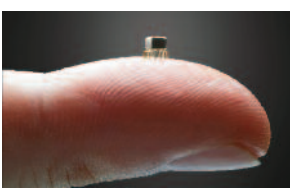



INSIDE



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AMITe poll

Do you think a ban on flights from UK will be effective in sheltering India from the new COVID-19 variant?

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

To vote, log on to
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POLL RESULT
 for GT issue December 21, 2020

Do you agree with IHF's decision of not cancelling World Junior Hockey Championship even after 8 players tested COVID+?

Response	Percentage
Yes	60%
No	20%
Can't say	20%

Results as on January 2, 2021

Coming Next
 Happyness Talks

The good news

Looking At The Brighter Side Of The Rollercoaster Ride That Was 2020

Mrinal Verma, GT Network

As we crossed the threshold of 2021 with the COVID-19 vaccine in hand, a lot of murmurs of 'good riddance' filled the surroundings, hoping that 2021 will be the harbinger of happiness. But as we celebrate this change of calendar, let's not forget the unit of time that made us thicken our skin to new extents, and though 2020 seemed egregious from a distance, we understood in a closer look that it also gave us plenty of hope when we desperately needed it the most.

A humanitarian win

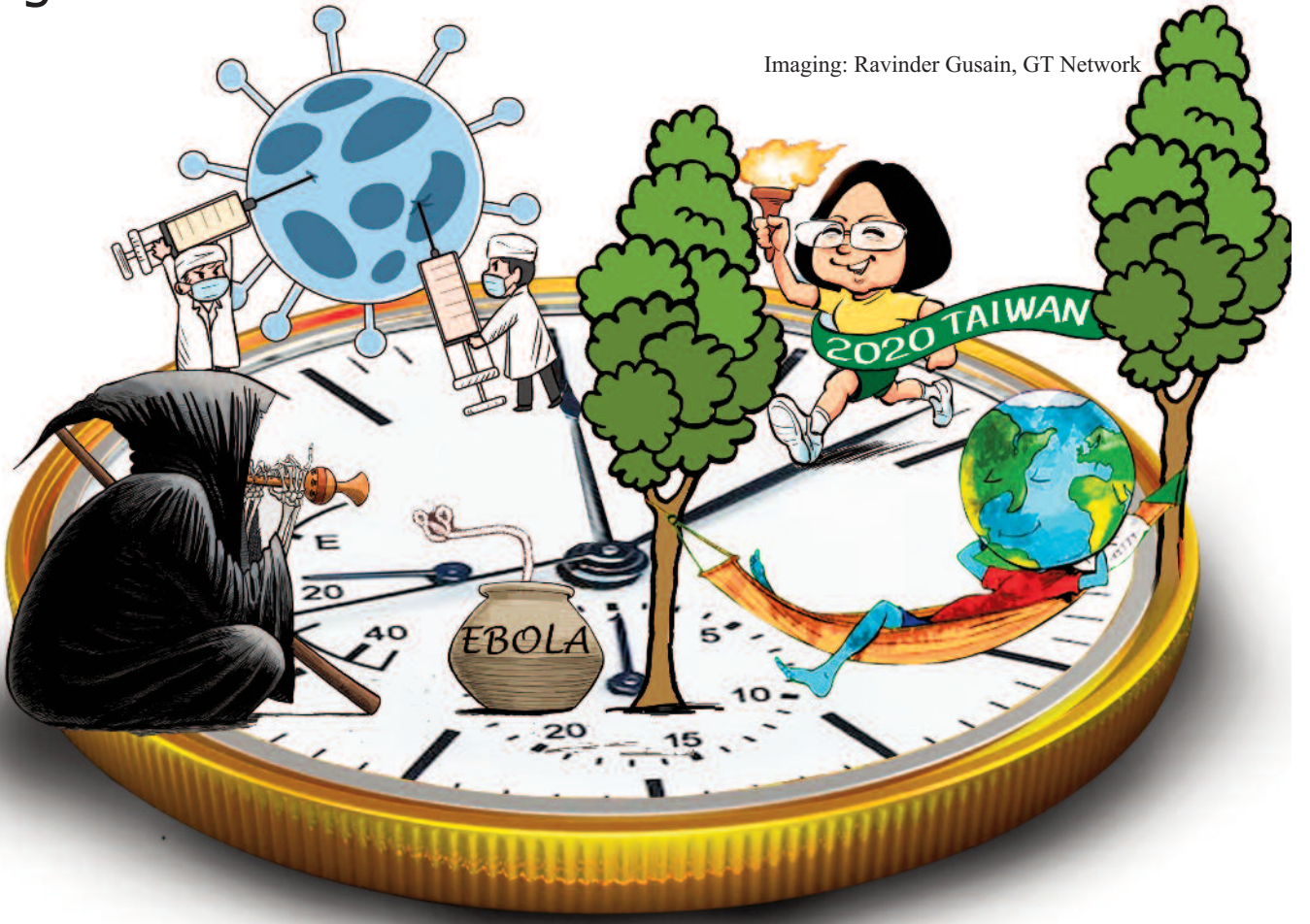
2020 called for a strong leadership, and that's when the femme power came through. Jacinda Ardern made New Zealand the world's most COVID-resilient country. Tsai Ing-wen, the first female president of Taiwan; Angela Merkel, Chancellor of Germany and Sanna Marin, the PM of Finland, with their quick responses, saved their countries from the worst horrors of this pandemic.

Apart from COVID-19, the world was also fighting the second-largest Ebola outbreak. Also known as the Kivu outbreak, the epidemic first began in 2018, but thanks to fast-track vaccines, healthcare workers and dedicated officials, more than 300,000 people were vaccinated, eliminating at least one virus in the world this year.

Even though the pile of suffering kept getting bigger, 2020 proved that in the face of adversity, the world will always stand stronger together.

An ecological win

The planet finally got a well-deserved breather when carbon emissions fell by 7% for the first time, and to continue on this track China, Japan and South Korea have



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committed to completely eradicating their emissions by 2050.

The demand for coal saw a devastating drop, with around 138 financial institutions refusing funding. Oil too, seems to have peaked already in the past with demand dropping in the next two decades. Seeing a 20% rise in the sale of electric cars, the new way to travel in just 2020, the numbers are predicted to go up by 50% in 2021.

Even though climate change seemed like the biggest challenge for the future, 2020 proved that it's still not too late.

A holistic win

The discovery of salt water on Mars and Ceres has posited the possibility of alien life or our future habitation. Studies say that saltwater on Ceres comes from an underground ocean, and Mars has been noted to have saltwater lakes on its southern ice cap. The year also opened our eyes to rethink our treatment of fellow species on Earth. With China's Wildlife Protection Law, the world moved towards protecting fauna. With the efforts of worldover committees, around 32 bird species and 16 mammal species were saved from mass extinction,

and in India, a 60% increase was recorded in the population of leopards.

Even though we were forced to save our own selves before others, 2020 proved that the humanity is still capable of thinking beyond themselves.

As this traumatic year made us question if we had been thrown into an alternative Sims timeline, we might have forgotten that even though 2020 challenged us to the utmost end, these struggles have set us back on the right track, teaching us to appreciate what really matters.

Perseverance and hardwork...

...Is What You Need To Be A Journalist, Says Defence Correspondent Dinakar Peri

Gauri Singh, AIS Vasundhara 6, XII



Dinakar Peri

Journalism is a dynamic field, fast paced and full of grit; a field of chasing stories and making a change. But here's defence journalism, a field of journalism that is concerned with defence and security matters. A trailblazer in this field is Dinakar Peri, special defence correspondent working with The Hindu, and actively covering defence and strategic affairs. As a guest in AIMUN 2020, GT took the opportunity to sneak a peek into the elusive world of defence journalism.

On becoming a defence journalist

To pursue a career in the field of defence correspondence or journalism, more than a degree, you need to have interest in that particular field. If you are interested in what's happening around you, only then will you be happy working in a field where you are constantly required to keep abreast of what is happening around the world. Interest, persistence and a bit of luck- that is what you need to become a journalist. I did not have a degree in journalism; I was a science student who just followed his passion of explor-

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GT reporter in conversation with Dinakar Peri

ing new stories happening around me and accidentally ended up being a journalist.

On the dos and don'ts of defence journalism

Covering defence is very sensitive, as it becomes a matter of national security. While working as a defence correspondent, it is very important to double check the news that you report. In the age of WhatsApp and Facebook, where information spreads within seconds, often without credibility, it becomes important to double check everything. Another important thing to keep in mind is, whenever there is a military operation going on, never report the name of the unit! Even the smallest of details together can give out all of the ongoings of the operation; in this way you are actually compromising an active mission. Furthermore, as a defence journalist, you have to learn to take a measured call i.e., have a clear idea of what information is supposed to be kept a secret and how it should be given out to the public.

On an unforgettable assignment

Throughout my career, there have been many significant assignments but one that currently comes to mind is a report I did on 'duplicate medals' wherein military personnel were being awarded for distinguish service with duplicate medals. I did a thorough research and wrote about it. After the report, the late Defence Minister, Manohar Parrikar, reached out to me and informed that he had no clue about duplicate medals, and would look into the matter. I feel assignments like these make you realise how you can bring a change with your work in the existing system.

On the pandemic and technology

The COVID-19 pandemic brought the entire world to a screeching halt. From employment sector to finance, health and education, it impacted almost every arena of life. But, we found a saviour in the form of technology. From working online to learning online, we have resorted to technology for almost everything. Digital learning has brought students the next best thing- online classes and educational institutions across the world are adapting to it. Even though physical interactions are difficult to replace, technology has bridged an important gap.

On his message for Amitians

The saying 'if you love what you do, you will never work a day in your life' is true. Passion is important. I wouldn't have been where I am if I hadn't followed my passion. Even if your passion lies in an offbeat field, it doesn't matter; what matters is that you're following what moves you. You might not know what your passion is right away, but once you do, don't let it go!

A pitch that favours batsmen and offers little, to no help to the bowlers is known as a belter.



Around The WORLD

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

CROATIA

Central region hit by vigorous tremors

Believed to be the worst in 140 years, the country was hit by a 6.4 magnitude earthquake, which killed seven people and rendered a considerable number injured and homeless after the devastation. The tremor also ravaged cities and towns in the poorest region of the country. The country was further affected by aftershocks of the quake, measuring 4.8 and 4.6 on the Richter scale respectively, worsening the already sorry state caused by coronavirus and an earlier quake in the month of March.



SYRIA

Soldiers killed in deadly ISIS bus ambush

As many as 37 soldiers succumbed to what has been called the deadliest ISIS attacks since the fall of their cross-border caliphate last year that ran major parts of the country and Iraq. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights stated that the ambush was targeted at the soldiers who were travelling home for holidays in the province of Deir Ezzor. Although the ISIS groups were captured last year, it is said that sleeper cells continue to launch attacks.

CHINA

Billionaire turns richest man in Asia

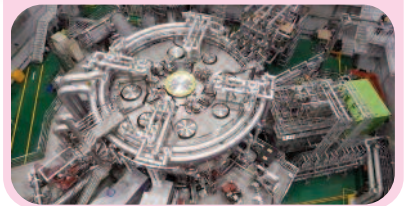
Zhong Shanshan, a 66-years old private billionaire, has become the richest person in the Asian continent. Owing his success to vaccine maker Beijing Wantai Biological Pharmacy Enterprise Co and Nongfu Spring Co, a bottled water maker, Shanshan is also the 11th richest person on the planet as per the Bloomberg Billionaires Index. With a net worth of \$77.8 billion, surged from \$70.9 billion, this has been considered the fastest wealth accumulation in history.



SOUTH KOREA

Artificial sun sets new world record

A magnetic fusions device called Korea Superconducting Tokamak Advanced Research (KSTAR) reached the temperature of 100 million degree Celsius for a duration of 20 seconds and henceforth setting a new record. The intensity of the temperature attained by KSTAR could be measured by the fact that Sun glows at a temperature of only 15 million degree Celsius. It was said that the development of the Internal Transport Barrier Mode helped the device enhance its performance and set a new record.



PAKISTAN

Government to buy million COVID vaccine doses

The South Asian country has decided to purchase 1.2 million COVID-19 vaccine doses from China's Sinopharm. This also becomes the first official purchase of a vaccine by the nation which is currently battling a second wave of infections. These vaccines are said to be provided free of cost to frontline workers in the first quarter of 2021, as announced by Science and Technology Minister, Chaudhry Fawad Hussain



USA

White House epitomises diversity

As per the statistics released by the presidential transition team, president Jo Biden and vice president Kamala Harris named 100 appointees, 61 per cent of which are women and 54 per cent being of colour, as part of their incoming administration. Deemed a move to prioritise diversity, Biden expressed that such a diverse team will lead to better outcomes and more effective solutions for any crises the nation faces.

YEMEN

Multiple explosions at airport claims lives

Aden airport was struck by a huge blast which killed at least 22 people and wounded over 50. The explosion ensued after a plane carrying the newly formed government arrived from Saudi Arabia. According to the Saudi Press Agency, these attacks, believed as an attempt to assassinate the Yemeni cabinet, are being associated with Houthi rebels. Hundreds of people had gathered at the airport to welcome the new government that was sworn in in Saudi Arabia recently.



INDIA

First remote monitoring system for oil refineries

The country's largest fuel retailer, Indian Oil Corp (IOC), has announced the launch of the nation's first remote monitoring system for oil refineries' turbines in Hyderabad. The technology used for the Hyderabad based system, called Proactive Predictive Analytics-based Automated Anomaly Detection, will help in detecting and diagnosing emerging issues relating to gas turbines and will allow Gas Tribune Operational Data from 27 turbines of eight Indian oil refineries digitally.





Bouncer is a short pitched ball that passes the batsman at chest/head height.

Project impossible



Completing Projects At The Last Minute

Anjane Khosla, AIS Noida, Alumna

An apprehensive tension hangs in the air. The clouds of impending danger loom above. The family members gaze with amazed terror at the ping-pong-like reprimand battle between the mother and their oldest sibling.

T-minus fourteen hours

Mother: The entire summer holidays have gone and one day before school, you suddenly wake up and remember your holiday homework? And the sheer audacity to come to me at 7 o'clock in the night! Shocking! Back in my day, we would always finish our work on time and never trouble our parents over it.

Child: (whimpering and defensively trying to save face) It's not my fault schools give us so much homework. Even Rahul and Sneha haven't completed their project.

The mother huffs up in annoyance and decides to deal with her useless offspring later because the SST project demands her immediate attention. Its picture-less and cover-less state pains her. She resolves to give the project the most extreme makeover ever witnessed by humanity.

T-minus twelve hours, at the neighbourhood stationery shop

Father: (grumbling) At 9 o'clock in the evening, you incorrigible children are dragging me to a stationery shop. Can't you just learn to do your projects on time? Huh!

Child: Mom says the project needs glitter and stickers to look presentable.

Mother: It wouldn't need that glitter if you hadn't spilled cold coffee all over the heading. How many times have I told you to do one thing at a time?

Father: Back in our days, we would never dependently cling to our parents for stuff like stationery. We would cycle down to Ram *bhaiya* and buy the school supplies ourselves.

The stationery shopkeeper keenly observes the family drama. He whips out ten different glitters and expensive stickers that the parents hurriedly purchase. Thank God for panicked parents for supporting my income, the shopkeeper muses.

T-minus ten hours

Child: *Didi*, I forgot to buy ribbons to bind my project pages. Can't I use your yellow sash from that dress you wore on my birthday?

Sister: Are you out of your mind? I'm not giving you my sash for your silly holiday homework.

Mother: Come on *beta*, let us use it. You don't even wear that dress anymore and it doesn't look that good anyway.

Sister: (scathingly jibing at her irresponsible brother) Fine, you can take it but remember that I am doing you a huge favour. Back in my day, you would never lift a finger to help me even paste the pictures on my projects.

The sister unwillingly parts with her previously forgotten but suddenly favourite sash.

T-minus two hours

The child wakes up to find that he had inevitably slept over the project. A last-minute helter-skelter panic run ensues. Stray sketch pen marks require casual coverage. Just then, the superhero grandmother swoops in. She expertly takes out gigantic *bindis* and covers up the untidy marks artistically.

Grandmother: There you go. It looks perfect now. Back in your mother's time, I would always find such creative ways to complete her procrastinated projects.

The child dumbfoundedly gasps like a fish at this piece of information.

T-minus no time

An SST project, securely tied, neatly presented is submitted to the teacher. To the teacher and the world, it seems a measly little SST project but, it is a scrapbook of memories, rebukes and tiny treasures of *bindis* and sashes.



The rat race...

...Of The Exams We Lose Our Sleep Over

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*Sleepless nights and baggy eyes
Endless notes to learn and revise
Thoughts racing a thousand miles
And numerous docs in heavy files!*

-Your average kid

As Alia grabbed a cup of coffee and got back to studying, her eyes caught the sight of the table clock that flashed 1:13 AM. In a bid to rush through the remaining lessons, she quickly turned her attention to the laptop screen that had her chemistry session video on. As she sat there staring at the screen, it wasn't long before she finally snoozed, well, until she hit her head hard on the table and woke up abruptly. She first heard a whisper, then a loud chatter of distinct voices.

Voice: (loudly) Wake up you, sleepy head! There's a lot of syllabus to complete, if you really want to crack NEET.

Alia: Wh-who are you? How are you inside my room?
NEET: The name is Test, Entrance Test, Eligibility cum Entrance Test, National Eligibility cum Entrance Test...

JEE Mains: Stop it, you aspirant

James Bond! And kid, meet me instead. I am the hardest of them all. Well, I agree I do have an even more challenging sibling, but I assure you he is incomplete without me.

JEE Advance: (haughtily) Now Mains, don't forget who's the elder brother here. Allow me to introduce myself. I am the toughest exam you will ever see, well not many are even eligible to see me, and attempting me is your fortune **wink**. If IIT is your destination, then I am the fuel, the vehicle and the only road.

Alia: Okay! I get it, but why are you guys here? And am I still sleeping? Er dreaming?

JEE Mains: No! You...

Ancee from AICE: Be it NEET or JEE, AIIMS or IIT, take our study courses and you are assured to secure the top spot. I am your best friend, your best mentor and your best reference for syllabus. What's the fear when AICE is here!

JEE Mains: Okay, you 30 seconds-unskippable-meTube-advertisement, are you done? Because we have got some really important business here. So, I was saying...

SAT: Studying abroad in the Ivy

league schools and other top colleges of the world, a dream that everyone harbours. But where's the passport to your destination? Right here. A score above 1400 in my exam and you open doors to opportunities. Prepare well, for I reward you dearly! Who's the boss now?

JEE Mains: Wait, what? I am the main and ideal exam. It is in my name. I am the best.

NEET: You really think you are? Here, hold my paper!

Ancee from AICE: (in a sing song voice) Be it any exam, we are here for you!

JEE Advance: No, kid, listen to me. Your future should be your main focus...

(All create a chaotic uproar)

Alia (at the top of her voice): Stopppppp it, you guys!

(Five seconds later)

Dead silence, a bright flash, and poof! Alia is alone in the room. What on earth did just happen here? Was it real or was it all just in her head?

She looked at the clock and it was still 1:13 AM, but the scene that just took place felt like an eternity. She shook her head, cleared the desk and straight-away went to sleep. 📖

Not the same anymore

Yes! People Change, And So Do Words

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Words are like people, because they too change with the passage of time. Read on to know what we are hinting at.

Oh, you're such a 'bully': If you call someone a bully today, it would probably mean that they have been giving you a hard time living. But, if we were to go back to 16th century, the word was used to refer to someone who is very close and dear- the very opposite of what it is today.

Don't be so 'nice': The word nice started off as a negative term in the 1300s. Then, it meant 'a foolish and ignorant' person and later was twisted into 'someone who is shy' or 'well-dressed'. It is only in the 16th century that the word came to be known as 'someone who is decent and well-behaved'.

Not 'spinning' a yarn on this one: Spinster is a word that generally conjures up an image of an unmarried woman. However, the case wouldn't have been the same if we were living in the 14th century. As the word suggests, a spinster was used to address



anyone who was involved in spinning yarns. It came to its present-day usage, because unmarried women found it difficult to find a high paid job, and thus settled with spinning yarns.

Take this one 'literally': When you say, "I am literally going mad", you don't actually mean it. You want to emphasise that something is really tensing you out. But what if the one listening to you actually puts you in a mental asylum? Yes, this would have literally happened in the early 1700s. The term 'literally' was supposed to be used when something was actually happening, but even the dictionaries seemed to have altered the meaning. 📖



Foreseeing a nano-future

Read On To Find Out More About The Technology That Is Changing Our Lives

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You have just gotten up from your bed after a ten-hour long sleep. Rubbing your eyes, you pick up the exorbitant smartwatch laying on the side table. You double-click on the screen, and swipe to the left and there you see an option 'Switch to Phone'. Without the slightest perplexity, you casually hard-press on the option, and then consequently witness your smartwatch shape-shifting, in all of its alien complexity, into the shape of a smartphone. Totally unmoved from this routine change, you pick up your phone (what-

was-just-your-watch) and start heading downstairs, while behind your back the entire nanotech bedroom transforms in all of its mechanic wonders into a very modernised living room.

As far-fetched as this futuristic analogy, similar to the autobots from the movie 'Transformers' and the Iron Man suit from the blockbuster 'Avengers: Infinity War', may seem, this nanobot-dominant reality is only a mere decades away from

manifestation, thanks to the ever advancing field of research. Indeed, as you read this today, the influence and magic of nanotechnology's 'nanobots' sprouts awe in a vast array of industries, from shape-shifting aviation vehicles to even battling tumours, alongside serving potential analytical solutions to the present COVID-19 pandemic that is raging globally.

To give an instance of such exemplary implementation, sharp-minded students from the institution of cancer immunology research have been using nano-particles to eliminate bacteria and viruses by having them pose as antigens. This then allows for a stream of computerised nanobots to travel inside one's biological body and target

Regardless, if further continuation of intense and collaborative focus on nanotechnology persists, then Nanobots might even serve as an ultimate tool for diagnosis.

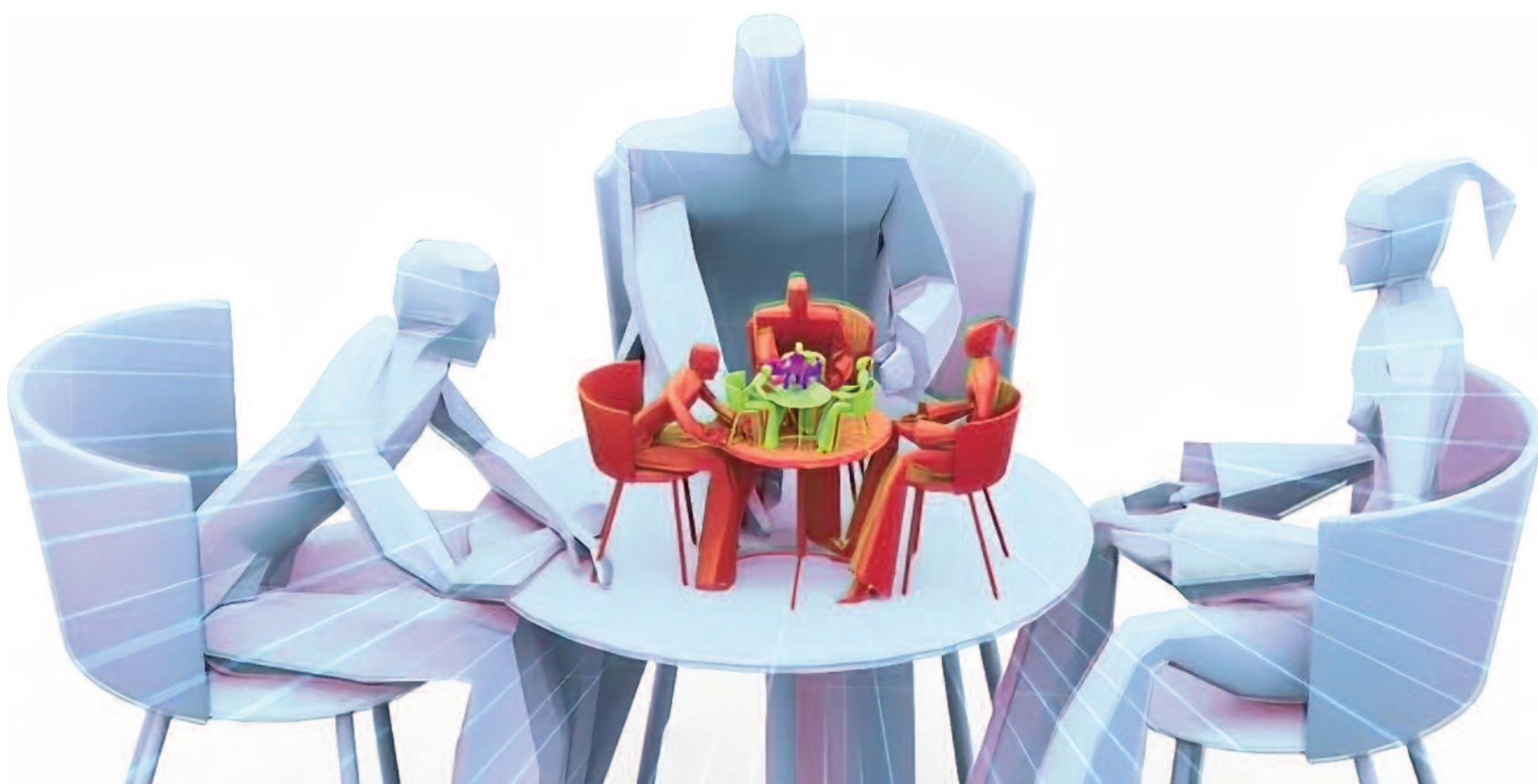
specific areas of tumours or hubs of viruses inside major organs and arteries. In a nutshell, nanobots may serve as a potential opportunity for forming mass herd immunity, for any unwarranted pandemic-like situations, and might even go on to protect the entire world against any disease!

Since we've not reached that far ahead yet, there are certain hurdles that might come in our way towards achieving this dream. The current stage of this technology is not yet cost-effective and is at an experimental stage. Regardless, if further continuation of intense and collaborative focus on nanotechnology persists, then nanobots might even serve as the ultimate tool for diagnosis. It would make professional doctors' surgical procedures much safer, saving countless lives across the globe.

Additionally, besides its key application in the medical field, nanobots are also being welcomed into the world of rocket technology and space travel! Conducive research by NASA, followed by experimentation funded by curious billionaires such as Elon Musk is indeed just the beginning of an euphoric era of a world progressing from nanotech skyscrapers and super aircrafts. In a nutshell, there is still a lot of work to be done, avenues to be explored and numerous challenges to overcome; all to get closer to the unbounded world of nanotechnology and its possibilities beyond every realm!

The perks of being a sim

Tired Of The Usual Grind Of Everyday Life? Welcome To The World Of Simulation!



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When Netflix's Black Mirror and Bandersnatch were released, it created a lot of buzz. Being a show about dystopian worlds, Black Mirror isn't exactly what one would call plausible, at least in the near future, but that doesn't stop us from

pondering upon one question: what if all of us were part of a simulation? Nick Bostrom, a noted philosopher suggested that we might be living in a universe where our reality is a computer simulation. It sounds like a daunting concept and too many things could go wrong, but it also might have its own perks!

Ugh, I can't decide!

Do you recall the moment when you

can't decide what to eat, which movie to watch or what outfit to wear? We've all been there, spending countless hours in agony unable to make a decision. But what if someone made those decisions for us? Casually being able to watch a movie without whiling away hours on deciding one and instantly knowing which outfit to wear without the stressful struggle of what would look best? Count me in!

Not my fault!

You go up to the teacher, scratching your head, and say, "The dog ate my homework!" You panic, depleted of excuses, as she mercilessly strikes out a zero against your name. But what if you lived in the world of simulation? Forgot your homework? Oh, the computer guy made me watch Netflix instead. Didn't study for the test? Well, I wanted to, but he didn't. The perfect excuse!

God is a video-game geek!

Ever since we were naive little kids, we have imagined God clad in a *dhoti* and a golden crown, endowed with flowers, resting on a throne and watching over us. For some, this very God has also been synonymous with the guy who runs the show called Planet Earth. But, if we were to go by the simulation theory, God is actually a guy sitting on his couch, glued to his TV screen, fidgeting over the controls, thinking what action he could possibly ask you to perform next? In this sense, we all are probably Almighty to Mario!

The most-likely loophole

What if the computer that runs the simulation stops working or the guy running it has some other duties to attend to? Ever stopped dead in the middle of an examination because your brain suddenly went blank? Well, the person behind the screen probably left us to get snacks again. It's not as if he is always going to be there, telling you what to do. So, what to do in such a case? Does life come to a total standstill where we wait for his commands? Do you even like all the decisions he makes?

Now, we might have so many reasons as to why existing in a simulation might prove to be utter dangerous. However, for as long as the guy behind the computer screens doesn't end up being a complete psychopath, we might just turn out fine! 🇧🇩



No-ball is an illegitimate delivery, typically when the bowler steps on the front crease.

Strange entertainment

Reality Television Shows- An Obsession That We Cannot Ever Seem To Let Go Of

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Reality TV - it's a guilty pleasure for most, and for some, pure unadulterated enjoyment. It's safe to say that almost all of us have been addicted to it at least once in our lives. From our favorite MasterChef to WWE, we all have succumbed to the vibrant world of reality TV. But it's shocking how many people are so utterly invested in seeing complete strangers take part in competitions and we're just trying to understand it.

Entertainment

Maybe one of the reasons why reality TV shows are so popular is because they don't really call for viewers to apply any kind of logic whilst watching them. Getting participants to engage in screaming matches over the most trivial things is what brings in the 'masala' for the show that brings in the TRP. And of course, we, as desi Bollywood-obsessed people, love nothing more than good drama. Ooh, they are fighting over who broke a useless cup? Well, let me clear my schedule for the whole day and get my popcorn because I have got to watch this!

Competitive spirit

Being competition based, almost all reality TV shows offer a golden reward at the end, the reward that makes all the fights, struggles, drama and tears worth it. And it is this golden reward that is hung in front of the viewers and participants alike to keep them hooked. After all, who doesn't love a good prize? This prize also makes the viewers their own self-righteous judges, analysing who, according to them, deserves the win. Choosing their favourite contestants, the viewers get way more emotionally invested in a prize and win that is not even theirs.

Familiar faces

All of us are guilty of having watched TV shows or movies only for our favourite actor and artists, and these reality shows are no different. Knowing so well that the dedicated fan base would watch it only for their favourite celebrity, a lot of these shows engage celebrities to get enough viewership. With posters, advertisements, and trailers only highlighting the famous faces, they are used as clickbait to get eyes watching. And needless to say, it works like magic!

The fame factor

The fantasy of fame is truly the biggest reason that drives various no-namers to want to participate in reality TV shows. Knowing that once becoming famous will open a lot of doors for them in their career, like it has for multiple people we know today as 'celebrities', people

want to sign up and make a name for themselves. These shows are one of the easiest claims to fame, and even if one doesn't end up winning, it does bring them in the limelight.

Broken down to its most basic state, reality television can be a great escape from our daily lives, because let's be

honest, apart from occasional scoldings from mom or fights with best friend, our life is usually harmless. But these shows, with a new twist added every minute, are our get-away from our daily struggles. We just love watching them, actually taking time out for it during a busy day, but of course, we won't admit that in public!



Surviving the apocalypse

If You Were Ever To Face A Zombie Cataclysm, These Are Your Superheroes!

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Imagine if India was struck by the dawn of the dead! Groaning zombies coming at us from every direction, wanting to pounce on us and feast on our brains. While some of us would fall prey to this zombie apocalypse, there are some whose survival is certain, courtesy - the special skill set they are bestowed with.

The autowallas

"Ye dekhiye behenji! Ye logo ko to ki sharam hi nahi hai! Sadak pe aese paagal mene kabhi nahi dekha!"

Survival kit: Extensive knowledge

about the winding streets and corners, great navigation skills, solid mode of transport, bargaining powers.

Survivor mode on: Dead jamming one road? The autowallas know a shortcut, and by shortcut we mean a slim alley where even the dead will also dare not venture. Now you know where Rohit Shetty gets his inspiration from.

The two-wheelers

Sees a horde of zombies in a distance "Nothing I can't get through!" *proceeds to use the pedestrian pathway*

Survival kit: Speed, ability to meander through the streets in a zig-zag manner and ward off zombies with ear deafening sounds from their vehicles.

Survivor mode on: Making their way through every 'gali' and 'kona', they zoom around like bees, leaving the zombies to eat dust!

The sabziwallas

"I heard that the cart down the street is selling stakes and spears at twice the price, behenji! I know a better place!"

Survival kit: Aware of the most and least infested areas, perfect at spreading word of mouth and gathering supplies, especially weapons and food.

Survivor mode on: If there is anything faster and more efficient than the city's intel, it is our uber-smart sabziwallas.

Their *gupt sutras* are sure to keep them posted on zombie hit hells, and safe havens. So, they will survive, while you run for cover.

The geek kid at school

"Guys! Stop hitting the zombies with books! That's doing literally nothing! And for God's sake, stop using band aids on zombie bites!"

Survival kit: Great strategist, good analytical skills, tremendous pop culture knowledge about zombies.

Survivor mode on: Sure, we don't take heed to his many warnings about the apocalypse but, when the dead do come knocking, the geeky kids are the most equipped. They are the ones who would have analysed all possible outcomes and formulated an effective game plan.

The sportsperson

"Whacking zombie heads really hard with cricket bats is my new hobby!"

Survivor kit: High stamina and running speed, arsenal of sports equipment that can be used as weapons.

Survivor mode on: With their amazing stamina, athletes can outrun any zombie and when push comes to shove, whack a few with a cricket bat, maybe.

Now, this is your ultimate zombie apocalypse survival team. With their powers combined, they will be indestructible. So, the next time you're asking the sabziwalla *bhaiya* for extra *dhaniya*, be nice to them. Who knows when you might be asking for their help dealing with a zombie or two!





Good news



Dr Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

My dear Amitians, let's bid adieu to 2020 and welcome New Year 2021 with an open mind and a loving heart. The year 2020 changed life as we have known it for so long. Speaking of changes, it is easy to look at the negative changes the year caused in

our lives. Whilst that is true, let's not overlook the countless positive transformations too that the year brought along; paramount amongst them being our proximity to nature.

With simple living taking centre stage once again, we were looking at chirping birds from our balconies; birds that had once vanished due to high levels of pollution. Quarantine gave us more time to spend with our loved ones, relish home-cooked meals with family; something that was amiss as we led a fast-paced lifestyle.

However, the best thing about the year 2020 was the entire world coming together to fight this crisis of unprecedented nature, offering an unseen show of solidarity. To see nations put their differences aside and come together to help each other in such turbulent times, is all the hope we need for a better tomorrow.

Closer to home, at Amity the year gone by left us with many reasons to rejoice. Whether it was our teachers innovating with their teaching pedagogy or our students registering stellar victories on platforms like IISF and NASA, 2020 had a lot to offer.

The year 2020 is gone, and it wasn't all bad news. In fact, it was a lot of good news that was overshadowed by the bad. The top story of this edition is a reiteration of the same feel-good fervour; an apt beginning to the new year. The year bygone was like a giant wave that crashes on the beach, leaving behind as many pearls as the stones. So let's pick up the pearls and welcome the new year with happiness. 🇮🇳

Creativity uncovered



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

Recently, at a student council interview meeting, a child shared a beautiful impromptu write up on 'waiting for the interview'. I was elated to read it as I soaked up myself into the beautiful choice of the words and style of writing, penned marvelously.

Surprise hugged me tight as I discovered that this was one of the very first writings of that child. He had never written before, and it was only during the pandemic that he discovered his penchant for writing. The incident made me look around only to discover that the time gone by has brought to fore many writers, musicians, artists, actors, etc. Call it the hidden talent or an aspect of persona out of focus, creativity was something, a lot of us discovered and embraced. We have often talked about multiple intelligences, and there is no other way to enhance all eight intelligences in a synergised manner than being creative. History is witness that in the darkest doomsday like situations, it was creativity and creative souls which kept the world flowing with inner joy and happiness.

The time which has gone uncovered many such hidden gems, especially in children, and now the time which is coming signals that these gems should be polished and sculpted into the ornaments which adorn your persona for the lifetime. As we welcome the New Year, let's celebrate the new creative self uncovered. Be it a writer, an artist, a singer, a chef, an inventor, an explorer, the list is long. Let's be creative with who we are and sculpt a new self in the New Year. Wishing you all a very Happy New Year. 🇮🇳

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The web of deception

An Illusory Trap That We All Knowingly Fall Into Too Often

Radhika Goel, AIS Vas 1, XII

You came, you saw and sadly my friend, you got fooled. As you sit idly without anything to do, you wonder if you should catch up on the latest music videos on YouTube. Looks like Coldplay's latest track is out, the one you were eagerly waiting for. Click. Meanwhile, your eyes are distracted elsewhere. 'Mind blowing tricks for weight loss OVERNIGHT!' Whoa! Now, that sounds amusing. Wait, but you are rational enough to know this caption doesn't make even the slightest sense. But what's the harm in taking a look at it, right? Click. There you go, you just got click baited. Pervading all over the internet, on every possible web page, the concept of click bait is as tempting as it can get. If we go by technical terms, it basically refers to a false advertisement crafted in a manner to attract viewers to their content, and hence harvest maximum publicity.

While we would like to believe that click baiting is the brainchild of the ever-advancing technology, the truth remains that this term finds its ancestry way back in the 19th century when media landscape was highly competitive. Rivals Joseph Pulitzer and William Randolph Hearst, with their newspaper agencies, New York World and New York Journal respectively, set the ball rolling for an atypical genre of news dissemination, called 'Yellow Journalism'. In a bid to attract more and more readers, these newspapers saw exaggerated coverage of the most trivial stories, large number of illustrations and the least accuracy in news reporting. In fact, Yellow Journalism is believed to have triggered the outbreak of the 1898 Spanish-American war, with Hearst being held accountable for provocative reportage.



With the passage of decades, the way we see things also transformed. So did the format of click bait, this time, in the form of link baiting. In link baiting, the main strategy was to include backlinks that would direct the user to another link of the same website, hence absorbing more and more traffic from the audience. However, just like its antecedent, this particular technique was highly misused and spammed with irrelevant links that was absolutely of no use to the user, but it did turn out to be a great way for the content owners to gross a few bucks along with views.

As we talk of how disingenuous the mechanism of click bait is, we can't also forget how dangerously deceptive it has become. For example, if you cannot

resist the urge to click on the 'Spin the wheel' pop-up to win the latest iPhone in the market, be informed that you might not be too far away from a cyber-security breach as well.

Tapping into our insecurities, it has become way too simple for hackers and cyber criminals to hijack our personal accounts and execute identity thefts and fraud, while we sit on the other side of the screens, befooled by it all.

Now, as we say every possible thing, the blame doesn't rest on what deceives us, but equally on us because we choose to be deceived despite the evident ramifications.

So, the next time you open YouTube, Facebook or any other site, you exactly what not to do: click. 🇮🇳



A special story...

... Of The Myriad Shades Of Life And Beyond

Saanvi Wadhwa
AIS Vas 6, XII

An isolated beach is a beautiful place to be; waves of blue meeting the sand and not a single soul in sight. I sat there one lonely night, with an open notebook on my lap and a pen between my fingers. This wasn't an ordinary pen; it was the pen my grandfather, my *baba*, had gifted me when I had started college. "This pen will be your sword. Write, and you will conquer the world," he had told me. It was just another pen. Or so I'd thought back then.

The pen and its red ink took me back in time, reminding me of another pen

with the same red ink that drew a smiley on my hand. The pen belonged to my teacher. That smiley was special. I remember refusing to even wash my hands that day, spending the whole time gushing in admiration at what was drawn at the back of my hand. Those were the days, when a temporary smile drawn out of red ink could make me smile for a week. A lost-and-found piece of candy, stars drawn in my notebook—these were the things I held close to my heart and called 'special'.

And then came adolescence - I grew up. I changed and so did the things I considered 'special'. Now, it wasn't a smiley but a new iPhone that was the most special gift. Time, tide and

age wait for none. Mine didn't either. I grew, but the same could not be said for my definition of 'special'. For a man in his early twenties, my special was now confined to credit card limits, appraisals, swanky cars and more.

It's 4 AM, streaks of neon red are trying to sneak their way past the hazy grey of the horizon, and I am here, still writing, holding the pen firmer than before. For now, it is one of the things dearest to me, a thing I truly call special. As I hold the pen tighter, I cherish the bond I shared with my *baba*; realising what special things are made of. I sit there, a man, now in his thirties, wishing that his children feel the same way I feel for my *baba*...special. 🇮🇳

GT M@il



Dear Editor,

This is in reference to the page 8 short story 'The beauty of skin' published in the GT edition dated December 21, 2020. This story talks about one of the most common notions that teenagers have, that is idolising the slim and petite. Like Radha in the story, many adolescents have their very own definitions of beauty that is fabricated because of magazines, movies and social media. Most of us are naive, unaware of the fact that beauty comes in all shapes and sizes, which sometimes results in low self-esteem and insecurity. This story gives a nudge to everyone out there who feel the same way, unaware that people love us the way we are, and reminds us to love and embrace ourselves just the way we are.

Mansi Kumari
AIS Gur 46, XI H



Blob or Duck is when a batsman gets out on zero, before scoring even a single run.

The Golden Ager

Absolutely Young And Vibrant At Heart, And A Tad Bit Older In Other Places

Youth Power is an annual social leadership programme organised by The Global Times, where different teams from Amity schools engage in varied social causes in several stages. One of them is 'Panel Discussion' where experts from different walks of life discuss several aspects of the chosen social cause. Here's presenting Part VI of this exclusive series, based on the panel discussions organised by YP teams, and a host of opinions as experts debate on 'Elder abuse', the cause chosen by YP team of AIS Vasundhara 6.



The old bones

Panelist: Dr Pratik Bharadwaj
Physiotherapist

"During my 17 years of practice in the field of physiotherapy, I have provided treatment to many elderly people, typically suffering from bone problems. The older generation usually suffers from weak bones because of the aging process. As we grow old, the epiphysis and the metaphysis portions of our bones strike together, causing our bone development to stunt. After a certain age, degeneration oc-

curs, which affects our muscles, ligaments and of course, our bones, making them brittle. Another cause of weak bones is calcium and nutritional deficiency; senior citizens tend to be very frugal eaters and do not have proper intake of calcium. Whatever they are eating, they are not getting enough nutrients out of it. Hence, it is also important on our part to make sure our elderly parents and grandparents are eating nutrition rich food and have a proper portion size. Only if they eat well, can they partake in proper physical activity to further strengthen themselves and their bones."



Old and young

Panelist: Dr Rajiv Agarwal
BDS, PG Diploma in Aesthetic dentistry

"Working in the field of dentistry for the past nineteen years, I have come across many senior citizens who, apart from getting treated by me, also share their personal thoughts with me. They see me as somebody more than just their dentist. This

made me realize that the elderly seek company and comfort. They want to feel respected and valued. They seek attention from their near and dear ones, which sadly, they do not get mostly. They have their fair share of stories to tell the world. And, at the evening of their life, the elderly become almost childlike; they fuss and want to be pampered, just like a child. Hence, it is on us to make them feel special and valued. So, let's give them the world, they deserve it!"



Listen to them

Panelist: Dataram Semwal
Joint secretary, RWA Konark enclave

"We senior citizens are of the olden times. Growing up in a small district of Uttarakhand, I didn't have much idea about the world. The prospects were also limited. It was only when I came to the city that I realised that the world was bigger than I could ever imagine. And with growing technology, there is a lot of scope for today's youth to excel.

Within seconds, you can connect with someone sitting on the other side of the world using social media. But I would like to say, use it to stay in touch with the elderly as children today are growing up in nuclear families, away from their relatives. Not only your grandparents, stay connected with the elderly around you, in your building or residential society. The elderly need a connection with the young. So, talk to them, get to know their life and their experiences. They have a lot to share, all you need to do is lend an ear."

Protect the elderly



Panelist: Prashant Bakshi
Special public officer, PR department, UP Police

"As a society, the protection of senior citizens is our responsibility. The government of India has passed certain acts to safeguard their rights. According to 2011 census, the population of senior citizens in our country was 10.7 million. In 2036, this figure is

going to reach 17.6 million and by 2050, it is estimated that one out of every six people will be a senior citizen. Keeping the same in mind, UP Police has developed a mobile app called UPCOP. Using this application, elderly people can register themselves as senior citizens and even file police complaints without visiting the police station. Complaints filed by senior citizens are taken at priority. Along with this, our policing system, i.e. our 'Dial 112 system' is very senior-citizen friendly. For the elderly are valuable members of our society and it is our job to make sure they are protected at all costs."

Part VI Expert Speak

A touch of love, respect and time

Panelist: Sanjay Awasthi
Concerned citizen

"In my opinion, senior citizens only want our love, respect and time. It's true that today's generation is very busy with school, tuitions, extra-curriculars, etc. But, from your busy schedule, try to keep aside at least thirty minutes for your grandparents. Your grandparents do not ask for much from you, their needs are very less. They don't care much for new clothes or food or material wealth. All they want is for someone to listen to them, to



interact with and to have a conversation with. The times are changing, no doubt. And it's difficult for the elderly to keep up. So, we must do our part and take them along with us."

The financial angle

Panelist: Manjari Kaushik
Postal officer

"Senior citizens are invaluable members of the society. They know about an array of things, knowledge that they have garnered over the years through their own experiences. But along with this knowledge, they need financial security. Being financially independent is always a positive thing, especially for the elderly. There are many schemes and initiatives by the government to help them keep their hard-earned money safe. According to me, saving your money in the post office savings accounts is always a good choice. The post office also has a Senior Citizens



Savings Scheme that is currently giving a very high rate of interest i.e., 8.6%. To add to that, the post office network reaches further than banks to villages, districts and remote places. Then there is the facility of separate queues to prevent any difficulties faced by senior citizens. All in all, we are looking out for them in every way possible."

A left-arm spinner who uses his wrists to turn the ball into a right-hander is called a chinaman bowler.



The magic devilry

Storywala



Puranjai Chauhan
AIS Gur 46, Alumnus

Jane was stumbling her way through the desert; she couldn't bear any more steps now. It was almost night-fall; the sky was adorned with violet streaks and bright stars. With hours of walking through the

desert, her vision had blurred with dust and tears, and she kept muttering one word – Miguel. She kept repeating the same word in a hope to find Miguel, a legendary figure she had read about in one of her story books. Suddenly, the dunes set themselves apart, revealing an oasis as if there was some magic in the

word. Her steps quickened and she fell into the water, allowing the water to cleanse her face, her eyes and body. In no time, a cold breeze awoke her from her train of thoughts that she was travelling in. And, Jane came to acknowledge her surroundings. There were no palm trees as one expects to find in an oasis. In-

Suddenly, the dunes set themselves apart, revealing an oasis as if there was some magic in the word

stead, there were the Deodars of the hills. The place was indeed magical. She spotted an owl on one of the branches, staring at her. Immediately it flew away, giving her eyes a glance of its pale rose skin.

In a state of curiosity about how she was looking, Jane looked at her reflection in the water. She looked rough, but better than the gibbous moon shining with its dark spots.

Jane ruffled her hair; almost spontaneously the moon came to life. The spots took shape of a horse; it glided out from the moon with silver streaks following it. It kept on circling, revealing a magical moment. At last, it elegantly jumped out of the water and entered into Jane. She felt a sudden impulse of energy flowing through her body. Indeed! The story was true, the legend did exist. She folded her hands, sat on her knees, observed prayers and ultimately bowed towards the moon. The oasis disappeared and so did she.



Tangy minty watermelon

Sahil Singhal, AIS Mayur Vihar, VIII B

Ingredients

Watermelon	6-7 pieces
Mint leaves	10-15
Lemon	1
Sprite	½ litre
Crushed ice	½ bowl
Powdered sugar	as per taste
Salt	as per taste

Procedure

- Take a big glass and squeeze your taste.
- Pour crushed ice and finally add sprite until the glass is full.
- Now, add some fresh mint leaves and watermelon pieces in the glass.
- Now, using the same spoon, mix everything together one last time.
- With a spoon or fork, muddle them together until it turns into a slush-type mixture.
- Your tangy minty watermelon drink is ready! So what are you waiting for? Give it a try!
- Add salt and sugar as per



Pratul Gupta, AIS Saket, IX

Father: Son, let's say I have twenty lemons and I take away ten of them. How many would I have left?
Son: I can't work that one out, teacher uses oranges in class.



Teacher: Dhruv, what is the outer part of a tree called?
Dhruv: Don't know, sir.
Teacher: Bark, boy, Bark.
Dhruv: Woof! Woof!

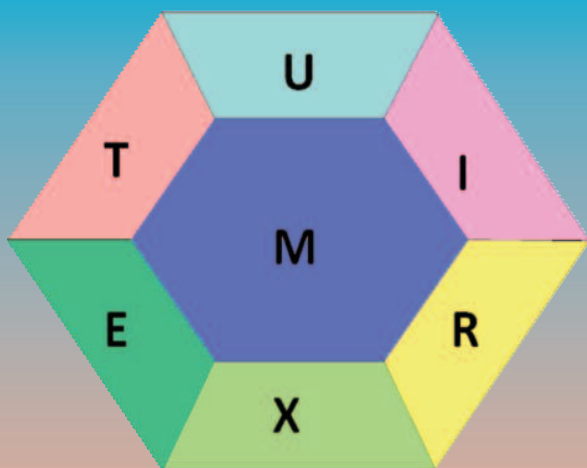


Teacher: What is your name?
Boy: Henry
Teacher: Say 'sir', boy.
Boy: Alright! Sir Henry.



Spell it Right

How Many Words Can You Make Out From This?



Parth Lakhani, AIS Gur 46, Alumnus

Answers: Mixer, Remix, Timer, Merit, Remit, Mute, Time, Emit, Trim

WORDS VERSE

A thousand dynamites

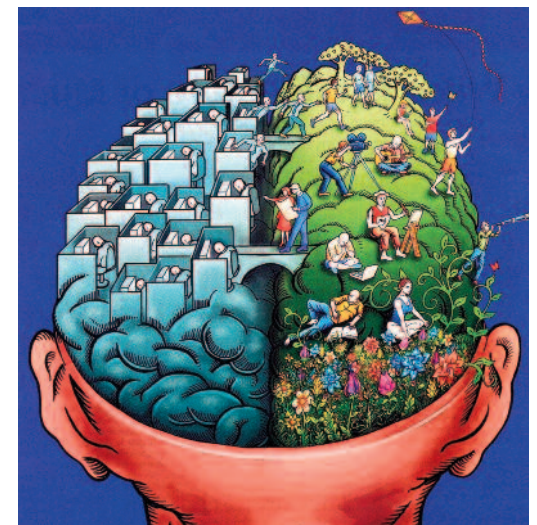
Pranav Chahal, AIS Saket, IX A

Thoughts like a thunderous bolt
Ideas that have the highest might
I am armed with a brain that has
The power of a thousand dynamites

My goals go as high up as the sun
And my beliefs, strong as tungsten
They're unbroken by bomb or gun
And cannot be bested by anyone

With the tireless courage of a lion
And the resolute strength of iron
I face the world with guts of steel
And always express how I feel

My determination has no competition
For I know I can reach any height



I am armed with a brain that has
The power of a thousand dynamites.

BRUSH 'n' EASEL

Vaishnavi Chettiar
AGS Gurugram, XII



Riyosha Sharma
AIS Gur 46, Alumna

It opens, blooms and shines
I wonder if it could be mine
For all my sins and crimes
May be forgotten, only
If your heart sublimates

So with hope in my pocket
And impressions on the land
I leave with blood on my hand
Hoping that it's not too late
Hoping you would understand

My heart inside me in a glass case
As I present it to my Lady Grace

Her light will be gone forever
Even as I lay on her grave
While her body decays
I drop the withered flower low
I knew it would always be so
Yet somewhere inside me, again
The hope still left gathers
Again to find you flowers.



Bye is a run scored despite the ball not touching the batsman's body or his bat.

The story of Herobrine

Short Story



Dhairya Gupta

AIS Gurugram 43, VI B

Once upon a time there lived a man named Good Steve. He was so fond of animals that he constructed a huge farm to feed them and take care of them. Good Steve spent day and night at the farm and enjoyed the company of his animal friends. At times, he would go out on new adventures with them, like visiting Woodland, Nether, Mines, etc. in the nearby vicinity. Everything was going great in his life, until one day his twin brother, Evil Steve, showed up. Jealous of Good Steve and his huge farm, Evil Steve, an animal hater like most human beings,

wanted to destroy his animals and take over the farm to build a huge castle. Walking up to his brother, Evil Steve asked, "So much of land for these filthy animals who can easily stay in jungles. Instead, you could've built a huge mansion with all the luxuries." Hearing this, Good Steve replied, "These animals are like my family members, I enjoy their company a lot. So, they deserve every bit of this piece of land."

Annoyed by this, Evil Steve attacked him and a bloody battle ensued. As they fought, Good Steve ran towards the terrace of his farm. Evil Steve followed him there and cornered him near the portal that led to the entrance of Nether, a world built solely for

animals. Seeing Good Steve wounded, Evil Steve managed to push him into the portal and closed it from outside.

Good Steve fell, bleeding and filled with anger. He had lost his farm and Evil Steve also managed to kill all his animals. Not only so, but he also didn't have a way to return home as one can only exit Nether if an animal allows you to do so. Thinking about everything that had happened to him, he decided to take revenge against Evil Steve. "I will destroy all of humanity," he whispered.

He knew that in order to do so, he would need help, and who better to help him than the animals of Nether! "I will build my own army and get my

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revenge," he said to himself. He walked deeper into the Nether and finally came across the land where all animals lived together. He approached them. They were startled to see him there at first, even more surprised to see blood on his clothes.

"Have you killed your animals, you monster?" asked Bringer, one of the animal residents. "No, no, trust me, I haven't. It is my brother Evil Steve who attacked me and killed your fellow animals. I need your help because Evil Steve and other humans think they can just kill my animals and seize my farm to build a lavish castle."

The animals looked at each other and whispered in hushed tones. After a long consideration, they decided to help Good Steve. Without wasting any time, he devised a plan. He also began with the training of animals to rage a war against humans. "Evil Steve and humans be ready, calm and composed animals can turn into monsters as well and show their real power," whispered Good Steve to himself.

To be continued...

So, what did you learn today?
A new word: Startled
Meaning: To be alarmed



Vanya Angel

Paper straw doll

Vanya Angel, AIS VKC Lucknow, V A

Material required

- Paper straws-30
- Glue
- Scissors
- Poster colours
- Thread
- Plastic spoon-1
- Black coloured marble paper
- Glitter

Procedure

- Take seven paper straws and make a bunch. Fold them from the middle together and tie up the bottom part using a thread. This will be the upper body.
- While tying the bottom part with a thread, insert your ring finger inside the fold to secure a gap towards the top half.
- Take a paper straw and put it through the gap. Fold one side upwards and one side downwards. These will form the hands of the doll.
- Now, take 10-15 paper straws and paste them vertically from the bottom half of the upper body to make a skirt.
- Now to form the head, take a plastic spoon and shorten the handle. Wrap it entirely with black marble paper using glue.
- Once dried, stick it on top of the upper body.
- Take one paper straw and flatten it. Stick one of its open ends on the skirt and roll it two-three times to cover the joint between the upper body and skirt. This will be the belt.
- Similarly, for the doll's blouse, pick another paper straw and flatten it. Roll it around the body two times and cut the extra part with scissors.
- Now, fold a straw into circular shape to make the basket. Stick it above the doll's head.
- Attach the hand folded upwards to the basket and the hand folded downwards to the skirt with the help of glue.
- Paint the upper body and the hands of the doll with black colour. Paint the skirt, blouse and belt as you wish.
- Your pretty paper straw doll is now ready!

Riddle Fiddle

Chitrakshi Saxena

AIS Vas 6, V

1. I start with 'P' and end with 'E', but I have thousands of letters. Who am I?
2. I am the building with infinite number of stories. Who am I?
3. I have all the knowledge you have. But I am small as your fist. Who am I?
4. Scientists are trying to find out what is between earth and heaven. Can you find me?

Answers: 1. Post office 2. A library 3. Your brain 4. And

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POEMS

My beloved grandfather

Twisha Pandey
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My grandpa is an early riser
For that, he sets a timer
His habits are all good
He has a handsome look

He goes to walk every day
He shows the right way
He loves to watch daily news
He especially loves interviews

He is my own Superman
He does everything he can
To make me feel better
Whenever I feel really sad. 🇮🇳



It's Us

Know us

Name: Avyaan and Ridhaan Talwar
Class: IV
School: AIS Gurugram 46
Birthday: October 14

Our choices

Like: Studying globe (Avyaan)
Celebrating festivals (Ridhaan)
Hobbies: Reading (Avyaan)
Singing (Ridhaan)
Best friend: Aradhay (Avyaan)
Seher Khosla (Ridhaan)
Role model: Mother (Avyaan)
Principal ma'am (Ridhaan)
Dislike: When things are not properly kept at one place

Our favourites

Game: Chess
Subject: Social Science
Mall: Ambience Mall, Gurugram
Book: The Secret Seven (Avyaan)
Geronimo Stilton books (Ridhaan)
Food: Rajma rice (Avyaan)
Biryani (Ridhaan)
Teacher: Ritu Chopra ma'am (Avyaan)
Richa Jha ma'am (Ridhaan)

Our dreams

I want to become: Doctor (Avyaan)
Army officer (Ridhaan)
I want to feature in GT because: It is the best platform where we can share about ourselves with the entire Amity family.



Dream catcher

Ananya Mahajan
AIS Vasundhara 1, VIII C

Some people dream big
Some people dream small
But whatever the dream
You must work to have it all

Some dreams are possible
Some dreams, not so much
But you have to dream on
Sometimes it's all you've got

Dreams are a part of us
Some things we can't ever part
Dreams are deep desires
They dwell inside our hearts



Work hard for your dream
Whatever it may be
With blood, sweat, tears
Overcome all your fears. 🇮🇳

A ball that pitches too far away from the batsman and is impossible to score off is called a wide.



Cricket lexicon

POEMS

A viral surprise

Avika Agarwal, AIS Vas 6, V B

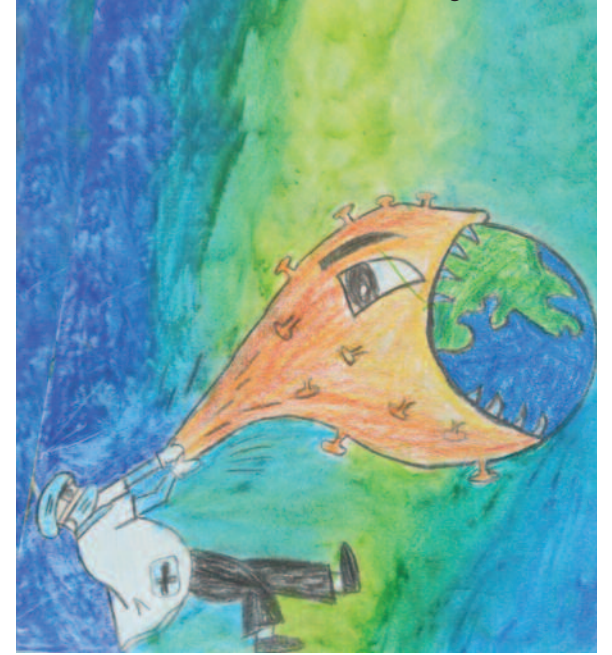
Wearing masks, using hand sanitiser
This deadly virus is a quiet surpiser
Keep washing your hands all the time
As soaps sell for more than a dime

Medical bills are already sky high
Cure of this virus, where to find?
Social distancing has kept us apart
We were better off in the start

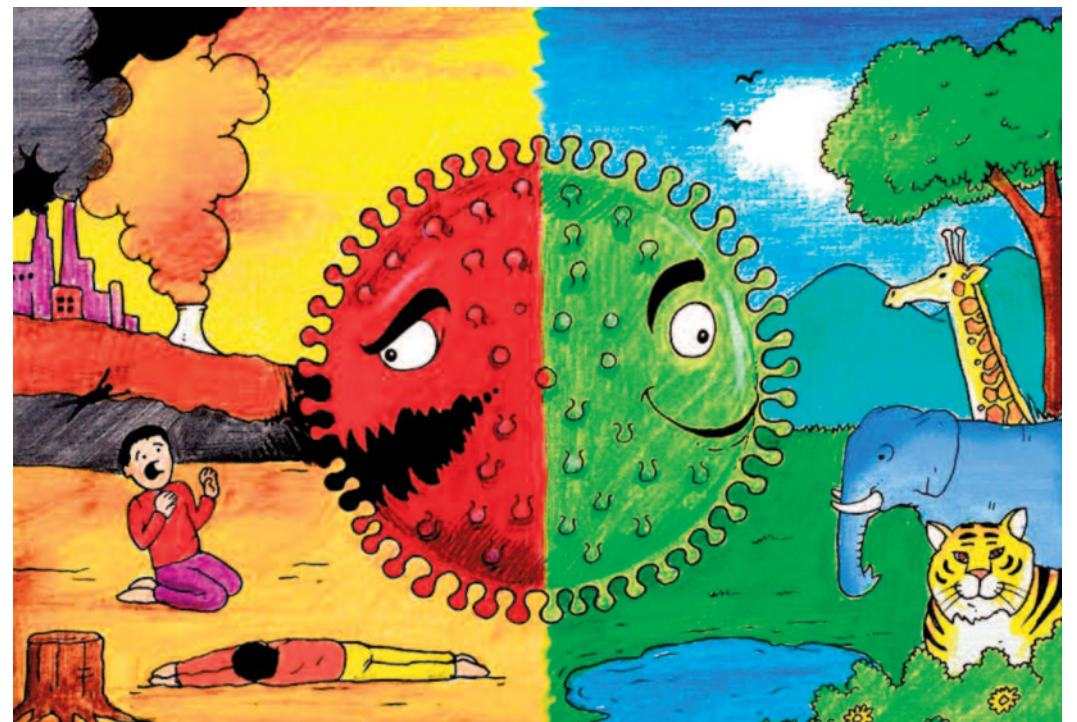
Ayurveda recipes, modern medicine
Are all coming together for the vaccine
Our doctors are risking it all for us
To help us stay safe from the virus

Frontline workers are real warriors
Standing strong like firm barriers
We should try to help in any way
No going out, at home we must stay. 🇮🇳

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A better world



Anjani Babbar

AGS Gurugram, V

As virus spreads the world over
Animals came out of their cover
Wherever you look, here and there
You'll see pretty birds everywhere

No more cutting of beautiful trees
See the animals, birds and the bees
The wildlife is happy and enjoying

The freedom that was missing

But a grave question does arise
Amidst all the cheer and surprise
Will we help our furry friends?
When pandemic comes to an end?

Endangered animals are coming back
Time to lend a helping hand
Time to stop the air from ruin
Time to stop humans from polluting. 🇮🇳

AI against
COVID 19

Technology As A Friend During Crisis

Anushree Khandelwal

AGS Gurugram, VII

Whenever one talks of artificial intelligence, the first thing that comes to mind is robots, but there is so much more to AI than that. In simple words, artificial intelligence is a technology where a machine is capable of thinking like humans and mimicking their movements and actions. Today AI is everywhere - to sorting best candidates for a job post in an office to helping in the study of a molecule in the field of science. AI is even present in our homes whenever we ask Alexa or Siri to do anything for us. If we look at it, the history of AI might have begun, for the common man, with the heartless tin man from The Wizard of the Oz who caught the attention of youngsters and started the conversation about robots, leading to the ultimate question of 'Can machines think?'. Though the first ever AI, designed by Alan Turing, Allen Newell, Cliff Shaw, and Herbert Simon in 1950, was to mimic the problem-solving ability of a human being, we, today, have robots that are designed to even feel pain.

And in today's world, this very AI has helped us combat this ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. It has helped us in treatments, diagnosis, prevention, and even modelling of the pandemic. Scientists in India and even all over the world are using this artificial intelligence to evaluate the spread of Coronavirus in urban areas. It is even acting as a spy for them. AI is helping the government monitor people and report back to safety administrators when people violate the guidelines listed out for social distancing like wearing a mask and maintaining six feet distance. Aarogya Setu, an app created to identify and track COVID patients, has helped many to be safe and virus-free. Even robots are being used to deliver sanitisers and medications to affected patients and areas. Not to mention, AI is also aiding humans in creating and possibly finding a cure for this virus.

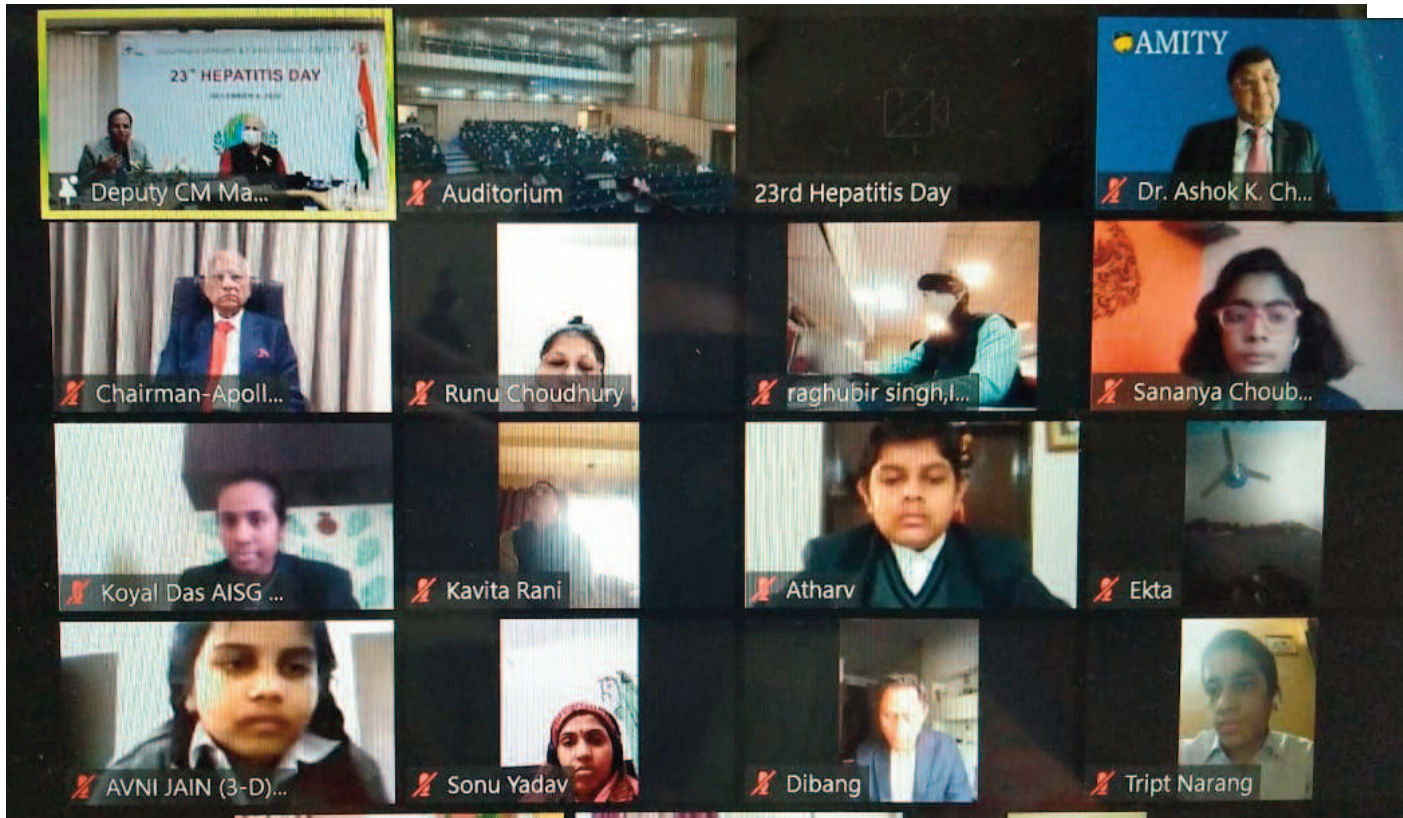
Although it can be argued that AI comes with its own risks and problems, it is safe to say that it is humanity's biggest helping hand in these stressful times and will, hopefully, take us to the silver lining where things will return to being 'normal'.

BRUSH 'n' EASEL

Rupal
AIS Gurugram 43, VIII



Asking rate is the run rate, the number of runs required per over, the batting side needs to achieve in order to win a match.



Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe graces the virtual Hepatitis Day celebration and addresses the participants



Deputy CM addresses the audience

Amity Group of Schools

Around 214 students from different branches of Amity Group of Schools Delhi/NCR participated and brought home laurels at the 23rd Hepatitis Day* celebration, held virtually by the Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS) on Dec 4, 2020. The noble cause to increase awareness about hepatitis by ILBS is spearheaded by Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe, as the mentor and on the occasion during his virtual address, he called upon focusing on maintaining good liver health as it is a vital organ.

eHepatitis Day

Protecting Liver In Changed Times

In addition to doctors and medical staff from various hospitals, 700 children from 31 schools of Delhi/NCR participated in the programme. The main events for school children comprised an e-poster competition on topic 'Viral hepatitis in covid times', and a virtual skit and an 'I pledge' virtual chain. Around 235 posters were presented online by students from different branches of Amity Group of Schools. Eleven students from Class VIII of AIS Vas 6 won first prize and 5 students from AIS Pushp Vihar won second prize in the virtual skit competition based on the topic 'In covid times, remember to prevent and treat viral hepatitis'. Yashna Taneja (XI), AIS Saket won the first prize while Ira Purohit (III), AIS Gurugram 46 and Shivaan Chadha (I), AIS Vasundhara 1 bagged consolation prizes in the e-poster making com-

petition. The occasion also saw HEPiSCHOOL programme phase 2.0 to intensify awareness about hepatitis in schools by Manish Sisodia, deputy chief minister & education minister, Delhi. The Phase-1 of HEPiSCHOOL Programme in cooperation with the Education Department of the Delhi government was launched last year to spread awareness on hepatitis in schools through health talks and lectures. There was also a web lecture and an interactive session by Dr S K Sarin, Director, ILBS on the topic 'HEPiSCHOOL in covid times'.

*Hepatitis Day is observed every year by the Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences in coordination with the Department of Education, Govt of NCT, to increase awareness about hepatitis in schools. [G I](#)

Ramanujan 2020

An Ode To A Math Genius

AIS Noida

School organised its 20th Ramanujan, the annual inter-school mathematics competition online on December 22, 2020 to celebrate the birth anniversary of legendary Indian mathematician, Srinivasan Ramanujan. The national level competition of mathematical skills held under the visionary guidance of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF, saw the participation from 27 teams comprising 215 students from prominent schools of Delhi/NCR and Lucknow. The virtual programme was graced by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, who appreciated the efforts of Amity in promoting the spirit of mathematics and encouraged the participants to continue practising math for 'practice makes a man perfect'. The event spanned across primary, middle and senior schools with innovative and

creative activities like Birthday Mania, Splash of art, Pattern with beads, Math o' wit and math quiz. In the senior school (Class IX-XII), AIS Mayur Vihar won the first prize and AIS Gurugram 46 bagged the third prize. AIS Noida secured first position in both the middle (VI-VIII) and primary (III-V) schools while AIS Pushp Vihar bagged the second prize in senior (IX-XII) and primary (III-V) schools both. AIS Gurugram 43 bagged the third position in primary school. The valedictory function began with the virtual lighting of the ceremonial lamp and a welcome address by the school principal Renu Singh. The audience were also witness to the riveting movies on the inspiring life of Ramanujan and the journey of Ramanujan Competition conducted by Amity over the last 19 years. All the winners were awarded e-certificates and trophies. The event culminated with the school song and national anthem.

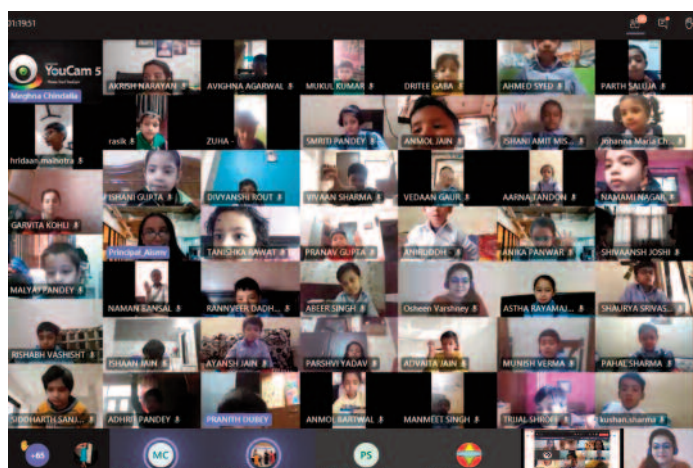


Young mathematicians put their thinking caps on

Virtual Tours @ Amity

Amitians travel virtually

Bringing The Joys Of World To Amity In Changed Times



Children enjoy their interaction with Miami zoo experts

AIS Mayur Vihar

Students of Class I went for the virtual tours of the Seven Wonders of the World, and the Miami Zoo and Farm located in Florida, USA, to celebrate Children's Day on November 12, 2020. During the virtual tours, they learned numerous interesting facts about all the Seven Wonders, and also got to know about the habits and habitats of different animals. They made beautiful finger puppets of

their favourite animals and recited stories based on animals with the help of finger puppets. They also shared why some animals are their favourite. [G I](#)

AIS Saket

To ensure that fun and learning keep happening together at Amity even during changed times, students from Class Nursery-V were taken onboard to myriad virtual excursions during the months of

November and December. The budding explorers of Classes Nursery, KG, I and V explored the amazing world of animals and birds with a virtual trip to the Melbourne Zoo in Australia. The tour was followed by an interactive session with the wildlife experts at the zoo during which children discussed about the habits and habitats of various animals they saw. Class I students were also taken aboard a virtual tour of the rail museum, where the exhibits of trains from the golden era caught their atten-

tion and curiosity. They got acquainted with the wide array of engine models. Class III students went for the virtual visit to ISKCON Temple, dedicated to Lord Krishna. Students enjoyed the calm and serene environment of the temple through a video showcasing the beautiful premises of the temple. All the virtual trips were followed by short quizzes and discussions centered around students' observations and understanding of the places they visited. This enhanced their creative expressions too. [G I](#)



A glimpse of the Melbourne zoo which fascinated the children



Students learn more about Lutyens at Rashtrapati Bhavan

AIS Gurugram 46

On December 11, 2020 students from Classes I, II and V got onboard for the virtual 'Delhi Darshan' which comprised visits to various heritage monuments like Qutub Minar, Rashtrapati Bhavan, India Gate, Shankar's Dolls Museum, Red Fort and Akshardham Temple. They were fascinated by the eternal flame of 'Amar Jawan Jyoti' at India Gate and paid their heartfelt tributes to the Indian soldiers. The Rashtrapati Bhavan left them all spellbound with its magnificent chandeliers and intricate designs and murals. They also got to know the historic importance of different rooms and parts of one of the largest residential place of the head of a state in the world. They enjoyed their sojourn of Shankar's International Dolls Museum which has a huge collection of beautiful dolls from all over the world. The visit to Qutub

Minar and Red Fort enriched their understanding of the rich and varied heritage, art and architecture of India. Similarly Akshardham Temple too left them mesmerised as they got to know numerous facts about Vedic India and its culture. The interactive elements such as students pouring reflections through quizzes on 'Answer Garden' and 'Quizziz.com' were included at regular intervals to keep the virtual excursion lively, amusing and exuberant. The students were also briefed about the evolution of the regional food in Delhi which is essentially multi-cultural and multiethnic. They shared their own personal experiences and observations about the art and architectural marvels of each of the monuments too. Teachers and students also discussed about the importance of preserving the monuments and their culture. The tour culminated with a dance session and group photography. [G I](#)

Each of the two parallel white lines on either side of the stumps is a return crease.

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A heart full of art

Meet Neerajj Mittra, A Being Of Art, By Art, For Art

Shagun Jain & Ridhi Galati
AIS Pushp Vihar, XII D

Known as a multifarious artist, art curator and design thinker, Neerajj Mittra is a name that resonates high in the world of artists. With more than 65 national and international art exhibitions including 17 solo shows, 46 group art shows, multiple independent art walks, hosting international art residency with artists from Hungary and India along with more than 15 art workshops, art truly forms the core of his heart. As a resource person for GT Photography Workshop, held at Amity International School Pushp Vihar, curious GT reporters could not help but indulge in a conversation with him to know all that there is to art and more!

Art is in my blood

I was blessed to be born in family of artists, where colours were my friends and canvas was my partner in crime. Growing up in an environment full of art ignited in me the spirit to transform this hobby of mine to play with colours into my passion, and soon this passion became my profession. I was always encouraged by my parents to



Neerajj Mittra with GT reporters

pursue this field and they were the support system for me. Even today, my experimentation in art is well supported by my wife and son. So, it wouldn't be wrong to say that art is the soul of my being.

Art is a beautiful gift

Art is all about beauty, and beauty lies all around us. For it lies in the eyes of the beholder. For instance, one can find beauty and textures even in garbage; on the other hand, someone can find it while experimenting with lights or somebody can focus on the texture while another artist can be spontaneous. Therefore, art is not confined to a specific style because it is very subjective and that's the beauty of it. It's all different but comes together under a single umbrella- a beautiful one.

Art in photography

We had a tradition of having a camera always, we had Yashica 35 MM. It was like a toy given to me. I used to make black and white prints, and since I was part of a cre-

ative field, soon camera became a part of my accessories. When things are available, you use them, and once you use them, you get into the creative zone. Gradually, I learnt the nuances of clicking pictures such as experimenting with lights and even the tricks to click spontaneous ones by following the works of famous photographers including Aditya Dicky Singh, Susmindar Dubey, Sanjay Das, etc. to name a few.

Art comes with challenges

The key challenge of being an artist is money-making because the field of art is not like any other field of study where you are definite that after grabbing hands on certain degrees you can easily get a job or start a business. Here, you need to carve a niche for yourself and pick between a full-fledged life or passion. Your passion to do something can only make you overcome this challenge because when you are passionate about something, you try and give your best to achieve success in it.

Mantra for life

'Let life manage me' is the mantra I flow with. I feel that one should go with the flow; whatever keeps coming your way, you should always face it because only then would things start falling in one's way. In the field of art, one should always keep options available in life; if one is not ready to experiment with life, then it is very difficult to achieve success. For life has many things to offer and for us to embrace, but all that will only make sense with time and patience. Just give it all you got!



Neerajj Mittra

Small sins...

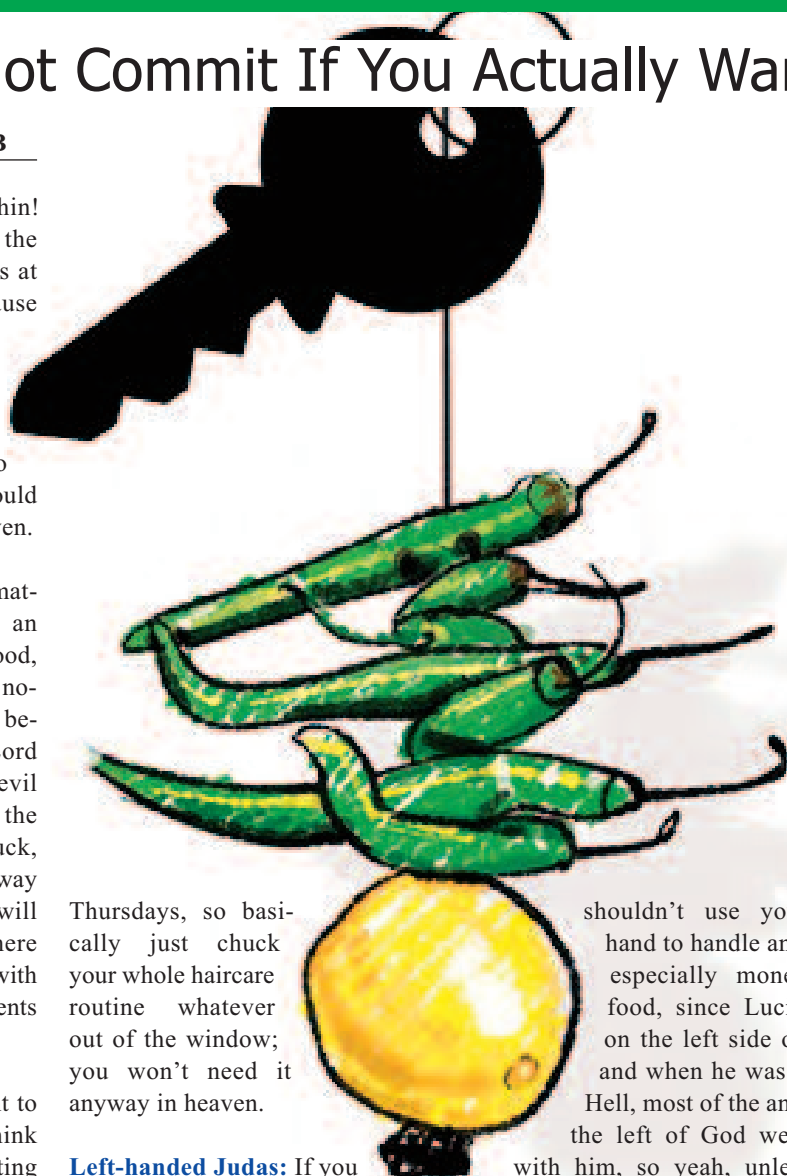
...You Must Not Commit If You Actually Want To Avoid Hell

Suhani Malik, AIS PV, XII B

“Nahin! Nahin! Nahin! chhaiye!” comes the words of our elders at almost everything we do, because some things that might seem normal to you are really devil's incarnate for others. Read on to find out the ordinary things you mustn't do in case you want to avoid the highway to hell and would rather climb the staircase to heaven.

Designated days of doom: No matter how much you are craving an omelette or any non-vegetarian food, there is always going to be a strict no-no for it on Tuesdays as Hindus believe it to be the day of Lord Hanuman. And if you are evil enough to have it somehow, the repercussions include bad luck, angry Gods and obviously a one-way trip to Hell. And we know you will try the it-is-Wednesday-somewhere tactic, but trust us, it won't work with Lord Hanuman, or your grandparents for that matter.

Nada new hairdo: Oh, you want to get a haircut on Saturday? Think again! For it is believed that getting a haircut or cutting your nails on Saturday angers Lord Shani (and also your grandma). And you can't also wash your hair on Tuesdays and



Thursdays, so basically just chuck your whole haircare routine whatever out of the window; you won't need it anyway in heaven.

Left-handed Judas: If you use your left hand as your major weapon, here is your final caution to stop doing so. Since the beginning of time, it is said that you

shouldn't use your left hand to handle anything, especially money and food, since Lucifer sat on the left side of God, and when he was cast to Hell, most of the angels on the left of God were cast with him, so yeah, unless you want to be an advocate of Lucifer, please, for the genuine love of God, stop being a Leftie.

PS The Latin word for 'left' is 'sin-

istram', having roots in the word 'sinister'. Take a hint!

No bling ring: Since the Bible was written at a time when neither feminism nor Bappi Lahiri existed, it doesn't really advocate wearing short clothes and flashy gold ornaments. Now, I know it is a very common thing for us Dilli folks to wear figure-hugging clothes and flaunt our gold chains, but according to the Bible, we are all sinners.

Be brother Nature: Taking any human or animal life is forbidden in Buddhism and Jainism, and if you do so, you are going straight to the devil's home. Yeah, you, standing in the hot summer days with a kala Hit spray in your hand, we are sorry, but you're not allowed in God's crib.

Working Saturdays? Hell no: In Judaism, Sabbath, the Jewish holy day, begins at nightfall on Friday and lasts until nightfall on Saturday, which means Saturdays are a no-go for offices, schools or any other work. If you are a rebel enough to work, then...you know it already by now. Too bad we are not Jewish and still have to go to tuitions.

So, are you ready to stop these practices or do you still prefer the joys of small harmless sins?

The prompt BOX

Writing is an art and there's no better platform to exercise it than your own beloved GT! Just to unleash the writer in you, GT brings to you a new column 'The prompt box' where a topic will be shared. Tell us your views on the given topic in 100-150 words. Send in your write-ups to the Editor-in-Chief/GT Teacher Coordinator of your school, and the best ones will be published in the newspaper, so grab your laptops and get typing...

...BECAUSE THE FIRST ONE IS HERE:
What is something good that has happened to you in the year 2020?
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