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Amit Chauhan

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a) Family holidays
b) Summer camps
c) Getting up late

The best thing about
summer vacations is

Seeing you after vacations!

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fight for, says Peter
Horrocks, vice chancellor,
Open University, UK &
former director, BBC World
Service Group. In an
exclusive interview with
Aditya Sundararaj, AIFS, 
AUAP, he shares his views on
journalism

Unbiased journalism

Peter Horrocks with Aditya

Pic: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network

Do you think journalism has become biased today?

I think that to an extent, journalism is becoming biased
for various political and commercial reasons. But, I
don’t think it is necessarily the fault of the journalist,
rather the parties or governments that sponsor them.
We can still find unbiased journalism in BBC, CNN
and other independent newspapers and that’s some-
thing all journalism students need to fight for.

While working with BBC, were there any experiences
that changed your perspective towards journalism?

I’m not sure if it changed my perspective or outlook,
but I was in Berlin at the time of the fall of the Berlin
Wall and I understood how important freedom is to
people. Seeing the enthusiasm in the people made me
understand, the real purpose of journalism – to provide
accurate information. Those memories have stayed
with me ever since.

With the boom in news channels and digital media,
do you think the core of journalism is still intact?

Innovation is a good thing; some channels have actu-
ally mastered the technical backgrounds of certain
fields like live broadcasting. However, I worry about
the standards. I believe that some of the print media is
still uncontaminated as compared to TV channels
which have turned sensationalist and irresponsible.

Journalist or academician – which role has been the
most satisfying for you?

Well, both the roles are extremely satisfying, both
satisfying for me. However, the difference is,
when you’re broadcasting information to a huge a-
udience, you are not really aware of what could be the
impact, you might end up harming their belief or
opinion. But when you are teaching in a university and
see the students graduating with happiness on their
faces, you learn the positive changes in their lives,
which is very inspiring. That is what I love the most
about being an academician.

What are the qualities of a journalism aspirant?

Curiosity, bravery and adaptability to various scenarios
and evolution that takes place in the field, are the hall-
marks of a good journalist.

What should a journalist keep in mind while
interacting someone?

Well, s/he should always keep in mind what the read-
ers want to know about that personality rather what the
interviewer feels could be interesting for the sake of it.
One should always keep in mind the average audience
and their perspective.

Distance / online learning vs conventional education

- what is your opinion.

Distance learning is improving its ability to help peo-
ple learn effectively. While face-to-face contact is still
important, but getting to learn from all across the globe
is a key feature that localised methods can’t provide.
As everyone can’t go to an institution or university
while on their jobs, distance learning and online edu-
cation provides them a platform to learn without spar-
ing time from their occupations.
News and Views

Salman Khan’s appointment as goodwill ambassador for the 2016 Rio Olympics has stirred up a hornet’s nest. With IOA trying to make amends by roping in more ambassadors like Sachin Tendulkar, AR Rahman, et al, opinions continue to be divided.

Sportspersons or any celebrity Mithika Singh is firm, sportspersons are the real ambassadors who should represent India Olympics is a very technical, time consuming and competitive field. It takes a lot of hard work to get where Indian sportsperson have reached internationally. Choosing a non-sports person as ambassador is like discounting the sportsperson’s achievements. There is no dearth of Khel Ratna and Arjuna awardees who are much better suited for the role.

Salman Khan may be famous in India but how famous is he in Rio? Rio is about sports and sportspersons. Choosing him may not necessarily relate to more people watching the games. Tarvinder Singh, AIS Noida, Sports Teacher

Mass appeal or sports stats Vidya Balan was ambassador for Nirmal Bharat Aayog, not because she’s a social worker but on the basis of her mass appeal. Even though Salman has a larger than life personality, he should not get into something he doesn’t know about. If we don’t popularise sportspersons, how will the common man know about them?

Being associated with Olympics is a great deal, and something to be extremely proud of. Being a brand for Bollywood is mainly restricted to Indians, whereas the ambassador for sports should focus on increasing the popularity of players, especially in a country like India where sports are not followed equally. A sportsperson can do that better, as he understands the field better. Celebs trying to increase the popularity may not be desirable at the Olympic level.

Sushma Ghosal, AIS Vas 6, XI B

World at a glance

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

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Italy

€1 billion renovations to begin on landmarks

Italy is set to spend €1 billion on renovations and upkern of its national and historical landmarks, like the ancient city of Pompeii and Palace of Caserta, near Naples.

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Turkey

Senior politician calls for scrapping secularism

Turkey’s parliament speaker Ismael Kahraman has called for Turkey to adopt an Islamic constitution and abandon the 100-year-old secular constitution. Turkey has a predominant Muslim population but does not have a state religion.

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UAE

Mountain to bring rain

The country is planning to make a man made mega structure – a mountain to bring rain in the desert nation. Till now, UAE has spent $400,000 investigating the idea.

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India

Most expensive air ticket launched

Etihad Airways has launched the world’s most expensive air ticket between Mumbai and London. Fliers willing to pay Rs 25 lakhs will be able to enjoy the Residence suite, an ultra-privacy, three-room suite with a host of luxury facilities.

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Thailand

Offensive t-shirts banned

Thailand’s military ‘junta’ is bringing in a law that will ban anyone from displaying the country’s upcoming referendum on the constitution this year. ‘Offensive t- shirts’ with political slogans referring to the campaign could see anyone from debating the country’s upcoming referendum on the constitution this year. ‘Offensive t-shirts’ with political slogans referring to the campaign could see anyone who breaches the law sent to prison for up to ten years.

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China

Army recruitment drive released

With sneaky editing and poppy music, the Chinese military has released a slick new recruitment video featuring aircraft carriers, tanks and special forces troops. The video has lines like ‘just waiting for the order to kill, kill, kill’ and presents an image of the army as a powerful and high tech force.

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I OA, with its decision to root for brand Salman, has ruffled quite a few feathers. While Bollywood seems to welcome the move, the decision hasn’t gone down well with the sporting fraternity. Should he or shouldn’t he be the ambassador - the debate rages on.

Bollywood vs Olympics

According to Haryana Health & Sports minister, real heroes, not a filmy hero will bring medals for the country. Whether Salman Khan’s presence in Rio Olympics is significant, is a widely debated topic. Probably, someone with a great experience in sports along with great universal appeal should have an ex-Olympian. If we don’t have an ex-Olympian, is like discounting the sportspersons who got the golden ticket to Rio Olympics than fuel who-should-be-ambassador controversy, it would have done the sporting fraternity a world of good.

Insha Khan, AIS MV, XII C

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A humane birthday

Dr Aseem Chauhan speaks on values

Spreading sunshine

“Your beliefs become your thoughts, Your thoughts become your words, Your words become your actions. Your actions become your habit, Your habits become your values, Your values become your destiny.” — Mahatma Gandhi

She loves and nurtures… …for ‘her’ better future

Amity University, Noida on April 27, 2016 was indeed one to remember

When the stars descended… …to thank their guiding light

It was the birthday of the most special member of the family – the one who led the way with humanity, the one who pro- fessed ‘humanitarian’ before ‘leaders’ – Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan. And to express gratitude for everything she had given, the who’s who of Amity family was in attendance. Gracing the occasion were Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity University; Dr Atul Chauhan, Chancellor, AUUP; Dr Aseem Chauhan, Chancellors, AUUP; Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity University, enthralled one and all with a traditional Assamese dance. Lisa, a student of Amitasha, Amity’s wing for the less privileged child, was bestowed with the Asha Bhargava Memorial Award, an award conferred upon the best all-rounder of the year. A tear-eyed Preeti thanked the Chairper- son for her unconditional love.

Celebrating birthday… …and human values

For someone who puts values before everything else, celebrating her birthday as the valedictory function of the Human Values Quarter is only befitting. The months preceding the event were cele- brated as the Human Values Quarter, wherein students of Amity Univer- sity worked for various social causes that ranged from child educa- tion, unemployment, fighting cancer to animal welfare. As students shared the work done by them, one could hear in their voices — both compassion and passion. While the audience greeted them with applause, Chairperson commended them with a trophy and gift coupons for Arcadia as a token of appreciation. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Atul Chauhan declared that the Human Val- ues Quarter proves that there are no ends to what Amityans can achieve for the so- cietiy and cannot be a yardstick for community service for everyone. The event also saw the release of ‘Is your child ready to face the world’, a book authored by Dr Anupam Sibal.

Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson awards Preeti

Dr Aseem Chauhan speaks on values

Founder President and members of the Chauhan family release the newsletter

A beautiful Assamese dance in progress

Dr Balvinder Shukla, VC, AUUP, welcomes Chairperson

All Pete, Devender Sharma

Winner for Brainleaks 168

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Examination: National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET 2016) is an examination, for students who wish to study any graduate medical course (MBBS), dental course (BDS) or postgraduate course (MD, MS), in govt. or private medical colleges in India. NEET (UG) will be conducted by CBSE and replace all All India Pre Medical Test (AIPMT) and all individual MBBS exams conducted by states’ colleges. All govt. colleges, deemed units & private everything else will be covered under NEET. Entrance tests already conducted or to be conducted separately stand scrapped. However, some states and private medical colleges have filed a petition with the Apex Court seeking permission to continue with separate tests. AIPMT, con- ducted on May 1, 2016 shall be con- sidered as phase-1 of NEET. Candidates who have not applied for AIPMT will be allowed to appear in phase-2 of NEET scheduled on July 24, 2016. The combined result of both rounds of NEET will be de-clared by August 17. The Apex Court has set the deadline to complete the admission process by September 30.

Taruna Barthwal

Manager, ACCCG

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In the light of its big journey, Amity University also made a special announcement for students for the betterment of society. The glittering event also saw the release of ‘Is your child ready to face the world?’ a book by Dr Anupam Sibal. The book is a beacon for parents to understand their child and create a conducive environment. Amity University, being a leader in its field, has paved the path for others too. It is the birthday of the most special member of the family — the one who led the way with humanity, the one who professed ‘humanitarian’ before ‘leaders’ – Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan. And to express gratitude for everything she had given, the who’s who of Amity family was in attendance. Gracing the occasion were Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity University; Dr Atul Chauhan, Chancellor, AUUP; Dr Aseem Chauhan, Chancellors, AUUP; Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity University, enthralled one and all with a traditional Assamese dance. Lisa, a student of Amitasha, Amity’s wing for the less privileged child, was bestowed with the Asha Bhargava Memorial Award, an award conferred upon the best all-rounder of the year. A tear-eyed Preeti thanked the Chairperson for her unconditional love.

Several cultural performances were put up during the valedictory function, which served as a cherry on the cake. Amity School of Communication showcased a short video film titled ‘Euphony’. Human Values is for Chairperson. A birthday song was presented by the students of Amitasha, Lisa, a student of Amity University, enthralled one and all with a traditional Assamese dance.

It ended… …with love and blessings

Taking the stage in the end, a visibly happy Chairperson applauded and thanked the efforts of the HoDs in in- haus the ideas and values that Amity stands for. “To see that my students spread the values which I personally stand for. ‘To see that my students spread the values which I personally,” she shared. Founder President, Amity University, Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, shared his views on importance of val- ues. He said that values are the essence of an individual which should be seen as a foundation stone for success in life. As a befitting culmination of the event, the heads of various departments, offi- cial teams and principals wished her on the special day.

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- Yale Frans, Wales, UK
- United World College, Singapore

Getting first hand experience at university level by interacting with new people who hold similar interests differentiated Amity University Summer School from other programmes. 57

Vardhman Mather
Peel International School, Mumbai

At Amity University Summer School, the faculty was very supportive and student-friendly. Also, the practical experience of working in a news studio was very exciting. 57

Neha Jainwal
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Each crocodile jaw carries 24 sharp teeth which can grasp and crush, not chew.

**Sports Extravaganza**

The 4th edition of Inter Amity Sports Competition saw the participation of 15,000 students, and distribution of more than 400 medals and 40 trophies in 13 sports disciplines

**The games in a nutshell**

- Total sports disciplines: The sports gala saw 13 games including chess, taekwondo, karate, basketball, football, skating, athletics, cricket and P.E.C.
- P.E.C games: These fun games were meant for students upto Class V, and infused energy and enthusiasm into the event.
- Venue: Each of the 13 participating schools were given the opportunity to host one sporting discipline each.
- Rules: The respective discipline followed the Federation rules for competitions, which in turn, follow international rules. Even the officials, referees and umpires were qualified professionals from the Federation.
- Methodology: Past team games the schools were divided into two clusters: Cluster 1 comprising AIS Gurgaon 43 & 46, AIS Saket, AIS PV, AIMC & AGS Noida. Each team played against the other in clusters. The first two teams of each cluster reached the semi-finals, followed by the knock outs and the finals. The non-team games like athletics, aerobics, etc got direct entry to the finals.
- Match categories: Sub-Junior (Class I to V), Junior (Class VI to VIII), Senior (Class IX to XII) and P.E.C (fun games upto Class V).
- Results: In all the categories for all the disciplines, the school that stood first, was awarded a trophy. The winning flag was awarded to the host school in the following junior, senior and overall categories.

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- **To prepare the students for higher level of competitions and represent Amity at national and international competitions.**
- **To give students exposure to competitive sports.**
- **To develop Spirit de Core among the students.**
- **To encourage interaction among students of various branches of Amity.**
- **To encourage girls’ participation in games.**

**New entrant**

- Kabaddi, on note

**Introducing new year**

- Addition of archery as a competitive sport
- Credit for participating in sports

**Validatory show stoppers**

- Stupendous performance by the archery squad of AIS PV
- Well-coordinated karate tricks by AIS Noida
- Impressive archery show by AIS Vas 1, AIS Vas 6, AIS Gur 43 & AIS Gur 46

**An overview**

**Event** | **Host school** | **Date**
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Chess | AIS PV | Apr 7 & 9, 2015
Tennis | AIS Vas 6 | Apr 16, 2015
Kabaddi | AIS Saket | Apr 17, 2015
Aerobics | AIS Gur 46 | Apr 21-24, 2015
Table tennis | AIS Vas 1 | Jun 16-23, 2015
Football (boys) | AIS Gur 46 | Aug 9-14, 2015
Football (girls) | AIS Noida | Aug 16-21, 2015
Shooting | AIS Gur 43 | Aug 31, 2015
Athletics | AIS Noida | Sep 24-26, 2015
Basketball | AIS Saket | Oct 5, 6, 21, 2015
Crickets (boys) | AIS Noida | Nov 1-5, 2015
Crickets (girls) | AIS Noida | Nov 1-5, 2015

**RESULTS**

Overall

- First - AIS Noida (44 points)
- Second - AIS Gur 46 (46 points)
- Third - AIS Gur 43 (43 points)

Senior

- First - AIS Noida (30 points)
- Second - AIS Gur 46 (17 points)
- Third - AIS PV (15 points)

Junior

- First - AIS Noida (24 points)
- Second - AIS Gur 46 (19 points)
- Third - AIS Saket (19 points)

**Howzat!!!**

The Inter Amity Sports Competition 2015-16 that culminated with the validatory ceremony on March 31 at AIS Noida, saw the participation of nearly 15,000 students. The vision of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, to create a generation of men- tally and physically fit global citizens was taken forward by the sports gala. All the eight branches of Amity Schools in Delhi/NCR participated in sports activities all through the year.

The validatory function began with the lighting of the lamp by Dr (Mrs) Anita Chauhan, Col BS Ahluwalia, senior consultant sports, Amity Group of Schools. Mahima Das, director academics, AGS & AIS and principals of Amity schools. The event carried an athletic tune creating an agile yet eager atmosphere, with magnificently inspiring archery, karate and archery display by Amity students. Chairperson motivated the students, “I want my Amityans to be existing children, in those who are good in both academic and extra-curricular, and are masters of time management.” Col BS Ahluwalia appraised the spectacular performances, “Everyone, be it the physical education teachers, school principals and students, just put in their best to make this event a grand success”. He also acknowledged the audience about PET Upgradation Clinics where coaches are trained on modern techniques for enhancement of sports. The event reached a crescendo with the winners receiving trophies and medals. AIS Noida bagged the overall junior and senior trophy for the third consecutive year. The overall championship trophy was also lifted by the jubilant host school, waving its winning flag high.

**Chairperson**

Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan

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**Chairperson Motivated the Students**

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Dhol and Dhamal

Glimmer and glee

Titles and talent

AIS MV

AIS Noida

AIS PV

Vibrant evening

Friends and fun salone

AIS Gurgaon 46

AIS Gurgaon 43

AIS Gurgaon 46

Of divas and hunks

AIS Saket

AIS Noida

Pics: Samridh Arora, AIS PV, XII D
Pics: Priyam Mrig, AIS Gur 43, XII C
Pics: Manvi Jain, XI C, AIS Gur 43
Pics: Jaya Kapil & Shruti Agarwal, XII C

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AIS Saket

For departures can be fun

AIS Saket

Glittering attires, shiny faces, grand entries, camera flashes in every flash of a second. No, we aren’t talking Oscars but the farewells across all Amity branches; for Amityians have a way of their own, and so do their partings.
The green wire beneath the blue port, the red wire above the yellow one and the blue wire above the green port. Aaah! It has gone all haywire! screamed my cousin Divyam, as he tried to build a time machine. The machine stood there proudly, all glistening in green, gold and blue. The only thing left was the wiring to actually make it work! Suddenly, Divyam and I heard a strange sound. The sound kept increasing. Divyam stared at me and said, “It’s your stomach, Rajat!” We rushed to the kitchen to make the elephants in my stomach silent. After the sumptuous treat of chocolate pudding and muffins, both of us jumped inside to travel back in time. Since I had always been fascinated about Akbar’s reign, Divyam took me to October 14, 1542 - the day the great king was born. We entered the gates of Umerkot, the birthplace of Akbar. The entire town was decorated with colourful flowers, drums played everywhere and people danced with joy as the heir to the Mughal throne was born. Every citizen of the town was gifted 500 gm of gold on the occasion. Moving on, we went to witness another major event in Akbar’s life, the day he was crowned the king. At a young age of 12, Akbar shouldered the responsibility of reigning the kingdom. But this time, the citizens were gifted gold equivalent to the weight of Akbar.

The streets smelled of delicious food. We peeked at each other and decided to feast upon the yummy biryani, malai kofta and a juicy halwa. We rushed to join the queue and stepped forward to grab the items. We tried again and again but we simply couldn’t touch anything. Soon we were distracted by the smell of pizza and mom’s “Wake up kids! You’ve been working on your time machine for long, time to feast upon something!” As we rubbed our eyes, we saw the time machine standing in front of us, beckoning us to press the button.

Crockodiles can swim just with the help of their powerful tail with 40 km (25 miles) per hour, and can stand underwater 2-3 hours.
The lesson toys taught

AIS Saket, VI

Once there lived an artist who could make any sculpture he wanted. He was so talented that he made idols, bowls, toys, plates...practically anything under the sun. One day, a very poor man came to the artist with several wooden logs. He said, “Oh great artist, please make some toys for my children.” The artist took the logs and said, “These logs have someone’s wishes in them. So, you don’t have to pay me.”

The next day when the artist began to make the toys himself, he could not make the same type of toys as before. His hands had lost the skill they possessed as the toys were now made by labourers hired by the artist in his toy factory. That made him sad and he realised that when he would make toys, it brought him simple joy and now when he did it for money, he had lost his skills. Suddenly, it dawned on him how egoistic and haughty he had become. This time, he patiently made the toys with the same love as he did before. When the poor man came, this time with his grandchildren, little kids were happy again. The artist finally realised the value of his skill and happily made toys for his customers.

So what did you learn today?
A new word: Snobish
Meaning: To act superior

Why God made teachers?

When God created teachers

And become a better person

To lead us so that we can lead

To act superior

And learn how to be strong

And become a better person

To show us ways in which to grow

To help us be vigilant about terrorists

And become a better person

To prevent the attacks

To help us be vigilant about terrorists

To make us be careful of our surroundings

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Developing values for a developed society

Humane Value Month’ is perhaps the best time to practice and instil values that not only contribute to individual growth but to a better, harmonious society that is exemplary of coexistence. Hence, the little Amies of Amiown Vasundhara and Noida indulged in activities that emphasised the importance of being sensitive towards others. Acts of benevolence like watering plants and feeding the birds were carried out to instil environmental consciousness amongst children while teaching them to co-exist with their environment. The celebration of Earth Day on April 22 saw the little ones learn the importance of reducing, reusing and recycling the resources of the school. The tiny tots of KG introduced to their planet with the help of a globe to explain the different features of the planet through visual learning. Environmental conservation methods such as saving electricity, keeping the environment clean and planting more trees were also emphasised, in an effort to make the young ones environment friendly. The young ones learnt important human values through activities like keeping clean through doll bathing, respecting elders, being thankful to people, sharing books and toys, etc. The month-long celebration was symbolic of Amiown’s endeavour to nurture children as global citizens.

When values became fun

Every year, the little ones at Amiown indulge in the celebration of human values and virtues to commemorate the birthday of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, who believes that values are the essence of life. A multitude of fun filled activities were conducted throughout the month inculcating humanitarian values amongst children.

Learning the basics: The Amies learnt the greatest of values through the simplest of ways. Activities like feeding birds and watering plants conducted for Pre Nursery and cleaning the environment and understanding the concept of ‘Best out of waste’ conducted for Nursery, emphasised the importance of compassion for fellow beings and the environment. The little ones were assigned duties as ‘Helpers of the day’ and ‘Conservationist’ during the month to preserve the resources of the school. The tiny tots of KG showed the value of gratitude through the activity ‘Gratitude Jar’ wherein they put the names of the people they wanted to thank, in a jar. Other activities conducted for KG included bottle spinning to share their views on humans, feeding the birds, cleaning the school garden and making a collage of human value pictures. The children were taught the value of sharing toys with their siblings, storing their belongings with care of the classroom material, etc, they initiated their). To simplify learning for the tiny tots, the medium of storytelling was used. Little Amies were enthralled as they listened to stories like ‘Tickly Octopus’ followed by an art activity of making an octopus, was a delightful surprise for little ones. The treat that followed added to the celebrations.

A bucket full of values

Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, endeavours to make learning value oriented. The Human Value Month celebration was yet another remarkable effort in this direction. A constellation of values as compassion, respect, tolerance towards one another, benevolence and many more were touched upon in creative ways. The value bucket: Each class created a ‘value bucket’ wherein little Amies put their pledges to practice values, as well as the good deeds done by them. To simplify learning for the tiny tots, the medium of storytelling was used. Little Amies were enthralled as they listened to stories like ‘Have you filled your bucket today?’ ‘The ladybird and the butterfly’ and ‘The Can Do Duck’. The discussions and role plays helped them understand the application of values in daily life.

Being responsible: To inculcate the value of being responsible, the tiny tots were asked to perform simple chores like placing back the toys/blocks, pushing chairs, reminding friends to switch off lights and fans while going out for any activity, etc. These activities helped the young ones understand dignity of work, underlining the message that no work is big or small.

Being a good citizen: As the little ones participated in discussions on practical situations from everyday lives - listening to elders, following traffic rules, taking care of grandparents, using magic words ‘sorry’, ‘please’ and ‘thank you’, taking care of classroom material, etc, they initiated their journeys towards becoming good citizens.

Sharing and caring: Students reflected upon their experiences of sharing and caring for their loved ones through discussions. Their caring gestures included sharing toys with their siblings, sharing chapatis with animals and many more simple yet heartwarming gestures.
Brain Bee champion

AIS Pushp Vihar

Vaibhav Bajaj, a student of AIS PV, won the title ‘Indian National Champion 2016’ at the 9th Indian National Brain Bee held on April 16-17, 2016, at SN Pradhan Centre of Neurosciences, University of Calcutta, Kolkata. Vaibhav bagged a trophy, a laptop and a certificate.

Further, he also won a paid trip to Denmark for the International Brain Bee finals scheduled to take place in the first week of July. The programme will be hosted by the Federation of European Neuroscience Societies Bi-annual Forum, a conference for more than 7,000 professionals and academicians. 12 regional finalists, from 12 different cities across the country were selected to participate in the national level championship. The participants were given training in different segments of neurology in microanatomy, neuro-physiology and neurological diseases by subject specialists in the respective fields.

*The Brain Bee is a quiz competition on neurosciences for students who have exceptional credentials in biology and are interested to pursue careers in healthcare. This contest is conducted on a regional level and subsequently at the national level in participating countries and culminates at the international level. The International Brain Bee (IBB) was founded in 1999 and directed by Prof Norbert Myśliński, University of Maryland, US.*

ECON award

AIS Gurugram 46

AIS Gurugram 46 distinguished itself by winning ‘ECONS Flagship School’ award at the ECONS Education Summit in the best educational practices category. The ECONS Education Summit was held on April 23, 2016 at Hotel Crown Plaza, Rohini where the award was received by school principal Arti Chopra. The event was graced by Dr Udit Raj, ex IRS, member of Parliament; Ajay Mishra, deputy secretary, CBSE and Shriro Ananta, president, CEE. The projects were evaluated on different parameters as innovation, scalability, ability to overcome challenges, achievements and impact potential. The event saw the participation of delegates from across the country. Four schools received the prestigious award, AIS Gur 46 being one of them.

Exchange programme

AIS South Africa

In keeping with the vision of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, to nurture global citizens, 16 students from different grades of AIS South Africa went on an exchange programme to Institut de Géants du Lys in Loury, France on April 4, 2016. The tour formed a part of an exchange programme offered by the school, where children got the opportunity to live with French families for eight days. During their stay, the students visited renowned sites like Eiffel tower, historical museums and parks. They also attended some classes in the school with the French children they stayed with. In February, 2016, a group of 13 students from the French school had visited AIS South Africa on a eight-day trip, wherein they learnt about the culture of the country and the education system of the school.

“The aim of the exchange programme is to help students and teachers of both the countries to establish relations with each other, and provide them the opportunity to gain confidence through global exposure,” shared Amrita Pillay, headmistress, AIS South Africa.

Leadership award

Amity Global School, Noida

A student of AIS Mayur Vihar, Diksha Gupta, XII B, was selected to attend the prestigious Rotary Youth Leadership Awards organised by the Rotary Club of Simi Valley, California. It was a four-day sponsored camp, held from April 14-17, 2016 at Ojai, California, USA. The camp saw an overwhelming participation of 240 students. Various activities like diversity training, public speaking, team building, leadership fundamentals, goal settings, leading a meeting, character & ethics, facilitation, fellowship and creating good habits were taught to participants.

In the talent show, Diksha presented traditional Indian henna and was applauded by the audience. She also got an opportunity to interact with Emmanuel Ginettinetta, the cyclist who cycled from Alaska to Argentina in 1999 and wrote a book in The Guinness Book of World Records 2004. The camp was a training experience for selected youths at international level, to hone potential leaders and encourage them to make a difference in the communities through volunteering and social responsibility.

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Catalyst 2016

AICM Cadets enjoy the educational excursion

AICM Cadet Daksh Maan & Cadet Akshat Nigam, AICM, XII

A four-day educational excursion was organised by AICM for a group of 31 cadets from March 24 - 28, 2016. During the tour, the students visited places of interest, viz, Western Naval command, Naval dockyard, INS Kolkata, INS Sindh Ratna, Naval Air Station Shikra and tourist places like Gateway of India, Marine Drive, Hanging Gardens. The grandeur of the subcontinent, naval ships and helicopters helped the students gain first-hand information about the history of Indian Navy. The trip also enhanced their knowledge about the heritage of Mumbai.

Catalyst 2016

AICM

The valedictory ceremony of Catalyst 2016* took place on May 1, 2016 where AICM was the official education partner and sponsor for the event. Dr (Mrs) Amrita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, was the chief guest on the occasion. The event witnessed the presence of experts from various departments of AICM, viz, Dr VK Paul, prof and head, department of pediatrics and Dr Anand Krishnan, professor, Centre for Community Medicine.

In her address, Chairperson emphasised the importance of being a good human being, which is imperative for becoming a good doctor. She also narrated the famous lines ‘Koshish karne wale kabi kha bhi hain, hain kabi kha bhi nahi hain’, inspiring everyone to face the challenges of life bravely. Meenakshi Gupta, principal, South Asian Region; Tanoy Ghosh, development manager-schools, North India and Arti Gupta, principal, AIS Gurugram directed by Prof Norbert Myslinski, University of Maryland, US. *

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A tale of two quizzers

In a remarkably glorious achievement, two Amity University students bagged the first prize in the national finale of Tata Crucible Quiz, winning a cash award of Rs 5 lakh and two Tata Tiago cars!

Ttwo quizzing enthusiasts. One great partnership. Result: a victory unparalleled! Sreshth Shah, ASCO and Abhimanyu Bhadouria, AISFT, bonded over their curious appetite for all things known and unknown. Endorsed as Amity’s biggest achievement by Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe, winning the national finale of the Tata Crucible Quiz (TCQ), has been the duo’s big ticket to fame and glory.

Consistency is the key...
...to success. Armed with inquisitiveness and a shared passion for quizzing, the enterprising duo were participating in TCQ for the last three years but had not moved beyond the local round. Not the ones to lose heart though, they kept participating in other quizzes as well. Then came a breakthrough. “We won Rs 6 lakhs in the TAPMI quiz, which boosted our confidence. Soon, we cracked TCQ’s Noida round bearing institutions like IMT and AMU, and won Rs 75000 and an entry to the zonal round!” shares an ecstatic Sreshth. Thereafter, there was no stopping the awesome twosome. They won the zonal round and went on to win the national final held at Mumbai on April 17. A cash prize of Rs 4.5 Lakh and two Tata Tiago cars were the cherries on their cake. They finished second in the international round, bagging Samsung Galaxy tabs.

A little encouragement...is all you need. Behind every success, is a robust support system. In this case, it was their alma mater. The invigorating motivation they got from their mentors at AUUP, inspired them to put in their best. A grateful Abhimanyu admits, “Our departments supported us at every step. Pursue sir, my HoD, always encouraged me. Also, whenever I would win a quiz, my father would write a letter to our Chancellor. Sir and Ma’m would reply instantly; that kind of personal involvement from them was a huge encouragement that kept us going!”

Quizzing is all about...having a curious mind. “Quizzing involves keeping your eyes open. Be curious, try and uncover lesser-known facts. Read newspapers and business magazines, and stay updated about what’s happening around the world,” advises Sreshth. Adds Abhimanyu, “Make that extra effort to know a little more than others. Notice things, ask questions.” Point noted - there’s no shortcut to the quizzing world. You got to know it all.

The biggest learning...is knowing when to make the next move. “At TCQ, we were neither the smartest, nor the most prepared, we were just the calmest team out there. While it is important to know the correct answer, it is also very important to know when you don’t know the correct answer; so you don’t hit the buzzer at the wrong time!” inform Sreshth. Looks they took their lessons really well.

Where you come from...doesn’t really matter. Ask what would they advise aspiring quizzers and pat comes the reply, “People often judge you from the school you are from. But what counts is your abilities. Hone your skills and believe in yourself.” Now that’s some inspiration.

Don’t follow others

Can you tell us something about your school days?
I did my schooling from Sainik School, and Kendriya Vidyalaya. I had a tough and regimented life but I had lovely teachers. I still remember the lessons they taught me. My school and teachers played a vital role in shaping me.

How did you decide to join the Indian film industry?
I always wanted to do something different. And so, I left my college (though I wouldn’t recommend that to anyone). In those days, I used to paint a lot. Then one day, I happened to see a movie scene being shot, I was instantly hooked and there was no looking back ever since.

What is the most satisfying thing about being a director?
It’s the joy of working, being able to surround yourself with wonderful people and putting your ideas into action, that I enjoy the most about my profession.

What do you intend to achieve through your movies: box office success or social awareness?
Somewhere in between. I want to have the freedom to be able to say and visually express what I want to say. Along the way, I also have to make sure that the audience is entertained. And if I’m able to make a commercially successful film, nothing like it.

Director, producer, script editor and more – which role brings out the best in you?
I try to give my best at every moment of my life. My best also depends on the situation and what is expected out of me at that particular time.

When not making films, what do you like to do?
So many things! These days I have started taking piano lessons. I’m also planning to try my hands at flying. My goal in life is to live all my dreams.

What is your advice to the youth?
Believe me, there is nothing in this world that you cannot achieve if you put your mind into it. You shouldn’t follow other’s footsteps, you have to make your own. For some people, the route is shorter and for others it is longer, but ultimately you’ll reach your goal.