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Do you agree with SC's directive of playing the national anthem before movies in theatres?



Results as on December 10, 2016

Coming Next

Flower Festivals

14000

Graduands Awarded

11883

Degrees and diplomas

759

Medals, corporate awards & salvers

10

Honorary degrees

2

Honorary professorships



Convocation 2016

The 12th convocation saw 14,000 graduands being bestowed degrees, PG Diplomas, trophies and medals, besides numerous honorary doctorate degrees being conferred on eminent dignitaries

If there's one thing in college life everyone looks forward to, it's the convocation. There's something so exciting about getting the degree, wearing the academic regalia and the customary throwing of caps in the air, that it makes it an event worth remembering. The 12th Convocation of Amity University, Uttar Pradesh was all that and more as it saw around 14,000 graduands being bestowed degrees and diplomas along with the conferring of honorary doctorates.

The grand opening

An occasion so grand demanded a grand opening, and surely it had a splendid one. The convocation set off to an incredible beginning as the magnificent procession comprising trustees of the board, senior members of the management, heads of institutions, department heads and senior faculty members entered the Convocation Hall. What added to the beauty of the glorious ceremony was the mellifluous band of pipers playing the traditional celebration song. Thereafter, Dr Atul Chauhan, Chancellor, Amity University, Uttar Pradesh declared the 12th Convocation open. Welcoming the gathering, Dr Balvinder Shukla, Vice Chancellor, AUUP, presented the annual report, highlighting the key achievements of 2015-16. Blessing the graduands, Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe, motivated the students to dream big and work hard with passion to scale the

Words of wisdom

I'm confident, Amity is going to be one of the best universities in the world. Every student and professor at Amity reflects positive energy. Wherever you go in the world, no one will know where you have studied or where you have come from; but they will sense the positive energy you radiate, which is Amity's gift to you!

pinnacle of success. He remarked that Amity's environment is enthused with rich Indian values and traditions, ethics, ethos and behavioural skills, which make students not only thorough professionals but also good human beings.

Awards and accolades

A whopping 14000 graduands received their degrees, diplomas and other awards during the convocation spread over three days, from November 10-12, 2016, in streams as law, engineering, life science, management, healthcare, communication, fashion designing, etc. 3,393 graduands receive their Degrees and Diplomas on the first day of convocation 2016. Around 268 meritorious graduands received gold, silver and bronze medals, corporate awards and salvers. Day 2 saw over 3588 graduands receive their Degrees and Diplomas while around 247 meritorious graduands were honoured with medals, corporate awards and salvers. On the third

day, over 4902 graduands from humanities, law, fashion, design, communication and distance learning domains received their Degrees and Diplomas. Approximately, 244 meritorious graduands were honoured with medals, corporate awards and salvers.

Honorary awardees

Eminent personalities from myriad fields of expertise were conferred the honoreis causa, in recognition of their invaluable contribution to the society. Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe, along with Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF and Dr Atul Chauhan, Chancellor, AUUP conferred honorary doctorate degrees upon a galaxy of dignitaries. They included His Excellency Hon'ble Najeeb Jung, Lieutenant Governor, Delhi; Dr Prannoy Roy, Co-founder & Co-Chairperson, NDTV; Onkar S Kanwar, Chairman and MD, Apollo Tyres; Anil Kohli, Honorary Brigadier; Mukul Rohatgi, Attorney General of India; Sean Tompkins, CEO, RICS Global; Dr (Prof) MC Misra, Director, AIIMS; Malvinder Mohan Singh, Exec Chairman, Fortis Healthcare Limited & SRL Diagnostics Limited; Warren Harris, CEO & MD, Tata Technologies and Deepak Kapoor, Chairman, Pricewaterhouse Coopers India. Honorary professorships were awarded to Justice Rajesh Tandon, Sr Advocate, Supreme Court of India and Pinky Anand, Sr Advocate & Addl. Solicitor General of India.

Honoreis causa

I appreciate Dr Chauhan's vision and dedication towards the development of the nation.

Dr Najeeb Jung

Honorary Doctorate Degree in Philosophy



I must congratulate Dr & Mrs Chauhan, for the beautiful and impressive campus! Our generation has given you nothing much, except the DNA of democracy, which the youth must cherish.

Dr Prannoy Roy

Honorary Doctorate Degree in Literature

I congratulate Dr Chauhan for his vision and deep commitment to the good of humanity.

Onkar S Kanwar

Honorary Doctorate Degree in Philosophy



The lamp of life is education and the youth shouldn't get dazzled by the success of others. Success comes to those who work hard.

Mukul Rohatgi

Honorary Doctorate Degree in Law



If you aim high in life and work with commitment and sincerity, you can reach heights.

Dr Anil Kohli

Honorary Doctorate Degree in Science



RICS is immensely proud to be associated with Amity to shape India and its education system.

Dr Sean Tompkins

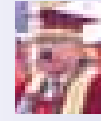
Honorary Doctorate Degree in Philosophy



I salute Amity for inculcating values and a sense of living with dignity among the students.

Justice Rajesh Tandon

Honorary Professorship in Amity Law School



My advise to graduands is to keep life simple, envision your dream, realise the value of your dream and make efforts to achieve it.

Dr (Prof) MC Misra

Honorary Doctorate Degree in Science



Youth is the future of the country and we have absolute confidence that youngsters like you will make India proud.

Malvinder Mohan Singh

Honorary Doctorate Degree in Philosophy



Amity University has distinguished itself by nurturing excellent professionals who are exceptionally good human beings too.

Warren Harris

Honorary Doctorate Degree in Philosophy



It's high time global leaders recognise the astounding work and immense contribution of Amity University in providing global education to students. My advise to the youth is - keep your values intact throughout life.

Deepak Kapoor

Honorary Doctorate Degree in Philosophy



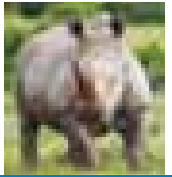
There is always more to learn; learning has no end. India has evolved magnificently in education over the time and Amity has been an important part of that evolution, by bringing world class education to Indian students.

Pinky Anand

Honorary Professorship in Amity Law School



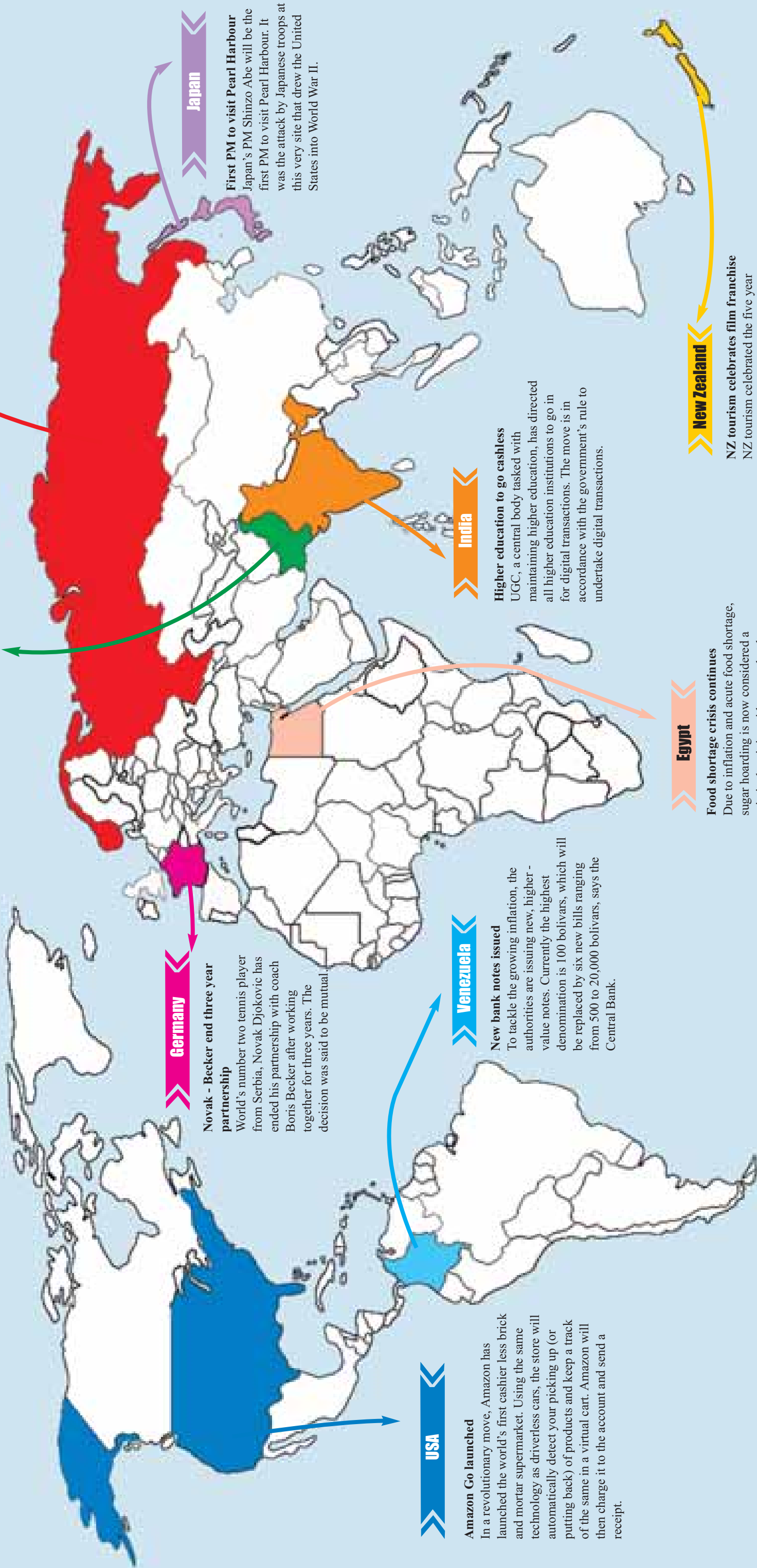
In the early 20th century, there were approx 500,000 black rhinos in Africa. In 2016, the number has come down to 29,000.



Rhino facts

World at a glance

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



Pakistan

Nobel prize winner finally honoured
In a bold move, PM Nawaz Sharif has decided to rename the Physics department of a leading university after the country's only Nobel laureate scientist, Dr Abdus Salam. The Nobel prize winner who died two decades ago was not honoured earlier owing to his allegiance with the Ahmaddiya community, considered non-Muslims or heretics.

Russia

Cyber cosmonaut ready for space
Russia is building a 'cyber cosmonaut', a highly specialised robot which will walk, use power tools, perform intricate tasks and even be able to drive on the moon. Named Fedor, the robot will be used for construction of bases in the outer world.

Germany

Novak - Becker end three year partnership
World's number two tennis player from Serbia, Novak Djokovic has ended his partnership with coach Boris Becker after working together for three years. The decision was said to be mutual.

Japan

First PM to visit Pearl Harbour
Japan's PM Shinzo Abe will be the first PM to visit Pearl Harbour. It was the attack by Japanese troops at this very site that drew the United States into World War II.

USA

Amazon Go launched
In a revolutionary move, Amazon has launched the world's first cashier less brick and mortar supermarket. Using the same technology as driverless cars, the store will automatically detect your picking up (or putting back) of products and keep a track of the same in a virtual cart. Amazon will then charge it to the account and send a receipt.

India

Higher education to go cashless
UGC, a central body tasked with maintaining higher education, has directed all higher education institutions to go in for digital transactions. The move is in accordance with the government's rule to undertake digital transactions.

Egypt

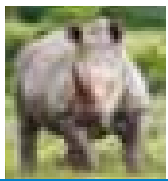
Food shortage crisis continues
Due to inflation and acute food shortage, sugar hoarding is now considered a criminal activity with arrests by the government. Most supermarkets are running, as Egypt is a high importer of sugar and inflation affecting the costs of commodities.

New Zealand

NZ tourism celebrates film franchise
NZ tourism celebrated the five year popularity of the fame gained by the shooting of Lord of the Rings. The Middle Earth sequences which have been shot there, have become a popular draw among tourists.

Venezuela

New bank notes issued
To tackle the growing inflation, the authorities are issuing new, higher value notes. Currently the highest denomination is 100 bolivars, which will be replaced by six new bills ranging from 500 to 20,000 bolivars, says the Central Bank.



These are five species of Rhinos across the world.

Be patient child!

They say patience is the biggest virtue and you realise the value of this statement only when you land up in certain jobs. While people may keep arguing over which job requires the maximum amount of patience, **Poorvi Kar, AIS Gur 46, XI** brings to you certain professions known to test your patience. Who wins, you decide.

Air hostess vs Hotel staff

Handling passengers with infinite preferences, crying babies, and being a guide to all those who ask, "Madam, how should I start the TV?", "Where can I find my blanket?" - the air hostess has to deal with all. And then there is the hotel staff who hopelessly deal with dirty rooms, agile toddlers, lost room keys and sometimes lost individuals too!

Industrial vs Fashion designer

While the industrial designer is often found fumbling over pens, pencils, scales and samples, the fashion designer can usually be seen juggling rolls of fabric. Whatever be the profession, getting that perfect measurement and the right shade of green needs patience!

Babysitter vs Pet trainer

Babysitters have a hard time feeding these little creatures and putting them to sleep, especially because of the language gap. After all, the only qualification they have for this job is that they themselves were a baby once. Pet trainers, on the other hand, have to deal with pets licking their faces and scratching their arms. Not a deal for a hot-headed person; is it?



Call centre agent vs Receptionist

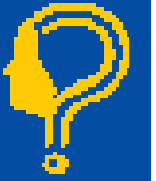
Whining and angry customers, confused visitors and repeated instructions, now that's the daily routine for receptionists and call centre agents. While the call centre agent has to repeat instructions multiple times and make a thousand calls a day, the receptionist deals with impatient visitors and pending appointments. Our blessings to both!

Miniature artist vs Art teacher

Tiny details vs tiny kids, what could be more difficult? The job of a miniature artist demands all his concentration on the tiny details while the art teacher struggles to get the tiny kids to colour inside the shape and get their lines straight. So, who will you give more credit? As all the aforementioned careers ask for patience, it might become an eligibility criteria soon.

Amity Institute for Competitive Examinations

Presents



Brainleaks-191 FOR CLASS VI-VIII

In jaundice, the amount of _____ increases in blood.

- (a) Haemoglobin
- (b) Bilirubin
- (c) Nitrogen
- (d) Carbon-monoxide

Last Date: Dec 16, 2016

3 correct entries win attractive prizes

Ans. Brainleaks 185: (C)

Winner for Brainleaks 190

1. Shaurya Verma, VIII-AFYCP, AIS Noida
2. Milind Jain, VIII-AFYCP, AIS Noida
3. Bhavya Jain, VI-AFYCP, AIS Noida

Name:.....

Class:.....

School:.....

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

Scholastic Alerts

Institute: Vellore Institute of Technology Engineering Entrance Exam (VITEEE 2017)

Courses:

- **B. Tech Programmes offered at Vellore Campus:** Bio-Medical Engg, Biotechnology, Civil Engg, Chemical Engg, Computer Science and Engg, Computer Science and Engg (Spec in Bioinformatics), Electronics and Communication Engg, Electrical and Electronics Engg, Electronics and Instrumentation Engg, Information Technology, Mechanical Engg, Mechanical (Spec in Automotive Engg), Mechanical (Spec in Chemical Process Engg), Mechanical (Spec in Energy Engg), Production and Industrial Engg.
- **B. Tech Programmes offered at Chennai Campus:** Civil Engg, Computer Science and Engg, Electronics and Communication Engg, Electrical and Electronics Engg, Mechanical Engg.

Eligibility:

- VITEEE 2017
- Candidates appearing for the VITEEE in 2017 should have secured an aggregate of 60% in PCM/PCB in the qualifying examination (10+2/ Intermediate)
- The average marks obtained in the subjects PCM/PCB in 10+2 (or its equivalent) put together should be 50% for the SC/ST & North Eastern State.

Issue of application forms:

November 9, 2016

Last date for receipt of application forms:

February 28, 2017

Entrance Test:

- The Entrance Examination is Computer Based Test (CBT)
- The duration of the exam will be 2.30 hours (3 sessions per day).

Examination date: April 5-16, 2017

Website: <http://www.vit.ac.in>

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Easy being an umpire? Think once again!

“That was an out!” “Is the umpire blind?” “I could be a better umpire than him!” We all must have said these lines at some point during a cricket match. But becoming an umpire isn't as easy as you may have thought. **Rishab Gupta, AIS Noida, XI F becomes your guide and brings you the key to be an umpire.**

The qualifiers

Did you know that there are 42 laws in cricket? As an umpire, you need to know every law by heart. You can't just waltz in and start officiating the game as an umpire. In fact, you have to first qualify a written exam conducted by State Sports Bodies which then, makes you eligible for exams conducted by Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). You actually have to take an exam to take another one! Why does that seem familiar... maybe the IITians can answer that? Moreover, this isn't a field which you can excel in by being book smart; you must understand the game and you need to have played it well.

Got no help

You need to know so much, yet there are no institutions or centres to train future umpires. All there is, are a few classes held by the BCCI before the test, that too only after you have been enrolled by the state. Umpires like Anil Kumar Chaudhary and Piloop Reporter who have umpired in World Cup matches were players before they chose the life of an umpire. They had experienced the game and



known its rules by heart. And whatever they learnt, they learnt it on the field.

The moolah

Though some umpires are paid as high as Rs 10,000 per day, they still cannot rely on umpiring alone for cricket matches, as you may know, are not held throughout the year. Even this remuneration is given only to international and national level umpires and getting there is no easy task. You need to umpire games at both district and state levels, before you get a chance to show your skills in front of the world.

Test your patience

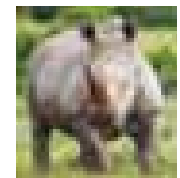
Being an umpire is definitely not a piece of cake. It is more like a continuous test of your mental abili-

ties, than your physical abilities. You must always maintain professionalism. Imagine the amount of patience and fortitude one needs in order to listen to the arguments of the players and sometimes even the curses and screams of the spectators. Think of the pressure they might have faced after declaring Master Blaster Sachin Tendulkar out! It's definitely not something we would like to eagerly look forward to in our life.

Howzatt?

After reading this, you must have forgiven the many umpires who have scorned you by the single decision of an 'out', 'not out' or 'boundary' and maybe now, you'll respect their decisions as well. But we doubt anything will stop you from saying, "I can be a better umpire than him."

Black rhinos can live up to the age of 35 years in the wild and over 45 years in captivity.



Rhino facts

SPLIT SPORT STAR

It takes eons to make legacies while a 'split' of a second to break some. **Mudit Aggarwal, AIS MV, X B** brings some of the splits in sports that were worse than the 'Brangelina' break up and broke more than just hearts (read 'legacies'):



Martina Hingis

Sania Mirza

The duo, nicknamed 'Santina' split their partnership in August 2016. The reason was "poor recent performances". Ironically, the duo had clinched 9 titles in 2015, including 3 grand slams. (Can you imagine better performances?)



David Beckham

Alex Ferguson

Footballer David Beckham was driven out of Manchester United by the legendary manager, Alex Ferguson. However, even after the split, both enjoyed success. (Chuckling out the best player: manager goals, anyone?)



Martina Navratilova

Pam Shriver

The 20 Grand Slam title awardees split up, effectively destroying a legacy. Martina split up with Shriver, stating it was a personal decision and not professional. (Duh! When did profession become a personal affair?)

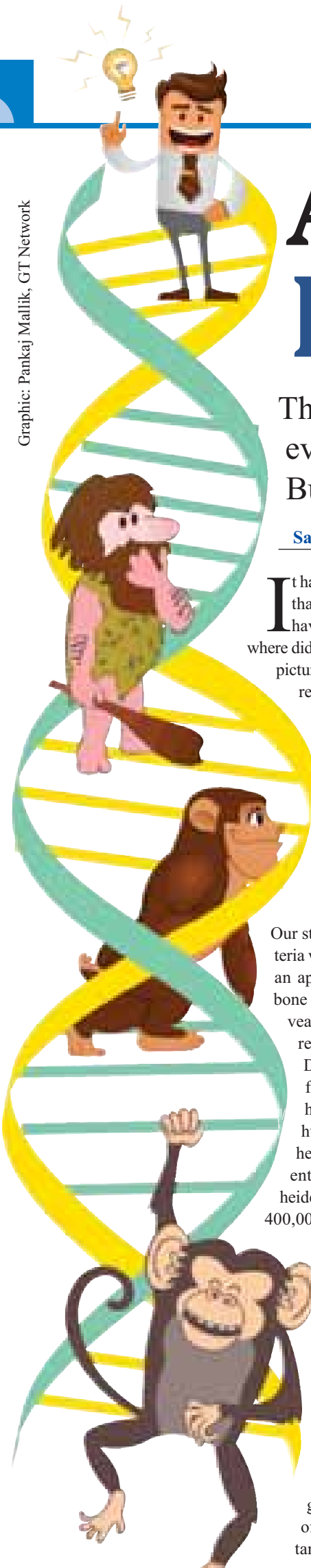


Leander Paes

Mahesh Bhupathi

One of the most promising duos of the tennis arena split in 2006. 2 Grand slams, highest undefeated streak, etc were the legacies that were brushed aside due to ego clashes. (They slammed doors on each other's faces!)

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A new D(y)NAsty?

The story of human beings and their evolution has never failed to amuse us. But will the story ever come to an end?

Sanya Goel, AIS Gur 43, X C

It has crossed our mind several times, that from whom or perhaps what have we originated? That from where did the Homo sapiens first come into picture? DNA happens to be our only respite in this quest for our roots. For epochs, it is through the DNA codes that we have encoded our being. Well, there's some news: we might have a new previously unknown ancestor and with this, yet another unexplored dynasty awaits us.

Our originals

Our story is more than that of the bacteria which evolved or Adam plucking an apple. It took years of strenuous bone digging and DNA analysis to reveal the origin of man. According to research, The Neanderthals, the Denisovans and Homo sapiens formed our ancestors. That they had descended from the ancient human species called the 'homo heidelbergensis', is the popular scientific belief. When these homo heidelbergensis left Africa 300,000 to 400,000 years ago, one branch went northwestward into west Asia and became the Neanderthals, while the other branch moved east and became the Denisovans. Later, The heidelbergensis who stayed back in Africa evolved into Homo sapiens, our primary ancestors and the predecessors of our DNA. With the human bent towards exploring and traveling, the Homo sapiens from Africa migrated 60,000 years ago in search of food and came across their distant cousins - Neanderthals in the

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west and Denisovans in the East. Going by archeology, Homo sapiens interbred with these hominids who eventually died - the reason for greater number of people in the Europe with the Neanderthal DNA while people living in India, Tibet, Nepal and Bhutan in the south Asia have Denisovan DNA. Talk about complicated family history!

A new cousin?

Till now, scientists believed in the existence of just three types of DNA - Homo sapiens, Neanderthals and Denisovans. But the latest on the front has our world and origins thrown topsy turvy. A group of scientists studying the DNA of inhabitants of Melanesia, ie, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea, Fiji and the Solomon Islands, stumbled upon a unique 'unknown DNA' encoded in their chromosomes. Along with traces of Neanderthals and the Denisovan DNA in the indigenous people, there is genetic evidence of a third unknown group of human species! Possibly, the ancestors of these Melanesians interbred with this unknown hominid species which could explain their unique body chemistry. Unfortunately, no fossils have been discovered to prove that these hominids ever existed on Earth. And even if they did, where did they go? Nevertheless, the interesting findings confirm that the human tree is way more complicated than we think or have known so far. The story of our origin has never failed to amuse us with complicated twists in the tale, with new findings surfacing every now and then. So think, are you ready to explore this new dynasty, perhaps, DNASTy? 🧬

Scientist



Watch

Pioneer of surgery techniques

Caitanya Singh Jaswal
AIS Noida, IX B

Who: Alexis Carrel
Born: June 28, 1873 in France
Died: November 5, 1944 (at the age of 71) in Paris, France
Nationality: French
Field of expertise: Transplantology (anatomy)
Famous for: New techniques in vascular sutures (stitches which hold tissues together) and pioneering work in organ transplantation
Awards: Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine
Early life: In 1894, when French president Sadi Carnot was assassinated with a knife, Carrel was a young surgeon. Carnot's large abdominal veins had been severed and surgeons who treated the president felt that such wounds were too large to be successfully reconnected. This left a deep impression on Carrel and he set



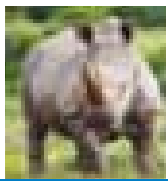
about developing new techniques for suturing (joining) blood vessels. He then invented the technique of 'triangulation', which was inspired by sewing lessons from an embroiderer

and is used even today. He kept pioneering many other ways of transplantation of organs and also promoted Eugenics (improving the quality of life).

His greatest invention: Undoubtedly, Carrel's greatest invention was the perfusion pump. This contraption allowed human organs to survive outside the body for a period of time - a miraculous invention.

Other notable achievements: He developed the Carrel - Dakin method of treating wounds based on chlorine, which, preceding the development of antibiotics, was a major medical advance in the care of traumatic wounds.

Trivia: Charles A. Lindbergh, a pilot who was the first to fly across the Atlantic, helped to build the perfusion pump. He first came to Carrel for help as his sister-in-law's heart was in dire need of surgery (she was suffering from rheumatism).



Black rhinos can weigh over 3000 pounds.

Quirk philosophied

Who said that philosophies are the best way to put you to sleep? They can be a good way to tickle a bone too!

Arunima Cheruvathoor
AIS Noida, XI A

The general notion we have about 'philosophy' probably contains a fanciful image of an old man wearing thick framed glasses, scorning whilst constantly shaking his head (sometimes we induce creativity into this stereotype, and let the man babble about the inconsequentialities of life). Well, in reality, philosophies deal with much more than old men, wisened musings and existential 3 am thoughts. In fact, contrary to popular belief, philosophies aren't as drab as they are portrayed. If anything, they're wackier than any subject. And to prove that point, we have collected 6 of the wackiest and craziest laws - which believe it or not, are real.

Sturgeon's Law: Ninety percent of everything is rubbish.

A revelation of sorts, postulated first by Theodore Sturgeon, this philosophy was originally an adage used for dissing the science fiction scene in the 1950's (quite the snark, our Theo). Nowadays however, it can be used as a justification by people of the art community for their mumbo jumbo

that is sometimes used to represent their fraternity (a popular example being Angel, by the even more popular Taher Shah.)

Murphy's Law: Anything that can go wrong, will go wrong.

The anthem for our Debbie Downers, highlighted an unbelievable number of times in the blockbuster Interstellar (Mathew McConaughey shouldn't be allowed to name children) finds its roots with Captain Edward A. Murphy, a naval base officer. His actual statement ("If there is any way to do it wrong, he'll find it.") was paraphrased to become what it is today; a pessimist's casual drawl.

Betteridge's Law of Headlines: Any headline which ends in a question mark can be answered by the word no.

What you mentally think every time you see a BuzzFeed article (Can cats actually play Bach whilst waltzing?) is an actual law theorised by Ian Betteridge. The journalist used the quote to complain about how newspapers used bogus questions as headlines to grab the attention of its viewers, questions that could almost always be answered with a no. Yes, a philosophy for newspaper headlines.

Benford's Law of Controversy: Passion is inversely proportional to the amount of real information available.

Yes, someone actually mathematically proved how gossip works. Remember this philosophy the next time you gasp about a scandalous secret.

Godwin's Law: As an online discussion grows longer, the probability of a comparison involving the Nazis approaches one.

An adage used to popularly describe almost every comment section on YouTube (along with the rest of the internet) was coined by Mike Goodwin.

Poe's Law: Without a winking smiley or other blatant display of humour, it is impossible to create a parody of fundamentalism that someone won't mistake for the real thing.

An internet epigram, postulated by Nathan Poe serves as an advice for the internet kids. The next time you want to comment on something controversial, don't forget that winky emoji. 🙄



Do they really care?

Why would they keep you waiting forever if you were as 'valuable'

Shaivya Vishal, AIS Gur 46, XI F

Calling *1800-345-1800* is everyone's worst nightmare because what follows is the most annoying conversation, interspersed with poor background music and false promises. What if you one day lose it and just decide to be blatantly honest?

Customer care executive: Good morning sir, I am calling from XYZ bank.

Customer's reaction: I was just waiting for your call. How can my morning be complete without your good wishes?

Customer care executive: Hope you're having a good day.

Customer reaction: I was, till now.

Customer care executive: Sir your call is extremely important to us. How may I help you?

Customer's reaction: Of course my call is important, and so I was kept on hold for the last 15 mins, right?

Customer care executive: Sir, can I please have your mobile no, date of purchase, address, product number, etc?

Customer reaction: Why don't I send you my biodata? Won't that be quicker?

Customer care executive: Please hold

on while I register your complaint.

Customer reaction: Well that's what I've been doing all this while.

Customer care executive: We will forward your complaint to the service centre and someone shall contact you in the next 48 hours.

Customer reaction: Half an hour for an attendant to respond, 15 mins of company music, another 1 hour to register the complaint and my problem will be looked into in the next 48 hours. That's a jiffy.

Customer care executive: All our customer call executives are busy serving other customers. Please hold on as we transfer your call.

Customer reaction: For once in your life be honest and tell me that the lunch time is on!

Customer care executive: Sir, this concern does not fall under our department.

Customer reaction: Of course it doesn't. All that lies under your department is making superficial promises and annoying customers to the core.

But even then, nothing's going to change. Meanwhile, our condolences for undergoing the same process again (within 48 hours?). 🙄

Hindu and Greek mythical characters: 'Percified'

They say there exist seven people of the same face; but it's true about mythologies too. Cue: Greek and Hindu



Shradha Talwar
AIS PV, X D

What if the plots of Percy Jackson were to be woven in the settings of the Hindu mythology? The latter is vast and distinctive. To write a fictional bestseller on it would be a complex process. Carving out a plot so unprecedented from Hindu folklores, would be a total hullabaloo. On the other hand, the possibility of having such a situation of disarray gives rise to a general wondering on the subject. So how do we possibly blend the two, so that it doesn't sound all Greek?

A reversal of the leaders of both the God families: In such an adaptation of this fictional bestseller; the big three: Zeus, Poseidon and Hades would be superseded by Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva respectively. A contrast between the Olympian ruler, Zeus and the creator, Brahma, sounds interesting. Just imagine Brahma presiding over the chair of Zeus at Mount Olympus dealing with

the eccentricities of the Greek deities. Poseidon and Vishnu both father sons that protect the world from culmination.

Hindu half blood demigods or Greek avatars: The Greek Gods can revise their concept of demigods and reappear in forms of avatars. The Hindu version will be dominated by avatars of the Gods battling the demons instead of the half human offsprings undertaking quests. Percy, the son of Poseidon, proves to be the saviour in the series, just as Krishna and Rama (the avatars of Vishnu), by slaughtering the demons. Similarly, Annabeth could be the avatar of Saraswati, the goddess of wisdom.

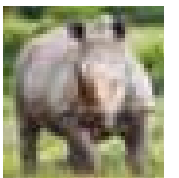
Where do the Greek avatars reside? Camp half-blood shelters and shield the demigods and the satyrs. With the extinction of the demigods in the updated version, a substitute of the Camp could be bestowing gigantic kingdoms upon the avatars, to rule. A demigod's need for a satyr for protection will come to an end as the avatar is the embodiment of God.

Different adaptation, different demons: The Greek demigods combat a variety of monsters from Medusa to Polyphemus, the Cyclops and of course the Titans. The Hindu version will witness the avatars of the big three Gods Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesh against the Asuras and Rakshasas sent by Kronos for the demolition of Mount Olympus.

Abduction of the Almighty's beloved: Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief and Ramayana - the epic - have a lot in common. The lightning bolt was stolen by Luke, son of Hermes, who backstabbed Percy and friends. Comparably, wicked Ravana abducted Lord Rama's wife Sita, marking the onset of the war.

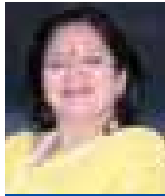
All's well that ends well: Percy and his other demigod friends prevent the rise of the Titans in the authentic storyline. The Greek avatars would also defy the prophecies and put an end to Kronos. At the end of both the versions, the heroes restore an era of peace and quiet by demolishing the monstrous devils. 🙄

Black rhino horns are in demand in places like China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Vietnam, who believe the horns contain medicinal values. However, there is no truth in it.



Rhino facts

Responsible parenting



Dr. Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

One day, I received a video on whatsapp. It was an early morning scene, the father was getting ready for office, the mother was preparing tiffin for the children and there was the usual morning chaos. Amid all of this, the grandmother called out to her son, "I can't find my glasses, please help!" The son, who was already late for work, snapped, "Mom, why can't you take care of your things?" Suddenly, the father realised his mobile charger was missing, so he called out to his son to look for it. His son snapped, "Dad, why can't you take care of your things?" The father immediately scolded him, "Have you learnt to disrespect elders from school?" "No, from you!" said the son. The father was speechless.

Children are indeed a reflection of their parents. As they see their parents do, they follow in their footsteps. Parents need to watch their words, as children will pick up the vocabulary they hear. Parents need to be great role models, as children will emulate their actions. For children, their parents are the ultimate examples of love, compassion, integrity and empathy. Parents are a child's first teachers and role models. Children are very observant. They consciously or unconsciously imbibe every action, movement and words of their parents.

As parents, we have a great responsibility on our shoulders. We need to model that behaviour for our children which we want them to adopt. If you want your children to become responsible and conscientious citizens of the world tomorrow, become a responsible parent today. 🇮🇳

I (Q)ueue



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

One thing that we all experienced since the demonetisation announcement, is the art of standing in a queue. And if you haven't, then perhaps we know the reason for many who stood in the queue to return cashless; for someone decided not to stand in queue.

The queue, today, stands more as a symbol of change for tomorrow.

Almost 30 years ago, when I first visited Mumbai, I was immensely impressed to see the Mumbaiikars make proper queues to board buses. Something missing in Delhi, even 30 years later. The age old method of 'catching' the bus while on the run or being pushed into the Metro with the temporary line that swarms to form a crowd as soon as the Metro arrives, continues to rule the city. Therefore, to see people form a queue outside the banks was indeed a novice experience. The queue that is a 'call' for all to be a part of the change, the country is set to witness. Standing in queue, is an art. And not an easy one. It took me 7 consecutive days of 3 hours each in line (returning without money for 6 days) as well as controlling the public outburst with motivating words. Despite the fact, that in a country of millions, they have done it so many times. Be it the queue for 80% discount for 500 customers outside M&S, listing of Adhaar Card, child's admission, doctor's appointment or a virtual wait on a tele-call, people find themselves fall in line every second day. Yet, the long, lazy, curvy, limp queue outside the bank, seems an endless wait. Between the constant disregard for queues and the tendency to jump them, and people who play by the rule, waiting from 5am for their turn, to others who pitch in with water and food supplies for the common soldiers, the queue moves on. 🇮🇳

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As simple as that



Ever wondered why everyone is drawn to children? It's simple - they are simple. But then what keeps us from keeping it simple otherwise?

Perspective

Ankur Banga, AIS Gur 43, XI B

"The weather today was cold." "The cold Atlantic winds sent a chill right up my spine." Spotted the difference? Let's hope not, because there isn't any. But consider saying these two sentences in front of an audience, people would most likely choose the second one. Why? Because it's an impressionable sentence explaining nothing more than simply, the weather. People tend to like fancy stuff; stuff that makes them look exotic, stuff that isn't 'simple'. It's a fact that Shakespeare wasn't as famous

during his own time as he is now. Ever thought of the reason? Shakespeare's style of writing and his language was common back then, but seems so mysterious nowadays that most people are marveled by every Shakespearean reference.

Why can't we appreciate the simple? Consider the tiny aspects of life. Imagine the morning coffee you want - a Starbucks latte with just a pinch of sugar. Well, it might come as a surprise but the tea - coffee stalls with their Bangalore origin taste just as good. Let's move on to breakfast. Are we so determined to detach from our plain old simple roots that we deny crisp *aloo parathas* to have broccoli sprouts along

with truffle poached eggs? Next part, getting dressed. All the fancy T shirts and hoodies have their charm all right, but are we forgetting the simplicity and grace of the white shirt with a neat tie? Is the sun vermilion or rust coloured? Is the sky indigo or navy? Growing up as a child, all we heard was that the sun is yellow and the sky is blue. So somewhere along the way, we lost track going offroad into complications. Some complications arise due to problems on the road, sometimes we jerk the steering wheels ourselves. From the *samosa* in the school canteen to the fried pastry with a spicy potato filling at cafeterias, things changed, grew somewhat superficial, trying to latch on to the

simple but being pulled towards complexity. It is time to realise that simplicity is an art in itself. Take Narayan Murthy, for instance. The Infosys founder has lead by example by sending his kids in autorikshaw to school and living a simple life.

So, the next time you're going down to the patisserie to relish *jalebi caviar*, remember that the *jalebi* made by the local *halwai* can light up your face just as well. Every simple thing you grew up with carries an intrinsic value which can never be replaced as it forms the foundation. Ok, some people may have specific choices; but sometimes, simplicity is the simplest answer to life's complex problems. 🇮🇳

Not all games are battles

Everything is fair in love and war, except when the war of nations surpasses the love for the game

Khwaish Gupta, AIS Gur 46, X

"Dhoni! Dhoni! Dhoni!" the crowd never gets tired. Half of it, hooting the same name over and over again, and the other half, wishing him bad luck. It is just another India vs Pakistan match where cricket isn't just a sport, but war.

Sports, the term itself means competition. But competition metamorphosed into rivalries when geopolitical issues, economic disparities and bad sportsman spirit poked their nose in various events. Countries that went to war years ago, took the battle to the field. And so, sporting moments that were otherwise meant to be matches, became wars. If India loses a match against Pakistan, things are burnt - firecrackers for the winner and effigies of players for the loser. So much for a mere game. The sheer enthusiasm and passion that sports brings along has

often infused life into the dead, lifting the disabled from their wheelchairs, giving people a reason to bounce back. Too bad that the game that once sped life is now taking lives.

Showing respect is one of the basic tenets of any sport, irrespective of the game you play. But when the rivalry is bigger than the game, all respect for the game and the ones playing it goes for a toss. Argentina and Brazil have known to be time tested foes in the world of football. But things got uglier as the fans of two countries got down to defaming Maradona and Pele, two of the biggest football stalwarts. What should've been a moment of fortune to watch the biggest gaming geniuses play, turned out to be a mad war of criticism.

Diplomatic drifts between Australia and England emerged when the latter used certain tactics to upset the batsmen of the former. What went so wrong that 'The Ashes' actually reduced the spirit of the game



to ashes? International games are, more often than not, organised with the aim of bringing people together, providing a common ground to people of different cultures and ethnicities. And today, they create rifts, with the aim of uniting long forgotten.

In the nub of rivalry, the cheers of crowd change to hysteria, sportsmen are not role models but warriors and the field is the new battle front. So, let's play but play it for the love of the game. 🇮🇳

(With inputs from Reha Dhawan, AIS Gur 46, IX)

The moral of the Manthan

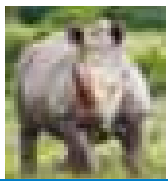
Little pearls of wisdom

Aditya Chaturvedi, AIS Vas 1, VI



In Hindu mythology, the Gods and *asuras* always fought for superiority. The Gods knew that if the *asuras* were given power, they would destroy the world, so they went to seek the help of Lord Vishnu. He told them that the only way they can gain power over the *asuras* was to obtain *Amrit* (the nectar of immortality). Thus began the great episode - the *Samudra Manthan* wherein all the Gods and *asuras* started churning for *Amrit* in the ocean.

Amongst the things that emerged from the ocean was the lethal *Halahal*, a poison that could destroy the entire universe. The frightened Gods and *asuras* approached Shiva for help, who in turn, drank the poison to save the universe. So poisonous was the substance, that it could even kill a God. And so Parvati grabbed Shiva's throat, not letting him swallow it. As a result, his throat turned blue and so the name, *Neelkanth*. This episode serves an important life lesson. In life, we will often have to deal with the evil for the greater good of the society. And sometimes, this evil would be the turmoil within us, disguising itself and alluring us. But when dealing with the evil, one should make sure that it does not get to one's inner self. The evil should only remain at the surface and not become a part of us.



The black rhino has two horns; one on the front of its long nose and one just a little behind it.

Rags to Riches

Not every king is born an emperor. Not every beggar dies a poor death. There are some who with their sheer will, dedication and perseverance, steer through numerous struggles; making 'rags to riches' a reality. This special eight-part series is an ode to such bravehearts, who with their fairytale endings, have given us the will to dream and the inspiration to turn those dreams into a wonderful reality.

Charlie Chaplin

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From 'the kid' to 'the great dictator', he is loved even in 'the modern times'. Meet the 'tramp' who lived his entire life amidst the 'city lights' while brightening the lives of others

Anandita Mathur, AIS Noida, XI

He kept us glued to the screens. He made a fool of himself so that we could laugh and yet he was a genius, the iconic 'Tramp' of the silent era. If there is a name that resonates entertainment it is Charles Spencer 'Charlie' Chaplin. Amassing great fortune, he gave the world the best shows and the best showman. However, his rise to stardom was not exactly a hearty journey. Here's an account of a comic hero, who could mock Hitler and capitalism, albeit with smiles.

A rough childhood

"I was hardly aware of a crisis because we lived in continual crisis."

He was born to talented music hall entertainers Charles Chaplin and Hannah Chaplin on April 16, 1889. However, his parents separated and his mother was left to work as an occasional nurse and dressmaker. It was in this difficult situation that the young, seven year old Charlie was sent to a workhouse, a place that offered accommodation and employment. Calling it a 'forlorn existence', he lived there with other destitute children.

A star is born

"She imbued me with the feeling that I had some sort of talent."

Owing to their mother's illness, little Charlie and his brother were forced to fend for themselves. He began performing on stage at the tender age of five. Buoyed by his newfound passion, Charlie became a member of the Eight Lancashire Lads, a dance troupe and toured English music halls throughout 1899 and 1900 becoming quite popular. Keen on making a full time career in entertainment, Charlie got his breakthrough role in the play 'Sherlock Holmes' as a paperboy. By the age of 19, he had become one of the most popular music hall performers.

Moving to America

"The glamour of it all! New York! America!"

Charlie was offered to move to America with a comedy theatre company. Heading a show, he impressed the American audiences who described him as "one of the most impressive performers". He toured 21 months during which his role in the 'Inebriate Swell' was well received. Touring for the second time in 1914, Chaplin was offered a role in a film with Keystone Studios. Consequently, he starred in his first film 'Making a living'. His second film, 'Kid Auto Races at Venice' (1914), introduced the audience to the iconic character of the Tramp, a good hearted, yet cunning vagabond.

Finding fame

"Working in Keystone Studios was the most exciting period of my life."

Shortly afterwards, he started directing movies for Keystone studios like 'Caught in the Rain', which were well appreciated. Directing movies at the rate of one film per week, his movies had a slower

The Limelight

- First actor to appear on Time magazine.
- Stood third in a Charlie Chaplin look-a-like contest, impersonating himself.
- His own daughter, actress Geraldine Chaplin, portrayed his on-screen mother in the film 'Chaplin'.
- Due to allegations of being a communist, his imprints were removed from the Hollywood Walk of Fame.
- He never became a US citizen.
- An asteroid is named after him.
- Chaplin's stolen body was recovered 11 weeks later from grave robbers who tried to extort money from the family.



version of comedy which won him a lot of fans. Finally in November 1914, he got his first supporting role in a full length feature film, 'Tillie's Punctured Romance'. The movie was a huge commercial success. Basking in popularity, Chaplin rightfully demanded a pay of \$1,000 a week, an amount the director refused. Chaplin then moved to Mutual Film Corporation where he was paid \$670,000 a year, making him one of the highest paid people in the world at the age of 26.

Building his own studio

"I was determined to continue making silent films. I was a pantomimist and in that medium I was unique and, without false modesty, a master."

By the early 1920's, Chaplin had transitioned to scripting and directing his own movies. He had established his own studio, United Artists in 1919. Armed with free reign and money, he directed classics such as 'The Kid', 'The Gold Rush', 'City Lights', 'Modern Times' and 'The Great Dictator'. These films helped him reach the apex of his successful career. Chaplin's films were a reflection of his own life and the society at large. His movies involved some unique and innovative film making techniques, a secret he cherished. He almost never worked from a finished script and loved spontaneous improvisation of jokes and dialogues. Social

commentary was a feature of Chaplin's films right from the beginning of his career, as he portrayed the underdog in a sympathetic light and highlighted the difficulties of the poor.

Controversies galore

"I find it virtually impossible to continue my motion - picture work, and I have therefore given up my residence in the United States."

Although he meant to entertain, the man's life was abound with many controversies. Chaplin was accused of being a communist by the FBI head Edgar Hoover, who kept a file on him. He was also accused of supporting the Russian struggle against the invading Nazis. Chaplin denied the allegations, calling himself a 'peacemonger' instead. In 1952, Chaplin visited Europe for the premiere of his film 'Limelight' and was not allowed to return to the US. He then settled in Switzerland. He was finally allowed to return to the US in 1972 to receive an Oscar for his services to the film industry.

Resting in peace

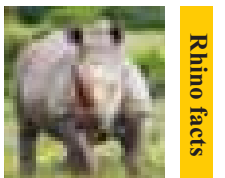
"Life is a tragedy when seen in close-up, but a comedy in long-shot."

The long and illustrious life of the genius came to an end in 1977. He died in Switzerland at the age of 88. Charlie Chaplin was survived by his fourth wife Oona O'Neill and his 12 children.

Charlie Chaplin's life is exemplary of what one can do with the little they have. Of how talent, however big or small, can change the course of history. He redefined comedy, making it a powerful tool to serve greater good. Even through his silent movies, he remained a man of his words, a man who firmly believed in expressing his opinions, even if it meant living with controversies. For he believed, "Nothing is permanent in this wicked world - not even our troubles." His is a tale of rags to riches, of tears to smiles and laughter, well, forever.



Rhinos are mostly hunted for their horn; making them an endangered species.



Rhino facts

The girl in the tiara

Illustration: Simranh Kakkar, AIS Noida, XI F

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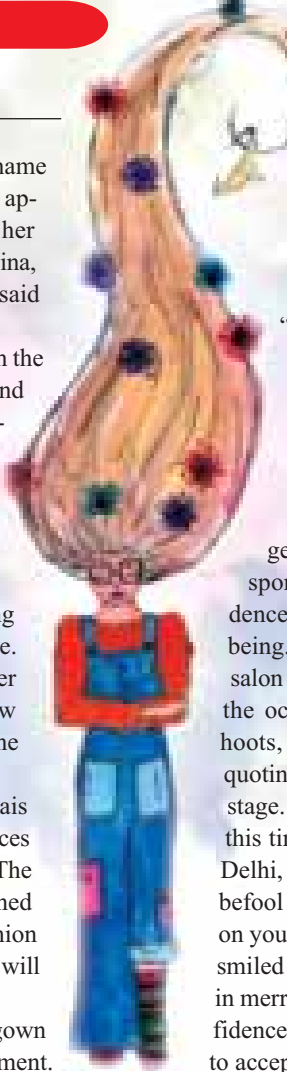
There was chaos, her admirers chanting her name in unison, placards blazing forth words of appreciation and cameras waiting to capture her beauty. The excited crowd waited for their star - Arbina, the fashion blogger. "She must be very beautiful," said someone.

Arbina's fashion blog would seem no different from the rest at first glance. It too spoke of vogue dresses and shoes. But instead of simply clicking pictures of herself adorning funky dresses, she would imagine herself as the dress and then hilariously describe how humans would wear them.

An excerpt from her blogs read, "She swung me around her waist to tighten her pants which were already so tight. Then she started fixing me, trying hole by hole and ultimately reached the last one. When the grave reality struck her, she squeezed her breath inside and fastened the buckle." No one knew how she looked, she just signed off as 'the girl in the tiara'.

The spotlight now shone bright, approaching the dais stood a petite girl with thick rimmed glasses and braces on her teeth. A wave of silence swept the stadium. The voice on the mic spoke, "Don't look so disheartened people. This is not your superstar. How can a fashion queen look like this?" The crowd laughed. "Arbina will arrive shortly."

After a few moments a tall girl, wearing a floral gown took hold of the mic and people gasped in amazement.



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"She is as beautiful as we thought," roared a voice. "Thank God I match up to your expectations or else I would have been welcomed with tomatoes and eggs," she grinned. "But today, I must tell you all that it is not the outer coverings that matter. I won't nag you by saying that a kind heart is all you need. I'm a fashion blogger, not a philosopher. But I believe that you can sport a torn jeans and carry it with utmost confidence, well that's how I think torn jeans came into being." The crowd laughed. "Why always hunt for a salon when you could simply soak in the sunset while the ocean gives you a pedicure." Now there were hoots, applause and whistles. She continued, "I am quoting the sensational Arbina, so I must invite her on stage. The same bespectacled petite girl appeared but this time with something else to say. "Good evening Delhi, your girl in the tiara is here. I did not mean to befool you all this while. It's just that you wear tiaras on your head while I wear them on my teeth," and she smiled wildly to indicate her braces. The crowd burst in merriment. Their star was in front of them. Her confidence surely brought her love. And love, gives room to accept flaws. 🇮🇳

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Q: How many graduands passed out during this year's convocation? Ans:	Q: The Merlion is the icon of? Ans:	Q: The Samudra Manthan was a fight between? Ans:
Q: Alex Ferguson was the manager of which famous football club? Ans:	Q: Charlie Chaplin is originally from which country? Ans:	Q: Percy was the son of which Greek God? Ans:
Q: A new human ancestor has been discovered in which country? Ans:	Q: Shinzo Abe is the PM of which country? Ans:	Q: What is a pack of rhinos called? Ans:

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

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Words Verse



Astronomy and fun

Aditya Nagpal
AIS Gur 43, VIII C

Astronomy is really fun
And hence loved by everyone
It teaches us about stars and planets
Like Jupiter, Neptune and Uranus

Astronomy is really fun
And hence loved by everyone
Being found at a great height

Planets and stars are a great sight

Astronomy is really fun
And hence loved by everyone
As it is a wonderful world
Full of diamonds and emeralds

Astronomy is really fun
And hence loved by everyone
It's a beautiful mystery
To be explored by everyone. 🇮🇳



Encore

Aditi Sinha
AIS Mayur Vihar, XI E

I have things left to do in that city
Roads still left to walk on and walls
To run my finger tips across
And musty scent to be inhaled

I have covers left to be turned
And little alleys to be explored
Many hidden spots to be searched
And bridges to be crossed

I have museums left to be devoured
Paintings still to be pondered about
Pavements left to be stepped on
And stained glass to be looked through

Days to be spent and sunsets to be seen
There are books left to be read
Stories yet to be made
I have things left to do in that city. 🇮🇳

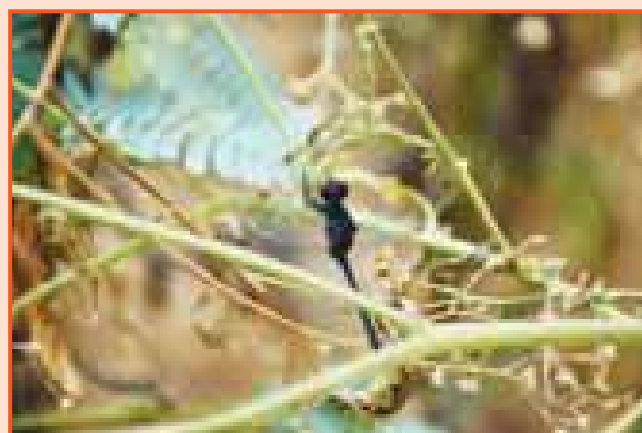
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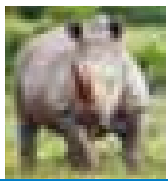
The nectar of life



The fluttering beauty



Amidst the turbulence



There is a huge demand for rhino horns in the Middle East, where they are used for ornamentation.

Pic courtesy: Anwesha Rath, AIS Gur 43, III

The tale of kindness

Illustration: Anju Rawat, GT Network

Wisdom tale



She felt sorry for the boy. She knew this feeling. The pain, the loathing and the anger when one had nothing.

“I’m very hungry. Can you give me some money for food?” he asked, in a voice barely audible. Lana felt sorry for the boy. She knew this feeling. The pain, the loathing and the anger when one had nothing. “Fine, I shall give you four coins,” she offered whatever little she had. The boy gave Lana a shy smile and ran off with his earnings. Lana’s stomach grumbled as she walked, thinking what will she eat now. But she felt a glimmer of hope for the little boy. She was happy to have helped someone in need. She wiped her tears and prayed silently. When she opened her eyes, she saw eight coins in her tin can! “A miracle!” she exclaimed and hurried to the general store to buy something to eat. Next day, she saw an old woman begging for money to buy medicines. Lana gave her three coins to find six in the can the next day! Whenever she helped someone, she would be rewarded with double the amount. She would often think about this miracle. But what mattered more to her was the smile on people’s faces when she helped them. She worked hard and years later, managed a decent living for herself and continued to spread kindness. She often thought of the little boy, who had introduced her to the feeling. “Was the boy an angel? Was she meant to meet him? Was it him all this while?” she often thought. 📺

So, what did you learn today?
Kindness costs nothings but rewards immensely.

Lavanya Senthil, AIS MV, VI A

Lana sat alone at the bus stop staring at the four coins in her tin can and a tear trickled down her cheek. If God was kind, why did he give her a hard life? He took her parents away when she was just two and now her only companion, her caretaker, her beloved grandma - he took her too. And she was left alone in the world to fend for herself. “Why did grandma leave me?” she questioned desperately, as she cried and sobbed. A timid boy wearing tattered clothes walked up to her. She quickly wiped away her tears and forced a smile.

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POEMS

The Code

Harsaaj S. Wander, AIS Saket, VII B

Once upon a time
I stumbled on the road
There I found a coin
Encrypted with a code

It led me to think
Is it the ‘Da Vinci’ code?
From where did it come?
And to where did it link

I called my friend
He racked his brain
And finally found
The message of the code

He told me that



It said something about the market
Where there was a bomb
In a toolmaker’s kit

We quickly went there
And everything was checked
And once the bomb was found
They were in our debt. 📺

The circus

Swasti Shree
AIS Vas 1, V D

There was a new circus in the city
And little Tom went to see
The beautiful circus in the city
It had a clown who was very funny
It made him laugh till he was
Rolling on his tummy
There were animals who danced
And performed wonderful tricks
And people walking on slits
Tom was frightened of the lion
He almost froze when he met him
In the narrow lane behind curtains
It frightened him so much
That he never went to a circus again
There will again be a circus in the city
Would Tom want to see? 📺



Anwesha Rath with her muffins

Lemon muffins

Anwesha Rath, AIS Gur 43, III



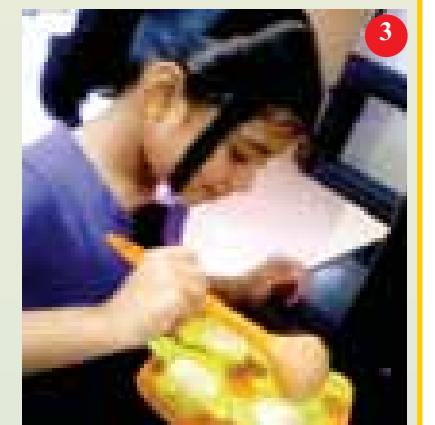
Refined flour ..1 cup
Plain flour1 cup
Cream½ cup
Milk1 cup
Lemon juice1 tsp

Baking soda ½ tsp
Baking powder½ tsp
Condensed milk 1 tbsp
Powdered sugar1 cup
Vanilla essence.....1 tsp
Salt¼ tsp
Almonds (chopped).....few



Method

- Heat the oven to 200 degrees.
- In a big bowl, mix refined flour and plain flour.
- Add baking powder and soda. Mix well. Keep this dry batter aside.
- In another bowl, take sugar, cream, milk, condensed milk, vanilla essence and salt. Mix well.
- Now combine the batters and mix nicely until both the dry and wet batters are mixed well.
- Add lemon juice and chopped nuts to the batter.
- Fill small muffin cases up to two-third of their capacity with the batter and bake for 20-25 mins, until the muffins rise.
- Insert a knife inside each muffin to check if it comes out clean.
- If it doesn't, then bake for few more minutes.
- Enjoy your hot lemon muffins!



It's Me



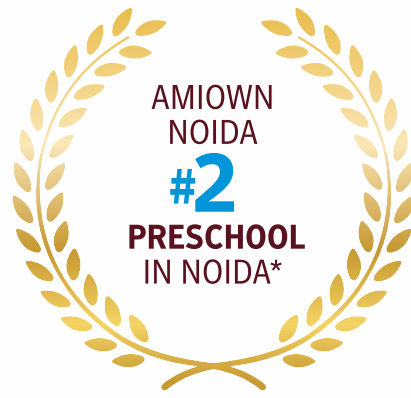
Sonakshi with her brother

My name: Sonakshi Uppal
My school: AIS Saket
My Class: I
My birthday: November 3
I like: Dancing
I dislike: Quarreling
My role model: My mother
My best friend: Nishtha

My favourite food: Nuggets
My favourite subject: Math
My favourite teacher: Juhi Ma'am
My favourite poem: Twinkle Twinkle Little Star
I want to become: A teacher
I want to feature in GT: To become a star student of Amity!

Painting corner

Adrika Agarwal
AIS Noida, VII I



Congratulations team amiown!



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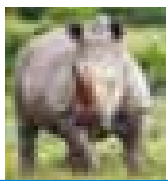
“ For the past 11 years, each and every individual on the Amiown team has been dedicated to a philosophy of nurturing 'happy, compassionate and lifelong learners' with the aim to provide the best and most positive Preschool experience to each Amiown family. Though rewards and recognition are a motivation for us, our greatest reward still lies in the happy faces of our children.

On behalf of the Amiown Team, I thank our Founder Sir, Chairperson Ma'am, our Mentors, our well wishers, Amiown Parents and specially our Amiown children for their love and support in our joyous journey so far.

Once again, we renew our promise to keep creating and maintaining the best standards & practices in preschool education. ”

Sapna Chauhan

***Results of nationwide preschools survey rankings, conducted by C fore and published in Education World - 2016**



The market price for a rhino horn makes it more valuable than gold.



AIS Mayur Vihar



AIS Noida



AIS Pushp Vihar



AIS Saket

Divine blessings

Festival like celebrations, values that reverberated as life lessons and fervour at its best - that's how Amity Schools celebrated Founder's Day, the birthday of their beloved Founder President

A revering welcome

The welcome ceremony across Amity Schools was an ode to the love Amity beholds for its founding pillar - Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe. At AIS MV, AIS Vasundhara 6 and AIS Saket, the celebrations commenced with the lamp lighting amidst chanting of shlokas, making for a befitting divine milieu. Heartwarming cards made by the students of AIS PV for the Founder President, were presented to Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF, marking lovely beginnings. At AIS Vas 1, the welcome address of the Principal reiterated Dr Ashok K. Chauhan as the source of illuminating ideas and an idol of knowledge. A presentation showcasing his life, education, achievements and accolades made for an inspiring start at AIS VKC Lucknow while at AIS VYC Lucknow, his praises echoed through the hall. The grandeur reached its apex at AIS Noida that accorded a red carpet welcome to the Chairperson with the guard of honour. A mellifluous song presented by the choir group began the festivities at AIS Gur 43. So much, and yet, these were just the beginnings.

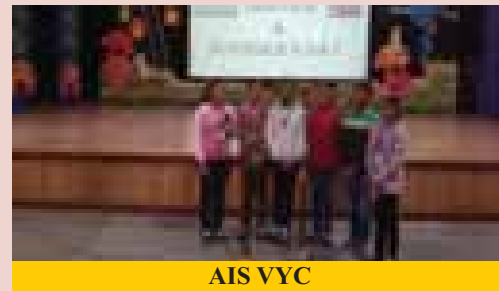
A cultural mélange

Dance, music, theatre - the celebrations of Founder's Day had a carnival feel to it, with Amitians putting up a cultural extravaganza. 'Jeevan Darshan', a skit that bore testimony to the life of Founder President had all gripped in awe and in-



AIS VKC

spiration at AIS Gur 46. The school premises at AIS Mayur Vihar, echoed with an instrumental orchestra and a devotional song. At AIS PV, a 'Qawwali' performance was followed by a heartwarming presentation 'Shat Shat Naman', a tribute to Founder President's unflinching commitment to progress. A dance performance by the students of VKC Lucknow won hearts. At VYC Lucknow, *bhajans* marked the pristine occasion, while at AIS Noida, a harmonious song rendition by the students of AGS Noida and Amitasha, left the audience enthralled. A classical dance performance dazzled the celebrations at AIS Gur 43.



AIS VYC

A canvas of myriad values

Dr Ashok K. Chauhan regards values as the essence of human life. And so, his birthday celebrations saw a blend of varied hues of values, coming together to paint a beautiful picture. AIS Pushp Vihar conducted the gratitude week wherein vital life lessons were imbibed by the students through various fun filled activities. The Chairperson shared the success mantra of the Founder President called 'BHAAG' where B stands for Behavioural Science, H for Hard Work, A for Attitude, another A for Ambition and G for God, causing a stir at AIS MV. A melodious song presented by AIS VKC conveyed the importance

of focusing on goals in life. 'Yugavtar' a presentation by AIS Vas 1, cherished the values of persistence and consistence. The AIS Noida family was stimulated to go that extra mile and the students of AIS Vas 6 were motivated to become nation builders. Amitians of AIS Gur 46 were urged to imbibe the sincerity of Founder President as their role model. AIS Gur 43 had the proud privilege of receiving wisdom straight from Dr Ashok K. Chauhan as he encouraged students to dream bigger. The canvas of values looked more beautiful than ever.

A 'reward' full day

The Founder's Day celebrations also witnessed students being felicitated for their achievements making the day even more special for an elated Founder President. A multitude of awards in the form of medals, badges, scholarships and trophies were awarded to the meritorious Amitians for carving a niche in academics and extracurricular activities. For what better way to treat a man on his birthday than rewarding his children!

Guests of Honour

Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe; Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF; Ms Pooja Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amity Humanity Foundation; Ms Mohina Dar, Director Academics, Dr TPS Chauhan, Senior Advisor; esteemed members of Chauhan family and heads of Amity institutions.



AIS Vasundhara 1



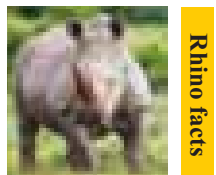
AIS Gur 46



AIS Vasundhara 6



AIS Gur 43



Enough with the pity parties!

Sadness is a feeling experienced by many, understood by some and 'made up' by most. While some mysteriously wrap their sorrow under the cover of being cool, others let it loose like a tornado, on the world at large (Read: social networking sites).
Chhavi Singh, AIS Noida, XI J introduces some new pity party in town.

The Public Broadcast

We all know about this kid in our grade who insists on having his/her entire life on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest and a

host of other social media sites. Those constant shares from 'the sad quote page', the melancholic Whatsapp statuses... all speak volumes of their mental state. Now, we must appreciate this kind, because they're downright honest about their sorrow and when questioned, will cry you a river and tell you their story. Told ya, they believe in sharing.

The Inconspicuous Broadcast

The subtle and carefully planned status updates saying 'don't call or message' and the Snapchat and Whatsapp updates turned 'off' very cleverly get the message across to you, like an ambulance light without the din. These kinds will be very artful in avoiding your questions and will coolly misdirect the conversation to somewhere else. Even after hours of persuasion (and your undivided attention) your questions will be answered unsatisfactorily. "I need no more trouble, won't you leave me alone? I have a mid-life crisis to deal with!" is all that you get.

The Mute Broadcast

These friends prefer the mysterious life. They may not tell you they're upset, but through the carefully wrapped enigma they wear, you can just - but not quite- see through their pain. You can persuade, you can beg, you can cry and you can scream but their feelings shall remain hidden and buried deep. But actions (sudden mood swings and outbreaks) speak louder than words. So, while their lips don't move, their actions prove, "I, the mystic child have problems too, and am mundane. I'm sad too."

The Telephonic Broadcast

They are the more positive kind. They can be seen breathlessly ranting about their issues. To calm them, you must remind them of the power of Yoga. Breathe in, breathe out. Go one step at a time, and you shall soon see them calming down, "Thank you I could've never managed on my own.. It's just you know, my...sad life!"



Not just a bucket list

This bucket list is nothing like you have seen or heard of before. Gear up for the most amazing bucket list of the year

Adil, AIS PV, XI B

The common thing about bucket lists is that they are so common. In fact, there are sure to be quite a few points of coincidences between the one that reads '10 things to do before you die' and '10 things to do if you like adventure' and even 'The bucket list of an Amitian' for that matter (we do want to skip at least one math class in our lifetime and we certainly believe that it's an adventure). But this one, we promise, is new. Ladies and gentlemen, for the very first time, we present to you a bucket list, in all literal honesty, as a tribute to buckets that have done so much for us. From saving water from leaking taps to storing colours during the festivities of Holi, these are no less than little angels.

The traditional bucket: This one is our bathroom companion, helping us in all our sanitary needs. From the maid's favourite 'pochhe-wala' bucket to 'shower not working, so bucket bath' bucket, this one is the one-stop solution, with its bright and colourful self, eager to serve all our needs.

The ice bucket: Traditionally just a metal bucket for storing ice, this one has assumed greater meanings in recent times, owing to the ALS Ice-Bucket challenge. This viral social media challenge was aimed at spreading awareness about Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, a cureless disease causing breakdown of nerve cells, and ultimately, death. Aside from entertaining us with some wacky videos of celebrities, this one served a higher purpose in its lifetime.

The plant - pot perplexity bucket: We have all seen one of these. These are buckets which have somehow taken over the role of pots and have plants growing out of them. Their origin has befuddled thinkers and scientists for generations, how could we hope to reach an answer? Although caught in an identity crisis, they do give us a 'breather'.

The lunch bucket: More commonly known as 'lunch box' (Google it), this one is undoubtedly the most popular of the lot. Apple of the students' eyes and filled with mummy's magic, this one is the star of the break time. Enough said.

The helicopter bucket: Yes, technology is everywhere. A saviour that it is, this one is used to extinguish fires. This bucket can be manned from the helicopter to release water or foam when need be. That's more than a bucket full of good that they are doing for the world.



GT Travels to Singapore



Adhisha Gupta, AIS Noida, II I poses with her copy of The Global Times at the Merlion, a national icon of Singapore. The Merlion has a lion head and a fish body resting on a crest of waves. It was designed as an emblem for the Singapore Tourism Board in 1964 by Fraser Brunner, a member of the souvenir committee and a curator of the Van Kleef Aquarium. It is one of the well known marketing icons of Singapore.

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