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The glass ceiling is broken when you make a difference to someone below you, when you uplift someone so that they can walk ahead of you. — Gita Mittal, on becoming the Chief Justice of J&K

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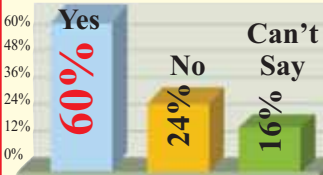
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The black, white and gray

From Monochrome To Rainbows, Religion Can Paint It Either Way

Pihu Yadav, GT Network

Reported: Muslim actor trolled for her clothes being anti-religion

Reported: A large number of Americans are ditching religion

Reported: Another Sikh man assaulted in a week

Reported: China faces criticism for poor treatment of Muslims

Reported: Religion, volunteering leads to a longer life

Reported: Children with religious parents less likely to be depressed

since the idol of Lord Ram was mysteriously discovered placed under the central dome in 1949 and some people started calling it Ram Janambhoomi. Many lawsuits, negotiations, heated discussions, one destroyed structure, and three riots later the rift spurred by religious differences remains unresolved.

But you just need to step forward, and you will be able to tide over it

Lucknow, 2015: Meanwhile two youths from Lucknow, famous for its tehzeeb, showed the world that real tehzeeb lies in tolerance and celebrating the festival called life. The two students of Lucknow University observed fast on the first day of Navratri. And not just that, they also recited Durga Chalisa, and were seen distributing 'falahaar' (food eaten during fast). And just like that, a small step was made to wipe out lines of difference.

There was tear, blood and fear, all again in the name of religion...

Syria, 2011: For the past seven years, Syria has been ravaged by a civil war rooted in religious differences. A war that has left 4,65,000 people dead, over a million injured, and nearly 12 million displaced from their roots. Perhaps these victims might be rehabilitated one day, but how will they ever wipe away the memories of the horror that they had to

Religion that unites. Religion that divides. Religion that heals. Religion that hurts. Religion that loves. Religion that hates. One word; destiny unknown.

live through.

But hope and love is just around the corner, we just need to turn around...

Canada, 2015: Around 39,671 Syrian refugees have been allowed entry and rehabilitation in Canada since 2015. Religion certainly was no bar as Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau welcomed and hugged the first batch of Syrian refugees who arrived in Canada. Trudeau enjoyed his first Iftaar meal on the first day of Ramadan with the Muslim members of his council, and also sent out a very heartfelt Ramadan message. The same religion, when embraced instead of being dejected, can turn the way from darkness to light.

There was life being taken and religion took the onus...

USA, August 2018: In a rather shameful incident, a 71-year-old Sikh man was brutally assaulted and spit at by two unidentified men in the state of California. The same week also saw another attack on a sikh member in another incident, raising eyebrows and concerns over increased hate crimes in the country. People have been assaulted, harassed, even killed, but why? Simply, because they belong to another religion.

There was life at the end of the tunnel, and religion threw light...

Nainital, India, July 2018: Everyone remembers the face of that Sikh policeman in Ramnagar, Nainital district, who saved a hapless muslim youth from the angry mob right outside a temple. Who can forget how that sub inspector Gagandeep Singh shielded that youth in a very tight and secure hug as the mob set to lynch him, demanding his head. The braveheart rose above every boundary and followed what every religion preaches: 'Humanity is the biggest service to God'.

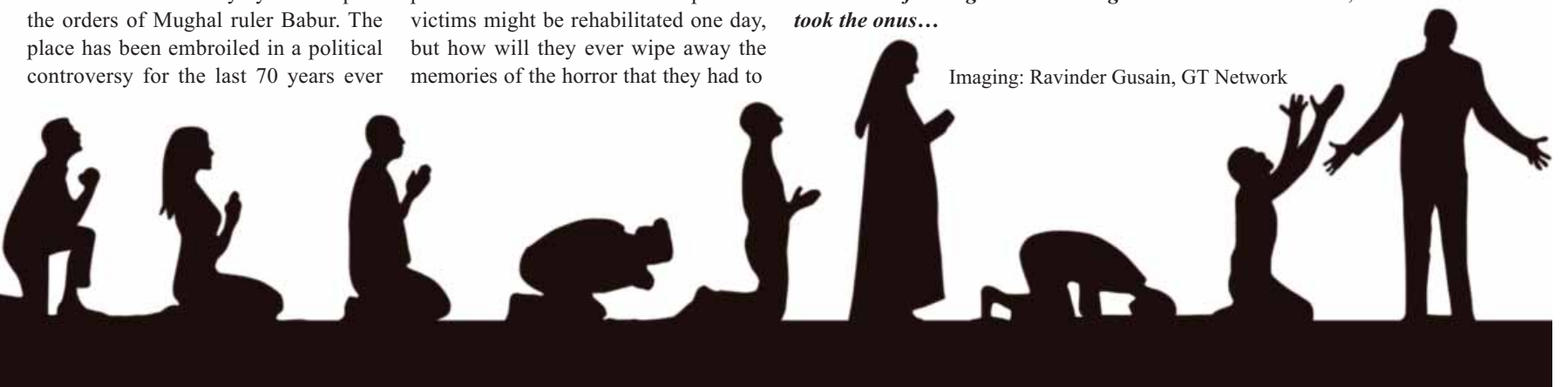
The power of religion is irrefutable. It's going to shape the destiny of mankind, but which way, is something that rests purely in the hands of man, and man alone. 🇮🇳

Religion – one word, many facets. It is a word that has defined how humans behave and live. One word that can make humanity take a turn for better or worse. Religion that unites. Religion that divides. Religion that heals. Religion that hurts. Religion that loves. Religion that hates. One word; destiny unknown.

There were rifts, some hard to iron out, and religion was blamed...

Babri Masjid, 1949: The controversial structure at Ayodhya was apparently constructed in 16th century by Mir Baqi on the orders of Mughal ruler Babur. The place has been embroiled in a political controversy for the last 70 years ever

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Creating new age women

Knowledge, Determination & Passion Make Invincible Leaders

Rimjhim Sayana, AIS Noida, XII B

With an aim to mentor and train future women entrepreneurs, Ruby Sinha, founded a platform 'sheatwork.com'. She has been a part of panel of experts of 'Saks-Hum' – Power of She, and runs brand communications consultancy firm, Kommune. As a jury member for Youth Power 2017-18, she talks about the challenges women entrepreneurs have to face and overcome.

Challenge: 'Balancing work and personal life'

Solution: When my second child was born, I faced the challenge of balancing my work life and personal life, so I started working from home. Having faced the problem myself, I wanted women entrepreneurs to work without worrying for their little ones. So, I introduced the facility of crèche at my office, 'sheatwork', so that mothers can come out and work, and not worry about their children.

Challenge: 'A girl being entrepreneur is unacceptable'

Solution: Research shows that only 14% of Indian entrepreneurs are women. In our society, no one tells a girl to become an entrepreneur. Such a thought is met with a big 'NO'. Most women are unaware about government

Pic: Naomi Rajwanshi, AIS Noida, XII B



Ruby Sinha with GT reporter

initiatives and policies to set up a business, this increases complications. I began 'sheatwork' network to rise against the challenges of patriarchal set-up.

Challenge: 'Women entrepreneurs lack the required knowledge'

Solution: Most of the women entrepreneurs don't have enough knowledge about policies, schemes, incentives, rules and regulations, etc. 'Sheatwork' envisions to provide budding women entrepreneurs the required knowledge one needs to know to become an entrepreneur. It also gives them access to different facilities and funding schemes.

Challenge: 'Learning new technology'

Solution: Entrepreneurship is very challenging and changing with time. As an entrepreneur you need to embrace latest technological trends. We train and mentor our women entrepreneurs and familiarise them with new technological advancements so that they can implement the same in their business.

Challenge: 'Driving the passion to be a leader'

Solution: As an entrepreneur you have to be a good decision maker and assertive yet empathetic person who can take the team along. As a leader you need to understand your aim and be skillful at helping people align their personal goals with your venture's vision.

Challenge: 'Bridging the communication gap'

Solution: The government has taken a lot of initiatives to promote entrepreneurship especially for women in rural areas. Initiatives like 'Make in India', 'Mudra Yojna', and 'Skill India' have had a huge impact. But there still exists a communication gap. 'Sheatwork' tries to bridge the communication gap and spread awareness amongst women entrepreneurs.

Challenge: 'Continuing the initiative'

Solution: Youth Power is a wonderful idea. At this young age, you all are working on prominent causes with great passion and enthusiasm. These are the stepping stones which will eventually help you in future to emerge as leaders and mentors of global level. I hope you continue creating more impact through such a brilliant and powerful initiative. 🇮🇳

Sheatwork.com is a one-stop destination for women, who are on the threshold of becoming entrepreneurs or are aspiring to move to the next level in their entrepreneurship ventures.





World at a glance

GT keeps the newswire ticking by bringing you news from around the globe

UK



Smarter than Einstein
Ophelia Morgan Dew, a 3 year old girl from Britain, has a higher IQ than Albert Einstein with a score of 171. She has left behind 11 year and 12 year old, Amay Sharma and Rahul Doshi with a score of 162. Ophelia is the youngest member of oldest IQ society Mensa and has secured place in the top 0.03 per cent of the population in terms of brain power.

China



Patriotism classes for intellectuals

China has announced plans for a campaign to 'enhance patriotism' amongst the country's intellectuals. It is an attempt to counter discontent amongst academicians who have criticized President Xi Jinping recently. The campaign will be launched amongst intellectuals at schools, research institutes, and public institutes according to the Communist Party of China.

Hungary



Kahlo swept in the middle
64 years after her death, Frida Kahlo comes into scrutiny

as a pro government newspaper has criticized exhibition of her work at the Hungarian National Gallery, Budapest for promoting communism. The criticism became a wider debate on cultural policy since nationalist PM Viktor Orban won a third consecutive mandate in April.

USA



Indra Nooyi's departure from PepsiCo
Indra Nooyi, CEO, PepsiCo, has announced that she will be stepping

down from her position in October this year. This decision leaves only 24 women running America's 500 largest publicly traded companies, and even a lesser number of women from any racial minority.

The Republic of Ecuador



Declaration of state of emergency
The government of Ecuador has declared a state of emergency related to human migration in the provinces of Carchi, Pichincha, and El Oro on August 8, to provide urgent medical and social attention to the Venezuelan migrants on the northern border. The state of emergency may last for the entire month of August.

India



Kerala battered by heavy rains

With almost all 40 rivers in the state flooded and overflowing dam reservoirs, floods have claimed 29 lives and rendered 54,000 people homeless. Five columns of army have been deployed and navy's southern command has been put on alert. For the first time in 26 years, all the five flood gates of Idukki dam have been opened.

Saudi Arabia



Tweets snapping ties between two countries

A series of tweets by Canadian Foreign Ministry regarding the arrest of a woman right's activist has spoiled the relationship between Saudi Arabia and Canada. Prince Mohammed bin Salman ordered the Saudi ambassador to leave Canada and also sent back the Canadian ambassador. He has also ordered 800 medical trainees to return to Saudi Arabia.

Indonesia



Devastated by earthquake

The tourist island of Lombok was shattered after being hit by an earthquake with a magnitude of 6.9 on Richter scale. The earthquake killed dozens, destroyed villages, and left thousands stranded. The death toll has reached 98, including two on the neighbouring island of Bali.

Japan



WW II weapons found

About 1400 firearms, 1200 swords, 8 grenades, and 302 bullets believed to date back to WW II were found buried under the Tanashi Elementary School in Tokyo. It is believed that the weapons were discarded when Japan surrendered in 1945.



Dubai did not have any address or postal system, no zip or area codes until they were recently introduced in 2015.

Making room for studies

Want To Nail The Examination Game? We Have Some Helpful Tips!

Manika Joshi, AIS Vas 1, XI

What is it that we students have not tried doing to get that bold capital A on our marksheets? From clinging on to lucky pens to entering the examination hall with the right foot first, we've all been there, done that. But, have you ever tried organizing your room? That's what we thought! And that's exactly what this article will help you with.

Colour, colour on the wall

That's the first thing people notice in a room. Colour impacts human behaviour. Here's how it can bring joy to your scores.

■ If you are one of those who are always a shot away from heart-failure and about 3 questions away from passing out when you PRACTICE a sample paper, go for pink walls. The colour, other than being cutesy, is known to have a calming effect.

■ You may be the Einstein of your class, but when it comes to creativity you become, eh, you. Blue will save your day as it is said to improve creativity.

■ Now, this is no magic potion. But try taking a shot with the colour green. No reason, just to pump up your luck a bit. So, here you got the formula – pink, blue, and green.



Turn the table, or not?

While you think that everything is in place, your mother sees the earthquake-affected area aka your study table.

■ Create space for study material of every subject and only keep books that are relevant.

■ Diaries, notepads, writing tools etc., should be arranged in a way that they are easily accessible.

■ Most important and obvious – clean your study table regularly to avoid stuff from piling up.

■ Your chair should always have a comfortable backrest.

Your study table is now all geared up to help you win this war against bad grades.

Smells like A+

Time to smell something good,

people! Scents can do wonders to your studying process and you can mix, match, and alter these scents however you like.

■ Lavender and jasmine are known to alleviate stress. You can use them individually or mix them in a concoction of your own choice.

■ If you have a hard time concentrating, then peppermint is

the way to go.

■ Rosemary is another great pick. In addition to improving memory retention, rosemary has stimulating properties that fight physical exhaustion, headaches, and mental fatigue.

Or you know, go to the store and pick up whatever suits your style and your nose.

It's time to hang

Get over those rock-n-roll posters. You want to study and you need to ensure that you are putting up the right thing.

■ Put up sticky notes everywhere so that there is no way that you can possibly miss the daily targets you set for yourself.

■ If you aren't one of those who have a periodic table chart in your room since the 6th grade, it might be high time for you to do so now.

■ Pasting a picture of water or a waterfall behind the chair would increase the flow of positive and creative energy.

■ Motivational quotes and lyrics are also a great help. You would want to look at them if you still feel helpless after hours of cramming that history lesson.

Basically, you need to put up with studying, and that is all there is to it.

WARNING: The writer is NO child prodigy. 🙄

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Presents

Brainleaks-248

FOR CLASS VIII-XII

Mesentery is new human organ classified in human body. This organ is found in _____.

- Circulatory system
- Respiratory system
- Digestive system
- Nervous system

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3 correct entries win attractive prizes

Ans. Brainleaks 247: (A)

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Name:.....

Class:.....

School:.....

Send your answers to The Global Times, E-26, Defence Colony, New Delhi - 24 or e-mail your answers at brainleaks@theglobaltimes.in

A course for 'swayam'

NIOS Holds Workshop To Bring Change

AIE

A one-day workshop on the theme 'Course Development for National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) SWAYAM Platform' was organised at Amity Institute of Education, on July 19, 2018. It was sponsored by National Institute of Open Schooling (Ministry of Human Resources and Development, Government of India).

Prof (Dr) CB Sharma, Chairman, NIOS, Noida, was the chief guest for the event. Mohina Dar, Director, Academics, Amity International and Global Schools, and Smita Bidani, Education Officer, UGC, New Delhi, were the special invitees. The guests were welcomed by

Dr Ranjana Bhatia, Principal cum Director, AIE, New Delhi. The guests, in their inaugural speeches, highlighted the features and the vast scope of SWAYAM. The programme aims to achieve three cardinal principles of education policy: access, equity and quality. The objective of this effort is to give best teaching and learning resources to all, including the most disadvantaged. The inaugural session was followed by two technical sessions conducted by experienced trainers from NIOS. The first technical session was taken by SK Prasad, Director, Student Support Services, NIOS, Noida. He gave the audience a detailed guide on what Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) is, and why

SWAYAM is the best platform for it in India. He also provided a virtual tour on how one can access different courses and become a faculty member by providing their valuable inputs and knowledge. The resource persons for the second session were Pramod Tripathi, Training Officer, Computer Science; Chanchal Kumar Singh, Training Officer, Computer Science, and Sonika Tyagi, EDP, Technical Assistant, NIOS, Noida. They provided a hands-on experience to the participants on how to use SWAYAM. The workshop was a huge success and saw a huge participation by teachers, educators and principals from various schools and teacher training institutes from all over Delhi NCR. 🙄



Prof (Dr) CB Sharma, Chairman, NIOS addresses the participants of the workshop

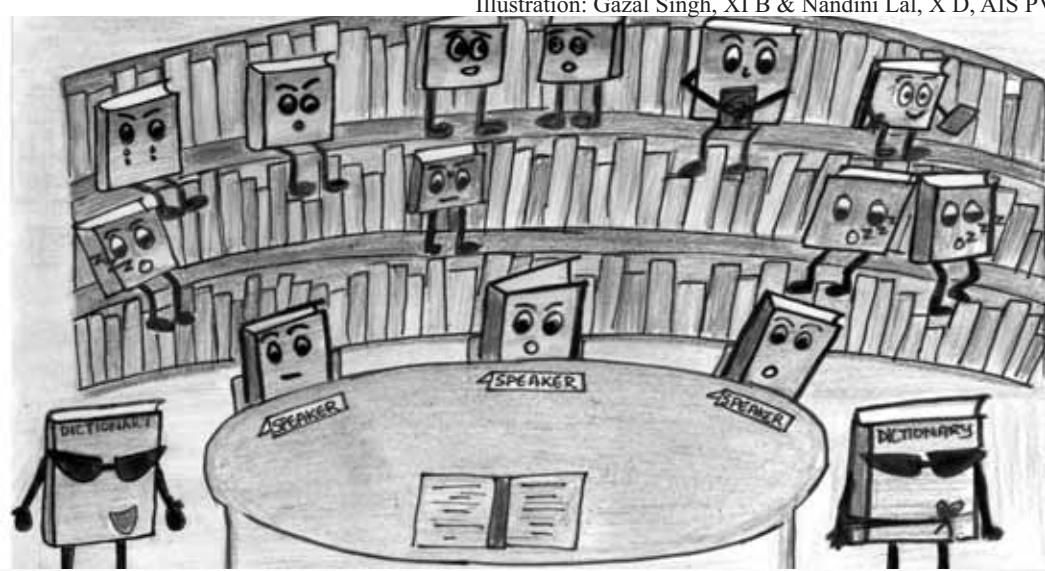


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Textbook ignominy

The drab, dingy room is laced with dust and so is their fate.

Muskaan Mendiratta, AIS PV, XI B, attempts to bring them back in the 'good books' as she takes note of their woes.

As the first speaker for the day's Parliament session, Geography begins on a commendable note. The note-taker for the conference is a notebook. "Every word," Geography continues, "written on my worn out pages has undergone a lot of effort and money." The books begin turning their pages violently, their way of applauding. "And I take the responsibility of erasing any and all possibilities of humanly errors." "It's a disgrace, a disgrace is what I call it!" ...is now being deported by a bunch of dictionaries. Next speaker is Chemistry, isomerising between cool and awkward. "Let's reminisce about," he began, twitching, "the Harry Potter's derogations, as we were removed from the study." Seconds, minutes, and many hours later, they fi-

nally came to a consensus.

Textbooks all around the world claim:

- Supremacy
- Continual benefaction of the humans
- Nobility

Weep for:

- We have suffered dog ears, and doodling, ever so often on our delicate pages
- Fiction is always given higher importance despite their absurdity
- We are never cared for enough, once our purpose is fulfilled

Demand:

- Proper binding, and re-binding, if needed
- Dignified storage; our pages must not bend
- Love and affection; fake it, if necessary
- No doodling, or unsightly markings
- All species must feel indebted to us

Are grateful for:

- Printing 🙄

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Are we **mapping** it right?

'Mapping' The Journey Of How The Real Maps Came Into Existence

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Can you imagine being a sailor or a voyager in the 16th century? Can you see yourself and your friend going about in huge boats, carrying big globes to find your way through the wide deep sea? No? Well, the sailors of the 16th century had to do just that. And then, for their assistance, sheets of paper called maps came along.

What is a map?

Most maps start with an outline of a location. Then they provide information about the location's attributes. There are different types of maps: physical maps, which illustrate landforms like mountains, deserts, lakes etc; political maps, which depict information about countries, their states, borders, and major cities. Maps use symbols to display the aforementioned.

What's Mercator map?

Remember the sailors who had to carry globes around on their voyages? Those globes were heavy, and to make it worse, huge and unportable. So, to ease their troubles, Flemish cartogra-

pher Gerardus Mercator, in the year 1569, designed a map as a navigational tool for sailors to travel with. Mercator's map quickly became the standard map for ocean voyages, and remain popular to this date.

Earlier sailors had to toil before the journey and mark bearings on maps. But after the invention of the Mercator map, sailors no longer had to work so hard. They just needed to mark their starting and ending points on the map, and simply follow the line for their journey. Think about how grateful the sailors would have been to Mercator. But there were things which went wrong along the way.

So, what went wrong?

Drawing the Earth, which is 3-dimensional, to a map, which is 2-dimensional, brought its own set of troubles. Bringing the otherwise round Earth to a flat surface caused distortions. The Mercator map gave the right shapes to the countries but distorted their sizes. For instance, on the map, North America looks as big as Africa, and Greenland is of comparable size. In reality, North America can easily be fitted inside Africa,



with space still left for India, Argentina, and some more such countries. Maps also suggest countries like Sweden, Norway, and other parts of Europe are larger than India, whereas the reality says that India is three times their actual size!

The Mercator map displays the countries near the equator almost perfectly. The countries near the poles, and away from the equator, got the short end of the stick. To quote an example, Greenland is in reality, only 1/8th the size of South America, but on the Mercator projection, it appears much larger.

Also, the Mercator version is one of those rare maps whose answer to latitudinal distortions and differences was to ensure that the longitudinal distortions are equally bad!

Nothing. It's been almost 450 years since the Mercator map was created. Our ancestors, fathers, and forefathers have been following this map since time immemorial, so we'll just keep going that way! The only difference is that we know we're going in the wrong way.

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What can be done?

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Papier-mâché volcano

Watch The Artificial Lava As It Erupts Out Of Your Very Own Miniature Volcano!

Science Experiment

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Aim: To study the basic chemical reaction of an eruption

Material Required

- A small plastic bottle
- Newspaper strips
- White glue
- Water
- A bowl
- Large cardboard piece
- A pair of scissors
- Paint and brushes
- Baking soda – 1 tbsp
- Vinegar- 1/4 cup
- Colour additive (red) - 3 drops

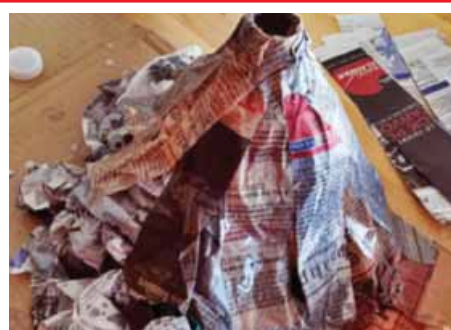


Procedure



STEP 1

Stick the plastic bottle on the cardboard piece with the help of glue. Scrunch up some sheets and stick it around the base of the bottle to make the base of the crater.



STEP 2

Mix glue and water together in a bowl. Immerse strips of paper in the glue-water mix and keep sticking them one on top of other around the bottle till it resembles a volcano. Let it dry.



STEP 3

Once the crater is dry, paint it with shades of red and brown, or as you may like.



STEP 4

Add baking soda and red colour additive to the bottle in the centre of the volcano.



STEP 5

Lastly, pour 1/4th cup of vinegar into the bottle.



STEP 6

Watch your volcano spew lava!



What science says

The volcano erupts because the acidic vinegar comes in contact with baking soda (Sodium Bicarbonate) which is alkaline in nature. This reaction leads to the formation of a new chemical substance known as carbonic acid (H_2CO_3). Due to the unstable nature of this newly-formed substance, the mixture separates into carbonic acid and water within no time. The reaction also results in the production of Carbon Dioxide (CO_2). This leads to the formation of bubbles and the popping noise.



The best hotel in Dubai, Burj-Al-Arab uses enough gold to cover the Mona Lisa painting 46,265 times.

Are you psycho-logical?

If Yes, These Quizzes Are Sure To Play With Your Mind



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Scroll through the following statements and use the scale to either agree or disagree with each: "Are you going through a psychological turmoil whether people like you or not?" "Are you the one with an attitude problem?" Or "Are you looking for a lucky number or colour?" Have you taken such psychological quizzes to discover yourself? If the answer is yes, then the possibilities are that you are psychologically inclined. And attempting such quizzes just

make you unsure, think and wonder about your own self. You are bound to overthink and be bamboozled.

Senseless stimulation

Buzzfeed's buzz and quizzes about your EQ and IQ, logic and intellect, your celebrity doppelganger according to your zodiac, or the Goddess you embody, tosses everyone's brains upside down. Be it an emotional wreck, or a happy-go-lucky person, the sentiments these quizzes evoke, are magical and mythical enough for our minds to seek answers bespoke.

Blooper-natural Quizzes

Some quizzes are out of the world. Like, "Which supernatural creature are you?", "Who were you in your past life?" and the list goes on. The aura of mystery and intrigue and the craving for the unknown only results in you always clicking the button 'to find out deeper truths about yourself'.

Colourful Auras

Existence of auras isn't scientifically proven, but all these quizzes show that girly pink, innocent orange, aqua-baby blue or bold black, define our personality or so, we let them to. This aura theory has billions of takers across the globe. When the 5:00 am babaji's astronomical predictions go down and sleep, the colour quizzes climb all their way up the perplexed quiz taker and gain a hold of their minds and thoughts.

The Number Game

Numerology is an ancient science but it seems to be really catching up with the curiosity of the modern minds. The numbers help people sort their lives in a mathematical manner and look at their problems like an equation. The solution lies in simple calculations. "Which number is lucky for you?" has more takers than the kids who like solving math problems in school.

No matter how imbecile these quizzes are, the truth is that with their luring USP, they have crawled up internet trends. Such fun quizzes only increase your curiosity when you click on the button 'I am done' and the result is awaited.



Obviously!

Allergic To Silly Questions?

Anika Joshi, AIS Vas 1, IX

"Are you reading GT?" "No, I am making an airplane out of it." Of course, you don't say that. You rather opt for a sophisticated expression of your annoyance - "Obviously" along with a *smirk* (all you can afford). And there's no end to these extremely annoying questions with seemingly obvious answers. Don't believe it? Read for yourself.

When you clearly have got a haircut and they ask "Did you get a haircut?"

No, actually they caught fire!

When they see a kennel and ask "Do you have a dog?"

No, the kennel there is for me and my sister.

When you eat something hot

and they ask "Is it hot?"
"No, it's freezing my mouth."

When they see you at the cinemas and ask "What are you doing here?"

"I'm here to pay my school fees. And you?"

When you got braces and they ask "Did you get braces?"

"No, I actually am chewing stapler pins. Wanna try?"

When you're standing at the end of the queue and they ask "Is this the end of line?"

"No, this is not the end, it rather begins from here."

When a woman wearing high heels steps on your feet and asks "Does that hurt?"

"No, I am a ghost. Try again?"

Let's burn the annoyers with our cool answers! *winks*

Tele-flopping

Gleaming Smiles, Life With Style, All Is Well In The World Of Teleshopping

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Here's a tribute to our 3 a.m. friend, our very own TELESHPING. People in those infomercials are always so enthusiastic that they light up your world in a jiffy. The best part is that they talk to 'You' only. These capti-

vating infomercials lure us into a deep rabbit hole.

Laugh out loud

The minute you tune into an infomercial, you end up laughing as the super cheery anchor is so excited. They make you think like a proton - always positive. Selling it loud, they make you believe that if happiness is what you want then buy their miracle product and the world will be perfect, thanks to them.

So, if you are feeling sad, tune into an infomercial and split yourself with laughter at their funny actions and voice modulations.

Follow the leader

When the whole world seems to be falling for the mouth watering offers - 'Buy 2, get accessories free'. Soon guilt steps in and a feeling of being incomplete without the product seeps through you. The visuals of a *bechari grihani* tiresomely slic-

ing carrots in one scene, compared to the same lady smiling cheek to cheek as she chops carrots perfectly and effortlessly in the next; instills in you a deep desire to buy that product, irrespective of whether you really would need to slice carrots everyday. A real irony!

Newton with a twist

Ever noticed all the elaborate scientific facts given to convince us? Right from the treasures of Ayurveda to the latest

stem cell research reports, they stop at nothing to make you believe that their product is the next groundbreaking invention of modern science. Sir Isaac Newton too must be turning around in his grave restlessly.

As seen on TV

Desperation now enslaves you and you order the product. When it arrives you open it and surprise! (Or

shock?) Inside the box wrapped in bubble wrap is your coveted item, which will change your life forever. Dreamy-eyed about happily ever after, you start using your miracle item. But wait did magic happen? Remember, "Oh God! This is magic just like shown on TV," said no one ever. History is the witness to this and so are we.





Education for liberation



Dr. Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

We turn 72 years young this Independence Day. Yes, young, alive and kicking, that's what we are - a 21st century nation whom the whole world is looking at with awe for creating a synergistic and progressive society. India has always been a great land of

knowledge, an awesome civilisation of exemplary intellect and an eclectic blend of culture & virtues. Aryabhatta, Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, Sushruta, Dr Kadambini Ganguly, Chanakya, Bal Gangadhar Tilak, Samrat Ashoka, Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Sage Agastya, Swami Dayanand Saraswati and many more such stalwarts have built this great nation that we live in. In the process, they have given one of the greatest gift to the youth of this country - the gift of education. All these people have not only been the experts but also the great believers in the wonders of education and used it as their single largest tool to bring in the reforms they wanted to see and help Bharat achieve the position of a world leader, which this nation has always been.

As the doyens of new Bharat, now we need to fully imbibe, utilise and value the biggest driving force of 21st century, i.e. education. We need more quality education woven with values. The education which empowers us to think and act like reformists, innovators and educators and also bestows us with humility and gratitude. We now need to make education more inclusive and equitable so that it liberates us from the shackles of gender bias, from inner fears, from conflicts and wars so as to bring in more peace and equality in the world, realizing the vision of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'. [G+](#)

Responsible freedom



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

India gears to celebrate its 72 years of independence and GT its 10 years of inception. While both celebrate freedom, they do so responsibly. The recent government orders of banning the manufacture, sale, distribution, and display of plastic national flags is one step towards celebrating freedom with responsibility. In my one decade of association with students, the question of 'freedom' to write anything for the newspaper has cropped up at every edit meet, every year. Herein comes the question of being free to write and being responsible writers. Students ask me why they couldn't publish certain reports. Since journalism is a very live and dynamic subject and student journalists, by the virtue of their age, are naturally inquisitive and impulsive, such questions are all very natural.

It is important to understand here that it is not only a fake or an unverified news that triggers violence. Sometimes even truth triggers conflicts which may not be in the best of interest of the student and might play havoc with the young mind. Sometimes it's only the difference in perception, the way of looking at thing that differs and we think it can create a news or story when actually it doesn't. All these years I too have been constantly learning about freedom with responsibility. There have been times when I so much wanted to talk about certain aspects but later realized that this may not be well understood by children of all age group who are its prime readers. As a journalist, I chose to be responsible and constructive rather than reactive and destructive. That's what we do as journalists. That's what we journalists are meant for. [G+](#)

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When logic met superstition

The Reasons Which Created The Superstition We All Follow

Shraddha Talwar, AIS PV, XII

There are certain actions which are forbidden because of the ghastly consequences they propose. There are countless admonitions which we receive daily from our parents that entangle the web of our thoughts. Although they sound completely absurd to us, but the seriousness of the tones in which they are often spoken spin the wheels of our head. Why did mom say so? These superstitions, when served with an explanation and sprinkled with a tad bit of logic, make a more digestible recipe.

Unlucky spell, on a number it dwells! Friday is considered cursed by Christians because they lost Christ on a Friday. This Friday, when clubbed with a forever-cursed number, known for its bad omens, brings out a whole new level of ill-fated events. Friday the 13th is the best explanation for a botched math test when it happens on that fateful day. Hinduism, on the other hand, visualizes 3 as a symbol of lord Shiva, the destroyer. The number's association with the deity results in its avoidance. Now who's to explain to my mom that having 3 sand-

wiches for breakfast is not going to stop my promotion.

Black cat crossing your way, can spoil your entire day! Witches have transmuted themselves into cats as claimed by our previous generation. Minerva McGonagall's cat avatar left

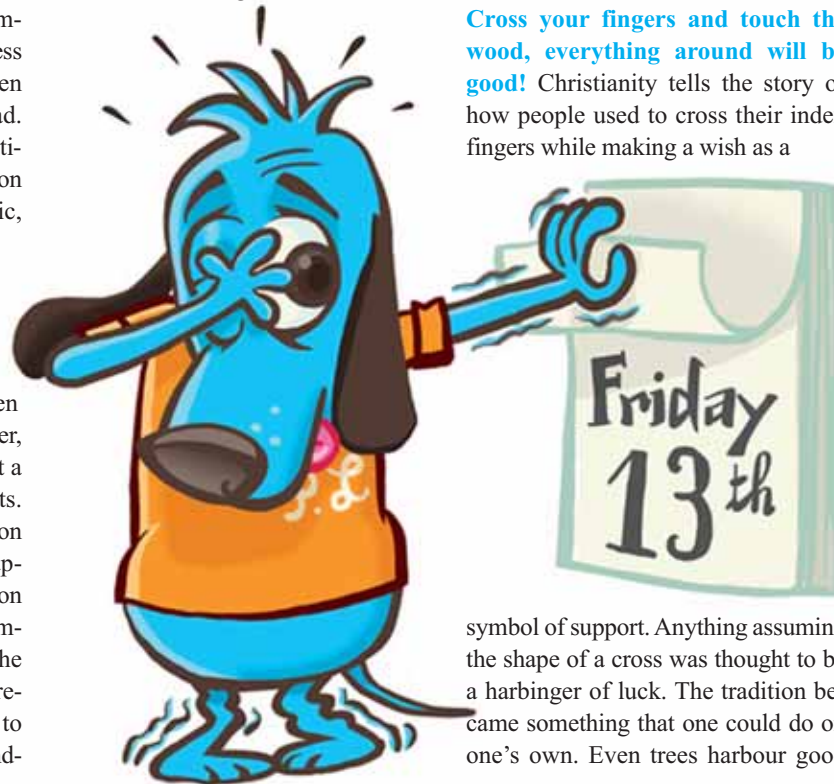
a deep impression, somehow, confirming the claims of the elderly. Pointing out the futility of these claims, millions of people keep cats as pets, and the black ones look even more endearing to their owners, if not the street-hoggers!

Cross your fingers and touch the wood, everything around will be good! Christianity tells the story of how people used to cross their index fingers while making a wish as a

spirits. As a result, the fixation of wood is believed to be fortunate. However, all that's wrong around cannot be cured with crosses and knocks. The good vibes do spread, if any, but they do not have the ability to cure all the ailments of the planet.

Cutting your nails at night is the new forbidden fruit! A lot of myths and taboos encircle the simple task of cutting your nails at night. The reason behind this was not a taboo but the simple case of lack of electricity, back in the times in which such sayings were coined. Our ancestors did not foresee the discovery of tube lights and wished for our safety while performing simple daily chores.

Now that an explanation accompanies these superstitions, they don't seem so bizarre. Our ancestors rewarded us with certain principles that gave rise to a lot of questions. These questions have afflicted, upon these rituals, by the centuries that have passed since they were first discovered. These superstitions are not devoid of logic. It's just that the logic applied previously does not hold any relevance under the present circumstances. [G+](#)



symbol of support. Anything assuming the shape of a cross was thought to be a harbinger of luck. The tradition became something that one could do on one's own. Even trees harbour good

The Indian-'Phoren' Policy

Time To Check What India's Foreign Policy Means For Youth

Ananya Grover, AIS Noida, XI

India is the main contributor to the rising number of adolescent population, by being home to more than 356 million 10-24 year olds. Whilst considering the growing globalisation in regards to our youth, it is important that our foreign policies be more strategic, focus on domestic development, create a peaceful environment, and becoming a global power.

Building the pathway!

Access to internet has become synonymous with access to knowledge. Yet only 20% have internet connection. Recognising this need, the government has encouraged major corporations to help spread internet and invest in start-ups. Moreover, PM Modi's visits have contributed to India's investments. In 2016, India's FDI hit an all-time high with inflows worth \$60.1 billion. The challenge is to leverage international investments to herald change at home.

Taking the high road!

A child who grows up amidst violence misses out on the normal experiences. Scarred from an early age, these chil-

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dren feel alienated, suffer psychological trauma, and develop reactionary feelings. In order to ensure that a young boy in Kashmir has the same opportunity as one in Delhi, peace is an important goal that India must strive for. Over the past five years or so, India has evolved its policy to express willingness to keep lines of communication open. PM's visits to different countries and their reciprocation in various forms will help India in maintaining cordial relationships with other countries.

Reaching the kingdom!

India has moved towards adopting a leading role when it comes to Asia. India's membership in platforms like G20, the East Asia Summit, the BRICS coalition, the Missile Technol-



ogy Control Regime, and the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation stand testimony to our fast-growing economy and status. A promising future of the country will reinstate youth's faith and fuel them to contribute towards its growth, rather than investing outside. India's current priority must be to form a strategy to actualise its potential of competing with China ie to restore stability in the Doklam plateau. We also need to leverage our ties with USA, which has the world's foremost military, and Australia, both of whom

in turn need India to counter China.

While the older members of our society govern how it runs, the youth is impacted the most from the consequences of their every action. Will India succeed in providing its youth with meaningful skills and jobs, firm roots, and broad outlooks to unite, and shape a sustainable future for themselves and others? The youth believe that it will. [G+](#)

(Courtesy: Indian Council of World Affairs)

Little pearls of wisdom

Donkey and the stick

Anwita Agarwal, AIS Saket, VI

Raj Marg was a busy road. It connected many villages. Once a group of people who were crossing the road discovered a big rock kept on one side, clearly ignored for many years. When they came near it, they saw some markings inscribed on it, looking like a donkey and a man holding a stick. They were curious about what it could mean and decided to consult a sage. But the sage had gone away to

a long pilgrimage, and there was only a young disciple present tending to the cows. They approached the disciple who proclaimed that the drawing is of the magic stick, and the man holding it is the hero of this village. Everyone passing through must make offerings or they'll be considered donkeys. The villagers were surprised but believed him. The disciple sat by the rock all day, taking offerings and relaxing. But his pleasure ended as soon as the sage returned from his pilgrimage. The sage, after



knowing everything, examined the rock carefully. Then, without saying a word, he took a stick and started to move the rock. When people gradually turned around, they saw this and were astonished to discover a pot of gold hidden under the rock. Addressing the people, the sage said, "The drawings meant that you are sup-

posed to move the rock with a stick to find the hidden treasure. If you didn't, you were all foolish like donkeys. If you had not followed the words of the priest blindly, you would have discovered this treasure long ago, and made better use of it. Instead you helped this greedy disciple of mine become lazy." The villagers understood their fault and were embarrassed. The young priest went back to cleaning cow sheds.

This story teaches us that one must always have faith on oneself before anyone else. Instead of letting people befool us, we must first observe ourselves carefully and think clearly.



People living in Dubai do not have to pay any income tax.

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#SelfieFacts



3,000,000

selfies are taken every day

44%

selfies are uploaded on Instagram



28%

of the selfies are uploaded on Snapchat

78%

of selfies are clicked by girls



22%

of selfies are clicked by boys



National Selfie Day

is officially celebrated on **June 21** every year

Gemini 12 Mission

The first space selfie was taken in the year 1966 by Buzz Aldrin during the Gemini 12 mission

Types of #Selfie



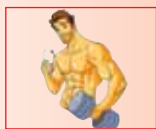
Bathroom mirror selfie



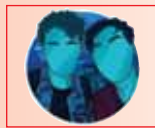
Car selfie



The #Iwokeup-likethis selfie



The gym selfie



Celeb selfie



Group selfie



#OOTD selfie



The lazy sunday selfie

For The Perfect Selfie

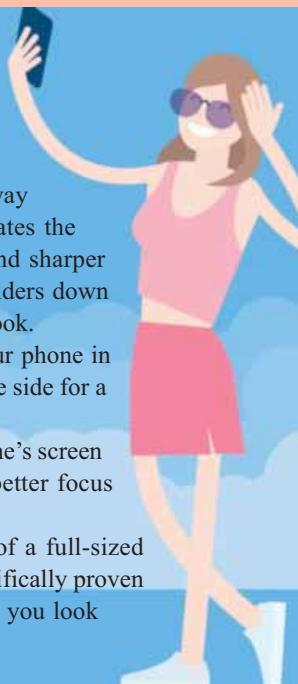
Try holding your phone above your eye level. Slightly raise your eyebrows to make your eyes appear larger.

Extend your head away from the neck. This creates the look of a longer neck and sharper jawline. Push your shoulders down to have a more relaxed look.

Instead of holding your phone in front of you, hold it to the side for a flawless angle.

Tap on your smartphone's screen for autobrightness and better focus on your features.

Take selfies in front of a full-sized mirror. It has been scientifically proven that mirror images make you look more attractive.



#SelfieTips 101



The Trend That Is Driving The Entire World Crazy!

The loved-as-much-as-hated selfie was in news yet again. This time for permanently shutting down a sunflower farm in Ontario, Canada. The reason for this was the property damage done by 'selfie' maniacs (as many as 7000) who visited the farm only to get a perfect shot. Of course, sunflowers in the background, bright sun...everything a selfie needs. Here's an attempt to decode this (in)famous trend.

Defining thy self(ie)

The term 'selfie' originally means a self-portrait photograph which is normally taken with a smartphone. This word was introduced to public after a student of an Australian university posted a picture of himself on social media. While describing the picture he used the shortened version or to be more appropriate, a slang, of the word self-portrait, spelled 'selfy'. Thus began the trend.

#SelfieBasics

All That You Must Know

A millennial invention?

Not really! The first selfie dates back to 19th century. In 1839, Robert Cornelius, an American, pioneered in photography. His experimentations with a photographic process called 'daguerreotypy' lead to the production of the first self-portrait. Labelling it as 'the first light picture ever taken', Cornelius takes away the credit of starting the trend. It seems he had put in a lot of efforts, because the term 'daguerreotypy' does not sound that easy.

#Word of the year

In the year 2013, Oxford Dictionary declared the word selfie to be 'Word of The Year', given the humungous popularity that the word itself had gained in the millennial era. Although the term selfie appeared in 2004 on the then popular social media site known as Flickr, however, its usage was not as widespread as it became nearly eight years later.

Many experts have condemned them for triggering consciousness about body image. The selfie culture has resulted in many people, especially teens, going to great lengths to get that perfect picture. From clicking selfies at hazardous locations to using multiple apps for 'retouching', people can be seen going all out to get the perfect picture. Selfies have often come under fire for resulting in mishaps and even deaths due to careless clicking.

Click with caution

Like anything else, selfies too, if taken the extreme way, may have certain negative repercussions. Over indulgence in the trend may result in one becoming overly conscious of their appearance and looks, and self-shaming becomes common. But if done in moderation, selfies sure are fun, harmless, and of course a great way to capture memories.

Under fire

Selfies have often come under the scanner for promoting nar-

#SelfieBanned

Can I Take A Selfie? No!

We all love taking selfies at any and every place, but sometimes the adventurer in us makes us want to take our #selfiegame to the next level, doesn't it? But what if this one selfie becomes your last? This is why some places have banned them.

Mumbai Oceanfront, India: Including the Marine Drive and Girgaum Chowpatty, taking selfies have been banned at six locations in Mumbai. These coastal zones are devoid of any railings for support and do not have any lifeguards. As if we care about any of those things!

Amsterdam, Netherlands: Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam has forbidden people from taking selfies or any other form of photography. The curators feel that



people taking selfies were in constant conflict with those who just wanted to appreciate the art. As if anything was more important than aesthetic photos!

Mecca, Saudi Arabia: Being a pilgrimage to devout believers, a lot of the young pilgrims documented their pilgrimage online. In 2014, a fatwa was issued against those who were found recording their visit. As if such a strict move in such a strict country came as a surprise to us!



#SelfieFever

Danger! Danger! Danger!

Pamplona, Spain: In an uneventful incident at the annual event 'Running of the Bulls', a man was gored to death by a bull whilst trying to take a selfie with the bull chasing him.

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: Lee Thompson, Founder, The Flash Pack, convinced the Brazilian Tourist Board to let him climb the 'Christ the Redeemer' statue just to get a selfie clicked.

Orissa, India: A man named Prabhu Bhatara was mauled to death by an injured bear after he tried to take a selfie with the animal in the woods.

Miami, USA: James Crowlett, a thirty four year old life insurance salesman, died after his awful attempt at trying to take an underwater selfie with a wild shark that was looming right behind him resulted in his death.



A true promotion

Storywala



Illustration: Deepak Sharma, GT Network

Khushi Saxena, AIS Noida, XI I

Mike had always waited for this day. It was time for his first promotion. Today, he woke up before his alarm rang. Suited up in the most expensive suit, tying his favourite grey tie, his thoughts lingered upon what was to happen in the next few hours.

He left his house with his laptop bag. As he neared the gate, his happiness turned into anger, courtesy - a kid with coffee in his hands ran into him. Mike had no time to go back and change. So, he quietly walked towards his car muttering to himself, "What could make it worse?" Fifteen minutes late for his big day, he sped up his car but was stopped

midway by a huge crowd of people who had gathered to witness what looked like an accident scene. "This is a hit and run case," were the faint cries which reached Mike's ears. An hour late by then, Mike pushed off the crowd to see an old woman lying in a pool of her own blood. He quickly rushed her to the hospital, which was in the opposite direction

of his office. The lady was admitted, and he completed the formalities. He had waited so long for this dream to be fulfilled, and now he saw it all fading away. Just then, the phone rang. It was his boss. He knew he was in for major bashing for not turning up. Reluctantly, he answered the phone. Before Mike could begin to explain himself, a hoarse voice spoke, 'Thank you'. Mike couldn't really comprehend what just happened. 'Is this a joke?', he thought to himself. "Thank you so much for saving my mother's life, Michael. Without your help, she would have definitely died." Hearing this, tears welled up in Mike's eyes. But they were tears of joy, as he realised that this was his 'true' promotion. 🇮🇳

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Material required

- Balloons
- Newspapers
- Flour
- Water
- Mod Podge
- White spray paint
- Silver spray paint
- Glitter
- Scratched CDs (about 25)
- Scissors
- Hot glue

Method

- Mix flour and water and make a paste.
- Cut the newspapers into strips and dip them in the paste mixture.
- Inflate a balloon and stick the strips on it. Cover the balloon using layers of strips.
- Let it dry completely.
- After it gets dried, poke a hole in the balloon to deflate it. Using mod podge, cover up the remaining areas.
- Using different spray paints, paint the ball.
- Take some old unused CDs and smoothly cut them into square pieces.
- With the help of a hot glue, start sticking the pieces on the ball and let it dry.
- Finally, tie a strong thread to the ball that can withstand the weight. Your DIY disco ball is ready to glow!

WORDS VERSE

A bookworm

Sehaj Ghuman, AIS Noida, X L

Carefully, I open the book
And let its aroma fill the air
Nowhere do I wish to be
But in this realm so rare

This is a world of my own
In which I happily reside
Even if I may know the future
But to the present I am tied

I turn the pages eagerly
Trying to unlock the mystery

On each word my imagination hovers
At times excited, at times jittery

Slowly, it builds up the tension
Leading me through passages
As I read with rapt attention
It leaves me a new message

It is nothing less than magic
Always leaving me spellbound
Be it romantic or be it tragic
It never fails to astound

I go through it a thousand times
As it will appeal me forever
It is nothing but a passion
Each book I can devour



Sometimes it gives me closure
Sometimes makes me wonder
To a new world I get exposure
This world I'd never let sunder 🇮🇳

Nature of life

Vaishali Bhardwaj
B.El.Ed, AUUP

Life is complex, filled with shocks
At times we have to sail through rocks

We know not what tomorrow will be
And that, we can never foresee

Let's rejoice what we have today
Accept all that comes our way

We should let go what has passed
For this universe is incredibly vast

We keep coming across new things
There is a lot more that life will bring

What we give does come back
No way to escape, no life hack

Remember what you do sow
Because that is what will later grow

You may be proud, you may be low
It might as well turn out to be a blow

How you handle it is your call
In this course you may also fall

Live happily and do no wrong
On this note, I end my song 🇮🇳

Best entries for colouring fun



Samaira A Prasad, AIS Vas 1, III A



Shubham Chanana, AIS Gur 46, III

Read Play and Win

Reading your favourite GT can fetch you a prize too. Complete all the boxes below. Click a picture and send it to editor@theglobaltimes.in or submit it to your GT Teacher Coordinator. 3 lucky winners will win a prize every week!

Q: Which country has announced plans for a campaign to enhance patriotism?
Ans:

Q: Which platform has Ruby Sinha founded to train future women entrepreneurs?
Ans:

Q: Who is the author of the article 'Donkey and the stick' on p6?
Ans:

Q: When is 'National Selfie Day' celebrated?
Ans:

Q: Which is the favourite poem of Himank Yadav, AIS Vasundhara 1, I D?
Ans:

Q: Where did Anvi Luthra, AIS Vas 1, II C travel to?
Ans:

Q: What is the headline of the article written by Shreya Duggal, AIS Gur 46, XII D?
Ans:

Q: What is the name of the poem written by Raghavi Sharma, AIS Vas 6, V?
Ans:

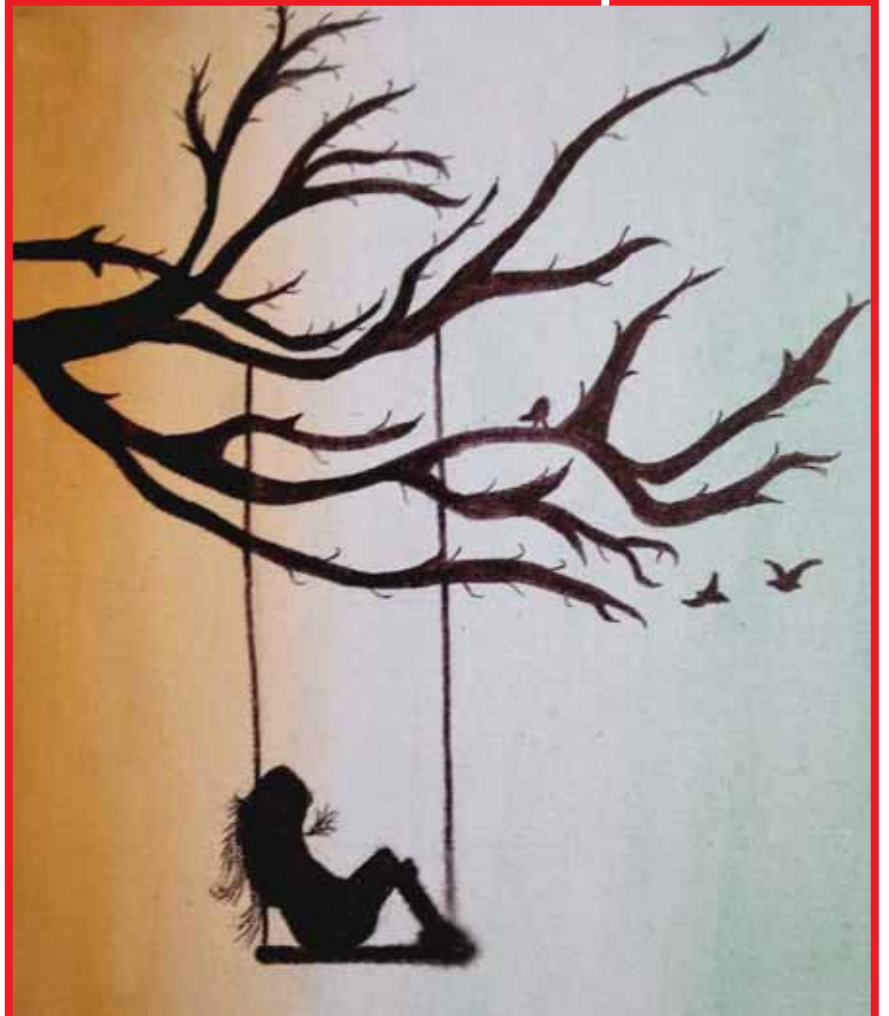
Q: What is the other name of Lotus berthelotii?
Ans:

Name: Class: School:

Results of 58: Avni Munjal, VII D, AIS Gur 43; Rishit Gupta, VI J, AIS Noida; Arsh Chaudhary, III B, AIS Vas 1

Brush 'n' Easel

Ishita
AIS PV, X





Dubai is considered one of the safest cities on Earth. The crime rate is virtually 0%.

The bag chase

Short Story



Illustration: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network

Aashman Saxena
AIS Vas 1, III

Every once in a while, you feel like running away to some place that isn't home or school. Some place exotic, even if you are a second grader like me. Life is tough, my friends. When I told this to my parents, they obviously laughed it off, but to make sure that I wasn't disheartened, we planned a holiday and decided to go to Allahabad to see my Dadu.

We boarded the Prayagraj Express around 9.30 pm from New Delhi railway station. I fought with my brother for the window seat, and won (perks of being the younger sibling). It was a night journey, so after I was fed snacks, I was forced to sleep at 10 pm. I closed my eyes and felt bad for this opportunity going waste, for not enjoying the view outside, not like it was visible anyway...that is the last thing I remember before waking up in my father's arms to realise we had reached Allahabad junction.

Excited to meet Dadu after so long, we got our luggage and hurried out of the station. There he was, with his thick glasses and the biggest smile. Dadu was eagerly waiting to receive us. He took me in his arms, gave me a kiss, and told me how he missed me and my mischief. I had no idea what mischief he was talking about. Anyway, we took a taxi home. Our ancestral home was at quite a distance from the station so I decided to spend the time reading my comics. That's when I realised that my bag-

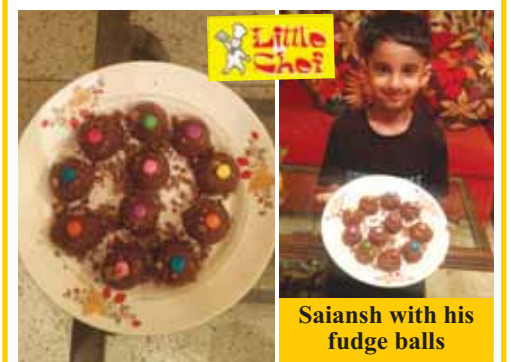
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pack was missing. I looked at my mom with puppy dog eyes in hope of not getting scolded. I don't know if it was that look or the fact that I wasn't awake when we left the train that made her only panic and not mad. As Allahabad was the last station of the journey, we took our chances and went back to the train which was now at the shunting yard. My dad and I got on the train and asked around if they had seen any such bag. Fortunately, they had seen such a bag and it was exactly where I had kept it and forgotten. It had all my precious belongings in it – my cool shades, Marvel comics, and a wallet that has been empty ever since my brother had gifted it to me. Delighted, we thanked those people and went back home. And that is how my epic bag chase came to its end. 📺

The story is based on a real incident in the author's life.

So what did you learn today?

New Word: Mischief
Meaning: A naughty act performed by kids, for fun



Saiansh with his fudge balls

Oreo fudge balls

Saiansh Ahuja, AIS Noida, II N

Ingredients

Oreo biscuits20
Powdered sugar2 tbsp
Melted butter2 tbsp
Milk¼ cup
Gems1 pkt
Milk chocolate.....1 bar
Crunchy chocolate.....1 bar

Method

- Take Oreo biscuits and remove cream from them. Then put the biscuits in a sealed packet and crush them with a rolling pin.
- Add butter and powdered sugar and then grind the mixture.
- Transfer the mixture into a bowl. Add milk and knead it like a dough.
- Take a small portion of the dough and make small balls with your hands.
- Melt the milk chocolate bar and dip the dough balls in the melted chocolate coating them evenly.
- Garnish the balls with gems and pieces of crunchy chocolate.
- Refrigerate for 30 minutes and enjoy!

Jokey Pokey

Aryan C, AIS Noida, II

Q: What is a runner's favorite subject in school?
A: JOG-Raphy!



Q: Q: What's the best kind of pet for a track runner?
A: A lap dog!



Q: Who is the fastest runner of all time?
A: Adam, since he was first in the race!



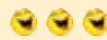
Q: What happened when two waves had a race?
A: They tide!



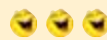
Q: Who is the runner who ran for three hours but only moved two feet?
A: All of them, since they all have two feet!



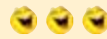
Q: If marathon runners get an athlete's foot what do astronauts get?
A: Mistletoe!



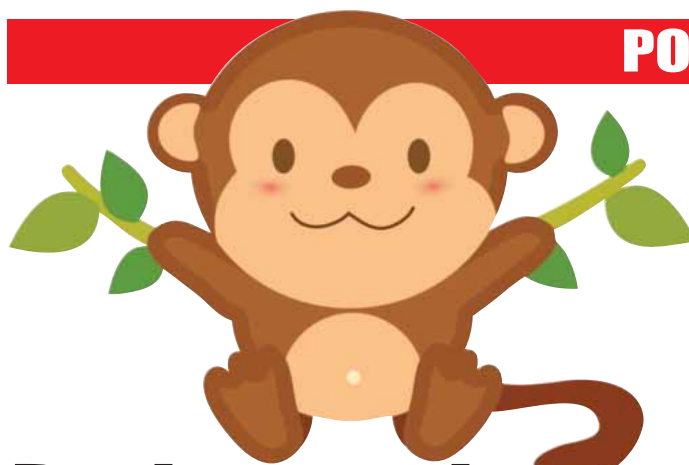
Q: What kind of race is never run?
A: A swimming race!



Q: What does a runner drink when he is in last place?
A: Ketchup!



POEMS



Rocket monkey

Aruj Tejpal
AIS Vas 1, I B

I have a naughty monkey
He swings from tree to tree

Rocket is what he is named
Imitating me is his main aim

Bananas are what he eats

Every day is a new treat

He plays around with me
Hiding as I count one, two, three

All day he chatters and screeches
But never gets my speeches

I love and care a lot for him
My love can never be dim. 📺

Just a shoe

Raghavi Sharma
AIS Vas 6, V

Who me? I'm just a shoe
Adidas, Nike or Jimmy Choo
Better the style, more the due
Paying extra for my style in lieu
Not just adults, but kids too

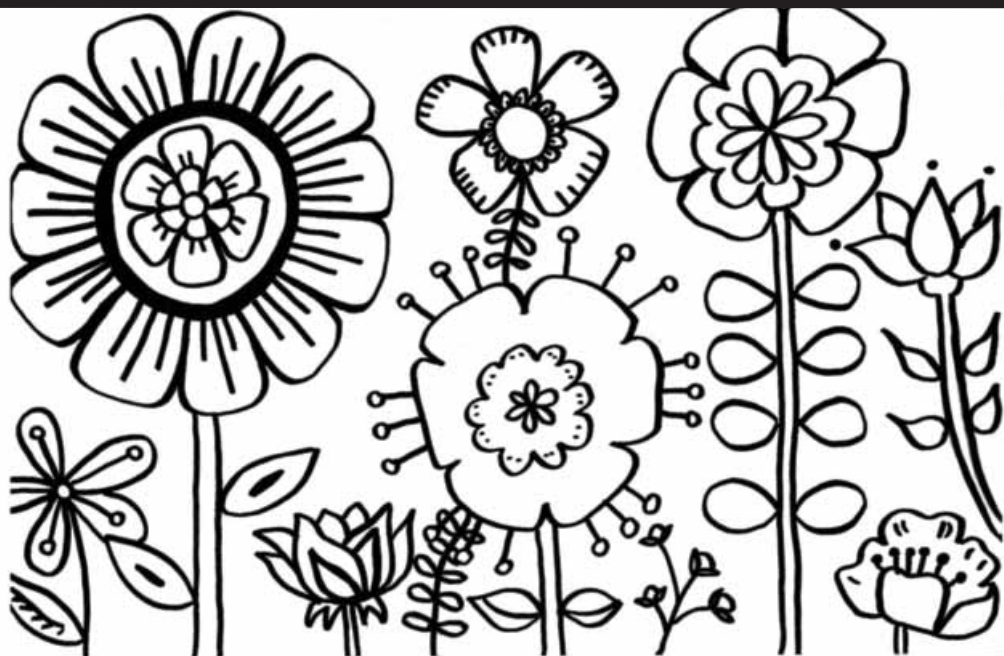
What's your colour: red or blue
My work is walking all through
Sweat with the athletes 'phew'
Amazed with a trekkers troupe
Climbing the hill just for a view

I'm guilty in this world anew
For I'm a privilege for a few
Beggars who stand in queue
Or the poor kid who has no clue
Limps in the hot without a rue

Am I a luxury? I never knew
Now I'm more than just rescue
From burning heat & cold dew
From heavy rains and flu
Who me? I'm just a shoe! 📺



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It's Me



My Choices

Like: Drawing
Dislike: Taking medicines
Hobbies: Skating
Role model: My Father
Best Friend: Aadya

My Favourites

Book: Drawing Book
Sport: Skating & swimming
Mall: Mahagun
Food: Grilled sandwich
Drink: Mango juice
Teacher: Komal ma'am
Poem: Old McDonald's
Subject: Mathematics

My Dreams & Goals

I want to become: An entrepreneur
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The police force in Dubai spends more on their super cars than it takes to fund a child's higher education in the USA.

Amity holds Sports citation

6th Inter-Amity Sports Competition Lifted-Up The Spirits of 19,000 Participants



Chairperson and students all cheers and smiles as AIS Gurugram 46 lifted the trophy for Overall Sports Championship



Chairperson awards archery champs Sanchita and Krishi

Objectives of Inter-Amity Sports competitions

- To organise interschool tournaments and competitions in various Sports disciplines regularly played at different Amity schools.
- To ensure maximum participation of students in different types of sports and physical activities.
- To raise the general standards of Sports in all Amity schools.
- To prepare students for higher level of competitions and represent Amity as one team at National and International levels, especially Olympics.
- To develop Spirit de Core among students and encourage more girls to participate in sports.

Vanya Tandon, X C and Anayata Taneja, IX B
AIS Noida

Sports is not just a discipline to play or research. It is the most effective tool for the holistic development of mind, body and soul. Playing any sport indoor or outdoor not only exercises our physical body but it also develops our kinesthetic learning ability. It imparts us with necessary critical thinking and quick decision making skills which further leads to the development of multiple intelligences like: Visual and Spatial, Bodily and Kinesthetic, Linguistic, Mathematical and Logical, Interpersonal, Intrapersonal, and even naturalistic. Playing sports inculcates the team spirit and helps to develop strategic and analytical thinking, leadership skills, and risk taking abilities of students. Games and sports make students world ready to face challenges and emerge winners. At Amity, therefore, sports is an integral part of the curriculum especially designed to ensure holistic development. Amity schools regularly organise different sports and games to ensure

complete physical fitness. Amity has very comprehensive physical and mental fitness programs for its players to prepare them for various national and international events. These programmes are held for all the classes from Kindergarten to XII.

Sports - The soul of Amity

Inter Amity sports is one such year long programme in which, for the whole year different sports competitions are held in various Amity Schools. These competitive sports events are usually held for 13 different games out of total 23 games played in all Amity schools. This year too, over 19000 students from different Amity schools, participated and competed in different games & sports and achieved big sports laurels. To make competitions and their logistics convenient for the players, Amity schools were clubbed into two clusters. Cluster I had AIS Noida, AIS MV, AIS Vas 6 and AIS Vas 1 and Cluster II had AIS Gur 46, AIS Gur 43, AIS Saket and AIS PV. At the cluster level first the league matches were played and top 2 winners from each of the league matches

them competed at semi-finals and finals at Inter-Amity level to lift various champions trophies. There are total 4 Amity Championship flags which are kept fluttering high every year because of perseverance and hard work of Amity sports players. Further, to inculcate the spirit of sports and play, right since their formative years, special programmes like PEC (Physical Education Card) were held for primary level students. The games played under

this programme were light, fun-filled, laughter based and aimed at engaging children into games and physical activities right since their formative years.

Sports - The rewarding times

Celebrating this year's hard work, passion and dedication of sportsmanship of Amity students, Amity Annual Sports Awards ceremony was held on May 2, 2018 at AIS Noida. The objective of this grand event was

to reward a multitude of talented sportspersons from different Amity schools for their brilliant achievements in 13 different games. The event commenced with the traditional recital of the Shlokas and lighting of the lamp by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson Amity Group of Schools and RBEF. Ms Pooja Chauhan Vice Chairperson, Amity Humanity Foundation and Ms Divya Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity School of Fine Arts, Fashion Technology and Performing Arts also graced the event with her presence. Starting the ceremony, Col BS Ahluwalia, Senior Consultant Sports, Amity Group of Schools, delivered an edifying speech in which he explained how the games and sports were held throughout the year, how the marking was done and champions were decided upon. He also explained how playing sports builds the character of students and bolster them for facing and winning challenges in the real world. After that, an impeccable rhythmic yoga performance was given by the students of AIS Mayur Vihar, while AIS Vasundhara 6 presented a galvanizing

Taekwondo performance. This was followed by a number of performances of games like: Kabaddi, Basketball, Kho-Kho, Karate and Skating by Noida. The event concluded with the distribution of the much awaited champions trophies and awards.

Sports - The pride of Amity

A feather in the cap of Amity sports was added on January 31, 2018 when Sanchita Tiwari, an ace international archery champion from AIS Vasundhara 1 became the main flag bearer of the first ever 'Khelo India Sports'. The clipping of the proud moment when she took the flame of Games from Hon'ble PM Mr Narendra Modi and lit the torch of the games was also shown to encourage young players for excelling in games and sports and expanding their vistas of learning for mind body and soul. Towards the end of the event, in her address to the sportsmen of Amity, Chairperson shared her vision of Amitians participating and winning at Olympics one day. Every Amitian gave three cheers and loud thunderous claps to the great olympic dream with a resolve to make it come true. [G.U](#)



Sprightly Champs of Inter-Amity Sports 2017-18

Overall Sports Champion Trophy Winner	AIS Gur 46
Overall Inter Amity Sports (Minor) Schools Champion	AIS Vas 1
Overall trophy for Juniors	AIS Gur 46
Overall trophy for Seniors	AIS Noida and AIS Gur 46



Skaters manoeuvre their way to victory



Archers aim for one target - Win the world



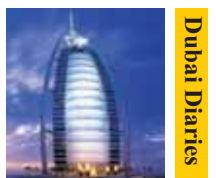
AIS Vas 1 the Inter Amity sports (Minor schools) champions have a big reason to cheer



Footballers in action for the perfect strike



Chess for healthy mind and soul



It's rare

Flowers Are Delightful, But Some Are Rather Precious

Induja Tyagi, GT Network

Flowers are not just restricted to the pink of the roses or the yellow of the sunflower. There is so much more to these floral beauties that we haven't seen yet or simply may not have been able to see because of their rare occurrences. Read on as we bring you the rarest of flowers, only to be awestruck by the magnificence of nature.

Strongylodon macrobotrys

Also known as: Jade Vine

Native to: Philippines

Why so special? This rare species is mostly found in the rainforest of Philippines. What makes it peculiar is its claw shaped flowers which are bluish green in colour. The stem of the plant is capable enough to grow up to 60 feet in height. The flowers are pollinated by bats that hang from its trees. It is also believed that these flowers illuminate the dark forest during night time.



Dendrophylax lindenii

Also known as: Ghost Orchid

Native to: Cuba & Florida

Why so special? Extremely fussy about its growing conditions, this one blossoms only when the growing conditions are perfect. It thrives only on very specific host trees. Add to this an unpredictable and extremely short blooming period of one-two weeks. This perhaps explains why not many people have never seen this flower. There are very few blooms of Ghost Orchid, all of which are protected.

PS Plucking this one can cost you a jail sentence.



Camellia japonica

Also known as: Middlemist Red

Native to: China

Why so special? The Middlemist Red is believed to be one of the most rare flowers in the world. There are just two remaining survivors of the species that are known to exist today. One of them is at a conservatory located at Chiswick, London and the other one in the city of Waitangi, located in New Zealand.



Epiphyllum oxypetalum

Also known as: Kadupul Flower

Native to: Sri Lanka

Why so special? The Kadupul flower is probably the costliest flower in the world because it blooms only during the midnight hours and withers away as soon as it is picked, which means that they can't really be sold. The flowers are famous for the aroma they give out. The plant is highly revered in its native country.

Cypripedium reginae

Also known as: Lady's Slippers

Native to: North America

Why so special? While it is easy to find this flower in its single coloured version, the dual coloured variant is a rare occurrence. The only area where the flowers are found in a mixture of both the colours, is a certain gold course in North America. In fact, so rare are these flowers that their exact location has been kept secret in order to protect them. It is also the state flower of Minnesota, United States



Lotus berthelotii

Also known as: Parrot's Beak

Native to: Spain

Why so special? Its scientific nomenclature might deceive you into thinking that this plant belongs to the lotus family. However, that's not true. These flowers resemble the beak of a parrot. Sadly, this species is close to extinction because its pollinator, Sunbird of the 'Nectariniidae' family, has long vanished from nature.



GT Travels to Nainital



Anvi Luthra, AIS Vas 1, II C stands with her copy of The Global Times at Jim Corbett National Park, Nainital. Jim Corbett National Park is the oldest national park in the country. Earlier known as Hailey National Park, it was established in the year 1936 by Jim Corbett in an endeavour to protect the endangered Bengal tiger under the Project Tiger initiative.

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