



## Strictly confidential

### In times when privacy is most threatened, is it really difficult to keep things away from the grapevine?

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This has been the year of revealing things that were kept under extreme hush-hush. Right from revelation of iPhone X to Marvel's Infinity War spoilers, leaking out of confidential information is not new. Maybe keeping things confidential in the era of snaps and unboxing videos might not be that easy. Or is it? People who have managed to keep their private information away from the public's eye have a different story to share. Here are a few events that took the world by surprise this year, secrets that were well kept until the very last moment.

firmed the wedding on Twitter which became the most shared tweet of the year. The striking point of this 'match' was the idea of keeping the wedding a secret. After all, weddings are the most trending news which makes for a good PR stunt. So, maybe next time when a celebrity seems to be whining about their privacy, we should direct them to Virat and Anushka.

#### Riding on a seaplane

There have been several captivating campaign ideas to gain public support, but none so much as PM Modi's Seaplane ride on the last day of the Gujarat Campaign. He flew from Sabarmati river to the Dharoi dam reservoir onboard India's first commercial Seaplane on December 12, 2017. An indigenous aircraft capable of taking off and landing in water, this launch will revolutionize and expand the waterways transportation. Our PM has again taught us how to create a bang with best kept secrets.

#### Shuffling it

The September of 2017 unfolded another secret that was well guarded until those in question chose to disclose it themselves. Case in point – Cabinet reshuffle! The swapping and trading places was met by anxious Indians just the way a child responds as he suddenly wakes up to an empty house – befuddled. This was the third reshuffle since 2014 when NDA came to power. The shuffling saw nine new ministers being inducted into the council of ministers and four others being promoted to the cabinet. So many permutations and combinations, and yet the nation was clueless until the D day arrived. Well done, yet again PM Modi!

by the Indian Prime Minister, not only shook the nation but quaked the life of people. Citizens que at ATM's and banks became a routine for the nation. India went onto become digital overnight with Paytm stepping in as the only source of money exchange. But what makes demonetisation stand out is that it was well locked up until announced. No new channels or newspapers carried out news or had an idea about the decision until the PM announced it on November 8, 2017.

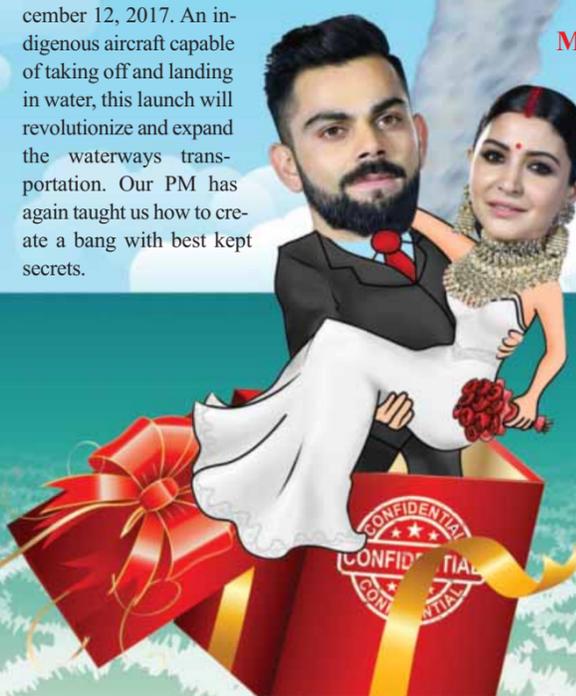
These events will always serve as a reminder of how it maybe difficult to breach the walls of confidentiality. In an internet dominated world, where information (and even rumours) move faster than light, keeping things private maybe a possibility after all.

#### Money matters

The sudden demonetization of Indian currency notes of 500 and 1000 in November 2016 still lingers in the air today. The announcement, made

#### A big fat secret wedding

One of the best kept secrets in the showbiz this year was the star couple, Virat Kohli and Anushka Sharma's destination wedding held in Tuscany in Italy, on December 11, 2017. The Indian Cricket team captain and the talented actress have been paparazi's favourite muse for the last 5 years. The speculation of their tying the knot had started earlier this year, but were considered baseless until Virat con-



**INSIDE**

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Should stalking be made a non-bailable offence?

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

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**POLL RESULT**  
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Do you agree with China's statement that Pakistan has made positive efforts at tackling terrorism?

Yes	No	Can't Say
49%	43%	8%

Results as on December 23, 2017

**Coming Next**  
See you next year!

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## Fuelling the 'Maharatna'

Pic: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network



**A** graduate from SRCC and an exemplary leader **Dinesh K Sarraf, CMD (Retd) of ONGC, has steered the country through some of the most difficult phases in oil and energy sectors. Anandi Sen, AIS MV, XI G, pens down his experience of leading India's most valuable 'Maharatna' public enterprises.**

**Can you please elaborate on the challenges you faced during your illustrious stint as the CMD of ONGC and how did you tackle them?**

Survival and growth were the main challenges. The first challenge which I faced when I took over as the CMD was the price of oil barrels, then pegged at \$120 per litre. It started coming down later and by Oct-Nov 2015 it was as low as \$3 per litre. Another challenge was to survive in the newly programmed price and meeting the rising demands of the country for more energy and fuel. We decided to do the same things which we were doing earlier, but in a different way. Since drilling consumed more than 60% of our total capital expenditure we increased our drilling efficiency and notched up our efficiency by

24.7% in one single year. Next year again we increased it by 10%. This way, we kept increasing efficiency and managed to reduce costs. The markets also helped us in terms of inputs. We did more projects in the year 2016-17 and registered maximum number of win-win situations in the history of ONGC, despite very low output price. We could tide over the difficult times only because of the innovative ideas of my very capable team members who were always ready to face challenges.

**Speaking of drilling efficiency, what kind of technological advancements have been made in oil extraction process thus far?**

A host of advancements have been made in the extraction process right from the exploration & survey, to drilling and regional management. We have started a separate cell to keep track of all the research done in drilling technology globally. If some-



Dinesh K Sarraf shares views with Anandi, GT Reporter

thing new and innovative is found, we research it further to see, in case we would also like to adopt it and if it could help us reduce our costs further.

**How did you take care of environmental concerns as the CMD?**

Environment is a big concern for oil and gas sector as it deals with fossil fuels. ONGC has always been extremely conscious about protecting environment. We not only adhered to all the environmental norms laid down by the government of India and the state governments, but because of a great team, we overachieved our environmental protection targets. We took utmost care of environmental and human safety during field operations.

**How's your life post retirement?**  
Oh! post retirement now I can do so

many things like coming here to Amity University. Recently, I had been to IIT Kanpur addressing their foundation day. About two months back I was in IIT Kharagpur, for their convocation ceremony. There is yet another upcoming conference on petroleum in Jaipur which I have to address. I couldn't do all this during my active service career. Such diverse assignments are keeping me more active and occupied, even after retirement.

**Few gems of prudence for Amitians.**

All I have to say is that, now when you are studying, study honestly & don't study only for exams. Work hard and keep doing productive things in life. Whatever position you are at, do things honestly and sincerely. Integrity, diligence and perseverance are the keys to a successful life.

Dinesh K Sarraf

# World News

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Cyclones are called 'hurricanes' in North American and Caribbean regions.



UK

**Word of the year '2017' rolls out**  
 'Youthquake', has been selected as the word of the year by Oxford dictionary. Made by combining two words youth and earthquake the word means, 'A significant cultural, political or social change arising from the actions or influence of the young people'. It was initially coined in 1960s by Diana Vreeland, who was the editor of Vogue back then.



Czech Republic

**12th Prime Minister takes charge**  
 Andrej Babis, a business tycoon and the head of ANO party was elected as the new Prime Minister. The newly elected PM vowed to propose the member states and the European Commission a solution for illegal migration and fight against human traffickers.



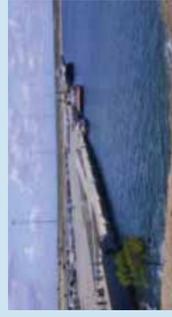
China

**First flight lands in Antarctica**  
 Hailed as a new era in the tourism landscape of China, the country's first flight to 'Antarctica' took off from Hong Kong and landed successfully in the continent. The 20 hour long flight via Capetown, carrying 22 passengers was organised by the HNA Group.



Sri Lanka

**Port formally handed over**  
 Hambantota, a southern port in Sri Lanka has been handed over to China for a 99 year lease. The money received against the lease would be used for building a huge deep sea port and an airport.



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France



**New world record set for sailing solo**  
 French sailor, Francois Gabart has become the fastest person to sail around the world solo, non-stop. His voyage was completed in 42 days, 16 hours, 40 minutes and 35 seconds. He beat the last world record of solo sea voyage around the globe by 6 days and 10 hours.

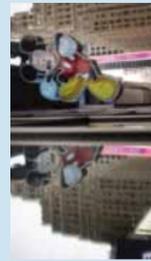
Switzerland

**World's steepest railway opens**  
 The country inaugurated the steepest funicular railway in the world with a revolutionary design which looks like a string of giant hamster wheels. It took 14 years of designing and planning and 40 million pounds to build this railway.



US

**\$52 billion struck between giants**  
 Walt Disney has agreed to buy the bulk of 21st Century Fox's business for \$52.4bn (£39bn). Disney's purchase includes film and television studios as well as 39% stake in Satellite Broadcasting Sky.



Pakistan

**\$825 million granted by World Bank**  
 In what can be considered a joyous news for Pakistan, the country received a loan amount worth \$825 from World Bank. Half of the amount would be used to develop the national grid and the other half \$400 million would be allocated for improving the management of public finances.



India

**Country with largest diaspora in the world**  
 The UN world migration report (2018) on migrating trends states, "More than 15.6 million people from India are living overseas. It accounts for 6% of the total number of international migrants estimated in 2015." UAE has emerged as the top destination for Indian migrants.





# A decade of nobility

Thunderous swinging and hooking of mallets, galloping of the horses and some brilliant moves by the riders- the 10th Amity Polo Cup witnessed it all

Pics: Tanya Sutradhar, GT Network



**What:** 10th Amity Polo Cup

**Where:** Jaipur Polo Grounds, New Delhi

**When:** December 10, 2017

**Why:** To bring a change in the lives of the underprivileged and also decide the winner of Amity Polo Cup

**Who:**

■ General Bipin Rawat, Chief of the

Army Staff, Indian Army

■ Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Group

■ Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity International Schools

■ Dr Atul Chauhan, Chancellor, AUUP

■ Ms Pooja Chauhan, Vice Chairperson,

Amity Humanity Foundation,

■ Mr Aseem Chauhan, Chancellor, AUH

■ Ms Divya Chauhan, Chairperson, ASFA & ASFT

■ Ms Sapna Chauhan, VC, Amiown

■ Mr Ajit Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amity Directorate of Distance and Online Education

■ HE Mr Radu Octavian Dobre, High Commissioner of Romania

■ HE Mr Jozef Drogenik, High Commissioner of Slovenia

■ HE Mr Vitaly Prima, High Commissioner of Belarus

■ HE Mr Vladimir Maric, High Commissioner of Serbia and others

Amity Polo Cup, touted as one of the most prestigious tournaments of the Delhi Polo calendar, witnessed the display of finest horsemanship and equestrian skills.

Six teams participated in the tournament, which was played on half league basis. The teams were divided into two pools - Pool A - Beast Carnatic, Delhiites Polo, Sahara Warriors and Pool B - Aravali Polo, Adie Broswon, Jindal Panther. The tournament witnessed fine play with seasoned polo players as Basheer Ali, Dhruvpal Godara, Samir Suhag, Abhimanyu Pathak and Simran Shergill.

## A nail biting final

The tournament concluded with a nail-biting final between Delhiites Polo and Jindal Panther. Jindal Panther edged out Delhiites Polo to lift the prestigious Amity Polo Cup 2017.

The finals had a blazing start with Gaurav Sahgal scoring the opening goal for Delhiites Polo in the first few minutes of the 1st chukker. A glistening trophy was presented to Jindal Panther by General Bipin Rawat, UYSM, AVSM, YSM, SM, VSM- Chief of the Army Staff, Indian Army. The final match was preceded by an exhibition match between Amity and Axis Bank wherein the players from both the teams displayed exemplary sportsmanship.

## For a noble cause

Organised under the aegis of Amity Humanity Foundation, Amity Polo is not just about winning the game. It is about winning hearts too. The proceeds of the event are used to better the lives of underprivileged girls and boys studying under 'Amitasha' and 'Atu-

lasha', both being run by AHF. While Amitasha is a school for the less privileged girls, Atulasha educates underprivileged boys. Here along with free education, students are also provided free uniform, books, meals and healthcare facilities. Ms Pooja Chauhan shared that Amity Polo Cup reaffirms Amity's pledge to transform the lives of the underprivileged.

## Words of wisdom

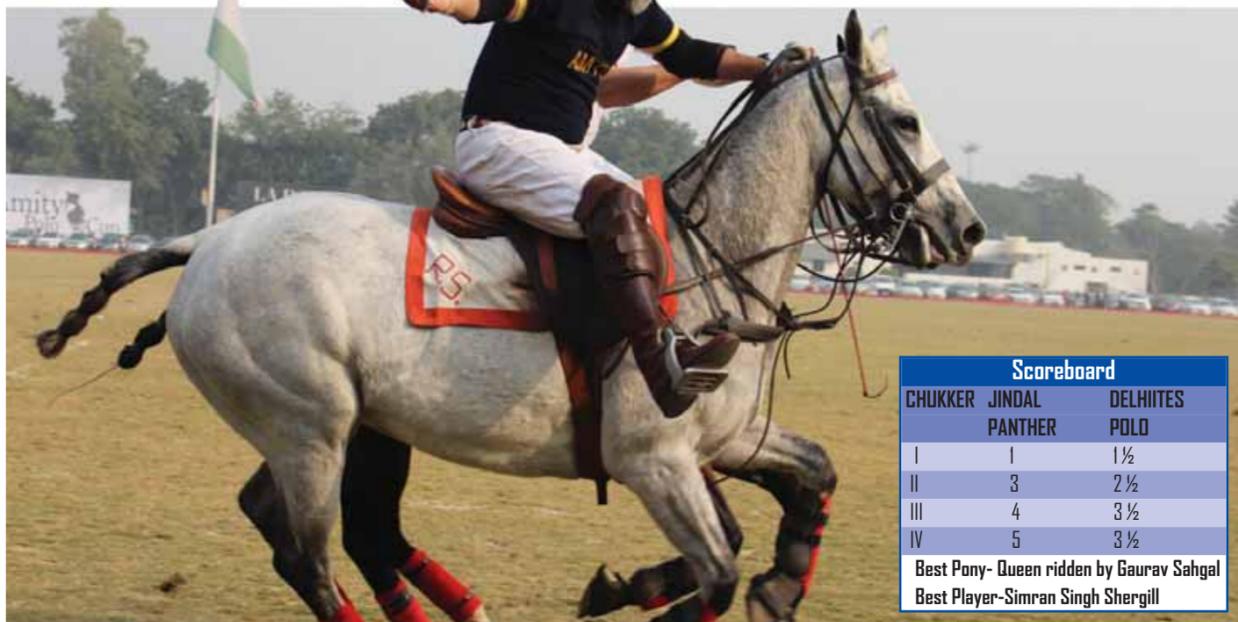
Speaking on the occasion Chief Guest General Bipin Rawat stressed that sports and education must go hand in hand for the real development of the country. He also stated that Amity's association with Polo reflects the sincere commitment of the Group towards the country's progress.

Founder President, Amity Universe, Dr Ashok K. Chauhan congratulated the players for their

spectacular sportsmanship and team spirit. He stressed that philanthropy and societal welfare is at the heart of Amity and in future also, more such charitable events will be organized to instill a sense of social responsibility and the spirit of "Service before Self" in the youth studying in Amity.

## Evening to remember

A coffee table book titled 'Polo- the Insight' commemorating 10 years of Amity Polo Cup was released on the occasion. The book authored by Ms Pooja Chauhan outlines the journey of Polo sport in India through facts and anecdotes by polo players and photographs clicked by eminent photographers. The students of Amitasha and Atulasha gave a melodious performance during the half time of the finals, which was appreciated by one and all. 🇮🇳



Scoreboard		
CHUKKER	JINDAL PANTHER	DELHIITES POLO
I	1	1½
II	3	2½
III	4	3½
IV	5	3½

Best Pony- Queen ridden by Gaurav Sahgal  
Best Player-Simran Singh Shergill

Amity Institute for Competitive Examinations

Presents 

Brainleaks-230 FOR CLASS IX-X

The area of square field is 24200 square metres. How long will a lady take to cross the field diagonally at the rate of 6.6 km/hr.?

- (a) 3 minutes  
(b) 2 minutes  
(c) 2.4 minutes  
(d) 2 minutes 40 seconds

Last Date: Dec 30, 2017

3 correct entries win attractive prizes

Ans. Brainleaks 229: (a)

Winner for Brainleaks 229

1. Namjas Kaur, IX, AFYCP, AIS Gur 46  
2. Ashmit, IX, AFYCP, AIS Gur 46  
3. Sahil Abuja, IX-C, AIS PV

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

## Scholastic Alert



time in 2017 or should be appearing in 2018:

■ The final examination of the 10+2 system, conducted by a Central or State Board recognised by the Association of Indian Universities (www.aiuweb.org).

■ Senior Secondary School Examination conducted by the National Institute of Open Schooling with a minimum of five subjects.

■ General Certificate Education (GCE) examination (London, Cambridge or Sri Lanka) at the Advanced (A) level.

■ High School Certificate Examination of the Cambridge University or International Baccalaureate Diploma of the International Baccalaureate Office, Geneva.

■ Candidates belonging to the general category and OBC category must secure a minimum of 60% aggregate marks in the qualifying examination. Candidates belonging to SC, ST and PwD categories must secure a minimum of 55% aggregate marks in the qualifying examination. (Pl. refer to website for details.)

## Application Process:

Online Registration begins - December 14, 2017

Last date for online registration - January 24, 2018

Entrance Test: April 15, 2018

Website: <http://hsee.iitm.ac.in>

Taruna Barthwal, Head Amity Career Counseling & Guidance Cell

**Examination:** Humanities and Social Sciences Entrance Examination (HSEE - 2018)

This is a national level entrance test conducted every year by IIT Madras for admission to the master program offered by the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) of the Institute.

The HSEE started in the year 2006 coinciding with the launch of the M.A. program at IIT Madras. This is the only test of its kind, which admits students to a five year integrated Master's program in humanities and social sciences subjects offered by an IIT.

## Course:

■ Integrated M.A. in Development Studies (5 yrs)

■ Integrated M.A. in English Studies (5 yrs)

## Eligibility:

■ Candidates applying for HSEE-2018 must have passed any one of the following qualifying examinations for the first

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# Even science of wacky odds

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The sound of nails on chalkboard is like just another noise, yet it irks us beyond measure. Odd? And odd enough is the nation's obsession with fidget spinners. Thankfully enough, there is science to make things even. **Yavnika Garg, AIS Gur 46, XI D** brings science of some odd stories.



**Nailing the chalkboard**  
If there is anything that is more annoying than those pollution level statements, it has got to be the sound of nails on a chalkboard. But what is about this sound that the mere mention of it is cringeworthy enough? Well, science has the answer. Firstly, our ears have been developed in such a way that they tend to amplify sounds that fall in the range of 2Kz-4Kz. The uncomfortable noise of nails on a chalkboard falls in this frequency range. Further on, this screeching sound enhances the communication be-

tween the area of the brain responsible for hearing and the area of the brain responsible for processing negative emotions ie the amygdala, resulting in the body cringing.

## Fidget spinners make winners

49 of the 50 most selling toys on Amazon are some kind of fidget spinner. The reason for their soaring popularity, lies with science yet again.

Fidget spinners are small sensory toys that come with a central bearing that the user grips with

his index finger and a three pronged rotational blade that spins once you flick it with your fingers. As it spins, it gives the user a pleasurable sensory experience, which explains why this mundane toy is addictive.

Fidget spinners are being marketed as the new age stress reliever simply because numerous scientific studies have proven that these fidgeting devices actually increase focus and release stress. They are known to benefit kids with autism and anxiety disorders in particular. It has also been reported that children in-

involved in playing with fidgets have well developed fine and motor skills, increased creativity and faster thinking abilities. But that said most of these studies still seek verification so hold on before you celebrate these spinners as the messiah of 'lack of focus'.

## Hall of illusions

We all have at some point or the other come across static images that appear to be moving. These 'visual illusions' as they are called find their roots in science. They are created when the real

image does not match the image created by our visual system. When we fixate on a pattern, it leaves an after image on our retinas. When our eyes make small involuntary movements this ghost image overlaps with the real image, thereby creating an illusion of a rippling effect. This of course is just one explanation.

Many more such simple things keep happening around us daily. Thankfully enough, science has explanations for all of them. Aliens sightings are still waiting an explanation though! 🌌



## Polishing pennies

If you have some old pennies at your home which look dull and worn out, try this one

### Pre requisites

- Lemon juice
- Tarnished pennies
- A cup
- Paper towel

### Method

- Take a cup and put tarnished pennies inside it.
- Next, add lemon juice in the cup to a level that all the pennies are immersed in it.
- Leave the cup for about five minutes.
- Finally, take out pennies one by one and wipe them off with a paper towel.

### Observation:

- Your pennies are made of metals. So, when a metal comes in contact with oxygen in the air, it gets oxidized and a layer is formed.
- Lemon juice acts as an acid and removes the oxidation. Hence, the old tarnished pennies shine bright once again.

# Tale of a 'Bluetiful' sky

Standing beneath the vast sky, aiming to reach it someday, one can't help but marvel at this blue beauty

## Who am I?

I am the sky. I lie above the Earth's surface, including the atmosphere and outer space. Scientists also call me the celestial sphere.

## What is my colour?

I am blue. Yes, since the inception of the universe, I have been blue. I was born with this colour that spreads like a wide umbrella above everyone on Earth. Human beings are fascinated by the fact that how have I maintained the same colour. Sometimes, it leaves them wondering why I am not red, yellow, green, violet etc.

## How did I get my blue colour?

The way, humans have different eye colour due to 'melanin', a pigment responsible for the colour of our eyes, similarly, my colour also depends on a phenomenon known as 'Rayleigh scattering'. To everyone on Earth, light from the sun looks white but it's made up of different colours of rainbow known as VIBGYOR. And all these colours have different wavelength - short and long.

## What happens in the atmosphere?

As sunlight (light) reaches me, it gets scattered by molecules of gas and other particles in all directions. My colour, 'blue' gets scattered easily due to short wavelength as compared to lights of long wavelength and this is what Rayleigh scattering is. Hence, my colour appears blue from Earth.



# Winsome 'Checkmate'

**C**hess enthusiast **Vantika Agrawal**, AIS Noida, X C, with a FIDE title of World International Master (WIM) and the only player to have won 4 awards in a single event is a true chessmaster. **Rimjhim Sayana**, X B & **Gaurika Wahal**, IX L, AIS Noida, interview the star.

## The QUEEN of the game

"Currently I am one of the top ten chess players in India."

Two of my greatest achievements have been winning WIM Norm on March 31, 2017, and the IIFL Tournament. And what makes these achievements even more special is the fact that both coincide with my parents' birth-

days. There is nothing like bringing home a trophy on your parents' special days. But it is not to say that being 2nd in India in under sixteen, 3rd in Asia and 11th in the world is not special in itself. Being one of the best players in India feels unreal. Meeting the President was another unreal experience. He was very welcoming and friendly.

## The KNIGHT in shining armour

"My mother is the one who supported me."

My mother has encouraged and supported me through my journey. She is the one who helped me maintain my momentum. She kept me driven since I was seven. Another big inspiration is Magnus Carlsen, who I admire to no end. A big part was played by Amity in recognising my talent and helping me become who I am now.

## The KING of techniques

"I observe the middle game as it is the most important phase."

While most people memorise the opening game, I like to focus

on the middle game. I feel it is the most important phase of the game and it helps me not to falter when the opponent makes an unexpected move.

## The ROOK can take you wherever

"My land of dreams is my escape."

While I devote a huge chunk of my time to chess, I also like to spend my time dreaming. My dream world is my escape because there I can do whatever I want with no restrictions. Doesn't every teenager want that?

## The PAWN can change the game

"Learn from your mistakes after you lose the game."

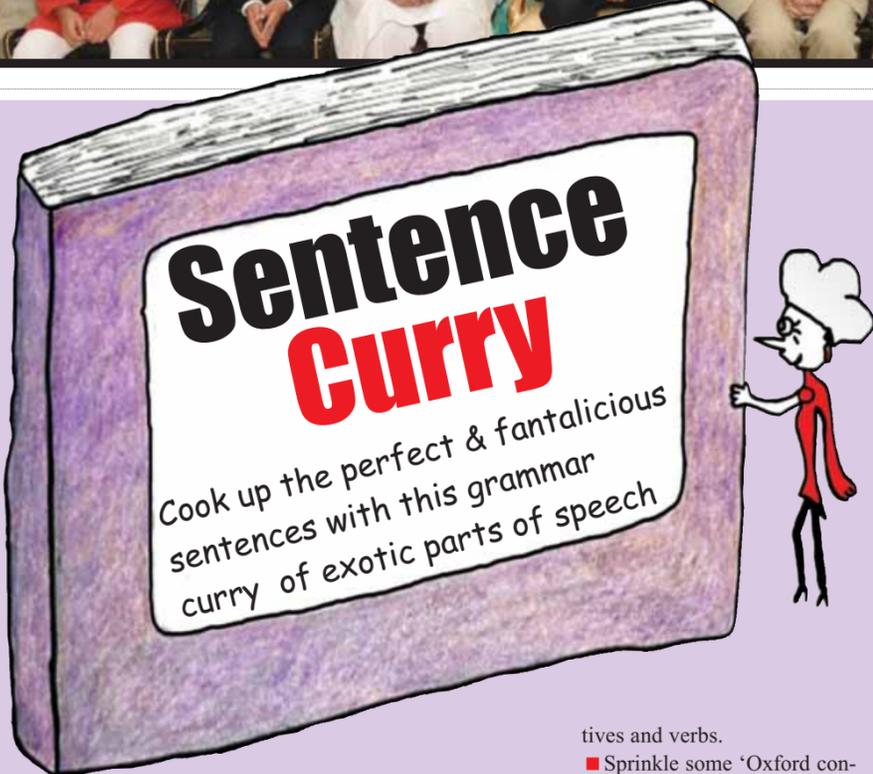
One of the best advice I have been given is 'learn from our mistakes after you lose the game'. It is not possible to always win nor lose all the time. Both victory and defeat teach us valuable lessons. But losing teaches you a lot more. We have to learn from these ex-

periences rather than brood over them. A good player knows how to rectify his/her mistakes. Another advice I would like to give young chess players is, don't give up! Work hard and you will accomplish your goals. Don't stray from your path and learn from your experiences. This goes for both academics and extra-curricular activities. Stay focused!

Pic: Caitanya Singh Jaswal, AIS Noida, X B



Vantika Agrawal (extreme right, first row) with President Ram Nath Kovind



## Sentence Curry

Cook up the perfect & fantalicious sentences with this grammar curry of exotic parts of speech

Mugdha Jain

AIS Gur 46, X G

Writing is an art, much like baking where the right recipe is the key to success. Here, we bring to you the golden recipe of writing proper sentences.

### INGREDIENTS

Noun / Pronoun .....100g  
Verb .....50g  
Articles .....4-5 pieces  
Adjective .....2 tsp  
Adverb ..... 2-3 drops  
Preposition ..... 1 cup  
Conjunction .....A pinch

### PROCEDURE

- Start by adding 100g of a noun or a pronoun in the mixing bowl. This will form the subject of your sentence, the basis of your recipe.
- Add 50g of verb, plural or singular flavour, as per noun. A verb is the soul of a sentence; it cannot live without a verb. Remember that the verb depends on the subject.
- Add 2-3 teaspoons of adjectives. These will give your sentence a puff, and make it more exquisite.
- Now add 2 drops of adverbs and a cup of prepositions. They act as modifiers and complements the nouns, adjectives and verbs.

tives and verbs.

- Sprinkle some 'Oxford conjunction powder' which will give you a smooth and tasty transition from one part of the sentence to the other.
- Stir all these ingredients slowly with a pen.
- When the batter is ready, remove the bubbles of punctuation errors and cook all these together in the oven called the 'mind' for some time. Let it set till it reaches the desired form.
- Garnish the sentence with spring of articles, as per the requirement.

Voila! your perfect sentence is ready. Serve it hot on a beautiful parchment. Make more sentences dish out delectable prose, poems & stories!

# The perks of bad handwriting

Improve your handwriting, write legibly, practice cursive, are just few diktats which adorn my life

Akshara Iyer  
AIS Noida, XII I

I have a bad handwriting. Actually, 'bad' is an understatement- my handwriting doesn't even qualify as writing: it looks like chicken scratch. I can barely understand it, and I most definitely expect my teachers to understand every word written on my answer sheets. While I often joke about it, deep down I'm actually terrified of the consequences of a bad handwriting. But some of us, despite our hard work and cursive writing books, just aren't able to achieve that Guptaji-ki-beti level of good, or at least legible handwriting. So after zillion attempts at trying to write as per the standards of readable handwriting and having failed to do so, I'm done apologising for my penmanship. Embrace the scrawl, I say. Believe it or not, bad handwriting is not all that bad. I am at the winning side of the table for

so many reasons!

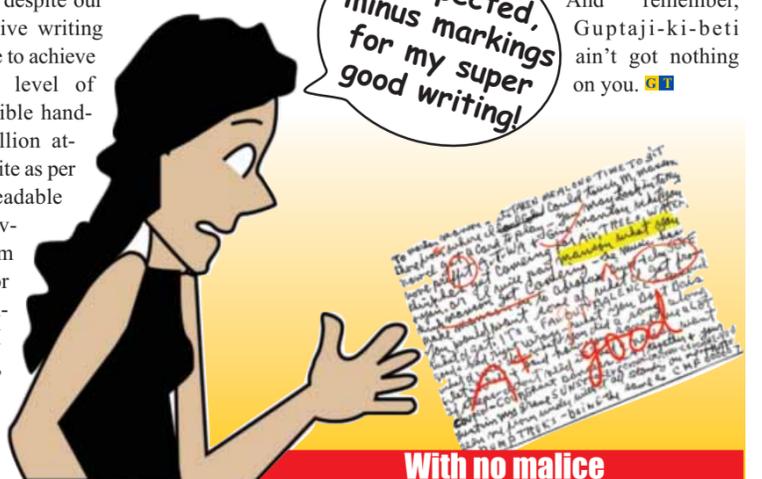
- No one bothers to steal my notes because they can barely understand what's written.
- I can always say that I've written something else, manipulate the picture, and blame my poor handwriting for it.
- I've actually been let off the hook for spelling mistakes loads of times because the reader doesn't notice them- they're busy trying to decipher my writing.
- Messy handwriting is a sign of exceptional

creativity and originality. So I'm too busy being a genius to listen to the rants about my handwriting, sorry.

■ Girls are born with better motor skills than guys, leading to Apsara-esque handwriting. So the next time someone complains about your ratchet handwriting, blame your DNA!

So there we go: Actual, scientific reasons to explain bad handwriting. Scribble to your heart's desire and embrace the beauty of your style. And remember, Guptaji-ki-beti ain't got nothing on you. 🇮🇳

I expected, minus markings for my super good writing!



With no malice



## Clocking times



Dr Amrita Chauhan  
Chairperson

Another year draws to an end. An year in the calendar but a memoir in the life. A memoir of achievements and success, of celebrations and joys, of visions realized and missions accomplished, of daring dreams and thrilling adventures, of untrodden paths and new sojourns. All these shall adorn the pages of the time gone by. A history of remarkable feats and some faux pas shall be scripted at the stroke of midnight on December 31, 2017. Now, is just the right moment to skim the pages of time and make a note of all that was done well and all that could have been done better. The time is just ripe for us to be thankful for all the success, happiness, grace and goodness that has come our way this year. And at the same time, it is important to note that success sagas are not scripted in a day. It takes every second of thought, every minute of action and every hour of hard work to accumulate over the years and blossom into the flowers of success and achievements. An year is much more than just 365 days in one's life. 2017 has been the year of many spectacular achievements for Amity family. Right from topping CBSE board exams to bagging silver medal for innovative autonomous traffic signals and designing lunar settlements, quest and conquest of Amitiams seems unstoppable. It is heartening to see that all these award winning ideas are the results of innovative visions and an underlying passion of the young minds to bring about a positive change. Keep in mind, that real success and happiness comes riding on the winds of change. You need to conquer your inner mountains of fear of failures, break the barriers of old and start scripting new epic history on the pages of times. [G](#) [U](#)

Welcome to the meme factory. The workers of this factory gear up in full force the minute a news comes out to produce apt trolls and memes. **Mugdha Jain, AIS Gur 46, X G pens down how meme factory turns any (read: every) news into breaking troll in fraction of seconds.**

The Guardian in a recent editorial piece described trolls as "a small and specific subset of online communities who write provocative and offensive posts specifically to elicit reaction." And it goes without saying that these trolls perfectly well fulfill their intention ie provoke. They ruffle a feather here, a feather there; the frenzy eventually making it to the newsroom. All this while the existing frenzy of the newsroom quietly escapes open windows, finding their way from newsprint to computer screens.

### When troll became news...

Who does not remember 'covfefe', apparently the father of trolls. First, America went berserk at the spelling mistake, soon the world turned the new grammar nazi, trolling President Trump like a foosball. With the whole world left to figure out what 'covfefe' is, it was the golden egg for the trolls worldwide to fry online. The momentum at which the trolls and memes caught fire it could not escape the at-

## Troll or news?



ention of news channels either. While the online world mocked and laughed at the newly coined word, digital and print media flooded the readers offering everything from front page stories to editorial columns.

**PS:** The news which was supposed to be forgotten became a nationwide debate, just because an anonymous user felt it was a good topic to make memes on. Oh! The Power of Internet!

### When news became trolls...

A meeting of our favourite Bollywood star with our PM in a foreign land was the subject for news a while ago. The news channels informed us about the meet, and that was that. Or so we

thought. The trolls back in India had got their content. For them it was Priyanka Chopra's dress that mattered more than her achievements. Trolls after trolls followed. And as a scientist once said, "Every troll has an equal news" and the inevitable occurred as news channels took the topic to news hour debates. The likes of the actress who had been trolled for their sartorial dressing choices were brought to the fore and once again the nation wanted to know. A simple news which needed more space than inshorts went on to become the national headlines, courtesy – the despicable troll.

**PS:** These memelords, as they are known, never fail to turn a national

news into a spine breaking troll. From PM Narendra Modi 'Mitron' to the road rage in Kolkata, trolls never fail to surprise us.

So, you see, it is not just life that comes a full circle. The 21st century circles goes something like this.... Troll..news...troll..news..troll...news...and so on. A news flash here and a troll there is all it takes. But do we want to take it is the question? Internet in its initial days intended to trade news and pass information, but the internet that we have today rather scoffs at news. As this instrument of hate entangles the world, we are all left wondering about those peace talks. [G](#) [U](#)

## Joy of giving



Vira Sharma  
Managing Editor

As the chapel bells ring and Santa arrives with his bag of goodies, the sounds of his laughter, announces the welcoming of another year. Kids and adults alike, wait for this time of the year when the dear old Santa Claus comes in with his bag of goodies for one and all. He gives gifts to everyone leaving none. Santa Claus is truly an insignia of the joy of giving, celebration of love and splash of happiness. The whole persona of Santa is emblematic of unconditional love and care. His large sack of goodies denote a very large heart, the one which is always full of kindness and affection for one and all. Today's world needs all of us to kindle the Santa in our souls and love everyone around us unconditionally. We need to care for our relations and nation both. One doesn't have to go out on the streets to find poor and needy to reach out and help. Look around yourself, your family, your friends, your neighbours, your city. Observe and understand what needs to be done. Is there a garbage piling up somewhere? Clean it. Is there an area deserted and forlorn? Plant trees. Is there a water running waste somewhere? Get it fixed. Is there an old couple struggling how to use smartphone? Train them. Is there a speechless animal in pain? Take him to vet. Is there a poor but bright child around? Teach him. Remember that kindness is the language which deaf can hear and blind can see. So this Christmas, be more responsible, loving and caring and become the real life Santa of the world. After all the joy you give to others is the joy that comes back to you.

Merry Christmas! [G](#) [U](#)

## Your story, my story

We all have a story - a story of failure, a story of success, a story of joy, a story of sorrow. This is the story of **Aditya Pant, AIS Noida, VIII N; a story where he realised his purpose of life.**

I have loved animals ever since I was a small boy of five. Having several pets over the years has only increased my love for critters of all shapes and sizes. But a year and a half ago, something happened which made me to think more deeply about animals and do something for our speechless

and sincere friends.

I was returning from school when I came across a street dog who was limping with his left hind leg hanging in the air. The leg was badly wounded and he was in deep pain. With every

step he whined even more.

Moved by his plight I took out my handkerchief and bandaged his injured leg. I took the help of an autorickshaw driver and a passerby and took him to the nearby vet. There they dressed his wounds and gave him injections. The kind doctors agreed to treat him for a week for free and assured that the dog will be fine. Much to our delight the dog was fine and could walk properly in less than a week.

But ever since then, whenever I got off the bus, Tubby was always there to greet me. Yes, we became best friends and I named him Tubby.

What followed next was a lovely relationship. Tubby would wait for me and I would always get him his favourite cookies and meals.



Aditya Pant

I must say my mom also valued my friendship with Tubby and used to pack cookies for Tubby too.

In a short span of time, Tubby had become like a brother and family member for me and my

parents were almost contemplating about bringing him home. And then the worst happened. Sadly, a few days ago, Tubby met with a car accident and couldn't make it. This made me think of all the animals who die daily due to our lackadaisical attitude towards other forms of life.

At that moment, I decided that I wanted to dedicate my life to this cause and started to follow the World Wildlife Fund. I have even started saving my pocket money so that I can open my own rescue center in Noida. This is my story, one that made me realise the purpose of my life. [G](#) [U](#)



### Little pearls of wisdom

## Plug the gaps

A man was asked to paint a boat. He brought with him paint and brushes and began to paint the boat a bright red, as the owner asked him. While painting, he noticed that there was a small hole in the hull, and quietly repaired it. When finished painting, he received his money and left. Next day, the owner of the boat came to the painter and presented him with cheque, of denomination much higher than the payment for painting. The painter was surprised and said, "But you've already paid me for painting the boat sir." The boat owner replied, "But this is not for the paint job. It's for repairing the hole in the boat." "Ah! But it was such a small service, certainly it's not worth paying

me such a high amount for something so insignificant," said the painter.

"My dear friend, you do not know what have you done for me. Let me tell you what happened." I knew that there was a hole in the boat and when I asked you to paint the boat, I forgot to mention the hole. When the boat dried, my kids oblivious about the hole took the boat and went on a fishing trip. I was not at home at that time. When I returned and noticed that they had taken the boat, I was extremely worried because I remembered that the boat had a hole! Just then I saw them return from fishing. I was extremely relieved at seeing them and my joy was beyond imagination. I immediately examined the boat and found that you had repaired the hole. You see, now, what you did? You saved the lives of my children! I never asked you to repair the hole



but you did it on your own. Your small deed of proactiveness has saved my children." So, no matter who, when or how carefully you repair all the 'leaks' you find in life, because you never know when your one proactive step, may go a long way in helping someone and make a huge difference.

(Source: Whatsapp forward)



Cyclones on Neptune and Mars are often many times stronger than those on Earth.

## Other than iPhone 8...

### #WhatsAppDown

On November 3 2017, the popular messaging app 'Whatsapp' went out. This caused a huge frenzy among people and the twitteratis responded the way they always do, with jokes.



### #Sophia

Sophia is the humanoid robot created by Hanson Robotics Limited. She became the world's first robot citizen as she received citizenship of Saudi Arabia.



## Other than Baahubali 2...

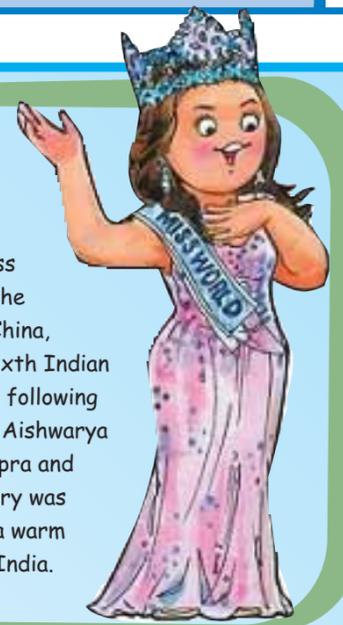
### #BestPicture

This year, at the Oscar awards, Moonlight was awarded the Best Picture award minutes after La La Land was announced winner. This mishap became the most talked about thing for quite a few weeks. The internet responded full throttle with memes and tweets about this.



### #MissWorld

Manushi Chhillar was crowned Miss World 2017 at the pageant held in China, making her the sixth Indian to win this tittle, following the footsteps of Aishwarya Rai, Priyanka Chopra and others. Her victory was celebrated with a warm welcome back in India.



## Other than IPL...

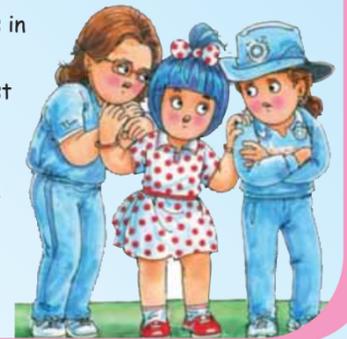
### #FIFA U-17

India became the first Asian country to host FIFA tournament since 2013. Despite not winning the FIFA U-17 cup, this was a major step forward for the sport in the country.



### #WomenInBlue

Giving Indian cricket fans reasons to rejoice was Indian Women's Cricket team making it to the ICC Women's World Cup finals in 2017. While the team lost against England in the finals but it surely paved the way forward for other women's sports teams.



# #OtherThanNews

iPhone X, Baahubali 2 and other events that rocked the world in 2017, kept the news channels buzzing. GT Intern, Anu Shree Murali brings other events that kept ringing bells

## Other than demonetisation...

### #GST

In a nation hauling move, the Indian government passed the GST bill which led to a change in the way the Indian taxation system works. Taxes like sales tax, VAT etc were all replaced by a single Goods and Services Tax (GST).



### #UnionBudget

The union budget this year was presented in the first week of February. That was not the only change. The union budget of 2017 also included the railway budget. This merger has affected the functioning of the railways big time.



## Other than Reputation...

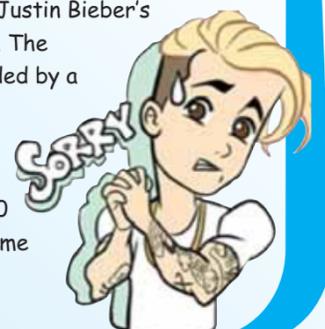
### #OneLoveManchester

One of the biggest happenings that shook up the music industry in 2017 was the terrorist attack at Ariana Grande's concert in Manchester. But, even bigger was the charity concert organised by the same artist for the victims of the attack. The charity concert included some of the biggest names in the western music industry, who came together to support the people who were affected by the gruesome attack.



### #BieberAndIndia

One of the major events in the arena of music in India was Justin Bieber's concert at Mumbai. The concert was preceded by a list of unbelievable demands by the artist. It was attended by 50,000 people, including some Bollywood big wigs.



## Other than Brexit..

### #TrumpPresidency

After winning the 2016 presidential elections. Donald Trump officially took over as the president of the United States of America in 2017. The reactions of the people to him being elected the President were mixed.



### #MeToo

What started as a response to the sexual assault cases in the entertainment industry soon became a political event. People all over the world started using #MeToo to share their stories. This internet movement moved beyond all boundaries. In fact, the proponents of this movement were awarded the title of 'Times Person of the Year 2017'.



A large cyclone can release energy equivalent to 10 atomic bombs per second.



Cyclone facts

# Judgment day

## Storywala

Suvrat Chaturvedi  
AIS Gur 43, XI B

As I struggled to revise that dreaded Physics book one last time, I could feel panic and anxiety taking over me just like cold flu. The moment had finally arrived! On my way to the exam center, the only thing troubling me was, "What if I don't secure a good rank? What will I do then?"



After three grueling hours, I was back home. The results were a couple of months away, but my family was already rejoicing for they were certain about me being an engineer. Nobody knew that I was not going to make it. My mom was calling out my name but all I could hear was voices. I thought of the two years, and not to forget copious amounts of money, I had wasted in pursuing this futile dream. There was no way of explaining this to my family. Nobody ever asked me what I wanted to be. I wanted to become a journalist and travel

around the world but nobody really seemed to care. The judgment day came and with a heavy heart I clicked on the website. Everyone around me had their eyes glued to the screen. Suddenly, there was dead silence in the room. I didn't make the cut, as expected. Staring eyes looked for answers to the questions about my dismal performance in the exams. "All my money has gone down the drain. You couldn't even clear the exam," shouted my father. With my two years up in smoke, it was the time for me to speak

up. I had dealt with the consequences of not speaking up for myself earlier and did not want to deal with it again. I retaliated, "Why didn't you let me choose my stream? It was never my decision to take up Science in high school." My parents were stunned. Soon relatives started calling in, and my parents went on ranting about my casual attitude towards the exam and my career. Just then my grandfather called and they repeated the same story to him. My father and grandfather had an hour long chat while I kept look-

"Everyone around me had their eyes glued to the screen. Suddenly, there was dead silence in the room. I didn't make the cut, as expected."

ing at the ceiling in anticipation. My father seemed to have cooled down a bit when my grandfather asked him to pass the phone to me. The moment I heard his voice, I felt a sudden surge of calmness.

I expected the usual stuff from him, like how disappointed he was in me, like the rest of the world. So, I was rather taken aback when he told me that he had a surprise in store for me. He told me that his friend's son had started a travel channel and was looking for young people to join the team. I looked at my father with pleading eyes and a miracle happened. He hugged me warmly and asked me to accept the assignment and here I am today, hosting one of the most watched travel show. I sincerely thank my grandpa for making my parents understand my real calling for travel and writing.



## Peppy mushrooms

Vaibhav Kohli, AIS PV, IX

### Ingredients

Mushrooms .....250 gms  
Capsicum(chopped) .....½ cup  
Onion (sliced) .....½ cup  
Garlic (minced) ..... 2-3 pods  
Ginger (minced) ..... 1 inch  
Curry leaves ..... a sprig  
Black pepper powder .. 3/4 tsp  
Oil .....2 tsp  
Salt .....to taste  
Coriander leaves .... to garnish

### Method

■ Add mushrooms in salted boiling water for a minute. Strain the water, dry them

with a cloth and slice them.  
■ Now, take a pan and add oil in it. Once hot, put garlic and saute. Next, add sliced onions, ginger, curry leaves and saute for 2 minutes.  
■ Add chopped capsicum and saute on medium flame for 4 minutes, toss in between.  
■ Finally, add sliced mushrooms, place lid and cook on medium flame until soft.  
■ Mix them well and toss at regular intervals.  
■ Add black pepper powder and salt. Mix it well.  
■ Garnish with coriander leaves and serve hot.

## 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: Name three countries from Pg 2 - World News.  
Ans:

Q: WWhat is the title of the top story at Pg 1?  
Ans:

Q: What is the name of the polo tournament on Pg 3?  
Ans:

Q: Mention any two pre requisites required for polishing pennies on Pg 4.  
Ans:

Q: What are the other two events mentioned on Pg 7 under 'Other than IPL...'?  
Ans:

Q: Who is the author of the article 'Sentence-musallam' on Pg 5?  
Ans:

Q: Mend life, not break! This poem is featured on which page?  
Ans:

Q: Name any three firework display events around the world from Pg 12.  
Ans:

Q: Who is interviewed on Pg 1 by Anandi Sen, XI G, AIS MV ?  
Ans:

Name:.....Class:.....School:.....

Results of Read Play & Win-43: Sumedha Ghoshal, AIS Vas 1, V D; Krshnangi, AIS Gur 43, III B; Vedansh, AIS Gwalior, IV

## WORDS VERSE

### Mend life, not break!



Khushi Saxena, AIS Noida, X L

What true happiness could possibly mean? Is it money, stars at night, family or friends? They say life is how you want it to be But tell me who doesn't want peace!

But my friend it isn't as easy as it sounds True episodes that will leave you astound It's difficult to stand out of the crowd And to hear the applaud out real loud!

It isn't about how big or small the problem It's about how you take the call Life is synonym of heartbeat At times it goes up, sometimes down!

But that just means you're alive

Some days you dance, some you strive In a lifetime some you inspire Nights you spend on what you aspire!

It's you who decides journey of life A walk by the garden or a path of knives? What matters is the deeds in your bag Neither your money nor your name tag!

In life there's a lot to be happy Beyond the name, fame and things classy So live each day as if it's your first Because time is slipping out too fast!

### Sides of sun

Yash Verma, AIS Gur 43, XI A

In a world with two suns I live Scavenging is my livelihood I never had a good life Because lost was my childhood!

Only picture of that hell I remember Is dangling wires and a giant monster Where were my parents, I never knew Out of a window, I saw, a world of blue!

It was a ship I was trapped in With a monster not of his own but 'His' The ship was the being, he controlled it Years passed by under the beast's hiss!



Then one day I said 'Enough!' I ran and behind me the beast To button the ship off forever I pressed and it all fell down!

I survived and now scavenge I had taken my revenge Made money by selling its parts crumped But I longed for precious crap ship's engine!

Then next day in the metal scrap I found a metallic guild - the precious crap I sold it for a bag of crystals Life now would turn back to normal!

For the final time I saw the devil vessel A map made of paper flew out of rubble I grabbed it and saw if it lead To my parents home

I stood and stared at the sky The second a sun sets, another one glows The hopeful always rise and shine Beautiful life waits my parents and mine!



## CAMERA CAPERS

Kshitij Singh, AIS Noida, VIII L

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Radiant Silhouettes



Bauble of Snow



Luminous Divinity



The wind flow of cyclones in the northern hemisphere is anti-clockwise while in the southern hemisphere it is clockwise.

Pic courtesy: Aryan Mittal, AIS Vas 6, IV D

# The stolen necklace

## Wisdom Tale



This story goes back to the time of emperor Akbar. Considered the epitome of justice and known for his fair rulings, his people would often throng his court looking for justice. And then one day a case of a stolen necklace was presented in Akbar's court. A man called Hasan accused his house help Tahir of stealing a necklace from his house. Akbar questioned Hasan, "Why do you think that Tahir has stolen

the necklace?" To which Hasan replied, "Your majesty, I have seen him stealing the necklace from my house." Tahir, who was in a state of shock said, "No *huzoor*, I am innocent, I know nothing about the necklace." Hearing this Hasan said, "Huzoor if he is innocent, then let him prove it. Please order your guards to bring a hot iron rod. If Tahir can hold it in his bare hands without getting burned, then I will agree that he is not lying and has

not stolen the necklace." He further said, "God protects us all. If Tahir is speaking the truth, then God will protect him." Akbar seemed convinced and was about to order a hot iron to be brought in the court when Tahir again pleaded innocence and requested Akbar to give him one day to look for the necklace and prove his innocence. Akbar agreed and he left. Later, Tahir met Birbal and told him everything about the missing

"If Tahir can hold it in his bare hands without getting burned, then I will agree that he is not lying and has not stolen the necklace."

necklace. Birbal heard everything and gave an idea to Tahir. Next day, Tahir returned to the court and said, "I am ready to hold the hot iron, but I request that Hasan should also do so. If he is speaking truth, then the red hot iron should not burn his hands too because God protects us all." Hasan panicked on hearing this and was speechless. He knew that he had lied. He immediately apologised and pleaded with Akbar to let him go and search for the necklace again in his house. He admitted that necklace could have been misplaced. Everyone was amazed at the shocking revelation and Tahir was relieved. He was amused by Birbal's intelligence and thanked him. Akbar ordered Hasan to gift a necklace to Tahir as a compensation for accusing an innocent falsely for theft.

An old fable retold by Sanvi Ray, AIS Noida, VI

So what did you learn today? Truth will find its own proof.



Aryan prepares his live volcano

## Live volcano

Aryan Mittal  
AIS Vas 6, IV D

### Material required

- Flour .....6 cup
- Salt ..... 2 tsp
- Oil .....4 tsp
- Water .....2 cup
- Baking soda ..... 2 tsp
- Vinegar ..... ½ cup
- Glass bottle
- Acrylic paint
- Liquid dish washer
- Red food colour

### Method

- Mix flour, salt, cooking oil and water in a large bowl.
- Knead these together into a smooth and firm dough. Add some more water to the dough if needed.

- Place the glass bottle in the center of a tray or plate.
- Take the dough in hand, small quantity at a time and mould around the glass bottle into the shape of a volcano (refer image).
- Don't cover the mouth of the bottle or drop any dough in the bottle. Leave it for 4-6 hours to dry.
- Paint the volcano with acrylic paints. Allow the paint to dry.
- Now pour few drops of liquid dish washing soap, and red colour into the bottle. Add some baking soda.
- Add some vinegar to it and watch bright red colour lava flow out.
- Your volcano is ready!

## Jokey Pokey

**Aashman**  
AIS Vas 1, IA

What did one ocean say to the other ocean?  
-Nothing, they waved.

What is faster - heat or cold?  
-Heat because you can catch a cold.

Why was six scared of seven?  
-Because seven ate

(eight) nine.

Why did scientist install knocker on his door?  
-He wanted to win the no-bell prize.

What did the paper say to pencil?  
-Write on.

Why was broom late?  
-It overswept!

## POEM

### Cuddly Times

Anushka Jain, AIS Noida, VI I

We all want to stay as a child  
When we can sometimes be really wild  
But in our hearts we feel  
Being big & fulfilling dreams is a better deal!

But once we're big we remember  
Our childhood was a treasure - priceless, tender  
We cringe in our hearts again and again  
To be free as a flying crane!

When we were aged one or two  
Smiles and joys were all that we knew

We were vey innocent  
Loved and pampered by parents to no end!

All they did was love us a lot  
And gave us comforts of all kinds and sorts  
Remember how when we were born  
So much warmth and care was all around!

Remember those times and bedtime stories  
Cherish memories of pixies and fairies  
Childhood is the best part of life  
When we all are kicking and alive!

Learning to speak 'Mumma'  
We loved playing around with papa  
In grasses all green beneath the sky so blue  
We danced and pranced as nightingales flew!



Happiness was abound all over  
Sounds of cheers filled every foyer  
Every person we met was sweet  
Life was such a majestic feat!



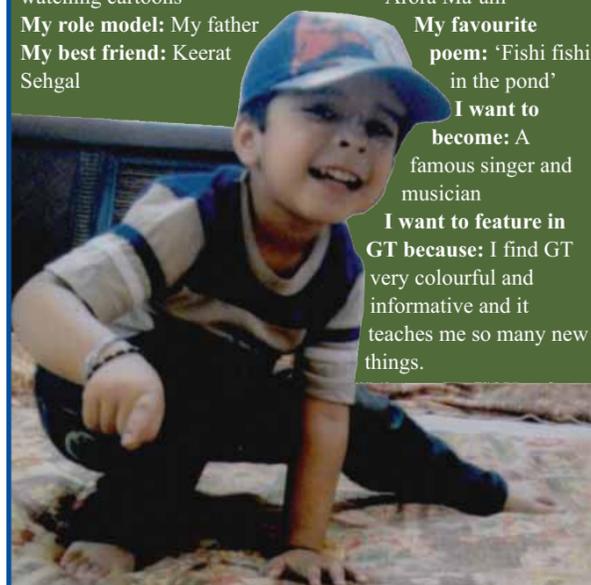
Colouring Fun

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## It's Me

**My name:** Atharv Sangar  
**My school:** AIS Vas 1  
**My Class:** KG  
**My birthday:** July 12  
**I like:** Singing and dancing  
**I dislike:** Keeping quiet and fighting with others  
**My hobby:** Painting and watching cartoons  
**My role model:** My father  
**My best friend:** Keerat Sehgal

**My favourite book:** Patlu and Motu series  
**My favourite game:** Cricket  
**My favourite Mall:** V3S Mall, East Delhi  
**My favourite food:** Aloo puri and smileys  
**My favourite teacher:** Shruti Arora Ma'am  
**My favourite poem:** 'Fishi fishi in the pond'  
**I want to become:** A famous singer and musician  
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The eye of the cyclone is its most destructive part.

# Bazinga Science Quiz

To inculcate love for Science in children and develop the scientific temperament in them, Bazinga- an annual Science quiz was organised



Winners with BN Bajpai and other dignitaries of Amity family



AIS Gur 46: Winners of Class X category

## Amity R & D Centre

Bazinga- the Inter- Amity Science quiz, now in its fifth year was organised from November 7-9, 2017.

The quiz- an initiative of Dr (Mrs) Amity Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF, is organised under the aegis of Amity R & D Centre with the objective of developing a scientific temperament and spirit of enquiry amongst students. It is or-

The Winners			
Position	Class IX	Class X	Class XI
First	AIS Vas 6	AIS Gur 46	AIS Saket
Second	AIS MV	AIS Noida	AIS Gur 43
Third	AIS Gur 46	AIS PV	AIS Noida

ganised every year for the students of Class IX- XI at three levels i.e intra-class, inter class and the final Inter Amity round.

This year, the final competition for the students of Class IX, X

and XI was hosted by AIS Noida, AIS Saket and AIS Vasundhara 6, respectively. The competition for each class was graced by eminent personalities in the field of Science such as Dr Rajiv Janard-

hanan, Professor, Restenosis, Fibrosis, Diabetes, Renal; Dr Dinsh Kumar, Prof. in Zoology, DESM & Head Publication Division, NCERT; Dr Somasri Sen, Assistant Professor, Dept of Physics, Faculty of Natural Sciences, Jamia Millia Islamia.

The quiz concluded with the top three winners of each class being awarded with trophies and certificates. All the participants were also awarded with a participation certificate. [G](#) [I](#)



The Western Music Band 'Vibes'

## Vibes rocks

### AIS Saket

Vibes - the schools Western Music Band bagged the prestigious second Runner's Up position in the 4th edition of 'Teens Rock - The Battle of Bands 2017' held on December 3, 2017 at DLF Place, Saket, New Delhi. This All India Western Music Competition organised by Yamaha Music India aims to encourage amateur bands from academic schools giving them an opportunity to take their music to not only national but international level. AIS Saket was the only school among 40 schools from Delhi to have been selected for India finals of the competition.

The eminent judges of the competition namely Rahul Ram

from Indian Ocean and Gino Banks & Subir Malik from Parikrama appreciated the performance of the team. They applauded their talent to bring back the wave of Jazz music to life in the musical number 'Autumn leaves' - a decade old American jazz song, originally sung by Nat King Cole

The Vibes team comprising Chetna Diwakar (Class XI) on Vocals, Sharanya Arun (Class XI) on Violin, Eklavya Singh (Class XI) on Drums, Steve Diniz (Class XI) on Keys, Keshav Gupta (Class XI) on Rhythm, Dhruv Sharma (Class XI) on Bass and Pranav Gupta (Class VIII) on lead were cheered by teachers and school Principal. The venue was filled by a thunderous applause as Vibes concluded the last note.

## Investiture ceremony

### AIS Noida

The primary division of school held its investiture ceremony for the academic session 2017-18 on November 17, 2017. A total number of 54 students were appointed as prefects after a meticulous selection procedure that comprised several rounds of interviews.

The ceremony commenced with the school choir presenting a rendition of Tulsidas's famous prayers titled 'Shri Ram Chandra Kripalu Bhajman' which received a great applause. Vice Principal Soma Mukherjee welcomed the proud parents and congratulated



The newly elected members of the Student's Council

the newly appointed members of the Students Council. She urged the prefects to be mindful of Amity's rich heritage as they took on their duties and tasks with humility and excellence.

The Head Boy Shaurya Mehta shared his experiences about his formative years and inspired everyone to perform their duties

with utmost sincerity and dedication. The Head Girl Ravisha Nautiyal solemnly administered the oath to the newly elected council members. It was indeed a memorable day for the young prefectorial members who took an oath to don the mantle of responsibilities with dedication and commitment. [G](#) [I](#)

## Field trip to Hindustan Times

### AIS VKC Lucknow

Naina Srivastava, Class VIA

Students of Class VI went to the HT Printing Press on December 15, 2017. Suresh Sharma from HT, took the students around the Press where they were shown how news is collected from different sources and how advertisement plays a big role in generating revenues. They were also apprised that it is important to present the news with an attractive layout so as to catch the attention of the readers. Students were shown how a newspaper is made using only 4 specific colours as cyan, magenta, yellow and black and told that 42 to 50



Students at the HT Printing Press

thousand copies are printed in an hour. Students saw and learnt the overall functioning of a printing press, the different career opportunities in this field and the qualifications required for it. [G](#) [I](#)



The winners with school Principal and coaches

## CBSE yoga nationals

### AIS Gurugram 46

The schools yoga girls team qualified from amongst 125 teams to participate in the CBSE Yoga nationals held in Delhi on No-

vember 25, 2017. The team did the school proud by securing position amongst the top 12 teams. School Principal Arti Chopra congratulated the students for their brilliant performance.

## Math week

### AIS Vasundhara 6

The school organised a Math Week for the students of Kindergarten from November 13-17, 2017. The activities aimed to mark the importance of mathematics and numbers in daily lives of the children. The little ones got to work collaboratively in completing math trails around the school grounds and practice math related activities in a creative way.



Little ones indulge in various Math activities

The week commenced with the usage of different activities as 'Number rods' and 'Aakar parivar' kit, making children learn about various math concepts, numbers & shapes. To make the concepts clearer, beads activity was held in the Montessori lab, enhancing integrated learning in a fun way. Children played games like Snake and Ladder & Hopscotch to enhance their numerical abilities. They also spoke few lines on different shapes. [G](#) [I](#)



Children showcase their acting talent through a skit

## Skit competition

### AIS VYC Lucknow

The school organised an inter house skit competition on November 30, 2017, to bring out the acting talent in students & give them a platform to showcase their inherent skills. The theme for the competition was 'Challenges'. Students presented skits on various ongoing issues such as monetization, corruption, hardships and portrayed the theme in a positive

way. They acted naturally, meticulously and perfectly. It was a visual bliss to watch the students perform on stage confidently with appropriate props. Pawani house bagged the first position for their skit on the topic 'corruption' followed by Bhagirathi house at the second position. The third position was collectively shared by Alaknanda and Mandakini houses. The competition was judged by Namrata Amit Sharma, HOD English. [G](#) [I](#)

The formation of cyclone requires strong winds, warm water and pre-existing condition of thunderstorm.

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# Night like no other

The sky is a huge canvas embellished with stars emitting light. But there are certain nights when breathtaking fireworks take over the canvas and create a magnificent starry sky.

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## Washington DC | July 4

America celebrates its birthday on this day with fireworks, parades and a lot more. The annual firework is installed at the National Mall, which lasts for about 17 minutes.

The display uses large shells and wonderful fireworks appears above the Washington Memorial. And what's more is that the fireworks are accompanied with live music by National Symphony Orchestra.

## Paris | July 14

The city of light celebrates patriotism with thousands of people coming together at the Champs de Mars Garden and Eiffel Tower to see the fireworks. Parisians come together to celebrate the most iconic date of the French Revolution, also known as the Bastille Day. The fireworks start when it begins to get dark and lasts for about 35 minutes illuminating the skyline. An illuminating Eiffel Tower is used as the prime backdrop for the dazzling fireworks.



## Dubai | December 31

What better location to witness spectacular fireworks than the world's tallest building the Burj Khalifa. Every New Year's eve, exceptional fireworks enchant the skyline with multicoloured stripes. It is one of the biggest firework set off from the skyscraper culminating at 828 metres. The fireworks shower from the building in different forms often in the colour of United Arab Emirates flag. Some of the display in the past included 500,000 fireworks for 6 minutes using the latest pyrotechnics technology.

## Portugal | December 31

This one holds the Guinness

World Record for showcasing the biggest fireworks display in the world in 2016 with 37 firing stations set up throughout Madeira. Every New Year's Eve, bottle rockets light up the night skies over the Portuguese island, Madeira. And guess what, you can take a boat and sail to Funchal bay to get a more exquisite view of the fireworks.

## Disney World | July 4

Disney World celebrates American Independence Day with a marvellous display of fireworks like no other. The patriotic extravaganza over the Cinderella Castle, the rooftop pyro, lasers, immersive lighting and popular Disney songs is a sight to behold

## Louisville Kentucky | April 20

Thunder over Louisville, an annual event at the Kentucky festival held each April, displays largest fireworks in North America. The enchanting fireworks last for about 30 minutes. They are launched from both the sides of the George Rogers Clark Memorial Bridge, using eight 400-foot barges.

## New York | July 4

More than 40,000 shells explode at a rate of more than 1,500 a minute celebrating the Independence Day. Six barges from 18th street to 43rd street along the Hudson River set off an array of colourful fireworks for

26-minutes nonstop, leaving the audience awestruck.

## London | December 31

Featuring the London Eye, an amazing firework show is put up on New Year's Eve. Offering a dazzling eleven minutes display, these fireworks are launched off from the 135-foot big wheel. It is a heavenly sight to behold as the multiple colours scatter in all directions in the skyline.

## Sheffield England | November 5

The British festival, 'Bonfire Night' or 'Guy Fawkes Night' is celebrated because Guy Fawkes was caught trying to blow up the

House of Lords in 1605. Since, the king survived that night, bonfires and fireworks were displayed to celebrate the victory of the king. Every year, there are multiple displays of fireworks, witnessed by a whopping 18,000 spectators.

## Addison Texas | July 4

An incorporated town in Dallas County, Texas, Addison is considered the best place to view fireworks. The nationally recognised fireworks show is facilitated by American Pyrotechnics Association and lasts for 30 minutes offering music and live streaming on radio. The best part is that the show can be seen from anywhere in the town.



## GT Travels to Goa



**Krishiv Narula, AIS Gwalior, I A**, poses with his copy of The Global Times in front of Sinqerium Beach, North Goa. A very famous Goan destination, the beach is located 13 km from Panaji and to the left of the beach lies Aguada fort dividing the beach into two parts. It's considered as one of the best beaches in Goa where tourists can experience activities such as water-skiing, para-sailing, scuba diving and surfing.

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