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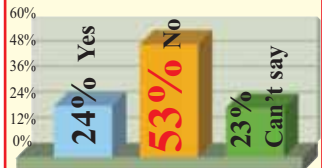
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Why open to all?

When letting it out becomes venting out and when social media is the only confidant, a progressive platform becomes a dumping ground. **Sanskriti Bharti & Maansi Anand, AIS Vas 1, IX 'introspect', because that's how you make a point.**

A Jawan's food for thought

The Indian army spells discipline. Its cloak of discipline had a string pulled out (if not unraveled), when a defense personnel vented out on social media about starving conditions (as it was put) that men like him face. The video featuring his 'complaints' went viral, grabbing eye balls from government, authorities and the group of Indians who develop an escalated sense of patriotism on social media. The government ordered an enquiry, while some resorted to the oldest trick in the book-questioning the subject's mental stability. Only this time, the subject was a soldier. **Meanwhile in the real world**, there exists a grievance redressal mechanism for such complaints. When one person's venting is related to almost 3 million men and women responsible for the security of another 1.2 billion, a video going viral can mean mutiny. Army means discipline.

Relationship status: It's complicated

The two scraped the bottom of the barrel to come up with ways of venting out personal grudges from a relationship. Although there's a list to guess from, we are talking about the infamous spat of Hritik Roshan and Kangana Ranaut here. While Kangana loaded the gun by calling exes "silly" in an interview, Hritik pulled the trigger, being a cantankerous twitter boy, replying on social media instead. The bullet on the other hand was shot by social media enthusiasts, who were either taking sides of people they'd never met or trolling them. Emails were leaked and statements were made, all of which turned a rather personal relationship that not many knew of into a public battle of hatred and shaming.

Meanwhile in the real world, two adults were expected to have a conversation. Taking their problems to social media only meant a larger audience and that's the last thing you would do about your personal problems- show them to the world.

Moral policing by goons

'Inappropriate', the term has always been subjective and with the advent of social media, there is an entire new gamut of things that may deem inappropriate to many. So when Mohammad Sami, the Indian pacer posted a picture of his wife who was dressed...well the way she wanted to, some thought it was inappropriate. With that, a happy moment for the couple turned into a 'memory' one would not 'share' only because a few had to vent out their fundamentalist religious beliefs that are belittled by things as little as a girl's attire. **Meanwhile in the real world**, one rumour has been enough to spark riots in the name of safeguarding faith. So is venting out about the same on a platform that reaches billions really 'safeguarding'?

Addressal and redressal

It is one thing to have an opinion. It is entirely another thing to ensure that the world knows your opinion, no matter how negative. "Goal of team India at the Olympics: Rio jao, Selfies lo, Khaali haat waapas ao. What a waste of money and opportunity" was Shobha De's salutation for Indian Olympians. But considering her recent tweet about how she thinks Sushma Swaraj should stop tweeting (which the latter does mostly to address problems and not promote De art), the internet trolls her a little every now and then and lets her be. **Meanwhile in the real world**, a novelist was expected to write moving literature and not vent out elitist vendetta that inhibits the morale of those trying to rise up from the grass root level.

Maybe we are dumping the wrong things at the wrong places. Because the garbage is still outside the dustbin. And because the point is yet to be made. We chose a pen for ours, did that work? 🇮🇳

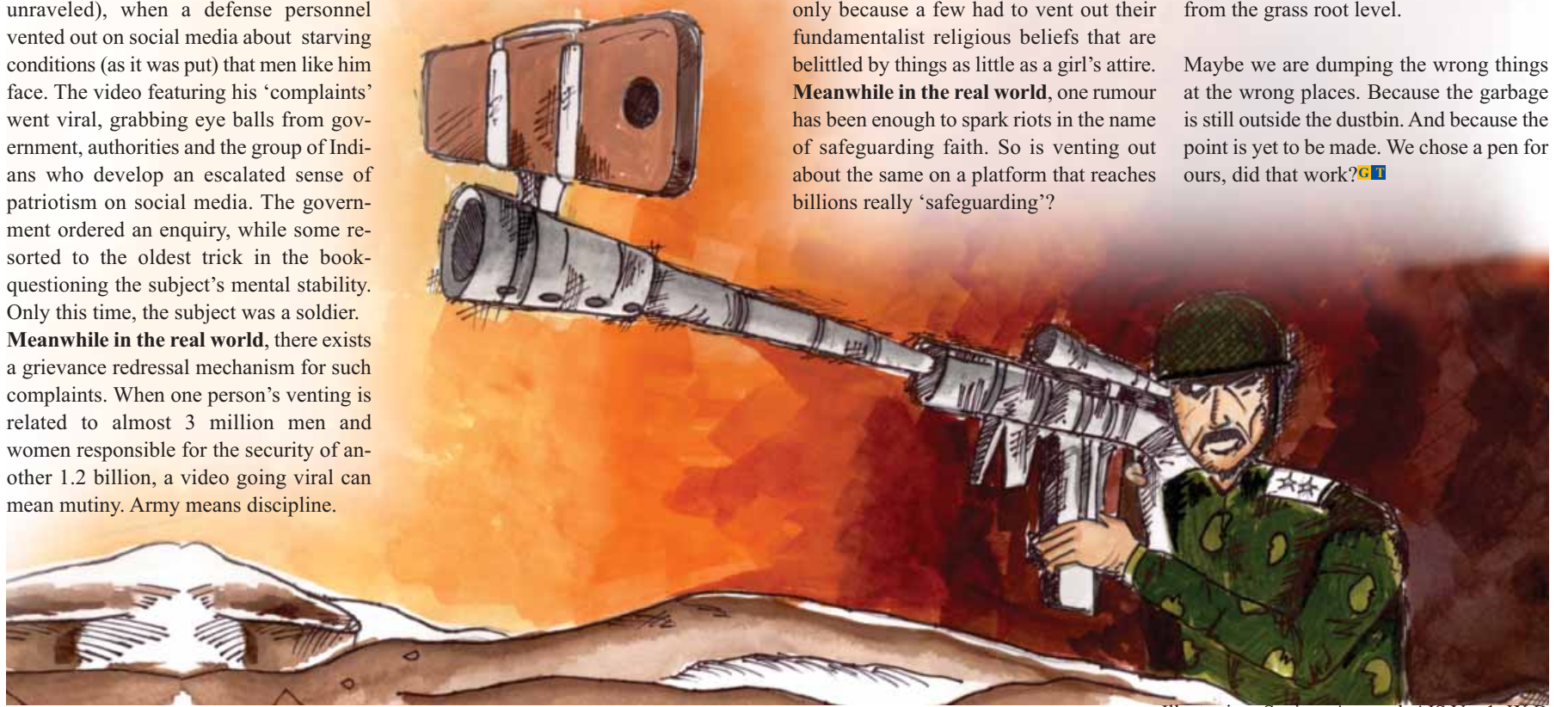


Illustration: Sanjana Agarwal, AIS Vas 1, IX D

Two for joy, courage and pride

To train the body and mind in a sport requires undeterred determination and perseverance. To manage the same vigour for two requires courage. **Rachana Govil, Executive Director(Stadia), Sports Authority of India did just that as she became the only Indian woman to capture the top spot in both athletics and shooting. An Arjuna awardee and a role model, she inspires in an exclusive interview with Samriddhi Prakash, AIS Vas 1, XI C.**

Once upon a time, there was a normal girl...

I come from a very conservative background. I could only come this far because of constant support from my mother. She was often cautioned by my neighbours against giving me so much freedom but she had unwavering trust in me. My grandmother would ask me to not wear shorts.

She would study all day long...

As a child, I was what you call a bookworm. I used to bury my nose in books for long hours, but still couldn't score well. It was only later that I realised that my heart was never into it and that my calling lay elsewhere. It is for this very reason that I never pursued a career in literature and modern history, despite having a Bachelor's degree.



Rachana Govil with students of AIS Vas 1

Pic: Karnika Pagaria, AIS Vas 1, X A

And then one fine day...

I used to participate in many school activities and loved playing. One day, my brother asked, "Why don't you take part in a competition?" and he took me to the field for the first time. I won the second prize in athletics. This piqued my interest in sports.

After that, there was no looking back...

I went on to win numerous competitions after that and each one was special to me at that particular time and juncture of my career. I realised how things around me had started changing. The same neighbours who would try to pull me down earlier, now told my mother, "Beti ho to iske jaisi". It left

me with the lesson that no matter how many challenges you come across, if you are determined enough, nothing can come in your way.

She learnt along the way...

There are a lot of things that I learnt during my journey from being a nobody to where I am. I learnt from every single person I met. It is for this reason that I do not have an 'idol' as such, because I believe that every person can teach you something or the other. Another thing that I learnt is the importance of time management. If you manage your time well, you can do wonders. I always had a tight schedule. Hence, I had to ensure that my day was planned

- Rachana Govil has many accolades in shooting and athletics to her credit.
- She won the Outstanding Sportswoman of the Year 2002 award by Ryan International Sports Club.
- She was awarded the Woman of Substance award in 2003 for the Woman Empowerment Year.
- She was also awarded a Mother Teresa's Certificate for Social Service.

meticulously and made it a point to not be late even by a minute for any of my engagements.

She took brickbats and adulation...

Appreciation and criticism are part of the game. Not many can handle criticism. But then one needs to understand that criticism itself means that you are being noticed by people and it should be taken as constructive feedback. At the same time, one should not let the appreciation get to their head. One needs to remain focused. I still maintain a strict routine, despite the success.

But she realised what was most important...

There is nothing more important than being a good human being. I believe that as humans, it is our moral responsibility to help each other. Helping someone in need should be an impulsive action and not something that has been forced upon you. The world will remember you for the person you were.

She has a message...

Do your bit, never look back...there is always an opportunity waiting for you. 🇮🇳



Ground Reporting

Walking BookFairs

If books could walk...

...the world would be a better place, enlightening every soul along the way. Akshaya Rautaray and Satabdi Mishra set out on their quest to make the world a better place with Walking BookFairs

Ground Reporting

Maansi Anand, AIS Vas 1, IX B

10,000 km, 90 days, 2 people, 1 truck and thousands of stories. Mission Walking BookFairs began. And with that began the quest to spread the love for the written word. Satabdi Mishra and Akshaya Rautaray, set out on their journey, with one simple aim: to make books available to every man living in the nook and crannies of Odisha.

PROLOGUE

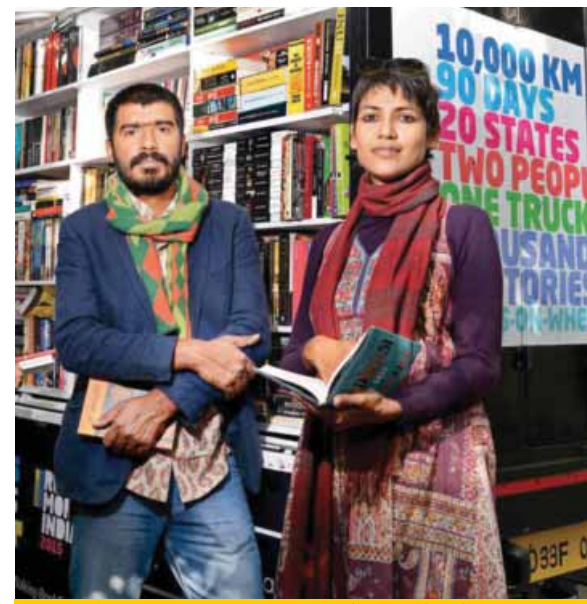
Ever since you were a kid, your teacher tried to apprise you on the importance of reading. Akshaya perhaps took a cue and developed a passion for reading. "Both of us love books and believe that a story can change your life," he says.

With a straightforward aim of "encouraging people to read more" they began their mission of Walking BookFairs. "Even the kids these days are not reading much except for the books in their curriculum," shares Akshaya.

There is no denying the importance of reading. But how does one inculcate love for reading, with limited availability of books? "Go to any city or small town and you are likely to find a large number of shops and malls in every corner. But, if you go looking for bookstores, you will barely find any," says Akshaya. The scant presence of book-



Enthusiastic readers at the Walking BookFairs



Akshaya Rautaray and Satabdi Mishra

stores irked them and thus began a new sojourn.

THE STORY

With a small minivan and books that they had gathered, the duo "started out with selling books and setting up bookstalls on footpaths, parks and any open space that was available. Many a times, people would stop by simply out of curiosity. We would sometimes offer discounts and at times, even let people read for free to increase the footfall."

When you take the road less travelled, speed breakers are only inevitable. "Initially, we didn't have funds and took

books on credit from publishers and suppliers and sold them on the streets. After a year or so, we started getting loan from banks. Today, these loans, book launches and book signings keep our financial requirements in check," says Akshaya. Despite the challenges and meagre profits, they continued to reach out to countless people with the stories they carried in their hearts.

But there weren't just lows, the journey had its fair share of highs too; meeting Ruskin Bond was one of them. Akshaya recounts, "He (Ruskin Bond) was so appreciative of our venture. It definitely motivated us to go another mile."

Today, traveling to new places, meeting new people and getting some to develop a fondness for books, gives them a high. They finally have a book shop in Bhubaneswar, where people can sit down and flip through stories while sipping chai.

EPILOGUE

"There are a number of things that need to be changed; the exclusive presence of wealthy businessmen and politicians giving talks at Literary Festivals and the negligible presence of bookstores and libraries compared to clothing stores and automobile showrooms. Books should

be a way of living. The soaring prices of hardbound books needs to be brought down for the less privileged, and more languages need to be introduced in schools, so as to encourage regional literature," reinforces Akshaya.

"Our goal, I think it has been achieved. We wanted people to read, and a lot of people responded to that. Now, we wish others do this in their locality, so we can have small book shops or libraries everywhere. Only if we're able to make the books available to all sections of the society, we would be completely successful," signs off Akshaya, as he gears up for his next trip. [G+](#)

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Between the pages of our edition is a lovely place to be.

Arushi Arora, AIS Vas 1, X A
Page Editor

My name is Math...

...and I am not a terrorist. So, stop giving me that just-seen-a-ghost look each time I enter your room. Hear me out and you'll realise that I'm a nice guy

Sejal Arora
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Promise me that you will not run away, if I tell you who I am. So, you see my name is Math! *Thunderclap* Wait there, I can see you shuffling in your seat. I know you detest me, but I swear I can be a good friend, if only you bear me till the end of this article.

It's okay if you don't like me: See, I am not going to be heartbroken if you tell me that you don't like me. A lot of people don't. But admitting your prejudices, will help us towards a better start. And now that we are on the same page of disliking me, how about you let that dislike go for a minute. Stop telling yourself that I am a tough nut. Those puzzles are tough too, but that doesn't stop you from giving them a try.

Let's talk, daily: Okay, so you have friends you talk to on a daily basis and then there are the ones you get in touch with only once in a while. Of course, the former understand you better. I can be just that friend, provided you catch up with me too daily. There's so much we can do together - workbooks, reference books or question banks. Spend time with me daily and we will get better. Now, isn't that what friends are for? Helping each other get better.

Know me at the core: I have my own concepts of things, just like you have yours. Understand my concepts and we



will never have a fight. The reason many students don't like me is because they try to mug up my ideas and formulas. So, if I tell you a formula, try to understand how it was derived, instead of cramming it up. And if you have problems remembering, you can always use acronyms, mnemonics, diagrams etc.

I've stories to share: You just look at my numbers, but do you know how

many stories I have, to share. Just weave my numbers in the form of a story and I will be an absolute delight. Sample this: Ram loved apples. But since Sham was his best friend, he gave two to him, out of the four he had. So, how much did he have. On the other hand, thinking $4-2=?$ itself sounds boring. Go to websites like mathstory.com and education.com to find fun stories, poems, songs, limericks, games, etc on my concepts.

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Let's do it, for real: Befriend me in day to day real life situations, and you will like me better. For example, in the kitchen, you can use me to measure ingredients, understand ratio, and convert Celsius to Fahrenheit while baking your favourite cake. And in the process, I will be your bestie.

Now that you've pulled through this article, *mujse dosti karoge?* 🇮🇳

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- Decrease in thickness of ozone layer in stratosphere
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The three hour battle

Disclaimer: This article may give you goosebumps, or perhaps you have experienced them already. Welcome to the battlefield, where yours will always be a one man army racing against time

Arushi Arora & Riya Jain
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You know that winter is here, when you step inside the exam hall. For those three hours, your mind journeys through valleys, crests and troughs. You feel all the emotions that perhaps exist in the world; all in three hours. Although you dread the destination, let us take you through the inevitable journey that every student undertakes, at least twice a year.

The first five minutes

You start counting all your blessings (mom, dad, God and Canada *wali maasi*). You start placing your stationery strategically like they were arms meant for a battle. Concealing your fears, you try to smile at the invigilator. "Should I compliment her?"

The next 15 minutes

The next fifteen minutes bring out the psychologist in you. As soon as the question paper is distributed, you start gauging the expressions of all your friends and you almost know how much they are going to score. And then 'it' slides onto your desk from the invigilator's hand, like a death sentence, and you immediately see the two things that you didn't study for. However, your faith in God is restored, as you chance upon a

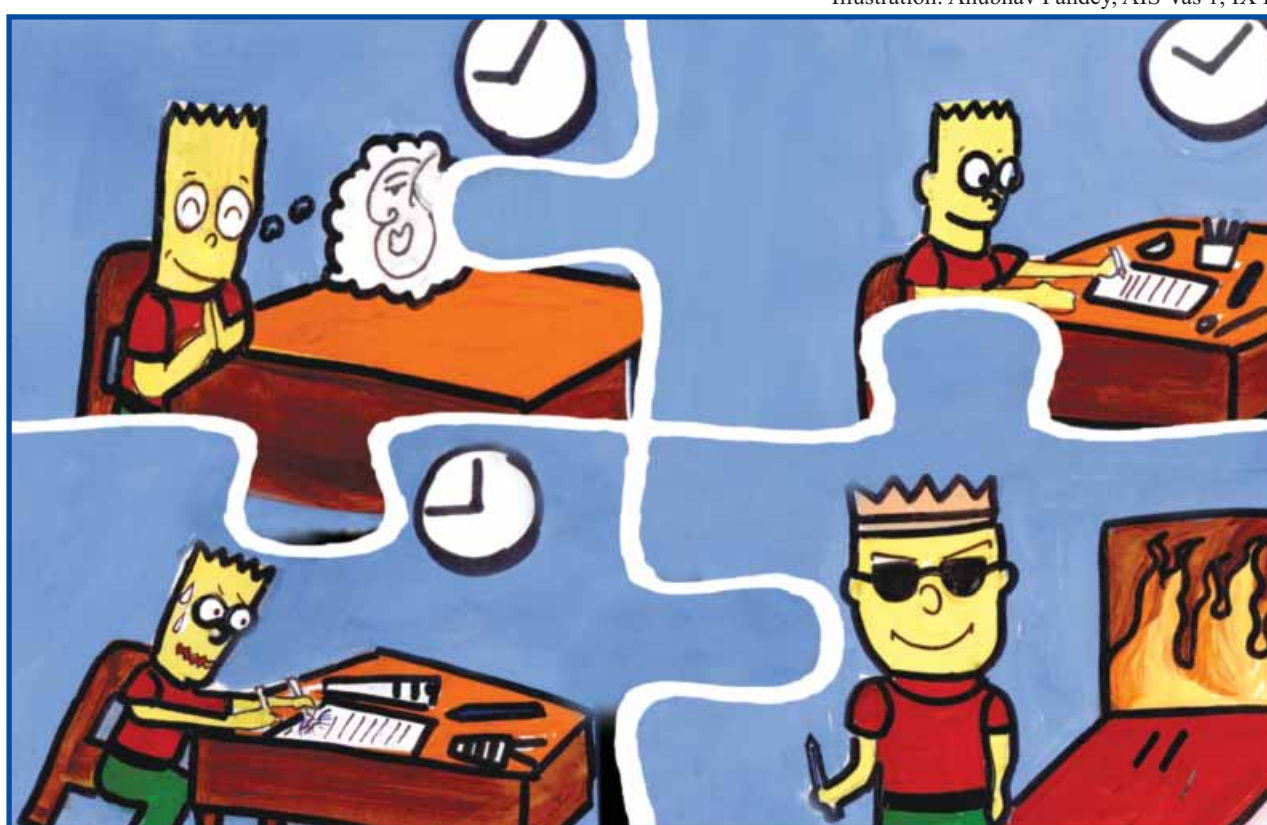


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question from the lesson you glanced through, right before entering the hall. "All is well, all is well."

The first hour

The first hour has you playing calm as if you were up for a meditation class. You work out a time management scheme

that leaves you with 10 minutes for revision. You begin writing, the artistry of your handwriting could put MF Hussain to shame. Today, patience is going to be your only virtue.

"I will definitely get extra marks for good handwriting. Who doesn't like a pretty sight?"

After 2 hours

It turns out that the ultra-zealous student who was the first to ask for an extra sheet is your friend, who assured you that you guys were on the same page (at least the same lesson). You're not even halfway through your own answer sheet, and with the sound of sheets being

turned everywhere, there is a rise on your panic-meter.

"I shouldn't worry, I will be able to make it to the end.....probably."

Last 15 minutes

The last 15 minutes that were meant for revision have you trying your best to answer that one question that looks French to you, while your handwriting, you are convinced, could give the teacher nightmares. Patience can wait and you speed up, fervently seeking inspiration from Usain Bolt. Alas, if only your fingers were as fast as his legs.

"How about I use my 'confuse if you can't convince' for this question."

The exam is over

You walk out of the room feeling like a 'true warrior' who has just returned after the battle of Westeros. But soon after a discussion with your friends, you realise that you have already lost five marks. *sighs* You decide to leave silently and never talk about it. You think of 100 other things you could do in life if you failed this exam.

Googles how to prepare for your exam "I could have done better; had I skipped the movie and going out with friends. Next time, maybe?"

Can you hear battle horns already? So then get set...study! 🇮🇳



How to live twice

Humans in their quest for immortality, have time and again, harnessed the powers of science and its miracles. So will we be able to bring back life? Cryonics might just be the answer

Ayush Gupta, AIS Vas 1, X A

Lazarus, a friend of Jesus Christ was brought back from the dead, three days after his death. Looks like science might repeat the feat. Not like Frankenstein, but as a fully able bodied man. Intrigued? Time to understand 'Cryonics'.

Cryonics = Immortality?

Put simply, Cryonics is 'the science of using ultra-cold temperature to preserve human life, with the intent of restoring good health, when technology becomes available to do so.' In other words, it simply means restoring a person straight from the freezer, to life. A person is frozen or put in 'cryosleep' and then unfrozen at a later date; and all this without any aging or harmful effects.

The premise of this imaginative technology, which is still in its infancy is that some living organisms have been brought back from a dead or near-dead state. CPR and Defibrillators help revive heart attack and accident victims on a daily basis. The same is being hoped for the dead with Cryonics.

So, how does it work?

As soon as a person is declared dead, a team of cryogenic experts freeze the body using dry ice to minimise damage to the cells. Next, the blood and body fluids are drained, replacing them with antifreeze liquid (fluid used to preserve organs during transplants). This is done in order to prevent formation of ice crystals inside the cells of the body.



Illustration: Sanjana Agarwal, AIS Vas 1, IX D

After this, the body finds its final home for the foreseeable future: upside down in a freezer with liquid nitrogen at extremely low temperatures below 130°C. It's currently illegal to perform cryonic suspension on someone who is still alive. A person must first be pronounced legally dead be-

fore being frozen. 'Legally dead' implies that their heart has stopped beating but the brain functions are still alive.

Here's hoping

The basis of Cryonics is the belief that one day

there will exist a technology that will bring back the dead. Considering the pace at which science is evolving, the belief might come true soon.

Cryobiologists are hopeful that by using nanotechnology, they will be able to manipulate single atoms to build or repair virtually anything including human cells and tissues. This means that they will be able to repair not only the cellular damage caused by the freezing process, but also reverse the damage caused by aging and disease.

Currently, human embryos that are frozen in fertility clinics, defrosted and implanted in a mother's uterus grow into perfectly normal human beings, showing that freezing does not necessarily kill cells. Some cryobiologists have predicted that the first cryonic revival might occur as early as year 2045.

Watch out the disclaimers

Imagine a person coming out of jail after twenty years. What if his family is dead? What if the house he lived in does not exist anymore? A person who has been revived with cryonics might just feel the same i.e. if this technology ever sees the light of the day. Till now, however, no one has been bought back to life. Many critics are also of the opinion that Cryonic companies are hoodwinking the consumers. Besides, if nobody dies then the earth will be more crowded than it already is. And then we will need to inhabit Mars even sooner.

Immortality has a price. The ramifications are huge. But that has never stopped science, has it?



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Me, myself and iPhone

iPhones are great, right? But some go above and beyond to own this Apple device

Abhirup Chakraborty, AIS Vas 1, X B

From standing in long queues to emptying piggy banks, many have gone to great lengths to lay their hand on this shiny gadget called iPhone (matte black, anyone?). And then there are some who defy odds and even basic common sense.

What's in a name?

Changing your name is no big deal, but changing your name to iPhone may be a tough pill to swallow. But Olexander Turin, an Ukrainian citizen didn't hesitate to change his name to iPhone 7 in order to get a free iPhone as part of a promotional offer. Think: 'iPhone Singh' 'iPhone Verma' or even 'iPhone Pandey'. Sounds ridiculous? So, does the very idea of changing your name for a gadget.

One kidney is enough, right?

Selling your kidney to buy the super expensive iPhone is a common joke, but a Chinese boy took

it seriously. In 2012, a 17-year-old Chinese boy apparently sold his kidney for INR 218000 to buy an iPhone and iPad. We would have loved to mention what happened next, but the word limit prohibits us.

Won't let the iPhone d(r)own

In July 2014, what was supposed to be a happy fishing trip turned into a nightmare for a 16-year-old German, when his iPhone slipped out of his hand into the pond. While the supervisors stopped the boy from jumping into the pond to save his phone, the boy came back later and tried to drain the whole pond using two pumps. Alas! He only managed to flood the nearby parking lot and was caught by the police.

The 21st century dowry

A Saudi man asked his sister's fiance for an iPhone as a dowry for his sister's hand in marriage. The result – the marriage was delayed by weeks. Dowry is dowry, even if it comes gift wrapped in technology. Period.

Cash gone, tech on

While the world is still contemplating the cause and effect of demonitisation, one change, a technological one is certain. **Shubham Ghoshal, AIS Vas 1, XI brings you ways in which the cash crunch empowered the tech phobics to take that leap of faith.**

Chaiwala par change, no more

The problem with change is that "hota sab ke paas hai, par deta koi nahi". And so every cup of tea at the chaiwala was often followed by a spat, where the *chaiwala* accused you of everything wrong with the economy. Cut to demonetization: you relish your tea, hand a rupee 100 note to the guy, who gives you a smirk and says "Paytm nahi hai kya?"

Honey, how do I use Ola money?

We've all been there, when the driver gets a mysterious illness and your grandma is intent on attending 'mata ka jagrata'. Pre demonetization, you would suggest her a cab ride to which she would

tell you how you utterly disregard the hard work your dad puts in to save money. Post demonetization, *dadi* herself walks up and says "Beta, ek ola book kar de. Payment internet se ho jayegi na?"

'Net' banking: There is no escape

All of us have that one member in the family (usually the *dadaji*), who has visiting the bank as their only outings. Now owing to the long queues in banks, demonetisation had everyone trapped in the net banking, even the ones who were earlier paranoid about opening their bank's website. As if the Swiss guy will know.

Shopping bag can't remain empty

Cash crunch can never be a reason justifiable enough for not buying that Louis Vuitton on flat 30% off. So this gap between the ever increasing urge of shopping and the ever decreasing quantity of cash was bridged by...tada...online shopping! Minus Cash on Delivery, of course. Even the one who would earlier place a COD order for a rupee 100 nail paint and pay Rs 100 as delivery charges (because again, Indians are really skeptical about online transactions) is now using the credit card more than ever (don't blame her, there's an additional 10% off on prepaid orders). The shopping bag never remains empty, hence proved.

Pic: Maansi Anand, AIS Vas 1, IX B





The 'reason can wait' season



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Didn't get the headline? Does trying to hold your book with your hands still in pocket ring a bell?

Maansi Anand, AIS Vas 1, IX B

Man is a fool. When it's cold, he wants hot. And when it's warm, he wants cool. Clearly, man is a fool. And often this foolishness is accompanied by the onslaught of winters. Ergo, he ends up doing things that can be best described as silly. Here are some.

The one-leg challenge: So, what's the perfect way to regulate body temperature while you're trying to sleep? Both legs inside the blanket? Nah. Too warm! Both legs outside the blanket? Geez! Too cold! One leg in, and one leg out? Perfect! That's what a flawless nap in winters feels like.

The ice-feel: As the temperatures dip, one starts to crave for a steaming cappuccino. And then the craving moves on to ice cream. Protecting oneself from biting cold, somehow, one ends up biting into cold ice creams instead and then wonders about the mysterious cause that led to cough. What were they saying about human intelligence, huh? *Fun fact-people tend to eat more ice-cream in winters!*

The canvas: On a cold winter day, the fog in the air finds our car windows to settle on. And with that comes the perfect opportunity to unleash the hidden Picassos. We drawing stick figures, scribble names on the windows and what not. Is it a no-fog day, who cares? Nothing gets in the way of an artist. Exhale on the window, and the canvas is ready for your master piece!

The safe-smoking: It's a perfectly chilly evening. One can spot a couple of kids sitting in a park trying to make the most conspicuous 'O' they can with their lips. You might presume that they are in for some serious chanting, but turns out that its one of those silly winter antics, as they let out a chain of fog from their mouth, feigning that it's nothing short of smoke. And then the competition of running the longest trail of steam from mouth begins.

The occasional skip: The chill in the air can freeze almost anything, even that part of our brain that has stored 'bathe daily'. Winters, means no sweat, which in turn means no shower, which in turn means agitated parents. Can someone please tell them that you are conserving water for the future?

The trips to the heater: Not a day goes by without heaters in winters. Every two minutes, we stand in front of the heater and warm ourselves in order to function for the next two. An occasional tug-of-war with our siblings comes handy while we try to secure a spot in front of the heater.

The single-glove game: This is when one realises that social media is the food for survival, irrespective of the season. And curse the scientists for not inventing touch-enabled gloves! Here, one of the gloves is discarded, while we type onto our phones regardless of the chill. The weird science behind the 'single-glove game' is still unidentified, that how are we comfortable with only one glove on! This also explains the mystery of the lost glove.

The fault isn't in our stars

How mommy wishes that her name was 'Horoscope'. For then we would have obeyed

Saloni Saxena, AIS Vas 1, IX B

Horoscopes-few statements that nonchalantly pass verdict for your day that has just begun. For some they maybe sheer time pass, but for some, the gospel truth, straight out of the Bible. And when you belong to the latter category, here's what happens.

Prediction 1: "Wear blue to harmonise your day" So you've to wear blue for a problem free day. You throw open your wardrobe, and search for your prettiest blue sweater, blue socks, blue shirt and blue sandals. Little do you realise how silly you look in

that ensemble. And the worst part is- you end up getting the title 'Mr Smurf'.

Prediction 2: "Keep your eyes open. You will find true friendship"

And suddenly, the entire world seems to be a prospective candidate to be your best friend. You look intently at the girl sitting in the next row, whom you haven't spoken to even once. You are extra nice to your friend's sisters' third cousins' friend. Amidst the niceness, the entire day whizzes past and so does your quest of finding your bestie.

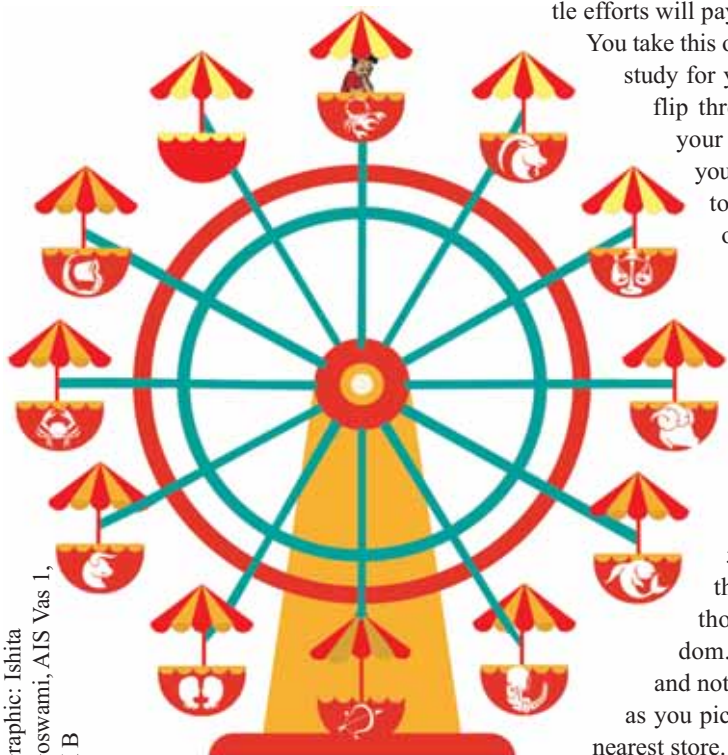
Prediction 3: "The week will be like a breeze. Subtle efforts will pay rich dividends."

You take this one a bit too seriously and actually study for your exam like a breeze. You just flip through the pages and glance over your text books. And then you sit for your exam to see what you think is the toughest question paper ever. The only option you are left with is to curse the horoscope and yourself for believing it a tad too much.

Prediction 4: "Spend your money wisely."

And just as you finish reading the horoscope, you chance to glance upon the advertisement right below it that screams 'Flat 50% off'. Just then you shrug off those lines that you until now thought were golden words of wisdom. "Astrology is mere speculation and not all of it is true," you tell yourself as you pick your bag and head towards the

nearest store.



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Only two at a time please!



Graphic: Eshwar S., AIS Vas 1, IX A

You asked for a glass, and water came along. Because water always find its way to the glass. And so do these companions that **Sanskriti Bharti, AIS Vas 1, XI** A talks about, giving us partnership goals for life.

Pizza and that one episode of F.R.I.E.N.D.S

That one favourite episode (which is as good as every other episode) of F.R.I.E.N.D.S. that makes you so giggly and happy is incomplete without the oh-so-famous large cheese pizza. And if you are having it with your best friends then be prepared for you're bound to fight for the last slice while laughing at Chandler's jokes.

Misery and Nutella (or any chocolate)

Failed an exam? Put your spoon in that heavenly jar of Nutella and there you go! Had a fight with your bestie? Help yourselves to your favorite bar of chocolate. Got grounded? You deserve a mountain of Nutella. And this is how Nutella saves you from drowning in the pool of your own misery. In fact, you can call this combination Miserella! (It even rhymes with Cinderella.)

The Notebook and tears

You tell yourself that you won't cry, but who are you kidding? You are on the verge of tears and no force on earth can stop you from crying when Noah and Allie die. And we know that you're crying like a baby, recalling the scene.

Marvel movies and epic action

Ever heard of a romantic Marvel movie? I know, I know...you want to throw up. But action...yeah...Marvel is a deadly parasite which feeds on action. You know that you fall in love with any Marvel movie when you see that first epic action scene no matter how awful the cast or the plot is (for the matter the cast and plot are epic too). 'Marvel' and 'action' should be synonyms. I wonder why has Marvel not yet been added by the Oxford dictionary as the new teen slang word for action?

Social events and tardiness

Now this combination is strictly Indian! Do you remember what your mum used to say when you were invited to innumerable birthday parties as a kid? "Beta time six o'clock ka hai toh six thirty se pehle jakar kya karoge?" Yeah right mum, tardiness is in my blood! Be it weddings, birthday parties or official events, no wonder we're late to everything. And if someone asks the reason, you know that you can always blame it on the traffic. (Well the writer even wanted to include GT and reading, but then modesty came into picture.)



Let's talk



Dr. Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

Conversation is defined as “a talk, especially an informal one, between two or more people, in which news and ideas are exchanged.” Sounds simplistic? This simple word holds enormous powers. A simple, clear conversation can resolve conflicts, usher

happiness and even thwart wars.

But it seems that we have forgotten the significance of communication. While the recent times have seen an upsurge in the modes of communication, the essence of communication itself has seen dusk. From a dialogue between two people, conversation has been belittled to a monologue in front of computer screens. The need to talk, discuss and resolve has taken a backseat, while angry rants are steering the wheel of communication.

The drawback of such a situation is the lack of understanding among individuals, who instead of conveying their thoughts to the respective person, are letting it all out on social media. Take a moment and think what is better: a conversation that helps you understand the other side of the story or a monologue where you express your thoughts.

Amity has always strived to encourage a real world dialogue amongst its students through various activities like MUN, debates etc. We understand how important it is to come together and talk about the various things that are happening around us. It is only real conversations, that can bring about real change. It is the only way one can help oneself and contribute to the growth of the society. As they say, a conversation with people across the table is better than studying a million books.

So, how about we take a moment to come together and let's talk. [G+](#) [T](#)

You are what you share



Valambal
Balachandran
Principal, AIS Vas 1

Social networking sites are unlocking the access to communication. With people from all over the world sharing their ideas and thoughts, it has become a platform for revolution, a platform for encouragement and friendship. They have undeniably become a great way to interrelate with others,

but on the flipside, they are also becoming a platform to articulate personal grievances. This platform that could have been used for positive purposes is having a negative impact. Our top story deals with the same aspect of social media, where instead of becoming a link among people it is playing the role of a combat zone. The only way to deal with such a situation, then remains to use our values and wisdom that can elevate us, and hence help us to give a better understanding of human behaviour.

At Amity, students inherit a strong foundation built on values, traditions and relationships carried from Chairperson who constantly emphasises on the fact that life is all about serving humanity. She is a fervent believer that generous service for the well-being of others can make our days abundantly rewarding. And what could be a better way to serve humanity than with our ideas and thoughts. My editorial team has tried to do just the same. They've churned out this edition with great zest. Each and every piece of writing has been weaved with care as 'every job is a self-portrait of the person who did it' and my students have autographed their work with excellence. I hope you enjoy reading it as much they enjoyed creating it. [G+](#) [T](#)

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Stargaze on a roof

A thousand wishes unfulfilled, a thousand blessings unreceived. How long will it be, for us to spend a night under 'a sky full of stars'?

Manika Joshi, AIS Vas 1, IX D

Dear God,
“Starlight, star bright, first star I see tonight: I wish I may, I wish I might, have this wish I wish tonight.” I swear I learnt this by heart ever since I heard someone say, ‘make a wish as the shooting star vanishes’. I have been waiting for one on my roof (through rain and cold too!), glaring at the sky. You must have noticed, I assume and yet you seem to be doing nothing about it. Why God? Why don't I have enough stars in my life? The other day, I heard mom and dad talking about them. Mom says that they fulfil wishes. Really? Dad was talking about sleeping under them. And I get to see only three. Don't you think that's a little unfair?

Yes, I can count the stars on my fingers...1...2...and 3, only 3 stars. It's like the stars don't come out anymore. For once I thought that they must be on a vacation, but dad says that it is due to 'pollution'. And that I added to this pollution when I burnt crackers this Diwali. I'm really sorry... I didn't know that it'll lead to this. I do like the sparkling of crackers, but I guess I am done with them. Now, I want to see the twinkling of stars, and so I promise I'll never do it again. Now, will you please lend me a shooting star? I've got so many wishes to be fulfilled. I am wait-

ing God, every day.

Yesterday, my sister joined me on the roof and was trying to convince me that I can still use eyelashes, 11:11, dandelions and birthday candles to make wishes. She doesn't understand that shooting stars are the best because they are closest to you. To get me off the roof, she began to show me 'constellations', but I don't just want to see them in pictures; I want to spot one on my own like my parents did.

God, you have control over the universe, right? Why don't you just wipe off this pollution using your handkerchief? You can even use a vacuum cleaner, my mom prefers that. Because I am scared that one day, they'll talk about stars like they talk about dinosaurs, something extntni...., I can't say the word, but please don't let that happen. They say that it's because of human actions that we don't see stars anymore, because there are too many lights, diminishing the light of stars. Give me just one shooting star and I'll wish that people stop doing, whatever they are, that's making stars go away. All my wishes can wait until then.

From,
A star-lover kid (You know me and everyone else, don't you?)



The urge to merge

Merger- an arrow shot in the dark or serendipity? Most definitely, a conundrum between the heart and the brain

Saijal Dahiya
AIS Vas 1, X B

Mergers are ubiquitous and yet uncertain. Whether the parties involved are Microsoft and Nokia or masala dosa and burger, the thought of every merger beckons change and opportunities, and a dilemma to merge or not to merge. But should the dilemma be the sole reason for parties not coming together? Let's find out.

Pavitra pizza: A merger of western fast food and Indian 'fast' food, Domino's Navratri Pizza was a rather quirky combination that went berserk. Made from every ingredient permissible under the 'vrat ka khana', the pizza although wanted to be fair to all, did not really fare well. The only thing appreciable about it was a thought, that of accommodating all. And though taste is important, isn't the need to accommodate the interests of all?

Fasal ka fasla: A farmer in India lives a lifetime of dilemma. “Will it rain this season?” “Will my crops yield enough returns?” “Will I get a loan?” And then there are hybrid crops, a merger too alluring to be resisted, too uncertain to be taken a shot at. While they promise a 25% increase in yield, they can cost fivefold and can take longer to develop. But should the uncertainty keep the modern face of farming out of picture? Every merger comes with a dilemma, but unless we play with uncertainty, how are we to become certain?

Ek ho gaye hum aur tum: Bollywood has been a stage of mergers for eons now, remixes being one gift (or not) of the same. When the 'Humma song', a Rehman classic, hit the charts again, this time with a makeover, it was greeted with rather varying reactions. For the rap mongers, Badshah's 'touch' meant that the song would be on the playlist for long, while there were others who thought it was a grave injustice to their 90's anthem. But aren't we happy that the entire nation is humming to the same tune, old or new, once again?

Sare(e) jahan se achha: Sarees have since forever been the epitome of Indian femininity. They've kept the youth of every decade enchanted, although sometimes through a merger with western wear. Dhoti sarees, ready to wear sarees, saree gowns, the list goes on. And yet the girl who turns maximum heads at the party is, more often than not, the one draped in mom's kanjivaram. Sure the grace of a traditional saree is impeccable, but at the same time the joy of

wearing a saree, irrespective of the style, is incomparable.

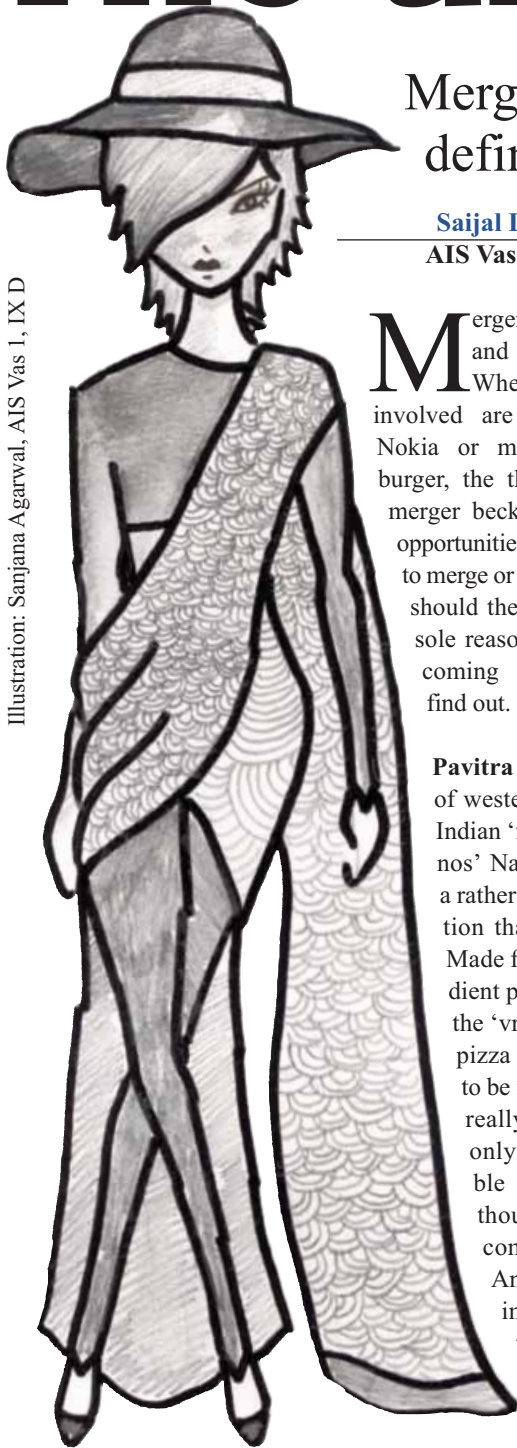
And so there will always be two sides to a merger. Someone will lose and someone will gain. Speaking of mergers, there is one called horizon that has the most unusual parties, the earth and the sky coming together, a sight to behold. [G+](#) [T](#)

GT- an insignia



Debosmita Mukherjee
GT Teacher Co-ordinator

'Making a Newspaper' has always been a euphoric experience for the students. The very insignia of a 'Contest edition' speaks volumes of the fortitude the students have put in making their edition an ideal one. In accordance with the tradition of newspaper making, students of AIS Vas 1 also endeavoured hard to make their edition a perfect concoction for all age groups. The phenomenal podium, known by the name of The Global Times, has given each and every student an opportunity to prove their adroitness in arenas pertaining to journalism. It is the finest moment for them to explore, formulate and re-invent themselves. This edition is the supreme confluence of talent embedded in each student of the Editorial Board. Here's hoping that this edition will help ignite a spark in other students to be a part of this beautiful process in the years to come.





Don't cry because the contest edition is over, smile because it happened.

Anubhav Pandey, AIS Vas 1, IX B
Page Editor

Science and religion have always crossed paths, sometimes in the most amusing ways. So, when parallels are drawn between Darwin's theory of evolution and Vishnu's avatars, one can't help but marvel at the resemblances



Darwin's theory: It was predicted that the first form of life (class of vertebrates) originated in water, one of the essential elements to sustain life.

Avatar theory: The first incarnation of Vishnu was 'Matsya', in which Vishnu appeared in the form of a fish to save life from 'Mahapralaya' (destruction).



Darwin's theory: Slowly, the creatures of the ocean started to move to land. And hence, amphibians came into existence.

Avatar theory: 'Kurma' was Vishnu's second incarnation, a tortoise (an amphibian) that came to support churning of the primordial ocean with mountain.



Darwin's theory: It was hypothesised that in the next evolutionary step, the prehistoric amphibians would develop legs and the ability to live completely on land.

Avatar theory: Vishnu's third incarnation was 'Varaha', a land mammal whose purpose was to save earth from evil demons.



Darwin's theory: In the next stage, the evolved amphibians graduated to humanoid, who resembled animals both in appearance and behaviour.

Avatar theory: 'Narasimha', the fourth incarnation of Vishnu was a half-man-half-lion who was to protect his devotee Prahlad from his demon father Hiranyakasipa.



Darwin's theory: Next in the evolution process, 'Neanderthals' came into being who were short in height and the earliest ancestors of mankind. They resembled modern humans.

Avatar theory: The fifth incarnation of Vishnu was in the form of a dwarf Brahmin 'Vamana' who came to save the three worlds from Mahabahu Bali's rule and send him to the underworld.



Darwin's theory: It was theorised that human beings further developed and started living in caves. They used wood and stone as weapons and tools.

Avatar theory: Vishnu's sixth incarnation for the purpose of restoring balance in the world was 'Chiranjeev Parashuram'. He was a forest dweller who lived in caves and used primitive weapon such as axe, made of wood and stone.



Darwin's theory: With further evolution, man started living in large societies and transformed into civilised humans. They made rules and gave importance to relationships, righteousness and justice.

Avatar theory: In the seventh avatar, Vishnu appeared as Lord Ram and 'Ramrajya' came into being, where certain ethos of humanity were established.



Darwin's theory: Man started realising the need of philosophy and politics and kingdoms came into prominence.

Avatar theory: To enlighten mankind about philosophy in the form of Bhagavad Gita, Vishnu appeared as Shree Krishna.

In April 1882, Charles Darwin passed away but left enough food for thought to analyse human evolution. The last evolutionary stages of mankind were already prophesised in the Avatar theory. These stages show us the direction in which humans further evolved.



The era of questioning: At this stage of evolution, humans began to question life, death and rebirth. Prophets- learned men who achieved enlightenment, came into existence.

Avatar theory: The ninth incarnation of Vishnu, Lord Buddha taught the true meaning of life and how one could break free from the cycle of rebirth.



The era of technology: It is in the present society that man has achieved both physical and metaphysical elements. Absolute power is what man craves for, which could lead to destruction.

Avatar theory: The tenth incarnation of Vishnu is prophesised as 'Kalki' who will come riding a white horse to save the world from darkness of rampant anarchy by mankind.



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DARWIN'S DASHAVATAR



The miracle of hope



But in one small little corner, a miracle was taking place. On the branches of a tree, there lived a little bird.

Storywala

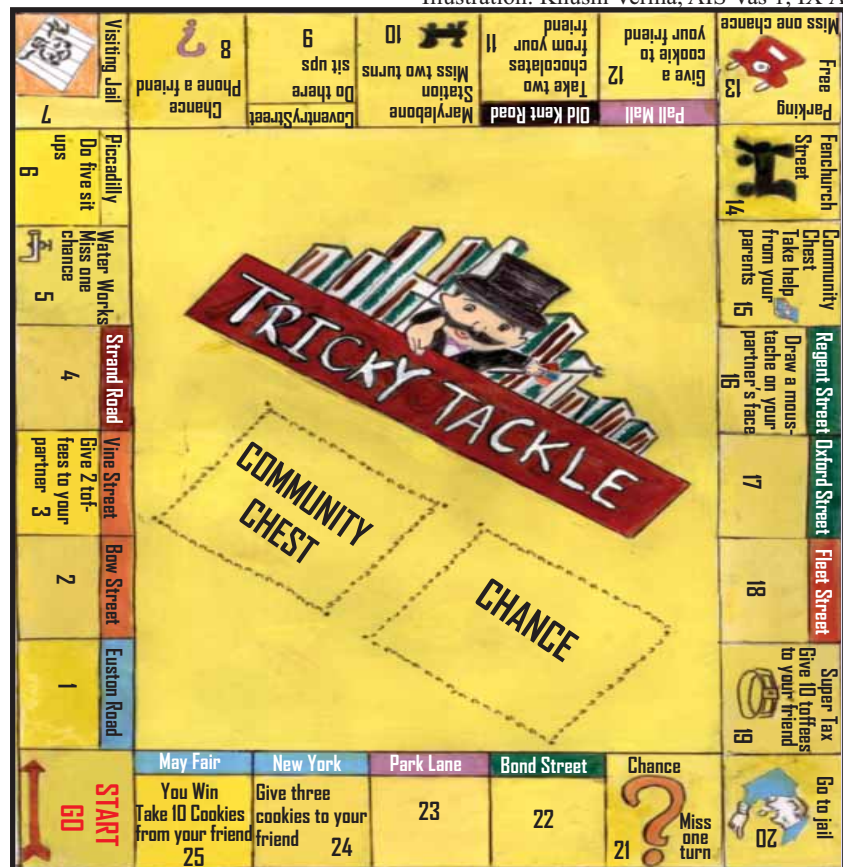
Mehul Sehgal, AIS Vas 1, VIII C

Black Blizzard, woke up with a loud roar as he gathered over the sea. Of late, he had become a fearsome storm, so much so, that people cowered at the very mention of his name. Lazily, he dragged himself towards a small settlement nearby, and obliterated it ruthlessly. The news of Black Blizzard destroying another village reached the adjoining areas, but no one seemed to care enough to assist those who had been affected. Seeing the nonchalant attitude of

Graphic: Ishita Goswami, AIS Vas 1, X B humans, he thought to himself, "I may wreck havoc as I please. These humans care nothing at all for each other." As more destruction was brought by Black Blizzard, people started giving in to despair. With the storm bestowing misery on every nook and cranny of the world, all that could be seen was ruins. But in one small little corner, a miracle was taking place. On the branches of a tree, there lived a little lively bird. It wasn't just any bird, but a Jaunty Jewel. In its mesmerising voice, it sang to the only survivor of one of the annihilated villages, a blacksmith. The blacksmith

had reached the bird with the hope to find more living beings. They reached other villages, found more survivors who started to follow the bird. They reached a beautiful valley unaffected by the Black Blizzard. And the bird sang, "Here you must stay, you'll be safe from the storm's fray. Only if you work together, will the world become better." As if the lyrics of the song had enchanted everyone, people could be seen working together to gear against Black Blizzard's attack. People worked in unison and soon fear vanished from their hearts. Hardly a week had passed when Black Blizzard descended its wrath on the valley. But he was taken aback, literally, when he saw a crowd holding hands and trying their best to dodge him. He realised he could not match up their united strength and retreated to the Himalayas. And that is how just a little hope revived life.

Illustration: Khushi Verma, AIS Vas 1, IX A



Rules to play 'Tricky Tackle':

- Player 1 and 2 will ask questions one by one.
- For every correct answer move 5 steps forward and every incorrect answer move 2 steps backward.
- The player who completes one round by completing all the tasks in every box wins the game.

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| <p>PLAYER 1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Which is the latest Harry Potter novel by the famous author JK Rowling? Before 1939, what was Marvel known as? Who is the creator of the famous character 'Vision' from the movie 'Avengers: The Age of Ultron'? (Hint- he is also the creator of Ant-Man, Black Widow, Iron-Man and Fantastic Four) What is the name of the upcoming sequel of the well-known movie 'Wolverine'? | <p>PLAYER 2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What did JK Rowling first use to write drafts of her book? Name the person who has served as the secretary and the senator of the States and contested for the Presidency? Name the Indian actress who was cast opposite to Vin Diesel in the action thriller 'XXX: Return of the Xander cage'? Name the famous fantasy series by the author 'Rick Riordan'? |
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Answers: Player 1: 1 Harry Potter and the cursed child 2 Timely publications 3 Stan Lee 4 Logan
Player 2: 1 Napkins from a coffee shop 2 Hillary Clinton 3 Deepika Padukone 4 Percy Jackson
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Sejal with her mini pocket diary

Mini pocket diary

Sejal Arora, AIS Vas 1, X A

Material Required

- Cereal box-1
- A4 sheets-10
- Needle-1
- Button-1
- Ruler-1
- Pencil-1
- Black tape-1
- Decorative paper
- Scissors
- Fevicol
- Thread



Method

- Cut out a rectangular piece from the cereal box for your diary.
- Trace the size of the rectangular piece on an A4 sheet and cut all the

- A4 sheets of the same size to put inside the diary.
- Keep the cutout of sheets on the rectangular piece and fold them along the breadth into half altogether to create a diary.
- Now, stitch the diary by making two holes on the fold with the help of a needle.
- Cover the diary with a decorative paper and stitch a button on the centre of the right margin of the front part to give the diary a classic look.
- Now, use the excess thread on your needle to make designs of your choice on the front part.
- To hide all the thread work on the backside of the front page, use a black tape to cover it.
- Your pocket diary is ready!

Words Verse

Imagination

Anika Joshi
AIS Vas 1, VII D

Red winged dragons
Hundreds of microscopic wagons
There are no limitations
All can happen in your imagination



Illustration: Shruti Jha, AIS Vas 1, XI A

Tasty chocolate kingdoms
Oh! Here the unicorns come
Don't put a stop on your creations
All can happen in your imagination

A friendly ghost
A huge ship sent by post
Thinking ghosts with tingling sensation
All can happen in your imagination

A man in the body of a whale
A cat and a mouse, happily they sail
Going in heaven for a vacation
All can happen in your imagination

An elf who can read minds
Ice creams, popcorns of many kinds
A dustbin is man's impersonation
All can happen in your imagination.

Thinking of the meal that was arriving
She kept them in the oven and stared

Soon, her husband returned from work
She said, "Tea is just being served"
On looking upon her withered face
He quietly came and took his place

His daughter came and sat by his side
When her mother came inside
She served them burnt cookies
And heard what her daughter had learnt

Instead of complain of the burnt bread
There was nothing to be said
Then he reached for a cookie with butter
His young daughter began to mutter

The Burnt Cookies

Sanjana Saxena
AIS Vas 1, VIII A

After a long day of toil
Her cookies began to soil

He ate and ate without a frown
While his daughter went around
When he was alone she asked her dad
"How did you eat those cookies?"

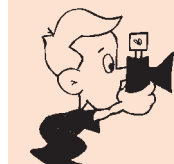
He smiled and called her near
And said, "Listen, dear
Your mother worked a lot that day
A burnt cookie, doesn't hurt anyway!

Seeing your mother happy and smile
Made those cookies worthwhile
You must forever cherish and love
Those who love you all above.

CAMERA CAPERS

Vidhi Bindal, AIS Vas 1, XI B

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Sanguine beauty



Blooming in red



There is some good in this GT, and it's worth reading.

Saloni Saxena, AIS Vas 1, IX B
Page Editor

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Teamwork rules

Illustration: Adya Saha, AIS Vas 1, VIII B



Short Story

Manya Tyagi, AIS Vas 1, VI C

Once, there was a colony of ants living in an anthill near the city Guach. The inhabitants of the city had enough food and water for survival. Settling up a colony next to this city meant that the ants never faced shortage of food in any season. Every year during winters, a group of young ants volunteered for the collection of food and traveled across the city for the same. They would collect enough food for the entire colony by picking up **titbits** of food from the streets. And for this, the young ants were provided proper training at the ant school where their skills were polished and they learnt

that it is 'teamwork' that would help them in difficult situations.

But unfortunately, there came a year when the city witnessed shortage of food because of immigrants coming in and a consequent upsurge in population. People started eating wisely, not leaving any titbits behind. The ants searched for food in every street and corner but to no feat. They were tired and helpless, trying to find enough food for their survival during winters.

The ants returned to the anthill and explained the situation to their group leader, Ronny. He thought that it would be better if he could set things right and hence decided to go search for food himself. The search continued for a

They would collect enough food for the entire colony by picking up titbits of food from the streets.

week and finally, Ronny found a piece of cake, thrown away by a child on the street. He hopped with joy to see such a huge piece. But on his way to the anthill, a beggar tried to swat him. Ronny managed to escape as the other ants saw him from the hill and joined him to save the cake. But in the tussle, Ronny had injured himself badly.

The other ants were horrified to see his condition. They treated his wounds while he narrated the incident. Finally, Roxy, the colony's wisest ant, praised Ronny and the other ants and declared that everyone would collaborate to divide the food equally among themselves. They succeeded in dividing the food equally. Fortunately, the piece of cake was big enough to last the winters. As they relished the first bite, they patted Ronny on the back for finding them such a fine piece of cake. Roxy said, "After all..." and everyone joined, "...teamwork rules!" **GT**

So what did you learn today?

A new word: Titbit

Meaning: A small piece of tasty food



Little chef Shivansh with freshly prepared quinoa salad

Herbed quinoa salad

Shivansh Arora, AIS Vas 1, III D

Ingredients

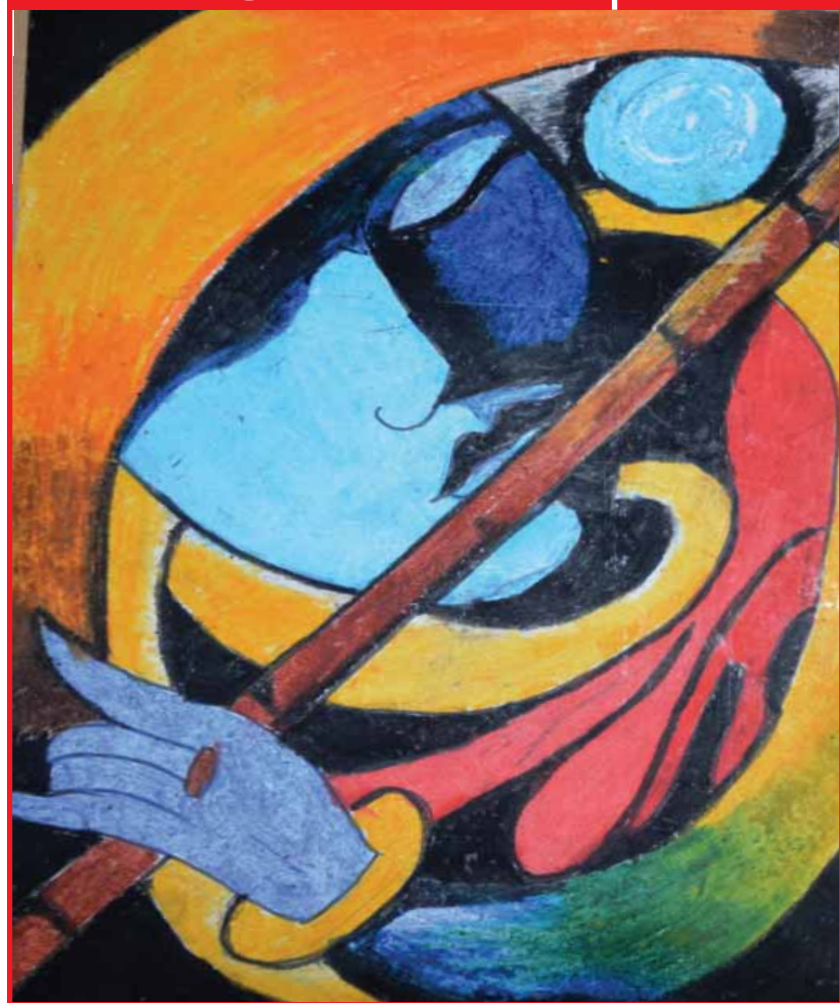
Olive oil.....3 tsp	Bell peppers (chopped)1/2 cup
Garlic cloves (chopped).....3/4 cup	Cucumber (chopped)3/4 cup
Curry leaves7-8	Broccoli (chopped)3/4 cup
Quinoa (rinsed).....1 cup	Grape tomatoes (halved)1 cup
Lettuce8 leaves	Herbs of choice (chopped)3/4 cup
Zucchini (chopped)1/2 cup	Salt and oreganoto taste
Carrots (chopped)1/2 cup	Pepperto taste
Cabbage (chopped)1/2 cup	Lemon juiceto taste

Method

- Cook the quinoa in a pot according to package instructions. Once cooked, keep it in the refrigerator.
- Shred the lettuce leaves into long and thin pieces and keep aside.
- Take a big bowl and add chopped carrots, bell peppers, cucumber, zucchini, cabbage, broccoli, tomatoes and herbs.
- Toss the vegetables together and add lemon juice, olive oil, salt, pepper and oregano.
- Add the chilled quinoa in the above mixture and toss well.
- Finally, add lettuce leaves and toss again before serving.

Painting Corner

Anishk Singh
AIS Vas 1, V A



Flying high

Vani Jain
AIS Vas 1, I A

I am a pretty butterfly
With my wings I can fly

I love to move from site to site
In the bright sunlight
While going down the hill
I am very careful

As my bright and beautiful wings
Attract a number of animals

But still I go here and there
Spreading happiness in the air. **GT**



Illustration: Sanjana Agarwal, AIS Vas 1, IX D

POEMS

Illustration: Adya Saha, AIS Vas 1, VIII B



My little friend

Pratim Bhardwaj
AIS Vas 1, IV A

I saw a sunflower in my garden
It was shining like a star

I watered it on all days
And the Sun blessed it with its rays

Watering it became my daily routine

And the soil nurtured it with protein

Slowly, it made way to my heart
And after sometime became my friend

Many of my friends came home to see
My fully grown yellow friend

And I played with it when I was free
Sharing my secrets with it

But then, there came a thunderous night
And swept my friend out of my sight. **GT**

Riddle Fiddle

Vaibhav Joshi, AIS Vas 1, III D

1. What can you serve but then you can't eat?
2. What do you fill with empty hands?
3. What has to be broken before it can be used?
4. Take off my skin and I won't cry, but you will. Who am I?
5. Which is the sport in which the players move backwards?

6. Luke had it first, Paul had it last, boys never have it, girls have it once, Miss R. Polly had it twice in the same place but when she married Peter Jones she never had it again. What is it?

7. Two mothers and two daughters went for a football match. There were only three seats available. They all sat down. How was that possible?

Answers: 1. Tennis ball, 2. Gloves, grandmother, mother and daughter, 3. An egg, 4. An onion, 5. Tug of war, 6. Letter 'L', 7. There were only three.

It's Me

Know me

My name: Anusha Basant Agarwal
My school: AIS Vas 1
My Class: I C
My birthday: July 25
My role model: My mother
I like: Dancing and painting
I want to become: A painter
I want to feature in GT because: I want the people in my school to know me better.

My favourites

Book: Grow with words
Teacher: Shivali ma'am
Mall: Shipra Mall
Subject: Math
Food: Gulab Jamun
Game: Hide and seek



Soaring high in the spirit of Patriotism

Amiown takes pride in celebrating national festivals to inculcate a feeling of patriotism in young minds. On the 68th Republic Day, Amiown schools organised a host of celebratory activities



Work in progress Preparing new craft



Classroom carnival Amies grounded with love



Love for food Shared by children



Amiown Gurgaon

Malvika Chona, Teacher

The little Amies at Gurgaon celebrated the 68th Republic Day marching around the school with great zeal and excitement. They came dressed in tri-coloured clothes which showed love for their country and sang heart warming patriotic songs followed

by National Anthem 'Jana Gana Mana'. The feeling of patriotism prevailed as the flag unfurled before them and touched the heights of sky.



The children also participated in fun activities, such as, Kiddies kitchenette in which they prepared healthy and flavoursome tri coloured fruit lollies. Their creative minds created wonderful works like making a tri coloured Banyan tree by cutting and pasting tri coloured

papers, a national flag and other national symbols. Children showcased their amazing talent by depicting their imagination through free hand drawing where they portrayed Republic Day celebrations. They also enjoyed watching the videos of Republic Day parade at Rajpath. It was a great experience for the little ones to be united on this special day and join hands to celebrate India's freedom.  

Amiown Noida

Neha Agrhari, Teacher

The little ones at Noida took pride in glorifying and celebrating the spirit of India's unity on Republic Day. The school echoed with spirit of patriotism as the children sang songs, and wore tri-coloured clothes. The day saw

many activities being conducted for the little ones such as flag and 'dove' making. The little ones from Chirpy Chestnut delivered a short and informative talk on Republic Day and performed a group dance on 'Jai Ho' amidst loud cheers for the country. The celebrations culminated with little ones singing 'Saare Jahaan se achha' along with the teachers. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.  



Love for nation Patriotism grows deeper in little Amies

Amiown Vasundhara

Meenakshi Lamba, Teacher

Amiown Vasundhara conducted a special assembly on January 25, 2017 to celebrate Republic Day. Little kids dressed in white dresses made 'dove', the symbol of peace with hand prints. The feeling of patriotism sank deep in their hearts as they sang 'Saare jahaan se achha'. The little ones were apprised about national emblem, national flag, national game, national bird, national animal, etc. They were also informed about India's struggle for freedom and the freedom fighters that fought for it. The day culminated with little Amies savouring the tri colour salad and shelling peas to enhance their fine motor skills.  



Little angels March like soldiers



Amiown Pushp Vihar

Zeba Jacob, Teacher

At Amiown Pushp Vihar, the air was filled with patriotism, as the little Amies decorated the corridors with their creativity by recre-

ating India Gate, National flag, tri-coloured butterflies, balloons and kites. The kids were informed about Dr BR Ambedkar, the man who framed the Constitution of India. The little ones were also apprised about various

facets of the country like national symbols, national flag, the first and current President, Prime Minister, etc. A special assembly was organised for the kids where they sang patriotic songs. The assembly culminated with kids singing the National Anthem and marching to their classes like soldiers. Children

also participated in a sports drill as they marched together at the beat of drum holding the national flag in their hands like a proud Indian to enliven the spirit of freedom. The day culminated with spirits of festivities as everyone witnessed a bundle of joyful activities while learning about the national festival.  



March Past With Pride



The heroes of the country Salute the National Flag



The only thing worse than a story that you hate is: a story that you love.

Sanskruti Bharti, AIS Vas 1, IX A
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Olympiad Achiever

Amitian bags gold medal in International Science Olympiad



Archit Boobna (4th from left) with Team India at IJSO

AIS Pushp Vihar

Under the able guidance of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, Archit Boobna of Class X C won a Gold medal at the 13th

International Junior Science Olympiad (IJSO) held at Bali, Indonesia from December 2-10, 2016. A total of 48 countries participated in this internationally acclaimed Olympiad of Science with subjects like Physics, Chemistry and Biology. The exam consists of multiple

choice questions, theoretical and lab work in each subject and is funded by Government of India.

Archit qualified the first round, National Standards Examination in Junior Science (NSEJS) wherein lacs of students from Class IX and X participated from all over the world. He qualified in top 300 students for the second round i.e. Indian National Junior Science Olympiad (INJSO). Thereafter he was selected amongst 35 students for the third round which was an Orientation Cum Selection Camp (OCSC) held at Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education (HBCSE), Mumbai. Out of a total of 35 students, a team of top 6 was finally selected to represent India at the international event. Before departing Archit attended a pre-departure 10 day camp at HBCSE Mumbai. Infosys felicitated Archit with a cheque of Rs 15,000 and a commendation certificate for his brilliant achievement on an international platform. 🇮🇳



Manan Rai with school Principal Ameeta Mohan

IRIS National Science Fair 2016

AIS Pushp Vihar

Manan Rai (XII) won the Grand Award at Intel IRIS National Science Fair 2016, held at Indian Institute of Science and Engineering Research (IISER), Pune, from December 21-23, 2016. The opportunity extended by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, aims to provide children with platforms to hone their scientific acumen. Manan also won a Special Certificate from the American Psychological

Association, world's largest organisation of Psychology researchers, teachers, and students.

The fair saw exhibits of 100 projects selected from a total outreach of 3 lac students from across India. Manan's project has been selected amongst the top 20 projects to represent India at the world's largest Science and Research fair, Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (IISSEF) 2017 in Los Angeles, USA. He is the first student from the school to qualify for IISSEF as part of team India and has made his school proud. 🇮🇳

Scholastic Alert



■ Candidates who have appeared or are appearing at the qualifying examination with English, Physics, Chemistry and Biology as main subjects and expect to pass the examination are also eligible to apply and appear in the Competitive Entrance Examination.

■ The minimum aggregate of the marks in English, Physics, Chemistry and Biology obtained in the qualifying examination required for appearing in this examination are : General and OBC candidates: 60%, SC/ST/OPH Candidates: 50%

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

Online Registration of Applications closes: Thursday 23rd February, 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 centers all over India on Sunday, 28th May, 2017.

Website: www.aiimsexams.org

**Taruna Barthwal, Manager
Amity Career Counseling &
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Course: MBBS

Eligibility:

Age: ■ Should have attained or will attain the age of 17 (seventeen) years as on the 31st of December of the year of admission (2017). Candidates born on or after 2nd January, 2001 are NOT eligible to apply.

■ Should have passed the 12th Class under the 10+2 Scheme/ Senior School Certificate Examination (CBSE) or an equivalent Examination of a recognized University/ Board of any Indian State with English, Physics, Chemistry and Biology as subject.

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Inter NGO art competition

Amitasha

Amitasha, a school for less privileged girl child run under the guidance of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, , organised an Inter NGO Art Competition 'Meri Asha Chitrakala Pratiyogita' at AIS Saket on December 27, 2016. The competition saw participants from different NGOs like Prayas, Chintan, Sakshi, Udyan Care, Prakash Deep Trust, etc take part. It was organised in three levels - Level I (Class II to V), Level II (Class VI to VIII) and Level III (Class IX and X). The occasion was graced by the presence of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan along with Pooja Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amity Humanity Foundation and Divya Chauhan, Chairperson, ASFT, ASFA, and ASPA. Anu Jindal, an eminent artist, art-historian and educator graced the occasion as the chief guest. The competition was judged by esteemed panelists comprising Seema Murtaza, MFA Painting from Jamia Milia Islamia and Bindulika Sharma, MFA Applied Art from DCE. In Level I, the first prize was bagged by Frida from Amitasha Gurgaon, followed by Rohit from Atulasha Pushp Vihar



Esteemed dignitaries at the Art competition



and Laxmi from Amitasha Noida at the second and third positions respectively. Rakhi from Amitasha Saket, Madhu from Sakshi Jasola and Jyoti from Amitasha Saket bagged the first, second and third positions respectively in Level II. In the third level, the first position was secured by Anu Gupta from Amitasha Noida followed by Rakhi from Amitasha Saket at the second position. The third position was shared among Farman from Prakash Deep Trust and Majreena from Udyan Care. The event was sponsored by Apsara Natraj pencils & Camel Art. 🇮🇳



Kids enjoy a day out

A Visit to Nilansh Theme Park

AIS VKC Lucknow

The students of Class II-XII went for a picnic to Nilansh Theme Park, Lucknow on November 28-29, 2016. The picturesque location of the park and beautiful weather made the visit enjoyable. Students had a gala time

enjoying train and boat ing rides and tapping their feet on music being played at the park. Children played cricket, badminton and football matches being played by enthusiastic students on the lush green grounds while the young ones enjoyed themselves on various swings & slides, and some delicious food. 🇮🇳

Amity bags 5 ATL's to be setup in schools

Five Amity International Schools namely AIS Gur 43, AIS Gur 46, AIS PV, AIS Saket and AIS Vas 6 were selected from 6000 applications who applied for setting up of (ATL) *Atal Tinkering Labs in schools by **Niti Aayog. Under the guidance of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF, who has always facilitated initiatives to nurture young scientists, this project aims to foster curiosity, creativity and imagination in young minds; and inculcate skills such as design mindset, computational thinking, adaptive learning, physical computing etc. ATLs being established in 257 schools across India by Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) aims to 'Cultivate one Million children in India as Neoteric Innovators'.

Under this initiative, AIM will provide grant-in-aid

that includes a one-time establishment cost of Rs 10 lakh and operational expenses of Rs 10 lakh for a maximum period of 5 years to each ATL. A total amount of Rs. 20 lakh per ATL in each selected school will be spent.

Criteria for selection

AIS schools successfully qualified the criteria for selection for schools that included desired infrastructure requirements, dedicated and qualified Math and Science teachers, a minimum of 200 students in grade VI to X, functional computers with internet connection, etc. to name a few. After the application criteria was full filled, a screening round was conducted followed by a final contest round. An MOU was signed between AIM and the host institution thereafter.

*Key Features of ATL

ATL is a work space where young minds can give shape to their ideas through hands on do-it-yourself mode and learn innovation skills. Young children will get a chance to work with tools and equipments to understand the concepts of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). ATL would contain educational 'do it yourself' kits and equipment on- science, electronics, robotics, open source microcontroller boards, sensors, 3D printers and computers. Other desirable facilities include meeting rooms and video conferencing facility.

In order to foster inventiveness among students, ATL can conduct activities ranging from

regional and national level competitions, exhibitions, workshops on problem solving, designing and fabrication of products, lecture series etc. at periodic intervals.

**About Niti Aayog

NITI Aayog (National Institute for Transforming India) was set up by GOI in 2015 with a mission to promote innovation. In addition, to provide platform for promotion of world-class Innovation hubs, grand challenges, start-up businesses and other self-employment activities, particularly in technology driven areas, a very important effort was made to imbibe culture of innovation among school students, setting up of ATL in schools was initiated.



Those precious 5 minutes

Pic: Karnika Pagaria, X A | Graphic: Eshwar S, IX A | Models: Aakriti Sehgal, Anya Bagga, Navya Bhasin, Shivansh Dixit, Anya Narula and Aryaman Garg, V; AIS Vas 1

To squeeze a trip to the washroom in a minute is hardly easy.

To complete a day's homework in two minutes is an achievement. And to make up for the lost time with your bestie in the remaining two minutes is totally worth it. **Shubham Ghoshal, AIS Vas 1, XI A** tells you how 5 minutes can mean a (school) lifetime.



Time
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Monday					
Tuesday					
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Thursday					
Friday					



As soon as the teacher left, Ananya rushed towards Rashi, her friend sitting in the front row, dodging the paper balls Akshay and Aman were tossing. She couldn't wait to know the details of the last episode of Sherlock. While Ananya talked to Rashi, Shubham who sat next to Rashi, savoured his cheese sandwiches. He was starving and could not wait for the break. Gourav and Aneeta (aka Mr and Ms Studious) were studying as usual,

preparing for the upcoming topics in each subject. On the opposite end of the spectrum, Harsh peeked outside, waiting longingly for class to end. His motto was "A trip to the sports ground a day, keeps boredom away" In one corner, two boys were in for the next WWE tournament, also known as arm wrestling. They never really had a reason to fight, but, conversely, this also meant they didn't have any reason not to. A gaggle of onlookers spurred them

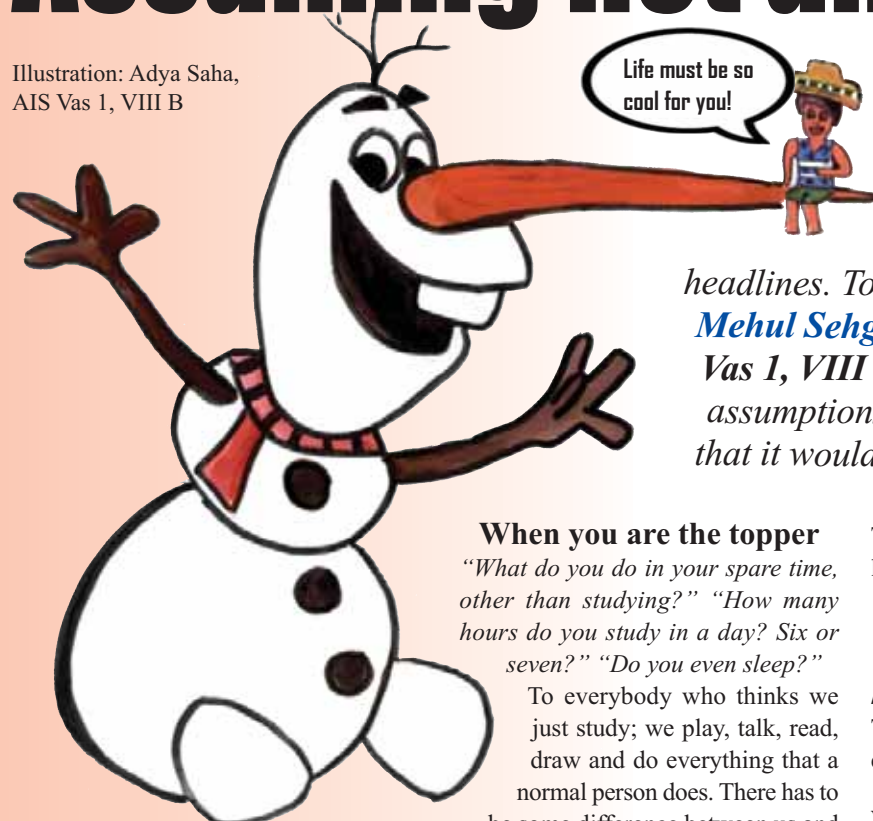
on, and Ashish and Mutan had even placed a pizza bet on the results. They had also placed a lookout at the door, to warn if a teacher approached. Oblivious to all this, Pandu lay with his head resting on his desk, sleeping peacefully. He was one of those people who were never completely awake, and could sleep at any time and place. He was popularly known as Snorlax, for this very reason. Suddenly, there was a loud thud (even

Pandu awoke from his slumber), and saw Shreyansh, lying spread-eagled on the floor. Nature had been calling him for a while, and after all, asking, "Ma'am, may I go to the washroom?" in front of 40 odd students was something he would not be caught dead doing. In the rush to make the most of these five minutes, he had banged against the door. Next moment, the lookout indicated that the teacher was approaching; everyone

scrambled back to their seats. The studious ones put their books away, Pandu woke up, Ananya rushed to her seat, Shubham stowed away his tiffin, Mutan sat after taking pizza from a disgruntled Ashish, Akshay and Aman disposed off the paper balls, and Harsh... was gone. This was the tale of the gap between two classes, which is seemingly minuscule, but in fact, is home to a variety of student activities. 📺

Assuming not amusing

Illustration: Adya Saha, AIS Vas 1, VIII B



So you're going to read this article. Let's assume that you have a lot of time or you like rhyming headlines. Too many assumptions? **Mehul Sehgal, AIS Vas 1, VIII C** talks more about assumptions because she's assumed that it would make for a good story.

When you are the topper
"What do you do in your spare time, other than studying?" "How many hours do you study in a day? Six or seven?" "Do you even sleep?"
To everybody who thinks we just study; we play, talk, read, draw and do everything that a normal person does. There has to be some difference between us and robots.

When you are thin
"Like, do you even eat anything?"
To all those people who think we don't eat, survival without eating is not possible. We eat, and are therefore alive.

When you read a book
"Why don't you watch the movie than reading the novel? It's the same story!"
To all those people who think the movie is better, books are not boring and the movie is never the same.

When you are into sports
"I have never seen you do anything other than playing. Do you even study?"

"Madam ji, aapki behan subah hi doodh lekar chali gayi thi." And the girl wondered how her 9 year old sister could travel all by herself. Because everyone 'assumed' her roommate was her sister. While assumptions are the premise for some life changing revolutions, they can sometimes get on your nerves or leave you on the floor laughing. Here's an appeal to those 'assumers' to think before assuming.

When a parent is a teacher
"Oh! You must be a topper then."
To all those people who say this, it's my mother who is a teacher not me.

To all people who think we don't study, like toppers, we are normal people too.

When your father is a cop
"You can get away with anything, Singham hai kya?"
To all people who think we tread free, excuse us, we lead a stricter life.

When a parent has a govt job
"You must be getting everything so cheap and free."
To all those who think we are hefty on our bank balance, not all the tax is spent on government officials and we have our expenses too.

When the family has a doctor
"Acha hai, doctor ka kharcha bach jata hoga na?"
To all those who think one doctor can play the role of physician, surgeon, dentist etc and no one would fall sick in our family, please, they are not super-humans. And even they visit the doctors!

To all those assumers out there, assumptions, are well, assumptions. 📺



Pic: Many Tyagi, AIS Vas 1, VI C

Jab we met on platter

"It's not you, it's me; we're not meant for each other," said Dosa to McVeggie

Abhirup Chakraborty
AIS Vas 1, X B

Recently, Mc Donald's launched 'Masala Dosa Brioche', a burger which tastes so weird that it became a rallying point for all the vomit emojis. So we put on our 'glasses of speculation' and ask - "What's next in the crazy world of fast food?"
Idli McGrill: So how do you kill the comfort of a burger and the goodness of Idli in one go? You entwine the two together, with idli as the buns, stuffed with a patty and create Idli McGrill.
Pav Bhaji Pizza: Who needs toppings when they have pizza smothered with bhaji? Cheese burst anyone?
Bharta Momos: We strongly believe in 'Hindi-Chini Bhai Bhai' and in order to prove the same we have converted the most loved Chinese import in India and stuffed it with Bharta.

Dal Makhni Puff: What do you get when you combine the most clichéd dish in Indian marriage with fast food? You get basically the same taste but in a less clichéd form, the all new Dal Makhni Puff might rock the wedding menu card.
Pan makki ki roti and Tangy sarso ka saag: In order to make a simple and perfect dish unnecessarily complicated, we added all the herbs we could find in our inventory and made a dish to play with your nostalgia by naming it the same - Pan Makki ki roti and Tangy Sarso ka saag that might leave your tongue do a tango dance.
Dhokla Maharaja Pizza: For all the Gujarati bhai's and behen's out there, get ready to be blown away by the taste of something you have been eating since your childhood. We present the all-time favourite Dhokla stacked in three layers to form the gigantic new...Dhokla Maharaja Pizza. Heights, right? 📺