

f Status of the week

Worn out chairs, empty corridors the last time I tread. That desolate courtyard, a deluge of memories in my head. That bond with these red-bricked walls and the people I met; That blue shirt; I'll never forget.
Unmuktman Singh, AIS MV, XII

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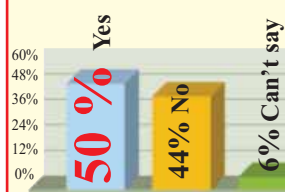
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What happens when you've a nobel laureate for a teacher and Amitians for students? A historic day as one witnessed by AUUP and as one remembered by all

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Students keen to have a word with the man of the hour. PS Those who couldn't can send their questions/queries at jarora@aisn.amity.edu

Learning from the Nobel

Tanya Sutradhar, GT Network

One does not simply chance upon a Nobel Prize; it is the summation of persistent efforts, dedication and failures followed by self assessment that leads to the most coveted honour. On January 11, 2017, Amity University Uttar Pradesh welcomed a man who is exemplary of the nobility that goes into winning a nobel-Sir Richard John Roberts. A biochemist and molecular biologist, he was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1993 in the field of Physiology for the discovery of introns in eukaryotic DNA and the mechanism of gene-splicing, along with Phillip Allen Sharp. He was conferred an Honorary Doctorate Degree by Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Group. And when the treasurer of knowledge stood in front of students, it meant an opportunity to learn like never before. So, the students of Amity International Schools made the best of this opportunity, extended by Chairperson, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, as they engaged themselves in an interactive session with the Nobel laureate. Here are excerpts from the interaction.

Seek, discover and share

"One should always try to discover new things and share it with people around. As soon as I chance upon something new, I want the world to know of it. Sharing your ideas provide a sense of accomplishment. But before you want the world to learn about it, you must be cer-

tain. And then, never be scared of sharing something that you staunchly believe in. People may or may not react how you would have wanted them to, but that shouldn't matter. Criticism shouldn't bother you because people are bound to make mistakes."

Communication is the bridge to success

"In the world of digital communication, social skills have become indispensable. And so has the need to communicate accurately. A technical field like science has communication playing a key role in its development. However, many scientists are under the impression that explaining the logic behind an idea will do the job for them. On the contrary, the focus should be that whether their idea has been communicated properly to the audience or if their explanation is clear enough for a layman. Because it is always easy to communicate to people you work with, but an audience, especially in the field of science, is different. It is here that the communication skills are put to test. And hence, it becomes imperative to brush one's skills to get across their point effectively."

The grandmother test

"I have a tried and tested plan for you to check your communication skills through what I call 'The grandmother test'. If you are a good communicator then you should be able to explain your grandmother about your work or even a homework assignment for that matter. If

the next thing you know is that she's proudly explaining the same to someone else, you, my friend, have succeeded. Talking to old people always helps for they might not have the background about a subject. So, if you're able to make them understand your idea, you've won half the battle."

Never aim to win a Noble prize. It will follow

"Aspiring for a Nobel Prize won't lead you towards discoveries, but aspiring for discoveries will. Focus more on your research than the results. One of the primary reasons behind losing interest midway of a research is not being able to enjoy what you are doing. The fact is, getting bored implies that you haven't given your 100 percent into the work. This is where a teacher needs to step in. Teachers can always help the students by introducing them to unexplored dimensions of a particular subject and by setting up a curriculum accordingly. Losing interest is a part of every field, but one should always find ways to continue researching with focus."

Strive for novelty

"As students, you should always try to seek new and interesting things. Always ask questions and be open to new ideas and thoughts. For instance, reading is an interesting exercise and reading beyond the prescribed syllabus may introduce a person to a different world. It is like breathing new air for you get to know new perspectives."

Thinking is a good thing

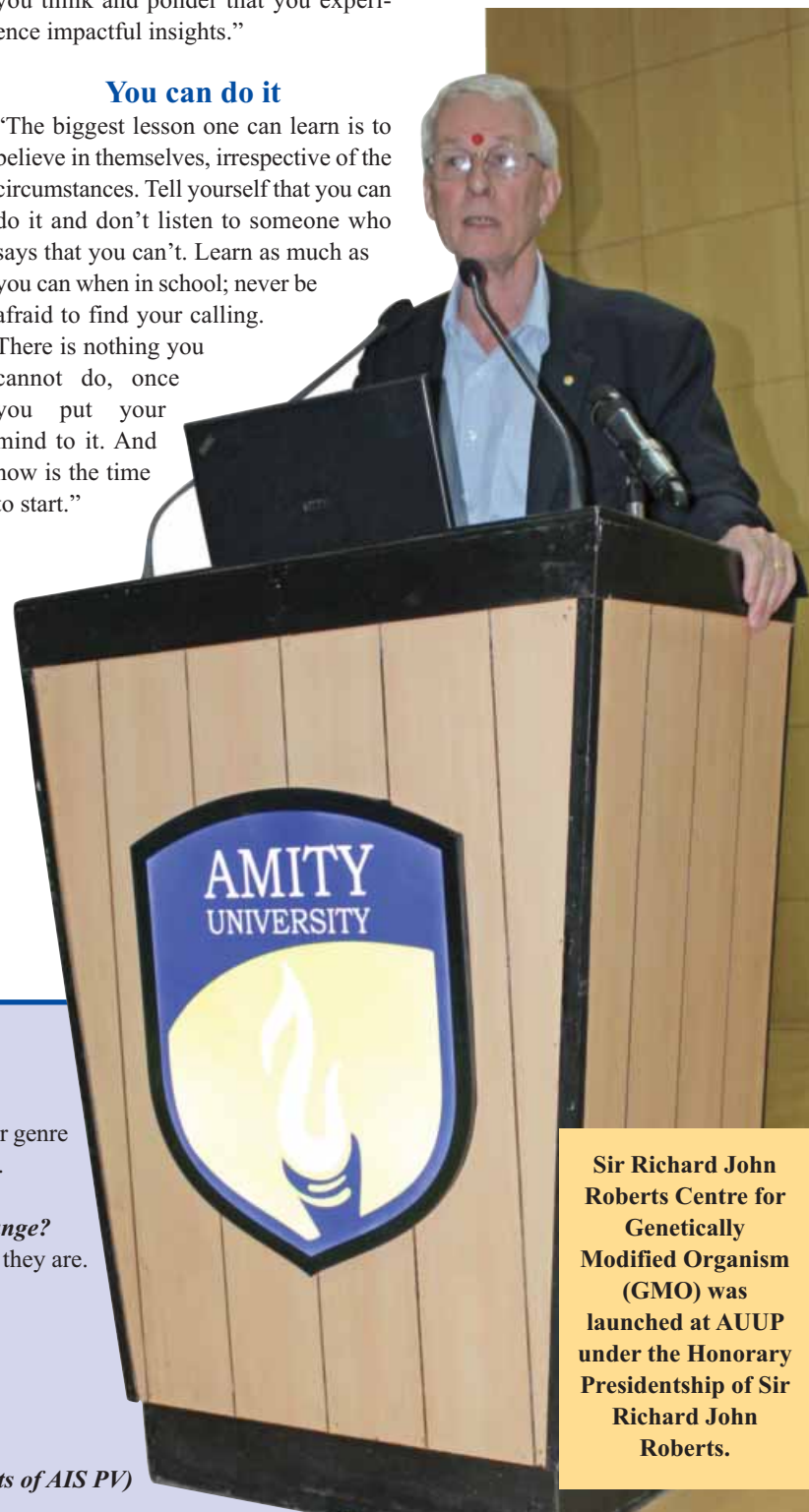
"Once I read a book called 'Threads of Life' and it resulted in me changing my field of work. That is the kind of difference reading or meeting new people makes to you. You get to think beyond what you already knew and ponder over your established stance. It's only when you think and ponder that you experience impactful insights."

You can do it

"The biggest lesson one can learn is to believe in themselves, irrespective of the circumstances. Tell yourself that you can do it and don't listen to someone who says that you can't. Learn as much as you can when in school; never be afraid to find your calling. There is nothing you cannot do, once you put your mind to it. And now is the time to start."

Helping people helps

"There is something good about helping people; it makes you feel good too. If you make a lot of money, make sure you share it for a good cause. Be a philanthropist. You never know; a little help from you may bring a big difference to someone's life." 🇮🇳



Sir Richard John Roberts Centre for Genetically Modified Organism (GMO) was launched at AUUP under the Honorary Presidentship of Sir Richard John Roberts.

A quick interview

Please recommend five books that one should read.

Five would be too less. A person must read everything from their genre of interest and beyond. The point is that we must keep reading.

If you had a choice to redesign humans, what would you change?

I would not like to do that because everyone is perfect the way they are.

How did you find your passion?

I wish I knew the answer. I think it's a calling from within.

What is your message to the Amitians?

Listen to your calling and work hard for it.

(As told to the students of AIS PV)



Sir Richard John with Chairperson and students of AIS PV

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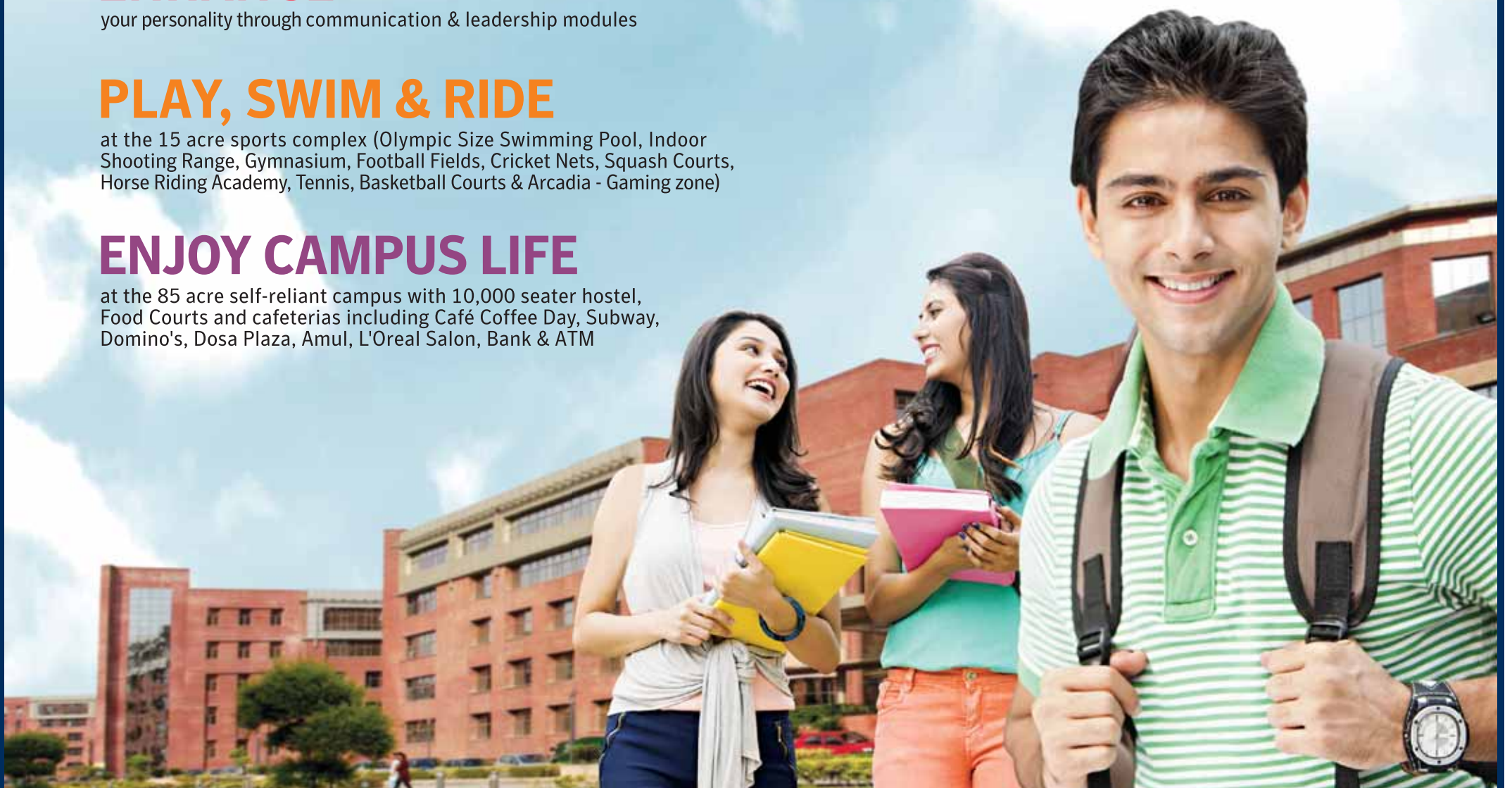
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Vibrant AMINOVA 2017

Fun filled activities, workshops, inspiring addresses by eminent personalities from various walks of life-the event had all one could ask for and more

Amity University Mumbai

Amity University, Mumbai held its annual fest AMINOVA 2017 from Feb 2-3, 2017 in the university campus. Over 2000 students from AUM and others colleges across Mumbai, Navi Mumbai and Pune attended the event.

Several events as Caminus Photography, FIFA LAN Gaming, Cric-IT, Paramount, Hoop Fest, Quizzical, AUM Supermodel Hunt Dance were organised as a part of the event. However, it was the fashion show that grabbed maximum attention. Aminova 2017 also saw eminent personalities from various walks of life such as cartoonists, advocates, stylists etc judging various events. The two day event had the who's who in attendance, who left the students with pearls of wisdom. Here are excerpts

DAY 1

Dr Kushal Sanghvi, Business Head, Reliance Entertainment & Digital and



Lighting of the lamp by eminent dignitaries on the occasion

Curte Carrie Miranda, Associate Vice President, NDTV (Events and Specials) presided over the inaugural ceremony as the chief guest and the guest of honour respectively.

While delivering the inaugural speech,

Dr Sanghvi asked the students to always keep pace with the technology without which it will be difficult for them to survive in this digital era. He advised the students to be focussed to achieve their goals. Mr Miranda, a

media solutions specialist, shared, "When you step into your professional phase in life, you will find success when your passion finds synergy with your work life."

In his address Major Gen R Sridhar, Vice President, Amity Education Group asked the students to balance their recreational and academic activities.

DAY 2

RK Sinha, Principal, Kendriya Vidyalaya, ONGC Panvel was the Chief Guest for the valedictory function. Prof. Abhijit Shirodkar, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Amity University Mumbai delivered the welcome address. Prof (Dr) VV Khole, Vice Chancellor, AUM also lauded the event. He shared that events like Aminova provide students a platform to showcase their skills, while enhancing their managerial quotient. Dr Artee Aggrawal, Convenor of AMINOVA 2017 proposed the vote of thanks.

The event was lauded by one and all. **GT**

Pre-Budget Conclave

Amity School of Economics

A total of 43 students of ASE, AUUP had the opportunity to volunteer at the ABP Pre-Budget Conclave 2017 held at The Leela Palace, New Delhi on January 20, 2017. The students were assisted by their mentor Asst Prof Manisha Raj. The event was a platform to debate about the various nuances of budget especially in a digital and post demonetised economy. Eminent dignitaries from RBI, business

houses and various political parties were present on the occasion. The speakers for the event were Ravi Shanker Prasad, Minister of Information, Broadcasting & Law and Justice; Bimal Jalan, Former RBI Governor; Arundhati Bhattacharya, Chairman MD, SBI and Kapil Sibal, Former Minister of Law & Justice of India and a short interaction with Baba Ramdev. The conclave gave the volunteers an opportunity to learn new dimensions of economics while facilitating the delegates at the event. **GT**



Students of Amity School of Economics with yoga guru Baba Ramdev

Scholastic Alert



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Application Process:

■ Online Registration of Applications starts: Tuesday, January 24, 2017

■ Online Registration of Applications closes: Thursday February 23, 2017 at 5:00PM

Entrance Test:

■ The Entrance Examination for All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi and six other AIIMS for the session 2017 will be conducted through Online Computer Based Test (CBT) Examination ONLY.

■ The Examination is proposed to be conducted in two shifts in different centres all over India on May 28, 2017 ie Sunday.

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Learning from experts

An exchange of expert opinions on different facets of teaching helped teacher trainees understand their field in a more holistic manner

AIE Saket

Amity Institute of Education (AIE), Saket, New Delhi organised a Management Development Programme on the theme 'School Experience Programme - Train to Teach Challenges and Opportunities' on January 24, 2017. The programme witnessed an exchange of several viewpoints of experts from the field of teacher education and school education. The expert panel comprised Rupa Chakravarty, Principal, Suncity World School, Gurgaon; Nidhi Sirohi, Principal, Sapphire International School, Noida; Dr Jessy Abraham, Professor, Department of Teachers & Non-Formal Education (IASE), Jamia Millia Islamia; Dr Mukesh Kumar, Principal, Kalka Institute of Research and Advance Studies, New Delhi; Dr Alka Mudgal, off. Head, AIE, AUUP and Dr Alka Saxena, Vice Principal, Amity International School, Saket.



Nidhi Sirohi felicitated at the inaugural session

The event that was attended by teacher trainees helped them understand different perspectives related to teaching.

The programme began with the lighting of lamp and the recital of saraswati vandan. This was then followed by a welcome address by Prof (Dr) Ranjana Bhatia, Principal cum Director, Amity Institute of Education, Saket, New Delhi. This was followed by the panelists putting forth their views. Here are some snippets.

Dr Mukesh Kumar, elucidated the difference between old and new styles of teaching.

Rupa Chakravarty, highlighted the four essential aspects of teaching - vision, perspective, curiosity and introspection.

Dr Jessy Abraham, threw light on the curriculum of two years of B.Ed and em-

phasised on the need to enhance quality teaching. She also stated that the teaching method needs to be modified according to different students.

Nidhi Sirohi, emphasised the need of creating a conducive environment for teaching. She was of the opinion that it is a teacher's paramount duty to tap the potential of the students to the fullest.

Adding to the views of earlier speakers **Dr Alka Mudgal**, gave a brief overview of the policies of NCF of teacher education given by NCTE in 2009 and 2014. **Dr Alka Saxena**, shared her experiences and talked about the challenges faced by a school when teacher trainees join the school.

The programme concluded with the felicitation of the panelists with a book and a personalised message from Founder President, Dr Ashok K. Chauhan. **GT**

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Brainleaks-199 FOR CLASS VI-VIII

Q. It is the son of water but when the son returns to parent, it dies.

What is it?

- (a) Ice
(b) Charcoal
(c) Water Vapours
(d) All of these

Last Date: Feb 24, 2017

3 correct entries win attractive prizes

Ans. Brainleaks 198: (C)

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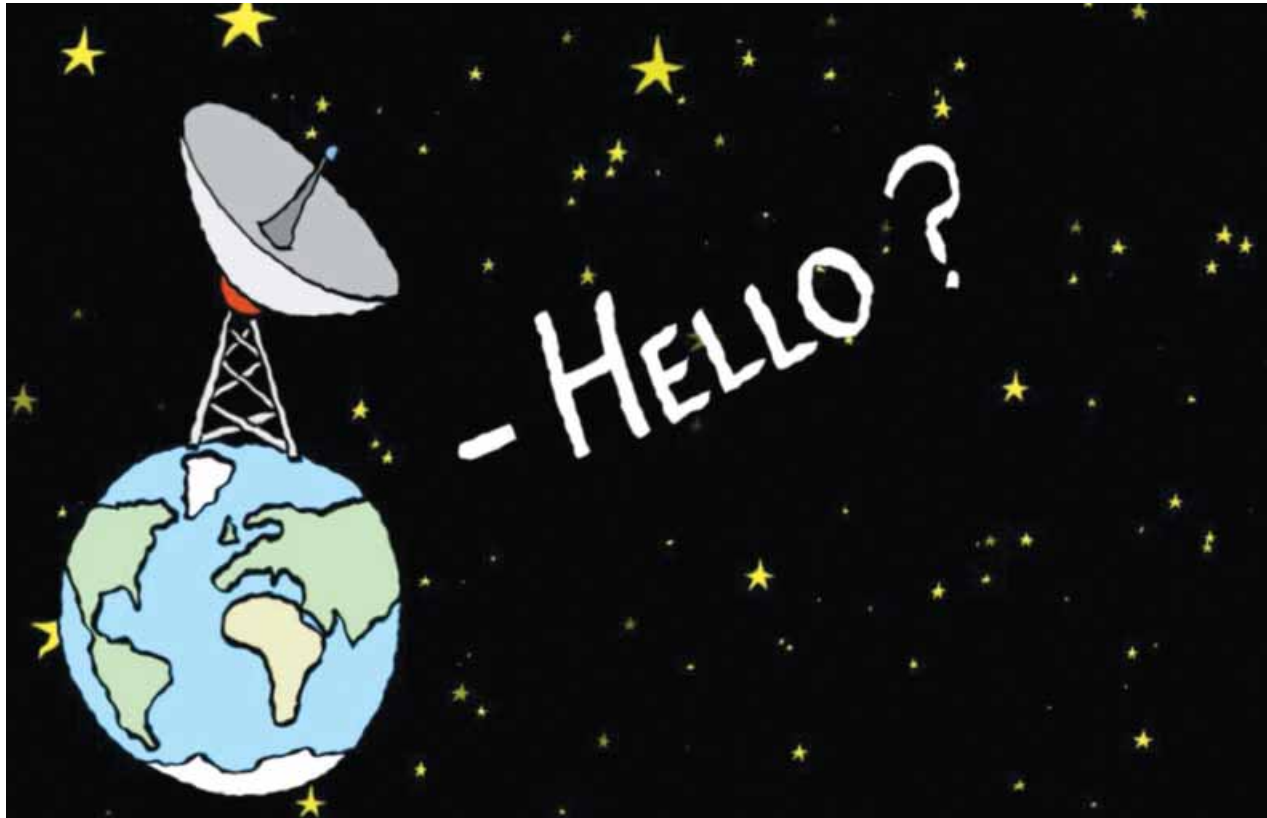
Where are the aliens?

Scientists vouch for their existence. Movies have made us believe that we know how they look. But the question that still looms large is: where are they? Perhaps, just in our imagination!

Kabir Arora, AIS PV, XI C

There are 100,000,000,000 galaxies (approx.) in the observable universe, and at the very least 100,000,000,000 stars in each of them. By studying the kind of stars and probable temperatures in their areas, astronomers have concluded that there are probably trillions of habitable planets in the universe. Since it would take us billions of years to exit our galactic region, we direct our focus to the Milky Way. There are an estimated 4,000,000,000 planets in our galaxy which are within the Habitable Temperature Zones of their stars, which means they aren't too hot or too cold, and can thus, sustain life. Naturally, this would create, at the least, millions of chances for life to exist.

Further, our galaxy is 13,000,000,000 years old, and humans have, in a tiny fraction of that time, become capable of space travel. So, the universe should be teeming with all those creatures you saw in Guardians of the Galaxy and Men in Black, and they should certainly have developed space travel by now. But we haven't met any of them yet, so the hovering question remains: where are the aliens? This is called the Fermi Paradox, and while it doesn't have a concrete answer, there have certainly



been a number of educated guesses. One reason could be the Filters. A filter is an obstacle that is tough for life to overcome, such as the creation of complex species out of the first forms of existing life. For example, the conditions and events on Earth were just right for

single-celled microbes to turn into the Homo sapiens of today. However, it isn't likely that these necessary conditions were met on the other habitable planets. There is a possibility of very basic forms of life existing there, which haven't formed complex

organisms, in which case there'd be no way for us to find them, or for them to find us.

Another explanation is that various civilizations have existed, and have all met their downfall. The idea suggests that once a civilization reaches a certain

level of technological advancement, the same technology results in their demise. We've already developed nuclear energy. A time may come when we discover/create a form of energy so unstable, that it damages the human race and our planet much faster than petroleum fuels or any other contemporary form of energy. By this theory, all creatures that have existed throughout the history of the galaxy and have grown into complex organisms – humans included – have suffered or will suffer obliteration at the hands of their very own doings.

While the theories that suggest that aliens are definitely out there (on the basis of the numbers of habitable planets in our galaxy) are based on accurate observations and are well thought out, they still are just that: theories. We might still just be alone in this endless darkness, one that would take eons to cross even at the speed of light, residing on our tiny little ball of land and water. Does that terrify you? Good. That is the correct emotion to feel right now.

If we let life on our Earth end, we might just be letting life throughout the universe end, meaning life would no longer be a part of the universe, for however long it shall continue to exist. Now, how is that for a thought? 🤖

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Rainbow ON YOUR PLATE

“Tipi tipi tap. What colour you want?” “I want all,” said the plate for it knew the more, the merrier. **Manika Joshi**, AIS Vas 1, IX D paints her palette, while savouring the nutrients that each colour in the rainbow brings

BLUE/VIOLET/PURPLE

Micro nutrients-Vitamin C, Potassium, Folate

Benefits-Fights cancer, supports healthy ageing, improves skin, supports immune system

Look for-Grapes, brinjal, onion

GREEN

Micro nutrients-Vitamin K, Magnesium, Iron

Benefits-Supports health of lung and eyes, slow muscular degeneration, reduces the risk of cancer in certain organs such as bladder, colon

Look for-Spinach, avocado, kiwi, cucumber

ORANGE & YELLOW

Micro nutrients-Potassium, Vitamin A, Vitamin C

Benefits-Supports health of eye and skin, boosts antioxidant intake, promotes anti-inflammation

Look for-Carrot, pineapple, banana, lemon, pumpkin

WHITE

Micro nutrients-Vitamin C, Allium, Sulforaphane

Benefits-Reduces free radical damage, lowers blood cholesterol levels, supports immune system, reduces risk of cardiovascular diseases

Look for-Garlic, cauliflower, mushroom, spring onion

RED

Micro nutrients-Vitamin C, Ellagic acid, Lycopene

Benefits-Reduces inflammation, promotes healthy heart, protects against prostate cancer

Look for-Strawberries, cherries, apple, watermelon, pomegranate



A single little brown bat can eat up to 1200 mosquitoes in a single hour.

Yeh time na aye dobara

School is over. You will miss the morning bus ride. But getting up early in the morning? Perhaps, not so much!

Illustration: Deepak Sharma, GT Network



Arun Singh, AIS Vas 6, X C

Period-hopping and notebook swapping; laughing sneakily or moving creakily; school gave us a chance to experience all this and much more. But as the school comes to an end, all that's happy seems to be gone. But there are ways to convince the heart "All is well."

Buzz... goes the alarm clock

"Wake up it's already seven!" And that is how every morning in school began. Battling with sleep along with the morning rush to take bath, eat breakfast coupled with the constant fear of missing the school bus - turned a perfectly bright morning into the perfect horror story! Thankfully, after school, the struggle ends. No more waking up at 7! Yay!

The 'Ma'am I have a question' kid

Frequent glances at the watch, constant shaking of legs, and rising heartbeat; all signs of a 'period-end syndrome' ie waiting for the period to end. But just before 60 seconds for the period to get over you hear, "Ma'am I've a question please!" Boom! There is definitely no reason to miss that 'extra inquisitive model pupil' who feasts on your free five minutes.

The judgment day

A PTM or the judgment day is just like your *karma* laughing at you! Everything, from pranks to bunks, from punishments to fights are recorded and tallied. Entering the class seems like an apocalypse, where the child is unsure of his survival. Missing the school for confronting a teacher with parents four times a year? Naah! We don't support that.

Two to tango

Those 45 minutes take every single breath out of you! But dealing with two periods of 45 minutes each, and that too, replete with Math, is almost similar to facing Fluffy, the three headed dog in Harry Potter. Liking those 90 minutes? Let's agree to disagree on it.

The net result?

Life should not be counted in quantity but quality. But the teachers don't seem to agree and which is why they make a report card. That dreaded thing that gave a gist of how you were. Who's going to miss that anyway?

School is one place that brings with it a lifetime of memories. But as someone rightly said, some memories are best forgotten. 🇮🇳

A salute to the captain!

A fine player, cool captain and an inspiring leader; what's not to miss about Dhoni

Stuti Lohani, AIS Noida, IX E

April 2, 2011, the crowd at Wankhede cheered, hoping to help the Indian team gain their lost confidence back. When the great players Sehwag and Tendulkar stumbled, when Indians lost hopes of winning the world cup final; stepped MS Dhoni. 26 overs later and a legendary six scored by him, India held the World cup after 28 years. With the world cup in his hands, Indians welcomed MS Dhoni with open arms! Mahendra Singh Dhoni's arrival in Indian cricket and his subsequent rise has been a story of unprecedented success. His determination and hard work, made him the most sought after cricketer and a leader. He was aggressive without being brash, successful without being arrogant and upfront without being rude. With his humility and cool-headedness, MS Dhoni became a perfect role model for generations. MS Dhoni was a fine batsman, an astute wicketkeeper, and had a

strong sixth sense of the game. So, it was not much of a surprise when he was anointed the captain in 2007, of T20 WC, where his calm leadership steered India to victory. And after the series of win, he was entrusted the reigns of ODIs and test cricket. He has always been thoughtful about the way he conducts himself and leads his team. As a captain, he has always encouraged and groomed the young talent than trying to steal the limelight all to himself. For instance, he recognised the hidden potential of Virat Kohli and when the time was ripe, he passed the baton to him. He made sure that Kohli gets to experience captaincy before the 2019 world cup. Even today, he continues to assist the young players. MS Dhoni may no longer be the captain of the Indian cricket team but he is still a leader who has a lot to give to the players and the people...lessons of captaincy, of humility and of encouragement. Our salute to the captain!



The archetypes of stand-up comedy

Swetabh Changkakoti
AIS Saket, IX C

Some consider stand-up an art, but like every form of art, satire, too, has been riddled with clichés. Here are some jokes everyone just HAS to make, without which their act would be incomplete:

The joke's on you 'honey':

Indian men love their wives. Correction: Indian men love jokes about their wives. In a country where almost every man has a boss in office and a wife at home, tickling the funny bone corresponding to the latter is often what (almost) saves an act (with the former it would more likely mean tickling the dragon's tail). And there doesn't have to be a particular situation where the wife makes the day all funny if one goes by the 'stand up' belief. Any act of hers in between the morning cup of tea and the dinner can make up for that oh-so-funny act.

"An argument with the wife is more like a boxing match between Mary Kom and a punching bag. You can't attack, you can't defend and you can't even get knocked out. You just stay there and take the punches."

Bollywood versus Logic: The Indian film industry is representative of what it makes- pandemonium. It's a grand circus, and with the Salman Khans and KRKs in the middle of this mess, the jokes are pretty much obvious. Bollywood keeps churning out stranger movies every year with actors

Why do stand-up comedians not wish each other 'Happy 'New' Year'? Because they are busy laughing on the same 'old' jokes

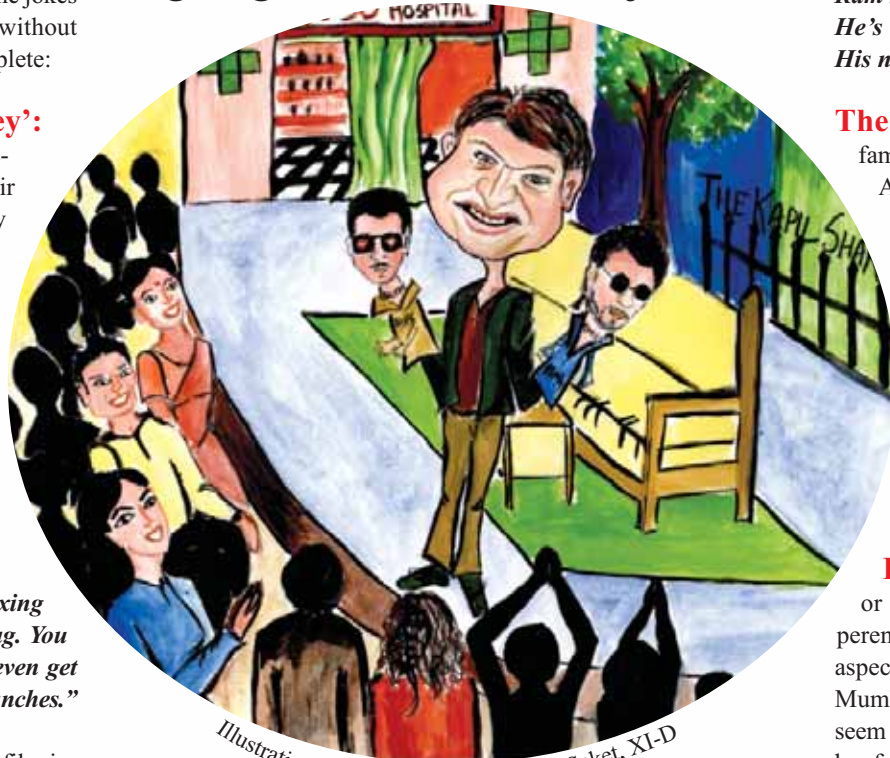


Illustration: Asmita Chakraborty, AIS Saket, XI-D

with foot in the mouth disease; and we haven't even headed south yet. There is, we kid you not, a Tollywood movie where the protagonist uses a banana to kill his enemies (Google it). Obviously, it's over-used- the material writes itself- but sometimes, it's actually funny.

"So the first movie I'm going to cover is of course this movie called Messenger of God. Gurmeet Ram Singh Rahim Insaan or as we know MSG. First of all- his name is Gurmeet Ram Singh Rahim Singh Insaan. He's the most secular man in India. His name is our entire constitution."

The (not-so) modern family: A family, for comedians, is a world in itself.

A quintessential Indian family, on the other hand, is the ever-expanding universe. There's just so much material here- who doesn't love an everyday dose of laughter, love, mild to intense racism, and chauvinism? When the targets are obvious, guessing the jokes is but trivial.

"Every Indian mother has a three-second rule. If she asks you to do something, you have three seconds. If you cross that, she will do something unimaginable. She will do it herself."

Dilli vs Bombay- the faceoff: *Gol gappe* or *vada pav*? Blistering, cold winters or sweeping, perennial rain? These two cities are different in every aspect, but the two sects we now know as Delhiites or Mumbaikars (really, who made these names?) can't seem to stop fighting. Which one's better? Which city has funnier humans? That remains the ultimate question. The answer, of course, is 42.

"**Mumbai: Temperature 20 degrees Celsius**
Mumbaikars: Omg! Is Mumbai freezing or what?
Delhi: 4 degrees
Delhiites: Is baar itni thand nahin padi? 🇮🇳



From noble to Nobel



Dr. Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

Service, is what the Nobel Prize stands for. Years of dedication, a will to do greater good, and the intention to perform these acts with nobility is what Nobel Prize acknowledges. An honour like this entrusts a person with great responsibility towards one's nation and oneself. However, the way to this destination passes through the road of great virtues. Virtues like honesty towards the cause, generosity towards fellow human beings, bravery against social ills and a selfless attitude are some pre-requisites.

While virtues are something that can be imbibed, and not taught; an educational institution can go a long way in inculcating these qualities in an individual. It is the responsibility of the school to nurture children with strong ideals and values that can help them to be noble. At Amity, it is our constant endeavour to plant the seed of virtue in the children, at every stage of growing in life. Several activities like Youth Power, Grandparent's Day, Heritage celebrations, Earth Day etc help instill values like gratitude, social responsibility, respect and a broader vision to look beyond personal desires, in children. It teaches them to care for each and every person who comes in their contact and inculcate the willingness to work for them. I strongly believe that my Amitians are going to shine in the world and leave their impressions in every heart. Adorned with virtues, they are surely going to bring the Nobel Prize of nobility, love, harmony, development and prosperity. I wish the future Nobel laureates of Amity, a very all the best! 🇮🇳

Igniting young minds



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

Thanks to Chairperson ma'am and Founder Sir, Amity had a lifetime opportunity to attend a live interaction with Nobel Laureate Sir Richard John Roberts. The lecture that ignited the minds of the youth and provided inspiration to tread on the path of a Nobel

Laureate is our lead story this week. For those who could not attend the lecture, the inspiring lessons from his life will motivate you to earn a Nobel one day.

If one looks deeper into the lives of Nobel Laureates, the one clear thing which stands out is that none of them set out on a mission to be one. So when Nobel Laureate Sir Richard John Roberts said that the 'first lesson to be a Nobel Laureate is to never aim to be one', he said it all. Within these lines lay the essence of several life lessons, which he elaborated upon in his subsequent lecture. Indeed, there is no clear formula for success. If there is anything... it's dedication, passion and hard work to advance human knowledge and to create solutions for world problems. Nobel Laureates are so well versed in their subject that striving for an honour is nowhere on their agenda. "Karm karo, phal ki chinta mat karo," as the Gita says. Their one-point agenda is to create a paradigm shift that will make a positive difference to the world. Great people with their lives and thoughts have always inspired mere mortals to aim for the greater good.

The biographical story of Mahashay Dharampal in the last of the seven 'rags to riches' stories is an inspiration for all of you who have dared to dream. Need more inspiration? We shall be back soon with more in the new academic session 🇮🇳

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Winds of change

Demonitisation - a decision so strong that it brought along panoramic changes- some throwing us into chaos, while some reinstating order

Heads and tails

Every coin has two sides, demonitisation being no exception. So, it's best to see both before you pass a verdict. **Stuti Lohani, AIS Noida, IX E presents facts to help you judge better.**

November 8: The day when our PM made a surprise announcement that took the whole nation by surprise. "Your Rs 500 and Rs 1000 rupee notes will no longer be legal from tomorrow." The unexpected announcement by PM Narendra Modi had the nation in a frenzy. While the housewives frantically rummaged through their cupboards to get rid of the currency that was no longer legit, jewelers kept their shops open till 1 am, making the most of the tides of change. What ensued was aggressive debating across news channels, serpentine queues at the bank, slogans of both 'Hail Modi' and 'Hate Modi' and a technologically challenged Indian populace trying to go the digital way. We bring to you the good and the bad of what has been said as the biggest change in history of modern India.

Sales drop: So when 86% of the loose currency gets scrapped, your priorities are bound to be

changed. Even spending on the *golgappa* is a decision that requires contemplation, given the empty ATMs. Small businesses were badly hit. Even though traders are offering e-payment options, customers are yet to go to the digital way. This basically means sad news for businesses, at least for the time being.

Farmers' plight: Several aspects of the agriculture industry such as sale, transport, marketing etc are cash-dependent. Any disruption in the above mentioned factors results in low sales, wastage of perishables; which basically means lower revenue for farmers. Many farmers in rural areas (including a sizeable number who didn't own bank accounts)

have insufficient notes to buy goods. With ATMs and banks in low numbers, especially in rural areas; the hardship has only increased.



Illustration: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network

Digital or stagnant?

The road to change has never been easy. Making India a digital economy was a change that met similar fate, as India Inc suffered a stalemate

Shubhankit Tewari
AIS Noida, VIII

"There has never been a greater promise or a greater peril." These words by Klaus Schwab, Founder and Executive Chairman, World Economic Forum are perhaps the best suited to describe the moment following demonitisation. The promise was big- the black economy that runs parallel to the main economy would be hit hard. And then there was the danger- in an economy with an informal sector bigger than the formal one, how pragmatic will the move be?

Another set of promise and danger were waiting to be confronted- while a cashless economy meant a step ahead on the road to digital India, the journey was perhaps being made in haste. In another address Klaus Schwab said, "In the new world, it is not the big fish that eats the small fish, it's the fast fish that eats the slow fish." And India is the poster face for the changing role of developing countries in the new world economy. So fast it be.

For although we can contemplate about pragmatism, but the truth is that digitalisation is the need of the hour. Demonitisation has done more for the dream of digital India, than it is being

given credit for. It was like this e-commerce ad campaign, an instant one, making Indians do away with their cashless transaction insecurities. When faced with the realities of cash crunch, people had no option but to make the best of what's available. And so a country where ATM transactions outnumber credit/debit card transactions manifold, people were finally trying their hands at plastic money. Banks in India are one place that are never really empty, whether we are talking pre or post demonitisation. While both public and private banks have been offering a multitude of on-line services, all to ease the process for

E-commerce increased: Digital transaction have witnessed an increase by 400-1000%. Transactions on e-wallets have increased from 17 lakh per day to 63 lakh per day. E-commerce sites like Paytm and Freecharge saw 300% growth in offline store transactions in a gap of six days after demonitisation. Other bank websites also jumped on the bandwagon and introduced their own app like SBI buddy. Looks like India is finally going the digital way.

Growth forecast slips to 7%: The World Bank has cut India's GDP growth for 2016-17 fiscal to 7% from its previous estimate of 7.6%, citing the impact of demonitisation. Considering that 80% of the transactions in the country are carried out in cash, demonitisation is being touted as the reason for disrupting businesses and household economic activities. However, it is expected to pick up and reach 7.6% to 7.8% due to reform initiatives.

Evasion: Many people have reportedly turned all their ill-gotten wealth into white by depositing money in other dormant accounts or buying gold in backdated cheques and receipts. So unless the CBI or the tax department is able to get hold of this kind of black money, the whole exercise will be deemed futile.

Trafficker's worst nightmare: According to Kailash Satyarthi, demonitisation has hurt the human trafficking business which mainly runs on cash. Moreover, it has also hurt the Naxalite movement badly which is proven by the record number of surrenders.

So now dear reader, you do realise you were audience to a significant economic change in history. For better or worse, it is for you to judge. 🇮🇳

the customers, we have preferred standing in queues. But as the queues got longer, net banking was embraced like never before, a breather for banks that have to spend extra resources for cash transactions. Paytm and Mobikwik, or e-wallets got a fresh lease of life. Even the informal and the smaller sectors made the best of their new Paypal. Research validates that if a significant amount of the country's payments were digitalised, the benefits were monumental. Yes, the common man had to suffer. But that's true for every revolutionary change.

Sure, transforming India to a digital economy will be no cakewalk but is certainly the walk that has been due long enough. Speculations associated with change are any day better than resilience to change. Gandhiji once said that filling the gap between 'what we know and what we do' could solve our problems. Well here we are, choosing digital India over the stagnant one. 🇮🇳



Bats can find food even in total darkness, using a special skill called echolocation.

Rags to Riches

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

Mahashay Dharampal 8

A 93 year old man donning a red turban, a silver walking stick, and a smile on his face appears on TV commercials, imbuing royalty at its best. But behind the royalty is a journey of hardship and conviction

Prakhya Bahl, AIS PV, XI

The journey from 'tonga wala' to 'Masala King' was not that easy for Mahashay Dharampal, founder of MDH Pvt Ltd. Behind this king is a saga that turned the struggle of bread and butter into an empire spicing up food worldwide, earning a networth of 3 million and being the brand ambassador of his own brand.

Because variety is the spice of life...he tried it all to choose the best

On March 27, 1923, in Sialkot, now part of Pakistan, Mahashay Dharampal was born to Mahashay Chunnilal and Mata Chanan Devi. As a child, Dharampal was a jack of all trades but was yet to master one. He went to school diligently, imbibed the religious practices of his parents, followers of the Arya Samaj and helped his father at his spice shop. Later, in 1933, Mahashay Dharampal left school when he was in the fifth grade to help his father in carrying forward their business. He worked with his father for 5 years and then attempted to set up his own business in 1937. He tried his hand at different ventures- trading in mirrors, carpentry, fabric vending, equipment and rice. But most of these came to a stop on a dime. He then went back to his ancestral business of selling spices, this time with an utter sense of conviction. The fate of Mahashian Di Hatti (MDH), which was famously known as Deggi Mirch Wale, was now in his hands to alter.

But hunger is the best spice...and he made the best of it

Destiny this time, had other plans. Came the fateful year of 1947, ripping many families off their life earnings, across what are now the Indo-Pak borders. The partition forced Mahashay Dharampal's family to move to India, leaving behind the belongings of their blood and sweat. The family reached a refugee shelter in Amritsar from where they were to move permanently to Delhi.



The first MDH shop in Delhi by Mahashay Dharampal after he moved to India from Pakistan

The road to their livelihood, let alone dreams looked uncertain now. In Delhi, their new abode was an abandoned flat with no water and electricity. But bad times, sometimes, brings out the best in you. And so even though Dharampal knew that he would have to make it from scratch now, he was determined to make the best.

He tasted the bitterness...and made it bittersweet

Dharampal borrowed a sum of Rs 1,500 from his father and bought a tonga. His journey to the rise again began with him riding the tonga from New Delhi railway station to Qutab Road and Karol Bagh to Bara Hindu Rao at two annas per sawari. This was to manage two meals a day and on some days, there were neither passengers nor meals. But that couldn't bring down his soaring spirits. For the man who was resolute to give the world a taste of his spices, not being able to manage bread and butter for a day was least troublesome. He thought bigger, he thought better.

After having saved enough, Mahashay Dharampal sold the tonga and purchased a little wooden khokha (Shop/Hatti) measuring 14ft x 9 ft at Ajmal Khan Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi. He once again raised the pennant of Mahashian Di Hatti (MDH), Deggi Mirch Wale and ran his privately-run company of ground spices. Years passed and the sheer hardwork and perseverance was paid off.

It was time now...to taste success

The tables turned, the times of struggle were replaced with happy days. 1953 witnessed the expan-

sion of the legacy, as a second outlet in Chandni Chowk and then a manufacturing unit was set up in 1959. The man full of simplicity had one simple principle- honouring commitments and serving his customers pure and quality products. And on this very foundation the MDH empire was built. The cramped shop now grew to become numerous shops and industrial factories across various cities such as Nagpur, Delhi, Gurgaon, Ghaziabad and Amritsar, making MDH a famous brand for spices everywhere. Today as MDH produces 30 tons of spices per day, a spice maker from Sialkot stands tall on a multi-million dollar empire.

And to spice it all up...there was humility

A philanthropist at heart, Mahashay Dharampal is also known for his contribution towards the welfare of society and upliftment of needy. In the field of healthcare, he started with a modest attempt of an eye hospital with 10 beds. Thereafter, a 20 bed hospital was established in memory of his mother Mata Chanan Devi. The same has transformed to a super speciality hospital with facilities such as MRI, CT Scan, Heart Wing, Neuro Sciences, IVF etc. and 300 beds, providing free medical aid to the poor people. He has also set up various educational institution such as MDH International School, Mahashay Chunnilal Saraswati Shishu Mandir, Mata Leela Wati Kanya Vidhayala, Mahashay Dharampal Vidhya Mandir to ensure learning for every child. To make abundance from little has been the man's credit, whether for work or nobility. Life was not easy for him but he went on to make the best of it. Because that is exactly what great men do. After all, what's a platter that offers just one flavour?^{GI}



Today, MDH offers an array of spice, capturing 70% market share in North India



Sur(creal) dreams

Storywala



All he could see was people screaming, crying, bullets being fired in all directions and people scurrying for life.

Amber Nayak, AIS Noida, VIII F

This was young Kabir’s first trip to Kashmir. The excitement and longing could be easily seen in his eyes. But little did he know what fate had in store for him. On reaching the Srinagar airport, he heard a woman shout. Shocked, he turned around to witness armed masked men with rifles, swarming the exit. Before Kabir could realise what was happening, he heard a loud ‘BANG’ and everything blacked out in front of his eyes. Kabir came back to his senses within

seconds, but he felt a numb sensation in his abdomen. He struggled to get up but as soon as he did, he felt a sharp pain and fell down. All he could hear was a woman saying to him, “Don’t move or the wound will get worse.” He asked “What wound?” She whispered to him, “You were shot by terrorists,” she herself badly bruised. Kabir’s mind was blank, but the pain was now excruciating. All he could see was people screaming, crying, bullets being fired in all directions and people scurrying for life. He was lying amidst a pool of blood, bodies - dead, uncon-

scious and injured scattered all around. As he struggled to get up, one of the terrorists announced, “We don’t want to hurt you. We only need our conditions fulfilled by the government of India, and then we will let you all go.” This further terrified Kabir. Trying to clear his mind, he saw that the terrorists went firing in a different direction and made a run for it. But unfortunately, one of the terrorists spotted him and fired a shot at him. Kabir fell on the ground and spiralled into darkness. “Sir, wake up! The flight is about to land,” the air hostess looked at Kabir with concern. He woke up with a start. Phew! It was all a dream, but it seemed so real. Looking down, Kabir saw the beautiful greenery of Kashmir. “Nothing bad is going to happen,” he thought to himself. He pushed his luggage towards the exit. Just then, he heard a woman screeching and armed men firing towards him.



Yarn lamp

Material Required

- Inflatable ball or balloon (1)
- String - Hemp/Yarn
- Fevicol
- Warm water
- Light fixture with bulb



Method

- Firstly, mix the Fevicol and water in equal amounts.
- Dip the yarn in the glue mix and let it soak for sometime.
- In case you are using a balloon, blow it according to the size you want. If you are using a ball, you can use it as it is.
- Now with a firm grip start wrapping the ball/balloon with the yarn.
- Wrap it all around the ball/balloon

- carefully. Make sure it is fully covered, except for the top.
- Leave enough space at the top for a bulb holder to fit in, just as shown in the picture.
- You could leave some space at the top or bottom depending on whether you want the lamp to be hanging or to be used as a table lamp.
- Once the entire balloon is covered, keep it aside and let it dry overnight. Do not touch afterwards.
- Prick the ball/balloon to burst it and carefully remove it bit by bit, separating it from the lamp.
- You will see that the yarn has hardened and has acquired the shape of the ball/balloon.
- Fit it with a bulb. Your lamp is ready.

Read Play and Win

Reading your favourite GT can fetch you a prize too. Complete all the boxes below. Click a picture and send it to editor@theglobaltimes.in or submit it to your GT Teacher Coordinator. 3 lucky winners will win a prize every week!

Q: Tannay Verma of 'It's me' is from which branch of AIS? Ans:	Q: What is the title of 'Wisdom tale' on Junior Mosaic page? Ans:	Q: Which Nobel laureate has been interviewed in this edition? Ans:
Q: Which university did Akshay Kumar visit recently for his promotion of the movie Jolly LLB 2? Ans:	Q: Which is the largest bat in the world? Ans:	Q: Which nutrient is present in red coloured foods? Ans:
Q: Who is the founder of MDH Pvt Ltd? Ans:	Q: Kapil Sibal was the guest at which event? Ans:	Q: What is the name of the mega security summit organised by AIS PV? Ans:

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

Results of Read Play and Win-20: Koyal Das, AIS Gur 43, V B; Saara Mathur, AIS Noida, VI H; Abhigya, AIS Vas 1, V D (Prizes will reach you in 15 days)

WORDS VERSE

A tribute to Kalam



Amisha Kirti
AIS Gur 46, X F

He dreamt of a superpower
He always walked an extra mile
He believed in laborious effort
But he never forgot that smile

Each day I wake up
And the day goes by
But he had used every moment
The countless things he tried

Somewhere many ages thereafter
His legend became a motivating tale
Dream like him all say
Become what Dr Kalam became.

He saw many things
That nobody had ever seen
People aspiring to become
The great person he had been

He is the shining Kohinoor
In the crown of our motherland
He is the embellishing star
Lighting our path with his vision

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India of my dreams

Maitrey Sreenivas
AIS Noida, IX

India is a rich diverse country
But as much as it may seem
This is not the India of my dreams
In the midst of all joyous occasions
Among the celebrations of festivals
Here are many social evils

That despite of being abolished
Such things still prevail

This is not the India of my dreams
Women are not respected
Turning a blind eye to injustice
Equality vanishing all around

The skyscrapers brushing the slum walls
The BMW's jostling for space
With the other world of inequality
Mired in their own troubles
As much as it may seem it is okay
This is not the India of my dreams

The India of my dreams is a land
Where caste has no meaning
All children are educated
Women are respected
And not made victims
Nor subjected to domestic violence

The India of my dreams
Is a peaceful country
Which has got rid of corruption
The India of my dreams
Is one where
No mouth is unfed

No hands that don't work
No eyes that have lost hope
No tear which is not wiped away
Where everyone stands head to head
Patriotic and hard working
This is the India of my dreams.

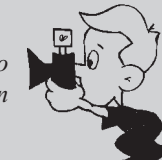
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Naomi Rajwansi, AIS Noida, X F



The iconic stands



Green reflections of grandeur



The sparks of joy



The silhouette and the sun

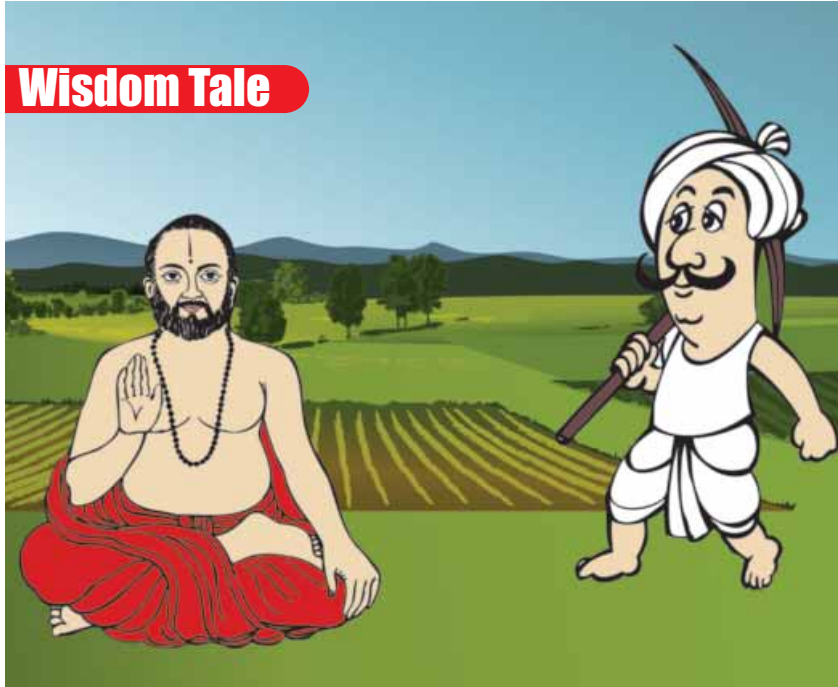


There are 1100 species of bats worldwide.

Tale of the wise heir

Illustration: Anju Rawat, GT Network

Wisdom Tale



Shivanshi, AIS MV, VI B

The tale goes back to a time long ago, when a king ruled a flourishing kingdom. The king had all reasons to be happy - he was loved by everyone and possessed powers. And yet there was something that disturbed the king. He did not have a child. He was constantly worried about who will take care of his kingdom after him. One fine day, he shared her concerns with the queen. The queen suggested that the king should look for a wise man within the kingdom and anoint him as the heir to the throne. The king liked the idea and immediately set out on his mission to find a 'wise heir'. Disguised as a sage, the king visited each and every street of his kingdom.

One day, he came across a rich merchant who bowed to him respectfully and said, "O sage, bless this devotee of yours." Impressed with the merchant's humility, the king thought of him to be a good prospect for the heir and decided to test him. The sage said, "Child, I do not give blessings, but you must earn them. Bring me the three most expensive things in the world." The merchant thought for a while and then replied, "What can be more expensive than my silk, my high quality coffee beans and my ivory?" Disappointed, the king left and continued with his quest for the wise heir.

Few days passed by, and the king came across a jeweler. He asked the jeweler to bring the three most expensive things in the world. The jeweler without any hes-

The queen suggested that the king should look for a wise man within the kingdom and anoint him as the heir to the throne.

itation brought back the entire gold, diamond and silver he owned. The sage rejected the three things and left. Disheartened, he thought, "Isn't there a single wise soul in this entire kingdom?" A few months passed by. One summer afternoon when the king was on his usual quest for the heir, he felt thirsty. He stopped by a farmer's hut to ask for water. The farmer served the sage a glass of water and welcomed him for a meal. The sage asked the farmer, "O' farmer! This sage will shower you with blessings if you bring me the three most expensive things in the world." The farmer however, laughed and replied, "These three things, O' Sir, you already possess." The king was taken aback with his response. The farmer added, "The first thing is your vast knowledge and wisdom. Second, is the purity and kindness for all in your heart, and third, is the love and respect that you receive from all your devotees, including me!" The king touched by the farmer's words, couldn't hold back his tears. He had finally found his 'wise heir'.

So what did you learn today?
The most expensive thing a person can possess are virtues, not the riches of gold and silver.



Welcome the summers with refreshing mocktails

5 Minute Mocktails

Priyanshi Dokania
AIS Gur 43, III

For Citrus Strawberry Mocktail

Ingredients

Lime/Club soda1 cup
Strawberry syrup4 tbsp
Lime juice2 tbsp
Sugar¼ cup
Strawberries.....to garnish
Lime (sliced) to garnish

Method

- Mix lime juice and sugar together to make a mix of lime sugar.
- Dip rim of glass in lime sugar.
- Immediately keep the inverted glass in a plate full of sugar so that the rim is well coated with sugar.
- Mix lime/club soda, strawberry syrup in a shaker. Pour it in the

glass that is coated with sugar.
■ Garnish with strawberries and lime slices.

For Mango Mojito

Ingredients

Mango (diced)1 cup
Mint leaves12
Club soda/Sprite4 cup
Lemon1
Ice cubes1 cup

Method

- Add mango and mint to a food processor/blender and blend it into a smooth mixture.
- Now pour the mango-mint mixture in glass and top it up with ice-cubes and club soda/sprite.
- Squeeze a fresh lemon to the mix and serve chilled.

POEM

Mother

Raghavi Sharma , AIS Vas 6, III B

Mother, the moment I hear this word
I get a cosy feeling of being furred
A sense of always being cared and loved

My mother is my truest friend
That God has mystically sent
For my woe and worries to end

To be with her is always fun
Every heart she has won
She is my favourite one

But sometimes, I don't get her style



When I'm ecstatic, she would just smile
When I catch just a cold, her tears can fill river Nile

She uplifts me when I'm down
When someone scolds me, I can see her frown
And when I win, she cries by turning around

I can go up to her anytime
To play with her or learn a rhyme
She's always pleasant like a musical chime

For all troubles, she is the fiercest wild
Yet her aura is so serene and mild
That's what a mother is for her child

What else shall I speak further?
One simplest way to define her stature
That every being on this earth is because of a Mother

The moon that night

Arunika Paul Nandi, AIS Noida, VI A

As a light shone through the curtains
I drew the curtains apart
I gazed into the night
A bright, big, ball stood, looking milky white

You must have guessed
It was the moon so bright
Descending from the heavens
It gives us light

I looked at the river, a mirror it seemed
The reflection of the moon, it looked so keen
The grass is so silvery, instead of green



Brightened up the wooden sticks so lean

Oh, the moon! So round and high
It looked like a dream, I'm sure not lying
The long quiet river looked as blue as ink
The reflection seemed to shake and sink

The scene in the morning
Would go away in vain
But then, I know I'll see it once again
Dangling upon an invisible chain.

It's Me



My name: Tanmay Verma
My school: AIS Noida
My Class: I
My birthday: April 2
I Like: To play games on iPad
I dislike: Liars
My hobby: Skating
My role model: My Dad
My best friend: My Elder brother
My favourite book: Pinocchio
My favourite game: Hide and Seek
My favourite mall: Ambience Mall
My favourite food: Kadhi chawal
My favourite teachers: Shefali ma'am
My favourite poem: 'Hop a little'
My favourite subject: English
I want to become: Just like my Dad!
I want to feature in GT because: I like to read new stories every week. I also like the new paintings and DIY activities. The Global Times is an amazing newspaper.

Painting Corner

Ananya Tandon
AIS Noida, VII H





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AIS Gur 46

Amity Gur 46 hosted CBSE National Aerobics Championship under the guidance of Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, wherein more than 750 students from 47 CBSE schools participated from January 5-8, 2017. The opening ceremony of the event commenced with parade by the participating teams. The meet was de-

clared open by the chief guests Lt General NS Malik and Vinay Pratap Singh, IAS ADC. The competitions were conducted in different categories like Boys U-11, U-14, U-19 and Girls U-11, U-14, U-19. The students of the host school presented Sur Sangam- a euphonious orchestra composition followed by Shakti dance by Class IX and Namō Namō dance by students of Class III-IV. The winners were awarded with medals, trophies and certificates by the guests. AIS

Gur 46 won 2 Gold and 5 Bronze medals in the championship and were awarded the overall Championship Trophy. Dhruv Academy, Sangmaner (Maharashtra) won 2 Gold, 1 Silver and 2 Bronze medals and was awarded with Runners up Trophy. The championship concluded with lowering of the flag in on January 8, 2017. Chief guests, Dr D Suresh, IAS, Commissioner and Rachna Govil, Executive Director, Sports Authority of India graced the occasion.  





Kids indulged themselves in fun activities on the occasion

Chinese New Year

AGS Noida



An orientation programme was held by the primary wing of school to celebrate the festival of Chinese New Year. Children were apprised about the tradition and customs that the Chinese people follow during the 15 day celebrations. This was followed

by a quiz, wherein the students reflected their knowledge and learning. They were also shown a video on Chinese Lion dance- a symbol of 'auspiciousness' for Chinese people. The orientation culminated with a class activity wherein the students made book marks representing the symbol of Chinese New Year 2017, i.e., 'Rooster'.  

Step towards Hepatitis Free India

AGS Gur 46

Amity Gur 46 got the golden opportunity to participate in the competition held on the occasion of Hepatitis Day at Institute of Liver & Biliary Sciences, Vasant Kunj on December 4, 2016. Over 18 schools including all Amity International Schools from Delhi and NCR participated in the competition. The competition comprised poster making, slogan writing and open quizzes. Hepatitis Day is celebrated every year by Govt of NCT of Delhi to increase awareness in the general public and amongst school children about the menace of viral hepatitis.

Jeeya Sharma (IX F) won the first prize and Ansh Deo Singh (IX H) bagged the third prize in the slogan competition. Students were felicitated at a special award function, which was held at Dr APJ Abdul Kalam auditorium. Satyendar Jain, Health Minister, Delhi graced the occasion as the chief guest and Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe, was the guest of honour. The occasion also witnessed the divine presence of eminent personalities like Chandrakar Bharti, Health Secretary of Delhi; Surendra Sharma, the famous poet; Dr Shiv Kumar Sarin (Gastroenterologist), Director ILBS, Head of Institutions. School Principal Arti Chopra applauded and congratulated the winners on their astounding success at the competition.  



Achievers with school Principal Arti Chopra





Demonstration of working model in progress

Science symposium

AICE

On February 4, 2017, students of AFYCP from AIS Noida and AIS PV presented best five science projects on different topics fol-

lowed by Q/A session. The august panel was headed by Dr Madhu Phull, Head, Amity CSF and also saw the presence of Ms Pooja Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, AHF. The students of Class VI-VIII from AIS Noida presented science proj-

ects on 'Theory of evolution of trains', 'Wonder kidneys', 'Unavoidable toxics' and a team of AIS PV on 'Magic Cubes', followed by students of Class IX-X from AIS Noida on 'Pollution to revolution'. The young researchers also demonstrated the working of models of respective projects. The panelists lauded the efforts of young budding scientists.  





Children enjoy their day out at the fort

A Visit to Gwalior Fort



AIS Gwalior

The school organised an educational trip to Gwalior fort for the students of Class Nursery to V on January 27, 2017. The students were enthralled to see the intrinsic architecture of the fort made by sandstone. The

travel guide showed them places, temples and famous tanks of Gwalior. He also apprised the students of the great rulers of the city. Overall, it was a great learning experience for the students as they got to see famous architectural forts and educate themselves about the history of the state.  

Basant Panchami celebrations

AIS Gwalior

Amity Gwalior organised a special assembly on February 1, 2017 to celebrate the onset of spring season. The assembly was conducted to make children aware about the deity of knowledge, music and art- Goddess Saraswati. Children offered special prayers to the Goddess and also performed a dance drama on the occasion.  



Children offer prayers to Goddess



Razzmatazz

AIS PV

In an endeavour of Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan to provide music lovers with a platform to hone their singing skills, the school held its annual inter-school music fest Razzmatazz on January 25, 2017. The competition saw 11 schools taking part in it. The fest witnessed mellifluous melodies of beautiful voices bringing the best musical talents on one platform. The panel of judges comprised Amit Kashyap, an international baccalaureate, music educator and specialist, Manu Panwar, Vocalist and Founder of the band 'Lost in Sirmaur', Dharamveer Singh Chauhan, a trained vocalist and guitarist for the band 'Vaadhas'. The show witnessed enthralling performances that left the judges and the



Students present a musical rendition

audience spellbound. There were 11 performances, including the host school in categories of solo singing, band performances and various individual categories. The rolling trophy was bagged by DPS Noida followed by AIS Mayur Vihar at the second position. In solo category, AIS Noida bagged the first prize whereas in the Individual category, AIS PV won the Best Vocalist and Best Drummer award.  

Some bats live by themselves, while others live in caves with thousands of other bats.

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He's a jolly good fellow

The heartbeats stopped, the cameras were alert and the students ready! As the action king of Bollywood, Akshay Kumar and the queen of hearts, Huma Qureshi made their way to Amity University, Noida, the students and teachers alike were seen bouncing off the walls! **Sumitra Singh, Faculty, ALS** gives a detailed account of what happened when stars fell on earth!

Jolly LLB 2- the sequel

10, 9, 8, 7, 6... went the countdown! Hundreds of hands waved in the air, hundreds of feet tapped to the

music. After a long wait, entered the two stars Akshay Kumar and Huma Qureshi to give us a glimpse of their latest movie 'The state vs Jolly LLB 2', that released on February 7, 2017. A satire on the socio-legal system of the country, the movie has been written and directed by Subhash Kapoor and produced by Fox Star studios. The film stars Akshay Kumar, Huma Qureshi, Saurabh Shukla and Annu Kapoor in lead roles. The movie follows the life of Jagdishwar Mishra (Kumar), an amateur lawyer who engages in a legal battle with a powerful lawyer Pramod Mathur (Kapoor). The courtroom drama talks about the battle between the common man and the legal system.

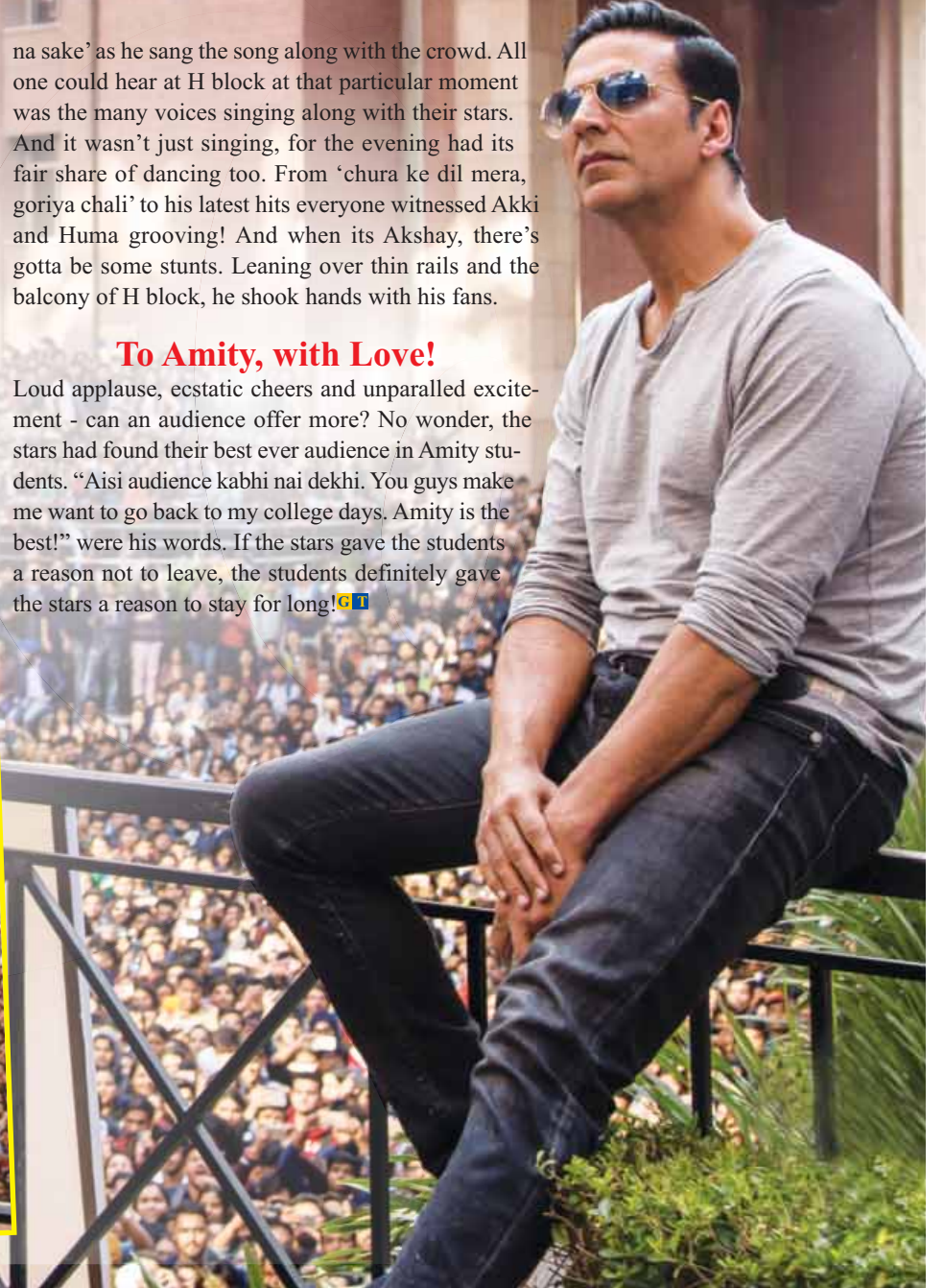
When Jolly gets jolly

The evening was truly a jolly affair with all the ingredients of a Bollywood blockbuster - song, dance and action. A one man army, Akshay Kumar led the crowd of hundreds and made them sway to the tunes of 'soch

na sake' as he sang the song along with the crowd. All one could hear at H block at that particular moment was the many voices singing along with their stars. And it wasn't just singing, for the evening had its fair share of dancing too. From 'chura ke dil mera, goriya chali' to his latest hits everyone witnessed Akki and Huma grooving! And when it's Akshay, there's gotta be some stunts. Leaning over thin rails and the balcony of H block, he shook hands with his fans.

To Amity, with Love!

Loud applause, ecstatic cheers and unparalleled excitement - can an audience offer more? No wonder, the stars had found their best ever audience in Amity students. "Aisi audience kabhi nai dekhi. You guys make me want to go back to my college days. Amity is the best!" were his words. If the stars gave the students a reason not to leave, the students definitely gave the stars a reason to stay for long! **GT**



What did you learn today?

A question that your mother would ask you everyday as you returned from school. If only you could tell her everything...



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School life is a journey full of learning. While most of the knowledge is attained in classrooms with the help of teachers, some lessons are imbibed with the life on the corridors, canteen or even in the bus. And these lessons, we believe, are equally critical for there isn't a course book that teaches life hacks. But a school building does (we recommend the red brick edition). We bring you lessons that you can only learn in school, but will recall for the rest of your life.

Ten in a plate

It may seem impossible to anyone not between the ages of 12 and 18, but it actually happens! Ten people forking their

way into a single plate of chowmein and each finding a share is something that happens only in school. Survival is the strategy, and for that, you have to share even if it's with seven friends, two seniors, and the guy you swear you've never seen before.

Excuse me?

This is one trait everybody learns quickly, more out of need than any particular interest in this art. Imagine (or should we say recall) there you are, on your chair, daydreaming about the food and bed waiting for you at home, when the teacher asks for homework that you never knew existed. So what do you do? "Ma'am, I actually travelled through time and space, and forgot my notebook on that planet!" And even better "I was

preparing for the Hunger Games and therefore was unable to do my homework!" Voila! You are safe from a potentially fatal situation. Or so you think!

Tresses is no stress

As any person with a mirror and social life will tell you, hair is an important part of your 'look'. In school, however, you are not allowed to sport the trending hairstyles. The only option left, then, is to make your hairstyle in a way, that can easily transform from fab to reserved and vice-versa. Practice makes you smarter, and you are able to flatten your hair in exact 5-minutes or make a ponytail with lightning speed. After all, who wants to spend the recess time in the washroom?

Say it right

Saying the right things, an art known by all but mastered by few, is of utmost importance for your survival at school. Muttering the appropriate words to people like teachers, friends, et al, only benefit you. "Ma'am, your suit is lovely today, ab do marks aur dedo; 90% ho jayega." "Arrey bhaiya thodi aur chowmein dedo, aap kitne ache ho." Slowly, as you progress, you recognise the dosage of your sugar coated words. Mastering is sure difficult. The key is to look completely natural. Disclaimer: Teachers have been at the receiving end of even the most beautifully crafted honey drops for ears, for eons, so don't be surprised even if your most creative lines don't work on her. Best of luck, till then! **GT**

GT Travels to USA



Rudransh Mahant, AIS Noida, I F poses with his copy of The Global Times at Transformers: The Ride, Universal Studio, Florida, USA. 'The Ride' which is a 3D dark ride is based on the Transformers film franchise. It consists of vehicle-mounted motion platforms that follow a 610m track. Through the ride, the riders can see 3D images of Transformers characters like Autobots attempting to protect the Allspark from the evil Decepticons.

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