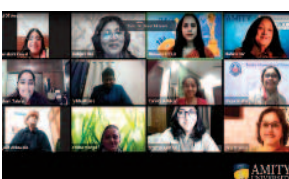



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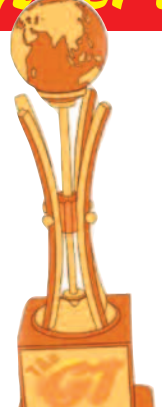
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**Coming Next**  
 Toy Story



**Winner**  
 AIS Saket

**And the winner is**



**Best School Newspaper Award**


- Winner**  
AIS Saket
- First Runner Up**  
AIS PV
- Second Runner Up**  
AIS Vas 6
- Second Runner Up**  
AIS Noida

**Best Design Award**

- Winner**  
AIS Saket
- First Runner Up**  
AIS Gur 43
- Second Runner Up**  
AIS Vas 6

**Best Edit Award**

- Winner**  
AIS PV
- First Runner Up**  
AIS Noida
- Second Runner Up**  
AIS MV



*"Putting together this wonderfully edited newspaper is real application of the knowledge that you students have earned. I think Global Times Awards are a great way to promote healthy competition and learning among young minds. And, for that you all should thank your Chairperson."*

**Bharti Jain**  
 Senior Editor  
 The Times of India

**Bhawna Tuteja, GT Network**

**G**T Awards – say the word and you feel an array of emotions in an instant. Spinning magic over a decade, it has come to be associated with a certain set of expectations, expectations that demand applause, scream for excitement, and vouch for an enigma never witnessed before. So, when this event was set to enter its virtual avatar, many wondered if it will match up to the expectations of the years gone by. Turns out, expectations are not always a bad thing.

## The GT Awards

# EXACTLY as EXPECTED



*"As Philip Graham says, 'Journalism is the first draft of history,' well, writing and designing for The Global Times is the first draft of journalism. I am extremely impressed by the commendable display of talent possessed by the students. Besides, it's not about winning, but participation that counts. So, all of you are winners today."*

**Sunil Pew**  
 Graphic Designer and  
 Print Media Evangelist

**Energetic as expected**

Kick starting with a sparkling show reel, the event breathed energy from the word go, energy that could be felt on the other side of the screen. A lamp lighting ceremony and a presentation by Vira Sharma, Managing Editor, GT, later, the event was off to an energetic start. The presence of Jaishree Chauhan, vice-chairperson, Amity Finishing School, other principals and heads added to the buzz.

**Euphoric as expected**

Award – the very word rings in euphoria. But is it as euphoric when you are sitting behind the screen? Well, yes. The ecstatic faces of the winners as they sat huddled around their laptops could be seen and their happiness

heard even behind muted mics.

An ecstatic high prevailed as AIS Saket bagged the winners' title, followed by AIS Pushp Vihar at the second spot and AIS Vasundhara 6 and AIS Noida tying at the third spot. Several awards were also given in the individual category as Most Outstanding Story, Best Ground Reporting, Best Illustration, Best Photograph et al.

**Enthusiastic as expected**

We at GT are an enthusiastic bunch (oh come on! We deserve a little praise, read self-praise, after pulling off that fab award ceremony). So, even when the nation went into lockdown, our pens could not hold their horses. A special video handcrafted by students of AIS Noida that showcased GT during lockdown was met with adulation and applause.

**Emotional as expected**

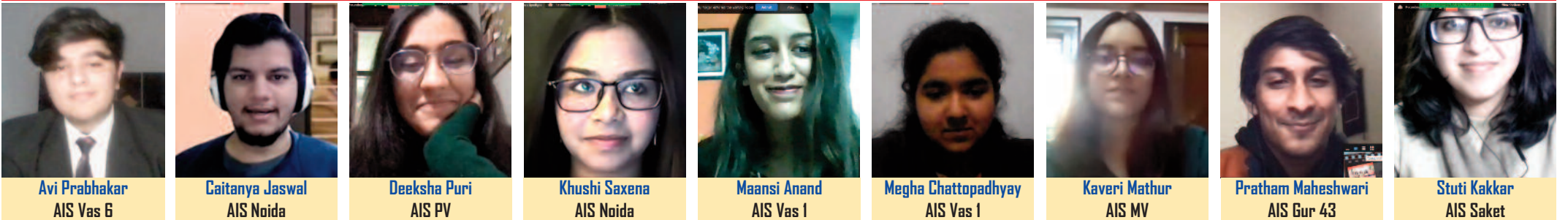
What happens when three alumni come together for the love of their favourite newspaper? Emotions in colours of yellow and blue run rampant as a unique slam poetry by Amity alumnus was played. Starring Labanya Maitra, AIS Saket; Aastha Singh, AIS Noida, and Saumya Mittal, AIS Vas 6, it had everyone reminiscing the days gone by. Another emotional tide engulfed the attendees as the GT School Time Achievement awards were given. Tears welled up in the eyes of the awardees as they thanked their Chairperson for this wonderful opportunity.

**Enlightening as expected**

GT Awards 2020, in its e-avatar, had large shoes to fill. Here's hoping that the virtual ceremony will leave an indelible footprint in the GT sojourn.

task to judge such clarity of thoughts and ideas." While Ms Bharti Jain, editorial judge could not make it for the event, her message enlightened all. She shared, "A big congratulations for bringing out this wonderful product called The Global Times. I am beyond impressed with your understanding of the nuances of reporting." The event had its fair share of words that inspired and then words that became the 'happily ever after' of this beautiful story – the vote of thanks proposed by Mohina Dar, Director, Academics, Amity International & Global Schools.

### GT School Time Achievement Awardees



Avi Prabhakar AIS Vas 6   Caitanya Jaswal AIS Noida   Deeksha Puri AIS PV   Khushi Saxena AIS Noida   Maansi Anand AIS Vas I   Megha Chattopadhyay AIS Vas I   Kaveri Mathur AIS MV   Pratham Maheshwari AIS Gur 43   Stuti Kakkar AIS Saket



**First Runner up**  
 AIS Pushp Vihar



**Second Runner up**  
 AIS Vas 6



**Second Runner up**  
 AIS Noida



Proteus syndrome causes different tissues of a person's body to grow disproportionately.



# India This Week

Aadya Kapoor, AIS Vasundhara 6, XI D

**W**hile 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.



## Smart cameras to ensure safety of women

**News:** Under the UP government's Mission Shakti programme, the city of Lucknow will deploy facial recognition technology backed by security cameras to make the city safer for women. A total of five AI enabled smart cameras will be deployed at hotspots where the movement of women is maximum. The cameras will read the expressions of women in distress and notify the nearest police station.

**Views:** This is a unique idea undertaken by Lucknow police and its efficiency can only be evaluated with time. According to me, this new initiative has tremendous potential, if executed in a correct manner. The cameras put up in places determined by the police as crime hotspots will hopefully reduce women harassment cases as well as other crimes occurring in those areas. It will give women the much needed confidence to walk free with no fear. However, this initiative is only a step in the ladder. To make the city and our country truly safe for women, more such initiatives are required.

Sneha Sharma, AIS Vas 6, XI D

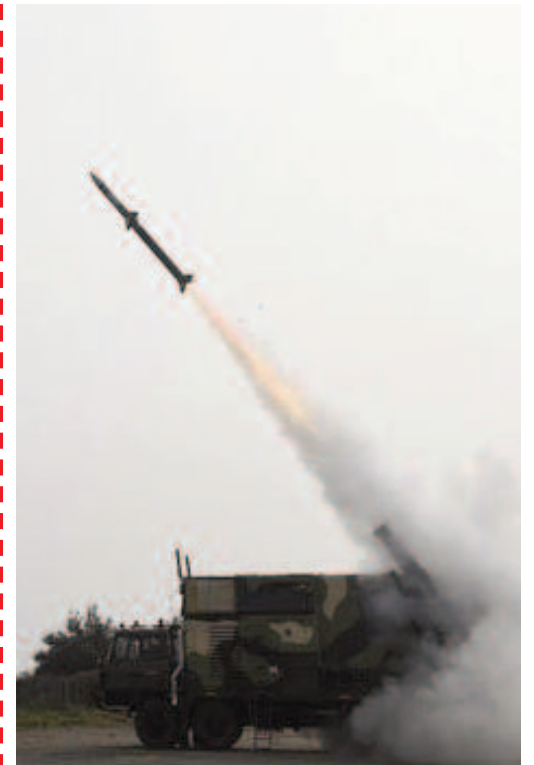


## New mobile app for Union Budget 2021

**News:** As India goes paperless for its next Union Budget, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman has launched the Union Budget Mobile App which will provide easy and hassle-free access to all the 2021 Budget related information. Calling the app "the simplest form of digital convenience" the finance ministry has stated that the app facilitates access to 14 Union Budget documents including the Annual Financial Statement, Demand for Grants, etc.

**Views:** In my opinion, the Union Budget going paperless is a sound decision and a great step towards 'Digital India'. With the new app, the minutes of the budget will be available for perusal to a large section of the society. Also, keeping the pandemic in mind, going digital is good as it limits risk of contraction. This eco-friendly initiative is applaudable.

Nitya Yadav, AIS Vas 6, XI B



## Launch of first ever Akash missile by DRDO

**News:** A new generation surface-to-air Akash missile was successfully launched by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) off the coast of Odisha. According to the defence organisation, the Akash missile can intercept targets with textbook precision and has been designed for use by the Indian Air Force to intercept high manoeuvring aerial threats.

**Views:** They say comeback is stronger than setback and it is certainly true. After the failure of three squadrons commissioned between the year 2013-15, the test run of the missile this year is nothing less than gold. We, as citizens of India, should be immensely proud because the missile speaks for its credibility and is a statement of power in itself. Earlier, we were dependent on imported technology, but now with the use of indigenous technology, our nation has successfully established the concept of self-reliance or to say Atmanirbhar Bharat.

Aastha Sharma, AIS Vas 6, XI B

## 20-year-old made Uttarakhand CM for a day

**News:** On the occasion of National Girl Child Day, Srishti Goswami, an Agriculture Science student, was commemorated as chief minister of Uttarakhand for a day. As CM, Goswami reviewed government programmes and made suggestions on aspects such as women safety and children, drug use among youth and hill-migration in Uttarakhand. The initiative was undertaken by the Uttarakhand State Commission for Protection of Child Rights.

**Views:** Celebrating National Girl Child Day with such a unique step is commendable. By extending the opportunity to a young girl, even for a day, the government has ignited inspiration in the minds of young girls. The suggestions put forward by Srishti Goswami has motivated young girls all over the country to educate themselves for a better future. Hopefully such initiatives are undertaken each year, not only in Uttarakhand, but all over India.

Adya Srivastava, AIS Vas 6, XI D



# Around The WORLD

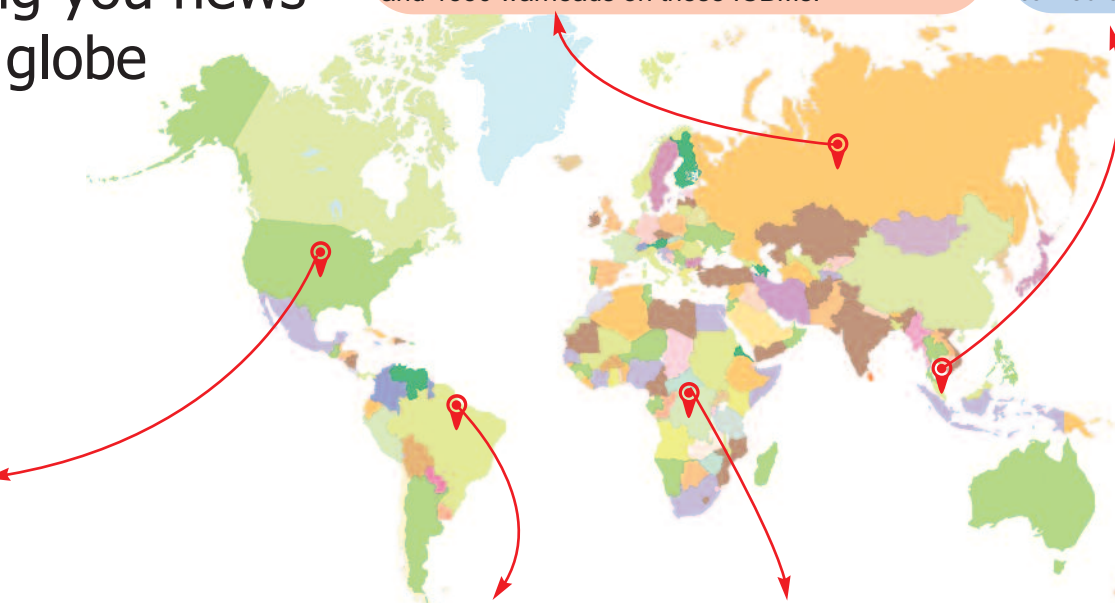
GT keeps the newswire ticking by bringing you news from around the globe



## USA

### Falcon 9 sets record by carrying 143 payloads

What has been called a 'rideshare' programme, where other firms and governments paid SpaceX to have technologies delivered to space, the launch of Falcon 9 has set a record as it carried 133 spacecrafts and 10 SpaceX satellites. This reinforces SpaceX's aim to send thousands of satellites to create a global Starlink broadband system.



## BRAZIL

### Military monitoring of Amazon to end soon

The on-going military-led operations to curb deforestation in the Amazon rainforest will end on April 30 this year as announced by VP Hamilton Mourão. Known as Operation Green Brazil which was launched last year, thousands of soldiers were deployed across the rainforest to put a stop to extensive logging in the region.

## CONGO

### PM to resign from post after vote of no-confidence

Lawmakers in the country abdicated PM Sylvestre Ilunga Ilunkamba, also ending his coalition with former president Joseph Kabila, who served the country for 18 years. The ousting was done through a session of no-confidence vote against the PM, which passed with 367 out of the total 377 votes.



## NEW ZEALAND

### Borders to remain shut

PM Jacinda Ardern announced that the country's borders will be closed for the better part of 2021 due to the fear of community transmission of COVID-19. However, the PM said that travel bubbles to countries such as Australia and Pacific Island nations will be permitted because of the countries' successful containing of the virus.

## RUSSIA

### President proposes extension of nuclear treaty

President Putin recently submitted a bill to the parliament seeking the expansion of a 5 year nuclear pact with the US. The New START treaty, which was signed in 2010 between then US President Barack Obama and Dmitry Medvedev, limits each party to 700 deployed intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs) and 1550 warheads on these ICBMs.



## SINGAPORE

### Zoo welcomes artificially conceived lion cub

In a first, Simba, a lion cub created through artificial insemination, made its way to the Singapore Zoo recently. Artificial conception of lions is very rare; however, it was conducted due to the lion population plummeting over the past decades, precisely by 40 percent. The first such procedure was carried out in South Africa, which resulted in two cubs.







Considered as a mental disorder, Capgras syndrome makes a person believe that someone in their life has been replaced by an impostor.

# Build the concepts

The word 'Entrance exam' is self-sufficient to make one feel nervous, because it brings along an array of questions popping in your mind. Well, how about you get to listen from someone who has experienced it already? To all the young aspirants, GT brings to you a special column 'Amity Alumni', where star performers from Amity Institute of Competitive Examinations (AICE) will share tips and tricks to put an end to all the nervousness and fear associated with entrance exams. Read on...

## How did your journey for NEET begin?

I have always been interested in the functioning of human body and biology, which is why from Class XI, I started taking coaching for NEET at Amity Institute of Competitive Examinations (AICE).

## What role did AICE play in helping you crack the competitive exam?

AICE provided me the guidance and knowledge that was essential for cracking NEET. The teachers were extremely helpful and friendly; the classroom environment was quite relaxed which made healthy student-teacher interaction possible. Gaganjeet ma'am, the coordinator for AICE at AIS Saket, was always there to aid me and would also arrange an extra class or test in case it was required.

## How did you prepare for NEET?

I attended my coaching classes and made regular notes. To tackle any topic, I started by reading NCERT books and ensured that I understood everything. In case I had any doubts, I would ask my teachers and revise the topic again the same day. And once I was done with NCERT and notes, I would refer to my coaching modules and try to solve the questions. If I ever had any backlog, I made sure to clear it all within the same week. I always focused on building concepts and revising them as much as I could. Apart from this, I also made it a point to never miss any practice test conducted by AICE and would try my best to prepare



AMITY  
LUMNUS

**Name:** Aryan Saxena  
**AICE Batch:** Year (2017-2019)  
**AICE Programme:** Synchro  
**Currently pursuing:** MBBS  
**College/University:** Vardhaman Mahavir Medical College And Safdarjung Hospital (VMMC & SJH)

fully before any test. After I would receive my results, I would analyse the entire paper, focusing on my mistakes and weak spots.

## How did you manage regular studies and prep-ups for competitive exams?

The syllabus for Boards and NEET is the same so I didn't prepare for anything separately. I just made sure that I was sticking to the syllabus and revising as much as I could.

## Are there some preparation strategies to crack NEET?

Never miss your coaching classes and always

attend them with full focus. NCERT should be your prime focus for all subjects and only move ahead to extra study material once you are confident about NCERT. Never leave any doubts unattended, no matter how small or silly they might seem. And lastly, do not just cram your formulas, but actually focus on building the concepts in your head.

## According to you, when exactly should an aspirant start preparing for competitive examinations?

If one really wants to crack the entrance exams, then s/he should get started in Class XI. The reason is simple, the syllabus of Class XI and XII helps one crack the examination and therefore, it's very important to be well versed with all the topics.

## What are the key learnings you would like to share with young aspirants?

Never underestimate yourself; always have confidence in yourself. You may not get your desired results sometimes, but do not lose hope. Instead of dwelling on your failures, analyse and find the mistakes to work on them. Do not blindly copy others; find what is best for you and follow that.

## Rapid fire

One word to describe...

**Your alma mater:** Second home

**The motto of your life:** Service to humanity

**Your passion:** Inquisitive

**Yourself:** Determined

## Book Review

# Rake in that review

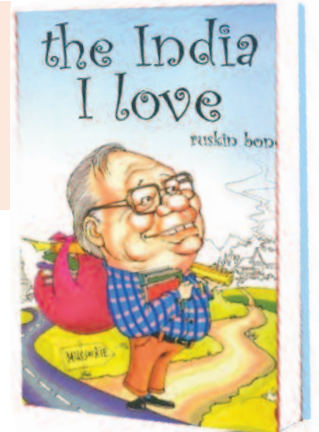
## Name of the book:

The India I love

**Author:** Ruskin Bond

**Published in:** 2004

**Genre:** Autobiography, Adventure



**Synopsis:** Ruskin Bond has splendidly articulated all his nostalgic memories in this worthy read. He has generously penned down instances that offer the readers some really wonderful insights into his life, especially after he returns to his homeland - Dehradun, India. In this book, he recounts several occurrences of his life right from his childhood days till the time he is 70 years old, also involving his family, neighbours and friends. He expresses all the little joys of life, especially talking about his love for writing. Every chapter in the book begins with a beautiful poem or haikus, also replete with lively illustrations which makes the reader even more eager to read through it till the very end.

## Why is it worth reading?

Being a master storyteller, Ruskin Bond has always been known for his portrayal of stories in a comprehensible yet

magnificent manner. As soon as I got my hands on this book, I found myself glued to his fascinating descriptions coupled with tinges of humour and a great deal of emotions that go on to sum up his life. All in all, 'The India I love' has had a profound impact on me, and it is sure to give every reader the feel that the author himself is narrating the story to them in person. No wonder he is hailed as India's William Wordsworth.

**Iconic quote:** "We don't have to circle the world in order to find beauty and fulfilment. After all, most of living has to happen in mind."

**Rating:** 5/5

**Review by:** Tannya Pasricha  
AIS Gurugram 43, X D

# Hardships of admissions

## Nothing Dispels Conviction And Enthusiasm Like The School Admission Process

Amishi Jain, AIS Mayur Vihar, X

They say nothing in this world is really impossible to accomplish. Perhaps they never heard from parents trying to get their three-year old enrolled in an excellent primary school. Here, take a look at how parents turn Abhimanyus in this

21st century *chakravyuh*, applying all the techniques to come out successful.

### Stage 1: The battle has begun

He is their darling son, made for the best of everything. So, messing with schooling is the last thing mommy

and daddy dearest would want. Thus, begins the long journey of research, selection and elimination, with all the ammunition and strength. Google is the new best friend, as a hundred sites are sifted, relatives are called, advice is sought...and a countless sleepless nights pervade. Reading thoroughly through every page of the newspaper has become the new routine. For schools can surprise anytime with an enrollment opportunity and the admission seeking parents would rather die than miss that. The list is made, the schools with even extortionate prices included, because if Sharma ji's son can, our munchkin sure should. Meanwhile, the little bub is bursting everywhere with joy about God-knows-what.

### Stage 2: Out of form

For all their accomplishments that charades them at work, poor parents find themselves as miserable as the back bencher as they set out on stage two - filling up the form. The list has been made, and a respective form for every name on the list must be duly filled. A lot ensues - from a debate over the

amount of annual salary that should be appropriate to mention to wondering if being a mere post graduate would mar the chances of their dear son. Rough forms are filled, answers checked with every relative who managed to win the admission battle, the luckiest pen picked for filling the final version... and finally it all boils down to *wahe guru laj rakhna*. And for all the pain the parents endure, the little one is left wondering if someone kidnapped his real parents.

### Stage 3: The trial

Forms are filled, prayers are said. And then one fine day the phone rings, "you have been shortlisted for the interview." But the parents still must go through a lot before they throw confetti into the air. The interview is still there. The hunt for educational certificates that the parents thought they would never need after they landed their first job, begins. Parents set out to polish their own rusted English, practicing with the milkman, vegetable vendor and anyone who'd care. Mock trials are conducted. The little devil is lured with chocolates so that he might as well learn a few things. But the devil that he is, he runs away every single time with his treats, teasing his mother.

The list is made, the schools with even extortionate prices included, because if Sharma ji's beta can, our munchkin sure should. Meanwhile, the little bub is bursting everywhere with joy about God-knows-what.

### Stage 4: Ducking your way in

And now is the time that tests poor parents' patience the most. They wait and wait for what seems like a lifetime. Whenever the phone rings, so does a hope - it could be a mail from the school. But all they see is -their impatience with the phone, feeling the touchscreen on it, swiping left, right, up, down and everywhere else.

### Stage 5: Receiving the medal

Finally, the time for victory dance comes. As happy as the parents are, the child does not care even a tad bit. He knows what he is going to do when they leave him at school- cry all day. Congratulations!



Imaging: Dinesh Kumar, GT Network



A rare disease, cold urticaria is a skin condition in which a person's body reacts to cold and causes rashes.



The rare ones!

# ...and the Nominees are

The overwhelming cheers, hearts beating in anticipation and the final spotlight shone on the winners...GT Awards 2019-20, even if it was through a Zoom window, saw countless emotions ranging from nostalgia to excitement and from love to pride. To recap, here's presenting the nominees and winners for all the categories that made every page of every contest edition worthy of being admired.

Most Outstanding Story				Best Fictional Story			
<b>1st</b> AIS PV <b>A 'novel' existence</b> A spine-chilling fiction that became the reality of 21st Century Deeksha Puri, XII F	<b>2nd</b> AIS Vas 6 <b>From an angry bard</b> The Rabble Doh Protest Too Much, Perhaps, It's Time For A Comeback Avi Prabhakar, XII E	<b>3rd</b> AIS Saket <b>XYGEN LIGOPOLY</b> A Breakthrough Business Opportunity Sapriya Sharma, XI E	AIS Gur 46 <b>Once a Hoarder</b> Obviously, You Think It'll Come In Handy! Will It? Kartikey Sharma, XI J	<b>1st</b> AIS Vas 6 <b>The obituary</b> Ayana Sahay, X C	<b>2nd</b> AIS Saket <b>THE PAINTBRUSH</b> Raghav Sharma, VII A	<b>3rd</b> AIS Gur 43 <b>The devil's deceit</b> Pranshu Sharma, XI D	AIS Gur 46 <b>Hope by the waters</b> Rishika Chutani, XII F

<b>AIS Gur 43</b> <b>2020 SO FAR</b> The 20s Have Passed, It's Time To Mark A Humane Dawn Ananya Singal, XII D & Ananya K Dash, XII A	<b>AIS Noida</b> <b>BIG MONEY SPACE RACE</b> If We Aim For The Moon, We Still End Up Floating In Space Gaitanya Singh Jaswal, XII C	<b>AIS MV</b> <b>Not a PROBLEM!</b> Naina Srivastav & Amishi Jain, IX A	<b>AIS Vas 1</b> <b>An elapsed existence</b> And Here Comes The End Of The Great 'Encyclopaedia' Maansi Anand, XII C	<b>AIS MV</b> <b>The man at the door</b> Pehel Sharma, VII C	<b>AIS Noida</b> <b>Mission impossible</b> Vanya Tandon, XI J	<b>AIS PV</b> <b>An ironic mischief</b> Agastya Das Taneja, VI C	<b>AIS Vas 1</b> <b>ERROR 404</b> Ananta Taneja, X D
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Best Headline				Best Ground Reporting			
<b>1st</b> AIS Gur 43 <b>Empty vessels, happy noise</b> Ayushi Goel, XI C & Pranshu Sharma, XI D	<b>2nd</b> AIS Noida <b>Pocket or mock it?</b> To All The Pockets That Never Were Kreetik Thakur, XI D & Anjaneet Khosla, XII F	<b>3rd</b> AIS Gur 46 <b>Aaj ki taaza khabar</b> Straight From The Building Streets Of Old Delhi, We Present To You... Kriti Panwar, XI F & Sayantani Dubey, X C	AIS MV <b>A day of new(ron) lessons</b> Voluntary Or Involuntary, All Our Actions Are Facilitated By A Micro Organ... Arushi Aggrwal, X C	<b>1st</b> AIS MV <b>Tera tujhko arpan</b> Shubhangi Saxena, XII A	<b>2nd</b> AIS Saket <b>Because every drop counts</b> Tanishi Adhikari, XI D Vibhu Khare & Resham Talwar, XI C	<b>3rd</b> AIS Vas 1 <b>Making it even</b> Maansi Anand, XII C & Sanskruti Bharti, XII B	AIS Gur 46 <b>Aaj ki taaza khabar</b> Kriti Panwar, XI F & Sayantani Dubey, X C

<b>AIS Vas 6</b> <b>To let or not to let</b> Gauri Singh, XI C & Kalpita Chakraborty, XI B	<b>AIS Saket</b> <b>Cherry on top</b> Stuti Kakkar, XII E	<b>AIS PV</b> <b>Organic'ly working</b> The Anatomy Of A GT Editorial Team Shyla Basu, X F	<b>AIS Vas 1</b> <b>SOLO PENCIL!</b> Anika Joshi, X A	<b>AIS Gur 43</b> <b>Empty vessels, happy noise</b> Ayushi Goel, XI C & Pranshu Sharma, XI D	<b>AIS Vas 6</b> <b>To let or not to let</b> Gauri Singh, XI C & Kalpita Chakraborty, XI B	<b>AIS PV</b> <b>Behind the wheels</b> Saanvi Vaish, XI C & Shyla Basu, X F	<b>AIS Noida</b> <b>Literary chronicles</b> Rimjhim Sayana, XII D & Vanya Tandon, XI J
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Most Innovative Story							
<b>1st</b> AIS Noida <b>Dekh kar chala na!</b> Dalaisha Aggarwal, XI J	<b>2nd</b> AIS Gur 46 <b>FALL OF THE GIANT</b> A Look At The Dur-Dasha Of The Deshastra Dhriti Seth, XI E	<b>3rd</b> AIS PV <b>A letter from Yamaraja</b> To Let The Mortals Know About His Tale Of Allegory Yasmin Tandon, X A	AIS Vas 6 <b>A PENGUIN STORY</b> The Innocent Creatures Waddling Their Way Back Prisha Khandelwal, XI F	AIS Gur 43 <b>Taking secrets to grave</b> The Mandatory Do's And Don'ts Of Secret Keeping Atrayee Guha, XII D	AIS Saket <b>AN ICY COLD TALE</b> The Forever Frozen Folklore Of Inuit Shhouraya Chadha, XI C	AIS MV <b>Villains reunited</b> Will The Superhero Round Table Conference Be Successful In Destroying Humanity? Anupreksha Jain, XII B	AIS Vas 1 <b>Indians and their bhaiyas</b> For 'Bhaiya' Is More Than Brotherhood Saloni Saxena, XII A

**GT Special Mention Award 2019-20**

- Best Illustration: Sakshi Verma, AIS Vas 6, XI F
- Best Photograph: Pratham Maheshwari, AIS Gur 43, XII C & Dhruv Arora, AIS Noida, XI H
- Best Graphic/Imaging: Dhruv Jain, AIS Noida, XII D





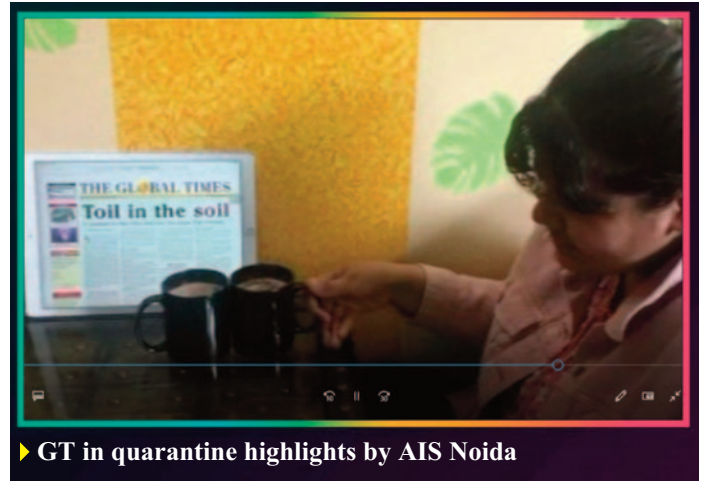
Xeroderma pigmentosum, a genetic disorder where a person can't get exposed to sun light as it causes severe sun burn and skin pigmentation issues.



► A reminiscence of the seasons of GT Awards gone by



► Heart-warming verses by Amity alumnae



► GT in quarantine highlights by AIS Noida

### Best Illustration

<b>1st</b> AIS Gur 43  Shriya Pasricha, VI B	<b>2nd</b> AIS Noida  Swadha Tripathi, XI J	<b>3rd</b> AIS Vas 6  Ayush Tyagi, XI F	<b>3rd</b> AIS Vas 1  Sarah Qadri, XI A
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### Best Photograph

<b>1st</b> AIS Vas 6  Pratham Sharma, X A	<b>2nd</b> AIS Gur 43  Vaibhavy Darshan, X D	<b>3rd</b> AIS PV  Dakshesh Bharal, XI E	<b>3rd</b> AIS Noida  Amay Arora, XII F
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<b>AIS Gur 46</b>  Nehal Gupta, XI	<b>AIS Saket</b>  Rachita Khuntia, XI D	<b>AIS PV</b>  Vanshika Chaudhary, XI C	<b>AIS MV</b>  Radhika Malhotra, XI G	<b>AIS Gur 46</b>  Aditya Pathak, XI B	<b>AIS Saket</b>  Abhi Chadha, XI D	<b>AIS MV</b>  Vihaan Kushwaha, XI G	<b>AIS Vas 1</b>  Vaidehi Agarwal, X D
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### Best Graphic

<b>1st</b> AIS Gur 46  Paridhi Bisht, XI B	<b>1st</b> AIS Gur 43  Pratham Maheshwari, XII	<b>2nd</b> AIS Saket  Raghav Agrawal, X B	<b>3rd</b> AIS Vas 1  Shiwang Aryan, X C
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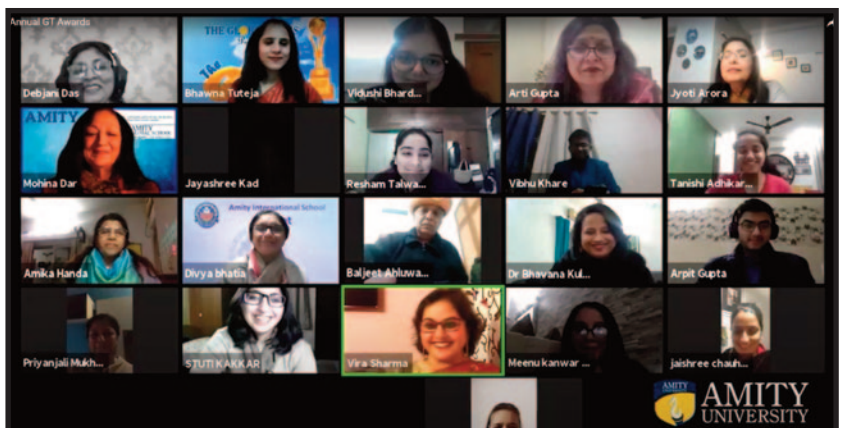
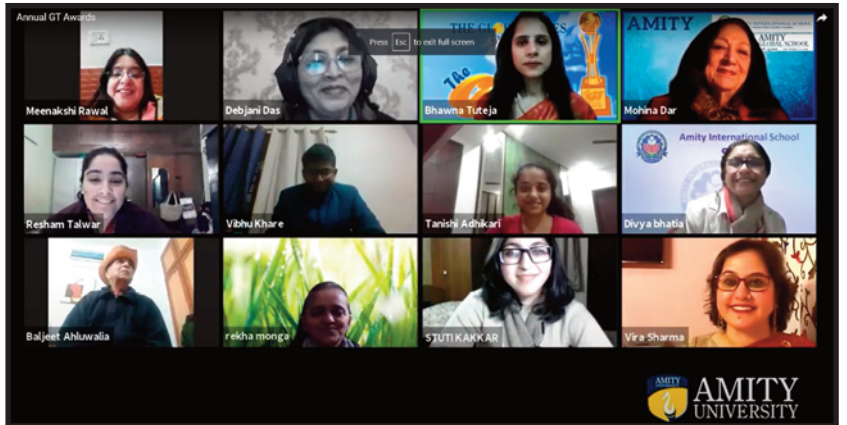
### Best Educational Poster

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Argyria is a rare condition in which a person's skin has a silverish or bluish colour.



The rare ones!

## Fit India



Dr. Amita Chauhan  
Chairperson

As the tableaux rolled in during the recently held 72nd Republic Day celebrations, the one by Ayush Ministry caught my attention. With a simple but pertinent theme of 'Ojo Bharat Tejo Bharat' (Immune India Active India), it resonated the very essence of

holistic health perpetuated by 'Fit India' programme. What really left me impressed about this particular tableau was how it propagated a blend of tradition and modernity. Featuring a sage making an immunity booster concoction and a modern-day doctor administering COVID-19 vaccine, it upheld the conventional and contemporary simultaneously. It echoed Amity's philosophy of 'where modernity blends with tradition'.

The parallels between this representation and Amity ethos do not end here. Highlighting the message of holistic fitness, it reverberated commitment to healthy living, a value held paramount at Amity. We, at Amity, have always endeavoured to enhance the physical, mental and spiritual health of our students. The recently concluded 'Fit India Week' held at Amity (read page 11) was a step in the same direction. The week-long celebrations saw families come together, as they indulged in indigenous games that people of my generation have played during their childhood. As Amitians took up various challenges, their love for physical activities was there for all to see.

While these transformed times have taught us several things, the significance of fitness stands paramount. Today, as many of us realise the need to stay fit more than ever before, Amitians have already made fitness a way of life. The lessons of overall health and fitness being indispensable to a quality life have been ingrained into them; lessons that are reiterated often through meticulously crafted activities like Fit India Week.

Mahatma Gandhi once said, "It is health that is the real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver." And today, as the world fights with all its might to put the pandemic to an end, no words could hold greater relevance and deeper meaning. So, let's take the healthy road, beginning this moment onwards. Good health to all! 🇮🇳

## A win for all!



Vira Sharma  
Managing Editor

GT Awards has always been a much-awaited event of the year, not just for its fervour but for the way it celebrates the holistic innate creativity of young minds.

This year, when the 11th GT Awards aka the 'Oscars of Amity' rolled in online, they

truly reflected the resilient spirit of journalism and mirrored the magic of technology as we explored new ways of showcasing cultural extravaganza. Nail biting moments with every award being announced were palpable even online, as we all swayed with rejoice at every victory. With the Amity alumni joining in the gala celebration, the awards forged life-long bonds of connectivity, rooted in creativity. Though, due to the transformed times, we missed the thunderous applause and loud victory calls of young GT journo, nonetheless their spirits resonated louder than the thunders known so far.

While GT Awards confers awards to winners, it equally rejoices the soulful creativity and zealous efforts of those who couldn't make it to ranks. They too are winners for us, for in their journey towards victory, they have created footprints for their younger generations to follow. Each article written, each click captured, and every stroke of illustration reflects the spirit of BHAAG (Behaviour, Hard work, Attitude, Ambition and God) imbibed by every GT journo as the ultimate way of life. 🇮🇳

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# Who created whom?

## One Question That Even The Greatest Minds Couldn't Answer

Shreya Ghosh & Sanya Kanwar  
AIS Pushp Vihar, Alumnae

Dear Theist,

As a child, I was told many a stories, stories of God, stories of magic and miracles. The amused young child in me wondered if these miracles were a thing of past, because they did not occur anymore. As a grown-up, my questions more or less remain the same. But one that hangs right above my head is - Did God create us or did we create God?

The number of times I come across "Thank God for your good result," "Don't worry, God is watching everyone," "God helps those who help themselves," is seriously increasing and not amusing anymore. I find it rather bizarre that we credit 'God' for any of our achievements, more contradictory that we blame the same God for our misfortunes.

I mean, God might have helped me to perform well in my exams, but wasn't it my hard work that actually paid off? If someone called God exists, then the newspapers should have been more of pleasant things and less of mishappenings.

It isn't intimate knowledge that we humans have this incorrigible tendency to choose what is convenient, so we conveniently believe in God and his miracles, fooling ourselves to make things easier for us. You ask me why? Here's your answer - humans created God to provide themselves with assurance, that nothing could ever go wrong and things always end up for the good. Carrying this undying faith, you hope that a simple prayer to God would suffice to solve all problems. While this may not be near to the truth, it provides folks strength to deal with their problems. Bhagat Singh in his book, 'Why am I an atheist?' explains, "As regard the origin of God, my thought is that man created God in his imagination when he realised his weaknesses... he got the courage to face all



the trying circumstances... God was used as a deterrent factor when his fury and his laws were repeatedly propagated so that man might not become a danger to the society... He was Almighty and could do anything. The idea of God is helpful to a man in distress." When everything fails, it is amazing to have something to turn to. When the Pandora's Box was opened and it seemed that the world would come to an end, since evil was running unrestricted, it was only hope that was left. Maybe, hope will alone be enough to save this crumbling world as well; in this manner even if God was a human creation, he has become a pivotal one.

I know it is too much criticism for a believer like you. You are free to counter this non-believer, but with credible reasons. I apologise if my letter hurt you or

caused you dissatisfaction.

I end with a piece of philosophy given by the Greek thinker Epicurus, sincerely hoping you begin to reflect:

"Is God willing to prevent evil, but not able? Then he is omnipotent.

Is he able but not willing? Then he is malevolent.

Is he both able and willing? Then whence cometh evil, as we know it?

Is he neither able nor willing? Then why do you call him God?"

Now I ask you, one final time - Did God create us or did we create God? 🇮🇳

Ever respectfully,  
Atheist



## Mirror, mirror...

### ...On The Wall, Tells The True Tale Of Us All!

Bani Sahota  
AIS Gurugram 46, X

I still remember the time when you were a little kid. You would play with that devil of a blue ball, kicking and throwing it around the room until the time it hit me in the face and inevitably broke me. Of course, I used to hate it but I still admired your habit of never really looking at me like some of the adults do. You would think that I would love the attention, but no one likes it when people keep making faces at them all the time. So, even with your face-breaking tendencies, you were my fa-

vorite person in the house, well, at least for a few years.

Then, you grew up and certainly not for the better. You developed this habit of looking at me all the time, just like your elders. You would hold the flab on your belly, trace the pimples on your face, and comb and recomb your hair, all with a frown on your face. None of your outfits would ever satisfy you and you were always too fat or too thin. And that just made me sad. Because when you were showing disappointment in your reflection, you were also showing disappointment in me. And well, I am kind of awesome, so I never really

understood what you were making all those sad faces at me for.

But looks like life has come a full circle. As I see the food stuck in your teeth (one of the few left!) today, and once again see you unbothered by my presence, I realise that your days of worrying about how you look are over. When now, you ask for food with a pat on your tummy, or proudly caress your grey hair after doing something right, it makes me feel like a proud, albeit creepy father. And if as your father, I let you go out with that piece of spinach still stuck in your teeth, well, no one has to know about it but me! 🇮🇳

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**As law comes to life**

An insight into our 'Lawyer', India's inspirational legal instrument

**For the environment**

It's High Time We Take Care Of The Planet That Houses Us

Issue: January 25, 2021

Dear Editor,

This is in reference to the GT edition dated January 25, 2021. In an epoch where we are learning to embrace our numerous identities, the Republic Day edition was a reminder that our identity as an Indian is fundamental to our existence. The shining enthusiasm of the students of AIS Saket to take initiatives for this edition was heartwarming. The responses from tiny tots in 'The Constructive Constitution' column reinstated the idea that every voice matters. The splash of paint and the poetic prowess displayed by the students in the muse section was a creative ode to the nation. This edition not only delves deeper into our *samvidhan*, but also pays a tribute to those who ensure its smooth implementation, whilst celebrating our nation's diverse flavours. I am honored to have spearheaded the making of this special edition with the support of Debjani ma'am and the entire GT Team.

Resham Talwar, AIS Saket, XII





Trimethylaminuria, also known as Fish Odor syndrome, causes a person to always smell like a fish.

# HISTORY *this* WEEK

**W**eeks, years, decades, centuries...as each day passes, the world keeps progressing into a newer direction. But as we keep trying to get a glimpse of the shining future we work so hard to create, it is important to take a break and appreciate how far we have come. Let us look back at the pages of history falling between February 1-7 that played their role in shaping our society.

## The world of inventions

FEB  
**01**  
1972

The world's first scientific pocket calculator with an LED display, the Hewlett Packard-35 was introduced, valued at 395 USD. A ground-breaking invention, HP-35 used double-injected keys which were constructed with two colours of plastic, providing durable key-top labels for the labelled keys. It was selected for the prestigious IEEE Milestone in Electrical Engineering and Computing Award, and is regarded by Forbes ASAP as one of the 20 'All-time products that have changed the world'. It also went on to become the first scientific calculator to fly to space in the same year.



FEB  
**05**  
1956

World's first concrete television tower was inaugurated in Stuttgart, Germany. Standing at a staggering height of 216.61 m (710.7 ft) and weighing a massive 3000 tons, it was the first in the world to be constructed from reinforced concrete. The tower is considered to be a prototype for many such towers worldwide, such as the Berlin TV Tower and the Space Needle in Seattle, USA, and was bestowed with the title of 'Historic Landmark in German Engineering' in 2009.



## The world of celebration

FEB  
**07**  
1812

Famous English writer and critic, Charles John Huffam Dickens was born in Portsmouth, England. Known to have created some of the world's best-known fictional characters, Dickens examined social inequalities through his works including the likes of David Copperfield, Oliver Twist, and Nicholas Nickleby to name a few, and is regarded as one of the greatest Victorian novelists and the most-read English authors of all time.



## The world of entertainment



FEB  
**04**  
2004

Facebook, a main-stream online social networking website, was launched by two Harvard undergraduates, Mark Zuckerberg and Eduardo Saverin. The site's membership was at first limited to Harvard students, but was expanded to other colleges in the Boston area, the Ivy League, and gradually, to most universities in the United States and Canada; and by September 2006, to everyone with a valid email address along with an age requirement of being 13 and older.



FEB  
**07**  
1940

The 2nd full-length animated Walt Disney film Pinocchio premiered at the Center Theatre in NY city. An American animated musical fantasy drama film based on the 1883 Italian children's novel The Adventures of Pinocchio by Carlo Collodi, it went on to become the first animated feature film to win a competitive Academy Award and is also deemed by many as one of the greatest animated films ever made. However, it was initially a box office bomb owing to WWII affecting the Asian and European markets overseas.



FEB  
**05**  
1922

The first issue of Reader's Digest magazine, founded by DeWitt Wallace and Lila Bell Acheson Wallace, was published. Containing 64 pages, this small-sized magazine (about 5.5 inches by 7.5 inches), intended to provide abridged articles on an expansive range of subjects, was an instant success amongst the masses. For many years, it remained the best-selling consumer magazine in the United States. The lead article in the said issue emphasised the importance of self-education and was written by Alexander Graham Bell.

## The world of politics



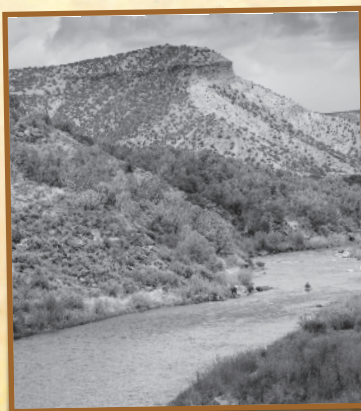
FEB  
**02**  
1990

South African President Frederik Willem De Klerk, all set to dismantle the apartheid policy and bring an end to racial segregation, lifted the 30-year-old ban on the African National Congress, the Pan African Congress, South African Communist parties, and other anti-apartheid groups in the country, with a promise to free the jailed black nationalist Nelson Mandela. For his outstanding efforts towards making South Africa a non-racial democracy, he also received the Nobel Peace prize in 1993.



FEB  
**04**  
1789

George Washington, Commander-in-chief of the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War, got elected as the first President of the United States by a unanimous vote of all the 69 presidential electors in the electoral college. He took the oath of office on April 30 of the same year, with a crowd of over 10,000 people in his inaugural parade, and went on to serve in his presidential position till 1797, post which he officially began his long-awaited retirement at Mount Vernon.



FEB  
**02**  
1848

The treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo was ratified, marking the end of the Mexican-American territorial war. As per the treaty, an additional 525,000 square miles was added to the US territory, including the present day areas of Texas, California, Nevada, Utah, New Mexico and Arizona, as well as some parts of Colorado and Wyoming, in exchange for 15 million USD. Mexico also ceded its claims to Texas, along with recognising Rio Grande as America's southern boundary.

## The world of sports

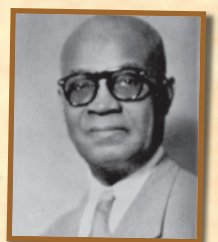
FEB  
**02**  
2004

Swiss tennis player Roger Federer became the Number 1 ranked men's singles player in the world at the age of 22, post registering victory in the Australian Open final against Russia's Marat Safin, and the 23rd player to have achieved that feat since 1973. Aptly known as the 'Federer Express', he claimed this position in the ATP rankings for a record total of 310 weeks, including a record 237 consecutive weeks, finishing as the year-end Number 1 for a historic five times.



FEB  
**05**  
1972

Bob Douglas became the first African American elected to the Naismith Basketball Hall of fame. Known as the 'Father of Black Professional Basketball', Douglas hosted two amateur teams in Harlem, namely the Spartan Braves and the Spartan Hornets. However, after losing players in professional leagues, he decided to form his own team, thereby becoming the first African American to own a professional basketball team monickered 'The New York Renaissance'.





Stendhal syndrome is a psychosomatic condition that causes hallucinations when a person sees something of great beauty or wonder.



The rare ones!

# Abdullah, the Red



Storywala

shops —they were all red, too. Even Abdullah himself was red. The short hair under his crown was a light gingery red, the long beard on his chest a deep orangey-red.

His face and arms were all a peachy-red. Red, almost red, a tinge of red everywhere he looked. Loving the shade initially, he eventually started feeling nauseated. He would sit on his throne and frown, wave his arms about angrily and frown again, which made him even more red than he was—the angry red. “But what can I do about it?” he asked himself. “I cannot stop being a king and go to a country that isn’t red, now can I?” Brooding over his red-sickness, he spent hours figuring out what to do.

One day, he thought of painting everything green. “But painting the whole sky, the sea and the sand in the desert would take months,” he mumbled to himself. “What if I paint myself, my hair and my beard? But would that be enough?” He exclaimed and cross-examined time and again, finally realising that, “There’s no way to change it, no matter how I look at the problem.” And as he voiced his realisation, he stopped in utter shock and surprise.

It was as if something struck him hard; a moment of epiphany, perhaps. “Look, look!” he kept whispering, loud enough for others to hear but to make sense of

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it, nobody knew how. “Look! My friends, look. How to look, that’s the answer,” he cried. “Certainly, it’s about how you perceive or look at the problem that really matters.”

With a shout of delight, leaving others confused still, Abdullah jumped off his throne and ran towards the town. Without making any pit stop on his way, he entered a glass blower’s shop, filled with bottles, green, blue, yellow, red, bottles in every size and colour. He looked at all of them, observing them inch by inch. He finally stopped at a big blue bottle, and exclaimed, “This is it.” The shopkeeper, though perplexed by his majesty’s behaviour, swelled with pride. After all, it was his creation that rejoiced Abdullah. Meanwhile, Abdullah placed the bottle over and around his head and neck. Everyday since then, Abdullah, the no-longer Red sits on his throne with his hands folded peacefully over his stomach, gazing at the outside world—a world where everything was no longer the tiresome red. Instead, it was all a beautiful purple—a purple land, purple sky, and purple sea. and purple kingdom, too. Even his long beard is now purple; a deep gorgeous purple. 🇮🇳

Pratul Gupta  
AIS Saket, IX

Once upon a time, there lived an emperor named Abdullah, the Red. No, the red wasn’t his surname, it

was a monicker ascribed to him for his red existence. For all he could see was red, no matter where he looked. His desert land was a harsh sandy red. The sky above was a reddish hue too. His palace, his subjects’ homes and

## WORDS VERSE

### To be like Amanda

Tanya Ganguly  
AIS Saket, X B

Once I wrote an answer  
That my teacher loved  
She told me to read it aloud  
And created quite a fuss

That was a poem, ‘Amanda’  
About a little girl just like me  
Her friends always nagged her  
So, she conjured up fantasies

The vivid things she dreamt of  
Seemed rather jolly and gay  
But if one saw the truth of things

They went the other way

She dreamt of being a mermaid  
Or even an orphan on the road  
Or poor Rapunzel in her tower  
Trapped without a single door

I wrote that answer oh-so-well  
For I know exactly how it feels  
To be nagged by dearest friends  
And escape to similar dreams

I wish I were a girl in a poem  
Just like Amanda, so to say  
For her pains end with the poem  
While mine are here to stay 🇮🇳



## A staunch ship

Riya Kharyal, AGS Gurugram, X

Ill-lit expanse overhead and beyond  
Embracing the scattered moon dust  
Prodigious mountains in the distance  
Reaching their limits into endless void

Upfront lay the tumultuous waves  
Smashing unforgivably all around  
Into various hues of sand and stone  
Tossed and thrown without warning

Resolute, the sails steered the way  
As wailing gusts of wind sang eerily  
The oak structure keeled vulnerably  
Like a frail branch in autumn storms

The safety of a port is comfort at sight  
Nevertheless, ships weren’t destined  
To remain rooted where they are and  
Stay hidden in the mother’s womb. 🇮🇳



Bhavisha Sahay

## Sweet scones

Bhavisha Sahay, AIS Vasundhara 6, XI D

### Ingredients

All purpose flour .....	3 cup
Baking soda .....	2 tsp
Baking powder .....	4 tsp
Salt .....	1 tsp
Unsalted butter (diced) .....	½ cup
Milk .....	½ cup
Egg (beaten) .....	1
Whipped cream .....	as required
Mixed jam .....	as required

### Procedure

- To begin, preheat the oven at 220°C.
- In a bowl, sift flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Mix them well.
- Add butter into the mix. With the help of wooden spatula, mix it all together until you get a breadcrumb like consistency.
- To the above mix, add milk slowly and knead like a dough.
- Once the dough is ready, place it onto a floured surface and flatten it using a rolling pin.
- Roll out the dough to 1 inch thickness and with the help of a cookie cutter, cut it into circular shapes.
- Brush the upper side of the circular shapes with beaten egg.
- Place them on a lightly greased baking tray, and bake for about ten minutes.
- Once done, take them out and serve your freshly made scones with some whipped cream and mixed jam!

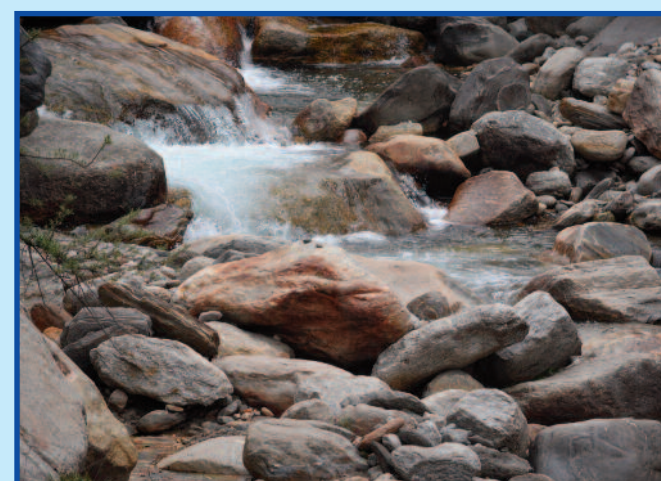
## CAMERA CAPERS



Vaidehi Agarwal  
AIS Vasundhara 1, XI A



When red is synonymous with green



When liquid blends with solid

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Alien's hand syndrome causes a person's hand to not be under their control and act of its own accord.

# A true friend

## Wisdom tale



Parth Bhalla

AIS VKC Lucknow, V B

The Howard School had a legacy of winning the National Basketball Championship every year. However, with time, the coach knew that the charm was wearing off. All the star players who had made the school reach its heights of success had now graduated, with no new talent in view. Yet, in the corridors of the school, a basketball prodigy roamed around without being noticed by others. Albert, a young, enthusiastic and intelligent student of the school,

dreamt of being a basketball player. Even though his hobby was playing basketball, he never played in front of anyone. He always assumed that if he showed up for the tryouts for his school basketball team that was famous for winning trophies, they would laugh at him. One day, as he was practicing dribbling in his lawn, the ball accidentally rolled towards the street and was stopped by another boy of his age. "I didn't know you played, Albert," said the boy. "Oh, it's nothing, I don't really play, I mean...not as good as you, Henry!" replied Albert. "But you can become better

with practice. You know, I am the captain of our school's basketball team and we are looking for new players," replied Henry. "I-I don't know...I am not good enough!" remarked Albert. "Well, how about I teach you? And in return, you can do something for me!" Albert looked at Henry in shock. "Well, you see," Henry continued, "Lately, I have been so worried about the national championship that I cannot bring myself to focus on studies. I need someone to tutor me, and you are so smart and intelligent, maybe we can help each other. I will teach you basketball in return."

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Albert didn't know what to do with his offer. Of course, to him, it sounded like a golden deal. It wouldn't be an issue for him to tutor Henry as that would only help him in his revision; and if Henry taught him the tips and tricks of basketball, he could definitely get selected for the team. While Albert was too busy in his thoughts, Henry spoke again, "Come on, let's be friends. Friends help each other out, don't they?" Hesitantly, Albert smiled and shook Henry's hand. He helped Henry with the toughest of topics and soon Henry's grades started picking up. Albert, on the other hand, practiced basketball techniques taught to him by Henry. Finally, Albert impressed the coach at the tryouts and got selected for the team. The duo not only excelled in studies but also with their efforts, once again, the school lifted the national championship trophy. **GT**

**So what did you learn today?**  
**A new word:** Prodigy  
**Meaning:** A person having extraordinary talent in a field



Hardit and his Thor hammer

## Thor's hammer

Hardit Singh Bhatia, AIS Gur 43, VII C

### Supplies

- Plastic jar- 2
- Torch
- Glitter sheets
- Cutter
- Super glue
- Black marker pen
- Transparent tape

### Steps

- Take two plastic jars and horizontally cut them into half through the middle.
- Retain the lower part of the jars (the ones without open mouth and lid).
- Now, with help of transparent tape, stick the open ends of the lower halves together. This will be the head of the hammer.
- Place the torch head on the right side of the hammer head.
- Outline the shape of the torch head with a marker pen. Once done, using a cutter, carefully cut out a hole.
- Next, take a piece of transparent tape and cover the torch head. This will help disperse the torchlight inside the hammers head evenly.
- Insert the torch head through the hole and secure it by using super glue. This will be the handle of the hammer.
- Design the hammer using glitter sheets. (Refer to picture) Leave the switch of the torch uncovered for convenience.
- Your hammer is ready. Switch on the torch to unleash your powers like Thor!

## An airplane ride



Anushka Yadav, AIS Gur 43, IV

Aeroplane flies high in the sky  
 Over the clouds and so high  
 Fields like patched quilt go by

It keeps moving, to never go awry

The streets and towns look tiny  
 Rivers and lakes keep shining  
 As if earth and sky are intertwining  
 Aligning, twinning and combining

Look! Is that a truck down there?  
 It looks so small from up here  
 But why in the world should we care  
 Let's keep flying till well we fare. **GT**



## To my best friend

Manan Babbar

AIS Vasundhara 6, V

Though there's gold up in the hills  
 And lovely pearls deep in the sea  
 These treasures don't mean as much  
 As your friendship means to me

While diamonds may be beautiful  
 And worth a lot of money  
 They don't have that tenderness

That can make my mood sunny

I know it's true some people  
 Collect much priceless art  
 Yet I have never seen a picture  
 That showed me a loving heart

So I don't need to spend a fortune  
 To have what means the most to me  
 To know I have had you as a friend  
 Will be a treasured memory. **GT**

## It's Me



### KNOW ME BETTER

Name: Aadrika Sharma  
 Class: I A  
 School: AIS Gwalior  
 Birthday: October 6

### MY FAVOURITES

Teacher: Rajani Rawat ma'am  
 Subject: Mathematics  
 Friend: Anvita Sinha  
 Game: Hide & Seek  
 Cartoon: Ninja Hatori, Krishna, Honey Bunny  
 Food: Kadi Chawal and Chole Bhature  
 Mall: DB Mall, Gwalior

### MY DREAMS AND GOALS

Hobbies: Drawing and painting  
 I like: Riding bicycle and playing in the park  
 I dislike: When maa scolds me  
 My role model: Maa  
 I want to become: A police officer  
 I want to feature in GT because: I want to be a popular student of my school.

## Jokey Pokey

Vivaan Shukla, AIS Noida, III L

Q: Which music frightens balloons?  
 A: Pop music



Q: What does a cloud wear under his raincoat?  
 A: Thunderwear



Q: Why can't Cinderella play soccer?  
 A: Because she's always running away from the ball



Q: Why can't you give Elsa a balloon to hold?  
 A: She will Let It Go



Q: Why was the broom late?  
 A: It over-swept

## PAINTING CORNER

Maneet Kaur  
 AIS Noida, VII C







*Writing is an art and there's no better platform to exercise it than your own beloved GT! To unleash the writer in you, GT brings you a new topic every time and asks for your views on the same. Here are some intriguing responses from young writers at Amity for the prompt*

"In such unprecedented times, instead of being divided into nations, religions, race, gender or on any other basis, what we rather need to do is to come together and fight this threat together. If we get stuck on the nitty gritty of not getting vaccinated simply because the vaccine has not been made in our country or get caught up in the business of vaccine nationalism, then it will not only hurt us; but also the ones around us. After all, isn't this how the virus spread? From one person to the next and the chain continues. Think for once, if the virus is attacking us despite our differences, then we should also come together and fight it, despite our differences."

**Garvit Agrawal**  
AIS Gwalior, VIII

"We can finally breathe easy because the vaccine is here and COVID-19 is as good as gone for all, but is it really? With the world continuously talking about the virus and its newly made vaccine, we all tend to not voice out our selfish inclinations. "Why should India share its vaccines with others when there are Indians suffering?" some think, but if the pandemic has taught us anything, it is that the world is fighting with this issue together, which is why helping our neighbours is the only way to ensure safety for all. We must remember to share and care for all, and not get too consumed in the downward spiral of hogging the vaccine for our own gains."

**Anika Bahuguna**, AGS Gurugram, XI

"Vaccine Nationalism is when a country manages to secure doses of vaccines for its own citizens and prioritises its domestic markets before they are made available in other countries. Each country has the tendency to safeguard its own citizens. So, securing several doses of vaccines for themselves can be viewed as morally justified as it is done keeping the nation's best interests at heart. But it also puts countries with fewer resources at a disadvantage. If countries with large number of cases lag in obtaining the vaccine, the disease will continue to spread across the population. Hence, global collaboration is vital at a time like this."

**Kartikey Sharma**  
AIS Gurugram 46, XII J

"It has been nearly a year of being locked up inside our homes, living in the fear of corona pandemic. With many countries including India rolling out vaccines for this deadly disease, it seems like we've almost reached the light at the end of the tunnel. However, vaccine nationalism, being practiced by rich nations has emerged as a major hurdle towards ensuring equal access to vaccines for the poor nations. It denies an equal opportunity for them to fight this battle. The political approach of 'every nation for itself' and hoarding vaccines will only prolong this global crisis."

**Oorvi Gupta**, AIS Noida, XII B

"Scientists across the globe have collaborated and developed several vaccines to combat this lethal virus. While developed countries are scrambling to get their hands on the new vaccine, the underdeveloped economies are left to bear the brunt. Attempts to hoard large doses of vaccines is leading to an unfair distribution of the same around the world, as well as posing severe problems such as increased death rates, shortage of human resources, etc. We dream of a world where people stay together with love and brotherhood, but sadly, we just dream!"

**Aishwarya Srivastava**  
AIS VKC Lko, VIII B

"Recently, in the midst of this all-pervading pandemic, the term 'vaccine nationalism' has given birth to a fear that the vaccine will be claimed by developed and wealthier nations, before it can be accessed by developing and poorer countries. The World Health Organisation has condemned this self-seeking curation of vaccines, so that it reaches the ones who desperately need it. However, many countries are still acting in their national interest. This pandemic has left us all in utter instability, and although we have a solution in front, we must strategise in a way that it benefits everyone."

**Radhika Panday**  
AIS MV, IX D

"As COVID-19 vaccines are developed and approved, national leaders across the world face a dilemma – to prioritise the country or the planet? While many don't have such options to choose from, others are simply backing the former. This vaccine nationalism or the ongoing attempts by several 'developed' nations to gain first access to any and every COVID-19 vaccine, would only end up crippling our global health recovery as well as the economic one. At the same time, attempts are also being made to ensure the vaccines reach those in greatest need, whoever they are and wherever they live. The human inside us needs to awaken because as they say "Sharing is an act of caring", why don't we just try?"

**Tanisha Kapoor**, AIS VYC Lucknow, XI A

"The biggest strength of mankind lies in its unwavering unity and there will be no better time to manifest this statement than now. Vaccine nationalism might be an important term for vaccine producing nations, however, in a situation where we are capable enough to help others, we should not hesitate to do it. It is a matter of immense pride for all the citizens of India because our country is providing vaccines on Grant Assistance to six nations and will further supply it in other nations, spreading positivity all over the world."

**Riddhi Rastogi**, AIS Gurugram 43, XI D

"Vaccine Nationalism is reprehensible. Vaccines against Covid-19 are extremely needed worldwide, especially in poor countries. Many developed nations have spent billions in a bid to amass vaccine doses from manufacturers such as Pfizer Inc and AstraZeneca Plc even before their efficiency is proven. This is making the situation difficult for developing or developed nations. India, in its part, has decided to export 8.1 lakh doses of Covaxin to Oman, Mongolia, Philippines and Maldives; which is a benevolent gesture. Had India not been able to make the vaccine, we, as a nation, would have had to bear the brunt of vaccine nationalism."

**Shambhavi Verma**  
AIS Vasundhara 6, IX E

"Nationalism is a concept which can augment humanity, but at the same time highly restricts our magnanimity by 'othering' those who do not belong to the same country as ours. This virus, however, does not see the nationality of the individual and a global pandemic requires a global action plan. The richer countries, in a bid to save their populations, have secured vaccine doses many times more than required. Therefore, the countries which have the capability to produce surplus should help the lesser developed nations because this disease is borderless."

**Kamayani Richhariya**, AIS Vasundhara 1, XI A

"This whole strategy of 'my nation first' of the privileged section of the world is not only just unfair, but is also putting people's life in danger. Even if one country calls a monopoly on the vaccine, the rest of the world will continue to suffer and the cases will keep on increasing; so, we will be back to square one. Also, due to this strategy of high income countries, the cost of these vaccines will be too high to be afforded by poor economies of the world. We need to move beyond this vaccine nationalism because if we want to end the pandemic, selling vaccine to the highest bidder is not the way to go."

**Kritika Singh**, AIS Jagdishpur, XI

"COVID-19 took the entire world by a storm. Nevertheless there was a glimmer of hope - the development of an effective vaccine as the ultimate solution to the problem. But, now that the vaccine is here, vaccine allocation and supply seems to be an even greater challenge. For some countries, it's time to celebrate, where as in some parts of the world, only a few are being inoculated. This 'me first' approach, would undeniably leave the poorest and the most vulnerable at risk. We often say, "we are citizens of the world", so, in a world of roughly 8 billion people, should we really ignore the possibility of making vaccines affordable and accessible to everyone?"

**Deetya Gambhir**, AIS PV, XI C

**Question:** If the Finance Minister calls you to seek your suggestion on the next budget session, what would be your advise and why?

Send us your entries in 100-150 words to the Editor-in-Chief/GT Teacher Coordinator of your school by February 7, 2021.



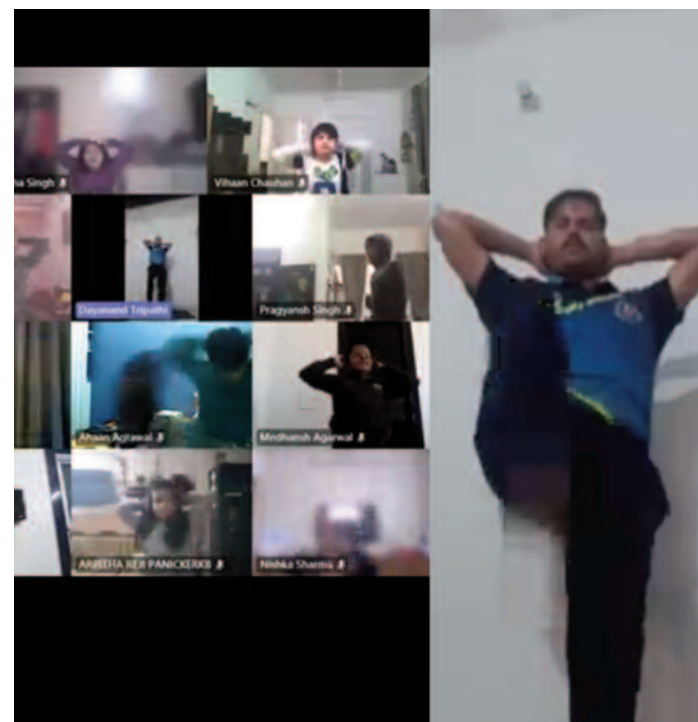


Stone Man syndrome causes a person's ligaments and tissues to slowly turn into bone!

# Fitness at the heart of Amity



Amitians from AIS Vasundhara-6 put forth the message of Fit India with their posters, essays, songs and poems



Students of AIS Vasundhara-I practice yoga with their mentor

## This Fitness Week, Amitians Vouch For A Holistically Fit And Heartily Happy India

### Amity Group of Schools

Amitians from Class I-IX of AIS Gurugram 46, AIS Noida, AIS Pushp Vihar, AIS Vasundhara 1, AIS Vasundhara 6 and AIS VKC Lucknow celebrated 'Fit India School Week' virtually at their respective schools from December 14-19, 2020. Adding to the fitness fervour was AIS Vasundhara 6 bagging the 'Fit India' certificate from The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, as a recognition of its good 'Fitness and Wellness Quotient' for sen-

sitising students, parents and the community. The title also acknowledges the school's efforts to develop 'Sports Quotient' among children and encourage them to opt for a healthy lifestyle.

The Fit India School Week, a nation-wide campaign launched last year by honorable Prime Minister Narendra Modi, was held under the leadership of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF. The campaign reverberated her dream of nurturing 'fit and happy' children who will



grow up to become global citizens and builders of a 'fit and happy' nation. The objective of the event this year was to transform the behaviour from passive screen time to active field time, create awareness about fitness as a way of life, and teach the im-

portance of physical and mental health during such trying times. As part of the campaign, various games and activities like yoga, aerobics, calisthenics, brain games, chess, online Fit India quiz, and virtual challenges like squat challenge, step-up challenge, spot jogging, rope skipping, ball dribbling, etc. were conducted through the week. The celebrations also aimed to enhance creative fitness of young minds with essay contests on the topic 'Fitness beats pandemic', debates on re-strengthening of the mind post

pandemic, poem recitations, and film making and poster making contests based on 'Hum Fit Toh India Fit'. A podcast on the topic 'Get fit do not quit; Mental health is not a destination but a journey' was also shared. Amitians wrote an open letter to the youth of the nation about the power of fitness. The week-long celebrations also saw fitness experts give online lectures on diet and nutrition during pandemic. Benefits of ayurveda were discussed, wherein different facets like spiritual ayurveda, holistic ayurveda

and curative ayurveda were emphasised upon. Students were also apprised on Golden Milk (immunity booster), *Kadha* and healthy diets through a video. The participation of teachers, staff and parents further added to the celebrations. Children played indigenous games like *pitthu*, hopscotch, throw ball, etc, with their family members. Amitians also pledged to imbue their family members, neighbours and the community with the belief 'Respect your body, it is the only one you get and discover the new you.'



Seven fitness chakras by AIS Gurugram 46



Fit India message by AIS VYC



AIS Vas 6 family participate in fitness activity



AIS Noida girl does exercise



A clip on PM's address to the nation

## Cultural bondings

### AIS Vasundhara 6

Six students from Class IX, namely Drishti Kapoor, Krishan, Naman Jain, Ananya Prasad, Himadri and Aanshi Sharma, participated in the first Indo-Japanese Online Global School Exchange Programme, held on December 17, 2020. The unique interaction was organised by The Japan Foundation and Japanese Language School Teachers Association (JALSTA) in collaboration with the Teruha School in Sukuoka, Japan, through World Through Our Classroom (WTOC). Thirty students across the world took part in the hour-long event, divided into senior and junior categories. Amitians presented beautiful oral and visual presentations on India, high-



Conversations between students during exchange

lighting its culture, cuisines and monuments, etc. It also showcased activities related to Japan and its culture, undertaken at the school. The Japanese children gave insights about their native

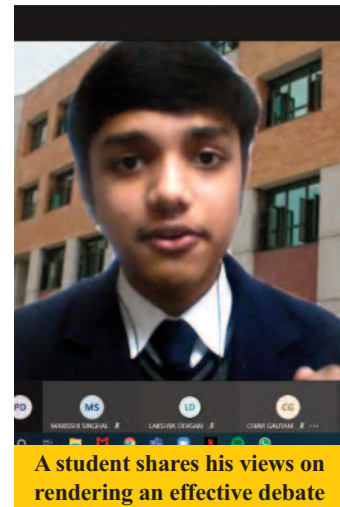
city Fukuoka, Osaka Castle, Sapporo festival and Hiroshima. While children from India interacted from their homes, Japanese children interacted from their classrooms. [G+](#)

## My viewpoints

### Learning To Win Debates

### AIS Mayur Vihar

Debating society of the school 'Crossfire' organised virtual debating workshops and group discussions for Class VII-XI from January 5-7, 2020. These sessions were held as part of the project 'Talking Tuesdays and Thursdays'. The project aims to inculcate love for debating while imparting important skills about the same. The workshop was moderated by Shivanshi Sharma (IX), Chavi Gautam (VIII) and Lakshya Devgan (VIII). The students, who happen to be champions of Indian Schools Debating Society (ISDS) trained the participants. Crossfire president Saarthak Sharma (XI) and his team executed the entire project,



A student shares his views on rendering an effective debate

including the designing of posters and certificates. The project was divided into two sessions. In the first session, the students were taught how to re-search for their speech and pres-

ent their views in ethical debates like MUNs and in daily conversations. They were also introduced to World Schools Debating Championships (WSDC) format extensively to help them prepare for the championship next year. Important topics like roles of speakers, rebuttals, impromptu round, motions, etc, for debates were also discussed at length. In the second session, a debate on topic 'This house would pay additional benefits to families based on child's performance in school' was organised, based on the format of WSDC. This gave the participants an opportunity to showcase their learnings from the first session. Chaitnya Roy (VIII), Kritika Aggarwal (XI) and Parth DK (IX) bagged first, second and third positions respectively in the second session. Constructive and critical feedbacks for both sessions were given to all the participants. The event concluded with an informal session wherein the participants shared their feedbacks. [G+](#)



Hutchinson-Gilford Progeria is a rare genetic condition characterised by quick aging in childhood.

All top quotes contributed by Gouri Srivastava, AIS VKC Lucknow, IX B



# The 'phunny' ironies

An Exasperated Take On The Mind Boggling English Language And Its Ironic World

Alina Ahmad, AIS MV, X

We have all heard the iconic Bollywood dialogue, "I can talk English, I can walk English, I can laugh English because English is a funny language." But did you ever even have the slightest idea that it would all be true? Relax, neither did I, until some of the language's apparent ironies hit me hard.

For one, I would never be able to comprehend the sheer absurdity behind the logic of naming the condition in which a human being is unable to pronounce the 'r' sound as Rhotacism. Would you? If yes, please write back to us at [editor@theglobaltimes.in](mailto:editor@theglobaltimes.in). Now, what exactly would you name the phenomenon which causes 'cough', 'dough', 'through', and 'though', words with the same alphabetical order, be pronounced differently, whereas words like 'pony' and 'bologna' be a pair of rhyming cousins? Stop scratching your muddled heads, for the answer lies nowhere. But then, what is this behaviour, English? Why cannot your rules of pronunciation be certain?

The other self-made rule that English so conveniently breaks

is its mnemonic rule of thumb for spelling - 'I before E, except after C'. Now what happened to words like feisty, heist, beige, foreign, neighbour etc.?

For God's sake, make up your mind, sister!

Now there are some words that are tense-free. For instance, the word 'read'. It is spelt the same no matter what tense we are using it for. 'I read this book' - now, what is a reader expected to understand? Have I read the book already? (past tense) or is it that I read this book on a daily/weekly/monthly basis (present tense). God knows! Not to miss the curious case of homonyms. Homonyms are words which have more than one meaning. Read - "if no one helps you, you should use your arms." Now, does the speaker want you to use your arms as in body parts or arms as in weapons? *Ye raaz bhi usi ke sath chala gya!*

Many a time, we come across words like 'parkway' and 'drive-way'. Basically, parkway is the area where we drive our cars and driveway is the area used to park them. Well, it is what it is. Now if I tell you that something that is transported by a car, is called shipment and that if it is



Illustration: Amritha Nair, AIS MV, XII

actually transported by a ship, it is referred to as cargo, would you prefer killing me? Annoyingly, mind-blowingly confusing, right? Oh, it definitely is. Just the other day I heard somebody use the term 'defenestration' which is basically the act of throwing someone out the win-

dow. Slow claps! English seems to have a shortage of words for simple, uncomplicated things like 'day after tomorrow' but it does have a word for something so unusual. Well, looking at the population crisis, defenestration could actually help, but that just doesn't justify anything.

Here's one more example of English's annoying nature. A cup 'full' of something is always better than 'some' part of something, right? Well, apparently not! Not when you call something or someone awe-'some' (terrific) or aw-'ful' (terrible). Not very nice of you, English.

But no matter what we say, English is a very beautiful language. It does have a few loopholes carefully tucked within itself, but isn't that what gives it its beauty? Its intricacies are tough to comprehend but its literary treasures are abundant enough to be cherished forever.



## The great ritual dance

### When Procrastination Goes Unchecked

Shyla Basu, AIS PV, XI

It's Sunday night. You have successfully procrastinated the whole week to complete that assignment due on Monday, and now you're lying on your bed thinking of excuses of all varieties of the misfortunes that can possibly happen to your poor soul, for you to be able to take a leave tomorrow. Your half-asleep mind is now wandering on all the possibilities, but none of them seem creative enough. Then, suddenly lightning strikes your brain and you come up with the wackiest excuse to skip school, 'The Great Ritual Dance'. You pat yourself on the back for the sudden burst of creative energy, and the dream goes on...

**Step 1:** Stand as still as you can

during the morning prayer. (If you are in principal's vision, brownie points!)

**Step 2:** Tilt your head up towards the sky, because God is the only one who can help your poor soul now.

**Step 3:** Now, tilt your head to the right. Because of course, you're right, why shouldn't you get an extra holiday?

**Step 4:** Bring your head to a neutral position and proceed to lie down on the floor. This depicts what you had been doing for hours while thinking of the numerous ways you could skip out on school.

**Step 5:** After a minute of staying in that awkward position, let your emotions come bursting out in the form of tears, while you hold your hands up and start to beat

your chest. By now, you've probably made some unrealistic promises, like "Oh, give me that one holiday and I'll wake up early, study all day, and even clean my room!"

**Step 6:** Voila! You are done! If you've done the above with hundred percent sincerity your dream will definitely come true....

As your stream of reverie is broken, you get up to look at the alarm clock, only to confirm that it is not Monday. It's only been 10 minutes. Unfortunately, even dreams are not a good pastime anymore and you realise that there is no way out.

**P.S.** You might as well get back to work and finish that assignment! 🙄

## Mind your manners

### Etiquettes And Their Changing Nature

Kreetik Thakur, AIS Noida, XII

We're sure all of you are aware of the etiquettes that we should follow in our day to day life. However, did you know that the etiquettes you find courteous are actually frowned upon in some other countries? Here's a list of weird etiquettes that are followed around the world, BUT, differently.

#### Clean plate

In India, if you dare leave a bite on your plate pat comes your mother's response "Do not waste food." Even if you are a guest and having food at someone else's place, a deathly stare is enough for you to finish the food. For, it is a sign of respect and to show that the food was tasty. On the other hand, guests in South Africa don't have this issue. Why? Because for them, if you finish the entire food being served to you, the host thinks that they haven't served you enough or you are hungry. Try leaving a clean plate and they'll keep

servicing you till the time you actually leave a small portion of food on the plate.

#### Always late?

In Japan, if you are not on time, you are deemed as undisciplined. For them, being punctual is of utmost importance and why not, the country boasts of the most efficient rail system around the world. However, if you are the one who falls in 'never on time' category, then you must move to Argentina. For them, it is simply considered disrespectful if you reach the venue on time.

#### To tip or not to tip!

Americans are considered to be the most generous tippers in the world. But go to China and your tip will be more of a stress for the staff. You find them running after you to return your money. In the worst-case scenario, the staff may even feel inferior for they don't expect anything in return. Moreover, tipping is illegal in places like airports where it may be considered as a bribe.

#### Odd-Even 2.0

Want to gift something to someone but don't know what; give them flowers. Flowers literally are all purpose gifts and don't require an extra thought. But here's the catch- one thing that one must consider is the number of flowers you are giving in countries like France and Thailand. In France, even number of flowers are presented on joyous occasions where as an odd number is a sign of grieving. On the other hand, in Thailand, odd numbers tend to be lucky and even numbers are ominous.

Well, at the end of the day, following etiquettes is necessary, Yet, it is very subjective. What we can do is embrace the culture of a country so that we don't hurt anybody's sentiments.

