

Arjuna for Amity

Chess Champ Nurtured By Amity Brings Honours

Vantika Agrawal, a distinguished alumna from the Class of 2020, of Amity International School, Noida, is the proud recipient of the illustrious Arjuna Award this year. This remarkable accolade, recognized as India's second-highest sporting honour, celebrates her exceptional contributions to the world of chess. The award has been conferred upon her by Her Excellency President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan on January 17, 2025.

Notably, Vantika has this year placed India and Amity on the global chess map as a member of the Indian women's team that won the FIDE Chess Olympiad 2024 in Budapest. For her achievements she was highly praised by Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the chief minister of UP Shri Yogi Adityanath also.

A consistent achiever, Vantika holds the esteemed titles of Woman Grandmaster and International Master. She embarked on her chess journey at the age of eight, and credits her success to the nurturing and guidance received at Amity under the visionary guidance and leadership of Founder President Dr Ashok K. Chauhan and Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF. She aspires to become a Grandmaster and break into the world's top ten rankings.

It is notable that this is for the second time that a chess champion from Amity has been felicitated with the Arjuna Award. Prior to Vantika, Grandmaster, Parimarjan Negi from Amity International school, Saket has also been a recipient of the prestigious award. This is indeed a remarkable feat for Amity Schools. 🇮🇳



Vantika receives Arjuna Award from the President

Indo Japan bonds

RSGF Once Again Witnesses The Presence of Amity



Amitians with Yasuhiro Higashitani, principal, Ritsumeikan High School

AERC

A team of four students Eira Gabriella Kumar (AIS Noida), Jas Kaur (AIS Mayur Vihar), Arnav Singh Parihar (AIS Vasundhara 6) and Harman Singh Bindra (AIS Gurugram 46), from Class XI, along with their mentor teacher proudly represented Amity at the 10th Chapter of RITS Super Global Forum (RSGF), hosted by Ritsumeikan High School, Japan from November 13-17, 2024. The unique opportunity

to interact and understand the culture of Japan by participating in the forum was extended to the students by Amity Educational Resource Centre (AERC) under the leadership of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF.

RSGF is an international platform where students from across the globe discuss and deliberate upon ways to conserve resources and make earth a better place for the future generations. Together the teams from across the world brain-

storm about the ways that align with sustainable development goals and regenerative goals.

Around 120 students from 19 countries, including the USA, Canada, Sweden, Taiwan etc., participated in the unique forum. During the course of the forum, they engaged in discussions and deliberations on this year's theme 'Regeneration'. Amity's delegation presented posters highlighting ways to conserve resources and also suggested regenerative goals for the community to follow. As a part of the cultural presentation, Amitians recited shlokas and performed mesmerising dandiya dance of Gujarat.

All the participants worked meticulously, enhancing their collaborative skills, boosting their confidence and returning more enlightened. Apart from the presentations, they also got a first-hand experience of exploring the magical city of Kyoto and delving in the cultural heritage of Japan. 🇯🇵



Vyaan with the school principal



Gaurav and Siya with jury

The soulful winners

AIS Vas 6 & AIS Vas 1

Amitians from AIS Vas 6 and AIS Vas 1 bagged accolades at the Soul Grand Chef Challenge 2024 organised by The Soul to Soul Foundation, in partnership with International Institute of Culinary Arts (IICA) on October 4, 2024, with results being declared on Dec 14, 2024. The team from AIS Vas 6 comprising Siya Makhija from Class XII and her mother and another team from AIS Vas 1 comprising Vyaan Kaushik of Class VII and his mother won first prize in the distinctive national level cookery contest. The competition fosters bonds between children and their parents through the art of authentic family recipes. The Soul award, which is given to the best performing team collectively by jury and trustees of The Soul to Soul Foundation, was won by Gaurav Jhunjhunwala from Class IX of AIS Vas 6 and his mother.

Siya and her mother presented a Punjabi platter featuring paneer, laung lata, ragi parantha, masala chaach, and kada prashad, winning in vegetarian dishes category.

Vyaan Kaushik and his mother shone bright for their dishes like potato sevaiya, kodo millet halwa, ragi laddoo, and makhandi halwa, winning in Indian desserts category; and lastly, Gaurav Jhunjhunwala and his mother won for their daal baati choorma with tikadia in vegetarian dishes category.

The competition was held at the International Institute of Culinary Arts (IICA) and 24 teams were shortlisted across India in three categories: vegetarian, non vegetarian, and Indian desserts. The competition was conducted in three phases; the first one required participants to send the recipe along with a 250 word write-up on 'Why I chose this recipe'. At the finale, the teams were given two hours for preparing, cooking, and plating the said recipe. The judgement criteria included taste and texture, presentation, story behind the recipe expressing family bonds, level of difficulty, creativity, originality, workstation cleanliness, hygiene, and waste control.

The objective of this challenge was to connect young people with elders and build a close knit and vibrant community.

Carving careers

AIS Gurugram 46

The school hosted Disha, a career orientation symposium, virtually for Class IX-XI on November 30, 2024. Experienced professionals from the parent community of Amity and accomplished alumni were invited to guide students and share insights about different professions. Over 20 career fields were covered in the symposium, such as Indian Navy, Data Science, and Artificial Intelligence, Medicine, Law, Modelling etc. The professionals shared their insights on the



Career experts at Disha

intricacies of the modern workforce and discussed skills, pay packages, and hiring trends. They also briefed students about the competitive exams and admission criteria of various universities. The alumni's stories of success, challenges, and growth provided inspiration and real-world insights to the students. 🇮🇳