There is nothing like returning to a place that remains unaltered to find the ways in which you yourself have altered.” Nelson Mandela

As a child, I used to look forward to summers and mangoes, quite like most of you do. Vacations usually meant dunking the king of fruits into water filled pails and savouring them. But summer vacations apart from being the time of luxury to relax, are also the time to imbibe a new skill, explore your environment and enhance your knowledge. I’m sure, all of you have your favourite holiday activity to look forward to, those which will not only fill your vacations but also create happy memories. While you indulge in your favourite activity, go ahead and try something new that you never know where your real potential may lie. The Amity University Summer School gives you a chance to explore that. It gives you the opportunity to explore and experience untouched areas. My little Ami’s are not lagging behind either as they are taking up the development, learning new things at the summer camp. Even the sweeping heat can fizzle out the comfort and excitement of the camp. I have been hearing of the camp becoming more important to the young participants. As we bring to you the report of the grand finale and winning teams (Page 1), we also share appreciations from the organisation ‘Centre for Sight’ (refer to GT Mail on Page 6) sent to the school. The VP team of AIS Vaishnavi who convinced over 100 people to donate eyes thus pledging to bring light in the lives of 200 people. The VP team of AIS Gurugram 46 may not have won the top spot, yet they won hands down. Thanking GT for the opportunity, VP, team leader Vaishnava Kaul of AIS Gur 46 who worked for the cause ‘protect stray dogs’ wrote: “I am planning to continue WOOF! In the future, maybe turn it into an NGO. Youth Power has really brought this cause closer to all of our hearts. As of now, our team has decided to volunteer at animal shelters and try to help out stray dogs.”

It’s reassuring to see that the young today are ejuvenate to remember that there’s light at the end of it... When life seems like a dark tunnel, it makes sense to remember that there’s light at the end of it... but we should know how to move on because life does not allow us to be stuck in one position for long. There will be times when you are frustrated with yourself, with the things that you have done; when you feel that the people around you hate you for what you are. The best way to deal with such a situation is to let yourself loose. You must tell yourself that it is normal to feel low at times, but that isn’t the end of the world. Just put on some cheerful music, go for a walk amidst nature or rustle up a cool drink for yourself. Do something you love, it will instantly pick up your mood and make you feel better.

“Truth is that everybody is going to hurt you. You just have to find the ones worth suffering for.” Remember bad things comes to pass, but if it’s a good things, as long as we know they both are going to end, why not enjoy the good things before they come to an end.”

Youth Power seems to be going strong and steady. Post the grand finale of the fifth Youth Power programme, it is encouraging to see that the cause became more important than winning the title for the young participants. As we bring to you the report of the grand finale and winning teams (Page 1), we also share appreciations from the organisation ‘Centre for Sight’ (refer to GT Mail on Page 6) sent to the school. The VP team of AIS Vaishnavi who convinced over 100 people to donate eyes thus pledging to bring light in the lives of 200 people. One of the accomplishments of international dance, UVIT in 2009, the initiative ‘Mission Drishti’, has been very encouraging. The ‘Centre For Sight’ organisation has complemented their efforts by sending a letter of appreciation, that goes a long way in motivating the children for such noble causes.

Youth Power Team AIS Va 6 with their mentor teacher.

Youth Power: Pledge for Sight

As part of their Youth Power project, the team from AIS Vaishantra 6 inspired 100 people to pledge their sight for eye transplant, an act that will enable 200 blind people to be gifted with the power of sight. The ‘Centre For Sight’ organisation has complemented their efforts by sending a letter of appreciation, that goes a long way in motivating the children for such noble causes.

Letter of appreciation

GT M@il

Thanks for sending us the daily filled 100 forms for eye donation. We appreciate your students’ (Shatakshi Agarwal, Urvashi Gupta, Manvi Grewal and Tarunika Gaur of class X) who worked to spread awareness about eye donation and motivated the people to pledge their eyes to the nation. It is fortunate that organisations such as yours are supporting us in our mission for sight.

Keep up the good work team! We are proud of you.

GT

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The support of socially aware organisations like ‘Mission Drishti’, we are confident that the difficulties of the corneal blind can be mitigated. We thank you once again for your generous contribution to the society and we look forward to your continuous support.

Vinay Bhat, Manager, Eye Bank (Tech), Centre for Sight

Keep up the good work team! We are proud of you.

GT

I have been reading GT ever since my son joined Amity. Now he is in Class 11 and I have started writing short stories in GT and started receiving appreciation comments from the readers. I have also been fond of reading/writing. I wanted to get my short story published in GT as it would surely boost my confidence. I would also like him to feature in ‘It’s Me’. Hence, I would like to know the procedure of sending articles/short stories or anything else that we want to get published.

Rashmi Jain, AIS Noida, XII

(Outsourcing Batch)

The cover page looks amazing. I am really happy. It’s the first time my art work has reached a very large audience. Thank you so much.

Rachit Jain, AIS Noida, XII

(Outsourcing Batch)