

Nurturing cultural pride



Dr Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

Amity's holistic education has always aimed to nurture children who are not only academically brilliant but also deeply aware of their culture and heritage. It is for this reason that we initiated the Inter-Amity Heritage quiz twenty years ago, a concept which was in sync with CBSE's own heritage quiz and which remains unique to Amity schools till date. Embracing our culture provides us with a sense of belonging towards our society and nation. Second, it helps us all connect with each other. Activities such as the Heritage Quiz reflect the core of Amity's vision, which seamlessly merges tradition with modernity.

Each year, a theme is adopted across Amity schools that ranges from states, rivers, mountains and forests to dialects, music and dance. Several activities are conducted concurrent to the theme, that help students learn valuable lessons about their culture and heritage. The Heritage Quiz tests this very learning, whilst reinforcing the knowledge they have imbibed during the year.

The quiz is conducted professionally by the adept quizmaster Aditya Nath Mubayi. In fact, perennial participation in this quiz has been instrumental in honing numerous Amitians over the years. This signature programme of ours has successfully inculcated pride among students for India's cultural diversity and at the same time, taught them respect for each other and pride in the melting pot that is India.

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

AIS Vasundhara 6 has been felicitated with a certificate of excellent participation in the ATL Marathon 2023-24. It is one of the few schools to have submitted 33 ideas which involved 95 students. Earlier, the school was declared as the ATL School of the month in November 2023. [G I](#)

The power of art



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"Aisi vani boliye, man ka aapa khoye, auran ko sheetal kare, aap hu sheetal hoye."

Amity relentlessly encourages its students to imbibe extraordinary communication skills which comprises effective listening and persuasive speaking skills – values indispensable for success in both personal and professional realms. As Peter Drucker aptly stated, "The most important thing in communication is to hear what isn't being

said." Effective listening involves empathy and understanding of another person's perspective. To become effective listeners, one needs to prioritize active engagement, empathy, and the ability to ask clarifying questions. Respectfully reflecting and responding to others' viewpoints cultivates meaningful communication. Similarly, persuasive speakers tailor messages, structure arguments logically, and use compelling language to invite patient listening. We are indeed blessed to be empathically guided by our honourable Chairperson ma'am whose polite and inspiring words flow like an elixir in the veins of every Amitian. These skills not only benefit academic and professional pursuits but also cultivate confidence, nurture relationships, and foster collaborative teamwork. Our GT team exemplifies all these skills with their creative endeavours, so let us all harness the positivity of art to help, heal, and humble the world. [G I](#)

The unreachable

In Spotlight: The Sentinelese Tribe

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The concept of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (the world is one family) seems to crumble when confronted with the case of Sentinelese, the indigenous people inhabiting North Sentinel Island in the Bay of Bengal. Vehemently repudiating contact with the outside world, these, dubbed as the world's 'most isolated tribe', have been living the life of a recluse for around 60,000 years now. To abandon them to their fate or make them accomplices of the modern world is the question we set to mediate on.

Not-so-forced welcome

Since the North Sentinel Island is a part of an island chain that's susceptible to natural calamities, establishing contact will only make

alerting them and evacuating them unharmed, if needed, easier. The 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami caused massive tectonic changes and the world is still unaware of how it affected the Sentineli lot. Transfer of knowledge would serve as another one of its benefits, for not only will the move give them access to modern way of living (technology, modern medicinal practices, weaponry etc.) but it would also help the modern world learn a thing or two about indigenous cultures.

Not-so-welcome inclusion

Any sort of outside influence, as witnessed throughout human history, is bound to unsettle their conventional way of life, endangering their distinctive cultural practices. Besides, several attempts at contact have been made thus far, with most

of them resulting in lethal attacks by the Sentinelese. The most recent one, though illegal, was by an American Christian missionary John Allen Chau in 2018 who was killed on his visit. If this wasn't enough of a reason to stop, the fact that Sentinelese lack immunity to even the most basic of diseases, making them and the entire world more susceptible to outbreaks, should do the job. And so the question remains - is mankind ready for all the challenges involved?

Somewhere in the middle

Any decision made in this regard should consider their need for autonomy, vaccination, protection of cultural rights etc., for a better inclusion. Would the world be able to find that? Let's wait and watch.

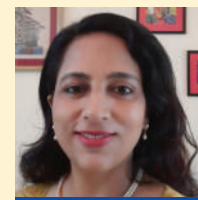


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Result of hard work

We are fortunate to be a part of The Global Times, an eclectic platform providing myriad choices of excellent reads. Our sincere gratitude to Chairperson ma'am for providing this exposure to students to delve into research and creativity. For students to get an opportunity to present their vision in front of the world is incomparable. This contest edition is a zesty blend of heart,

mind, and humour. While our ground reporting on the Mango Man of India tells a captivating tale of grit, the tinkling bangles take you on a trip down memory lane in the autobiography section. We are most certain to tickle your funny bone with our take on an attempt at social media



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detox. The writers impressed us with their literary efforts, our skilled graphic editors and artists deserve credit for embellishing the edition with vibrant hues and remarkable designs. We would like to extend our gratitude to respected principal ma'am, Rachna Mishra, for extending her unflinching support in all our amazing endeavours. It gives us immense pleasure to bring our ideas to fruition in this edition.

