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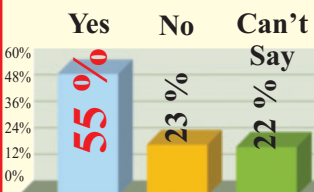
Do you think Union Budget 2020-21 announced by the government will help the struggling economy?

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) Can't say

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**POLL RESULT**  
for GT Edition January 27, 2020

Do you think the outbreak of Coronavirus in China is a global emergency?



Results as on February 1, 2020

**Coming Next**

Bal Shree winners of Amity

# It is a private affair!

## DMRC Opens Bid For 2 Metro Lines. How Far Will The Private Route Go?

Avi Prabhakar

AIS Vasundhara 6, XII E

“Government offers to sell 100% stake in Air India.” This news sent a flurry of emotion across the country – nostalgia about the airline that once was, employees anxious of their fate, the common man left in wonders. But Air India isn't the only one that battles the 'privatisation' blow. 2019 saw the govt. putting the 'for sale' sign on other Public Sector Undertakings. As the country privatises everything from its biggest state-run firms to monuments, we stand face to face with the ultimate question socialism tries to avoid: is privatisation the only answer to the questions we are now being forced to ask?

**Of air and its plane**

Air India, the flag carrier airline of India owned by the govt, is in the ICU with a debt of around 60,000 crore INR. As a solution, the govt announced its plan to sell 76% of the stakes in the carrier, but no buyer could be found. Two years later, the government offers to sell 100% stake in the company. To sweeten the deal further, they have lowered the debt that would be incurred by the new owner to 232.87 billion INR. The airline currently has a fleet of 121 aircrafts and employs around 14,000 employees, all of whom sit with bated breaths. And for their sake, we hope Air India won't be gone with the wind.

**Of heritage and its home**

As per a research by University of Queensland, the heritage sites in Asia are suffering the worst damage in the world. This doesn't come as a surprise considering the govt is spending less than 1% of the annual budget on culture. Thus, a helping hand is not only a recommendation but also a huge requirement. Though various schemes have come and gone like National Culture Fund and Campaign

Clean India, it was 'Adopt A Heritage' that kindled the fire. Launched in 2017 by Ministry of Tourism, it saw several heritage sites being adopted by companies and individuals for their maintenance. Red Fort has been adopted by Dalmia Bharat Ltd., Jantar Mantar Delhi by Apeejay Park Hotels, and Qutub Minar by Yatra Online, to name a few. Till now, ASI has listed 93 monuments for adoption. One can only wonder what will happen to the rest considering ASI protects 3686 ancient monuments, including 36 world heritage sites.

**Of commute and its call**

DMRC is the second most costly metro systems across the world. Fares have shot up already, and privatisation seems like the only thing that can stop the burnt hole in common man's pocket from getting bigger. Starting 2014, DMRC has auctioned advertisement, colouring scheme and semi naming rights of a metro station to companies in a bid to keep the revenues floating. And float they did. DMRC earned a commendable 502.7 crore INR in non-fare box revenue in 2017-18 and

477.5 crore INR the year before that. For once, the common man can thank the corporates for had it not been for them and the revenue they generate for DMRC, traveling in those AC coaches would have made one sweat, courtesy – hiked fares.

**Of oil and its occupations**

As Asia's 3<sup>rd</sup> largest economy grew at the slowest pace in the last six years, the govt struggled to meet their target of generating 1.05 trillion INR at the end of fiscal year. The solution was disinvestment, one that was offered to Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. The government aims to sell 53.29% of its stake, ceding their management control over the company which has around 15,000 retail outlets. As you read this, the govt is mulling selling its stake in IOCL, India's only Fortune 500 company. With the govt lowering the entry barrier and allowing companies with a net worth of 250 crore INR to set outlets, they have made it clear that it is the only way to witness a rise in revenue share.

As the country and the entire world struggles to either generate revenue or make ends meet, we have been, more or less, forced to accept privatisation to be our knight in shining armour. The question of whether we are giving up too much is yet to be answered. 🇮🇳

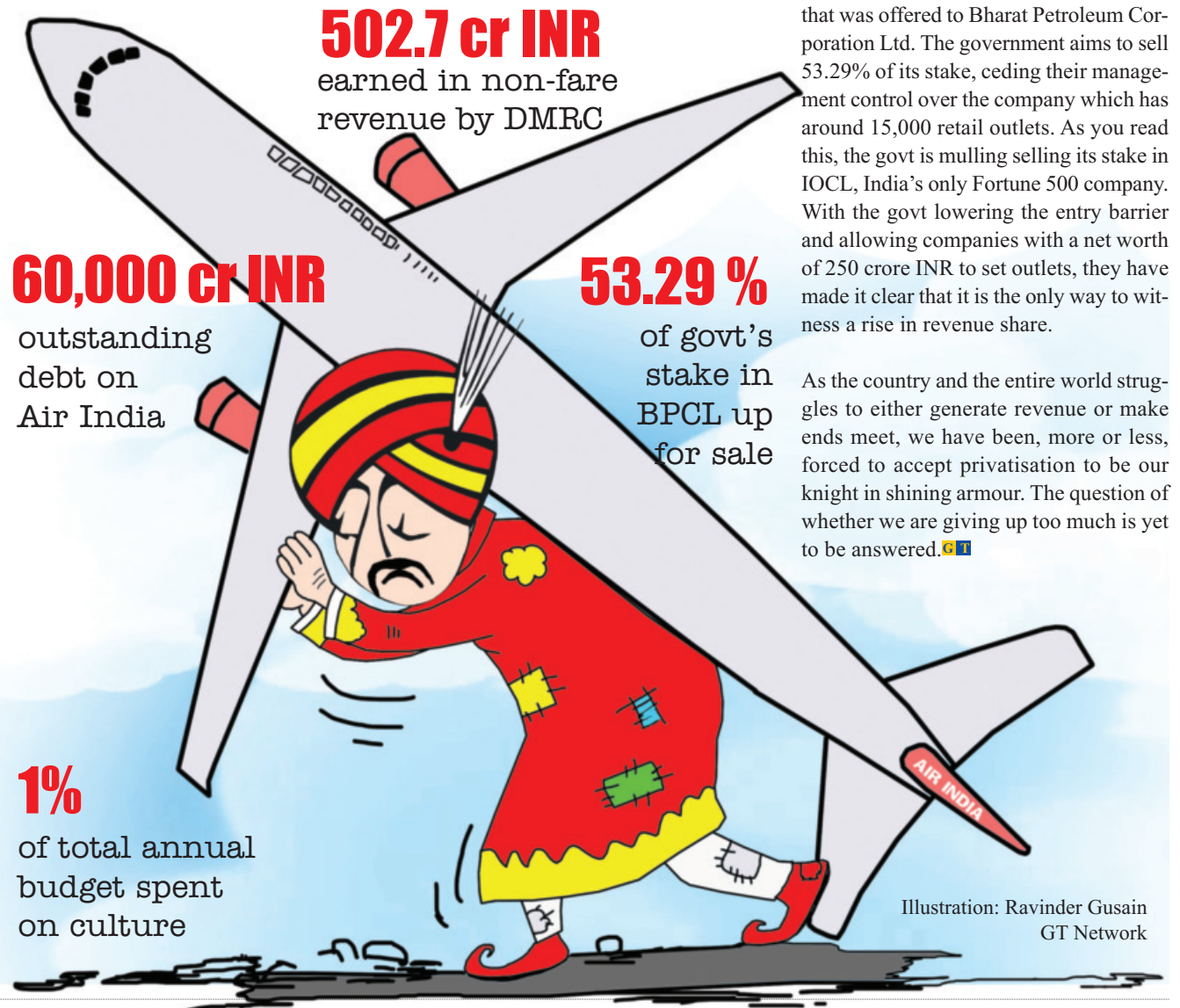


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# Nation wants to know

## The Story Of Arnab Goswami And His Journey Towards Success

Archita Mathur, AIS Noida, XI I & Kumkum Kumari, Amitasha, Noida, IX N

Talking about journalism and missing on the name of Arnab Goswami, managing director and founder of Republic TV, seems quite outlandish. Having previously worked with media houses like The Telegraph, NDTV and Times Now, he is a veteran in every aspect of the field. He was conferred with honorary doctorate at the Convocation Ceremony 2019 held at Amity University, Noida. Not letting this chance slip by, GT reporters caught up with him.

**When did you realise that your passion lies in the field of journalism?**

It was after my graduation. I was working with The Telegraph, a newspaper in Kolkata, as an editorial writer and I enjoyed writing on current affairs. But after I became a reporter in NDTV, I actually felt the rush of being a reporter and managing stories.

Pic: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network



Arnab Goswami with GT reporters

**What are the requisites to be a journalist?**

One definitely needs to have the curiosity to know anything and everything. One should also keep up with current affairs because to always know what's happening around the globe is important. Good communication skills are necessary. Don't look at this profession as a glamorous one, the real work requires diligence. But one thing that does not matter here is, a degree in journalism. One can have a degree in any subject and still be a journalist.

**How do you trust a news source that brings you information about certain happenings?**

You need to trust your instincts. Needless to say, one needs to check the reliability of the source too, but, the safest option is to trust your own instincts. Also, one

should never rely on a single source. It is always wise to refer to a number of sources and cross-check the facts before jumping to any conclusion.

**Being in journalism, one is sure to be embroiled in controversies. How do you deal with that?**

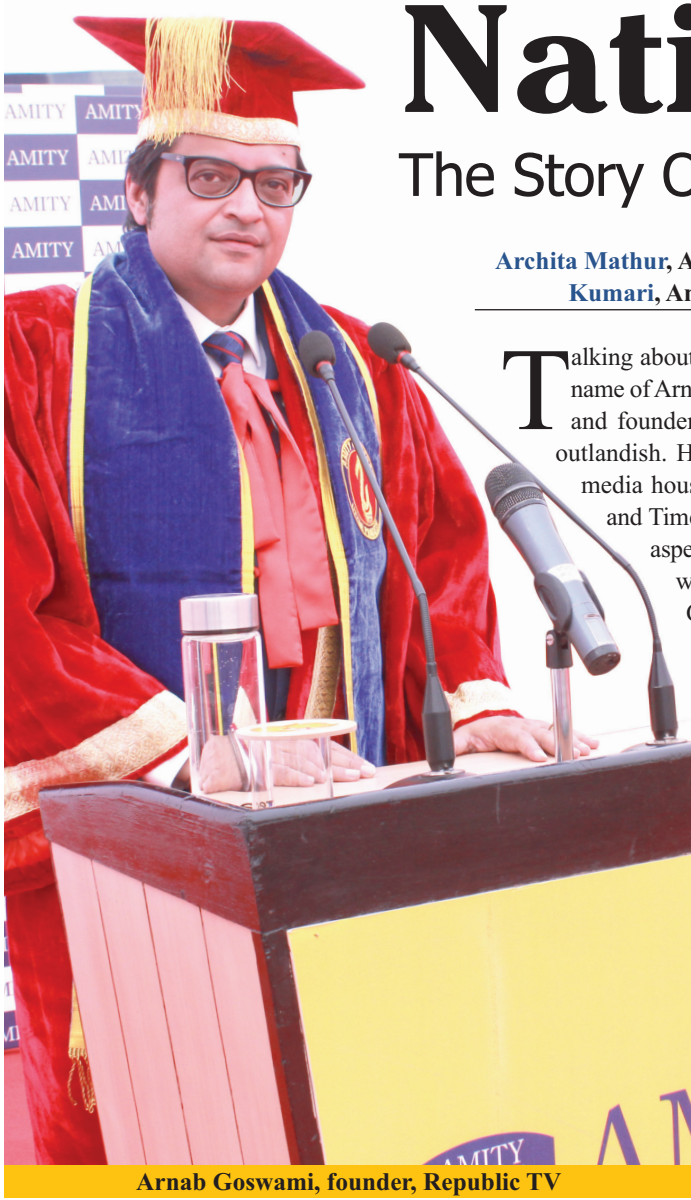
I believe that problems do not last forever. If a person is honest, no controversy can really pin him/her down. You just need to have faith in your ingenuity and things will automatically fall in place.

**You have received so many awards. Which has been the most special so far and why?**

The most special award for me will be the success of Republic TV. When I left Times Now and decided to chart my own journey, everyone was wondering if I would continue to receive the public support. But when the viewers came back to me on Republic TV, I felt it was the greatest award there can ever be. Also the honorary doctorate I received today is very special to me because I have great regard for Amity.

**What is your advise to anyone who aspires to become a news anchor or a journalist?**

I believe that one should not aim at becoming a news anchor at the onset of their career. Begin with reporting and garner enough experience in the field. It would eventually increase your knowledge base and the ability to prioritise any information. It would also inculcate in you an appreciation for all roles. 🇮🇳



Arnab Goswami, founder, Republic TV



The university was attacked thrice by invaders- Huns, Gaudas and Bhaktiyar Khilji.



Nalanda facts

# India this week

Yashika Aneja, GT Network

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



### Deepika Padukone creates history

**News:** Bollywood star Deepika Padukone became the first Indian actor to feature in luxury brand Louis Vuitton's Pre-Fall 2020 global campaign, alongside global celebrities including Chloe Grace Moretz, Emma Roberts, and Sophie Turner. The campaign for this year is themed on pulp horror, as portrayed in movies and books. Deepika's campaign poster is based on Michelle Gagnon's thriller bestseller, 'Don't Turn Around'.

**Views:** Deepika Padukone has always been one of the torchbearers of Indian representation in western media. With her LV streak, she has yet again created history, paving way for the next generation of Indian stars to breakthrough. Her relentless efforts and charismatic endeavours have made Indians very proud.

Saanvi Vaish, AIS Pushp Vihar, XI C



### Padma Shri to the unsung heroes

**News:** The government this year has decided to acknowledge the selfless and unsung efforts of all those people in the country who have contributed greatly to the society. They will be conferred with the coveted Padma Shri award in March/April this year. Among the list of awardees are: Jagdish Lal Ahuja, who serves free food to attendants outside the PGI Hospital in Chandigarh; Mohammed Sharif from Faizabad, who has performed last rites of over 25,000 unclaimed bodies, to name a few.

**Views:** Living in a world where celeb feuds get more media coverage than the plagues infecting society, it is good to see the efforts of a common man be acknowledged. Such examples of silent, selfless service make us ask ourselves -What exactly is my contribution to India and to the mankind?

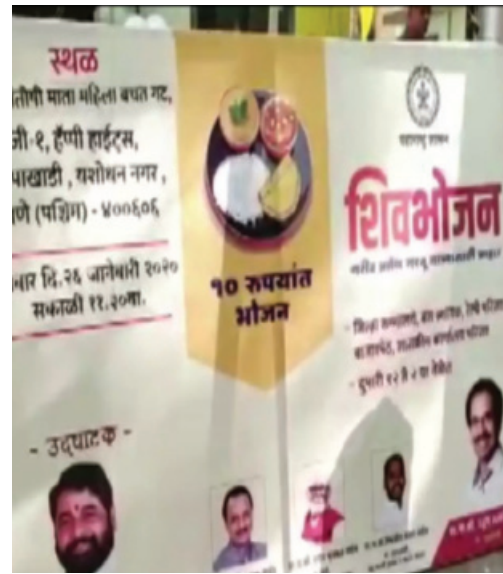
Kainaat Arif, AIS VYC Lucknow, VIII A

### Maharashtra launches INR 10 lunch plate

**News:** On the occasion of the country's 71st Republic Day, the Maharashtra government launched 'Shiv bhojan' thali project. Under the scheme, lunch plates would be provided to the underprivileged in every district of the state at a subsidised cost of INR 10 from 12 noon to 2pm every day. The scheme has been launched on a pilot basis for 3 months with a goal to serve 500 plates per day.

**Views:** A plausible scheme, but only if implemented well. To curb the widespread hunger issues in our country, such services are required but we also need to make sure that their benefits land in the right hands. Food is a basic need, and yet, not everybody can afford it. These canteens will surely help in making food available to those who can't, for its high time nobody sleeps hungry.

Vanya Tandon, AIS Noida, XI J



### Many firsts of the 71st Republic Day

**News:** From wreath-laying by the PM at the National War Memorial instead of Amar Jawan Jyoti to Jammu and Kashmir's tableau as a Union Territory; from choppers in tri-service (the Army, Navy and the Air Force) formation to the debut of the newly-inducted Apache and Chinook helicopters; from an all-woman bikers contingent of CRPF performing stunts to the display of Anti-Satellite Weapons (ASAT) from Mission Shakti; India's 71st Republic Day celebration witnessed many firsts, bringing a new wave of change in the new decade.

**Views:** 'Courage dear heart'- must be the constant reiteration of the organisers of this year's Republic Day celebrations to their pulsating heartbeats, for to put up a show like this at such a large scale is not something for the faint of heart. It was indeed a herculean task, to give a strong message of peace wrapped with power to the world. The many firsts we saw in this year's celebration only made the message stronger and more powerful.

Anushka Singh, AIS VKC Lucknow, XII A

## Around The WORLD

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



### BRAZIL

#### Hit by intense rainstorms

The Minas Gerais State Civil Defense office reported the death of more than 40 people, owing to extreme rainstorms in the south eastern part of the country. Around 3500 people were forced to evacuate their homes amidst a series of landslides, with many entombed or washed away in the floods. The National Institute of Meteorology also reported that downpour in the region has been the heaviest in 110 years.

### UNITED KINGDOM

#### Egyptian mummy voice recreated

A team of researchers from the Royal Holloway College, University of London, University of York, & Leeds Museum, have recreated a vowel-like sound of a 3000 years old mummified priest called Nesyamun. The priest, who worked at Amun temple at Thebes, now called Luxor, is assumed to have lived in 1099-1069 BC. Researchers believe that this will come to use in deciphering historical heritage.



### CHINA

#### Coronavirus death toll rises

A temporary lockdown has been ensued in the country since the outbreak of the deadly coronavirus. The government has halted businesses, excluding utilities, medical firms, medical suppliers, and supermarkets. Airlines have also started halting flights to China, British Airways being the latest. The death cases reported as of now has risen to over 130, with around 3000 people affected.



### IRAQ

#### Rockets hit US Embassy

Three rockets crashed into the US embassy compound in Baghdad, leaving at least three people injured. Iraq PM Adel Abdul Mahdi condemned the act, while the US officials believe there are Iran-backed military groups in Iraq. Iran and USA have been in a feud since the killing of top Iranian general, Qasem Soleimani by the latter.

### USA

#### Grammy for Michelle Obama

Former first lady Michelle Obama bagged a Grammy award in the category 'Best Spoken Word Album' for the audiobook of her memoir 'Becoming'. The memoir revolves around Michelle's early years in Chicago as the first lady of the country.



### ISRAEL

#### Saudi Arabia open for natives

The Interior Ministry of the country is now allowing Israeli natives, especially Israeli Muslims and Jews, to visit Saudi Arabia for religious or business purposes. Earlier, they had to seek special permission from the government if they wished to visit the country.



### News Flash

► **New Zealand:** Death toll from the last month's volcano eruption on White Rose Island rises to 21 ► **Russia:** Amidst fears of coronavirus, Russia closes borders with China till Feb 7 ► **Qatar:** Sheikh Khalid appointed as the new Prime Minister





The university was reopened after 800 years in 2014.

Learning The Infamous What, How And Why Of Wanting To Lead...

# ...a robotic life

Utkarsh Jain, AIS PV, Alumnus

Robots – they make us wonder with utmost excitement, whether it is their indispensability to human life or their probable world domination. Whichever the case, robotic technology has never ceased to amaze us. Technology is changing by leaps and bounds and maybe it's time to be a part of this change.

## What is robotics?

Robotics is the branch of technology that deals with the design, construction, operation, and application of robots. That's what Google says, and it is right, but for us common people who associate robotics with R2-D2 or Iron Man or C-3PO (shout out to people who imagined Rajnikant right now), it feels like a couple of fancy words strung together. In the most basic sense, robotics is a father field to computer science, mechanical engineering, electronic engineering and other branches that deal with robots.

## Here, there and everywhere

Robotics is something that you can see anywhere; all you need to do is keep your eyes open. A robot is anything that could do different tasks with minor changes in its software or hardware. Common household robots we see nowadays are the Roomba, the cleaning robot, or the self-driving golf carts. Another great use of robots is in the medical field. Robotic surgery allows a surgeon to perform surgeries with utmost precision and care, something which cannot be guaranteed in traditional methods. Whatever we do, robots help us do it better and it is a definite sign that times have changed.

## How do I sign up?

The first step would be to have a basic knowledge about core subjects such as Physics and Mathematics. A good grasp on the essentials will go a long way in pursuing a career in robotics. Many institutions in India are providing specialised undergraduate courses on robotics such as

IIT Mumbai, IIT Kharagpur, IIT Chennai, IIT Delhi and Birla Institute of Technology and Science. If you don't want to pursue undergraduate in robotics, you can opt for engineering, whether it is electronic, mechanical, civil or computer science and then opt for specialisation in robotics in the master's level, a detour which is preferred by most. Another route to a career in robotics would be to pursue BTech in Mechatronics engineering. Mechatronics engineering is an amalgamation of mechanical, electronic engineering and robotics, and is tougher than other courses.

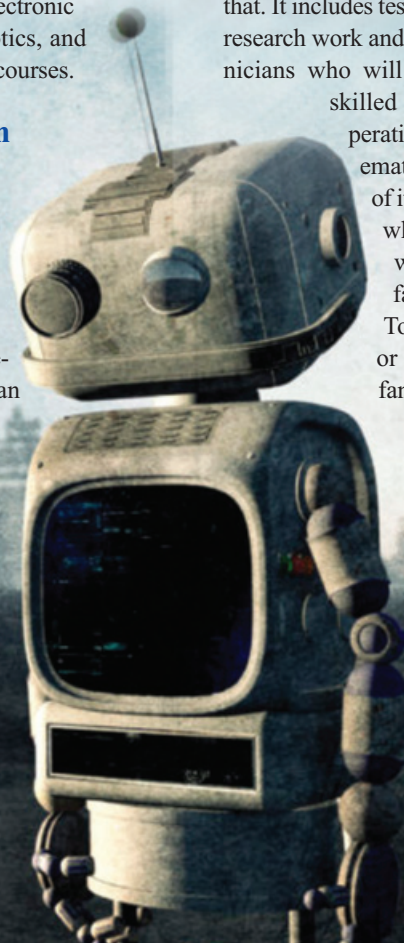
## Dabbling in experience

One way to pave a path into robotics is to gain firsthand experience. You can do this by entering yourself in robotics competitions where you can

learn how to design, build and test robots. Register yourself for basic workshops on robotics and you will learn a lot even if you don't have complete knowledge about robotics. Students can register for educational events on robotics such as ones conducted by RoboRAVE or by STEM foundation.

## What am I getting into?

Robotics is not just building robots and being done with it; it is so much more than that. It includes testing robots, conducting research work and even training the technicians who will operate them. Being skilled in mathematics is imperative in robotics as mathematics (sadly) is a big part of it. Robotics is more than what we see on TV, whether it is our favourite Iron Man – Tony Stark and his suits, or Howard Wolowitz's fancy robotic arm.

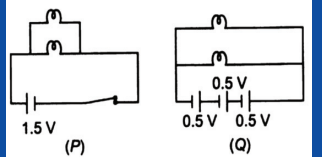


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Presents 

Brainleaks-298 FOR CLASS VI-VIII

In which circuit the bulbs will glow brightly?



- (a) In circuit P only  
(b) In circuit Q only  
(c) In both circuits P and Q, the bulbs will glow with equal brightness  
(d) Data insufficient

Last Date: Feb 7, 2020

Correct entries win attractive prizes

Ans. Brainleaks 297: (a)

Winner for Brainleaks 297

I. Raghav Puri, AIS MV, X D

Name: .....

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Send your answers to The Global Times, E-26, Defence Colony, New Delhi - 24 or e-mail your answers at [brainleaks@theglobaltimes.in](mailto:brainleaks@theglobaltimes.in)

# Välkommen klass

One Learner, One Language, And A Thousand Other Steps Undertaken To Learn It

Anoushka Jha, XII & Katayun Negahban, XI F, AIS Saket

Watching a foreign movie or hearing a song in another language is always fascinating and makes you very curious about what those words actually mean. And that is how most of us begin on our quest to learn a new language. While learning a new language is a process unique to every individual, it can vaguely be categorised into five parts.

## STAGE 1: STARTING OFF WITH THE BASICS

**Just like...** elementary school, for here you will work with the very basic building blocks of the language you are trying to learn, accompanied with lots and lots of repetition.

**What will you learn?** Since you are just starting out, you will learn the basics of the language like alphabets, numbers, essential nouns, greetings etc.

**Focus on...** getting your pronunciations right from the beginning because once you learn it the wrong way, it will be difficult to correct them. This is where audio books prove to be a great learning tool. Sign up for online courses and tutorials, and watch a lot of YouTube videos. Be sure to speak out loud when

practicing. Repetition is the key to success here; the more you repeat, the better and faster you will learn.

## STAGE 2: USING THE WORDS

**Just like...** primary school, for here you will learn basic communication skills and try to find your own space in a whole new world.

**What will you learn?** Having learnt the basic words, you will start putting them together to make short phrases. You will learn new verbs and even begin understanding grammatical structure.

**Focus on...** finding someone to talk to in the language you are trying to learn because nothing beats practice. There are a host of language exchange apps and pen pal websites that can help you with the same.

## STAGE 3: FRAMING SENTENCES

**Just like...** middle school, for here you begin to understand the slightly more complex things about the language you want to perfect.



P.S. Expect teen-like frustration on not being able to understand a lot of things.

**What will you learn?** At this stage, you will begin to tackle more difficult grammar concepts. The complexity may make you want to give up, but keep calm and track your progress. By this stage, you would have learnt at least 3,000 new words.

**Focus on...** keeping a track of what you are learning as that is the only way to move forward.

## STAGE 4: START TALKING

**Just like...** high school, for you are more confident and start exploring the 'extra-curricular' i.e., things outside your curriculum.

**What will you learn?** Having practiced the language, you will now be able to proficiently carry out conversations. You will find yourself

thinking in your newly learnt language while having conversations. Now, being fluent in the language will help you embrace its depth. You'll be able to enjoy


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podcasts and movies in the language. **Focus on...** sharpening and honing your conversation skills.

## STAGE 5: EXPLORE

**Just like...** college, for here you begin to have fun with the language.

**What will you learn?** Here you learn how to improve your writing and explore more complicated ideas. At this point, literature will be a great way for you to expand your vocabulary.

**Focus on...** reading, writing, conversing because there is simply no end to learning a language. 





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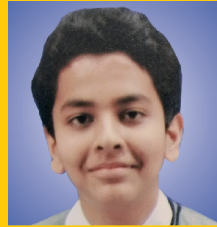
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## AMITY INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIAD

Amity International Olympiad is the first week-long residential programme initiated by any education group in India that brings national and international students together on one platform. Initiated for students of Class IX - XII in the year 2012, it has trained over 500 students in Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Biology. Besides nurturing scientific temperament and global learning, it has also fostered strong relationship amongst participating students from Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Russia, USA, Indonesia, Malaysia, Romania, Moldova, Nigeria, Turkmenistan, Tajikstan, Krygyzstan, Turkey and many more.

The Olympiad is held in the month of May-June simultaneously along with Amity National Olympiad that is preceded with math workshops/camps conducted by an expert faculty, especially invited from across India. Established in the year 2005, it has successfully nurtured over 3000 scientific minds.

#### COMING UP:

9th Amity International Olympiad

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Students from all over Asia, especially from China, Tibet, Korea and Bhutan came to study at Nalanda.



## A for attitude



Dr Amita Chauhan  
Chairperson

Having enumerated the importance of alphabet B (behavioural science) and H (hard work) in my last columns, today, I shall share about importance of the third alphabet 'A' of the tenet BHAAG that stands for 'Attitude'.

Have you ever pondered what made Gandhiji the Mahatma and Bose the Netaji? It was their attitude towards their mission and vision. In their struggle for freedom, they faced numerous challenges, went to jail several times, but nothing stopped them from reaching their goal. It was their attitude towards their work that they took every challenge head on and rose to every occasion, showing the world that they will not stop till they achieve freedom.

Our forefathers have enunciated उदये सविता रक्तो रक्तःश्चास्तमये तथा। सम्पत्तौ च विपत्तौ च महतामेकरूपता॥ which means, the sun looks red while rising and setting. Be that sun, which shines in the glory and failures with same brightness. Life is beautiful only because it is splashed with the colours of happiness and contoured with strokes of challenges. Every step is a challenge and every challenge becomes a joy of success only if you have the right attitude to transform each challenge into a chalice of opportunities to grow and reach out for the stars. Remember, I wrote that hard work should be done in the right way and right direction. Attitude is that virtue, which shows us the right way in life. Attitude of positivity and pragmatism, being able to take the road less traveled, being a change maker, converting every challenge into a new opportunity of innovation is all that matters and creates the difference. So, in this life, never say 'No', always say 'Why not'. Never say 'I quit', always say 'I fight'. Never say 'I give up', always say 'I will try', for it is these positive attitudes that will make us a positive person in life and is bound to lead us to that path of success and happiness. 🇮🇳

## The larger good



Vira Sharma  
Managing Editor

Delhi is brimming with election fever. Suddenly from the maid in our house to your son pursuing higher education abroad, from the roadside ironwala, to your banker spouse, from your vegetable vendor to your satsang buddy, everybody is feeling important and empowered.

And why not? The pervasive media seems to have percolated in every strata of the society. With newspapers and channels characterised as objective, with certain leanings, sponsored, pro-government, anti-government, it's a tough task whom to believe and whom not to. So, you switch to social media and are again challenged with the task of differentiating fake from real. And then there are self-proclaimed politicians uploading videos everywhere from YouTube to TikTok, entertainingly canvassing for their party. With the overwhelming information upload, there is no stopping everyone from expressing an opinion as to whom to vote for. And therefore, this election, from a six-year-old child to the NRI uncle who barely visited India twice in the last 30 years, will not pause before giving you his opinion.

The big question remains, whom to believe and what to do. The empowered you has immense responsibility that should be used wisely. Listen to everyone, use your wisdom and believe in yourself. For one decision of yours shall decide the fate of many. Remember change is not instant, but a process that begins with you. Be the change you want to see. And your one vote has that power for change. Cast it must and wisely. This election, vote not for your own good, but for the larger good. 🇮🇳

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# The problem solver

## Dr Arvind Singhal Imparts Valuable Wisdom

Ananya Trivedi, AIS Noida, VIII C

It is said that yesterday's research are today's facts. A pioneer in the world of research is Dr Arvind Singhal, professor, University of Texas. With his avant-garde research on positive deviance, he is on the path to revolutionising the way we solve problems. As a keynote speaker at International Conference on Emerging Media Paradigms (ICEMP) 2020, held at AUUP, he shared with GT, his ideas on education and gave glimpses into his field of work.

### New waters, new learnings

Even though I was an engineering student, I started my career in communication and radio. Working in radio, you constantly strive towards making your programmes interesting. As a result, you start paying attention to other media productions. At the same time, you have a keen interest in knowing how effective your programme is. You naturally begin to keep a tab on other productions also and how well they are being received. Basically, for a successful programme, you must be acquainted with both production and reception aspects of communication. That is exactly what I did..

### Finding the right in the wrong

The approach of positive deviance begins with the questions, 'what is working?' and 'what is working for those, for whom it shouldn't be working'. For example, if you are trying to address the issue of malnutrition,

you may ask the question, 'are there some very poor children who are well nourished?' Ordinarily, poverty and nourishment are inversely proportional. But poor children who are well-nourished can be called a positive deviance. They are a deviance because they are not the norm and they are positive. So, once you figure out what makes these children well nourished, then you can apply the same to other children as well.

### Taking cognizance of learning

I believe that if students become the masters of their own learning, they will be on the route to self-discovery of the wisdom that exists. I think, in the educational sector, there is too much emphasis on transmitting information from teachers to students. I am sure there are reasons, but students should be more responsible when it comes to their own learning; like, you are learning about reporting by interviewing me. You could learn about this in class, but it will be less relevant. I encourage students to always remain curious. Never lose your sense of wonder and never stop asking questions. The road is tough, but fruitful. 🇮🇳



Pic: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network

Dr Arvind Singhal with GT reporter

# Delhi delights

## Red Alert: Visit This City At Your Own Risk!



Pankhuri Joshi  
AIS Noida, Alumna

Welcome to Delhi real estate. Well, here is a brochure for everything that you need to know about the much talked about and cherished capital of the country!

### The landscape

Let's start with the horizontal landscape. We boast of the biggest and broadest roads. Yamuna expressway can fulfill all your road trip dreams. The beautiful 'steel sprouts' art installation at the AIIMS flyover, serves as an aesthetic inspiration. Despite how wide the roads are, they always

end up being choked by cars, but we do keep removing/painting a lot of creative displays.

**Pro tip:** You can use the extra time in traffic jams to watch your favourite TV shows. Plus you can always use public transport!

### The transport

Delhi has great connectivity with air-conditioned metro trains. The city also has a good bus network too with many well-functioning DTC buses. And then there are autos and rickshaws available at every few steps you take. Oh! We forgot to mention Ola and Uber that ensure hassle free travel, anytime, anywhere.

**Pro tip:** The metro is great, but make

sure you wear your armour if you wish to get inside the coaches. The buses are great, but then beware of pick pocketers. The autos are great, but they are the closest you'll get to a rollercoaster. The cabs are great too, unless it is an ungodly hour.

### The food

From Chandni Chowk to your neighborhood *kaathi* roll stall, you will never need to spend more than a minute solving the age-old dilemma of where to eat. Other than street food; Delhi even has fancier options to choose from! It might not be hygienic, but it definitely is delhi-cious! **Pro tip:** As you gorge on delicious *kebabs* in front of Jama Masjid or *gol-gappe* at the local *chaatwala*, it'd be a good idea to not look at where the ingredients are sourced from!

### The tourism

Marvel at the lavish lives of the Mughals by walking through Humayun's tomb, or walk in the bylanes of CP to see the stark contrast of Georgian-style infrastructure. If history is not your thing, you can take a leisurely stroll through the green parks of Delhi. From Lodhi Garden to the Garden of Five Senses, these places provide the perfect spot to take a deep breath and rejuvenate.

**Pro tip:** With constant smog and AQI index being no stranger to the 'severe' level, probably save the deep breathing for when you are near an air purifier or while wearing a mask. Good oxygen is overrated anyway.

Now that you've read all about Delhi, you must be more than excited to live here. Should we start with houses under construction, or are you ready to move in? What's there not to like? After all, *yeh Dilli hai mere yaar!* 🇮🇳



Dear Editor,

This is in reference to page 8 of The Global Times edition dated January 27, 2020. This page is extremely special for AIS VYC Lucknow, as for the very first time, the young journalists have been given a wonderful opportunity to make a full page to showcase their talent. With the grace of God and constant guidance from Chairperson ma'am, the team dreamt and stepped out to scale new heights along with the support from school principal. From the very beginning, the students were excited about their work and its presentation, and ultimately brought it to the perfect culmination. The young artists, photographers, designers- all were inside a shell but soon they broke the shell to explore new opportunities and utilise the platform provided to them. They left no stone unturned to give their best shot. As a teacher, I believe that each child is born with a talent; it only needs to be brought to the surface and polished. And it was really astounding to notice how young minds were eager to share their views and how enthusiastically they craved to be a part of The Global Times. I am delighted that I got the opportunity to participate in this process and see young minds do such an excellent and fantastic job. 🇮🇳

Namrata Sharma  
Senior GT Teacher Coordinator  
AIS VYC Lucknow



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It is believed that lord Buddha and lord Mahavira visited Nalanda in 5th and 6th century BC.

# The 'C' Signal

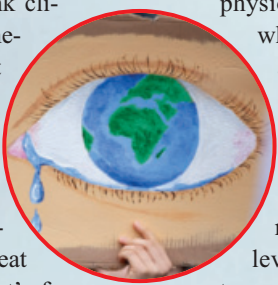
C For Climate. C For Change. C For Constant. A Reminder Of The Ancient Truth

## The climate crisis

Vansha Jain, AIS MV, XII G

We have all read about global warming and climate change since we were in primary classes, but have we ever really understood it?

Many seem to think climate change is something sudden, that out of nowhere all hell will break loose and we'll witness extreme flooding everywhere, tornadoes, heat waves, etc. But that's far from truth. Climate change is gradual and has been happening for many years. Polar ice caps are melting, the earth's temperature has risen, and the cause for all this is man. The earth will survive, trust me, it survived a huge meteor crashing into it. It



is mankind which urgently needs to be saved.

In psychology, students learn about Maslow's hierarchy of needs which states that humans move through five stages which motivate their behaviour. At the basic level, there are physiological needs, which refer to food, air, water, shelter, etc. So, if we recognise that everything humans need at the most fundamental level is being destroyed, why are we not panicking? Why are we not worried about our future? Or will we only act when situation becomes extremely dangerous? It is time to act and demand action from all. Let's refuse to be complacent to the blatant disregard of our right to life.

## Students around the globe becoming climate activists

Kaveri Mathur

AIS Mayur Vihar, XII E

We are all aware of Greta Thunberg leading the climate strikes in Sweden and addressing the UN. But she isn't the only one raising her voice. In fact, many students activists from around the globe have been demanding action against climate change.

Autumn Peltier

Autumn Peltier is a 15 year old water activist and member of Wikwemkoong First Nation. Addressing the Global Landscapes Forum, she drew attention to the lack of clean drinking water in many indigenous communities. She was named the chief water commissioner by the Anishinabek

Nation, a political advocacy group for 40 member First Nations across Ontario, when she was 14 years old.

Ridhima Pandey

16 climate activists filed a lawsuit against five countries that they thought are polluting the most. Among those is Ridhima Pandey, an Indian climate activist from Uttarakhand who was only nine when she filed a complaint against the Indian government in March 2017, with the National Green Tribunal.

Isra Hirsi

Isra Hirsi co-founded the US Youth Climate Strike and has led few strikes in the country. She is the daughter of Congress-

woman Ilhan Omar. She has brought focus to the intersectionality in climate activism, being a Black Muslim American woman. Regarding the student climate strikes she said, "Adults- if you feel uncomfortable now, you're going to feel uncomfortable for a while. Because we're never going to back down."

Leah Namugerwa

She is a 14-year-old member of Fridays for Future Uganda striking every Friday for climate justice. Leah was moved to act after the famine caused by drought and landslides from climate change. Despite the Ugandan government's harsh response to strikers, Leah continues to fight. Currently, she is fighting for a ban on Ugandan plastic bag.

## 10 Commandments for a better Earth



1 Walk or use bicycles for short distances to reduce air pollution.



2 Carry your own water when you go out instead of buying plastic water bottles.



3 Plant more trees and construct vertical gardens that effectively utilise the area.



4 Stop using plastic bags and look for eco-friendly substitutes like cloth bags.



5 Avoid the use of plastic straws and unnecessary packaging of products.



6 Use public transport or carpool.



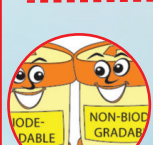
7 Use air conditioners only when necessary, as they cause pollution.



8 Ensure that water is used judiciously in your day-to-day lives.



9 Do not throw waste in water bodies, keep the rivers and oceans clean.



10 Manage waste better, ie, segregate it into bio-degradable and non-biodegradable waste.

Input: Naina Srivastav, AIS MV, IX A

## WORDS VERSE

### A change within

Aryan Sethi, AIS MV, X B

Everyone is talking  
And that's about change  
Everything is changing  
It's really strange

On TV and in the newspaper  
Tragedies and temperatures  
Everything's in excess  
No more compressed

Due to our negligence  
Half of India is flooded  
Due to lack of water  
Death chases our beloved

Glaciers are melting quickly  
Earth is getting warmer swiftly  
Beaches, once fantastic  
Now getting filled with plastic

Winters have not started yet  
But stubble has started burning



From the blunders of past then  
Are we really learning?

Lungs of the world are burning  
Burning day and night  
Why then it is nature  
With which we humans fight?

Yes, we need a change  
We do need a change, I bet  
But before changing our nature  
We need to change our mindset

A small step will stop this abuse  
Let's stop using plastic  
But paper, cloth and jute  
Time to go back to our roots

I am a responsible Indian  
Pledging to change from within  
And work for a greener world  
Like a true Amitian.

### Scared yet?

Rehmat Kaur Talwar  
AIS Mayur Vihar, IX D

This is no disaster movie  
No second takes  
Or some hero to save you  
Are you scared yet?

This suffering is real  
Like exhaust fumes  
Truth is hard to swallow  
Are you scared yet?

Here's a live stream of  
Failed crops and famines  
You can't pause this apocalypse  
Are you scared yet?

Here's the proof, the statistics  
Rising like my temperature  
Like the sea levels  
Are you scared yet?

Suffocating in your fantasies  
Oil spills drown fishes  
Choking on plastic  
Are you scared yet?

Are you scared yet?  
Go on, turn a blind eye  
You are so very good at that  
Change!

Turn up the volume  
Speak, shout, scream, until heard  
My oxygen, until I can see you  
Change!

Breathe. Listen  
Yesterday, third world  
Today, your next door neighbour  
Change!

Take off your boots  
Lose your carbon footprint  
Walk barefoot and just  
Change!

### The climate situation

Yashaswini Sharma  
AIS Mayur Vihar, IX B

The climate situation has grown worse and worse since the 19th century, also expedited by the industrial revolution that acidified the oceans to an almost irreparable level.

Scientists have speculated that Arctic is likely to become ice free by mid-century.

With the rise in temperature, the sea level too has begun to rise, leading to more floods.

The heat waves and droughts are suspected to be the main causes of the Amazon forest fires, causing global chaos as Amazon is one of earth's main sources of oxygen.

It is also said that the frost free season will increase, and so will the growing season.

If something is not done about this impending crisis then the humans will have to look for another planet.

### Climate Cartoon

Text & Illustration  
Jahanvi Pant, AIS MV, IX A



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Nalanda's vast library took three months to burn down when attacked by invaders.

# The early Christmas

## Short Story



As her health worsened, the doctor informed the family that Eliana most probably will not live to see Christmas this year.

lights. He even arranged for artificial snow and bought pine trees for decoration. Ms Payne made hot chocolate and delivered a cup to Eliana's house every day. Mr Malik agreed to dress up as Santa Claus. Everyone offered to do one thing or another. One fine evening, the entire town gathered in the town gazebo to celebrate Christmas and put on a show. Eliana, the chief guest of the event, sat snugly in the centre with hot chocolates and cookies being refilled on her plate every half hour. Eliana sat stunned with eyes full of tears. She could not believe that everyone had done so much just for her. Eliana also realised that no matter what happens in the future, she had already lived a life full of love and compassion.

**So what did you learn today?**  
**New word: Pseudo**  
**Meaning: Something that is not real**

**Ruudrakshi Ganguly**  
 AIS Gurugram 43, VII

Once upon a time, there lived a couple in a small village in Switzerland. Mr and Mrs Styles had a 12 year old daughter named Eliana. For as long as she could remember, Eliana had been suffering from leukemia and was always too unwell to do anything. But each year, she waited for Christmas. She loved everything about the

festival; from the snow-covered trees to drinking hot chocolate to receiving and giving gifts. As her health worsened, the doctor informed the family that Eliana most probably will not live to see Christmas lights this year. This saddened the family and her parents burst out crying. "It's okay, mama. Please don't cry. So what if I don't get to see the Christmas trees this year? I saw them last year, and the year before that. All those memories

are still fresh," said Eliana. But the parents wanted to celebrate one last Christmas with their daughter. Both thought of creating a **pseudo**-Christmas in September. Mrs Styles went to every neighbourhood and explained the situation, who were eager to participate and help. Mrs Tomlinson baked cookies in the shape of strawberries, as it was Eliana's favourite fruit. Mr Horan offered to help every house in hanging their Christmas



Arnav with his dish

## Healthy bread tikki

Arnav Vijay, AIS Gurugram 43, II

### Ingredients

- Multigrain bread .....2 slices
- Cucumber (diced) .....half
- Tomato (chopped) .....1
- Onion (chopped) .....1
- Mint chutney .....1 tbsp
- Tamarind chutney .....1 tbsp
- Curd ..... as desired
- Sev ..... to garnish
- Sweet corn (boiled).....handful
- Ground cumin .....a pinch
- Salt.....a pinch
- Red chilli powder .....a pinch
- Chilli flakes .....a pinch
- Chaat masala .....a pinch
- Coriander leaves.....to garnish

### Procedure

- Cut bread into round shape, removing brown crusts.
- In a bowl, add finely chopped tomato, cucumber and onion.
- Add boiled sweet corn to the veggies.
- Now add a pinch of salt, ground cumin and red chilli powder in it. Mix it well.
- Put some of this mixture on one slice of bread and top it with another slice to form a bread tikki.
- Once your sandwich cum tikki is ready, spread curd, green chutney and tamarind chutney over it.
- Sprinkle salt, chaat masala, chilli flakes, ground cumin and red chilli powder.
- Now, garnish it with sev, some finely chopped onions, tomatoes and coriander leaves.
- Your healthy bread tikki is ready to eat! Savour this spiced delicacy whole!

## POEMS

### A clown

Shobhit Sinha, AIS Vas 1, VI B

Once there was a clown  
 Who lived in a nearby town

Laughing, he never frowned  
 Even when he felt down

He had a small pet bunny  
 Who made him look funny

His home was like a big red nose  
 His garden had a white rose

He had a funny autograph  
 Which people saw and laughed

So different from the rest

This clown is the best

He is the best clown ever  
 And will be forever



### The days of summer

Thwisha Sharma  
 AIS Saket, V

Once again, it is back  
 So you should pack  
 It's time to have fun  
 For summer has just begun

Visit your friends  
 And let your worries end  
 Go to the pool

Cause the water's cool

It's so hot  
 Like a boiling pot  
 I'd like a cold drink  
 So, what do you think?

Summer is here  
 With lots of cheer  
 Now put on your shades  
 Let the memories be made

## It's Me

### Know Me

**My name:** Anika Mathur  
**My Class:** KG C  
**My school:** AIS Vasundhara 6  
**Born on:** March 23

### My Favourites

**Teacher:** Jaya and Neha ma'am  
**Subject:** English  
**Friend:** Anaya Sanjeev  
**Game:** Pakdam pakdai  
**Cartoon:** Peppa Pig  
**Food:** Pizza  
**Mall:** Shipra mall  
**Book:** Peppa Pig Series and The Big Train

### My dreams and goals

**Hobby:** Doing creative things  
**I like:** To make new friends  
**I dislike:** Sitting idle  
**My role model:** My mother  
**I want to become:** A pilot  
**I want to feature in GT because:**  
 GT is my favourite!



## Make a wish

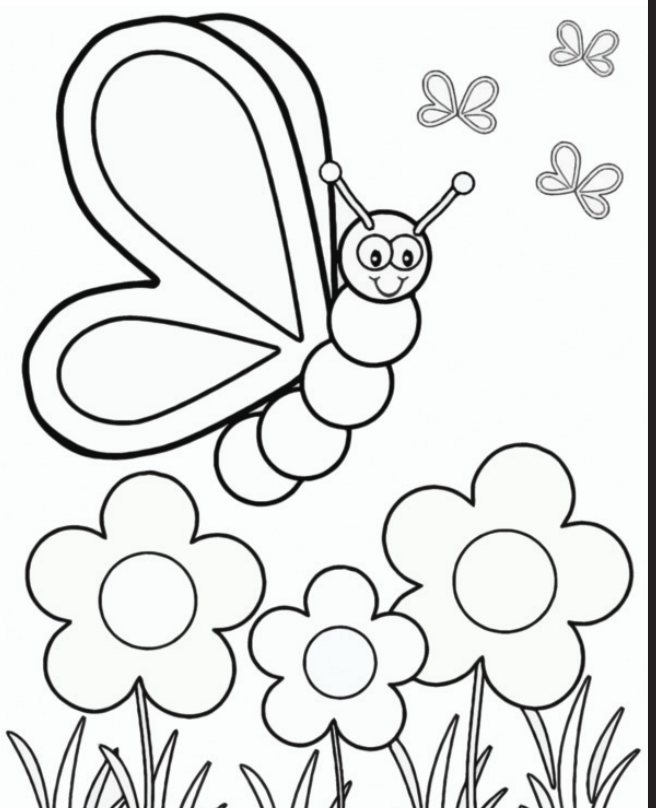


Shiva Balaji, AIS MV, II

If I got a magical lamp today, I'd ask for:

- 1 My city to be pollution free and the air to be clean.
- 2 My country to be crime-free, especially crimes against women and kids.
- 3 Clean water and good healthy food for one and all.

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**Patent and copyright:** Suhani Chauhan (VII) a solar operated agro-vehicle with adjustable tools



Chairperson addresses the audience on the occasion



Students present a cultural eulogy to unsung heroes of India

## AIS Pushp Vihar

Under the guidance of Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, the school celebrated its junior annual day for Class KG-VII based on the theme 'Unsung heroes' on December 4, 2019. The event was graced by Chairperson, Dr Aseem Chauhan, Chan-

cellor, Amity University & Add'l President, RBEF; Dr Atul Chauhan, Chancellor, Amity University & President, RBEF; Ms Pooja Chauhan, Chairperson, AHF; Ms Divya Chauhan, Chairperson, ASFT, ASFA & ASPA along with other members of Chauhan family. Ajit Kumar Seth, former cabinet secretary, India, was the chief guest and Ajay Dutt, member of legislative

assembly of Delhi, was special guest of honour on the occasion. The event began with a traditional lamp lighting ceremony amidst the chanting of shlokas, and the burst of energy was provided by the campaign of the school's Youth Power team, Heal-thy Self - A Step Towards Fitness. Chairperson and other dignitaries took part in the team's signature campaign and congrat-

ulated them on their initiative. Ameeta Mohan, principal, presented the annual school report highlighting the key academic, co-curricular and sports achievements of the session 2019-20. Students of Atulasha, an initiative of Amity Humanity Foundation for less privileged boys also participated in various programs. Class KG kids wooed everyone with their dance based on the life

of Lord Krishna. The melodious tunes of the Scottish band and the orchestra's renditions of songs in five different regional languages Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Garhwali and Punjabi provided solace to all music lovers. A rich cultural tribute was paid to unknown and lesser known heroes who shaped the history of India through dances, skits and musical performances.

The stalwarts of the school in various different fields, including those with patented innovative projects in science were felicitated and special awards, were bestowed upon the outstanding achievers of the outgoing batch of Class XII. The event culminated with wisdom words by the Chairperson as she urged Amityans to always rise and reach out for the stars. 🇮🇳



Students and parents interact with industry expert

## Heading the right way

### AIS Gurugram 46

On November 16, 2019, the school held the second edition of Disha, a career-orientation symposium for the students and parents of Class IX-XII. The bi-annual event was graced by Imran Raza, additional deputy commissioner, Gurugram, as the chief guest, who went on to apprise the students about civil

services as a career option. The event was organised with the objective of letting experts from numerous fields interact with students and parents about the unique opportunities in myriad fields. More than 30 experts from 25 fields actively engaged in the conversation and guided students on how to choose the right career according to their aptitude whilst synergizing with the latest job trends. 🇮🇳

## Harvesting the joy

### AIS VKC Lucknow

To celebrate the festivals of Lohri and Makar Sankranti, students of Class Nursery - IV held a special assembly on January 13, 2020. The programme started with the melodious chants of *gayatri mantra* by the students and sharing 'Thought of the day'. Various students then spoke about the importance of both the festivals and urged their peers to be grateful for the marvel we call nature. To further highlight the importance of traditions and agricultural practices associated with



Lohri celebrations in school

these festivals, a video on the topic was played, followed by a quiz. Mesmerising dance performances and dancing around a bonfire added to the spark. Sweets and peanuts were distributed at the end. 🇮🇳

# The power of Math

Learning Math In An Enjoyable And Interactive Way

## Inter Amity Mental Math Quiz

Under the aegis of Amity Resource and Development Centre, the tenth inter-Amity Mental Math Quiz for Classes I-X was organised from January 20-22, 2019 in eight branches of Amity Group of Schools across Delhi-NCR. The annual math quiz, as envisioned by Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, is a fun, interactive and enjoyable way for students to learn Math. The quiz comprised fun rounds like computation and patterns, recognising shapes, tables, audio story, practical applications of math, brain teasers, rapid fire, etc. Students were given 30 seconds to respond and garner marks for the team. The main objective of the quiz



Winners of inter Amity Mental Math quiz pose with their certificates and trophies

was to do away with math phobia in the students and rekindle their interest in the subject. With this aim, mental math quizzes were held regularly during class sessions as a part of the math syl-

labus in all Amity schools. Through this continuous activity, three best students per class were selected in the end from all the schools, who qualified to compete in the final round of the quiz

held at an inter-Amity level in the month of January. All the winners were felicitated with trophies and certificates. Participants too were awarded with certificate of merit. 🇮🇳

## Inter Amity Mental Math Quiz - Awards Tall

Host School	Class	First	Second	Third
AIS Saket	I	AIS Noida	AIS Gur 46	AIS Vas 6
AIS Vas 1	II	AIS Noida	AIS PV	AIS Saket
AIS Vas 6	III	AIS Gur 43	AIS Saket	AIS Noida
AIS MV	IV	AIS Noida	AIS PV	AIS Gur 43
AIS Saket	V	AIS Noida	AIS MV	AIS Gur 43
AIS PV	VI	AIS Gur 46	AIS Vas 6	AIS Vas 1
AIS Gur 43	VII	AIS Gur 46	AIS MV	AIS Vas 6
AIS Gur 46	VIII	AIS Saket	AIS Gur 43	AIS PV
AIS PV	IX	AIS Vas 6	AIS Gur 46	AIS Gur 43
AIS Noida	X	AIS PV	AIS Gur 43	AIS Vas 6



Students try to solve the quiz



It is believed that 90% of the ruins of Nalanda University still remains unexcavated.

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# The memory master

## Mind-Blowing Story Of Young Prodigy, Varnit Chandra

Rashi Garg, GT Network

Can you recognise international flags of 200 countries? Can you recall all the 29 Indian states and their capitals? Can you list down 100 cities of India? Don't worry, we are in the same boat.

Though the task at hand seems unattainable for majority of us, it is as easy as ABC for Class II student, Varnit Chandra.

A student of AIS Saket, Varnit has been appreciated by the India Book of Records and has received a Certificate of Appreciation for his superlative memory skills for recalling flags of 195 countries in 3 minutes 44 seconds as confirmed on July 27, 2019. This extraordinary achievement that Varnit holds, is set to be featured in India Book Records Publications, wherein the title remains exclu-

sive for each achiever. And why not, Varnit has been interested in globes and maps since he was five years old. (Disclaimer: This story might make you embarrassed reminiscing your days as a five-year old.)

Things get more astounding when we come to know that Varnit didn't prepare for something like this; it all comes naturally to this little prodigy.

Going by the words of his humble mother Neha Sharda, "Varnit likes to read and write a lot. He is curious to explore new things and is inquisitive just like any other six-year-old child." (Now, this is a case of 'easier said than done'. Just being curious is not enough, we say.)

Well, no feat comes easy and is a combined effort of many. "We would like to thank the school for giving the

right environment to the students to achieve their full potential. We really appreciate all the hard work which the teachers put in and the continuous encouragement they provide to the kids," say the proud parents of Varnit, thanking the equally proud school.

And what does Varnit have to say about his achievement one may ask, "I was full of joy when I received my title. I never thought such good things would happen because of the award. I got to meet Chairperson ma'am and my name would also come in the school newspaper. This is great!" an excited Varnit tells GT. Surely Varnit, you just took memory games to another level. Kudos!

Junior Star



Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF with Varnit Chandra

# Stages of being hungry

## An Endless Cycle That One Can Never Get Out Of

Kashish Kukreja

AIS Pushp Vihar, XII C

"Tera mujhse hai pehle ka naata ko!" comes the voice of your heart as you stalk all the food blogs in existence, drooling over the cheese pulls and swirling ice creams, and hence starts the ultimate journey of being hungry, where every stage is a challenge in itself.

### Stage 1: Sight

The young, hopeful, naïve you scrolls through the feed as your innocent eyes fall upon a Zomato ad, luring you with a stringy, cheesy image of a mouthwatering pizza. The silence of the quiet room is broken by a thunderous rumbling. It is coming from your stomach.

### Stage 2: Denial

To order or not to order, that is the question. The ultimate dilemma begins as you wonder whether you are really hungry or is it just your heart's desire for grease because of all the disgusting (read: healthy) food it has witnessed you feeding on lately. Whom to believe, whom to listen to – the stomach or the heart. Again, that

is the question. And maybe you are really hungry!

### Stage 3: Past baggage

As you are about to make up your mind, a flashback engulfs you, filling you with horror. You remember the time when 1 pizza became 2, 2 became 3 and you became from size 5 to size 10. You're never going back there, you tell yourself; you will not let history repeat itself.

### Stage 4: Crush

...But it is already too late. Every waking minute you spend

is haunted by the photo of pizza; everywhere you go, all you can see are pizza slices. The fire within you demands its doughy cheesy sacrifice.

### Stage 5: Obsession

Topped with onions, tomatoes, capsicums, jalapeños and everything good in the world, you see this 'circle of life' everywhere you go. Reading Romeo and Juliet? Who lived in Italy? Guess who else is from Italy! That beautiful pizza.

### Stage 6: Love

The hunger has taken over every part of your system. You cannot function. You must have the pizza. You must! Or else... Three taps later – Order successful.

### Stage 7: Relationship

It's been exactly 5 minutes and 29 seconds since you ordered. Where is the pizza? It should have been here by now. You can no longer sit on your bed and wait for it to come home. You rush outside and stand at the gate, waiting for the love of your life, 'Mera Domino's aayega, zaroor aayega!'

### Stage 8: The break-up

Two pizzas in, the reality dawns on you. You are doing it again. Quickly wiping a tear away that escaped your eyes, you mumble "It's not you, it's me", and throw away the pizza boxes, for once and for all, promising never to go back to them, and you believe you will not...until you see another cheese pull video on Instagram. 🍕



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## Book Review



**Book name:** The Famous Five- Five On A Treasure Island  
**Author:** Enid Blyton  
**Rating:** ★★★★★  
**Genre:** Children's literature, mystery and adventure  
**Publisher:** Hodder & Stoughton  
**First published:** 1942  
**Suited for:** 6 - 15 years  
**Review by:** Diksha Goyal, AIS Gurugram 46, IV C

on their tour of the island, they discover a wrecked ship that belonged to George's great-great grandfather. The ship is said to have treasure hidden in it. On their quest to search this hidden wealth, the five end up landing themselves in grave dangers. Read the book to see how their adventures on the treasure island unfold.

### What I liked

The novel amusingly introduces us to the characters in the very beginning. The way the cousins help each other when chased by the bad men is commendable. The bond between George and her dog Timothy is the best part about the novel.

### Favourite character

George – She is brave, care free, feisty and loyal to those she loves.

### Character I would like to change

I would like to change George a bit because her qualities sometimes actually act as obstacles in her way. Due to her extreme loyalty and love for her dear ones, she ends up making stupid decisions. Also, her fiery temper and stubbornness causes problems for many in the novel.

### New words I learnt

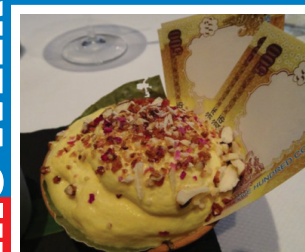
**Queer** – Strange or odd  
**Sulky** – Bad tempered  
**Frowsty** – Warm and stuffy

**Number of days I took to read the book:** 15 days

### Synopsis

The first book in The Famous Five series, Five on a Treasure Island, introduces us to a group of cousins Julian, Dick, Anne and George (Georgina) while they are on their summer holiday expedition on the Kirrin island. They are accompanied by George's dog named Timothy, thus making them five. While

EAT THIS WEEK



Whatsapp, ping, tweet. See what's trending this week! Before winter bids goodbye, one thing you must try is the royal Daulat ki Chaat. Available in the alleys of Chandni Chowk, this foamy, melt-in-your mouth dessert is available only during winter season. So grab some 'daulat' before its too late!

## GT Travels to Port Blair



Agrim Aggarwal, AIS Vas 6, II D poses in front of the Cellular Jail, Port Blair. Popularly known as 'Kala Pani', the colonial era jail was used by British to keep Indian freedom fighters in exile. It has seven wings and 696 cells.

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