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## Food for thought

### People wandering with Oxygen masks?

I wake up every morning  
To breathe the fresh air in the  
skies so blue,  
And feel the ever so beautiful  
dew.  
But someone does not want  
me to wake up from sleep,  
It is you man, who has made  
me weep. But you will kill  
yourself man, BEWARE,  
Don't tell me you have tech-  
nology- it will lead you to  
nowhere  
It is the trees, the ozone  
layer; all creations of the  
almighty that will help you  
survive  
But seems you are tired of  
your life,  
I can foresee the day when all  
of you would be wandering  
wearing OXYGEN MASKS!

**Kunal Khilnani**  
XII F, AIS Noida

**Nikita Khattar, XII G & Parth Singh, XI B**  
AIS Noida

Shouts of glee permeated the air the day Kapil Sibal, the new HRD Minister made official his plans to de-traumatize education for class X students by making class X boards optional. He has stayed true to his reformist nature and has proposed to setup a national unified board, an overarching higher education authority and implementation of the percentile system. He also wishes to institutionalize strict guidelines for colleges and schools. The furore generated by the proposal to scrap Boards has created deep fissures with both pro-scrap and pro-board groups putting forth very conclusive set of arguments when looked at it in exclusivity and it boils down to the fact as to whether scrapping boards would be a lesser evil than maintaining the status quo.

Mrs. Mohina Dar, Principal, AIS Noida, suggests, "Mr. Sibal's proposal to make boards optional has both pros and cons. It would lead to reduced pressure but at the same time it will make it extremely difficult for students who don't opt for the boards to tackle the XII boards. Schools with spurious standards would need to be regulated so as they don't inflate marks of students in Xth. The class X boards shouldn't be scrapped but their working altered with emphasis on conceptual learning, a right mix of subjective and objective application based questions and improved accessibility to counseling."

Many like Sanjana Mohan of class XI of

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Board Poll

**Despite the stress, class X board exam serves as a springboard for preparation for class XII ?**

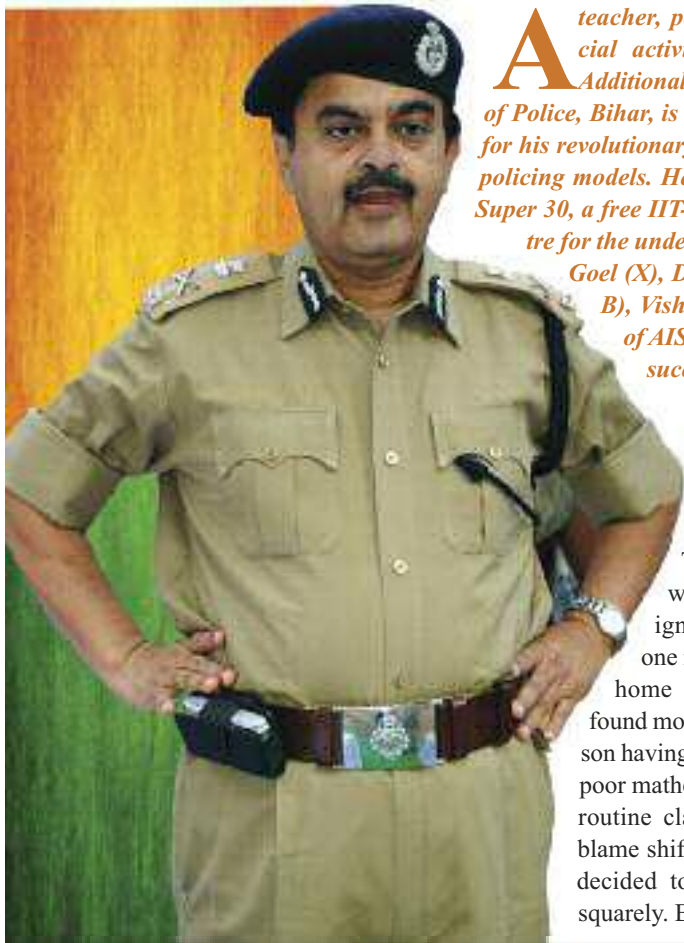
**A. Yes –61%**

**B. No –26%**

**C. Can't Say – 14%**

Pic: Keshav Chandna, IV F/ W A, AIS Noida

# 'A teacher never gives the right answers; he just keeps asking the right questions'



**A** teacher, policeman and social activist, Abhayanand, Additional Director General of Police, Bihar, is widely recognised for his revolutionary educational and policing models. He is co-founder of Super 30, a free IIT-JEE tutorial centre for the underprivileged. Aanvi Goel (X), Digant Pandey (XI B), Vishrutyi Sahni (X F) of AIS Noida divulge his success quotient ...

**When and how did the cop in you meet the teacher within?**

The teacher in me who I was blissfully ignorant of surfaced one night when I came home from work and found mother (my wife) and son having a wordy row over poor mathematics marks in a routine class I test. As the blame shifted to the father, I decided to face the matter squarely. Before I could plan

a roadmap for this encounter, I blurted out, "Which is the biggest number in the world?" Seriousness descended on the proceedings. Shwetank, my son, replied thoughtfully, "There can't be such a number, for I can always add one to it." The child had discovered the concept of infinity in Mathematics and I, discovered a teacher in a policeman. In my own childhood, my father, another top cop of repute, encouraged me to think laterally. He too had the ability of asking questions that would turn the issue on its head. This helped me see things in all their dimensions.

**How and why did 'Super 30' happen?**

Super 30 is a pious concept: pick out poor but talented students, those who cannot afford the luxury of coaching for JEE, and give them the last push that would send them into the IITs.

**How do you explain the success of 'Super 30' that spreads across multiple cities in Bihar?**

Its success lies in the presence of abundance belief in each other, and the ever-growing desire to explode myths.

**With competitive exams becoming increasingly online, how do students from remote areas cope up?**

We are mainly dealing with IIT-JEE coaching which hasn't become online and not much online access is required to prepare for IIT. IIT coaching is the best as far as a level-playing field is concerned.

**Students gain more from the synergy generated within. How do you think one can generate the same synergy?**

All 30 students come from similar backgrounds and preparing for IIT they generate a bond and subsequently synergy, which helps them in fighting off stress and preparing for IIT-JEE, complementing each other.

**What do you expect your students to give back to the society?**

Giving back is a very generic term and they can give back in many aspects, giving back what they have; it may be money, service or even feeling. They can be useful to the society in many ways; they can teach, develop talent, and motivate others.

**Preparing for school boards and competitive exams-how different?**

There is a major difference between the two; school exams are for knowledge while competitive exams teach students how to excel over others. School exams include inclusive knowledge while comp exams have exclusive exams. Unlike school exams, comp exams stress on accuracy, time management, temperament and they include negative marking.

**How do you think students can improve their lateral thinking?**

In order to provoke lateral thinking, students should learn to put the questions on their head and replace the 'then' by 'if' and 'if' by 'then'. Eg: a student of class 4 or 5, is asked to make a circle with a given centre, the lateral question can be to ask the student to find the centre of the given circle.

**Some tips for students preparing for competitive exams?**

Believe in yourself. You should stay focused and know what you are aiming for. Don't be casual about your studies. ●



# Edit Team on the job



# News Digest

Varun Sen Bahl, XI G, Bhuvan Ravindran, IX J,  
Vaishnavi Sridhar, X D & Kanchan Joneja, IX J, AIS Noida

## Race to victory



Vijay Mallya's Force India team ensured that the Indian tricolour was flying high at the Spa circuit after India's success at the Belgium Grand Prix on 30th August. This after Giancarlo Fisichella scripted the first podium finish for Indian Formula One team. Fisichella ended the race at second position just after Ferrari.

## YSR dies in copter crash

The popular Andhra CM, YS Rajsekha Reddy, who won two successive victories for Congress, was killed when his helicopter hit a hill and exploded on 3 September, 2009. The chopper carrying two staff and two pilots went missing over the Naxal and tiger infested Nalamalla forests. The wreckage was located after a massive 24-hour aerial and ground search. The Union Cabinet condoled the death of Reddy and announced a state funeral.

## India Scores

India's historic victory in the Nehru Cup has altered the opinion of all football fanatics. The dismal result of the dress rehearsal consolidated the very fact that India was to lose. But contrary to that, Sorabji's exceptional goalkeeping and Baichung's flawless captaincy brought a wide smile on the Indian spectator's face at the end of the day.

## Charity on the edge

Swiss daredevil Freddy Nock has set a record for the world's highest tightrope feat atop Germany's tallest mountain, the "Zugspitze". With no nets or safety ropes, the stunt was dangerous but for a good cause. Over 13,000 euros in donations were raised for the charity "Menschen fuer Menschen," (Humanity for Humanity) which runs rural development projects in Ethiopia.

## Miss Venezuela wins again

In recent years, the Miss Universe beauty pageant, has ended with Miss Venezuela winning the title. 2009 was no different, with Miss Venezuela Stefania Fernandez being crowned. So what is their secret? Perhaps corporate sponsors, intensive training and plastic surgery are responsible for the six titles.





# Economic revival: Light at the end of the tunnel


Medhavi Arora, X-F & Karan Saharya, XI-B, AIS Noida


Finally light has pierced the murkiness of nation-wide recession and the prayers of anxious economists have at last been answered. India's economy clocked an 8 percent growth rate in the second quarter, compared to 6.7 percent last year. Still uplifting was the fact that consumer durable goods, which indicate an increased spending on the part of the consumers, increased by 15.5 percent, while the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) for the month of June was up by 7.8 percent as against 5.4 percent year over year. The growth witnessed in July is the sixth consecutive monthly rise and is the biggest percentage gain since February 2007. The fiscal packages and the huge spending on infrastructure, under the leadership of Dr. Manmohan Singh and Montek Singh Ahluwalia will give a further boost to industrial production.

The Euro zone has been in recession for more than a year and now any sign of pick up is welcome news. Global recovery means a better picture for exports and improvement in remittances. These figures were better than expected as most analysts had projected a growth of 5 percent in the last quarter. They have also buoyed the hope that 2009-10 may actually presage a recovery from the ill effects of the global economic gloom since last year. ●

**Thumbs Up!**

**8.0%** 8% growth rate in the second quarter of 2009

**15.5%** Sale of consumer durables increased by 15.5%

**7.8%** Index of Industrial Production up by 7.8% Drop in unemployment rates Growth noticed in the Euro zone economy



Mansi Kumar XI D  
AIS, Noida

National Film Awards 2008 awarded by the government of India wove quite a few surprises this time. A lot of awards went to films from South including that of the Best Feature Film which went to director Priyadarshan's Kancheevaram. The film portrays the story of a silk weaver in Kanchivaram in British India, who

slowly leans towards communism and becomes a revolutionary only to confront his personal needs in the face of social equality. Lead actor Prakash Raj got the award for the Best Actor. The Swarna Kamal for the Best Director was adjudged to the celebrated director Adoor Gopalakrishnan for his film Naalu Pennungal while Kannada actress Uma Shri is Best Actress for Gulabi Talkies. Digant Pandey of Amity Noida says,

"Such films reflect unconventional and off track film making and the National Awards gives them their right due." The only two main stream Bollywood films to make a mark were Taare Zameen Par and Chak De. While TZP was given the award for Best film for Family Welfare, lyricist Prasoon Joshi was given the award for best lyrics for the sound track Maa. Shankar Mahadevan got the award for best playback singer for the same song.

# Race for the throne

Anantdeep Singh XI F, Parth Singh XI B, AIS Noida

After the defeat in recent Lok Sabha elections, BJP was divided along sharp fault lines regarding who shall ascend the BJP president's throne. A consensus developed that a dynamic leader portraying a moderate face of BJP and at the same time garnering Cadre support.. Anantdeep and Parth of the global times, analyse the chances of the frontrunners.

- 1) **Sushma Swaraj:** consensus candidate  
Age: 57 yrs  
Educational qualification: LLB Punjab University

Political support: Has acceptability across the spectrum, from Jaitley camp to RSS and even Advani..

Impact: If she becomes the party president, women's representation will increase in BJP. She believes in Vajpayee's ideology of national integration.

Rating-★★★★★  
2) **Arun Jaitely:** Tech savvy strategist.  
Age: 57 years  
Educational qualification: LL.B faculty of law, DU

Political support: Has the backing of the new wave of modern, young and urbane politicians, corporate houses..

Impact: If he becomes the party president, rapid reforms and modernisation in party functioning at the grassroots is expected. The say of right wing radicals may fall and influx of technology is expected with emphasis on youth vote.

Rating-★★★★★  
**Narendra Modi:** Regional satrap.

Age: 59 years  
Educational qualification: MA political science, Gujrat University

Political support: Is the apple of eye for RSS and the right wing elements in BJP. However he faces stiff competition from moderate leaders.

Impact: If he becomes the party president, there shall be a sharp rise in right wing policies and strengthening of the grassroots.  
Rating-★★★★★



Experiencing journalism at such a young age was a unique and refreshing experience, Meeting deadlines, selecting topics, giving attractive captions to articles, everything together, has etched an indelible imprint on my mind "Bhuvan Ravindran, IX- J, AIS Noida

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# The ‘herd’ mentality

Ambika Vadehra  
XI E, AIS Noida

Herd mentality is a national tragedy, for everyone wants to join some college or the other without a road map or plan about the future, even though there is NO guarantee of a job after a university degree. Also, university education does not necessarily prepare the youth for life. Out there in the market, there is a huge imbalance between the skilled manpower required and the skilled manpower available. On one hand we have a glut of unemployed graduates while on the other there is a huge shortage of skilled workers. So though India does need IIM’s, IIT’s, Universities etc., we also require Vocational Education and Training (VET) because out there in the ‘real’ world, not everyone can become an Engineer, Doc-

tor, Lawyer or Accountant. VET prepares learners for jobs based in manual or practical activities. It aims to provide a linkage between the world of work and the world of education. In fact the need for vocational education was stressed even in the Gandhian philosophy of basic education which propounded the principle that education should be work centered. We need to rethink our priorities in life because simply going with the flow where our future is concerned is not going to help anyone-not the market, which requires specialized labour, not the country which will be unable to develop if problems of unemployment and unskilled labour remain unsolved and least of all us, because if the universities continue churning out unwanted graduates at this rate, then in a short span of time we’ll no longer have to only imagine the plight of unemployed graduates- we could be one of them. ●



## The Tuition Tattle

Varun Sen Bahl  
XI G, AISN

My mother never required private tuition; there were never more than 25 pupils in her class. As the curriculum has grown over the decades, so has class size. In fact, the size of my class is more than double the size of the class my mother was in. The only figures that are shrinking are the student–teacher ratio and the probability of admission to a college which matches our aspirations. With a burgeoning population and higher education that has not grown commensurately, the need to excel is imperative. The biggest contributors towards achieving this end are private tuitions. On the flip side, rushing between multiple tutors leaves a child with a stunted personality. The child does not challenge his own intelligence, but grows dull and incapable of self-study. Self study especially in the junior



classes could be a time of bonding between parent and child. By not taking the easy way out, a parent could assist in making the home conducive to learning with encyclopaedias, educative CD’s, and so on. Learning by rote should be replaced by an enquiring and curious mind. Such minds could grow up to innovate and create- new technology, new literature...maybe even a cure for cancer!

## Making Class X Boards optional: does it make sense?

For

Anantdeep Singh  
XI F, AIS Noida

Most people believe that the class 10th boards are leading to high number of suicide cases and enormous pressure. Pals, it’s not the education system and board examination what’s leading to suicides. It’s gaining access to education that’s more traumatic. At 90 percent, a student commits suicide not because he has got bad marks or he hates the boards, but because he won’t gain admission in a prestigious college. Further, the suicides and pressure will only increase during class 12th for a student when it becomes the one and only Board Exam in a person’s life. Also, is it the duty of an education system only to inculcate mathematics and sciences into the cerebrum of students? No. They must teach how to cope with emotions including pressure and class 10th is the right time to do so. So please increase the seats in institutions instead of making Boards optional.



Pic : Keshav Chandna, IV F, AIS Noida

Against

Sunaina Bhattacharya  
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Should a 3-hour paper be considered the yardstick for 12 years of education? Our education system fails to absorb children not suited for studies. At 15, one is too naive to handle this pressure and it is not unusual that

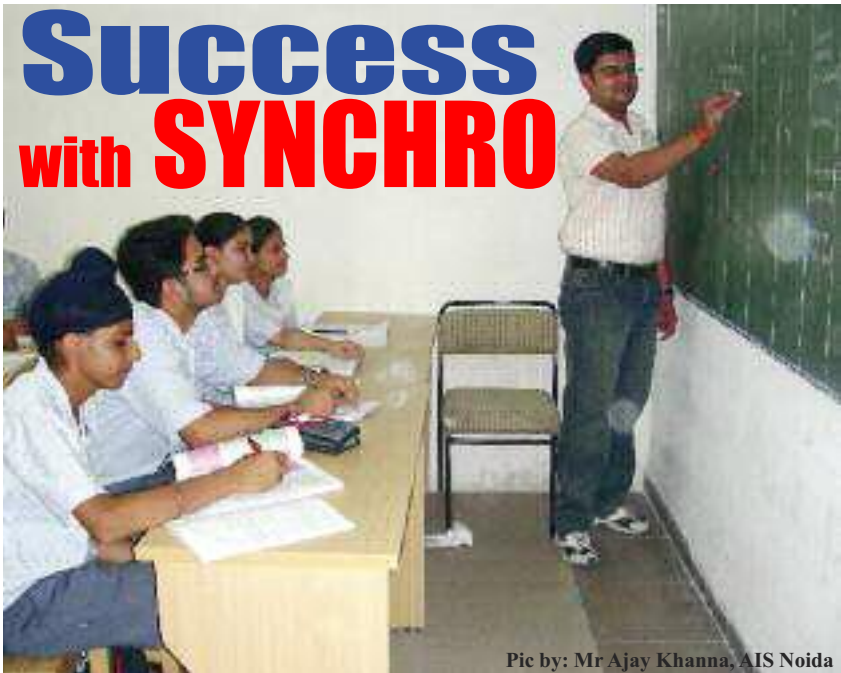
even deserving students under perform. The boards support rote learning. The aim of education should be to enjoy what one learns and rote learning is definitely not the way. Every 90 percent can’t become an engineer or doctor. Making X Board optional will save a huge sum of the government’s expenditure which can be used to strengthen the education infrastructure ensuring that every child in actual terms is entitled to the right of education.●

Gautam Shah  
XI-H (Synchro, AISN)

Every year the IIT conducts Joint Entrance Examination for admissions which tests the conceptual understanding and analytical ability of millions of aspirants rather than considering their score in the boards. Preparation for these competitive tests begins

months in advance It is fairly common for students to take up coaching for these entrances along with their normal classes. But imagine the plight of the students. They come-back from school, and after a quick bite rush off to their coaching centers which are generally far away from their homes. They return late and are left with little time to do anything else. Things get

worse when along with the school they get numerous worksheets from the coaching institute. Keeping these problems of the students in mind, Amity launched the Synchro programme which integrates the CBSE with extra preparation into one curriculum. “A child need not commute from one corner of the city to other for tutorials. Everything’s right there.” says Mr. Ashish Sharma, the mathematics instructor at AICE. “The synchro programme helps students to save a lot of time and energy, besides giving a lot of space for self-study which is often missing, when a child takes up coaching,” he adds. Mrs.Meenakshi Rawal, Director A.I.C.E firmly feels, “Most students opt for synchro because it is the same concept taught at CBSE level which is followed up at the competitive level for an in-depth understanding. It is noticed that topics taught at the other coaching centres hold no relevance to the lessons given at school. Many times students get muddled up with topics.” But, perhaps the most striking feature of Synchro is that teachers are easily approachable, and doubts can be cleared the very next day rather than wait for a week as in the case of a coaching institute.●



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French

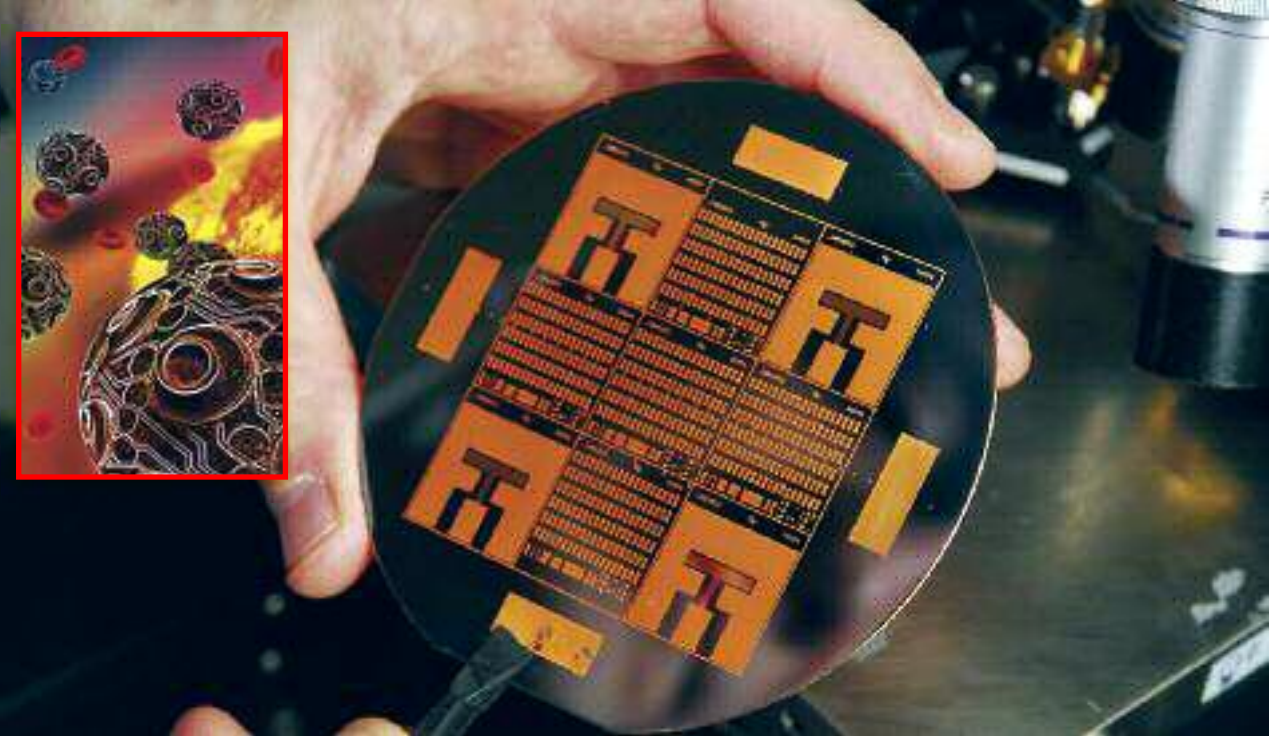
Shama Bhatnagar  
Dept of French, AIS Noida



In this modern era of globalization, it is becoming extremely important to be competitive in the international arena and to interact with rest of the world. Students start learning French as a hobby, but many see it as a helpful and effective tool that can (and does) add wings to a brighter future. Most students think it is a tough nut to crack. But on the contrary if one follows a disciplined and systematic approach and make judicious use of their time, he or she can attain top scores in this

field. Getting down to brass tacks: The question paper is divided into 4 parts: **Part A: Comprehension** One should read comprehensions of sample papers and previous years papers for vocabulary. **Part B: Creative writing** Students should ensure that they practice letter writing, dialogues & story writing within the prescribed word limit. The basic format should be remembered. **Part C: Grammatical concepts** These need to be understood very clearly to get a full score. **Part D: Civilization** Requires thorough learning very through NCERT books as it can bring full marks. Just to add - AIS, Noida bagged the 1st prize as well as a trophy for the school by winning the French Quiz in Alliance Francaise, Delhi. The top nine schools of Delhi had participated in this prestigious event. This clearly showcases the potential and caliber that you all possess. Let’s do the same in the Boards and show that winning is a habit with Amitians!

# All is left behind in a trail of smart dust



Mayank Joneja  
XI-B AIS Noida

The future is approaching in a blitz. Today's dust which floats around hated and unnoticed has inspired one of the most intelligent con-

cepts of technology for the future. This SmartDust is a hypothetical wireless network of tiny microelectromechanical (MEMS) sensors, robots, or devices, that can detect (for example) light, temperature, or vibration. Engineers envision uses for the Smart

Dust project, including: Monitoring humidity and temperature to assess the freshness of foods stored in the refrigerator or cupboard. Monitoring quadriplegics' eye movements and facial gestures and to assist them in operating a wheelchair or using

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computational devices. Communicating with a handheld computer for games and other forms of entertainment. A user could attach the sensors to his or her fingers to "sculpt" 3D shapes in virtual clay visible on the device's screen. The same idea could be applied to playing the piano or communicating in sign language, with the handheld computer translating hand gestures into music and speech. Detecting the onset of diseases, such as cancer. Experiments on humans are expected to begin as soon as one year from now, with adoption taking place anywhere from three to ten years, according to Smart Dust researchers. In the near future everything you own that is worth more than a few Rupees will know that it's yours, and you'll be able to find it whenever you want it. Stealing cars, furniture, stereos, or other valuables will be unusual, because any of your valuables that leave your house will check in on their way out the door, and wail like an ambulance if removed without permission (they may scream at 2.4 GHz rather than in audio)! ●

## Freeware to the rescue

Raghav Kochhar  
XI-D, AIS Noida

So you are fed up with your computer. It crashes every time you log on, opens spam sites even if you are not on the internet and whatever problems you know of. You decide to re-boot it and upgrade its RAM, Hard disk and everything. On the flipside (the cons), you lose all your data and applications you downloaded. Here are some really helpful applications: **DAP (Download Accelerator):** Very good and very efficient for any type of files you are downloading. Works best for large files. **Recuva:** Ever wished to get back a file you wish you hadn't deleted. This tool will try very hard to get it back. **7-Zip:** 7-Zip is one of the best file compressors. This open source software will allow you to compress a number of different file formats. **uTorrent:** I know that this is a very common application, but it does make its way in this list. Probably the best means to download media. **Picasa:** Picasa was actually one of the only applications that I tried first and in the end came out on top. It recognizes cameras, it lets you enhance photos, and it really keeps your collection organized.

## Lending a robotic hand

Ainesh Bakshi  
XI-B, AIS Noida

We quite often mix up 'automatic' with 'robotic'. But there is a difference. An automatic machine is designed to perform one function no matter what changes take place in the environment. But a robotic machine has a mind of its own. It perceives the environment and takes actions which maximize chances of success. This, my friends is Artificial Intelligence or AI. For example an automatic car doesn't need the driver to change gears whereas a robotic car doesn't need a driver at all! The domestic application of robotics is at the moment unfeasible but theoretically a robot can do pretty much everything a human can. So we can have a robot to clean the house, cook food, change light bulbs, do the dishes and in



short everything we don't want to do or don't have the time to do. One should not expect chatty C-3POs, intrepid R2-D2s, or killer Terminators. Instead, robots are humble devices that do menial labour, and they're on the verge of becoming household fixtures. Today also the word Robotics when mentioned to most people creates an image of a distant future in their minds. But this future is not far away. ●

# The Bing

Medhavi Arora  
X F, AIS Noida

The anticipation is over. Microsoft's new search engine, Bing (yes, there are actually others besides Google) opens the latest chapter in Microsoft's quest to best Google in the Search Engine Wars. Bing looks lush, delivers great relevancy that might hook many to binging instead of googling. **Vishnu Sinha, X-F, AIS Noida** agrees, "The homepage images which change daily are a relief to sore eyes." Bing also organizes its search results into categories on its Explorer Pane. For example, in a search for 'Greenday', it offers suggestions like videos, songs, tickets, merchandise, etc. Adds **Aanvi Goel, X F, AIS Noida**, "The related searches make navigation a whole lot simpler and organized."



Infinite image-scroll lets us scroll through a single page of results. There are Instant Answers for Sports, Ticket Info, Calculations (2 \* pi \* 24), encyclo-

pedic answers (the capital of Germany) and Dictionary to mention a few. Quips **Mansee Arora, IX, DPS Noida**, "Just by hovering the cursor over the search result, we can preview and watch the video". A hover-window next to every search result gives a preview of the site. A useful feature: gone are the days when "I would feel lucky" about web searches. Bing is a Swiss Army knife: a single stop for numerous searches, but still no Google Killer. Google is the reigning champ, the home page of millions, whose name has become synonymous with web searches ("Just google it"). **Shivangi Kakkar, alumnus, AIS PV** gives Bing her thumbs up: "Bing is new and sophisticated, and with its attractive name and clean, transparent interface, it may unseat Google". Microsoft is on the right track as it creates a niche for itself in SearchEngineLand. Time will tell. ●



# Gadget-o-Mania

Anand Bhusry, Anant Agarwal  
XI-C, AIS Noida

**SONY PSP:** The Sony PlayStation Portable (PSP) is another handheld gaming console, first of its kind to use an optical disc format, Universal Media Disc (UMD), as its primary storage medium. Its large viewing screen, robust multimedia capabilities, and connectivity with the PS3, other PSP's, and the Internet make it the gamer's favourite. So much in the palm of your hand... **APPLE IPOD:** The second-generation Apple

iPod Touch has it all: music, videos, photos, podcasts, e-mail, Web browsing, Internet, radio, games, Nike+, Wi-Fi music downloads, and an Application Store for adding



thousands of Custom features. Enough to drive one over the edge! **SONY PS3:** The Sony PlayStation 3 (PS3) is the third landmark as part of the PlayStation series. The PlayStation Network, online gaming services, extravagant multimedia capabilities, and usage of high definition optical disk format, Blu-ray disk make it too good to be good. But hey, it IS true. So what say, cool just got cooler, eh? **NOKIA N97:** The new Nokia N97 featuring a touch screen, a full QWERTY keyboard, and 32GB of internal flash memory, is quite something. The smart phone also offers 3G support, Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, and GPS and comes equipped with a 5-megapixel camera. With this little baby, stay connected 24x7. ●





"Apart from attaining experience in writing in newspaper-style, I had a lot of fun writing about something that created a common interest, a bond with the readers!" Kanchan Joneja, IX-J, AIS Noida

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# Marriages: made in heaven SOLEMNIZED ON TV

Ruhi Kumar, XI  
AIS Noida

The most important day in a person's life is marriage – because after that day, one's life is set to change forever. Well, as most of you will agree with me, it is not a decision to be taken hastily.

There has been a lot of hype for a particular show – 'Rakhi ka Swayamvar.' We all know that Rakhi is in the news for all the wrong reasons – whether it is her break up or the incident with Mika. People spend years getting to know their partners before they think about marriage; what is the guarantee that during this 1 month, she would find her ideal match? There is none. Most people say that it is another publicity stunt; some even feel that she might as well dump the guy the next day and come back for Season Two. My 65 year old grandmother had this to say, "Everything – from the way she lowers her eyes to the feelings with which she speaks – screams fake." And imagine, rumours are rife that she's going to proclaim her break up with her so-called beau soon

## Reality ka Sach

Pati, Patni or Woh:  
Baby woes  
Swayamvar Season 2:  
Rahul dulhan le jaayega  
Perfect Bride:  
Raw deal  
Sach ka Samna:  
Can't get more real  
than this!



after another reality show they participate together as a couple, 'Pati, Patni or Woh.' However, there is another show, Star Vivaah. It provides a platform for people to find their ideal matches while seeing them walk, talk and share their feelings and connecting with their families. In this way, the person and his/her family watching them can know properly about them and save themselves ten trips back and forth to their house like the good old days. This show has a sense of infinity attached to it as it is not set whether the people who are showcased find their match. A third year DU student says, "I don't think anything about this show is remotely realistic."

Marriage seems to be the most saleable item in reality TV as of now; emotions have surely taken a backseat. Is it virtually possible to find a 'Perfect Bride' on national television? The thing is – there is no guarantee, we cannot believe whatever we see on TV because after all, even the reality shows are unreal. And after drama queen Rakhi ka Swayamwar, there's Rahul Mahajan stretching his luck in Swayamwar Season 2. Given Rahul's real-life antics and reel escapades in Big Boss, the show might turn out to be quite sought after. What say? ●

## Counsel's Korner



Monisha Ahluwalia  
Counselor AIS, Noida

## Handling Peer Pressure

*"I don't feel like going to school as my friends force me to bunk classes and to smoke. Please help?"*

When friends try to influence how you should act, or do something, then that is known as 'Peer Pressure'. It's something everyone, including adults have to deal with. Peer acceptance is a deeply embedded desire which affects and influences human behavior. It is tough to be the only one to say 'no' to peer pressure, but you can do it.

Inner strength and self-confidence can help you stand firm, walk away and resist doing something when you know better. You can simply stay away from peers who pressure you, and say 'NO' and walk away.

Better yet, find other friends and classmates with whom you can spend time, without having to sacrifice your beliefs and values. Talking to a parent, teacher or school counselor can help you and prepare you for the next time you face peer pressure.

## 'PUPPY' LOVE!



Vasundhra Pahuja, XII G  
AIS Noida

In the recent death of the pop icon, Michael Jackson, one of the most discussed facets of his life was his companionship with his unusual pet, Bubbles, the chimpanzee. I have used this example to emphasize my take on the inherent significance of the bond between humans and pet animals. Petting implies not only 'owning' a pet but having a responsible and affectionate disposition towards it. This in turn entails that a person, who has one or many pets needs to have a caring, loving and responsible demeanor. Pets deserve this love because they return same with unconditional loyalty. Even though indulgent petting is becoming a fad, "they will be there for

you and your emotional comfort irrespective of these 'tags'" says Sunakshi Mohindra, XII, AIS N. "It gives me immense pleasure when my pet, welcomes me back so tenderly and warmly", says Gaurav, XII, AIS N.

Today, when everyone's life is on an emotional roller coaster, pets provide an emotional connect and therefore, comfort, stability and sanity. They make us feel loved and most of all special, even in our gloomy times. Dogs, birds, cats; they all act like antidotes to our tension. It is, therefore not surprising that pets are proving to be a better substitute for a partner or a sibling in today's lifestyle. This connect and unspoken bond between different forms of lives is proving to be an emotionally evolving process for human beings.

## Five Traits of a Good Student

In the modern day classroom, some students just wait for the bell to ring either by eagerly counting down the seconds or creating whacky graffiti.

Digant Pandey, XI B  
AIS Noida

Our ancient scriptures referred to five traits which are essential in a good student. According to them, a student who sleeps less, eats less, concentrates well, has the will of a crow and leaves all his luxuries for the pursuit of knowledge is an ideal student. But does today's student feel that these five traits are necessary for suc-

cess in life? Rohan Chandra, the AIS N Boards topper, does not feel so. He says, "Students need not wholly abstain from worldly luxuries. A careful balance between comfort and priorities will help maintain focus and achieve success."

In the modern day classroom, some students just wait for the bell to ring either by eagerly counting down the seconds or by creating wacky graffiti. (Graffiti? The scriptures don't say anything about that!)

"We cannot compare those times with today! The syllabus has become somewhat tedious with time," says Aditya, of VII C. (Okay, we will have to go back in time to check that.)

What about eating and sleeping? The scriptures do not instruct to completely stop sleeping, but to control it. As for eating? Perhaps the problem of growing obesity is a testimony. As a parent says, "McDonalds burgers don't build careers, just mouse potatoes." ●



Illustration: Lakshaye Rao, XI F & Seher Malik, XI-B, AIS N



# School Journalism

*Think of high school journalism as an opportunity, and you can make it into whatever you need it to be. — Jamila Robinson*



Dr. Amita Chauhan  
Chairperson

The words spoken by Jamila Robinson who works with Newspaper Association of America at Free Press’ journalism awards says a lot about the issue that you hold in hand. A former Free Press features page designer and former apprentice and intern had shared, “One of the best lessons I’ve learned was the time I was right where you are in high school journalism. I wrote what I thought was a dazzling essay detailing how I wanted to become this wonderful journalist and though I loved reporting, I really wanted to be a copy editor. One problem: I misspelled a word in the essay! Oh, well. Though I thought I would surely die then, the way I got over my embarrassment was not to self destruct, but to do better next time.” That’s the glory of journalism. And, that’s the glory of this precious issue of The Global Times, brought to you by the students of Amity International School, Noida. The concept of ‘making a newspaper’ by every Amity school, with a competitive spirit has brought out the best in each of them. At Amity, it has been our earnest endeavour to provide the students with the maximum opportunity to hone their personality skills. Today, it gives me a feeling of great satisfaction to share this special issue of The Global Times. There is a writer in each of us. The Global Times provides an outlet for these writers to pen their potentials to be read and reported. To quote Henry Rollins, “If I lose the light of the sun, I will write by candlelight, moonlight, no light. If I lose paper and ink, I will write in blood on forgotten walls. I will write always. I will capture nights all over the world and bring them to you.” ●

## Noida



Mrs. Mohina Dar  
Principal, AIS N

Newspapers and magazines have essentially performed a stellar role in increasing awareness and more importantly in generating the habit of reading – among the old and young alike.

The launch of Global Times, a brainchild of our dear Chairperson, Dr. Mrs. Amita Chauhan, is another unique step in this direction where Amityans are involved in publishing a newspaper. Each branch of Amity will bring out its own issue of Global Times starting with NOIDA branch, this September. I wish to present the first such edition of Global Times to all Amityans. The inventive Editorial Team along with other enthusiastic student writers, has worked tirelessly in unison writing, editing and proof reading in bringing out the current issue. Our budding journalists, photographers and artists have presented the readers a varied assortment of engaging articles, both serious and light-hearted, covering the entire gamut of social, political, economic, spiritual and the sports world, accompanied by pictorial representations where possible. I am certain the readers would find the issue a page turner. It is my firm belief that in the publication of the NOIDA edition of The Global Times the students would gain confidence in their journalistic and social organizational skills alongside a real boost to their self-esteem. As the famous author, Arthur Miller once said, “A Good Newspaper, I suppose, is a Nation talking to itself” and that’s what The Global Times of AIS Noida aims to achieve. Happy Reading! ●

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# Have we forgotten the Army?

Bhuvan Ravindran  
IX J, AIS Noida

*An army is a nation within a nation, it is one of the voices of courage.*  
- Alfred de Vigny

The recent commemoration, of martyrs of the Kargil War has brought a resurgence of patriotism in me. It makes one feel like being a part of the armed forces. Recently, I read in a national daily, that the army is running short of over 11000 officers! Disheartening to know, especially, in an educated and overpopulated country like ours. But one must not sit back and lament on present day shortcomings. A large chunk of the students I know either want to opt for MBA, engineering or medicine. A career in the armed forces is low on priority. When I told a friend that I’m a keen aspirant for the armed forces he retorted, ‘Easy way out. Will save you



from studying hard for entrance examinations for engineering and colleges abroad.’ So what has really gone wrong? Has the patriotic spirit in us taken a back seat? Or have greener pastures by way

of more money in other prime jobs taken the better of us? The truth is somewhere in between. There is nothing the Army offers less than what other so called well paid jobs offer. It’s just that our defence

forces have not marketed themselves well. We do not lack in people who still love their country and would like to do what best they can for its sake. Joining the armed forces is one of the most attractive options in fulfilling the same. The school should serve as the first point in motivating students to join the defence forces – by instilling in them a spirit of patriotism above all else. The forces offer everything both during service as well as after retirement. It is just that we have not yet fathomed that we can realise our aspirations only if our borders are safe. Let’s start from our school. Making conscription compulsory, like many countries have done today is one way. Let every student be made to join NCC, which would serve, I’m sure for some, as a spring board to enter the defence services. Let the schools be the starting point from where we instil the importance of being a member of the great armed force of India. ●

# Media only for celebrities

Adhiti Raman  
XII D, AISN

Famous people attract media naturally as people would like to know about the lives and deeds of the high and mighty, whether they are good or downright bad. Divorce, marriage even a rape by a celebrity is big news. The demand for a separate Gorkhaland is no news but Shiny rape case definitely is well known. TRP ratings and consequent corporate sponsors are for celebrity stories as

people are lulled to think less of real world problems of corruption, nepotism and other social ills. Himanshi, XII, Amity Saket adds, “There is and will always be a certain excitement and hype about the celebrities, especially in India, it is for us to decide the kind of news would work” Granted, celebrity news can be interesting. Celebrities are normal people put into fairly extraordinary situations which makes their lives seem more interesting than ours. As Praveen Ravindran, Teacher Coordinator for Global Times, AIS, NOIDA, says,

‘It is interesting to read about celebrities. But what we see today is a media-generated celebrity culture which has little reference to the real world. In this image dominated scenario, the media appears to have abandoned its search for the true heroes amongst the common masses whose lives can have a meaningful impact on the people.’ Take for instance P Sainath, a writer and activist and winner of Ramon Magasay award in 2007, wedded to the development cause. We need many more journalists like him today. ●



Caricature: Adhiti Raman, XII D, AIS N



Praveen Ravindran  
Teacher Co-ordinator  
GT, AIS Noida

## Journos Odyssey

Good writers are like artists. They not only entertain, but inspire, anger and educate. This is what our tireless GT Editorial Team at AIS, Noida along with numerous other student journos set out to achieve while scripting the current Global Times. Much brainstorming and research has gone in to enliven the pages of this issue. The fact that a good newspaper generates a buzz owing to its

timely and thought-provoking stories and makes the reader want to share the information with others, was foremost on our minds. Conflicting emotions surfaced especially during the initial planning stages. Would the stories chosen be interesting enough to be read through to the end? Ideating, writing, repeated editing and meeting the deadline – each step presented a new challenge. I am certain, the refreshing potpourri of write-ups, debates, poems and caricatures will rev

up the potent writing talents of many. It has been our endeavour to make each page look inviting for the young readers. At the end of it all, drafting the Noida edition of Global Times was both fun and rewarding. It was beautiful to be a part of the whole exercise, working closely with a large team of enthusiastic students eager to give their creative best – a reflection of their commitment and love for their school. We hope you enjoy reading it as much as we enjoyed compiling it for you. ●

## Pearls o

● “If you can imagine, if you can create it. If you can dream it, you can become it.”  
- William Arthur Ward

● Our dreams and our aspirations are our invitations to set new goals. To achieve great goals in life we must discover our passion and recognize our dreams. Once we have envisaged our destination we must have the courage and the drive to make those visions come true.

Aarvi Goel, X F, AIS Noida



There is more to a newspaper than just reading-it's sheer  
hardwork and research- Vaishnavi Sridhar, X E, AIS Noida  
The Global Times, September 16-30, 2009

# Spiritualism gets YOUNGER

## Youth High On SPIRITUALISM

Aarti Khandelwal, XII- C, AIS Noida

Youth

The sad death of my grandfather left me and my family thinking- why is it that life is so cruel and takes away what we most cherish? But then, after a few hours of contemplation, we remembered some words spoken by numerous spiritual leaders that life and death are cyclic and that death is inevitable. Spiritualism helped my Grandmother to move on, for whom the loss was most unimaginable. Spiritualism helped the rest of us to bear with the loss. Spiritualism is commonly associated with the elderly. But nowadays, many youngsters too are going the spiritualist way. With inescapable pressures of family, studies and peers, the youth also resorts to divinity. Why? Because spiritualism helps them connect with the Almighty, it provides a temporary way out of the general monotony of life, and gives them time to think about their problems and solutions. For youngsters, spiritualism means being aware of themselves and the world around. It is something that provides you immaterial happiness, just as Swami Vivekananda believed-"Look after others and you will have peace of mind."

## Finding the SPIRIT WITHIN

Karan Saharya, XI- B, AIS Noida

Spirit

Life isn't all that simple for today's youth. Stress, exams, marks, expectations can take a heavy toll at times. It is in such moments that one seeks the higher path. Maybe the idol in the corner of the room; the book your mother deems holy; the tranquil thing you accidentally visualize when you close your eyes. Different things work for different people. But what is that Divine Thread that makes us see the light at the end of the tunnel in times like this, make the impossible possible and to discover the Real Self? "I was at the end of my tether while preparing for the Boards. I used to simply close my eyes and meditate, and astonishingly I always got the feeling somebody was listening to me," echoes Raghav Kochhar, class XI, AIS Noida. The fact is that there is a power within us, which gives us the insight to solve our problems and listen to our tales of tedium and woe. We can't see it, but we do feel it. Heed what your instinct is trying to tell, and sorting out the multitudes of anxieties would become simpler. That is the power of spirituality. So much for all those atheists and self-acclaimed rationalists. After you've read this, laughed and scoffed, and wholly dismissed all the philosophy ... just try to ponder over it for a second. If you cannot, then all in all it's just another brick in the wall. But if you're able to, then congratulate yourself. You have just rearmed yourself with the spiritual force within.

## Spirituality FOR ME

Bhavika Govil, XI- G, AIS Noida

Divine

There comes a time in every individual's life when everything seems to fall apart. The problems just keep piling up until they become this huge sack labeled "Dilemmas. Thinking about them is hazardous to health and mind" and we think we can do nothing about it. Life is literally an amalgamation of somersaults catapulting into a roller coaster bursting from a canon. It seems at times that we are playing an endless game marked with highs and lows.

"Dilemmas. Thinking about them is hazardous to health and mind" and we think we can do nothing about it.



Illustration: Susnata Paul, XII- E, AIS N

You know the tiny voice that warns us whenever we're going on the wrong path? That's the God within us that shows us the way of right or wrong. Divinity has permanent residence within us, though we may not even realize it, and the rent that it pays us is its constant support and love, so why not seek the spirit within?



Illustration by KANIKA BHATIA, XI- C, AIS N

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of tears. There's one time when we have to search within ourselves for the strength to help us survive the day, to make it through without bursting into tears, to be able to face the world, without breaking down. And surprisingly enough we do succeed, we do get that strength. And that is what spirituality is for me –the presence of some divinity within us. The divinity which guides us in every step of life. You know the tiny voice that warns us whenever we're going on the wrong path? That's the God within us that shows us the path of right or wrong. Divinity has permanent residence within us, though we may not even realise it, and the rent that it pays us is its constant support and love, so why not seek the spirit within?

## Spirituality PILL

Siddharth Garvgava, VII- B, AIS Noida

Soul

Sometime back, I got an e-mail from my worried friend informing that his elder brother, aged 21, had not done well in the exams, and was feeling despondent. I remembered my Grandma telling me about spirituality, and its importance particularly to young minds. I urged my friend to advise his brother to seek solace in the same. She said, 'Soul is the ultimate truth and real wealth'. We are not just flesh and bones; there is something beyond our physical body. Getting connected to the soul, deep inside ourselves is what leads us to happiness. She told me that spiritualism means revelation that discloses and teaches us everything we possess and carry along with. It makes us realize that we are the work of God. Bharat Aggarwal, VII, AIS N believes, "Lack of spiritualism often leads to restlessness, crime, and unhappiness among youth. Spirituality teaches us how to deal with troubles and seek happiness through our deeds rather than mourning on results". Parth Gargava, XI-B, AIS N feels "In the present scenario, where headlines are only made up of the youth involved in crime, the need of the hour is to surrender to the eternal force." Those who are in their early stages are like fragile boats amidst an enraged sea. It is only spiritualism which can guide them out of the ferocious sea.

## Spirituality AND YOU

Tazmeen Amna Siddiqi, XI- B, AIS Noida

Faith

Today, we may go to temples and mosques and bow our heads in prayer. But how often, do we feel united with some divine power? One seldom known fact is that worship and meditation are two different things. Worship requires a particular code of conduct, in some religions dress code, and a fixed and pre-defined way of praying. On the other hand, spirituality, other than being "nutrition for the soul" is a moderate approach to believing in yourself and the Higher Power. It is neither atheism, nor is it rigid religiosity. It is a broader approach to believing in God. Think about it. Says Ms Ruchi Chaudhary, Counselor, AIS Noida, who is presently working on her thesis on Impact of Spirituality on Well-being, "Why should we limit our faith to a particular boundary, a set of rules, a particular conduct? Spirituality is all pervasive and keeps us connected to all the elements of life around and within us; it is something personal." Spiritual awakening, has become the need of the day for youngsters. As we mature and handle new kinds of pressures, it is important to arm ourselves with spiritual tools. At least once a week, we need to wash the exterior layers of dust off our soul, get in touch with our inner self, and rejuvenate and refresh our mind, body, and soul. The yogic 'Pranayam' is one more step towards spirituality. Try it!●

Spiritual awakening, in today's date, is essential for us youngsters as we mature and handle pressures, stress etc.



# '100 NOT OUT': Go for it, Ladies!



Nikhita Agarwal, XII-A  
AIS Noida

Women's cricket in India was born amidst the unstable political ethos of the 1890s when women first played men in competitive cricket matches. Initially, matches were played between mixed teams with six men and six women making up a team. Women players, wearing sarees in the Maharastrian way were inspired by the nationalist drive. However, such efforts were soon forgotten and women's cricket gradually receded into the background in post-independence India.

Convener of BCCI Women's Committee and Former captain of Indian Cricket team Shubhangi Kulkarni recalls, that earlier the public was only curious about women's dressing and collecting funds was the major problem. But now things are changing. BCCI is looking after the ad-

ministration, so girls do not have to worry about funds and organization. Nowadays girls are getting better exposure and are taking up cricket as a career. A sportsperson can be a coach, umpire, sports journalist or can do administrative work.

Mayank Tiku, GT Reporter of class XI, AIS Vasundhara feels, "This is a competitive world where women rub shoulders with men, so Women's Cricket should be given equal importance." Indian Women Cricket team reached the finals of Women World Cup 2005 for the first time in history. Currently, the Indian Women's team holds the second position in the ICC world ranking, whereas men are at the sixth spot. It was Mithali Raj who captained the Indian Cricket team in the World Cup finals.

Quips Yashvi Malhotra, Sports Captain of AIS Noida, who's a keen cricket and football player herself, "It is heartening to see Indian women make a mark in cricket at the national and international level." The feminists can watch "Bend It like Beckham" or "Chak De" and romanticize the fact that a big win can lead to a change in fortune for women sports.●

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## Rogerrific

Nishant Roy, VIII D  
AIS Noida

The name demands a certain respect itself. The man who has dominated the tennis courts outshines all those before him. Roger Federer is the only man to win the Wimbledon Men's singles title 6 times, previously winning it 5 times consecutively. Even the great Bjorn Borg has been outdone by this living legend. Federer is an amazingly stylish and graceful player. Unlike his rival Nadal, he relies on technique rather than strength. His elegance is fabulous. The finesse of his shots is a wonder. He annihilates his opponents with such overwhelming grace that the opponent is helpless; truly giving him the title of living legend.

Federer has a marvelous record at the Grand Slams. He has conquered the Wimbledon and US Open. 6 Wimbledon titles along with 5 US Opens is something to boast about. Also, the elusive title of French Open was given to him when he beat Robin Soderling earlier this year. Federer has also won his country the gold at the Olympics. Federer completed a Career Grand Slam when he won the French Open proving that he truly is Numero Uno. ●

## Badminton – the next best thing

Anamika Tiwari, IX-C  
AISL, Noida

Lately, sports icon Saina Nehwal has been the torch bearer for the budding champions of the game of badminton. She is currently ranked



World number 6 by Badminton World Federation. She is the first Indian woman to reach the quarter finals at the Olympics and the first Indian woman to win the Indonesian Open Super Series. Since then, many corporates have been coming up to support this game. Sania is at par with the stars of yesteryears like Prakash Padukone and Pullella Gopichand both of whom won the All England Championship which are of similar status to the Super Series. Our badminton coach at AIS Noida, Mr. Vijender states, "Unlike the West, the game of badminton may lack the glamour and glitz which is mostly seen in cricket and tennis; it is still being taken up by a healthy number of youngsters across the country."

These icons have provided the required impetus to this wonderful sport leading many schools and district level badminton associations to gear up in search of new talents and provide better training and infrastructure to the existing ones. "Badminton is one sport which has lost the due share of popularity it deserves though it is one of the most rejuvenating sports and in the coming years, it will have wider acceptance and a bigger fanfare" says Poornima, AIS Saket.●

Vishrutyi Sahni, X-F  
AIS, Noida

You don't play squash to become fit! You have to become fit to play squash! Squash – It's all about hitting walls!

A two player sport played within 4 walls - that is Squash. Like what Poornima Kharbanda of AIS Saket says, "Whenever anyone spoke of an indoor sport I always thought of a game of chess or ludo and never knew an indoor sport could be healthy, vigorous and tiring. Kudos to all squash players." So look out for the healthiest sport ever (listed by Forbes), in the 2016 Olympics.

In today's fast paced world where time is money, former world no. 1 Jhangir Khan's words stand true - Squash is "a preserver of health." The innumerable benefits of this game has won over all other games for its intensity of exercise in a short period of time and has helped attract working professionals and students as a game of squash provides an excellent upper and lower body cardiovascular workout, burning 1000 calories, 70% more than any racket game and also sharpening your thought process. I was introduced to this game by a great squash player - my dad. The game begun as a hobby for me, and I soon found myself training with National-level Coach Puneet Singh. He says- "Squash revolves around the 4 S's- Strength, Stam-

## The modern day mantra for fitness: Squash!

ina, Speed and pSyche along with Determination and Focus." I learnt that practice puts brains into your muscles. Improvement in technique enhanced my physical fitness and led to me to take the competitive path as today, I stand in Top-10 in under 15 category.●



### Happy Squashing!

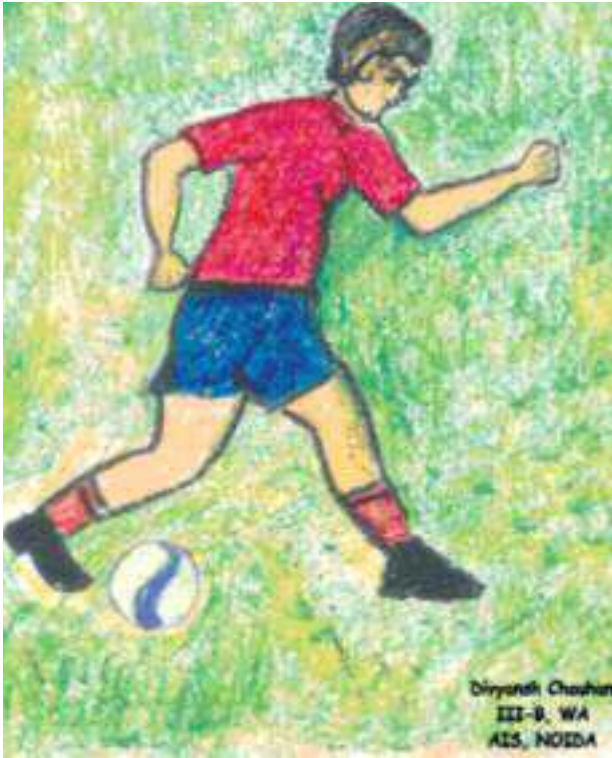
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02	Rowing	22.00
03	Rock Climbing	22.00
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06	Basketball	19.00
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09	Modern Pentathlon	18.50
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1	Squash	844
2	Soccer	493
2	Tennis	493
3	Basketball	422
4	Cricket	352
5	Badminton	317
6	Golf	281

The chance given to me by the school to be a part of the GT Team was truly an exceptional experience. - Raghav Kochchar, XI D, AIS Noida



# The hard working boy




Kushagr  
IV-A/W B, AIS Noida.

Sumit, a ten year old boy, was very hard working. He was a student of class V in a good school. Like other boys, he was most fond of playing football, but his parents wanted him only to study and get top grade marks. Sumit's dream was to make it on the school's football team. He would think about it every moment of the day and at night, his dreams, too, were filled with this very thought. One day, when Sumit returned from school to find his father intently watching a football game on T.V. He quietly sat by his father's side and said nothing. After a while, his father asked, "Don't you have homework to do?"

## Short story

"I do father," replied Sumit, "but can't I watch the game too? I'd love to play one day just like a world champion!" "Well, you can if you want to," stated his father. "If you can balance studies and the love for football, I don't see why you shouldn't start the game right away." Just then, Sumit's mother came in. She had heard the entire conversation. "Yes, you can pursue your game, but then you must get up an hour earlier each morning for practise." "I will start my new schedule from tomorrow!" shouted an excited Sumit. He was delighted by his parents' encouragement. Sumit started practising daily for long hours. His determination

soon saw him on the school team. Meanwhile, his elder sister helped him with his studies. His family always stood by him. In time, Sumit competed at the State level. After that he never looked back. He went on to play both national and international matches. Whenever asked about his success, he gave all the credit to his parents and family. He said, "I never thought in my childhood that I'd become a football player. This is the magic of my family. They have given me unconditional love and nurturing and if it wasn't for that I would be nothing, least of all representing my beloved country today!"  
**Moral:** A love without conditions from a supporting family will help anyone reach for the stars. Without the family, humans are nothing.



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THE GLOBAL TIMES  
CONTEST

1. Name a member of BCCI's Women committee?

2. Forbes has declared it as the 'Healthiest Sport ever.'

3. What is Microsoft's answer to the omnipresent Google?

4. Who is the brain behind making X Boards optional?

5. Name a book penned by Jane Eyre.

To submit your answers, log on to [www.theglobaltimes.in](http://www.theglobaltimes.in)  
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# Leave them alone!

Nayantara Mudur  
VII I, AIS Noida

For animals the world was a happy place to live,  
They only had the gift of friendship to give,  
Flowers bloomed and trees swayed,  
Unfortunately the big gloomy cloud was right, for he said:  
"It's time for the demon's egg to be laid"

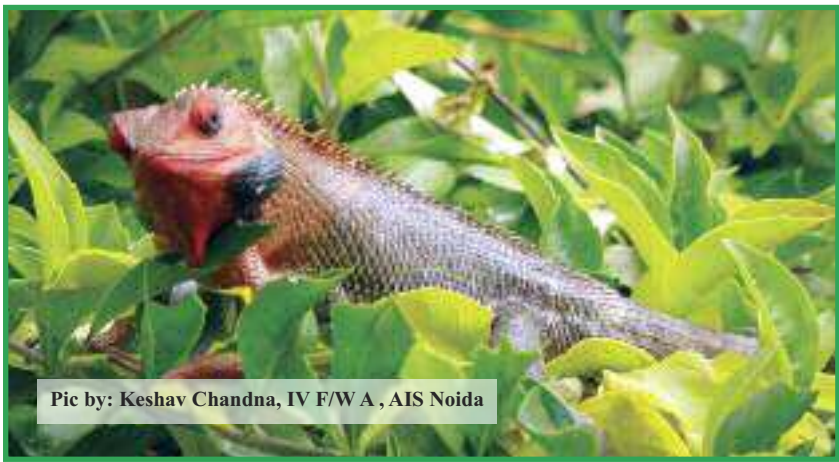
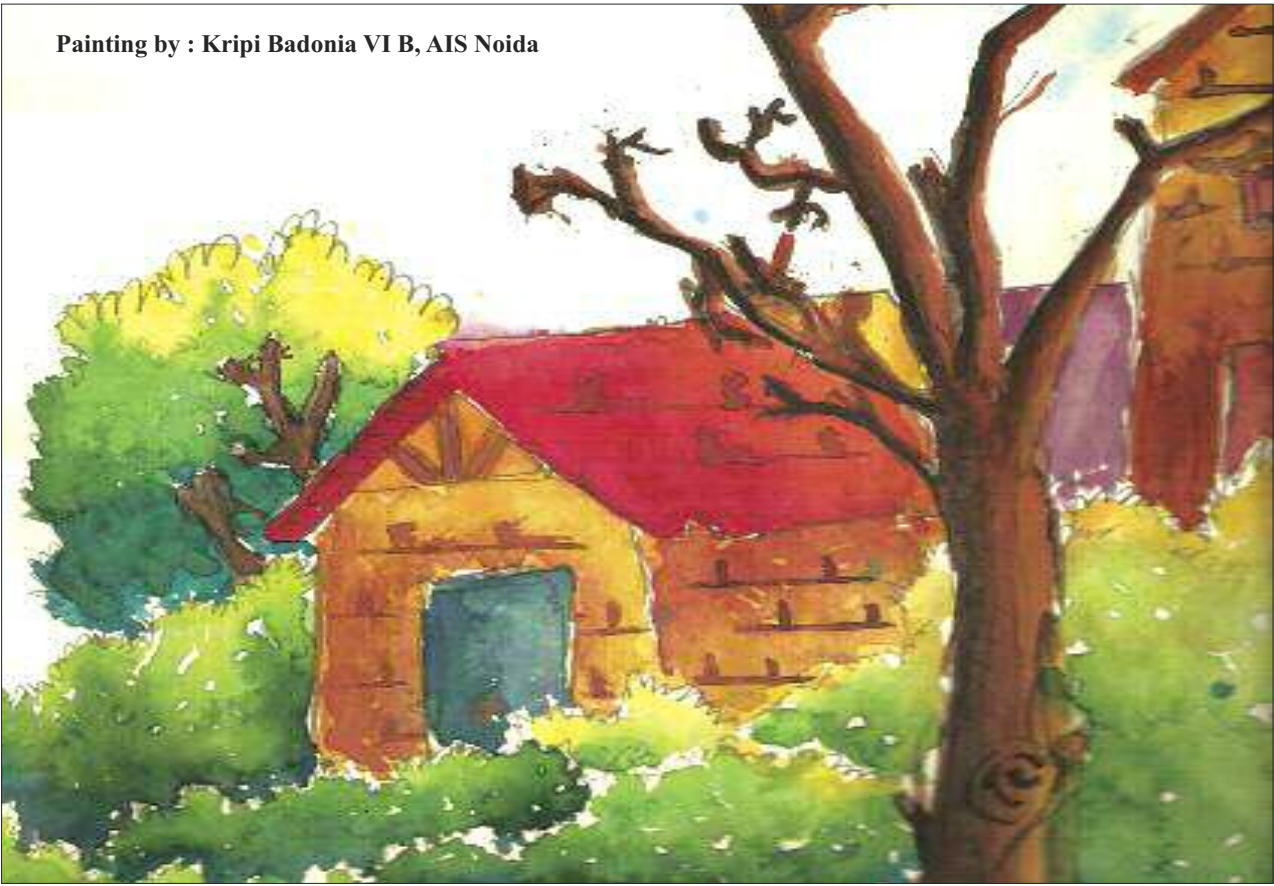
To all these luxuries, they had to bid goodbye,  
All they had was a great big sigh,  
For along came humans,  
And began assuming:

"We are the kings, animals are our slaves,"  
Vanished all the things that the animals craved,

There was no one bound to be saved!  
  
Horses were whip-lashed, tied to heavy carriages,  
For all those noisy marriages  
Dogs were to guard houses, sitting outside doors,  
And when they begged for food, they were hit till they were sore.

Scientists locked up some animals in cages,  
They never let them out for ages and ages,  
They never realized that animals were God's creation,  
They just continued their never-ending observations,

Why don't we be kind,  
And we will soon find,  
That kindness and sympathy is found everywhere,  
From the tiny shrew to the mighty bear.



If I were a cloud  
Vanya Francis  
3-F, W-B, AIS Noida

If I were a cloud  
I would touch the sky and talk to the birds  
I would play with the wind and frolic while i float from place to place  
I would shower water on the land and bring on the rains  
As children play and dance.

The King of Pop  
Tanmya Awasthi  
4-E, Wing-B, AIS Noida

MJ was a great man like millions of others i too, am his great fan. his songs, his dance, his spins and his flips, the timeless melodies making up his 'hits'— Beat It, Bad, Heal the World Thiller, Jam.. the breakdance the moon walk and the many, many moves made MJ, the King of Pop his beautiful music will live forever like him, there will be no other



# Science of Crime Investiga-



**Professor Dr P K Chattopadhyay, Director, Amity Institute of Advanced Forensic Science Research and Training and Advisor, Amity Institute of Forensic Science throws some light on forensic science as a career option.**

**What are the courses imparted at AIAFSRAT**

AIAFSRAT as an independent institute was established about three years back. We do not offer any regular courses; we organise a series of Workshops on the Examination of Questioned Documents etc which are attended by scientists, Bank Officers, educationists and Researchers across the globe. Regular Courses leading to the B.Sc. and M.Sc. Degree and the Ph.D. Programme are offered by the Amity Institute of Forensic

Science.

**Broadly what all is covered under this course?**

It covers a wide spectrum of theory and practical lessons in different aspects of forensic such as Biology, Chemistry, Toxicology, Serology, Dactyloscopy, Ballistics, Psychology, Cyber Forensics etc. Besides extensive classroom lectures and laboratory work, the students are sent to police establishments, forensic science laboratories, Departments of Forensic Medicine of reputed medical Institutions, and that of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). They learn from simulated and actual case materials including Post-mortem examination.

**How do students handle these case studies?**

We teach them crime scene investigation, handling and processing of evidences/exhibits including their analysis techniques like examination of finger print, questioned documents, stains of blood, semen, saliva, ear prints, botanical evidences, to name a few.

**Do you also train the professionals?**

My colleagues in AIFS have trained cops, researchers employed in labs, bank officers, army officers and others. So far, several batches of Cops and Army Officers have been trained in the Institute that offers one to three months certificate courses. Our country has all sorts of gadgets and equipment to handle varied cases, but lacks the expertise. Most of the people occupying various scientific positions in the forensic science laboratories are experts by position and not by knowledge, and hence the problems.

**What are the Career Options for qualified FS students?**

They can be gainfully employed in the Forensic Science Laboratories, Police, Customs, Excise, National Identification Bureau, Banks, Income Tax Departments, Security and Investment Boards, Land and Revenue Department, Industries, as journalists and Crime Reporters, Departments of Forensic Medicine in Medical Institutes and in the Universities where forensic science teaching and researches are conducted, and even be self employed as Consulting Forensic Scientists. They can also start their own investigating agencies. ●



**A tool of FS, Polygraph Test is made very popular these days by a television reality show. How correct are its results?**

Polygraph (popularly referred as Lie Detector) is an instrument that measures and records several physiological responses such as BP, pulse, respiration, breathing rhythms, body temperature and skin conductivity while the subject is asked and answers a series of questions, on the theory that false answers will produce distinctive

measurements. It is used mostly as an interrogation tool. The use and effectiveness of the polygraph is controversial, with the manner of its use and its validity subject to increasing criticism. It must, however, be added that much would depend on the expertise and experience of the experts in framing and putting the proper questions, and on interpretation the results. Contrary to the common perception, success of this test depends on the person conducting it and not on the suspect.

## “AITTM developed a special course module for me”



**In another of its firsts, Amity University Noida, plays host to a Swedish student, Carl Lindgren, offering him one year internship at AITTM.**

**Shweta Jain**

**What were you pursuing in Sweden?**

I am a student of Linköping University, Sweden, where I am doing masters of Science Program in Industrial Engineering and Management.

**Why did you join Amity?**

At Linköping, we have to undergo one-year mandatory internship in a university anywhere abroad. So I chose to come to India and study at Amity. It so happened that my father was posted in India as the Chief Financial Officer of Unitech Wireless and so he suggested that I should try coming to India. Earlier I was more keen on going to Germany, as most of fellow students were going to other European countries. But then he learnt about Amity University and we

decided to join it here.

**What are you studying here?**

Amity Institute of Telecom Technology and Management (AITTM) has developed a special course module for me to ensure that I cover all the subjects as required by my parent University during my internship. Here, I will be doing programmes covered under B.Tech (Electronics & Telecommunications) and MBA (Telecom Management).

**How is your experience so far at Amity?**

It's a good university, at par with my expectations. They have all sorts of facilities. Teachers are competent and classmates are quite friendly. The only thing is, here all professors are very particular about addressing them as ma'am/sir. Back home we address our

teachers by their first name.

**You have just landed in India few weeks ago, how have you liked Delhi?**

The first thing one notices as soon as one reaches India is too many people. Sweden is a small country with sparse population. So this is something I had to get used to and now I am. Indian food is spicy but I liked rogan josh and am eating chappatis almost everyday. I have been on my first sight seeing tour to Taj Mahal. It's beautiful to say the least.

**What do you like to do in your leisure time?**

Back home, I was majorly into the sport of Fencing. But I guess in Delhi it's not played much or is not very popular. I hope to find an academy where I can pursue it while I stay in India. ●

## Let's talk career

**Muhammad Zulqarnain Zulfi**  
Amity University, Rajasthan

Amity University Rajasthan, organized a panel discussion on 'Career Opportunities in Media, Journalism and Advertising' on August 6, 2009 in the Pink City Press Club Auditorium. The key speakers for the day were Rajnish Thapliya, Regional Head, 'My FM India'; Prakash Bhandari, Senior Journalist-Times of India; Dr. KK Rattu, Senior Officer- Indian Broadcasting Service & Dr. Rajan Mahan Bureau Chief Rajasthan, NDTV India.

The panel discussion laid emphasis on the passion for the profession, clarity of thoughts and sound communication skills as pre-requisites for a rewarding career in the field of Mass Communication. Speaking on the robust growth of media and entertainment, panelist Dr. Rajan Mahan shared, "This field has emerged as one of the most preferred ca-



reer options. While the emergence of television medium has created thousands of jobs in the last decade, the expansion of web-based media, off shoring and business process outsourcing, has led to

manifold growth of opportunities for mass communication graduates."

He further elaborated, "Apart from the employability, Mass Communication studies offer an opportunity to have a

privileged profession, where one gets chances to voice the thoughts of the common men and contribute in the over all development of a nation."

Talking to Global Times, Deepak Sachdeva, Head of Department Amity School of Communication said, "The event was well appreciated by young aspiring journalists and experts from the media. Overall, it was a fruitful interaction and we look forward to more events in the future."

The discussion enlightened the aspiring journalists of the key steps in the career building process, developing an attitude for the profession, creative thinking, honing technical skills and implementing them effectively.

The welcome note was presented by Dr. Muddu Vinay, Head & Dy. Director-Amity Business School, Amity University Rajasthan and Mr. Deepak Sachdeva, Head of Department - Amity School of Communication proposed the vote of thanks. ●



## International Glory

**Mr Rajpal Sirohi, VC AUR has received the prestigious international SPIE Gabor Award 2009 at an award function held at San Diego, USA.** Mr Sirohi is also the recipient of the UGC National Hari Om Sharan Award entitled Homi J Bhabha Award for Applied Sciences for the year 2005, nominated this year, in recognition of his outstanding scholarly contribution to his chosen field of work. The award carries a sum of Rs 50,000 and a citation.



GT has helped me to cultivate my thoughts and ideas and encouraged me immensely in developing a passion for writing. - Siddharth Gargava, VII A, AIS Noida

The Global Times, September 16-30, 2009

# YOUTH POWER VOICES



“I realized that problems as vandalism, substance abuse and bullying that end-up in violence are primarily due to peer pressure. If one has to be influenced by another, then why not create a positive impression which could have a positive effect upon another’s personality.”

**Riya Sen (X B),**  
Vivek High School, Chandigarh

“I learnt that peer pressure is all about the value system. While we must fight peer pressure, its better still to fight for better values, ideals and role models in the society. Value based education along with constant vigilance, awareness, communication, counselling and mentoring is the need of the hour.”

**Tejasvita Singh, X**  
Vasant Valley School

“Peer pressure shows up in a variety of ways. It may be positive as pressure to follow school or activity group rules or negative as pressure to experiment with drugs or drink alcohol. One learns to say ‘no’ firmly to the later and walk away.”

**Chirag Ginglani,**

**Dev Samaj**

“Mere knowledge of a predicament and doing nothing to eradicate it is similar to buying a present and not gifting it. So, I convoked my pals and we put up a play for class IX who came for their life skills classes followed by counseling classes and brainstorming sessions. Not only did we teach our juniors about various experiences, but it was also a great learning session for us.”

**Anantdeep Singh (XI E),**  
AIS Noida



“Ross Perot said, “An activist is not the man who says that the river is dirty. The activist is the man who cleans up the river.” And so, as part of the task, I interacted with ‘greenpeaceindia’, collected and reused polythene bags, used bicycle for purchasing grocery from neighborhood. A Mother Dairy dealer even gifted me a cloth bag when I presented him with a bundle of mother diary milk packets that I had collected.”

**Saksham Aggarwal (VIII)**  
AIS Sector 43,Gurgaon



“I did a survey in my apartment and was shocked to learn that educating a girl in middle class families even today is primarily limited to finding good ‘suitors’. Though awareness about the gender bias is spreading, it will take a long time for this awareness to seep into the grassroots and translate to social change.”

**Sanchit Kumar (IX)**  
AIS Vasundhara

## ‘Be the Change’

*To build a healthy democratic society, it is important to build healthy, competent and engaged citizens. With this objective, The Global Times, in association with The Global Education and Leadership Foundation (tGELF) launched Youth Power Level 2 in April 2009. The unique ongoing national talent hunt across 8 Amity schools in Delhi and NCR and 25 prestigious schools across India launched in April 2009 enters Phase IV: Be the change. Youth Power with the objective of realizing and nurturing the qualities of ethical leadership amongst the youth, brings forth a galaxy of 16 Youth Powers across India, determined to ‘Be the Change’.*

*Bigger and better, Youth Powers shares how the different phases and the task undertaken by them through the journey, sensitized them towards various social issues...*



“It makes me wonder, when people all over the world are making conscious effort to conserve water, why we waste it so callously. World Water Day is something that should be celebrated every day and not just on every March 22.”

**Richa Chandan (VIII B),**  
RPVV Shalimar Bagh

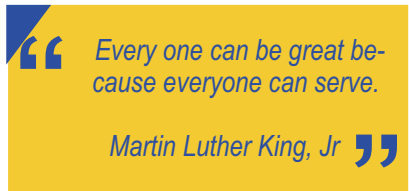
“Our water supply is finite, which means that we do not have an endless supply. We only have the water that we have now. Ninety - seven percent of all the water on the earth is salt water which is not suitable for drinking. Only three percent of all the water is fresh water, and only one percent is available for drinking water. We need to learn that each one of us makes a difference as does each drop.”

**Aryaman Anand (Class X)**  
The Shri Ram School- Moulisari

“Water (H<sub>2</sub>O) is difficult to make as Hydrogen on earth is not available in free state. Water conservation has therefore become the need of the day.

*Stop that drip and curb the flow heed not my words the taps will run no more.”*

**Amal Srivastava,**  
Bloom Public School



“The agenda of tobacco control is as vast as it is urgent. It is remarkably based on voluntary efforts, combined struggle and active involvement of the society as a whole. Someone rightly said, ‘Lifestyle can do more to improve well-being, now and for years to come, than the availability of the best medicines.’”

**Jigyasa Chauhan (XI D)**  
AIS Saket

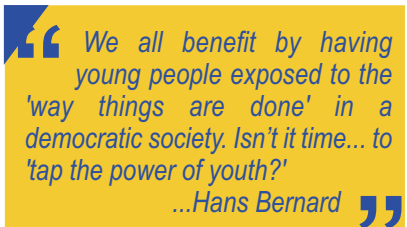


“My message for the youth is ‘stop infection not affection’. Let not this epidemic consume the world in silence and let us prevent a torturous future for the HIV infected.”

**Radhika Arya ( XI B),**  
Springdales School, Dhaula Kuan

“The task helped me learn that obesity should not me mocked at. It is a problem that needs to be treated. This might be the first generation where kids are dying at a younger age than their parents and it’s primarily related to the problem of obesity.”

**Ishita Bedi (VIII E),**  
AIS Mayur Vihar



“Illiteracy is a big problem in India. Although our Fundamental Right guarantees Right to Education; poverty, ignorance and lack of resources is depriving children of their basic rights. This is an issue of social concern and unless the society and business world do not chip in efforts, its eradication is impossible.”

**Simran Sachdeva (VIII C),**  
AIS Pushp Vihar



“Moved by my visit to Perna Niketan, an organization that helps children affected by Polio, I launched a fund raiser activity and collected Rs 5000. I propose to continue this campaign till I collect sufficient funds to equip 15 children in this rehabilitation home which is estimated to be around Rs 1 Lakh.”

**Ashwini Vaidialingam (XI)**  
Sanskriti School



“We spend a substantial amount of time either in a vehicle or on foot, and this coupled with the rapid urbanization has led to increasing number of accidents, both major and minor, on the road. Hence I chose to work on the task “School Zone Traffic Safety”. I immediately studied the parking areas designated in and around the school, routes that kids use and constituted the Amity Traffic Police for its implementation. We set traffic safety strategies, awareness campaigns and even contacted HUDA Administrator, DCP Traffic for improving traffic safety in our school zone.”

**Ojasvi Khare (XI)**  
AIS Sector 46, Gurgaon, Haryana

“Civic sense in simple terms implies to live thoughtfully, to let live peacefully. The lack of civil sense is why our country is ‘still developing’. Indians may be the smartest, cleverest and close knit community in the world, but all is lost if we do not have the basic civic sense.”

**Chethana V (X H),**  
PSBB KK Nagar

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**Simran Sachdeva (VIII C),**  
AIS Pushp Vihar



“First Aid is Help or assistance or aid available immediately at site/location during an emergency. Convinced by the need for First Aid during my task, I was compelled to undertake a 15 days training in how to administer First Aid in a City Hospital and Research Centre.”

**Devesh Matta (VIII )**  
AIMC Manesar

## YOUTH POWER Programme Level 2: In Phases

### Phase 1: Registration

The programme was launched with the opening of Registration Form in the Global Times issue dated April 1-15, 2009. 330 students across the country were short listed from the participating schools.

### Phase II: My Voice

Ten short listed candidates participated in a Group Discussion held through April-May 2009. The topics as, India unfit for democracy, The environment – a citizen’s responsibility, IPL fanfare in the time of recession, The environment – a citizen’s responsibility, Positive impact of Globalization –more a hype than a reality, Education and Success – is there a correlation?, In the 21st Century, Western Culture is eroding the Indian traditions and Dealing with terror – the right way... had participants voicing their views in full strength. Two participants from each school, qualified for the next phase.

### Phase III: I can & I will

This phase, took the short-listed participants through a self-evaluation exercise where each of them through the activities chosen, learnt to choose a goal, work towards its implementation displaying leadership skills and acquiring new skills while keeping the focus alive. 16 students judged on the ability to translate the project into action, the knack to rally people around one’s ideas, administrative and leadership skills, Initiative, Practicality and Creativity displayed, qualified for Phase IV.

### Phase IV: Be the Change

With the objective of exposing the students to community service programmes, participants focus on the importance of Awareness and Sensitivity, expand upon their Communication Skills and develop an Extra Edge that Makes the Difference. All this, while providing them with Hands-on Experience. The eighteen finalists across India shall work in close association with different NGO’s namely Centre for Science & Environment, Sakshi, Deepalaya, Sweksha, Peer Pressure-Kundan Sadan and Exnora, to sensitize them on issues they have worked upon earlier.

### Phase V: Dare to lead

Sixteen finalists participate in a one night two day leadership camp. The camp designed to enable the best and brightest potential in youth shall shortlists 8 semi finalists who showcase their leadership skills at the Grand Finale Youth Power Seminar.

### Phase VI: Grand Finale – Youth Power Level 2

Eight finalists present their journey that commenced eight months back for a unique talent search with the potential to harness their ethical leadership skills. Judged by an esteem panelist comprising experts from media, academia and youth icon, two finalists bag the Youth Power 2009 trophy.





# Ace at the Courts



Tournament Record in 2009

- Under 19 CBSE (Zonal) School Tennis Championships, September 2009 – Winner\*
- Under 16 National Series, May 2009 – Semi Finalist
- Under 16 Championship Series, July 2009 – Semi Finalist
- Under 16 Talent Series, April 2009 – Winner
- Under 18 Championship Series, January 2009 – Finalist
- Under 14 Championship Series, January 2009 – Winner

\* Shreya won all her singles and doubles matches at the CBSE (Zonal). On the strength of her performance, Amity International has reached the final round of the CBSE Nationals to be held in Chennai in October 2009

Shreya calling the shots.  
Pic by: Mr Ajay Khanna.

Shreya Pasricha, of AIS Noida, popularly called the Queen of the Court has been giving nightmares to her 18 year old competitors. The meticulous tennis player has won innumerable medals and usually plays in the category above her age group. A Gold Medalist in CBSE Zonal at the age of eleven, she was seeded number 2 in the Under 14 championship series. A semi-finalist in the Under 18, she is now playing for the Under 18 and Under 14 Nationals. She will be making her debut in the ITF (International Tennis Federation) in September. **Anantdeep Singh** of AIS Noida finds more about the secrets of her success.

**What does your daily routine comprise?**  
On weekdays, I reach Siri Fort for tennis practice at 8am, stay there till around 11am and reach school by 12noon. After attending school, I reach home by 2pm, have my lunch, study and then leave for my fitness at 4pm. I come back home at 8pm, study for a few hours and finally hit the bed.

**Tennis needs a lot of stamina. What is your diet like?**  
I don't follow a strict diet code, unlike most sportsmen. I am a great foodie and eat *pasta*, butter chicken, paneer and sandwiches, apart from consuming energy drinks like

Gatorade- especially during fitness sessions.

**Is your family and school supportive of you? Who is your biggest strength?**  
Both my family and school are very cooperative and inspire me to work relentlessly. My Principal, Mrs. Mohina Dar, is always encouraging me to strive for greater heights. My mother is my biggest strength.

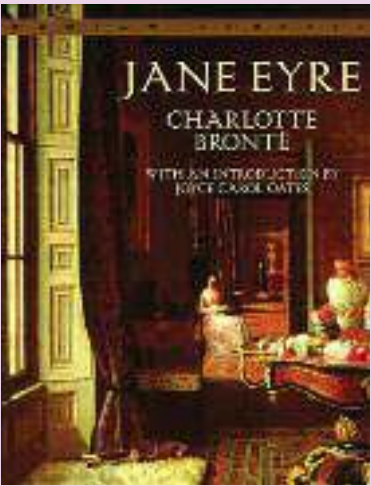
**You consider tennis as a hobby or a full time career?**  
Definitely- a career.

**Who do you idolize and why?**  
I take inspiration from Rafael Nadal since I consider him an icon for change, strength and a never-say-die spirit. Despite being comparatively amateur he reduced Federer, the world number1 to tears by his game, and still never lost his sportsman gentleness.

**...And finally, any message to the young aspirants who are trying their hands with the racket?**  
However hectic be your daily schedule, don't give up and keep trying. Remember that there are people who care and love you, so if not for yourself- for them, just show yourself and the world what you can do.●

Book-Review

## Step back in time



Nishita Khattar, IX- J  
AISN

‘Old is gold’, it is said, and you know, it is one of the truest aphorisms I’ve ever heard. Let’s take, for example, classics. Eons may have passed since they were written, but the characters are still cocooned in the aura of their fame, favorites among all. Let’s take the irresistible tale of Jane Eyre. Charlotte Bronte narrates the tale of Jane Eyre, the unattractive yet intriguing heroine, who leaves the reader spellbound with the intensity of her emotions and her idealistic life. Jane, an ordinary governess, falls in love with her rich and arrogant master, Edward Fairfax Rochester, who surprisingly returns her ardour. But hold your breath, here comes a twist! On their wedding day, it turns out that Mr. Rochester is already married! Jane, devastated, but wishing to protect her honour, leaves Mr. Rochester imparting no trace of her future whereabouts. But, unable to grapple with the excruciating pangs of separation, Jane returns a year later, to find Mr. Rochester’s wife dead and Mr. Rochester himself waiting for her with open arms! The book ends in a whirlwind of ecstasy, with the wedding of the two lovers and a complete fairytale ending: ‘and they lived happily ever after’. Charlotte Bronte has a beautiful style of writing, she astounds the reader with her knowledge and the depth of the insight she has into her characters’ minds. Jane Eyre is one of the most priceless jewels in the treasured crown of books; it surely is a must in every bibliophile’s bookcase!

Music - Review

# Poets of the fall

Aman Singh Ahluwalia  
XI-B, AISN

Poets of the Fall (POTF) is a rock band from Finland that was founded in 2003. The members are Marko Saaresto, Olli Tukiainen and Markus Kaarlonen. Their first single, Late Goodbye was featured in Max Payne 2 as a recurring theme. The second single “Lift” was released later showcasing Marko’s unique, tantalizing voice and Ollie’s lead guitar, with support from Captain’s deft fingerwork on keyboards. In 2004, the band released its debut album, Signs of Life which featured the singles, as well as Illusion and Dream and other brilliant tracks

that showcased the band’s competence and range – from rock anthems to soft and mellow acoustic songs. The second album, Carnival of Rust, that released in 2006, appealed to all those who thrive on rock. In 2007, the Poets began their Carnival of Rust Tour, playing 55 gigs in 7 countries, with the band’s first concert in Asia at IIT, Kanpur. The band’s third album, Revolution Roulette, was released in 2008, featuring Save Me, along with The Ultimate Fling and Diamonds for Tears. They released a video of a cover of the famous Casino Royale track, “You Know My Name.” So don’t walk away when the ‘heart is yearning’ for more POTF. Let their music ‘lift’ you higher. ●



# Books hitting theatres

Kanchan Joneja, IX-J,  
AIS, Noida

Angels and Demons By Dan Brown

This book is strong and gripping, many of the story elements rooted in historical and modern-day truths. CERN (as mentioned in the book) is the world’s largest particle physics laboratory where the World Wide Web began and the Large Hadron Collider is set. Moreover the secret brotherhood, Illuminati and the art sculptors too were true. Many more intriguing facts and fiction made it worthwhile to film this amazing mystery-thriller.

New Moon By-Stephanie Meyer

This book is about losing true love. The title refers to the darkest phase of the lunar

cycle, indicating that New Moon is about the darkest time of the protagonist Bella’s life as Edward, the gorgeous vampire, conquers his emotions to keep her safe, away from himself. An upcoming film is set for release on November 23rd, 2009, awaiting the same madness that the phenomenal box office-hit Twilight achieved.

Artemis Fowl By Eoin Colfer

Starring the teenage criminal mastermind and Irish child prodigy Artemis Fowl II, the author summed up the series of 6 books as “Die Hard with fairies.” An Artemis Fowl movie has been confirmed by Eoin Colfer. Supposedly, the script for the movie is finished, the casting call has begun, and the movie is set to come out sometime next year in 2010.●

