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AMITEpoll

Which party, according to you, will win the Delhi Legislative Assembly elections 2020?

a) Aam Aadmi Party
b) Bhartiya Janta Party
c) Indian National Congress

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Do you think Union Budget 2020-21 announced by the government will help the struggling economy?

Yes 65%
No 23%
Can't Say 12%

Results as on February 7, 2020

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Best of luck for exams

A contentious chapter

When A Long-Established Dissension Was Brought To A Peaceful Rest

Ananya Grover, AIS Noida, XII B

Delhi elections are over. The past few months, especially the last weeks, witnessed some aggressive campaigning. From 'Desh badla ab dilli badlegi' to 'Lage raho Kejriwal', the promises offered were many. But one stood out for its historical significance — 'Ram Mandir'. The word was used by all political parties, albeit in different ways, but with one common motive — to evoke

sentiment in their favour. The much-debated temple was also in news last week as PM Modi finally announced the trust that will head its construction. It has been several months since the Supreme Court of India pronounced its verdict on this hallowed site. A verdict spread over 1045 pages, arousing both cheer and resentment, a verdict that came after 8 suits, 51 FIRs, and 134 years of feuding. But with the construction of the temple in full swing, all this is history. And this is not because these events date back to an era gone by, but because the sentiment that sparked the battle in the first place has also undergone a massive transformation. Over the trials and tribulations of the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid case, we, too, as a nation, evolved and matured, even if in bits and pieces.

A peaceful prevalence

1992. Babri Masjid was demolished by *kar sewaks*, sparking riots that saw the killing of over 2000 people. The Godhra riots was another bloody event in the timeline of this re-

ligious conflict. The event was triggered when 50 people who were travelling from Ayodhya to Gujarat were burnt alive in a train. What ensued was violence in Gujarat where 1000 muslims died.

With a history marred by such bloodshed, similar violence was anticipated following the 2019 verdict by SC. But to the surprise of many, peace prevailed. Not a single incident of violence was reported throughout the country. Even Ayodhya, that stood at the centre of this conflict, witnessed absolute peace. Credit must be given to the Indian populace, and the managers of law and order. Strong steps were taken by law enforcement agencies to ensure that innocent lives were not lost in the name of religion.

Section 144 was imposed in Ayodhya ahead of the verdict. Government issued an order banning all publications from publishing images of demolition of Babri Masjid. Social media was constantly monitored for any inflammatory content. Law and order is one of the pillars of any democracy and to see this pillar stand strong, even in trying times, is a worthy feat.

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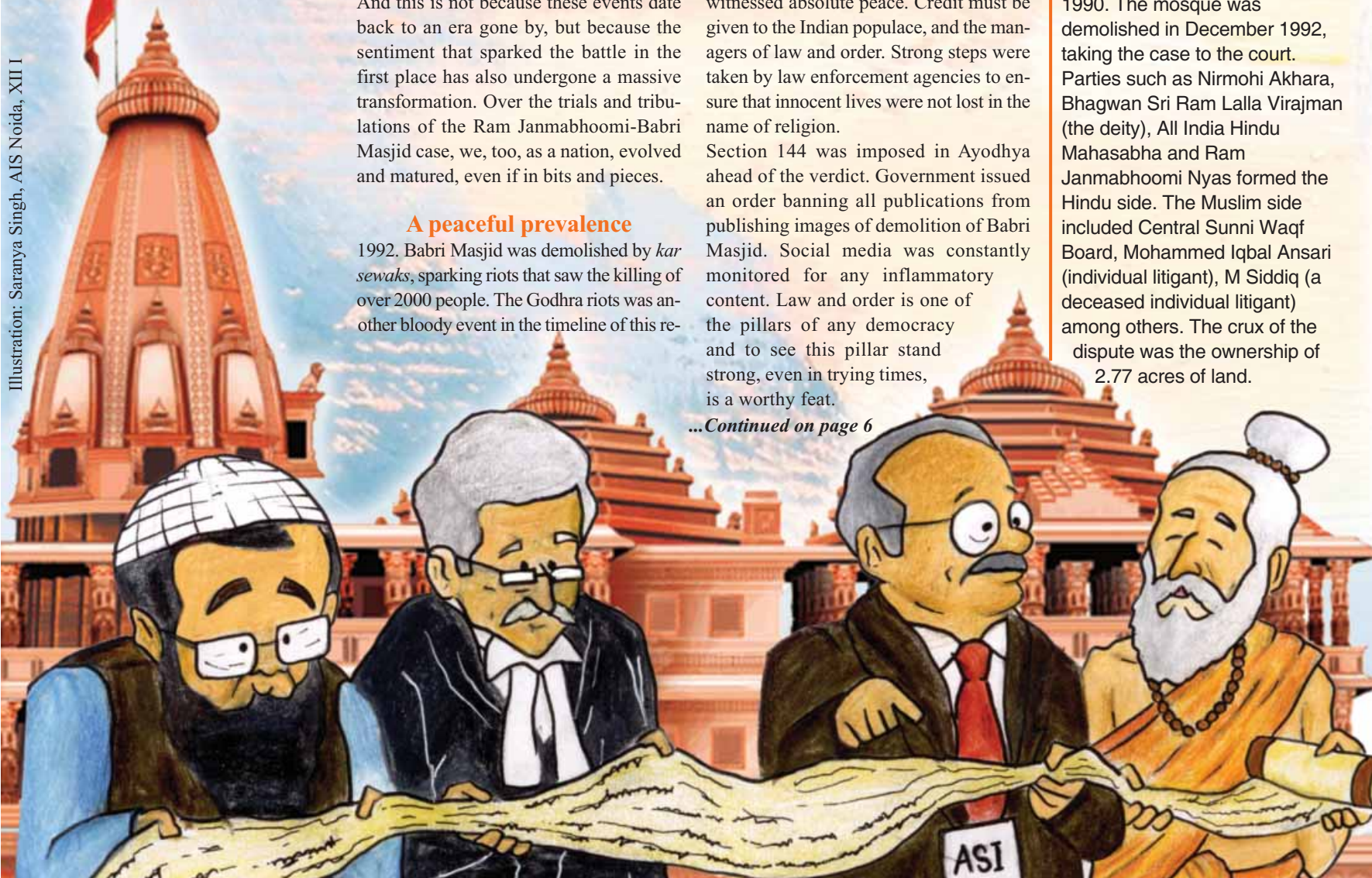


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A lot about science...

...And A Little About Everything Else That Becomes A Part Of It

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Meet Prof (Dr) Mike Hinchey, a computer scientist and former director at Lero, The Irish Software Research Centre. He was former director of the NASA Software Engineering Laboratory at NASA Goddard Space Flight Centre. Also the president of IFIP, he is a promulgator of formal methods. With such a long list of credentials, it's hard to not want to know his thoughts. So, when GT reporters had the chance to do so at Confluence 2020 held at AUUP, they did just that.

A little about space and expenditure

For many, the money spent on space development can easily be a deferred expense. And that is understandable to a large extent, considering India's 1.3 billion population and the need to fund numerous necessities that comes with it. However, one needs to look beyond the surface and understand the benefits that space development brings. It aids in developing new technology that can eventually bolster development on earth. Many techniques developed for space are

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Prof (Dr) Mike Hinchey with GT reporters

useful in developing housing and roads like improving electricity supplies, energy supplies and better basic facilities.

A little about IFIP and India

The International Federation for Information Processing is a global organisation constituting several countries. It primarily fosters research and facilitates the same to member countries. We advice the governments, the United Nations, UNESCO, the ITU and other bodies to help them improve. India is also a member of the IFIP and is represented by the Computer Society of India. IFIP runs several programmes that promote data science, communication mechanisms and education in India.

A little about data and methods


If you want to collect any data and use that data

well, you must have a good understanding of what you are trying to achieve. You can't just take tonnes of data and hope for the best; you need a structure to use that data effectively. This is why you need a method. The need to devise a method for effective data usage has led to a lot more planning involved at every stage nowadays. We are certainly using formal methods to improve data science.

A little about social media and privacy

While social media is important, it has brought to light a new concern, ie, invasion of privacy. But new algorithms and various forms of encryption are being put into effect. For instance, WhatsApp offers end-to-end encryption, so you're protected to an extent. That said, one must realise that if you sign up for any sort of social media, you're giving them permission to use all your data, so you shouldn't really expect privacy. Thus, be vigilant.

A little about Amitians

No matter which field you opt for, make sure that it makes you happy, otherwise you won't be good at it. Not everyone achieves their goals, but at least have the best trials you can, to get where you want to go. Also, the sooner you commence your journey of hard work, the easier it will get for you. 



Prof (Dr) Mike Hinchey, University of Limerick, Ireland

Dadar Gulang (Indonesia): A green coloured folded pancake made of rice flour and filled with grated coconut and palm sugar.



India this week

Rashi Garg, GT Network

While we sit on our couch just breathing, a lot of things happen around us, and sometimes in our very own country. We bring you the ones worth mentioning.



Violence amidst anti CAA protests

News: On February 2, 2020, four days after a teen fired at protesters at Jamia Millia Islamia University, another man opened fire at the people protesting against Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA). It was claimed that the incident took place at gate number 5 of the university, just two kms away from protest site Shaheen Bagh. Reportedly, nobody was injured.

Views: There will always be two sides to every coin. CAA is no different. While a majority of youth has taken against the controversial act, there are some that have found rationale in the same. But whether one is protesting against CAA or standing for it, it needs to be done by peaceful means. At the same time, I also think that law and order enforcement agencies should be more vigilant in times of strife like these, to avoid any instances of violence.

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Share market falls after Union Budget 2020

News: Announcing the Union Budget 2020-21, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman declared that the country will witness 100 lakh crore investment in the infrastructure industry in order to give a push to the slowing economy. But on the contrary, the share market did not feel the cheer as Sensex crashed 988 points while NIFTY lost 318 points on the same day when the budget was announced.

Views: Despite the announcement of 100 lakh crore investment, the market growth remains unchanged. The reason being, ambiguity in this year's budget since it did not mention any specific sops for any sector. Add to it the confusion in income tax slabs, and no changes in the long term capital gains tax – something the market had been hoping for long-it is causing the market to further stumble down.

Ayushi Choudhary, AUUP, AIESR, Alumna

SC to frame issues on gender inequality

News: The Supreme Court has decided to address issues pertaining to inequality against women in different religions. The move comes at a time, when a nine-member bench is set to announce its verdict on the review petition filed for Sabarimala case. In a case billed as 'faith vs rights', matters like entry of Muslim women in mosques, barring Parsi-non Parsi marriages, etc., will be considered.

Views: Article 25 of the Indian Constitution states provisions of equality to all sections of a particular religion or group of religions. So, ignoring the violation of right to equality just for the sake of religious freedom is wrong – on both ethical and constitutional grounds. This decision by SC is laudable. Here's hoping for a fair stance on matters of religious inequality.

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India's sweep win against New Zealand

News: After leading with 4-0, India won the fifth T20 International against New Zealand. Registering a historic win, India has become the first team to clean sweep the opponent in the bilateral five-match T20I series. Held at New Zealand, the host country did give a tough fight to the men in blue as two of the matches saw the game taken to nail biting thriller moments during super over.

Views: Such a fabulous record calls for a celebration. The players' being in good form, a strong captaincy and impeccable team work are some factors that seem to be working for the team. And the fact that this win comes at a time, when T20 World Cup is awaited in October, our hopes are surely high. Let's hope India continues to play this way and brings the world cup home. I have watched videos of 2007 T20 world cup win, but this time I want to live that moment when the entire nation would go crazy.

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Around The WORLD

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



USA

Trump's trial begins

The impeachment trial of Donald Trump opened on February 3, 2020, with a sear of oath of 'impartial justice' from the senators. Four of the senators sitting in judgement are running for the Democratic Party's nomination to challenge Trump in the fall. The trial is only the third of its kind in the American history, commencing at the beginning of election year.

GERMANY

Cost of visa goes up

The fees of Schengen visa has gone up from €60 to €80 for the first time since 2006. The increase in the visa fees comes as a part of the updated Schengen Visa Code that took effect on February 2. For children of age 6-12, the fee has hiked from €35 to €40. A Schengen visa is required to travel to 26 European countries including Germany, Austria, Denmark, France, Greece, Switzerland and Spain.



CHINA

Chinese markets take a hit

As the coronavirus death toll rose to 425, Chinese commodity and stock markets took a plunge on February 3, 2020, causing investors to retreat into safe heaven assets in the first trading session after an extended Lunar New Year holiday. The People's Bank of China pumped 1.2 trillion Yuan into the Chinese markets via reverse repo operations to relieve pressure on the economy.



SOMALIA

National emergency in the region

As billions of locusts descended on parts of Kenya, Somali agriculture minister declared it a national emergency. This worst outbreak in 70 years initiated from Somalia and Ethiopia due to abnormally heavy rains. Small planes were flown over affected areas to spray pesticides as the only solution.



AUSTRALIA

Novak Djokovic wins again

Novak Djokovic defeated Domanic Thiem to win his 8th Australian Open singles title. The victory helped Djokovic reclaim no. 1 world ranking, pushing Rafael Nadal down on the charts. Djokovic has moved closer to Roger Federer with 17 grand slams in his pocket.



BANGLADESH

Education permitted to Rohingyas

The Rohingya children living in refugee camps have been permitted to access formal education by the government of Bangladesh. The education will be provided under Myanmar's curriculum so that students can continue their education in Myanmar if the repatriation process is initiated in future. The move has been applauded by Right activists, who have been campaigning for Rohingya's right to education for months.

News Flash

► **Kenya:** Former president of Kenya, Daniel Arap Moi dies at the age of 95 ► **Japan:** 3500 on cruise ship quarantined after one passenger tested positive for Coronavirus ► **Pakistan:** Citizens return from Wuhan post the outbreak of virus in China



Apple Pie (USA): A double crust pie filled with apples. It is usually served with whipped cream or ice cream.

On a ‘work’ation

Not Interested In 9 To 5 Job? Then It’s Time To Try Tailor-Made Jobs

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Work—for some, it sounds dreary; for some, it sounds dreamy. And when you’re expected to score a typical nine-to-five job and sit at a desk for 40 hours a week, questioning your life choices, there are some jobs around the world that are in an ‘on-again off-again’ relationship with vacations, or as they call it, a ‘workation’...

Airline Pilots

Pilots have a minimum of 12 to 15 days off per month, depending on the airline. For example, in a 30-day month, Southwest Airlines mandates that pilots take 15 reserve days. In addition, FAA regulations allow pilots to fly just 1,000 hours a year. Getting existential crisis yet? **Workation Invasion:** Being an airplane pilot comes with its downsides. Reserve days are not necessarily vacation days. They are often spent in hotels and away from home. **GT’s Take:** 8/10, because there is no place like home.

Cruise Ship Employees

Cruise employees keep some of the strangest hours. Between cruises that they are assigned, workers have chunks of va-

cation time. This can be as much as 8 weeks of time off, at a stretch. Really makes you question, wat-er you doing in your life. **Workation Invasion:** When cruise ship employees are at sea, they may work up to 100 hours a week. They also spend a lot of time away from their families. **GT’s Take:** 6/10, the very idea of working 100 hours a week takes roughly 100 business days to get used to.

Footballers

Footballers enjoy a good 6 months of holidays per year. This allows scope for other jobs opportunities and campaigns in

between. But don’t be elated just yet, it comes with its downfalls too. **Workation Invasion:** At times, footballers may be expected to play ‘friendlies’ for their country or during holiday periods. Another thing to bear in mind is that a footballer’s working career is relatively short. **GT’s Take:** 8/10, a short career might just not be your goal.

Air Traffic Controller

Air Traffic Controllers have work schedules that vary greatly. This includes working night shifts every week. Although they work the usual five, 8-hour shifts of a 9-

to-5 worker, they work at odd times which usually gives them 8 to 9 days off per month. **Workation Invasion:** The lack of consistency of shift timing takes a serious toll on sleep patterns. In fact, before night shifts, workers get an average of 2.3 hours of sleep. Talk about being a night owl. **GT’s Take:** 7/10. In the pursuit of air traffic control, we don’t want to lose our control on sleep.

Firefighters

They generally work in 24-hour shifts, followed by 2 days off. Essentially, firefighters have a weekend after every work day. **Workation Invasion:** Firefighting is the second-most stressful job in the US. In addition to battling fires, they are called to the scene of car accidents, medical emergencies and other dangerous situations in the area. **GT’s Take:** 6/10, the pay doesn’t exactly make you think that risking your life is worth it.

PS: Some of the professionals mentioned above risk their lives every single day. Technically they are going to work but the uncertainties involved suddenly make a 9-to-5 job sound not so bad. 🇮🇳

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Brainleaks-299
FOR CLASS VI-VIII

If $X = a^2b^2c^2 \dots z^{26}$
and $Y = z^2y^2x^2 \dots a^{26}$ where, $abcd \dots$
 $z = \sqrt[26]{64}$, then find XY .

- (a) 6
- (b) 8
- (c) 9
- (d) Cannot be determined

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Shaping world leaders

AMIMUN’20 Inspired Everyone To Be The Change

AUUP

The ninth edition of AMIMUN was organised at Amity University, Uttar Pradesh from January 17-19, 2020. The annual event, a simulation of the United Nations, aimed at giving students a platform to showcase their diplomatic skills. AMIMUN’20 was organised in collaboration with United Nations Information Center for India and Bhutan (UNIC), Dhriti - The Courage Within, HeforShe and Doctors Without Borders. The event was recognised by the United Nations and received appreciation from the Secretary General, António Guterres. Over 400 delegates from more than 60 different colleges of India participated in this invigorating event. With the theme ‘Audere est facere’ which is Latin for ‘To Dare is to Do’, AMIMUN encouraged the delegates to en-



Dr Balvinder Shukla, VC, AUUP, presents gavel to Sec Gen

gage in debate on pressing issues that plague the world and present solutions to the same. The three day conference witnessed several power packed committees viz UN Human Rights Council, UN Historical Security Council,

UN Futuristic General Assembly, UN Commission on the Status of Women, United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs, World Trade Organisation (WTO), Continuous Crisis Committee – Central Intelligence

Agency (CIA), and All India Political Parties Meet. AMIMUN’20 was elated to have as Guest of Honor Eugenio Aguilo, agricultural attache, Embassy of Chile; Dr Farkas Hilda, counsellor for science and technology, Embassy of Hungary; Avigail Spira, spokesperson, Embassy of Israel; Kamal Singh, executive director & CEO, UN Global Compact Network India and Indrani Sarkar, child protection and adolescent engagement specialist, UN Children’s Fund. The event was also attended by Sana Beg, head of communication, Doctors Without Borders and Anirban Gupta, co-founder, Dhriti- The Courage Within. Stirring a debate on issues that plague the world, AMIMUN’20 encouraged everyone to think for a better tomorrow. And that’s perhaps what we need in our world leaders. 🇮🇳



Participants at the three day workshop

Experience of a lifetime

A Data Analytics Workshop

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Amity School of Communication, Amity University Madhya Pradesh, Gwalior organised a three-day workshop on ‘Data Analytics and Modelling’ from Jan 31-Feb 2, 2020. The workshop threw light on several key areas in the field as scaling and scale development and refinement, exploratory factor analysis as a tool to build construct in SPSS, introduction to Smart PLS 3.0 software, types of mediation moderation effects, etc. Offering hands-on training to 35 participants, it was indeed an enriching experience for the attendees. What made the workshop even more exciting was the fact that each participant was provided two months of free key worth 44 Euros each

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(3,488 INR) as an incentive. The workshop was partially funded by Smart PLS 3.2.9 from Northern Institute of Technology, TUHH University, Hamburg, Germany. Dr Atul Shiva, assistant professor, University School of Business-MBA, Chandigarh University and Dr Sumit Narula, director, ASCO, AUMP were the facilitators of the workshop.



Delegates of Amity International Model United Nations 2020

Baklava (Turkey): A sweet, rich pastry made of layers of phyllo dough filled with chopped nuts and sweetened with honey or syrup.



Global desserts

A game of memories

Mandela Effect: Trickery Of Human Mind, Magic Or Simply Incorrect Recalling?

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Has it ever happened to you that you think something to be true your entire life, but suddenly realise that it was false from the very beginning? Not only that but you also realise that you were not the only one to think so!

The Mandela effect refers to a situation in which a large mass of people believe that an event occurred when it did not. The name 'Mandela effect' was first coined in 2009 by Fiona Broome when she observed that majority of people falsely remembered that the former famous personality Nelson Mandela died in prison in the 1980s, and some even believed that they saw his funeral on television as well as a speech by his widow – when in reality Nelson Mandela passed away at the age of 95 due to prolonged respiratory tract infection in 2013. The Nelson Mandela story, however, is not the only such case where people misremembered a fact. A lot of people wrongly remembered a black mark at the tip of the much-loved cartoon character Pikachu's tail when in

fact there was no such marking and his tail was plain yellow. Another instance is people falsely recalling the evil witch in the Disney movie Snow White saying 'Mirror mirror on the wall' when in fact the dialogue is 'Magic mirror on the wall'! Many such exam-

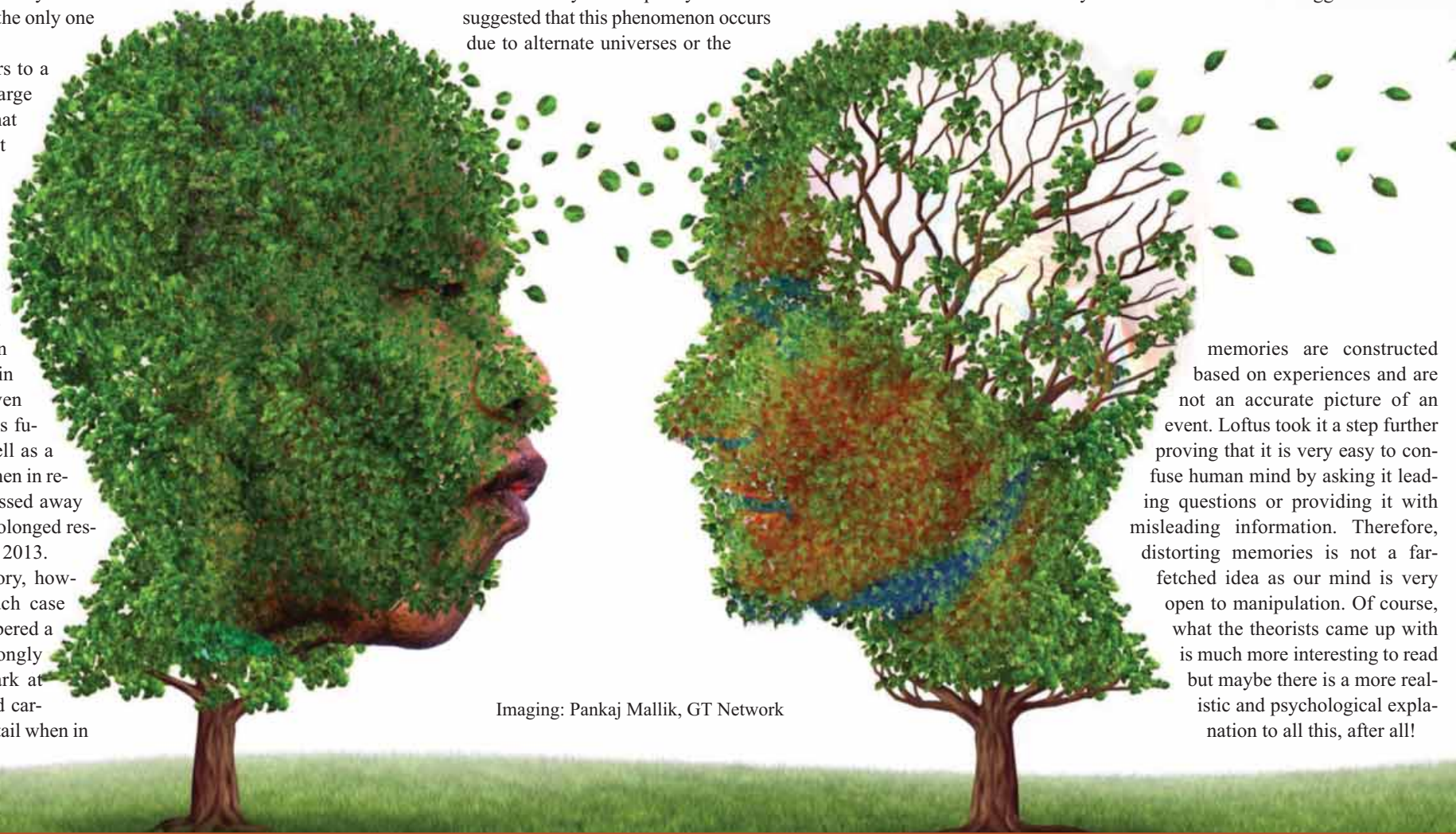
ples exist where people wrongly remember something, especially a nursery rhyme.

Now the question is why does this happen. From a scientist to a conspiracy theorist, every person has come up with their own reasoning for this. Some wide-eyed conspiracy theorists suggested that this phenomenon occurs due to alternate universes or the

multiverse mingling with our timeline. While this theory may sound flabbergasting to many, the possibility of an alternative universe is 'unfalsifiable' – meaning it is impossible to prove the falsity of an alternate reality. Others believe that we are living in a simulation where Mandela effect is merely a

glitch in the system.

Others, who wanted a more believable explanation for this phenomenon, argue that the flawed nature of human memory is behind this phenomenon, as suggested in a study by cognitive psychologist, Elizabeth Loftus. There are other studies that suggest that our



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memories are constructed based on experiences and are not an accurate picture of an event. Loftus took it a step further proving that it is very easy to confuse human mind by asking it leading questions or providing it with misleading information. Therefore, distorting memories is not a far-fetched idea as our mind is very open to manipulation. Of course, what the theorists came up with is much more interesting to read but maybe there is a more realistic and psychological explanation to all this, after all!

The unstable ones

A Lesson In Why You Should Never Trust Atoms Because They Make Up Everything

Aananya Pawar

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An atom is the smallest constituent unit of all matter. Annoyingly, it is also the one with the largest number of models and theories. The torture starts in Class IX when you have to study the structure of an atom for the first time only for it to be proven wrong on the next page of the textbook. Here are some theories that have misguided us and will continue to haunt us for as long as we live and breathe the thing called Science.

Thompson's model

Thompson gave us the first model of an atom, or rather just told us that an atom is actually a positively charged Christmas pudding garnished with negatively charged dry fruits. The only thing we learned from this was that an atom is electrically neutral, the rest was as useful as the bay leaf on top of the pudding.

Rutherford's model

Rutherford actually conducted an experiment and then gave a model

completely different from Thompson's version, where he told us about a new subatomic particle called nucleus and that nearly all the mass of an atom resides in it. Rutherford also observed that electrons revolve around the nucleus but was unable to explain why they don't lose energy in the process. Well, guess he and the mothers of all six-year olds have the same old problem to deal with.

Bohr's model

According to Bohr's experiment, electrons revolve in stationary orbitals around the nucleus and each orbital has their own fixed energy. These energies could be measured using a quantum number. His

model could also measure the number of electrons in each shell. This model was considered correct for a long time, but it was obviously proven wrong later on because students still had a lot more to learn.

Heisenberg's model

When Werner Heisenberg discovered that the position and momentum of any particle cannot be simultaneously calculated at the same point in time, Bohr's model also failed. In fact, no scientist had noticed that the matter shows dual behaviour – particle nature as well as wave nature. This created the need for quantum mechanics.

Schrödinger's model

He finally gave us quantum mechanical model of atom – a very long and complex equation that would give all the details we need to know about an electron. However, very few people in this world can successfully solve this complex equation.

Now you can ask – why not teach us the correct theory in the first place? That is because even Schrödinger's equation is not 100% percent correct. Moreover, the irony is that not even one of these people have seen what an electron looks like, yet all of them have their own theories about it. It's almost as if we're talking about a ghost!

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Gelato (Italy): A rich and dense dessert made of a base of 3.25% milk and sugar and contains 70% less air than other frozen desserts.

Enough is enough

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Dear agonised child,

You think you are the only one who gets to bear all the wrath. Well, knowing that you are not alone might give you some solace. Seems like you conspired with the entire world, including the ones I counted upon to infuriate me. So, this one’s for you and all of them.

To the magic dish... What a twisted snake you are! Who knew that beneath your yellow packing of sunshine happiness, lay so many lies. You kept calling yourself two minute noodle, something that never happened. But I forgave you, for you were still a saviour on those tired evenings after work. But then you came home with lead in it. What a shame, Maggi!

To my tot’s best friend... Ahh, the mellow fragrance, the silky texture, the villain in disguise. *cracks knuckles* Could you please take us through the feeling of stabbing someone in the back? You were supposed to be the armour and not the weapon. You promised to give no more tears but in fact ended up giving all of us tears. Rings a bell, Johnsons?

To the one surfing in fame... Well, well, look who’s here. You think you can be complacent now that you sit on the bathroom shelf? Maybe, my daily glares don’t say it all. Don’t you feel ashamed telling your name considering you don’t ‘excel’ in your job at all. It’s frustrating, watching the uniforms’ pure white shirt remain brown even after washing it thrice. And for the last time, *daag ache NAHI hote*, so stop misleading our kids!

To the gossipmonger... Our dear Kanta bai! You are more effective than any Wi-Fi network. Only yesterday I told you about the new washing machine and today I heard about it from one of my neighbours. And oh, do you want to have a word about you telling the neighbour about us giving you a ‘negligible’ gift on Diwali? Traitor.

And last but not the least...
To you... If you thought this rant would not end on you, then you have never been so wrong, my dear child. Even if Tsunami was to knock our door this very moment, the root cause would be you. You get annoyed when we ask you to make online payments. So what if I don’t get technology? What about all the annoyance you cause me from the minute you wake up? And the embarrassment you have to deal with when I call you by your nick name in front of your friends. Talking of embarrassment, have you forgotten about the time you peed in your pants in the mall, when you were in grade II? So, stop telling me you are a grown-up. Because, to be honest, enough is enough.
Not-so-lovingly
Your mom



Red vs Green

The Never Ending Debate To Get The Perfect Nutrition

Illustration: Anju Rawat, GT Network

Pragya Pandey, AIS Vas 6, XI D

In his teenage and at his peppy best, Aakash visited his friend Rahul’s house. Both were playing PS 4 when Rahul’s mother entered with *hare bhare kebab*. She greeted Aakash, placed the platter on the coffee table and left. Want to know what ensued after? Read on to find out.

Aakash: Bro, what aunty cooks is really nice, but you must try chicken pops sometime. Slurp! My mouth is watering just from the thought of it.
Rahul (rolling his eyes): How many times must I tell you that I am a shuddh Brahmin. We DO NOT eat non veg.

Aakash (shrugging): I know that but it feels so stupid to have food preferences based on religion.

Rahul: It’s not just religion. I can’t eat anything that was once crawling in front of me. THAT IS SO CRUEL.

Aakash: Oh really? Where does your cruelty go when you cut down trees to make them your food?

Rahul: First of all, we do not cut ‘trees’ down, we cut the fruits that grow on trees. And secondly...never mind...your thick ‘fleshy’ brain won’t get the logic!

Aakash: Speaking of which, why don’t you tell me what’s the logic behind eating rabbit food, anyway? It’s neither tasty, nor healthy.

Rahul: You’ve got to be kidding me! Have you tasted soybean...ever? And don’t even get me started on health benefits of eating veg. Virat Kohli didn’t turn vegetarian for no reason.



Aakash: Oh my saint friend! Thank you! One person not eating meat means more meat available for me...haha!

Rahul: You are so insensitive. Here I am contributing to saving the environment, and look at you, just wasting all my sacrifices.

Aakash: Excuse me, I’m also contributing for the same cause.

Rahul: And how exactly are you doing that?

Aakash: I am maintaining the food chain...duh! (just that very moment Aakash scored a goal)

Rahul: Don’t even get me started on this. Hey, can you switch off the AC?

Aakash (cheekily): My malnourished brother is feeling cold. Someone call the doctor! My friend here needs nutrients, including proteins.

Rahul: I get my proteins from legumes. Don’t you worry about me. In fact, you should consider heart stroke and diabetes which your meat causes. Go on eating meat. I’m not stopping you.

Aakash: I won’t listen to you anyway! And shift aside, I want space.

Rahul: Again, perfect example of obesity coursing through your veins. (Rahul overcomes the goal)

Aakash (retortingly): This is called being healthy.

Rahul: It seems you have been spending too much time with your mother.

Aakash: Whatever! (and the bickering along with the game goes on and on...)🇮🇳

Popular Idioms With Meanings Not To Be Taken Literally

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Idioms often do a fantastic job of delivering opinions in a subtle, indirect manner, and hilarious, if taken literally. Here are some that might ‘tickle your funny bone’:

Keep your chin up

Try to keep your chin up for at least 48 hours straight. Aside from the minor problems of not being able to see, bumping into people and straining your neck, this activity will be interesting.
FYI: To remain cheerful in tough situations

Put your money where your mouth is

Stick multiple notes and coins in your mouth. Your gums could bleed and you might end up devouring a few coins but hey, at least you experienced an idiom firsthand!
FYI: To prove one’s sincerity

Wear your heart on your sleeve

This one can be a bit costly. Try finding a surgeon who’s ready to do an illegal operation of taking a heart out. All for the love of English.
FYI: Display your emotions openly

Bury your head in the sand

Imagine digging a hole in sand and

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your head inside the hole. What’s in store? Large amounts of sand in your mouth.

FYI: To ignore or hide from a problem

Raining cats and dogs

Paints a hilarious mental image of cats and dogs falling from the sky.

FYI: Raining heavily

Cat got your tongue

Get yourself a cat and make it grab your tongue. If mission is accomplished, enormous amount of pain will follow.

FYI: To be speechless

Hairy at the heel

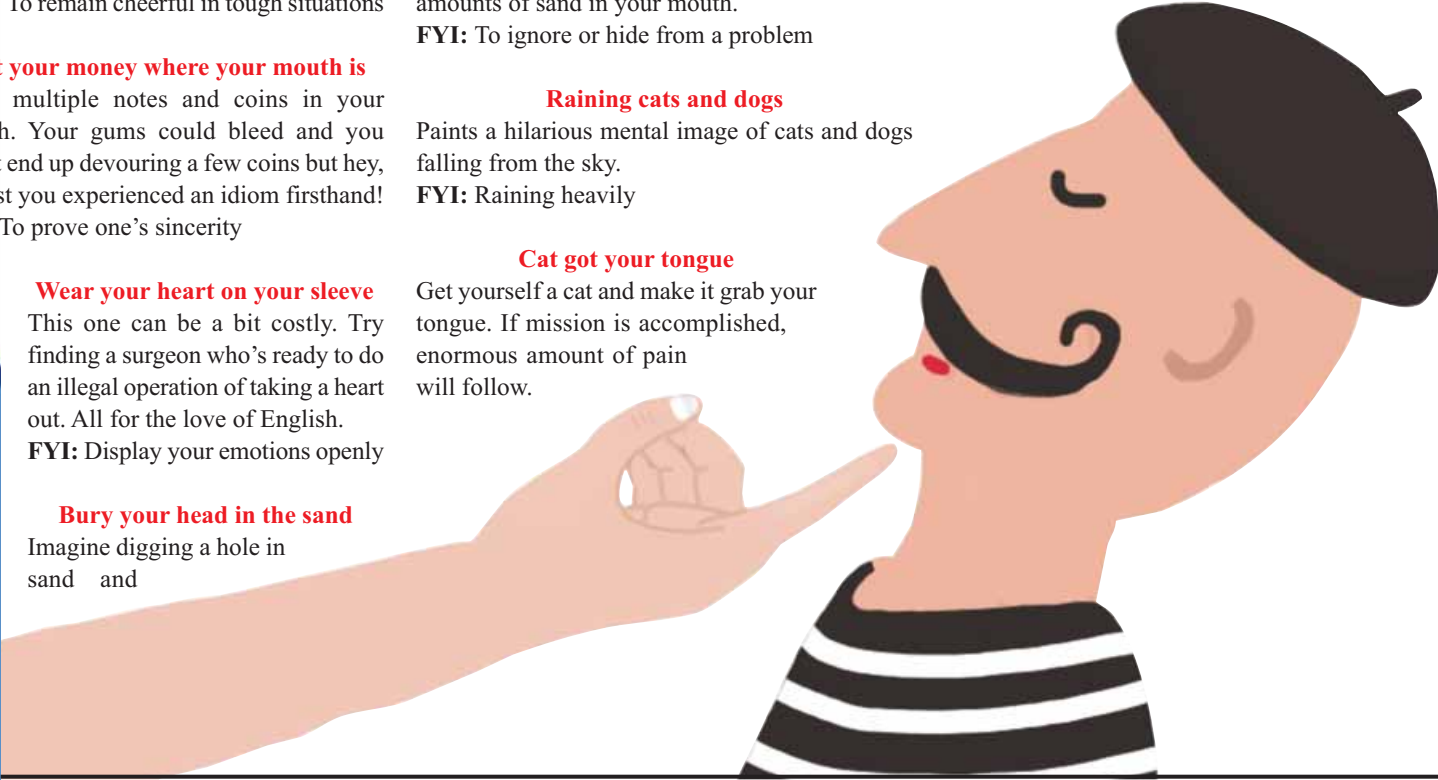
It is an uncommon idiom, used extensively by Agatha Christie as a striking and amusing image of a hairy foot.

FYI: Someone who is rude or ill-bred

Hold your horses

Try to stack one horse over the other and hold them all together. You will have to bear the brunt of kicks, neighs and a bite or two. But then, no pain, no gain.

FYI: Wait a moment.🇮🇳



Picarones (Peru): Doughnut made from sweet potato and squash, drenched with spiced syrup.



Global desserts

A for Ambition



Dr Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

As I share the fourth tenet of BHAAAG, ie, 'A' which stands for 'Ambition', I am reminded of how great dreams have shaped the world we presently inhabit. It was a dream to fly like a bird which led to the making of the first airplane. It was a dream to reach out to our loved ones fast and free of cost which created 'WhatsApp,' the literal lifeline today. It was a dream to give the world class quality modern education blended with tradition, which created the entire Amity Universe.

All great achievements started as a dream, and these achievements become a reality, only because of ambition. Your dream is the vision, and your ambition is the virtue which steers that vision in the right direction, helping you to focus on the right things and do the right actions at the right time. Your dreams tell you where to go, but it is your ambition that actually creates the path for you to tread upon and reach there. Once you are ambitious, you are ready to take on the world and make it the way you want it to be, because ambition at times can beat genius 99 per cent of the times.

Remember, ambition is never big or small. One small ambition, driven by hard work and attitude to win, can change the world. The success story of 'Lijjat Papad' is one such big example. Ambition is the hub of the wheel of dreams which script your journey of success, so, it is imperative to have a dream and be ambitious.

So, my dear Amitians, always remember that a man without ambition is like a bird flying without any direction. Therefore, as you grow up and prepare to face the world that stands in front of you, have a dream and ambition. This is what will give you the strength to believe in yourself and help you achieve your goals. [GT](#)

Wintry echoes



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

It does not seem to end. Yes, the winters—the long winters. It's February, and I am still enjoying the wintry chill packed in my woollens, soaking in the heat of the elections, trying to decode the budget matrix. As a child, I remember vacationing in hill stations, chasing clouds,

creating steam with my mouth and letting loose the Picasso on every misty or foggy glass pane. This winter, all this was actually available at our door step. We felt the winters, not on hill stations but at home.

Sounds like a perfect day, but is it really? As I enjoy the extended chill in the weather, another thought sends a chill down my spine. I sip another cup of coffee, watching the steam rising from the hot cup and ponder—what is steaming beneath this cold, long, wintry chill? No matter how much we like winters and secretly wish to delay the scorching heat of summers, we cannot ignore the sound of the alarming bugles it brings with it each day.

As I look across the glass window pane, the life all foggy and still, I can feel the broken rhythm of nature, unlike what we experienced in childhood. My heart can hear the silent tiptoe of the fury our nature might be just readying to unleash itself upon us sometime soon. With the talks of climate change and global warming, my mind shudders at the thought that the apocalypse might have already arrived.

As I finish the last sip of coffee, the steam warms me up, and my soul still warms up to the thought that perhaps these long winters are nothing but the echo of a rhythm disturbed, the sound of nature's fury. We have done enough damage and now it's time to set right what we did wrong. [GT](#)

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Of journalism and more

Prof Kate Williams On Avenues Of Life & Tenets Of Journalism

Pic: Deepak Sharma, GT Network

Varya Khosla, AIS Noida, VIII C

From death of Princess Diana in 1997 to London bombings of 2005, Prof Kate Williams has seen it all, covered it all. Having worked for BBC for 22 long years, she understands journalism like the back of her hand. At present, she is the deputy dean of Faculty of Arts, Science and Technology at University of Northampton, UK. GT reporter caught up with her at the recently concluded International Conference on Emerging Media Paradigms 2020 at Amity University, Noida. We bring you few excerpts.

On working with BBC... Having worked with BBC for 22 years, I am aware of what journalists need to know. But the cycle would only be complete when journalists know what I know. Anyone who steps into the field must have a fair idea of how things work here. This is why I started the in-house journalism training scheme for BBC, which every new trainee must now undertake. The training basically aims at passing on maximum relevant knowledge, which makes it easier for young journo to do their job once they are out in the field.

On challenging assignments... I remember covering the news of Princess Diana's

death. The fervour around the news was crazy. It was such a major international news story that everybody around the world knew about it. To be able to report it and see the coffin go past was indeed an intense moment. I watched it close and saw the emotions of everyone around. It was a very powerful moment and I feel privileged to have reported on it for BBC.

On social media... Social media has changed the way news is reported. Today, news reaches the common man before you can blink an eye. Social media is important even for the journalists, for it helps them in finding new stories, do research and reach avenues that are otherwise ignored or unreachable. Other than that, social media has also given journalists a platform to share their story with people. So, social media is definitely an aid to journalism, and not a threat, quite contrary to what many people believe.

On journalism must-haves... Journalists definitely need to be inquisitive. They must have the confidence to approach people and talk to them. The Indian education system is really good at teaching students how to write and how to tell stories, a key trait in the profession that we have come to know as journalism. [GT](#)



Kate Williams with GT reporter

Chapter continues...



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A welcome maturity

The judgment of the apex court in this century-old tussle of faith and justice was perhaps the last innings. The dispute first reached court in 1858, and went through a series of trials and tribulations. Prime amongst them was the 2010 verdict by Allahabad High Court that offered a tripartite decision. Now, what could have been fairer than offering an equal slice to each of the contending parties. The verdict, instead of being embraced, was contended by all. Another nine years later, one expected similar turn of events. But in stark contrast to the past, the populace placed their faith in the hands of the highest judicial institution. Even before the verdict, one unanimous sound could be heard "we will welcome the decision, no matter what the outcome." Status quo prevailed in the aftermath. AIMPLB said, "Not satisfied, but will respect the court." Of course, AIMPLB is contemplating a review, but that is a right that remains within their legal ambit and cannot be denied. A sensible, neutral, and unified acceptance of the court's wisdom and decision is showcase enough of a maturity that has often been absent from the Indian polity.

(A)political leaning

From fuelling communalism to appealing for peace, politics and, more importantly, politicians in India have indeed come a long way. And nothing says that more loudly than the Ayodhya verdict. Back in 1984, when the Ayodhya conflict was in

full swing, the many politicians were seen heading the campaign that aimed to liberate the birth place of Lord Rama. Twenty years later, echoes of aligning with a certain side was evident, when the then PM announced that he will definitely build a temple at the disputed site. Cut to 2019, when all political sundry refrained to comment on the matter, let alone aligning with either side. PM Modi's tweet that this should not be a "win or loss for anybody" only resonated fair play. Union defence minister Rajnath Singh, too, ahead of the verdict, slammed leaders indulging in communal and appeasement politics, asking them to do away with commenting on the matter. Communal politics seems to be a thing of the past. A recent coverage of Ayodhya verdict by BBC bears testimony—"It is now not as easy to mobilise people in the name of religion...extremists have failed to garner supporters."

A hopeful future

Karl Marx was perhaps mistaken when he reduced religion to 'opium of people'. Or maybe he didn't understand it fully well, when placed in context to India. The Ayodhya battle

has often been criticised for using religion as a ground for divide. However, the future may prove otherwise. Economists and market analysts are optimistic that the elimination of a major uncertainty in the country's socio-political landscape would boost global investor confidence towards the Indian economy. Nearly 1 lakh daily pilgrims from across India and abroad are expected to visit the temple and mosque in Ayodhya, bringing in revenue greater than Vaishno Devi and Tirupati. In fact, it is predicted that the temple and mosque together will draw as many as 50 lakh visitors to the state, serving as a much needed antidote to the economic slowdown. This will mean a huge revenue boost to the otherwise poor state of Uttar Pradesh.

There is neither a victor nor a vanquished, in what is essentially a contestation of faith. The Ayodhya verdict is a mere closure as well as a new beginning that could lead to a magnificent temple and a peaceful mosque co-existing in this sacred land, signifying the true values of equality and justice upon which the Indian constitution and nation have been built. [GT](#)



Dear Editor,

This is in reference to the story 'The 'C' signal' on page 7 of The Global Times edition dated February 3, 2020. When I first heard that my story was going to be published in The Global Times, I was thrilled. As a writer who loves her work, I felt immense joy at finding my work being published in the newspaper. It brought me a great sense of satisfaction to know that my writings are good enough to be published in my school newspaper. The Global Times gave me the courage and inspiration to write more and helped me rediscover my passion for writing. I hope that the readers who read my work will find it as inspiring as it was for me.

Yashaswini Sharma

AIS Mayur Vihar, IX B



Dear Editor,

This is in reference to the story 'The memory master' on page 12 of The Global Times edition dated February 3, 2020. I was elated to see that my son Varnit Chandra's achievement has been covered by The Global Times and it was an even more exciting moment for Varnit. We appreciate this newspaper's efforts in acknowledging and writing about students' achievements in different fields. It is such a great platform to showcase talents and stories of the Amityans. We are thankful to the team of The Global Times for their efforts in bringing to us a new and interesting copy of the newspaper every week. [GT](#)

Neha Chandra

Mother of Varnit Chandra
AIS Saket, II





Syrniki (Russia): Pancakes made of quark and garnished with sour cream, jam, honey or apple sauce.

The Ultimate Agony Of 'Atithi, Tum Kab Jaoge?' Raised By Overtourism

As travelers strap their backpacks, fill their suitcases and get their passports stamped, the hopes of being the ultimate voyager come crashing to the ground. Why, you ask? Well, their dream destinations have shut the front doors, some going to the extent of putting up the sign 'You are not welcome'. But how can that happen? Aren't countries supposed to be boosting tourism and rejoice in the revenue? Well, that was long ago. Today, things have changed and if you are wondering why or how, **Mrinal Verma, GT Network**, brings you all the information you need.

GO BACK HOME

THE GOOD

As the burgeoning middle class of the world collectively upgraded their lifestyle, a surge in tourism began. Add to this the fact that the world has become more accessible than it has ever been — cheaper airfares, online accommodation booking services and what not. The result? Tourists, tourists everywhere! According to United Nations World Tourism Organisation, international tourism went from 25 million in 1950 to 1.4 billion per year in today's time. And that, my friend, is just the beginning. Chinese tourists, key-players in the game, are responsible for a good chunk of this number. In 2017 alone, the Chinese tourists made about 130 million trips abroad, accounting for 80% of the key growth of tourism in the last decade. While tourism was on an all-time rise, not every country felt the surge. 46% of global tourism is concentrated in the top 100 cities of the world like New York, Bangkok, London, Paris, Dubai, etc. In 2016, New York City hosted more than 60 million tourists, double of what it hosted in 2002. London, too, has seen more than 20% growth in its guests and Berlin's number has doubled from 15 million in 2005 to 31 million in 2016. Tourism has served as the economic lifesaver for a lot of European countries, generating around 321 billion USD for European Union in 2018 and helped with the employment of around 12 million people. And the tourism industry on the rise meant the same for the country's revenue. Tourists happy, countries happy. So far, so good.

THE BAD

Who doesn't enjoy the occasional doorbell rung by a beloved guest, but imagine the same guests coming everyday in large hordes. That's what happened to a lot of the countries that were initially happy. Netherlands, a country of 17 million people, expects 42 million visitors annually by 2030. Giethoorn, a village of picturesque windmills housing 2,500 people, is being swamped by 350,000 Chinese tourists every year. Clearly, 'our gates are open' policy had backfired, leaving government with no option but to take action. While some of them were rather subtle, others not so much. Netherlands' government plans to shut down attractions and impose tourist taxes as Amsterdammers are being squeezed out of their homes; the iconic 'Iamsterdam' letters were removed from outside of the Rijksmuseum to the same effect. With 1.3 billion international arrivals counted by UN, 51% of which were in Europe, the Mayor of Venice has ordered installations of checkpoints intended to block the visitors. Mallorca, Spain, went as far as witnessing anti-tourism demonstrations right at the airport. Barcelona is fining its visitors excessively, prohibiting construction of new hotels in the city's center, not providing docking licences to foreign cruise ships that want to stop for the day and are only allowing tour groups to visit Boqueria market at certain times. The Croatian city of Dubrovnik, that was the for King's Landing in HBO's Game of Thrones, has also limited its daily visitors to 8,000, a number the new mayor wants to cut to half.

THE UGLY

As a result of this surge in over-eager travelers, the streets are clogged up, housing supplies have diminished, water is polluted, grocery stores are replaced by souvenir stalls and monuments have turned into no-go zones. In short, the life of residents has become tough, so it doesn't come as a surprise that they are choosing to leave their hometowns and move out.

As Venice sees major surge in tourists, it is, in reality, losing residents, dropping from nearly 175,000 in 1991 to 55,000 in 2017. Increasing tourism has had its impact on not just the families living there, but the land they are living on, too. Boracay in Philippines, which was known to have dazzling white sand and crystal-clear water, now has water bodies filled with green algae. Illegal fishing, pollution and unmonitored snorkeling have destroyed 70-90% of the coral cover. Angkor Wat in Cambodia, the famous temple in 'Tom Raider', has spurred the growth of nearby urban areas so much that the result is a shortage of groundwater that could trigger a sudden collapse of the monument at any time.

The 19 islands of Galápagos, the very ones that inspired Darwin's theory of evolution, once hosted approximately 9,000 species. Today, the UN has listed the destination as an endangered heritage site, courtesy — a high soar in tourism since 2007. A similar sorry fate was written for Machu Picchu that saw its visitors' number grow from 400,000 to 1.4 million in the last 20 years. The same visitors climbed and crawled all over the ancient Incan ruins, littering and eroding pathways so much so that UNESCO had to step in to enlist the destination as one of the heritage sites in danger.

While Thailand declared 3 of its islands as strictly prohibited to tourists because of 80% reefs being degraded, Bhutan has restricted the number of tourists allowed and charge them more than 15,000 INR a day for visas and fees.

Does this mean that 'tourists go back' is on its way to become the anthem of numerous countries? Or should the travelers explore the world of virtual tourism? Should countries be stringent with their tourism policies? Or maybe the travelers need to be a bit more careful, so as to not to disrupt the natural habitat of their destination? The answer, perhaps, lies in a bit of yes to all of the above.



Tartar de Santiago (Spain): A pie made of ground almonds, eggs and sugar, along with additional flavours of lemon zest, sweet wine or brandy.



Pic courtesy: Koyal Das, AIS Gur 43, VIII D

Victor's tree

Storywala



Khushi Jugran

AIS Gurugram 46, X

Young Victor was walking down the street that led to who knows where. He wandered carelessly all day, discovering yet new nooks and corners to hide in his old neighbourhood, satisfactorily filling his boredom under the

bright summer sun.

On his way, he heard a sound; this sound was new for him. Curious, he followed the sound to trace the source. Following it, he ended up standing on a piece of land covered with fresh grass as far as the eye could see. Soaked in the fresh breeze and smell of grass, the pasture was beautiful and peaceful. One

could even say that it was pure bliss. Victor wanted to take a piece of that land with him. He could take photographs, but they wouldn't have the freshness of green grass. So, the next time Victor went to his little paradise, he planted a seedling. He nurtured the plant with all his heart for years. The plant was growing well, until one day Victor found

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out that his family had to move to a different city. Victor was disheartened. He wasn't sure if the plant would survive without him. But he had to go and there was nothing he could do about it. Fifteen years later when Victor came back for school reunion, he saw that the little plant had turned into a massive tree with beautiful branches and blossoming flowers. The tree was blooming in all its grace, but the land around it wasn't the same. The place that Victor fell in love with had now turned into a cemetery. He soon found out that there was talk around the town to cut down the tree as well. This came as a huge disappointment to him. He looked at the tree for one last time and left. Later, the tree that Victor sowed with intensive care was cut to create more space. On the very next day, a catastrophe hit Victor's family as Victor met with an accident and didn't make it, almost as if his life was tied to that tree. He was buried in the same cemetery, right where his tree had been. Call it concurrence or fate; the tree gave room to his grave. 🇮🇳

Koyal Das, AIS Gurugram 43, VIII D

Material required



- ◆ Black chart paper
- ◆ Compass
- ◆ Tracing paper
- ◆ Scissors
- ◆ Cutter
- ◆ Glue
- ◆ Pencil
- ◆ Ruler
- ◆ Tea light (Candle)

Procedure

- ◆ Take the chart paper and using a compass, draw an equilateral triangle, with each side measuring 11cm.
- ◆ Mark the center of the triangle and draw two concentric circles from the center of radii 2 cm and 2.5 cm respectively.
- ◆ Draw a smaller equilateral triangle inside the bigger triangle in such a way that the sides touch the circumference of the 2.5 radii circle.
- ◆ From one tip of the triangle, draw two parallel lines to the center of the opposite side of the triangle. It should pass through the center of the circle. You will obtain the deathly hallows sign.
- ◆ Copy the same image twice on another piece of the same chart paper.
- ◆ Draw 2 cm margin area for each side of the three triangles. These margins will work as flaps.
- ◆ Cut out the triangle with the deathly hallows symbol from the rest of the chart paper and further cut the unwanted portions from inside the triangle, leaving only the circle and the line in the middle. After that, paste tracing paper over the symbol. (Refer to image)
- ◆ Repeat with other two triangles and fold the edges of all the three triangles.
- ◆ Paste the side flaps one over the other to make a pyramid.
- ◆ You can place a tea light at the bottom of the pyramid and voila! your Deathly Hallows lamp is ready to glow!

WORDS VERSE

What she wants

Gauri Rathor, AGS Noida, IX

I stand with poise and grace
In denial of my very existence
Unable to control my own pace
I stand for stability and finesse
Mirroring honour and prestige
I carry massive responsibilities
But in the core of my very heart
There lives a girl unknown
She celebrates her womanhood
Praising and admiring her own
But, time and again wonders
Is this what she really wants?
Why in midst of all the glory
She doesn't feel safe
Why does she lock her door
Her heart filled with terror
Why can't she trust anyone
After knowing him for years?
Why she is
Only as good as her looks?
Why is she expected to be,
As perfect as a doll in books?
A daughter, a wife or a mother
Life is always giving her a role
And to perfectly fit in that act
Seems to be her only goal
Expectations of love and care
Choices, dreams; I do not dare



Playing roles all my life
Now I've forgotten; who am I?
Where is my self? Is it gone?
All these efforts; for me, none?
All my devoirs are praised
But my eminence never raised
The girl who lives in my heart
Is looking for herself and her art
Her dreams, interests and quests
She wants to relax and rest
She wants to see the blue skies
And stars and the shining moon
She wants to see the sea
And play with sand at the beach
She wants to be free to speak
Freedom is all she seeks. 🇮🇳

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Ans:

Q: When did the impeachment trial of Donal Trump begin?
Ans:

Q: Who has written the poem 'What she wants'?
Ans:

Q: Which school hosted the 19th edition of Ramanujan?
Ans:

Q: Which country has Baklava as its main dessert?
Ans:

Q: Which tenet of BHAAG has been talked about on page 6?
Ans:

Q: Who has been interviewed on page 1 of this edition?
Ans:

Q: Who is the author of the article 'Idioms in disguise'?
Ans:

Q: Name the two Amitians conferred with Rashtriya Bal Puraskar.
Ans:

Name: Class: School:

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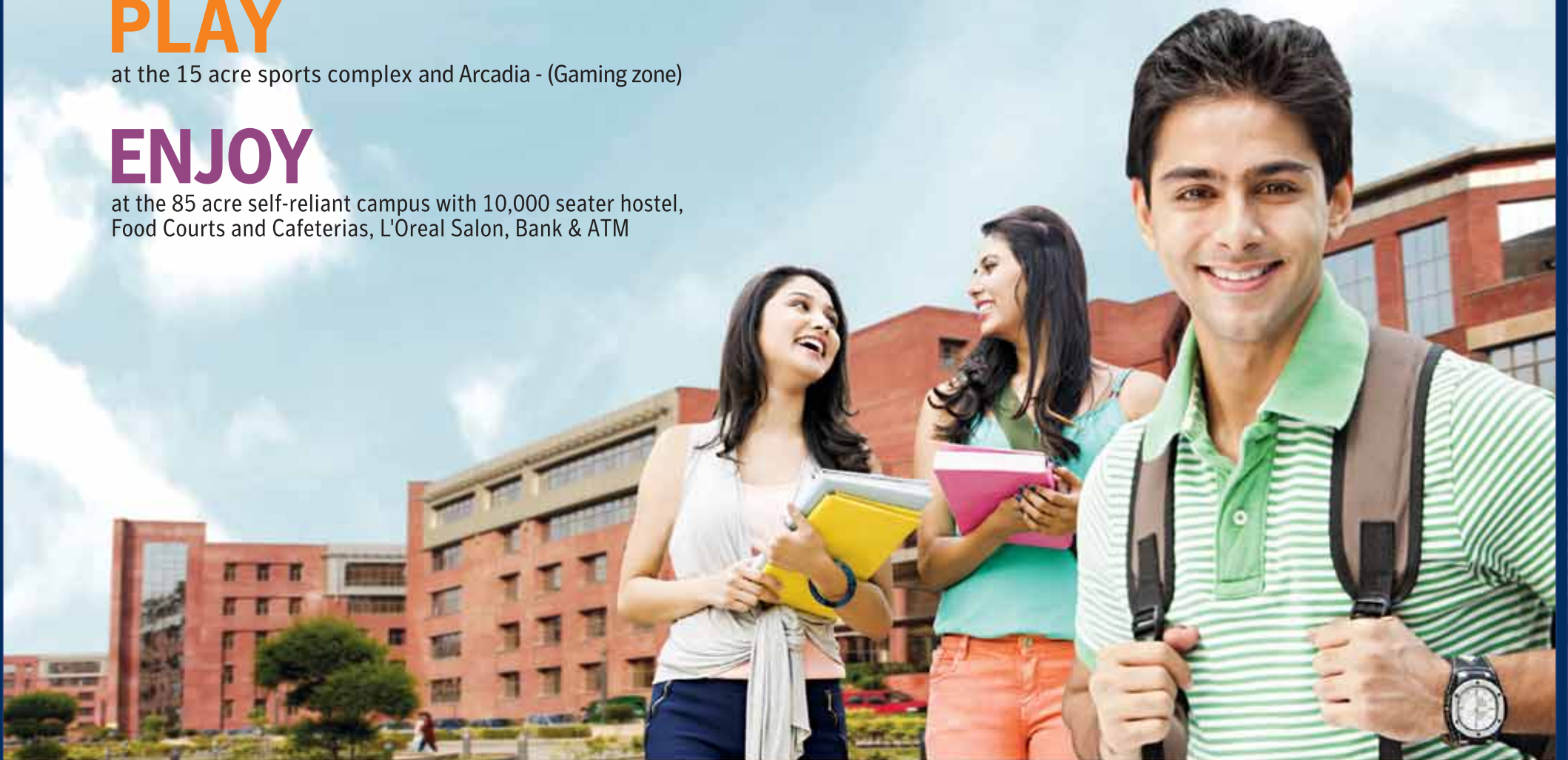
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Dr Atul Chauhan interacts with a participant



Senior students march to glory

AGS Noida

Amity Global School, Noida celebrated its sports day on January 24, 2020 with great zeal and excitement. The mega event saw the benign presence of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF; Dr Atul Chauhan,

Chancellor, Amity University & President, RBEF; Ms Pooja Chauhan, Chairperson, ASFD and AHF and eminent heads of Amity Group of Schools. The programme began with school principal, Jayashree Kad welcoming the gathering and emphasising on the importance of sports in the life of students. Mesmerising the audience, the

primary students showcased a lively parade and demonstrated karate and PEC games followed by a majestic march-past by the senior students.

An energising equestrian display set the tone for the rest of the event; field drills, yoga, aerobics, basketball drill, hula-hoop and other athletic activities. The event also witnessed participa-

tion by enthusiastic and energetic parents in large numbers in the track events.

The event concluded with felicitation of winners in different sports categories with medals. Chairperson congratulated the winners and motivated all the participants to participate in multiple sports events and become fit citizens of the country. 🇮🇳



Participants solve the Math quiz

Ramanujan: A legacy

A Quiz On Mathematics

AIS Noida

Pavani Joshi, AIS Noida, XI J

On January 24, 2020, the school hosted its 19th edition of Ramanujan, interschool math competition, an innovative concept initiated by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF. The competition witnessed participation by 282 students from 28 schools across Delhi/NCR. A series of exciting math activities like problem solving, math quiz, math fun activity, speed and challenger rounds were held wherein students had to solve math questions within a short span of time. The competition was followed

by valedictory ceremony which began with traditional lighting of the lamp and a melodious prayer by school choir. The winners were felicitated by school principal Renu Singh and vice principal-co curricular Shelly Kapoor. In problem solving round, AIS Mayur Vihar won first position in Class XI-XII category while AIS Noida, AIS Gur 46 and AIS Vas 1 secured first, second and third position respectively in Class IX-X category. AIS Vas 1 bagged second position and AIS Noida secured third position in math quiz round in Class VI-VIII category. In math fun activity round, AIS Noida won first position and AIS Gurugram 46 secured second position in Class IV-V category. 🇮🇳



Students present a patriotic song

Special assembly

AIS VKC Lucknow

A special assembly by the students of Class VIII B was organised on January 24, 2020. The assembly started with *gayatri mantra* and a motivating thought. An informative PowerPoint presentation on Indian constitution was shown followed by a recitation of the pledge taken by the members of the constituent assembly in 1949 to preserve the integrity and diversity of India. Next up, the mellifluous singers sang a patri-

otic song. This was followed by a motivating speech by Vaishnavi Singh on the struggle of independence. A short video on the importance of three-armed forces in India instilled pride in hearts of the audience. *Bujhi Rakh Na Hame Samajhna*, a poem by Vaishnavi Singh, emphasised upon the bravery of the armed forces and a medley of patriotic songs left the viewers awestruck. The assembly culminated with school principal Rachna Mishra, appreciating the students for their efforts. 🇮🇳

Entrepreneurs in the making

Young Amitians Shine At The University Of Newcastle

ACCGC

Keeping in sync with the vision of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, to foster entrepreneurial and business skills among young minds, Amity Career Counselling and Guidance Cell (ACCGC) introduced Young Entrepreneurs Business Plan Challenge by University of Newcastle, Australia. Two teams, AIS Noida and AIS Vasundhara 6 made their school proud by securing second and third position respectively at the finale of the competition held by University of Newcastle, Australia on January 19, 2020 at Siri Fort Auditorium, New Delhi. AIS Noida won prize money of AUD \$5000 for the team and 25% scholarship for each team



AIS Noida, first runner up at the competition

member for Newcastle Business School Programs at University of Newcastle while AIS Vasundhara 6 received AUD \$2500 prize money and 10% scholarship for the same. The challenge, one of its kind was held for the first time in India in the year 2019, with an

aim to develop business skills among high school students, giving them a chance to win scholarships and an opportunity to obtain education at the prestigious, University of Newcastle, Australia.

The competition was open for the students of Class XI and a

total of 30 teams from various schools participated in the event, guided by their mentor teachers throughout the competition. It kickstarted on August 15, 2019, with a submission deadline of November 15, 2019. The submitted business plans were graded within a month from submission after which top five teams were announced on December 15, 2019. Out of these five, three teams of Amity, namely, AIS Mayur Vihar for their plan 'KAPS Retailtech', AIS Noida for their plan 'Fedibles' and AIS Vasundhara 6 for their plan 'Freemate' grabbed top three positions. All the top five finalists presented their business plans to a panel of judges comprising academicians, industry professionals and representatives from the University of Newcastle. 🇮🇳

Winter carnival

AIS Noida

A winter carnival was organised on January 18, 2020 at, with the aim to strengthen familial bonds by celebrating together. School principal, Renu Singh inaugurated the carnival which saw students from Class Nursery-XII participating with enthusiasm. Brightly decorated stalls selling food, handicrafts and colourful apparels, joy rides and other fun games were enjoyed by everyone. The drama performances in the theatre arena, song and dance performances in the 'Amity Idol', a live



Fun and frolic at the carnival

DJ and pulsating music reverberated throughout the day. The day ended with a raffle draw of exciting prizes. The carnival saw parents, students and staff spend a fun time together. 🇮🇳

Heritage quiz

A Tribute To Indian Culture

AIS Saket

To instill pride and sense of belongingness towards the nation, inter-Amity heritage quiz was held on January 30, 2020. The quiz hosted by the school each year, marks the culmination of year long activities organised by all the branches of Amity Group of Schools on a chosen theme. The theme of heritage celebrations for the year 2019-20 was the four States of India, namely, Uttar Pradesh,

Gujarat, Orissa and Karnataka. The quiz was conducted by Sidharth Kurapati, quizmaster, Quizcraft. It was held in three categories- junior, middle and senior on multifarious topics like Indian culture, religion, literature, art and mythology. AIS Noida lifted the overall rolling trophy. At the end of the quiz, school principal, Divya Bhatia lauded the efforts of every team member and congratulated them for their participation and brilliant performance. 🇮🇳



Winners of the Heritage quiz lift their trophy

Winners Tally

Category	Winner	First runner up	Second runner up
Junior	AIS Gur 46	AIS Noida	AIS Gur 43
Middle	AIS Gur 46	AIS PV	AIS Noida
Senior	AIS Noida	AIS PV	AIS Noida

Mochi (Japan): A rice cake made from a short grain japonica glutinous rice along with other ingredients.

All top quotes contributed by Jia Datt, AIS Noida, VI E



Global desserts

Successful symphony

“Life is like a piano. What you get out of it depends on how you play it.” Gauri Mishra, a Class VIII student of AIS Gurugram 46 has well played both – the journey of life and the piano. The result, a symphony that has now been adorned by a prestigious from the president of India. She shares her musical sojourn.



strings of the piano represent the support and guidance you receive from your family, school, friends; basically everyone who loves you. Without the strings, a piano is nothing. Likewise, a person is nothing without their support system,” opines Gauri. Who thought that the piano could teach more than just music to us.

Starting notes

Just as she is now, Gauri had been brimming with enthusiasm at the raw age of four. Curious to try her hands at

Achievements

- Recipient of appreciation letter from PM Narendra Modi for her experiment with Indian classical music on Piano in 2017.
- Recognised as ‘Youngest Piano Player’ by International Association of Educators for Peace.
- Awarded Delhi Pratibha Puraskar by Shri Vijay Goel, MP Rajya Sabha
- Recognised as one of the Top 100 Record Holders for excellence by World Records Union.
- Certified as ‘Youngest Pianist’ at the age of 9 by India Book of Records and other world record organisations.

everything that came her way—be it swimming, dancing, theatre, etc, she came across the piano. What started as a fickle interest soon became a passion. “I really loved playing with keys, and it was then that I requested my parents to allow me to learn music,” she says. And that was the beginning of her musical journey.

Setting the tune

For Gauri, piano is not just an instrument, but a tool to discover oneself and her guide to life. “The 88 black and white keys represent the ups and downs that define your life. They help you develop harmony and balance. The

Syncing it right

Upon asking how she juggles between academics and extra-curricular; Gauri simply says it has never been a task for her. She attributes her synchronised life to her support system and idols. Gauri shares, “Chairperson ma’am has always taught us the importance of balancing studies and extra-curricular. My principal, teachers take time to attend all my concerts despite their busy schedules. My parents have always supported and encouraged me throughout my journey till here.” Apart from this, religiously following the mantra of ‘work management’ has



helped her strike a balance between studies and passion.

Striking a chord

From showcasing her talent for the first time at the age of 15, to being awarded ‘Youngest pianist in the country’ by India Book of Records for her performance in 2016, to effortlessly mastering different gen-

res of music including Indian, Western and fusion, to pursuing music certification from the esteemed Trinity College of London and Prayag Sangeet Samiti in Allahabad, Gauri’s achievements are indeed endless; the latest one being the award at Rashtrapati Bhawan. “Every success

drives me to perform better. I am grateful for this award by the President and I will cherish it forever. I wish to take my passion to numerous international platforms in future,” Gauri humbly signs off. 🇮🇳

Rashtriya Bal Puraskar

‘Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2020’ – the words alone stir a sense of pride. So, imagine our ecstasy when this year, not one but two Amitians were bestowed with this esteemed award. Gauri Mishra of AIS Gur 46, a prodigious pianist, and Sanchita Tiwari of AIS Vas 1, a phenomenal archer, were amongst 49 exceptionally talented students to be conferred upon the Bal Shakti Puraskar (erstwhile known as National Child Award), with a medal, a cash prize of 1 lakh and a certificate from President Ram Nath Kovind on January 22, 2020.

Induja Tyagi, GT Network, brings you the remarkable stories of the students who brought honour to Amity.

Amity’s Arjuna

bull’s eye with the Rashtriya Bal Puraskar. And here, we present to you her journey in her very own words.

How does it feel to be Rashtriya Bal Puraskar awardee?

It is nothing less than a dream come true for me. After all, every child in the country wishes to be a part of an event as grand as the Republic Day parade. Moreover, receiving an award from the revered President of India was the cherry on the top. When I first came to know about it, I was on cloud nine.

Having received so many awards, is it as exciting as it used to be in the beginning?

Each time I receive an award, the euphoria escalates to a different level. Receiving such prestigious awards has never made me complacent. Rather,

each honour motivates me to prove that I am worth the appreciation. The Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar has given me the inspiration to work even harder.

Would you like to share the secrets that helped you achieve so much so early in life?

Well, I’d rather call these secrets my driving force. My school and coach have left no stone unturned in honing my skills as an archer right from the nascent stage. My parents have been cooperative beyond imagination. I would also like to thank my brother who has always encouraged me.

How do you balance between your academics and archery?

Well, I have not really been able to attend my classes regularly, given my hectic schedule. But my teachers have always been very helpful. They keep providing me with notes of whatever

is taught in the class.

I can always reach out to them via video calls or any other medium available. It is generally opined that sports and academics cannot go hand in hand, but I think differently.

How has this sport shaped you as an individual?

Archery is all about maintaining focus. My coach has taught me the concentration techniques and minor skills related to the sport. I have now become very focused in whatever I do. Also, this sport has instilled in me a decision-making power.

What is archery to you?

To be honest, I had never thought I would find my calling in archery. It was only during our work-ex classes in school that I got introduced to this game. At that point in time, it was just another sport for me.

Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar

With the view that children are important partners in nation development, the government of India, in the year 1996, instituted two awards- Bal Shakti Puraskar and Bal Kalyan Puraskar under the umbrella category, Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar. While the former award acknowledges children with outstanding abilities and feats in the fields of academics, innovation, sports, bravery, and art and culture; the latter bestows recognition to dedicated individuals and institutions; whose relentless efforts have contributed towards child welfare.

Achievements

- Won bronze medal in Youth Archery World Championship 2017, held at Rosario Argentina.
- Won silver medal in 3RD ISSF International Solidarity Championship 2019 (World Ranking event), held at Dhaka Bangladesh
- Won silver medal in Asia Cup 2019 Stage I, held at Bangkok Thailand.
- Won silver medal in 2nd Khelo India Youth Games, held at Pune, Maharashtra
- Won silver medal in 40th Junior National Archery Championship, held at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

But after a month of practice, I got selected for nationals. And I owe a great deal of it to Chairperson ma’am for offering me with a brilliant platform. 🇮🇳



We are all familiar with Mahabharata – India’s mythological tale and Arjuna, a hero from the same story. While Arjuna was known for many virtues, he stood out in the war for being a fine archer. The same can be said for Sanchita Tiwari, a student of AIS Vasundhara 1, Class XII, Amity’s own Arjuna. And now she has hit the