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Bhawna Tuteja, GT Network

omeone once said that life is not all rainbows. If only they had attended The GT Awards. From the passion of red to the exuberance of orange to the vividness of violet, The GT Awards 2023, held on August 8, 2023, at Amity University, Noida, brought to life all the colours of the rainbow.

For the love of Ren

The 13th edition of The GT Awards screamed all things love – love for the coveted trophies for the winners of GT Making A Newspaper Contest; love for the contest edition that each of the 12 participating Amity schools across Delhi-NCR and UP churned out; love for Chairperson, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, for providing this beautiful platform.

For the glorious warmth of **ORANGE**

Basking in the glory of their win was AIS Gurugram 43 and AIS Saket who stood tied at the top spot. The second spot was sealed by AIS Noida, followed by AIS Vasundhara 6 at the third position. The Jury's Special Mention was bagged by AIS Gurugram 46, and Priti Khullar of AIS Noida bagged the award for Best Mentor Teacher. The warmth of holding a trophy in one's hand could also be felt by winners of 15 individual categories as Best Top Story, Best Illustration, Best Humorous Story, Best Headline etc.

GT Awards '23

A Rainbow Celebration

For the happiness of YELLOW

It was all joyous sunshine as the event dolled out one amazing act after the other. As a befitting opening to Amity's very own Oscars, six young energetic dancers of AIS Vasundhara 6 set the stage on fire as they grooved to the hit Naatu Naatu. A fusion performance by AIS Pushp Vihar had everyone levitating. Music lovers had the time of their lives as the band of AIS Gurugram 46 took center stage, belting out a medley of songs. A video featuring GT teacher coordinators, who grooved to Dynamite by BTS, had the audience erupt with joy.

For the prosperity of GREEN

A prosperous family is one that is full. The Global Times family revelled in abundance of happy emotions as The GT Awards 2022-23 saw in attendance numerous special dignitaries. The event was graced by chief guest Naghma Sahar, senior editor and anchor, NDTV India. Jury members — Gunjan Sharma, deputy chief of bureau, Press Trust

of India, and accomplished cartoonist, illustrator and painter, Uday Shankar Ganguly, also present on the occasion, lauded the efforts of the students. Jaishree Chauhan, VC, Amity Finishing School, along with principals and heads of institutions gave the starstudded event its shine.

For the serenity of BLUE

Tears rolled down aged eyes as they watched the video presentation of their grandchild, who was being felicitated with the GT School Time Achievement Award. Parents, grandparents, and the entire school stood overwhelmed, cheering as loud as possible, as nine handpicked students received this prestigious honour. The award was bestowed upon Yashasvini Verma and Samiksha Dubey, AIS Noida; Anushka Ramesh, AIS Mayur Vihar; Jaya Jha and Sayantani Dubey, AIS Gurugram 46; Sarthak Sahoo, AIS Saket; Aadya Kapoor, AIS Vasundhara 6; and Ishanya Sharma and Yana Bhanot, AIS Gurugram 43.

For the wisdom of INDIGO

Amidst fun and flare, the event had its fair share of wise moments as Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan took to the podium. Addressing the students, she said, "The Global Times is a newspaper that is poised with power, and its aim is to change the world. I am sure that my Amitians will be the one to make India a developed nation as well as a superpower, and this newspaper will surely be a catalyst to the achievement." Mesmerised by the event, chief guest Naghma Sahar shared, "Amity is doing a great job. It is giving the future journalists of the country such a great training, training journalists only used to get on the job." Gunjan Sharma, too, lauded the newspaper; "The one thing I loved the most about all the contest editions was the originality of ideas presented in them. Amity truly is doing a great job." Uday Shankar Ganguly, shared similar sentiments, "Nowadays, you hardly see newspapers carrying illustrations, but The Global Times is changing that; it is providing a great platform to budding artists."

For the imagination of VIOLET

The GT Awards, in its 13th edition, brought moments of euphoria and tears of joy, waves of nostalgia and gush of excitement, entertainment extravaganza and pearls of wisdom. With so much to offer, what the event will bring in its next installment has been left to everyone's imagination.

GT @POLL

Do you think the recently passed Digital Personal Data Protection Bill 2023 by Rajya Sabha will bring new reforms for data protection?

a)Yes b)No c)Can't say

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Coming next

A toxic trade



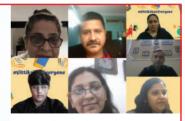
In conversation with Dr Samir V Kamat, secretary, Department of Defence Research and Development, and chairman, DRDO.

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Hall of fame

A celebratory look at the bright-eyed winners of Making A Newspaper Contest 22-23 as awarded in different categories at The GT Awards '23.
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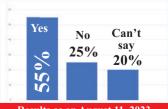


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OPOLL RESULT for GT Edition August 7, 2023

Do you think Elon Musk's radical rebranding of Twitter's iconic bird logo with 'X' would bring a decline in the platform's user traffic?



Results as on August 11, 2023

Around The WORLD

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



RUSSIA

New history textbooks

The nation's education ministry, on Aug 7, 2023, rolled out new history textbooks that glorify

Moscow's 2022 invasion of Ukraine. The book, intended for students of Class XI, represents 'the state's point of view' of the war. It further condemns all the war-triggered Western sanctions imposed on the nation, portraying them as worse than Napoleon's actions during his annexation of Russia in 1812. It is scheduled to be integrated in the school curriculum from Sep 1 this year.







CHINA

Slides into deflation

The second-largest economy in the world slipped into deflation as both its Consumer Price Index (CPI) and Production Price Index fell by 0.3% and 4.4% respectively in July. The aforesaid contraction, having occurred for the first time in more than two years, has significantly weakened demand in the nation and is further expected to weigh in on its economic growth in the remainder of 2023. Weak global economy, turbulence in the nation's real estate market, etc., have been listed as some of the factors of this deflationary spiral.



threats, the

government, on



Aug 9, 2023. debuted its first ever cyber security strategy. As per it, state networks will be upgraded to support modern security technology better. The strategy also includes plans to proffer digital defenses at the county level and regulate critical infrastructure to investigate cyber crimes without fail. To attain the same, the government has also increased the cyber security budget by 90 million USD.







MEXICO

Vaquita extinction alert

On August 7, 2023, the International Whaling Commission (IWC) sent out an extinction alert for the world's smallest porpoise, vaquita, making it the organisation's first-ever extinction warning. The critically endangered porpoise, native to Gulf of California, has been reduced to less than a dozen today. The practice of illegal gill net fishing in the marine animal's core habitat is cited as one of the primary reasons behind the decline.





C PAKISTAN

Former PM disqualified

The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP), on Aug 8, 2023, barred former PM Imran Khan from politics for a term of five years post his conviction in the Toshakhana corruption case. Declared guilty of illegally selling expensive state gifts between 2018-2022, Khan was sentenced to 3 years imprisonment on Aug 5. Though he has denied any involvement in the said charge, whether he gets to prove it in court remains to be seen.





INDIA

Oldest dino fossils found

As per a study by scientists of IIT, Roorkee, and Geological Survey of India (GSI), the nation has been classified as the main hub for the origin and dispersal of the first ever dicraeosaurid dinosaurs, a species unknown to the world thus far. The study was conducted on the 167year-old fossil remains of a dinosaur discovered in Jaisalmer in 2018. The species named 'Tharosaurus indicus', roughly translates to Thar desert, India, where the fossils were first found.





SOUTH KOREA

Scout Jamboree plagued

On Aug 7, 2023, the World Organisation of the Scout Movement announced emergency evacuation of nearly 40,000 teenage scouts, who all gathered from across the world to partake in the World Scout Jamboree taking place in the nation since August 1. The event came to an abrupt stop, owing to complaints about inferior conditions in the camp, heatwave-induced health issues, inadequate management, and an approaching typhoon.

Flash

Building a scientific nation

Dr Samir Kamat On The Strong Connection Between Science And Technology

proud recipient of the 'Metallurgist of the Year Award' from Ministry of Steel and 'Scientist of the Year Award from DRDO', Dr Samir V Kamat, secretary, Department of Defence Research and Development and chairman of DRDO, is a big name in the defence industry known for his contribution in the development of several cutting-edge naval systems. He was conferred with honorary doctorate at Convocation 2022 held at Amity University, Noida. Not letting this chance slip by, GT reporters caught up with him to know his journey as a man of science and innovation.

Science and society

In contemporary times, there are many changes happening in the world around us, be it climatic or socio-political transitions. One has to have strong ties with science to compete with the global economy. We have to consider science as the basis of the transition towards a better world. Science, in my opinion, will become important in maintaining the safety of the world as well as keeping it together.



R&D in India

When I joined DRDO 25 years ago, R&D in defence used to be the exclusive domain of the public sector. However, today, we are making deals with large industries, MSMEs, and start-ups that are exclusively devoted to R&D in the defence sector. There has been a significant shift in the entire ecosystem as we have come up with exclusive technologies for the nation. And if such initiatives continue for a longer period of time, we can transform the country's defence R&D.

Mineral to magnet

More than 90% of the world's rare resources are currently under the control of China. And they have manipulated the world supply. To fulfil the growing demand for REPMs (Rare Earth Permanent Magnets) for India and to make India self-reliant, skilled scientists and researchers of DRDO and Atomic Energy, came up with the idea of the mineral-to-magnet project. Here, coastal sand salts are converted into REPMs. making our nation self sufficient.

INTERVIEW

Misuse of technology

Technology is a two-edged sword, with both positive and negative elements. As an inventor, you don't really have much control over how that technology will be applied in the future. As long as you are certain that helping mankind is your purpose, you shouldn't worry about it.

Importance of values

Youth is the flagbearer of our legacy and culture. They must devote all their time towards pursuing their passion and honing their skills. To do that, they must take risks, but be prudent and have self discipline to keep themselves grounded.

Interview conducted by: Shantam Neogi, XB, Marisshi Singhal X C, Lakshya Devgan, XI B, Paritosh Shandilya, XII D, Adwita Sinha & Vinayak Seth, XII C, AIS MV

Book Review

The infinite regress

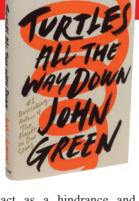
Book: Turtles All The **Way Down Author:** John Green **Published on: October** 10, 2017 **Genre: Fiction**

Synopsis: Unlike what the name suggests, Turtles All the Way Down isn't actually about turtles. As a young adult novel, it follows the life of Aza Holmes, a sixteen-year-old girl who is struggling to live with OCD, anxiety and overwhelming germ phobia. Along with investigating the case of a fugitive billionaire, Aza fights a constant war in her head. The novel also explores her relationship with her

eccentric best friend, Daisy. While fighting her battle with mental illness, and being wrapped in the endless spiral of it all, the protagonist tries to navigate through life. This carefully crafted internal dilemma perfectly depicts how mental illness hurts Aza and those around her. Why is it worth reading:

With mental illness at its forefront, the novel's manversus-self narrative quite efficiently illustrates what it is like to live with this menace. All characters have rich lives and experience a variety of emotions. Daisy is outgoing and intelligent, but she finds it frustrating because Aza's

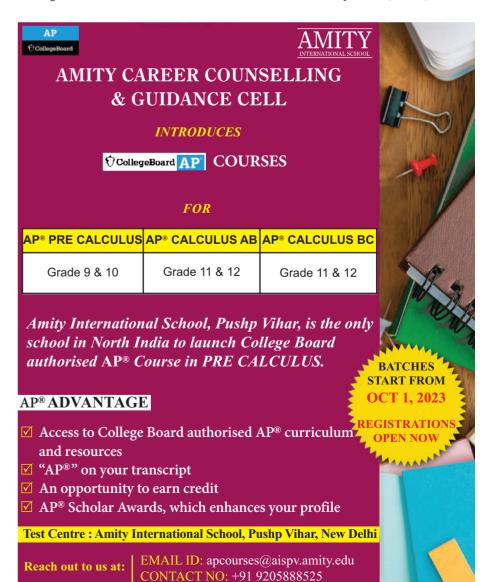
mental issues sometimes



act as a hindrance and cause dispute. Being kids of the same age group, the characters seem quite relatable. Moreover, it reminds us that life goes on. Some people stand by us through tough times, and even though some leave us along the way, we learn a lot from these experiences. Life may be an emotional rollercoaster, but that only means that we go up and come all the way down.

Iconic quote: "You think you are the painter, but you are the canvas."

Rating: 4.5/5 Review by: Khanak Lal AIS Vas 1, XI A



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The ultimate revolution

rom the crack of dawn, technology stirs us with its reliable alarms, and caresses us with the cooling breeze of our ACs as we drift off to sleep, weaving its wonders into our everyday lives. GT pays homage to this silent saviour that simplifies and enhances our existence with a brand new series, unwrapping A to Z of iconic tech pieces, one letter at a time. Here's presenting the E in this series that changed human life as we know and live it.

Saiyam Garg, AIS Gur 43, IX A

The tech: Earphones
The inventor: Nathaniel Baldwin

How was it invented?

The invention of earphones can be traced back to the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The groundwork for this technology was laid through advancements in telephony and audio transmission. Inventors and engineers were exploring ways to transmit and reproduce sound using electrical signals. It was in 1910 when Nathaniel Baldwin developed a design consisting of magnets, voice coils, and

diaphragms in order to convert electrical signals into sound and made a breakthrough. Following this invention, other inventors and companies continued to refine and improve this technology.

When did we get to know it first?

As audio technology progressed, earphones became more accessible to the public. Most commonly used in broadcasting and recording studios, earphones appeared in consumer audio equipments such as radios and hi-fi systems in the 1950s and 1960s. Introduced in 1979, the Sony Walkman allowed people to listen to music on the go and played a crucial role in making earphones a global sensation. Since their invention, earphones have undergone significant developments, including the introduction of various types

such as in-ear, on-ear, and over-ear headphones as well as the integration of wireless and noise-cancelling technologies. Fun fact: The world's largest
earphone, according to the Guinness
World Records, was created in 2013 by
a company called In-earphone. It
measured 4.04 meters (13.25 feet) in
length and 1.68 meters (5.5 feet) in

width, making it the biggest replica of an earphone.

the go, and to enjoy gaming and virtual reality. The cherry on top is that they keep you hands-free.



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How has it helped our lives?

Earphones have enriched our lives by offering personalised and high-quality audio experiences. They help us stay focused even in the most distracted environments. Earphones with built-in microphones allow us to participate in voice and video calls, online meetings, and gaming with clear and hands-free communication. They are portable and lightweight, making them convenient to use on the go. Their compatibility with various portable devices, allows us to enjoy audio content anytime, anywhere.



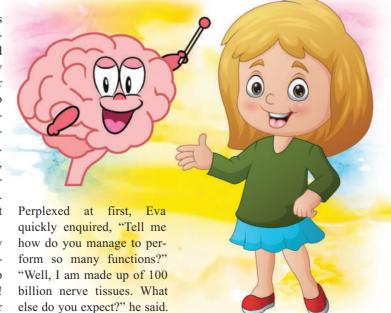
Brainstorming

Harshaa Kawatra
AIS PV, Alumna

umanity has since times immemorial been at loggerheads with the world of witches, causing unnecessary disruption. Keeping up with their demeanour, the witches decided to create a mermaid to wreck humanity. However, as they began, challenges seemed to delimit them. The prototype was magnificent, but ensuring that its bodily processes kept running was tedious. Being clueless, they decided to get some firsthand experience.

Next day, their leader Eva, went by the shore and saw a peddler passing by. Quickly, she tried to entrap him, "Double wobble, toil, bubble! Who's the controller? Speak up or you'll be in trouble..." But before she could finish, an unfamiliar voice said, "Why torture him? I am the 'controller,' the Human Brain."

Understanding The Workings Of Human Brain



And as soon as he finished,

"I am Cerebrum, the largest part of

the Brain. Located in the front, I

other voices followed:

initiate movement, judgment, emotions, and vision. Who else do you think stopped you?"

The science of it

Our brain oversees all the daily bodily functions.

Different parts of the brain help in managing and upholding all essential organ activities.

"Hi, I am Cerebellum a part of the hindbrain. I help in maintaining posture, balance and equilibrium. I make them stand and walk too!" "I am the Frontal Lobe, a representative of the Lobe sisters. We four together make Cerebellum."

"And I am Basal Ganglia, I coordinate messages to various parts of the brain. It's me who spread Cerebellum's suspicions about you!"
"I, Medulla, am the lowest part of

the brainstem with important control centres for the heart and lungs! Breathing, swallowing, sneezing, etc. you name it! I do it."

"Wait! Medulla, you are a part of me. Brain stem here by the way! You could have at least waited for your elder brothers Midbrain and Pons. Now, if Midbrain didn't let the host's eyes witness Eva's trickery and if Pons wasn't a good housing facility for the cranial nerves, how would you have accomplished what you did?"

"Well, nobody's asking, but I am Cranium, I protect the Brain. I think I should resolve this conflict. Because your lack of knowledge (Eva) tells me you are harmless." However, hearing so many voices at once, a baffled Eva could sense her failure. For she could neither charm the brain nor understand the many internal functions enlisted thus. "So, you thought you could control me?" remarked Brain, mocking her. And now she knew, "The solution seemed in front But futile was it to confront For nothing could ever match The pivotal human brain." GII

Nurturing the spirit of sports



Dr Amita Chauhan Chairperson

Mental and physical well-being stand as twin pillars pivotal to the comprehensive growth of a child. Keeping this in mind, sports has been integrated in the learning process at Amity, right from Nursery itself. We inculcate a culture of regular physical activities, ensuring that attributes as team spirit, confidence, leadership etc, are seamlessly integrated into a child's character right from an early age.

To this end, we have the Amity Sports and Physical Education department. With a cadre of qualified Coaches of national and international repute, we provide continuous and top-tier training throughout the year. The department offers training in 24 distinct sports disciplines that range from conventional offerings like Athletics, Football, Basketball, etc to more specialised avenues like Archery, Fencing, Shooting, Swimming, Horse Riding, et al. In addition, students are provided the opportunity to compete at various levels - intra and inter school, CBSE, state, national, and international level.

Our commitment to sports has been recognised with several wins at national and international level including world cup. Our notable luminaries include Sanchita Tiwari, Rishabh Yaday, Tanya Bansal, Sankar Garg, Annu Thakar, and Harsh Parashar along with the illustrious Arjuna Awardee and Chess Grand Master, Parimarjan Negi.

It's Time To Say Hip Hip Hurray!

Project Greenists, an eco-friendly bicycle, created by Aviraj Katiyal and Kapeesh Jain of AIS Vas 6 was showcased at the Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam, organised by Ministry of Education and Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. Their project was amongst the top 26 projects shortlisted from India. GT

Powerful force



Vira Sharma **Managing Editor**

Cheers, claps, gasps, dance, music and everything else that makes up the heart and soul of GT Awards was back on stage last week. And, this time it was bigger, better and brighter than ever. The occasion not only marked the return of GT Awards to the offline mode after two years, it also applauded the transformation that our newspaper has undergone since its introduction. In line with what our Chairperson ma'am said during the ceremony, GT has now be-

come a potent journalistic force capable of driving significant change, worthy to be put on newsstands. What began as an initiative to promote students' writing and communication skills, has now emerged as a platform to nurture talented authors, conscientious global citizens, social activists and much more. Even students who have ventured into diverse fields credit GT for boosting their self-confidence and shaping their personality. However, making every GT edition worthy takes a number of brainstorming sessions, long hours of research, and multiple drafts for an idea to become a GT story. Similarly, every jury member spends days on end to meticulously select our winners. The thunderous applause and loud cheers during the awards is a testament to GT's unwavering commitment towards maintaining credibility and accuracy in all its editorial content. Indeed, GT has emerged as a tool for empowering young minds, and in Chairperson ma'am's words, "It is the paper with power." GIT

A 'true' democracy?

The Changing Norms Of A Representative Government

Sarthak Sahoo & Yashvardhan Jain

AIS Saket, Alumni

The more important a thing, the more difficult it is to define it. Such is the case with a 'democracy'. From the original 'of the people, by the people and for the people,' we now evaluate democracies by multivariate mathematical models. These definitions evolve and inflate. Today, when we speak of a 'true' democracy, we expect pristine human rights standards, equality in law, and an intelligent balance between civil liberties and state secu-However, these broad definitions with such proxy factors have a tremendous downside. They suggest that changing the balance on proxy factors is undemocratic, leading to sundry issues...

Ones who cried democracy

As with all broad definitions, it practically dilutes the meaning of the word itself. A country, which follows due process and allows for universal adult franchise, will not be labelled a democracy because of adjacent shortcomings. Scandinavian thinktanks have made the same mistake in the past in India's case, at one point calling it an 'electoral autocracy'. This breeds contempt in the voter who exercised his right to vote. It also means that the next country to truly lose the democratic status won't be given much consideration.

Game of superior morals

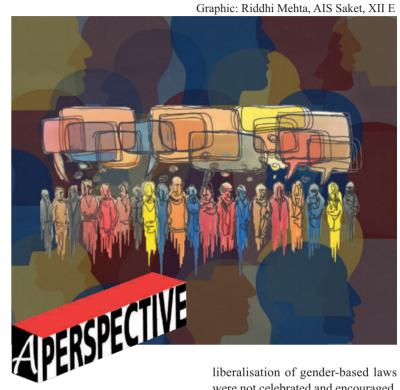
To create such a totalising religion out of 'democracy' means that we can never compromise in the making of our laws and policies. Every negotiation on security and policing becomes a battle of morals, where

concern is no longer effective law enforcement while ensuring civil rights, but a debate on which side cares more for democracy. Recent Russian invasion of Ukraine saw Americans across the political divide arguing over who cared more about preserving Ukrainian democracy and human rights versus reducing foreign intervention by not 'sending men abroad', as they had done in Afghanistan.

An unworthy goal

Even the most democratic countries in today's world have fallen short of their principles. To relegate them to an undemocratic state merely for their lapses is to force the developing democracies to disavow the very standards they aspire to. It also means that aspiring democracies are not given credit for shedding off authoritarian standards slowly but steadily. For instance, Saudi Arabia's liberalisation of gender-based laws were not celebrated and encouraged, but subjected to harsher polemics.

While such political ideals are important to democracies, and their lack should alarm us, they are redundant for a country to merely exist as a democracy. Switzerland's poor legal voting rights record before the 1970s did not mean it was not a democracy in the first place. There is no doubt that these proxy factors are indispensable to a good society. However, to suggest that a democracy is not one as it fails to meet the gargantuan ideals of a utopian doctrine is not only irrational, but also positively dangerous to a polity. A healthy democracy like India's, thus, must remember that a democracy is a rule of the people and their will. A true appreciation of this difficult to obtain ideal society, after waves of colonisation, is the only path to achieve the other ideals of a democracy. GII





This is in reference to the article 'Wonders of linen' published on page 7 of the GT edition, dated August 7, 2023. The eye-catching layout of the poster is pleasing for young readers to gain knowledge, as well as enjoy the beauty of the page. The writer has intricately



divided the article into four different subheads, making it easier for the readers to comprehend. I found the poster page thoughtful, resourceful, and beautiful. I mean, who doesn't love knowing a bunch of random facts to spring on people? Thank you, GT, for always being an endless bank of information all put up in a scintillating manner! Ananya Mittal, AIS Vas 6, XII D





















Nomination

Special mention











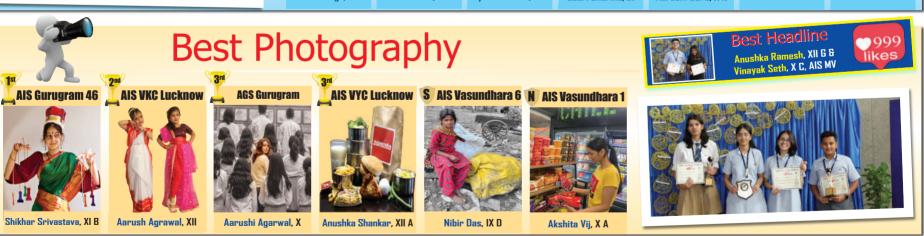


















Junior

Mosaic

The mysterious water



Vivaan Shah, AIS Saket, III C

ne day, two brothers, Dot and Tot went camping far away from home. While setting up their camp, Dot realised that they had forgotten their water bottles! Feeling thirsty, they started searching for water. As they progressed, they noticed a river. While Dot **pondered** if the water was safe, Tot, being thirsty, drank some of it. But was it really water? After having it, Tot grew bigger until his head was amongst the clouds and began sobbing, "Dot! please help me!" "Don't worry! I got you," replied Dot. Searching for a cure, he saw a

funny-looking tree with strange

items hanging from its branches

amongst which was a map. On it,

there was a picture of a pink water

bottle with the words, 'Have a sip

and you will be fine, but drink some more and you will be as short as your spine!!'

Dot jumped to pull the map out and read what was written behind - 'Somewhere in the Amazon rainforest'. Wondering how to reach there, he suddenly saw an old wizard passing by and ran towards him asking for help. The kind wizard readily agreed and said, "It's in the golden cave that shines from afar. But first, you must defeat the evil troll with a big sword that guards it." Dot being fearless said, "I can do anything for Tot, but please send us there." The wizard took out his magic wand, said "abracadabra" and in no time they found themselves in the rainforest. Standing in the dark, they saw a golden light shining from afar. They followed the light and soon reached the cave. "You go ahead,

As they progressed, they noticed a gleaming river. While Dot pondered if the water was safe, Tot, being thirsty, drank some of it.

I'll wait here," Tot said hesitantly. "Are you sure?" asked Dot. "Yes! best of luck," Tot replied as he hid behind a tree. Dot went closer to the cave with the troll marching from one side to the other. Dot dashed inside and landed on the pink bottle with a tat and a clack. Hearing the sound, the troll went inside and ran towards Dot. But, Dot being clever, opened the bottle, threw some water on his sword and it shrank. As the troll came closer, Dot threw some water on the floor, slipping on which, the troll became as tiny as an ant! He then ran to Tot with the bottle.

Tot took a sip and went back to his normal size. The brothers rejoiced. Recalling the wizard's instructions, they quickly closed their eyes and asked to return home. Suddenly, they heard someone's voice, it was their mom! They were relieved to be back home and decided not to go near strange things ever again. GT

> A new word: Pondered Meaning: To think about something carefully.



Healthy soya chaat

Arnay Mazumdar, AIS Gur 46, X A

Ingredients

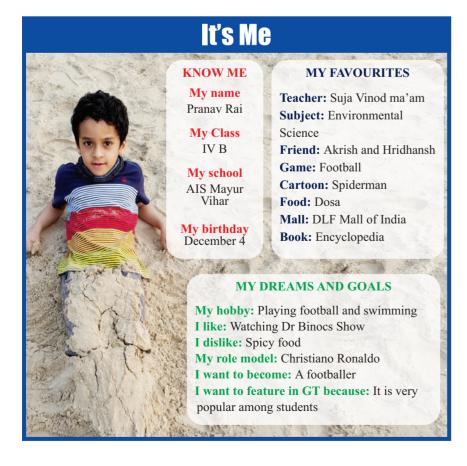
Soya bean chunks	1 cup
Curd	_
Chickpea flour (besan)	1 cup
Salt	as per taste
Sugar	as per taste
Black salt	1 tsp
Red chilli powder	1 tsp
Tamarind sauce	2 tbsp
Chopped coriander leaves	for garnish
Chaat masala	as per taste
Sev	1 cup

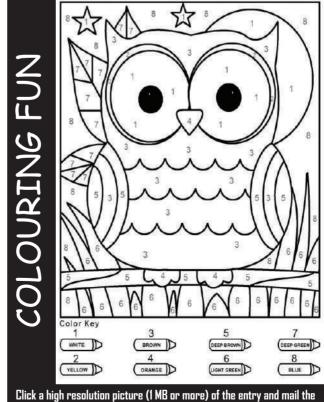
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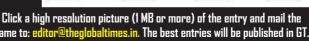
- ■First, take the soya chunks and put them in boiling water. Let it soak for half an hour and then wash it
- ■Now, in a bowl, add besan, salt and red chilli powder along with some water to make a batter.
- ■Once the batter is ready, dip the soya chunks in it and coat them well with the batter.
- ■In a pan, pour oil and let it heat. Then, put the soya chunks in the oil and let it fry till it turns

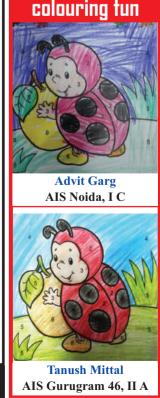
- golden brown.
- ■In another bowl, whip some curd with a pinch of black salt and sugar.
- ■Add the fried soya chunks in a large bowl, pour the curd mix along with the tamarind sauce, and mix all of them together.
- ■Garnish the soya chaat with chaat masala, sev and some chopped coriander leaves.
- ■Your healthy and tasty soya chaat is ready!

Best entries for









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Decoding cyber crime

A Comprehensive Guidebook To Creating A Safe And Risk-Free Cyber Space For All

Power is an annual social leadership programme organised by The Global Times, where different teams from Amity schools engage in varied social causes in several stages. One of them is 'Panel Discussion' where experts from different walks of life discuss several aspects of the chosen social cause. Here's presenting Part VI of this exclusive series, based on the panel discussions organised by YP teams in 2021-22, and a host of opinions as experts debate on 'Financial Literacy', the cause chosen by the YP team of AIS Vasundhara 6.



Increase in cyber attacks

Panellist: Atul Yadav

Director & data engineer, L&T Infotech "Cyber space is synonymous with the vast world of the internet that we use on a daily basis. As a matter of fact, the epidemic has greatly enhanced our online visibility over the past two years. When you post your personal information on any platform available on the internet, you open yourself up to a cyber attack, which is a targeted attack on your computer system and network. Cyber attacks use malicious codes to compromise the data on your computer and then steal, leak, or hold your data hostage and ask for ransom. Thus, preventing cyber attacks becomes crucial for both individuals and organisations. Identity theft, fraud, and extortion are a few typical examples of such attacks and other sorts of data breaches. Cyber attackers use various types of modes to commit theft, which include malware, phishing, spamming, spoofing, spyware, trojans, viruses, denial-of-service, distributed denial-of-service attacks, etc. The



reason behind these cyber crimes, like all crimes, is money. Then, there are those who are seeking revenge on people or from a company. Cyber attackers deface and devalue the reputation of a company through cyber terrorism. Sometimes amateurs seek fun by using the latest tools they have acquired or developed. Some scammers even use cyber crimes to become famous and earn recognition. For it is much easier to get away with criminal activities in the cyber world than it is in the

Cyber security in finance

Panellist: Akshat Chandak CA, DC & LLP Co.

"India continues to see a rapid increase in the rate of digitisation of financial transactions. By 2025, non-cash transactions, which currently account for 45 percent of all consumer payments, are predicted to surpass cash transactions. The requirement for awareness in the sphere of cyber security as such stems from the fact that we must be aware of how secure we are while carrying out these transactions. In order to access banking credentials and financial applications, cyber criminals have made the financial sector one of their top targets. For the sole aim of a cyber attack is to extract money. And these attacks on your assets might take many different forms. One might become a victim of malware that steals passwords, fraudu-

lent replica emails, debit/credit card skimming, so on and so forth.

Attackers, these days, even resort to cheap tricks like in-



serting a chip in ATM slots and copying your card details to commit financial fraud. It is, therefore, advisable to always check the ATMs thoroughly for any added device that might be attached over the machine. There are also instances of investment and telephone banking fraud, where attackers, posing as bank officials, ask for OTPs, card details, PIN numbers, and passwords, and then use these details to loot those on the other end of the line. So, always exercise caution while taking such calls and sharing personal data."

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real world as we know it."

Protection against crimes

Panellist: Himanshu Chaudhary Deputy vice president, HDFC bank

"Each and every bank provides its customers with the choice to restrict the number and volume of transactions they make using their debit and credit cards, as well as through net banking. As such, you can set daily transaction limits on your ATM usage, merchant outlet usage, online usage, and contactless usage; and you can also instantly change these limits (through net banking) in case of big transactions as and when you need to make those payments. Thus, it is crucial to set limits on your debit and credit card transactions to shield yourself from cyber crimes.

Changing your advertisement options on websites like Facebook, Instagram, and Google accounts is another approach to

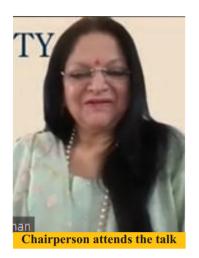
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protect yourself. These applications store our preferences, and our data is then sold to companies, which in turn send us targeted advertisements. When you change your passwords frequently, try using very strong passwords, because these days even 8-16 charactered passwords with special characters are getting hacked. Also, keep a password on your in-app purchases to avoid unnecessary online transactions."



Talk with diplomat

Interaction With Experts To Nurture Global Leaders





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he fourth session of 'Talk with diplomats' was conducted virtually on May 22, 2023. The session was graced by the presence of His Excellency, Santosh Jha, Ambassador of India to Belgium, Luxembourg and the European Union, and witnessed the participation of over 100 students from Amity Group of Schools pan India along with their principals and teachers.

Envisioned by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF, the programme aims to nurture students as global citizens, engage them in meaningful conversations, understand global issues and geopolitics. Organised under the aegis of Amity Educational Resource Centre (AERC), the event was hosted virtually by AIS Gur 46.

The virtual ceremony began with lighting of the ceremonial lamp amidst the recital of shlokas by Dhruv Bhargava (X) AIS Gurugram 46. It was followed by classical dance performances based on various shlokas by Prisha Talwar, Sanjana Chauhan, Samaya Chauhan, and Myra with translations by Samara Chauhan. Post this, nine students namely Akshay Tripathi (X) & Rajit Ranjan Pandey (X), AIS Gurugram 43; Sanjana Chauhan (X), AIS Noida; Prisha Talwar (XI), Samaya Chauhan (X) & Sa-

mara Chauhan (X), AIS Pushp Vihar; Avishi Khar (XI), AIS Gurugram 46; Myra (XII) & Advait Pandey (IX), AIS Saket posed a wide range of questions from international relations to life as a diplomat. While addressing the questions, the ambassador highlighted the critical phases of history of India and Russia, and how India is progressing rapidly towards becoming the third largest economy by 2027-28.

The program also welcomed discussions on topics such as managing stress, dependency on other nations, international diplomacy, intercultural relations between India and Belgium, learning from European associations, etc.

Meeting standards



AIS Mayur Vihar

special assembly was organised by the school on July 21, 2023. The aim of the assembly was to educate the

students of Class IX-XII about the importance of Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS). The assembly commenced with the felicitation of the guest DK Nayyar, scientist G, BIS, followed by a medley of per-

formances by the students comprising an energetic rap song on standards, an informative street play, a self-composed poem, and a short quiz.

Post this, the prize distribution ceremony took place, wherein, cash prizes were awarded to the winners by BIS. Divyanu Mehta (IX), Shreya Chandra (X), Lakshya Devgan (XI) and Tania Shaik (XII) won the first prize along with the cash prize of INR 1000. Aadya Duggal (IX), Shreya Bhatia (X), Devanshi (XI) and Shreya Agarwal (XII) secured the second position and cash prize of INR 500, and third position was secured by Sumit (IX), Tanvi Tyagi (X), Shivi Tyagi (XI) and Raima Chaddha (XII) along with cash prize of INR 250. GIT



School Lounge

Chitrankan 2023

AIS Gurugram 46

The eighth edition of Chitrankan, an inter-school art fest was organised by the school on July 28, 2023. With the aim to kindle innate creativity in young minds, 28 schools from Delhi/NCR participated in the event. The event comprised nine art competitions namely, 3D board designing, clay relief (both junior and senior), round sculpture, abstract art, traditional fusion, poster design, corrugated sheet assemblage and shoot & edit. The jury members, Dharmendra Rathore and Dashmeet Singh, both renowned artlauded the creative expressions of the budding artists. Students from Amity won several prizes. AIS Gurugram 46



won the first prize in fusion art, abstract art and shoot & edit. AIS PV, AIS Gur 46 and AIS Noida bagged the first, second, and third positions respectively in 3D board designing. AIS Gur 46 secured the third position in clay relief (senior), and second in poster design. AIS Saket and AIS PV won the second and third prizes respectively in corrugated sheet assemblage.



The greenists

AIS Vasundhara 6

To celebrate the third anniversary of National Education Policy, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship organised The Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam on July 29, 2023 at Pragati Maidan. Aviraj Katiyal and Kapeesh Jain of Class IX showcased their project 'Greenists', under which they curated an ecofriendly bicycle. Their project

was amongst the top 26 ATL projects shortlisted nationally to be showcased to the officials and public during the event inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi. Their project caters to SDG goals 7, 13 & 15 and removes carbon footprint by purifying the air, while in motion, thus, reducing air pollution. Dr Chintan Vaishnav, director Atal Innovation Mission and team NITI Ayog praised the innovative project and advised them to create a business model of the idea.



