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'The Show Must Go On', Attests Youth Power With Aplomb



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"I am so happy that 12 years down the line, Youth Power has become a programme where all my Amitiens work selflessly to give back to the society and spread happiness in countless lives."



Bhawna Tuteja
 GT Network

Unless you've been living under a rock, you'd know what Youth Power is and reading the tag line you'd just want to cut to the chase and find out this year's winner. Well, the trophy for 2019-20 was lifted by AIS Pushp Vihar and AIS Noida. AIS Saket followed suit at the second spot and AIS Mayur Vihar at the third.

For the uninitiated, Youth Power is Amity's flagship social sensitisation programme. The event in its 12th edition saw 11 teams from different Amity branches across India work on a social cause through the year. The programme concluded with a grand finale where the 11 teams showcased their year long journey. But that is just the crux; Youth Power is a saga, and it's tough bringing one up to speed on a 12 year long sojourn in a few words (there's always a word limit). Nonetheless, if you wish to gain some understanding of the biggest event of the year, here are 12 highlights of the 12th edition of Youth Power.

1 The YP grand finale for 11 straight years has witnessed a magnificent stage, an auditorium abuzz with over 500 people, endless cheering, applause and much more. Naturally, you'd expect the online version to be a damp squib in comparison. Well, it wasn't. There was cheers, applause, drum rolls, shining PPT and more.

2 The who's who of Amity was in attendance. Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF graced the event with her presence. The event also saw in attendance Mr Amol Chauhan, Sr Vice President, Amity Venture Capitals.

3 It was a full house as heads of various amity institutions occupied the virtual front rows. From principals to vice principals to coordinators, everyone marked their presence – a feat impossible in the non-pandemic era. (Silly! If everyone goes to attend the finale who will run the school. Got it? Good.)

In line, online

4 A fab jury comprising Deeksha Mittra, former TV anchor and life skill coach and Richa, an alumna of IIT Roorkee and former Vice President, Morgan Stanley, now a naturalist, judged the event. And boy! The questions they asked (you can read them on page 4-5).

5 Its tough to contain the magic spread over a year and so the finale was conducted in three parts from September 9 -11, 2020. While the first two days saw the teams give their presentations, the last day was earmarked as the valedictory ceremony.

6 Organised on MS teams, the event was as smooth as butter with each participating team showcasing a sensitising video, a PPT encapsulating their journey and a social podcast. They were judged for each of these as well as the work they did in the year gone by.

7 It rained awards in different categories like every year. Check sidebar for details. (We know virtual trophies are no fun, will send the real ones once the schools reopen.)

8 All about giving back to the society, YP lauds anything that resonates similar sentiments. Case in point – 'Corona Warriors' or young Amitiens who came out during pandemic to help

others. They were felicitated during the event, also covered under the World Teenage Reporting Project that showcased stories of 31 such Samaritans across the globe. (Read page 10)

9 There are some people you want to listen to, even if it is in an online window. Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan is one of them. Mics were unmuted and applause erupted as she shared, "I miss our Youth Power stage. But all of you have put up a very good show. I am proud of my Amitiens, my teachers and principals who have worked so hard." Congratulating the students on being torchbearers of change, she lauded all the participants.

10 Praise is inevitable when big actions stem from young corners. Don't believe us? Ask our jury members. While Richa stated that it was heartwarming to see the future generation work for the society, Deeksha Mittra expressed her joy for being a part of this programme.

11 While some things were on screen, there was a lot of excitement behind the scenes. Here's some dope – "where's the sound?" "what is wrong with the

Winner Board	
Winner	AIS Noida and AIS Pushp Vihar
First runner up	AIS Saket
Second runner up	AIS Mayur Vihar
Best YP Presentation	AIS Gurugram 46
Best Documentation	AIS Pushp Vihar
Best Fund Raising Model	AIS Vasundhara I
Best Research Strategy	AIS Vasundhara 6
Best Community Outreach Programme	AIS Jagdishpur
Best Awareness Movie	AIS VKC Lucknow
Best Social Implementation	AIS Gurugram 43
Best Social Media Engagement	AIS Noida
Best Panel Discussion	AIS Mayur Vihar
Best Social Podcast	AIS Saket
Jury's Special Mention	AIS VVC Lucknow
Best Mentor Teacher	Sonia Rao, AIS Vasundhara I

audio?" This went on for a full 30 seconds as the video for AIS Noida was played. 30 seconds gone in a 59 second video. As the IT support went problem fixing, the audio returned – "did you have a problem hearing?". Turned out, the audio was purposely omitted to sensitise towards the deaf.

12 Just as water confirms to the shape of the vessel that contains it, Youth Power too beautifully adapted to the virtual realm; its ability to quench the thirst of change remaining undeterred. And just like water, the magic of Youth Power flows on to its 13th edition. **GT**

