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CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

RENDEZVOUS WITH DR. (MRS.) AMITA CHAUHAN BY EDUCATION WORLD ON THE OCCASION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2022



As a prelude to International Women's Day 2022, observed on March 8, Education World is publishing a series of interviews with inspiring women in the field of education and parenting.

One such is **Dr.** (**Mrs.**) **Amita Chauhan**, chairperson, Amity International Schools. She conceptualised and helms the globe-girdling group of 23 co-ed day schools that have established an excellent reputation for providing progressive K-12 education.

Here are excerpts from her interview with Education World where she talks about education of the girl child, her journey from motherhood to the boardroom and more...

What inspired you to become a teacher?

My father was a Sanskrit scholar and retired as the Head of Sanskrit Department at Kurukshetra University. As a young child, I was inspired by the impact he had on others through his caring and compassionate style of teaching and dedication to the teaching profession. This instilled in me the desire to give back to the society and our nation through education at a very young age. With God's grace and hard work, focus and the support of family, this has been possible to achieve.

What are the challenges you faced as you navigated this career and life as a whole?

When you are set out to fulfill a goal, there are bound to be challenges along the way. My journey too has had its fair share of ups and downs. People would wonder how I took care of such a big family along with managing my professional commitments.

Perhaps, one of the major challenges was leaving Germany, my home of 30 years and coming back to India, which was a big step. There is so much that needs to be done when you are relocating – it's a complete overhaul. I am thankful that I had my mother, who helped me in her own ways. I can't thank her enough for her support in the formative years of my career.

Having supportive women and children and an inspiring husband has been a blessing and has helped me to overcome challenges.

As a woman, what are the challenges you faced while growing up/the liberties you enjoyed as a woman?

I have faced numerous challenges in life. But I don't look at challenges as obstacles, rather I view them as an opportunity for growth.



I got married at the age of 20 and accompanying my husband to a foreign land Germany was my first challenge. Those were days when there was no Internet or mobile communication. I didn't know the language and knew no one. Being young and newly married can be challenging enough, but the distance from family and everything familiar certainly made it more challenging.

Having clarity about my roles in every phase of my life has given me strength and peace. I worked hard to adjust and adapt to a new culture, a new country, new roles. My first and foremost priorities those days was to be a supportive wife and devoted mother. At the same time, my inherent curiosity and love for learning allowed me to make time to focus on self-development

and my own growth and learning. In their lives, women often face these challenges where they are uprooted from their way of life and are expected to embrace change with ease. It was my strong upbringing and the unshakeable faith my parents had in me and my husband's support that gave me the courage and wisdom to embrace change and challenges with curiosity and confidence.

Starting my career while having young children was a challenge as well. Women have always faced

the dilemma of work-life balance, more so because of the judgement it comes with. Here again, with clarity of purpose, support of my family and my own hard work, positivity and focus, I was able to flourish in my roles as a mother and an educator.

What inspired you to become the person you are today?

I have always been inspired by people who have struggled, sacrificed and worked selflessly and tirelessly for the betterment of society. I have been fortunate to have the opportunity to closely observe people in my life in this pursuit. Besides, I am an avid reader of biographies and enjoy watching movies with good social messages inspired by the lives of revolutionary individuals.

How do you balance your personal and professional life?

I do what I love and I love children, so I am blessed that both in my personal and professional life, I nurture my children with love and learning. So, be it at work or be it at home, the love of a mother, the care for my children comes naturally. So everything falls in place because my team also imbibes the same emotions of love and care that flows everywhere at Amity.



Any women-specific issues in education that you would like to highlight?

Even in the 21st century, the drop-out rates of girls from education institutions is high all over the world. Even though I witness an increased awareness and willingness amongst parents to educate girls, factors like poverty, lack of resources, inadequate infrastructure, prime among them being lack of toilets, age old social pressures come into play and prevent the girls from getting educated.

We need to overcome these, and the first step for doing this would be to make education more accessible for the girls, which in today's tech driven world is not difficult. The next step would be to make it interactive, fun and engaging not only for girls, but their parents too. We need to design the lessons in a

way where we can fetch more participation from parents keeping in view their busy work schedules too, a lesson which synchronises with their life and prods them to walk an extra mile to get their girl educated.

At Amitasha, a school that we run for the less privileged girl child, we take care of the learning, health and nutrition of the girls and we also make parents partners in learning by involving them in every step of the learning process. We show them that education is not just about learning and getting marks, but about attaining wisdom to explore the infinite possibilities of the human mind irrespective of gender.



We teach them to aim high, but all whilst being firmly rooted in their values. This holistic education ingrained in value-based learning is what ensures all round development and growth of the students.

We need to understand that when we educate a girl we educate two families, a society, and a nation. So, if we are to have a happy world, we need to educate our girls in a more engaging, interactive and inclusive way and empower them to be able to strive for personal as well as professional contentment.

What according to you is feminism? As a woman, where do you think we are lagging behind?

Feminism for me is existence of Shiva and Shakti together in harmony, where one power doesn't overpower the other power, rather both the powers work in synchrony to create a world empowered by love, respect and happiness. Masculine and feminine, both are the essential forces of life.

As a woman, it is disheartening to see women deal with numerous social atrocities even today. In the male dominated workplace, women have to work twice as hard to prove themselves. In their homes, women are questioned and judged for progressing in their careers. Out of their homes, women don't feel safe. It is unfortunate when outdated social norms and customs lead people to have unfair expectations and based on these they make poor choices and decisions, and sadly women are the ones who suffer the most as a consequence. As women we have a social and moral responsibility to recognise this and work to empower, support and guide other women in our lives to help them achieve their

optimal potential in any role they choose to take on. Having the love and support of the men in our lives, makes this even more attainable. As mentioned before, masculine and feminine, both are the essential forces of life and in a peaceful coexistence, a happy life.

And how can we address them?

I think the solution lies in changing attitudes and mindsets and this starts early in homes and in class-rooms. As an educator, I believe there lies this huge responsibility and opportunity to bring about this change. At Amity Schools, we are working hard to support our children who grow up with the tools, skills and beliefs about being respectful towards their peers. Teachers are trained on gender sensitisation and how to overcome gender biases. We are conscious in our design of curriculum and activities and give fair and equal opportunity to all students to follow their interests and pursue what excites them. There are no gender labels to activities. We want all our Amitians to excel in life and be exciting individuals who will make a positive impact in the world through the choices they make that reflect their uniqueness, their talents, their schooling and upbringing and who believe everyone has the right to do so.

What are your future projects in the pipeline?

Future projects are future focussed. The question that motivates our planning the most is 'what skills will children need 10 years from now?' We need to constantly adapt, innovate and accommodate our strategies to changing times and trends as was recently witnessed with the classrooms shifting to a virtual platform. Providing our Amitians with a multitude of opportunities, researching and developing new programmes for them, and spreading the reach of the Amity Education Group is a constant endeavour.

Your message for women on Women's Day?

Someone once asked me what I would like to be born as in my next life. I said I wanted to be a woman, and do the same work that I am doing today. Being a woman is a blessing.

On the occasion of Women's Day, I would like to say to each and every woman out there, that you are stronger than you think. I have often heard people say that men are stronger than women. But as a child, my father used to tell me that if both a boy and girl contract the same illness, then the chances of the girl to recuperate will be faster. This is because God has made her stronger, because she is the one who bears the child. She has the infinite strength to do anything and bring about any change. I urge all the women to realise their inner strength and potential and tide the winds of change. Remember, being born as a woman is the biggest gift of God. Have confidence in yourself as you have all the qualities needed to change the world. But remember to be respectful, caring and humble, for these are qualities we need for a brighter future and happy life.





PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



ADAPTABILITY IS THE VIRTUE OF THE WISE

"Adaptability to change is itself a hallmark of successful education." Peter Hilton

Dear Readers,

As the world slowly takes tiny steps towards bringing life to normalcy, by emerging from COVID'19 normal, to setting super new normal; Amity is all set to embrace and synergies its children, keeping their wellness in mind. Swasti- The Wellness Week was conducted recently from 7-11 March'22 for all classes, to enhance the emotional quotient of students. Bagless days-a recreational exercise was executed for middle school classes to allow them to re-connect with skill building exercises. A number of endeavors like Quality Circle Time, Webinars and Mindfulness sessions are also on the cards for the students which would enable them to bridge the gap between the virtual/real world. Adaptability is a skill which enables an individual to learn new things, take on new challenges and make adjustments to suit any transitions in the workplace.

The time has come, to come out from the home-schooling or online study environment to the real school one. The students need to do the following to adapt to the new expected behavior in classroom:

- 1. Reorientation towards the new schedule provided by school
- 2. Maintaining Personal hygiene & safety, safe distance, wearing mask and frequently washing/sanitizing hands
- 3. Enhancing Writing practice using finger dexterity to improve fine motor skills rather than typing
- 4. Reducing dependence on Gadgets and reading course/educational/ story books
- 5. Planning the next day's schedule, keeping the Time Table provided by class teacher in mind
- 6. Continuing with certain norms adopted during lockdown, like self reflection after each lesson in real space too.
- 7. Adopting or continuing with physical fitness regime through active sports/ yoga/ walks etc
- 8. Meeting, sharing and collaborating in real space because Peer group acceptance is extremely important
- 9. Self discipline to enhance the capacity to plan, organise and deliver better
- 10. Being Respectful towards all and towards school property and expressing gratitude towards the teachers.

It is important that students understand to cooperate with both teachers in classrooms and parents at home in a bid to smoothly transform into a happy, healthy and balanced individual.

Happy Reading

Creativity - Junior School

A NEW BEGINNING

Hey, it's a new year
Let us spread good cheer
Spend time with our family
and get over our fears
A fresh beginning is what we received
So let us take that opportunity to fulfill our dreams.
It's 2022 today
So let us correct the error of our ways
Let's see the world from a unique point of view
Learn from everything that we have been through
It's time to stop waiting in the queue
and create your own opportunities for you.
Stay in your own lane and make your own fame.
Cause all this year is about Getting what you aim.

LUCID LIMERICK

Limerick 1: A fantastic lunch

A young man got a big punch.
From the boring lunch
because when he opened the tiffin,
it smelled like a dustbin
but tasted like a munch.

Limerick 2: The funny bunny family

Rabbit's shadow was there on the moon.
Its baby wanted to go there soon
but its wife was too lazy
as she was crazy and then,
she became a balloon

MEERA KERUR (CLASS 4J)

AHAANA GULATI (CLASS 2A)

THE LITTLE ANT

Once upon a time, there was a Little Ant, playing in Mud Park, enjoying with her friends. She was careless with keeping her muddy hands in her mouth. After some time, she started coughing and not feeling well, her father at distance saw her coughing and ran to enquire about her wellbeing. She said I am fine Daddy, coughing all the way. Daddy took her back to rest and took an appointment with the doctor. On the way to the doctor, Little Ant was still coughing and now feeling tired as well, Daddy checked her forehead, and it was burning. The doctor checked the Little Ant upon arrival and said she has a stomach infection and gave one injection. Daddy took back Little Ant home, made her rest, and said no more going down and playing in the mud, which made Little Ant very sad, but she understood she should not put dirty hands and mouth and promised her Daddy to be careful in the future. Moral of the Story: We should always listen to our elders.

TRIJAL PATHAK (CLASS 2C)

TOUNGE TWISTER

The Moon is shiny from the Earth it is teeny tiny. It waxes and wanes, can't see when it rains

DEVANSH (CLASS 1F)



DIY PROJECT

Creativity - Junior School

Material Required:

- ➤ Waste Cardboard
- ➤ A4 sized Colorful Papers
- ➤ Acrylic Color (Black)
- ➤ White Stone (For eyes)
- **≻**Glue
- **>**Glitter







Process:

First I drew a butterfly on a waste cardboard. Then I cut the butterfly with scissors. Later, I made strips from the A4 size papers and pasted both the edges of the stripes. Then, I pasted them on the butterfly. Next, I coloured the middle of the butterfly with black acrylic colour. Then, I outlined the butterfly with glitter. Lastly, I put stones on the eyes of the butterfly, and the butterfly is ready!







MENTAL MATHS FUN

- 1) Solve it: $30 + 50 \times 50 \div 2 1/3$ of 60
 - (i) 1980
- (ii) 1260
- (iii) 1800
- (iv) 1535

- 2) How many halves are there in 54?
 - (i) 108
- (ii) 27
- (iii) 54
- (iv) 216
- 3) For a recent funfair, if boys sold half the tickets, girls sold 1/4 of the remainder and 75 tickets were not sold, then how many tickets did they have in the beginning?
 - (i) 25
- (ii) 100
- (iii) 200
- (iv) 125
- 4) Solve: 1 Millennium + 5 scores +1 century -1 dozen-1 Millennium- 2 scores
 - (i) 178
- (ii) 1008
- (iii) 148
- (iv) 108
- 5) There are many of English and Hindi books in a library. No. of English books=Z; No. of Hindi books=X; If Z+X=479 and Z-X =73, Find the number of Hindi books.
 - (i) 232
- (ii) 276
- (iii) 293
- (iv) 203

- (i) 142
- (ii) 60
- (iii) 16
- (iv) 71

Answers

(ii) 1260; 2) (i)108; 3) (iii)200; 4) (iii)148; 5) (iv)203;

DARSH AGARWAL (CLASS 5G)

Creativity -Middle School*

before.

WOULD THE RAIN COME OR NOT?

Would the rain come or not? In this type of question, I am caught After thinking much I came up with a solution. I asked my parents to answer But they were also puzzled from the strange question My mother said 'yes' My father said 'no' Again, the same thing To get the answer to my question Where should I go? I decided myself, That the rain will come I think the clouds heard my voice And it started to rain How disappointing, it was!

NAYONICA KALARAMNA (CLASS 61)

THE PHOENIX

Symbolizing the Sun and fire
The beauty out of the ashes is to admire
The Phoenix gives a lesson to the human empire
To let the ashes of self-love backfire

A powerful bird of beauty and grace
Envied by other creatures but cannot be replaced
Glistening feathers of red and gold
That even mesmerized the Sun; it was that bold

It begins its new life
By flying back to the land of paradise
Amazing lessons to learned from this age-old legend
Inside the deep places of its very spirit is far more
than imagined

SEA OF TIME

My trusty cat Hawthorn and I,
We're sailors, braving the sea of time,
And today, we browse the shelves of
scrolls,
Looking for the one we were consulting

The journey has been rough so far,
With places that almost tore our ship
apart,

But we'll reach our destination happy someday,

And I know the scroll won't lead us astray.

The ship can drive itself like a spell And to do so, I must read the scroll very well

My trusty cat Hawthorn acts as a guard So that the ship and I don't get distracted or marred

But to you, there's no ship
With a book in my hands, in my room I sit
The story takes me places unknown
It has emotional rollercoasters and isn't
set in stone

But you'll never understand the thrill of a read,

It's as eventful as an ocean journey
So please leave us alone- my trusty cat
Hawthorn and I

So we can happily navigate the sea of time

NAYONIKA KHATANA (CLASS 8 AFYCP)

ANANYA AGARWAL (CLASS 6D)

Creativity -Senior School



MISFITS

KNOCK KNOCK

She rushes with elation,

Running towards the door,

Unaware of what stands outside,

she unlatches the door,

Now stands face to face with strong abhor

KNOCK KNOCK

Her eagerness blores away.

"What's that you wear"

A thousand voices screaming "A woman doesn't dress like that", is all she can hear.

KNOCK KNOCK

She wishes to retract

"Where's your husband"

"She's a widow" murmurs spread all around

While she simply stands there reluctant

KNOCK KNOCK

She struggles to escape, maybe go back find solace in her books,

"What are you doing"

"A woman can't study, she's structured to clean and cook"

KNOCK KNOCK

"She's black" whispers the crowd,

"She doesn't fit in, she can't live here" the words trap her in a dark shroud.

KNOCK KNOCK

Her strong soul is still standing, blinking back tears

All she needs is someone who actually cares

She regrets ever unlocking the door

She wants someone to stand with her despite the abhor,

Look into her eyes and tell her

"OH sweetie you're not ugly

Society is"



VIDUSHI ADLAKHA (CLASS 9 I)

I HAVE BEEN ESTRANGED

I have been estranged From the past I had laid For everyone to shatter me As if there was nothing else left to see.

I have been estranged From the society that prayed For everyone to fail So they could falsely wail.

I have been estranged From the world which betrayed Full of liars and cheaters giving excuses Chuckling and celebrating when someone loses.

I have been estranged
From the life that disdained
Hoping to provide tranquility
Bothering me for eternity
I have indeed been estranged...

MANVI YADAV (CLASS 9G)

JANISHA JOHRI (CLASS 9J)

वर्षा का पानी

देखो वर्षा ऋतु है आई ,
धरती पर हरियाली छाई |
पशु - पक्षी खुश हैं सारे ,
कोयल ने मीठी तान सुनाई |
पंख फैला कर लंबे- लंबे ,
मोर ने अपनी ख़ुशी जताई|
कीट - पतंगे बाहर निकले ,
मेंढ़क भी टर्र- टर्र -टर्राए |
वर्षा नदियों का आधार है,
मानव जीवन का सार है |
हमको भी फर्ज़ निभाना है ,
पानी को बचाना है|पानी को बचाना है |

रागया त्रिवेदी पाँच - एच

राष्ट्रीय ध्वज

झंडा हमारा कितना प्यारा , सुंदर -सुंदर ,न्यारा- न्यारा | लहराता है जब झंडा हमारा , सिर गर्व से ऊँचा होता हमारा | तीन रंगों से मिलकर बना , केसरिया , सफ़ेद और हरा | वीरों के बलिदान से बना , भारत माता के हाथों में सजा | हम बच्चे इसकी आन- बान को आगे बढ़ाते जाएँगे , इसकी रक्षा की खातिर हम ,

कार्तिक रामपाल तीन 'एफ'

सृष्टि का उपहार प्रकृति

सृष्टि का उपहार प्रकृति,
नाना रूप है रचती |
हरी -भरी ये है धरती ,
सोना उगलती नहीं है थकती |
भोर भए रिव किरण चमकती ,
चारों दिशाएँ लाली बिखेरती |
डाल – डाल पर चिडिया चहकती ,
मधुर स्वरों में कलरव करती |
कल -कल करती निदया बहती,
खेत खिलहानों को सींचती |
सृष्टि का उपहार प्रकृति ,
सृष्टि का उपहार प्रकृति |

इरा पुरोहित -चार'एच'



Achievements

DHANANJAY MOHAN held at AIS—Noida on 23rd December 2021

- DHRUV BHARGAVA & AUSTIN MINTO (Grade XI) secured First Position in Pitch in Innovate
- TANISH GUPTA & SHIVESH DANGWAL (Grade IX) secured 1st Position in Gamer's Groove
- ◆ SIDDHANT KAURA & PRISHA BHATIA (Grade VII) secured 2nd Position in App Craft

21st INTER SCHOOL RAMANUJAN MATH COMPETITION held at AIS—Noida on 27th December 2021

- RIDDHIMA VARSHNEY, CHINMAY KARWA (Grade VII) & PARTH KATOCH (Grade VIII) secured 3rd Position in Math O Wit Competition.
- ◆ SHAURYA SISODIA (Grade IX) & RAGHAV BUBBAR (Grade X) secured 2nd Position in Math Magisto Competition

INSPIRE MANIK AWARD held on 29th December 2021

ARNAV JUNEJA (GRADE VII) - ECO Friendly Solar Dish, AAYUSH GARG (Grade X) Braille Visualizer and Navigation Help and MANYA KAPOOR (Grade X). These 3 projects from our school have been selected for State Level

INTER SCHOOL SCIENCE COMP held at Birla Vidya Niketan on 1st January 2022

◆ ADITYA ROHILLA & VATSAL MUNDRA (Grade X) secured 2nd Position in The Creative Creator.

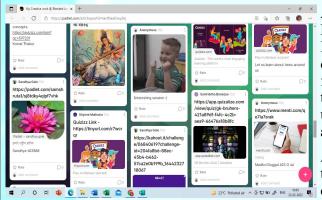
INTER AMITY BAZINGA held at AIS—NOIDA on 7th January 2022

◆ SAMRIDDHI VARSHNEY (Grade XI) secured 3rd Position Sr. Category Physics

LA FETE DE LA LANGUE held at Blue Bells Model School on 25th January 2022

- ARSHIA SWAIN, NAITIK AGARWAL & SIDDHANT KAURA (Grade VII) secured 1stPosition in Kath Katha.
- SHIVAAN KHATI & DHRUV BHARGAVA (Grade VIII) secured 3rd Position in Geeta Gyan (Sanskrit)

WORKSHOP ON BLENDED LEARNING

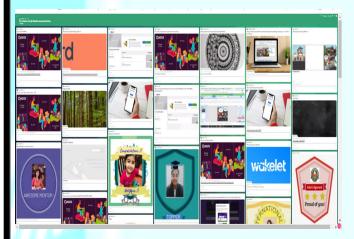


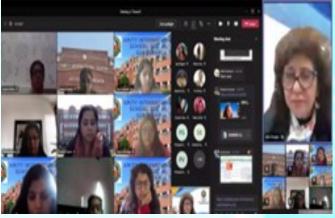
A workshop on Blended Learning was conducted by Ms. Arti Chopra, the Principal of Amity International School, Sec 46 Gurugram on Feb.07,22 over MS Teams. School heads and around 300 teachers from seven schools of Amity beyond NCR and primary teachers of AISG46, participated in it and it was held under the guidance of Ms. Anita Satia, Senior Consultant, HR & Training.

Amity has always believed in reaching the students through a blended approach, the educational practice of combining digital learning tools with more traditional classroom face to face teaching. The facilitator Ms.

Arti Chopra, honed the current skills of the different subject teachers and developed the new ones related to blended approach by introducing numerous tools like Flipgrid, Padlet, Storyboard that, Geogebra, Kahoot, simulations, Minecraft, Wakelet and many more. She also introduced Digital badges; a new way to appreciate and reward the students for their progress and understanding, not just for the results of one test. The workshop helped good teachers become great teachers by going beyond the call of duty and beyond the textbook. The teachers had the unique experience of visiting the breakout rooms and developing their presentations and sharing them on the padlet wall https://padlet.com/artichopra10/mkcf0ieal5rey2hj

Overall, it was an enriching experience for which all Amity schools are extremely thankful to honorable Chairperson Ma'am.









INVESTITURE CEREMONY (2022—23)

Students of today are the visionaries and torch bearers of tomorrow. Nurturing students to be prospective leaders, Amity International School, Sector 46, Gurugram held its Investiture Ceremony on 31st January 2022 to bestow the deserving students of the school's junior, middle, and senior wing with responsibility of leading the school with dignity and honour. Despite the widespread of the pandemic, the indomitable spirit of young talented leaders was commemorated by means of a virtual platform on Microsoft Teams with full zeal and ardour. The spellbound online platform was chock-full with oomph and colours scattered in everyone's heart. The ceremony commenced with a beautiful shloka chanting by Krishang Vyas, grade X student, followed by lighting of the lamp with Gayatri Mantra, which signified the illumination of souls by dispelling away the darkness within us. The unique and dazzling virtual dais was graced by the venerated mother of all young Amitians, Honourable Chairperson Dr. (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan and Col. Ahluwalia, the senior sports consultant of Amity group of schools with other eminent dignitaries. To ignite the hearts of the guests, they were welcomed by a scintillating western group song performance. The school Principal, Ms. Arti Chopra, in her ceremonious address congratulated the members of the newly elected Student Council and shared extracurricular and academic achievements of AISG-46. She advised the newly appointed student council to imbibe the spirit of 'Service Before Self' in words and deeds and urged them to embrace their duties with perseverance, humility, and loyalty. She also encouraged the students to be committed towards significant issues and always be sentient of the fact that leadership comes with veracity. It was a solemn occasion where the young students were all prepared to don the mantle of premiership and discharge the functions entrusted upon them by the school. The previous year Head Boy, Mihir Agarwal, and Head Girl, Dhriti Verma, shared their experience and presented the report on the work done by the outgoing council in their tenure. Mihir and Dhriti's speeches enlightened the new council members about how commitment, confidence and competence become the pivotal points in discharging of duties efficiently. The portfolios of the elected student leaders were displayed along with their photographs. Parents of newly elected council members were so delighted while handing over the sash to their ward in the virtual ceremony. It was indeed a proud moment for all the parents to witness their children being invested as they embarked on a new journey as school leaders. The Head Boy Dhruv Bhargav and the Head Girl Virangana Choudhary along with the council members were imparted with the duty of enhancing young leaders and pledged the oath of commitment, fortitude, and empowering of young minds of the school. The faith, integrity and excellence were clearly reflected through the young Amitians who were all ready to humbly hold the new and imminent responsibilities. Honourable Chairperson, Dr. (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan was truly enthralled and mesmerized by viewing the grit and tenacity in children's gleaming eyes. Her blessings and inspiring words of wisdom imbued a renewed vitality in the newly elected council. The parents of newly appointed Head Boy and Head Girl shared their happiness and congratulated the newly appointed council. The event culminated with the school song. The online Investiture Ceremony indeed proved to be an exhilarating moment for all the office bearers who were filled with zest and fervour to take up their duties promptly.







AMIOWN PARENT VIRTUAL PRE-ORIENTATION 2 TS

The school organized a virtual pre orientation program for Amiown Parents on Saturday, 21st November 2020 from 11 am to 12:30 pm through Microsoft Teams to get them acquainted with Amity's ideology, curriculum design, pedagogy in use and classroom management. The event commenced with welcoming of parents, virtual lighting of the lamp, welcome dance and offering a Tulsi sapling to everyone present. The Principal, Ms. Arti Chopra addressed the parents giving them an insight about some snippets of the school's mission, academic and co-curricular practices like PBL, Multiple Intelligence, Experiential Learning and Sports. Few students of Grade 1 shared various achievements and events – both academic and co curricular activities that took place during the year 2020—21 like Mother's Day, Multiple Intelligence Fest, Reading Mahotsay, Gratitude Day, Virtual Presentations, Ramleela etc. This was followed by an address by the Headmistress, Ms. Anupama Mehta who further shared more information regarding various other activities and programs conducted in Further an RJ Show video enacted by students with jingles & poems was presented. Ms. Sumity Kapoor, Academic Coordinator for grades 1 & 2 extended a vote of thanks to all present. Then the parents were directed to break out rooms for which the links were already provide to the parents along with the invite sent where all further queries of Amiown parents were catered by the teachers of Grade 1 of Amity-46, Gurugram. A feedback form was shared with the parents to be filled. Also an E Brochure link was shared with the parents along with the invite. Parent queries were resolved and they found the pre orientation to be quite informative.





GENERAL STUDIES VIRTUAL CONFERENCE'22 THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE

The school organized the General Studies Virtual Conference'22-TOK for the students of Grade XI on 6TH Jan'22 and 7th Jan'22 under the salutary guidance of prolific and visionary Principal, Ms Arti Chopra. It was a wonderful attempt to integrate Theory of Knowledge with the curriculum of GST which aims to make students aware of the interpretative nature of knowledge, including personal ideological biases – whether these biases are retained, revised or rejected. It offers students and their teachers the opportunity to: reflect critically on diverse ways of knowing and on areas of knowledge consider the role and nature of knowledge in their own culture, in the cultures of others and in the wider world by flawlessly showcasing their talent on Microsoft Teams. The students presented their finesse with Power Point Presentations, virtually to a jury. The jury consisted of eminent International and national names- Nadezhda Ivanova, MS. Rachna Pachori, Oluwakemi, Vinita Chhikara, Ankita Kumari, Stuti Joshi and our flourishing Alumni Abhinav Sardesai, Sanya Dawar, Tanya Tuteja, Gauri Gaur, Aakriti Aggarwal, Khwahish Gupta and Sparsh Agrawal. The students were divided class wise into group of five and every group chose a topic for their research. Each presentation was of 10-15 minutes, with 2 minutes for Question and Answer round by the jury. The hard work of students was truly noticeable and a treat to eyes. The event concluded with the feedback on presentations from the jury and National Anthem at the end brought down the curtain on GST Virtual Conference'22-TOK in the hope of a grandiose promise next year!

MASS SURYA NAMASKAR DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMME (GRADE I - XII)

With the blessings of honorable Chairperson, Dr. (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan and under the guidance of Principal, Ms. Arti Chopra, Amity International School, Sector-46, Gurugram organized a Mass Surya Namaskar Demonstration Programme for the students and parents of Grades I to XII through Virtual mode to mark the auspicious occasion of Makar Sankranti on 14th January, 2022. This was an nitiative taken by The Government of India under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations. The event witnessed the participation of leading Yoga institutions, various bodies, and organization both from India and abroad through virtual mode. The Ministry of Ayush along with the leading Yoga Institutions / organizations of the country had come together to make it a people centric successful programme. The teachers, parents and students participated in this programme with great zeal and enthusiasm by performing surya namaskar under the supervision of the sports department and HOD Mr. Anoop Shankar Bhardwaj. This festival is a thanksgiving to Mother Nature for spreading Health, Happiness and Harmony.













SERVICE LEARNING PRESENTATION

(GRADE VIII—IX)

The students of Grades VIII and IX conducted a service-learning presentation on 15th January, 2022 to achieve real objectives for the community and developed deeper understanding and skills for themselves. The goal of initiating this service- learning project was to make connections between course topics and real-world issues, values and beliefs. In Grade VIII, Students were introduced to design thinking. They undertook variety of topics, including Making the earth greener, Planning a lowmaintenance garden, Connecting with elders-'This Guiding Light', E-Waste management and First Aid. With an aim to create awareness among people about difference between Regular Waste and E. Waste and the different ways to dispose E Waste effectively, E Waste Management project was undertaken. The students used App, flip grid videos etc for their project. Grade IX undertook thoughtful themes related to Environment Protection, Happiness in helping others, Aaj ka Bharat, Healthy Life and Heritage .Based on the themes, a series of activities like plantation drive, clean up tasks, donation drives, book creation, research, distributions of masks and health kits, health campaigns, interview of the elders, surveys, street plays and skits etc. were performed by the students. The entire project not only had a positive impact on students' academic learning but also improved students' ability to apply what they have learnt in practical world. Socially the projects helped them to understand and worked to reduce stereotypes and greater inter-cultural understanding. The purpose of the presentation was instilling learning among students through a cycle of action and reflection The Students thanked School Principal, Mrs. Arti Chopra, and Head Mistress- Middle Block, Mrs. Ranjana Sharma and Academic Coordinator grades IX & X, Ms. Vanshika Tuteja for introducing this wonderful project to them. The programme concluded with the rendition of the school song.









INTER AMITY MENTAL MATH QUIZ

An Inter Amity Mental Math Quiz series was organized for class 1 to 10 from 17th to 19th January 2022 to develop the mathematical acumen of the students. Each day different branches of Amity schools (Delhi/ NCR) hosted these quizzes for different classes. It was conducted in two parts. First round was elimination round which was played by 15 students from different branches of Amity International Schools. Elimination round was conducted through Quizzes and top 4 scorers were selected for the final round. The final round of quiz for the selected participants was held on MS Teams. The quizzes were conducted through interesting and engaging PPT's with interactive slides. Six rounds of quiz were incorporated through the interesting aspects of problem sums, brain teasers, audio stories followed by rapid fire round. Participants participated in the quiz enthusiastically. It created an opportunity for the participants to bring forth their talent and potential on to a common platform.

Mr. S. N. Chhibber, Mathematics expert, Dr. Sapna Yadav from SCERT, Dr. Pooja Pant from B. Ed Department Amity University, Dr Jeetendra Aggarwal Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, Shivaji College, Mr. Sunil Bajaj were in the panel of esteemed Judges. The Inter Amity Mental Math Quiz Closing ceremony which took place on 19th January was hosted by Amity- Sec 46 Gurgaon began by the auspicious lamp lighting and soulful chanting of Vedic mantras. It was graced by respected Chairperson Dr. (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan ma'am, all advisors, Principals from all Amity schools, guests, judges, Teachers and students. A Creative Presentation- Ganit ki Mahima written by Amity G-46 Teachers and performed by Amitians was the highlight of the event. An innovative video presentation on Mental Math Quiz showcasing the highlights of the event was appreciated by one and all. Judges and parents shared their valuable reflections for the Mental Math Quiz 2022 and applauded the efforts of the school and the students. Beloved Chairperson Ma'am, Dr. (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan was really happy after hearing the reflections of the judges and the students as well as the parents. She was ecstatic knowing that Amitians were trained in Mental Math in a similar manner as to how students were trained in Math in Japan. Ms Arti Chopra, Principal Amity International School Sec46, Gurgaon, shared the final results of all classes from 1 to 10. She congratulated all the winners on this stupendous performance. She expressed her gratitude to Chairperson Madam and Founder Sir for being our guiding force and leading all Amitians to the pinnacle of success. Ms. Vanshika Tuteja, Mental Math In charge, proposed the vote of thanks. The program concluded with the school song.



VACCINATION CAMP

REPORTS

Amity International School, sector 46, Gurugram in collaboration with the health department organised Covid vaccination drive for the students of classes IX to XII (age group 15 – 18 years) on 7th January and 8th January 2022 i.e., Friday and Saturday respectively, in the school campus between 9:30 am to 2:00 pm. The objective was to provide comfort to the students of getting vaccinated in their school and to prevent the spread of Covid-19. The school made all the preparations for the drive beforehand and followed the protocol for Covid Vaccination camp to be held in the school, wherein the maximum doses of both Covishield and Covaxin were available to the students. The two days camp is arranged to control the crowd of students and for the smooth conduct so 7 Jan. 2022, Friday was assigned to students of class XI and XII. Similarly, 8 Jan. 2022, Saturday was assigned to the students of class IX and X. The last registration for both the days was till 1:30 pm. The response of the drive was successful, many students turned up to get themselves vaccinated. One of the parents said "it's a good decision of AISG-46 to get the students vaccinated at their second home. Besides that, he also thanked the Management, School and the Principal, Mrs Arti Chopra for taking such initiative for the health of their students." The teachers and parents encouraged the students to be part of this noble mission and to free themselves from the fear of deadly virus -Covid 19.





WORKSHOP ON MULTIPLE INTELLIGENCES



A virtual workshop on Multiple Intelligences was conducted by Ms. Arti Chopra, the Principal of Amity International School, Sector 46 Gurugram for the teachers of classes I to V of all branches of Amity Group of Schools. Ma'am, through her workshop, explained everyone that gone are the days when teachers could rely on an IQ test to measure a student's intelligence. No test can measure how well a person would perform cognitive tasks because most intelligence tests give only a two-dimensional picture of a student's mental abilities, they don't always capture

a student's full potential. Based on research from psychology, linguistics, neuroscience, and other cognitive disciplines, Dr. Howard Gardner's theory of multiple intelligences was created to better represent the diversity in human intelligence. This theory not only considers traditional learning abilities like

math and science skills as markers of intelligence, but it also includes more diverse abilities, such as musical, social, and nature-based skills. She also conducted a number of quizzes and provided hands on activities during her workshop that help students develop cognitive skills in a way that meets them at their strengths and shores up their weaknesses. Honorable Chairperson Ma'am appreciated the efforts of Principal, Ms. Arti Chopra for putting up a fruitful workshop for the teachers of Amity. It was a learning experience for all.



SPORTS FIESTA (GRADE I—IV)

The students of grades I to IV participated in the Sports Fiesta on Feb24,2022 and Feb 25,2022 with great zeal and enthusiasm in school. Principal, Ms. Arti Chopra, welcomed the students and shared the importance of sports in our lives to stay fit and healthy. To embrace the occasion, Col. BS Ahluwalia, Advisor Sports, Amity Schools was the guest of honour and motivated the young students. Children participated in various races like 50 meter flat race, hurdle race, balance the bean bag race and smiley ball race. There were team games like fun with hula hoops and fun with cones where students enjoyed. The winners were applauded on the stage. Apart from this, few students performed tricks using the Hula hoop. The music and cheering sounds filled the air with excitement. All the participants were extremely enthusiastic and energetic on the field. Senior Coordinator, Primary, Ms. Sumity Kapoor addressed the heads and the students for their brilliant performance.







CELEBRATAION OF GRATITUDE DAY REPORTS

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

John F. Kennedy

In order to make Gratitude an attitude to be imbibed by each one of us, Gratitude Day was celebrated in the virtual for Grades I to XII on 14th February, 2022. Amitians expressed their Gratitude towards their Family, Society and Mother Earth through stories, poems, songs and artwork. They also shared their thoughts on padlet and discussed the importance of Gratitude. The teachers urged the students to start each day with a grateful heart, practice kindness and end with a peaceful heart. These activities helped the students to appreciate what is valuable and meaningful to one self and represent a general state of thankfulness and appreciation.

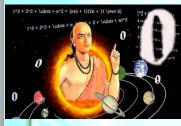








39th ARYABHATTA INTER SCHOOL MATHEMATICS COMPETITION—GRADE V



Aryabhatta Inter-School Mathematics Competition is a prestigious competition conducted by the Summer Fields School, Kailash Colony, New Delhi. The students from Grade. 5th and 8th participated in this online examination. The exam receives participation from over 140 eminent schools from Delhi, NCR and Mumbai. The school conducted online exam through MS Forms for the students of Class V for the selection for this prestigious exam. 14 children were selected and extra classes were given for

the same. The topics were taught along with the quick calculation tricks and different approaches for a particular problem sums topic wise. Practice worksheets were given and discussed with the students on the prescribed topics. Apart from above, previous year question papers were solved and common errors were discussed.

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION REPORTS

The school organized Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav towards the celebration and commemoration of 75 years of progressive independent India on 24th and 25th January 2022. This Mahotsav is dedicated to the people of India who have not only been instrumental in bringing India thus far in its evolutionary journey but also hold within them the power and potential to enable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of activating India 2.0, fuelled by the spirit of Atmanirbhar Bharat. On this occasion, Classes 1-XII participated in many activities including Debates, poem recitation, diy etc. and also enjoyed watching a patriotic video on National War Memorial.

The students pro-actively participated in the Debates which comprised of various topics such as *Vishva Guru Bharat*, India's rich cultural heritage, *Atmanirbhar Bharat*, Celebrating unsung heroes, etc. All the students came up with different ideas and thoughts and showed the true spirit of India. With great zeal and enthusiasm, the students watched the patriotic movie on National War Memorial, helping them remember the sacrifices made by the legends to win us our independence. All these activities reminded our students of the relentless struggle of our great patriots who liberated our motherland from colonial rule.













ORIENTATION FOR SYNCONNECT (GRADES V TO IX)R TS

Amity International School, Sector 46, Gurugram organized a series of Orientations for SYNCONNECT programme for Grade V to IX students (who scored above 85% in term 1) through online webinar mode. The said orientation programmes were addressed by Mrs. Arti Chopra, Principal. The main objective of the webinar was to apprise the parents and students with SYNCONNECT programme which is an idiomatic concept of its kind to nurture competitive sightedness and scientific temperament in young minds.

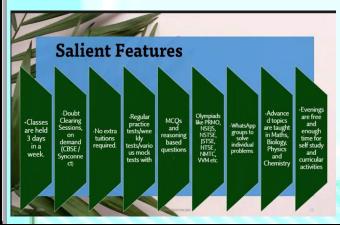
The session started with the welcome address by honourable principal Mrs. Arti Chopra. While addressing the gathering, Mrs. Arti Chopra highlighted the importance of the SYNCONNECT programme which aims to develop competitive acumen that is the need of the hour. The salient features as discussed by respected ma'am were as under:

- Classes are held 3 days in a week
- Doubt clearing sessions
- No extra tuition required
- Regular practice tests
- MCQs and reasoning based questions
- Guidance for Olympiads like PMRO, NSTSE, NTSE, VVM etc.
- Enough time for self-study and curricular activities

Synchro Coordinator Ms. Mamta Sharma shared insights of this program focusing on the benefits which this program can bring in enhancing the learning curve of the students. The webinar concluded with a Q/A round where all queries of the parents were sorted out. This was followed by the vote of thanks by Headmistress Ms. Ranjana Sharma, Coordinator IX-X, Ms. Vanshika Tuteja, and Senior Coordinator Primary, Ms. Sumity Kapoor. Overall, it was a very enriching session. Introduction to SYNCONNECT programme would pave way to an innovative and interesting teaching-learning process.









TED—X YOUTH 2021—AVANT GRADE

On Saturday, 15th January 2022, Amity International School, Sector-46, Gurugram witnessed the 6th edition of TedXYouth@AISG46. The theme this year was 'Avant Garde', which explores the need for encouraging divergent thought processes, especially in changing times where change is the only constant. Bejeweled with a total of 9 guest speakers, the event couldn't have been more of a success. With a plethora of expectant smiles patched across laptop screens, the event started with Lighting of the Lamp and the blessings of Principal Mrs. Arti Chopra. The special programme, attended by over 100 students, was also graced by the presence of Chairperson Dr (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan and Ms. Vira Sharma, Managing Director, The Global Times. The event was kick-started by the inspirational talk by Mr. Ajay Lalwani, a visually-impaired athlete and world record holder in cycling, who talked about his 7,500-kilometre long bicycle journey across the country. Not one to be set back by obstacles, Sir related his cycling endeavors to his life, wherein, despite being hit by numerous challenges, he always got up and relentlessly carried on. The most awaited next speaker, Mr Gaurav Juyal, former Host-Disney's Art Attack India, gave insights into the learnings of his career and life and motivated the listeners to strike balance among the mind, body and heart. He left the audience with a new term i.e. "Healthy Shamelessness", inspiring them to always be themselves. Followed by this walk into their childhood, the student audience was then transferred into the past, with a thought-provoking talk by Mr Arsh Ali- India's youngest and first Egyptologist. Emphasizing the importance of our heritage and culture, Sir imparted the knowledge that he has gathered from the archaeological grounds of Egypt and how he applies the same to his life. Ms. Supriya Sharma, Associate Director and Finance head at BSTESPL India, began her speech by showing a painting by Salvador Dali which highlights the essence that time is ever-changing and stops for none. Following her story, she cited 3 life-changing mantras of success that Ms Sharma has gathered throughout her life and career viz. Emotional intelligence, being tech-savvy and being healthy.





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