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City schools set for spook fest on Halloween

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Excelsior American School, Sector 43, celebrated Halloween with an inter-house competition. The task was to create a 'horror corner'.

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Excelsior American School, Sector 45, celebrated Halloween with an inter-house competition. The task was to create a ‘horror corner’. The ‘ghost parade’, too, was a real show-stopper and caught everyone’s attention.

Various clubs, hotels, restaurants and mall shops are being given the get up of haunted houses and buildings and the events have already started that will culminate on October 31.