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## LIYA AJI—Shastrapratibha 2017



Sastra Prathibha contest, a national level science quiz contest organized by science India forum, had over 27000 students participated in the first round in the year 2016. Liya Aji of Grade 11 AJI was one among the top eighty students qualified for the second round in the contest.

The second round of the Sastra Prathibha Contest was a full day Science Camp held at Amity University, Dubai on Saturday, 04 February 2017. Similar to yester years, the SPC Round 2 was conducted in three categories, Sub juniors (Grades: 5, 6 and 7), juniors (Grades: 8, 9 & 10) and seniors (Grades 11 and 12). In each category, candidates had a quiz competition, scientific reasoning test, picture identification round and a question and answer session (viva voce) to assess their general knowledge, subject knowledge, and aptitude, analysis and reasoning abilities. Two top ranking students from each grade at UAE level were selected for the title Sasstra Prathibha 2016 and Liya Aji is one among the two honored as Shashtra Prathibha 2016.

## Shivani Wins the Prestigious Sheikh Hamdan Award 2017



Shivani Thandareth Kunnummal, studying in grade VIII in Al Ain Juniors School, Indian System, has been selected as one of the two winners in Al Ain during the Cycle 19 of the Shiekh Hamdan award.

She has been showcasing her achievements and participating in a number of events within the UAE for the last several years. She has won many laurels, which include 3k and 5k marathons conducted in and around UAE.

She has conducted several Diabetes awareness campaigns and was a major contributor to many of the awareness Walkathons conducted in different parts of UAE. She has excelled in her academics, while giving her best in all the other school activities. She is interested in sports and has won several medals at the inter-school athletics competitions. Dancing has always been a passion for her and was able to participate and win many competitions. She learned Karate, building her fitness in an effort to enhance her performance in athletic competitions. During this period, she was able to participate and win several national and international championships in Karate competitions held in various parts of UAE. She is presently a Black Belt holder in Karate.

## ELT WORKSHOP

The workshop was organized for the English Language Teachers from Grade 1 to Grade 8 by Pearson Education to enhance their awareness level regarding the ways by which they can enrich the 'Creative Writing and Thinking Skills' of the students. All the teachers from Grade 1 to Grade 8 along with Head of the

Department attended the workshop actively.

The workshop was very lively and the organizer ensured active engagement of all the teachers throughout the workshop. The facilitator used one lesson from Grade 5 Pearson English Reader along with other

video and audio resources to demonstrate how teachers can improve Creative Writing and Critical Thinking skills of the students. The facilitator also engaged the participants in 'Phonemic System Awareness Exercise', which they can use to improve the pronunciation skills of the students through daily practice

## LET US GROW AND LEARN TOGETHER.

The academic year 2017-18 commenced with the assembly conducted by the teaching faculty of Al Ain Juniors Indian System on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2017. It was guided by the theme **LET US GROW AND LEARN TOGETHER.**

Apart from welcoming the students to the new academic year the assembly was a venue for a number of other events and announcements. First all the students who have brought laurel to themselves and schools through various competitions were felicitated. Miss Shivani for being the only Sheikh Hamdan Award winner from the Indian System in Al Ain, Liya Aji for Winning the Shashtra Prathibha 2016-17, Adarsh, Deva, Aquil trio for qualifying for the Think Science National lev-

el exhibition and Vismaya and Merissa for getting into the second round of Young Thinkers Inter School National Essay writing competition were among those students who were honoured. An effective way to express one's thought is through creative writing. As part of encouraging students in creative writing, along with the volume 2 of the AJI News letter two magazines prepared by the students of grade 7-12 were released by Mrs. Ayesha, Principal, Mr. Mohd. Gaffar, SVP, Mr. Areef Irfan, PC 10-12 and Mr. Ummer Farooq, PC 7-9.

Principal and Senior Vice Principal in their address echoed the students the clarion call to begin the year with a strong resolve to achieve greater heights in their all round performance.



## Environment and Climate Literacy



Earth day is a day to celebrate the earth's environment and help to raise awareness about threats to our planet earth. Al Ain Juniors Indian System celebrated the Earth day on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017 with a beautiful assembly organized by the students of Grade 9 A. The highlights of the assembly was the speech by Amoga Shetty and the Conversation between the clean earth and the polluted earth.

As a continuation to the celebration Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2017, School

organized a house-wise collage making competition on the theme 'Environment and climate literacy'. Encouraging and promoting environmental awareness through creativity and collaboration was the primary aim of collage making. Anyone who stepped into any of the classes could witness the planning and enthusiasm above all the competitive but collaborative spirit among the houses. Interacting with my colleagues they said, they learnt the values of responsibility, sharing and helping. They also said that this activity enabled them to think seriously about the earth and the environment. Working in the group and completing activity they felt a sense of satisfaction. The main aim of this activity was to create awareness about the global issues that the world is facing currently. Acquiring knowledge about what is happening to

this beautiful environment was also an eye opener for some.

We as global citizens have the responsibility to protect the environment around us and also to spread the same awareness among our peers, friends and family. Finally the knowledge 'we have not inherited this earth from our ancestors but borrowed from our children' will make each one pause for a minute before we exploit this earth further.





## Abudhabi Reads

Abudhabi reads is an initiative to inculcate reading habits among children. The theme for this year is "Abudhabi reads: what is your footprint?". Our events kicked off with daily 10 minutes reading during the homeroom.

Tuesday was the **Parents' Reading Day** - six parents read stories for students during the homeroom period. They were welcomed by AD Reads Angels from grade 8 prepared by Ms Sajitha and Ms Shinu. A flower and DEAR (drop everything and read) card was handed over to students to make the occasion a memorable one for the parents. After the sessions they expressed thanks and offered their readiness for similar events in future. They were sent back with thank you note from the Academic head.

Mannequin Challenge—during the assembly grade 12 came with a extract from the Merchant of Venice. All the characters recreated the scene on the stage. As the reading continued, stressing the importance of reading, all the characters stayed frozen.

Thursday during the homeroom Period all division of grades 7, grades 8 C and 8D prepared the bookmarks for the Reading Inn. They prepared around 60 bookmarks to bookmark the reading of their parents during the orientation day.

During the activity period all the students of grades 7-9 lined up at AJI assembly area with their favourite art Teacher Mr. Murganadan and class teacher. A 50 meter long paper canvas was ready for the mass mural "Abudhabi Reads—Drop Everything And Read"- crayons, pencils, sketch pens, charcoal, oil pastels etc in their hands, turned the canvas into beautiful piece of art work expressing reading, their favourite books, characters and more.

Evening during the orientation session Reading Inn was ready with variety of book to satisfy the reading hearts. Parents and children enjoyed reading their favourite books. Some parents expressed their opinion that "during our busy schedule we forget this kind of enriching activities".

Mannequin challenge brought once again on the stage with colourful costume to pass the message to the parents.



## Student Council Investiture Ceremony

On the pleasant morning of May 8th, 2017, deserving young talents of the Al Ain Juniors School Indian System were bestowed with the responsibility of leading their School from the front with their commitment, confidence and competence.

The school held the Investiture Ceremony with great enthusiasm. The Investiture Ceremony marked a significant beginning of the new academic year. It was a solemn occasion where the young students were all prepared to don the mantle of leadership and discharge the responsibilities entrusted upon them by the school. The school formally entrusted responsibilities to the young leaders to discharge their duties honestly, sincerely and to the best of their ability, in the presence of Mr. Arshad Sharief, Chairman of AJ groups, Mrs. Ayesha Siddiqua, Principal Al Ain Juniors Mr. Mohd. Gaffar, SVP, AJI, teachers and students.

### The Student Council:

**Head Boy:** Deva Rajesh

**Head Girl:** Liya Aji

**Asst. Head Boy:** Anewrin Philip

**Asst. Head Girl:** Shireen Amir



*Student Council 2017-18*

**School Ambassador:** Adarsh Anil

**Student council and assessor:** Naem Ahmed

**House captains:** Vishnu Shajanadhan and Fahima Mubarak  
Abdulla Aqeel and Priyanka Devi; Joel Moncy and Shikha Sujit; Charles Cyriac and Vatsa Bhagwani

**House vice captains:** Mohammed Hamid and Safa Mubarak;  
Aaron Joseph and Tesa Rose Sunny; Raza Latheef and Ma-reena Biju; Ron Jiji and Bibina Benny

## SHASHTRA PRATHIBHA STUDY TOUR

By Liya Aji



Shashtra Prathibha is a national level science quiz contest organized for Indian students all over UAE. It comprises of two rounds and I

cleared both the rounds to be one of the Shashtra Prathibhas 2016 from grade 11. The winners had the privilege to visit the prestigious science research institutes in Hyderabad, India. The three day study tour commenced on 4<sup>th</sup> May.

On arrival in Hyderabad, all of us were taken to visit the Indian institute of chemical technology (IICT). IICT has been instrumental in addressing numerous societal challenges and innovative solutions to problems of Indian industries in the area of drugs & pharmaceuticals, agrochemicals, lipids, catalysis, functional materials, environmental, analytical, biological and engineering sciences. Chief scientist Dr. Krishnan Ravi Kumar of X ray crystallography department gave a gist about the institute and the various activities and projects undertaken. Then we were taken around and shown vari-

ous departments like centre for NMR, centre for semiochemicals, centre for X ray crystallography, crop protection chemicals and pilot plants. It was an enlightening experience and this visit had an indelible influence on me.

National institute of nutrition had this intriguing environment and we were quite excited to visit it. It is India's premier nutrition research institute working under the aegis of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. The main mission includes enabling food and nutrition security to ensure good health, increased food productivity and growth and development. We had the opportunity to visit endocrinology and metabolism department and ocular biochemistry where the PG students explained about their present research of Isolation, purification and characterization of the active components from the food source to treat diabetes and Nutrigenomics.

Next we visited the National geophysical research institute, a laboratory of CSIR mainly carrying out research on seismology, geochemistry, geochronology, hydrochemistry etc. We had a lively discussion with the director about the various aspects of the earth. He was ardent in showing us the seismological observatory which records the seismic activities in India. Overall it was an informative experience.

That evening we were quite excited as

we had once in lifetime opportunity of interaction with scientists from many reputed institutes in Hyderabad. They also presented the 14 Shashtra Prathibhas, a book regarding India's glorious tradition.

Next day we visited DRDO, the soul of Indian defence, which is dedicatedly working towards India's self-reliance and sufficiency in defence systems and technology. Various aspects of missile engineering and navigation systems were described to us by the scientists. We also got to see 1:1 scale models of Indian missiles Agni, Prithvi, Brahmos, Akash, Trishul etc. built and maintained in a missile park.

INCOIS is another excellent endeavor and it educated us about the attempts done to provide early tsunami warnings, ocean forecast to the sea faring communities and remote sensing techniques to locate areas of fish aggregation.

Last day activities were fun filled and it included visit to Birla planetarium, Char Minar and Chowmahalla palace. No massive treasure of worlds could describe this trip. This journey has given me life long memories and it would be something I would cherish. It also helped to discover my real self, my goals and my ambition.



Shashtra Prathibhas interacting with Dr. Krishnan Ravi



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Courtesy to :  
Department of English AJI

### Our Vision

*Our vision is a holistic, student centered writing environment that empowers and inspires our youngsters to be creative, innovative and effective self-styled writers*

### Our Mission

*The Writers forum aims at creating highly stimulated writing atmosphere to the young writers to be creative, innovative in expressing their thoughts and feelings through article, poems stories, reports etc. It aims to update the students about the latest happening in the school in an effective manner. It also aims at providing opportunities to entire student community to enhance their writing skills and encourage them to bring out their latent talents for self growth and growth of their colleagues.*