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"The important multilateral institutions like FATF must be strengthened so that financing for terror and other illegal activities can be curbed."

- PM Modi at G20 Summit

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AMITE poll

Do you think that changing the names of prominent cities is a right thing to do?

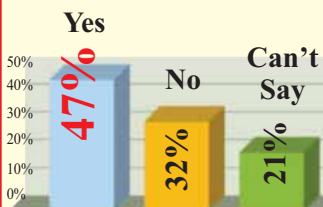
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Would waiving off the loans of Tamil Nadu farmers be fruitful for Indian economy?



Results as on December 6, 2018

Coming Next

AIMUN is coming!

An abundance of junk

The Time Has Come To Clean Out The Closet Before It Is Too Late

Ananya Grover
AIS Noida, XI E

'Human society sustains itself by transforming nature into garbage.' - Mason Cooley

On rare occasions, we summon courage to embark on a mission to sort through a messy drawer. Inevitably, we end up putting half of the belongings back. These are the objects we may not have even known we owned, yet we feel possessive of them. Honestly, who knows when you might need that neon inflatable pool for toddlers which hasn't seen the light of the day in years? However, the real problem arises when the macrocosm mimics the microcosm. The result is an entire world gradually being inundated in our junk while we turn a blind eye towards the Earth's deteriorating dystopian landscape.

Garbage patch of the Great Pacific

Also described as the Pacific trash vortex, this galaxy of garbage stretches across 1.6 million sq km of North Pacific Ocean, forming a floating junkyard about three times the size of France. If you've never heard of it, then you've probably been sucked into it. Tens of thousands of tonnes of generated plastics, from rubber duckies to Nike sneakers, form the marine debris. This isn't even the only one:



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there are similar vortexes in Indian and Atlantic oceans that have contributed to the disappearance of half the marine life over the last 40 years. A little dent to our cars is enough for us to rage fury, but what about when we ravage homes of millions of aquatic creatures for our own gains. Is that truly justified? It's time we contemplate.

A traffic jam of speeding space junk

In 2017, India launched a single rocket which put 104 smaller rockets in space. Thousands of small crafts are being launched into a narrow band of space around Earth, where they are

coupled with other objects like wreckage and discarded rocket parts, leading to a celestial traffic jam. Hurling around the earth at up to 17,000 miles per hour, 20,000+ human-made objects could crash and ruin equipments used to run phones, national security, weather forecasting, as well as our dearly beloved International Space Station.

We scream in frustration at the thought of traffic jams, and yet we are inducing a similar one in space. Is this the mark humanity would like to leave on the grand vastness of the universe? Think.

Unimportant emotions on the internet

In 2010, the Library of Congress in USA started archiving every public tweet posted to Twitter to document 21st century culture and conversations. Fortunately, they gave up their project—narrowing down to only 'significant tweets' in 2017— as an epiphany dawned on them: most of Twitter is, to put it crudely, junk. The same can be argued about most of the Internet. So much effort for something that will eventually go waste. Is pressing 'like' on Facebook 4 million times a minute truly the best utilisation of our limited time and energy? It's time to press pause and ponder.

Once you realise the consequences of unthinking human actions, you may ask, 'What do I do now?' Although you can't transform humanity singlehandedly, there are certain things you can do to save this macrocosm called earth. You can always not buy that thing you don't need and not throw that thing where you know you shouldn't. And if you really can't transform your thinking, blame your genes: 75 per cent of human DNA has been proven useless junk after all!



Corporate Chanakya

The Aphorisms Dr Radhakrishnan Pillai Swears To Live By

Tripti Rani, ASCO, AUUP

Popularly known as Chanakya of management, a motivational speaker, trainer, author and consultant, there is nothing about the business world that has evaded the eye of Dr Radhakrishnan Pillai, Deputy Director, Masters in Leadership Science, University of Mumbai and Founder-Director, Chanakya Institute of Public leadership. He has more than 200

Award. During his visit to AUUP as a panelist on the occasion of Lit-O-Fest, he shared the various aphorisms of his take on *Chanakyaneeeti* that made him successful.

Aphorism #1: "Gather ye rosebuds while ye may."

People are always running after one thing or another, so much so that their entire life becomes a race. When they are young, they have their heart set on one thing; when they grow up, they have their heart set on another thing, and they are constantly running towards it. But what is all of that worth when you have never stopped to spend time with your loved ones? I think people need to remember that whilst it is good to have ambitions, they need not forget the things that truly matter. For me, success means living a content life with my family.

Aphorism #2: "Take the bitter with the sweet."

Modern world has an abundance of resources, and that comes with negative as well as positive aspects. Even in education sector, the student-teacher dynamic we see today is different from what it used to be. The

articles published in newspapers, journals and periodicals to his credit. With the 'Best selling author' feather on his cap for the book 'Corporate Chanakya', he stands as a true awardee of Sardar Patel International



Dr Radhakrishnan Pillai with GT reporter

availability of internet has made students rely more on it rather than their teachers. But these new resources have also created a million opportunities. The education sector now offers courses that you could not even dream of in the past. People now learn directly from internet, and it helps the ones who cannot afford school.

Aphorism #3: "Know thyself, at the first place"

In life, there is not much you can achieve if you don't achieve self-knowledge first. You should know what you want and only then can you turn your dream into reality. If you

don't know yourself, or are not completely devoted to what you want, you will never achieve it. Today's generation stays in a state of flux. They never want to settle down; they are always running from one place to another, whether it is regarding where they live or where they work. The students today need to be more sincere and research-oriented to expand their horizons. You cannot just sit in a classroom, taking notes and call that real education. You have to go out on your own, ask relevant questions and then look for answers. Know yourself and that is the only way you can seek knowledge about this world.

Pic: Shubham Sikaria, ASCO, AUUP

World at a glance

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

France



Prime Minister to halt fuel tax rise
The increase in tax on petrol and diesel which was supposed to be in effect from next month, saw national demonstrations and protests. The violent protests have made the french government take some measures such as not raising taxes.

Poland



COP24 summit begins
Nations gathered in Poland for the climate summit where Antonio Guterres, UN Secretary General, warned everyone to act now or else face dire consequences. The summit mainly focussed on reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Russia



Roscosmos successfully launches Soyuz rocket
Russia's space agency, Roscosmos, launched a manned Soyuz rocket which carried astronauts to International Space Station. This was the first successful attempt after the mission was aborted mid-air in October. NASA's Anne McClain, Russia's Oleg Kononenko and Canada's David Saint-Jacques were aboard the ship which docked at ISS three minutes ahead of schedule.

Ukraine



Army reservists called over invasion fears
Ukraine's President, Petro Poroshenko has summoned reservists to strengthen their defence over fears of a Russian invasion. A martial law, declared at the end of November calls for a special training of the military units to deal with the ongoing tension between the neighbouring countries. He has also requested Germany to boost their naval presence.

Canada



Unexplored cave discovered in wilderness
A massive unexplored cave has been discovered in the Canadian wilderness by a government survey team which initially set out to count the Caribou population. The cave promises to open a new chapter in the story of Canadian cave exploration. The entrance of the cave is 100m long and 60m wide.

USA



George H W Bush passes away
The 41st President of the United States of America and father of the 43rd President, George Bush passed away at the age of 94 due to health issues. He died in less than 8 months after the death of his wife, Barbara Bush. Referred to as a part of the new generations of Republicans, he was regarded as the most successful one-term president.



GSAT-11 launched successfully
Indian Space Research Organisation has reported that GSAT-11, the heaviest, largest and the most powerful satellite ever built by India was successfully launched by an Ariane space rocket. It weighs 5854 kg and is expected to boost broadband services in the country. Also referred to as 'Big Bird', the satellite was launched from the French space port of Kourou in South America.

Israel



Rare gold coins found in Caesarea
24 gold coins, believed to be hidden 900 years ago, were discovered by archaeologists in the ancient Israeli city of Caesarea. The 11th century coins, along with a single gold earring were found in a bronze pot hidden between stones present inside an old well.

India



Court barred Rajapaksa as PM
A Sri Lankan court barred Mahinda Rajapaksa from acting as the Prime Minister of the country. The decision has been noted as a major setback to President Maithripala Sirisena who elected him in place of Ranil Wickremesinghe. Because of this decision, the country has been witnessing a major political crisis since October 26. Both Wickremesinghe and Rajapaksa claim to be the PM.

China



African swine fever bursts on farms
Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs in China confirmed a new African swine fever outbreak on farms in Beijing, Shaanxi and Heilongjiang. The outbreak in Beijing affected 9835 pigs, 17 out of which died. In Heilongjiang, 77 out of 375 animals died and 79 out of 205 in Shaanxi. The ministry has called for strict actions and necessary precautions to stop the epidemic.

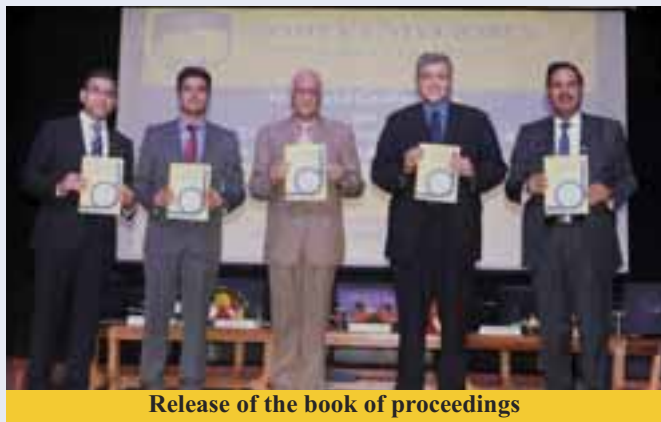
The meaning of 'Pacific' is peace. That is how the Pacific Ocean is also called 'the peaceful sea'.





The Pacific is the deepest ocean in the world. The average depth of the Pacific is 14,000 feet.

Picture Courtesy: ASCO Media Cell, AUMP



Release of the book of proceedings

New India on the rise

The Need For New Trends

On October 16, 2018, Amity Business School, AUMP, held a National Conference with an aim to discuss the 'Emerging Trends in Entrepreneurship, Business Management and Social Sciences'. The conference received 84 research papers from across the country and the best 49 were included in the conference proceedings. The event was graced by Chief Guest Sanjeev Roy, Key Expert Higher Education, EU Public Diplomacy in India, and Guest of Honour, Sudeep Gupta, Head Business Development and Sales, @ Cars 24. The inaugural session released the book of proceedings, followed by the technical session where the keynote speaker

Sally Holkar, of Royal Holkar family and CEO of Women Weave, spoke about the need of social entrepreneurship. Sally Holkar and Prof Aman Agarwal, IIF, were the Guest of Honour for the Valedictory session. Prof Agarwal apprised the audience on the importance of active learning, field-based learning and team learning, and mentioned the optimistic outlook of Indian GDP under the current government. The event ended with students having learnt important aspects of entrepreneurship such as product improvement, cost reduction, simplification/automation of procedures, reduction in time delays, etc. It was indeed a great learning experience for all the students.

For a democracy

Learning The Significance Of Casting Votes

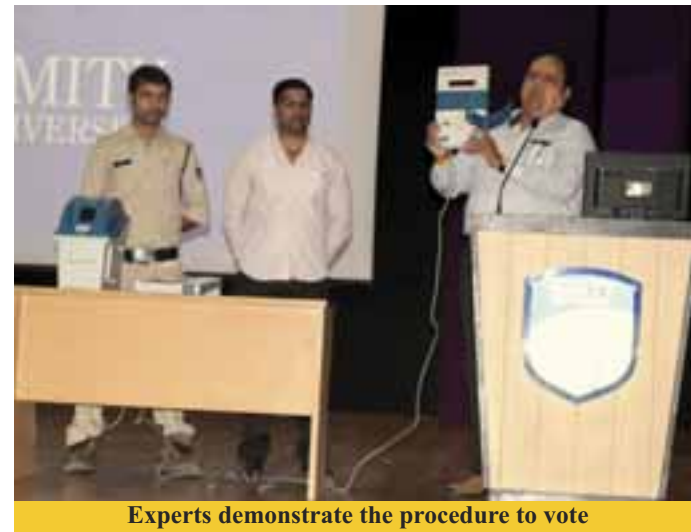


Students of AUMP create a human chain to urge everyone to vote

Picture Courtesy: ASCO Media Cell, AUMP

Poonam Pradhan and Shivam Kumar, ASCO, AUMP

Casting a vote is of extreme significance in a democracy for it lays the very foundation of a nation. It gives individuals a chance to voice their sentiment and vote in favour of what they believe in. Ahead of the state elections in Madhya Pradesh held on November 28, 2018 the students of Amity University, Gwalior, conducted an activity to sensitise the audience towards the importance of casting votes. The students of university made a human chain to demonstrate the importance of voting and to tell everyone that they should vote. On this occasion, Vice Chancellor of the university, VK Sharma, gave a message to cast vote with no dread and biasness in the upcoming state decision. The students, alongside Pro Vice



Experts demonstrate the procedure to vote

chancellor, Professor Dr MP Kaushik, Registrar Rajesh Jain, PRO Sunil Goyal, all the HoDs and lecturers participated in the event by wearing black on the occasion, further bolstering and supporting the cause. Earlier in the month of October, a team of five people from Elec-

tion Commission, Gwalior, visited the university for the Voter Awareness Programme. The students were given a hands-on experience of the VVPAT machine and voting process. The human chain made by students was another push towards sensitisation of vote-casting procedure. [G.U.](#)

Amity Institute for Competitive Examinations

Presents



Brainleaks-264

FOR CLASS IX-X

pH of water is 7 at room temperature. What will happen to its pH value at a higher temperature?

- (a) increase
(b) decrease
(c) remain same
(d) depends on concentration

Last Date:
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3 correct entries win attractive prizes

Ans. Brainleaks 263: (b)

Winner for Brainleaks 263

1. Tashni Vig, VII J, AFYCP AIS Noida
2. Arkin, VI C, AIS MV
3. Raihan Khayer, IX H, AIS Gur 46

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

Picture Courtesy: ASCO Media Cell, AUMP



Participants walk the ramp at the annual fashion festival based on the theme 'Colour Crush'

Fun fiesta

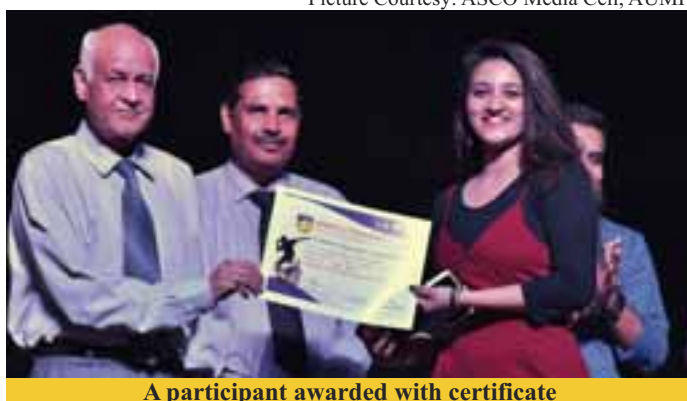
The Annual Festival Of Fun, Talent And Creativity

Niharika Bhowmik, AUMP

Picture Courtesy: ASCO Media Cell, AUMP

Amity University, Madhya Pradesh organised Melange, its annual festival, on October 5, 2018. The event was a gala of talent and creativity showcased by first and second year students in singing, dancing, anchoring and other interesting activities.

The juniors were welcomed with a *tilak* ceremony before being ushered to seats. *Ganesh Vandana*, a solo performance opened the programme that touched all hearts. Other foot-



A participant awarded with certificate

tapping performances were solo and group dances, karaoke performance by freshers and the

classic ramp-walk on the theme 'Colour Crush' ensured full-on entertainment for the audience. [G.U.](#)

All the freshers were elegantly dressed in the combination of red and black.

The end of the programme witnessed giving away of titles of Mr and Miss Fresher, which was bagged by Harsh Pratap Singh and Siddhi Jaisinghani respectively, along with titles like Mr and Miss Eve and Best Dressed. Prizes were also given out in categories like karaoke competition, dance competition and the earlier held Amity's Got Talent.

All in all, the event was packed with all ingredients of a lovely evening full of entertainment. [G.U.](#)



The Amitians' monthly newsletter released on the occasion

Rise up and up

What: 8th Raising Day, Amity University, Madhya Pradesh

When: September 19, 2018

Chief Guest: Ashok Kumar Verma, IAS Collector, Gwalior

In attendance: Lt Gen VK Sharma, AVSM (Retd), VC, AUMP; Dr J Girish, VP, RBEF; Dr PS Sali, Director (Academics) RBEF; Prof (Dr) MP Kaushik, Pro Vice Chancellor, AUMP and Dr Anil Vashisht, DSW & HoI, ABS

as they shape the future of our nation and the world. Academic Excellence Awards for the year 2017-18 along with Dr Ashok K. Chauhan 100%, 50% and 30% scholarship awards were given away during the occasion. The anniversary issue of 'The Amitian', the monthly newsletter of AUMP, was also released, which was followed by a short cultural programme wherein a dance-drama called *Ladki* was staged. The guests also visited the exhibition of projects and posters by the students put up in three blocks of the University. Towards the end of the programme, Lt Gen VK Sharma, AVSM (Retd) presented mementos to the guests. The vote of thanks was proposed by Prof (Dr) MP Kaushik, Pro Vice Chancellor AUMP.

After lighting of the lamp, Lt Gen VK Sharma apprised everyone about the journey of AUMP, and encouraged the students to imbibe skills like time management, good communication and honesty. Chief Guest, Ashok K Verma, mentioned the great responsibility on the faculty members

Pacific Ocean is the world's largest ocean, accounting for approximately 46% of the earth's water.



The final (Dino)mite

Whether It's 7 Billion AD Or BC, It's Better To Not Mess With The Universe!

Arushi Gupta

AIS Noida, XII C

Tyrannosaurus, the undefeated, stroked his jaw, eyes shining with intrigue. It was 7 billion AD in the human calendar, the year which had been predicted as the year when the sun would face its demise. Six billion years had already passed since the collapse of the Old World, also known as Earth 1.0, which was ravaged by 'those disgraceful' humans. Messengeraptor trembled before his king. "M-my Dinolord, we have uncovered the Old World manuscripts that describe our ancestors' d-d-demise." "Present them!" "Y-yes, milord." Taking a deep breath, he began: "We have heard of their legends; we have seen their giant carcasses in the middle of our museums—" Tyrannosaurus growled—"but it has taken us decades to determine the cause of their extinction. This scroll is a culmination of widely-accepted theories." Messengeraptor took a deep breath. "The first one my lord, is Death by Caterpillar." "Blasphemous!" "Preposterous!" "Outrageous!" cried the DinoCourt creatures. Messengeraptor winced. "Stanley Flanders, an entomologist, proposes



Illustration: Sneha Mathur, AIS Noida, XII

that caterpillars destroyed vegetation. This, in turn, killed all herbivores. Carnivores followed suit." "This has to be the most irrelevant, un-researched, illogical and irrational theory in the history of the entire humankind." "The second one is," Messengeraptor bravely continued, "Death by Farts. Though a miscon-structed research conclusion, it

has been widely popularized by the Internet. This bizarre notion suggests that dinosaurs farted themselves to death." "Blasphemous!" "Preposterous!" "Outrageous! How could they even think that this can be possible?" they exclaimed again. "Another one here is Death by Supernova. The explosion of a nearby supernova could have

triggered changes in the earth's climatic conditions, causing disasters and, ultimately, extinction." The DinoCourt erupted into uproar. "Funny they say that when they destroyed their own planet for convenience! Projecting their own ungraceful death onto the momentous fall of the mighty Dino Kingdom? Utter hypocrisy!" Messengeraptor

looked helplessly at his king. "Need I present more, milord?" "You may continue." "The last one is Death by Meteor. If there is something that we do know about dinosaurs, it is that they know how to go out with a bang. 68 million years ago, a 7.5-mile-wide asteroid came hurtling toward the Earth and hit an ocean in Mexico, ef-

fectively putting the Dinosaur population into extinction." The king nodded thoughtfully. "Death by Meteor rightfully signifies our ancestors' relentless war with the celestial bodies. But whoever first typed out #BrainsOverBrawn4Ever was clearly barking up the wrong tree. As if a meteor would be enough to take out our mighty ancestors! Rejected! Burn these scrolls. Burn them all!" Messengeraptor heaved out a sigh of relief, and the DinoCourt broke into an uproar of cheers. "We are daunting; we are dangerous; we are dinosaurs. Throughout history, we have persisted and evolved. There is absolutely nothing that can destroy our mighty kingdom now. We shall last even after the death of the entire universe." Almost as if these words had jinxed the existence of all the dinosaurs, there was a hush in the air. Earth 2.0 stilled. The DinoCourt stared in astonishment at the staccato bursts of colours that illuminated the white sky. With a big bang, the universe engulfed itself. And everything simply ceased to exist apart from the singularity which slowly spread out into space. (including the Dinolord and his boundless ignorance).[G](#)[U](#)

Endangered Species

Soon to go...missing

It's Time We Begin To Focus On Keeping Our Friends From The Wild Alive

Nakul Bahl, AIS PV, III E

Population: Less than 5000

Profile: Not just an amazing animal, the Asian Elephant is also an important cultural icon down in South Asia. Standing at 6.5- 11.5 feet in height, weighing approximately 11,000 pounds, the Asian elephant is the largest living land animal in Asia. Since 1986, the Asian elephant has been a part of the endangered animal list according to IUCN.

Why they matter: The Asian elephants are of great value. These beasts being highly sociable and intelligent, and can be domesticated for lifting heavy lumber and hence are an asset to the lumber industry. The Asian elephant has been known to boost

the tourism segment, as many people flock to the Savannas for their elephant safaris. They are also responsible for the facilitation of vegetation growth in the areas that they live in, as their dung acts as manure for the plants that grow in and around its habitat.

Threat: The ivory tusk of the Asian elephant is its main attraction and an important reason why it has become a victim of poaching and excessive hunting. The elephants can also be domesticated to be used in the lumber industry and hence are tamed for the purpose. Other threats to the animal include the loss, fragmentation as well as degradation of its natural habitat.

The Asian Elephant aka *Elephas Maximus Indicus*



The Giant Panda aka *Ailuropoda melanoleuca*

Population: 1864 in the wild

Profile: One of the most adorable creatures in the wild, the Giant Panda is considered the national treasure of China. Found in the bamboo forests, high in mountains of western China, the pandas weigh between 220-330 pounds. They feed primarily on bamboos and must have at least 84 pounds of bamboos every day.

Why they matter: The Giant Panda is the symbol for the WWE ever since its inception in 1961. They facilitate the growth and reproduction of the bamboo forest by spreading seeds. The other reason why saving the Giant Panda is so important

is because it means that other endemic species which are concentrated in the south west mountain region of China will also become endangered.

Threat: The rapid industrialisation and advancement of railroads in and around the Yangtze basin region, where the Pandas are found more in number isolates the animals, making it difficult for them to mate. Even though the government has made more than 50 panda reserves, it still protects only 61% of the population. This loss of habitat is one of the primary threats to the species.





The Pacific was the last ocean which was discovered by the Europeans, namely, a Spanish explorer Balboa on September 25, 1513.

Served with love

Let's Look At Some Of The Highly Creative Ways To Retaliate

Ananya Gupta, AIS MV, X B

Let's be honest, who has not had their head burn with anger when your sibling ate that piece of chocolate you saved, or your best friend uploaded a bad picture of yours on social media? You really have this urge to vent your anger, but being offensive isn't really the name of the game. Here's how you can get back without causing any hurt.

"I hope you step on a Lego."

Okay, ouch. That might hurt more than you may think.

"I wish you a lifetime of spoilers."

Suits. Season finale. You are willing to execute anybody who tries to give even a second of the episode away. You are scrolling through your Instagram feed, waiting for the buffer to end, and...

"I hope you plug your phone and forget to switch the charger on."

We are all well versed with that sinking feeling of waking up that comes with seeing the most indispensable part of our lives – our phone, taking its last breath or, maybe, already dead.

"I hope your WiFi stops working, mid conversation."

You are having the best conversation of your life and you're completely into it. As you come up with an absolutely genius joke for a response, your WiFi stops working. They know you've seen their reply, blue ticks don't lie.

"I hope you get a reply with a 'K'."

Hits you right in the feels, doesn't it?

"I hope you smudge your eyeliner immediately after you're done with your makeup."

A happy Saturday, you're not too late for the party, chosen the perfect outfit. Eyeliner on the left eye has been winged to perfection, you're trying to do the right when your phone pings and you're paralysed for a second. You look at the mirror and see the new creased black line on that perfect face. Now isn't that a great day?

"I hope, while stalking someone on Instagram you accidentally like their 74-week old picture."

Your heart skips a beat and you unlike it with all your might. Time for renunciation and go to the mountains.

"I hope you get an elaichi in your biryani."

Imagine, you are at your favourite restaurant, and after a week of craving, you are waiting for your biryani to be served. Finally, it arrives, and you cannot wait to take your first blissful bite. As your taste buds are absorbing the flavour, utter betrayal hits you. They put elaichi in your biryani. If that is not offensive, what is?

No matter how many cakes your sibling eats or how many annoying things your BFF does, the truth is that you will love them no matter what. So it is always better to offer creative, and of course, harmless comebacks rather than outrageous or harsh statements in course of a fight. After all, nobody wants to hurt their loved ones, right?



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Never tell a writer

Mugdha Jain, AIS Gur 46, XI F

Never ever tell a writer
That her writings don't make sense
They don't need any explanation
The words reflect a heart so dense

Never ever tell a writer
That her poetry doesn't rhyme
She was running out of words
Wanting a deeper sense to chime

Never ever tell a writer
That 'dasl' is not a word
She is creating new ones
For her feelings to be inferred

Never ever tell a writer
That she should write pieces
That are pleasing to the heart
She might still be living in the past

Never ever tell a writer
To explain her complicated verse
They are the cherry on top
Of an art much diverse

Never ever tell a writer
That she writes like someone else
It's her authenticity that pleases her
And not a copy of another self

Never ever tell a writer
To read her stuff out aloud
She'll try and try
But will end up blown out

Browse. Pay. Buy!

Say goodbye to strenuous shopping in malls as online shopping takes over! Get clicking now...

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Vritika Chandwani, AIS Vas 1, X A

Driving to the mall, checking out store after store, carrying heavy bags...too tiring, right? Well, haven't you tried online shopping, yet? Just browse, pay and buy! With so many online stores and portals offering a huge variety of products, one is literally spoilt for choice! Myntra, Jabong, Flipkart, Amazon...each of them offers bundles of goods at jaw-dropping prices.

Spoilt for choice: Online shopping portals allow you to filter your choice to your chosen price range, colour code, brand and style. You name it and they have it. With so many varieties, these

portals expose you to the trends that people from every corner of the world follow.

Shop in a snap: Online shopping is as quick and easy as 1, 2, 3. All you need to do is log on to your favourite website, select your product and place your order. And you're done. With most sites offering 30-day exchange and replacement guarantees, it's easy to exchange too, just in case the product is not per your liking.

Compare wise: These websites let you compare the prices of your favourite brands without having to hop from shop to shop. It's very easy to conduct price comparisons online. This gives you the freedom to determine

which online store offers the best prices.

Happy earth, happy you: What's more, online shopping is eco friendly too! You don't need to waste petrol on driving or waste your energy in waiting in long queues, carrying heavy bags and finding a space to park your car or pay parking charges! "I prefer online shopping because I don't need to visit the retailers individually. Doing that involves burning fuel, staying calm in the perpetual bumper to bumper traffic and finally, searching for parking space!" Veena Mishra, co-ordinator, AIS Vasundhara 1, says.

Shop from home: You don't need to worry about how you're dressed and

you can shop till you drop just sitting under your quilt, sipping a hot cup of coffee. "I enjoy shopping online because I can do so in the comfort and privacy of my home. I can shop in my pyjamas and no one knows the difference," shares Ansh Singh, a student of AIS Vas 1.

Earn while you shop: One of the best parts about online shopping is you can earn reward points with every purchase you make and redeem those points on your next purchase. With regular sales and festive discounts, you can earn while you shop and grab super exciting deals.

It's on sale: That is not all. Offers and schemes introduced by the sites are

the real reasons why people are attracted so much to online shopping. The special festive sales further draw the customers to these sites. Besides, online shopping is entirely stress-free and hassle-free since there is no physical work involved such as moving around in crowded malls or queuing up outside of changing rooms etc. **GT**
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Back to roots



Dr. Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

In the last few decades, the world has made huge strides towards development. We have managed to built high-tech cities, big factories, exemplary smart phones, PCs, laptops, smart gadgets, etc., to make our lives easy. But in this process we have also ended up emptying sewage waters and releasing toxic waste into lakes and rivers, exuding toxic fumes in the air and creating tonnes of e-waste. As a result, our world today stands at the crossroads between development and junkyard. And the entire process of development has offered us rapid climatic changes and choking lungs. We have suddenly woke up to the harsh reality and started looking out for better solutions. Ironically, the solutions are once again directed towards developing yet another technology - air purifiers for clean air, water sprinklers for clearing smog, thereby creating more e-waste. Therefore, we are creating more problems to find solutions of earlier problems which is nothing less than a vicious cycle. So, isn't there any possible way out to come out of this vicious cycle? Thankfully yes, there is. We need to peruse the pages of times to find how our ancestors used to cohabitate with their ecosystem. Buildings in olden times were built to be energy efficient. The congested Chandni Chowk that we see today has not always been like that. The *havelis* here were built with huge central courtyards and two storeys high that allowed ample of both light and air inside the house. In greed for more space, man added lot more floors and rooms making it congested. Almost every village of Rajasthan then had *baolis*, homes in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu boasted of their water harvesting systems. And now there are very few households practicing the same. It's time for us to ponder and take lessons from our ancestors to solve all these problems. It is time that we go back and take inspiration from our heritage, our roots. 🇮🇳

Taste of water



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

The top story of this edition reminds me of my visit to my ancestral home in village with my then 10-year-old son. While returning home, I asked him what he liked most in the village. "The sweet taste of water," he replied. All this while, staying in town, I had never given a thought to the 'taste' of water. His answer actually set me thinking. What have we done that we can no longer feel the taste of water. I promptly looked around and noticed that everything for green and clean environment, we city folks talk about, strive for, huddle for, was actually there in the villages. It has always existed there, but we never valued it in our race for more development, thereby creating more damage to the environment. I couldn't help but notice how the mud houses (what we call green houses in cities) were energy efficient and the way they were maintained regularly with a mix of clay, cow dung and neem leaves to keep insects out. The 3Rs we try to adopt in our day-to-day city lives is actually a lifestyle in village. Case in point, sugarcane agriculture. The waste generated after taking out sugarcane juice is further used to make vinegar or compost or feed cattle. In villages, instead of polybags, villagers make paper, jute, bamboo or cloth bags to run errands. The better and more developed lifestyles in cities have taken its toll on the 'taste' of water. A closer observation only calls that while we adapt to city lives, let us not exchange our roots, our basics, our traditional sustainable lifestyle for modernity and upgraded status. Only then will we all feel the 'taste' of water. 🇮🇳

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The road to a safer future



Karan Dhall, AIS Gur 43, XII D

The world is now in a dismal state
Where governance is nothing great
Safer future is the need of the hour
The idea seems clichéd, vision afar

Where childhood isn't fairy tales
Where all delinquent efforts fail
Where healthy is the society
Break free from typical propriety

Where chances are open to all
And equality and justice stand tall
Where borders are flowing free
Earth will be like heaven indeed

Where nobody is ever short
Of basic needs and necessities
Be it shelter, warm food or cloth
All should possess the amenities

Where groups of all types

Are recognised and expressed
Primacy is given to human rights
Which are always suppressed

Where we have a unipolar world
Which is accepting and tolerant
Where superseding is unheard
Goodwill for all is preponderant

Where religion is associated
Only with purity and sanctity
No group shall be instigated
Into acts that conduce insanity

Where deception is a rare sight
Where one toils with full might
Backed by promises of security
Working men, working ladies

Where there are many cures
For growing poverty that looms
Where the sky is always azure
Culminating a night of doom

A world full of love and peace
Alaska to India, England to Greece
Terror will be deemed primeval
We need more composed leaders

For this we have to renounce
Our psychological citizenship
Extremism must be denounced
Let's extend a hand of friendship

God forbid leaders who talk
Crimes against humanity run amok
To make the ideal world concrete
We need to work, not just speak

The rich should be motivated
The poor should be educated
Based on this, the venerated
Constitution should be devised

The earth we today inhabit
Is nothing but a global village
Some are perfect, some misfits

They will all cross the same bridge

Kindness and a positive attitude
Along with luck and cooperation
Will only help us build a huge
Federation of a united nation

The idea seems utopian to some
But once we all unite and come
The third planet from the sun
Shall be the most contented one

Henceforth I raise the flag
To the road to a safer future
A world free of political snags
Non-violence being our teacher

The writer of the poem won a bronze medal in the Queens' Commonwealth Essay Competition 2018, which received over 12,000 entries. The theme this year was 'Towards a common future.'



Little pearls of wisdom

The three turtles

Adhyayan, AIS Vas 6, VI

In a huge lake, there lived three turtles – Zunu, Tunu and Munu. Even though they were brothers, they were very different from each other in terms of personality and nature. Zunu was a firm believer in destiny, Tunu believed in solving life's problems with his intelligence and Munu was a great thinker who believed in thinking deeply about any problem that came his way. One day, Munu saw some fishermen approaching the lake with fishnets. He got scared and swam closer to listen to their conversation. He heard them discussing that the lake had a lot of exotic turtles, which they would catch tomorrow. Munu immediately rushed back to his brothers and the other fish to alert them about the fishermen's plan

and warn them to escape timely. But no one took Munu seriously. He suggested that they should leave the lake that very night and go to the big lake in the neighbouring town, taking the secret canal passage, but everyone thought him to be stupid. Zunu declared that he will stay back and let destiny and God decide what will happen to him. On the other hand, Tunu was pondering over the problem and thinking of a way out. Munu, though reluctant to leave without his brothers, decided to go ahead anyway to save his life. So, he escaped the lake that night.

The next morning, the fishermen came and started spreading nets over the lake. Tunu tried to act dead in front of them so that they don't catch him, but they caught him anyway and threw him along with the rest of the dead fish in their baskets. Zunu, who



believed that God will save him, kept floating in water. He was eventually struck dead by the fishermen and taken away. In the end, Zunu and Tunu died because of their foolishness, but Munu was saved because he acted wisely. Sometimes, it is necessary to act fast. Time and tide, they say, wait for none. So, act when you have time and turn the tide in your favour.

(Inspired from a famous Panchatantra tale)

Dear Editor,

The Global Times has always encouraged keen students to share their write ups. Through The Global Times today, I want to talk on the role of technology in a student's life. The youth today is obsessed with technology. They use it in all ways possible, social networking being on the top of the list. The most technologically challenged people too find it mandatory to use it in everyday life.

Face it, don't you like it when you ask Siri something and in seconds you have your answer. Studying has become somewhat facile due to technology. I say somewhat because, you do have to learn and memorise yourself. Google any word and every detail of the word appears on



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the screen. Making projects is now easier than it ever was, even for visuals. Netflix-and-food has become the go-to pastime. Technology for a student is both a boon and a bane. A boon as it helps us with studies, write stories and connects to the world. A bane because when we should be doing our homework, we are busy playing games, mostly PUBG or Fortnite, and when we are confronted we tell that the Internet was down. At one point, it is a saviour and at another point it is a total destruction.

Hridyanshu, AIS Saket, VIII A

Dear Editor,

The Global Times has empowered our minds to voice our opinions and vent our emotions through literary expression. It gives immense pleasure to see our thoughts/opinions getting published in this esteemed newspaper. It works like fuel to the rocket which is ready for launch to soar high in the sky and reach its destination. As for the social connect, it unites all Amitians and showcases our talent and creativity to rest of the world. The amazing output of GT teams across Amity Schools inspires me so much. I

eagerly wait for my copy of GT every Monday. Regular mentoring and guidance from our respected Chairperson ma'am, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan and school counselors is a must read. I love to participate in the Brainleaks Quiz which tests my learning in Science, Maths and Social Studies. It's so engaging and enriching to read about various emerging issues, famous personalities and participating in GT Polls/contests. Today, all I want to do is to simply thank Chairperson ma'am for this gift of knowledge and creativity handed to us in the form of this newspaper. I feel so fortunate, being an Amitian, to be able to contribute and grow with GT.

Pratishtha Batra
AIS Saket, VIII B 🇮🇳



The Pacific Ocean is actually shrinking by about 1 inch every year. This shrinking is caused by a slow shift in the tectonic plate underlying the Pacific and Atlantic.



Not so 'funny', after all!

Alisha Taneja, GT Network

Those white-painted faces, a staunch red nose, oversized multi-coloured clothes. They were supposed to make us laugh, but instead they instilled in us an inexplicable fear. The fear is called 'Coulrophobia', also popularly known as fear of clowns. Clown - a figure which was created to be a comical relief, has become a symbol of horror and death. But what fuelled this transition? Read on to find out how the celebrated clown has evolved from being funny to scary!

The jest

Clowns have existed since times immemorial. A popular variant of the clown was 'jester', can be traced back to 2500 BC. The fun, mocking character was a popular feature of ancient theatre; his primary job being jumping in with silly breathers, in the middle of serious scenes. During the Italian theatre movement called Commedia de l'arte, the character of the jester eventually metamorphosed into a philosophical character, someone who could mock fun at the other important figures and speak out truths which no one dared to do in those times.

The history

Through the course of history, clowns have surfaced in various parts of the world, in various forms and names. For instance, ancient Egypt saw Pygmy clowns. Hieroglyphics depict them as making Pharaohs laugh. Yu Sze from China, the jester of Emperor Shih Huang-Ti, is another popular name that shows up in clown history. If folklore is to be believed, Yu Sze was the one who convinced the emperor against his plan of painting the Great Wall, which had by then already cost countless lives. Western Europe and Britain saw its own version of the clown - the 'pantomime clown' in the 18th and 19th century. It was during the 1500's that the word 'clown' first came in use during the Shakespearean theatre where the term was often used for foolish characters. While clown culture was picking up in other parts of the world, USA was oblivious to the clown until the 19th century.

The picking point

Though clowns picked up in different countries at different times, it was the 19th century that saw them in prime spots. During the 19th century, the circus clowns, which were an integral part of the circus troupe, became extremely popular among the masses. Characters like 'Auguste' and 'Coco' became almost iconic in the late 1920's - 1930's. The trend saw a rise in America in the 1960's when clowns and jokers became an indispensable part of every birthday party, and even were a hit in the media. TV Shows where clown characters like 'Bozo, the clown' and iconic figures like Ronald McDonald took the industry by storm. In fact, Bozo the Clown was so popular that by the 1960's there was a 10-year wait for tickets to his show.

The dipping point

Just like their rise, the downfall of clowns was recorded at different points in history across different parts of the world. Joseph Grimaldi, London's most popular pantomime comic player had a rather dark life. His wife died at the time of childbirth and he led the life of a penniless alcoholic. Jean-Gaspard Debureau, who went by the name Pierrot, Paris' popular pantomime clown, gravely injured a boy with a walking stick. As the dark lives of these men surfaced from behind the happily painted face, a general resentment against clowns started brewing. The shifting point from funny to scary for America came when the story of John Wayne Gacy, a serial



killer, who masqueraded as clown came to light. He was unveiled by newspapers as the 'Killer Clown' in the 1970's.


The fear

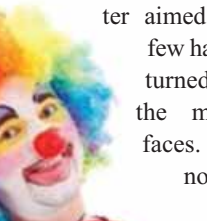
Once the scary side of clown had been unravelled, there was no looking back from the road of fear. Hollywood exploited the concept of scary clowns to the fullest; the 1982 movie 'Poltergeist' and 1988 movie 'Killer Clowns from Outer space' are some examples. However, it was the movie 'It' by Stephen King that actually established clown as a creepy character. The movie's antagonist Penny-

Heath Ledger who played the iconic Joker in the Batman series could not receive his Oscar due to his early demise. The cult Bollywood movie 'Mera Naam Joker' too talks of the sad lives led by clown and jokers.

The fear forever

In the modern era, when the figure of the scary clown has been normalised by Hollywood and TV shows such as the classic villain Joker in the Batman series, or even Twisty the Clown from American Horror Story Season 4, it is only natural that the new generation has been infused with a different perspective, that it is difficult for them to believe that their predecessors were actually funny. Reported crimes perpetrated by people dressed up as clowns doesn't seem to help the case either. 2016 saw numerous incidents being reported where individuals masqueraded as clowns kidnapped children or chased people with knives, leading to the ban on clown costumes in many countries during the celebration of festivals like Halloween and costume parties.

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Bad 'Humour'

- *Coulrophobia is a real psychological disorder, the seeds of which are planted in young children at a naive age, and they are mostly never able to completely grow out of their fear.*
- *It works on the concepts of masks, we humans understand that any mask hides the true identity of a person, and we view clowns as permanently masked characters, whose real feelings are unknown, hidden behind their permanent pasted silly smiles and antics.*
- *Being 'creeped out' on seeing clowns is a natural emotional response to the ambiguity about the presence of threats that alerts people to remain vigilant during times of uncertainty, according to a Knox College study on the nature of creepiness.*

The area covered by the Pacific Ocean is larger than the combined land mass of all the continents in the world.



Dance like a phoenix

Storywala



Ayushi Goel, AIS Gur 43, X C

Perhaps it wasn't just teenage angst which was keeping Kathleen so moody all the time. Perhaps it was the fact that she was living out of suitcases and moving boxes. She was never really able to make friends because she was always on the move. She was unpacking yet another box in yet another house which she had

moved into when her mom called her downstairs for dinner. "Coming Mom!" she yelled.

As she sat across her mother at the dining table, she noticed a pamphlet. She casually picked up the pamphlet. "Richmond Dance Academy! Hmm... Yeah mom. That is not happening!" Kathleen declared, swiftly passing the flyer across the breakfast table. "You know I can't dance anymore." "The doctors say that

it is only psychological," her mother cut her off before she could make her usual excuse. Ever since Kathleen had broken her ankle while performing, she had lost her confidence and her mother was constantly trying to make her daughter get back on the stage. "Come on princess! It's been so long since I've seen my little ballerina!" The drops of tears which her mother had in her eyes seemed to work this

"As Kathleen took to stage, the audience rose to a thunderous applause. Kathleen's mother had tears in her eyes."

time. "Alright! Geez, mom." ***

She reached the academy an hour before the audition. She almost wanted to run away. But the moment she saw the mirrored walls and the dancers warming up, she knew she had to. It wasn't that simple, of course. The lack of practice had made her lose touch with dance and she could barely make it through.

It was the day of the finale of the dance championship. Kathleen's mother sat in the front row. It had been two years since Kathleen danced. Her mother knew she would get better, but that she would be leading her team in the district championship came as a big surprise. As Kathleen took to the stage, the audience rose to a thunderous applause. Kathleen's mother had tears in her eyes. And why not? After all, her daughter had not just risen, but even danced like a phoenix. 🇮🇳

WORDS VERSE



Fascinating universe

Navya Nayer, AIS PV, IX F

I wonder what's there up high
In the dark expanse of the sky
Where astronauts constantly go
For more and more to know

Scientists studying the mystery
Launches adding to space history
Luminous bright stars twinkle
All around as if they're sprinkled

The smiling moon glows
Around the earth as it goes
The sun shines in the centre
Guiding planets as a mentor

Mercury is closest to the sun

Venus is the second one
Earth is the only one with life
About life on Mars there is strife

Jupiter has the shortest day
Rings all around Saturn's stay
Planet Uranus is the coldest
Neptune's clouds are in focus

It's the Universe! As we see
Huge is what it'll always be
The vastness have no end
Together, they seamlessly blend

Now, switch off the lights
And look up at the sky at night
Take in all the splendid sights
Have a great sleep tonight! 🇮🇳

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 is the recent satellite launched by India?

Ans:

Q: Who is the writer of the story 'Served with love'?

Ans:

Q: Which poem was written by Thwisha Sharma, AIS Saket, IV C?

Ans:

Q: Who is the best friend for Ananya Ganguly, AIS Gur 46, II B?

Ans:

Q: Which award was conferred to Dr Radhakrishnan Pillai??

Ans:

Q: What had Kathleen stopped doing after the accident?

Ans:

Q: Who popularized the concept of Killer Clown?

Ans:

Q: How many followers does YouTube sensation Kyra Kanojia have?

Ans:

Q: Where did Khanak Anand, AIS Vas 6, II A travel to?

Ans:

Name: Class: School:

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Dahi ke sholay

Sara Maheshwari, AIS Noida, VIII D

Ingredients

Curd	1/2 cup
Cottage cheese (grated).....	1 cup
Onions (fried).....	1/2 cup
Cashew nuts	3 tbsp
Bread slices	6
Salt	to taste
Sugar	a pinch
Oil.....	for frying

Method

- Add all ingredients except the bread and oil in a deep bowl and mix well.
- Divide the mixture in 6 equal portions.
- Take a slice of bread, dip it in water and squeeze.
- Fill mixture in this damp slice, and seal its ends, giving it a conical shape.
- Keep aside all the rolls for two minutes.
- Heat the oil in a deep non stick pan.
- Deep fry two rolls at a time, till they turn golden brown.
- Serve hot with green chutney.

The striped pride

Adeela Hameed, AIES, AUUP

I heard a roar far in the wild
Creeping slowly shone a smile
Furry coat playing hide-and-seek
Slithering tail trying to be meek

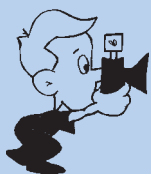
Watchful and determined to fight
Entering the jungle in a spotlight
His destiny was written to rule
In his tribe, he was most cruel

Prying the prey with hungry eyes

Running away is a decision wise
Claws sharper than a knife
Clenching teeth is a sight rife

But gently declining is his race
The forests have begun to fade
Despair surrounds animal lore
The future prince lost his roar

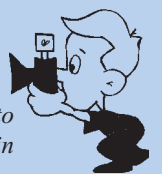
Behold mankind, lest you repent
Your crimes this mortal will end
Conserve this striped mammal
Give a new life to the animal! 🇮🇳



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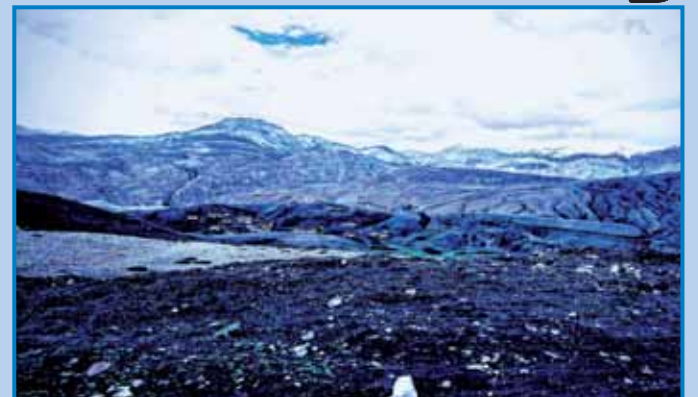
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Go where the flowers bloom



Making way, moving on



Blue is the coldest colour



50% of world's ocean water is present in the Pacific Ocean.

The proud elephant

Wisdom tale



Vihaan N., AIS Saket, IV C

This is the story of a baby elephant named Hira. Hira lived with his parents in a big jungle. He was proud of being an elephant because they were the largest animals in the jungle. Even mighty carnivores like lions never dared to attack an elephant. Hira's pride soon turned into arrogance. He often poked fun at other animals and refused to walk to school with them. He

would walk alone with his trunk held high towards the sky. Hira's teacher, the old giraffe Gerald, had been noticing Hira's behaviour for a long time now. Saddened by his behaviour, he tried to talk Hira out of his arrogance, but all his efforts were in vain. One day, Gerald was teaching all the students self defence tactics, and lessons like differentiating between good and poisonous fruits. Hira, however, paid no attention. When asked by Gerald to concentrate in class, Hira re-

sponded by saying, "Oh! I don't need any of this. Why do I need self defence? Nobody will ever attack me. We are the largest animals. And why do I need to identify fruits? I live with my herd." Hearing this, Gerald was disappointed and thought of teaching him a lesson. One day when Hira was walking back from school, a tiger from a neighbouring jungle attacked him. As Hira used to travel alone, there was no one around to help him. Neither was he equipped

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with the self-defence lessons taught by Gerald. So, in a hurry he started running in the wrong direction and came out of the jungle. Although he escaped the tiger, he reached a place where there was no animal around. It was night time by then and Hira could not go home. Having to spend the whole night outside home, Hira got very hungry. But he could not identify which fruits were sweet and which were poisonous, so in doubt, he ate nothing. That night, he cried and realised how he had misbehaved with Gerald and all his friends. As Hira woke up the next morning, he saw Gerald standing right in front of him. Hira was so happy to have finally found help. Hira, with his eyes and trunk bowed down, apologised to Gerald, and promised to always follow all his teachings obediently and attentively, and behave kindly with everyone. Later, Gerald thanked his friend Tiggy, the tiger for helping him teach Hira a valuable lesson. 📖

So what did you learn today?
Never be proud or arrogant about your qualities.

Cupcake Carnations

Material required
Paper cupcake moulds (preferably white), Plant branches/stems, White paint, Glue, Vase

Procedure

Step 1: Take a few plant branches and paint them all white. Leave them to dry.

Step 2: Take a cupcake mould and fold it in half, dividing the base in two halves

Step 3: Along its length, fold the mould into another half, making a cone out of it.

Step 4: Twist the bottom of this cone and stick it to the centre of the base of another mould.

Step 5: Press the side of the mould inwards so that concentric layers are formed. Twist the tips of both the moulds together to give it a flower like appearance.

Step 6: Continue adding layers till you feel the flowers look complete. Set them aside for the glue to dry for 15 minutes. When dried, stick these flowers onto the dried white branches.

Step 7: Your cupcake carnations are ready!

It's Me



Name: Ananya Ganguly
School: AIS Gur 46
Class: II G
Birthday: October 21

My likes & dislikes

Like: Watching Masha & The Bear
Dislike: Giving up
Hobbies: Kathak, colouring, & drawing
Book: Mythological story books
Game: Basketball
Mall: Ambience mall
Food: Chhole bhature
Poem: Hot Cross Bun & Pussycat Pussycat

My life, my people

Role Model: My sweet mother
Best Friend: Etika Hans

My Dream

I want to become: A Kathak dancer
I want to feature in GT because: It will bring a smile on my parents' face.

POEMS

Be a buddy

Mahika Nagar, AIS Vas 1, VI B

I think of that tearful case
The girl locked in a maze
Opposite to her friends
She couldn't match new trends

One day, she ran away
Slammed doors, cried all day
Only walls heard her weeping
Others unaware, calmly sleeping

She woke up with a cheerful face
But they showed her place
'Fat' 'chubby' all they say
Such terrible days

No one could feel her pain
All the cries for help were in vain
No one believed except herself
No relief, even on the bookshelf



You may think, who was she?
Why she shared her story with me?
She who saw the world's ways
So nobody experiences those days

She was one who broke her silence
To put an end to mental violence
I never thought I could make you see
That she is none other than me

This is a message to all my friends
The friend you lost couldn't mend
My heart says this truthfully
Be a buddy, and not a bully! 📖

Winter fest

Thwisha Sharma
AIS Saket, IV C

Winter is finally back
It's time for us to pack
It is the season of fun
The festivity has begun

It's time to visit friends
Let all the worries end
Wind blowing is so cool
Food will make us drool

Sit around the fire so hot
All together, a melting pot
What is the redness, think?
Cold makes our cheeks pink

Festive season is here
With laughter and cheer
Leave the sadness at bay
Let memories make the day! 📖

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It's Christmas! In the spirit of the holy festival, we present some of the doodles by our lovely Amitians of AIS Vas 6.

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The Pacific has the widest range of temperatures found in any water body on earth. While the average temperatures vary from -1.4°C to 30°C , the water becomes warm near the equator, whereas it can reach freezing point near the poles!

A day to remember

Founder's Day Celebrations Unfolded A Myriad of Emotions For Every Amitian



Classical dance performance by students of AIS Gur 43



AIS Gwalior students dance to the beats



Skit presentation by students of AIS VKC



AIS Noida presents an Indonesian dance



Students of AIS MV pose for a group photograph



Chairperson with AIS PV staff members holding the torch



Young students of AIS Saket with Chairperson

Dr Ashok K. Chauhan is a name that resonates in every Amitian's heart. Founder President, Amity Universe is the guiding light for thousands of Amitians spread across the world. Giving the tenets of BHAAG, ie, Behaviour, Honesty, Attitude, Aptitude and God, he has propelled everyone towards realising his vision of making India a superpower by 2030. So, when his birthday hit the calendar, Amity Group of Schools across the country decided to show love to the man who has shown them the path. Each and every celebration, serenaded with love and warmth, was indeed 'A day to remember.'

AIS Gurugram 46: A day of joy

October 30, 2018: Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF who graced the celebrations was presented with a collection of poems written by schools students for their Founder President. Students also presented two soulful performances namely 'The Magic of Love & Belief' a rhythmic show and a dance drama 'Samarpan' based on his life and times. The occasion also saw scholarship winners, 59 bright achievers from Class V-XI, and young sportsmen who won various prizes at national and international sports tournaments, being felicitated by Chairperson. In her address, Chairperson urged the students to follow the mantra of BHAAG for achieving holistic success in life.

AIS Gurugram 43: A day of commitment

October 24, 2018: Students shared the success mantra of BHAAG espoused by the Founder President and how following it can enhance a person holistically. The highlight was a dance performance comprising myriad Indian classical

dance forms. A self-composed poem expressing gratitude towards Founder President was also recited. Students took a pledge to imbibe righteous human values.

AIS Mayur Vihar: A day of rejoice

November 5, 2018: Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, graced the occasion which began with a *havan* amidst chanting of *shlokas* and lighting of lamp. Meritorious students in the field of sports were felicitated with scholarships, badges and certificates. To mark the feisty spirit, students presented an enthralling cultural programme. The school's Youth Power team launched its App 'Bonetastic' to spread awareness about healthy bones and healthy life. The programme concluded with singing of school song and national anthem.

AIS Noida: A day of inspiration

November 13, 2018: The programme commenced with lighting of lamp by the esteemed dignitaries followed by a *shloka gayan* by middle wing students. Students from primary wing presented a dance portraying the culture of Indonesia. The performance sent a message to keep working hard and following their dreams. Academic, extracurricular and sports achievers from Classes V-XII of 2017-18 were felicitated with scholarships, certificates and badges. The event culminated with a rendition of the school song followed by national anthem.

AIS Pushp Vihar: A day of gratitude

October 25, 2018: Gratitude, the theme of Founder's Day celebrations marked the culmination of a week-long activities organised in the school. On the day, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan; Ms

Pooja Chauhan, Chairperson, AHF and Ms Divya Chauhan, Chairperson, ASFA, ASPA & ASPT graced the occasion. The celebrations began with gifting of tokens of love made by students to the Chairperson. Students showcased a movie they made on life and times of Founder President. They also recited *shlokas* from *Bhagvad Gita*. Students of Atulasha, a school for less privileged boys presented tokens of love they made for Founder President and expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to study. Chairperson urged the students to imbibe human values and follow the principles of BHAAG. The meritorious students and sports achievers were also felicitated. AIS PV was the only school this year to felicitate seven children with Founder's Trophy, given away for the Best All Round student.

AIS Saket: A day of interaction

October 25, 2018: The highlight of the day was an interactive session of Chairperson with the students. During the course of interaction, students asked various questions related to study, life and career to which Chairperson answered with their satisfaction, leaving them with food for thought and motivation to strive for greater heights. The meritorious students were felicitated with scholarships and awards. The occasion was graced by Ms Pooja Chauhan and Ms Divya Chauhan. Mr Manjit Singh Chauhan, Mr HK Aggarwal, Ms Uma Mehta Jain and Mr BK Goswami under whose names the scholarships have been instituted were the other dignitaries present.

AIS VKC: A day of thanksgiving



October 31, 2018: Students of Class VII B and VIII A conducted a special assembly on the oc-

casions of Founder's Day. The assembly commenced with a video portraying the achievements of Founder President. Students presented his philosophy BHAAG through a skit and a song, and held a short quiz. The assembly concluded with the felicitation ceremony of meritorious students.

AIS VYC: A day of inspiration

October 23, 2018: The celebrations commenced with a prayer thanking the Almighty for all that he has bestowed on us. This was followed by a TedX Talk presented by Emaan of Class VIII. Students were shown a video and a presentation based on the life and motivational messages of the Founder President. The celebrations concluded with the evergreen visionary song 'I have a dream' sung by the students followed by the school song.

AIS Gwalior: A day of happiness

October 24, 2018: An atmosphere of rejoice filled the school as all Amitians geared up to celebrate Founder's Day. The day began with the lighting of auspicious lamp and offering a prayer. Students of Class IV sang a melodious birthday song. Class II girls danced to the tunes of 'Wish you a very Happy Birthday' with great zeal. The school was decorated with laces and balloons. Following this was a speech delivered about the life and times of beloved Founder President and students were shown a powerpoint presentation about the success journey of the Founder President. A *havan* was conducted to pray for well-being and prosperity for all. Sweets were also distributed among students.  

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Bright achievers of AIS Gur 46 with school principal and Chairperson at the ceremony



Mr Aseem Chauhan along with the students and staff members of AIS VYC

Marine Pollution has increased by over 100 times in the Pacific Ocean over the past 40 years.

All top quotes contributed by **Anuradha Arora, AIS Vas 1, V A**



A child's play

The 7-Year-Old Queen Of Toy Reviews And Hauls



Mrinal Verma, GT Network

Being a YouTuber is not an adult's play, which is why we have **Kyra Kanojia**, a 7-year old YouTube sensation with 10k followers. A third grader at **Amity International School, Noida**, Kyra loves being in front of the lens. Her channel focuses on inspecting and reviewing a variety of toys; her verdict being final for her viewers. She has collaborated with companies like Lego, Crayola, Toys R Us to name a few. Her sharp eye catches

every detail, proving that sometimes, we should leave the smart work for kids.

A child's love

With her parents capturing all the precious moments of her childhood since the very beginning, Kyra has never shied away from the camera and treats it as her best friend. An impromptu travel vlog done during the family's trip to Thailand, which became very popular with friends and family, fueled her passion even more. So, when she was praised by her friends and fam-

ily for her great insight regarding toys, she knew exactly what to do, hence creating **Kyrascope**, a YouTube channel where she reviews toys with great precision. Kyra loves exploring new things and with the aim of sharing this happiness with her subscribers, she tries to make every video a fun experience.

A child's passion

Posting videos for almost 2 years now, Kyra does not take it as a burdensome task but rather like a fun game. She plays an active part in the planning

process and is very passionate about all shoots. Her parents, **Sinchita Sur** and **Manish Kanojia**, ensure that YouTube is never too much work for Kyra and that her passion remains intact. Kyra holds the view that every toy has a story and she unveils those stories in her videos. She still has not decided what she wants to be when she grows up, but she is passionate about exploring new avenues.

A child's belief

Being a part of such a big global platform can come with its own

setbacks, but **Kyra**, her parents, and her teachers believe that every negative comment should be treated as a lesson. "There are occasional negative feedbacks which have helped her stay grounded. It teaches her that you cannot please everyone at all times, and I think it is very important at her age," says **Manish Kanojia**, Kyra's father. Kyra also credits her teachers for always being supportive, helping her manage her passion and education. With role models like **Sunita Williams**, **Taylor Swift**, **Annie Lebovitz** etc., Kyra

believes in imagining beyond horizons. She believes that the universe is waiting for everyone to take the first step towards their goal, so we must break the invisible boundaries and unshackle the mind.

At a young age like this, **Kyra** has already achieved amazing feats that one can only dream of. With great success for her channel garnering millions of views and great grades on her mark sheet, this talented third-grader is truly an epitome of an all-rounder.

Fake videos, beware!

The Incredible Illusion Of The World Of Videos



Saloni Doodraj, AIS Gur 46, XI J

People fall on metro tracks. Chaos rages, shrieks are heard. Mrs Sharma, shocked at the video she just received on WhatsApp turns to share it with her son. "Don't use the metro, there is electric current on the tracks," she almost screams. The prodigal son having witnessed the fake video responds, "Looks like you've received the video. By the way, that was a mock drill, where people were pretending to fall." With an air of calm, the son gets back to business. Fake videos are ubiquitous, some more harmful than others for how they play with your mind.

D-I-Why

DIY videos. Seen them, tried that. We start watching these videos in high spir-

its, hoping to make DIY slime without glue or borax or basically any other necessary ingredient. By the time those 4 minutes elapse, we have our hands in a mixture of toothpaste and Listerine which doesn't seem very promising. These videos are a euphemism for human stupidity, for we know that they never work but try them nonetheless.

Brain hacked

'Stitch your life together with eight sewing hacks', 'Best of toothpaste hacks' 'Hacks for a smart cupboard'. Open these videos and you will realise you'd been doing everything wrong, including folding t-shirts. You jump on at the opportunity presented by these videos, only to realise it was all fake. You realise that brushing your nose with toothpaste isn't the best beauty

hack. Also, spending fifty minutes making a cardboard, that makes folding t-shirts five seconds faster is of no help.

Tasty (only on camera)

India's passion for food is directly proportional to the number of lavish recipe videos we see. Referring to 'Tasty' videos, only to realise that half of the ingredients aren't available in India and then realising that making the recipe will take more than just two minutes is more painful than all of **Rohit Shetty's** films back to back.

So, the next time you're watching one of these videos, do not fall in the trap. And for your own sake, and that of others too, do things the traditional way; it's the most convenient, efficient and reliable option you can opt for. 🇮🇳

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