

Patriotism flows musically

Amity Noida bags the first prize in National Group Song Competition for the eighth consecutive year



Amity Noida surfed high on the wave of success when they bagged the First prize in the National Group Patriotic Song Competition, held at Bhubaneswar, Orissa from November 15 to 16. The mega event, organized by Bharat Vikas Parishad, a socio-cultural organization established

in 1963, saw 42 teams comprising over 700 children from prestigious schools all over the country vying for the coveted trophy. The Amity choir comprising eight mellifluous singers, namely, Sarvasheesh Sarkar, Shivek Saklecha, Bhuvan Ravindran, Tanishque Jairal, Vanika Prakash, Kriti Goel, Anamika Tiwari, Sonali Mittal and one student percussionist, Ishan Banerjee, with their tireless and dedicated gurus, Sumita Sarkar, the classical vocal music teacher and Gautam Biswas, the Pakhawaj maestro, qualified for the national level after getting the first prize, both at the district and state level, held in Noida and Sahibabad respectively. The school choir has been winning prizes ever since its participation in the competition in 2000. ●

Founder's Day Celebrations

Amity Noida organized Founder's Day on November 7. Dr. Ashok K. Chauhan, Chairperson, Dr. (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, members of the Chauhan family & heads of institutions graced the occasion with their presence. The programme included a beautiful composition, 'Ab Jaag Utho', a skit titled, 'Amity Universe-2030,' and a be-

fitting song by Mrs. Mankotia's choir, 'Mubarak Ho Saalgirah'. Students presented the Founder President with flowers and hand-made cards. Dr. Chauhan in his address urged the students to "Have a mission in life, make a difference to the society and utilize education to make a meaningful contribution to national growth." German student Sophie Balzuweit shared her thoughts with the students. The meritorious students were awarded over 370 prizes were awarded in all. Divya Sohal, Ashima Khanna, Sarvagya Vaish and Shibani Sondhi of Class XII were felicitated with the Founder's Day Special Award. Vice Principal Renu Singh proposed the vote of thanks. ●

Puppet expression

Twenty two select students from Class VII-VIII and four teachers viz. Sarita Sekri, Rita Joshi, Madhu Manglik and Usha Verma of AIS, Noida attended a 4 day puppetry workshop conducted by avant-garde artist, Dadi Pudumjee, under the aegis of SPIC-



MACAY. They learnt how to make puppets and also about the history of puppetry. The experience went a long way in coming out of one's shell, speaking one's mind, intermingling, working in a team, cooperating and creating. ●



Amity on Times editorial board

Prkriti Sethi, a vivacious student of class XI, AIS 46 shares her experience of working as a 'shadow editorial board' member with the Times of India for the 'Gurgaon Plus' Children's Day special...

"I was amongst the chosen guest editors for the Children's Day special. The entire experience was exciting, fun, tiring, crazy, wacky, tough and a bit bugging because of the deadlines. We were given a few days to write and submit our articles. The next few days were spent interacting

with people, discussing the joys and sorrows of Gurgaon. I also made new friends besides using the opportunity to feature my friends in the special edition. Posing for the photo session outside the mega mall was quite amusing. Working under the guidance of Rakesh, Rajshori and Vinod gave me a fresh perspective to view a newspaper from the other end. It provided me with the right kind of exposure which children need at this point of time. It was a Children's day that I shall cherish all my life." ●



ECOM Forum

The Commerce Department of Amity International School, Saket organized an Economics & Commerce symposium titled 'ECOM FORUM' on November 18. Over 27 schools took part in different competitions ranging on issues like Farm Loan Waiver, 'Is inflation the right battle', Volatility in Oil, Stock & Gold, Corporate Social Responsibility, etc. Students from all schools discussed various issues with great enthusiasm.

The judges for the day included O M Aggarwal, Anuja & Dr. S K Laroia from Delhi University and Dr. Rajni from College of Vocational Studies. Sanskriti School bagged the rolling trophy. The Prize for the Best Speaker (Economics) was bagged by Shomit Sirohi of Frank Anthony School, and Nidhi of Sanskriti School bagged the prize for Best Speaker in Economics and Commerce symposium respectively. ●

Soaring spirits of AIMC cadets

First Shot at Success: Prateek Tiwary of Class XII became the first proud cadet of Amity Indian Military College (AIMC), Manesar to crack the prestigious UPSC-NDA entrance exam held in September '08. His success will guide, motivate and inspire many other cadets to repeat the feat in the future.

Laurels at Inter-Amity Debate: Purushottam Sharma of class XII, was adjudged the best spokesperson at the Inter-Amity school debate held at AIS sect 46, Gurgaon on November 21. He outwitted the other participants on the topic: 'Today's media has become more of a melodrama'.

Children's Day celebrations: The spirit of the cadets soared with an amalgamation of surprises and gift galore. Teachers presented a mind-enriching power-point presentation and staged a short skit on the value of education. Scrumptious refreshments, fun games and inspiring address by Principal Dr Shabnam Pandit, set their day complete. ●



Jal Rakshaks on the move

AIS Vasundhara and Pushp Vihar hosted a workshop organized by Forum for Organised Resource Conservation and Enhancement (FORCE) under the aegis of Amity Educational Resource Centre. Conservation of water has been included in the syllabus to create awareness. Resource person Jyoti Sharma provided information on rain water harvesting and its various aspects. She also pointed out the significant role that students can play in arousing mass awareness in making rain water harvesting a success. A documentary on the topic was also screened. An exhibition on water conservation was put up. Children were quizzed on the display and prizes given to the winners. Jal Rakshak badges were given away too.

Security for PC tightens



Amity Educational Resource Centre in Collaboration with Microsoft (India) celebrated the Computer Security Day (Nov 30) by organizing workshops on "Internet Security". Over 550 students attended the workshop organized at AIS, East Delhi. Resource person Sanjay Behl, Chief Security Officer and Deepak Maheshwari, Director-Corporate Affairs, educated the children about threats like viruses, worms and other malicious software that can cripple or control the computer.

Rooting out corruption

AIS Gurgaon Sector 43 hosted the prestigious inter-school debate organised by the Power Grid Corporation to mark the Vigilance Awareness Week (3rd to 7th Nov) on November 4, held in the memory of the Iron Man of India - Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel to promote work ethics and root out corruption from our country. The topic for the debate was 'Transparency in Judiciary will help curb the menace of Terror'. The CMD of Power Grid, Mr. Chaturvedi and other dignitaries praised the standard of participants from various schools of Gurgaon and awarded many trophies and cash prizes.



Annual Day celebrations

Inspired by Founder President to make India a super power by 2030, 'Junoon' was incepted and presented on the occasion. Junoon reflected a man's focused pursuit, his perseverance and 'never-say-die' attitude. The entire event with cent percent participation from classes IV-IX, was applauded by all.

Junoon for success

Amity International School, Pushp Vihar celebrated its Senior Annual Day and Prize Distribution ceremony for the session 2007-08 on November 15. HE Miguel Angel Ramirez Ramos, the ambassador of Republic of China, was the chief guest. Rashid Mairaza Mahmoud Al Mulla was the Guest of Honour. The Principal, in her welcome address, expressed her vision for the school's future. Students were awarded for academic and co-curricular excel-

Valuing relationships

Amity International School, Power Grid Complex, Sec- 43, Gurgaon celebrated its senior Annual Day on Nov 22. Chairperson, Dr. (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan exhorted the students to scale greater heights and to imbibe human values. Principal Dr.(Mrs)Rekha Ranade, in her annual report, highlighted the achievements of the students in myriad fields. This was followed by a prize distribution ceremony. Four special awards namely Dhananjay Mohan Cup, Baljit Shastri Shield, Vedvati



Vidyalankar Shield & Europa India Foundation Cup were awarded to Shubham Sharma, Namita Sethi, Gayathri Sreenivasan, Abhishreshth Deswal respectively. Chief Guest, first lady of Power Grid Corporation of India, Dr. Shobha Chaturvedi awarded the prizes instituted by the Power Grid Corporation for the winners of various competitions held on The National Education Day. The highlight of the evening was a spectacular musical play 'Mrig Trishna', that conveyed the message that we must value our relationships as we advance in life.