

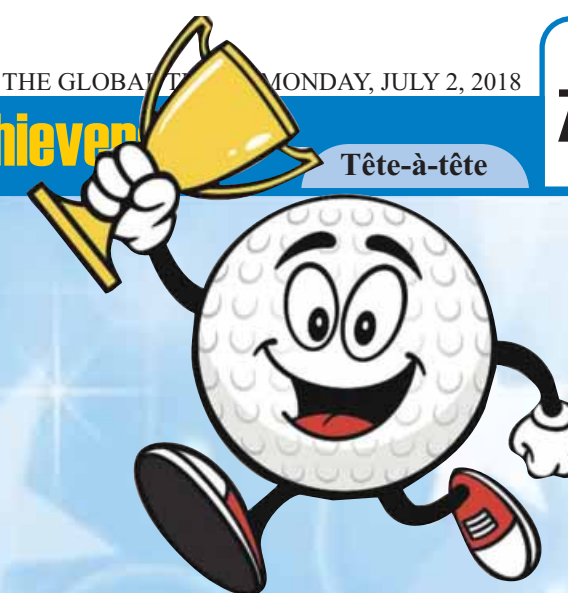
Snow Leopards are generally smaller than most cats, weighing only about 30-55 kg.



Wild facts



Sea otter's fur is the densest of any animal on Earth, with an estimated 1 million hair per square inch.



Amity's aces ace the scoreboard

Future IITians, Future Doctors, City Toppers, All Rounders, Twinners, Fighters, Scholars - You Name It And Amities Have Done It All! (Not) As easy as 1, 2, 3!



Kalash Gupta receives a token of appreciation from Chairperson

like most good students. "In my formative years, Amity gave me excellent conceptual clarity. The school teachers have been supportive throughout my journey, same as my friends who helped me relieve stress, without these three pillars, I wouldn't even be in the top 1000," says Kalash.

3 Tips and Tricks
The mantras of success are simple according to Kalash. "Regularity and consistency is vital, but it needs to be complimented with small yet achievable goals. Once you have clarity of concepts, you don't need a set number of hours to fulfill. Lastly, revision completes the holy trinity of a successful preparation," he says. As Kalash embarks on his journey to be a computer science engineer someday, let's have three cheers for the student who has made the entire Amity Universe proud!

Interview conducted by: Shubham Shukla, GT Network

Ask any IIT aspirant, before they give 'the exam', about the rank he is hoping for. "Bus kisi ache IIT me ho jaye yaar," is all they can muster. Kalash Gupta, a student of AIS Saket was no different. So, when he secured an All India Rank three in JEE-Advanced, his happiness was bound to be more than usual, it was threefold.

3 Digit Expectations
"I was expecting a three digit rank, top three was out of the question!" says Kalash Gupta. 10.5 lakh students appeared for the joint entrance examination where Kalash managed rank one zonally and a podium finish nationally. Kalash was visibly speechless at the thought of his rank. "Even after all this time, it refuses to sink in," he adds.

3 Support Systems
Every success story has its own fair share of contributors. For Kalash, it was the contribution of his parents, teachers and friends. "I saw the result with my parents and we were in euphoria," shares Kalash. He learned, earned and yearned for more in his school

Kalash Gupta, AIS Saket
Feat: AIR 3 in IIT JEE



Anmol Aggarwal being facilitated by HRD Minister

The unstoppable!

"I am extremely thankful to my parents, teachers, and friends," says Anmol Aggarwal, a student of AIS Gurugram 46. With all of his marks crossing 90, he achieved 96.4% in CBSE Grade XII Board exams. His happiness was doubled when he was felicitated for being an eminent achiever in the special needs category by the Union Minister of Human Resource Development, Shri Prakash Javadekar. Anmol, is a true blue example of this never-say-die spirit. "I feel great after this accomplishment. I have difficulty in hearing, but with my parents' and teachers' support, I never felt like I was lacking something. They helped me reach my goal," he says. An NTSE and KVPY scholar, Anmol is glad he found the right nurturing ground. "I am extremely thankful to the right nurturer Chairperson ma'am for believing in me and providing me with a scholarship. Amity has always been a pillar of strength."

Anmol Aggarwal, AIS Gurugram 46
Feat: Felicitated for being an all rounder by HRD minister



Yash Gupta with his proud parents

A NEE(a)T win to medicine

Nailed it like a pro!
Months of hard work and dedication has a serious payoff. The pure unadulterated fulfillment at the end makes for priceless moments and evergreen memories. Kamakshi Miriyala and Yash Gupta, students of Amity Institute of Competitive Examinations, are living these very moments. While Kamakshi secured a prestigious AIR 45 in the competitive NEET exam, Yash fetched AIR 76 in the same exam. In conversation with GT, they speak of mantras, stress, the journey to the top and much more!

Estatic realization
The question 'How do you feel?' can have a legion of answers. For our toppers however, the feeling was of mutual delight. An elated Kamakshi says with a spark in her eyes, "I was ecstatic with joy. I screamed in half happiness and half relief!" A calmer Yash elaborates, "We obviously feel very happy. When you work so hard and achieve your goal, it feels like you are on top of the world."

Essential mantras
We asked both the achievers to give three combined tips to all NEET aspirants. The list was kick started by Kamakshi who shared, "Hope for the best, all the time. Keeping a positive attitude is essential." Yash gave the second mantra, "Be regular; consistency will be the biggest factor at the end." For the third advice, they both agreed on following the advice of their teachers and mentors to clear out doubts and use their tips to learn smart.

To the rescue of all
Amity Institute of Competitive Examinations (AICE) has been integral to the preparation of the duo, as Yash pointed out, "The teachers at AICE were excellent in the way they explained concepts. Not only that, they were always there to clear my doubts and reassure me of my potential. Kamakshi, on the other hand, was all praises for the test series at AICE. "The test series really helped me in the last leg of my preparation. The questions were competitive and made me realise the loopholes in my preparation, enabling me to work on my weaknesses."

Kamakshi Miriyala & Yash Gupta, AICE
Feat: NEET AIR 45 & AIR 76

Be like Kavya

■ Kavya scored 98.6% in her class XII board exams, making her the highest scoring student in all of Amity and 7th highest in all of Ghaziabad. ■ Kavya won gold for the 8th INSEF Regional Fair, Noida for their project on Air Conditioning Umbrella. ■ Kavya and Akriti Dhasmana won Gold at the INSEF Regional Fair, Noida for their project on Air Conditioning Umbrella. ■ Kavya, along with a team of five more students and her mentor, bagged third position in the Grade 10 category of NASA Space Settlement Design Contest. ■ Kavya was accepted by the Yale University, USA to participate in the 2 week Yale Young Global Scholar's Programme in Math and Science.



Kavya is a boss. Be like her



City topper Debajit Chakraborty with his mother

Score in the city

Topping your class? Great! Topping your school? Wow! Topping your city? Unbelievable! Debajit Chakraborty, AIS Gurugram 43, felt the same when he topped the Gurugram district in CBSE Class XII Board Examinations with 98.2%. He has also secured rank 245 in IIT JEE Advanced. Here's what he had to say.

My stress busters: "With board exams and so many entrance tests, it can get hectic, physically and mentally. So, it becomes vital to find things that keep you sane. I usually unwind with my favourite TV shows and well, you always have good music to fall back on."

My future: "I will most probably be joining IIT Kharagpur for a B.Tech. course. I look forward to starting this journey with a new kind of motivation and dedication."

My motivation: "There is no such thing as enough practice, so I would suggest everyone to keep on prac-

Interview conducted by: Mrinal Verma, GT Network

Debajit Chakraborty
AIS Gurugram 43
Feat: Gurugram topper, CBSE Class XII boards

The foundation stone...

Over 10.5 lakh students appear for IIT JEE every year. Considering the gigantic number of applicants, securing a three digit rank, sure is a feat worth celebration. Shivang Seth, a student of AIS Saket, who stands at rank 895 in IIT-JEE, obviously has reasons to rejoice. He talks about the foundation of his accomplishment in an exclusive interview with GT.

studying for the boards, but my teachers were always there to help out - giving permissions, clearing doubts et al."

The foundation of my strategy

"The key to acing any competitive exam is consistency. For IIT JEE, it is best to take as many online tests as possible, and challenge yourself on a regular

basis. Aim for conceptual clarity. Many students are under the impression that studying for competitive exams requires studying for 10-15 hours a day. That is a myth. If you devote 5-6 hours and have your concepts clear, you can still reach the finish line."

The foundation of my support system

"My parents have been my biggest supporters and cheerleaders. They have always supported my choices. There was absolutely no pressure from them about my possible career options. I think it was this freedom to choose my own path that helped me perform to the best of my capabilities and score well."

The foundation of my success mantra

"Being calm and composed during stressful times is my biggest strength. I've garnered this quality from my parents. The cool environment at home helped me to maintain composure while studying. Even when the times were rough, being calm always helped."

Interview conducted by: Alisha Taneja, GT Network

The foundation of my journey

"A triple-digit rank wasn't expected at all. I was actually hoping somewhere between 1000-1500. I'm very happy since this achievement takes me one step closer to my goal and will make for a great stepping stone towards my ultimate destination."

The foundation of my base

"I have been in Amity since Nursery and it has been a wonderful journey. It was my education at Amity that prepared me for such competitive examinations. I can't thank Chairperson ma'am enough for giving us an institution like Amity that has shaped so many lives. My teachers have been extremely supportive, especially Alka ma'am. It was tough juggling between preparing for JEE and



Chairperson congratulates Shivang Seth on his feat

Shivang Seth
AIS Saket
Feat: AIR 895 in IIT JEE



Twinning and winning with Abhay and Shubham Periw

#Twinning

Abhay and Shubham Periw, identical twins from AIS Gurugram 46 secured identical marks (94% and 94.6% respectively) in their board exams.

Twin habits

The two have the habit of sharing almost everything. They share the same birth date, have studied in the same school, share the same hobbies and follow the same study pattern during exams.

Twin study patterns

When the twins came to Class XI, Abhay chose Commerce stream and Shubham went for Science. They still studied to-

Twin stress busters

The twins enjoy playing basketball. So, amidst the tension of exams, the twins grabbed their basketball in their spare time. They also went for long drives with their parents a day before to their exams to keep stress at bay.

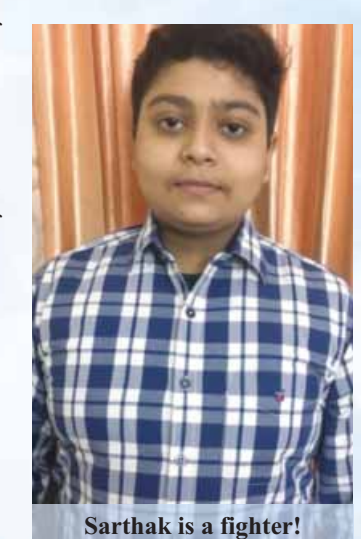
Twin goals

Both brothers are ready for the future. While Abhay aims to pursue Economics Honours from Delhi University. Shubham wishes to crack the exam for National Defence Academy.

Abhay & Shubham Periw,
AIS Gur 46
Feat: Twins with twin scores

Against all odds

We often complain of the heat, the schedules, the workload and the traffic, and in the process, we forget that there are heroes who withstand tougher tests and come out at the end of it, victorious. Sarthak Srivastava, a Class X student of AIS Vas 6, is one such hero. Securing a commendable 83.4% in this year's Board examination, despite battling blood cancer, he has become an inspiration for many. He is still waging a brave war towards recovery and was unable to interact with GT because of the same. His father, Gopal Chand Srivastava took the opportunity to speak of his eldest son's journey so far. "He wasn't fit to give the board examinations for 2 years, but this year his doctor allowed and



Sarthak is a fighter!

encouraged him for the same and he has made all of us very proud," says the proud father. Sarthak, who had to go through chemotherapy twice or thrice a month, also broke his right hand just a few days prior to the ex-

aminations. Despite all these challenges and setbacks, he managed to persevere with the support of his well wishers. "He is a fighter!" proclaimed Mr Gopal. "However, such situations disturb the whole family and sometimes coping up becomes a big task for everyone around Sarthak," he adds. For over two years there had been no certainty over Sarthak's health. The journey has surely been tough but his father has believed in the potential of Sarthak to fully recover. "We know that everything is not in our hands, yet we as a family have done to the fullest of our abilities to give Sarthak the best medical assistance possible. Slowly, but steadily, we have seen him improve over the last two years and that has given us courage. The school has also been very coop-

Sarthak Srivastava,
AIS Vasundhara 6
Feat: Aced exams despite battle with cancer

erative in this journey. The teachers helped him at every step," he shares. When asked about the impressive result, he said, "When we saw his result we were all bubbling with happiness and pride!" Sarthak has ended up inspiring not only his family but others too, to believe that any hardship can be overcome with a strong resolution. TGT wishes for his speedy recovery!

Interview conducted by: Shubham Shukla, GT Network

All the way up!

Amity has always been known for setting benchmarks. Following its legacy of excellence, Amity International School, Pushp Vihar secured yet another feat. The school stood at

a prestigious rank 12 amidst 1702 Delhi schools. In a list prepared by Directorate of Education featuring ranking of Delhi schools on the basis of school average in CBSE Class XII Board Examination, the

school carved its niche in the top fifteen. It is indeed a moment of celebration for the school. School principal Ameeta Mohan, who was elated at the achievement shared, "It has been a vision of our Chairperson ma'am to see Amity schools at the top. This achievement is only a step in the direction of fulfilling that

dream. I am confident that we will be able to do better the next year and make it to the top five. This is only and only because of our Chairperson Ma'am who has guided and motivated the teachers with ideas on how to be on the top. I would also like to extend my gratitude to all the parents for always showing belief in us."