

More than just a mother, you've been a friend in your best way who has always understood me, and believed in me. Thank you! Happy Birthday Mom!

Shreya Kapoor
AIS Gur 46, Alumnus

365 new pages of your life await many more stories. You'll choose the best words to weave beautiful tales. But don't forget 'No'. For 'No' can mean a lot more...

Vaishali Tikoo, AIS Gur 46, XII

THE POWER OF [NO]W*

No, they say is a sentence in itself, meaning nothing less, nothing more, yet enough to stir nations, to change the course of history, to bring an end to the compulsion of a forced 'YES'. And yet, more often than not, we feel that lump in the throat before uttering the word. Because rowing the boats against the tide has never been easy. But there were some who overcame the initial lump, only to utter a roaring 'No'. Because more than the tides, it is how and where you steer the boat that matters. We bring you instances when the power of the two lettered word changed the course.

He said 'No' to compromising his principles, to doing away with his moral obligations and to let the figures of some brand endorsements take over his greater earnings in life.

"One thing my father told me was to not promote tobacco and alcohol. So those are the two things I stayed away from," said Sachin Ramesh Tendulkar at a summit organised by International Advertising Association. Turning down an offer of Rs 20 crore a year from a top liquor brand wouldn't have been easy. The stakes would have been high - financial security, future endorsements, and relations with the top goons of the field. And yet when he weighed them against his

sense of moral obligation and responsibility towards the youth, the latter won, and Master Blaster even more hearts. Many actors and models followed suit that began with a man saying 'No', humbly.

She said 'No' to oppression, to her rights being denied, she said 'No' to break the silence and 'No' to being silenced.

On the afternoon of October 9, 2012, Yousafzai boarded her school bus in the northwest Pakistani district of Swat. A gunman asked for her by name, then pointed a pistol at her and fired three shots, as she stood up, to say 'No' to the Taliban regime's belief of not educating the girl child. Imagine that, saying no, even when she was at the gunpoint. But she mustered that courage for perhaps she knew the power that would come along. That "One child, one teacher, one book and one pen can change the world." And so, she refused being denied her pens and books, and so did many at the international arena. Because this one girl said 'No', bravely.

He said 'No' to being ruled by colonial masters, 'No' to cooperate with the ones playing the 'divide and rule' game, 'No' to the foreign goods flooding his coun-

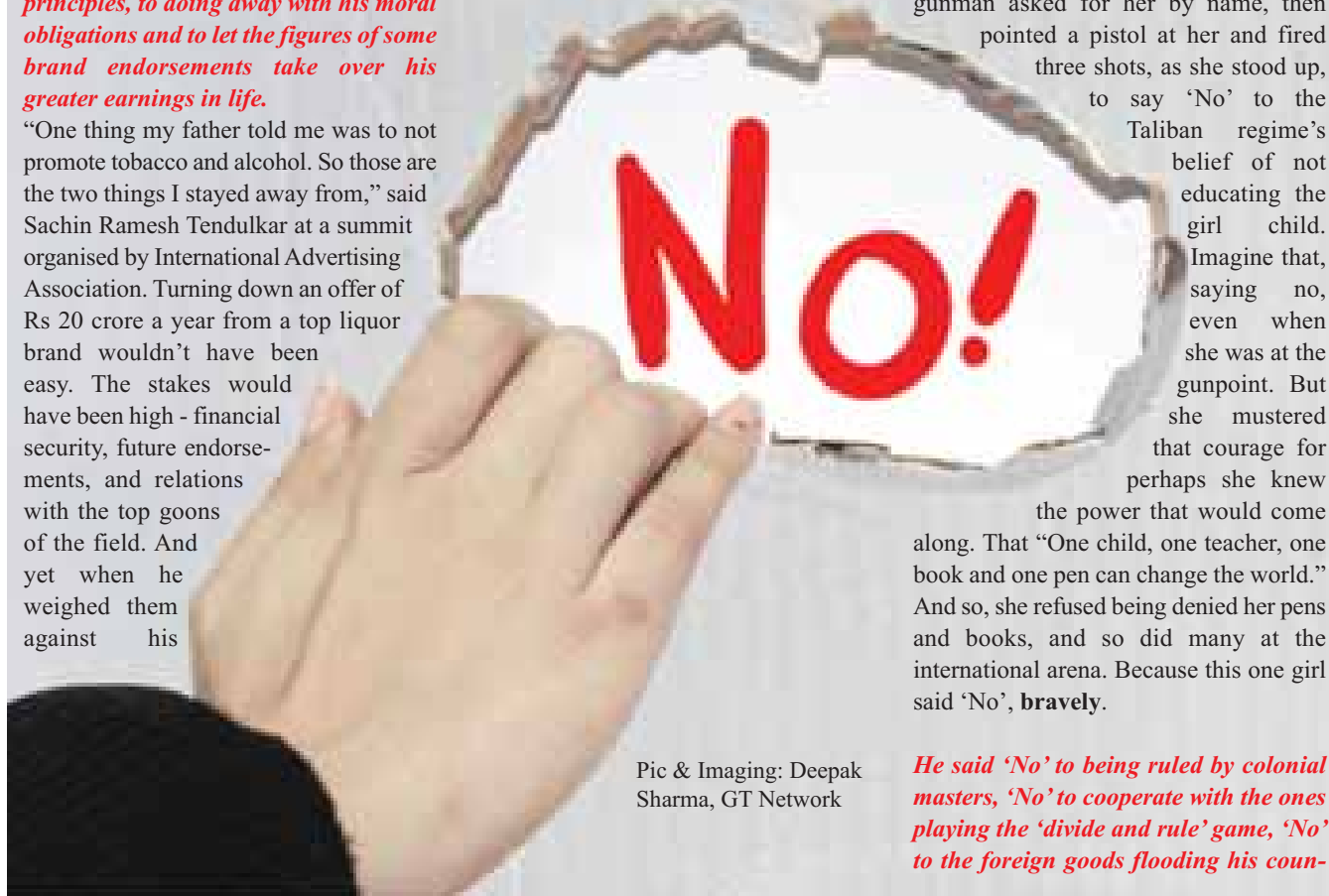
try's economy, while ransacking it and most importantly, 'No' to violence.

In the early hours of August 1, 1920, Mahatma Gandhi launched the Non-Cooperation Movement, urging Indians to say no to everything colonial around them, from schools, colleges, clothes to their laws. It was this movement that provoked unprecedented nationalism amongst Indians, paving the path to freedom. One man led an entire nation to unleash themselves from the chains of colonialism that had rusted over the span of almost 200 years using a single weapon - the power of no. The entire movement was based on Gandhi's belief that the power of defiance, albeit through non-violent ways can win battles that cannot be won by guns. And so he said 'No', non-violently.

She said 'No' to being discriminated because of the colour of her skin, 'No' to being stereotyped, to the idea of white and black and to inequality.

When she was ordered to give the seat to a white man on the bus, Rosa Park said no and she said it in a manner that set course for the Black Movement in the United States. Many followed the footsteps of the lady best known as the 'mother of the freedom movement'. Not that it was her first encounter with racial discrimination, neither was she physically tired. She was just tired of giving in and so she gave it back, with a 'No', sternly.

Co-existing in a society requires consent and harmony, but sometimes the situation demands more. 'More' that is but two alphabets, one word - 'No'. Because consent isn't always right, and defiance not always wrong. So learn the power of no without fearing the consequences. Once you overcome that initial lump in the throat, many more voices will join you. Because there perhaps isn't a word that will convey an idea as clearly as will the word 'No'. **GT**



Pic & Imaging: Deepak Sharma, GT Network

INSIDE



Brothers of the watch, P5



Rags to Riches, P7

AMITEpoll

Do you agree with the government's decision of introducing an exit test to produce better quality engineers?

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

To vote, log on to www.theglobaltimes.in

POLL RESULT

For GT edition December 26, 2016

Do you think that the three language formula introduced by CBSE will add to the stress of the students?



Results as on January 14, 2017

Coming Next

Captain Cool

Psychologist by law

Pics: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network

The second woman Additional Solicitor General of India, Dr Pinky Anand has redefined the way women influence lives. Her illustrious career boasts of many ground breaking cases and accolades. She inspires Amitians in an interview with **Arunima Cheruvanthoor, XI I & Saranya Singh, IX, AIS Noida**, during the AUUP Convocation 2016, when she was conferred with honorary professorship.

Breaking the glass ceiling

Sure, we have come a long way in terms of women emancipation and equal rights, but the battle has not been won as yet. There are still numerous shackles that keep women from reaching the top, sometimes their own laid back, unwilling attitude arising out of the struggles they face at workplace. But then they need to understand that these struggles are minuscule in comparison to the ultimate goal, which is women assuming important leadership roles and bringing about a positive change in the society. This will not only instill more confidence in this gender, but also pave way for a gender neutral society.

NEET of the hour

In my career, I have handled numerous landmark cases. But the one that brought unprecedented



Dr Pinky Anand with GT Reporter

change in the status quo, according to me, was the decision on the NEET Exams, an umbrella exam for medical aspirants. It added a new dimension to the medical education, making it less ambiguous and more student friendly. More such cases and causes need to be taken up not only by the academia, but also the law fraternity.

A robust implementation

The Indian judicial system happens to be one of the most comprehensive ones, world over. I strongly believe that the laws in our country are fairly developed. It is on the implementation front that we are lagging behind, at the micro and macro level alike. We as citizens need to firmly believe in the laws that govern us. The system, on the other hand, needs to reciprocate with timely judgments.

No one is above the law

In this profession, justice isn't always what you expected, but it is justice nevertheless. When a judgment of the court falls short of my expectation, it does not tremble my belief in the judiciary. As a professional, I deem it only important to put my

best foot forward and present my arguments to the court. But I respect the court's decision, which is above all. Because there is always a bigger picture to things.

The tools of law

There are two important tools that come handy for legal experts - analysis and perspective. A good lawyer has to be a good psychologist, constantly analysing the parties involved, strategising the next move. And even more important is perspective, for you must believe in the argument that you want to convince others of.

Amity atop

To be conferred an honorary professorship from an institute as bonafide and progressive as Amity feels great. Being recognised by the best always means reassurance of your contribution in the field. I respect Amity for the world class education they impart and for the values that they believe in. Here, students are trained to become individuals with a mind, perspective and persona that distinguishes them from the crowd. **GT**



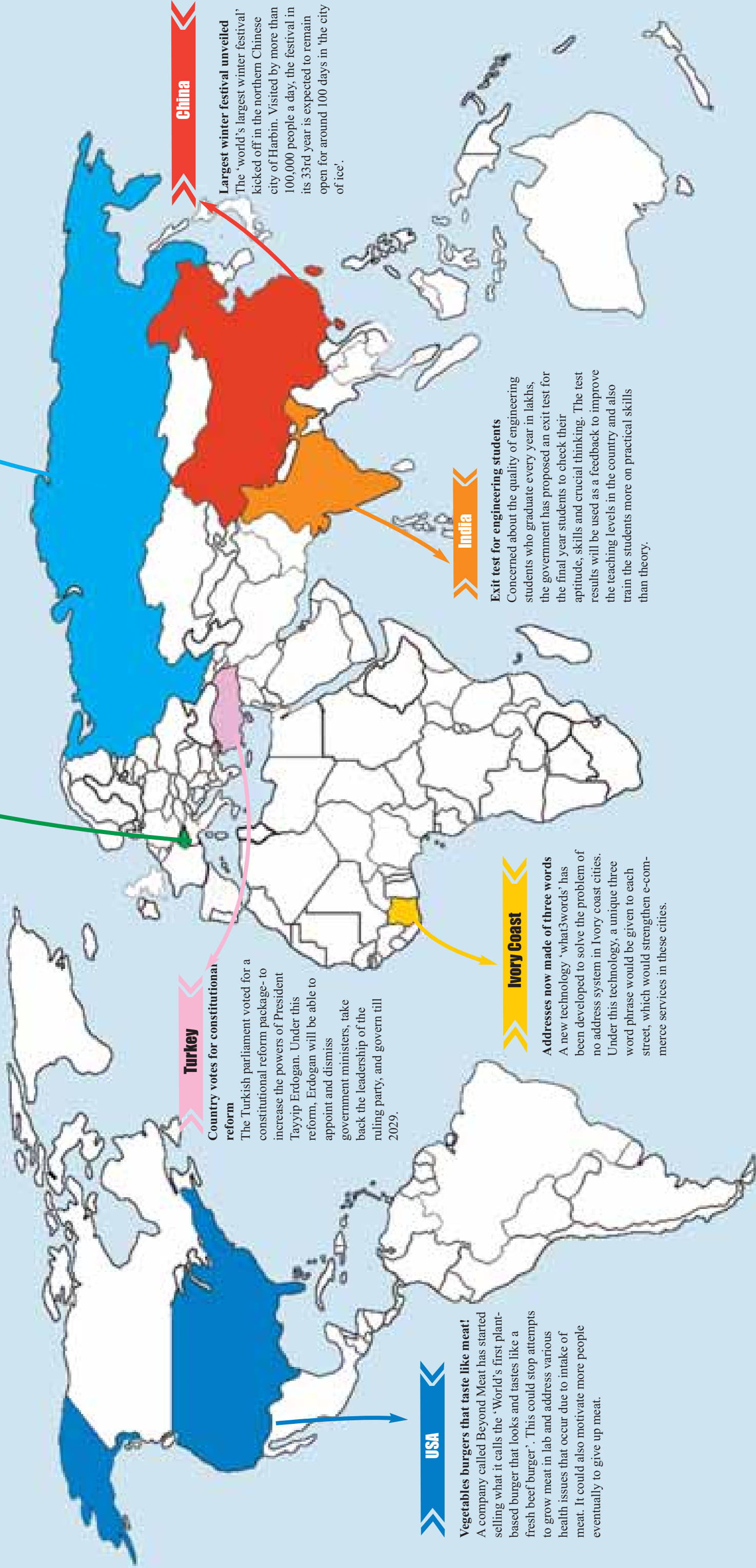
The scientific name of Monarch butterfly is *Danaus Plexippus*. It is known as king of butterflies.



Butterfly facts

World news

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



Switzerland

Lack of snow threatens tourist spots

Thousands of tourist spots in the famed Alps region face closure as the region was declared a drought zone. The resorts are forced to switch off their snow cannons because water reserves have been severely depleted due to high temperature.

Russia

Smoking to be banned for younger generation

Russian government is planning to impose a blanket ban on smoking for anyone born in 2015 or after, but will let the current generation of smokers continue the habit. Almost 300,000 to 400,000 Russians die of tobacco related diseases every year, damaging trillions in economy.

Turkey

Country votes for constitutional reform

The Turkish parliament voted for a constitutional reform package- to increase the powers of President Tayyip Erdogan. Under this reform, Erdogan will be able to appoint and dismiss government ministers, take back the leadership of the ruling party, and govern till 2029.

USA

Vegetables burgers that taste like meat!

A company called Beyond Meat has started selling what it calls the 'World's first plant-based burger that looks and tastes like a fresh beef burger'. This could stop attempts to grow meat in lab and address various health issues that occur due to intake of meat. It could also motivate more people eventually to give up meat.

Ivory Coast

Addresses now made of three words

A new technology 'what3words' has been developed to solve the problem of no address system in Ivory coast cities. Under this technology, a unique three word phrase would be given to each street, which would strengthen e-commerce services in these cities.

India

Exit test for engineering students

Concerned about the quality of engineering students who graduate every year in lakhs, the government has proposed an exit test for the final year students to check their aptitude, skills and crucial thinking. The test results will be used as a feedback to improve the teaching levels in the country and also train the students more on practical skills than theory.

China

Largest winter festival unveiled

The 'world's largest winter festival' kicked off in the northern Chinese city of Harbin. Visited by more than 100,000 people a day, the festival in its 33rd year is expected to remain open for around 100 days in 'the city of ice'.



A monarch butterfly can lay a maximum of 250 eggs per day.

Extra se bhi jyada

Binge watching sitcoms must be easy and fun, but binge studying the chapters is not. But where there is a will, there is a way

Neetu Gupta
Faculty, AIIT AUUP

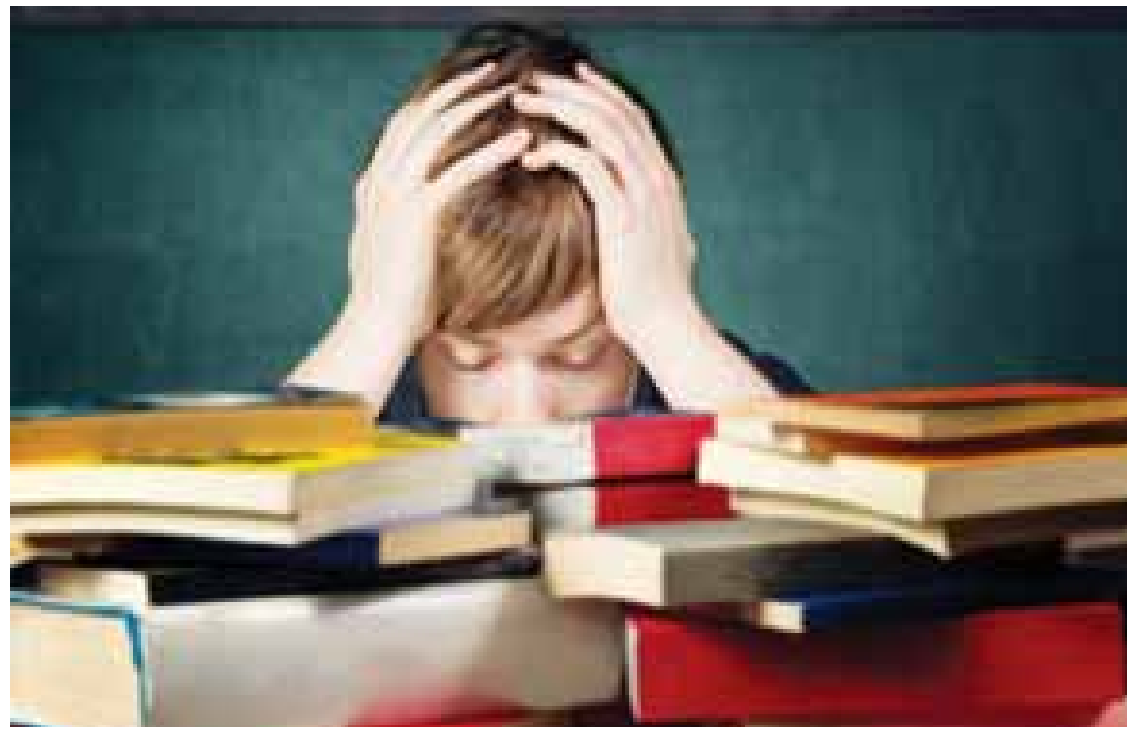
The week before the examinations marks the hibernation period for the students, as they burrow themselves under the piles of books, lecture notes and PowerPoint tutorials. Even those students who struggled to bring pen and a notebook in the class, are seen fully prepared with bundles of notes in their hands. While they keep hoarding themselves with photocopied notes, the sincere ones horde themselves in the staff room. The exam fever just cannot be ignored. But experts say that one can score an extra of ten percent if only they follow some simple steps.

Reference matters: "Books are the training weights of the mind," said Epictetus. One should read at least once from the recommended reference book. For, chances are high that the student may find simplified content.

Avoid the web: Jumping straight away to the online library of Google may not prove to be a very good idea as the online materials often lack authenticity. Also, the scattered material may waste more of your time than required.

Order order: Attempt the questions section wise. Even if you are attempting them randomly, mention the question number and the section very clearly. A majority of students skip this step that costs them a lot of marks.

Logic rules: Your answer should be written in a comprehensive manner. Introduce the concept in the first



para and write about all the relevant points pertaining to the question. Students often digress from the question and write irrelevant answers which in no case fetch them extra marks.

Quote examples: Either asked explicitly or not, support your answer with an example, case, illustration, sample data, and model etc. as applicable in the context of question and subject.

Stick to the points: Try to compose your answer in bullet points where each bullet should focus on a different aspect of the answer. It helps to put the answer in a coherent manner and never fails to impress the examiner.

A picture worth a thousand words: Wherever possible, try to use a diagram to support your answer. If there

is no diagram to explain the answer, then try to explain it through a flowchart. It will give you an edge over others as a pictorial answer always makes a difference.

Time is precious: Manage your time properly. Try to finish your answer within a time limit. Decide the time limit according to the weightage of the question. This way you will be able to give full attention to each and every question.

Revise: Last but not the least, use the last 15 minutes to revise the answer booklet. Correct the silly mistakes if any, highlight the keywords, underline the gist of answer and finish those partially left answers.

Though attending classes regularly remains the best option till date to score more marks, but these steps too can help you a little.  

Amity Institute
for Competitive
Examinations

Presents 

Brainleaks-194
FOR CLASS IX-X

Neelam was making tea in a kettle. Suddenly, she felt intense heat from the puff of steam gushing out of the spout of the kettle. The reason behind the intense heat felt by Neelam is -
(a) Due to latent heat of vaporization
(b) Due to very high temperature of steam
(c) Steam has less energy than water
(d) All of these

Last Date:
Jan 20, 2017

3 correct entries win attractive prizes

Ans. Brainleaks 193: (a)

Winner for Brainleaks 193

1. Vinayak Punj, IX, AFYCP, AIS Gur-46
2. Reetika, X, AIS Gurgaon 46
3. Adama Garg, X, AFYCP, AIS Noida

Name:.....

Class:.....

School:.....

Send your answers to The Global Times, E-26, Defence Colony, New Delhi - 24 or e-mail your answer at brainleaks@theglobaltimes.in

Scholastic Alerts

Institute: University of Petroleum and Energy Studies, Dehradun

Examination: UPESEAT 2017 UPESEAT 2017 for admission to Undergraduate B.Tech Programmes for the academic year 2017.

Courses: UPES-College of Engineering Studies offers: ■ 4 years full time B. Tech Programme ■ 6 years full time B. Tech + LLB (Hons) Programme. This year, UPESEAT will be held for admission into 37 B.Tech Courses

Eligibility: Examination Pathway admissions through UPESEAT (Up to 80% of Seats):

- Minimum 60% marks in X and XII.
- Minimum 60% aggregate in PCM in XII.

Non Examination Pathway admissions through Board Merit / JEE Mains Score (Upto 20% of Seats):

For Board Merit: Minimum 80% marks in Class X and XII and minimum 80% aggregate in PCM.

For JEE Mains Merit: Minimum 60% marks in X and XII and minimum 60% aggregate in PCM. (JEE Mains cut off to be announced after declaration of JEE Mains-2017 result.)

UPESEAT 2017

(For details refer to the website.)

Application Process: Application forms available: online & offline

Closing date for submission of the application forms: May 3, 2017

Entrance Test:

UPESEAT Exam: May 13, 2017 (Saturday, 09.30 to 12.30hrs.)

Website: www.upes.ac.in

Institute: Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST) Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

Courses: ■ 4-Year B. Tech Pro-

gramme in Aerospace Engineering (60 Seats) ■ 4-Year B. Tech Programme in Avionics (60 Seats) ■ 5-Year Dual Degree (B. Tech and M.S / M. Tech) Programme (20 Seats)

Eligibility: Qualifying Examination (10+2 or Equivalent): Must have secured at least 75% aggregate marks in Class XII (or equivalent) Board examination. The aggregate marks for SC, ST and PD candidates should be at least 65%. The marks scored in following five subjects will be considered for calculating the aggregate marks criterion- PCM + Language + any subject other than these four.

Marks scored in JEE (Advanced)-2017 Examination will also be considered: ■ IIST Admission Rank list will be generated only for those candidates who register online for admission to IIST and satisfy all the eligibility criteria. ■ Please note that IIST Admission Rank list will be prepared on the basis of JEE (Advanced)-2017 All-India Rank (including category rank).

■ (Please visit IIST Admission website: www.iist.ac.in/admissions/undergraduate, for information)

Application Process: The IIST admission web portal for online registration will be open from May 22, 2017 up to June 12, 2017. Important dates will be announced in the IIST Admission Brochure, which will be uploaded on the website by April 30, 2017

Entrance Test: JEE Main 2017 (visit <http://www.jeemain.nic.in>) and JEE Adv. 2017

(visit <http://www.jeeadv.ac.in>)

Website: www.iist.ac.in/admissions/undergraduate

Taruna Barthwal, Manager
Amity Career Counseling & Guidance Cell

Get one notch up...

...with the degrees that only a few unconventional people have dared to study. Read on if you wish to take the road less traveled

Megha Jha

AIS Gur 46, XII G

It's good to be different in your own way in a world which is basically a conventional herd. If you think different, here are a few interesting degrees that your parents might not get, but will surely set you apart.

Fair Warning: They may shatter your ideas of a regular 9-6 jobs.

Blacksmithing

A degree in blacksmithing will not only give you a professional edge over amateur blacksmiths, but will open wide income prospects as well. It involves the study of tuning of different metals to create unique items like knives, gates, furniture, etc. and the techniques to beat metal and mould them into pieces of art, gas operations etc. Cha-ching! Can you hear the money jingling in already?

Where to study: Fleming College, Canada & Hereford college of Art, UK

Aromatherapy

Aromatherapists possess the knowledge to create mystical scents, some of which even have healing properties. They find employment in many types of alternative and holistic medicine settings. Get ready to study the use of herbs, history of aromatherapy, different kinds of oils etc.

Where to study: Indian

Institute of Aromatherapy

Enigmatology

A degree which deals with the creation and solution of puzzles. It has only one graduate since 1974-Will Shortz. The course teaches you how to train the mind to comprehend difficult hands-on problems, logarithms and algorithms etc.

Where to study: Indiana University, Indiana, United States

Oriental Medicine/Herbology

Many of our revolutionary health products available in today's market find their roots in ancient medicinal practices. An Oriental Medicine major can help you with your health

problems without using modern medicines. The topics include hygiene, Dietetics, management of health problems, herbal medicine and acupuncture.

Where to study: Pacific college of Oriental Medicine, Seattle Institute, USA and Oregon college of Oriental Medicine, Portland, USA.

Comedy Studies

"Ha ha" "What's so funny?" "I have a degree in comedy" "Well, that is funny." Earning this degree will teach you topics like basics of comedy, techniques of silent comedy etc.



Where to study: Columbia College in Chicago & Emerson College in Boston, USA. PS: Indians are still in the process of accepting comedy as a major.

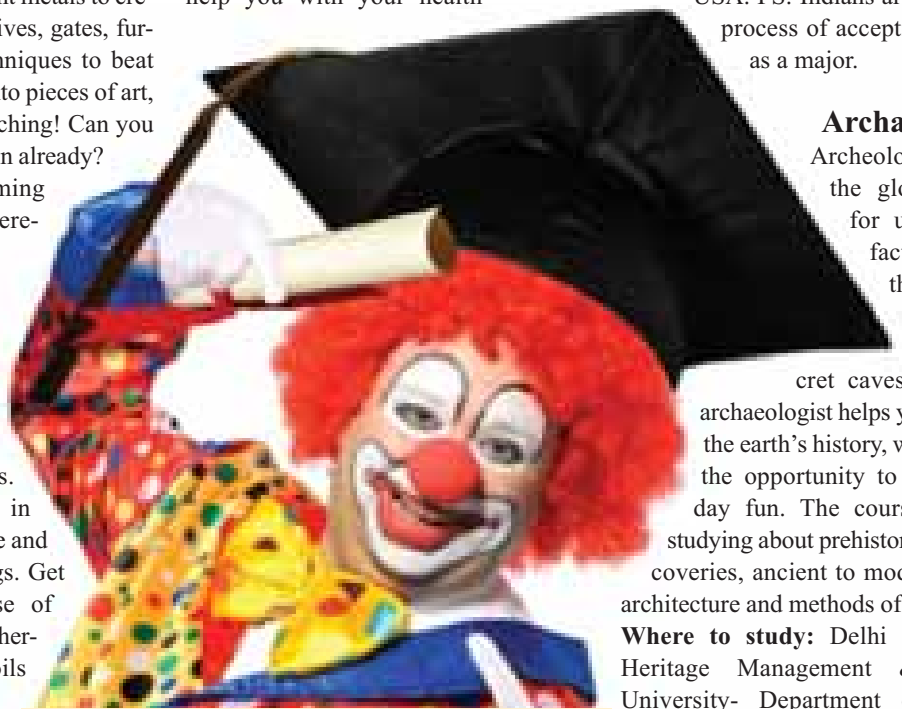
Archaeology

Archeologists travel the globe, search for unseen artifacts when they're not

roaming through secret caves. Being an

archaeologist helps you preserve the earth's history, while having the opportunity to make each day fun. The course involves studying about prehistoric earth discoveries, ancient to modern art and architecture and methods of excavation.

Where to study: Delhi Institute of Heritage Management & Madras University- Department of Ancient History and Archaeology  



Imaging: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network

For any query write to us at careercounselor@amity.edu

OPPORTUNITY FOR **CLASS X, XI, XII & 2017 XII PASSING OUT STUDENTS**



AMITY UNIVERSITY SUMMER SCHOOL 2017

A UNIQUE CONCEPT AS FOLLOWED BY TOP GLOBAL UNIVERSITIES

Experience campus life even before you join college.

Pursue your career dreams. Choose from 23 diverse streams.

Prepare yourself for an exciting graduation life ahead.

LEARN

from distinguished faculty credited with filing over 760 patents and developing 1,600 case studies bought across 62 countries

**11th BATCH COMMENCING FROM
29th May to 9th June 2017**

EXPERIENCE

the joy of learning at over 300 labs (Engineering, Biotechnology, Nanotechnology, Forensic Science, Telecom etc.) and learning studios (Architecture, Mass Comm, Hotel Mgmt., Fashion, Fine Arts, Law etc.)

ENHANCE

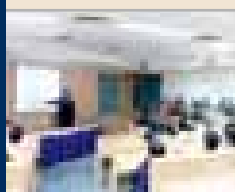
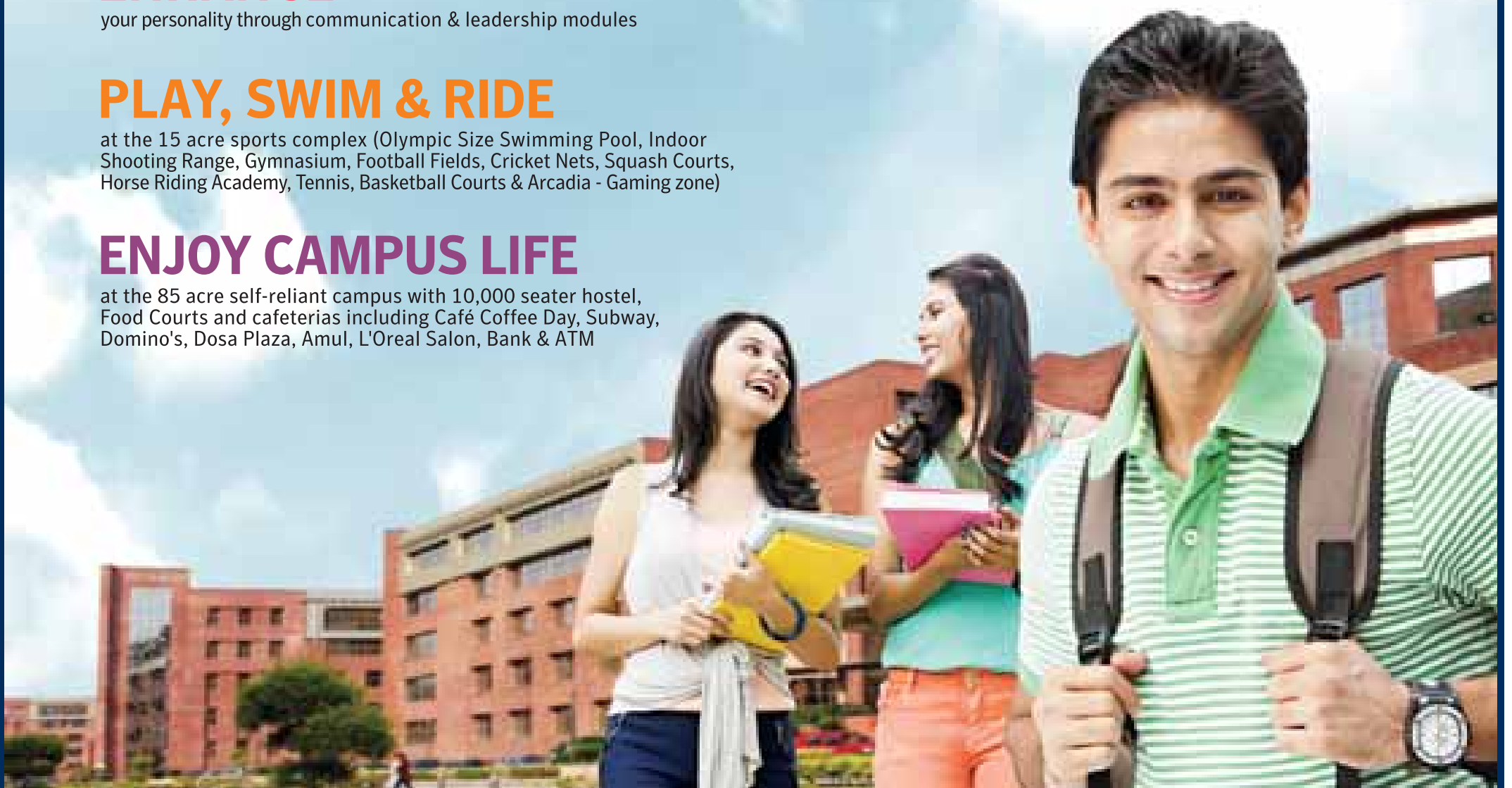
your personality through communication & leadership modules

PLAY, SWIM & RIDE

at the 15 acre sports complex (Olympic Size Swimming Pool, Indoor Shooting Range, Gymnasium, Football Fields, Cricket Nets, Squash Courts, Horse Riding Academy, Tennis, Basketball Courts & Arcadia - Gaming zone)

ENJOY CAMPUS LIFE

at the 85 acre self-reliant campus with 10,000 seater hostel, Food Courts and cafeterias including Café Coffee Day, Subway, Domino's, Dosa Plaza, Amul, L'Oreal Salon, Bank & ATM



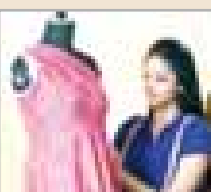
Amphitheatre style AC classrooms



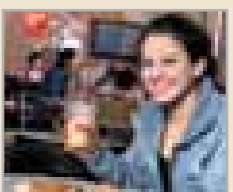
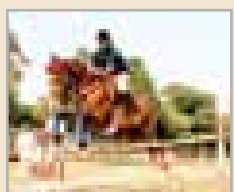
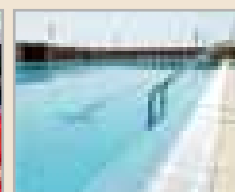
Central Library spread over 56,000 sq. ft



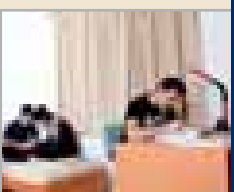
300 hi-tech Labs & Learning Studios in over 60 disciplines



On-campus 15 acre sports complex with numerous outdoor and indoor sports activities



On-campus Cafeteria and multi-cuisine court



Separate Hostel for Boys & Girls

23 COURSES TO CHOOSE FROM

ENGINEERING SC. & TECHNOLOGY

- Biotechnology
- Space Science & Technology
- Nanotech. • Aerospace & Avionics
- Computer Sc. • Electronics & Comm.
- Forensic Sc. • Automobile Engg.
- Networking & Telecomm.

CREATIVE PROGRAMMES

- Fine Arts • Architecture & Interior Design
- Fashion Design

SPECIALISED PROGRAMMES

- Hotel Mgmt. • Travel & Tourism
- Psychology • Law • Physical Education
- Foreign Language

MANAGEMENT

- Marketing & Sales
- Accounting & Finance

MASS COMMUNICATION

- Film Awareness & Film Making
- English Comm. & Journalism
- Photography

OVER 2,000 STUDENTS FROM 350+ INDIAN AND INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE AMITY UNIVERSITY SUMMER SCHOOL OVER THE YEARS:

- The Shri Ram School • Delhi Public School • G D Goenka World School
- Mayo College, Ajmer • Mother's International • Spring Dales School
- Army Public School • Convent of Jesus & Mary • Vasant Valley School

FEES • Course Fees: Rs. 10,000/-
(Fees subsidized by Amity Youth Foundation)

• Hostel Fees: Rs. 4,000/-
(including Breakfast/ Lunch/ Dinner)



The black spot inside the surface of its hind wing distinguishes the male monarch butterfly from the female one as it has no such spot.

Its time to hit the road

As the wind caresses your hair and teases your scarf, the smooth road ensures that you have a majestic ride. But when your family comes on board, a road trip becomes a different adventure

Maansi Manchanda, AIS Gur 43, XII

The clock reads 4:55 am. You're lying in bed, eyes shut, waiting for the longest five minutes of your life to pass so you can jump out of bed. "Finally I'm going on a road trip!" You repeat to yourself as you let almost frozen beads of water shower upon you, while you bathe. In the hustle to get ready, it's now 6:00 am and your entire family is packed into your trusted old car. Your mom, dad, two siblings, pillows, multiple packets of chips, half your bookshelf and ten different board games; everything's been stuffed in. Also, the not to be forgotten mountain of luggage strapped to the roof of the car. You start off, expecting the most magical journey of your life. You feel strangely elite, up before everyone and going on this great adventure. This great adventure, which is so magical that by 6:30 am, your headphones are dangling off of one ear and you're drooling on the back seat of the car, fast asleep. Suddenly, your dreams of dramatically running through the valley you're traveling to, are rudely interrupted by commotion. You wake up to find the car parked. It's



Illustration: Anju Rawat, GT Network

9 am now and you have halted at a local 'dhaaba' for breakfast. The sleepy siblings quickly line up outside the reeking washrooms as a result of the mother's strict warning, "Abhi nahi toh kabhi nahi". Hot steaming *paranths*,

slathered with an entire stick of butter and cutting *chais* arrive at your table and your hungry family quickly pounces on its prey. It is now 10 am and breakfast has been gobbled. Once, everyone has stretched sufficiently, it's time to get

back into the car. You've now had your nap, so you spend the next hour gazing outside the window. You're looking outside the window like Hrithik Roshan from *Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara*, gazing out into Spanish fields, full of majestic

horses whereas what's passing you by are only 'Punjab ke khet' with the chance of a spare cow here and there. Yet again, your Oscar moment is ruined by your younger sibling. "Didi, didi, UNO khelo naa!" The scenery of the car changes with the scenery outside. The back of the car has now become a gaming arcade. A new game's being played every fifteen minutes while your dad's busy showing off his exceptional photography skills by taking pictures of the 'gaon', the 'ghar' and even the cow. Your mom, is trying her best to point out things to the kids in the back, blabbering out random facts about everything she can see. It's almost 1 pm. The irritability in the car is rising as everyone's stomachs are getting emptier and bladders fuller. Time for another stop. The moment the car halts, everyone bursts out. The cramped space is now messy and full of funky smells. Your mom gets to cleaning up and everyone runs towards food and seating spaces that offer them the freedom to stretch their legs. The thirty minute stop turns into a two hour break. And once again, you continue what still seems like the most amazing journey of your life! 🍌

Brothers of the watch?

From kings, honour, friendships, resurrection powers and dragons-*Game of Thrones* has it all. Looks like Indian soaps have found their 'bichde bhai'. **Shantanu Chandra, AIS MV, XII F** points out the common chords!

The evil eye gaze

Every Indian show has that *saas* for an essential, whose life's ambition is to wreak havoc on the *bahu* and make her life absolutely miserable, all through her gaze. GOT is no different, whether it be Caiteyln Stark's sneer at poor, secluded Jon Snow or Cersei Lannister's venomous gaze at her own brother or her almost *bahu*, Sansa. All that's missing in GOT now is a black and white filter, a thunderclap slap and three flashbacks to the same!

Over the top plot twists

If Mihir made an appearance in the show 'Kyuki saas bhi kabhi bahu thi' after months of having been

declared dead, John Snow was quicker in regaining life, literally. When it comes to treating their fans to the bewildering and mind-scratching plot twists, dabbling in themes of resurrection, magic, fashionable zombies and the dead coming alive, GOT is no less than its Indian brother. Expecting a *naagin* now, anybody?

There are big families

So you think Indian shows have confusing families like the *Saas*, *Saas ki Saas*, the *Bahu*, *Bahu ki Bahu*, *Bahu ki Maa*, *Bahu ka Pati*, *Pati ke Papa*, *Pati ke Chacha*, *Pati ke Dada*, all living under the same roof? GOT too bombards you with families as colossal as the 'narrow sea'.

There are the Starks, with Eddard Stark, wife Catelyn Stark, children Robb Stark, Bran Stark, Rickon Stark and daughters Sansa Stark, Arya Stark; his adopted sons Jon Snow and Theon Greyjoy, his brother Benjen Stark, accompanied by Maester Luwin, the cooks and the other household help and more!

And this is just one of the seven great houses. Don't even get us started with the Lannisters, Baratheons, Tullys, Tyrells and Martells. As the Khaleesi would say, "I'm not going to stop the wheel. I'm going to break the wheel!" 🍌

Graphic: Pankaj Mallik, GT Network



The sitcom camaraderie

From trying to copy their 'coolness' to cracking a joke, there's a lot we ape from TV characters

Sheel Chandra, AIS Noida, XII C

Eliciting a smirk with their one-liners, making us go 'woah, you go girl' with their inexhaustible spirit, simply bringing a smile to our faces. And also, making us believe that we aren't the only weird ones out there; the characters of sitcoms have done it all through the numerous shades they bring to the TV and in your life. Read on for we bring you the most common and loved ones.

#1 The one with social awkwardness

.... you secretly relate to, but never admit

You think you are charming like Matty from *Awkward*? Or someone who's as awkward as Rajesh Koothrapali or in extreme cases, Sheldon Cooper? From obnoxious geniuses to the OCD afflicted ones, they tell you that weird is the new-age normal.

#2 The one with catchphrases

... you look up to for captions

Everyone at some point in their life, has uploaded that photograph at the MUN they attended for formals, with the caption, "Suit Up!" Or perhaps used the infamous, "How you doin'" with the smirk emoji.

#3 The one with the funny bone

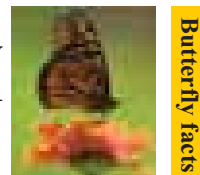
...you try to imitate

Admit it, the jokes you crack to diffuse tension in an awkward situation; you've learnt from them. Of course, your mom doesn't seem to be as amused as you thought she'll be when you said 'Bazinga!' after telling her you lost her emerald earrings. Sigh, Sheldon. Why put such unrealistic expectations?

#4 The one with all the cheer

....you pretend you are

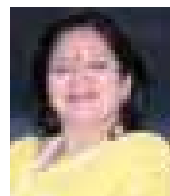
They're cool, brash, fiery and funny. We all want to be like Rachel, Gloria, or Penny. But fret not, for deep down, we're all cheerleaders...like Phil Dunphy- "I was so cool that other kids didn't even want me at their parties."



Those 60 seconds

"New Year – a new chapter, new verse, or just the same old story? Ultimately we write it. The choice is ours."

– Alex Morritt



Dr. Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

The evening of December 31, 2016 was indeed a significant moment for all of us. As we all waited with bated breath for the hands of the clock to strike 12, efforts were made to make those 60 seconds the best time of our lives. For it marked the beginning of a 'New year', a new cycle and a fresh journey. Now, let's ask ourselves. 15 days of the New Year have passed. Did we spend them with the same excitement and thrill like we spent those 60 seconds? Or were they spent just like any other day? The spirit of the New Year should not only be confined to the first few minutes, but each and every second of your life. Every moment we live can be a new year, filled with freshness and novelty if only we carry the same spark in our hearts. The resolutions we make for the first day of the year, should be made every moment so that with each passing second we see a new us. We are the writers of our own story, so why should we wait for a specific day to write a good one? The secret to creating miracles lies in the present. What we do in the immediate moment will decide what we'll do in the coming year. This 2017, be resolute to infuse newness in all you do, be courageous to leave the past behind and be brave enough to steer your life in a new direction. And always keep in mind, every moment is a new year! 🇮🇳

NO Means NO

"Na' sirf ek shabd nahi... apne aap mein pura vakya hai. Ise kisi tark, spashtikaran, explanation ya vyakhya ki jaroorat nahi hoti."



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

The above dialogue from the movie Pink, speaks volumes of the power of this two character word that can change the direction of life. Indeed, the powerful lines spoken by Amitabh Bachchan drove the realisation that 'NO' is not merely a word, but a complete, self-explanatory sentence in itself. The top story of this edition explores the power of this word, which uttered in any mood, emotion or situation – whether humbly, bravely, sternly or non-violently – always means the same thing. The power of this word was first explored by US First Lady Nancy Reagan when she coined the slogan 'Just say NO' for her campaign to save children from substance abuse. This simple phrase was so impactful that it became an integral part of popular American culture. While the word 'No' may seem short and simple to spell, saying 'No' out loud to someone may not always be very easy. The reasons can be varied – you might not want to hurt the person, you might be afraid of losing an opportunity, or you may not want to give another person the chance to judge you. But sometimes, saying yes can be the wrong choice, for example if you are being urged to "just try it once". If you are the type who easily succumbs to pressure, consider exploring the possibilities inherent in saying 'No'. You may feel hesitant, in the beginning, but gradually you will experience a sense of empowerment. Saying 'No' to someone else would mean saying 'Yes' to yourself. This new year, explore the power of 'No'. GT wishes you all a very Happy New Year. 🇮🇳

Published and Printed by Mr R.R. Aiyar on behalf of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan from E-26, Defence Colony, New Delhi 110024 and printed from HT Media Ltd, B-2, Sec 63, Noida (UP). Editor Ms Vira Sharma.
■ Edition: Vol 9, Issue 1 ■ RNI No. DELENG / 2009 / 30258. Both for free distribution and annual subscription of ₹ 900.

Opinions expressed in GT articles are of the writers and do not necessarily reflect those of the editors or publishers. While the editors do their utmost to verify information published, they do not accept responsibility for its absolute accuracy. Published for the period January 9-22, 2017

The memory lane

A place evoking love, conjuring up regrets and filled with nostalgia. A place to be left, only to be revisited to take lessons and sound memories

Aastha Gupta, AIS Pushp Vihar, XI F

"All aboard!" The annual Hop On, Hop Off bus is here, which makes a tour of the unspoken World Wonder: The Memory Lane. As we ascend to the vehicle, we find ourselves to be a solitary passenger, as this journey must be made alone. The engine starts and the ride commences. The first stop is The Field of Fond Memories, within the premises of which we find all our beloved childhood pleasures, the playthings which we adored beyond measure, the excitement of a new day, the bliss of innocence and the pure affection for our family and friends. As we linger in this field for a brief period, we observe the change that has transpired since these memories were made. Things no longer excite us and a new dawn no longer exhilarates.

After conveying our remorse through a dispirited sigh, we proceed to the next destination, The Museum of Morphosis. Inside, we find on display artifacts of former times; our favourite toy, our most beloved pieces of candy, our best dress, our most treasured book and a multitude of other relics from our lost stage of Childhood. Incisively observing all these abraded remnants, we marvel at the force with which the process of ageing occurs. It removes the essence of life and transforms fantasy into dull realism; a toy is solely an otiose article of plastic, a candy is nothing but a concentration of incessant sugar and books are well, either available for study



or for disregardful disposal.

With compunction diffusing in our soul, we dejectedly climb the bus to reach the final stop, The Realm of Regret. Here greets us our forlorn present, interspersed with the guilt we harbour as a consequence of committing morally unsanctioned actions. An unforgettable fight with our mother, where we spoke one too many harsh words, an instance when we degraded our friend's honour and made them feel small, bad company we fell into and deviated from the path of righteousness and a wrong decision we

made, which consequentially, led us right here. Now we finally express our sadness at the loss of our infancy and childhood, when life was a dream and dreams constituted life. Having fulfilled the task of reminiscence and saturated in nostalgia, we board the bus to return home. The bus drops us home and makes a firm promise to arrive again succeeding a few years, when we shall have created fresh memories to be stored along The Memory Lane, to be revisited and cried over and to be forever preserved in this sacred sanctuary of our mind. 🇮🇳

A matter of pride

The recent celebration of Indian Army Day on Jan 15 brought the jawans into limelight once again. But will the light soon gather dust like always?

Perspective

Akshara Iyer, AIS Noida, XI J

"Some goals are so worthy, it's glorious even to fail."

– Capt. Manoj Kumar Pandey,
PVC 1/11, Gorkha Rifles

Recently, a video went viral on social media and 'Indian Army' became the keyword across debates. Too unfortunate that a sad video is what it took to draw attention to our armed forces, something that deserves to be in the spotlight through the year.

I recently stumbled upon a post on Facebook that made my heart swell with pride for our Indian Army. Here's an extract from the post: "That's the thing, we only celebrate our *Jawaans* once they've lost their lives, but we need to celebrate them everyday. My husband has lost so many of his batchmates to war or technical failures. There are days where there's no communication between us because he's in an area where there's no network and finally after days he'll call us up to tell us he's okay. It's so dif-



icult for us, and even though this is his profession, I don't think there's been a day where he's complained — everyday he wakes up with a smile on his face because he's serving his country."

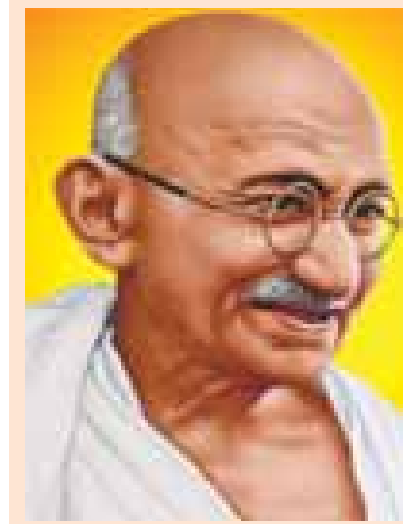
This got me thinking. We talk about the army at the time of war. But what about all those times when the country may not be at war, but our jawans stand in the biting cold to protect all of us who sleep comfortably in our cosy beds. We felt outraged when the news of Uri attacks broke out. We rejoiced when the

Indian Army carried out a surgical strike in PoK. And then? We forgot all about our armed forces.

Our Army has constantly been protecting us from threats, both internal and external, so much, that we may not even realize the implications of the word 'threats'. So let us take pride in our Army, and honour them for their selfless love towards the motherland. Let pride in our army be second nature to us rather than a topic for news hour debates, spurred by an event or a video. 🇮🇳

Proud facts

- The Indian Army is the third biggest military contingent in the world, after USA and China.
- Our Army is the largest voluntary army in the world.
- The Indian Army is the biggest contributor to UN Peacekeeping missions. So far, India has taken part in 43 Peacekeeping missions.



The thoughts of Bapu

Little pearls of wisdom

Nandini Agrawal, AIS Noida, VIII

Our dear Bapu, Mahatma Gandhi is revered not just for his freedom struggle, but also for his ideals and values. In the world that we live in today, his ideals help us navigate through the ups and downs of life. He was not just a seeker of truth but also a practitioner of non-violence and love. Gandhiji

perceived that love, spelt as non-violence in thought and deed, was the way to human development and evolution. Mahatma Gandhi always walked on the road to self-discovery. For him, his consciousness was a laboratory for searching the inner truth and human society was a field for social experiments. Even the trivial activities from his routine was a learning experience for him. The selfless work he had done for social good, has left behind a bright future

for the coming generations. The life story of Bapu, is full of examples to learn from for every human being, who aspires to lead a meaningful life. Even after doing great deeds, he was never blinded with pride. His strength lied in the fact that he would recognise his faults and weaknesses. But what made him greater was the efforts he took to transform those weaknesses into his strengths. And that is the thing we should learn from him; to not to get blinded by human pride, but to be humble and constantly work towards the betterment of the self and the society.



The butterflies weigh between 0.25 to 0.75 grams with a wing of 10 cm.

Rags to Riches

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

The White Knight rises 6

While countries and states have been haggling and hovering over the access to water resources, one man, with his sheer will and empathy, bred life into barren land. A story of unrelenting compassion, a story of heartfelt humanity, his is a story of a 'kind'

He did not work in the fields, for he was meant to lead the field. Born to a middle class family of farmers in the year 1936, Chewang Norphel was not an ordinary boy who followed herd mentality. On the contrary, he believed in leading the herd from the front. While he was bound to be a farmer by heredity, Chewang chose to study science at Amar Singh College in Srinagar. Further, he completed his diploma in civil engineering in 1960 from Civil Engineering School, Lucknow. Unlike many of his contemporaries, Norphel didn't think of settling abroad to earn a fortune for himself. Instead, he stayed in his country to serve it, to bring fortune to many.

He did not just stick to his job; he worked passionately to make a difference.

After finishing his studies, Norphel joined Rural Development Department as an observer. With his sheer bravado and enigma, he got promoted in 1966 to sub-divisional officer and was posted to Zaskar, a remote area in Ladakh. Challenging jobs became his forte as he worked to construct schools, buildings, bridges etc in harsh terrains and without skilled labour. And perhaps it were these challenging jobs that got the best out of him. Norphel started doing the masonry work himself and involved a few villagers to help him. Gradually, he trained them to become skilled labours earning handsome salaries. Seven years later, he was promoted as Assistant Engineer to oversee the Tibetan Rehabilitation programme. By 1980, he was an executive engineer in the Rural Development Department. Norphel had to take an early retirement in 1995 due to health issues. But the retirement was from job and not from his work.

For him retirement did not mean rest; it meant even more opportunities to serve.

Norphel had traveled to various parts of Ladakh as part of his job and had closely observed the grave water issues of the region. The natural glaciers in the region melted two months before the season for field irrigation, resulting in most of the water in the winter months getting drained to the Indus river. A man with a taste for challenges, he started experimenting with various methods of water conservation that he learned as a civil engineer. And soon he had his master plan ready in the form of artificial glaciers. By diverting the river into shady valley and slowing of the stream while constructing checks, Norphel gave birth to his very first artificial glacier that would melt in spring 'irrigation season'. And with that not only did he give the farming sector of Ladakh a new life, he also made sure to minimise the economic and environmental costs that would have come with other alternatives such as dams. He showed the world that macro level changes

could be brought about by using resources at micro level. The ripple effect of his project empowered the local population in ways more than one. And soon he was hailed as 'The Ice Man' and 'The White Knight' - titles that befit him totally.

He did not just see problems; he saw an innate solution in every problem.

The journey to bring change was never been easy and so when Chewang Norphel set on his journey to make a self-sustainable water community, he faced numerous hurdles. But what made his journey different was the impeccable passion to make it to the destination. He found viable, feasible solutions that redefined the way local communities could function. When the cost of dams seemed high, he crafted artificial glaciers that reduced the cost tenfold. In the absence of skilled labour, he trained the local population with the skills that were required for the functioning of the project. And most of all when people laughed his idea over, he kept believing in the same, working with avowed intent to bring a difference. He knew that a continuous benefit from the glaciers is only possible if the village heads and the villagers take keen interest in repairing the glaciers. And so, even now, he's determined to create a brigade of skilled leaders.

He did not race for recognition; recognition followed.

Norphel never worked for accolades, he worked for people. But benevolence and compassion never go

unheard. A constellation of awards speak about

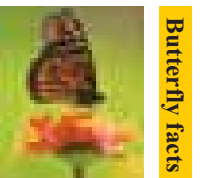
his noble work. He was awarded with Limca Book of Records 2006, Best Rural Engineering Award by President of India 1998, Far Eastern Economic Review by Gold Asian Innovation Award of Hongkong 1999, Vasant Rao Naik Award 2002, Environmental Award (Rural) by 14 Corps 2011 and many more. The legacy goes on, and so do his struggles to keep his dream project alive. And every struggle, we are sure, will bring us yet another charismatic shade of the social crusader 'White Man'.

He showed the world that an effort is never small, a thought never wasteful and one man, with almost no resource made it there, the journey from 'rags to riches'. [G I](#)

Text contributed by: Vasavi Sridhar, Oas Goel, Harshika Chhimwal, Sakshi Shukla & Ishika Gupta, XI, AIS Vas 6



A poison called Cardiac Glycosides is stored by monarch butterflies. It is a defence against predators such as lizards, birds and frogs.



Butterfly facts

A second chance

Storywala



Ahlaam Rafiq, AIS Noida, X

The crowd was restless. Occasional whispers could be heard, every now and then, as everyone eagerly awaited their war hero. Trumpets heralded his arrival, and the stamping of the crowd increased in tempo. He appeared, finally, looking fresh, yet battered and bruised with war. People went fanatical when he shook hands with them, while the little girl stood limping in a corner. With a prosthetic limb, she struggled to

move past the crowd. The wall of people in front of her formed a thick barrier. She was too feeble to swim through the sea of necks, and no one even bothered to help her. She struggled past the throng of people and made her way to the front. Being prosthetic was just another reason for her pain. While people could see her prosthetic limb, nobody knew about the deadly disease that she had fallen prey to. She was dying. She was carrying a pink rose once again, hoping that it will remind him of the day

She had few days to live. She was carrying a pink rose once again, hoping that it will remind him of the day they met.

they had met for the first time. The rose too was dying a slow death; its rosy hue slowly turning black. This was all she waited for. She walked towards the head of the procession. His head was barely visible. "I want to meet him," she whispered. She shouted, "Oh Captain! My captain!" His face turned towards the voice. He looked at her. Their eyes met and a smile could be seen on either face. He did remember her. He remembered how scared she was when he had met her for the first time. The little twelve year old girl on the border of Syria with a pink rose; among the pack of wolves. She was not supposed to be there. She wanted to live, but there was no chance. He had seen another rose wilt right in front of his eyes. But this time it was different, he wanted a chance to save one. For, it gave both of them a second chance. A second chance to give life and live life.



White sauce pasta

Tanisha Chawla
AIS Saket, IX

Ingredients

- Macaroni.....1 cup
- Water 2½ cup
- Refined oil1 tsp

For white sauce

- Butter2 tbs
- Oregano1 tsp
- Refined flour..... 2 tbs
- Milk 2 ¾ cup
- Salt¾ tsp
- Pepper.....½ tsp
- Chili flakes½ tsp
- Cream¼ cup
- Cheese100 gm

Method

- Add water, oil and salt in a container. Bring it to a boil.
- Add macaroni to the boiling water.
- Let it cook for 15 minutes. Drain and keep aside.
- For the white sauce, heat butter in a pan and add refined flour . Keep stirring to ensure that there are no lumps.
- Add milk to the butter and flour mixture. Once it thickens, add salt, pepper and chili flakes.
- Now, add cream and boiled macaroni to the prepared white sauce and cook it for 2 minutes.
- Finally, garnish the pasta with cheese and oregano flakes.

Read Play and Win

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

Q: What is the designation of the interviewee on the front page?

Ans:

Q: Who is the writer of the top story?

Ans:

Q: Which new test has been proposed by the government for engineers?

Ans:

Q: Name some of the topics taught in Herbolgy.

Ans:

Q: Whose ideals are being discussed in Little pearls of wisdom?

Ans:

Q: Who won the Season 2 of Masterchef Australia?

Ans:

Q: Which place did the girl in the story 'The second chance' belong to?

Ans:

Q: What is the moral of the story written on Page 9?

Ans:

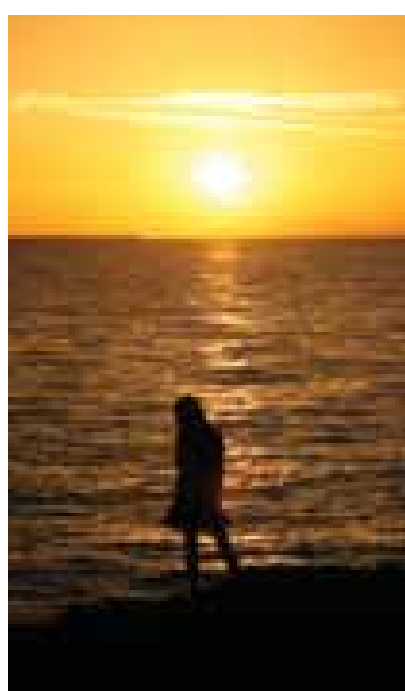
Q: Name any two complimentary dishes served by Korean restaurants?

Ans:

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

Results of Read Play and Win-18: **Abhiniti Gupta**, AIS Saket, IX A; **Manushree**, AIS Saket, VI C; **Samari Pant**, AIS Noida II H (Prizes will reach you in 15 days)

Words Verse



Don't lose hope

Priyanjana Ghosh
AIS Saket, VIII A

In the darkness of the night
 Goes a little girl striding by
 Doesn't know what lies ahead

She hoped for a little light
 Scared of her stepmother
 Walking through the silent night
 Praying that no wild animal comes by
 Carrying fear and fright inside

Thinking and thinking
 Of all the dreadful moments
 That drifted in the sky
 Still a hope of kindness lay inside

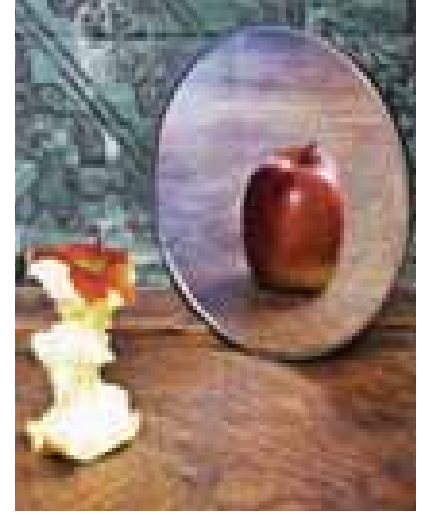
Nobody knows what magic happened
 She found the house of 7 little elves
 A stray of excitement arose in her heart
 And she felt happiness was on her part

She believed in hope
 As hope always broadens the scope
 She told her little friends
 That hope can make you work.

I stood admiring my perfection
 In oblivion of others' reaction
 My pride took over my best trait
 Was that all written in my fate?

When I was busy making castles in air
 People built castles on the war field
 Where the final war would be held
 Theirs were real and mine a fantasy

It's time I end
 My vanities, I mend
 The mistakes done in the past
 And realise my perfection won't last!



Vanity

Yashaswini Parashar
AIS Gur 46, IX E

Failure to be the best
 Was a great blow to my vanity
 Helping me realise the reality
 That I whole heartedly detest

CAMERA CAPERS

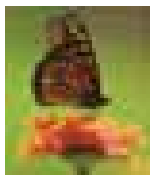
Send in your entries to cameracapercers@theglobaltimes.in

Animesh Seth, AIS MV, VIII A

The royal beauty

The road less traveled

Embellished with glory



The butterflies have a broad spectrum perception of colours and can see even the UV light that humans cannot.

Pic: Asees Kaur, AIS PV, VI D

The tale of friendship

Short Story



Lavanya Senthil, AIS MV, VI A

Sameer walked with heavy footsteps in his classroom. He could hear the other children whisper things about him. "Here comes the rich new boy," scoffed one child. "He must be so rude," remarked another. Sameer was the son of a wealthy man in a small town in the snow-capped mountains of Himachal Pradesh. He had been changing schools for many years now. Everyone thought he was very snobbish as he hardly spoke to anyone. But that was not true. It was a new school and he was too shy to talk to anyone. The remarks made by his classmates made him more **skeptical**. One day, Sameer was sitting alone in the playground, when suddenly, a classmate of Sameer named Sharda came up to

Illustration: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network him. She gave Sameer a nervous smile. Looking unsure, she said, "Sameer, would you like to come to the class picnic tomorrow?" An apprehensive Sameer stared at her. Soon, he managed to smile and agreed. "Great! So you have to bring cheese sandwiches to Central Park tomorrow at 6 pm," Sharda said happily. Sameer nodded with excitement. Finally, he would have friends. The next day, Sameer made some cheese sandwiches and left for the picnic. However, he lied to his parents and told them that he had gone to attend piano lessons. He reached the park and joined the kids. Initially, the kids were hesitant to talk to him but soon they became comfortable with him and they enjoyed and playing together. His classmates also loved the delicious sandwiches he made and that made Sameer happy. 'Happy!' He

He never felt so happy and never had friends in a long time! he could not make any friends as he kept changing schools.

thought. He had never felt so happy before. Since he kept changing schools, he never had the chance to make friends. He had never been for a picnic before. When suddenly, he heard someone scream. Sharda, the girl who had invited him had tripped over a rock and broken her ankle. Everyone was baffled and no one knew what to do. Sameer immediately jumped to action and called his driver, despite knowing that his parents might get to know of his lie. He quickly helped Sharda and took her to the hospital. Sameer called Sharda's parents and informed them of the incident.

Few days later...

Sharda's ankle was perfect now. There was a lot of noise on the lunch table as the table was occupied by Sameer and his classmates. All of them were having Sameer's special cheese sandwiches. "I am never going to change this school. I have found my best friends here," Sameer thought to himself. **GT**

So, what did you learn today?

A new word: **Skeptical**
Meaning: **Doubt about a particular thing**



Le desk petit

Asees Kaur

AIS Pushp Vihar, VI D

Materials Required

- Matchboxes (6)
- Glue
- Scale
- Pencil
- Plain coloured sheet
- Designer paper sheet
- Matches



Method

- Take out the inside (the box that holds the matches) of all the matchboxes. Cover them with plain paper.
- Once all the boxes have been covered, put them back inside.

- Now, stick three matchboxes on top of one another. Repeat the same procedure with the other three.
- Take one set of three matchboxes and cover it with a designer sheet. Make sure that you are covering only the sides, so that you can pull out the inside of the box. Repeat with the other set of boxes as well.
- Now take a pin and make a hole in the centre of all the match boxes.
- Take six match sticks and break them into half. Insert it into the hole. They will be used as your handle for the boxes.
- Stick the two set of boxes together.
- Keep small hair clips, small pins or loose buttons in these boxes.

POEMS

My dream vocation

Aadya Roy, AIS Saket, VI C

Would be something under the blues,
Something exciting and interesting
Something enjoyable every day
And something of use

Would I be an actor
Working with a director
Or would I be an archaeologist
With history to be acknowledged

Would I be an athlete

Running to beat time
Or a cartoonist
Working full time

But I would like to select
A vocation that brings India respect
With my head held high
Waving the flag high in the sky. **GT**

My friends

Nikhaar Chandra
AIS Noida, VII I

The day is so beautiful
The sun is so bright
But I'm not very happy
For no friend is in sight

My heart is full of sorrow
My world is so dry
Without a friend I can do nothing
But sit alone and cry

I am here alone
With tears in my eyes
Until a friend comes and wipes them
And walks side-by-side

My life is so dull
My happiness has come to an end
Waiting for you to come
And make my day vibrant

As you go away
Nothing seems right
But then you come and hug me
And make me feel alright. **GT**

Riddle Fiddle

Aryash Mullick
AIS Noida, IV A

1. Where do locksmiths go on vacation?
2. What has rivers without water, forests, with no trees and cities without buildings?
3. I'm there once in a minute, twice in a moment, but never in thousand?
4. Where does Friday come before Thursday?
5. What game do cows play at parties?

Answers: 1. The Florida keys 2. A map 3. The letter m 4. In a dictionary 5. Moo-sical chair



It's Me

My name: Nityant Vashishth
My school: AIS Vas 6
My Class: I
My birthday: June 24, 2010
I Like: Collecting cars
I dislike: Crying babies
My hobby: Colouring
My role model: My father
My best friend: My mother
My favourite book: Earth and its creatures
My favourite game: Cricket
My favourite mall: Mahagun Metro Mall
My favourite food: Paneer ki sabji and chapati
My favourite teacher: Jaya Tuli ma'am
My favourite poem: Oh Mr Sun
My favourite subject: Mathematics
I want to become: An automobile engineer
I want to feature in GT because: It inspires me to write and to be creative with all its interesting stories.



Comic Fun

Ronit Sabharwal
AIS Gur 46, VII

Abraçadabra! Genie appear! *rubs the lamp*



Behold! I am a genie! I can grant you three wishes.

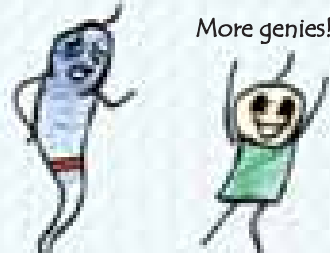


What is your first wish?

More wishes!

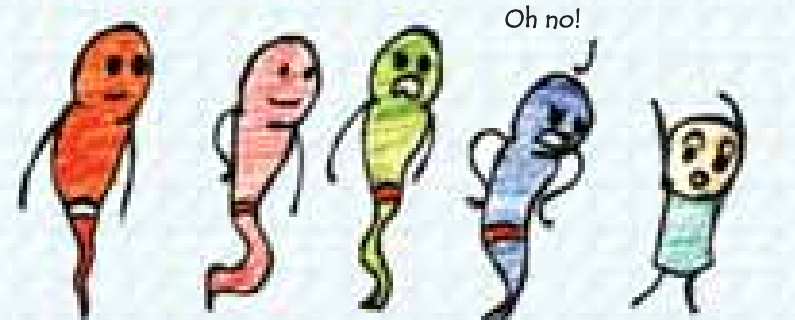


A genie can only grant 3 wishes. That is the rule.



Oh no!

Pop!Pop!Pop!



Blissful winters

Dew drops, foggy mornings and a warm sun against a chilly backdrop. Winter is nature's way to say hello to everything beautiful. Amies greeted the season with a slew of engaging activities

Winter under the sun

Amiown Gurgaon

Shruti Singhal, Faculty

The sun is never loved so much as in winters. The season symbolises joy for little Amies who love to play out in the gardens. To ensure that Amies get to do what they love the most, Amiown Gur 46 celebrated the Winter Solstice by organising activities like storytelling under the sun, outdoor play, outdoor morning assembly etc. Amies enjoyed the morning assemblies as they recited morning prayers and *shlokas* under the sun. They also practiced yoga. Storytelling is one activity that is loved by Amies and organised on a regular basis at Amiown. The activity became even more enjoyable when it was organised outdoors. The icing on the cake was a picnic organised at botanical garden where Amies enjoyed playing games with friends and teachers in the lap of nature. The students and parents of Nursery and Pre-nursery were also given the opportunity to come together and reflect upon the learnings through an Open



Bonding over The lunch table

house and Kinder Dance year end demonstration. Children enthralled their parents with their graceful movements and poses. Winters might be cold, but little Amies enjoyed the warmth of the season as they basked in the sun. 🇬🇧



Little Amies Ring-a-ring of roses with Amies

The science of winters

Amiown Vas 6

Ratika Malhotra, Faculty

Amiown constantly endeavours to make learning fun for the little kids so that the things they are taught at school stay with them throughout their life. Keeping this in mind, children were introduced to the season of winter through a weather chart. They were apprised on how the duration of the days and nights change during the season. They were also informed about the time period of the season and its peak months. Since winters can be a little harsh sometimes, the kids were taught how to take care of themselves and avoid illnesses like cold, flu etc. They were told to wear sweaters, caps, gloves etc, use heaters to keep themselves warm and expose themselves to the sun to get Vit-D. The winter season also brought along an opportunity to teach little Amies about the science of snow, time and the solar system. They were also told how different animals behave differently in winters. For example, many animals change their coats to adjust to the season and some even hibernate to escape the harsh weather conditions. A fun activity was organised to reinforce the knowledge of winter. The kids were asked to paste cotton as snow on the pictures of a snow man, an igloo, a penguin etc. The children were happiest when they were informed about the winter vacations. 🇬🇧



Winter strokes Snow activity in progress



Cold winters Cosy discussions

Prepping up for winters

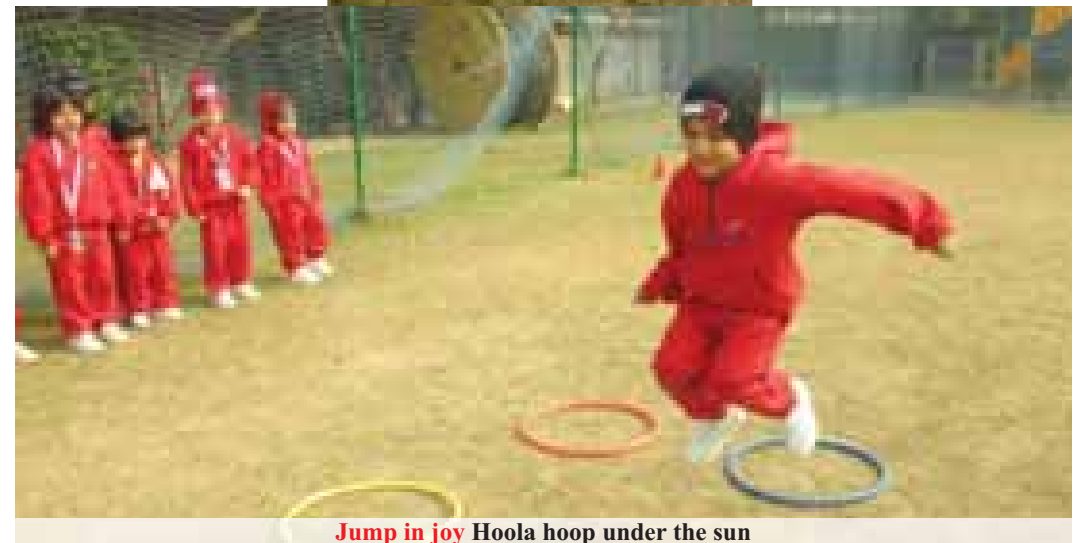
Amiown Pushp Vihar

Trina, Teacher

The colours of winter are beautiful. White snow, frosty patterns, cobalt blue shadows, and spots of colour against white snow adorn the natural surroundings like no other season. The season offers activities that cannot be performed during any other time of the year as going out in the sun and play, sitting near a bonfire and talking, eating tasty food only available in winters and wearing colourful caps, sweaters etc. To make little Amies aware of the season's offerings, Amiown Pushp Vihar organised fun indoor and outdoor activities. They

explored different accessories to be worn in the winter season like mittens, woolen caps, jackets, gloves and many more.

They were also apprised on the importance of eating different dry fruits like raisins, almonds, cashew nuts, etc. They relished the yummy nuts. The kids were informed of the benefits of playing outside and were encouraged to play out in the sun rather than staying at home and playing video games. The children were taken out in the garden to play fun games. Winter fun also involved storytelling as an activity wherein the kids read their favourite story books outdoors, while enacting some stories. Amiown believes that there is a lot that nature can teach us. Winter celebrations at Amiown was just a tiny step to take cue from Mother Nature. 🇬🇧



Jump in joy Hoola hoop under the sun

The warmth of winter

Amiown Noida

Nivedita Singh, Teacher

Blooming spring, radiant summer, colourful autumn, happily cold winter; all the four seasons of the year have their own beauty. Winter is a time of comfort, warmth and a chit-chat beside the bonfire. At Amiown, winter was introduced to the little ones through fun activities like DIY woolen caps and mittens. They were also asked to paste wool on a paper cutout of woolen caps and mittens. The children were also advised to eat fresh fruits and green leafy vegetables to keep themselves healthy and prevent winter-borne diseases. No winter is complete without the traditional delicacies of the season like *chikki*, *revri*, *gur* etc. The children were up for a treat as they relished these delicacies and were informed of their health benefits. They were encouraged to eat them regularly. The tiny tots were asked to mould the clay into their favourite fruits to emphasise the importance of fruits. The joy of the winter season lies in going out and soaking in the sun. Little Amies were enlightened with the benefits of going out in the sun. The happy faces were surprised to know that they get Vitamin D from the sun that makes the bones strong. Many of them promised to play in the sun more often. As winter arrives, nature too welcomes it with flowers of varied colours and fragrances. Hence, the children were taken out so that they could bask in the glory of winters. With colourful flowers and sweet fragrances, the young Amies were sensitised to take care of nature, their families and themselves. 🇬🇧



Put on your Woolen Caps



Fruity Affair Learning to eat right



Adult monarchs feed on nectar and water by sipping on it using a sucking tube called proboscis that lies coiled under its head when not in use.

A scientist in making...

Amitian aces Olympiads, secures place in Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Pic: Deepak Sharma, GT Network

AIS Noida

Srijon Mukherjee, a student of Class XII, AIS Noida added another feather to Amity's beret by securing a coveted place at the prestigious Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), USA. An ace in Olympiads, Srijon started his journey by winning the title of NTSE Scholar.

He proved his mettle in subjects such as Physics and Math by winning various national and international Olympiads viz International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics, where he bagged gold and other Olympiads such as International Physics Olympiad 2016, International Olympiad in Informatics 2016 and Asia-Pacific Informatics





Chairperson Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan with Srijon Mukherjee

Olympiad 2016, where he won silver medal. Quiz him about his future plans and he promptly responds with 'Physics research' for he believes that



it enhances one's understanding about the universe. He also enjoys the process of solving problems and doesn't believe in memorising. Srijon believes in identifying strengths and interests and set targets accordingly to achieve goals.



Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF applauded the efforts of Srijon and motivated him to become a great Indian scientist.  



School Principal honours the guest

Spic Macay

AIS Vas 1

Under the able guidance of esteemed Chairperson Amity Group of Schools and RBEF, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, the school celebrated its annual Spic Macay festival on December 15, 2016. After the traditional lamp lighting ceremony, school Principal Valambal Balachandran welcomed the guest Sunanda Sharma, a great vocalist, whose music follows the Benaras *Gharana* style of *gayaki*. Her breathtaking performance enthralled the audience. The event culminated with an interactive session, wherein the students put forth various questions to the singer.  



Students participate in various competitions

Christmas cheer



Students enjoy with Santa Claus



Little kids perform Charvahe dance





Children enjoy the festivities

Robotronics



AIS Gur 46

It has been a constant endeavour of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson Amity Group of Schools & RBEF to provide state of the art technological facilities and platforms to Amitians. Keeping in sync with the same, AIS Gur 46 organised Robotronics, an interschool Robo-Tech Championship on December 17, 2016. The competition saw enthusiastic participation of students from 26 schools from Delhi and NCR region.



Competitions like brochure making,

poster making, web development and app making were conducted in the IT category. In the junior category, AIS Gur 43 bagged the first prize, followed by AIS Gur 46 at the second position and AIS PV at the third position. In the senior category, first and second position was bagged by AIS Gur 46, while the third position was secured by AIS Saket. Best Robot Construction prize was awarded to Amity Saket in the senior category. The overall winner trophy was bagged by AIS Gur 46 but being the host school, it graciously gave away the winners' trophy to AIS Pushp Vihar.  



AIS VKC Lucknow

The school organised a Christmas assembly for the students of Class II on December 22, 2016. The students were filled with joy to see the brightly decorated Christmas trees on the stage and could not wait to catch a glimpse of their favourite Santa, amidst jingling of bells in the background. The day started with prayers, followed by a presentation explaining the purpose of birth of Lord Jesus. Christmas carols sung by children and a skit depicting the story of Santa Claus was enjoyed by everyone. The much awaited Santa appeared at the end and distributed sweets amongst children bringing cheer to everyone.  

AIS VYC Lucknow

To celebrate the festival of Christmas, a special assembly was organised on December 15, 2016. The spirit of the festival was captured in various performances given by children as they enacted the roles of shepherds, sheeps and angels who took the audience back in time, when Lord Jesus was born. Students sang 'Charvahe Naache Jhoom Kar', a song that beautifully conveyed shepherds' happiness on the birth of Jesus Christ. The assembly concluded with children dancing to popular Christmas carol 'Jingle Bells'. What came in as the ultimate surprise was a school teacher dressed up as Santa Claus, who distributed sweets amongst children.  

AIS Gwalior



The festival of Christmas called for a special assembly for the children on December 23, 2016. The celebrations commenced with the students of Classes Nursery to II singing Christmas carols to praise Lord Jesus while students of Classes III to V enthralled the audience with their dance performances showcasing spellbinding coordination and infectious enthusiasm. School teacher Neetu Singh highlighted the importance of Christmas and wished everyone a merry Christmas. School Principal also shared the significance of love, faith and family through the story of a girl who was a strong believer of Jesus and his holy deeds.  



Students pose with their certificates

Little picassos

AIS VKC Lucknow



The Bureau of Energy Efficiency under the aegis of National Thermal Power Corporation organises a painting competition at the regional, state and national level to promote awareness for energy conservation amongst students. After clearing the regional round, Aditya Dutta of Class V and Subhashree Rana of Class IX were selected among 32 lac students for the state level at Lucknow on November 9, 2016. Aditya Dutta bagged the second position and was awarded a cash prize of Rs 15,000 and a certificate, while Subhashree received a Consolation prize of Rs 2,500 and a certificate by the Chief Guest, Sangeeta Singh (IAS, NEDA) and RS Rathi (Regional Head, NTPC).  



Young future leaders at the MUN conference

AIS VKC Lucknow



AIS VKC Lucknow organised an intra-school MUN (Model United Nations) with the theme 'Awakened to reach new goals' on November 19, 2016. The MUN witnessed the simulation of various committees as Lok Sabha, All India Political Party Meet (AIPPM), United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), United Nations Formation on Climatic Change (UNFCC) and Eco-Fin. While the

agenda for Lok Sabha was 'Reforms in the Indian Education System', AIPPM debated on 'New economic policies with special reference to demonetization of higher currency notes'. The agenda for UNGA and UNFCC was 'Territorial contentions between countries' and 'Right to Breathe' respectively. The Model United Nations conference helped in enhancing the oratory skills of the students, whilst instilling in them the zest to become responsible global citizens in the future.  

Carnival fun

AIS VYC Lucknow

The school organised 'Ullas'- a fun-filled carnival from November 26-27, 2016. The event was inaugurated by Atul Jindal, IFS, GM, Forest Corporation. Other dignitaries who graced the occasion were Nirmal Ohri, Ashutosh Chaubey and Mukta, Vice Principal of the school. The two day carnival comprised numerous events, and stood witness to amaz-

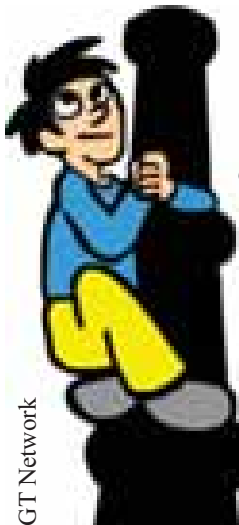
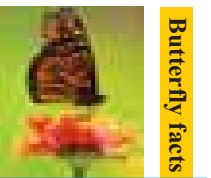
ing display of talent from Lucknow. Lively and effervescent music set the tempo for a rocking event. The highlights of the event were a Fancy Dress competition and Poetry Recitation competition for which the winners were awarded with trophies and prizes. Another exciting event was the 'Amity Super Family Contest'. One could see families participating with enthusiasm in the contest. Food stalls and stalls selling clothes were a massive hit among all.  



Participants enjoy the carnival

The only plant on which monarch caterpillars survive is milkweed.

All top quotes by: *Atharva Morchale, AIS Noida, IV*



Graphic: Deepak Sharma, GT Network

There's a reason why Delhi is called the melting pot of cultures. With its diversity and quirks spanning in all four directions; *Nandika Mogha, X & Paahini Aggarwal, XII, AIS Noida*, bring to you the guide to everything that cooks in these corners.

When things go SOUTH

A South Delhi citizen shines out in a crowd quite literally, thanks to their shining manicured nails which can be spotted from a mile away. With a Louis Vuitton bag in hand and a fresh coat of the no-make-up look on the face (2 layers of foundation and the perfect nude lip colour), these self-proclaimed celebrities make a hundred efforts to look effortless, as they launch off to charitable foundations and NGOs.

In all honesty though, we do not blame them for being so prim and proper at all times. When the only markets in your locality are GK and South Ex, anything without a 4-digit price tag doesn't seem worth the ef-

Yellow pages



An informal guide to all things in saddi Delhi

fort. From their watered chrysanthemums to a whooping 10K followers on Instagram, these southern Delhites have their lives on fleek.

The NORTH wind of cholesterol

North Delhi is dripping with greasy *paranths* and sizzling *tikkas*. With the area being dominated by ratchet Punjabis, for whom size doesn't seem to matter, people here are always buying clothes one size smaller. There is nothing like overdressed for them as going grocery shopping in high heels and LBDs is perfectly acceptable. At parties, these northern natives can be spotted raving to EDM despite being completely clueless about the lyrics. Speaking of parties,

'Kitty parties' seem to be their favourite kind of party, where overly dressed women flock, adorning their Prada and Gucci from Karol Bagh. All said, the people here are good at heart and always willing to help, unless it's related to parking space.

Everyone rises from the EAST

If you're from East Delhi, we bet you're used to congested places and have learned to fight for your leg space in Metro and crowded spaces. People from this part of Delhi are conventionally seen in red or yellow jeans, which work in favour of all those stuck in traffic jams. With borderline insane accents, to the flood of people at every East Delhi Metro station (think Preet Vihar, Nirman Vihar and so on), East Delhi proves to be

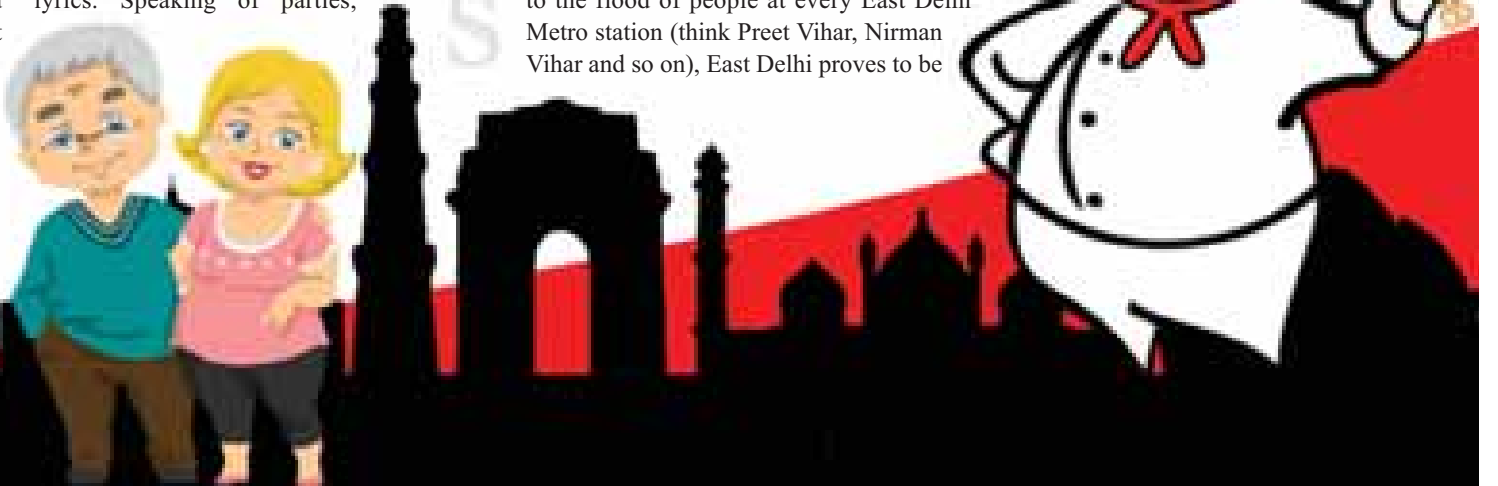
the place where claustrophobia might have originated.

WEST: Kanye believe it?

If you've ever been stuck in a traffic jam next to a West Delhi boy-driven car, you'll know that you no longer need your car's radio, for the Honey Singh beats pumping from this car's amplifiers are enough for the entire city. From black SUVs with tinted windows with the blue lights under their cars, these people only drive to Rajouri Garden and back. When it comes to fashion, the people here are always high on glittering chappals and custom-made shinning gowns.

All said, these quirky elements of Delhi, good or bad, are what make it as diverse and exuberant as it is.

Note: This article is merely an attempt at I-will-do-anything-to-win-GT Awards 2017, so ignore whatever may have offended you.



Complimenting you

Marketing strategy or money-making strategy? Whatever it be, the freebies offered by restaurants are surely a hit

Yavnika Garg, AIS Gur 46, X A

Nothing in this world comes for free, that is except for free welcome drinks and complimentary appetizers, being served at these upmarket Delhi restaurants. Move over the complimentary *papad* and *achar*, these restaurants even offer a 'free lunch'. While some offer the freebies to lure more customers, others are playing smart cooks by serving appetizers that up the hunger levels. Either way, we aren't complaining.

Lights, Camera and Action

Serves you: The tantalising 'banarasi lassi sphere' along with flavoured popcorn. The former is a molecular gastronomy delight served as a shot. Pop into your mouth and you can feel the delectable lassi flavour swirl in.

Naivedyam

Serves you: The meal begins with complimentary dishes such as *rasam*, buttermilk and *papad*. All of it, to make it a complete South Indian experience!

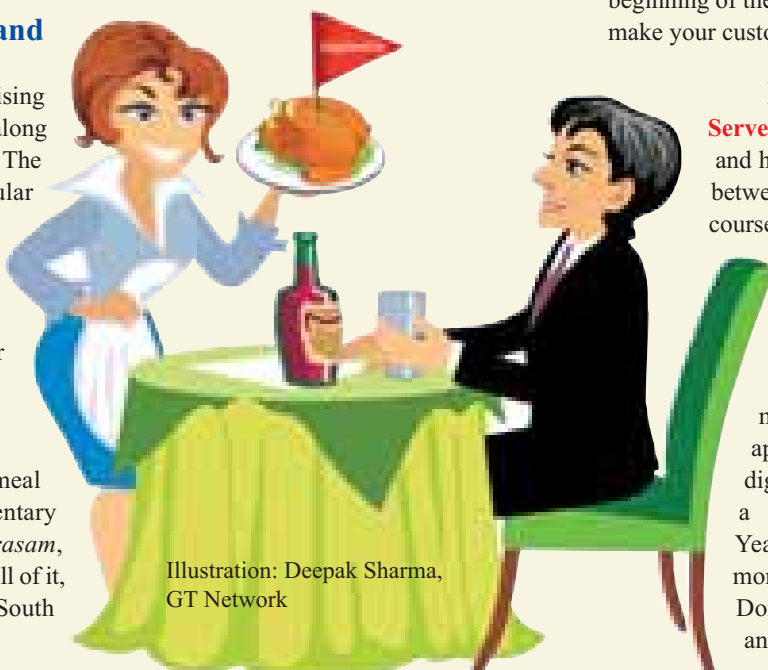


Illustration: Deepak Sharma, GT Network

Spago

Serves you: Their in-house basket of breads. It is a collection of great breads with goat cheese topped with diced peppers. So, are you ready?

All Korean Restaurants

Serves you: Endless variations of 'banchan' which is basically free side meals that include their traditional food items. Among the most popular ones are 'Kimchi', 'Khadugi', and 'Japchae', versions of steamed vegetable noodles.

Jungle Jamboree

Serves you: Complimentary mocktails with lunch. The most refreshing ones are 'Pink Lady', 'Blue Curaco', 'Fresh Lime Soda' and 'Virgin Mojito'.

Café Hawkers

Serves you: A delicious mélange of fresh pastries and tarts. As they say, save the best for the last!

Indian Accent

Serves you: Coconut and pumpkin shorba, and anardana kulfli between the meals! Well, serving hot shorba in the beginning of the meal is a good way to make your customers eat more!

Farzi Café

Serves you: Mishti doi shots and hajmola candies on tree between appetizers and main course. Simply put, a ball of mishti doi made using molecular gastronomy that you gulp in one go. The hajmola candy tree will make sure that your appetizers are well digested, making way for a hearty main course. Yeah, more hajmola = more moolah! Don't wait! Get, set, go and get it for free.

GT Travels to Scotland



Prakshi Jain, AIS Vas 6, III C poses with her copy of The Global Times in front of the Royal Doulton Fountain at People's Palace in Glasgow, Scotland. It stands 46 feet high and 70 feet across its base, which makes it the largest terracotta fountain in the world. The palace was designed by Alexander B McDonald and serves as a historical museum, where the visitors can see the story of city of Glasgow from 1750 to present time.

Got some clicks with GT while on the go? Get them featured! Send them to us at gttravels@theglobaltimes.in