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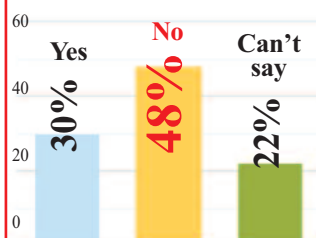
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## Will Earth Be Able To Stay Afloat Or Will We All Be Underwater Soon?

Reedhav Gulati, AIS Saket, X C

From scuba diving to submarines, the world has made many efforts to see and explore the avenues that live underwater. If only someone were to tell us that it was all in vain because soon we will be joining them anyway! With 15 USA cities projected to be underwater by 2050, 10 already on the ocean floor, the main question is - if the most powerful nation in the world won't be able to save itself, will the rest of us even find a place underwater, or will we just drown without any aid? Let's take a look.

# In deep WATER

erated in the near past, causing us great worry. According to World Glacier Monitoring Service, the decadal average loss from glaciers has moved from 6.7 inches of liquid water in 1980s to 18 inches in 1990s, to 20 inches in 2000s, and finally to 33 inches between 2010-20. Adding to it, the ice loss from the Greenland Ice Sheet has also increased from 34 billion tonnes per year in 1992-2001 to 247 billion tonnes between 2012-16. The 1.5°C increase in the global temperature that scientists claim is bound to raise sea levels by 1.7-3.2 feet by 2100. Even if our efforts stop the temperature from rising by

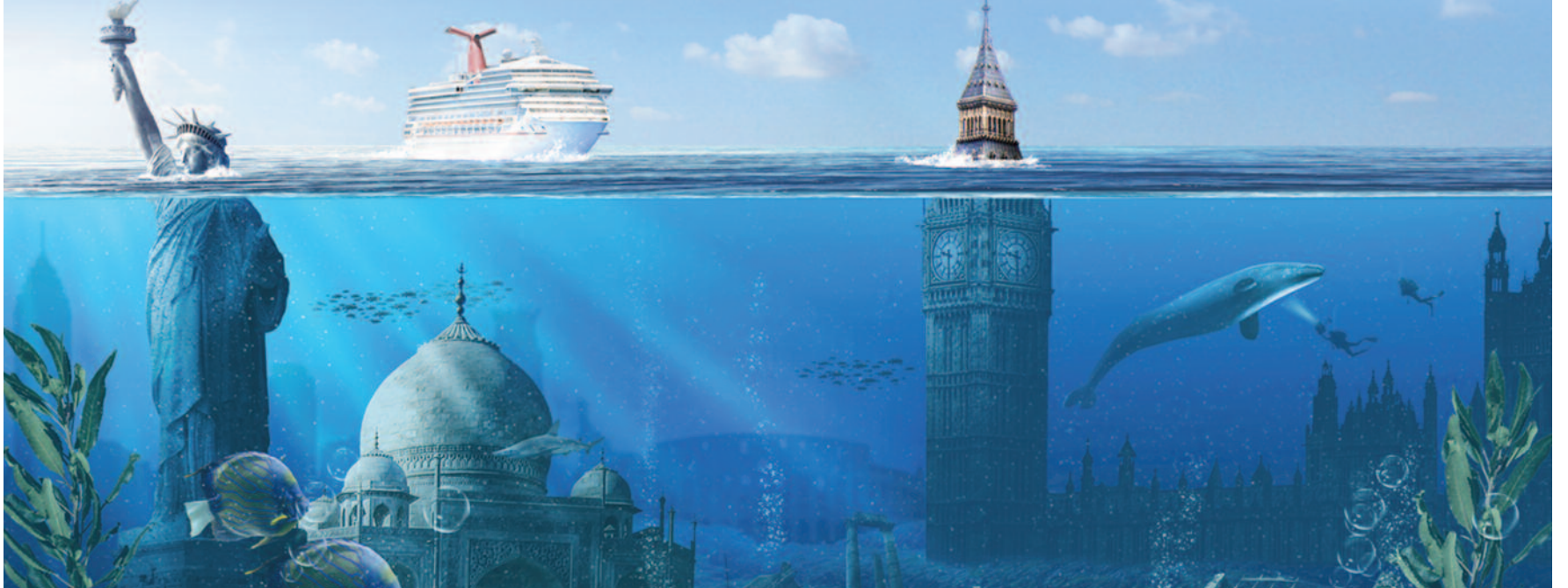
2°C, it still means at least 570 cities and 800 million people will be exposed to rising seas and storm surges. With the Antarctic also noting at least 199 billion tonnes of ice loss per year, we are drowning and drowning fast, so to what extent will it affect us?

### Rising risks

A research conducted by Climate Central has claimed that the rising seas could affect thrice the number of people by 2050 than previously assumed, showcasing that around 150 million people currently living on land will be below the high-tide

line by mid-century. More than 20 million people in Vietnam, almost a quarter of its population, will be submerged. 10% of Thailand's citizens will lose their homes. 4 out of 5 people impacted by sea level rise will be East or South-east Asian. India, not so far behind, is also at the risk of wiping out its financial capital, Mumbai, along with 21 other cities, as stated by NITI Aayog. The USA, too, is already experiencing chronic flooding in more than 90 coastal cities, a number expected to double by 2030. Even tourist-loved places like London, Bruges, Panama City, The Bahamas, Shanghai, California, New York City, etc, won't be so Instagram worthy anymore. A mass exodus will be seen in the world as we hop from one place to the other, destroy it, and then move on to the next, hoping that we don't step on a city's stone that sinks us down with it. The numbers are highly concerning considering how numerous cities and states in the world are for sure inundating, leaving us wondering where we will fly off to for safety, if we even can. So, is there no hope left?

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# Not a child's play...

...Says Suhasini Paul About The Art Of Toy Making

Adya Mishra & Akshat Gurnani  
 AIS VYC Lko, XII

“You can discover more about a person in an hour of play than a year of conversation,” said Plato once. Suhasini Paul, one of India's leading toy designers and the co-founder of Paul Studio, took it as gospel! A recipient of the 2005 'Designpreneur of the year' award, she has been credited as a designer of over 300 toys, including some for big brands like Kinder Joy, Disney, Chhota Bheem, etc. In addition to this, she is also the first designer in the country to have her name imprinted on the products she designs, with her market extending to countries like China, Thailand, UK, USA, Turkey and France. As GT reporters grabbed the exclusive opportunity for a rendezvous with her, she shared with them the intricacies of the art of toy designing and what it means to be an artist of the same. Read on as we present you excerpts.

### The chosen path

As a child, I used to create my own toys and games. I particularly remember making a personalised hexagonal carom board that could accommodate more than 5 other friends of mine. Besides, I used to spend a lot of time with my maternal grandmother who taught me dif-

ferent stitching techniques, the art of paper folding, chalk sculpting, etc. My parents were supportive, too; while my mom would hand me all the raw junk in the world to indulge in my creative endeavours, my dad would often participate in the same with me. That's how I developed an inclination towards toy designing, so to speak. And so, years later, having done my Bachelors in Electrical Engineering, I enrolled in the National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad, and pursued post-graduation in Toy Design and Development.

### The required art

I, along with my husband Sandip Paul, a Red Dot Award winning designer, run the Paul Studio. Our goal is to explore new domains in terms of design, so we are working on several toys for infants & toddlers, including the eco-friendly wooden toys, educational toys like puzzles and flashcards, IOT toys, STEM toys, collectible toys like space rocket, etc. The process of designing them begins with understanding the end consumers ie the kids who are going to play with them. By observing them, by playing with them, I try to understand their likings, their experiences and behaviour, be it physical, cognitive, social, emotional or cultural. Then with those insights, I come back to the drawing board and conceptualise the toy. With that

comes the most crucial phase of toy designing which is detailing the toy to make it user-friendly and cost-effective, as well as increasing its perceived value many folds. Ergo, it takes approximately four weeks to design a toy and then another three to four months before it is finally available in the market.

### The digital hurdle

Toys play an important role in the cognitive and physical growth of kids. As a consequence, the importance of tangible toys is increasing because parents are becoming more and more conscious and aware about their importance. So, online games pose no imminent threat to the toy market as such. However, the onus to find a balance between the amount of time their kids spend playing online and that they spend playing with toys is on the parents. They can enrol their kids (above the age of 6) in our 'Make your own Mini Monster Toy' workshop as a first step towards achieving this balance. Through the workshop, we teach children the basic techniques of needle felting, so they learn how to make textile collectible toys (without sewing machine) that are super cute, sustainable and fun! It not only helps them discover and unleash their unlimited creative potential, but also makes them more inclined towards tangible toys.

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Suhasini Paul, leading toy designer and co-founder, Paul Studio



Chess - The popular phrase 'checkmate' used in the game comes from 'shah met', a Persian phrase which literally translates to 'the king is dead'.



# Around The WORLD

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## CANADA

### Deaths surge from worst heatwave on record

Over 230 people have succumbed to death as temperatures in the nation soar to an all-time high of 49.5 degree Celsius. Citing risk of wildfires as one of the chief concerns, Environment Canada has thus issued alerts for British Columbia, and parts of Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Yukon; and the Northwest Territories in the nation, with schools in the Vancouver area been forced shut. Set in the city of Saskatchewan in 1937, the previous high in the country was somewhere around 45 degrees Celsius.



## UK

### Third dose of AstraZeneca developed as precaution

A third dose of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine, produced by AstraZeneca and the University of Oxford, has been developed in case, the need for it arises in near future. For the said vaccine that was administered as two doses until now has shown amplified levels of antibodies to the virus with a third dose, indicating how a third 'booster' shot of the same would bring greater defense if the efficacy of two doses diminishes over time.



## SWEDEN

### Stefan Lofven steps down as Prime Minister

Having lost the June 21 vote of no-confidence, Prime Minister Stefan Lofven declared resignation from his post on June 28, 2021. He had already been given a deadline to either bow out or call a snap election post his confidence vote failure, wherein he originally anticipated to receive fresh backing in the parliament to secure his reappointment in the office.



## CHINA

### Declared malaria-free

The World Health Organisation (WHO) officially certified the nation as malaria-free on June 29, 2021, making it the second country in the entire Asia Pacific region to receive this tag after Sri Lanka. Maintaining zero homegrown malaria cases for four consecutive years, down from an estimated 30 million cases and over 300,000 deaths per year in the 1940s, China's feat makes the elimination of the disease a potential reality.



## USA

### Air strikes against Iran-backed armed groups

US launched air strikes against pro-Iran militia on the Iraq-Syria border, killing at least 7 fighters and additionally blowing up three weapon storage facilities used by them, two in Syria and one in Iraq. The move was in response to the ongoing series of attacks against US troops in Iraq. Though the Iran-backed armed groups retaliated the next day, no casualties were reported on the US side.



## GABON

### Captive-bred gorillas give birth

In a world-first, two Western Lowland Gorillas Djongo and Mayombe, who grew up in captivity in Europe, have given birth to a baby gorilla on the night of June 13 in the Bateke Plateau National Park, Gabon. As the news broke out to the world, conservationists all over the world rejoiced to know about the possibility of conservation for this species of gorillas that is currently in critical danger of becoming extinct.



## UAE

### Facial COVID scanners in malls

Starting June 28, 2021, the capital city of Abu Dhabi now uses facial scanners at malls and airports to detect COVID-19 infections. Developed by EDE Research Institute, Abu Dhabi, the scanner is believed to detect infections by measuring electromagnetic waves that tend to change when it senses RNA particles of the virus in the body. The results showed 93.5 % sensitivity, indicating the device's accuracy in identifying the virus.



## INDIA

### Disapproval for Covovax trial on children

The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) has rejected Serum Institute of India's (SII) plea to permit clinical trials of its second COVID-19 vaccine, Covovax, on 920 children, 460 each in the 12-17 and 2-11 age groups. The expert panel demands its immunogenicity and safety data first. Once met with the requirement, Covovax will become the third COVID vaccine to be tested on children in the country.







# Not a child's play

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## The right toys

To choose the right toys for your kids is of utmost importance. For different types of toys cater to different aspects of a child's life - educational toys help in the develop-

ment of a child's motor and social skills, puzzles instigate a child's problem-solving skills, activity kits enhance a child's creativity and motor skills, role play toys allow children to practice adult roles to eventually gain the confidence and learn important life skills. And so, parents need to be careful

while buying toys for their children. An ideal toy is one that is age appropriate, does not have sharp edges, uncomfortable fabric or toxic colours, and is sturdy enough to endure rough usage.

## The Indian toy market

India created the world's first recognised board games Parchesi and Chess. However, surprisingly, toy design as a profession is still at its nascent stage here. Thus, just after post-graduating from NID, I began my journey as a design entrepreneur and have been actively involved in spreading awareness about Toy Design, a new profession in India, by giving lectures in design schools like IILM School of Design, NIFT Delhi, IIT Kanpur, etc; doing TV and radio programs; and sharing my views in newspapers and magazines. There's a huge demand of both 'Designed in India' and 'Make in India' toys all over the world. The sole reason for it is our country's massive competency in board and paper, plastic and textiles, which ensures that good quality board games, wooden toys, and plushies are manufactured for both local usage and exports abroad.

## The message

The Indian toy industry has an abundance of untapped potential and currently requires more skilled toy designers to explore it and take it forward. So, if you are interested in this field and have a passion to pursue it, you should definitely give it a try. But make sure you love playing with children and have a child-like imagination and creativity in order to completely understand the art of toy designing and further excel in it.



## Book Review

# Rake in that review

**Book:** A girl called owl

**Author:** Army Wilson

**Published On:** July 11, 1960

**Genre:** Fantasy Fiction



**Synopsis:** This is Amy Wilson's critically acclaimed debut novel about a girl named Owl McBride. Full of feisty characters, myth and mystery, this dazzling story is about fables and earth spirits, and how they can connect to the real world. It explores the themes of family, friendships and beauty of the natural world. Owl is a teenager who, despite asking her mother many times about her father's whereabouts, remains in the dark about his identity. Though she is obsessed with finding more about her missing father, her mother only reveals that he was from a magical, wintry land. When Owl begins to cry tears of ice and frost patterns begin to appear on her skin, she is tempted to connect these powers with her mysterious father. She bravely sets out to enter the other world - the magical world. But, will she finally discover her father's true identity?

**Why is it worth reading:** The writing is full of magic and heart. The book is suitable for all readers as it is an easy read with no overly complex plots. A great blend of humour, adventure and fantasy keeps the reader invested in the storyline. The narrative blends ancient fables and modern-day exceptionally well, particularly with the character of the mysterious Alberic who appears at Owl's school. Also, the connection Owl has with her father is an experience that a reader feels through the pages.

**Iconic quote:** 'And they say that is a curse...' 'He says it's forbidden,' Mallory says, her voice hushed.

**Rating:** 5/5

**Review by:** Anvesha Goel  
AIS Pushp Vihar, IX

# Stepping into the world of toys

How About A Career In The Field Of Toy Design? Sounds Interesting? Here's Why!

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Are you looking for a creative career? Do you still get excited when you see the latest Iron Man figurine hit the market? If the answers to both the questions is a resounding yes, then becoming a toy designer may be the right profession for you. Here is all you need to know about becoming a toy designer.

## Who is a toy designer?

The role of a toy designer is self-explanatory. S/he is someone who designs and creates toys. They may work with a whole team or alone to create a new toy. Sometimes, the job of a toy designer may end at just designing a concept, and on other occasions they may be responsible for estimating production costs as well as the retail prices to get the production of the toy approved by their company. Thus, a toy designer has to wear a number of hats - from creativity and business to sales and marketing.

## What are the skills required?

The basic skill required by a toy designer is the love for toys. However, to make a career in the toy industry, one needs to learn to develop trendsetting products for kids of all ages. For toy designers are required to create toys from scratch. This includes the ideation process, the sketching of the idea and the creation of a prototype. Toys must meet stringent safety regulations as they are going to be used and reused multiple times. So, some important skills required for a career in toy design are:

**Computer Aided Design or sketching:** Since toy designers create a blueprint for the production of the toys, an educational background in both CAD and



drawing or architecture is helpful.

**Materials and production:** In-depth knowledge about the requisite material helps in determining which material suits a particular design in terms of function, style and safety. For example, softer materials are used to make toys for babies.

**Safety standards and regulations:** A toy designer must have the requisite knowledge about safety standards such as toys meant for toddlers must not have any part smaller than the size of their fist.

**Vast technical knowledge:** Toy designers should have a brilliant command of mathematical concepts like algebra, geometry, statistics, calculus and their applications. They must have a strong grip on engineering, technology, mechanical and electronic aspects of the job.

**Exceptional knowledge of children's play:** They

may be required to watch play studies and conduct focus groups to further their ability to create marketable toys, as well as fine-tune current prototypes.

## What are the educational qualifications required?

Though there aren't many programs that award degrees in toy design, but many toy designers start with a humanities degree at the undergraduate level. Here are some tips that one might want to consider:

**Liberal Arts:** Such courses include drawing and drafting skills. Some also include humanities which aids in understanding the consumer market to produce better toys.

**Engineering:** An engineering degree in consumer or industrial design will be of great help in building a career in toy designing. The course will help in understanding the technical aspect of toy designing.

If we talk about India, toy design course can be pursued by students who have completed their Class 10+2 level education from recognised schools affiliated to national/state education boards. There is no restriction of stream, and so, students from all streams, i.e., Science/Commerce/Arts can pursue an undergraduate course in Toy Design. Also, National Institute of Design (NID) offers a course in toy designing at postgraduate degree level. The course includes working in both hard materials like plastic, ceramic, metal and wood, as well as soft material such as cloth, cotton, fiber, rubber and more.

## How to move up the ladder?

Toys are often manufactured by only few large companies, so the career path is highly competitive, especially for toy designers who are looking for full-time employment. It is important, therefore, that you focus on toy design as a field from the very beginning of your career. As a product designer, one can earn 5.80 lakh INR and above per annum. The starting salary for a training manager is 6.90 lakh INR per annum. A marketing manager, who supervises the marketing resources and activities, earns 2.50 lakh INR and above per annum.

## What are the career prospects?

As you progress in your career as a toy designer, you often take up leadership roles. Starting as a toy designer in a toy manufacturing company, you can eventually entitle yourself as Creative Director or a Project Manager or even an Engineering Director in 7-10 years. You might also consider freelancing by creating your own toy concepts and selling them to a toy manufacturer or gain funding to produce the toys through your own venture. 📌



Barbie - Totally Hair Barbie, the best-selling Barbie doll in the world, was first released in 1992 and has sold more than 10 million dolls worldwide.



# Not the final number!

## Is IQ A Valid Measure Of Our Intelligence?

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Humans have carved out various quotes and sayings that numbers don't matter, whether it is about age or marks, but when it comes to IQ, why must they suddenly matter? Society's obsession with the number that represents a person's reasoning ability is not hidden, but did anyone bother to take out time and figure out whether this number truly represents us or not? Is this number worthy enough to provide a final judgement? Proof says no!

### Hello 100, Science calling

Many researchers and studies have not only argued but proven that just one test, which only judges the person on confined parameters, is not enough to truly paint a picture of one's intelligence, knowledge and capabilities.

The IQ test, quizzes the individuals only on subjects like reading comprehension, reasoning and mathematics, but topics like mechanics, social skills, creativity, etc., are not taken into consideration. Other affecting factors like genetics, environment, opportunities, and experiences are also not accounted for. The left-out topics are just as important in shaping an individual and negligence towards them does not make for a correct evaluation!

### I'm a constant flux

Scientists argue that the result of an IQ test is also dependent on that person's environment, age and well-being on that particular day, and may not be the same the next day. Emotions, health conditions and atmosphere keep changing, hence constantly affecting the result of the test. Even if a particular number could measure a person's intelligence, the result would only be

valid for that moment. An individual is constantly experiencing and learning from external and internal factors, which assures a change in their result with a change in those factors. A person can do poor in one attempt and may do excellent in the next. The factors surrounding them are in a state of flux, meaning that their IQ, too, is in a constant flux.

### Ha-ha, you're wrong

Though IQ claims to determine where the individual should stand, the truth is, it does not guarantee success and fulfillment. Not factoring in for socioeconomic and vocational issues, they are poor predictors of the future. There have been various cases where people with poor IQ have done better than people with a higher IQ. Muhammad Ali, Abraham Lincoln, Britney Spears, Andy Warhol, Dr James Watson, and



John F Kennedy are a few examples with low IQs and high success rate.

With all the researches and studies

being done, it is quite evident that IQs are indeed not the correct or the final number with which an individual can be evaluated or be judged upon!

# The fine-apple

Illustration: Mohd. Ali Jamee Saeed Khan, AIS VYC Lko, VI

Fruits and vegetables make up the largest chunk of our nutrition. However, their role is not just limited to a wholesome diet. Their significance permeates across economy, environment, health, and social impact, proving how they are, in fact, essential commodities to attain a sustainable world. Keeping the same in mind, the United Nations has designated 2021 as the International Year of Fruits and Vegetables to make us cognisant of the diverse roles that they undertake. Shaking hands with this goal, GT brings you a brand-new series, wherein every part will explore the various facets of one fruit or vegetable, highlighting why it is important to preserve these gifts of nature.



Mohd. Ali Jamee Saeed Khan  
AIS VYC Lko, VI

Hey! My name is: Pineapple  
Scientific Name: Ananas comosus

### About me

- In 1694, European explorers thought I resembled pine cones, edible ones though. Hence my name!
- Albeit my name is pineapple, I am neither a pine nor an apple. I am a berry in actuality.
- I can take up to three years to grow, that is until I reach my full maturity.
- You can only find one of me in a single plant. My plants only flower and fruit once per season. Yes, that's how limited edition I am!
- That said, my plant can live up to good 50 years, meaning that you can expect around 50 of me throughout the years.
- You can find my largest garden maze in Hawaii, stretching over three acres of land. My Hawaiian name is Halakahiki, meaning foreign fruit.

### What I offer

I am a superfood filled with an array of essential nutrients such as:

- Fat
- Protein
- Carbohydrates

- Fiber
- Vitamin B6 & C
- In addition, I also contain several other vitamins and minerals such as manganese, copper, thiamine, potassium, folate, etc.

### I can help you with

- Alleviating indigestion problems
- Reducing the risk of cancer.
- Boosting immunity
- Reducing symptoms of arthritis
- Preventing hypertension

### Where you can find me

I am one of the commercially important fruits of India. Here I am grown in Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, Mizoram, West Bengal, Kerala, Karnataka, and Goa, on a large scale. 75% of my fruits sold in Europe are in fact produced in Costa Rica, with about 47.1% of the total production. This is followed by Netherlands (11.1%), Philippines (8.3%), Belgium (5.3%) and so on. I am usually found in the markets starting from July to September.

### My different avatars

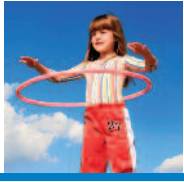
- Queen
- Kew
- Mauritius
- Rothchild
- Brecheche
- Abacaxi
- Panare
- Red Spanish

### Why I fear climate change

Climate change is posing a huge challenge in my productivity around the world. I cannot stand extreme temperatures. Thus, if global warming keeps on rising, my resilience can only last for so long. As a result, you may see me in the endangered lists of fruits. Moreover, inconsistent rainfall pattern can have a detrimental impact on the quantity and quality of my production.







Hula hoop - The Guinness World Record for the longest hula hooping by an individual is 74 hours and 54 minutes by Aaron Hibbs of USA.

# Speaking up for Earth

## Addressing Global Environmental Problems Through Art

The Global Times is pleased to be a part of the The World Teenage Reporting Project on Climate Champions. An initiative of Youth & News Media Prize, the project showcases noteworthy stories by teenage reporters from around the world focusing on what their cohorts and other adults have been doing to save the planet. Presenting the story 'Speaking up for Earth' by GT reporter, Niharika Roy.

Last year, The Global Times took part in the project that showcased stories by teenage reporters from around the world about what their cohorts were doing to help during the COVID-19 pandemic.

To know more about the The World Teenage Reporting Project visit <https://www.globalyouthandnewsmediaprize.net/>



Vijay Schrawat (left) and pictures of the campaign to promote environmental awareness

Climate change and its detrimental impact on all life forms is, perhaps, the least understood issue in today's world, but there are some visionaries who have taken up the task of educating people about the same. Documentary filmmaker, Vijay Schrawat, is one such person who has a specific interest in documenting environmental and social justice issues. "I feel all art forms have the power to inspire people. Art not just informs, but also compels people to take action," says the Haryana-born, who is now based in Delhi for the last 15 years.

### The inspiration

One wintry evening in 2018, Vijay read an article that mentioned Delhi being the most polluted city, and almost oblivious to the fact that the government was contemplating cutting down over 16,000 trees. "This was the moment when I decided I had to do something," says Vijay. Some of his highly successful projects have been 'Caritas India', a micro-series on indigenous seeds practices in North East India and another campaign titled 'Youth For Climate', a video archive of the Youth climate movement in India since 2019.

Today, he manages a team of 37 environmental activists efficiently and effectively. While he strongly believes in youth-led revolutions, he also affirms that all sections of society have some significant role to play when it comes to taking charge of the situation.



### Niharika Roy

Niharika Roy is a student of Class XI at Amity International School, Saket, one of the prestigious schools in the capital city of Delhi, India. This 15-year-old has a penchant for writing, more particularly about issues that plague mankind in the modern-day world. A girl of myriad interests, Niharika is passionate about debating, graphic designing, Kathak and basketball. She wants to pursue law and astrophysics in the future.

### About the Author

His experience with large-scale organisations like Fridays for Future and Youth Climate Action has led him to believe that it is the passion of volunteers that keeps the momentum going. He has also worked with numerous international organisations, for instance, Green Peace which operates in over 150 countries.

### Speak up for the Earth!

Vijay is the Indian leg of the 'Speak up for the Earth' initiative. He encourages open conversations about climate change through such forums. For instance, a meeting with 80 or more people from around the globe, each with their own opinion and individual ideology. Hence the name, 'Speak up'.

### A date to remember

"Conversations about climate change have to be initiated through regular activities," is what Vijay opines. An example of this is the programme called 'Date with Mother Earth' on Valentine's Day which was attended by hundreds of people.



"We decided to celebrate this day in a positive manner through music, dance, and connect every relation in the world to our relation with Mother Earth." The programme was broadcasted on national television in India.

### Making a difference

He feels films and documentaries are mediums that grab people's attention. Vijay is currently working on a film covering environmental issues in urban spaces. Titled 'The City We Built', is a documentary film about expansion of cities and how their functioning leads to numerous environmental issues. "The City We Built will explore

the source of the problem, how problem increases over time, its magnitude and how the future will look like if the change is not embraced now," remarks Vijay.

He is also focusing on the issue of 'Green Politics' through his documentary on India's first green political party started by Uttarakhand-based journalist Suresh Nautiyal. "Green politics stands for ecological justice and gender equality. They also have a principle to not accept a donation of more than 10,000 INR for their party's working, irrespective of who it is coming from." Vijay is documenting the whole process of the working of the party, which also needs him to shoot in difficult terrains like the Himalayas and in remote cities all over India.

### Role of youth

Most importantly, Vijay emphasises on the role youth must play, since it is their future that is in utmost danger. Educating children from the school level itself is important. "The current education system in no way reflects the urgency of the situation. There are no topics on climate change in school curriculums. Young children should be made to understand that India is the 5th most vulnerable country to climate change," he says.

According to Vijay, youth led initiatives must be brought under media spotlight because media is the primary source of information for the younger generation. Apart from this, there should be a shift in the system to protect all forms of life, not just human beings.



Volunteers join for the campaign 'Fridays for Future'



Save the planet, save life





## A tale of excellence



Dr. Amita Chauhan  
Chairperson

Every triumph of your child, whether small or big, is worth celebrating. The same goes for all my students. I have silently applauded their resilience during these hard times, as being confined inside their homes and coping with the 'new-normal' is an achievement in itself. So, it becomes an even more emotional moment for me when I see them beating all these hardships and leaving their imprints on the global landscape.

This week, such a moment came with the news that our team of five young Amitians from AIS Vasundhara 6 had made it to the top 10 finalists at the grand finale of the Wharton Global High School Investment Competition 2021. This virtual event had been organised by Wharton Business School, University of Pennsylvania, USA. This achievement is no small feat as the team was competing on seven different international stock exchanges with 972 teams from 35 countries. This platform gave our young 'next generation investors' the opportunity to hone their investment skills and gain an insight into how economies function.

Another reason I am moved is that the team comprised mostly of girls and we all know that finance is considered a man's domain. Thus, Amity, once again, has proven that it can break all such restrictive stereotypes. Our girls have shown that they can lead from the front, even in the world of finance, while working efficiently in tandem with their male counterparts. I also feel proud that Amitians have made it to the top at Wharton several times in a row now. Amity has won the third position in 2015-16, the second position in 2016-17 and 2017-18, and the first position in 2018-19 in the same global competition. This latest victory adds yet another chapter in this saga of team work, time management, and quick decision making.

## Climate care



Vira Sharma  
Managing Editor

A couple of months ago, all of us watched in horror the havoc Cyclone Tauktae wreaked on Gujarat and Maharashtra. Our country had not even recovered from this devastation when Cyclone Yass pounded upon the states of Orissa, Jharkhand, Bihar and UP. If it is not a cyclone, then it is flash floods rendering thousands homeless and destroy acres of agricultural produce. Both have become a regular part of the monsoon reportage in our country. Climate change is a harsh reality and the more I think about it, the more I feel the need to find answers. And the answer does exist, as I discovered while reading about how Netherlands has successfully averted threats from any flooding, despite its flat landscape and the existence of melting glaciers in the Arctic region. This has happened because of a massive, interlocking system known as the Delta Works - the most sophisticated flood prevention project in the world. This complex system of dikes, pumps and sand dunes along the coast prevents flooding in Netherlands. But their success is not just attributed to an anti-flood system, but also about how Dutch people live as responsible citizens. They cooperate with the government in obeying the laws of the land, especially the ones related to traffic movement and management of sand dunes and dikes. Though only experts can say if a similar system can be applied to our country, I am certain that we can at least learn lessons in civic life from our Dutch friends. For small changes in our lifestyle, that include recycling and reusing, can go a long way in fighting climate change.

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# In deep water

"Paani Sir Ke Upar Ja Chuka Hai!" So, Can We Save Ourselves?

Continued from page 1...

### Rising precautions

It is not just people or land that stays at risk, but every other factor of our normal life as well, like infrastructure, internet, farmland, sanitation, drinking water, reservoirs, etc. Some nations are on the verge of literally disappearing, and the rest will be forced to adapt, and adapt quickly to survive. Thankfully, the process has already started, at least to some extent. Along with mitigating their carbon footprints through reducing emissions, a number of states and cities are fielding hard engineering projects like sea walls, surge barriers, water pumps, and overflow chambers to keep the water out. Adopting environmental approaches to land recovery, restoration of mangroves and wetlands, and urban designs, and building resilience are some of the measures adopted. Dutch coastal cities are combining all these measures and have even decentralised many aspects of waste management. These efforts are the reason why Rotterdam is titled the safest delta city in the world. More than 30 cities in China are also joining the fight with their initiative of sponge cities (first started in Hyderabad, India) where city authorities collect storm-water to offset water demand during planting seasons, and another 600 cities of the country are expected to join in this decade. Furthermore, Jakarta, with



Dutch support, is building a massive sea wall and planning to relocate 400,000 people, whereas Bangkok, which faces a similar threat level, has also laid out a 2,600 km canal network and central park with a capacity to drain 4 million litres. From Singapore's land reclamation schemes and em-

bankments across 70% of its coastal areas to US investing billions of dollars to bolster their resistance against water, everyone at risk has finally been woken up from their slumber and hurried to act, but the query of 'is it all enough to save us?' can only be answered by time.



## Connecting the unconnected

The Importance Of Creativity In Human Life

### Thoughtful Opinion

Harshita Prasad  
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You must have all heard the quote which says that 'necessity is the mother of invention'. But is that really all? Isn't there something more potent and more efficient than merely a need for something, that is at play here? Indeed, there is. The ingredient that makes finding solutions to every problem possible is known as creativity. It is creativity that has spurred human evolution in every arena of life. Beginning from the time when humans were merely primitive cavemen till today where brilliant minds are behind every

modern advancement, creativity has always been a steady friend. What exactly is creativity then? It is the quality that turns new and imaginative ideas into reality. It is the inspiration behind amazing novels and timeless songs. It is the muse that motivates artists to paint alluring paintings. And it is a unique mindset that makes scientific discoveries possible. But creativity is not only about the big things in life. It also lies in how we deal with the mundane in our lives. It helps us become innovative even while doing our regular tasks, thus making life more interesting and worthwhile. From cooking up a new recipe totally on your own through several trials and errors to finding a far more efficient way of folding clothes; from converting

an old song into an impromptu rap number to arranging the cupboard in a colour-coordinated manner, creativity can be used anywhere and everywhere. Creativity helps us differently at different times. Sometimes, it simply rescues us from the boredom of routine, and at other times, it changes the way the world works. Whether it is the arts or science, every area needs creative thinkers and visionaries. Imagine how our lives would be without literature or music, or even gadgets and machines? Imagine how dull our jovial and colourful world would be if creativity didn't exist. Creativity gives us pathways to exhibit, enjoy and expand ourselves. Creativity is crucial. Without it, we would have never come so far.



Dear Editor,

This is in reference to the article 'It's outdated' on page 1 of the GT edition dated June 28, 2021. The article is an insightful piece as it recollects the online star software of the 1990s and 2000s. The research work put into gathering accurate information and on-point figures is extremely remarkable. The fall of our 1990s online stars is clear proof of change being an ultimate constant in the world, no matter what stream of life it is. We, being a part of Gen Z, could probably get only a glimpse of these elements, but it cannot be ignored that what we use today is just a revised and finer version of the outdated ones. Thank you GT for such an interesting and thought-provoking write-up.

Ananya Agarwal, AIS Gur 46, XII E



Dear Editor,

This is in reference to the article 'Women who changed the world' on page 12 of the GT edition dated June 28, 2021. In today's world, chauvinism, the irrational belief of transcendence of a particular group over the other, prevails in society. In such circumstances, equality has become a necessity more than a want. This article immaculately and rather subtly puts forward the message of equality by giving instances of fierce women who had the courage to defy all odds to change the world for good. This article discusses the contributions of brilliant women like Kamla Bhasin, Manal Al Sharif, Anna Politkovskaya, Kate Sheppard, etc., and gives a brief yet vivid description of every enlisted woman. Another strength of the article is that it discusses stories of women from every professional field. We look forward to more such stories that not only make for a good read, but inspire as well.

Moksh Gauri, AIS Pushp Vihar, X A







Ludo once was a game for royalty and noblemen in India and was known as Pachisi.

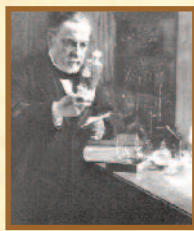
# HISTORY *this* WEEK

**W**eeks, years, decades, centuries...as time goes by day by day, the world keeps progressing into a newer direction. But as our eyes always stay glued to the telescope, trying to get a glimpse of the shining future we work so hard to create, it is important to take a break and appreciate how far we have come. Let us look back at the pages of history falling between July 5-11 that played their role in shaping our society.

## The world of inventions

**JULY 06 1885**

Louis Pasteur, the French chemist and microbiologist, gave the very first successful anti-rabies inoculation to Joseph Meister, a nine-year-old boy who had been bitten by a rabid dog. The vaccine turned out to be effective and brought immediate glory and fame to Pasteur. The event was said to start the era of preventive medicine in the world and subsequently, hundreds of other victims in the world were saved by his vaccine. An international fund-raising campaign was also launched to build the Pasteur Institute in Paris which was inaugurated on November 14, 1888.



## The world of celebration

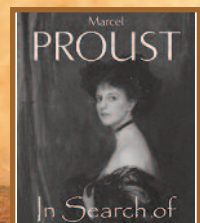
**JULY 09 1819**

The American inventor, Elias Howe Jr. was born; he is best known for his creation of the modern lockstitch sewing machine and had also played a hand in the invention of zippers. Howe was not the first to conceive the idea of a sewing machine, but his designs had significant improvements from its predecessors. For the same, he was awarded the first US patent for a sewing machine that contained the three essential features that most modern machines use - a needle with the eye at the point, a shuttle operating beneath the cloth to form the lock stitch, and an automatic feed. Howe Jr died on October 3, 1867.



**JULY 10 1871**

The French novelist, critic and essayist Valentin Louis Georges Eugene Marcel Proust was born. He is considered one of the most influential authors of the 20th century and is popular for his novel *À la Recherche du Temps Perdu* (In Search of Lost Time) which was published in seven parts between 1913 and 1927. The novel totaled around 3200 pages and featured more than 2000 characters. He died before he could complete his revision of the final volumes, so the last three parts were published posthumously by his brother.



## The world of entertainment



**JULY 05 1954**

Elvis Presley, the American singer and actor who has also been dubbed the 'king of rock and roll', recorded his first single *That's All Right Mama* at Sun Studio. In the single, he was on acoustic rhythm guitar, Scotty Moore on lead guitar, and Bill Black on string bass. Produced in a 'live performance' style, all parts were performed and recorded at once with no additional instruments added. The song originally was performed by Arthur Crudup, but Presley changed a lot of elements. The song eventually was ranked number 113 in the Rolling Stone list of 500 Greatest Songs of All Time.

**JULY 10 2000**

The British rock band Coldplay released their debut studio album, *Parachutes*. The album was produced by the band, Ken Nelson and Chris Allison, and was released by Parlophone in the UK. It featured singles like *Shiver*, *Yellow*, *Trouble* and *Don't Panic*. The album instantly became a commercial success and received positive reviews. It reached number one in UK and has been certified 9x Platinum. In US, it peaked at number 51 at Billboard 200



**JULY 07 2011**

After much anticipation, the very last installment in the Harry Potter series, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2*, was released in Trafalgar Square, London. The movie, based on the books by JK Rowling, saw Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, and Emma Watson reprise their roles as the main trio along with various others. The movie grossed over 1.3 billion USD worldwide, and became the highest-grossing film of 2011. As of 2020, it is the 13th-highest-grossing film of all times, the highest-grossing HP movie, and the highest-grossing film ever released by Warner Bros.



and was certified Double Platinum. It even won various awards including Grammy for Best Alternative Music Album and British Album of the Year at Brits. As of 2020, the album has sold over 13 million copies and is also the 22nd best-selling album of the 21st century in the UK.

## The world of politics

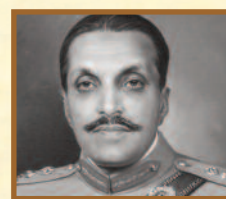
**JULY 10 1991**

Boris Yeltsin became the first ever President of the Russian Federation. During his presidency, the country suffered from widespread corruption. Because of the low commodity prices, the country also suffered inflation, economic collapse and enormous political and social problems. A lot of his initial supporters, including the then VP Alexander Rutskoy, denounced his actions. In December 1999, Yeltsin finally announced his resignation and left the country in the hands of his chosen successor, the then PM Vladimir Putin who went on to become the President of the country.



**JULY 05 1997**

The Pakistan Chief of Army Staff, General Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq, planned the coup Operation Fair Play to overthrow the government of Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto. The coup was followed by social unrest and political conflict in the country between the ruling leftist Pakistan Peoples Party and Pakistan National Alliance which accused Bhutto of rigging the 1977 general elections. Even though Zia-ul-Haq had promised 'free and fair elections' within 90 days of the coup, he ended up staying in power for eleven years and it was not until 1985 that party-less general elections were held.



## The world of sports

**JULY 05 1998**



Elizabeth Stride, professionally known as Lizzie Arlington, became the first woman to ever play for a professional men's baseball team. She pitched the ninth inning for the Reading Coal Heavers against the Allentown Peanuts, and was able to retire three batters that led her team to victory. The historical game was witnessed live by more than a thousand fans, out of which at least 200 were women who cosplayed as the player. Arlington was also a part of the Young Ladies Baseball Club of New York in 1894 and the New York Stars in 1895.

**JULY 06 2020**



The Kansas City Chiefs quarterback, Patrick Mahomes, signed the richest contract in the National Football League of USA, where he inked a 10-year extension worth 503 million USD, with 477 million USD guaranteed. The deal is the biggest contract ever made in any American team sports and was offered to Mahomes because in just two full seasons and one game, he had thrown for 76 touchdowns and more than 9400 yards. He was even named the MVP of Super Bowl LIV, leading his team over San Francisco 49ers for the franchise's first NFL title in 50 years.

**JULY 11 1924**



Eric Liddell, the Scottish athlete, made history by winning gold in the 400m race category at the Olympics and even created the record of 47.6 seconds, which stood unbroken for the upcoming 12 years. Liddell, a devout Christian who was first preparing for 100m, refused to run as one of the qualifying rounds fell on the Sabbath, and instead decided to train for 200m and 400m. His life story and journey to success was covered in the movie *Chariots of Fire* which went on to gain massive popularity and even Oscars, and after his athletic career was over, he returned to his birth country China to continue his work as a missionary.





Star Wars action figures - Based on the original movies, 300 million action figures and 100 unique ones were sold in 1978-1985, making it the first film to successfully market toy merchandise.



# The power of faith

Imaging: Pankaj Mallik, GT Network



Storywala

Moksh Gauri, AIS PV, X A

I am a 60-year-old man, Emile. I remember my childhood vaguely. But I do remember that I was quite a spoiled baby. As I grew up, I changed. I still wonder about the time when I stopped being a brat. I do recollect, however, one incident from my teenage that could be the end of my tantrums. I was diagnosed with Hepatitis-B which, at that time, was almost incurable. I felt all my dreams, especially of becoming a lawyer who aspired to fight for the rights of all the marginalised people, had become unachievable. Dejected, I went to my mom and I said in a fearful tone, "Mommy, I don't want to die so soon, I want

to live to see the world." My mother, who was an eternal optimist, replied, "Oh! My dear son, do not worry! When nothing works, the only thing you can rely on is prayer." She continued, "The power of praying is incomparable." So, I prayed and prayed, sometimes for hours. I genuinely believed that only God could decide my fate. I was treated at a local hospital for several months, until one day my father came in and exclaimed, "You have done it my child! You have defeated this illness and you are fit now." I was finally fit to resume school and I continued to do well in all my school tests. My life's test did not end there though. What happened next was worse. I lost my father in a car

accident. Despite their best efforts, the doctors could not save him. He was the sole earner in the house and we had no idea what the future held for us now. As a 17-year-old, I was at my lowest point at that time. I mostly hid in the bathroom to weep. One day, I went to the nearby church and asked God, "Why? Why do I need to go through all of this?" When I calmed down a bit, I returned home to discuss my future with my mom. But when I spotted her in the kitchen rummaging for food in empty containers, I knew we could no longer afford a private school. I went out again, roaming aimlessly on the roads when I saw a billboard about a coaching center in my neighborhood. I located the

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address and asked at the reception, "Ma'am, I want to meet Taylor Bowery." At that very instant, Ms Bowery, upon hearing her name, came out of her classroom which was right next to the reception. When she heard my story and found out how sincere I was about my studies, she decided to teach me for free and got me admitted to a private school. Was she God's angel? Must have been as it was only because of her kindness that by the time I was 24, I was already an accomplished advocate. At the age of 25, I was appointed Chief Justice, and I became the youngest person in my country to attain that position. I went from a deplorable and miserable condition to becoming one of the most renowned lawyers of my country. I am 60 now and tomorrow is my day of retirement. When I reflect on my life, I can say for sure that I have always been focused on my goal. This is what gave me the hope and resilience to face all hardships. But most importantly, always in the background, there was God and his angel, both of whom never left my side. Sure, hell was the journey, but faith brought me heaven.

**Photo frame**

Kanak Raheja, AIS Saket, X C

**Material required**

Popsicle sticks-18      Fevicol      Photos-3

**Method**

- Take two popsicle sticks and place them vertically on a table in front of you.
- Apply a little Fevicol on each of the sticks, about 1 cm away from the edges.
- Now, take two more popsicle sticks and paste them on these vertical sticks horizontally to form a square.
- Apply a little Fevicol on the horizontal sticks, about 1 cm away from edges.
- Take two new popsicle sticks and paste them vertically on these horizontal sticks. Wait until the glue dries.
- Now, take a photograph of your choice and glue it to the back of your frame.
- Repeat the process to make two more popsicle frames.
- Voila! Your popsicle photo frames are ready!

## WORDS VERSE

### A-Z of COVID-19

Neveca Gupta, AIS Gurugram 43, X B

A **B**ad Coronavirus is in the air  
It has **D**estroyed **E**veryone's **F**un  
And has now created this horrid fear  
But to stay safe, play a lot of **G**ames  
Work on your **H**ealth, stay **I**ndoors  
**J**ust **K**eep calm and **L**isten to **M**usic  
Trust me, you won't get so bored  
**N**o to gadgets, switch **O**ff the **P**hone  
**Q**uiz your laziness and **R**ead books  
Learn **S**taories, improve your habits  
**T**une yourself to **U**nity and **V**ictory  
It's time to **W**ork out and work hard  
Find your own **X** factor, raise the bar  
Fulfill all **Y**our dreams, **Z**oom ahead  
Make sure all your targets to fight  
This deadly virus are completely met!



### Our constitution

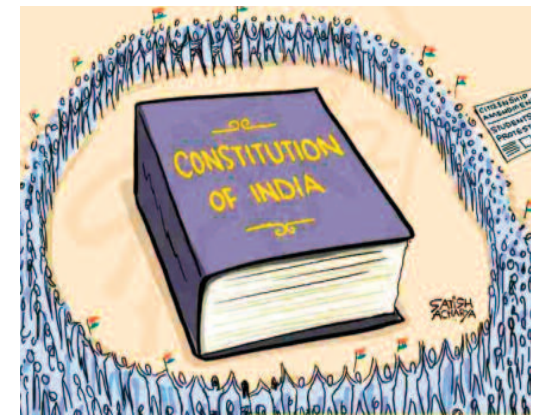
Kaavya Verma, AIS Saket, IX

Tricolours adorned the entire nation  
When written was our constitution  
The date well-scribed in our hearts  
It gave our freedom a new start

284 members formed the constitution  
After many endeavours and revolutions  
Grateful to them for their contribution  
For their aid to create a better nation

Aiming to help all castes and creeds  
To help every single person in need  
Treat everyone with dignity and respect  
Together, let's make our India perfect

Let's bring joy on each Indian's face  
And stand first in this world race  
Let's make progress in agriculture



And foster the best of our culture

Freedom and faith is in our words  
Together we will be best in the world  
Thanks to the ones who saved this nation  
And created our very own constitution!



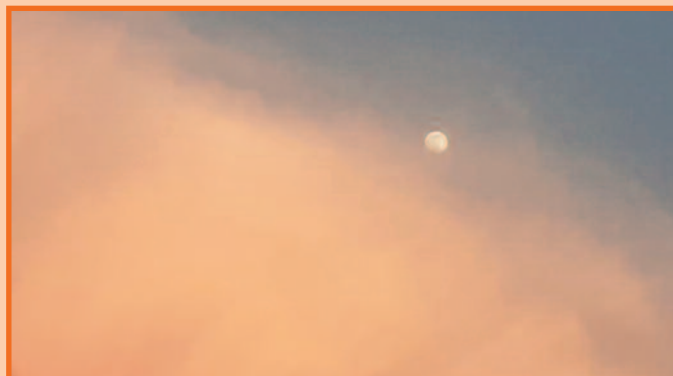
## CAMERA CAPERS

Chitrlekha A Borah, AIS Vas 6, IX

Send in your entries to  
cameracapers@theglobaltimes.in



A long wait for the verdant veil



A brush with the cantaloupe clouds



An overlook of serene sight





**Hot Wheels** - With over 4 billion models produced since the very first in 1968, there are more Hot Wheels car models in the world today than real cars.

# The J factor

## Short Story



Osho Maheshwari  
AIS Noida, VI B

Joon did not need any spotlight, because he had his own way of attracting all the eyes in the room. And why wouldn't he? He could play with words better than Shakespeare, beat a calculator when it came to algebra, and even gave adults a tough competition with his analytical abilities. Everyone was in awe of his 'J factor', including his cousin Joshua. Last year, as the pandemic struck, Joshua's parents passed away due to COVID-19 and so, Joshua had come to stay with his maternal aunt and uncle, Joon's parents. Aunt Polly always treated Joshua like her own son, and always encouraged both of them to get along and do everything together.

Since Joon was a single child, he loved having Joshua around because it meant that he not only got a brother but also a best friend. Soon everyone started to know how inseparable the two had become. Even though it was Joon who was always appreciated for his intelligence, Joon, in turn, always looked up to Joshua who may not be as smart as him, but was more diligent and kind. As the COVID situation started turning better, many things were reopened, including international events. One such event was World Science and Invention Competition. Joon, being the smartest student in his school was invited to attend the event happening in Florida, USA. He was extremely happy but a part of him was also anxious and nervous. To make

himself feel better, he decided to take Joshua along with him. The duo reached Florida and the very next day, Joon was presented with the question 'What new invention do you want to give to the world today and why?' He was given a days' time to present his answer. Joon already knew what he wanted to say but somewhere, in the back of his mind, the answer he had prepared did not seem sufficient. **Dejected**, he sat on his bed, worrying that he would lose the competition. When Joshua entered the room, he saw his cousin sitting with a worried expression, so he asked him what was wrong. "I don't know. I have created a model of the most advanced robot in the world, but do you think it is good enough to win?" asked Joon. Joshua looked over Joon's plan

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and again at the question and said, "Yes, your robot is great and everyone will be impressed by it. But, do you really think this is what the world needs right now?" "What do you mean?" asked Joon. "The world is still struggling from COVID-19. Doctors claim that new waves will be coming soon that will harm us. So, what the world needs right now are ways to deal with the pandemic and minimise deaths. Why don't you make something that will help us with that?" remarked Joshua. Joon thought hard about what his cousin said and realised Joshua was right. What is the point of all the technologies in the world if it cannot help us when we are struggling? Quickly, Joon, utilising his J factor, decided to work on a new project, i.e., sanitisation machines and vaccine devices to help humanity. The judges were very impressed with his designs and needless to say, Joon won the competition as well as made the world a better place. **GI** (The above story is one of the entries received as part of the story writing workshop conducted during GT Summer Workshop 2021. The participants were given a setting and characters to weave a gripping short story.)

**So what did you learn today?**  
A new word: **Dejected**  
Meaning: **Sad and depressed**



## Leftover chapati noodles

Akansh Varshney, AIS Vas 1, VI

### Ingredients

- Onions (sliced) ..... ½ cup
- Capsicum (sliced) ..... ½ cup
- Garlic (chopped) ..... 2 cloves
- Tomato (sliced) ..... ½ cup
- Turmeric powder ..... ½ tsp
- Coriander (chopped) ..... 2 tbsp
- Chilli powder ..... ½ tsp
- Black salt ..... ½ tsp
- Noodles masala ..... ½ tsp
- Leftover chapattis ..... 6
- Oil ..... 2 tsp
- Salt ..... to taste

### Procedure

- Stack three leftover chapattis, one on the top of another and roll them tight.
- Now with the help of a knife, cut the roll into thin strips, forming noodles.
- Similarly, stack the remaining three chapattis and repeat the process to form noodles.
- Now, heat a pan with oil, add chopped garlic, sliced capsicum and onion. Sauté till they turn golden brown.
- To this, add tomatoes, turmeric powder and chilli powder. Sauté the mixture again for two minutes.
- Now, add black salt, noodles masala and salt. Mix well.
- Add chapatti noodles to the pan and toss well along with the veggies and spices.
- Once done, transfer the chapatti noodles in a serving dish and garnish it with chopped coriander leaves.
- Now, add some sliced spring onion on the top.
- Your leftover chapatti noodles are ready!

## It's Me

### KNOW ME

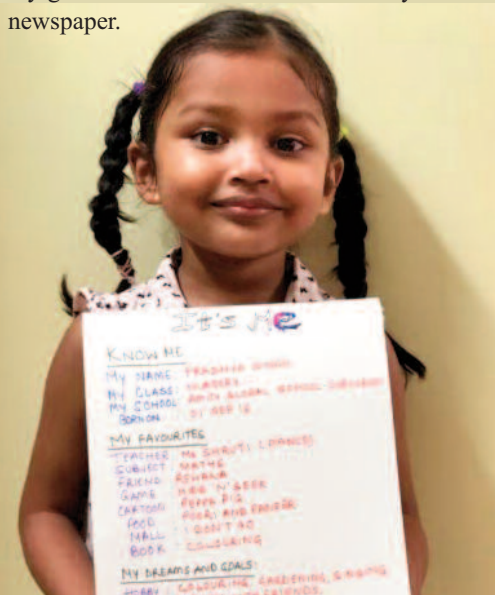
**My name:** Pradnya Singh  
**My Class:** KG  
**My school:** Amity Global School, Gurugram  
**Born on:** September 1

### MY FAVOURITES

**Teacher:** Shruti ma'am  
**Subject:** Mathematics  
**Friend:** Rehana  
**Game:** Hide N Seek  
**Cartoon:** Peppa Pig  
**Food:** Puri with paneer  
**Book:** Colouring books

### MY DREAMS AND GOALS

**Hobbies:** Singing, colouring and gardening  
**I like:** Playing with my friends  
**I dislike:** Studying too much  
**My role model:** My papa  
**I want to become:** A fire-fighter, so that I can save people  
**I want to feature in GT because:** I really want my grandfather to read about me in my school newspaper.



## POEMS

### Empower women



Neisha Chandrasekar  
AIS Gurugram 43, VIII

Women were once slaves of men  
With kitchenette their only abode  
They were married at a young age  
Not allowed to study and be a sage

### Love your planet

Avishi Agarwal, AIS VKC Lko, VIII

Oh, my dearest mother Earth  
Who understands your dearth?  
Since ages, you have sacrificed  
And suffered alone with pride

You provide home to many  
So, they can earn their penny  
Also, find meaning in their lives  
And finally learn how to survive

The beauty within you reflects  
Blends with the modern trends  
You nurture the seeds of nature  
For our bright and lovely future

Your sufferings are just endless

Nobody knew how wrong was it  
Nobody knew they wanted to fly  
Nobody had the courage to tell  
Besides, nobody had the will to try

So, they began suppressing their desires  
And kept it all locked within themselves  
Unfortunately, they had no life at home  
But surprisingly, home was their life

But now they are free to some extent  
And have broken the glass ceiling  
To fly high like beautiful butterflies  
And shine brighter than the sun in the sky

They still face discrimination though  
So, it is all on the society to now decide  
Whether they want them to stay at home  
Or go out into the world and thrive? **GI**



And we further make it worse  
When we should look after you  
And love you for all we are worth. **GI**

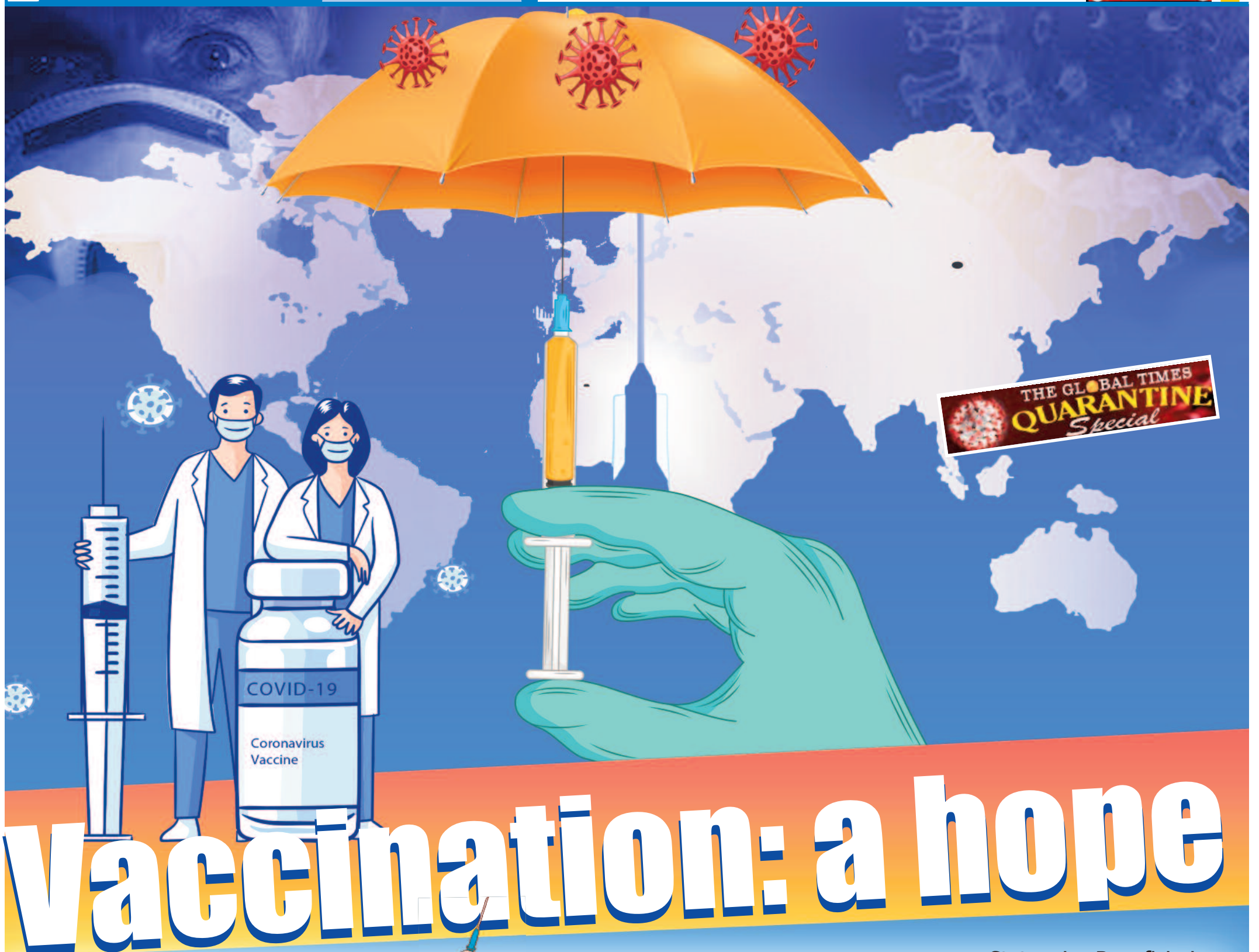
## PAINTING CORNER

Aditri Bhatnagar, AIS Saket, VII E





Etch A Sketch - Considered an American gem, it was a drawing toy invented by a French electrician named Andre Cassagnes. In 2003, the Toy Industry Association added it to the list of 100 best toys of the 20th century.



# Vaccination: a hope

## Everything About The Role Of Vaccination In India

Madhav Sharma  
AIS Saket, XII F

The second wave of COVID-19 in India has proven to be devastating and far worse than what we had predicted it to be. This phase truly brought forward our country's appalling state of affairs when it came to being equipped with the fundamentals of surviving the pandemic. Over-hoarded crematoriums, lack of oxygen cylinders, shortage of beds or medicines, added to the frightening picture of the crisis. **An important question hovering over us was- what's the way out?** And the only answer to that was vaccination. As per a recent report published in The Hindu, 3.5% of the country's total population has been fully vaccinated. This also means that we have quite a long way to go, in order to keep the third wave, predicted to be more calamitous, at bay, in turn leaving us with the target of inoculating around 6-8 million a day to keep pace with the infection. **However, do we have enough vaccines to meet this goal?**

India has two vaccines manufactured domestically - Covaxin by Bharat Biotech and Covishield by AstraZeneca. However, the need of the hour is to ramp up the manufacturing of these vaccines as quickly and effectively as possible. More companies need to join hands for this mission.

**Then what about the intellectual property rights?**

AstraZeneca, that developed Covishield, is a British-Swedish multinational pharmaceutical and

biotechnology company. Currently it has collaborated with Serum Institute India to contribute to the vaccine production. In order to join forces with other laboratories, the IP rights must be waived. Now this is only possible, if countries at World Trade Organisation agree to waiver TRIPS (Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights), an international legal agreement between all the member nations of the World Trade Organisation (WTO). The Agreement covers most forms of intellectual property, including patents, copyright, trademarks, industrial designs, trade secrets, etc. **But then again, is that possible?** The United States was earlier recalcitrant towards the waiving of the IP rights; however, over time, they realised the deleterious effect of coronavirus affecting humanity, and thus decided to stand for the cause. Recently, India made an appeal to leaders of the European Union and the United Kingdom to stand in solidarity with India for waiving off intellectual property on vaccines.

**Now how's this move going to benefit people around the globe?**

This agreement would not only help in boosting production in India and abroad, at the same time it will make sure that vaccines are made available to the poor countries which do not have the resources to either manufacture vaccines or develop a new one. As a part of the global community, it is our duty to ensure fair availability of vaccines to all. This pandemic will come to an end only

India (Beneficiaries Vaccinated)		
1st Dose	2nd Dose	Total Doses
26,69,33,878	5,67,29,419	32,36,63,297

when the global community is immunised against this deadly virus. **That said, what about the domestically produced Covaxin?** Covaxin is a 'Made in India' vaccine that is not under any international agreement and completely lies under the jurisdiction of India. Section 92 of the Indian patent act "authorises the central government through a gazette notification to issue a compulsory license at any time after the grant of the patent in the case of: a national emergency, circumstances of extreme urgency or public non-commercial use." COVID-19 clearly fulfills all the criteria.

**But why are other pharmaceutical companies not involved yet?**

The production of Covaxin requires biosafety level-3, appropriate for work involving microbes that can cause serious and potentially lethal disease via the inhalation route. Unfortunately, all companies do not have the prerequisite labs for the production of Covaxin. The only companies capable of having this capacity in India are Bharat Biotech, Panacea Biotech Indian Immunologicals Limited, Bharat Immunologicals and Biologicals Limited, and Haffkine Institute. These institutions have started the production together. But their capacity of 10-15 million remains a major concern for a population of over 1.3 billion.

**So what's the solution?**

International vaccines, such as Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson and Johnson, etc., that have been granted emergency use approval in Europe and America should be used for India as well. A clear vaccine policy regarding the import of vaccines; names, price, age groups, efficacy, etc., should be made. Also, the vaccine should be available at a uniform price to both center and state governments, to ensure transparency and equity. Vaccine centers should be decentralised to the largest extent possible. RWAs and local municipal bodies should also assist in this. States should prioritise vaccine delivery by the vulnerability. ICMR must provide clear information on the minimum and maximum gap between the two doses of vaccines being administered. Simplification of the Cowin app is a must to ensure accessibility to all irrespective of technological savviness. Furthermore, mapping out delivery centers would ensure minimal crowding and maximise access. Rather than a few centers and hospitals authorised by the government, the local primary health care system should also ensure greater availability.

The combined efforts of the center, state and citizens would certainly help us achieve herd immunisation, and win over this pandemic. 🇮🇳

## State-wise Beneficiaries Vaccinated (1st Dose +2nd Dose)

1	A & N Islands	1,61,325
2	Andhra Pradesh	1,48,68,807
3	Arunachal Pradesh	5,57,825
4	Assam	68,54,805
5	Bihar	1,57,45,160
6	Chandigarh	5,04,126
7	Chhattisgarh	89,26,147
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1,78,748
9	Daman & Diu	2,00,927
10	Delhi	3,39,238
11	Goa	8,71,473
12	Gujarat	2,48,87,822
13	Haryana	84,73,512
14	Himachal Pradesh	34,97,784
15	Jammu & Kashmir	43,46,092
16	Jharkhand	66,69,722
17	Karnataka	2,17,51,030
18	Kerala	1,35,35,879
19	Ladakh	2,16,616
20	Lakshadweep	53,856
21	Madhya Pradesh	1,98,26,864
22	Maharashtra	3,11,59,523
23	Manipur	6,06,753
24	Meghalaya	6,64,310
25	Mizoram	5,50,596
26	Nagaland	4,62,538
27	Odisha	1,15,71,722
28	Puducherry	4,81,872
29	Punjab	70,08,331
30	Rajasthan	2,42,51,923
31	Sikkim	4,33,136
32	Tamil Nadu	1,50,23,073
33	Telangana	1,04,31,143
34	Tripura	24,74,551
35	Uttar Pradesh	3,04,79,428
36	Uttarakhand	42,14,691
37	West Bengal	2,11,28,898
38	Miscellaneous	32,53,051

(Source: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt of India; data as on June 28, 2021)





UNO - Invented in 1971, UNO was created by Merle Robbins to help solve an argument about Crazy Eights, who later sold his rights of the game for more than 50,000 USD.

# Win @ Wharton

Amitians Prove Their Investment Genius At The Finale



The winning team from AIS Vas 6 along with their mentor teacher

## AERC

A team of 5 young investors from Amity International School Vasundhara 6 featured amongst top 10 finalists at the global finale of the prestigious Wharton Global High School Investment Competition 2021, held virtually on May 7, 2021. The team 'Fox in The Box Investments' comprised team leader Srishti Chopra, along with team members Adi Sharma, Ananya Sharma, Satakshi Akanksha and Yana Bedi, all from Class XII. The opportunity to participate in the annual competition organised



A glimpse of the global finale

by Wharton Business School, University of Pennsylvania, USA, for high school students world over, was extended by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF. The participation in

the event was facilitated by the Amity Educational Resource Centre (AERC). It is noteworthy that the team had won second position in the regional finale and to make it to the top 10 in the global finale, they

competed against 972 teams from 35 countries. During the 8 month long competition, the team traded in the stock markets of 7 economies for a period of 10 weeks under the mentorship of Bhawna Bhardwaj, PGT (Commerce). The jury comprised various eminent investment directors, members of Wharton Research Data Services and Advisory Board, and global entrepreneurs. Amity has been participating in the competition since past seven years and has won top three positions consecutively four times in the years 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19. [G I](#)



Students pay a soulful tribute to late Milkha Singh

# An assembly for athletes

A Tribute To The Flying Sikh

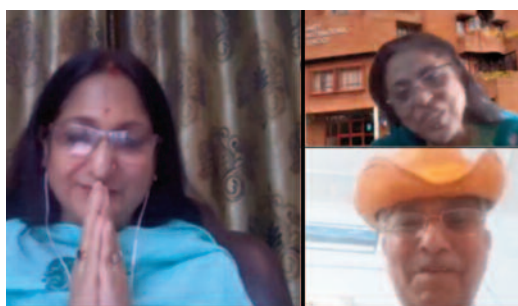
## AIS Vasundhara 6

Class V students held a special virtual assembly to celebrate the 'World Athletics Day' on June 23, 2021, and create awareness about importance of games and sports in daily life. A soulful tribute to 'The Flying Sikh' late Milkha Singh was paid by showcasing a video in his honour and a child dressing up like him. Some students played the role of budding reporters and interviewed famous athletes like PT Usha and Anju Bobby George in a role play presentation. Students also narrated the inspiring story of Deepa Malik, the first Indian woman para-athlete to have won a medal in Paralympic games. They showcased fitness activ-



Special assembly in progress

ities and shared about the importance of celebrating World Athletics Day to spread awareness about fitness and sports as well as to maintain good physical and mental health even when indoors. The assembly culminated with words of appreciation by parents and appreciation by school principal Sunila Athley as she encouraged the students to engage in health and fitness activities.



Col BS Ahluwalia (Retd) during the session

# Defence dreams

## AIS Noida

An insightful virtual talk on 'The defence entrances' was delivered by Col BS Ahluwalia (Retd), senior consultant sports, Amity Group of Schools on June 9, 2021. More than 400 students attended the talk aimed at priming them about various career opportunities in defence services in India. They were told how to hone an aptitude for defence services and prepare for various defence entrance examinations. The two-hour session was replete with anecdotes from Col Ahluwalia's life in defence services and stories from real wars and battlefield, making it more engaging for the aspirants who aspire to protect their nation one day. [G I](#)

# Journalist in me

The Global Times Workshop'21 Honed Creativity Inside Out

## The Global Times

This summer, Amitians unlocked their critical thinking and creativity with The Global Times 2nd Newspaper Writing Workshop, held virtually for the first time from May 24-28, 2021. The online endeavour saw participation from 250 young minds from different branches of Amity Group of Schools. Hosted by The Global Times, under the visionary guidance of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF, the workshop was designed to kindle the critical thinking and cre-

ativity of young minds, while apprising them on the power of pen. For five days, the editorial and graphic design teams of The Global Times trained young minds into five different aspects of newspaper writing in three batches. While they learnt to think and write like a journalist in 'Be a Reporter' workshop conducted by Induja Tyagi, sub-editor, The Global Times, they also picked up the nuances of thinking, designing and asking right questions at the right time to the right person in 'Be an Interviewer' session by Yashika Aneja, sub-editor, The Global Times. Students were enthralled to learn the as-

pects of graphic designing involved in newspaper making and how to click good photographs in 'Be a Designer' workshop by the design team of The Global Times comprising Deepak Sharma, Pankaj Kumar Mallik and Ravinder Gusain, design expert. Reviewing a book or art work never has been so easy for the young reporters in the making as it became at 'Be a Reviewer' workshop by Poonam Goel, eminent journalist and art critic. Imaginations flew high in the air during 'Be a Story Writer' workshop by Mrinal Verma, sub editor, The Global Times. Interspersed with interactions, woven with

stimulating situations to think, act and create, and laden with engaging Q&A sessions, the workshops kindled young minds to steer their creativity into directional thinking. It made them sift the grey matter a lot, whilst rolling down their ideas, discussing them with peers and sculpting them into story, reviews and reports. The workshops exposed them to the nuances of behind the scenes of the newspaper writing while kindling their thought process as a journalist. As they learnt to shoot the right click, they picked up the importance of shooting at right time and the right way to get the right click as a respon-

sible journalist. As they learnt to write critical reviews, they imbibed the virtue of respecting others viewpoint as well, while penning down their own. Being a reporter taught them to think and write responsibly, lest any event gets misreported; while letting their imaginations flow high, they also learnt to weave it into a set number of words to communicate with the world. The workshops not only nurtured the journalistic skills in them, but also inculcated human values such as empathy, time management, etc., which make them good human beings first and then a good journalist. [G I](#)



A glimpse of defence aviation post

**Be a Reviewer**  
Think ■ Review ■ Evaluate

- Types of review
- How to review
- Good/bad reviews

By Poonam, Journalist and art critique  
Date: May 27, 2021, Duration: 3 Hour  
Time: 12:00 - 13:00 pm  
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

**Be a reporter**  
Think ■ Write ■ Edit

- What makes a news
- How to report
- Tips for good writing

By Induja Tyagi, Edit Team  
THE GLOBAL TIMES  
Date: May 28, 2021, Duration: 3 Hour  
Time: 12:00 - 13:00 pm  
12:00 noon - 1:00pm

**Be an interviewer**  
Connect ■ Feel ■ Engage

- Skills to connect
- What to ask
- How to write

By Yashika Aneja, Edit Team  
THE GLOBAL TIMES  
Date: May 28, 2021  
Time: 12:00 - 13:00 pm  
12:00 noon - 1:00pm

**Be a story writer**  
Imagine ■ Weave ■ Write

- What makes a news
- How to report
- Tips for good writing

By Mrinal Verma, Edit Team  
THE GLOBAL TIMES  
Date: May 28, 2021  
Duration: 3 Hour  
Time: 09:00 - 11:00 am

**Be a Designer**  
Click ■ Construct ■ Capture

- Basics of Newspaper Design
- Types of Illustrations and Graphics
- Basics of Photography

GT Summer Design Workshop by  
Date: May 28, 2021  
Time: 09:00 - 11:00 am

Announcement of the GT Newspaper Writing Workshop 2021



LEGO - In 2012, 45.7 billion LEGO bricks were being produced at a rate of 5.2 million per hour.

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# Find your aesthetic

## A Guide To Finding The Correct Style That Suits You

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Throughout our lives, we've expressed ourselves in uncountable ways. Be it acting, singing, dancing, writing or even making art, we've all explored different facets of

ourselves and experimented to try and find something that resonates with our soul. But in a world full of social media, where almost everything is now done for the camera and every street is a new ramp, your

aesthetic can say a lot about you. What is 'aesthetic' you ask? To put it simply, it is your look and how you style your life. So if you want to build your aesthetic that really suits you, here are your options!

### Cottagecore

Cottagecore is about celebrating simple living; it encourages individuals to form a connection with the nature around them, and engage in a lifestyle that promotes sustainable living and traditional skills like baking, gardening, self-sufficiency, etc. From drinking afternoon teas, walking through gardens in floral dresses and clothes of earthy tones, and enacting a renaissance painting, the culture is seen as an act of resistance to domestic femininity. The trend is said to be inspired by Mori Kei, a Japanese fashion style, and Paula Sutton, a famous interior designer and vintage fashion maven, describing it as a "movement that re-

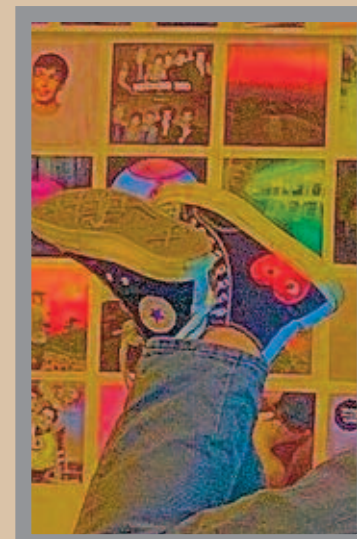
minds us about the importance of slowing down and living more consciously."

### Dark academia

Popularised by social media, it is a subculture centered around literature, art, and architecture of classic Greek and Gothic culture. The aesthetic sees the fashion that was prominent in 1930s and 1940s amongst students at Oxbridge, Ivy League and prep schools, which consisted of cardigans, blazers, dress shirts, plaid skirts, Oxford shoes, houndstooth and tweed. The colour palette is made up of black, cold white, beige, brown, dark green and navy blue. Books, libraries and autumn are a large part of it, and it tends towards the romanticisation of finding beauty in darker themes. Donna Tartt, the writer of *The Secret History*, is credited as the founder of the genre.

### Indie

The indie aesthetic is based on celebrating individuality and independence. It is generally associated with bright, colourful styles that involve oversized jeans, large hoodies and small shirts. The trend, which was first popular in the 2000s, rose to fame again in the present and is also associated with the 'skater' lifestyle. Not just with fashion, but the genre also includes movies and music that are independently released or are not financially dependent on big labels. A lot of artists have emerged from the genre and gained their own ded-

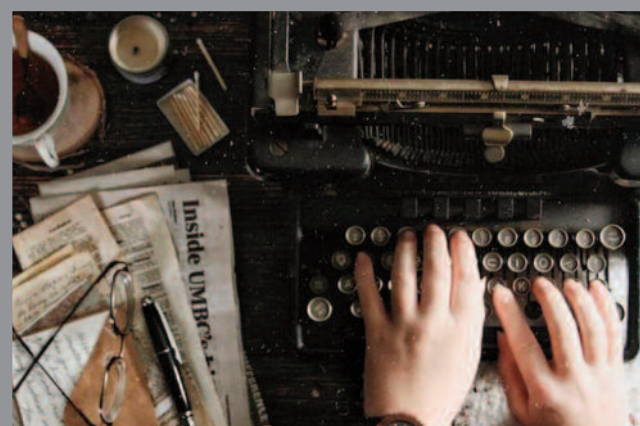


icated following like Lorde, *The 1975*, *Of Monsters and Men*, etc.

### Vintage

Formed from the modern recreation of the 70s-90s style, the vintage aesthetic is illustrated through various different mediums like fashion, photography and even furniture. The main point of the trend is showcasing a love for the past, individuality and uniqueness that might not exist in the modern world. In terms of fashion, thrifting has become a large part of vintage style where more and more people push the idea of sustainability and recycling. Saving the environment by rewearing and repurposing clothes and even creating a style of one's own, vintage aesthetics not only asks us to respect the past but also learn from it.

Now that you know different aesthetics, which one, do you think, fits you the best?



# Cancelled at the eleventh hour

## Different Reactions On The Cancellation Of Board Exams!

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CBSE's recent decision to cancel class 10th and 12th boards is going down in history, invoking

some serious reactions, wide-ranging still, from those who have been stuck in the same grade for over a year now. And why would it not? It's the board examinations that we are talking about! Read on as we look at the

varied emotions the students went through as the decision was made public.

**Disclaimer:** Don't blame us if this hits too close to home. \*insert the 'stuck out tongue, closed eyes' emoji\*

*"Tareekh pe tareekh...magar insaf nahi mila"*

Sharma ji ka beta was exasperated at the cancellation of boards. For he had restructured his timetable according to the date sheet(s) given by the board time and again. Thus, voicing his displeasure in a very Bollywood like manner, he proceeded to say that justice was not served and that his consistent efforts were all rendered futile.

*"Aaj khush toh bahut hoge tum"*

Requesting anonymity, the student said that he was tired of being compared to Sharma ji ka beta all year. But being the serial procrastinator that he was, he did not put any efforts into the preparation. He accepts being guilty of carrying forward his to-do lists to the next day. However, now that the verdict is out, his happiness knows no bounds.

*"All izz well"*

While he wasn't as consistent as Sharma ji ka beta, our resident *aadarsh bacha* was putting in efforts. His fear of the virus was growing as the second wave took over the country. So, after the decision of cancellation was

made public, he was relieved to know that his health would not be compromised just for the sake of exams. He too, in a very filmy fashion, placed his hand on his heart and said something in a way that would surely move Mr Aamir Khan to tears.

*"Tension lena ka nahi, sirf dene ka"*

While quaking in her boots, Miss Future Nostalgia told us that the very thought of the future frightened her. She said that CBSE has done nothing but added on to her miseries. Numerous questions loomed over

her head like what the objective guidelines were and how would the students be graded. She also rued not having attended the online classes which could have accounted for her internal assessment marks. \*sad dancing to 'Don't Start Now' commences\*

To deal with their overwhelming emotions, the students are now immersing themselves in other activities like watching their favourite series for like the thousandth time now! However, though some students may beg to differ, almost all of them are elated at the fact that the sword of the boards is no longer hanging over their heads.

