

A Japanese sojourn

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Amity was immersed in the bliss of Japan's cherry blossoms, as AERC (Amity Educational Resource Centre) collaborated with The Japan Foundation to organise the 1st Japanese Cultural Immersion Camp from May 8-9, 2026 at AIS Vasundhara 6, where students have been learning and experiencing Japanese language and culture for over two decades. The two-day camp organised under the visionary leadership of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF, aimed at fostering global citizenship and cross-cultural understanding among students. It was attended by 101 students from Class VI-VIII of five Amity branches of Delhi NCR (AIS Mayur Vihar, AIS Noida, AIS Pushp Vihar, AIS Vas 1, AIS Vas 6). Together they explored and immersed into the rich culture and heritage of Japan. The camp commenced with an opening ceremony featuring lamp lighting followed by participants observing an exhibition on Japan displayed at the school. During the next two days, the students were divided

into four groups named after the Japanese seasons : *Aki*, *Fuyu*, *Natsu*, and *Haru*. They participated in a wide range of traditional Japanese cultural activities conducted under the guidance of the resource persons from The Japan Foundation. Together they explored the intricate art of *origami* and *kirigami*, learning the techniques of folding and cutting paper into creative and symmetrical designs and picked up the nuances of *Shodo*, the traditional Japanese art of calligraphy, which emphasised mindfulness, concentration, and disciplined brushwork. They also painted colourful *Daruma* dolls as souvenirs, designed traditional Japanese fans, and learned to prepare *onigiri*, the famous Japanese rice balls, using authentic methods of shaping and filling them. One of the key highlights of the camp was the students dressing up in the traditional Japanese attire like *yukatas* and *kimonos*. The participants also experienced traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony, known as *Chadou*, where artists from Japan presented a meditative ritual involving preparation and



serving of *matcha* tea.

The closing ceremony of the two-day camp was graced by the chief guest Koji Sato, director general, The Japan Foundation, who also demonstrated to the students the art of Japanese calligraphy. The ceremony saw the distribution of participation certificates

and featured performances like Fishermen's Dance from Hokkaido and Japanese musical presentation. In her address, director of AERC shared the Chairperson's vision of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam - The World is One Family', and thanked the gathering. **GT**

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PART II

Amidst all the fun and frolic, Amitians also primed themselves for the world ahead, as they took a deep dive into other cultures and countries while honing their critical thinking and communication skills. Read about their stint with AERC initiatives.



AIMUN summer camp 2026

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The 17th Amity MUN Summer Camp was conducted from May 19-22, 2026 at AIS Saket, AIS Noida, and AIS Gur 46 under the aegis of AERC (Amity Educational Resource Centre), with the participation by 170 Class V-XII students from various Amity Group of Schools. Envisioned by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF, the camp was designed to nurture diplomatic acumen, critical thinking, leadership, research, negotiation, and public speaking skills of students through immersive Model United Nations training. The four-day camp was divided into three clusters and facilitated by a dedicated team of student volunteers, alumni, and educators from various Amity branches. Each cluster provided students with a dynamic learning environment that encouraged collaboration, debate, research, and diplomacy through a range of engaging activities and simulations.

Students participated as delegates in simulated committees such as the UNGA (United

Nations General Assembly), UNEP (United Nations Environment Programme), and AIP-PM (All India Political Parties Meet). They deliberated on pressing global issues like the war in the Middle East and international peace and security, the environmental impact of nuclear leaks, and the uniform civil code. The programme also featured debating and public-speaking drills, impromptu speech challenges, foreign policy and international relations research boot camps, geopolitical quizzes, crisis simulations, and negotiation and resolution-drafting exercises, conducted under the guidance of alumni mentors.

The camp was further enriched by insightful sessions from distinguished guest speakers. Major General Nalin Bhatia shared his perspectives on the evolving situation in the Middle East, while Dwaipayan Bose, national editor, The Indian Express, highlighted the impact of geopolitical tensions on oil prices, gold markets, and global employment trends. Sumedh Agarwal, clean energy consultant, on the other hand shared about diplomacy, negotiation, and leadership in contemporary global politics. **GT**