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The Grand Celebration Of Athletic Excellence - Amity's Ultimate Sporting Odyssey



Winners tally

Inter-Amity University Competition



First position

AUUP (Amity University, Uttar Pradesh)



Second position

AUH (Amity University, Haryana)



Third position

AULC (Amity University, Lucknow)

Inter-Institutions Championship



First position

Amity School of Engineering & Technology



Second position

Amity Law School



Third position

Amity Institute of Psychology and Allied Sciences



The Sangathan spectacle

Priyanka Bhatia, GT Network

Under the brilliant canvas of the midday sun, the 24th edition of Sangathan unfolded with great pomp and show, and the Amity universe was ablaze with a vibrant tapestry of emotions. The event, marking the grand culmination of a month-long sports extravaganza that kickstarted on September 12, 2023, was not merely a ceremony, it was a symphony of passion and gratitude that pulsed through every heart present at Amity University, Uttar Pradesh, on October 26, 2023.

Colourful beginnings

The afternoon began with an air of excitement and murmurs with the promise of something extraordinary. The celebration

commenced with the contingent of cadets and the band of AIS Noida escorting the esteemed members of the Amity universe to offer *aahuti* in the *havan*. Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe, and Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group Of Schools & RBEF, then unfurled the national flag. Next, the emblematic Khel Jyoti was ignited by the sports captains, its radiant glow casting a magical aura over the gathering. The event was undeniably special as it marked the 81st birthday celebration of the beloved Founder President, whose indelible influence has shaped the destinies of thousands of students.

Wisdom in words

Dr SK Srivastava, chairperson, Sangathan

2023, welcomed the audience and presented a brief report of the event. A total of 22 sports tournaments were held, with 33 teams from 65 institutions participating in an array of sports such as hockey, handball, cricket, volleyball, kho kho, badminton, table tennis, softball, tug of war etc. Amidst heavy applause and admiration, Founder President released the souvenir and remarked, "There is nothing more important in my life than to think about, to speak about, to meet, and to experience the exuberance of my beloved students. Why so? Because I am confident that all of them are making history not only in India but, in times to come, also globally."

Innocence and energy

As the spirited march-past commenced, the

rhythmic beat of drums echoed the unity that bound Amity institutions worldwide. A total of 159 marching contingents, including Harrow International School, New York; First Grade Force; and Amity Dog Academy among others from different national and international branches of the Amity universe, paraded with pride. Post this, the tiny superstars of Amity stole the show with their endearing birthday message dedicated to the Founder President which echoed his message of BHAAG throughout the video. The emotional crescendo rose higher as Amity students, Amity's initiative for the less privileged girls, took the stage to wish the Founder President a very happy birthday with a melodious song in Sanskrit.

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THE GT POLL

Do you think UN's new advisory panel to report on international governance of AI will help in marking its challenges and opportunities?

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) Can't say

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AIS Noida Contest Edition

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Racing to the top

In conversation with Team Urja which won 'Best Practices in Project Management' at the finale of F1 in Schools Championship.

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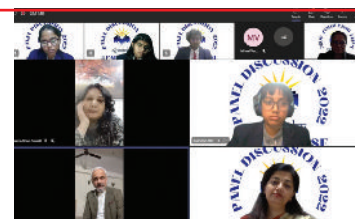


YOUTH POWER 2023-24

Youth Power 2023-24

Introducing the final 12 teams representing different Amity branches as they work on creating awareness on their chosen cause for YP 23-24.

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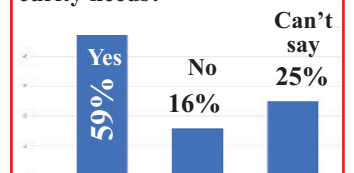
The magic of reading

Have a look at experts discussing the importance of reading as part of the panel discussion organised by YP team of AIS VYC Lucknow (2022-23).

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POLL RESULT for GT Edition October 23, 2023

Do you think India's decision to lift restrictions on the export of non basmati white rice to specific countries, will help them meet their food security needs?



Results as on October 28, 2023

Around The WORLD

GT keeps the newswire ticking by bringing you news from around the globe



USA

Lawsuit against Meta

33 US states, including California, New York, etc., filed a federal lawsuit against Meta, alleging that the platform's use is responsible for triggering a mental health crisis among young users. The lawsuit cited research that points out a relationship between Instagram and issues such as depression, anxiety, insomnia, etc., in the youth. Claims that Instagram's algorithms encourage harmful addictive behaviour for profit were also made as part of the allegation.



ICELAND

PM joins women on strike

Thousands of women across the nation, including PM Katrin Jakobsdottir, participated in a nation-wide strike to protest wage disparities and raise awareness about gender inequalities. The protest led to the closure of schools, shops, banks, and other important institutions for 24 hours. The strike, referred to as "Red October," marks the 46th anniversary of the original women's strike of 1975, when 90% of Icelandic women refused to work, cook, or look after their children for a day to protest against gender inequality.



INDONESIA

New economic measures

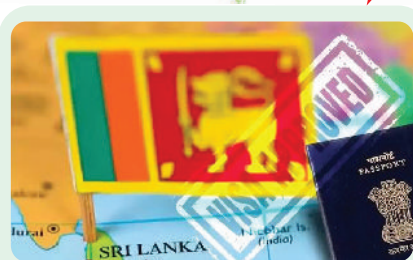
In a bid to strengthen Indonesian economy in the face of upcoming global economic challenges, President Joko Widodo announced comprehensive measures to stimulate economic growth in the nation. The measures unveiled during a nationally televised program encompass scrapping of 11% value added tax (VAT) on purchase of homes worth less than 2 billion rupiah until June 2024. It also includes extension of rice distribution programme to 21 million lower-income households within a month amongst others.



SAUDI ARABIA

Esports World Cup

Crown prince Mohammad bin Salman on Oct 23, 2023, declared the launch of the world's first-ever Esports World Cup, to be held annually in Riyadh from 2024. The tournament would feature a wide array of games and competitions and would have the largest prize pool in the history of Esports. The move showcases the nation's commitment to diversify its entertainment and sports offerings as part of its Vision 2030 plan.



SRI LANKA

Free Visa scheme

As part of a pilot project to last till March 31, 2024, the Sri Lankan government, on October 24, announced free Visa entry for visitors from seven nations, including India, China, Russia, Malaysia, Japan, Indonesia, and Thailand. The move, aimed at making Sri Lanka an enticing destination for travellers, comes into effect immediately and will give a boost to its tourism sector in the coming months.



INDIA

Sends aid to Palestine

India, on October 22, 2023, sent 6.5 tonnes of medical aid and 32 tonnes of disaster relief materials, including safety equipment and shelter material, to the people of Palestine. The aid will reach Gaza via Egypt, the only passage that is not under the control of Israel. The move comes three days after PM Narendra Modi conveyed his heartfelt condolences for the loss of lives in Palestine amidst the Israel-Hamas war.



BANGLADESH

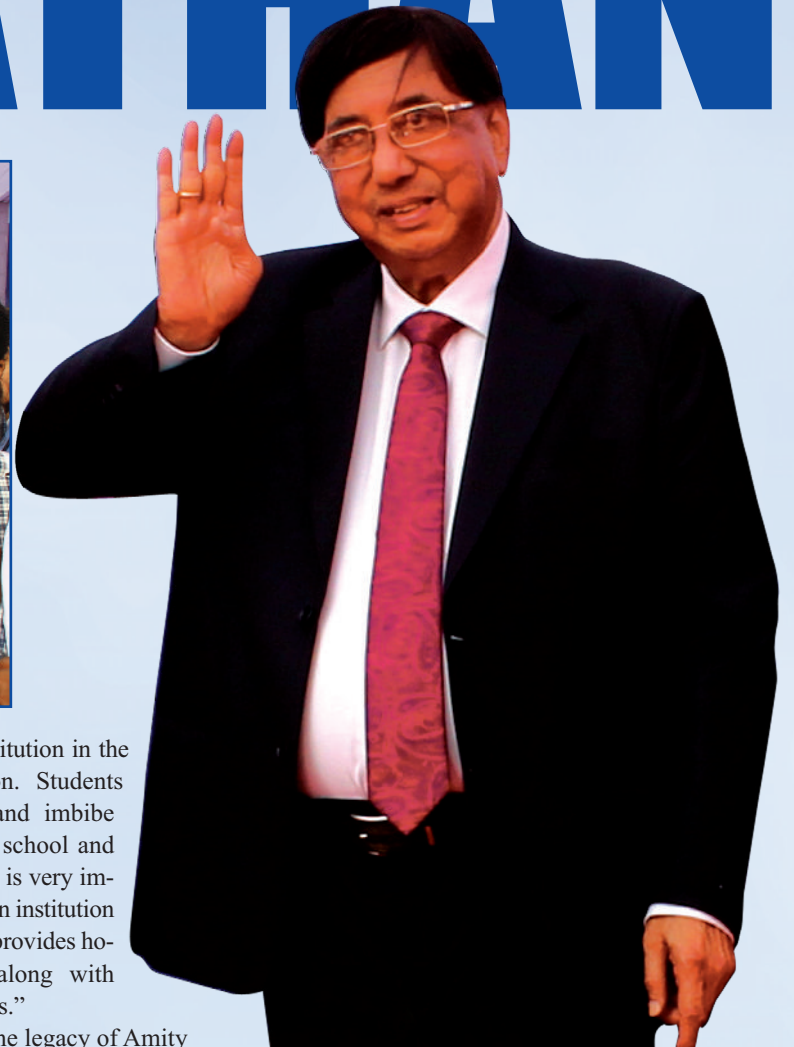
Cyclone wreaks havoc

A powerful tropical storm dubbed Hamoon, with wind speeds of up to 104 kmph, struck Bangladesh on October 25, 2023, killing three and forcing an estimated 275,000 people to flee their homes and take refuge in government shelters. The cyclone induced heavy rains, strong winds, and widespread flooding. It also disrupted power supply and mobile network in various parts of the country.

News Flash

► **Sudan:** The Rapid Support Forces (RSF) takes control of Nyla city ► **Portugal:** Bobi, world's oldest dog, dies aged 31 ► **China:** Youngest-ever astronaut crew heads to Tiangong space station

Saluting the spirit of SANGATHAN



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Beats and brilliance

Founder President subsequently completed a round of the entire field on a golf cart to meet and welcome his cherished pupils, faculty members, and other members of the Amity family. The valedictory ceremony was a showcase of intellectual brilliance and innovation. Awe-inspiring demonstrations by the Amity School of Physical Education and Sports Sciences (ASPESS) and Amity Institute of Indian System of Medicine (AIISM) left the audience spellbound. The intricate

technique and sheer mastery of the human body displayed during their fitness demonstration were a testament to the holistic approach to education that Amity promotes and proffers.

Shining achievements

Painting a mesmerising picture of celebration, unity, and shared dreams, the valedictory ceremony of Sangathan 2023 concluded with the distribution of trophies and medals to the winners. While presenting the trophy to the winners, chief guest, Shri Manish Verma, district magistrate, Gautam Buddha Nagar, expressed, “Amity

is a renowned institution in the field of education. Students learn discipline and imbibe values from their school and home, therefore, it is very important to choose an institution like Amity which provides holistic education along with great human values.”

At that moment, the legacy of Amity shone brighter than ever, illuminating the path to a future where passion, talent, and inclusivity will continue to flourish. And Sangathan, as a testament to its indomitable spirit, came to a close.

“Sangathan means a group of people working towards a concrete goal and the attributes of team spirit, leadership and strategic thinking are developed by participating in sports competitions. Amity is making its students future ready who will contribute to making India a global superpower by 2030.”
Dr. Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe



Racing to the top

Team Urja Provides A Roadmap Of Their Path To Success At F1 In Schools

Stuti Kalra, GT Network

There's no limit to what girls can accomplish and this got further attested when **Team Urja, an all-girls team from Amity comprising Sanjana Chauhan, AIS Noida, X L; Samara Chauhan & Samaya Chauhan, AIS PV, X**, bagged the award for 'Best Practices in Project Management' at the global finale of F1 in Schools Championship held from September 4-18, 2023, in Singapore. As the winning team waved the tricolour beaming with pride and joy, one could not help but applaud the trio for achieving those incredible minutes of glory. Read on as they decode their success formula in a free-wheeling conversation with GT.

On the journey

"It has been two weeks now and I am still reminiscing about our moment of victory. It feels good for both the country and Amity," said Samara upon being asked about the whole experience of making it big at F1. "I still remember when we reached regionals; we were only in the sixth grade. Dreaming about world finals then, and finally getting there now feels amazing!" tacked on Sanjana, all elated with their win. "Besides, it was so much fun, the late-night practices and AV room meetings. Though it had to end at some point, the legacy of Urja will live on!" detailed Samaya on how it was about having all the fun while working so hard on the F1 project.

On teamwork

The three had starkly different roles as part of Team Urja. Samara, for instance, was the team manager and design engineer, Samaya was the resource and sponsorship manager, and Sanjana looked after graphic design-



ing and production. "It was over a fun game of 'Rock, Paper, Scissors' that we decided the division of roles," Samaya chuckled as she reminisced. For it's necessary for a team to have both smooth coordination and communication to come out on top, and Team Urja made sure they had it all!

On branding

The team had first chosen to call themselves 'Rapid Racers'. "But we felt a spark missing, and so decided to rebrand. While brainstorming, the name 'Urja' tugged at our heartstrings as it symbolised the inner energy that had kept us going for such a long time," elaborated Samaya on how they came up with the final name. "Urja is the culmination of the Panch-tatva - Fire, Earth, Water, Air, and Sky. The name also represents women empowerment and since we were an all-girls team, we wanted to promote women in motorsports," added Sanjana to shed light on their rationale behind letting 'Urja' make the cut.

On hurdles

Their journey to victory was in-



The trio unfurls the Indian flag at F1



Team Urja all smiles at F1

terspersed with many obstacles, the biggest one being the challenge to meet deadlines and follow guidelines and score cards. The team had to juggle between their school routine and the competition. Since they were naive and had little knowledge about the contest's rules and regulations in the beginning, things became even more tough. Howbeit, with focus and determination, the trio was able to ensure wide visibility for their team, be it with their uniforms, impactful marketing campaigns, or social media posts.

On accomplishments

Since the team is extremely passionate about sustainability and environment, they carried out several plantation drives and made sure their merchandise was sustainable. "We should make earth better for future generations. Every little thing we do to protect the environment is a big and valuable step towards sus-

tainability," the three said in unison, laying due emphasis on the need for the world to be more eco-friendly. With their win, they also broke the societal stereotype that associates cars with boys, inspiring more and more girls like them to participate in motorsports. For the same, they also interacted with girls in Amitasha as well as worked with NGOs like Four Steps.

On lessons learnt

The trio believes that they have learnt a great deal from all the participating teams. Be it values like conviction, confidence, and unity, or organisational skills like management, waterfall process, scrums, project design, and communication, the competition has given them a lot, apart from the win. And that's exactly why, the team, from writing professional emails to making sponsorship proposals; from budgeting techniques to finance management, managed to do it all, and how!

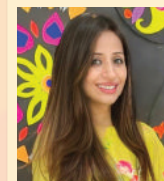


Mentors speak

"It was one of the best meets I had with the team from India. Not only had they designed and made a super speedy racing car, but also calculated the carbon footprint of the competition and planted trees to balance it off."

-Jury's note

"I am extremely elated about the recognition Team Urja has received at the global level. To all the future aspirants of F1 in Schools, I would like to convey that this competition, contrary to popular opinion, is not only for geeky students; it has all the aspects of art, commerce, business, and science woven into one. So, be determined, focused, and consistent to participate in it and win it."



Mansi Atreya

Event co-ordinator, AIS PV

"The competition instils 4Cs - Critical Thinking, Creativity, Communication, and Collaboration in students. The journey of F1 in Schools in India originally began in 2017, with Amity being the first school that started the programme. For this, the entire credit goes to Chairperson, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan. Her vision was simple - to really indulge kids in something that gives them ideas to innovate."



Tarun Bansal
Project head
F1 in Schools India

Nurturing ethical leaders



Dr Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

Prime Minister Narendra Modi once said that today's children would be leading the nation 25 years from now when India would be celebrating 100 years of Independence. Hence, it is important that they are instilled with the right skills and values. This resonates completely with my vision of providing a holistic education to all Amityans. The Youth Power programme is one-of-its-kind ethical leadership and social awareness programme conceived to instill

the 4Cs (critical thinking, creativity, collaboration and communication) in Amity students. What's more, participation in Youth Power requires students to be responsible and responsive while also being pragmatic and compassionate. Over the years, the platform has successfully trained more than two lakh youngsters, where many of them have grown up to become ambassadors, doctors, scientists and journalists. Making a mark on the global front, these changemakers have been invited to platforms like TED Talks, and have been bestowed with prestigious awards like Pramerica Emerging Visionaries Award and The Diana Award. Further, Youth Power also helps while applying to prestigious educational institutions, because applicants are evaluated on the basis of both leadership skills and moral values. Indeed, Youth Power has now become a hub for nurturing future leaders who will contribute towards making India a knowledge superpower, as envisioned by our Founder President.

It's Time to Say, Hip, Hip, Hurray

Tejas Agarwal, a student of AIS Vas 1, has secured second position nationally in the 'Millets - A super food or diet fad' competition held at the National Science Center on October 12. [GT](#)

A touch of green



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

The nine-day worship of mother-Goddess Durga, followed by Ravana Dahana on Vijaydashmi, marks the beginning of the most festive time in our country, as Diwali, Chhath, and Christmas are not far behind. Durga Puja may be over, but its joyful warmth will keep us smiling for a long time. After all, Kolkata's Durga Puja has been recognised as 'Intangible Cultural Heritage' by UNESCO. However, Durga Puja has been even more special for me this

year, as I realised that many pandals across India had taken up the cause of being environment-friendly. A pandal in Delhi's Aram Bagh was made in tune with the 'Green Earth' theme, and the POP-free idol was made from clay and waste materials. A friend from Mumbai shared that she had seen a pandal where the idol was created from waste materials ranging from newspapers, plastics, and e-waste to disposable cutlery and broken glass. Another friend called from Guwahati narrating how a pandal was made from bamboo and leaves, and had no artificial colours or lights. Many puja committees all over India have also introduced other sustainability practices like no air-conditioning, a limit on vehicles around the pandals, use of solar lights, a no-plastics policy, etc. In Kolkata, in fact, there have been pandals and idols made from rice husk, broken nut shells, coconut shells, recycled clothes and much more for years now. It's indeed heart-warming to see more and more people doing their bit to save the environment. After all, what better way to please the Goddess than caring for her very own gift to us - Mother Earth. [GT](#)

All about e-privacy

Has The Concept Of Privacy Become Defunct?

Shriya Pasricha

AIS Gurugram 43, IX B

Digital privacy, data security, data anonymisation so on and so forth - there are oodles of concepts that make mention of privacy today, but what do they all stand for? In fact, is 'privacy' even realisable in the modern world - a world that's becoming more and more cybernetic with each passing day, where every action we take can be traced at the drop of a hat?

To most of us, the notion of privacy in this age seems more like an ideal than a hardcore reality. For as we voluntarily move into the information age, letting our society become as complex as it gets, the information we store and exchange over the sundry online networks available to us is bound to get compromised. Your search history, the posts you 'like' or 'dislike' on social media, and every keystroke you make on a digital device —you may expect all of this information to be private, but more often than not it isn't. Our online activity leaves a massive digital "footprint" that can be used to identify all the necessary information related to us, such as our social media standing, employment records, shopping and entertainment



preferences, geolocation data, financial footing, and so much more.

And though it is an issue that always crops up in our heads as we navigate the net and embrace new technology, its resolution, i.e., to attain official and complete protection from data leakages, still remains out of reach. This is because the idea of privacy in a technological - and thus, ever-evolving - landscape is more or less phantasmal and bound to change its meaning with each and every advancement we make.

The debate over digital privacy as such still rages on and will continue to do so as long as technology ad-

vances. Internet users will always stand by both their right to privacy and their right to publicly accessible information. Questions about codification would, too, continue to arise as lawmakers attempt to strike a balance between protecting its citizens' privacy and keeping them informed. For where do we draw the line? Or better, how do we define the thin line that lies between maintaining privacy and being informed? All we know is that it is a crucial trouble that must be ironed out if privacy as we know it is to be made achievable for all, with the right amount of information and knowledge sharing. [GT](#)



Dear Editor,

This is in reference to the GT edition dated October 23, 2023. The Editorial Board of AGS Noida is elated at the final release of its contest issue for the academic year 2023-2024. I, as the editor-in-chief, thus would take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in its making, especially those at the GT office who never worried about the credit they very rightly deserve and made things a lot easier for all of us. I also want to thank my fellow editors, the entire EB in fact. For together we have not only endeavoured to hold our edition to a rigorous journalistic and ethical standard, but have also managed to deal with the pressure of meeting deadlines even when most of us had exams or other projects to

work on. But I would do it all again if I could. Here's hoping you all find value in the final fruit of our efforts as much as we did!

Nausheen Haque
AGS Noida, A2

Dear Editor,

This is in reference to the article 'Crypto Decrypted' published on page 3 of the GT edition dated

October 23, 2023. It is true that the popularity of crypto is increasing day-by-day. It was also an astonishing fact for me to know that Ferrari will now accept payments in cryptocurrency. On one hand there are people who have made millions through this form of investment, on the other hand, there is a lot of skepticism surrounding its current and future usage. While the article sheds light on the pros and cons and I would personally, as of now, be cautious in using it, particularly due to its secrecy, lack of regulations in its governance, and weak security for its end consumers; however, setting aside my opinions, cryptocurrency is here to stay. I am sure the concerns surrounding it will be addressed in the future. And GT would let us know about that development in like manner.

Akshita Rosalia Gregory
AIS Navi Mumbai, VII B



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Youth Power 2023-24

The Harbingers Of Change Are Finally Here To Make The World A Better Place



AIS
Noida

Drigshreshtha: Eye care

Khyati Naudiyal (team leader), Akshita Singh, Tuvijeet Sharma, XI & Devanshi Vyas, IX with mentor teacher, Smita Bhardwaj



AIS
PV

Ann-maan: Food wastage

Koena Malhotra (team leader), XI; Samara Chauhan, Naavya Lodh, X & Shevansh Nagar, XI with mentor teacher, Sonali Batra



AIS
Vas 6

Vastraveer: Sustainable clothing

Lavanya Srivastava (team leader), Aviraj Katiyar, Kaavya Murty & Chhavi Sharma, IX with mentor teacher, Paridhi Agarwal



AIS
Vas 1

Dharasnehi: Responsible use of plastic

Samaira Verma (team leader), XI; Sejal Suri, IX; Naysa Chopra & Aviral Tyagi, VIII with mentor teacher, Sonia Rao



AIS
Jagdishpur

Culinirator: Culinary heritage

Devina Singh (team leader), Ananya Agarwal, IX; Vaibhav Pandey & Abhijeet Maurya, X with mentor teacher, Amar Nath Sharma



AIS
VVC Lko

Divyajyoti: Sensitivity for the specially abled

Faiza Khan (team leader), Ashutosh Verma, XI; Vaishnavi Yadav & Aditi Verma, IX with mentor teacher, Sharmistha Basu



Youth Power 2023-24



AIS Saket Gulab-oh: Breast cancer

Umber Fatima (team leader), Meera Sehgal, Shivanjali Sapra & Advait Pandey, IX with mentor teacher, Garima Pandey



AIS MV Raah kavach: Road safety

Avni Drolia (team leader), Rishima Chand, Amogh Singh, XI & Sneha Goel, IX with mentor teacher, Parul Premi



AIS Gur 46 Umeed: Dyslexia

Venessa Verma (team leader), Hansika Ralli, Aastha Sood, XI & Aaditya Garg, IX with mentor teacher, Deepika Bailey



AIS Gur 43 Gullak: Financial literacy

Pia Gujral (team leader), Rupal Verma, Samarth Sawhney & Tej Nanda, XI with mentor teacher, Nidhi Agarwal



AIS VKC Lko Cybersuroor: Digital addiction

Sargun Kalsi (team leader), Mishti Shukla, Arju Singh & Parth Gupta, XI with mentor teacher, Rashi Keserwani



AIS Gwalior Mighty millets: Empowering millets

Keerthana Hannah Samuel (team leader), Mohishaa Bhandari, Shreeyanshi Tomar, X & Anay Chaturvedi, XI with mentor teacher, Iris Victoria

A pair of shoes



Storywala

Navya Puri, AIS Saket, Alumna

To cover the expensive medical bills of his mother who suffered from Alzheimer's, Otis worked all day long, and whatever time he had left, he'd spend it at his mother's side. His only friend was Mr Joshua, an 80-year-old cobbler whose shoe-mending machine had magical powers.

As Otis was walking back home one day, his shoe's sole cracked. Having repaired it a couple of times already, he knew the pair was truly gone. While searching for a new pair at home, he found an old pair that belonged to his late father. Try-

ing them on, he was filled with joy at the perfect fit.

"James..." Otis was startled by his mother standing in front of him. "No, ma. It's me," he corrected. "I have been waiting for you, James!" "Ma, please lie down. You need to rest." Otis tucked his mother back into bed and made his way to Mr Joshua's shop. "I see you have shoes for me to work on. Not your old ones, I hope," said Mr Joshua. Noticing the tears escaping Otis's eyes, he enquired the reason. Otis broke down and confessed how helpless he felt seeing his mother miss his father. "With her memory stuck in an era when his father was

"When Otis wore the shoes and checked in the mirror, he was shocked to see not himself but rather his father staring back at him."

still alive, she waits for her husband every evening," he cried. Touched by Otis's love for his mother, Mr Joshua decided to utilise the magical powers of his machine. The next day, when Otis came to pick up the shoes, Mr Joshua insisted he try them on. When Otis wore the shoes and checked in the mirror, he was shocked to see not himself but rather his father staring back at him. Mr Joshua explained, "The magical machine allows the wearer of the shoes to look like the owner of the pair, so you, wearing your father's shoes, look like your father." Ecstatic, Otis ran to wear his father's old tuxedo and found his mother. Reliving the good old days his parents once had, Otis, looking like his father, spent the evening with his mother. He read her favourite book to her until she fell asleep. Next morning, when Otis went to his mother's room to wake her up, he realised that she had left for the heavenly abode with a smile on her face. 🇮🇳



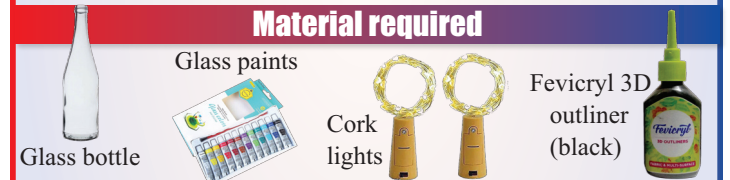
Sheeny bottle

Akshita Rathore

Sheeny bottle art

Akshita Rathore, AIS Mayur Vihar, VIII C

Material required



Method

- Take the glass bottle and using soap water, rub it clean.
- Now, using the 3D outliner, make as many rhombuses on it as you can (refer to the image). Let the outliner dry.
- Now, using blue, pink, green, yellow, and red glass paint, colour the rhombuses. You can choose a different colour combination if you want.
- Once done, keep the bottle aside to let the colours dry completely.
- Now, insert cork lights into the bottle and light it up using the on/off switch.
- Voila! Your lustrous bottle artwork is ready to add positive vibes to your home this festive season.

Read Play and Win 36

Reading your favourite GT can fetch you a prize too. Complete all the boxes below. Click a picture and send it to editor@theglobaltimes.in or submit your responses by visiting The Global Times website (<http://theglobaltimes.in/readplaywin/>). Three lucky winners will win a prize every week!



Q.1 The YP team of AIS VYC Lucknow organised panel discussion on the cause _____.

Q.2 Who is the project head of F1 in Schools India?

Q.3 Which university won the Inter-Amity University Competition at the 24th edition of Sangathan?

Q.4 Which school celebrated Air Force Day on October 6, 2023?

Q.5 Which article has been written by Shriya Pasricha, AIS Gur 43?

Q.6 Reeyansh Kumar celebrates his birthday on _____.

Q.7 Who is the author of the poem 'The autumn tree'?

Q.8 How many teams will participate in Youth Power 2023-24?

Q.9 Name the PM who accompanied thousands of women in a strike against gender inequality.

Name: _____ Class: _____ School: _____

Results of Read Play & Win-35: **Ananya Sagal**, AIS Saket, VIII A; **Ishanya Verma**, AIS Gurugram 43, IV B; **Jai**, AIMC, X

WORDS VERSE

The autumn tree

Anika Bansal, AIS Vas 6, XII C

On a crisp autumn morning
When the skies were warm
A flaming leaf fell down and
Scrunched beneath my feet

And the wild, bracing winds
Harshly roared in my ears
Bringing back a palette full
Of memories, where I could

Clearly see a little girl of four
Looking outside her window
Watching as the leaves fell
Down from the autumn tree

And as I walked down this lane
My past builds up for me, and
I see memories falling down
Beautiful, bright, and vivid

Just like the rusty leaf that fell

From my beloved autumn tree
Towards a vibrant colourful end
Finally towards eternity. 🇮🇳



Riddle fiddle

1. I am a word of letters three, add two and fewer there will be. What am I?
2. I speak without a mouth and hear without ears. I have no body, but I come alive with the wind. What am I?
3. Big as a biscuit, deep as a cup, even a river can't fill it up. What is it?
4. It has two backbones and thousands of ribs. What is it?
5. As I walked along the path, I saw something with four fingers and one thumb, but it was not flesh, fish, bone, or fowl. What did I see?

Answers: 1. The word 'few' 2. An echo 3. A kitchen strainer 4. A railroad 5. A glove

Brave brothers



Wisdom tale

Sanvi Sharma
AIS VKC Lko, VII B

Once upon a time in a far away land, there lived a crow named Kaka. He had two sons - Love and Kush, whom he loved dearly. His routine with them around was simple - eat, sleep, care for them, and repeat. One stormy night, it was raining intensely, and the tree on which the trio had their nest was swaying hard, making them tremble with fear. Come morning, the skies were still dark, but Love-Kush were hungry. Determined to find food for his sons, Kaka mustered up enough courage to get out of the nest and venture into the forest. As he did, he saw a man resting under a tree with some food around him. Seizing the opportunity, he took some of it for his sons. Happy to have

found something to eat, as he returned home, he heard Love howling. "What happened, kid?" he inquired anxiously. "K-kush..." the son mumbled, making Kaka realise that Kush was missing. As he enquired further, Love was quick to narrate the entire incident to him. Kush had fallen off the nest due to the storm and an old woman kidnapped him in the process. This left Kaka heartbroken. Though he did contemplate rescuing Kush, his grief took the best of him. So, Love, losing no time, decided to go look for his brother on his own. As he did, he found an unkempt hut in the heart of the forest, with a huge pot of water boiling outside. As he went ahead to investigate it, he saw the same old lady coming out along with Kush who was now locked up in a cage. "Birdie, you will be my dinner tonight," he heard her tell

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Kush, as she placed the cage near the pot and went inside to fetch something. Grabbing the chance, Love rushed to open the cage and having struggled a little, freed Kush. Elated to be together again, the duo wasted no time to fly to a nearby tree and take refuge. That's when Kush told Love about the other caged animals that needed rescuing. The duo decided to go back and save them all. Since the lady was still nowhere to be seen, they opened all the cages one by one, freeing the animals. After a few minutes, as she returned and saw the cages empty, she bellowed in anger and tried to kill Love-Kush using an arrow. But all the animals who had been freed came to their rescue and pushed the lady into the boiling pot.

As the duo went back home next, Kaka was ecstatic to see them. He also realised that his kids were all grown up now and can survive in this world on their own. **GT**

So, what did you learn today?
A little bit of courage can go a long way.



Cheese pockets

Ananya Pathak, AIS Gwalior, VIII A

Ingredients

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| Cheese 1/2 cup | Red capsicum (chopped) . . . 1 |
| Cream cheese 1/2 cup | Yellow capsicum (chopped) . 1 |
| Readymade dough 200 g | Refined flour to dust |
| Butter for greasing | Oil to fry |
| Salt to taste | Black pepper to taste |

Procedure

- In a bowl, mix cheese, cream cheese, salt, black pepper, and red and yellow capsicum together. Keep it aside.
- Now, take readymade dough and shape it into a large ball.
- Once done, dust the worktop with some flour and place the dough ball on it. Roll it out into a large disc using a rolling-pin.
- Now, cut out as many small circles as you can using a glass.
- Take one circle and cut it into two semi-circles, then roll and join its two ends to give it a cone-like shape.
- Once done, fill it with a spoonful of the cheese mix in it.
- Stick the edges of the cone to seal it. Form a pleat if need be.
- Repeat the process with all the semi-circles.
- Having done so, fry them in oil for 10-15 minutes until they get golden-brown in colour.
- Your cheese pockets are ready.

Jokey Pokey

Samyra Manocha
AIS Noida, VI D

Q: What do elves learn in school?
A: The elf-abet

Q: What did the dog magician say?
A: Lab-racadabra!

Q: What did the triangle say to the circle?
A: You're pointless

Q: What did one toilet say to the other toilet?
A: You look flushed

Q: What do snowmen call their kids?
A: Chill-dren

It's Me

KNOW ME

My name: Reyaansh Kumar
My Class: Nursery B
My school: AIS Vas 6
My birthday: April 26

MY FAVOURITES

Teacher: Garima Saxena ma'am
Subject: Math
Friend: Shaina and Medhansh
Book: Panchatantra
Game: Playing with cars
Mall: Gaur City
Food: Aloo ka paratha
Cartoon: Peppa Pig

COLOURING FUN

Click a high resolution picture (1 MB or more) of the entry and mail the same to: editor@theglobaltimes.in. The best entries will be published in GT.

Best entries for colouring fun

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Kiyansh Tiwari
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The magic of reading

The More You Read, More You'll Know, The More You Learn, The More Places You'll Go

Youth Power is an annual social leadership programme organised by The Global Times, where different teams from Amity schools engage in varied social causes in several stages. One of them is 'Panel Discussion' where experts from different walks of life discuss several aspects of the chosen social cause. Here's presenting **Part VII** of this exclusive series, based on the panel discussions organised by YP teams in 2022-23, and a host of opinions as experts debate on 'Importance of Reading', the cause chosen by the YP team of AIS VYC Lucknow.



The panel discussion for team Gyanuday in session

The true excitement of reading

Panellist: Geetika Kapoor
Consultant school psychologist

"Adults play a crucial role in shaping children's perception of books, and it is, therefore, necessary for them to acknowledge reading as a fun activity. Books should instead be seen as a means to expand knowledge, explore different perspectives, transport oneself to various settings, and as a way of learning problem-solving from different characters in the books. Reading is also an excellent way of withdrawing from stimuli that are not contributing to making our experiences richer. By creating these contexts, young people will be more likely to find reading enjoyable and would want to engage with it. However, in



today's era of electronic media and competing entertainment sources, constant and conscious efforts are needed to make books appealing to younger generations who are accustomed to visually stimulating content."

Read to succeed and to flourish

Panellist: Saima Khan
Senior career counsellor & lead teacher trainer, Institute for Career Studies

"The responsibility to promote reading and writing skills in children lies with educators. It's their duty to make learners recognise the psychological, physical, and emotional benefits of reading. Escapism can actually be a healthy means of stress relief, for engaging in a world of imagination or fantasy allows individuals to find solace. Books can be a person's reliable companion, offering answers across various genres. They also expand one's vo-



cabulary, which is beneficial for both speaking and writing. The distinction between an articulate speaker and a general one often stems from the difference in knowledge acquired through reading and vocabulary."

Part VII

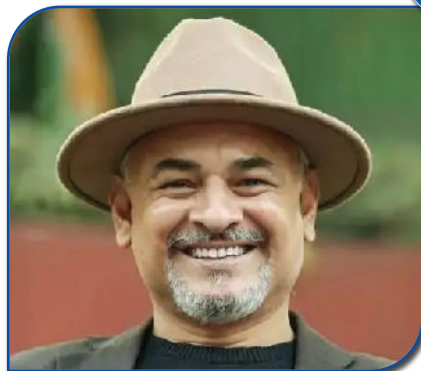


Expert Speak

Overcoming the villain - writer's block

Panellist: Kulpreet Yadav
Novelist, screenwriter, and actor

"Writer's block can be very intimidating, but overcoming these obstacles paves the way for a smooth journey. To achieve that, begin with short stories, which can be as brief as 100 words. Write privately and share with trusted individuals for feedback. Gradually, expand your writing. Psychology suggests that the first page reflects the conscious mind, while the next three delve into the subconscious. Beyond that, you write without even knowing. Upon revisiting your work, you may discover fresh perspectives. So, allow your ideas to flow naturally. Parents can make



it easier for children by not limiting their access to books, for books are the finest adornment for a home. Having 50-100 titles in your home not only leaves a lasting impression on visitors, it also brings joy to all those involved."

Read early to traverse longer

Panellist: Preeti Tewari
Educator, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

"The importance of nurturing reading habits from a young age cannot be overstated. Research shows that the knowledge instilled in children by the age of eight has a lasting impact on their lives. Parents can contribute to it by gifting them books and creating reading areas in the home. Initially, children should be provided with books that have large fonts and include images. This approach helps develop their concentration, analytical skills, and cognitive abilities. In today's digital age, children are often more inter-



ested in technology and lack the patience required for reading. As a result, they are losing proficiency in languages. The trend of communicating in short, abbreviated forms further exacerbates this issue. To address this, it is crucial to encourage reading habits among children."

An ode to Sanskrit

Amitians Fluently Recite Sanskrit Shlokas At Subhashika

AIS Mayur Vihar

On September 29, 2023, the school hosted 17th edition of 'Subhashika', an inter-Amity Sanskrit shloka competition. Beginning on an auspicious note and in the presence of esteemed guests, lamp lighting ceremony was performed. The programme witnessed participation from students across eight branches of Amity Group of Schools in Delhi/NCR.

During the competition, students in junior category (VI-VIII) recited soul-soothing devotional *shlokas* highlighting numerous life lessons mentioned in holy scriptures. And the students in senior category (IX-XII) presented performances based on Bhagavad Gita. The showcased



One of the winning schools with their award at the competition

activities were judged by Prof. Parmanand Bhardwaj and Prof. Shivshankar Mishra, Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri National Sanskrit University.

In junior category, AIS MV bagged first position, AIS Gur 46 won second position and AIS Vas

6 secured third position; while AIS Gur 43 won the consolation prize. In senior category, AIS Saket bagged first position, AIS Mayur Vihar won second position, AIS Pushp Vihar secured third position, and AIS Vasundhara 1 won the consolation prize. **GT**

A super win

AIS Vasundhara 1

Tejas Agarwal, a student of Class IX secured second position at national level in the 'Millets-A super food or diet fad' competition held at the National Science Center, Delhi, on October 12, 2023, by National Council of

Science Museums, Ministry of Culture. He competed against 33 participants and was highly appreciated by the jury for his innovative presentation and extensive knowledge on the subject. Tejas has been felicitated with a trophy, a certificate and a scholarship of INR 2000 per month for one year.



Tejas with mentor and school principal

Ecomite 2023



Winners with their certificates and medals

AIS Saket

The commerce department of the school organised 'Ecomite', economics and commerce event for the 7th time on August 10, 2023. A total of four distinct competitions were organised, wherein students of Class IX and XI participated.

The first competition 'Economics Symposium', delved into expansive subjects such as electric vehicles, India's G20 presidency, the Russo-Ukraine conflict, and de-dollarization. The second one 'Game Plan', spotlighted entrepreneurial prowess with innovative concepts like a self-sufficient ecological farm and an educational

website. The third competition called for posters on the theme 'AI Juggernaut Rolls on: Creator or Destroyer?' In the fourth competition, 'Ad-acting', students ingeniously presented compelling jingles which encapsulated socially impactful messages, linking them to products that accentuate virtues like honesty and humility. All the competitions were judged by school alumni who are currently studying in prestigious universities around the world. The top three winners in each competition were rewarded and all the participants were given certificate of participation. Ecomite proved to be a profoundly enriching and enlightening venture, fostering intellectual growth and development in the students. School principal Divya Bhatia, congratulated the winners and motivated the students to strive for excellence. **GT**



Participants enjoy the outdoor activities at the camp

Adventure camp

Rocksport, A World Of Adventure Sports

AIS VKC Lucknow

In collaboration with Rocksport: Asia's largest adventure programme, the school organised a five-day residential experiential learning programme for the students of Class VIII to XII at Rocksport Nainital Camp from September 27-October 1, 2023. During the course of the programme, students participated in several adventurous activities, explored the local town, interacted with local communities and learnt new skills.

They engaged in an array of exciting activities like trekking, rappelling, rock climbing and also learnt about tent pitching, knot tying, self-defence, etc., while exploring the local flora and fauna.

The young campers indulged in a relaxing time around a bonfire every evening, wherein they shared their experience with fellow students. They imbibed valuable skills like team work, decision making, facing challenges, etc., during the residential programme.

Warriors of the sky



Young Amitians express their gratitude towards IAF soldiers

AIS Vasundhara 6

The students of Class IV celebrated Air Force Day on October 6, 2023, to express their gratitude to the warriors of the sky. Every year Air Force Day is observed on October 8 to honour the valiant efforts and sacrifices of Indian Air Force (IAF) soldiers.

The special assembly commenced with a prayer *Kan kan mei hai Ishwar samaya* followed by thought of the day. The history, the motto

of IAF 'Nabhah Sparsham Dip-tam', and other significant information about the organisation was shared by the students. As part of the presentation, the young Amitians also shed light on some of the major operations undertaken by IAF like Operation Vijay, Operation Meghdoot, Operation Cactus and Operation Poomalai as well as relief operations during natural calamities. A heart touching song *Desh pukare jab sabko* dedicated to the soldiers infused patriotism in the audience. **GT**

Sangathan 2023

