized. It's time people removed their blinkers.●



Pic: Tulika Banerji



# Come, Let's Wash It Away

Saloni Kapil, AIS Gur-46,  
Harman Taneja & Ojaswini, AIS ED



"Beta, you should always wash your hands after you come home from somewhere and before eating, understand?" We have heard this from our mothers' innumerable times, but how often do we actually follow it? Well, we all know what the answer is!

## Global Hand-wash

To address the lack of awareness about clean and tidy hands, the United Nations declared 15th October 2008 as the first Global Hand Washing Day. Is this news to you? If it is, it's not surprising, because you are a part of the majority! When people were asked whether they knew anything about this day, they responded with a "Huh!" or a "What?" or simply gave a glaring stare, making it evident that they had absolutely no clue, whatsoever, about Global Hand-washing Day! The very few people who actually knew about it had seen it on television. Informs Bhavya, a student of class VII (AIS Gur-46), "I first heard about the



unique day through the TV ad of Dettol."

## How does it matter?

When we were young, we were taught that we should wash our hands before and after meals, after coming home from outside, altogether at least 15 times a day. But just try to think, how many times do you actually wash your hands in a day?

"4-5 times," says Guncha Dwivedi (AIS, ED), while Erica Gulati washes her hands 8-9 times in a day (AIS, ED) and Manvika Gulati reports washing them

12-13 times, scoring the highest! But when students were asked about the regularity with which they wash hands before and after meals, the answers were shocking! "Usually I do wash my hands, but I can't say always," says Gitanshi Sharma (AIS, ED). Confesses Kusha Verma, "I often don't wash my hands before meals. I forget!"

## Doc speak

Okay, so we've heard about hand-washing a million times. But why do we actually need to wash our hands? Dr.

Mansi Kaushik, resident doctor at Fortis Hospital, Noida explains, "Proper hand washing and scrubbing is necessary as our hands come in contact with various contaminated objects. This contamination can reach our food, our eyes and even our skin, causing various diseases like ascariasis, food poisoning, abdominal disturbances, food poisoning, etc." She also says that school going children are most prone to germs, and hence more susceptible to such diseases. "Hands should be properly washed before and after meals as they may cause diseases like gastroenteritis, typhoid, parasitic worms, etc." says, Dr. Shalini Jain, AIS, ED School Doctor. "Hands are the basic functional unit of our body. If our hands are infected, then the infection will spread to all the parts of our body that we touch and can cause many serious diseases. Unfortunately, this important part of our body is being completely neglected by students," she adds. The way you take care of your face, The way you take care of your hair, Start taking care of your hands, And half of your problems will disappear! Go grab that sanitizer and get washing!●

# Jet Set Go!

Kritik Soman  
AIS East Delhi

The recent decision of the management of Jet Airways to fire over a thousand employees overnight without any explanation and later reinstate them through a haphazard, dramatic midnight press conference has elicited harsh reactions from the public. It portrays the high handedness, lack of professionalism and monetary mindset of the administration that can insensitively shatter the aspirations of the employed youngsters. They should have thought twice before morally and psychologically damaging the emotional mindset of the employees and their families. It has set an undesirable precedent and introduced fear and insecurity in the minds of those employed in the private sector. Such incidents should not happen as they create doubts on the human race.



# Metro mishap- has speed overridden efficiency?

Nishita Khattar  
AIS Noida

Ten years after it began construction, the first major Metro catastrophe has left everybody shaken. On the morning of 19th November, at Lakshmi Nagar Metro construction site, as a concrete block was being pulled up by a launcher, a malfunction caused the segment to fall. This led to the other segments and the launcher to cannon into the road below and crush several vehicles. Whereas the first phase of the Delhi Metro was completed without a single accident being reported, the second stage which began two years ago, has already met with five accidents. The second stage is slated to be completed ahead of the 2010 Commonwealth Games to be held in Delhi. Whether it is the pressure to get the Metro ready for the Commonwealth Games that's telling on the Delhi Metro is a question triggered by such accidents. The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) needs to understand that doing things faster doesn't mean that they are better. Echo-

ing the sentiment, Nikita Khattar of AIS Noida says, "It was a case of too much work done in too little time." DMRC is renowned for its efficiency and its adherence to norms and regulations. But this accident has left a blot on its spotless reputation. It was the Delhi Metro which brought the concept of barricading construction sites to Delhi, but this time the bridge was erected without blockading the site which was why everything went wrong. Quips Kriti Thapar, a student of Class XII, AIS Noida, "Blocking the construction sites was one of the best aspects of the Delhi metro. Not shutting off the site was bound to result in this accident." But even after this accident, nobody can pin down the abilities of E. Sreedharan, the man brought the Metro to Delhi. Transporting the Metro to Chandni Chowk was a massive task and deserves to be appreciated. So let's hope that by 2010, the Metro project will be finished without the occurrence of any other major mishap and Delhi Metro will truly be one of the most precious jewels of India.●

# Boon for Road Transport

Heba Safawi  
AIS Pushp Vihar

BRT, when introduced, turned out to be a bane for everyone. As it is, Delhi METRO is under construction in a hurry to prepare for the 2010 Olympics. Many roads have been narrowed and people find it difficult to move and suddenly, between of all the rush a new system was introduced. It was pretty obvious that problems would be created. Hence, adapting to the BRT will take time. The Delhi Government introduced Bus Rapid Transit to initiate progressive changes towards the modernization of the capital city. Due to the over population in Delhi, the vehicular populace has increased causing traffic jams on most of the roads. Public transport is very beneficial and crucial at this stage and BRT definitely solves the problem to a great extent. It is a hi-tech, safe, convenient and comfortable public transport system. Slowly, people have adapted themselves to the BRT, and when they realise its fruitfulness, it will surely fit seamlessly into the lives of Delhi folks, just as Metro has.



# Chandrayaan-I: India emerging

Pranav Jain  
AIS Noida

## What is Chandrayaan-1?

It is India's first unmanned spacecraft to moon which weighs about 1304 Kg and carries high resolution remote sensing satellite. Launched from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota on 22nd October 2008, it entered the transfer orbit around the globe within 19 minutes. It reached the lunar orbit (100 km from the Moon and 3,86,000 km from Earth) and dropped the Moon Impact Probe, with the Indian tricolour painted on it, on 14th November '08.

## What will it do?

Over a two year period, it will survey the lunar surface to produce a complete map of its chemical characteristics and 3 D topography. It will help us to formulate pharmaceuticals and organic materials which grow well on crystals in uni-direction in a Zero gravity environment.

## Any commercial benefits?

It will search for Helium-3, a good nuclear fuel which is rarely found on Earth. It can be used to power nuclear reactors. It will also search for Water Ice.

## How important is it for India?

India is now the sixth country in the



world to take a space craft to the lunar orbit. Others before include US, Russia, Japan, European Space Agency (ESA), and China. It is the another step towards achieving India's great power ambitions. Dr. J.P. Gupta, Sr. Scientific Advisor ISRO, NPL New Delhi extends good wishes, "It has made Indians very proud. All the best for the next mission to Mars in 2012." Says an excited Sarthak Vaish (X) of AIS Noida, "With the launch of Chandrayaan, our country has grown in stature. Youth of tomorrow's India will now be highly respected globally."●

# Obama re-writes American History

Barack Hussein Obama became the 44th American President elect, the first black in American history. On him are pinned the hopes and aspirations of people across the world. Observes Raj Chaudhary of AIMC Manesar, "US shows a democratic spirit like India where not long ago, a Christian supported a Sikh as Prime Minister through a Muslim President, a unique Indian way of exhibiting democracy. The world will take cue from such feats of social equality shown by Indians and Americans." "Obama's victory should be hailed; it fulfills the cherished dream of Afro-

Americans and pays tribute to the vision of Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King," says Nishandeep (XI). "Obama may not be a soothing balm for India's fight against terrorism or peace terms with Pakistan but the economic condition may get a healing touch. Hope his vision will not be squinted to the US and Europe only," quips Chaitanya (X). "The first Black man in White House, Obama might not turn out a boon for India as per the popular opinion of our people but he is surely a wind of radical change in the US history," feels Puneet Sahanpal, (VIII) AIMC. Ashish Deb (X) elucidates, "For all prac-

tical purposes, Obama will first work for his country than India. We should better wait and watch than be judgmental." "Why is India looking up to Obama to fix her problems? It is sad that while we aspire to be a superpower, we also want America to be our big brother," rues Prateek Tiwari (XII) of AIMC, Manesar.●



"Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them." -James Baldwin



# Shooting Spirituality

## Best Practices: Amity Shooting Club

Vira Sharma, ANN



Shootouts in university and schools have been occupying newspaper headlines for quite some time. And, if this disturbs you, join the Amity Shooting Club. "Till today in history you will not find an international or national shooting champion a criminal. Shooting teaches you to worship the weapon," says Kunti Mallik, Director Amity Shooting Club. Amity Shooting Club founded by Dr Ashok Chauhan, Founder President RBEF in 2005, was a conscious decision to train young minds to use pistols and rifles. Says Kunti, "Many people don't realize and know that shooting is the most important kind of meditation. It involves focusing on one point for almost 2 hours, which no yogi or sadhu does."

Shooting is a sport that instills qualities in a student to be in control of themselves. "It is meditation with a spirit of winning where one needs to have a perfect balance between heart, mind and pulse. One learns to become more focused. For a shooter taking decisions in life becomes easier because it comes automatically. A shooter can fight with himself and is therefore his/her own champion. A shooter, in other words, becomes a saint," explains Ms Mallik.

At a time when only few schools offered this sport, Amity extended this to all the seven branches of AIS upto the university level, true to the Founder President's vision of developing a universe that offered everything to its students. The ACS through its talent hunt programmes adopts children from junior classes and continues the training upto uni-

The International Standard facilities offered under best trained coaches at ACS, make it special and a superior sport. Deepak Tomar, ranked amongst top 10 at International Shooting Championship in Singapore in July 2008 claims, "At the contest I realized that Asian shooters have an edge over others. The facilities and training offered at Amity University are definitely at par with the best." Barely two months old at ASC, Arunima of AIS Vasundhara bagged a gold medal at UP inter-state shooting



versity level. Says chairperson Dr (Ms) Amita Chauhan, "Our objective is to train children to shoot from Nursery (beginning) to Olympic."

"Shooting is meditation with a spirit of winning where one needs to have a perfect balance between heart, mind and pulse."

championship. "I owe my thanks to ACS for giving me the opportunity to identify my talents and hone my shooting skills," said the youngest shooter of the championship, all set to participate at the nationals.

What makes ACS different and special? "The range at Amity gives a definite positive feeling. In 2007 when Amity hosted the All India shooting championship, seven new records were set on the occasion and I was convinced that spirituality works here," quips Kunti Mallik. •

## How to Crack CBSE Chemistry



Namita Panigrahi

PGT Chemistry, AIS Noida

A sound basic knowledge combined with an objective approach can help the students score high percentage.

### Physical Chemistry (23 marks)

■Be familiar with the definitions, statement of laws, formulae and graphs. ■Numerical chapters requires practice and not mugging. ■Questions related to application of Henry's law, Surface chemistry, Colloids or Colligative properties are the FAQ's. **HOTS**-Relative lowering of vapor pressure is a colligative property but lowering of vapor pressure is not. Explain.

### Inorganic Chemistry (19marks)

■Be clear about the basics like periodic properties and their trends, thermodynamic principles of metallurgical operations, Lanthanide contractions-its cause and consequences, concept of VBT and CFT. ■Shape of molecules can be derived from the hybridization of central atom. ■Uses of compounds of like HNO<sub>3</sub>, PH<sub>3</sub>, O<sub>3</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub> and noble gases come as 1 mark questions. ■Chemical equations are important. **HOTS**-NCl<sub>3</sub> is readily hydrolyzed but NF<sub>3</sub> is not. Explain.

### Organic Chemistry (18marks)

■All chapters are interlinked, hence equally important. ■Be familiar with the

chemical test of each functional groups, name reactions, mechanism of the prescribed reactions and nomenclature.

■You may find some sort of repetition in organic as the same question is asked as a method of preparation of one compound and can also be asked as property of a different compound. Eg: Dow's process - method of preparation of phenol or Nucleophilic substitution reaction of chlorobenzene. ■'Name reaction' play an important role to fetch marks as a question from any angle can be asked. Eg: Iodoform reaction can frame questions like- Suggest a chemical test to distinguish Methanol and Ethanol; Name reaction; In a series of equations of a word problem. **HOTS**: The pH of amonolysis of carbonyl compounds should be controlled. Explain.

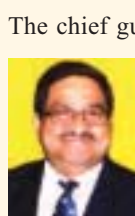
### Applied Organic Chemistry (10marks)

■Though it contains minimum mark weightage, they are high scoring. ■Emphasis is to be given on the previous year board questions, intext and exercise questions of the NCERT text book. ■The subject content is easy to understand so takes less time to prepare. ■Mostly comprises direct questions like the classification of vitamins, polymers and drugs and their importance in day to day life. **HOTS**: Fructose contains a keto group but still it reduces Toll en's reagent. Explain. •

## Valedictory guests share nuggets of wisdom...



**Dr. (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan**, chairperson AICS congratulated the students who attended the workshop and the teachers who made their experience so enriching.



The chief guest, **Dr. Rajendra**, Director, Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (INMAS) called upon the students to make India a strong and prosperous country by 2020. He doled out three ways to achieve the same - Develop India's knowledge power, redefine knowledge power by creating a synergy between mind, body and soul and kindle the scientific curiosity.



**Mr. Deepak Bhatnagar**, Advisor/ Scientist- G, TIFAC called upon the students to keep themselves abreast with latest technology in the world which is in a constant flux. He said, "JEE is not the end of the world. There is life beyond it too. Follow your dreams and move forward".



**Dr. Valson Thampu**, Principal, St. Stephen's College, Delhi University said, "The tragedy of life is not death but death without realizing the actual worth of the soul." He called for a system which can synergize mind, body and soul and appreciated Amity for imparting education that propagated strong values.

## Reaching Olympian heights



Students from all over India learnt the nuances of Science and Mathematics during a unique day and night Science and Mathematics Olympiad Workshop at Amity.

The Sixth Science and Mathematics Olympiad Workshop, under the aegis of Amity Centre for Science Olympiads (ASCO) and Amity Institute of Competitive Intelligence (AICS) was conducted from October 8 to 15, 2008 at Amity University, Sector- 125, Noida. The workshop was attended by over 35 students of classes IX to XII from 15 schools all over India including S N Kansara

School, Rajkot; DAV School, Panchkula; Army Public School, Ambala; Dayanand Public School, Shimla; Kendriya Vidyalaya, Jhansi; Cambridge School, Noida; DPS, Indraprastha; Apeejay School, Noida and entire fraternity of Amity International Schools.

The workshop was a perfect blend of theory and hands-on practice. Students cracked equations, brew concoctions in a thought provoking and stimulating environment. Workshop conducted in two sessions, morning session (9.30-1.30 pm) and evening session (3.00-6.00 pm) were followed by doubt clearing classes at

night (8-10 pm). Faculties were present to help children round the clock. During the valediction, participation certificates were awarded to the students. Participants also shared their experiences with the audience narrating how they benefited from the workshop. They unanimously applauded the doubt clearing sessions and the unique pedagogy followed which made their grasping of facts easy and fast. Priyanka from KV, Jhansi appreciated the splendid faculty members who were invited from all over India to make the workshop informative, enjoyable and interesting for the participants •

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"Children begin by loving their parents; as they grow older they judge them; sometimes, they forgive them." Oscar Wilde







# Cosmic Marbles

*Twinkle twinkle little star  
How I wonder what you are?*

Imaging: Dinesh Kumar

We all have marveled about these magnificent cosmic marbles. Stars have a long history and if it is not known to the future generations, the knowledge will be lost until it is rediscovered. Stars are born from clouds of Helium and

Hydrogen gases. These wondrous clouds are called nebulae. They are found in a variety of shades and are named after different objects from both Greek and English languages, eg: The Cat's- Eye Nebula. The nebula starts contracting and warming up under the pull of its

own gravity. It shrinks so much that it breaks into small balls of gas each of which is called a protostar. Each protostar is surrounded by a ring of gas that either merges with the protostar or forms planets. Strong jets of gas escape from either side of the disc. Eventually at 10 million°C, the star is hot enough to emit light. Nuclear reactions start and the star is fully formed. The core is made of Hydrogen while the outer layers have turned to fire. Stars continue to shine for billions of years until the Hydrogen is rapidly used up by them to produce Helium. After using up the rest of the Helium it develops a core of iron which makes it so heavy that it collapses under its own force of gravity. There is an explosion and the star throws out its outer layer of fire. This explosion is known as a supernova. Supernovas shine a million times brighter than the sun. They may shine like this for a hundred years and then die out to become a White Dwarf or a Black Hole. White Dwarves don't shine brightly but are much heavier than they look. Black Holes are like colossal whirlpools which intake star material. They even absorb anything traveling at the speed of light. Usually stars with a lot of mass, unlike the sun, go on to become Black Holes.

The mass ejected from the stars during supernovas is used to form Nebulae. It is from these Nebulae that stars are again formed. The mass expelled from the stars during Supernovas is called stardust. According to this theory, the Solar System and even we are made of the material thrown out by a star during its death.●

Compiled by **Kabir Lal**, AIS Noida

## Blogger's Park

*So, you thought blogs were only for wacky time pass and crunchy sound bytes? Here are some useful ones for you all...*

**The Students Blog:** A one-stop blog for school and college students with cool solutions for all subjects; has great tips to gain teachers' goodwill and practically everything you need to cruise through your student life. Just follow the link and sail through happier times...  
<http://www.nextstudent.com/the-students-blog>

**www.idiomsite.com:** Idioms and phrases boggling you? The idiom site has made surfing and understanding idioms literally a piece of cake! Comprehensive lists in simple language, what more can one ask for?

**www.pdictionary.com:** Learning new words was never so easy and fun. The Internet Picture-Dictionary provides a pictorial dictionary with categories galore, take your pick from animals, birds, fruits, etc. to strengthen visual stimuli and word recognition and also offers exercises to practice them. Cool for tiny tots!

# You can make a difference

**Agrim Sachdeva**  
AIS Saket

Go green. Heard it but have never done anything about it. If you fall into this category, it's time you follow these simple, easy ways to save fuel and electricity costs and thus prevent CO<sub>2</sub> from being released into the atmosphere.

**Use CFLs.** They last upto 10 times longer.

**Unplug** electronic devices as even switched off devices/devices on hibernation consume a lot of energy.

**Maintaining** the right air pressure in your car's tyres saves fuel costs.

**Speeding**, rapid acceleration and hard braking waste petrol.

**Replacing** clogged air filters of your car improve mileage by as much as 10%.

**Utilise** waste paper - use the blank sides of printed pages for notes, shop for re-

cycled paper, use leftover school notebook as rough paper or cover them and give them to underprivileged children.

**Say no** to plastics/polybags. Carry your own reusable water bottle and cloth shopping bag.

**Segregate** the garbage at site of production of the garbage.

**Go vegetarian** - cooking meat and a few dairy products contribute to excess use of energy.

**When** not using water, turn off the tap.

**Switch off** the gas when not required. Also, heating can be done with a microwave, which is much more efficient.

**Prefer** natural light to artificial light.

**Spread** your ideas about how to clean the environment – blog it, email it and shout about it at the top of your voice!

If each of us tries instilling these practices in our lives, our earth will surely be a greener and better place to live in.●

# K(no)w pollution

**Science Digest**

Pollution is the introduction of contaminants into an environment that leads to instability, disorder, harm or discomfort to the physical systems or living organisms therein. Pollution can take the form of chemical substances, or energy such as noise, heat or light energy. Pollutants, the elements of pollution, can be foreign substances or naturally occurring energies. When naturally occurring, they are considered contaminants if they exceed natural levels. Pollution is often classified as point source or non-point source pollution.

Sometimes, the term pollution is extended to include any substance when it occurs at unnaturally high concentrations within a system that it endangers the stability of that system. For example, water is innocuous and essential for life, and yet at very high concentration, it could be considered a pollutant. If a person were to drink an excessive quantity of water, the physical system could be so overburdened that breakdown and even death could result. Another example is the potential of excessive noise to induce imbalance in a person's mental state, resulting in malfunction and psychosis; this has been used as a weapon in warfare.●

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# Believe it or not

**Pulkit Dua, AIS Vasundhara & Shefali, AIS Saket**

●William Deck is the only handicapped person in the world who drives with his lame legs without a handicap license.

●Robert Wadlow is the world's tallest man at 8 foot 1 inch.

●The fattest man in the world is Manuel Uribe, whose minimum weight is 580 kg.

●The world's smallest mammal is Bumble's bat of Thailand, weighing less than a penny!

●Among all shapes with the same perimeter, a circle has the largest area.

●'Unprosperousness', a sixteen letter word, is the largest word in which each letter occurs at least twice.

●Crocodiles cannot tear their meat. They just hold their prey and spin it around till the parts twist off; and then swallow it.

●All the data contained in the DNA

would fill a 1000 volume encyclopedia.

●There are more TV sets in US than there are people in UK.

●Eskimos use refrigerators to keep food from freezing!

●Queen Elizabeth of Britain sent her first e-mail in 1976.

●Men can read smaller print; women can hear better.

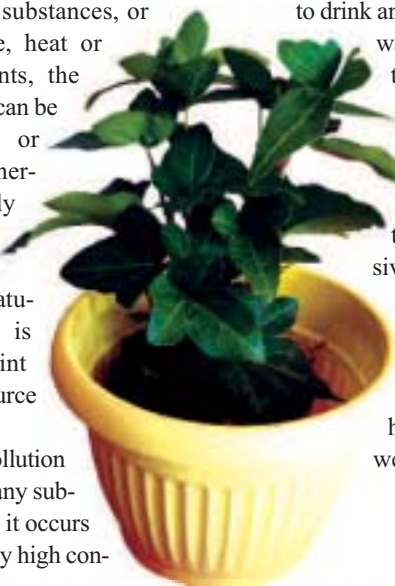
●When two words are combined to form a single word (e.g. Breakfast + lunch =brunch), the new word is called a 'portmanteau.'

●No word in English rhymes with month, oranges, silver or purple.

●The Amazon rain forest produces half the world's oxygen supply.

●Tough, though, through and thorough are formed by adding a letter every time between 't' and 'ough', but none of them rhymes with any other.

●The Australian \$ 5, \$ 10, \$ 20, \$ 50 and \$ 100 notes are made out of plastic. ●



"I think, at a child's birth, if a mother could ask a fairy godmother to endow it with the most useful gift, that gift would be curiosity." Elanor Roosevelt

## Peculiar Pin-ups

**Get the world's weirdest creatures on your newspaper**

### Aye-Aye



The Aye-Aye is the world's largest nocturnal primate and is found in the eastern coast of Madagascar. It weighs about 2.5 kilograms and grows from 30-37 cm. from head to body, with a tail as long as 44-53 cm. The Aye-Aye's most unique feature is its hands. Like other primates, it has thumbs and its fingers are long and thin.

### Philippine tarsiar

The Philippine Tarsiar is a small and peculiar animal. It is one of the smallest primates and is no larger than a human hand. It lives on insects and is found in the islands of Samar, Leyte, Bahol and Mindanao in the Philippines.



### Sucker-footed bat



The Sucker-footed bat has sticky suckers on its feet and thumbs. It uses its feet and hands to scale the large broad leaves of tropical plants where it roosts in Madagascar. It is a rare type of bat which is near extinction.

### Star-nosed mole

The Star-nosed mole is a North American mole found in eastern Canada and north-eastern United States. It eats small in-vertebrates. Adults are 15-20 cm. in length and weigh about 55 gm and have 44 teeth.



### Saki monkey



Saki monkeys are small monkeys with long and bushy tails. Saki monkeys reach a length of 30-50 cm. with a tail of the same length and weigh up to 2 kg. Saki monkeys are omnivores and eat fruits, leaves, flowers, insects, and small vertebrates. Their life span is 14 years.

### Shoebill

Shoebill, also known as Whalehead, is a very large bird related to storks. It is 1.2 m tall and weighs about 5.6



kg, and has a wing span of 2.33 m. It lives in the large swamps of East Africa from Sudan to Zambia.

Compiled by **Shreya Singh, Khushboo Sharma, Shubhi Singh & Harshit**, AIS Vasundhara



# Fashion Forward

Pankhuri Aggarwal  
AIS Gur-43

Fashion, all over the world, has always been one of the most talked about topics. Lately, Delhi and Mumbai were in the grip of fashion fever with Wills Lifestyle India Fashion Week (WIFW) & Delhi Fashion Week (DFW), and Lakme Fashion Week (LFW) in Mumbai. Celebs, as usual, were the show stoppers. Bipasha Basu along with Dia Mirza and Sridevi drew many heads towards them in WIFW and Kajol et al in LFW set the ramp on fire. Boxers Vijender Kumar and Akhil Kumar were on the ramp too. The sparkling hues indicating the festive collection-plum, maroon, fuscia and emerald gave the ramp a colourful touch. In WIFW famous designers like Rohit Bal showed their magnificent designs whereas in LFW designers like Manish Malhotra, Rocky S, etc. made their presence felt. With both Mumbai and Delhi fashion weeks happening at the same time, people had to decide where to go and which one to give a miss. Nevertheless, these fashion weeks at least showed the ‘tashan’ of people in fashion!



Observes Sakshi Goel (Class VII) of AIS Gur-43, “With a missing organising agency, a series of thefts, falling number of Western buyers and designers crying foul, the much-hyped Wills Lifestyle India Fashion Week at Delhi had a wobbly start. However, India’s biggest fashion week still made it. Both the metropolitan cities- Delhi and Mumbai showed a lot of enthusiasm and fervour towards the fashion weeks and were competing with each other, determined to establish themselves as the new hip and hot fashion capital of the nation. With all the controversies, shows and ornate collections by the country’s top designers, the fashion weeks have certainly become fodder for hot gossip and chitchat.” Opines Ragini Bhaduri (Class XI) of AIS Gur-43, “Delhi fashion weeks and wardrobe malfunctions are becoming inseparable. The only question that arises is, are the skin shows deliberate? Or was it suggested, thanks to the styling gaffe backstage. Though some of these are only meant to attract media attention, the organizers can be a little careful.”●

# Dark Secrets

Baanie Sawhney & Meenakshi Singh  
AIS Noida

Think chocolate and it takes just one small, dark and handsome square to lift up your mood, feel loved and get that million dollar glow on your face. (Now you know why chocolate massage is so popular in spas!). Health wise too, this once taboo food (it was banned by the Vatican in the 16th century for being an aphrodisiac), is proving to be a winner. “A recent spate of studies indicate that moderate intake of dark chocolate offers a number of benefits,” agrees Health and Nutrition Panel Nutritionist Neeti Desai. Some delicious reasons on why you should nurture a chocolate habit...

Go figure: Chocolate fat? No



worries, it is saturated vegetable fat that behaves in an artery friendly way just like olive oil. And hey, you can surely cut down on those fries!

**Happier heart:** Flavonoids seem to prevent both cell damage and inflammation and increase blood flow. And a happier heart is what we’re aiming at, at the end of the day.

**Muscle magic:** Chocolates help us recover after a workout. It’s proven by the scientists at Indiana University.

**Brain Gain:** Research at West Virginia Wheeling Jesuit University shows that chocolates boost memory, increase attention span and problem solving skills.

Brain gain through sinful chocolate, too good to be true! The next time you devour a creamy dark chocolate, don’t feel guilty!●

# Elixir of Life

- In India about 2.5 million people suffer and die from water borne diseases.
- The faecal matter and other impurities suspended in the rivers, ponds and lakes contaminate water.



- These problems are worsened by the fact that this contaminated water gets mixed with the drinking water which is carried by the municipal pipes to different homes.

## Tips

- Always boil/drink water free of impurities.
- Wash hands before eating meals and after defecation.
- Always protect your food from flies.
- Rivers, streams, ponds must actively be cleaned up. Projects like the Indian-Ganga purification should be encouraged.

Shruti Rastogi, AIS Gur 46

# My Chacha Nehru



It isn’t everyday that one experiences something so fantastic that it leaves an everlasting imprint on one’s soul. Recalling one such precious rendezvous

Soham Gupta  
AIS Noida

For me, no one can be as polite, generous and sweet as former President of India, Dr APJ Abdul Kalam. As much I know him, he is humble and helps everyone who comes to him and doesn’t believe in the terms superior, inferior, rich or poor. I happened to know Dr Kalam beyond his public image as I was privileged that my father, an artist, who has received acclaim internationally, was invited for a project with him. He invited us to stay with him in the family wing of the Rashtrapati Bhavan for a week. We had gone to meet him on a number of occasions at his office where he inspired us as always but staying there for a week was one of the most memorable holidays so far. It was not without any reason that Dr

Kalam took decisions. I learnt from him that my father had worked very hard and therefore he was one of the most deserving artists to stay, paint and exhibit at Rashtrapati Bhavan. It’s there that I got to know of the poet in Dr Kalam. “His poems come straight from his



He plucked oranges, peeled them and fed me those with his own hands. He is truly the Chacha Nehru in my life!

heart,” says my father. Incidentally, my sister’s first birthday was celebrated in the Presidential residence where Dr Kalam cut the cake for her! It was a memorable moment where I saw him feeding my sister with his own

hand! It was an unbelievable sight and tears almost rolled down my cheeks as I felt so overwhelmed with emotion. Not only that, Dr Kalam plucked oranges from the Mughal Garden and did not only give it to me but peeled them himself and fed me! He is truly the Chacha Nehru in my life.

As a President, it was his aim to change India, but not its culture, people, religious practices and traditions. He wanted to change the minds of the people so that they dream of something and achieve it by their own merit. He wanted India to become the best. Even though he doesn’t have the power and support now to express his message of India enlightened, his inspiration and example will continue to motivate children and adults alike to dream big. Hats off to the epitome of tenderness and humility.●

## U, Me & Hum

# Under the covers

Shivangi Kakkar  
AIS PushpVihar

Dear Diary, I’m sorry it’s been so long since I last wrote, but I’ve got a life to live. Trust me; you don’t know how hectic that can get especially when your exams are coming up. And your parents keep on yelling at you for staying on the phone for way too long. And when you get scolded even more when they find out that you’re actually SMS-ing your friends when you’re supposed to be doing your homework. That reminds me, homework is a big pain because it’s pretty difficult to juggle between your social and academic life. School friends, colony friends, homework, revision for exams and recreation- 24 hours are not enough to do everything when your parents expect you to go to bed by 10:30. To top it all is the pressure to top the class, or at least score better than the majority. Try doing that with such a dis-



combobulated life. And then you have all the extra-curricular activities. Sometimes I wonder if my parents were ever kids, more like teenagers, because they never seem to understand me properly. Or at least they don’t fully digest the fact

that my room can never be organized! It’s against the teen code! But how am I supposed to tell them that? Yet, life is pretty awesome. My friends and I are having a blast in school, even though there’s no scope of meeting afterwards. Not after I got yelled at for staying at the Farhan Akhtar concert for a bit too long (an hour more than I was allowed). Rest is typical, with all my pals there to make every day unique, and rocking! What would I do without my friends? Life is unimaginable without my whole gang! Well, I’m sleepy now.

*Tonight’s wish:* Exams somehow disappear forever to leave me in peace. Nighty-night.●

# Counsel’s Korner

I want to study and get good marks but whenever I sit with my books I feel sleepy and cannot concentrate. Please help. Rahul

Start with the subjects you enjoy, and supplement them with interesting trivia from internet, encyclopedia, etc. A few things that will help you:

- Make a time table for yourself which includes time for your daily activities-meals, rest, play and studies. Just pick those hours for studying when you feel most alert (early morning/late at night). Put all your study material in one particular area and study at that place. Make sure it’s not on the bed or in front of the



Pooja Bagrodia

TV! If you don’t have to get up to gather your material, it’s easier to focus.

- Keep a glass of water and a few biscuits near you to keep you alert and fresh during studying. Sip water/fresh juice every 10-15 minutes to keep your body active.
- Get up every half an hour and do 2-3 simple stretching exercises. Don’t use ‘break’ time to watch TV as you could lose track of time.
- Each time you yawn or lose interest, say loudly, “Focus!” This acts like a refresher to bring your attention back to the task at hand.

All the best! ●

"We've had our ups and downs, we've had our struggles, we've always been poor, but it's been worth it, worth it a hundred times I say when I look round at my children."- W. Somerset





# Cherish Dreams

*"We must think and act like a nation of a billion people and not like that of a million people. Dream, dream, dream!"*

Dr APJ Abdul Kalam



Dr. Amita Chauhan  
Chairperson

Dreams are for dreamers. At Amity, I construct dreams and all my Amityans are dreamers. They have a dream to do something big in life. Together we dream to create a world where the head is held high and knowledge is free; where the world has not had been broken into fragments by narrow domestic walls; where knowledge is free. I dream to build a good Samaritan of every Amitian.

Amitasha, one of my favourite projects for the girl child is an effort in this direction. Being a woman, it disheartens me to see so many girls deprived of their basic right to education because of the gender bias prevalent in the society. Have you ever wondered why most Amity events commence with a *vandana* rendered by the students of Amitasha? That's because these children are God's gift to mankind. They connect mankind to the Supreme. As a true Indian, it is the duty of every human being to contribute towards their upliftment.

Amitasha is an opportunity to provide a platform for hundreds of children to dream alongside their privileged counterparts. When I hear them speak that they want to become an air hostess or a doctor, I can see my dreams transcending. I experience a high every time I see my Amityans realise their ambitions. Remember, great dreams of great dreamers are always transcended. Go ahead and dare to dream with a single minded mission to your goal. ●

## B (+)ve

*"For myself I am an optimist - it does not seem to be much use being anything else."*

Winston Churchill



Vira Sharma

There are moments in life when things don't move the way you desire. And then everything comes crumbling down. To be able to pick those pieces and begin afresh one needs to have positive thinking. Words of encouragement help tide over unhappy times and moods. Be it a phase of global economic recession or a poor report card, speak positive.

Harsh words spoken, piercing comments stated and negative reports published, tend to aggravate the matter further. And then, follow the news of suicide and families being wiped out. What they just need is a simple word of encouragement. A positive reinforcement. A momentary phase can sniff life out of you. Save it. Share it with others. Draw positive energy. Look ahead. Be Positive. It was my son's theatrical debut. He was to role play 'Ravana' during the Ramleela celebrations. "Ravana! Does he look like Ravana? The teacher must have gone bonkers. Didn't she find anyone better?" rattled the grandma. Even before the nursery child could grapple with the role character, the spirit was dampened. While I felt bad for him not securing the role of Rama, sharing my woes with relatives and friends, I received a prompt reply from my mom. "That's great news. So from now, people can actually visualize a sweet Ravana too." Well yes! He would look so cute. My enthusiasm soared. There is life beyond cracking IIT and sensex crashes. A positive thinker sees the invisible, feels the intangible, and achieves the impossible. There is a Ravana, smiling at you. Stretch your positive perspective. Both Rama and Ravana are worshipped with reverence. ●



View

Chavi Sahl, AIS PV

We can always come back to the place of our birth, but we can never come back to the time of our birth. The period of childhood lays the foundation of the mental, physical, social and spiritual well being of tomorrow's citizens. A happy and healthy childhood is the birth right of every child.

To employ children in industries is a crime and a blot on the society. At a time when kids should be playing out in the sun, making friends and having fun, employers force young children to work long hours in dark crumpled dingy areas. The employers often abuse, scold, maltreat and beat underperforming children. In this vicious circle, there are poor parents and greedy employers who are all set to make money, in any way fair or foul. Occasionally, when there are police raids to check the illegal practices of child labour, the employers try to run away. The children are asked to hide and the police

# Child Rights and You

Punishment of employees the best way to end child labour?



are bribed into seeing no evil. In the whole drama, there is the child, whose back is broken, mind is suffocated and creativity is crushed.

So strong is the human greed that mere slogans of 'Ban child labour' have not worked. Many sections of the society including poets and writers have been jailed trying to stop the cruelty of forced child labour.

So instead of debating, vigilant inspectors must visit every nook and corner of the country to nab the employers of young children. The nation must see such employers punished so that every child can have a happy and healthy childhood. That is probably, the only way, we can ensure that children are able to enjoy their childhood, carefree and secure.

Counterview

Anugya Gupta, AIS PV

Punishment of employees may not be the best way to eradicate child labour. There are alternate ways to tackle the issue. Errant employers may be asked to adopt some children and provide them with educational and professional training to learn their job perfectly. After completing the basic education and training and when they attain employable age, they may be given appropriate job by the same employers. This would not only end child labour but also solve the problem of poverty to a great extent. As rightly said by George Bernard Shaw, "We want to see that a child follows knowledge and not that knowledge follows a



child." We can make each child knowledgeable and worth employment after a specific age. Amitabh Bachchan once said, "There are victories and defeats in life but one's self confidence should never be defeated."

Counseling sessions for the employers can also work wonders where they are given information about child rights. Another effective method can be rewarding the employers who adhere to child rights and consciously avoid employing young kids in their industries. This will inspire others to follow suit. Consumer awareness programmes can also generate wakefulness.

A prominent industry that has been using child labour is the carpet manufacturing industry. They have now created the 'Rugmark' label which validates that no child has worked in the production of those carpets and more so, Western countries are willing to pay higher prices for such pieces. Punishment never has, and never will give the desired results. It may aggravate the problem and the employers may start punishing the child instead. ●



Photo: Tulika Banerji; Imaging: Pankaj Mallik

## Best time to be a kid

Tulika Banerji, ANN

As I watch my daughter wade through the insecurities and anxieties that envelop a five year old's world, I can't help but unwind to my own days of innocent abandon. Those were the days! The Math and English lessons, fancy dress shows, endless practice sessions for PT displays, queuing up to the slides and swings in the recess and even the rickshaw ride to the school with a few older boys perpetually pushing the vehicle at

every bulge on the road felt so cool. What fun we had in school, or did we? For today, my daughter seems to have twice as much. In the four hours that she spends at her alma mater, a whole new world unfolds. The other day, she brought home mini *idlis* from her baking class and I listened to her wide eyed that she's also made butter popcorn,

cheesy Bingo and biscuit *laddoos* before! In stark contrast to my no-toys-in-school days, she has a play room cheerfully done up in bright hues that boasts of an interesting assortment of block games, plasticine and even mini slides and see-saws. She knows what each Indian festival and custom entails, much before the celebrations begin; I don't have to enlighten her about the

ten heads of *Ravana* or to whom *Hanuman* entrusted his loyalties! While I learnt five lines on each festival which I conveniently for-

got soon after, she gets colouring sheets and playful songs to match the festive spirit. She knows 'A' stands for air and all-rounder and not just apple, wants to enroll in skating classes and own a BSA cycle by the time she's six! I strive hard to resist going green with envy as I see her bask in the glory of her school days. It's certainly a good time to be a kid! ●

**While I learnt five lines which I forgot later, she gets colouring sheets to match the festive spirit**

## Scrumpitious Scandals

Karan Saharya  
AIS Noida

Murder, crime, scandal, what else is there on the menu? Go on. Lick your lips. How macabre, how riveting, how delicious. Argue if you like. But that's the verity. Actually I can't really help it, you see. Whenever I switch on the TV, that's all I watch. When I open the newspaper, that's all I read. And when I am with my friends, that's all I heed. I'll let you into a secret; I quite like it all. Don't we all?

Why is it that people just hanker after malevolence? Why, on one hand do we make a face so nauseating on hearing it, and then hoist our eyebrows keenly, when we are with acquaintances? Why is the media covering every such abysmal news item, like there's no tomorrow? It's not just us. It's the police too. It too dawns on the policeman only after the whole humankind gets to know. And then you watch those interviews on TV, in which the solemn looking Commis-

sioner tells you that the case is solved and the offender has been convicted, and there is nothing to fret about. That's all there is to it, society, why agonize so much? It's just another slaughter for God's sake! The President of the States is still very much breathing. And then the winds of change will triumph. The case is ephemeral. The denunciation will be forgotten. The man who was till yesterday the most reviled citizen

(curse me for using that declaration) will now be just another brick in the wall. People, who until yesterday were being pursued with keen interest and skepticism and vehemence, reconcile. It all dies down. No one cares about the lady who just witnessed her bedroom being reduced to mince after the robber struck, or the chap who saw his son being stabbed. We only care for mileage: political, economic and social. They say time heals everything. Thanks anyway, for the memories. ●



Imaging: Pankaj Mallik



Slowly and gradually from being just a newspaper, it has become a part of my life. Every month I wait for the assembly to come and the new edition of Global Times to be released, and the excitement is only increasing. I

am a big fan of Gandhigiri and I really enjoyed reading 'Gandhistan'. Global Times Rocksssss...!

Shivek, AIS ED

Every Issue of The Global Times has a new surprise. The interview of Master Kishan clearly declared, "Size doesn't matter." I also liked the big story on Wild Life. The facts and figures opened our eyes and told us where we actually stand!

Anwesha Padhy, AIS ED



# Educate a girl, educate a nation



**A**nmol loves to go to school and so does Amola. Anmol's mother wakes him up every morning, dresses him, packs his tiffin, drops him to the school in her car and picks him up in the afternoon. Amola has a

different routine. She wakes up at 5 am every morning. Contributes to the household chores as brooming, filling water, cooking, etc. and rushes for her school that commences at 2 pm. While Anmol studies in Amity Intl.

School, Amola is a student of Amitasha. However, they both share one thing in common. They belong to one family, the Amity family, build by our good samaritan chairperson Dr (Ms) Amita Chauhan.

Vira Sharma, ANN

## Sharing the Spotlight

From cutting a music album titled 'Sapna dekha hai hamne', recording the song 'Sapno ka shahar' for the film 'Sahar' with Alka Yagnik, accompanying Shubha Mudgal in concerts at Le Meridian to questioning former President APJ Abdul Kalam and shaking hands with cine stars and cricket icons, Amitasha has a lot to share and cherish. For Karishma, Neha, Seema and many others, the opportunity to travel to Mumbai in Rajdhani during their album recording was something that they can never stop talking about. "Our maiden tryst with Railways in Rajdhani was spent singing all the way. The opportunity to see Juhu beach, visit ISCON temple, central jail, meeting the cast and crew of 'Kasauti Zindagi Kay' and shake hands with all top shots was a life time experience," they chirp non-stop. "Amitasha gave me an opportunity to shake hands with Kareena Kapoor and Shahid Kapoor," comments Jyoti of

**'Amitasha' as the name suggests, is Amitaji's 'Asha' for the girl child in India, whom she has given an opportunity to study and live her dream.**

Amitasha Noida. Pooja of Class VII cherishes her meeting with Kapil Dev.

## Self Respect & Dignity

"Amitasha for me is an opportunity to live life with self respect and dignity," says Jyoti of class VII. "I used to study in a govt school. One day my cousin who works at Amity visited my parents and persuaded them to send me to Amitasha. My mother was reluctant as she felt that all the money spent on books and dress for the current school would go waste. However, sensing my keenness, she allowed me to join Amitasha. Today, whenever my cousin visits our house, my mother never fails to thank him. Amitasha changed my worldview completely," she claims with pride.

## Health & Hygiene

Neatly dressed with trimmed hairs, Amitasha students definitely pronounce health and hygiene. Says Archana, "We are taught how to behave, live and maintain hygiene. Initially, I was reluctant to cut my hair but the many advantages of short hair while at school makes me feel good today. I also implement at home, whatever I am taught here and have been appreciated by all."

## Cherish dreams

Pooja of Class VII, always dreamt of becoming a doctor. Today at Amitasha she can see her dream take shape. Says she, "Going to a private hospital is a very expensive affair. Hence I want to

become a doctor and provide free service for the poor and needy." Radha and many others express the same desire. Kaajal, on the other hand, dreams to be a painter. She confides, "I want to be an artist and sell my paintings. Amitasha stalls held during various occasions and festivals, give me an opportunity to exhibit and sell my skills, raising money and thereby my confidence."

## Realise potential

Monika Singh didn't know she could paint well until she received a call from the Chairperson that her painting was selected for printing in Amitasha greeting cards. "I am glad the money thus generated will provide education to many girls like us," she says happily. Similarly, when Neha's Vasudha project was se-

**On the occasion of Children's Day, the special Big Story explores how a noble venture as Amitasha, unleashes a fresh beginning in the lives of these girls who represent Bharat.**

lected as the best one in the class VII category, it gave her a pride of place among all Amity schools. Then there's Abha of Class VII, who won the third prize in a dance competition held at Delhi Public School (competing with 20 schools), and aspires to be the next Saroj Khan.

## Good Samaritan

Chairperson Dr (Ms) Amita Chauhan, a role model for many students never ceases to inspire her students. Says Rajni Saini, "Amita Mam always tells us that we should learn to be good, humble and honest human beings. When I grow up, I aspire to be like her and open many more schools like this." And if you thought that the children at Amitasha were completely satisfied with what they have, just chuck the notion. What more? "An Amitasha that could run from morning to evening," they demand in chorus. True, with Amitasha... yeh dil mange more! •



"You are worried about seeing him spend his early years in doing nothing. Is it nothing to be happy? Never in his life will he be so busy again." Jean-Jacques Rousseau

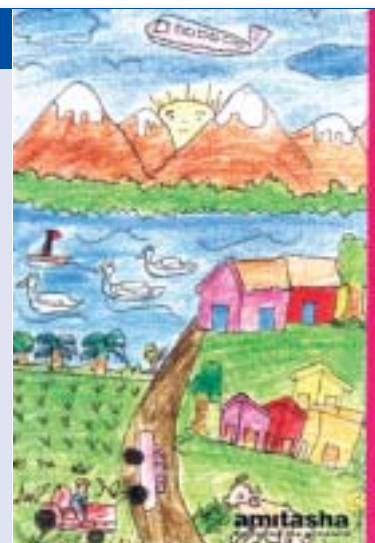
## We care and share

Born in 2002, Amitasha, a chain of schools for underprivileged girl children at Noida, Saket and Gurgaon provides free education, clothing, nutrition and health care to thousands of little girls. It is not about sympathy alone - it is driven



Poonam Mathur, Class VIII, Amitasha

with a vision to augment thoughts with actions. It is a medium for many to reach out to hundreds of girls who seek your hand for a better tomorrow, a better life. We need your support to realise our endeavour. Let's join hands in the name of humanity. Book your seasons greetings cards prepared by Amitasha children. Call up 011-2431837 or login at [www.amity.edu/amitasha/greetings.asp](http://www.amity.edu/amitasha/greetings.asp) Remember each act of kindness counts in life - for some more than others. To find out how you can help those who need it the most, log on to [www.amity.edu/ahf](http://www.amity.edu/ahf).



Pushpa, Class VII, Amitasha





# Guns & Roses ‘Lakshya’

Vira Sharma, ANN

The valedictory function of the 10th U.P. State Inter-school Shooting Championship, ‘Lakshya’, held at AIS Vasundhra on October 6, 2008 spoke volumes of the burgeoning talent of the promising shooters. The three day contest hosted by AIS Vasundhra witnessed over 300 participants across UP and NCR competing in Open sight, Peep sight & Air Pistol shooting in the junior and sub-junior categories. Following the golden performance of India at Olympics, the potential shooters displayed India’s future as safe in this upcoming sport. Demystifying the popular myth shrouding this sport, that shooting is a prerogative of the rich, were partici-

pants from small towns. Deepak Guri of Gyan Sagar School, district Bagpath was highly impressed with the arrangement and opportunity extended to him. “My father delivers Gas and saves money to pay for this sport. I came with Rs 500 and spent only Rs 100 as entry fee. The school took care of the rest,” he said with a smile. Deepak’s coach Kuldeep Tomar, seven

## 10th U.P. State Inter-school Shooting Championship – 2008

time national player and three time bronze medalist from UP felt that such opportunities should be given more often to encourage talent. Says Kuldeep, “There is immense talent hidden in rural India. Their day to day activity keeps them agile, increases their stamina and fitness necessary for this sport. For the rich, shooting is a hobby while for them it’s an opportunity to

move forward in life. There are many who are willing to train the rich. None for the poor. For every Arjuna trained, hundreds of Eklavya’s die each day.” Anubhav Dhillon and Ashwin Bansal, the elated coaches of Godwin Public School, Meerut that won the award for school with maximum medal tally credited their directors Bhupinder Bajwa & Jitendra Bajwa and students for the stu-

pendous performance. Arunima Gaur, barely two months old into the shooting arena was all delighted to bag the youngest shooter award. “It was a pleasant surprise to know that I can shoot so well. Had it not been for Amity, I would never have discovered my talent,” she said extending her gratitude to her coach Deeepak Tomar. Arpit Goyal of AIS Noida who bagged

the first position in Air Pistol Junior category along with one bronze medal in sub-junior category and one Silver in team event had one message for the budding shooters, “If you want to go for shooting as a sport, take it seriously or don’t venture into it at all.” Geet Oberoi of AIS Noida who won Bronze felt that the competition this year was tougher than the previous year. Unable to hide her excitement, Geet’s mother shared, “My son was treated for thalassemia three years ago when her sister donated her bone marrow. Whatever he wins is Gold for me. He is my hero.” The host school won a bronze in Team event (Sub-Junior) and two individual prizes. The event organised under the guidance of chairperson, Dr. Amita Chauhan and Founder President, Dr. Ashok K. Chauhan, was a grand success. School Principal Shashi Ranjan proposed the vote of thanks.●

## ICommences

Siddhant Chandel  
AIS Sector 46

India is in the grips of cricket fever yet again! Another cricket championship, not unlike IPL (Indian Premiere League), has started. Only this time it is called ICL (Indian Cricket League). The rules of the game remain almost the same. Each team represents a state. The first match was held on 10th October, between ‘Hyderabad Heroes’ and ‘Lahore Badshahs’. It was won by ‘Hyderabad Heroes’. Some people think that ICL is a great excuse to compete with different states and find out which is the best. But some others think differently. ‘It builds up a lot of rivalry amongst states which is exactly what we do not need,’ says *Atreya Mitra, an IIT graduate student*. “Nowadays people do not play cricket for glory or fame, but for money. This just shows the greedy nature of human beings,” says *Pranab Gambhir, a student of class VIIIth*. Some people are in favour of the ICL series because they believe that this will promote more competition and provide an opportunity to the upcoming talent who may not otherwise, get a chance to prove themselves on an international stage. Established stars in the arena of cricket provide competition necessary for motivating performance. *Comments Akshat Seth (VIII) of AIS, Sector 46*, “These championships are simply a waste of productive time.” While *Rahul Srivastav (X) of Vishwa Bharti Public School Noida* quips, “Such championships ensure healthy competition. They have their own economics.” ●

# Kite flying a sport or spoil sport

Shivani Verma  
AIS East Delhi

Numerous kites hovering overhead fill the blue sky with vibrant colours. People, young and old, standing on terraces in groups engage in kite-fighting. There is a lot of fun and frolic below but high above in the sky, the birds are in trouble. The sharp strings of the kite almost invisible to the birds injure their delicate bodies. A frantic struggle by the bird to free itself from the clutches of the string does it no good. It finally drops to the ground half-dead, struggling to survive.

But this is not the end. The kites which get stuck in the trees also spell disaster for birds. The ones most affected by such incidents are pigeons, owls,

eagles, vultures and other migratory birds. The synthetic and nylon fibres of the kites injure the birds to such an extent that most of them die and many are unable to fly for the rest of their lives. The strings known as ‘manjha’ contain a certain amount of glass which helps to make the strings sharper and stronger. Many NGOs and social organizations like PETA have come forward to help these birds. Many incidents of stray animals like dogs, cows etc. falling prey to the ‘manjha’ have been reported in different parts of the country. People have the right to enjoy with their family and friends but not at the cost of a poor bird or animal. If you ever come across any injured bird or animal, do take the following steps:

- Keep the bird / animal warm and cozy.
- Don’t force it to eat or drink water.
- Take it to a vet as soon as possible.●

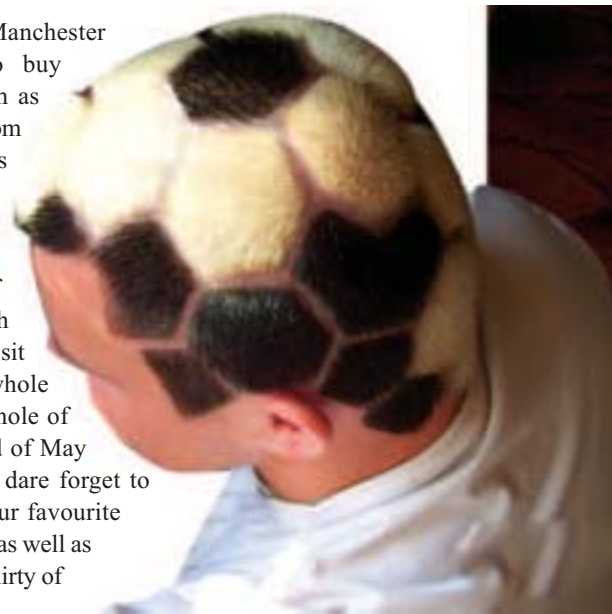


# SOCCER MANIA

Nishant Iyer  
AIS East Delhi

The Soccer season has started, just pull out your chairs and stick yourself in front of the idiot box. Now hold on to the remote and either switch to ESPN or TEN SPORTS and see Rooney, C.Ronaldo or Gerrard scoring a goal. See them celebrating and do not get out of there because that would be the biggest crime. It seems only yesterday that Manchester United beat Chelsea at Moscow in the UEFA Champions League finals. As the Champions League begins with the transfer season on, all the club managers start hunting for new players because they want to see their team riding high

in the club tables. Manchester City is planning to buy Ronaldo in their team as soon as he recovers from the injury. Liverpool’s S. Gerrard and Man. United’s C. Ronaldo are currently the top scorers and also one of the key players for both the clubs. So, now just sit back and enjoy the whole tournament for the whole of November till the end of May 2009. And don’t you dare forget to chant the name of your favourite player to see both him as well as the club on top of all thirty of them!●



# Bend it like Malkham

Mitalee Sharma  
AIS Noida

In India, people are exposed to many sports but the soul of the country belongs to (no surprises here) cricket (sigh!). Whenever a sport like Malkham is mentioned, I’m sure images will be evoked for all the Roadies 5 fans as a task the participants performed on the show. But there’s a lot more to Malkham than that. Proof: if you ever take a stroll in the India Gate gardens in the wee hours of the morning, chances are you’ll see many teenagers practicing this intricate sport. Malkham was developed in Maharashtra during the 19th century as a sport for



warriors. It uses vital techniques like flexibility, concentration and some knowledge of yoga. What’s more is that it has two types to it: **Rope malkham** for daring girls like us and **Pole malkham** for *gabru jawans*. Once up on the rope or the pole the person uses it with regard to perform complex routines and yogic *asanas*. Surprisingly, this sport is recognized internationally too with competitions held every year. So what say Youngistan, ready to try this cool sport? Fun, feisty and challenging, it’s perfect for teens who want to stand out from the crowd yet stay grounded and in excellent shape. Hope we see an Olympic Malkham team from India soon. ●





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5. Name the two types of Malkham.

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Abhishek Tandon, VII-D, East Delhi  
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# Spin-a-Yarn contest




Roma’s dream was to be fulfilled. She had been waiting for this day for the last 12 years. She could not hide her excitement. She was not ready to believe that her reverie was for real. Only this time....

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# Voice of Youth Power

**Purshottam Sharma**  
XII, AIMC Manesar



**I aspire:** to be like a rock so that I do not deviate from my path even when the circumstances are unfavourable.

**Youth Power:** The confidence, enthusiasm, energy and potential of the youth to change the world in their own way.

**Displayed YP:** In a football match, where my school team of 16-17 year olds defeated Amity University’s team of 23-24 year olds by 8-0!

**5 qualities to be successful:** Discipline, punctuality, honesty, desiciveness and never say die attitude.


**My role model:** Bhagat Singh. Till his last breath, he was not afraid of dying.

**Biggest challenge for the youth:** To keep alive their values which are depleting at a fast rate.

**If God granted me three wishes:** End all the hatred in the world; restore the depleting ozone layer; grant three more wishes.

# A drop of water

**Pankhuri, AIS Sec 46 Gurgaon**



Many drops of water an ocean make,  
Praising the ocean and not the drop  
is a big mistake  
Every drop has a tale to tell,  
If we could listen to it as well  
The dewdrop in the morn  
signifies the freshness of the dawn  
The beauty of flowers on which it lies  
with the dewdrop multiplies  
When the heart is sad  
When the mood is bad

Down falls drop by drop  
the salty teardrops  
A drop of water falls on me  
it is a drop of rain  
And if it doesn’t fall on earth  
our lives will be in pain  
It makes the farmers happy  
because the crops grow  
When the rain falls drop by drop  
even the teardrops go!

Painting by Mrityunjay KG-3 AIS Noida



**Neha Singh**  
AIS Sec 43  
Gurgaon

# Success

**Saksham Thakral, AIS Sec 46 Gurgaon**



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


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

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

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

# Greatly Grammar!

**Sakshi Maheshwari, AIS East Delhi**




For a student, exams and tests are synonymous with school life. There are many heavy subjects to study- from confusing maths to boring history. But the subject in which I had problem is said to be the ‘easiest’ – English! For me, English was worse than a nightmare and grammar made my head completely spin! So I penned this poem to learn it the quick way.

*A noun is name of a thing  
A school, garden, or maybe a king  
An adjective tells us about a noun  
Great, smart or a pretty gown  
In place of noun comes a pronoun  
Which tells us about his or her town  
Conjunctions join together  
Blinking or twinkling, wind or weather  
Interjections show surprise  
As, “How cool! How nice!”  
A verb shows actions  
Sit or stand, run or walk  
It could else be reactions  
How things are done, says adverb  
Slow or fast, ill or well  
These are called parts of speech  
While reading, writing, talking or teaching*

Painting by Arjun Nautiyal KG-2 AIS Noida

# Compassion

**Akanksha Gupta, AIS Pushp Vihar**




Let’s not anyone hate  
and be a universal mate.  
At any rate, don’t differentiate,  
between people of different caste, colour and creeds.  
And never encroach  
the habitats of the jungle folk.  
Or shoot and poach  
The rulers of the bright sky  
and the residents of trees.

We should fill our hearts with love for all  
be it creatures great or small  
or lepers and other diseased.

Show kindness and do well to those  
whom the society has disposed  
and to those whom their children have dispossessed.  
Blessed will be our mother Earth  
If filled with such love, warmth and mirth,  
and when hatred will depart  
every individual’s heart.  
For in God’s commandments, it is  
That all have a right to live  
In peace and blissful happiness.  
And mentioned it is in nature’s constitution  
that it is the duty of one and all  
To look towards others with compassion.

# Education

**Ashwin Goel (IV B), AIS Vasundhara**



Education is  
a way to lead a good life.  
Education is  
the wonder of our life.  
Without education ,  
we are nothing,  
and from education,  
we get every thing.  
We should  
respect this education,  
and, from this  
we get recognition.



**Painting by Arjun Nautiyal KG-2 AIS Noida**

“I must take issue with the term 'a mere child,' for it has been my experience that the company of a mere child is infinitely preferable to that of a mere adult.”- Fran Lebowitz





# Sangthan 2008 concludes with promises of plenty



1. Founder President Dr Ashok K Chauhan sharing his thoughts with the gathering; 2. Winner receiving award; 3. Horse riders saluting founder President in front of dignitaries; 4. Students competing for the best March Past; 5. Students putting up a cultural performance; 6. 100 metres final race (girls)

**Sampada Sansara**

Amity Campuses across India observed Founder's day with the closing ceremony of the month long inter-institutional Sports meet 'Sangathan 2008' at Amity University, Sector- 125, Noida. A mélange of over 130 institutions and seven Amity International Schools thronged Amity grounds to pay regards to their Founder President. The event teed off with the lighting of 'Khel Jyoti' by the captains of the team from Amity Institute of Physical Education and Sports Science, who were the winners of 'Sangathan 2007' followed by an impressive march past by various institutions. Amity Institute of Education,

Noida and Amity International School, Noida were adjudged the winners in the senior and junior category respectively. Teams from Amity Campuses in Lucknow, Rajasthan, Bhubaneshwar and Amity Global Varsity at Chandigarh, Hyderabad, Indore and Kolkata participated in Cricket, Football, Basketball, Hockey, Volley Ball, Lawn Tennis, Badminton, Races, Shot Put, Discus Throw, Swimming, Chess, Carrom Board, Squash and Long Jump.

Congratulating Dr. Ashok K Chauhan, Dr. (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan, chairperson, Amity Schools called upon the students to try and emulate the path breaking efforts pioneered by him. Dr. Ashok K Chauhan announced that by next year Amity would file over 100 patents in Science and Technology, thereby becoming India's largest contributor in the field. He also announced the opening of three more universities in the coming years at Chattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh

and Chandigarh. The winners of various events were felicitated. Amity School of Physical Education and Sports Sciences won 24 gold and 10 silver medals; Amity Business School, Noida won 14 gold and 13 silver medals; Amity School of Business bagged 11 gold and 15 silver medals and Amity Intl. Business School won 8 gold and 6 silver medals. The students of various institutions presented a colorful cultural program depicting different cultures. Also present at the celebrations were Justice K N Singh former Chief Justice of India; Dr. (Mrs) V S Chauhan, chairman, Prakash Hospitals; Sadana Sood, Head of NMC Hospital; Dr. Mahesh Sharma, founder, Kailash Hospitals and Lt. Gen. Y S Panwar. ●

Founder President announced that by next year, Amity will file over 100 patents in Science & Technology, thereby becoming the largest contributor in the field.

## International Congress of Foreign Medicine

“Forensic Science should be widely used to curb crime. It's preventive aspect is more crucial than its investigative aspect,” opined chief guest Home Minister, Shivraj Patil while inaugurating the four day International Conference of ‘South Asian Congress of Forensic Medicine, Forensic Science & Toxicology (SAFCON)’ at Amity University, Noida. The theme of the conference was ‘The Emerging trend in Forensic Medicine, Forensic Science and Toxicology.’ The conference discussed sensitive subjects such as Serial Crimes, Shooter Identification, Brain Electrical Oscillation signature profiling and Application of DNA to Forensic Science and many more. Over 175 academicians, researchers, scientists, doctors, law enforcement officials, lawyers as Dr. M S Rao, Prof. Surinder Nath, Dr. Vivek Sharma, Dr. R. Krishnamurthy, Dr. Atefah Marjaei & Mariam Farijian from India and Asian countries shared their experiences. ●



Awards Conferred

- **ICFMT Shiksha Rattan Award:** Dr. Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity University,
- **Life Time Achievement Award (Forensic Medicine):** Dr. D. R. Kothari
- **Life Time Achievement award (Forensic Science):** Dr. J. K Aggarwal
- **Prof. Jagdish Chandra Oration Award:** Dr. M. S. Rao, DFS, ICFMT,
- **Annual Congress award:** Dr. Inderjit Roy and Dr. Nageshwar Rao
- **Excellence award for Scientific Publication in Forensic Medicine:** upon Dr. B.R. Sharma.

## Global leadership summit

Amity Business School organised the Fourth Global Leadership Summit 2008 on the theme ‘Developing Competitiveness in Global Economy’ at Amity University Campus, Noida. Chief Guest Mr. Digvijay Singh, Former Chief Minister of MP inaugurated the Summit. Founder President Dr. Ashok K Chauhan and Digvijay Singh gave away many awards. Amity Leadership Award for Sectoral Excellence in the Power Industry was bestowed upon R S Sharma-CMD, NTPC. Amity Leadership Award for Sectoral Excellence in the Tourism and Hospitality Industry and Amity Leadership Award for Sectoral Excellence in the Power Distribution Industry in the Private Sector were conferred upon Pravez Dewan, CMD, ITDC and Sunil Wadhwa, CEO, NDPL respectively. Ranbaxy Laboratories Ltd. bagged the Amity Leadership Award for Sectoral Excellence in the Pharmaceutical Industry. Absorbing sessions were conducted by

eminent speakers like Pravez Dewan; Raghu Kochhar, Director, Corporate Communications, Ranbaxy Laboratories Ltd.; Manoj Chugh- Director (Global Accounts) and Asia Pacific and Japan



for EMC Corporation; Ashok Anand, Director HR, Oil India Ltd.; ABL Srivastava, Director Finance, NHPC Ltd.; Sanjeev Sethi, Corporate Director (HR), The Imperial Hotels and Probir Sen, Former CMD, AIR India and President of India International Centre, ND, etc. ●

### New Digest

#### Mental Health: Global priority

Amity Institute of Psychology and Allied Sciences (AIPS) organised World Mental Health Day on the theme ‘Facing Fear Together: A Preventive Approach’ in accordance to the WHO Theme, ‘Making Mental health a Global priority.’ The topic for



the Mental Health Day celebration was ‘Psychological Perspectives on Terrorism: Consequences and Strategies’. During the Mental Health Day celebration students displayed Graffiti on creating awareness in youth. Sarthak Das Gupta, of ASFL won the first prize followed by Swati Agarwal III year student of B.Tech in Bio as the Runners-up. Ritika Mittal-AITTM, B.Tech, stood first in the Inter-Institute Declamation Contest. Radhika Kamra of AITTM, B.Tech was the Runners Up. A short movie on Terrorism was also screened. ●

#### Nokia: Connecting Amity

AITTM (Amity Institute of Telecom Technology & Management) entered into collaboration with Nokia Siemens Networks on 20th Oct. A MOU was signed between Lt. Gen P D Bhargava, DG AITTM and Michael Kuehner, Country Head India/Nepal, Nokia Siemens Net-

##### AITTM's Nokia handshake

works. The event was organized by Nokia Siemens Networks and was attended by Col. O P Aurora, Director (Telecom & IIC) and Gopa Dasgupta, Senior Manager, IIC. AITTM is the first institution chosen by Nokia Siemens Networks, in India, for such collaboration. The partnership was a result of strong professional relationship that AITTM shares with NSN. ●



# Grandparent's Day celebrations



The nursery and kindergarten students of **AIS Noida** celebrated Grandparents' Day on September 25 & 26 respectively. The programme commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by school Principal Mohina Dar; Headmistress Roopma Singh; Junior Headmistress Swapna Paul; Coordinators Shalini Khanna & Shivani Khanna along with several grandparents. The children put up a fantastic show comprising songs, like 'Love is', 'Mere Pyare Granny, Grandpa' and skits titled, 'The Meal Must Go On...' and 'Bache Maan Ki Sachche'. A Hindi poem penned by Sunita Dhiman for the grandparents was also recited on the occasion. The day concluded with tea, chatting in the classrooms and admiring the lovely gifts that the children crafted for their grandparents.●

# Trip to the land of the rising sun



**Aditya Gupta**  
AIS Vasundhra

**Sanshika Sharma**  
AIS Vasundhra

I was privileged to get an opportunity to travel to the land of the rising sun. We visited many places in Tokyo like Edo Tokyo Museum and Imperial Palace which depicted the rich heritage and culture of Japan. I was amazed to visit the Japanese schools. They were exemplary educational institutions where modern education is imparted but cultural activities like green tea ceremony is also taught. During our stay with the host families, we learnt that people of Japan are very eloquent, tech-savvy, generally aesthetic and conciliatory. We participated in

I got an opportunity to visit Japan under JENESYS exchange programme. During the trip we visited the

Imperial Palace, Asakusa Shrine, Eco Town, Edo Tokyo Museum and Saga Castle to mention a few. It was an enriching experience to interact with the Japanese youth. An overnight stay with the respective host families gave us a closer look at the Japanese culture. It promoted mutual understanding among the youth and widened our horizons on Japanese politics, economy, social and cultural life as well as the local community. The 10 day programme comprised a visit to Tokyo and Saga Prefecture with 18 other students from all over India. I got the privilege of addressing the Japanese delegates at the farewell party. I would like to thank the school for giving me this life time opportunity. Japan has left some frozen moments and I still miss the Land of the Rising Sun and its people.

## Student Exchange Programme

many activities like origami, tea ceremony, etc. which enriched our knowledge of the Japanese culture. We visited many places like Mirakin and Incineration plant which illustrated that Japanese people are not only technologically developed but also are very caring towards nature and also value sustainable development. I

found Japan to be an immaculate blend of advancement and rich cultural heritage. It was a very nostalgic moment when we were leaving the land of the rising sun. My eyes were moistened and so were of my friends and coordinators. I left Japan with sweet memories that I seek to cherish throughout my lifetime. I sincerely thank the school authorities for giving me the chance of a life time.●

# Karate champions

Raju Roy, the karate coach of **AIS Noida** and his team participated in the IIInd District Seigo-Kai Karate Championship held at Community Centre Hall, Noida and won laurels. The school bagged 21 Gold, 21 Silvers and 33 Bronze medals, lifting the Overall Championship Award. Shreshth Khanna (III-I), Bhaskar Vashisht (V-D) and Suchet Sawhney (XI-G) were awarded the Best Fighters title. Anamika Tiwari (VIII-H) and Aniket Sharma (X-F) received the Best Kata Awards. Over 100 students from class KG to XI took part in the tournament. The Guest of Honour was NP Singh, President of Noida Residents Welfare Association) and HK Garg, Ex GM NTPC, Director of AIMA, Prof. and Head Noida Centre of IMT Ghaziabad.●



# National level CBSE science exhibition

Two models from **Amity International School Sec-46, Gurgaon** that qualified at the State Level were exhibited at the prestigious National Level CBSE Science Exhibition held at Springdales School, Pusa Road, on October 18 and 19. The projects titled 'Earthquake Resistant Buildings' pre-

pared by Ojasvi Khare (X-B) & Nilesh Kumar (X-A) and 'Household Green Energy Plant' prepared by Ayush Sachdev (XI-A), Dhruv Sethi (XI-A), Karan Vaish (XI-A), Kunal R Arora (XI-A) & Soha Chhaya (XI-A) under project guide Sangeeta Bahl and Charu Maini, respectively were highly appreciated.●



# Waste segregation

The Interact Club of **AIS Sec-46 Gurgaon** initiated an environment sensitization programme, inculcating a sense of responsibility in the school. To generate awareness regarding waste management among classes VI to XII, posters with information were put up. Every class was motivated to collect scrap paper in large polybags specially

kept in the classroom. This was collected by the Interactors and added to the waste paper and newspapers collected for the Blind School. One large dustbin, labeled for biodegradable stuff was also placed on each floor, to throw peels/ leftover food etc during the recess. The waste thus generated was added to the compost heap for the school garden.●

# Junior annual day

**Amity International School, Saket** celebrated its Junior Annual Day on 5th October 2008. H.E. Sayed Makhdoon Raheen, Ambassador of the Embassy of Afghanistan was the Chief Guest. H.E. Sami M Salem, Minister Plenipotentiary, Deputy Chief of Mission of Arab Republic of Egypt was the Guest of Honour.

The spectacular event saw nearly 600 students taking part in an enthralling musical play entitled 'The Brave Tin Soldier.' The programme, in keeping with the philosophy of the school and the vision of the Founder President Dr. Ashok K Chauhan, aimed at the upliftment of the moral fabric and to imbue each child with universally treasured values of sharing, caring, compassion for fellow human beings, bravery and courage. The play taught the children a valuable lesson to cherish nature's bounty and made them realise:

*"Man cannot make a thing, no matter what, So, why should he plunder, what is made by God?"*

The program began amidst the melodious and mellifluous sounds of 'Ritu Rang – A musical Journey,' a rendition which touched dizzying heights of ecstasy. The orchestra comprising 200 little students playing in perfect unison left the audience spell bound. The magnificent show was unparalleled in terms of acting, creativity and team work. Chairperson Dr. (Mrs) Amita Chauhan extolled the efforts of the students and the crucial role played by the school in nurturing future world leaders.●



# Kiddie canteen

The students of **AIS Pushp Vihar** organised their annual activity 'A Canteen' on October 23-24, during the school hours. Children were taught the basics of buying and selling the fare prepared by them. The eatables were prepared and served by them in the school. The money thus generated was donated to Amitasha.●



# No crackers!

**AIS Pushp Vihar** celebrated Dussehra with great fanfare in the school premises. The children dressed in traditional outfits enjoyed the festivities. A unique way of saying no to crackers had been devised by the school. Like every year, a giant effigy of Ravana was burnt with all the cracker sounds played on speakers and no real crackers were used.●







**Ojaswini**  
AIS, ED

It doesn't matter how strong, intelligent, brave and big we are, all of us are scared of some or the other animal or insect. And sometimes even common day-to-day animals turn us white and yellow! Here we share with you, some insights to real life incidents, where humans encountered animals.

► **There's a monkey on my table!**

It was midnight. My cousins and I were having a late night feast. Being the youngest, I was asked to get the snacks. Half asleep I walked up to the kitchen and picked up the snacks. I didn't notice the open window and the ajar refrigerator door. On my way back, someone offered me a banana. Too tired to think who it was, I took the banana and was about to take a bite, when I noticed a monkey on the table. I screamed so hard that even the neighbours rushed into our house.

(As told by Radhika\* , AIS ED)

► **The whirlpool kitty**

It was Sunday. Mom asked me to shift some clothes from the washing section to the drying section of the washing machine. When I opened the drying compartment (which is like a hollow tube), a wild cat popped out and made me jump on the bed. In the next five minutes, the nasty cat played havoc in the bath room and living room and then escaped through the main door. That day I saw my Whirlpool washing machine, turning my house



Imaging:  
Pankj Mallik

into a whirlpool!(As told by Saarthak Tanvar\*, AIS ED)

► **Dogs stay away!**

I was never too fond of dogs. One day I was playing in the park when suddenly an uncle came with his black bull dog, which completely freaked me out. Other kids went to the dog and cuddled him, while I stood alone on the other end of the park. Uncle thought that I was shy, so he came to me with the dog. Seeing the dog so near, I got so scared that I fell on the ground and started howling like a little baby!

(As told by Mona\* , AIS ED)

► **Home sweet home!**

Our balcony is a store room for us. One fine day, we decided to clean it. While cleaning the top-shelf of the cupboard we spotted some twigs. On taking a closer look, we realized there was a nest with two yellowish eggs lying in it! We didn't have the heart to throw the nest along with the eggs. So, we waited for the eggs to hatch and then planned to throw the nest. But till the time the eggs hatched the pigeons had become a part of our life. Though we did throw the nest, we also built a small bird house for our little feathered friends. Today, I proudly tell my friends that there are two homes in my house! (As told by Guncha Dwivedi, AIS ED )●

(\* Names changed)

# More than a pretty face

**Saniya Sehdev**  
AIS, Saket

John Abraham became the new poster boy for PETA (People for Ethical Treatment of Animals). Keen to make a difference, he took up the cause of 30 elephants in Manthralaya who had been stranded without a home. His effort earned him a reward as the 'Eco Warrior' from the Vice President. For once, it was an act not done to gain mileage as there was no film release or any similar event accompanying it. Actors are finally using star power to raise awareness and really give back to the people. For example the UN managed to rope in Amitabh Bachchan, Akshay Kumar, Nana Patekar and Katrina Kaif for a two minute clip that helped raise awareness on modern forms of slavery. This clip was shown before the start of the movie 'Welcome' in theatres across India. The Bollywood human chain has also created quite a stir with cinema veterans like Amitabh Bachchan and Aamir Khan participating to raise their voice against terrorism. In this way, they succeeded in passing the baton of awareness to millions of fans. Kudos to Bollywood!●



Actors are finally using star power to raise awareness

## The Musical Link Linkin Park

**Ankita Marwaha**  
AIS East Delhi

"In this farewell,  
There's no blood,  
There's no alibi.  
'Cause I've drawn regret,  
From the truth,  
Of a thousand lies."

High on energy music, deep meaning lyrics, and Chester's signature style - what else can it be but Linkin Park? Three high school friends - Mike, Brad and Rob after graduating began to take their music interests seriously and thus was formed 'Xero,' the band we know now as Linkin Park (a wry variation of Lincoln Park in Santa Monica). In 2000, the band debuted with its hit album 'Hybrid Theory' carrying half a decade's work, topping charts and becoming the best selling album of 2001. It bagged the Grammy for Best Hard Rock Performance for 'Crawling'. In 2002 the band came up with ' Meteora', another best-

**The Band**

**Chester Bennington:** Vocals,

back up guitar

**Mike Shinoda:**

Vocals, guitar, keyboard

**Rob Bourdon:** Drums,

piano, percussion

**Brad Delson:** Lead Guitar

**Dave 'Phoenix' Farrell:** Bass

guitar, back up vocals

**Joe Hahn:** Turntables,

programming

seller with songs like 'Numb and Somewhere I belong' making the crowd go crazy. Then arrived their latest bestseller 'Minutes to Midnight', an album in which the band has experimented with their established sound.

Who can forget the oh-so popular 'In the end'? The band has youngsters from all over the world literally worshipping them and why shouldn't they? Each song

is detailed beautifully and the chemistry between the band's lead vocalists Mike Shinoda and Chester Bennington is like a cherry on the cake.

Linkin Park unleashes a whole new experience of rap, rock and metal. It

not only creates songs like 'What I've Done' and 'Run-away' that give you goose pimples but

also soft and soul stirring songs like 'Shadow of the day' and

'Leave out all the rest' that you can enjoy anytime. From heavy guitars and the complicated amalgamation of instruments in 'Bleed it out' to the simple and sweet 'In Between', this band carries all kinds of moods in its music,

providing the ultimate energy pill.●

**Top Five Songs**

*In the end | Given up | Saints | What I have done | Somewhere*



With sister Nejvee,  
(Pic: Tulika Banerji)

## Safar(y) with Darsheel

The rabbit teeth intact, Darsheel Safary is quite like the VIth grader that he depicts in the Taare Zameen Par, but for one difference. Darsheel, by his own admission, loves school and is a good student in real life. The eleven year old, whose name means 'one who can pray', has not let all the fame and glory go to his head and believes that, "One should never be arrogant and respect elders always." He is like any other kid his age, bright and active, teases his kid sister Nejvee but hates chocolates! He is also multilingual, knows Gujarati and Marathi, besides English and Hindi and is now learning German. A little chit-chat with Asst Editor Tulika Banerji...

*Your performance in TZP was extraordinary; from where did you*

**learn acting?**

I am natural. I loved working in TZP. Of course, Amol (Gupte) Sir was there through out to guide me.

**What do you do in your free time?**

I love playing on my PSP and XBOX. They are so convenient to use as there are no wires! I specially enjoy Hotwheels.

**Which school do you study in?**

I study in Green Lawns High School, Mumbai and I love going to school!

**Loved your Horlicks ad-'Apne bachpan ke size badlo!'** How do you manage your time, acting, academics, et al?

I only take up assignments during holidays. These days I have no assignments, so I enjoy going to school.

**What is your ambition in life?**

I am still young and quite undecided about what I want to do in life. But I definitely want to be a good human

**Award Kitty**



Filmfare Critics Award for Best Performance  
Star Screen Award for Best Child Artist  
Star Screen Special Jury Award  
Zee Cine Award - Critics' Choice Best Actor  
Zee Cine Awards' Most Promising Debut

**These are a few of my favourite things**

<b>Subject</b>	All
<b>Hobby</b>	Dancing
<b>Music</b>	All kinds of music
<b>Book</b>	Panchtantra
<b>Food</b>	Dosa
<b>Actor</b>	Hrithik Roshan
<b>Actress</b>	Kareena Kapoor
<b>Sport</b>	Football
<b>Holiday destination:</b>	I've visited Ahemadabad, Chandigarh, Nasik, Dubai, Switzerland and loved all of them.

being.

**What do you like about being an Indian?**

Actually everything. There are so many beautiful places to visit. Plus, despite everything, people are united with each other. Unity in diversity is the best thing about India.

**Your message for Amity students...**

Every child is special. ●