

## For Distraction, The Kraken Of Today's Era, Has Drowned Many Of Us

Saksham Duggal, AGS Noida, IB2

Dear Amy,

It has been a while since I last wrote to you. I hope you are in the pink of health and unlike everybody else around, ain't jonesing for your weird, smart gadget every chance you get. I say that because I have been spending a lot of time reading new studies about your world, the world of the young and their decreasing attention span. These days everyone seems busy with one thing (let me say gadget) or the other. It's like no one can focus on something for more than five seconds anymore.

Average human's attention span came down to less than 9 seconds, decreasing by almost 25% between 2000 and 2015.

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In fact, post-Covid, things have become even worse. Yes, technology did help in connecting people and keeping life going. I, myself, loved every minute of it when I could speak with you over Zoom, but there was also a flip side to this dependence for many young, impressionable minds.

In a survey of 504 primary teachers in England, 84% agreed that children's attention span was shorter post-Covid.

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In my time we would go for picnics, play outdoors and these days its nothing but a \*ping\*. I wonder how society changed before my eyes, one technological craze led to another, and before I knew it, my children and their children after them had phones in their hands from when they woke up to when they go to bed.



80% people use computer screens, tablets etc. up until bedtime; the figure increases to 91% among 18-24-year-olds.

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If glueing onto their tic tacs and Facebooks wasn't enough, the youngsters today are

going down the scrolling spiral (is it what it is called in your language?). Every 5 seconds they scroll to a new video, only for a new song to pop up or some new dance trend to plague their screen. Surely, it's not doing wonders for their attention span or even their IQ, for that matter.

Overall increased screen time is often associated with lowered self-esteem, severity of mental health issues etc.

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And if this constant switching between different platforms wasn't enough for a short concentration span, there was 'short form content'. It started with one app, and soon everyone started copying each other; between Shorts, Reels, Threads and whatnot, today, there's a huge market with more customers than it can handle.

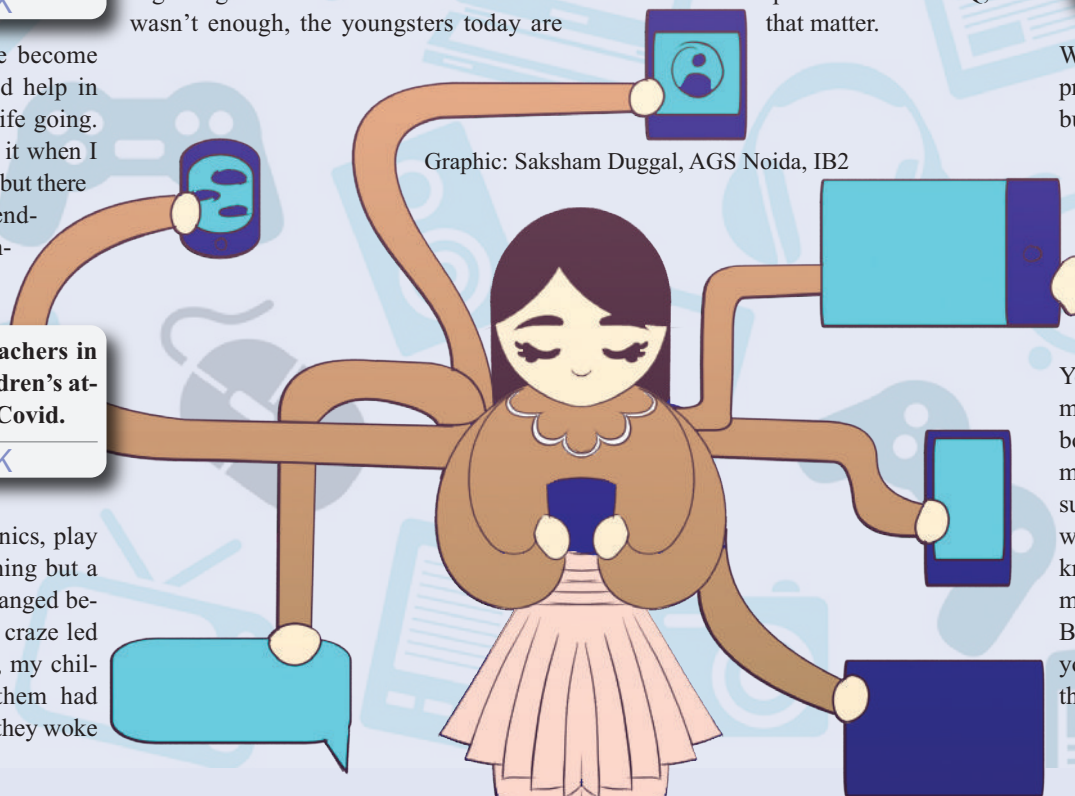
As per a WDA Automotive report, short video format will soon be the only form of communication left.

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Well, there is not much use in listing just problems, of course. I may not be an expert, but there are a few methods you could try like meditation and the five-more rule (whatever you're doing, just hold on for five more minutes, exercises etc.) Amy, this world of yours is fascinating, but I'm afraid I am more of an analogue person. I prefer my watch to have arms, and my boats to have sails.

You can't drink the seawater, darling. Information is information, and the internet is bountiful when it comes to that, but how much of it is useful? This information will suffocate you. They stray you from the real world and all its glimmering treasures. I know how important it is to you, and by no means would I ask you not to explore it. But when on open seas, Amy, be careful, you don't let the Kraken bind you so tight that you cannot escape its clutches.

Love,  
Grandpa



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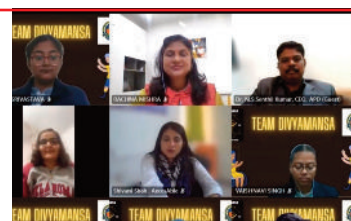
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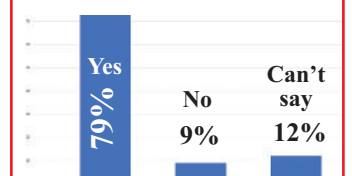
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Do you think Thailand's waiving of visa requirement for Indians will boost the country's tourism sector significantly?



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# Around The WORLD

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## UK Global Food Security Summit

In an effort to combat food security crisis, the country hosted Global Food Security Summit in London, a joint venture between Britain, Somalia, UAE, and organisations like Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Representatives from more than 20 countries attended the summit where PM Rishi announced his plans to launch a new science hub, led by CGIAR, that will aim to link scientists with global research in creating climate-resilient crops. UK will also provide 125 million USD in humanitarian fund to countries worst hit by food insecurity.



## FRANCE Napoleon's hat auctioned

A hat belonging to the 19<sup>th</sup> century French leader Napoleon Bonaparte has been sold for 2.1 million USD at auction in Paris. The bicorne black beaver felt hat, originally valued between 600,000-800,000 EUD, made him recognisable in the battlefield. Auctioned by Osenat Auction House, the hat has a cockade that Napoleon attached to it in 1815, during the crossing of the Mediterranean from his exile in Elba to Antibes. Though Napoleon owned about 120 bicorne hats, only 20 of them remain, mainly in private collections.



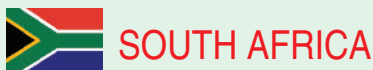
## BRAZIL Concert troubles for Swift

According to a statement issued by the show's organisers, Ana Clara Benevides, a 23-year-old Swiftie (Taylor Swift fan) died at the singer's The Eras Tour concert in Rio de Janeiro. Though the medical cause of the death has not yet been officially announced, it is believed that her demise was caused by the prohibition of taking water inside the Nilton Santos Olympic Stadium amidst record-breaking heat waves.



## LIBERIA Boakai for president

With 50.64% of the votes, political veteran Joseph Boakai was declared as the winner of the country's presidential election by the National Electoral Commission. Beating the former international football star George Weah in opposition, Boakai skated through his win with only a 20,567-vote margin. On the other hand, Weah had already conceded defeat, even before the announcement of the results.



## SOUTH AFRICA A call to ICC

Minister in the presidency, Khumbudzo Ntshavheni, along with the governments of Bangladesh, Bolivia, Comoros, and Djibouti, has sent in a referral to International Criminal Court regarding the situation in the state of Palestine. South Africa has even called on the ICC to issue an arrest warrant for Benjamin Netanyahu, the PM of Israel, for "trying to clear most of Gaza of Palestinians and occupy it."



## ITALY Crackdown on mafia

In one of the biggest mafia trials ever seen in Italy, more than 200 defendants have been sentenced to a total of more than 2200 years in prison. The trial, which has been going on for three years, saw the individuals allegedly linked to Ndrangheta, one of the most powerful mafia organisations in the country. With many people in power convicted, the authorities have called the case as an illustration of the mob's broad influence.



## INDIA Uttarakhand tunnel collapse

In a bid to rescue 41 workers trapped inside the collapsed Silkyara tunnel for more than a week, the concerned authorities have roped in foreign experts as well as heavy machinery from DRDO. Arnold Dix, tunnelling expert, has started his work on accessing the situation. According to reports, timely oxygen, nutritious food, and water is being constantly supplied as army drills vertical holes to rescue them.

### News Flash

► **USA:** Former US first lady Rosalynn Carter dies aged 96 ► **Yemen:** Houthi rebels seize Israeli-linked cargo ship in the Red Sea ► **Argentina:** Far-right Javier Milei wins the presidential election

# AI can be an assistant...

...not a replacement, says **Benedict du Boulay**, who has many sparkling feathers under his cap – he is an emeritus professor of AI at the University of Sussex, a visiting professor at University College London, a PhD scholar from the University of Edinburgh, the former president and current treasurer & secretary of the International Society for Artificial Intelligence in Education, an associate editor for the international journal published by Artificial Intelligence in Education, as well as an editor and author for nine books and around 190 papers. As a **keynote speaker at e-AIMUN 2023**, organised by AERC, he left Amitians with various enlightening words on AI, what it encompasses, and how it can alter the human life as we know it.

**Samara Chauhan, AIS PV: How do you see the role of artificial intelligence in enhancing multilateral cooperation under the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals?**

As far as climate change is concerned, AI will be able to make predictions based on accurate data, which, in turn, will help us take the right decisions. But, even after all this, the real problem lies in convincing people to change their way of life and how they conduct themselves. Even when we look at artificial intelligence and its relationship with healthcare, we now see artificial intelligence being used as a radiologists' assistant to diagnose tumors and cancers. Hospitals will soon see a surge of these technologies in countries for all levels of development. However, despite all its cleverness, the truth is that system still does not have all the data, wisdom, and experience of a human doctor. Which is why, I worry about people's tendency of making AI the decision-maker instead of an advice-giver. Artificial intelligence should be an assistant, not a replacement. AI can't beat human intelligence.

**Samarth Sawhney, AIS Gur 43: Is it possible to train an artificial intelligence model so that it acts as a predictor in the stock market?**

Even human traders are not able to predict trends in the stock market with extreme accuracy, so expecting the same of an artificial intelligence model will be a far cry. I have spent time studying with traders, and this skill is an interesting piece of educated guesswork that requires a lot of hard work. Lots of people have shown that the trading system is a chaotic system indeed. Sure, you can use artificial intelligence to make educated guesses, analyse past data, and even draw smart comparisons, but that is all there is. Just because it has data does not mean it will be accurate, because the system itself is unpredictable.

**Aarti Pandit, Amitasha: Tell us about your interest in physics.**

I graduated in physics from Imperial College, London, and even though I learnt a lot about the subject there, I was a little dissat-



Keynote speaker Prof Benedict du Boulay in conversation with Amitians at e-AIMUN 2023

isfied as I did not understand its practical application in the context of the real world. Subsequently, I trained in programming, after which I taught in Zambia and the United Kingdom. Finally, I returned to school to complete my PhD as I was fascinated by AI.

**Samaya Chauhan, AIS PV: How can we incorporate artificial intelligence into education effectively?**

When it comes to the education sector, I think artificial intelligence has three roles: to help learners, help teachers, and to help the administration in managing students.

**Raabia Ali Abidi, AIS Saket: How can ChatGPT be used effectively?**

When we talk of the current education sector, we cannot ignore that ChatGPT has captured a lot of attention in the scene. A lot of people think that it started artificial intelligence. The most productive use of ChatGPT is to think of it as a starting point and to use it to do initial brainstorming. It is a clever machine that puts together convincing paragraphs. It is good at finding patterns of language and making up references. The danger, however, is that even though it seems good at all of that, it does

not understand what it is talking about. Teachers can use it to produce ideas and help with lessons, but they have to be careful about whether the information it provides is accurate. Use it, but know that it doesn't know anything.

**Suhani Chauhan, AIS PV: How can the benefits of AI be balanced with issues of data security?**

Artificial intelligence should not be allowed to become a dangerous tool in the hands of those who mean harm. For instance, American actor Tom Hanks found a video of him advertising some random product, but the video was actually AI generated. He had no knowledge of the situation nor had he given his consent. So, it is important for all of us that the politicians who decide on these AI related matters are not in the pockets of countries that want to use it for bad ends. Hence, when you vote, vote wisely. Choose politicians that have actual stands on the issue.

**Shraddha Pandey, Amitasha: What has been your biggest motivating factor in life?**

A lot of events in life happen out of the blue. The same was the case with me

when my wife persuaded me to go to Zambia. We didn't think too much about it, and we, honestly, didn't think it through; we were just bored in the United Kingdom. At the time, I was a young man of 22 or 23 and I had never been to Africa. I was forced to work in a very new environment with teachers who came from all over the world. We were all working in a rural school where there was no phone. We even had to make our own entertainment. There, next door to me, was an Indian teacher. Through this experience, all of us learned how to be easy with people of different cultures. And that experience probably changed me as a human being. So, my lesson to all of you will be to take things and new experiences in your stride. You never know what they might have in store for you.

**Adhiraj Chauhan, AIS PV: On a lighter note, can you imagine yourself being on a date with Sophia, one of the most sophisticated artificial intelligence humanoid robots?**

Well, it would be interesting to meet her as I would be intrigued by her ability to smile and make conversation, but I'd rather spend time with real people!

# Springing into action!

## What Happens When Magma Heats Groundwater Way Too Much?



Ananya Sharma, AIS Vas 6, Alumna

Being a first-year student at Hogwarts was not an easy job, especially not for Harry Potter who had lived in the muggle world and had no idea something like magic even existed. But all this changed when Hagrid finally gave him his admission letter, and a new journey began. Seeing the expectations attached to his name, Harry felt terrible for not being a great wizard already, and to change that, he decided to utilise his free nights by practising spells and incantations.

At midnight, he snuck out of his room and made his way to the barren land at the edge of the forbidden forest. He took out his spellbook and wand, pointed at the ground and yelled "Incendio". Nothing happened, so he tried again. And again. And again. But it didn't yield any results. His confidence sunk to the floor, and with a heavy heart, he made his way back to the common room. "I'll never be as good as everyone wants me to be," he thought.

But little did he know that his spellwork had shaken the core of the earth, literally. The fire-making spell that he had cast was so powerful that instead of staying at the core of Earth, it seeped into the mantle of the planet and awoke Magma.

With a loud yawn, Magma finally opened his eyes and huffed at the one who broke his peaceful slumber. "Who does this Potter think he is to wake me up? Did he want a fire? Oh, I will give him something better!" smirked Magma. In his angered state, he made his way to the town of Groundwater which rested just below the earth's surface and started attacking the residents. The families of Groundwater saw him approaching and started running to save themselves, but it was too late. Magma was already attacking them and soon, the honest residents of Groundwater turned into steam and hot

water, all thanks to the fire and heat Harry's powerful magic had given Magma. To get away from Magma, all the residents ran to find cover. Since they were hot and less dense now, they discovered that they could easily slip through the fissures and cracks in the ground.

"I don't want to go to the surface of the earth," cried Gassy. But his mother quickly shut him off. "We have no other choice, we have to go now or he will kill us all!"

And so the entire crowd ran together through the cracks of the ground, escaping the wrath of Magma, and finally reached the Earth's outer core where they knew that Magma couldn't hurt them anymore.

As Harry came back next night to the same spot to practice, he was surprised to see a giant hot spring in its place. "This wasn't here before!" he said, all confused.

"Yes, we weren't, but we are here because of you. Your magic caused this.



### The science of it

**Geothermal heat like sub-surface magma heats up the groundwater, creating steam and hot water, which rise through fissures and cracks in the ground and end up creating natural hot springs.**

You need to be careful of how and when you use your powers. Magic is a privilege not well suited for all, Mr Potter!" cried Gassy's mother.

"I am so sorry for what I have done. I will be very careful while using magic, and only employ it for the good of the world!" Harry promised. And so he went on to change the world with his magical powers, using them for the betterment of others!

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# Water: the elixir of life

## On World Food Day, AUUP Celebrates The Element That Gives Us Life

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Amity Institute of Food Technology (AIFT) along with Amity Institute of Organic Agriculture (AIOA) and Amity School of Hospitality (ASH) celebrated World Food Day on October 16, 2023, at Amity University, Noida. The theme, as declared by Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations, was 'Water is food, water is life, leave no one behind'. To commemorate the day, AIOA organised an essay writing competition on water safety and quality, which saw participation from total of 37 students. Subhashree Kamal (BSc Hons Agriculture Sem III), Bishwanath Gautam (BSc Hons Agriculture Sem V), and Vishal Kumar (BSc Hons Agriculture Sem I) were announced as the



Eminent guests and speakers grace the event

winners of the competition. Further, ASH conducted a quiz competition where ten teams, comprising two students each, participated in the competition. With different rounds like direct question, sensory, visual, water conservation practice, puzzle, and Indian cuisine, Deepen Thapa and Rohit Kumar (MBA HM Sem III)

were declared as the winners. Naina Chauhan and Manvi Raghav (BHM Sem I) were the first runners up, and Samaksh Gupta and Mujtaba Shah (BHM Sem I) were the second runners up. Adding on to the celebration was theme based concept kiosks of beverage stall competition, which was sponsored by Marvel

Tea, Haryana & Nestle India Pvt. Ltd. The entry by Bhavya Sharma and Shresth Gupta (BTech Food Tech Sem VII) won the winner's title. Along with this, AIFT organised a poster making competition. A total of 32 participants from different institutions of AUUP participated in the competition and the poster made by Mekhla Singh, Riya Mahjan, and Vashisthi Bansal (BTech Food Tech Sem III) emerged as the winner.

A lecture series was also conducted, which was attended by over 200 students, with Chandan Pandey, assistant commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, FSSAI; Biswanath Sinha, director, Policy and Technical Support, Water Aid India; and Geetanjali Tahilramani, nutritionist, National Health Mission, as its speakers.

### Safety symbols

Here's a guide to identify the safety symbols and learn their meanings.



#### Biological hazard

This symbol is used to indicate the presence of a biohazard that can be a risk to the well-being of humans.



#### Open flame alert

The symbol appears when the use of an open flame is at risk of causing a fire or an explosion.



#### Eye safety

This symbol is a reminder to use personal protective eye gear to protect one's eyes against a wide range of hazards.

# Nurturing dreams



Dr Amita Chauhan  
Chairperson

Studying abroad is an aspiration for many students, and apart from hard work and determination, what they also need to achieve this dream is the right guidance. This is the vision behind Amity Career Counselling & Guidance Cell (ACCGC), and one of its trailblazing programs is the College Board's Advanced Placement Program® which is recognized by universities around the world as a standard of academic excellence. Since 1955, this program has enabled millions of students to take U.S. university UG-level courses and earn the UG degree credit, advanced placement, or both while still in high school/secondary school. It has helped students stand out during university admissions, while also building personal skills and self-confidence. Amity's collaborative journey with the AP Program® began in 2020 when AIS Pushp Vihar was established as an authorized test centre. It has since then evolved as the largest centre in North India, and has bagged the 2023 Award for Expanding AP Access in India, by the College Board. The centre has also obtained College Board authorization to provide Online AP courses. As trailblazers in launching AP Pre-Calculus in India, AIS PV also extends its offerings to AP courses in both AP Calculus AB and BC. With this solid foundation to steer them to success, nothing can stop our students from fulfilling their dream.

## It's time to say Hip, Hip, Hurray!

Recently, three students of AIS Mayur Vihar won accolades in the online National Level Quality and Science Quiz organised by Bureau of Indian Standards. Anuttam Das (XI) bagged the first position, Shreya Bhatia (X) came second and Manya Tiwari (XI) received the consolation prize. [G I](#)

# Moving ahead



Vira Sharma  
Managing Editor

The stunned silence at the Narendra Modi stadium in Ahmedabad, when India lost the final match of the ICC World Cup to Australia, was actually booming with the sound of billions of hearts breaking. What had made this loss so bittersweet for all Indians was that hosts India had won all the ten games leading up to the final and were heavy favourites to claim the trophy, but they fell at the last hurdle. In the aftermath of this loss, however, I have noticed a huge

outpouring of support and compassion for team India. And deservedly so. After all, it's no mean feat to win ten straight matches, and give cricket lovers unforgettable memories, like Virat Kohli's historic 765 runs in 11 innings.

I have also witnessed India's loss to Sri Lanka in the 1996 World Cup semi-finals, and I remember how much anger and negativity had ensued afterwards. This time, there is a conspicuous shift in public behaviour. From politicians to senior cricketers, from film stars to the common man, everyone has come out in support of our 'Boys in Blue'. This is a great indicator that we are becoming more forgiving and accepting of failures. Success and failure, in fact, will always remain a part of our life. All we can do is our karma, and leave the rest to God. Just as envisioned by our Founder President, we must always believe in the ideals of BHAAG (Behaviour, Hardwork, Ambition, Attitude, and God). Let's applaud the sportsmanship of our players, and show the same spirit of acceptance for both success and failure in our own lives. [G I](#)

# The powerhouse...

## ...Never To Be Underestimated Or Ignored

Alina Ahmad, AIS MV, Alumna

With every new era comes another baton of progress that gets passed to the children, often dubbed as the leaders of tomorrow. With such sky-high expectations, you'd think the respect and training presented to them would also be just as extravagant. However, that stands to be far from the truth. The world we live in claims for children to be the future, but still does not prep them adequately. 'You are just a child' is often used to dismiss their curiosities, ideas, suggestions, and creativeness – all in the name of them not knowing enough, and yet nobody is ever doing anything to teach them this 'enough'. Children are limitless sponges; they take up as much information as they are given and still carry room for more. In fact, their inquisitiveness can sometimes far surpass a grown-up in the room. When a child asks innocent yet meaningful questions about why things are the way they are and so on, they are often dismissed or awed at. Not to mention the staple dialogue they grow up listening to - 'you'll understand this when you're older', discouraging them from asking questions again. The irony of the situation is that if adults ask the same ques-



tions, they are often titled philosophical and enlightened.

Such a mindset will not only stun the progress of the child, but also of the world, which is why it needs to be altered. What adults need to understand is that children are smart enough to form their own opinions and beliefs. In fact, with no excess limitations put on by the adults, the limit truly is the sky for children. The proof - things like popsicle, earmuff, trampoline, braille, Christmas lights, snowmobile, swim flippers etc., being invented by children. Not only are children changing the world with their inventions, but they are urging the adults to become better as well.

15-year-old Greta Thunberg protested for governments to take action against climate change, 11-year-old Malala Yousafzai fought for the education of girls, and so many more. From the books of history to the present pages, children have given us ample such examples of their brilliance. It is, thus, time for adults to stop seeing children as whining babies, and start realising their potential. As Jawaharlal Nehru said, "Children are like buds in a garden and should be lovingly nurtured, as they are the future of the nation and the citizens of tomorrow." [G I](#)

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# The failure of Iron Dome

## All About AI, Human Intelligence, And The State Of Violence

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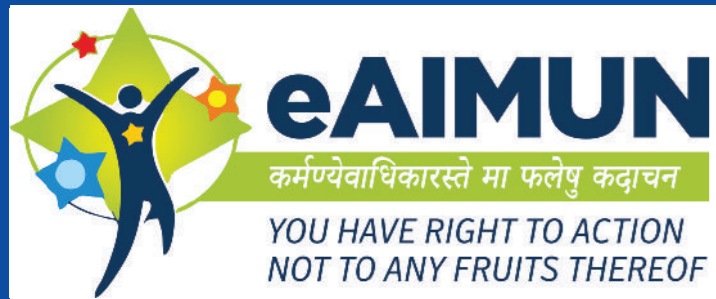
Iron Dome is Israel's short range air defence system which became operational on March 27, 2011. Known for its capability to take down air-borne enemy missiles, it has had a success rate of 90% till date. The system is designed to counter short-range rockets having a range of about 70 kms, these can be operated day and night under adverse weather conditions, and can respond to multiple threats simultaneously.

Iron Dome has three central components – a detection and tracking radar, a battle management and weapon control system, and a missile firing unit. Whenever an

enemy missile enters its range, Iron Dome's tracking radar detects it and then uses a command-and-control system to calculate whether or not the incoming projectile poses a threat. If the rocket does pose a threat, Iron Dome flies missiles from the ground to destroy the enemy missile in the air. There are ten Iron Dome batteries across Israel, each of which include three-four launchers. It costed them approximately 250 mln INR to spur their production and deployment.

Though seen as one of the most successful defence systems in the world, it, however, failed to detect enemy missiles during Hamas' recent attack on Israel. This failure could be because Hamas fired 4960 rockets in 20 minutes, rendering the Iron Dome incapable of interpreting commands, and by virtue of that, making the entire world stand against a question, a question we think we all know the answer to - can AI really ever be a substitute for human intelligence?





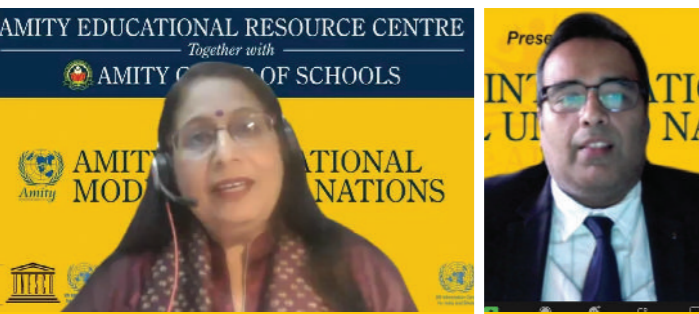
# Leaders of tomorrow

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With Great Power Comes Great Responsibility As Depicted By The Young And Passionate Delegates Of Memorable e-AIMUN'23



Committee members in action



Ms Jyoti Arora, director, AERC Mr Sumedh Kapoor



(L-R): Sec Gen, Dep Sec Gen, Dir Gen, and USG (Global Press)

**Swati Negi, GT Network**

With a firm belief in the tagline “कर्मण्येवाधिकारस्ते मा फलेषु कदाचन” meaning “You have the right to action, not to any fruits thereof,” the delegates, diplomats, distinguished guests, and Amity universe members checked in from all over the world to participate in the year’s most anticipated affair – the 16th Edition of Amity Model United Nations 2023. An initiative of Amity Educational Resource Centre (AERC), AIMUN’23 was held under the guidance of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF.

The conference was a successful endeavour as it saw about 375 students, ambassadors, speakers, and distinguished guests from 3 continents and 23 cities across the world, namely the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Belgium, Hungary, Cambodia, Afghanistan, Slovakia, Russia, Switzerland, Finland, the United Arab Emirates, India, and other nations convene at the international colloquium from October 11 to 13, 2023, to brainstorm solutions for issues that the entire human race is facing.

tion, presented insights into the existing AI models and how AI may never be able to replace human teachers in areas such as orchestration of study plans and motivating students.

The ceremony also witnessed the presence of eminent guest speakers in different committees - Joanna Perrone, sec gen, Oxford MUN 2022 (UNCSW); Tugba Basaran, director, Centre for the study of Global Human Movement, University of Cambridge, UK (UNHCR); Rishi Iyengar, reporter, Foreign Policy, USA (Press Corps); Devsh Kumar, MLC, Bihar (AIPPM); Neha Raghav, head of department, Environment Education, WWF India (WHO); Major General Nalin Bhatia (UNSC); Vira Sharma, managing editor, The Global Times (Press Corps); and Sumedh Kapoor, MUN advisor, Amity Group of Schools (UNSC).

Addressing the audience, Jyoti Arora, Charge d’affaires and director, AERC, welcomed all and gave an insight into the journey of AIMUN, urging the delegates to “work for AIMUN not for the prize but for the sheer passion for the process itself.”

HE Apoorva Srivastava further enlightened the students on the art of diplomacy and how it can be a fruitful career choice for all, especially women. Up next were the chants of “never give up, come what may” as Prof (Dr) Gurinder Singh addressed the viewers.

The highlight of the ceremony was a motivational speech by Chairperson as she proudly attested that winning is secondary; it’s the participation that is of primary importance. For it helps one to enhance diplomatic skills and make his/her life a tale of success.

As the Sec Gen Armaan Kumar gave the opening speech

and banged the gavel, the seven committees commenced delegating on their respective agendas. The distinguished speakers from Oxford and Cambridge Universities gave an enriching address followed by an interactive question-answer round.

Day 2 of the conference kickstarted with delegates working tirelessly on their committee agendas, under the guidance of Secretariat members Armaan Kumar (Sec Gen), Aashvi Vig (Dep Sec Gen), and Samarth Bhargava (Director General), tackling current topics such as Implementation of Uniform Civil Code (AIPPM), Expansionism, projecting power, and territorial disputes: The South China Sea (UNSC), Integration of AI and Technology in Healthcare (WHO), Protection of Forcibly Displaced/Refugees from Present-Day Conflict Areas (UNHCR), The Ukraine war and the disruption in global food and fuel supplies (G20), Failures of the Legal System with Femicides (UNCSW), and AI-Generated Content & The Future of Journalism (Press Corps).

Additionally, the International Cultural Festival was hosted by AIS MV where the evening was bejewelled with magnificent performances. From British Club Language School, Russia, performing a skit highlighting their culture, Institut de Genech, France, singing a native song to Rabindranath Tagore School, Russia, reciting a melodious poem and a charming instrumental rendition of La Vie En Rose orchestrated by Lycee Prive Ozanam, France, all the acts of the soiree left the gathering awe-struck. Amity Group of School, too, indulged in the festival through dance performances, including the heart-touching video by Amitasha. Then, chief guest

Dr Mariann Erdo, head, Liszt Institute at the Hungarian Information & Cultural Centre, Embassy of Hungary, Delhi, delivered a brief speech, followed by a vote of thanks by Charge d’affaires Jyoti Arora.

Delegates worked on agenda issues and drafted resolutions on the penultimate day. Dr Sonu Trivedi, ex director, Swami Vivekanand Cultural Centre, Seoul, South Korea, gave an enlightening interactive talk in G20 committee. Hosted by AIS PV, the closing ceremony began with the lighting of the lamp and AIMUN report by Jyoti Arora. Post this, the audience had the honour of hearing from HE István Szabó, ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of Hungary to India, and Dr Mukesh Srivastav, director, Amrita Sher-Gil Cultural Centre, Budapest, Hungary. The dignitaries talked about the importance of diplomacy and international cooperation in addressing global issues.

Dr Hilda Farkas, Science and Technology, Embassy of Hungary was the also invited as a special guest. Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, congratulated the young diplomats and urged them to continue to work towards themselves and improve.

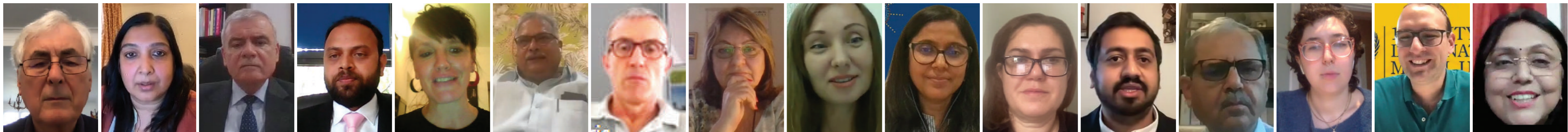
The valedictory function was delivered by Chef d’ cabinet, Sumedh Kapoor, who reflected on the journey of the conference. He announced the award for the Best Delegation where AIS Gur 46 bagged the first position, followed by AIS Noida and AIS Saket at second and third position respectively. Finally, a film on the three days of AIMUN marked the conclusion of this conference. And AIMUN’23 came to an end just as it began, with the bang of a gavel by the Sec Gen. 🇮🇳



Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan addresses the audience



Ms Pooja Chauhan Ms Jaishree Chauhan Ms Ridhima Chauhan



Eminent dignitaries at the conference (L-R): Prof Benedict, HE Apoorva Srivastava, HE István Szabó, Dr Mukesh Srivastav, Dr Mariann Erdo, Mr Devsh Kumar, Mr Frederic, Dr Hilda Farkas, Ms Irina Remkhe, Ms Neha Raghav, Ms Tugba Basaran, Mr Rishi Iyengar, Major General Nalin Bhatia, Ms Joanna Perrone, Mr Florian Coheur, Dr Sonu Trivedi



Band performance by students of AGS Gurugram



Musical sojourn by AIS Navi Mumbai



A song presentation by Amitasha students



Delegation from Belgium



Institut de Genech, France



British Club Language School, Russia



Rabindranath Tagore School, St Petersburg, Russia

# Not my name



Storywala

Khushi Bansal

AIS Gurugram 46, Alumna

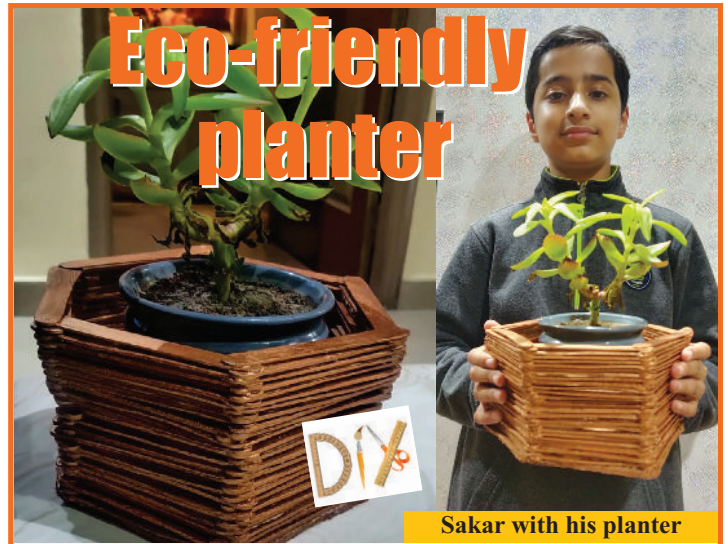
I'm not sure when I realised that the train didn't stop. I have a habit of spacing out. Family lore has it that I snoozed through a gigantic tornado that ripped out my home. When I looked, it was raining and overcast outside. I was resting at my workstation and in the window was a face with a devilish grin. Cas, the trickster. "It's been a while," he said. "Can't say I've missed you," I said. "Nora, you need to get something for me." Apparently, I'm the only human to have survived the kingdom of Gods and came out alive. "I will

restore your lost magic if you get this done," he continued. I went completely still. Cas took our magic in exchange for the life of my sister. I couldn't recall ever being a witch. Memories of fire dancing on my fingers flashed before my eyes. It took me a while to get out of it, when he started again. "Go find the Sapphire that Goddess Inanna is guarding. No way! I won't make it out, Cas." "Use your birth name," he suggested. "But my birth name is the entry ticket to my afterlife. It will lose its power if I use it." Our moms whispered our birth names into our ears and we were warned that we could only use it once. "That's just a superstition, Nora."

"You can't return now," she chuckled. I ran to the door, but her long slimy tentacles pulled me back. I tried to break free.

I looked defiantly into his eyes. He sighed and showed me the entrance to a tunnel. I had no other option than to walk down the rabbit-hole. I arrived at a river. I knew it would demand payment right away: my birth name. "Efweh," I whispered and it let me pass. Just then, a woman appeared. Goddess Inanna. "Cas? No, it can't be. Silence. "H-hi," I choked. "What has Cas sent you for?" "The Sapphire." "Cas knows I don't have it," she was laughing. Had I been tricked? I wondered. "Um, I'll just get out of here then," I started to walk back when – "You can't return," she chuckled. I ran to the door, but long slimy tentacles pulled me back. I darted back and forth, avoiding her tentacles. She laughed, stood up, and then fell. I had fooled her. Her tentacles got entangled. "Let me out," I pleaded. I was exhausted and shocked. Nothing. "Damn it, Efweh." And with that I was back on the train. Cas sat jauntily and said, "There was no sapphire; I just needed you to get rid of her." I wonder how I had managed to fall for another prank, that is until I fall for the next one.

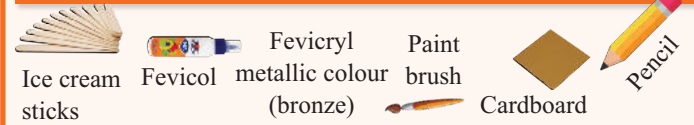
(Khushi Bansal is currently pursuing B.tech CSE from UPES)



Sakar with his planter

Sakar Jaggi, AIS Noida, VIII I

### Material required



### Method

- On a flat surface, arrange six ice cream sticks in the shape of a hexagon.
- Once done, apply glue on the portions where the ice cream sticks overlap each other.
- Paste them and let it dry.
- Repeat the above steps to create 20-25 more hexagon shapes using ice cream sticks.
- Stack the prepared shapes neatly and secure each layer by applying glue.
- Place the prepared structure on a piece of cardboard and draw an outline. Cut the outline using scissors and paste it at the base of the structure.
- Leave the structure to dry overnight and the next day, paint it in bronze colour or any colour of your choice.
- Place any small planter as per your preference inside this sturdy structure.
- Your beautiful eco-friendly planter is ready! Now, give your home a green makeover.

## Read Play and Win 38

Reading your favourite GT can fetch you a prize too. Complete all the boxes below. Click a picture and send it to editor@theglobaltimes.in or submit your responses by visiting The Global Times website (<http://theglobaltimes.in/readplaywin/>). Three lucky winners will win a prize every week!



Q.1 Prof Benedict was keynote speaker at _____.	Q.2 Which country is mentioned in the GT Travels section?	Q.3 Who wrote the letter to Amy in the article 'And down we go' on page 1?
Q.4 What is the topic of the panel discussion conducted by AIS VKC Lucknow on page 10?	Q.5 Mention the tagline of the article 'Springing into action' on page 4.	Q.6 When was e-AIMUN'23 organised?
Q.7 What is the birth name of the witch in the story 'Not my name' on page 8?	Q.8 Who has written the article 'The powerhouse...' on page 5?	Q.9 Which recipe is mentioned in the Little Chef section on page 9?

Name:.....Class:.....School:.....

Results of Read Play & Win-37: Bhavesh, AIS Mayur Vihar, V B; Charvi, AIS Gur 43, VII C; Daiwik Madan, AIS Pushp Vihar, VII D

## WORDS VERSE

### My old home

Yusra Raihan

AGS Gurugram, Alumna

Oh, my sweet lovely dear home  
That isn't just walls but a feeling  
We grew together by the shore  
And have a bag full of photos  
We had many seashells to touch  
And sand intertwining my toes  
We were lulled by the tide flows

Remember my tiny Pooh tent?  
Comforting me when I'd vent  
How authors made me believe  
In beauty of magic and fantasy  
You have seen each side of me  
So, I want to ask you something  
Do your hinges still squeak?



## BRUSH 'n' EASEL



The above poster by Mekhla Singh, Riya Mahjan & Vashisthi Bansal, AUUP, B.Tech Food Tech (Sem III) bagged first position in poster competition organised by Amity Institute of Food Technology as part of World Food Day celebration at Amity University, Noida.

# A dreamy expedition

## Short story



**Lakshita Aneja**  
AIS Mayur Vihar, VII C

In the bustling city of Brownsville, there once lived a woman named Samantha. She had a unique talent for sniffing out the most unusual and lucrative prospects. As a result, her reputation as the city's top deal-hunter was well-known. One day, while sipping her morning coffee at her favourite cafe, Samantha overheard a group of people talking about a place called the Dream Bazaar. It was a marketplace where bizarre choices and strange fantasies came to life. Samantha couldn't resist the temptation to enter the world where dreams were bought and sold. Fueled with curiosity, she decided to explore this extraordinary realm and see what was in store for her. She embarked upon the journey

and reached the rumoured location of the Dream Bazaar. The entrance was a rusty gateway hidden behind an old almirah in an antique shop. Inside, she found herself in a world that defined true imagination. As far as her eyes wandered, she saw a long list of whimsical wonders and absurdities being sold. Vendors called out for people to buy Whispering Hats that told jokes in your ears, Jumping Shoes that bounced to the rhythm of one's heartbeat, and so on. All sorts of whacky objects were up for sale. Samantha roamed the passageway, her eyes widening with each fantastic discovery. She picked up the Hug Pillow that gave her the warmest embrace, the Glasses of Infinite Knowledge that told one random fact into her ear, and a Mirror of Truth that reflected not just on one's physical appearance but one's

All sorts of whacky objects were up for sale. Samantha roamed the passageway, her eyes widening with each fantastic discovery.

innermost thoughts as well. Every stall was more extraordinary than the last, and the vendors were just as quirky as their merchandise. They spoke in riddles, puns, and sarcastic wit, making every conversation an entertaining experience. Samantha couldn't help but laugh as she negotiated for Non-Meltable Ice Cream and a Silent Alarm Clock that never made a sound but woke one up, nonetheless. Soon the day turned into night, Samantha's arms were full of the most **eccentric** treasures from the Dream Bazaar. She had Moonlight Soap that made her glow like the moon, Musical Sneezing Powder that turned every sneeze into a symphony, and a Talking Toaster that told knock-knock jokes at breakfast. With a heart full of laughter and a head full of curiosities, Samantha returned to Brownsville, her life forever changed by the absurdities of the Dream Bazaar. **GT**

**So, what did you learn today?**  
**A new word: Eccentric**  
**Meaning: Unconventional and strange**



## Banana almond pancakes



Vardaann

Vardaann Gautam Malhotra, AIS Pushp Vihar, V C

### Ingredients

Ripe bananas . . . . . 2	Cinnamon powder . . . . . 1/2 tsp
Honey . . . . . 2 tbsp	Cooking soda . . . . . 1 tsp
Refined flour . . . . . 3 tbsp	Milk . . . . . 1/4 cup
Ground almonds . . . . . 1 tbsp	

### Procedure

- Take a medium sized bowl and mash the ripe bananas in it with the help of a fork.
- Next add honey, ground almonds, cinnamon powder, and flour in the bowl. Combine everything together to form a batter.
- Slowly add milk to this batter and mix the ingredients well.
- Add cooking soda in the batter and mix it well. Let the batter rest for 15 min.
- Now, on a heated nonstick pan, pour a ladle full of the banana batter.
- Once you see bubbles forming on its upper side, flip it to cook the other side as well.
- As it turns light brown, remove the pancake from the pan and transfer it to a plate.
- Similarly, cook more pancakes and top them with a topping of your choice-banana/nutella/strawberry, etc.
- It's time to gobble up the yummy pancakes.

## It's Me

### KNOW ME

**My name**  
Pranavi Jain  
**My Class**  
KG C  
**My school**  
AIS Vasundhara 6  
**My birthday**  
February 22



### MY FAVOURITES

**Teacher:** Vipula ma'am  
**Subject:** Mathematics  
**Friends:** Navya & Anishka  
**Game:** Blocks  
**Cartoon:** Masha and the Bear  
**Food:** Pizza  
**Mall:** Pacific Mall  
**Book:** Even Fairies  
Need Glasses



### MY DREAMS AND GOALS

**My hobby:** Playing  
**I like:** Watching Nastya, Diana, and Roma  
**I dislike:** Eating pulses  
**My role model:** Tanmayi, my elder sister  
**I want to become:** An IPS officer  
**I want to feature in GT because:**  
I want to become a famous Amitian!



## Poem

# The bankrupt beauty

**Vanika Parashar**  
AIS Noida, VII J

Today's world isn't cool enough  
Awareness must breakthrough  
That beauty isn't just skin-deep  
And our souls mustn't outswamp

For he or she is beauty's display  
Let's praise them in every way  
Looks may fade and decrease  
Yet our soul won't know release

All of us are beautiful, no disguise  
In every way that meets the eyes  
Heart and behaviour, the real theme  
In life, only they reign supreme.





# Embrace the special abilities

## Highlighting The Necessity For Visibility Of Disabilities To Foster An Inclusive Society

**Y**outh Power is an annual social leadership programme organised by The Global Times, where different teams from Amity schools engage in varied social causes in several stages. One of them is 'Panel Discussion' where experts from different walks of life discuss several aspects of the chosen social cause. Here's presenting **Part VIII** of this exclusive series, based on the panel discussions organised by YP teams in 2022-23, and a host of opinions as experts debate on 'Sensitivity for the specially abled', the cause chosen by the YP team of AIS VKC Lucknow.



### Breaking barriers for a better society

**Panellist: Ekta Bhyan, para-athlete**

"Addressing misconceptions about disability is crucial, and some of the biggest problems specially abled people face are stereotypes and mental barriers. People with disabilities (PWD) are often perceived as a burden, but they are a gift to our society. It is our lack of acceptance that pushes them away. For instance, the denial of admission of disabled children in a preferred school or not involving them in places like parks or any other social gathering can be deeply traumatic. Similarly, the lack of provisions and accessibility in the society contributes to lower literacy rates and higher unemployment among PWD. Even if they manage to find employment, discrimination can hinder their financial independence. Furthermore, the inaccessibility to places like salons, banks, and ATMs affects their self-esteem. Ensuring accessibility is nec-



essary in overcoming these challenges. To remove these barriers, it is vital to treat them as individuals first; using correct terms while addressing them, and recognising that their disability is just one part of their identity, not the whole of it. Socialisation is also crucial; children with disabilities must be included in all the activities. With right support, specially abled people can achieve everything they aspire to. Let's work together to create an inclusive society where every person is offered equal opportunities to thrive."

### Aim to empower people with disabilities

**Panellist: Dr NS Senthil Kumar, CEO, The Association of People With Disability (APD), India**

"In India, significant strides have been made to empower people with disabilities. The Right to Education Act (2009) ensures access to education for all, and the Rights for Persons with Disabilities Act (2016) further promotes inclusivity. The recent National Education Policy (2020) also emphasises the inclusion of children with disabilities in the education system, providing them with the necessary support. It should also be noted that the government has made commendable efforts in creating a robust human resource structure to address the issues of the specially abled.

Asha workers, Anganwadi providing grassroots support, Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram, doctors, and many more – all



of them come together to make a more inclusive society. District-level early intervention centres and district mental health centres have been established to cater to children with developmental delays and mental health needs. As India continues on this journey towards inclusivity, the progress made thus far is a testament to the nation's commitment to empower all its citizens, regardless of ability. Although all of this is commendable, a challenge persists in ensuring accessibility to these services and their implementation at the grassroots level."

### Rethink representation and accessibility

**Panellist: Shivani Shah, CEO, AxcseAble Places**

"One significant challenge in this journey of inclusivity is the representation of disabilities. The current statistic of only 2.2% of people identified as persons with disabilities (PWD) does not encompass the full spectrum of disability which comprises intellectual, mental, sensory and physical disabilities. Often, I encounter the question of

why we should modify spaces to make them more accessible when it seems that the majority might not utilise these provisions. However, provisions we make for people with disabilities are not 'special' but rather 'universal'. Features like ramps, typically associated with PWD, benefit not just people with disabilities but also children, patients, elderly, individuals with baby strollers, travellers etc. Another factor we need to understand is that disabilities are not always visible. Visible disabilities often lead to certain objects be-

coming an integral part of an individual's identity, such as a wheelchair or a walking stick. However, people with multiple sclerosis face challenges when their disability is not apparent, leading to a denial of necessary provisions. Thankfully, there is a shift in the perspective as more and more people see disability as a result of both environmental and societal factors put together. They have also realised that inadequate infrastructure and societal norms both create barriers that hinder full participation for PWD."



Part VIII



Expert Speak

# A global meet

## Amitians Meet Foreign University Educators



Cambridge (UK), MIT & Columbia (US) reps



Chairperson and dignitaries light the lamp

### ACCGC

On October 13, 2023, Amity Career Counseling and Guidance Cell (ACCGC), in collaboration with the College Board, organised a 'Student Educator Meetup' at AIS Noida. The one of its kind event was graced by the visionary mentor Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF; Dr Atul Chauhan, president, RBEF & chancellor, Amity University; Mr Abhay Chauhan, sr vice president, RBEF; Mr Amol Chauhan, director strategic operations, RBEF; and other eminent dignitaries from Amity Universe.

The event became a successful platform for collaboration and learning, benefitting the students who wish to aim for higher education opportunities abroad. More than 100 students from Amity Group of Schools in Delhi/NCR engaged in insightful discussions about international education opportunities, application processes, and college admissions, with the delegates from the world's top ranked universities, including Ivy League like Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Columbia University, Boston University, University of Cambridge, Indiana University, Vanderbilt & HKUST to name a few.



Aspirants interact with top educators

They also had the unique opportunity to interact with Rushi Sheth, vice president (international), College Board; Meenakshi Kachroo Chatta, senior director, South and Central Asia; James Zika, senior director, Planning and Operations; Scott Smith, director, International Higher Education; and Mehak Verma, outreach manager, South and Central Asia & K-12 schools' lead, India.

A Science exhibition showcasing the top innovative projects of students from Amity Schools in Delhi/NCR and The Global Times, Amity's registered youth newspaper, was also organised, highlighting the creativity, critical thinking, and innovative spirit of Amitians.



Students showcase their language skills in the competition

# Shabd pravaah

### Amity Group of Schools

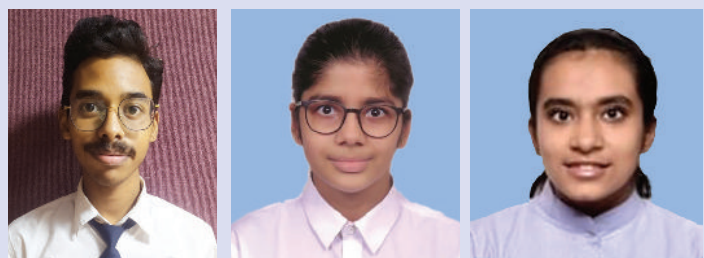
The third annual inter-Amity event 'Shrimati Leelavati Shabd Pravaah Pratiyogita' was organised from September 25 - 30, 2023. Conceptualised by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, the competition aims to hone language skills of Amitians in Hindi. The event was hosted virtually by different branches of Amity Group of

Schools in Delhi/NCR for the students of Class I-X.

The first stage of the competition was a qualifying round where participants from all the classes showcased their language skills. Based on maximum marks obtained, four teams each consisting of three students, were selected from each class for the second stage. In this round, the selected teams were assessed on the basis of five sub rounds and one rapid fire round.

### Winners of Shabd Pravaah

Class	First	Second	Third
I	AIS Noida	AIS Vas I & AIS PV	AIS Vas G
II	AIS Gur 43 & AIS Gur 46	AIS Noida	AIS Saket
III	AIS Gur 46 & AIS Noida	AIS Vas I	AIS Saket
IV	AIS PV & AIS Noida	AIS Gur 43	AIS Vas G
V	AIS Vas I	AIS Gur 46	AIS Saket
VI	AIS Gur 46	AIS Vas G	AIS Gur 43
VII	AIS MV, AIS Vas G & AIS Noida	AIS PV	-
VIII	AIS Noida & AIS Gur 46	AIS Vas G	AIS Gur 43
IX	AIS Saket & AIS PV	AIS Navi Mumbai	AIS Noida
X	AIS Gur 46 & AIS Noida	AIS Gwalior	AIS Vas I



Winners of quiz (L-R): Anuttam, Manya, and Shreya

# Exemplary win

### AIS Mayur Vihar

Three students from the school won accolades at the 'National Level Quality and Science Quiz' organised virtually by the Bureau of Indian Standards in collaboration with MyGov.in on October 2, 2023. Anuttam Das (XI) won first position and a cash prize worth INR

25,000; Shreya Bhatia (X) bagged second position and a cash prize worth INR 15,000; while Manya Tiwari (XI) secured consolation prize with a cash prize of INR 5,000. The designed quiz tested the general knowledge and awareness of the students on the vital role that quality standards and science play in various aspects of daily life.

# Internship at Adobe

### Amity Group of Schools

Eight teams from different branches of Amity Group of Schools in Delhi/NCR comprising students from Class IX-XII, participated in the 'Adobe Work Experience Programme', a month long internship event, organised online by Adobe India from September 8 - October 10, 2023. The programme saw a total of 45 schools across India participate in the mega event.

During the internship, students were guided and mentored by Adobe employees. Each team



Felicitation of winners at the valedictory ceremony

made a weekly creative using Adobe Express on one of the following themes: Sustainable development goals, Role of artificial intelligence in shaping the future of education and work, Digital India: vision 2030, and 'Meri maati mera desh'. Also, Adobe leadership through webinars addressed the teams where they shared an insight into their work. At the end of the internship, top 20 teams comprising all the eight

participating teams from Amity, were felicitated at the valedictory ceremony held on Oct 27, 2023, at Adobe office in Noida. AIS PV and AIS Gur 43 bagged first position for the theme digital India: vision 2030 and 'meri maati mera desh' respectively. AIS Gur 43 bagged second position for the theme sustainable development goals. The event was graced by dignitaries from education department, Nasscom and skill councils.

# #NoMoreHashtags

Because Not Everything On Earth Has To Have One, Or Rather, Needs One

Shriya S Nair, AIS Vas 1, Alumna

Where there's a will, there's a hashtag for it #Wisdom #Quotes. For this little waffle-like symbol, ever since its inception on Twitter in 2007, has evolved from making occasional appearances in our social media posts to literally riding roughshod over our digital world. What for? No one knows, but one thing's for sure – the original intent behind its usage, i.e., to group together content related to a certain topic and consequently amplify one's reach, has gotten lost in the shuffle. True, it can still have merit for causes both grand (#BlackLivesMatter or #FridaysForFuture) and comical (#FirstWorldProblems); yet, cyber litter of #Funny #Cute #Me is all it gets used for. The abuse, we tell you, is real!

While some, stuffers as we like to call them, aren't equipped to share a simple photograph of their Christmas Day celebrations without bedizening it with #Xmas #Christmas #Christmastree #ChristmasDecor \*insert some more random words\* so on and so forth, others, call them whatever you

please, love to weave together #Abunchof-wordsinlikemanner for no obvious reasons. The latter even see their creation as the official eighth wonder if nothing more; though crafty and perhaps, a little funny too at times, the joke's rancid and a goner at best. Howbeit, if that didn't tickle your funny bone (read: boil your blood) the very first time you tried to decipher it, sample this - "My uncler used to bring us chocolates as a reward when

we were kids #Nowheisdeadseriousabout-hatingsugar". No, we don't know what to make of it either. But if you ever feel like imitating the crowd then \*insert a random fact that no one asked for\* with #NoGrammar #NoPunctuation.

Doesn't it then feel good to know that our past generations were compelled to communicate without using hashtags? Because, heaven forfend, if that were-

n't the case... tch tch! Exhibit A: "The course of true love never did run smooth #Painful-Life #AMidsummerNight'sDream". Sorry to have done that to you, Sir Shakespeare #NeverAgain. But, considering their popularity now, imagine the collapse if hashtags did disappear one day. Teenagers with "cool" slangs like #LOL #FOMO up their sleeves would be crestfallen. And we, as responsible citizens of this nation, would have to start arranging English classes for them to be au courant with the rules of grammar yet again. Weddings, too, would become a thing of the past, for what's one without a #WhenHarry-MetSejal tag. Social media influencers, in fact, would be the hardest hit. The identity crisis they might have to go through because, as Sir Shakespeare would put it, #WhoEvenArtThou? To use or not to use hashtags, thus, is the question. For hashtags are meant to make things stand out, but if you are deploying them before every word you use, you will be the one standing out #AsAJoke.

(Shriya S Nair is currently preparing for NEET, the national level medical entrance exam.)



Graphic: Akshita Vij  
AIS Vas 1, XI A

## From passion to Prime

### Yuvraj Gets His First Big Break In Acting

In the delightful realm of dramatics, where imagination takes centre stage and the real stage becomes a canvas for storytelling like no other, **Yuvraj Singh**, a ninth grader from AIS VKC Lucknow, with his acting

stint in the latest Amazon Prime film 'Bawaal', stepped right into the spotlight. Join us as we, at GT, celebrate the young star's initiation into what guarantees to be an incredible journey in the world of entertainment...

with film personalities like Varun Dhawan, Janhvi Kapoor, and Nitesh Tiwari. His journey for the same commenced in April 2022, where he gave his audition for the role. Having successfully cracked it, he headed to Mumbai for filming across various locations. But he didn't let the pros of the acting world overwhelm its cons. "It got a little too tiring at times, but it's all part of the job," he stated, acknowledging the occasional fatigue.

#### The pathway to success

His upcoming acts include featuring as Ranveer Shorey's son in 'Bindiya', Shoaib in 'Rangbaaz 3', and yet another intriguing character in Kunal Khemu's 'Abhay 3'. These diverse roles, he says, will help him hone his craft and grant him a deeper awareness of the self. Here's wishing him the best of everything in all his future endeavours. You know you got this, Yuvraj!

#### The humble beginnings

"I have always been obsessed with movies, especially comedy and action films. As for my interest in acting as a career, Shah Rukh Khan did it for me in part; the rest was taken care of by my family's unending support." Yuvraj elaborated on what inspired him to choose the domain of make-believe and ascend the ladder of stardom as its extraordinary consequence.

#### The extraordinary break

"Though not my first stint as an actor, Bawaal enriched me with new insights," he divulged on his collaboration



Yuvraj Singh with his 'Bawaal' co-star Janhvi Kapoor

## GT Travels to Singapore



**Sanjana Chauhan, AIS Noida, X L; Samara Chauhan, X C & Samaya Chauhan, X A, AIS PV**, pose with their copy of The Global Times in front of Amity Global Institute, Singapore. The trio visited the nation as part of Team Urja for F1 in Schools World Championship held from September 4-18, 2023. They bagged the 'Best Practices of Project Management Award' in the championship, by defeating teams from countries like Saudi Arabia and Australia.

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