



Republic Day Special

This edition is a special one. It is a celebration of India's 72nd Republic Day, the day Indian Constitution replaced the Government of India Act (1935). It is a celebration of this nation and its people, who stood united in the face of adversity and embraced its diversity to emerge even stronger than before in the fight against the British Rule. This undying spirit of the human heart and the fight for freedom has been brought to you through the pages of GT by the young journo of AIS Saket.

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As law comes to life

An Insight Into Our 'Samvidhan', India's Inspirational Legal Instrument

Every story has a hero and every hero has a story. On the occasion of India's 72nd Republic Day, it's time to salute the real hero, the one who made January 26 special - The Constitution of India. Curated with dedication, this living document not only turned our country into a newly formed republic in 1950, but also united us all as a prosperous nation. As we flip through the pages of history, stumbling upon these golden sheets often skipped, we pull out the magnifying glass and focus on the toil that went into the calligraphy of our *samvidhan*.

Laying The foundation of paper

Representing the diversity of the nation, the formation of this legal document began with the formation of its committee - a Constituent Assembly. Having 389 members initially, which were reduced to 299 post-partition, Dr BR Ambedkar, known as the father of the Indian constitution, was appointed as chairman of the drafting committee. To create a fair constitution, the committee had over 30 representatives from the scheduled classes, and also noteworthy members like Jawaharlal Nehru, C Rajagopalachari and Rajendra Prasad. Even before work on the constitution began, research from all around the world was done to ensure rights for all, with BR Ambedkar delving through the constitutions of over 60 countries. And not only from foreign lands, the constitution also took inspiration from previous Indian legislations like the Government of India Act 1858, Indian Independence Act 1947 etc.

Grabbing The best pens and ink

As the scribbling on the golden paper continued, various points were raised to be



added to the constitution, with Jawaharlal Nehru presenting an 'objective resolution'. This resolution later on became the preamble of the constitution. Further, major development was made when BN Rau was appointed as the assembly's constitutional legal advisor in 1946. And by February of 1948, he had already prepared the initial draft constitution, which back then had 243 articles and 13 schedules. As the assembly discussed and took decisions, the final constitution entailed 395 articles and 8 schedules, and 2473 amendments were disposed off out of a total of 7635. The final draft was prepared and with all in agreement. Finally, it was passed and adopted by the assembly on 26 November 1949, a historic date which is



celebrated as the National Law Day or Constitution Day every year in India.

Filling The blanks in between

With the constitution prepared, the last meeting of the Constituent Assembly was held on January 24, 1950, where the document was legally signed and accepted with each member signing two copies - one in English and one in Hindi. And on 26 January 1950, the constitution was finally put into force, bringing an end to the whole process which took 2 years, 11 months, 18 days and a whopping 6.3 million INR. Since then, the constitution of India has had more than 100 amendments, including the words 'secular' and 'socialist' added to the preamble during the

Emergency of 1976. The original constitution displayed to the world was hand calligraphed by Prem Behari Narain, with each page decorated by artists like Beohar Rammanohar Sinha and Nandalal Bose.

Being the second longest active constitution in the world, the constitution of India declares our country to be a sovereign, socialist, secular, democratic republic which grants justice, equality and liberty to all citizens. Illuminating the path to triumphant, it provides an awareness of our fundamental rights and responsibilities, so let's pledge to uphold the promise of trust and unity that the constitution places within us. 🇮🇳

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For the environment

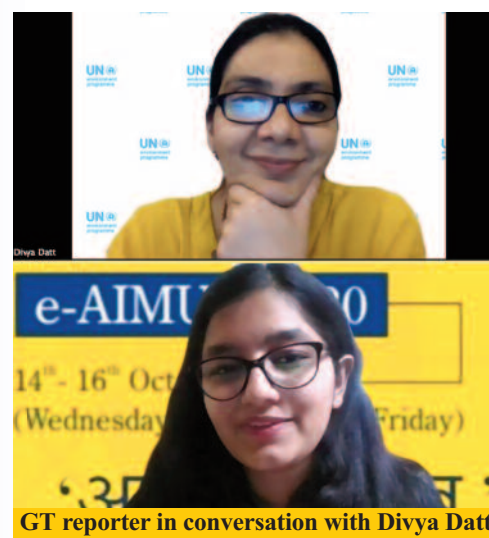
It's High Time We Take Care Of The Planet That Houses Us

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As the world struggles to take care of its environment and the planet, Divya Datt, programme manager, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), has been developing and managing UNEP's programmatic environment portfolio in India. With an experience of over two decades, she has been working on applied policy research on several environmental issues across diverse sectors. As a keynote speaker at the opening ceremony of AIMUN 2020, she discusses the issues concerning the ecosystem and some crucial steps to take care of it.

The impact of UNEP

The work of UNEP revolves around providing scientific evidence and planning on environmental issues, whether it is about the climate, biodiversity, waste management, air pollution etc. The aim of the organisation is to tell the world what kind of actions need to be taken to take care about the planet, and where will we be if those demands aren't met. UNEP has worked on various projects in the past including the healing of ozone layer and it



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was only with the joint efforts of the community that we were able to prevent ourselves from the disastrous reactions of ozone depletion.

The importance of environment

No matter what field we look at, whether economic or social or any other stream, it needs to be understood that it all links back to the environment. Even the COVID-19 pandemic can be traced back to loss of biodiversity, state of nature and exploitation of wildlife. That's the reason environment needs to be given the center stage and should be taken seriously if we want to avoid catastrophes in the future. The three biggest challenges we are currently facing are climate change,

biodiversity loss and pollution. Since globalisation has brought the entire world together as one big family, it is time we have a family meeting and find permanent solutions to these problems for the long run.

The actions to be taken

We need to consider taking care of environment in our routine, not as an extracurricular activity, but as a necessity. We shouldn't just plant 3-4 trees and think our job is done; we need to rethink each of our decisions from an environmental perspective not only because it is the right thing to do, but because our very survival depends on it. We also need to employ our 21st century skills and technology to take better care of our planet and solve the problems that we are facing. It is only through these behavioural changes that we can save our environment and our planet.

The role of younger generation

Youth has a big role to play in the conversation about sustainable development since they are the future leaders of our world. They are also the ones who will either suffer or benefit from the consequences of the actions taken today. I am happy to see that many youth have come to the front and are raising awareness. When it comes to saving our planet, actions speak louder than words, which is why more and more students should take proactive steps. The world is your home, so take charge of it, challenge yourself and bring the change. 🇮🇳



Divya Datt, programme manager, UNEP

The Monkey Puzzle tree species has fire-resistant bark and traces its origin to over 200 million years ago.



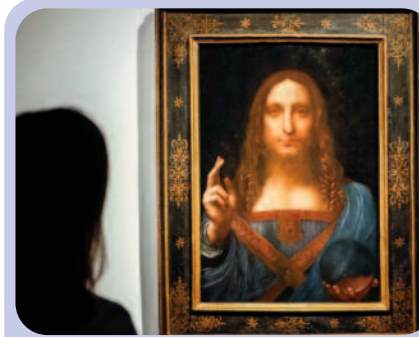
Around The WORLD

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GERMANY

Country to prohibit male chick culling

As per a draft bill signed by the Cabinet, the government has proposed to ban slaughter of male chicks starting from 2022. Being the first country to do so, farmers will be required to use technology to prevent the birth of male chicks by identifying the sex of the bird before hatching. This is to prevent shredding of chicks usually culled after hatching due to their inability to lay eggs, as rearing them would not be economically feasible.



ITALY

Stolen copy of Leonardo Da Vinci painting recovered

A 500-year-old copy of Salvator Mundi, an iconic painting by renowned artist Leonardo da Vinci, was recovered from the house of a 36-year-old man. The painting was a part of the collection at Doma Museum. It was also the most expensive art ever sold at a Christie's auction. Recovered from Naples, the 500-year-old copy is an oil painting believed to be created by artist Giacomo Alibrandi.

ISRAEL

Citizens test COVID positive after vaccination

After the government tested 189,000 people who got vaccinated with Pfizer/BioNtech doses, almost 12,400 still tested COVID-19 positive. This figure also includes 69 people who got their second shot. On December 19, 2020, a vaccination drive was launched with focus on the older age-groups, along with people with comorbidities and emergency workers. Now, with over 2.2 million population inoculated, the country's infection rates still remain high.



NEPAL

Mountaineering team creates history

A team of 10 from Nepal, became the first to scale the second highest mountain, Mount K2, in winter. Also known as the savage mountain, K2 is believed to be a much tougher and deserted place than Mt Everest. Weathering an extreme temperature of minus 65 degrees Celsius along with strong hurricane winds, the team claimed the summit whilst singing national anthem as they reached the top.

INDIA

Indian cricket team sets record at Brisbane Cricket Ground

The Indian cricket team, led by coach Ravi Shastri, became the first Asians to win a test series against Australia at the Brisbane Cricket Ground, commonly referred to as the Gabba. What is being called a seemingly impossible chase, India defeated the Australian champions after almost 32 years. The last time Australia faced defeat at the Gabba ground was in 1988, when the team played against West Indies led by Vivian Richards.



USA

Joe Biden reverses Donald Trump's policies

After his inauguration as president on January 20, 2021, Joe Biden signed 15 executive orders to unpend several key policies and national security decisions taken by erstwhile president Donald Trump. The executive orders include re-joining the Paris treaty on climate change, pausing America's withdrawal from the World Health Organisation, revoking Muslim travel ban, etc.

EGYPT

Discovery of ancient treasures by archaeologist

At the Saqqara archaeological site, situated near Cairo, researchers unveiled millenniums old treasure, including 3000-year old sarcophagi. Saqqara is a necropolis of Memphis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site housing over a dozen pyramids, monasteries and burial sites. Egyptologist, Zahi Hawass believes that this discovery has potential to rewrite the history of the ancient site. Along with 50 wooden sarcophagi, papyrus masks, wooden boats and games were also found.



SAUDI ARABIA

Country becomes top crude oil supplier to China

Known to be the world's biggest oil trader, the country left behind Russia to retain its ranking as China's top oil supplier, as per data released by Chinese government. In 2020, shipments from Saudi to China rose by 1.9% i.e., approx. 84.92 million tonnes, while Russia came second with a shipment of 83.57 million tonnes, seeing a 7.6% rise from 2019, as per the data.





The Ginkgo Biloba tree is resistant to diseases and damages done by insects.

Do I need coaching for IIT-JEE?

Read On To Know More On How To Prepare For Competitive Examinations

If you are an IIT-JEE aspirant, chances are that you have dealt with the self-preparation vs coaching institution dilemma at some point in time i.e., if you are not struggling with it still. IIT-JEE is perhaps the most prestigious and competitive examination held in India and why not? After all, it opens your doors to some of the best engineering colleges in the country. So, the predicament about which road to take, vis-à-vis preparation for IIT JEE only makes sense. However, like every path taken, both the options present their fair share of pros and cons. It is important for anyone to understand the advantages and disadvantages of both self-preparation and studying in a coaching institute, before they take the plunge. Let's try to understand both sides of the story. Before coaching centres mushroomed, self-preparation was the only way forward to IIT-JEE because it was an economical choice to make. Besides, studying on one's own gives one the chance to study at their pace. The flexibility that comes with self-preparation is undeniable. You don't have to get up early in the morning to attend a class or give up on meeting your friends because you have a class scheduled. But this is where the benefits of studying on your own for IIT-JEE end. As lucrative as self-study may sound, it comes with its own fair share of demerits. Studying on your own means that you are the only one who can assess your progress, and assessment of self isn't always objective. This is quite unlike coaching centres, where there are experts at your aid, constantly monitoring your

progress and even guiding you on how to do better. Further on, self-preparation requires a humongous amount of self-discipline. How many times have you ended up binge watching that web series, telling yourself 'one more episode', or for that matter procrastinating that difficult chapter? That happens a lot when you are studying on your own, a lot. The question is whether or not you can afford such a callous attitude when preparing for an exam as difficult as IIT-JEE. However, the biggest drawback of self-studying for IIT-JEE is that you do not have expert guidance in case of conceptual difficulties. A coaching institute, on the other hand, is equipped with professionals who cannot just help you with difficult

and challenging topics, but serve as a constant trouble-shooter for all your queries and questions. Coaching institutes are expert study centres that have been meticulously designed with an objective to help students prepare for competitive examinations. With subject experts at their aid, they focus on conceptual instead of rote learning. By offering the students an absolute clarity of concepts at not just the surface, but a much deeper level, they offer them an edge in competitive examinations. In addition, these experts are abreast with the changes in curriculum and latest teaching pedagogies to ensure that their students receive nothing short of the best. Despite these institutes offering so many advantages, many people refuse to opt

for them simply for the expenditure they entail. While the additional expenditure cannot be denied, the fact remains that they are value for money, considering all the guidance they offer. Besides, when something as valuable as your career is at stake, every investment is worth it. Some sceptics say that coaching institutes can make learning stressful because of the competition they enforce, and the pressure of having to balance curriculum in school and coaching. But isn't stress and competition part and parcel of preparing for a 'competitive' exam anyway? So, it is easy to conclude that coaching institutions are a great bet. But make no mistake, the same cannot be said for each one of them. When

AMITY INSTITUTE FOR COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS
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Amity Institute of Competitive Examinations (AICE), established in the year 2000 equips the students to excel in competitive exams such as IIT-JEE, NEET, GTSE, NTSE, etc. Diversifying its vision and objectives with competitive requirements, the institute primarily aims to enhance the knowledge base of students by developing their analytical skills, reasoning, and logical acumen, thereby giving them the winning edge over others.

To know more about AICE, visit: <https://www.amity.edu/aice/>

preparing for IIT JEE, you would want the best coaching centre in Delhi. While there are plenty options, it is recommended that you opt for one that recruits subject experts and offers a personalised learning approach. Amity Institute of Competitive Examinations (AICE) fares well in both criteria. Nestled in the heart of south Delhi, it offers its students a constant support system. Students' progress is analysed on a regular basis and constant feedback is provided that helps students work on their weak areas. In addition, students are offered earmarked study material. AICE with its holistic learning approach and a meticulously crafted teaching pedagogy, is certainly a mecca for any IIT-JEE aspirant. In the end, self-learning or coaching institution, the road to cracking IIT-JEE is not easy; one that is marred with quite a few challenges. A coaching institution will only make the journey a tad bit easier.

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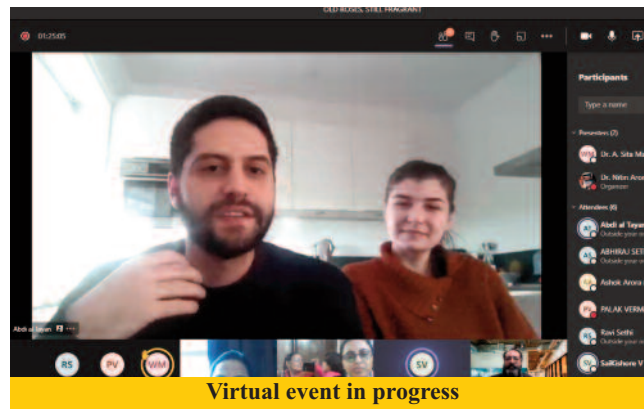


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A true patriot

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My ears slowly picked up
The familiar but newfound lilt
Of the national anthem
And my heart could feel
Pride come flooding in
In immeasurable amounts
For this is how people like us
Who don't have the courage
To patrol borders with nothing
But jagged sticks as weapons
This is how people like us
Who don't protect millions
Declare our love for our land
This is a way for people like us
To express the noble privilege
Of calling this country home
But there are times when
Empty oaths of responsibility
Scream the wailing song of
Indifference and false nationalism
And it is times like these when
I wish that instead of big parades
And ostentatious charades
To celebrate the souls of our nation
Shouldn't we take a moment
To understand that the freedom
Which we take for granted
Doesn't always come easy
And, look like raging battlefields
Somewhere, it must've looked
Like a weeping wife and mother



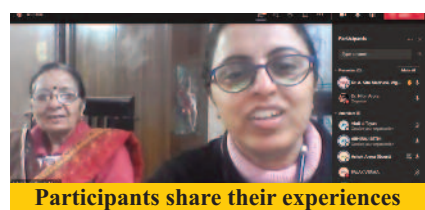
Holding on tight to what we know
As the pride of our country
Smeared in garish vermilion
And shrouded in pure white
So, the next time you carry a sign
To assert your independence
In your school assembly
Remember that tomorrow
All the plastic flags you flaunt
Will be nothing more than litter
Far from dispassionate symbols
Your country only needs you
It yearns for only good leaders.

A day for the old

An Enlightening Session With The Older Generation

AIBS/ AUUP

On January 10, 2021, Amity Centre of Happyness organised a virtual event titled 'Old roses still fragrant' on MS Teams. The event organised under the guidance of Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe, sought to unite the older generations with the young and facilitate the sharing of knowledge and wisdom between the two. Attended by students and faculty members of Amity University along with their parents and grandparents, the event commenced with Prof (Dr) Nitin Arora, happiness proctor, Amity Center of Happyness, addressing the gathering with a warm welcome. What followed was an



engaging address by the esteemed guest of honour, Neerja Singh, author, mentor and new age educator. During her address, she elucidated upon the life of younger generation and how it has changed with the course of time. She further spoke about the importance of staying busy as one grows older. The event also witnessed participation from many other elderly guests who shared their life experiences. For instance, R M Sethi enlightened the audi-

ence about how one's motivation can help another reach great heights. Adding to this, Meena Arora shared mantras of life such as staying positive, thinking pure, valuing time and more. Many speakers from all around the world joined the event. From the Netherlands, Abdullah and Nainika shared insightful stories of their learnings from their elders; Dr Sita from Hyderabad shared memories of her parents and grandparents; from Bahrain, Dr Shweta Sethi shared the secrets of living a happy life, and from Mumbai, Sulekha shared the experiences one garners over time. The session helped both the generations to come a little bit closer and share a smile together, along with reminiscing treasured memories and experiences. [GU](#)



Are you a green EARTHER?

For It's Time To Open Your Eyes

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Picture debris struck by a tornado; big and tiny rubble ensnared in the fast gush of wind, throwing itself over larger distances at the end. Now, imagine the same thing in water and you would get the Great Pacific Garbage Patch aka the GPGP. Yes, it's not a big island of garbage in the ocean. In fact, GPGP is a rubbish-strewn patch floating within the North Pacific Gyre, which is a series of currents several thousand miles wide that creates a circular effect, entrapping trash and debris round and round. Be it plastic bags, fishnets, clothing, or any other man-made item, the garbage is held in this patch until it disintegrates to finally make its way to distant seas. Wondering where you fit into the picture? Let's just see how much you contribute to the GPGP:

1. Do you often buy and dispose off clothes without giving it to someone in need?

Yes Sometimes No

A t-shirt requires 2700 litres of freshwater to make. That is the amount of water required by a person to drink for 900 days.



2. Do you always take a cloth bag with you while shopping or refuse to take a bag offered by the shopping store?

Yes Sometimes No

160,000 plastic bags are produced each SECOND. That is 230,400,000 bags per day.

3. Do you use straws while ordering drinks?

Yes Sometimes No

Straws contribute a lot to the GPGP. 8.3 billion straws are found in oceans around the world.



4. Do you try not to use PET bottles?

Yes Sometimes No

A million PET bottles a MINUTE end up in the ocean despite all the recycling.



5. Do you prefer buying items with less packaging?

Yes Sometimes No



In Iceland, toothpaste is not sold in cardboard boxes. No wonder Iceland is the second most environment friendly country in the world!

6. Do you know what is micro-plastic?

Yes No



Micro plastics refer to plastic particles that are between 0.33 mm to 5 mm. These are often fatally ingested by marine animals.

7. Do you use bins separately for biodegradable and non-biodegradable wastes?

Yes No



Separating wastes reduces carbon emission, which in turn has a positive impact on greenhouse effect.

We won't give you a key to grade yourself on how much you are aware. You know why? It doesn't matter because knowing and not working is not helpful. In other words, 'Can I really make a difference?' is what each of us think but the reality is 'taking initiative never hurts'. Well, if these questions have pricked your conscience enough, then start doing your bit today!



The new age disease

Is It Really Important To Defer The Concept Of Ageing?

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It happens to the best of us. It worries most of us. Aging. Everything wears down as we age, and living beings are no exception. We get wrinkles, our organs begin failing, immune systems weaken. Although it's not a pleasant thing to imagine, it is inevitable.

Like hostages with Stockholm syndrome, most of us have acquainted ourselves with the idea of an eventual death and a finite existence; all while struggling with the occasional existential crisis. But we humans don't give up either. Known for finding creative solutions to the curveball nature throws at us, we inject ourselves with weakened diseases, put plant goo in pills, have electromagnets be used to map our brains, and special lights to see through our bodies. Now,

none of those are very natural, but they are also the very reason for people being alive today, living longer and healthier lives. And right now, there is an immense amount of research being put into preventing this mortal wear and tear. It does seem like an easier solution than prolonging suffering and increasing life spans while we continue to deteriorate with time.

But how would we even begin to accomplish this feat? Well, this question in turn directs us to another intriguing question- "Why do we age?" The answer to which, as explained by science, happens to be a lot of things: -shortage of telomeres and stem cells, unwanted cells, inability to form NAD+ as the body gets older; and a multitude of more complex processes, all resulting in a body incapable of fighting to live longer.

Again, all these factors don't

deter people who believe that ageing can be 'cured' by 2030. Getting rid of senescent cells, increase production of stem cells, make pills that tell the body to take care of themselves, and gene therapy that removes genes that make us age- we're on our way to finding remedies for these. Surprisingly, experiments have had significant results in mice trials and humans, too, will be subject to experiments in this year. Perhaps, by the time we're older, some of us may be presented with the choice to avoid death a little while longer, and live healthier lives.

However, amidst all these trials and errors, some of us come to another thoughtful question- since when has ageing been tagged as a disease? Why does it have to be cured in the first place? Again, there is no definite answer to that, but curing aging isn't synonymous with immor-

tality either. It is rather a shift in perspective, where instead of aiming for longer life spans, we aim for spending most of our years in good health, without suffering or disability. When maybe a hundred and seventy years old, we may decide that we're tired and don't want to live longer. But that would be a choice in our own hands and on our own terms. Maybe the pressure of having no time would go away. As for overcrowding the planet, we have increased life spans before and although it has made things temporarily worse, things get better soon enough when people begin to produce less offspring. A balance has always arisen. We all would have different opinions on how long we wish to live. While those may be closer to the average life spans right now, it would definitely be better to spend most of it productively. 🇮🇳

The showstopper

Rafale: An Extraordinary Republic Day Tribute To India

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Introduced into the Indian Air Force at the Ambala Air Base in September 2020, the Rafale fighter jets are a major boost to India's air power capability. As these remarkable aircrafts make an appearance at the 72nd Republic Day parade and culminate the fly-past by carrying out the 'Vertical Charlie' formations, let's delve into their spectacular features that makes them so special.

Ferry Range: 3,700 km

Landing ground run: 450 m (1,500 ft)

Service ceiling: 50,000 ft

Capabilities: Electronic warfare, air defence, ground support, in-depth strikes, etc.

Know more

➔ The state-of-the-art Rafale jet can reach double the speed of sound, with a speed of Mach 1.8.

➔ Each aircraft has 14 weapon storage sta-

tions with one of the most advanced Meteor air-to-air missiles.

➔ The 190-kg missile has a Beyond Visual Range (BVR) of over 100 km, travelling at a top speed of Mach 4.

➔ The MICA air-to-air missile on Rafale is for both close-quarter dogfights and BVR. India also asked for HAMMER (Highly Agile and Manoeuvrable Munition Extended Range), which is an air-to-ground precision guided missile produced by French conglomerate Safran, and can be used against bunker-type hardened targets within the range of 70 km.

➔ The Rafale fighter jets also come with SCALP, the air-to-ground cruise missile with a range over 300 km; making it a long-range deep strike missile.

Striking features

Wing span: 10.90 m

Length: 15.30 m

Height: 5.30 m

Overall empty weight: 10 tonnes

External load: 9.5 tonnes

Max. take-off weight: 24.5 tonnes

Fuel (internal): 4.7 tonnes

Fuel (external): Up to 6.7 tonnes





Quaking Aspen is made up of one single aspen tree with one massive underground root system.

The examination wunderkinds

A Look At The Different Kinds Of Toppers We Encounter During Assessments

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Summer, winter, autumn and spring; each season comes with their subtle charms, except one - exam season. This season comes drenched in the blood, sweat, a lot of hope and hardwork. Along with it, not to miss - 'toppers', who with their armours and swords get ready to win another battlefield with full distinction. Read on to take a look at a few different types of toppers who come out of their shells during exam season.

Owl is my best friend

These kind of toppers will eat and sleep during the day but as soon as night approaches, they get superpowers unknown to the common man. They can go through entire physics, chemistry and biology books in a matter of hours. They study throughout the night and stop only for coffee breaks. Mornings are their kryptonite; for when the sun rises above the horizon, they head back into the cover of darkness, only to refuel themselves for another night study session.

Sab moh maya hai

Self-control can make you do wonders.



While this may not be easy for all of us, for these toppers with self-control skills, it is. As exams approach, they surrender all their gadgets and technol-

ogy; right from their iPads, Kindles, Xboxes, laptops, and more, they completely cut themselves off from all forms of entertainment engagements.

Fighting through temptations to reach for their phones, they forgo all forms of communication with their peers and mates except when it is about dis-

cussing the exam syllabus.

Whenever I fall, God hold me

Whole heartedly depending on God and his infinite wisdom, these kind of toppers never fail to seek Almighty's blessings before an exam. With a fiery red 'tika' on their foreheads, they enter the exam hall with a special weapon - a tiny idol, to be placed on the table. At intervals, they glance at it to gain the strength to finish the paper. In fact, their answer sheets have a small 'Om' symbol on the top corner, all to denote that their papers are blessed hence, full marks are guaranteed.

Hardwork + Dedication = Success

This is a special category of toppers because they don't rely on last-minute cram sessions to ace their exams. They are the ones who study all through the year instead of the last two weeks and are liked by all teachers except maybe the PT teacher. These kind of toppers have already decided what they want to pursue in life and exams are just another mini hurdle for them to cross.

While examinations are difficult; it's not an easy task to pass one, let alone ace it. Everyone has their own ways of tackling things, so do our toppers! 🇮🇳

Bettering the future of India

The Frontline Superheroes As They Come Together To Talk About The Country

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Host: Hello everyone! Welcome to our special episode on the occasion of Republic Day. As we are dipped in tricolours today, celebrating the spirit of this day, let's use this opportunity to discuss how we can make our country better. Our first panellist is an embodiment of courage and bravery. Please, welcome Mr Army Officer. Sir, kindly tell us in what light do you hope to see the future of this nation?
Army Officer: As a soldier, I take pride in having served my motherland. But, as we move towards the future, what we need is not only the armed forces to protect this country, but every single citizen. By protection, I do not mean standing on the border because we as soldiers are already there to not let any enemy cross the border. What I mean is protection within the border which is also important and cannot be ignored.

We can all contribute towards it even with our smallest of actions like not littering on the roads, wearing seat belts whilst driving, and following rules and regulations set by the government for the safety of one and all. For India's future to be prosperous, every single Indian citizen must come together to do their part!

Host: Very well said, sir. I hope that in the future, In-

dians will pay more attention to not only their rights but also their duties. Moving on to our second panellist, the one who is the human manifestation of God. And in the midst of the outbreak, they truly did save innumerable lives without worrying about themselves. A big round of applause for Madam Doctor. Ma'am, what's your vision of India 20 years down the line?

Doctor: A fit and healthy na-

tion is what I envision. As doctors, we try our best to save the life of a patient lying in front of us. But it is time for people to realise that health is of supreme importance. In most of the cases, people ignore the minute symptoms and when it takes a bad shape, they rush to the hospital. The very first step should be to not ignore any such warning that the body sends you. Secondly, good food and exercise is all one should focus on; you cannot compromise on

these two things to live a healthy life. If this pandemic has taught us anything, it is that we should take care of our health and build a strong immune system, because if you're fit, the nation is fit.

Host: Indeed, ma'am. I cannot agree more. Onto our last panellist for the day, the one who brings us all the hot events happening in and outside the country, Mr Journalist. Do you think the citizens of this country are well informed about the happenings?

Journalist: With social media coming in, there's no doubt that people are well informed about things happening around them. The reason is simple, today they have access to news on their smartphones, laptops, tabs and other platforms. But, along with this dissemination of news, I think it is high time we acknowledge the fact that the citizens of this country hold just as much moral responsibility as a journalist does; because today, every single person with a social media account claims themselves to be a 'journalist'. Sometimes while using WhatsApp, Twitter and Instagram, they spread 'news' that is not even real, which ends up spreading rumours and doing more harm than good. I feel the citizens should pledge to not believe everything they read on the internet nor forward it on social media, unless it has been verified from an original source.

Host: Right! We all need to come together and fight against this deadly epidemic of 'fake news'. And before we end our show for today, I want to thank all of you, who have made this country what it is today, and hopefully will keep working hard to make it better. Jai Hind, Jai Bharat! 🇮🇳



But it is time for people to realise that health is of supreme importance. In most of the cases, people ignore the minute symptoms and when it takes a bad shape, they rush to the hospital. The very first step should be to not ignore any such warning that the body sends you.



Democratic VIBGYOR



Dr Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

Tomorrow our nation will celebrate its 72nd Republic Day, and the world shall witness the grand spectacle of Indian diversity on Rajpath - the Republic Day parade.

This year, however, the parade will be especially poignant. It will reflect not

only 'unity in diversity' embodied in the nation's constitution, but also the resilience and courage with which the country has come together successfully, to face a pandemic that continues to bring several nations to its knees.

His Holiness, the Dalai Lama, during a recent webinar on happiness at Amity University, expressed, "India is the only nation in the world which is so richly diverse yet democratic. It is a very unique quality of this nation, that different religions, cultures and people from all over the world live here together democratically in peace and harmony."

'Diversity', indeed, is the soul of democracy in India. And, it is unity between these myriad languages, cultures, religions, regions etc, that is the hallmark of this diversity. It is this cooperation that makes us rise to any challenge. That makes the country reverberate with life at every step. While we love to display our cultural uniqueness, we also take pride in our unity as we endeavour together towards making India a superpower.

Today, India is one of the most successful democracies in the world, a fact that accounts for one of its greatest strengths, a strength not many have been able to match. History is replete with incidents when several democracies crumbled, but India stood strong. It is so because at the heart of this diverse democracy lies the inclusivity of the humanitarian values of respect, acceptance, gratitude and love, which forms the very fiber of the fabric called India. 🇮🇳

The constitutional legacy

A Bequest Of The Indians, For The Indians, By The Indians

Sarthak Sahoo, AIS Saket, XI F

The Indian Constitution is often alleged to be a borrowed one, owing to the adaptation of legal provisions from around the world. However, what we often overlook is that it is the vast expanse of our history that serves the modalities of our very constitution. Unbeknownst to most of us, these seemingly 'foreign' provisions have indeed been the founding blocks of our centuries-old system, and history stands testimony. Here's how.

Rule of Law

Belief: The Government of India Act (1919) and English Common Law is considered as the genesis of the Rule of Law in India.

History: Ancient Indic texts, such as the Dharmashastras tracing back to first millennium BCE, has been known to promote law as the supreme power. The doctrine suggests that every human being, be it a king or a commoner, is subject to this supreme power. Further, the Upanishad, which dates back to 500-200 BCE, provides law as the king of kings, implying that it is unsurpassable and that by its powers, the weak shall prevail over the strong and justice shall triumph.

While the constitution may have been brought into effect much later in our country, it must be known that India has always been the ambassador of laws and regulation for proper administration of the society.

Due process

Belief: The Japanese Constitution (1947) is believed to be the reason behind our country thriving on due process and procedure established by law.

History: An important concept of the Hindu law denoting legal procedures is *Vyavahāra*. The Vedic period of ancient Indian history (1500 - 400 BCE) has been known to witness these strictly enforced governance, which involves trials known as *kriya*, in order to 'remove various doubts'. And in the end, the final verdicts given out in the form of *niraya*.

While we believe the concept of due process to be a foreign adoption, our ancient history has proved to have an established legal system, including the due process of court hearings, testimonies, and enforcing punishments, ensuring the prevalence of justice.

Right to freedom

Belief: The ideals that constitute the right to freedom, especially free speech, is supposedly bor-

rowed from the Bill of Rights of the American Constitution (1776).

History: Originally, the said ideals are an inspiration from the documentation of *itihasas*, which has endeavoured to endorse civil dialogue and governance amongst public, giving them the right to agree or disagree with an opinion.

In alignment with the thoughts of *Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar*, the father of Indian constitution, to never look beyond the borders, it's time we realise that the basic rights, such as freedom of speech and expression were always entrenched in the pages of Indian history.

Equity and Directive Principles

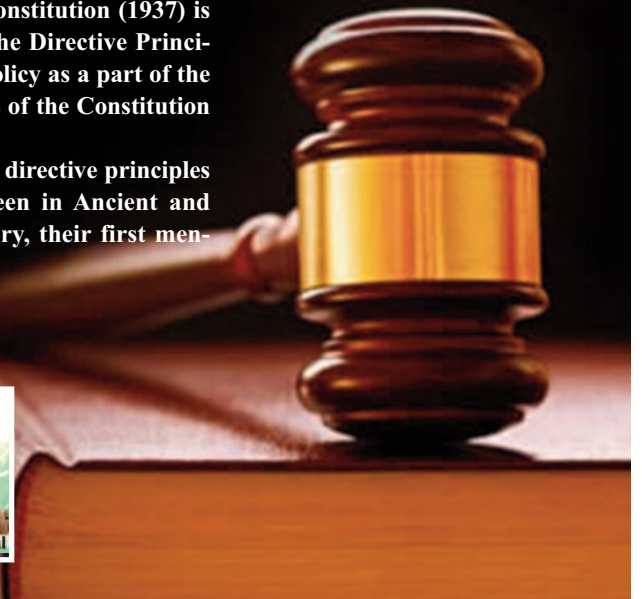
Belief: Irish Constitution (1937) is the source of the Directive Principles of State Policy as a part of the salient features of the Constitution of India.

History: While directive principles are scarcely seen in Ancient and Medieval history, their first men-

tion in India dates back to 1895, where Lokmanya Tilak, by means of Swaraj Bill ideas, promoted equity, progressive taxation, free education and social welfare.

Our country has always believed in the idea of democracy and impartiality towards every strata of humanity.

Even if it might be said that these principles are not native, it must be concluded that its citizens' welfare was always the foremost focus of our long-standing system. Hence, the Indian republic is the focal point of the euphonic diversity and our Constitution is perhaps the greatest testament to our authentic and rich ethos.



RD Special



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

The Global Times is a special newspaper. That might seem obvious coming from the managing editor of the paper. However, I say so not because of the unique bond that I share with this publication (we will leave that for another column), but because of

the values it stands for. The Global Times is the only school newspaper to be registered under the RNI Act and the oldest of its kind, a rare find even in the lakh registered publications.

Its uniqueness stands out in its maxim 'by the children, of the children and for the children', a maxim that resonates with the spirit of the democratic nation we all live in. In a nation whose constitution is embedded on the principle of 'by the people, of the people and for the people', to have a newspaper that gives the same 'by, of and for' to its future generation, is futuristic indeed. And for that we must thank Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, for this newspaper is her brainchild.

This special edition is an ode to the same democratic euphoria. Handcrafted by GT journo of AIS Saket, this edition brings to you the euphoria of being a republic. From the top story that gives an insight into the making of the constitution to young ones sharing their own belief in the constitution (pg 7) to poems and paintings (pg 8 & 9), each page offers a myriad expressions about this special day. Republic Day is a special day for it enunciates the heartbeat of this nation - democracy. GT is a special newspaper for it unfurls the same democratic fervour to its future generations. So, when a special day and special newspaper come together, the magic has to be manifold. 🇮🇳



Be the change

Let's Better Our Treatment Of Animals

Sucheer Menon
AGS Gurugram, IX

Animals – our furry four-legged neighbours are just as much residents of this planet as the human race is, but some of us keep forgetting that. This is perhaps why animal abuse and animal cruelty plagues our society to such a great extent. God made them with innocent eyes, adorable faces, and friendly behaviour, but still we fear the beast in them and they fear the human in us.

The sad reality is that animals can be our best friends, but only when we start treating them with love and respect. Charles Darwin's theory of evolution reiterated the same when it proved that humans have a direct kinship with animals. However, from our childhood, we've been made to believe that animals are

dangerous and will attack us, which is why we must hurt them before they hurt us.

If one sees any wild animal in their vicinity, they rush to call animal control, but does anyone stop to think where these voiceless souls would go now that we, 'the humans', are tearing down their home to build concrete walls? We not only enter, pollute and destroy the habitats of animals, but also poach, hunt, and kill these beings for pleasure, food, entertainment and jewellery, leaving them with no choice but to defend themselves.

Time has come, we need to wake up and open our eyes to the horrors they face and save them from ourselves. The lawmakers of the countries also need to contribute to provide a solution and for some part, they have. When bald eagles were marked as 'endangered' in North America, it

was the combined efforts of the public and the government that gave the species another chance to thrive. As we live in a world where Amazon and Australian fires caused just as much havoc for our friends who cannot speak, we must keep them in consideration too, because this land is theirs as much as it is ours and the pain they feel is real, too.

So, the next time you are scrolling through your feed and spot a post about animal cruelty, be sure to remember that just liking it will not solve the problem. We must take actions to extend our support. Let's provide them physical, financial and medicinal care; let's volunteer at animal care shelters. Let's not hurt these animals to make leather, fur or jewellery. Let's raise a voice against the hurt we have given them. Let's join hands to save all the species who walk on this planet!



Issue: Page 12, Jan 18, 2021

Dear Editor,

This is in reference to the article 'Beauty in crisis' on page 12 published in the GT edition dated January 18, 2021. It is beautiful how we stumble across books, music, films, poetry and paintings, and they become our favourites forever. This article made me realise that during trying times such as COVID-19 pandemic, we took inspiration from art and artists. We found shelter from the maddening world in their creations. It's a fact, whenever we face a difficult situation in life, art is what carries us onwards and upwards. This pandemic helped us find artists within ourselves. We found time for soul searching and polished our own skills. It is rightly said that "Art is the best form of human expression" and that the words stand true as an artist weaves his/her imagination, brightening up the world a little more every day!

Aastha Sharma, AIS Vas 6, XI B



Tahina spectabilis tree flowers only once and dies soon after.

A constructive constitution

This Republic Day, Amitians Commemorate Golden Heritage Of Our Nation

The dawn of January 26, 1950 served as the last nail in the coffin of British imperialism in India; with the formulation and implementation of the world's longest written Constitution. Pinned under the auspices of BR Ambedkar, it went on to corroborate India's existence as a sovereign state. Thenceforth celebrated as Republic Day, the watershed moment approaches its 72nd anniversary this year. And as it does, AIS Saket GT desk goes all out and unveils its own adaptation of the historic document, one endowed with the undying spirit of patriotism, equality and oneness of one and all.

We, the students of AIS Saket, solemnly resolve to make our beloved nation the best that there is, and do hereby give ourselves this constitution.

1st Schedule: The most sought after epoch-making changes in the nation



I know that won't be enough but as mom says, a little goes a long way. The smile that this little gesture would bring on their faces would be more than enough to gratify my heart."

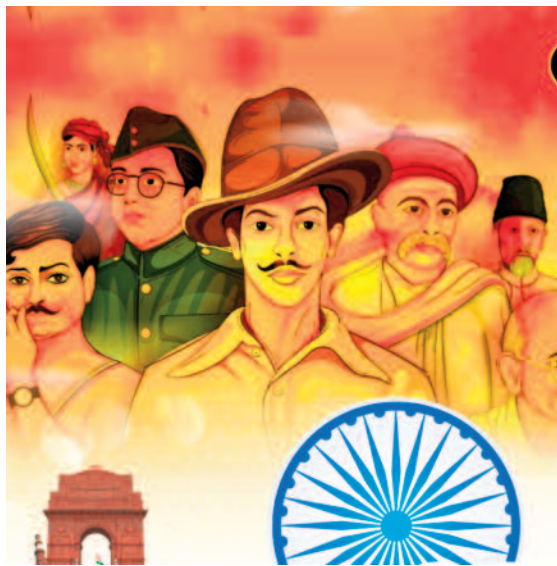
Tarini Seth, AIS Saket, III D

Article 2: "Education is a fundamental right of every child and it pains my heart to see poor children of my age being deprived of this basic right. Like me, they are also entitled to go to school and enjoy their childhood, but cannot due to a lack of resources. But, we can all make a huge difference in that by giving them our old clothes, shoes, toys and books."

Samaira Singh, AIS Saket, III C

Article 1: "I wish for poverty to end once and for all. The sight of homeless people begging on the streets to fill their empty stomachs is dispiriting to say the least. So, this Republic Day, I plan on spending all the money I have in my piggy bank to buy goodies for the underprivileged."

2nd Schedule: The national responsibilities young minds are shouldered with



Article 3: "In whatever I do, I will put my nation first. I, along with my fellow young Indians, will work hard to make India economically strong, educated and healthy."

Aanya Bhandari, AIS Saket, VA

Article 4: "My prime responsibility is to be well-versed with my nation's history. I will learn more about all those heroes who have left an indelible mark on the firmament of Indian glory in an effort to advance their legacy and pay homage at every step."

*Vivaan Singh Chauhan
AIS Saket, V B*

3rd Schedule: The absolute essentials of the famed Republic Day parade

Article 5: "The tableaux that depict India's rich cultural heritage have to be my absolute favourite. Each state depicts its unique festivals, historical locations and art through these tableaux, exhibiting the overall cultural diversity and intrepidity of our splendid nation."

Raabia Ali, AIS Saket, VII B

Article 6: "Each year the Prime Minister lays a floral wreath at the Amar Jawan Jyoti to honour the sacrifices of the martyrs, followed by two minutes of silence. That moment for me is a beautiful reminder of the unconditional devotion our soldiers bear towards the nation."

Nitya Jain, AIS Saket, VII A



Article 7: "The parade is incomplete without the fly-past of aircrafts. Their precise formation and rhythm is surreal and never fails to astonish me."

Meher Agarwal, AIS Saket, VII A

4th Schedule: The national duty to safeguard our historical masterpieces



Article 8: "As responsible and mindful citizens of India, it becomes the duty of each one of us to look after our historical monuments. Damaging them would not only create a bad impression on the tourists, but it would also adversely affect India's tourism industry and economy as a whole. So, let's try to protect them."

*Lakshita Agarwal
AIS Saket, VIII D*

Article 9: "Monuments define a major part of our history, customs and traditions. Therefore, we need to maintain these pil-

lars of old times for this generation as well as the generations to come. It is a matter of national pride to carry forth these tokens of the past and make sure their beauty remains untainted."

*Samra Ahmed
AIS Saket, VIII B*

Article 10: "Monuments are our assets; they do not belong to an individual, but to the entire nation. Therefore, tampering with these impeccable buildings is like a blow straight to the country's life force. Let's safeguard them."

Diya Arora, AIS Saket, VIII B

5th Schedule: The illegality of exploiting basic human rights

Article 11: "The rights we citizens have been given, are given so that we use them for a good and noble cause. If someone misuses their rights, it is important to report it to the concerned authority so that suitable action can be taken."

Ravina Rastogi, AIS Saket, IX A

Article 12: "As a responsible citizen of India, it is our duty and moral obligation to convene whenever there occurs any misconduct that threatens the social fabric of the country. If I find myself in such a situation, I would calmly explain to the person why such activities are not tolerable under any circumstances."

Nandita Bansal, AIS Saket, XI E

Article 13: "I would stop the miscreants through dialogue. If need be, I would gather a group of socially responsible people from around me for the same, for exploitation of rights is a big no."

Leela Ajeet, AIS Saket, X C



6th Schedule: The life-altering anecdotes invoking inner patriotism



Article 14: "Walking across the Raj Ghat, bearing witness to Mahatma Gandhi's memorial, bespoke of the nadir of Indian history and the suffering of many, evinced an enlightening catharsis in me, of greater responsibility and pride, and of goodwill and discipline."

Sarthak Sahoo, AIS Saket, XI F

Article 15: "The recognition of courage and valour at the Republic Day parade that takes place every year on January 26 at Rajpath, makes me feel proud to be an Indian."

Abhilasha Kuba, AIS Saket, XI E

Article 16: "When I read about the countless sports personalities, including the likes of Sakshi Malik, Leander Paes etc., representing India at an international level, it makes me swell with pride, churning up my inner resolve and patriotic fervour."

Saniya Sethi, AIS Saket, XII D

Dragon Blood tree resembles umbrellas and spouts dark red resin.



A second chance

Storywala



Avikshit Sahil Upadhyay
AGS Gurugram, IX

Henry Davis was a regular guy, with a pretty much regular life. A man in his forties, he had a decent job, a good family and a normal set of friends. But he hated everything about his life. According to him, his job was strenuous, his car was ugly, his family was nosy and last but not the least, his friends were inconsiderate. Every day was the same for Henry. He would eat a tasteless meal, drive to work in his old fiat, spend all day in the office, struggling to meet dead-

lines; and drive back to his hoary apartment, ingest another plain meal and finally dip into a colourless sleep. Every single night, he prayed for his monotonous cycle of life to reset into an exciting one.

Like any other day, Henry was driving to his office, when suddenly a truck appeared out of nowhere and hit his car, sending it crashing down the street. Everything was too fast to comprehend. Yet, it felt like time had slowed down for him. Henry looked around, trying to place himself in the setting, amidst the smell of fumes from the car, sound of glass shattering and

warping of metal.

A blare of sirens flooded through the air as Henry's vision went dark. As he lay partly unconscious, he felt someone rescue him from the mangled mess of a car and put him in a gurney. A voice called out to him, "Henry! Henry! Don't go into the light." Slowly opening his eyes, he saw a figure standing across him, it was another Henry.

"Wh...who are you? You look just like me!" cried Henry. "I am you and I'm here to tell you something," replied his replica. He continued, "I know you hate your life. I know that the monotony of it all suppresses you every day.

"Wh...who are you? You look just like me!" cried Henry. "I am you and I'm here to tell you something," replied his replica.

But, hold on. It'll get better. Do you want to leave your friends, family like this? Do you really despise them?" "How do you know all this about me?" shrieked Henry, bewildered.

"Because, I am you," replied his other self. "I am everything that you will be and everything you are. And, guess what? You will be happy. Good things take time and your time will be here soon. Just hold on. Give your life a chance. Everything around you is beautiful; your friends and family love you. Think about it." With these words, the doppelganger faded into the background, and just as he did, Henry felt immense pain coursing through his body, almost as if all his bones were shattered in pieces suddenly and he fainted.

When he woke up, he was in a hospital room. Everything around him was clean and immaculate. A doctor stood at the edge of his bed, and said, "You're lucky; barely escaped with your life, consider it a second chance. You still need to recover, but you'll be out of here in no time." Henry sighed in relief. For the first time in a long time, he was glad to be alive.



Harshita Raghav

Wall hanging

Harshita Raghav, AIS Gurugram 46, IX H

Material required

- Coloured clothes -2
- Scissors
- Fevicol
- Pencil or pen
- Nails
- Hammer

Method

- Before beginning the DIY, decide on the quote you want to imprint on the wall hanging. The quote taken here is 'Dare to begin'.
- After deciding the quote, take a piece of coloured cloth and with the help of a pencil or pen (depending on the fabric) write down your quote. Ensure that the letters are big enough to be legible.
- Now, with the help of scissors, cut out the letters neatly and keep them aside.
- Take another piece of cloth for the base and place the pre-cut letters on it to form the quote.
- Measure the amount of base cloth required to fit in the quote and cut accordingly.
- Next, using fevicol, paste the letters on the base cloth to form the quote.
- Your cloth-based wall hanging is ready. Place it on the wall with the help of nails and hammer!

WORDS VERSE

Unity in diversity

Niharika Roy
AIS Saket, X

Generations after generations gone by
Thriving under the eyes of the creator
And when we look back to our ancestors
With grace, the crowned heads ruled
Their territories spread across the nation
And each one of them representing
The opulent history of our vast country
The country we are proud to call India

The Mughals, the Mauryas, the Guptas
And their forever revered dynasties
Clashed they did, but their legacy
Stands resolute and tall, even today
The Iron Pillar, the Taj Mahal
The Dancing Statue or Ajanta Caves
Little did they know, history was made

Before making it deep into the graves

When speaking about Indian culture
Diverse, is the least that can be said
Each state of this vibrant country
Has its very own decorous heritage
Language, religion, food and dances
Crosses the mark in every aspect
Abiding fundamentally by our secularity
All religions are bestowed with respect

India, our gloriously plenteous country
A wonderous melting pot of life and more
Carries forward with the utmost poise
The honour that was bestowed upon it
And every man, woman and child
Who calls themselves citizens of India
Must pledge to always uphold the gift
Of their common past and shared identity.



Happy Republic Day!

Yashika Das, AIS Saket, VIII D

All of us know of January 26
It is a very significant date
Watching the beautiful parade
Held every year at India Gate

This parade is to pay tribute
To those who led a long fight
So that today in glorious India
We could see freedom's light

Was it truly only their strength
That brought India's free morn?
No, no, they also had to 24/7
Keep their thinking caps on

Just making British leave India

Was not the only thing to be done
A true democracy was the plan
So that India stays united and one

How to manage all resources?
How to ensure everyone's votes?
For each and every single aspect
A lot of time they had to devote

Finally, on January 26, 1950
India's constitution was in effect
Solving a lot of serious problems
Equality for all was the goal to get

Token of gratitude to all the martyrs
And thank you to all, I want to say
So, I wish my friends and family
A very happy Republic Day!

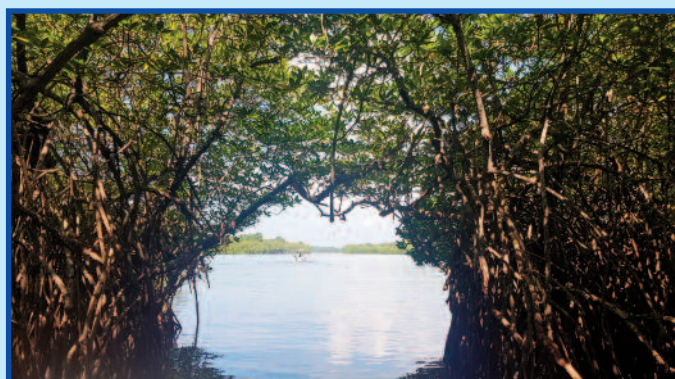
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Ripunjay Vashisht, AIS Vasundhara 6, VIII C

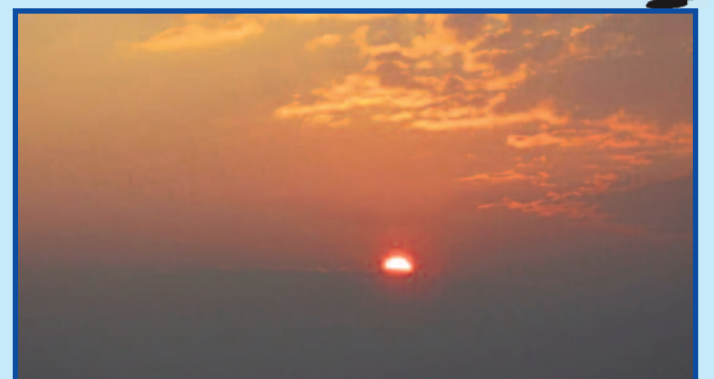
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A glade of spirituality



A gateway to freedom



A glimmer of hope



Willow trees 'talk' to each other and emit certain chemicals when attacked by webworms.

An earnest lie

Purvi Gupta, AIS Vas 6, V

Once upon a time, in a faraway land lived a boy called Pratham. He had six sisters whom he loved dearly. Always encouraging them to stay at home and focus on their education, he never allowed his sisters to get a job. He wanted them to follow their passion, and to aid their studies, he took up multiple side jobs along with his daytime job. Every penny that he earned was saved in their family locker.

But as time passed, Pratham noticed two weird things happening in his household. Firstly, no matter how much money was spent, the amount in the locker always remained the same, even ended up being more than what he had kept initially. This baffled him. Secondly, every morning, his sisters would wake up with dirt and dust on their clothes. He wondered what his sisters could have possibly done in their sleep to end up with dirty garments. Finally, Pratham had had enough and decided to take matters into his own hands.

It was night time and Maya, the eldest sister, had laid down the dinner table. As everyone was busy eating, Pratham quickly finished his portions and yawned loudly. "I am very tired, so I am going to sleep," he acted and ran to his room, pretending to sleep

Wisdom tale



and even faking snores. The sisters believed him. "Looks like he is finally asleep, we can go," said Maya. "I don't know. I have a bad feeling about today. I feel like something is going to go wrong tonight," cried the youngest sister. "Oh, don't be ridiculous. What could possibly go wrong? Come on! Stop wasting time and let's get going or we will be late!" Maya retorted.

The sisters quickly picked up their shawls and supplies and left the house, not knowing that their elder brother was actually awake and had full plans of following them. As they made their way outside, he trailed behind them, keeping his distance but still close enough to see what they

were doing.

After a walk that lasted for 30 minutes, the sisters, and their trailing brother, finally reached an enormous castle. The sisters greeted a tall man at the gate and quickly made their way in different directions. What Pratham saw next shook him to his core, as all the sisters picked up brooms, mops, dusters etc., and started cleaning a section of castle. Two of his sisters even made their way to the kitchen and started preparing food. Tears started filling his eyes as he could not see his precious sisters do such menial jobs that he never wanted them to do. He wanted his sisters to study hard and become successful women.

Finally, Pratham had had enough and he decided to take the matters into his own hands.

After two hours, his sisters finally made their way to the gate, and the man standing there handed them some notes. Tired, covered in dust and dirt, the sisters quickly counted their pay and made their way back home. "So this is what you do when I go to sleep?" cried Pratham, shocking all of his sisters. Seeing their brother's eyes filled with tears, they all looked down in guilt and pain, but Maya refused to cower down. "We are sorry we hid this from you, *bhaiya*, but you work so hard for all of us every single day and we do nothing! We want to help you," said Maya. "I never got to finish school, but I don't want you to have the same fate. You all deserve to have good education. Don't you see that if you study hard, you will get a better job than just sweeping and mopping? Please do not go back to that castle again. Focus on your education and I promise, it will pay off in the future!" remarked Pratham. All the sisters nodded their heads, and promised that they would only focus on their education from now on and make their brother proud. 🇮🇳

So, what did you learn today? Education is important to lead a happy and successful life.



Ridam with her oreo choco balls

Oreo choco balls

Ridam Bisht, AIS Mayur Vihar, III A

What you need?

Oreo biscuits.....50 grams
Chocolate spread20 grams
Milk3 tbsp
Cream3 tbsp
Cadbury gems.....for decoration

How to go about it?

- Take the Oreo biscuits and separate the cookies and cream from each other.
- Collect all the center cream in one bowl and the cookies in another bowl.
- Whisk the centre cream lightly with a spoon so that it has a paste like consistency. Refrigerate for 10-15 minutes.
- Using a mixer, grind the cookies into fine powder.
- Now, in a bowl, add chocolate spread, milk, cookie powder and mix it all together.
- Once mixed properly, make equal sized balls from this mix; place the center cream inside them and roll again to make perfectly round choco balls.
- Place these choco balls in the freezer for 10-15 minutes.
- Decorate with gems. Your Oreo choco balls are ready!



POEM

The day we achieved

Lakshita Agrawal, AIS Saket, VIII D

Jan 26, 1950 – on this grand day
Our Constitution came into effect
And without any further delay
We became its primary subjects

We finally established the Swaraj
Which was our long sought goal
Independence was no more a mirage
And made every Indian citizen whole

We had then officially won the war

War of emotions that raged in us
We no longer had to implore
Outsiders for what belonged to us

The monumental efforts of our leaders
Were now bearing fruits of labour
We were no longer helpless pleaders
In front of them colonial practitioners

We successfully restored our pride
And deservedly regained our respect
Because on this exceptional day
Our Constitution came into effect. 🇮🇳



Republic Day Special



It's Me

KNOW ME

Name: Dhruv Kapoor
Class: II B
School: AIS Mayur Vihar
Born on: February 25

MY FAVOURITES

Teacher: Suja Vinod
Subject: Math
Friend: My Mother
Game: Chess
Cartoon: Doraemon
Food: Rajma rice
Mall: DLF Mall
Book: Pinocchio

MY DREAMS AND GOALS

Hobbies: Drawing and colouring
I like: Hills and beaches
I dislike: Lockdown
My role model: My father
I want to become: A doctor
I want to feature in GT because:
I want to make more friends.



Jumble Fumble

Unjumble The Words And
Solve The Quiz

Shaurya Manglik
AIS Noida, III D

1. This is a dog breed with black and white spots.
ALMAAINDT
2. This is a popular dessert made of a fruit and pastry
PPLAE IEP
3. This is a place generally referred to as the home of a particular animal
BITHAATT
4. This is what you have when your friends come over and stay at night
EEPSORELV

Answers: 1. Dalmatian 2. Apple pie 3. Habitat 4. Sleepover

PAINTING CORNER

Neisha Chandrashekar
AIS Gur 43, VII B



Rainbow Eucalyptus trees produce flammable oil and greatly contribute to the spread of wildfires.



HISTORY *this* WEEK

Weeks, years, decades, centuries...as each day passes, the world keeps progressing into a newer direction. But as we keep trying to get a glimpse of the shining future that we work so hard to create, it's important to take a break and appreciate how far we have come. Let's look back at the pages of history falling between January 25 - 31 that played their role in shaping our society.

The world of inventions

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1880

Thomas Alva Edison was granted the patent for 'an electric lamp giving light by incandescence'. Contrary to popular belief, Edison did not just 'find a way to sell' the cumulative invention of 22 preceding men, he also made a bulb that would not burn out quickly. Early bulbs not only had brief lives but also required high current. Edison experimented with a variety of bulb filaments, finally settling on a carbonised bamboo filament that could last for more than 1200 hours. Mahen Theatre in Brno (situated in the present-day Czech Republic) was the first public building to use Edison's electric lamps.

JAN
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1895

Charles Steinmetz patented 'a system of distribution by alternating current'. Steinmetz is credited with pioneering discoveries in the field of electronics and the mathematician-engineer even holds the titles of 'Forger of Thunderbolts' and 'The Wizard of Schenectady' owing to his amazing work. The system of distribution of alternating current (AC) is one of his strokes of genius, having developed various theories around AC. Steinmetz greatly changed the world of electronics for engineers, simplifying archaic methodologies, and hypothesizing phenomenon that had been previously unexplained.

The world of celebration

JAN
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1956



The Mozart-woche, popularly known as 'Mozart Week' was founded.

The annual festival devoted to performances of the legendary composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's works, is regarded as an artistic highlight in the European concert calendar. Since 1956, the festival attracts visitors from all over the world. It typically includes opera performances, orchestral, chamber and recital concerts featuring world-class orchestras and artistes.

The world of entertainment



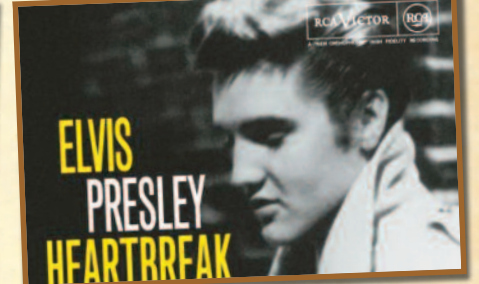
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1926

John Logie Baird gave the first public demonstration of television in his laboratory in London. A Scottish inventor, electrical engineer, and innovator, Baird also invented the first publicly demonstrated colour television system, and the first purely electronic colour television picture tube, initiating a revolution in the world of communication and entertainment. His television was chiefly based on the works of the German scientist Paul Nipkow.



JAN
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1996

6,138th performance of 'Cats' was held in London, surpassing the record of Broadway's longest-running musical, 'A Chorus Line'. Cats, a sung-through musical composed by Andrew Lloyd Webber, based on the 1939 poetry collection Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats by T. S. Eliot, tells the story of a tribe of cats called the Jellicles. As of 2019, Cats remains the fourth-longest-running Broadway show and the sixth-longest-running West End show.



JAN
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1956

'Heartbreak Hotel' was released by Elvis Presley, which is also his first million-selling song, written by Tommy Durden and Mae Boren Axton, with credit given also to Presley. A newspaper article about the suicide of a lonely man who jumped from a hotel window inspired the lyrics. Axton presented the song to Presley in November 1955 at a country music convention in Nashville. Presley agreed to record it, and did so on January 10, 1956, in a session with his band, The Blue Moon Boys, the guitarist Chet Atkins, and the pianist Floyd Cramer.

The world of politics



JAN
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1950

The Constitution of India came into force, forming a republic. Considered as the longest written constitution of any country on earth, it declared India as a sovereign, socialist, secular and democratic republic. It assured its citizens justice, equality and liberty, and endeavours to promote fraternity. The original 1950 constitution is preserved in a helium-filled case at Parliament House in New Delhi. Since then, each year, this day is celebrated as Republic Day.



JAN
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1967

The Soviet Union, the United States, and the United Kingdom signed the Outer Space Treaty in Washington, DC. The treaty prohibits the placing of nuclear weapons in space, limits the use of the Moon and all other celestial bodies to peaceful purposes only. The treaty also establishes that space shall be free for exploration and use by all nations, but that no nation may claim sovereignty of outer space or any celestial body.

The world of sports

JAN
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1924



In 1921, the International Olympic Committee decided to give furtherance to a Winter Sports Week to be held in Chamonix, France, which rang up its curtains on January 25, 1924 and was named First Winter Olympics. The 10,004 paying spectators were galvanised by the ski jump and bobsled along with 12 other events involving a total of 6 sports.

JAN
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1990



Created in a spurt of impetuous whim, the first ever all-sports daily 'National' began publishing. It is said that the vision of the short-lived paper exceeded the technological advancements required for it. Frank Deford was made the editor-in-chief of the paper which changed the game of sports media coverage. Every second of the athletic orbit was noted and published until the newspaper stopped the publications in June 1991 due to its catastrophic distribution and fast flowing money.



El Arbor de la Sabina trees grow in the direction of the wind and changes shape many times a year.

RSGF 2020

Kon'nichiwa Japan And Namaste World, Says Amity



Amitians at the virtual 7th Rits Super Global Forum 2020

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Twenty students from 10 branches of Amity Group of Schools along with 10 teachers participated in the prestigious 7th Chapter of Rits Super Global Forum 2020* (RSGF 2020) held by Ritsumeikan High School, Japan, virtually from November 10-14, 2020. The five-day event was facilitated by Amity Educational Resource Centre under the visionary guidance of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF. Students of Amity have been participating in the event for the last 6 years consecutively.

A total of 150 students from over 18 schools of 11 countries namely UK, Nepal, USA, Thailand, Canada, France, Taiwan, Philippines, Singapore, Sweden and Japan participated in the event. The theme of RSGF 2020 was 'What can we do under the situations of the Coronavirus'. The event commenced with a Brass Band performance by Ritsumeikan High School. A dance performance by their students added to the positive sentiment as did the virtual presentation/tour of the beautiful city of Kyoto.

The breakout sessions saw students from various countries come up with innovative solutions to the problems based on the theme with Covid in the backdrop in their respective countries. The solutions presented were ground-breaking and those presented by Amitians were particularly noteworthy as they were able to identify with humanitarian values and social causes.

One of the highlights of the event was a live keynote lecture on YouTube live by Akiko

Maeker, founder and principal coach, Interculturalist. She spoke on diversity, equity and inclusion, sharing her own personal experiences. This was followed by a Q & A session during which Saumya Chauhan (X), AIS PV, representing Amity, asked about her thoughts on what is more important between equity and equality in current times. Akiko Maeker enumerated that both are similar, yet very different, so both are important.

In further sessions, Amitians gave powerful presentations on sub-topics like Covid-19 + Education (disparity, access to education, online education), Covid-19 + Poverty (dispar-

ity, tourism, refugees), Covid-19 + Environment (climate change, Covid-waste, disasters) and Covid-19 + Social/Economic Life (economy, jobs, medical care).

Amitians also showcased their talents with a video titled 'India', which was based on the rich cultural diversity of the country. The video, prepared by the participating students, was compiled by AIS Gurugram 43. Proving their artistic talents, Riddhi Rastogi (XI), AIS Gurugram 43, Khushi Soni (XI) and Shatakshi Akansha (XI) of AIS Vasundhara 6 gave live Kathak performances, while, Joy Chatterjee (XI), AIS MV; Diti Sharma (X), AIS Noida; Arnab Sarda (X), AIS Vasundhara 1 and Ananya Agarwal (XI), AIS Gurugram 46 played musical instruments and sang patriotic songs. Sunila Athley, principal of AIS Vasundhara 6 gave an inspiring speech on the occasion. Participants from other countries too, showcased their cultural videos. The event culminated with a spell binding performance by the Ritsumeikan High School Brass Band and a beautiful video of the amazing journey of five days along with thank you speeches from the Principal and students of Ritsumeikan High School.

About RSGF

*RSGF, in cooperation with the host Ritsumeikan High School, invites students from all over the world to discuss, share opinions and develop practical methods of solving global issues, through which they can gain a deep understanding of global situations. It aims to help students strengthen their friendships and become global leaders, by acquiring vital life skills leadership with followership and humanitarian values. 🇨🇦

Participants from Amity Group of Schools

AIS Gur 43: Tannya Pasricha, X & Riddhi Rastogi, XI

AIS Gur 46: Ananya Agarwal, XI & Ishika Kaushik, XII

AGS Gurugram: Anika Jain, X & Armaan Soni, XI

AIS Gwalior: Akash Pal, X & Dhruv Bhardwaj, X

AIS MV: Rosni Srivastava, XI & Joy Chatterjee, XI

AIS Noida: Diti Sharma, X & Anubhav Pandey, XI

AIS PV: Saumya Chauhan, X & Nalin Jayaswal, XI

AIS Saket: Rishika Gupta, XI & Bipanchy Hazarika, XI

AIS Vas 1: Arnab Sarda, X & Anvay Arora, X

AIS Vas 6: Khushi, XI & Shatakshi, XI

Few Lines About Japan



An introduction to Japanese culture at the beginning of the event

Japanese in Amitians' heart

A Day Dedicated To Japan

AIS Vasundhara 6

As part of Japan Day celebrations, the school organised an online 'Japanese Inter-Section Choral Recitation Contest' for Class VI-VIII from October 5-8, 2020. Deepti Singh, the Indian representative of Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, Japan, was the chief guest and also the judge of the event along with Nidhi Kapoor, a home designer and JLPT N3 aspirant. The event entailed song and poem recitation competitions in Japanese language in both solo and group category. Each team was uniquely named after the names of colours, animals and fruits in Japanese. Class VI stu-

dents sang Japanese songs and explained their meanings in English. Students of Class VII and VIII participated in GUNDOKU, a group activity to recite poems. Japanese students Makoto Shinohara (VII) recited the poem 'Yatte Miyou' (Let's Do it) and Mado Michiyu (VIII) recited the poem 'Chikyuu Aisatsu' (Greeting to the World). Beautiful props and online backdrops with enthralling music magnified the beauty of the contest. The event was judged on the basis of pronunciation, intonation and diction; winners were declared class-wise. The judges appreciated students' presentations. School principal Sunila Athley expressed her delight at the zeal displayed by the students. 🇨🇦



Students with masks and props during GUNDOKU

A day for elderly

AIS VKC Lucknow

Children from Class Nursery-I celebrated Grandparents' Day virtually on December 19, 2020. The event, organised to accord gratitude to grandparents for nurturing young lives with love and care, commenced with a virtual lamp lighting ceremony and recitation of Gayatri Mantra. The children presented a heartwarming welcome song and dance 'Dada Dadi, Nana Nani' to greet their beloved grandparents. All the grandparents zealously participated in various online interactive games and ac-

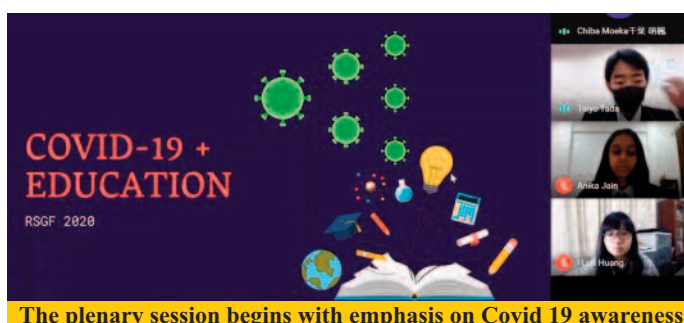
tivities. Many of them shared experiences of their lives, while others sang melodious songs. Some of them also delighted everyone with eloquent recitation of self-composed poems and stories. It was heartening to see many of them lovingly holding the hands of their grandchildren as they attended the online session. School principal Rachna Mishra, in her address, enunciated that grandparents are a blessing to the society. She further emphasised that Amity as an institution deeply values the Indian family system and aims to foster emotional intelligence in its students. 🇨🇦



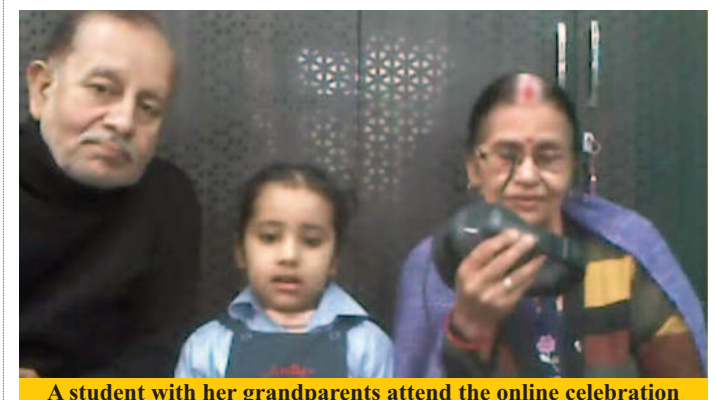
Saumya Chauhan, AIS PV asks a question to Akiko Maeker



Students from Japan perform during the cultural ceremony



The plenary session begins with emphasis on Covid 19 awareness



A student with her grandparents attend the online celebration

Baobab trees can be leafless almost throughout the year and their trunks can store gallons of water.

All top quotes contributed by Nishit Kapoor
AIS Vasundhara 6, VIII E



Celebrating India

And Celebrating Every Aspect That Adds To The Glory Of The Country



Prisha Dubey, IX A & Ishika Sharma, XI D, AIS Saket

The Indian cultural heritage is a mesmerising patchwork of numerous aspects of the Indian lifestyle and its ethnic multiplicity. Despite the various practices and traditions across the states, there are some facets of our culture which have created a unifying bond all around the nation. This Republic Day, let's take a look at some of these aspects which are seemingly distinctive yet find a common heritage in the history of Indian culture en masse.

Joyous festivals

Undoubtedly, one of the most beautiful aspects of our country is the numerous festivals that are celebrated throughout the year. India, being a multicultural, multi-ethnic and multi-religious country, celebrates holidays and festivals of various religions. The three national holidays in India, the Independence Day, Republic Day and Gandhi Jayanti, are celebrated with zeal and enthusiasm across the country. In addition, many Indian states and regions have local festivals depending on the prevalent religious and linguistic demographics. Owing to the large number of religious and ethnic groups, festive season is all year round. Each festival has its own fascinating story behind it and is celebrated with pomp and splendour all over the nation.

Glorious cuisine

Indian cuisine is rich, diverse and chock-full of flavours, enough to make anyone swoon. It is a melting pot of different dishes originating from all corners of the vast nation. Although the

preparation of food may be starkly different, yet the roots are same. Take North and South India for example. At first glance, the two cuisines look quite different from each other but, they have similarities, too. Both serve the combination of a flat bread (chapati/

paratha) or flat rice-based item (dosa/appam) along with a delicious vegetable curry (sabzi/sambhar/rasam). The usage of ghee or clarified butter is the same throughout all major cuisines of Indian states. Even the classic tempering includes ghee, cumin seeds or mustard seeds followed by curry/bay leaves and spice mix. Now you see? Pan Indian cuisines have more in common than you would think.

Linguistic beauty

Most Indian languages have originated from two language families- Indo-European and Dravidian. With the passage of time and growth of population, these split into various languages and dialects. Therefore, there are similarities among languages of a particular family. Also, languages spoken in neighbouring regions show much similarity because of intermingling between populations of neighbouring regions. Being from the same roots, most north Indian languages are quite similar to Hindi. An example of such a similarity is the word 'food' which is 'Ann' in Hindi, 'Annam' in both Sanskrit and Telugu, 'Anna' in Kannada and 'Aanno' in Bangla. While Dravidian languages were more commonly spoken in southern India, they are now spoken all-round the country, even in Northern states such as Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh. FYI- India has over 19, 500 languages and dialects, but we find unity in the fact that all have the same origins.

Indian culture, one of the oldest in the world, is a glorious amalgamation of several cultures, influenced by a history that traces back several millennia. In the face of strong westernisation that is sweeping the world, our culture still stands strong and united, made stronger by the love and diversity that's found within its boundaries. 🇮🇳



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Talking textbooks

A Once In A Blue Moon Phenomenon That Transpires When You Think Out Loud

Dhruv Banerjee

AIS Pushp Vihar, XI G

Know the feeling when you fervently study the whole day in school, but are still left with that last Math period to attend? You do, right? So, while Aarav sat in the classroom, silently staring at the blackboard, and also, brooding over the fact that it was his last year in school, he heard someone talking in undertones. As he cudgelled his brain, trying to locate the source of the voice, he was surprised to find that it was his very own Math book whispering...

Math textbook: "Hey, you! Yes, you! Hi! Why don't you just focus here, and try and find 'X'. That silly fellow has me running after him since the beginning of time."

Aarav: "Is it really you talking? I mean, my blue-covered NCERT Class XI Mathematics Book?"

Math textbook: "Yes, who else?"

Aarav: *about to faint* "But, how? If that's really you, just know that those finding the 'X' miscellaneous or optional exercises you are referring to, no one ever attempts those. In fact, most students, including Yours Truly, have this uncanny and inexplicable ability to flip through the pages these exercises are on without even noticing. Hah!"



Math textbook: "Blimey, you wound me!" *almost on the verge of crying*

Aarav: "And, that is not all! Tell me, if it is really necessary for you to have trigonometry on one hand, and a chapter on probability on the other? It gets really

confusing! How do you even live knowing that?"

Math textbook: "Bbut..."
"Enough! Enough of your recklessness!" *exclaimed the Science textbook out of nowhere*

Aarav: "Oh! So, now you are here to support your PCM mate!"

Science textbook: "How can you be so harsh on us? We literally provide you with all the knowledge and information of the world...er...universe and every-

thing at your desk!"

Aarav: "That you do, I agree. Perhaps, it was just my anxiety talking. Scared, for this is my last year in school. I am going to miss you, guys! Also, I would miss those two cartoon students you had on almost all the pages. The questions they asked, I tell you, I still have no answers."

Science textbook: "Such smart kids, I reckon they did pretty well for themselves... another striking thing about those kids was that they always managed to get all kinds of material for the chemistry experiments, when it took you over two months to get a lab coat to school!" *wink*

Aarav: "Stop pulling my leg, will you!"
"Kya koi mujhe yaad karega" *Hindi textbook barged in, desperate for seeking attention*

Aarav: "Brushing aside your diacritic marks, definitely! I am going to remember your word meanings after every poem or story; times when my 10-year-old self would try and use mind palace to retain their meanings. Oh! those were the good old days!"

Hindi textbook: "Bahut acha laga ye sunkar, shukriya!"

As Aarav bent forward to shake hands with his textbooks, his bench mate gave his shoulder a light nudge, breaking the chain of thoughts. The class was over; it was time to head home!

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