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"There is no place on the planet where people can expect to see conditions as they were in past."

— Chip Fletcher, Vice Chairman, Honolulu Climate Change Commission, USA

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# Looking for refuge

## Delhi Smogs, Karnataka Floods, California Fires: Where Will They Go?

Mudit Aggarwal & Nandini Sukhija  
AIS Mayur Vihar, XII

The world, usually thought of as a beautiful paradise, has its own share of tragic times which results in the skyline being blotched with pain and soil being soaked in terror, and it is in these moments that people decide to abandon their homes and go on an endless hunt for eutopia. A similar hunt that people of Delhi found themselves engaged in during the winter gone by, as the smog left them choked and exasperated. The shift drove home a hard truth - people don't seek refuge elsewhere only due to war, but a variety of other factors may be at play.

### Of climate and calamities

Since 2008, about 24 million people have been displaced every year as an aftermath of natural calamities. The slum colony of Seemapuri comprising Bangladeshi immigrants and the migration of 4 million Africans after the disappearance of Lake Chad are just the tip of the iceberg. In US, 2300 Puerto Rican families were displaced due to Hurricane Maria, excluding the people from coastal communities. In 2013, when Cyclone Phailin ravaged the coastal state of Odisha, the state witnessed an unprecedented scale of migration of fishing communities that had otherwise been based there for decades, and a similar fate was suffered by people of Uttarakhand where floods brought about mass migration of the rural communities. *In our concern for the refugees who are fleeing their homes, we often forget about the ones who no longer have a home left.*

### Of breath and lack thereof

According to Forbes, the next big migra-



There are more than **139 million** interstate migrants in India

**35%** of Delhi population is willing to move to other states due to air pollution

**200 million** people displaced worldwide as a result of calamities between 2008-2016.

**50-120 million** may become climate refugees due to wreckage by Sundarbans in Bangladesh.

Bangladesh: **1** of the most natural disaster prone country.

tion won't be caused by war or hunger, but due to pollution. With New Delhi being the home of air pollution, gone are those days when people migrated to the capital but rather now Delhiites, unable to bear the polluted environment, have already packed their bags to move far away to cleaner cities like Bengaluru, Cochin and Pondicherry, contributing to 25% of the overall shifting. Annually, around 2.5 million deaths are attributed to pollution, and with Delhi being its dirty self, no wonder a major chunk of its population wants to move away. China, too, suffers from the same problem. Researches signify that when pollution in a country increases by about 10% (keeping all else

constant), the population number also sees a decrease by 2.7%.

*As refugees cross states to get fresh air, there might come a time when there will be no place left on earth to find a haven.*

### Of hope and opportunities

Growing up with stories of our grandfathers migrating in search of better basic necessities, the world has now become an elaborate game of musical chairs with people shifting as the eutopia shifts. Studies have shown that 55% of rural families migrate due to employment while 67% of the urban population migrates to either a different city or a different country for economic reasons. With such a high num-

ber of migrating bodies, the statistics of various dynamic cities are being redefined by immigrants – Melbourne, Toronto and Vancouver with 40% of migrant population; London with 35%, and Dubai 95%. *As we hold tight to our résumés and start a journey to find a bluer sky, our homeland cries silent tears of negligence.*

Migration is the law of nature. Hence, be it people who sought refuge due to California wildfires, or Kashmiri Pandits forcefully driven out of their homes, they need to be treated with the same emotional empathy as war refugees. After all, we might never find an absolute answer to "Where are you from?" 🇮🇳

# Time to go nuke

## Dr Pankaj Dougall: Finding The Nuclear Way To Be A Success

Pic: Pankaj Mallik, GT Network

Udaybhanu Singh & Manisha Mishra, AIS Noida, X

Having served as a medical practitioner and worked in nuclear medicine for over three decades, Dr Pankaj Dougall is the Head of Department and Senior Consultant of Nuclear Medicinal Services and Medical Director at Max Super Specialty Hospital, Saket, New Delhi. A designated UN expert for nuclear medicine, he has been involved in teaching and training nuclear medicine physicians in several countries all over the world for over 12 years. Currently, also serving as the president of Society of Nuclear Medicine, Northern Chapter, he visited Amity University, Uttar Pradesh, for Convocation 2018 where he was conferred with an honorary doctorate, and imparted his wisdom on us.

*How has nuclear medicine evolved over the past few years?*

Nuclear medicine was not popular till the last decade. Earlier, high-tech equipments like radio isotopes were not available, but now because we have pet images, more cancers are being detected. 'Stating of the cancer' is being done which detects the spread of cancer. When I started nuclear medicine around thirty two years ago, there were only two institutions which produced about four such doctors each year. But now, the number has increased ten times.

*Considering the growing popularity of nuclear medicine, do you think it will replace primordial medicine?*

Nuclear medicine is a complimentary field. Though it will continue to play a huge role in medicine, one still cannot say that it would replace anything. For example, if a patient has breast cancer, it would behave differently in another patient because of the difference in molecular profile. We are moving towards molecular imagery through which we can identify tumors that can be attacked by injected radio isotopes which target the tumor specifically. And when you attack the tumor



Dr Pankaj Dougall with GT reporters

through therapeutic isotopes, emit beta radiation and give therapy, the attacking procedure also becomes a therapeutic procedure. Thus, therapy and diagnosis become simultaneous processes. This gives us a personalised or subjective way of treating many other diseases as well.

*What are the challenges ahead of nuclear medicines?*

It is the challenges you face that make your life interesting. One of it is that patients don't come to us directly but through other physicians. For example, a patient suffering from thyroid cancer will first consult an oncologist

who then, if required, would recommend them to see a nuclear medicine specialist, as many of the much-advanced medical procedures are undertaken by nuclear medicine.

*What message would you like to give to aspiring medical students?*

To do medical, you must be prepared for hard work and to be focused about what you are doing. Though it is a long journey, in the end, when you are treating patients and interacting with them, the feeling is very satiating. But at the same time, don't forget to enjoy the life you are living. Work hard for what you want but maintain a balance.


Dr Pankaj Dougall, pioneer in nuclear medicine



# World at a glance


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

Greenland




**Meltwater flowing into oceans**  
Billions of tonnes of meltwater flowing from the ice sheets in Greenland and Antarctica into the oceans can potentially cause extreme weather and disturbance in the regional climate within decades. These ice sheets are about 3 km thick and contain enough water to raise the oceans' levels over 200 feet.

United Kingdom




**Edinburgh introduces tourist tax**  
The capital of Scotland is one of the most picturesque cities of Britain and has had about 1.75 million foreign visitors between 2015 and 2017, making it the second most visited city in Britain after London. Edinburgh is the first British city to introduce tourist tax.

USA




**NASA's MarCO goes silent in deep space**  
NASA has lost touch with its first mini-spacecraft MarCO that went in deep space. It was assisted by two twin CubeSats – EVE and WALL-E – to test if such low-cost technology can operate in deep space. Having travelled past Mars, the twins seem to have reached their limit and now, it has been over a month that engineers have heard from MarCO. The experimental technology cost about 18.5 million USD which is only a fraction of what most space missions do.

Germany



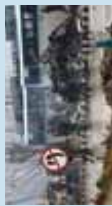
**Gully Boy gets loudest cheers in 20 years**  
Gully Boy, the upcoming release starring Ranveer Singh and Alia Bhatt had its world premiere at the Berlin International Film Festival, also known as Berlinale. According to Cameron Bailey, artistic director at the Toronto International Film Festival, the movie received the loudest cheers in over 20 years of the festival. Apart from Bailey, a lot of film critics, national and international, have also praised the performances of the cast.

Egypt




**African Union elects new chairman**  
Egypt's president, Abdel-Fattah el-Sisi has been elected as the new chairman of African Union at the continental body's summit in Ethiopia. El-Sisi is going to succeed the former chairman, Rwandan President Paul Kagame after his brief tenure of one year.

India




**Over 40 CRPF jawans killed in Pulwama attack**  
Forty CRPF jawans were killed in a powerful IED blast on the Jammu-Srinagar highway. A CRPF convoy of 70 vehicles was targeted by an explosives-laden SUV that was being driven by a Jaish suicide bomber identified as Adil Ahmad Dar.

Dubai




**Hindi as third official court language**  
Abu Dhabi has decided to include Hindi as one of the official languages used in courts alongside Arabic and English. The landmark decision was made to help Hindi speakers recognise the litigation procedures, their rights and duties without having language as an obstruction. The Indian community in the UAE is 2.6 million and constitutes at least 30% of total population.

Australia



**Australian parliamentary network hacked**  
Lawmakers and staff in Canberra were asked to change their passwords on the parliamentary network after an overnight breach. Australia's leading cybersecurity agency is investigating the matter and is speculating a foreign country behind the hack. As of now, there is no evidence of any data access, but the agency is still looking for evidence.

Finland



**Free money to boost happiness**  
With a goal to promote employment, Finland on trial basis implemented the universal basic program, where 2,000 unemployed people (aged from 25 to 58) were provided with a basic wage of 560 euros for two years. However, there was no improvement in the employment status of these people rather it resulted in boosting happiness and reducing stress levels.





The United States of America which has 5% of the world's population contributes 25% of the world's GHG (Green House Gas) emissions.

# Confluence 2019

## Leaders & Scholars Come Together For The Biggest Industry Meet



### CSE, ASET, AUUP

Stuti Kalra, GT Network

Confluence 2019 – the 9th edition of the international conference was perhaps the biggest convergence of intelligentsia in recent times. The two-day International Conference organized by Department of Computer Science & Engineering, Amity School of Engineering and Technology, Amity University, Noida Campus on January 10-11, 2019, witnessed the coming together of industry leaders, scientists, scholars, educationists and students for an invigorating exchange of ideas. With 'Cloud Computing, Data Science and Engineering' as the central theme, the event aimed at bringing together scholars, scientists and industrialists related to IT sector, from all over the world, on a common platform to inspire, help and provide valuable feedback to the budding and young engineering minds.

### Of words...that inspire and motivate

Confluence 2019 was an event that threw open doors to the un-

known horizons, and inspiring everyone to go an extra mile. But what inspired the most were the words of Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe. He shared that the current industrial revolution has left the industry with a dearth of manpower. The need of the hour was skilled and industry-ready professionals, something Amity was determined to nurture. The event was also graced by the presence of Dr Atul Chauhan, Chancellor, AUUP & President, RBEF.

### Of ideas...that will shape the world

Keynote addresses, research papers, paper presentations, Confluence 2019 served a generous dose of innovation in every form. The international conference received more than 560 research paper submissions across the globe including Afghanistan, Australia, US, UK, Germany, Russia, Japan, etc. After a thorough screening, 126 papers were selected, to be published. In the course of the two day event, around 25 keynote addresses were delivered by eminent speakers. The topics ranged from 'Behavioural models as digital twins of the digital thread

scanning software and processes' and 'Language driven engineering' to 'Developing the future internet for smart cities using intelligent edge environments'. Over 150 paper presentations were given by research scholars on varied themes like 'Cloud computing and virtualisation', 'Computer network and sensors', 'Big data and data mining' among several others. Industry sessions with more than 20 CEOs and senior officials of leading companies on various topics including trends in technology and industry expectations from young professionals amongst others were conducted. 22 MoUs were also signed with various foreign universities. The event also saw a CXO forum, where CEOs of leading companies threw a volley of ideas, whilst giving an insight into their respective industries.

### Of learnings...that will stay throughout

As keynote addresses were delivered, paper presentations made, a steady flow of ideas emanated, which left those present with information, something which is hard to find even in the age of internet.

While research papers brought forward the progress in technology, industry leaders apprised on the changing resource and expertise requirements of industry. Professors from Japan, USA, Israel, etc showcased their futuristic AI and VR robots, which could emote. As they explained the intricacies of how they can be used in safeguarding human beings struck in dangerous situations, natural calamities and disaster, the industry experts threw light on some very genuine concerns based around data security and privacy. Speaking on the occasion Dr (Prof) Abhay Bansal, Joint Head, ASET, highlighted the growing demand and limited supply for cloud computing professionals. He stated that there were 7.5 million jobs in China, 4 million jobs in USA and 2.2 million jobs in India in cloud computing domain, whilst that for every 100 posted jobs, there was only one qualified professional.

The event served as a chalice of learning as the students updated their core concepts by interacting with scientists & researchers, acquainted themselves with latest industry

trends, while getting opportunities to bag internships with industry experts.

### Of recognition...that acknowledges the best

Confluence 2019 welcomed stalwarts, whose contribution in their respective fields served as stepping stone to developments. In an attempt to honour the best, 'Amity Leadership Awards' were conferred on the occasion. The honour was bestowed on Lata Singh, executive director, IBM India Pvt Ltd; Shekhar Gupta, associate director (HR), Flipkart; Kapil Mehrotra, director (HR), HCL Healthcare; Amit Kumar, general manager, SpiceJet; Nitin Mishra, executive director, Goods and Services Tax Network; and Raju Macharla, country head, Bravura Solutions amongst others for their outstanding achievements and contributions in the sector. Honorary professorships were also accorded on the occasion to Prof (Dr) Manfred Broy, Technical University of Munich, Germany; Prof (Dr) Bernhard Steffen, TU Dortmund University, Germany; Prof (Dr) Shyi-Ming Chen, National Taiwan University of Science and Tech-

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If we continue to produce greenhouse gases, the range of rise in temperature will change from 2° C to 6° C.



Climate Change

# HEAD HELD HIGH

## Amitians Invited To Rajpath For Their Achievements

Watching the Republic Day Parade on television is an exhilarating experience. The defense troops have us in amazement as they march together in sync. The visually appealing tableaux of every Indian state reiterate India's beauty of unity in diversity. Just imagine what it would be like to witness this magic first hand, and not via some VIP pass, but on the basis of merit.

Amitians had a chance to witness this euphoria, as they were selected among 100 meritorious students who were extended a special invitation by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, to attend the Republic Day Parade, held annually at Rajpath, on the 26th of January this year. Well, here is our opportunity to live the very day through the eyes of our star students as they pen their earnest thoughts on having experienced an event of such a grandeur.

**Anshika Gupta**

**AIS Noida, XI F**

Watching the Republic Day parade is a thrilling experience. Watching it live from Rajpath is stimulating. But watching the RD parade, live at Rajpath and as an invited guest of the honourable Prime Minister is 'Unforgettable'. My joy knew no bounds when I got an invitation from the HRD Ministry.



Beaming with pride - Anshika Gupta

Our accommodation was arranged by the Ministry in Ashoka hotel. Senior officials conducted an interactive session where all the students introduced themselves. Making new friends from all across the country and interacting with the ministry's officials, I have understood a lot more about life. Amidst all the fun, the excitement in the group about the next day reached a crescendo by the night time. It felt like a flash before it was time for the big day. After rounds of rigorous security checks – finally I was there. In front of me lay the Rajpath – the grand avenue. We sat in a special VVIP section, next to the Prime Minister's bullet proof chamber and eventually other invitees also started to trickle in. There was an air of patriotism as the tricolour was hoisted and the rose petals were showered on us in tune

with our National Anthem and the 21 gun salute. The sheer impact of the first cannon shot almost really swept everyone off their feet. Tricoloured balloons slowly made their way up, taking India to the skies. The parade came to an end and then we interacted with our education minister, Prakash Javadekar. He congratulated and motivated us to keep up with the high spirit. Ending with this, we had our prize distribution. My being at the Rajpath that day has changed me. It has instilled in me a more powerful patriotic spirit and a desire to achieve more for my country and to take it to greater heights.

- Anshika Gupta, scored 99.6 percent in CBSE Class X Boards examinations, securing CBSE AIR 2.



Beaming with excitement - Pulkit Singal

**Pulkit Singal**

**AIS Gur 46, Alumnus**

When I received the invitation letter from the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of HRD, my happiness knew no bounds. In fact, I was too elated to even believe it. My parents were equally excited because not everyone gets such a privilege. Our seats at the Rajpath were next to the VIP stage, on which the President, the Prime Minister, the Chief Guests and other VIP's are seated. Watching the Republic Day parade from such a place, especially, when you witness the 21 gun salute, the

motorcycle-show and the air-show from so close, felt really magical. Later, in the evening, we were conferred with certificates by GC Hosur, who is Joint Secretary to the Government of India. Of all the elements that made the day exceptionally special, there is one thing that added to it, and that is the golden opportunity to interact and have a group photograph with Prakash Javadekar, HRD Minister of India. Right from holding the invite at home to beholding the whole magnificent occasion at the Rajpath till the very end, I found myself swelling with pride for the beautiful country that I am part of.

- Pulkit Singal is currently pursuing B.Tech. (IV Year) in Mechanical Engineering at IIT Roorkee. He did his summer research internship at Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru in 2017 and at Leibniz University of Hannover, Germany in 2018 and visited 10 countries (France, Switzerland, Italy, etc.) during the 80 days of his stay in Europe. He holds first position in the Institute and has been placed as a scientist in a renowned research organisation.

# Winning mantra: leader edition

## Confluence 2019 Saw Eminent Leaders Sharing Valued Tips In Order To Succeed

### Tech -the way forward



**Sunder Iyer**

Director, River Bed Technologies

“Technology drives the world. It has now become omnipresent. From computers taller than us to a variety of smartphones that we see today, an app for every service to the Artificial Intelligence; modernisation has been tremendous and database solutions have evolved structurally. It has made a huge impact on how educators choose to teach and how learners choose to learn. Everything is now available at your fingertips. This is the best time. Exploit your circumstances to get the maximum benefit out of technology.”

### True success



**Vijay Rastogi**

Director, Sisoft Technologies

“Innovative entrepreneurship is the order of the day for anyone who seeks to be successful. One has to keep thinking differently every day and keep in mind that success can never be achieved overnight. It is the result of years of hard work and perseverance for a vision. However, you must give back to society what you have got from it. It is also important for a leader to remain humble and grounded. From education you get skills and from skills you earn wealth and from wealth you give back to the society. That is success.”

### Passion counts



**Vishal Gupta**

Chief Executive Officer, Ajevi

“Keep your inner fire burning and do whatever you want to do. There will be many obstacles in your way, but passion, persistence and fire are the keys. You must have passion to do whatever you want to achieve with a fire that nudges you to act and achieve your mission. Only when you are passionate, you will be able to better your product or service. Being passionate makes you ponder over things like - how can I improve this, how can I change this, what am I going to do about this; and that's what makes you successful.”

### Be a team player



**Raju Macharla**

Country Head, Bravura Solutions

“Students should be provided with a platform to explore. Opportunity will lead them to discover their passion. Do what drives the passion in you. The world now has changed and now it is about growth and development of self and society. The whole system has changed. Now liberal arts is becoming more popular. Secondly, keep cooperating and helping. When you are helping ten people, there are ten people helping you. The world is big, and the pie is large enough for everybody. So, being a team player is really going to help you.”





Almost 11% of the world’s population is vulnerable to the effects of climate change, which includes droughts, storms, flood etc.

Imaging: Deepak Sharma, GT Network



# A (font)astic conversation

## A Tussle Of Fonts

Prabha Jha, AIS Gur 46, IX C

We often have a tough time choosing fonts don’t we? Though they might be completely oblivious to the dilemma that we feel, sometimes we wonder how it would have been if they were to battle it out for our attention. Perhaps, this is what it would look like.

**Times New Roman:** Greetings! I, Mr Roman would like to enlighten people of my honorable presence.

**Comic Sans MS:** Bro! Why so formal? Chillax.

**ALGERIAN:** Exactly. Even though I’m the senior most, I don’t really prefer being all formal and serious.

**Times New Roman:** Well I can’t. I have a lot of documents and résumés to frame. I should get going. Whereas you, Mr Comic Sans, have absolutely no important work to do.

**Comic Sans MS:** Are you underestimating my work? People love to read me while you Mister are a big bore!

**ALGERIAN:** Agreed!

**Arial Black:** Why are you guys arguing? Peace people.

**Comic Sans MS:** Here comes Mr Peace-maker. I know you are the ‘Head’ here, but do not interfere.

**Times New Roman:** Using puns Mr Sans? Why so?

**Comic Sans MS:** Because I can?

**Be Safe:** Guys please. I kept Edward’s Bella safe.

**हिंदी:** Have you ever been stuck to a hindi assignment and didn’t know what to do? Always, I come to your rescue. The least you can do is thank me and acknowledge it.

**ALGERIAN:** Well we’re glad Bella Swan is safe and did you hear your words Mr. Shusha? People don’t prefer using you. Just that your utility makes their task easier. But I, am the most decorative and senior text. So kindly acknowledge this fact.

**Amazone BT:** Really? I’m the calligraphers choice!

**ALGERIAN:** Yeah keeping in mind that you’re nearly illegible.

**Comic Sans MS:** Hehe lol

**Shusha:** ! \*inserts laughter emoji\*

**Times New Roman:** To be honest, I wouldn’t tolerate this insult... Anyway, TTYL.

**Comic Sans MS:** Hey Roman, trying to fit in with the new kids huh?

And so the verbal battle was postponed to another day...



# THE ART OF WAR

## Behind The Scenes Of The Fights You Have With Your Friends

Aparajita Lahiri, Deeksha Puri & Aman Singh  
AIS Pushp Vihar, XI

Sun Tzu can step aside and make way for this generation’s tactics on the true ‘art’ of war, where a war is materialised but no weapons are seen. Rather it is felt through sarcastic comments, indirect remarks and the heavy ‘unfriend’ button. Every place is a war zone, everything is dripping with intensity, but not a word is directly uttered. This is how a war goes down between two enemies who promised that they will be best friends forever.

*The exchange of eyes was so electrically charged, yet filled with hostility and then, it was known. This. Was. War.*

**Stage 1: Waging war**  
Aparajita updated her status, 30 minutes ago: “The saddest thing about betrayal is that it never comes from your enemies.”  
‘Bang!’ was the sound that echoed through the hallway. But in this explosion, people didn’t care about protecting themselves; they wandered around to understand the source of anger. The casualties were endless, and then a sound bellowed, “How dare you not laugh at my joke?” “How dare you ignore me and not send memes for two whole days!?”

**Stage 2: Attack by stratagem**  
Deeksha’s Instagram Poll: Would you rather stay in a toxic friendship or leave a good one?  
Also known as the calm before the storm, but not entirely. This ‘calm’ entails post-

ing of ‘betrayal’ quotes on social media, using passive aggressive responses such as the infamous ‘K’ and the murderous smiley ‘:’)’. This phase also includes propaganda techniques such as silent treatment and going around changing the narrative while persuading their friends in your favour. You know the game is on if people are being recruited left and right through miscommunicated information.

**Stage 3: Tactical dispositions**  
Silence wanes as both hit block buttons on Instagram, Snapchat, WhatsApp and Facebook. This includes giving each other ‘the look’ when the other person walks in the room. Your looks don’t have to be Bond to be licensed to kill. Multiple looks are exchanged between both parties and they create awkwardness for all those who are around. Many withdraw as tension grows to the level where it hits the roof. The tense environment even causes a rise in the temperature of the room.

**Stage 4: The conclusion**  
Deeksha and Aparajita have posted a photo on Instagram: “You are the one I look to when everything falls apart. You’ve always been my pillar of strength when I needed you. You are my constant, my best friend.”  
The Peacekeeping Forces also known as mutual friends, negotiate the terms of peace between the two warring parties. They create terms and conditions and provide legal counsel while drawing a peace treaty. A joint press release in the form of an ‘appreciation post’ is released to the public. And so, everything is back to normal. Peace is restored but the spectators await once again for the war to reignite and the battlefield to be lively again.



# Cookbook of memories

## Remembering Childhood, Through Homemade Magic & Nostalgia

Ananya Gupta, AIS MV, X B

“Baba sahib! Chai!” like every day, even today Rahul woke up to these words. Amidst the city chaos, busy traffic and noisy streets, Rahul had somewhat developed a taste for the previously disgusting tea. Every morning, he ran downstairs for his tea and vada pao. It was hard for him initially, to not start his day with his mother’s aloo parathas and milkshake. He remembered how mom used to bring it to his room and stroked his hair as he threw tantrums before finally getting up. But now, he gulped down whatever he got with some water and a pinch of nostalgia. He was terribly late that day, so he decided to grab breakfast on the way. Pacing down the street, he heard a familiar sound of “Fresh pakodas and tea!” Back in Dehra, he remembered how his mom would feed him with her own hands, whenever he was running late for class. “Just two bites more” she would say, stuffing his mouth with the whole parantha as he got ready for class. But things were different now. His growling stomach would have to wait till college got over. By lunch time, he was back to his PG, starving. He was craving his mom’s rajma chawal. He then decided to satiate his crav-

ings himself. “How hard could it be?” he thought. So he googled a recipe and started to look for the ingredients. It took him an hour just to find the spices. Cutting the onions was a war in itself. He remembered how mom never let him help her cut the vegetables, because for her, he was



always “too young to handle a knife.” He was finally ready to start cooking when he realised that the beans had to be soaked a night before. Frustrated, he gave up. He was hungry, homesick and annoyed with his life without his mother. That day, the cook in his PG was sick. He was left with no option but to eat out. Searching for places to eat near the PG, his mind took him back to a day when his mother was sick. He had come home from school and she’d promised to make his favourite pasta for lunch. She then told him that they could just order in. Mad at her, he threw a fit and stormed out, without eating anything. Thinking about it now, his eyes teared up. He wanted to run to his mother, hug her and apologise for never having appreciated her for all her undying efforts. The day finally ended. He was very hungry, so he decided to go out and buy himself some food. Suddenly his phone rang. It was mom. He apologised to her for being ignorant to all the effort she put in, about all the times he said no to her karelas and tindes, about skipped meals and everything else while she simply laughed. He promised her that when he comes back in the vacations, he will eat whatever she gives him. He then walked back to his PG, ranting about the morning tea, just like every day.🇮🇳



Over the years, the concentration of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) in our atmosphere had reached its highest, i.e. 410 ppm in 2018.



# All the best



Dr. Amita Chauhan  
Chairperson

It is that time of the year again when all of you must be rushing to complete your syllabus, updating your concepts and practicing one last time for the approaching board examinations. Knowing my students, I am sure that while some of you

must be revising your courses for the third time, there must be some who are yet to complete their first revision. In either case, my advice to all is to stop panicking and comparing your preparations with one another. Exams are not just a test of who scores the highest. While you must score well, it is more important to ensure that your scores are better than what you scored last time. The idea is to stretch your mind, and not stress it! Remember, the human mind has limitless potential and you can achieve everything you want. Just breathe easy and study well. Don't fret over marks. Your real competition is you and only yourself.

While learning is the primary motive of education, measuring that learning is equally important, for then only will you come to know what more needs to be gained, which new vistas need to be explored and which foundations need to be fortified. Our PM Narendra Modi also mentioned the same when he addressed us during *Pariksha Pe Charcha*. He said that if a child scoring 50 % improves and scores 55% then, that's a commendable feat because that child has paved his way to score 90 % someday. So, take exams as an opportunity to better your own score, your own knowledge each time. Your every improved score is one milestone achieved.

Get ready to take exams as a time to test your own limits and expand the horizons of your knowledge. You are 'The Amitians', no less. All the best! 🇮🇳

## Fiction to reality 4.0



Vira Sharma  
Managing Editor

Circa 1977... release of Star Wars and the world went into a frenzy. Flying drones, chat bots, Droid robot and Darth Vader the most dreaded villain who virtually controlled the whole planet with few keys held us awestruck.

Circa 2019... All of the above is now the real world we live in. The drones of Star Wars are everywhere. Flying cars already a possibility. Droid has become Android. Dart Vader's virtual control has seen the light of the day. Chat bots and AI robots can emote. 3D printers can print both books and brains. It's truly an exciting time. What we read and awed at, is now all for us to see, feel and live. The tech is accelerating and so is the world.

The best transformation of technology can be seen in how we are now learning and doing business. Professors are now only apparitions in classrooms and CEOs can be present at five different places simultaneously, working at the speed of light. This is what was discussed at length by industry experts and researchers at the recently concluded Confluence 2019 (read page 3) at Amity University. The world is now serverless and today we host data on clouds. On the other side, industry experts also warned on the need of the hour i.e. to make data not just accessible, but also secure. This has further opened multiple career vistas, the prime ones being data analysts and security strategists. Taking a cue from these exciting times and to make our Amitians industry ready, our Founder President also announced that Amity will be the first university in India where B.Tech 4.0 will be introduced to meet Industry 4.0 standards. Kudos to the giant leap from Fiction to Reality 4.0. 🇮🇳

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# Modern Mahabharata

## The Darker Side Of Human Psyche Through Our Great Epics

Yashika Thapar, AIS PV, XII F

The relics of the past are consolidated as a record but they, in reality, stand as a testimony for the present. The manuscripts that we hoard are not mere stories of leisure, but they provide us with an insight into the true psyche of human beings. They also aim to showcase a side of ours that we have buried deep under our conscience, a side we have always been unwilling to explore.

Mahabharata, too, started out as a story; a story that talked about killings, envy, disrespect and war. Without a context, it can easily be mistaken as a story of our present world, albeit we are still looking for an ending. In the book, chapter 3, verses 30-43 talk about the inevitable war, the definite annihilation of those who are unwilling to be a part of something that stands to be so certain. In a state of ignorance, a person seems to be unaware of or rather overlooks the events that are happening in his surrounding and forgets the ideal mode of behaviour he has to live by, thus starting a war.

This sure does remind one of the second Yemen civil war where the greed for power blinded everyone so badly that nobody was ready to give up, irrespective of the lives that were being laid down daily. What possible peace could be achieved after seeing this ugly sight of man, whether it was the past or present? The kingdom (read:



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world) is going into a distrustful and critical downfall after such a war.

The Kauravas, the ones who always had it all, outnumbered the Pandavas, but were still blinded by envy. Even after having all the riches of the world, half an empire and a family to love, they still were poorer than a beggar. Even in the modern world, no end can be found to the human needs and to the human envy. Social beings keep comparing themselves and in darkness, we proceed towards the instinctual envy. Irrationally running towards what you actually don't want and

don't need and being perpetually blind to your assets is a hamartia that can ultimately destroy you. Social media forces us to pursue irrational images of the world that are portrayed as the ideals we should follow. Envy towards them makes us tread on the path covered with ignorance.

Everyone sat silent and motionless, witnessing the sight of a woman being disrobed. Not a single 'lord', not even Bhishma or Dronacharya rushed to her rescue. Draupadi was disrobed, and even as she was struggling for her safety and dignity, the injustice could

not break her spirit. It is sad to think that the women of today suffer a similar fate, or even worse. The rape capital, New Delhi, has cases of girls as young as 8 months to married women suffering the devastating acts of physical & mental violence and disrespect. If we do not wish to suffer the same ending as the stories we read and classify as 'tragedies', we need to stop our animal instincts from overpowering our actions and conscience, or such stories will forever stand as a testimony to everything that is wrong with our dark present and bleak future. 🇮🇳

## Appreciation Mail

# We are happy...

## ...Truly So With All The Applauds!

Dear Atul jee,

I hope you have been well and that 2019 is off to a strong start for you. I am writing in part to congratulate you for the exceptional performance of Amity teams in the K@W High School investment competitions in the past few years. They have been bright and motivated students who have performed very well in the regional and global competitions. I am delighted that this year Amity has four teams represented in the regional finals, which will be held in Bombay on Feb 23, as part of our collaboration with the National Stock Exchange. More than 1,000 teams entered the competition in India this year - so the competition continues to grow, and I believe this will continue

even more strongly over the next few years.

When we first discussed this competition a few years ago, I couldn't have imagined how consistently the Amity teams would emerge as winners, and I am happy to see how well they've done. I believe a huge reason behind this is that all of you at Amity - especially your mother have been so committed to the students' success.

Best,

Mukul

(This letter was received by Dr. Atul Chauhan, Chancellor, AUUP & President, RBEF from Mukul Pandya, Editor-in-chief, Knowledge @ Wharton, University of Pennsylvania)



Team AIS Noida - first runner ups in finale 2018



Team AIS Noida - first runner ups in 2017



# GT M@il



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innovative business idea of making sturdy and imperishable packaging

from paper which are infused with seeds. At the time when we met him, we were filled with shock, surprise and wonder. The brilliance of the idea lied in its simplicity and the strong will of its creators to contribute towards the environment.

Writing a story is difficult, but writing the story of someone else and doing it justice is both difficult as well as exhilarating. We are thankful to The Global Times for providing us with

this special journalistic experience that did not just harness our capability to ask relevant questions, but also enhanced our communication skills.

This interview with Dhanish Goyal completely changed our overview of waste management and we eventually realised how even ordinary people like us can contribute towards our society, only if we put our minds into it and have a strong will to create change. It was a humbling experience and we thank our school and The Global Times for it. 🇮🇳

Stuti Kakkar, XI D &  
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Climate Change

# Fake reality

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## Storywala



Shivang Duseja

AIS Gur 46, XI D

The last thing Kim remembered was the intense feeling of suffocation she had while sleeping in her bed. It was as if an invisible force was pushing into her throat. Her stomach felt a sense of burning which then moved through her throat to her eyes, before she gave up, and lost consciousness.

Surprisingly, Kim woke up on the top of a tree. She was a bird, complete with a small orange coloured beak, large, scrawny claws, and a weird cloak of feathers permanently attached to her body. Was it all a dream, or did she die, or did her overactive imagination just play a trick on her gullible mind? Strange as it may seem, Kim smiled; it was a relief being a bird! It was liberating, for it gave

her a sense of freedom. A life free from homework, peer pressure, and loads of exams was the best gift she could ever get! Kim took off, letting the wings take her wherever she wished them to. To be able to fly was an exhilarating feeling. She felt the air brush smoothly against her fur, as she soaked the scenery like there was no tomorrow. The vast sky almost illuminated with a pale blue aura, emitting with it

Kim must have flown for quite some time now, for she grew very tired. She found a tree and sat on the highest branch, it was beautiful.

a ray of hope unlike anything else that she had ever witnessed. The ground was a nostalgic reminder of a life she had just left, though it now seemed a lot less daunting and much more welcoming.

Kim must have flown for quite some time now, for she grew very tired. She found a tree and sat on the highest branch, it was beautiful. She felt as if she had conquered everything in her path, as if the world functioned around her, revolved around her. Kim closed her eyes, and almost immediately, went into a state of meditative sleep.

And woke up, human again.

It seemed like a gutting betrayal by mother nature herself. Kim looked out of the window from the bed, seeing the sky, all dark and moorish, oh how beautiful it was in reality!

But as Kim longed for her freedom, she suddenly felt a creeping sense of intense suffocation. It filled her stomach, then her throat and finally her eyes. Kim smiled, with a huge sigh of relief, before she gave up and lost her consciousness. 🇮🇳



## Paper roses

Sejal Vachher

AIS PV, XII C

green)

- Thin aluminum wire
- Thermocol ball
- Glue
- Scissors

### Material required

- Crepe paper (red, golden and



### Method

- Gather all the required tools and materials.
- Cut 12-15 petal shapes out of red coloured crepe paper.
- Spread glue on the tip of the wire. Poke foam ball into the wire so that it sticks.
- Cut out a small piece of golden paper. Now cover the foam ball with the paper, with the help of glue.

- Stretch the petals a little and make a small cut at the bottom of each of the petal.
- Stick the petals around the cup of the ball. The side with the slit should be at the top. Keep sticking till the desired shape is achieved.
- Cut out leaves from green paper and stick them at the base of the flower. Your paper rose is ready.



## WORDS VERSE

# From the ocean

Vidhi Batra, AIS Noida, XI H

I am a serene, calming blue  
But beware of the high tides  
In my center that just brew

With the first rays of the sun  
Hitting my surface, it glistens  
With joy, a new day has begun

Sun tinges me in shades of noon



While I become mighty black  
With the slow rise of the moon

I am ferocious, vicious at night  
As expected, time and again  
The sun and moon fail to unite

I hold secrets in my surface  
Plenty of those, all over again  
Travelers have failed to efface

You know where to find solace  
For a sense of calmness within  
On the beach side, is the place

They call me a harmonist  
For making a soulful symphony  
As I become muse for an artist

Not this, I have a dark side too  
As I also bring in destruction  
Far away from your sight

Quite often, lives are put at cost  
One cannot escape nature's fury  
If, I wasn't exploited the most

Droplets would turn into pearls  
That is my only true story  
To myself, I am a mystery 🇮🇳

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Ans:

Q: Who interviewed Kumar Gaurav Khanna, National Alliance Manager, IBM?

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Q: Who has been elected as the new chairman of African Union?

Ans:

Q: What does 'a heart to heart affair' mean in the article 'Literally scientific' on page 4?

Ans:

Q: What is stage 2 in 'The art of war'?

Ans:

Q: Where does Aradhya Vasisht travel to?

Ans:

Q: Which poem has been written by Vidhi Batra, AIS Noida, XI H?

Ans:

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

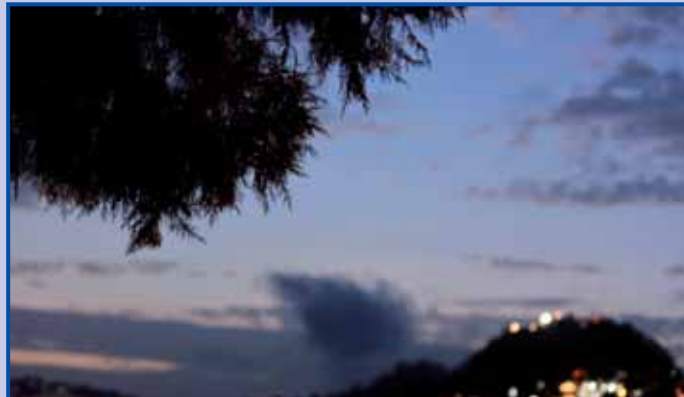
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## CAMERA CAPERS

Dhruv Arora, AIS Noida, X L



Sky is a hope to the ones in despair



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# We all fall down

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Shiny Verma  
AIS Gur 46, VII H

Mary was a storyteller right from the beginning. She'd developed this talent even when she hadn't learned to speak properly. She'd just lie in her cradle and make gestures towards the sky with the most charming expressions, and for this her mother had always been proud of her.

It's been a little over one week since she started with kindergarten, and each day was a new experience for her to share. Every day, her mother couldn't help but wonder what new tale her young sparkle would bring home from school.

With the smell of freshly baked cake filling her nostrils, Mary came rushing into her awaiting mother's arms and squealed with delight, "Oh mother dear, you know today in school a smooth-haired, fair, little girl fell off her chair. Poor thing she was just trying to rock it like a boat!"

"...perhaps a fair punishment, for getting into mischief," her mother said as she got ready for today's episode of 'In School Today'.

"And everyone in class made fun



of her as she fell, but not me," remarked Mary with pride in her voice and in her eyes.

As her mother got more curious, she asked, "Why did you not laugh while the rest did, my

"Every day, her mother couldn't help but wonder what new tale her young sparkle would bring home from school."

lovely little sunflower?"

Mary kept mysteriously quiet for a minute with a sense of trouble in her eyes and a naughty smile on her lips, and then replied, "Because mother the smooth-haired, fair, little girl who fell off the chair and hurt herself – oh what pity – was none other than your naughty little child!"

Innocence gleamed in her pretty brown eyes, as Mary looked up with those puppy eyes into her mother's, showing off the tiny red bruise on her elbow. Mary's mother was a little concerned for her daughter, but soon she realised that she was growing faster than she had actually anticipated. She also realised that sometimes Mary will fall and will then gracefully tell that story with a smile on her face and laughter in her voice.

So what did you learn today?  
A new word: Gleamed  
Meaning: Shining brightly, especially seen in the eyes



## Chocolate ice cream bowl

Priyanshi Maheshwari, AIS Gur 43, VII B

### Ingredients

- Balloon ..... 1
- Dark chocolate (chopped) ..... 1 cup
- Butter paper ..... 1
- Vanilla ice cream ..... 2 scoop
- Chocolate sauce ..... as desired
- Perk chocolate ..... 1

### Method

- Fill a balloon with air and secure it with a knot.
  - Melt or temper dark chocolate either in microwave, or you could use a double boiler for the same.
  - Let the chocolate cool a little, else the balloon will burst when you dip it in the chocolate.
  - Take a spoonful of melted chocolate and spread it on the butter paper in a circle, just the way you spread dosa batter on a pan. This will help make base for your chocolate bowl.
  - Now dip the round bottom end of the balloon in the chocolate. Dip it halfway through so that the balloon is immersed in chocolate, giving shape to your bowl.
  - Place the balloon on the chocolate that you had just spread on the butter paper. (Make sure to do this while the chocolate is still melted, or the bowl won't stick with the base.)
  - Once the chocolate is set, slowly deflate the balloon.
  - Now start peeling away the balloon slowly from the chocolate to reveal your chocolate bowl.
  - Now that the chocolate bowl is ready, gently lift it from the butter paper and transfer on to a plate.
  - Fill your chocolate bowl with vanilla ice cream.
  - Drizzle chocolate sauce on the ice cream.
  - Garnish with slices of perk or any other wafer based chocolate.
- Your ice cream bowl is ready!

### It's Me



Hello, I am Suhana  
I study in AIS Vas 6  
I am in Class KG D

### Do you know friends?

I like travelling to places, skating and reading picture stories. I dislike fighting and being dirty.

My hobby is painting, reading and dancing.

My role model is my grandmother because she is a humble and kind hearted doctor.

My best friend is Reyansh.

### My favourites

Book: Sleepy Peppa's Christmas  
Poem: Aaj mangalwaar hai  
Mall: DLF Promenade  
Teacher: Barbara ma'am  
Subject: Maths  
Food: Dal chawal, poori aaloo and pasta

### My hopes and dreams

I want to be a doctor.  
I want to be featured in GT because: I want to express myself.

## POEMS

### The call of seasons

Endri A., AIS Saket, VII A

I hear the spring calling me  
Coming from other countries

With jolly butterflies alongside  
Flowers blooming in countryside

I hear the summer calling me  
With honeycombs and its bees

Children running with glee  
And often heading towards sea

I hear the autumn calling me  
Its wind wailing like banshee



Rusty leaves falling freely  
Making for a beautiful scenery

I hear the winter calling me  
Meaning no more water ski

But Christmas approaches fast  
So I make my etiquettes last

Through all the seasons  
I'm happy without reason

I love the bright summer Sun  
And spring brings in all the fun

Autumn with its scenic changes  
And winter for snow angels

### Voice of trees

Avika Srivastava, AIS Gur 43, VII B

The widespread tree with its leaves  
All the twigs as if in a weave  
Will you hear me and believe  
If I told you its death is a peeve?

Every flower is found crying  
All the green leaves are drying  
The little saplings are slowly dying  
It's time we help rather than sighing

Trees give us life and air to breathe  
Also, fruits and vegetables to eat



They save us from mighty Sun's heat  
Fill the world with fragrance sweet

Flora around us needs to be saved  
So thank them for whatever they gave  
They have always been so brave  
Our Earth should not be their grave

## Fun with puns

Nishil M Jain, AIS MV, VI C

- I am a big fan of whiteboards. They are quite re'mark'able.
- I almost made a belt out of watches but then I figured it'd be a 'waist' of time.
- I asked my French teacher if she likes video games. She says 'Wii'.
- Thanks for explaining the word 'many' to me; it means 'a lot'.
- The machine at coin factory stopped working. It doesn't make any 'cents'.
- RIP boiled water. You will be 'mist'.

## Colouring fun



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# Cyber cup junior



## Amitians Bag Top Awards In Tech Skills



AIS Mayur Vihar declared winners of Cyber Cup Junior

Amity International School, Mayur Vihar, bagged the overall trophy at Cyber Cup Junior, organised by Department of Computer Science & Engineering, Amity School of Engineering and Technology, Amity University, Uttar Pradesh. An inter-school competition organised for the third consecutive year as a part of the Cyber Cup, a technical fest, was held from January 8-9, 2019. A total of 24 students from different branches of Amity Group of Schools and other eminent schools from Delhi/NCR took part in the competition that aimed at providing school stu-

dents with an opportunity to be a part of technical symposium to showcase their skills as well as get a hands-on experience of how to build industry prototypes. Cyber Cup Junior comprised three onerous competitions namely DecodeX, Techwizard and ITWiz which required the participants to put their technical knowledge, reasoning skills and quick thinking prowess to test. DecodeX was an event for mystery lovers that consisted of various questions which challenged the participants' wits and deduction skills. Techwizard was a time based coding skills competition for participants to wrack

their brains. Prakhar Saxena of Class XI, AIS Vas 6, was awarded the Best Coder in Tech-wizard. Saumik Shashwat, XI and Arnav Praneet, IX of AIS MV won the Best Quizzer award in IT Wiz, testing the participants' skills with its quizzes and interesting crosswords. A total of nine technical and non-technical events were held under the aegis of Cyber Cup that included Cyber Cup Junior, Hackathon, Designathon, CodeIt, TalkItOut, ITWiz, DecodeX, BlendIT and Techwizard wherein both school and university students took part. The event, overall, was a success.  

# Subhasha

## Junior Annual Function

### AIS Gurugram 46

The school's junior annual day titled 'Subhasha – Festival of languages' held on February 1, 2019, was a commemoration of 'Vishwa matrabhasha diwas'. The event aimed at celebrating the importance of languages, especially the mother tongue for every country and civilization. Anurag Tripathy, IRPS and Secretary, Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), graced the occasion as the chief guest. Yashpal Yadav, Commissioner, Municipal Corporation of Gurugram, was the special guest. School principal, Arti Chopra, presented the school's annual school report highlighting the ac-



ademic and non-academic achievements of school students at various national and international platforms. A special awards ceremony was also held to felicitate the meritorious students and hard working educators, especially the ones who have been with the institution for a very long time.

Over 1300 students from Class I-IV took part in the cultural evening which commenced with the school band according a musical welcome to the guests. 'Sudhwani,' a mellifluous orchestra comprising 125 Amitians played 'raga desha' on contemporary musical instruments to celebrate the vibrancy of Indian culture. A special musical performance titled 'Sankalp' by the students of



School Principal and eminent guests with meritorious awardees

'Amitasha, an initiative of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF, for the less privileged girls, mesmerised the audience. Students also showcased literary works of famous poets and authors like Maheshwar Sutra in Sanskrit by Panini, Harry Potter in English by J. K. Rowling, Chandaliika in Bengali by GURDEV Rabindranath Tagore and

life story of famous Tamil poet Bharati. 'Vithika', a heritage exhibition inaugurated during the occasion, showcased the beautiful artifacts and different murals, depicting the rich heritage of rivers Mahanadi, Indus, Godavari and Krishna. The programme concluded with the school song, followed by the national anthem, leaving everyone wanting for more.  



Students present dance drama highlighting Indian heritage



A mesmerising dance performance by the students

### AIS VKC Lucknow

# Republic day



## Celebrating Patriotism

School celebrated India's 70<sup>th</sup> Republic Day from January 25-26, 2019. During this period, students presented various programs to celebrate the spirit of patriotism.

School principal, Rachna Mishra, hoisted the national flag as the school resonated with the tune of the national anthem. A special assembly by Class V students saw little ones chanting 'gayatri mantra' and reciting the praise of *Bharatvarsh* in Sanskrit as described in Vishnu Puran. They also made a PPT highlighting the constitutional rights and duties. Maanvi Chandra, Class V, Aryan Tiwari, Class VI, Sneha Raitani and Sanatan Dwivedi, Class XI presented motivational speeches elucidating the Preamble of Indian constitution and the importance of Republic Day. Vaishnavi Singh of Class VII recited a zealous and beautiful patriotic poem 'Mitti hee meri pehchaan.' The occasion also marked the felicitation of meritorious students of Class XI, for their outstanding achievements in Class X Board exams during the session 2017-



Hoisting the National flag

18. The proud achievers felicitated included Anushka Singh for outstanding performance in Social Studies and Science with a score of 100% and 94% respectively; Avi Agarwal for 99 % in Math, Aishwarya Bhattacharya for 97% in English, Khyati Rajput for 97% in Hindi and Anisha Singh for 96% in French.  

### AIS Gwalior





Students participate in the heritage quiz

# Heritage quiz

A heritage quiz based on conservation and management of rivers of India was held for the students of Class VI-VIII on January 23, 2019. The quiz was held in three rounds: questionnaire round, visual round and fastest-finger-first round. In the closely contested rounds, all the active competitors were loudly cheered

and supported by their team members and the audience.



Team D comprising Amogh, Sumit Singh, Prashant and Ankit stood first. Second prize was bagged by Team B comprising Priyanshu, Rishab, Takshak and Akshay while third prize was won by Team A comprising Abhay Pratap, Harsh Garg, Nitin and Krishna.  



Winners of inter-house patriotic group song competition

# Patriotic group song

An inter-house patriotic song competition for Classes I to V was held on January 23, 2019. The objective was to instill a spirit of patriotism in the young hearts of the bright students, through music and dance. Every house presented mellifluous patriotic songs and the participants received a lot of appreciation and accolades for

their singing skills. Yuvraj Singh Bhadoria, Kivnoor Singh Dhillon, Sankalp and Veer Verma of Bhagirathi house stood first. Kushagra Pandit, Suryansh, Vijay Karan and Chetan of Alaknanda house bagged the second position while Abhay, Anmol Sharma, Harshita Narayan, Mahaveer and Shreyaditya of Mandakini house came third.  



Twenty out of the last twnety two years have been the warmest years on record.

All the top quotes have been contributed by **Kadambari, AIS Vas 1, VII C**



Climate Change

# Love to hate you

## There Are A Million Things That We Love, And A Thousand We Love To Hate

Resham Talwar, AIS Saket, X C

With the sun shining and the birds chirping, the world proves to us that there are millions of things to be appreciated, but our focus remains on the things that get on our nerves, test our patience, and trigger the inner Hulk. What else can be done? Hate, too powerful of an emotion, deserves to be felt, too, and we already have the list ready of all our archnemeses.

### #Ummm..ummm

For the days your ideas remain scattered in your mind but disagree to make sense, hatred runs in your veins instead of words that could have made you the next Shakespeare. The worst part is when you cannot think of words even to describe your frustration over not being able to think of words. How do I function now?

### #IHateMondays

I hate Mondays? No, no, no. I just love when the alarm rings at 6 am and tells me to dodge the blankets and face the music. I love it when I can no longer sit in my sweatpants and binge watch my favorite shows. I just love forcing myself to give up



Graphic: Kumar Aryan Saxena, AIS Saket, X B



my lethargy and to be productive. Oh, how I love Mondays!

### #EverydayI'mBuffering

What better time to admire the walls of your home than when you want to finish an assignment and the Wi-Fi is slowly testing the Buddha in you? Try switching the router off and on, shaking the wires, repositioning it, and if none of this works, just throw it in the garbage

where it rightfully belongs.

### #ErrorNotDelivered

Sending 50 messages in a row? Oh, you mustn't be familiar with the cruelty of that one message that carries all the important information and would refuse to be delivered. Your friend better don on the Sherlock cap because it is time for them to solve a mystery. Dear Text Messages, if you do not deliver any time

soon, I'll have to send a raven to do the job. \*Writes lol on a sheet of paper and posts it\*

### #DiwaliOnASunday

The world went through the big bang and years and years of evolution only for us to end up in a civilisation where festivals fall on a Sunday. Yes, please, festivals, rob me of an off day. It is not like I enjoy relaxing at home. Long weekends

really do get the best of me and I miss being at work! Oh please, festivals, fall on a Sunday every year!

### #InkNeededInkNeeded

It is 10:59. The time for the submission is 11:00 but all your printer does is make weird noises and demand purple ink when you want a black and white print. Pressing all the fancy buttons on your laptop does not help either, so you, after accepting defeat, shut your laptop down only for the printer to finally begin doing its job and throwing a blank paper in your face. Insulted? Oh, I've seen worse.

### #RedAlertRedAlert

Your last assignment of the day is almost done and before you could press ctrl+s, the laptop shows 1% battery. You race across the room to get the charger, but it's too late. No one could've imagined this sorrowful ending for the hardworking laptop which slaves away perhaps 30 hours a day.

As much as we love to hate these very irritating episodes of our daily life, they play the role of the antagonist in our movie and are the essential spice to the otherwise bland mix of life.

Graphic: Aditya Doomra, AIS PV, XI D



## A night at the museum

### When Everyone Sleeps, Art Comes To Life

Dhairya Chaudhary, XII C & Deeksha Puri, XI F, AIS PV

After a long day at work, the museum keeper was headed home. Suddenly, he remembered that he had forgotten his house keys in his office. He rushed back to the gallery. It seemed as if there were voices coming from inside the museum. A shiver ran down his back as he noiselessly peeped into the room. The museum was alive.

Mona Lisa rolled her eyes and put her hands over her ears. The keeper was shocked to see her show emotion. "There are other people who are not quite as devastated, consider their presence!" she screamed at The Scream. All eyes fell on her. The thirteen members seated for The Last Supper began whispering in hushed voices

and praying for Mona Lisa's soul. Girl With A Pearl Earring, dubbed the Dutch Mona Lisa who made every effort possible to differ from the original, and spoke, "Just because you've spent your life comfortably does not mean everyone has lived like you." Mona Lisa turned up her nose, but no one noticed because the spotlight had been stolen by Picasso's abstract and the entire room fell silent. Mona Lisa stuttered in shock, "Y-y-our f-f-ace. W-what happened? Someone, please take her to the hospital!"

Girl With A Pearl Earring looked around frantically, "Good God, there has to be a doctor somewhere here!" She turned to The Last Supper "There are twelve of you, one has to be a doctor!" The American Gothic couple looked at each other. The husband was a doctor but decided to continue judg-

ing the rest of the paintings silently, the abstract didn't really need help according to him, it had been born like that. His wife nodded her approval. Virgin On The Rocks and the Vitruvian Man had gotten into a brawl by then as she wanted him to cover himself. The room was in chaos. "Silence" came a voice, "Can you all calm down? I'm already devoid of one ear, would you prefer if I was deaf altogether?" It was none other than Van Gogh's self portrait with one ear standing in the doorway.

"Sorry Mr Gogh, we won't go-gh around making noise," said Mona Lisa as the scene erupted in laughter, even the old man smiled at this wordplay. The keeper couldn't stop smiling at these paintings and decided it was best that this exchange remains a secret, and locked the doors of museum. 🇮🇳

## GT Travels to Canada



Aradhya Vasisht, AIS Noida, I K poses with her copy of The Global Times in front of Niagara falls. Niagara is the collective name for three waterfalls: Horseshoe Falls, the American Falls and the Bridal Veil Falls, that straddle the international border between the Canadian Province of Ontario and the American state of New York. They form the southern end of the Niagara Gorge.

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