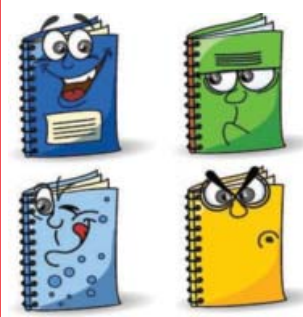


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— Miki Schmidt, Coastal Officer, NOAA, United States of America

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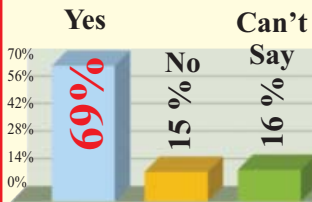
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The road not taken

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# We're out of SPACE

## The World Lacks Land But Worry Not! We Have Found The Solution

Stuti Kakkar, XI D & Arpit Gupta, XI F, AIS Saket

As the millennial shouts "I need space", it seems to be the 'it' thing that we have run out of. Starting with bungalows and forests, all that is in our palms now are apartments and tiny lawns. But where to go from here? The humans have the answer even though they are the ones who have created the problem.

### Love per square foot

**Before:** 21<sup>st</sup> century: an era with a billion people and not enough houses. From East to West, everyone seems to be struggling. US states like Detroit, Boston and New York are already full. In Vancouver, the worth of houses are 11 times the income, whereas prices in Britain have soared to 8 times due to lack of land. As Hong Kong deals with living in subdivided apartments, some as small as 28 sq. ft., Mumbai has already gotten used to sky-rocketing prices of *chawls*, which have moved from being INR 20 to 20,000 in the last 90 years.

**After:** Say *bonjour* to the future of urban homes: micro apartments. Categorised to be contained in less than 400 sq. ft., they are designed to inject efficiency in ultra-small living spaces where a coffee table can function as a desk, a shelf, a dining table and so much more.

*As this new way of living emerges, the threat of this micro apartment turning into a match-*

*box flat hangs over every head.*

### Gone with the wind

**Before:** When we can't even accommodate the living, how will we deal with the dead? Delhi Minorities Commission has declared that the capital will run out of burial space for Muslims by end of 2019 and the doomsday for Christians isn't far away. Amongst 704 Muslim graveyards, only 131 are operational and amongst the 12 functioning Christian cemeteries, only 5 are open to all. Hong Kong's government run cemeteries have waiting lists lasting years.

**After:** If the land fails to come to aid, worry not! Companies like The Living Urn provide you with a chance to bury the ashes with a seed to plant a tree in their name. Or, with the help of Promessa, you can transform the body into a fertiliser for plants. If you think they were out of this world, make space their final resting place with Celestis's help, a US company that does memorial space trips to sprinkle the ashes of the deceased there.

*As we come up with newer ways to say the final goodbye, the rituals of the past, carried forward by generations, seem to be blurring out of the picture.*

### Life on the road

**Before:** Honks seem to be the only thing left to life. As cars move on from being a luxury to a necessity, the world

doesn't know where to put them. Cities like San Francisco have recorded an 80% increase in traffic since 2010, whereas Minnesota expects its roads to be 30% jammed in the next 10 years. In Delhi, around 400 new cars are registered everyday and the parking spaces take up 14% of the roads. A study by Boston Consulting Group has revealed that congestion in Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, and Kolkata costs the economy INR 1.47 lakh crore annually.

**After:** Technology, yet again, comes out as the knight in the shining armour. Research in the fields of vehicle-to-vehicle technology and vehicle-to-infrastructure technology may create ways where a car could communicate to nearby elements. Adaptive traffic signals and automatic cars have also made it easy to stay

behind the wheel. And if you want to travel without the hassle of driving, apps like Ola and Uber have changed the way we go from one place to another.

*As we pick out smarter ways of honking, the scrunch for roads seem to have left no street to freely walk on.*


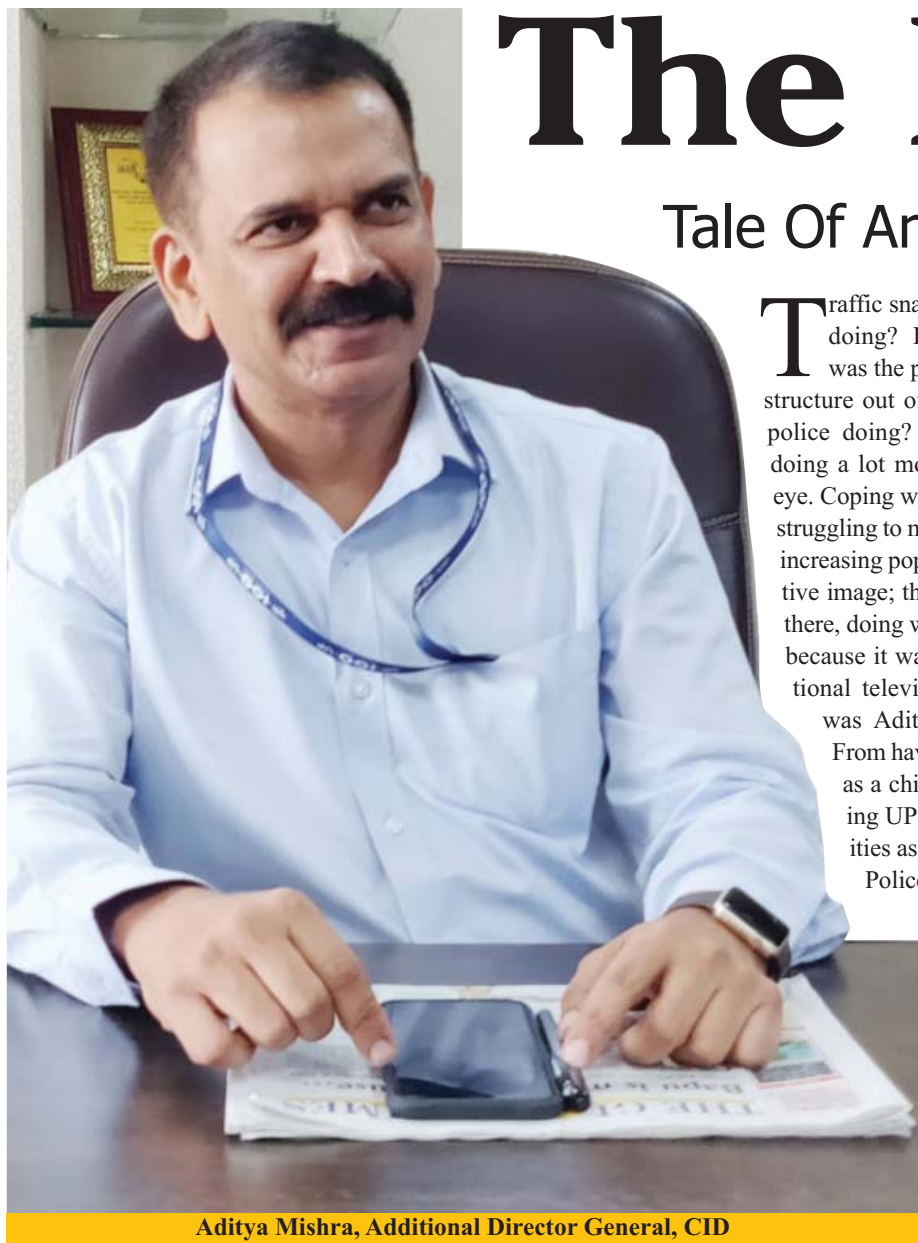
Humans, donning on their precious Einstein hats, seem to have an answer to every problem we could ever face, and yet not a single one of them realized that the solution lies not in expanding our brains but in shrinking our needs. 



Illustration: Shinjini Pundir & Noor Sharma, AIS Saket, XI D

# The khaki story...

## Tale Of An Organisation That Is For The Common People



Aditya Mishra, Additional Director General, CID

**T**raffic snarls. What was the police doing? Increased crime? What was the police doing? State infrastructure out of control. What was the police doing? A lot. The police was doing a lot more than it ever met the eye. Coping with their own challenges, struggling to meet the needs of an ever-increasing population, fighting a negative image; the police was always out there, doing work that went unnoticed because it wasn't broadcasted on national television, and leading them was Aditya Mishra, ADG CID. From having worked with the UN as a chief police officer to serving UP Police in various capacities as an instructor at National Police Academy, and DIG and IG at Border Security Force and Sashastra Seema Bal, Aditya Mishra has done everything possible to ensure the country's safety and security. In an exclusive interview with The Global Times, he narrates his story in its full glory.

### On being a police officer

**Having been in the police for almost 30 years, how has your journey been so far?**

In every government service, the journey is almost the same: you start at a specific post and, after regular promotions, end up at a higher one. In Indian Police Service, the first post is of Assistant Superintendent of Police, then Superintendent of Police and from then on you grow. So far, my journey has been great. Even after negative interactions, I knew, at the end of the day, what I was doing was for the betterment of our society. Police is one service that is directed towards helping people in distress, and that feeling is great.

**Have you ever had to encounter failure in your journey? How did you deal with it?**

Failure is an inevitable part of life, a part that should never discourage you from trying new things. It makes you wiser and smarter. Whether you achieve success or failure, you should always look at it like a life experience, an event that can teach you. Success teaches you to stay humble and failure teaches you to try harder. Even when I had to face failure, I took it as a lesson, a way to learn more and more and to improve myself. I am glad for the experiences I have had because they have taught me all that I know.

### On Dial 100

**What is the story behind '100'?**

Many years ago, the Department of Telecom introduced a simple helpline number which was free of charge to dial. It was an unmetered, easy-to-remember number which made it popular and since then, everyone has been using it as the ultimate helpline number. But the sad reality is that it will soon phase out. With more and more people traveling abroad, the need of the hour is an international helpline number that can be operated in every country of the world, which gave birth to '112'. Over the next few years, India, too, will make a shift from 100 to 112.

**How does Dial 100 work?**

Dial 100 works at three different levels. At the first exchange level, we receive around 20 lakh calls which are mostly made out of curiosity. At the second level, the person calling is asked to dial a number to continue the call. So, out of these 20 lakh calls, only about 2 lakh calls get through, most of which are made for general enquiries, resulting in around 20,000 calls that we actually have to respond to and register in our database with the details and the recorded conversation between the caller and our team.

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Contrary to popular belief, Brahmaputra river does not originate in India. It begins from Angsi glacier in Tibet, where it is called Tsangpo.



Brahmaputra

# World at a glance

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

UK



**Karl Marx's tomb vandalised**  
In a targeted attack, the marble plaque on Karl Marx's tomb in London was repeatedly hit with a blunt metal instrument. The lettering and stonework of the tomb was singled out and damaged. The plaque, the monument's oldest and most fragile part, carried the names of Marx and his family.

Russia



**New missile systems by 2021**  
In response to USA's planned exit from a landmark nuclear arms control pact, Russia, too, is aiming to develop two new missile launch systems before 2021. The military will work on creating land-based systems for an existing ship-launched cruise missile and one for longer-range hypersonic missiles which travel at least five times the speed of time.

China



**Welcoming the year of the pig**  
Greeting the Year of the Pig with open arms, the Chinese community of the world celebrated the Lunar New Year with prayers, family gatherings and shopping extravaganza. Hundreds of millions of people travelled back to their hometown in mainland China in the world's largest annual migration.

Hong Kong



**WWI grenade found**  
A German hand grenade from World War I era was found in a shipment of potatoes delivered from France to Calbee crisp-making factory in Hong Kong. The grenade, 8 cm wide, was in unstable conditions and defused using a high-pressure water firing technique by a bomb squad.

India



**A separate division for Ladakh**  
The Jammu and Kashmir government has ordered the creation of a separate administrative division for Ladakh region, comprising of Leh and Kargil districts. The region wanted a separate division due to unique topographic and cultural conditions and its distance from Srinagar. The state will now have three divisions: Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh.

UAE



**Historic visit by Pope Francis**  
Pope Francis, the first ever Pontiff to visit an Arabian Peninsula, landed in Abu Dhabi to be greeted by Crown Prince Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed al-Nahyan. Taking part in an interfaith conference, he also held Mass, attended by more than 135,000 people.



**Once-in-a-century flood in Townsville**  
Australia had to deploy its military services in the city of Townsville and neighbouring areas to help with the on-going flood that has inundated homes, schools, and airports, forcing many to flee the country's northeast region. Receiving more than 3.3 ft. of rain in just a week, it has beaten the previous record of 1998. More than 1100 people have called in the emergency services for help and around 400 Townsville residents had to find another shelter.

USA



**Plans to deploy 3750 troops on border**  
USA plans to send nearly 4000 soldiers to its border shared with Mexico, making the number of active duty forces to be around 4350. The deployed forces are to provide additional support to the border security and customs agencies, and will be working towards constructing a new barrier of 241 kms of barbed wires.

Venezuela



**Maduro not ruling out civil war as an option**  
In a TV interview, Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro has said that he is not ruling out the possibility of a civil war as pressure mounts on him to step down after opposition leader Juan Guaidó declared himself as interim President and won the backing of USA and various European countries. Maduro has retained the support of the military as Guaidó aligns himself with Air Force.

Ghana



**New visa restrictions over deportee argument**  
The citizens of Ghana will have to deal with new and stricter visa restrictions to visit USA after their country refused to accept 7000 Ghanaian nationals that US wanted to deport. The country has accused USA of inhumane treatments of the deportees and not giving them enough time to confirm their nationalities. On the other hand, USA blames Ghana for not living up to its obligations under international law.





It is geologically one of the youngest rivers in the world, as its upper portion was not discovered till the mid-1880s.

# A (book)ish conversation

## If Your Books Could Talk, Would They Be Worth Listening To?

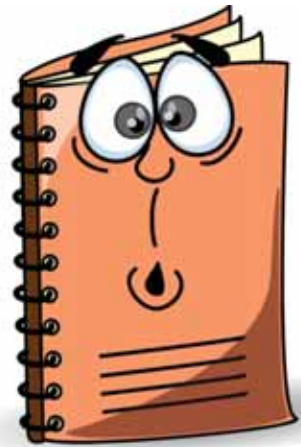
Kriti Panwar

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The aroma in the air called for a beautiful day when you only want the company of a cup of coffee and an enchanting novel that takes you to a magical world. But alas! The student life has only handed me a glass of Bournvita milk and an abundance of textbooks that I never want to open. With a heavy heart, I plunge my hand into my bag pack and surprisingly, heard a clamour of voices emanating from my books. With a jolt, I took my books out of the bag, scared and astonished at the same time, and wait for what they have come to tell me.

### History textbook

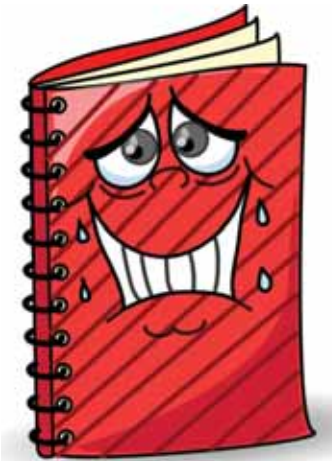
Hey kid, remember me? I'm your History textbook, the one



that only comes out a day before the exam. I know you and I don't get along well, but you can't deny the fact that I am more efficient than any sleeping pill could ever be. And even your hatred for me has compelled you to draw hair on the bald men of different centuries who reside in me, and I want to thank you for that. They have stopped fighting with each other now as most of their time is spent admiring their new hairstyles and moustaches in the mirror.

### Maths textbook

Hi there! I know you think that I'm the most problematic text-



book you've ever met. Well, to be honest I do come up with a new problem on every page, no matter how hard you try to make

me solution-oriented. But still, I bet my problems are easier than the ones you face in real life, right? By the way, I'm also the witness of all those times you did your calculations on the back pages. (And you thought you are so smart!) P.S. How about doing rough work somewhere else instead?

### English textbook

Ahh, do I really have to introduce myself? I'm the best (and



the slimmest). The others are so jealous of my body, and of my ability to keep you engaged for hours without making you feel bored. Although, I don't appreciate you taking me so lightly and reading me only hours before the exam, I really appreciate the attention. And please! Everyone

has problems, even me, so, if you see me falling apart, please get me bound and don't wait for one of my precious pages to fall out.

### Hindi textbook

Suprabhaat! I'm your Hindi textbook, popularly known as a



constant headache to all the lazy kids. You might enjoy the colorful pages of that stupid English textbook, but I'm the one who really puts in the effort to teach you your roots. And *kripa karke* stop mistaking me as an easy-going book that you can mug up in a day. I am a book that requires patience, dedication and a lot of efforts. All the difficult words inside me would take you a million years to comprehend, in case you were hoping to become Kalidasa in a day's time!

### Science textbook

Hi, progenies. I'm the all-rounder, the complete package:



three subjects in one! And yet I fail to make a place in your heart. The momentum with which you accelerate away from me doesn't please my boy Newton. Neither does the reaction in your brain, which replaces your study time with TV time, satisfy Antoine Lavoisier. In the words of Carl Linnaeus, "Use your mammalian body to study, not play!"

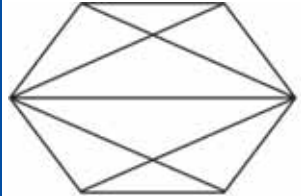
As I stood there still absorbing what had just happened, I could hear shouts of "OMG! He did that to you too!" "Lazy kid, doesn't read any of us" "Not worth saying anything." Before I could rise to my defense and say something, they vanished. [G.U](#)

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# Happenings @ AUMP

## Amity University, Madhya Pradesh Opens Up A Plethora Of Activities In Campus



### Blood donation camp

Amity University Madhya Pradesh organised a blood donation camp in collaboration with Gajra Raje Medical College and Hospital on September 28, 2018. Over 300 students, faculty members

including the VC, donated blood to the hospital blood bank. AUMP has been undertaking several campaigns like Swachhta Abhiyaan, adoption of villages, march of Gwalior towards becoming a smart city etc.

### Click-o-mania

To let students talk through their photos, Amity School of Communication, AUMP, organised its annual photography competition, Click-o-mania providing a platform to budding photographers to showcase their talent. The theme of this year's competition was 'My city, smart city' aiming to create awareness regarding the upcoming smart projects in various cities and the benefits associated with them.

The entries included pictures of various projects highlighting the changing scenario in the country, government initiatives, etc. Sanjay Dutt Sharma, who specialises in building smart cities and wildlife photography was the chief guest and in the judging panel with Ashish Rao, Assistant Professor, AUUP Noida. The guests and jury enlightened the gathering about the changing dynamic trends in the world of photography.



The first position was bagged by Rishi Garg from Gwalior Glory High School, along with Neeraj Kevri of The Radiant

School and Abhishek Tomar of Amity Gwalior following close behind at second and third positions respectively.

### Mann ki baat

AUMP proudly became the venue partner and facilitated in conducting 'Gwalior ke Mann ki Baat' and 'Ananya Samman'. The panel discussion saw participation of eminent personalities like Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, cabinet minister for rural development & panchayati raj; Smt Maya Singh, minister for urban development & housing, Govt

of MP; Shri Raghu Thakur, Samajwadi Party; Shri MS Bitta, chairman, All India Antiterrorist Front; Shri Ram Niwas Rawat, executive president, MP Congress Committee and Shri Vivek Shejwalkar, mayor, Gwalior and VC, AUMP. The panel discussion conducted in partnership with ZEE TV MP focused on the socio-political scenario of Gwalior.



It was followed by 'Ananya Samman' which honoured the martyrs who sacrificed their life in the service of the nation. The channel also honoured the brave soldiers from Madhya Pradesh and their families.

### Agricultural communications

Amity University Madhya Pradesh hosted a team of twenty scientists and assistant professors from different state agriculture universities who were selected by ICAR for sponsored winter school on 'Extension and Communication Approaches for Sustainable Agriculture'. The extensive two-day workshop was organised by Department of

Agricultural Extension and Communication, RVSKV College of Agriculture, Gwalior from October 3-4, 2018. A workshop was also organised on the occasion, highlighting the need for communication of developmental messages as well as agricultural communication. The workshop proved to be a very enriching and fulfilling experience for all the attendees.





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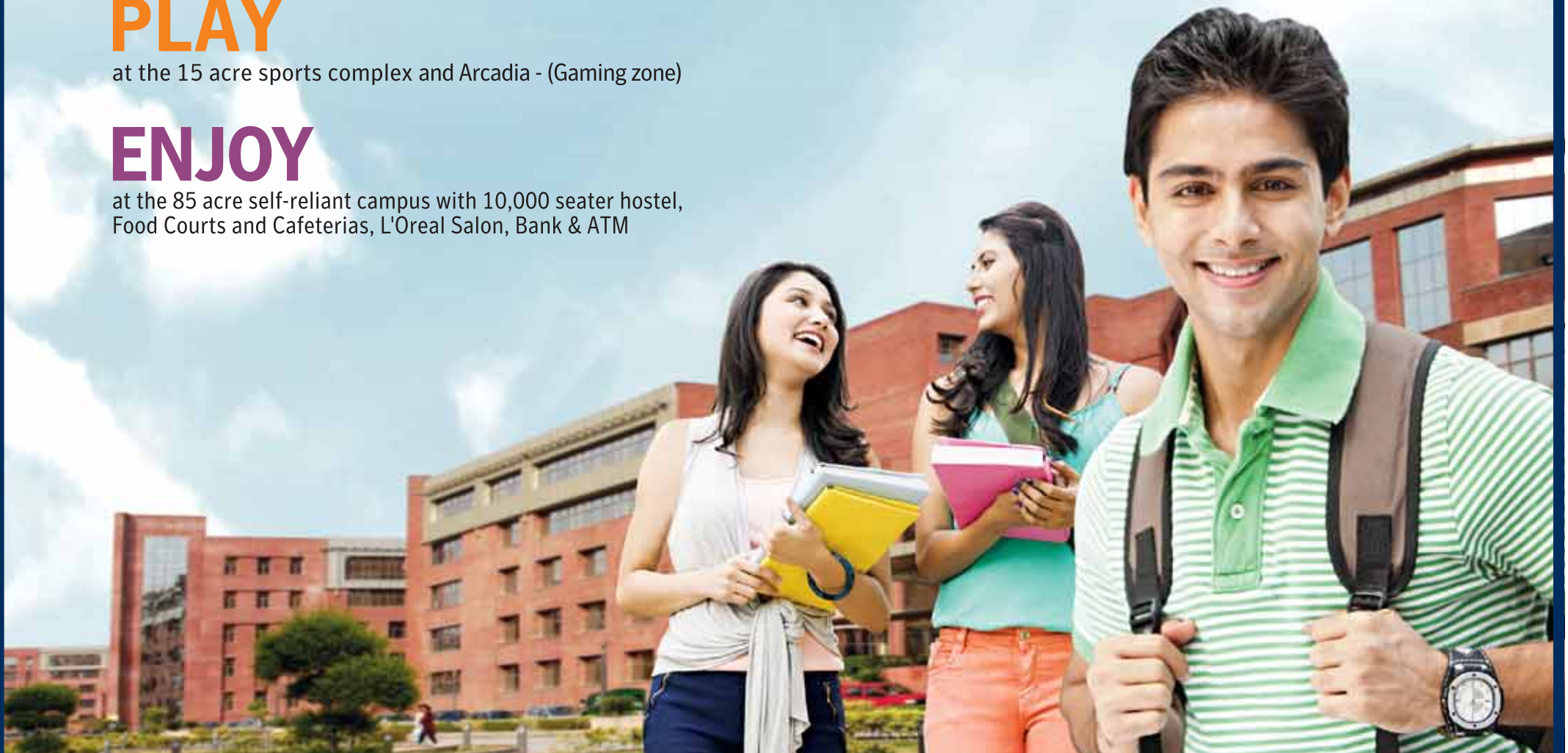
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Brahmaputra is considered the fifth strongest river in the world in terms of flow rate.

## Block Bigger Than A Leak

Sanah Munjal, XI I & Toyam Khanna, X F  
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A writer’s block? Basically, a terrible menace that pumps all the good ideas out and makes everything you write look irrational. You type words and you delete them, you come up with ideas but all seem worthless, you give it your best shot but oops, the words and phrases just don’t seem to do justice with you. But does this happen only with writers?

### What if....

With a heavy heart and a doomed face, our protagonist enters this three storey house. It has a total of 6 washrooms, 22 taps and basically a lot for the plumber to do. He’s been working for this family for the last ten years and hasn’t yet given them a single chance to complain. But he’s afraid that today might just not be the day to go and fix their tap. Our hero, Mr Plumber has been to four houses since morning but was impotent in solving any of their miseries. He is taken to the washroom on the second floor to fix the

## Can your Plumber fix this?

leaking tap and do something about the busted pipe. He gears up and has a ‘get set go’ attitude to fasten the taps and fix the pipes. He wants to make sure that this doesn’t become the fifth house of the day where he gets to show his impuissant skills. But won’t it be hilariously absurd when I tell you that he starts to pack his tools after seeing the leaking tap? He tries to fix it but doesn’t know what to do; he tries to put his tools here and there, but doesn’t know how to go about it; he has applied all his knowledge of fixing and repairing but things just don’t seem to be working out. Yes, you’re right; it’s the PLUMBER’S BLOCK. He’s suffering from this incurable ailment that doesn’t allow him to do his job of being a hero.

### Just so you know...

Being a plumber demands great strength, physically and mentally. You need to do the toughest of jobs in a not-so-pleasant environment of the restroom. After all, repairing a faucet while you hear the uncanny noises from the other jets and taps and flushes may sound like a sweet gig, but you might also spend your evening crammed under the stinky sinks of strange kitchens, trying to repair them. It gives us shivers to imagine what the world would be like if our plumbers and electricians had a block, that wouldn’t allow them to continue being their heroic self. A block that would stop them from saving us from our menial yet huge troubles. I’m sure none of us can imagine something like a plumber’s block or an electrician’s block, but let’s be appreciative that it hasn’t happened yet because life without these people is kind of unimaginable. We owe them a lot; a lot of respect, a lot of love and a gargantuan thanks for being their valiant selves and saving us each and every time, without fail.

# A holiday of terrors

## Can Being Over-Conscious Spoil Your Vacay Mood?

Arshya Gupta, X B & Aman Singh, XI B, AIS PV

We’re all familiar with the excitement that accompanies a vacation. And the packing, oh the packing, we always pack three extra trousers and four extra t-shirts, just in case it rains or we happen to spill coffee over ourselves, clumsy as we are. Unfortunately, once we’ve embarked on the journey, our mind is filled with anxieties of what might just go wrong. Well, here’s a list of our apprehensions (no filter).

**100% zeal 0% battery**  
The most horrible atrocity that can happen to us – a dead

phone. Add insult to the injury – no charger either. And there goes the dream of being the next insta star to the drain. You may be ‘all charged up’ for the vacation, but the phone’s red battery indicator begs to differ.

**The lost treasure**  
Life comes a full circle, and so does the conveyor belt. The realisation slaps you in the face, as you await your luggage, only to realise that it isn’t coming around. All those permutations and combinations of packing go waste. How will you now match your new reflectors with your old shorts while walking on the beach?

**Recreating Exorcist**  
You packed everything – the

reflectors, shorts, flip-flops...except that one thing that you absolutely needed – your passport. “Passport, please.” “It isn’t with me, but I can tell you exactly where it is on my nightstand!”

**Sher-locked out**  
What if you tried your best to be Sherlock Holmes, calculated all odds and variables, booked the right hotel room from the right sources, only to find out that the website duped you and you are left stranded on the streets of a strange new city? ‘Elementary, dear Watson!’

**Young, dumb & broke**  
Forget being robbed by someone else, can you imagine

being robbed by your own self? What if you forget to bring the wads of cash and/or your credit cards? No money = no hope.

Dear reader, while these thoughts may seem straight out of a horror movie, at the end of the day, they’re mere thoughts, which will trigger your anxieties. So, if overthinking is the name of your game, then why not play the positive swing? Go wild with your thoughts, but on all the things that can go right and make your (holi)day one to be remembered!

*P.S. Don’t lose your passport though, the airport security staff might not be as lenient as our imagination!*

**“Passport please.”**  
**“It isn’t with me, but I can tell you exactly where it is on my nightstand!”**



# Wars of better generation

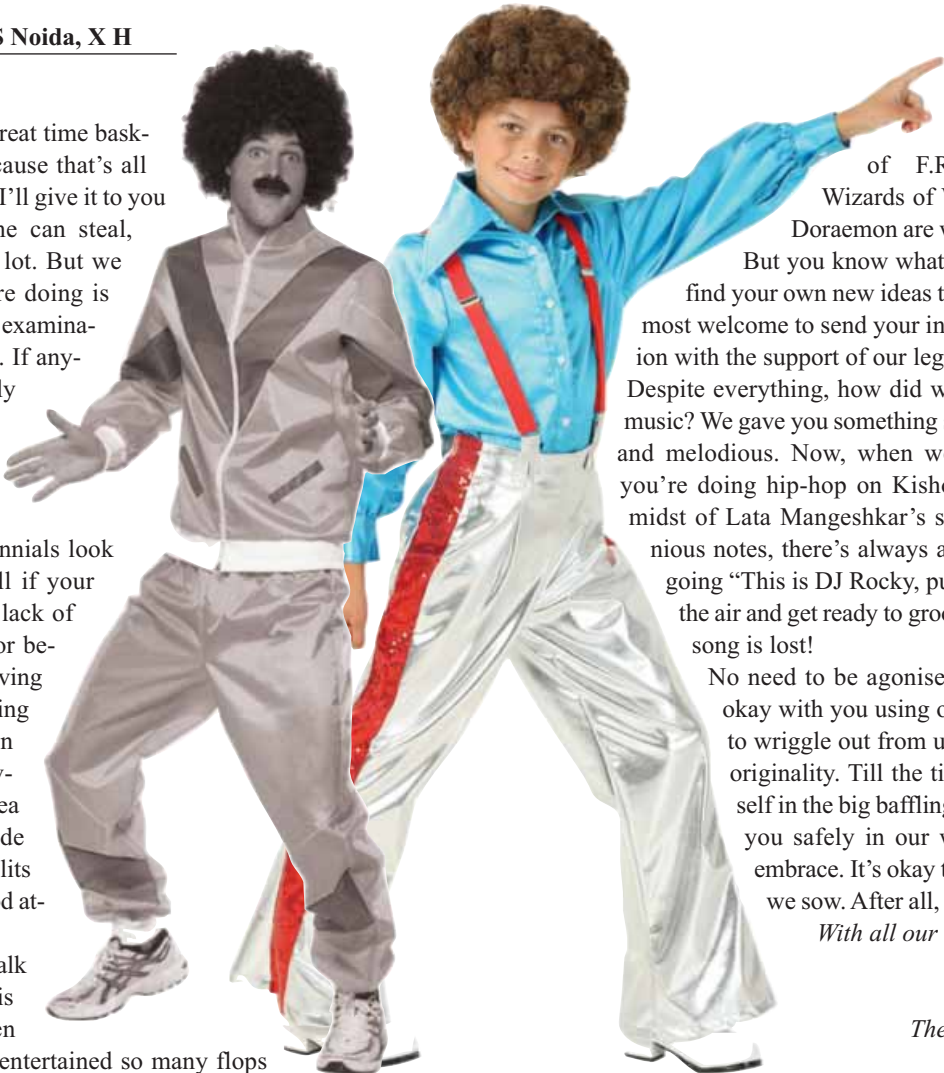
## An Open Letter From A Salty Generation To Another

Manisha Mishra, AIS Noida, X H

### Dear Gen Z

We hope you’re having a great time basking in your cool name because that’s all the authenticity you retain. I’ll give it to you children though: if anyone can steal, twist, and claim, it’s your lot. But we 90s don’t mind; all you are doing is passing your philosophical examinations of life with our notes. If anything, we give our elderly ardour and blessings to you. To begin with, your clothes are simply commendable. When we millennials look at you, we can’t really tell if your choices are a result of the lack of resources we left for you or because of your desperate thriving for novelty. Were you seeking to shed enlightenment on poverty when you discovered rips? If so, great idea man. Apparently, we made jeans, just for you to have slits in them, but then again, good attempt!

Also, do we really need to talk about TV shows? I mean this one, you guys did not even alter. Your generation has entertained so many flops



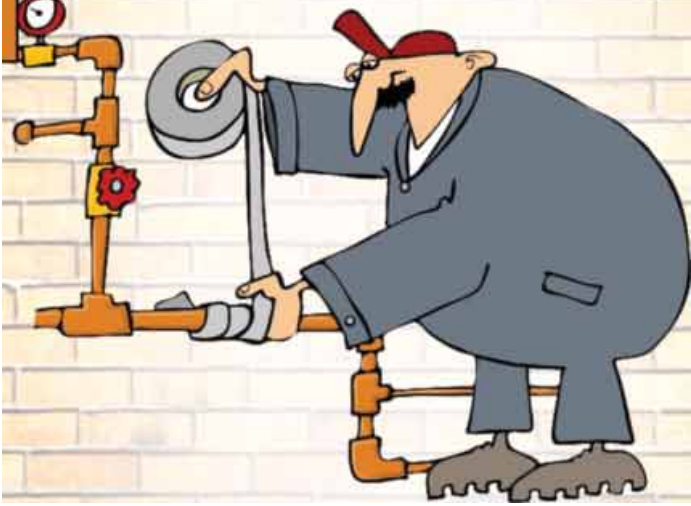
that now instead of bringing something fresh to the screens, reruns of F.R.I.E.N.D.S, The Wizards of Waverly Place and Doraemon are what you thrive on.

But you know what? Till the time you find your own new ideas to blossom, you are most welcome to send your insecurities to oblivion with the support of our legacies.

Despite everything, how did we wrong you with music? We gave you something so simple, so sweet and melodious. Now, when we tune into MTV, you’re doing hip-hop on Kishore Kumar. In the midst of Lata Mangeshkar’s soulful and euphonious notes, there’s always a background dude going “This is DJ Rocky, put your hands up in the air and get ready to groove!” And bam, the song is lost!

No need to be agonised, though. We are okay with you using our trends as a way to wriggle out from under the burden of originality. Till the time you find yourself in the big baffling world, we’ll keep you safely in our warmth-furnishing embrace. It’s okay to reap on the seeds we sow. After all, you are our babies.

*With all our unconditional love and support  
Yours lovingly,  
The (obviously) better generation*





The largest riverine island, Majuli is situated in Brahmaputra. The smallest inhabited riverine island, the Peacock island also exists in the river.



## The story of success



Dr Amita Chauhan  
Chairperson

Today I will share with you a story based on the value of having a dream, the willingness and strength to work hard for achieving it. As the story goes, one day, two students after completing their education, went to seek the blessings of their guru. The guru asked them, “What will you do upon leaving the school?” The first one replied, “I don’t need to work much and will do whatever my father tells me to do as he is very wealthy.” The second one replied, “I want to become something in life. And to achieve that, I will work hard and carve my own success story.” Upon listening to them, the guru gave two gold coins to the second one and ten gold coins to the first one. Another student who was observing this with a confused expression, asked the guru, “Gurujī, why did you give 10 gold coins to the rich boy when he did not need that and only 2 to the other one when he was the one who was actually needy?” Gurujī replied with a smile, “My child, the first one will need money all his life for his survival so it will be of some help. The second one on the other hand only needed enough gold coins to reach home. Thereafter, he will be able to achieve whatever he wants in his life, on his own.” The student immediately understood the words of wisdom. Remember, knowledge and hard work are the real wealth that can never deplete. Therefore, cultivate the value of hard work and perseverance and keep learning all your life like a true ‘karamveer.’ And I am confident that one day all my Amitians will create their own success story with their hardwork and determination. [G.T.](#)

## Winter cinders



Vira Sharma  
Managing Editor

This year, Delhi experienced a surprising weather. Winters this time have arrived with snowfall and wish to stay. The extended winters actually reached a new high. The chill in the air refuses to go and even the bravest of all this time, wrapped themselves in winter jackets, mittens, boots, mufflers and what not. You bet, some of their winter clothes would have finally been smiling their way out of the wardrobes. Amidst all this, we have bonfire get-togethers, afternoon barbeques, hot tea and *paranthas* and all that winters stand for. And we enjoying the thrill of the chill, every moment. But wait and think before you jump in joy. Going by NASA’s claims, all that glitters is not gold and all that shivers is not cold. Behind these chilling cold winds are the polar vortexes which are the direct results of rising global temperatures. Winter has decided to stay because the summers sent heat waves across the globe, altering the ocean currents, changing the wind speeds. A recent report of Earth’s temperature being more than one-degree Celsius above the average temperature of late 19th century and the surface temperature of earth in 2018 being the fourth highest in last 140 years is alarming. No need to emphasise that this is the result of the greenhouse effect and global warming we have been discussing all these years. This time, the cold is as hot as it gets and that is definitely disturbing! These snowfalls are actually a wakeup call for all of us to stop babbling and finally start acting. Now is the time to disperse our fundamental duty of protecting our environment before it is too late. Remember, each baby step taken by 7 billion of us will make 10 times 7 trillion of efforts to save this beautiful but dying planet. And such a mammoth effort is bound to bear the results. [G.T.](#)

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# Dreams under my wings

## The Inside Story Of How Even ‘Micro’ Can Contribute ‘Large’

Arushi Gupta, AIS Noida, XII C

**Y**oung and dynamic, Manjula Mishra, MD, Holosafe Securities Pvt. Ltd, is an exemplary and visionary woman entrepreneur. GT reporters catch up with her during her visit to Amity University for ICEL 2018, where she was conferred the ‘Amity Entrepreneurial Leadership Excellence Award’. Here are the excerpts.

### Underneath an entrepreneur

I wasn’t always an entrepreneur. I, once, had a regular 9 to 5 job, but deep down somewhere, I knew I wasn’t meant for it; that I had bigger things to do in life. Underneath an entrepreneur is a mind that is filled with passion. So, I followed it and here I am!

### Underneath a woman

When I started off as an entrepreneur, the industry wasn’t accepting. India is still a little conservative that way. Women have to work twice as hard as men to prove themselves and they still struggle to get recognition. Underneath a woman is a hard worker who believes in herself; because when you do so, there is nothing that will stop you from being the best.



Manjula Mishra in conversation with GT Reporter

### Underneath Indian GDP

If heavy industries are the wheel of an economy, then Micro Small Media Enterprises (MSME) are the spokes of that wheel. Five years ago, there was no talk of MSME development in India, but suddenly, the realisation that MSMEs are creating job opportunities and contributing hugely to the GDP of India prodded the government. Pro-

grams like ‘Make in India’, ‘Start up India’ and ‘Skill India’ were started with special loans and incentives for women entrepreneurs, and especially for women self-help groups. This has further led to the emergence of many women entrepreneurs in India. Who would have thought that underneath the huge Indian GDP would be MSME development?

### Underneath the dedication

Entrepreneurship can be a beautiful journey, but you don’t achieve that overnight. It takes a lot of hardwork and perseverance. Initially, you might question yourself and your decisions, but remember that your hardwork pays off. On tough days, remember why you started; remember what lies underneath that dedication. [G.T.](#)

# Commitment is the key

## In A Journey Full Of Hurdles, It Is The Attitude Which Matters

Aparna Ravi, Secretary, AIPS

**I**n simple terms, commitment can be best described as ‘the quality of being dedicated to a cause’. However, the word implies a much deeper meaning. It is the crux of every task you undertake and every relation you form with someone. Without commitment, everything is but a candle without a wick because nothing in the world exists without a purpose. The quality of being committed is a primary factor for you to attain anything, because it provides you with a purpose to strive towards your goal. It helps you to proceed and progress holistically as a human being.

### Commitment- key to fulfilment

To be committed to something, we must first understand what the word means. It should not be seen as some kind of obligation because it paves the way towards the completion of our goals even if it seems unattainable. But if we are committed to something



in accordance with our will, then it takes a whole new meaning. It requires an individual to identify the goal, develop a passion towards it and be perseverant enough to fulfil it.

### Commitment- key to a better future

As much as being committed is essential in any field, its importance grows when in the life of a student. It is not very wise to expect a child to be committed as their mind is unstable at a young age. Their mind devours

everything that is offered to them and it becomes hard to decide what to choose. However, it is at this very stage that the value of commitment should be inculcated in their minds, so that in the later years of life, they turn out to be determined in whatever endeavour they take on and not give up at any given point whatever may the challenge be.

### Commitment- key to self-awareness

Generally, we commit to other things

in our life but fail to commit to ourselves. Self-commitment is just that, investment of time in you. A lot of us go in to the world today not knowing about ourselves. Therefore, we make life-altering decisions without knowing why we made it in the first place. It is important to make a commitment to ourselves before we can commit to another person. We need to know what we are all about, and what makes us tick, this takes self-commitment which is even more important to know who we are and where we stand.

You eventually come to realise that even if you were unable to reach your goal, you have tried, and nothing is going to block your way from trying harder. Commitment gives you the strength to persevere through any tough waters, throughout any hurdles on the way and eventually takes you to your ultimate destination. Thus, it leads to the development of the self, the society, the nation, and the world at large. [G.T.](#)

Dear Editor,

This is with reference to the article ‘The starter’s guide to art’ of page 5 in January 28 issue of your esteemed newspaper. The article is a spoof on famous art pieces and how one can get a decent art piece in their possession. In a country like India, where millions sleep on an empty stomach, appreciating and buying art is not something which everyone can afford to do. But this article has



taken a humorous take on the topic, making it relatable to a common man who is unable to understand the aesthetics of it.

Vanya Tandon, AIS Noida, X C

Dear Editor,

This is in reference to the article ‘The wise vs the scholar’ of page 4 in January 28 issue of your esteemed newspaper. This article delves into the seemingly eternal ‘conflict’ be-

tween philosophers and scientists, stating ‘Philosophers and scientists never seem to go hand in hand on any given topic.’ However, another angle of it could be that of yin and yang being philosophers as people who believe in pure speculation without any solid proof. Since that was the case



for the philosophers of the pre-Socratic period and maybe even till the times of Aristotle, science is simply philosophy tested experimentally. In fact, it was the 16th century philosopher, Francis Bacon who devised the ‘Scientific method’ for testing various hypotheses. Philosophy is what gave us logic, applied even to our modern-day computers. So, in a way, science and philosophy are inter-related.

Kreetik Thakur, AIS, Noida, X K





When Brahmaputra meets rivers Meghna and Padma in Bangladesh, they together form the largest delta in the world.



Aditya Mishra, Additional Director General, CID, and Vira Sharma, Managing Editor, The Global Times with GT reporters

# ...of courage and valour

...continued from Page 1

**How many of these estranged calls do you actually manage to resolve?**

The statistics of resolving problems stand at 86% and 6% of these cases are directed towards the local police if prompt action is required. For instance, if someone has been shot or a car has crashed and we need reinforcement, the case is given to the nearest police station.

**Dial 100 has been under the scanner for delayed responses. What is your take on that?**

Firstly, we need to understand that it is a reactive helpline. A police unit is only dispatched after we receive the call. That takes time. Things have improved tremendously over the past few years. Our average state-wide response is now 15 minutes, which is not a huge gap. Earlier there were no dedicated vehicles for such emergency responses, but now we have around 5000 vehicles. On an average, we get 4 calls per vehicle and handling an emergency situation takes about an hour, which amounts to a 4 hour engagement. For the rest of the 20 hours, these vehicles patrol the streets to ensure the decorum. So, yes, the response rate has definitely become better.

## On police department

**The police department has always been on the receiving end of criticism. Why do you think that happens?**

Well, truth be told, the system is weak. So, attracting criticism is inevitable. Secondly, people come to the police when there is a conflict between two parties. One of them would be wrong; or both may be partially wrong. So, as police tries to hear the grievance on both sides and resolve the issue, it is rather impossible to satisfy both the offended parties with a solution. There will always be one party that will be dissatisfied, which will eventually go on to generate negative feedback. Thirdly, India is not a very disciplined country. People make intentional mistakes like not wearing helmets or three people travelling on one bike, which does not just hurt them but puts everyone else in jeopardy, too. In such a scenario, it is difficult for us to be soft. The police has to take a tough stance, which is disliked by the offenders.

**But it is hard to overlook the negative image associated with the police!**

That negative image has been created over the years, and we will have to go a long way before we can even begin to alter it to a significant degree. Children,

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from a very young age, are fed with a negative image of the police instead of the opposite. A child is told that he will be handed over to the police if he is involved in mischief. Corrupt police officials playing villains in movies have also fostered this negative image. Besides, the media is not highlighting the positive things done by the department. The general feedback is also of a bad experience.

**The popular opinion also suggests police as a bribe-taking, money-extorting entity. What is your take on that?**

Allow me to share a story with you. When I was a student, the main means of transport we had was trains and because of such a huge crowd, getting a reservation was almost impossible. If you wanted one, you would have to bribe the Travelling Ticket Examiner. You get

your ticket and the TTE gets some extra money. Everyone is happy and nobody complains or minds that this was an illegal transaction and should not have happened. There is a lot of corruption happening in many departments which is not talked about because everybody is happy with it. Whereas, typically in a police department, if you face corruption, you shout about it because it leaves you with some dissatisfaction and unhappiness. Police is viewed as a very corrupt organisation, but if you actually look at the data, there are a lot of other organisations that are way more corrupt.

**How do you plan to change this negative image into a positive one?**

The police deals with negative situations, so I doubt the response we get will be anything but negative. A crime takes place, police comes and arrests you; we are rarely allowed to handle positive situations. But we try our best to make sure we do everything to help people in need. If an accident happens, we don't wait for an ambulance to come but rather provide the first-aid ourselves. We also have special call centers where someone is always providing the answers to people's queries. Every time our department engages in something good, we share it on our social media to promote a positive image. We want to showcase our positive work to balance out the negativity.

**What are the biggest challenges faced by the police on a day-to-day basis?**

We have a few problems of our own, one

of them is that we are a male-dominated force. 95% of constables in UP Police are men. In rural areas, women are hugely involved in conflicts and having no women constable sometimes creates difficulty. Another issue we face is that constables recruited in earlier days were not well-educated. Constables with poor educational background and no communication skills find it difficult to solve a problem. People appointed 20-30 years ago lack aptitude as well as attitude, making it our most difficult challenge.

**Are there any measures being taken to overcome these challenges?**

Of course, there are a lot of things in the pipeline. Now that we have 20% reservation for women, the number of women officers is finally rising. The qualification required to get into the police force has also been increased from an education till Class X to Class XII. This will help bring in educated personnel who will have a better aptitude for handling difficult situations. We, now, also focus more on training police officers properly.

**What kind of pressures does the police department have to deal with?**

Police department is a sector that lacks sufficient investment, making it a semi-deprived sector. Though what you see now is the new model that we have worked hard to build, but if you ask an average policeman, he still feels he is struggling with resources. For a state which has a population of almost 23 crores, the police force is of 2.3 lakh

which means the ratio is 1 police officer per thousand people, whereas, the international average is of 1:300. So, our constable is thrice as burdened as a constable in any other part of the world.

**How do you deal with this stress?**

The only way out, in any field, is to strike a perfect balance between one's personal and professional life. As a student too, you need to study hard but you also must find time to do things that you enjoy doing so that you have created a perfect balance for yourself.

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## On signing off

**What message would you like to give to the public?**

The police is always with you. We have around the clock services just for your ease and for your help. Whenever you need us, trust me, we will be there without a doubt. There is no 'No'. 🇮🇳

*Interview conducted by Anushree Doharay, Suhani Walia, Srishti Singh, Yashi Singh & Akshat Gurnami, AIS VYC Lucknow, IX A*  
(This interview was conducted when Aditya Mishra was serving as ADG UP 100. He is currently ADG CID)



Aditya Mishra enlightens the GT reporters about the police and its many roles



The river passes through four countries, namely, China, Bhutan, India and Bangladesh, and its waters are shared by three, India, China and Bangladesh.



# The breaker

Storywala


Manasvi Dev Kashyap  
AIS Gur 46, IX I

The same dream every night. The only difference is that it becomes more and more real every time. It's always the same. I'm walking down a sandy boardwalk, enjoying the pleasant atmosphere around me. The breeze is heavy with the sensual smell of sea salt and strong coffee. Surfers, adults, children: the usual rush. As I pass one of the children, a diminutive and unthreatening little creature, not more than eight, looks at me directly in the eye with her stormy grey eyes. Her face expresses urgency. She

passes me on my left side and says, "Turn around, boy. The serpent's rage is out of control and you are alone. Go home." The little girl's mother shuffles her past me as I continue down the boardwalk in confusion. Suddenly all signs of human life fade away and I am alone in the wind; the wind that is now harsh and cold. After passing abandoned shops, I reach the end of the boardwalk. The grey wooden planks lie buried in the sand, pointing towards rocks serving as a breaker for the waves of the gigantic sea, full of mysteries. Low clouds hover over the rocks. After reaching the rocks, I consider my options and decide to

go around them instead. Reaching the end of the rock wall, I spot something glinting on the sand. I reach out to pick it but a burning feeling in my shoulders immediately brings me to my knees. I fall onto my back only to discover what I had been warned of by the little girl. Towering above me was a creature with huge fangs and a scaly reptilian body. The serpent. It struck again with extreme force, leaving me dazed on the ground. The last things I see are its mad red eyes full of rage and horror. The dream ends and I wake up screaming. I touch my shoulders as if I could feel the jaw marks. I try to pull myself together. I roll

**It struck again with extreme force, leaving me dazed on the ground. The last things I see are its mad red eyes full of rage and horror.**

out of bed and in half an hour, I'm walking down the boardwalk. I bump into a young woman walking her daughter to school. "I am sorry," I say half-mindfully as I bump into the woman. Her daughter turned around and pushed the red hair from her face. "Turn around, boy" was all the child said before I realised the implication of the phrase. And then I suddenly knew what was to happen next. 

## WORDS VERSE

# Memories remain

Pritish Bhattacharya  
AIS VKC Lko, VIII A

Till the end nothing remains  
Except for the memories ingrained

Things might be festive or dire  
The path might be set with fire

A lot more will come your way  
Don't step back, don't be afraid


Deceitfulness will make you perish

Will leave nothing to cherish

Mirror the virtue of kindness  
For that deed is priceless

Give your time to the ones dear  
For they might not be always near

In the end that is what remains  
All the memories that you've made

For that is what will stay  
Throughout every stage 

# Uncertainty

Anushree Doharey  
AIS VYC Lko, IX A

Oh, this task, what should I do?  
To find, what's beneath the mask  
Planning to face the crisis that awaits  
Questions many, I do ask

The bend on the road, a foggy turn  
I make a run for the unknown home  
I think while on the wary path  
Of what do I do to make this right

Here I see happiness and warmth  
There, full of gleeful laughs  
Being so clueless, as if in the dark  
Still stuck at the bend on the path


I see a mirror of gleaming grace  
And startled, I go take a peek  
To my dismay, I see a face  
Almost mine, but I feel unsafe

Hereby, she came asking what be  
While I was standing here silently



Lost in my thoughts, in my memories  
Of how God would come and help me

Still, this feeling didn't wash away  
Thinking what do I do to fix the day  
Maybe this uncertainty would go away  
Or perhaps God won't help me today

In all the confusion, all the pain  
Suddenly, it started to rain  
I felt an embrace, so warm  
I realised, I was in God's arms   
*This poem won first prize in Panaroma – an inter school competition held in Lucknow for self-composed poems.*

# Mug cakes

Riya Singh, AIS Saket, XII C

## Ingredients

All-purpose flour .....	¼ cup	<b>For chocolate mug cake:</b>	
Baking powder .....	½ tsp	Cocoa powder .....	1 ½ tbsp.
Salt .....	¼ tsp	<b>For banana mug cake:</b>	
Sugar (powdered).....	2 tbsp	Banana (mashed) .....	1
Oil .....	1 tbsp	<b>For Oreo mug cake:</b>	
Vanilla essence .....	¼ tsp	Oreo cookies (crushed).....	2
Milk .....	2 tbsp		

## Method

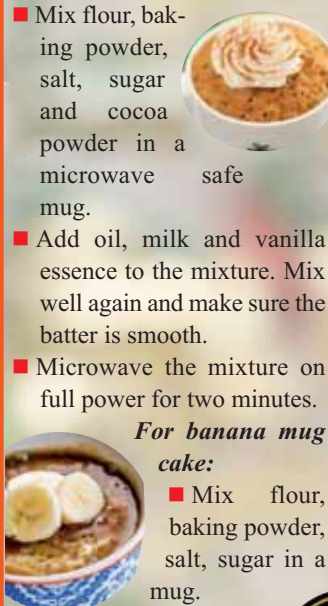
### For chocolate mug cake:

- Mix flour, baking powder, salt, sugar and cocoa powder in a microwave safe mug.
- Add oil, milk and vanilla essence to the mixture. Mix well again and make sure the batter is smooth.
- Microwave the mixture on full power for two minutes.

- Mash banana and mix it into the mixture along with oil, vanilla essence and milk.
- Microwave the batter on full power for three minutes.

### For Oreo mug cake:

- Mix flour, baking powder, salt, sugar in a mug.
- Crush the oreo biscuits and add them to the mixture along with oil, vanilla essence and milk.
- Microwave the batter on full power for four minutes.
- Serve these mug cakes piping hot and gobble them up in one go!



# Brush & Easel

Tanya Thapar  
AIS Gur 43, IX C







The Brahmaputra is known as the Yarlung Tsangpo in Tibet, Lohit, Siang and Dihang in India, and Jamuna in Bangladesh.

Pic: Resham Talwar, AIS Saket, X C

# Kindness always wins

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Short story

Aaarat Chadda

AIS Noida, VII F

Pieter-son was the son of a poor farmer. His elder brother Marcus, was a spiteful figure whose cruelty had no bounds. Marcus left no stone unturned to insult Pieter-son whenever he had the chance. Expecting him to be kind was like getting blood from a stone. Pieter-son had faced enough tor-ture at the hands of his brother. He decided to leave his home in pursuit of a fortune. He went from shop to shop in search of a job. Weeks later, he luckily came across an eminent shoe-maker who was searching for an apprentice. He decided to give

Pieter-son a chance to see if he was efficient enough. The shoe-maker was impressed at seeing Pieter-son working hard and em-ployed him with a meagre fee barely sufficient for his needs. Years passed by and Pieter-son’s mastery of the skill grew and so did his reputation in town. After years of training, he bid farewell to his old coach. He decided to make use of his skills and bought a shop in a nearby vil-lage. With time and effort, his shoe shop became renowned. Its popularity rose so much that it wasn’t enough to accommodate the growing number of cus-tomers. But this was the only success he was going to face in coming years. A jealous shoe-

maker opened a shop in front of Pieter-son’s and sold handcrafted shoes out of low quality leather but similar to Pieter-son’s de-signs. He sold them at a lower price. His trick worked and he managed to lure all the villagers to his shop. Eventually, Pieter-son’s earnings went down the graph. His customers no longer wanted to buy shoes that lasted years, but instead wanted to buy the latest model every year. Soon making ends meet also seemed an uphill task for him. One day, Pieter-son crafted a pair of shoes with whatever leather was left and hung it on the wall of his petite shop. A few days later, on a dark and dingy night, a beggar in rags stood at the

The shoemaker was impressed at seeing Pieter-son working hard and employed him with a meagre fee barely sufficient for his needs.

doorstep of Pieter-son’s house. Pieter-son pitied him and offered him the only pair of shoes which was also his last hope. He also handed him a blanket and served him tea with his very own frail hands. After a short chat with the beggar, he realised that it was his own brother, Mar-cus, whom he hadn’t seen in years. Marcus suffered a misfortune soon after his brother left home. However, Pieter-son decided to welcome his brother with all his heart. A whole year passed by and together, the two worked harder and made good quality shoes. Not only did Pieter-son continue to be kind and helpful, his own brother became a lot like him. The duo, making the best use of each other’s skills, expanded their business and reached a level of success no one they ever knew touched. A small act of kindness, turned the world around for both the brothers and learning from their experiences, they remained grounded and kind hearted.

So what did you learn today? A new word: Meagre Meaning: Lacking in quantity



Raunaq with his pin

## Mockingjay Pin

Raunaq Talwar, AIS Saket, III C

### Material required

- Gold cardstock
- Ribbon
- Butter paper
- Safety pin
- Scissors
- Glue tape

### Method

- Step 1:** Search for a clear picture of a Mockingjay pin.
- Step 2:** Take a print of the picture, big enough to be traced as a badge.
- Step 3:** Trace the image using a pencil on a cardstock with the help of a butter paper.
- Step 4:** Now, cut the traced image along the outline to make the badge.
- Step 5:** Stick the cutout on a
- colourful ribbon with the help of glue.
- Step 6:** Leave it to dry for 15 minutes.
- Step 7:** Mark the outline of the cutout with a black marker.
- Step 8:** Finally, attach a safety pin to the cutout with the help of a glue tape.
- Step 9:** Your Mockingjay pin is now ready. You can pin it on your shirt or t-shirt!

## Riddle Fiddle

Shivansh, AIS Pushp Vihar, II A

1. Three eyes have I, all in a row. When the red one opens, no one can go. What am I?
2. You can hear me and control me, but never see me or touch me. What am I?
3. Which tyre does not move when a car turns right?
4. I get smaller every time I take a bath. What am I?
5. Everyone has me but nobody can lose me. What am I?
6. Tear off my skin and I won’t cry but you will. What am I?
7. Which month do all soldiers hate?
8. How do you know carrots are good for your eyes?
9. How can a leopard change its spots?

Answer: 1. A traffic light. 2. Your voice. 3. The spare tyre. 4. Soap. 5. A shadow. 6. Onion. 7. March. 8. You never see rabbits wearing glasses. 9. By moving from one spot to another.

## POEMS

### Vacation

Pranavi Mendiratta

AIS PV, VI C

It’s time for summer vacations  
All are going to new destinations

But my concern is my nation  
For every issue, find a solution

A major one is pollution  
I have to make a resolution

Plant trees at every station  
Give them enough hydration

Another issue is education  
For which I have a solution

Educate girls at every location



And build a strong foundation

When I return from vacation  
I want them to see my creation

Each day is a new vocation  
To build a resolution

But this time, for my vacation  
I decide to bring a revolution

### Global warming

Mansimar Kaur

AIS Gur 46, VII D

“What is this, why don’t you care?”  
Said an alien, as he stares

Inside myself I feel a remorse  
Not a thing to change the course

‘Mother Earth’ is all they say  
But global warming isn’t at bay

Everybody here does cut trees  
But can they stop it, can they please?

“No they won’t” a friend said to me  
“Yes they will, now you see”

With greenhouse gases around us all



Nobody will be able to adjust at all

“But let me try,” I thought to myself  
Before leading many, lead myself

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AIS PV, II C



## It’s Me

### KNOW ME BETTER

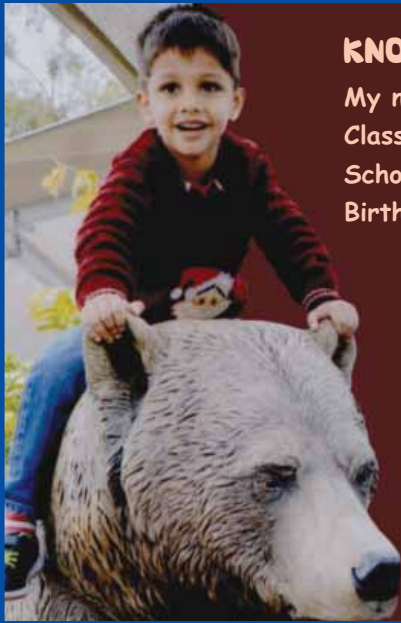
My name is: Hridaan Jain  
Class: Nursery A  
School: AIS Vas 6  
Birthday: August 24

### MY FAVOURITES

Game: Ludo  
Subject: Math  
Mall: DLF Mall of India  
Food: Bhindi with roti  
Book: Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum  
Teacher: Jaya ma’am and Pooja ma’am

### MY DREAMS & GOALS

My role model: My dad  
I want to be: A superhero  
I like: Watching cartoons  
My best friend: Vihaan







In Indian mythology, Brahmaputra is the only river which is referred to as male, the rest of the rivers are considered female.



Winners of overall rolling trophy with school principal, teachers and mentors pose for the lens

# Our flowing heritage

## Inter-Amity Heritage Quiz On Rivers

AIS Saket

School held 15th edition of annual Inter-Amity Heritage Quiz 2018-19 on January 30, 2019. The Inter-Amity Heritage quiz, envisioned by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF in 2004 aims to instill in Amitians pride, reverence and care for precious heritage and cultural diversity of India. Around 200 students from different branches of Amity Group of Schools across

Winners of Inter-Amity Heritage Quiz			
Category	First	Second	Third
Junior	AIS Gur 43	AIS Noida	AIS Vas 1
Middle	AIS Gur 46	AIS Vas-6	AIS Noida
Senior	AIS Noida	AIS PV	AIS PV

Delhi/NCR participated in the quiz based on rivers of India namely, Indus, Godavari, Mahanadi and Krishna. The quiz was conducted by Sidhharth Kurapati of 'Quizcraft Global', a renowned name in the world of quizzing, in two rounds ie written and stage round.

There were three categories namely junior (Class IV-VI), middle (Class VII-IX) and senior (Class XI-XII). With one medal in each category, AIS Noida won the overall rolling trophy while AIS Gurugram 46 and AIS Gurugram 43 stood first and second runners up respectively.



Children present a play at the event

# Dramatic winters

AIS Gurugram 46

In association with 'Gateways to Theatre', a weekend theatre workshop for students of Class II-XI was conducted on December 15-16, 22-23, 2019 and January 7-11, 2019. The objective of the workshop was to acquaint theatre as a creative medium of learning and imbibing life skills in children, to help them grow into confident

and creative individuals. The final presentation of the workshop titled 'Dramatic winters' was held on January 12, 2019. Students enacted scenes from 'Mirror mirror', 'The aviator' and 'Jackie'. Through this theatre workshop, the students enhanced their communication skills, learnt team work and the nuances of production. All the participants were also felicitated with certificates.

## NTSC 2018

AIS Mayur Vihar

Senior educator, Vikrant Manchanda (PGT Physics) presented his paper titled 'Kinesthetic learning in Physics' in the 9th National Teachers Science Congress (NTSC) held at Vikram A Sarabhai Community Science Centre, Ahmedabad from December 14-17, 2018. Out of 270 papers presented, Vikrant's paper was selected among the top 28 for special mention. The paper emphasized on how to make learning physics fun and simple by weaving games and exercises into the normal classroom teaching methods. Vikrant received a certificate of merit for the same.



Winter carnival welcomed guests the traditional way

# Winter carnival

AIS Vasundhara 1

A fun-filled winter carnival was organised on February 2, 2019. Everyone immersed themselves in the spirit of the carnival through a multitude of events. There were a variety of rides and games like Glowing Ghost, Challenge the Dice, Lollipop Tree, Tricky Trick, Lighting Candles, Rocket Blast, Columbus, Giant Wheel, etc. The gathering was much enthralled to

participate in fun filled activities like Talent Hunt, Art and craft, Tattoo Making, Tambola etc. It was a day full of thrills and shrills where the children enjoyed a plethora of activities. An array of edible delights, raffle draw and exciting prizes ensured an unforgettable time with near

and dear ones. The main attraction of the event was a special bumper prize along with other attractive prizes which included several electronic gadgets. The carnival served as a great opportunity to instill in the kids the skills of planning, organising and managing an event.

AIS VKC Lucknow

# An annual fiesta

## Celebrating Change Rejoicing Growth

On December 21, 2018, the school organised its 9th annual day on the theme 'Change - An eternal truth'. Rahul Srivastava, Additional Superintendent of Police, Uttar Pradesh, graced the occasion as chief guest and Arti Chopra, school principal, AIS Gurugram 46 was special guest of honour. The event started with traditional lamp lighting ceremony and welcome song by school choir. School principal, Rachna Mishra presented the school annual report highlighting the achievements of school during session 2018-19. Pawani house was declared the cock house for winning maximum number of competitions. Students presented different cultural programmes to celebrate the spirit of change. A western music mash up named 'Jon de Vivre' was performed by the school band and Class VI-VIII



Pawani house was declared 'Cock house' at the annual day

girls gave dance performance themed 'Shakti'. Plays titled 'Shrishti ka Srijan' based on the story of evolution of mankind from Manu and 'The dear departed' based on teaching respect for elders were staged by the students of Class VI and Class IX respectively. Depicting the importance of Science in eradication of evils like

superstitions was projected through a drama on Indus Valley civilisation by students of Class VII. A skit titled 'Jevehe karma kamaavadaa tevehe phalate' by Class VIII focused on how man carves his own destiny. Class IX presented a Ballet dance and a mime. A soulful qawwali and vote of thanks by headmistress concluded the celebrations.



Young girls mesmerise the audience with a dance based on theme 'Shakti'

# Sports day extravaganza

## A Day Full Of Activities And Fun In Sports

'Udaan', the annual sports day festival was celebrated pm December 1, 2018, on the theme of 'health & happiness.' The occasion was graced by Gulab Chand, Arjuna awardee and medal winning athlete at Asian Games as the chief guest while Jabar Jeet Singh, an international table tennis player was guest of honour. Amongst other guests were acclaimed doctors Dr. Deepanshu D Mallan and Dr. Divya D Mallan.

The evening commenced with traditional lamp lighting ceremony followed by school principal, Rachna Mishra extending a warm welcome to all the guests. The event kickstarted with a race by torchbearers led by Kartik Bablesh (Class VI), a state level



Emoji dance presented by little ones

junior badminton player. Tiny tots of Class Nursery and KG enthralled everyone with their emoji drill. Class I students mesmerised everyone with beautiful formations they made during their satin cloth drill while Class II and III students presented fusion drill: a combination of yoga, aerobics and karate. Students of Class II, IV and V participated in a 50 metre dash race.

The sports day also included fun games and races like 'catch the jelly fish', 'thirsty crow', 'the funny bunny's carrot relay race', 'tunnel and hurdle race'. The highlight of the day was 'tug-of-war' between the moms and dads, that was won by the moms. The day concluded with a felicitation of all the winners and a vote of thanks proposed by the headmistress.

# Moms' special

A competition titled 'Healthy Tiffins' was held for the mothers of Class IV students on February 2, 2019. The aim was to instill awareness about balanced diet and its importance as well as give the mothers an opportunity to showcase their culinary skills. During the competition, the participant mothers shared their special recipes with high nutritive value for the kids. The winners were then felicitated by school principal, Rachna Mishra.



Variety of healthy tiffins on display



# A Step By Step Guide To Achieve The Spotlight You Always Wanted

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Sometimes, watching videos hoarded with likes and comments have us wishing to be the center of that sort of attraction. But not everyone has the skills to become an online sensation. That is why we have decided to help you. Say hello to this brand-new and amazing week-long guide for those aspirants who have been waiting for a chance to step into the limelight. T&C Apply.

**Monday:** Create an Instagram profile. Plan an aesthetic for your posts and make sure to use filters and, most importantly, ‘FaceTune’ your pictures, enough to transform your features to perfection because the internet will not love you in your true self. Duh!

**Tuesday:** Post something amusing on Twitter. Struggling to find something funny? Feel free to view stand up comedy videos for some inspiration.  
**Homework:** View popular memes and take notes. (*Hello, friends, chai pee lo wali aunty* should be the first on the list).

**Wednesday:** Time to test your level of creativity. Decide a location for the shoot day with enough space but a large crowd to be potential spectators to your idiocy. This way, you get an audience and free publicity. Do something completely stupid and let the world watch you. Approach an Insta star to gain views like wildfire.

**Thursday:** Today we shall exercise your

# The fame GAME



vocal chords (not really!). Scribble down some irrelevant lyrics and go to the bathroom for the perfect echo. Utilise the gift of Autotune to make yourself sound like Beyoncé. Club it with your video and upload it on all your social media accounts. This might require some next-level skills, but if Dhinchak Pooja can pull it off, so can you!

**Friday:** This is the last door to your fame- the promotion day. Create a few fake profiles for online promotion. Just 15 on every single social media platform would suffice. Don’t make it too obvious like “go follow @youlldoitcozurdumb”. Instead embrace your inner Indian aunty and make it sound like “OMG! Did you see what @myrealprofile did? They are amazing! You should definitely check them out!”

**Saturday:** This is it. The D-day. All that smart work has paid off because your video is #2 trending on YouTube, because, of course, you cannot beat the feud between PewDiePie and T-series. Don’t get too excited with your 15 minutes of fame. It’s time that you begin brainstorming your next video.  
**Note:** Avoid anything that involves something intelligent or relevant.

**Sunday:** Wake up anticipating a million likes on the video. Open the site and sit there in disbelief as the new cat videos have taken over the internet. Sorry to say, but nothing can match a fluffy cat doing the electro shuffle. Well, better luck next time!🇮🇳

# In the dark

## Horror Mode: Switched On, As Lights Turn Off



Anvi Mahajan, AIS PV, X E

You think you are safe and sound until the time comes for you to get into bed. The very click of the switch engulfs you in the tenebrous depths of your room. It’s ironic how we see the most dreadful things in the dark. Our minds don’t require the ‘form of energy which helps in the sensation of sight’ to spot ghosts and poltergeists beneath our beds. It requires an unmatched level of inanity to be scared of things that don’t exist. No matter how hard you try, you just can’t help it!

**The invisible man**  
Every single night, a sudden thud makes you sit up straight as you clench your fists and hold onto your bed-sheet. The shady shadow of the same lanky, distorted man advances and inches closer until you frantically close your eyes and you shove yourself under the comforting layers of your blanket. Every morning it occurs to you that it was the shadow cast by your couch, but the shadow man still petrifies you, doesn’t it?

**The dripping fear**  
It’s past midnight when you suddenly hear the sound of footsteps trudging forward, eerily. Your heart beats faster with every passing second. You cannot help but let out a gasp, as your eyes wander in search of this unknown entity. If you are wide awake, you might also begin to hear hushed conversations and malicious laughs. It compels you to question your consciousness, until you draw upon the conclusion that it’s just a lost, eccentric spirit spiralling in the hallway. It’s only when you see the plumber fixing your washroom’s tap do you realise, how similar leaking taps and uncanny footsteps sound.

**The time to be horrified**  
It’s almost every other day that we find ourselves awake at odd times. But your biggest mistake is when you succumb to the urge of knowing what the time is. Because if it’s 3 a.m., the conversation of Erin Burner and Father Richard (from ‘The Exorcism of Emily Rose’) reminds you of the devil’s hour. You are coerced to believe that everything, from the flutter

of the notebook pages to the flicker of your phone’s light, from the stridulating crickets outside the window to the chiming bells, is a paranormal activity leading to your downfall. It is only when you wake up next morning that you realise all is well and vow to never watch horror movies again.

**The final curtain**  
Just when you begin to acclimatise yourself to the eerie silence, this one leaves you unnerved. The cold gushing wind enters clandestinely through the smallest crevice or creek in your room. The curtains beside your bed rise and leap as does the intensity of your fear. It’s just the wind, but what’s the point of watching Conjuring and The Exorcist if we don’t envisage peculiar apparitions veiled under the drapes? Minutes later, the wind stops blowing and peace is restored, along with your sanity.

**PS:** The writer considers all these shadows, footsteps and apparitions as senseless. Yet, she is found biting nails under the blanket when things start playing in the dark.🇮🇳

GT Travels to Egypt



Nandini Gupta, AIS Saket, V C poses with her copy of The Global Times in front of The Great Pyramid of Giza. It is the oldest and the largest of the three pyramids in the Giza pyramid complex in El Giza, Egypt. Oldest of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the Pyramids are the ones which have remained largely intact. The Great Pyramid of Giza was constructed over a period of two decades.

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