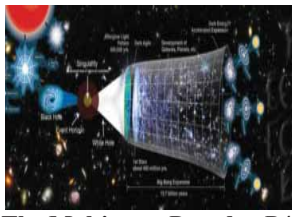


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“One book, one pen, one child, and one teacher can change the world. Education is the only solution. Guns can kill terrorists, education can kill terrorism.”

Malala Yousoufzai
Education Activist

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Are the careers in research of pure sciences and technology not very lucrative for the youth today?

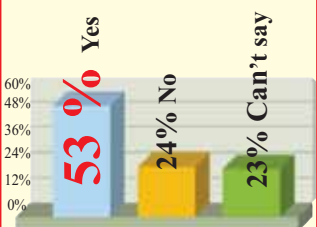
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Convocation 2017

Over 15,000 graduands were bestowed with degrees, PG diplomas, medals and numerous honorary doctorate degrees at the 13th convocation which ended on a high note

On a balmy November morning, graduands clad in black robes, beamed with joy and exultation as they gathered at the Amity University, Uttar Pradesh to attend the big day of their lives – Convocation 2017. Enthusiasm hung thick in the air as cheers and applause filled the ground. The 13th edition of the grand ceremony saw 12,716 graduands being conferred degrees, diplomas and honorary doctorates.

New partnerships

The inaugural day of Convocation 2017 saw parents, teachers and students in full attendance. The event commenced with melodious notes being played out by a CRPF band. Dr Atul Chauhan, Chancellor, Amity University officially declared the convocation open. An announcement about a MoU between Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) with Amity was made. The MoU entailed establishment of a “Center of Excellence” to promote Management Accounting for businesses across the world. Dr Balvinder Shukla, Vice Chancellor, Amity University, highlighted the massive growth of Amity Education Group across the globe. Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe also launched Amity Alumni Portal where Amity Alumni from anywhere in the world can register and stay connected with the Amity family.

Students' day out

Smiling and joyous faces were seen during the three day event which began on November 9 and ended on November 11. Students from several streams like arts, science, engineering, humanities, healthcare, mass communication etc received degrees. On the first day, 3298 graduands of several programs enrolled under Arts domain were bestowed with degrees. Around 326 meritorious graduands received gold, silver and bronze medals, corporate awards and salvers. The second day was equally jam-packed with around 293 graduands being given gold, silver and bronze medals. On day 2, 6046 students were given degrees and not far behind were 2313 students who earned the degree for distance learning, along with 50 international graduands from Middle East & Africa. The final day witnessed degrees being given to 3332 graduands of various Science, Engineering and Technology domains. Around 221 meritorious graduands

received gold, silver and bronze medals, cor-

porate awards and salvers.

Degree of honour

Luminaries from diverse fields were conferred the honoris causa, acknowledging their contribution in their respective fields. Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, along with Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF and Dr Atul Chauhan, conferred honorary doctorate degrees upon a galaxy of dignitaries. They included Andrew Harding, Chief Executive, Management Accounting, Association of International Certified Professional Accountants; Sir Dr Huzaifa Khorakiwala, CEO, Wockhardt Foundation; Piyush Pandey, Executive Chairman and National Creative Director, Ogilvy & Mather India; Deepak Bagla, Managing Director & CEO, Invest India; Amitabh Kant, CEO Niti Aayog; Dinesh K. Sarraf, Chairman, Oil & Gas Regularity Authority; Prof. M K Bhan, Former Secretary, Dept. of Biotech, Govt. of India and Tushar Mehta, Additional Solicitor General, Supreme Court of India. Honorary professorship were awarded to Prof Anupam Varma, INSA Emeritus Scientist, Advance Centre for Plant Virology, Indian Agricultural Research Institute; and John Hughes, President, Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors.

Words of wisdom



When the distinguished personalities and opinion makers from various walks of life congratulate and compliment me that the brand 'AMITY' has set new milestones in the field of education and research thereby enhancing country's image in India and globally, I feel so proud of my Amitians - Faculty Members, Scientists and Researchers, Ph.D. Scholars, Students, HODs, HOs, Staff and everyone at Amity Campuses. It is all because of their commitment and outcome-based approach that Amity has attained this reputation and I am sure, AMITY will soon be amongst the topmost and leading Education and Research Groups globally, which we together are going to realize.

Honoris causa

Dr Ashok K. Chauhan is a great Nation builder who is running India's finest and great University.

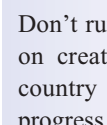


Amitabh Kant, Honorary Doctor of Philosophy (D.Phil)



Be passionate because with passion comes enjoyment and the more one enjoys, the more passionate he/she becomes towards the work.

Piyush Pandey, Honorary Doctor of Philosophy (D.Phil)



Don't run after jobs but focus on creating jobs so that the country can prosper and progress.

Dinesh K. Sarraf, Honorary Doctor of Philosophy (D.Phil)



Peace of mind is very important which can be achieved through practice of simple human values.

Dr Huzaifa Khorakiwala, Honorary Doctor of Philosophy (D.Phil.)

The role of universities become very important in supporting people to make their careers.

Andrew Harding, Honorary Doctor of Philosophy (D.Phil.)



Imbibe steely determination, passion and perseverance in order to make the most of the favorable times as the baton has been handed over to you.

Deepak Bagla, Honorary Doctor of Philosophy (D.Phil.)

Partnership between Amity and Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors will enhance the education scenario in India and will lead to a bright future for everyone.

John Hughes, Honorary Professorship at Amity School of Urban Management and RICS School of Built Environment



Education coupled with values inculcated by your families and Amity will come to your rescue in future.

Tushar Mehta, Honorary Doctor of Laws (LL.D)

Universities should not only teach but should educate people how to be effective in life and Amity mixes education with experience in an interesting way.

M K Bhan, Honorary Doctor of Science (D.Sc)



A cheetah can go up to the distance from zero to 60 miles per hour in three seconds.



Animal facts

World at a glance

GT curates the world history and festivals of November-December for its readers

China
Shanghai Art Fair
 This is an annual conglomeration of majestic art, where more than a thousand art galleries from more than 50 countries buy, sell and display incredible artworks. This year it took place from Nov 2-5, 2017.



Austria
Josef Leopold Auenbrugger: Born 19 Nov 1722
 He was an Austrian physician who devised the diagnostic technique of percussion (the art of striking a surface of the body part with short, sharp taps to diagnose the condition of that part). He could estimate the amount of fluid in a patient's chest and the size of his/her heart with the help of this technique.



England
The Great Storm
 A devastating storm lasting two days struck southern England on Nov 26, 1703, flooding Thames and Severn Rivers, killing at least 8,000 people.



France

The First Balloon Flight
 It took place in Paris on Nov 21, 1783. The flight lasted for 25 minutes and covered a distance of nearly six miles at a height of about 300 feet over Paris. Benjamin Franklin was also one of the spectators at the event.



USA

First horse-drawn streetcar
 On November 26, 1832 the first horse-drawn streetcar carried passengers in New York City along Fourth Avenue between Prince Street and 14th Street.



Caribbean Islands

Puerto Rico discovered
 Columbus discovered this Caribbean island on Nov 19, 1493 during his second voyage to the New World.



India

Hornbill festival Nagaland
 The festival is named after Hornbill, one of the most venerated birds of Nagaland. It is one of the largest celebrations of the indigenous warrior tribes of Nagaland, India. Each year the festival is celebrated from Dec 1-10, 2017, in Nagaland.



Australia

Strawberry Fields
 It is an annual celebration of art, sound and creative expressions held for three days during mid/end of Nov at Australian Bush, outside Melbourne. Lovely performances of diverse, renowned and breakthrough electronic music from both Australia and overseas happen here.



Egypt

Suez Canal Inaugrated
 The Suez Canal was formally opened on Nov 17, 1869 after more than 10 years of construction.





Cows have best friends and become stressed if they are separated.

Strategise for sustainability

International conference 'GLOBUSS 2017' familiarises the budding professionals to the importance of the sustainable development of companies

ASB, AUUP

Amity School of Business, organised a one day International Conference on 'Global Business Strategies for Sustainability 'GLOBUSS 2017' at AUUP on November 2, 2017. The aim of the conference was to provide a platform for students, academicians, researchers, industry experts and research scholars to exchange knowledge and ideas related to the sustainable development. More than 50 International delegates from the world including countries like: Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Uganda, Azerbaijan, Tanzania, Nepal and Kenya participated in the conference.

Inaugural session

The conference saw luminaries from various walks of life. His Excellency Dr Riad Kamal Abbas, Ambassador, Republic of Syria; Dr J N Kushawaha, CEO, BTW; Ashok Vohra, Country Head, Sriram Group of Companies; Dr Rishi Raj Singh, Director Training, NIESBUD; Priyank Bajpai, General Manager, Learning & Development, Vodafone along with Prof (Dr) Gurinder Singh, Group VC, Amity Universities graced the conference and shared ideas.



His Excellency Dr Riad Kamal Abbas, Ambassador, Republic of Syria speaks on the occasion

Technical sessions

Various technical sessions were conducted on topics such as Marketing, Finance, Human Resource management, General Management and Operations Management where the participants presented their papers on work stress and job performance. Sania Usmani, Post Graduate, Department of Commerce & Sumanta Dutta, Asst Professor, Dept of Commerce, St Xavier's College, Kolkata, presented a

paper on 'Experiential Marketing: A New Business Strategy'. Usmani highlighted that Experiential Marketing is a mutually beneficial interaction between customers and brands, both online and offline, and an authentically branded engagement.

Experts speak

Expert: His Excellency Dr Riad Kamal Abbas, Ambassador, Republic of Syria

Speech: "Presently, sustainabil-

ity is one of the most vital issues in society especially in corporate sector. Sustainable development in business must focus on business management approach with positive economic, environmental and social impacts. And especially when developing countries are being talked about, where sustainable initiatives are in line with the vision of an environmental friendly future within the framework of economic development strategy. Innovation and

sustainability play a pivotal role in economic growth of a nation as whole. It is required to formalize alternative and traditional solutions in order to adopt economically viable business practices and increase market value for the shareholders."

Expert: Ashok Vohra, Country Head, Sriram Group of Companies, Delhi

Speech: "For the growth of a company, strategy with sustainability is need of the hour. To develop an effective management framework for sustainable development, the action requires to be integrated in decision making and governance. Various innovations are happening across the world due to globalisation, and there is a need of new products and more visionary leaders.

Speaking further on the occasion, Dr J K Sharma, Acting Head, ASB, AUUP, reiterated that now-a-days, organisations are under pressure to develop process that are sustainable and the concept has received growing recognition across the globe. The ultimate goal of sustainable development is to ensure a long lasting balance between the communities, organisations & the individuals. [G.T](#)

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(c) Visible Rays
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Online Application starts: 20th October 2017

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AIE & AIBAS, AUUP

Values for life

The young prospective teachers were enlightened on the need to inculcate higher values in life

On November 2, 2017, a guest lecture on 'Values of life' was organised by Amity Institute of Behavioral and Allied Sciences (AIBAS) and Amity Institute of Education (AIE). The event commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Harish Kumar Tyagi, Head AIBAS followed by the lamp lighting ceremony. The resource person and guest speaker of the day Swami Shantatmanda Ji Maharaj, Head of Ramakrishna

Mission, New Delhi was felicitated with a tulsi sapling. Swamiji, during his interaction with the students, stressed on the need to have a positive mindset, especially amongst teachers who choose to pursue teaching as a career. Reiterating his words, he said that the role of a teacher is to light the lamp of wisdom and not just give the content. He encouraged the students to look at the bigger picture in life by placing themselves in the larger soci-



Swami Shantatmanda Ji Maharaj interacting with students

etal context. He emphasised that the responsibility of a teacher is to shape the budding citizens of the country, and give the society a better direction. Quoting the words of Swami Vivekananda on education, Swamiji also shed light on the importance of character building. He drew the attention of the prospective teachers towards the need for inculcating

higher values and evolving as enlightened, awakened citizens and better human beings.

The lecture was followed by an interactive question-answer session. The event culminated with Dr Harish Kumar Tyagi felicitating the guest speaker with a memento. Prof (Dr) Alka Muddgal, Head, AIE, presented the vote of thanks to the audience.

Debating session

Amity Institute of Behavioral and Allied Sciences in collaboration with Allahabad Bank organised a debate on November 3, 2017 as a part of Vigilance Awareness Week celebrations from October 30 to November 4, 2017. Ten students from AIBAS and AIE participated in the debate speaking for and against the motion, 'Has demonitisation helped in reducing corruption?' The argument put

forth by the participants was supplemented by facts and figures which gave audience the food for thought. Judges for the day Dr G N Tiwary and Dr Amandeep Kaur, applauded the speakers for their understanding and knowledge exhibited in their oratorical skills & presentations. The proceedings were moderated by Dr T Beena. Anubhuti Raj, Senior Officer, Allahabad bank in his address, elucidated the pros and cons of



Students participating in the debate

demonitisation from the perspective of a banker.

He emphasised on the need to wait for the results to fructify in

the long term. The session concluded with the vote of thanks presented by Dr Harish Tyagi, Head, AIBAS.

Alligator eggs hatch into males or females depending upon the temperatures. In warmer temperatures they hatch as males and in cooler temperatures as females.



The Multiverse Paradox

Far and beyond in space, multiple universes like ours exist. Interestingly, the calculated fact of the probability of their existence is 'Zero'. Read on to explore the existence of paradoxes beyond logic

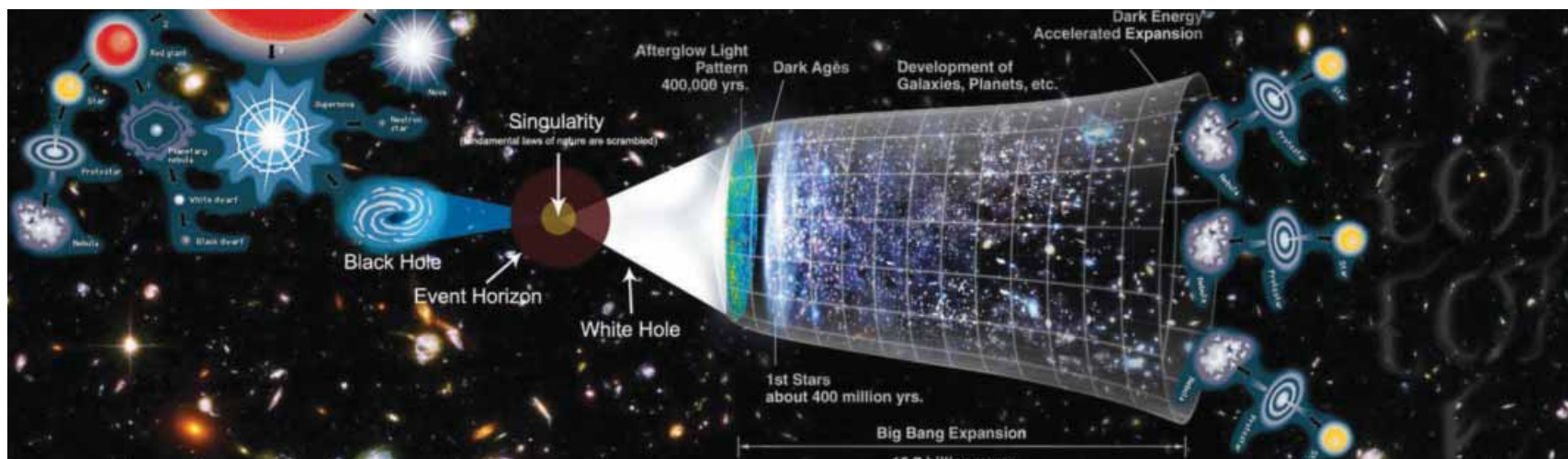
Nandika Mogha, AIS Noida, XI J

"I'll tell you one thing about the universe, though. The universe is a big place. It's bigger than anything anyone has ever dreamt of before. So, if it's just us... seems like an awful waste of space, right?" - Ellie Arroway, Contact, 1997.

The Multiverse is a hypothetical set of possible universes, including the universe in which we live. Together, these universes comprise every recorded thing that we know of: time, matter, flowing energy, the entirety of space, and all the physical and mathematical laws that govern them. Multiverse theory states that there are alternative realities that function in parallel and simultaneously along with our own.

This means, that in an alternative universe, there might be another reader just like you, who is currently reading a GT article and is also beginning to understand that there might be another reader like him; comprehending the same thing, but in an alternate universe. If this were to be true, then this could go on for infinite number of times.

There are many instances where people have felt the effects and consequences of shifting realities. Confused? Here are few real life, overwhelmingly surprising instances of apparent alternate universes which exist.



The Mandela Effect

This is a phenomenon where a large group of people unanimously agree on a certain fact; only to realize that the 'fact' in question is not true and perhaps, never existed. The name-sake of this phenomenon arises from a common misconception regarding Nelson Mandela's death. Many people have said they are 'certain' that Nelson Mandela died while he was still in prison in the 1980s. Some even claim to have seen footage of his funeral on national television. Here's the catch: Nelson Mandela died on December 5, 2013 in Johannesburg, aged 95.

How can so many people believe in a certain misconception? Are they living in a parallel universe? Did time trav-

ellers travel back in time and affect the present? We'll let you decide as you read some more instances.

Pikachu: Do I see you?

We've all grown up watching Pokémon, and obviously Ash wears a red hat and Pikachu is yellow and with a black mark on the end of his tail, right? Wrong. Pikachu's tail is all yellow. There is no black, there never was.

Kit-Kat: Give me a Break.

Kit-Kat, it comes in red packaging and it is delicious. Here's the question though: Does the word 'Kit Kat' has a dash in between? If you believe there is, you might be living in an alternate real-

ity. Because there is no dash between 'Kit-Kat'. It's just 'Kit Kat'.

Look out, Luke.

Calling all Star Wars fans out there: If you also believe that famous dialogue spoken by Darth Vader was, "Luke, I am your father" you might be living in alternate reality. Because the original dialogue is "No, I am your father."

It is surprising to understand how can so many people almost hear the same dialogue playing out in their heads? Is this just a misremembered dialogue, or is there more to this than meets the eye?

What did Mama Say?

In the movie Forrest Gump, when For-

rest is talking to a stranger while waiting at a bus stand, most people remember him saying that his Mama always said, "Life is like a box of chocolates".

You guessed it right. This never happened. The real dialogue is "Life was like a box of chocolates"; In absolute disregard of what you may feel and happen to know.

The list is endless. However, if this can go on for an infinite number of times, what's interesting to know is that the product of an infinite number of values less than one is, eventually, zero. Therefore, a Multiverse reality should have 'Zero' probability of existing, and that, is the wonderful, and innate 'Paradox of the Multiverse concept'.

Tsunami Tectonics

As global warming continues the world has recently witnessed an upsurge in the number of natural disasters like cyclones and tsunamis. Shivang Gupta, AIS PV, X brings us a visual explanation of 'Tsunamigenesis'.

4: Approach

When Tsunami waves with high wave periods reach coastline they are slowed down dramatically due to the friction arising out of their collision with the rising sea bed. However, as the velocity decreases, the wavelengths become shorter but the amplitude of the waves increases. This increases the height of waves.

5: Impact

Eventually, the giant waves with height often reaching 5-10 meters because of compressed wavelength, collide with the shore causing huge damage. Since these giant waves form and crash in quick succession, water overflows the coast line causing massive floods, uprooting of trees and destruction of people and property.

1: Tectonic

Tectonic plate movement causes an upthrust in the form of earthquakes and ocean floor volcanoes. It causes huge quantities of water to be displaced within a very short span of time, generating massive amount of energy.

2: Build

The energy generated from the oceanic quake propagates an array of simple, progressive oscillatory waves over the ocean surface in ever widening circles at a speed of 500 mph.

3: Travel

As the wave periods grow so do the wavelengths of Tsunami. Wave periods are the length of time for which successive crests and troughs pass from a single point and these can vary from 5 mins to more than an hour.

TSUNAMINOMICS

- The first recorded tsunami occurred off the coast of Syria over 4000 years ago.
- In 1883, when the island volcano of Krakatoa, Indonesia erupted, tsunamis swept as far away as the English Channel.



Gorillas can catch human colds and other illnesses.

Engaging Erudite Exchanges

Amity student exchange program has been envisioned to perpetuate universal understanding and knowledge amongst students making them global responsible citizens. **Rimjhim Sayana, AIS Noida, X B** shares her memoirs of playing host and becoming life-long friends with Barbara as a part of student exchange program.

Each year as a part of Amity's student exchange program, students from Swiss School 'Kantonsschule Wetztingen', visit India and we at Amity welcome them with great warmth as we look forward to almost a fortnight of fun, learning and sharing of cultures and customs.

The interactions give us an insight into the countries and systems different from ours and forge lifelong friendships. This year, we hosted nine Swiss delegates and two teachers for 10 days (Oct 4-14, 2017).

The delegate I hosted was Barbara. In order to acquaint myself with Barbara and to ensure a comfortable stay for her, we started interacting on emails even before she arrived. The first few formal mail exchanges saw us become virtual friends to begin with.

On the D day, the delegates were welcomed in traditional way with aarti and floral garlands at IGI airport. Our school had planned multiple events during their period of stay, wherein the delegates were to be given a peek into Indian culture, food, traditions and customs. A trip to Agra, Fatehpur Sikri and Delhi was planned by the school. One

In the course of ten days, Barbara and I graduated from being virtual friends to almost as close as real sisters.

day we all went to visit Qutub Minar and Humayun's Tomb. Next, we went to Delhi Haat where we got the glimpses of the artworks, handicrafts, folk arts and foods of all 29 states of India. Enthused, we went for

'Purani Dilli Ki Sair' where we walked through the by-lanes of Chandni Chowk, savoured delicious street food and took a cycle rickshaw ride which Barbara found pretty exciting. On our visit to Agra and Fatehpur Sikri she couldn't stop wondering at the architectural marvel the Taj Mahal is.

At school, we visited Amity University & Amity Global School and interacted with the students of Amitasha - an initiative of Amity for less privileged girls. We played puzzles with them and listened to their melodious songs. We interacted with them to know about their lives and dreams. It was indeed an insightful experience for us.

During the course of the stay, we all learnt the art of 'Tie and Dye' to colour duppattas, Indian classical dances, Indian cooking and



yoga, etc. I taught Barbara Gayatri Mantra which she ironically learnt in no time.

At home also Barbara blended with us like a family member. While we made her the dishes from her country, we also served her the medley of Indian meals. She was absolutely in awe of the fact, that vegetarian food could also be so delicious. She relished cottage cheese, milk-tea and butter chicken and hilariously remarked one day, "You have overfed me". We also served her Jalebi, Gulab Jamun, Sandesh, Kaju-Barfi and Rasgulla. While she found some of them too sweet she savoured them all and

carried back a box of kaju barfi with her.

Despite her busy schedule, we used to go for outing everyday after school. We went to various places like Janpath, Delhi food festival, Diwali fair, Farmer's market, and various malls in Noida. She absolutely freaked out over shopping at Janpath and Diwali fair. One dress which Barbara was too much fascinated with was, 'Lehenga'. We bought one very beautiful lehenga for her, which she wore to Diwali celebrations at the house of one of the fellow hosts. She looked absolutely stunning in that lehenga. In the course of

ten days, Barbara and I graduated from being virtual friends to almost as close as real sisters. We joked with each other and shared our dreams and goals. Every night, we stayed up till late - chatting. Perhaps, when one has limited number of days and a world full of stories, sleep does not seem like a priority.

As the day for her departure drew nearby we both felt sad as we knew how terribly we would miss each other. On the day she had to leave, we went to IGI airport with a very heavy heart, we tendered a teary farewell to each other. Barbara has gone but our bond of friendship stays strong.

Short, sweet, stumped

If LOL, BTW, BFF stupefy you, emojis emote for you, then munch on more from 'The World of Wordcrunch'

Ashita Bansal
AIS Saket, III B

While young people and kids stay glued to their smartphones and fervently message on whatsapp and facebook heralding a big digital revolution, a linguistic evolution is also taking place. A whole new language, the language of abbreviations where people especially youngsters, simply text the short forms

rather than write complete words, has taken over the communication among the communities. In this language, abbreviations and only abbreviations are used as this generation rushes to save time and words both.

Crunched words are the regalia of the youth today. Short & simple. So simple, that deciphering text messages becomes a herculean task for the parents, teachers and old schoolers.

Exasperated! the simple is too complicated for them. Replying to the messages from technocrat kids is an achievement at times. Abbreviations are still OK but the graphics and emoticons too have hijacked the real expressions. LOL has replaced the actual laughter and emojis continue to express as we rush to race.



These are some very common abbreviations doing rounds on social media

- ICYM: In case you missed
- AMA: Ask me anything
- IMO: In my opinion
- BAE: Before anyone else
- IKR: I know ,right
- LMK: Let me know
- BTW: By the way
- TLDR: Too long didn't read
- YOLO: You only live once
- GLHF: Good luck have fun
- TTYL: Talk to you later
- WTH: What the hell
- AFAIK: As far as I know
- YSIC: Why should I care
- IRL: In real life
- AFK: Away from keyboard
- GG: Good game
- BFF: Best friend forever
- EOD: End of the day
- IMO: In my opinion
- TIA: Thanks in advance

Piquant proverbs

Preachy yet profound, jocular unbound, proverbs are linguistic tools we have found

Chaitanya Singh Jaswal
AIS Noida, X B

Proverbs are generally short literary statements which put forth the reality sprinkled with right mix of comic and humour. Witty, sanctimonious and funny, here are few proverbs from the treasures of German, French and Spanish languages to add to your linguistic armour. Many of these you already know in English

German

1: Anfangen ist leicht, Beharren eine Kunst

Translation: Starting is easy, persistence is an art
Meaning: Starting a task is easier. It is an art to keep up the motivation till its completion.

2: Morgenstund hat Gold im Mund.

Translation: The morning hour has all the gold in its mouth.
Meaning: To get a head start in the day it is important to get up early in the morning. Many successful people have been the early risers.

French

1: À cœur vaillant rien d'impossible.

Translation: To a valiant heart nothing ever can be impossible.
Meaning: If you have a will to achieve a goal impossible becomes 'I Am Possible.'



2: Qui n'avance pas, recule

Translation: One who does not move forward, always moves back.
Meaning: Learn from the past, don't live in it. Move ahead in life.

Spanish

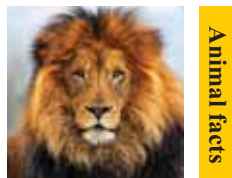
1: El que lee mucho y anda mucho, ve mucho y sabe mucho.

Translation: He who walks a lot and reads a lot, sees a lot and knows a lot.
Meaning: A travelling soul is a treasure trove of knowledge & wisdom and a book lover has, the best company in the world.

2: Dime con quién andas, y Te diré quién eres.

Translation: Tell me who you hang out with and I'll tell you who you are.
Meaning: Birds of same feather flock together. 🐦

A lion usually makes not more than 20 kills a year. The female lion does 90% of the hunting.



Prana- The air



Dr Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

Breath is the thread which ties us to the body. Take away the breath and the body will fall apart immediately. If you sit relaxed and just watch your breath closely with concentration, you will notice that pattern of your breath changes as per your thoughts and emotions. It is indeed fascinating that consciously breathing air in a certain way can make tremendous positive impact in the way you think, act, feel, understand and experience life. Air is 'Prana' the energy of life and we all know that life energy gives us incredible potential to excel and explore.

Sadly, the recent 'Smog' in Delhi NCR speaks volumes of our callousness towards life and humanity both. We have forced the entire life forms to breathe in the poisoned prana. For a human being there can't be a greater sin. While we blame governments for inaction, we also need to introspect our own actions. And it's heartening that Amitians are waking up to this. New innovative scientific inventions by our young 'Green Innovators' like making herbal air purifiers, designing traffic management plans or developing odd-even.com to encourage car pool and reduce air pollution for maintaining the ecological balance are signs that we are concerned about the gravity of the situation and want to do something about it.

Remember, mother nature is still very benevolent to us. It is time that we do soul searching and take steps to protect our 'Prana', the air. 🇮🇳

The right to breathe



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

Some things in life we take for granted, appreciating them only when they are denied to us. Barely a few weeks ago Delhiites created a furor when the Supreme Court banned crackers at Diwali. Many defied the ruling and burst crackers just to prove a point. That

point has now come back with a bite in the air. Today we wake up to an outcry demanding the 'right to breathe', the dilemma of going 'odd or even', political parties pinning blame on each other and the market for air-purifiers booming, whilst Delhiites breathe in poison.

This 'airy' crisis is a clarion call for every soul living in the capital – stop ranting and DO something about it. For me, the lessons that the little crusaders of AIS Vasundhara 1, who had taken up the cause of sensitizing the people towards Clean Air as a part of their Youth Power project last year, have come in handy. I now keep snake plants in my bedroom, as they convert CO2 into oxygen at night. Many more air purifying plants are now a part of my houseplant collection. I have an oxygen factory at home!

Today, the air quality index is a measure of public safety – if you flout traffic rules, you risk an accident; if you throw untreated garbage out on the roads, you risk disease; and if you pollute the air, you send out a "Reply All" invitation to the Grim Reaper. If we need to make a point, why not make it with the power of nature? If we need the noise, let's stand together and clap our hands to ward off the evil spirits next Diwali.

It's late, but better late than never. Let us wake up and NOT smell the pollution. Plant roses, and trees, and other green living things to help clean our lungs. 🇮🇳

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As the haze engulfed Delhi NCR on Nov 7 & 8 it sent a panic and scare in public about its causes and consequences.

Professor Tanu Jindal, Director, Amity Institute of Environmental Sciences, AUUP, analyses some facts and figures to know the truth behind the scenes.

The increased levels of PM2.5 and PM10 on November 12, 2017 has sent us into tizzy. Data recorded at UPPCB station, sector 125, Noida is alarming. Being adjacent to Delhi it is a very strategic location, therefore a reference point for Delhi NCR. On November 6, temperature fell down from 19.40 degrees celsius to 15.10 degrees celsius. At 5 am on November 8 the relative humidity increased from



86% to 96.2% at 5am. The readings shown in data table clearly indicate rise in PM10 and PM2.5 also. On Nov 7, PM10 levels reached 860 mi-



crogram per cubic meter as against the permissible limit of 100 microgram per cubic meter. Similarly, PM2.5 levels were also nearly 13 times more than the permissible limit of 762 microgram per cubic meter. On November 12, the air quality deteriorated further due to continuous rise in the levels of pollutants PM2.5 and PM10 recorded at 710 and 784 micrograms per cubic meters respec-

tively. Data of the wind flow in North West direction also indicated high levels of air pollution emanating from Haryana and Punjab possibly because of burning of crop stubble which causes huge amount of fire smoke. Due to low temperatures, high humidity of more than 90% and less sunlight, water micelles got formed around dust and other pollutants and this polluted air created the 'Maze of Haze'. 🇮🇳

Our 'Right To Privacy'

With an increase in the incidents of breach of privacy by state & individuals both, 'Right to Privacy' as a fundamental right is a saviour of common man

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August 24, 2017 goes down the history of 'Modern India' as the day when the progressive nation paid attention to protecting the privacy of its citizens in an ever evolving digital age. 'Right To Privacy' was granted to the citizens of India by nine-judge constitution bench of the Supreme Court declaring that privacy is intrinsic to life and liberty and an inherent part of the fundamental rights enshrined under Article 21 of the Constitution of India.

The monumental judgement stated that, 'Privacy is an inherent natural right of human beings. Since the state does not bestow natural rights on citizens so these natural rights exist equally in all individuals, irrespective of class, strata, gender or orientation.' Justice D Y Chandrachud wrote, 'Privacy is the constitutional core of human dignity. Privacy ensures the fulfilment of dignity.' Right to privacy has also been accorded the same protection as the other 'Fundamental Rights' under Chapter III of the Con-



stitution of India.

91 years old Justice (Retd) K S Puttaswamy is the face of this landmark judgement. He was the one who filed a writ petition in 2012 against the move by the government to use Aadhaar for accessing government schemes.

While the ruling is a landmark one, it is critical to know that it has been a difficult one too to arrive at, because the definition of 'Right to Privacy' is quite nebulous. Privacy varies with cultures, age, political & religious affiliations and countries. Levels of pri-

privacy are different for all of us. There is no single framework that suits all.

Generally, privacy means that the information pertaining to oneself which person wants to withhold must remain confidential, unless and until he wants a certain person or entity to know it, and even after such an acknowledgement, the information so dispensed must remain limited to that person or entity only.

The information so mentioned may include medical reports, income tax returns, contact information, photos,

video recordings, etc. The list is endless and may change according to the needs of the society.

This judgment also becomes significant as India sits on the threshold of going completely 'Digital' with linking of 'Aadhaar' cards to bank accounts and other important institutions.

Raging debates pertaining to 'Right to Privacy' in the context of UIDAI collecting biometric information such as finger prints, iris scans, etc., for issuing 'Aadhaar' cards have been happening since quite sometime now. However, the fate of 'Aadhaar' cards will be decided in another case to be heard by a three judge bench of the Supreme Court in the near future.

The right to privacy will surely have some reasonable restrictions to its enforcement. The question about what these restrictions are is subjective and will have to be weighed by the Apex court in balance against the rights of people and principles of natural justice. With further rulings awaited, these restrictions shall open a 'Pandora box' of questions and present before the Supreme Court situations never faced before. 🇮🇳

Little pearls of wisdom

A dinner with father

Muskan Singh, AIS MV, VIII

One day, a son took out his old father to a restaurant in the evening for dinner. Father being very old and weak coughed and dropped food on his shirt and trousers while eating. Other diners watched him with disgust, while his son remained calm. After he finished eating, his son, who was not at all embarrassed, quietly took him to the washroom, wiped the food particles,

removed stains, combed his hair and fitted his spectacles. When they came out, the entire restaurant was watching them in dead silence, not able to grasp the fact as to how someone could embarrass themselves publicly like that. The son settled the bill and started walking out with his father. At that time, an old man amongst the diners called out to the son and asked him, "Don't you think you have left something behind?"

The son replied, "No sir, I haven't!"

The old man retorted, "Yes, you have. You have left a 'Lesson' for every child and a 'Hope' for every father." Indeed, our parents are the most precious treasures we have. We climb the ladder of success and forget our parents and values both. We stop paying attention to our parents and feel embarrassed with them. Never do that. Because our parents are the ones who help us understand the world and live life with dignity. They deserve all our 'Respect', 'Love' and 'Time'.





In seahorses, its the males who carry eggs and give birth to young ones. They also nurture them in a pouch.

Festivals & feasting

Festivals reside in our heart. They bring spark in our mundane life and gives us reason to gorge on delicacies served on the platter. Bringing you, the famous festivals and treats offered across the nation.

Basant Panchami

Celebrated in the months of *magh*, the festival signifies the onset of spring. Yellow is the colour of this festival. From clothes to food everything is in this bright shade.
Treat: Sweet rice, Boondiladdoo, Boondi, Kesarisheera, Rajbhog



Pongal

This is a three day harvest festival which coincides with Makar Sankranti. During celebrations, the farmers show their gratitude to Lord Surya. The devotees decorate homes with banana and mango leaves and create decorative patterns using rice flour on the floor.

Treat: Sarkarai pongal (Sweet Pongal), Akkaravadisal, Venn pongal, Rawa pongal, Medhu vadai and Pongal kootu



Holi

The festival of colours, celebrates the triumph of good over evil. During the festival, Holika bonfires are lit. People use dry powder colours called *gula* to celebrate the festival.
Treat: Gujia, Malpua, Mathri, Puranpoli, Dahibada, Pakoras, Thandai



Navratri

The famous festival is celebrated in different forms across the nation. It entails the ritual of fasting for nine days. And on the tenth day, the fasting gets over. It is the festival signifying purity and power.
Treat: Kuttukipuri, Singhare ke pakore, sabudana vada, sabudana khichdi

Janmashtami

It marks the celebration of Lord Krishna's birthday. During the festival, children simulate the childhood of Lord Krishna by dressing up like Krishna and perform acts.

Treat: Mewa paag, Nariyalmoongfali ki barfi, Aampapad ki rabdi, Alu paneer ki tikki, Kheer ka raita, Sabudane ki khichdi, Kuttu ka dosa



Ganesh Chaturthi

Vinayaka Chaturthi, a festival of ten days is celebrated with enthusiasm. Life size idols of Ganesha are made by artisans. The idols are placed in pandals or brought to home by individuals.

Treat: Modak, Satori, Puran poli, moti choor ladoo, coconut rice, shrikhand, banana sheera, rava Pongal, medu vada, payasam



Maha Shivratri

To seek the blessings of Lord Shiva, the devotees around the nation observe fasting in which people consume a special meal 'falahaar'.

Treat: Sabudana (tapioca) khichdi, upma, pakora and kut singahri ki puri, thandai, lauki ka halwa, kaju katli, pumpkin pancakes



Durga Puja

Often referred as Sharadotsav, the festival is dedicated to the worship of Goddess Durga. The huge pandals, magnificent idols of goddess Durga, people dance on the beats of Dhak (drum) and huge feasting spans for more five days.

Treat: Luchi, aloo dum, khichdi, shukto, tomato chutney, papad, chana dal, Sandesh, mishit doi, begun bhaja



Christmas

A Christian festival, celebrates the birthday of Jesus Christ. People decorate Christmas trees, decorate their homes, visit family or friends and exchange various gifts.

Treat: Pumpkin or apple pie, Raisin pudding, Christmas pudding, Kulkuls, fruit and nut cake

Eid-ul-fitr

The worldwide celebrated Muslim festival marks the end of Ramadan (Islamic holy month of fasting). Devotees get up early morning before the sunrise, offer prayers and eat breakfast.

Treat: Kiwaamee Sevain, Sheer Khurma, Pashtooni Zarda Pulao, Kilikoodu



Diwali

One of the most beautiful festival celebrated across India, marks the worship of Goddess Lakshmi and Lord Ganesha and also the return of Lord Rama to Ayodhya. People decorate their homes with lights, oil lamps and light candles on this day.

Treat: Potato Dahi wada, Peanut Pakodi, Shahi Tukde, Matar Mushroom, Sitaphal Rabdi, Stuffed Aloo Tikki, Palak Puri, Rava Ladoo, Kaju Katli, Soan papdi

Text: Romika Chakraborty, GT Network

Oysters can change gender multiple times during their lifespan.



Animal Facts

Last Words of Love

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Storywala

Aditi Batra, AIS Saket, IX B

A black blanket of clouds shrouded sky, making the day seem like night. The clouds had started rumbling making every kid afraid. Water was rising slowly and hurriedly, swallowing anything that came in its way. The trees were swaying leisurely as the wind pushed through them, making a tingling sound. Even though it was the time when the sun should have been at the top of the head, it still felt like midnight. It was really quiet. One could hear waves crashing on the shore and going back.

Juliet had just arrived on this beach and also standing right there with her was her son Alex. Her grey hair blew as the wind rippled through her face. Her rough hands got sweaty as she held Alex's hand, the rusted ring on her finger felt wet like a droplet on a gem. Stormy weather, black skies, thrashing rains and gigantic waves made sea look like a furious monster. A monster trying to break free of the shackles and usurp all. It was scary, swoony and spectacular, all at the same time.

Juliet could sense that the uproar of the sea is more than a mere storm. Clearly, the winds and clouds brought the messages of fury buried deep into the heart of the sea, raging since eons, yearning to throw up the emotions hidden in its deep trenches. A similar storm of emotions was raging in her heart too.

It was Alex's birthday and she wanted to make it a happy and memorable one. She had planned a day out at beach with her beloved son relishing his favourite dishes and fondly remembering his father, the love of her life. Though he had left for



his heavenly abode long ago, he still remained the precious part of their lives through his virtues and fond memoirs.

Nevertheless, she decided to go back to the hotel because she could see the monster the sea had become and knew that today it would spare none. Half-heartedly and sad she said to her son, "Okay Alex, I don't think the rain is going to stop any time soon. I am sorry as this was supposed to be your most special birthday for you are going to be a teen. But the sea is more than rough and it's raining heavier than usual. Staying back at beach doesn't seem to be a prudent idea. Can we please go back to the hotel and wait there until it all calms down?" Her frown lines made weird shapes on her forehead as she spoke.

"It's okay mum, it's not your fault. I am happy, I have you and

dad with me," Alex responded with a smile on his face but sadness in his eyes while looking at his locket, which was the last remembrance of his father.

Alex opened his umbrella and pulled it up to cover himself and his mom both and they started walking back towards the hotel. While walking back, Juliet started telling Alex about his father and his joy when Alex was born. She told him the words he had uttered at that moment to express his unbound happiness. Alex's eyes welled up with tears as he listened intently.

Suddenly, he touched his neck a few times and to his shock, he re-

She had planned a day out at beach with her beloved son relishing his favourite dishes and fondly remembering his father, the love of her life.

alised that his locket was missing. Stumped, he remembered that he had sat on a bench before leaving for hotel. He was sure that the locket must have been left somewhere there only.

"Mom, I have lost dad's locket! and I am sure it has fallen on the bench we were sitting upon. Mom, please can I please go back and get it, it is my precious possession. I will quickly run and get it, please mom," he pleaded.

Juliet looked into Alex's eyes and then glanced at the raging sea. She gaped, but realising how timeless and priceless that memory was, she allowed Alex to go. "Umm, okay Alex I'll wait here, but please rush and come back fast. Be fast and careful."

Alex rushed back to the bench, where he found his locket stuck to one of the benches. He pulled out his necklace and shrieked in delight. He waved the locket to-

Alex took a deep breath as he wore his dad's necklace again & opened the pendant to see picture of his mom & dad for one last time.

wards his mum, not realising that the tsunami was just near him, just behind him in fact. "Run Alex, run now", Juliet screamed as she saw the waves rising. Finally, huge amount of water escaped the cage of sea as if it had been trapped there for a long time, and its only motive seemed to be to keep on gushing. In a state of shock, she watched the terrible gusto of waves raging. The gigantic waves stunned Juliet for a second, but then she remembered what her husband said, "Juliet, whenever something bad happens count till 5, let it do what it has to do and after

that, you get stronger and fight it off." So, she counted, "1...2...3...4...5" and ran towards Alex as he too sprinted towards her. Tears rolled down her eyes as she was trying to get rid of her inner fears and in her mind, she was thinking of all the different things that could happen. She was trying to hold onto her fears from overpowering her and making her weak. It was the time to fight against all her apprehensions to give strength to herself and Alex both.

On the other side, Alex was scared of losing everything he had; his mom. He ran as fast as he could and quickly grabbed his mother's arms knowing that it could be the end for both of them. He hugged her tightly because for him it was only his mother who could make things right. He thought that it was a bad dream which will be soon over. Alas! it didn't. He turned back to find the gigantic waves leaping towards them. His heart beat doubled and he panicked. "Mom run!" he squealed. Juliet knew that it was too late to do anything and she hugged Alex tightly. Her eyes welled up with anxiety, love, care and concern for her only son, her only treasure as she saw the monstrous waves, speeding towards them. Alex took a deep breath as he wore the necklace and opened the pendant to see picture of his parents for one last time, "I love you mom, I love you dad," and closed his eyes. "I love you too Alex", said his mom.

The wild waves leapt at Juliet and Alex. The tsunami was a beast, with its teeth and claws lashing onto anything it could. For one last time, they looked at each other and said, "Everything is going to be okay, nothing is going to happen, nothing at all." With teary eyes and heavy heart, she smiled and sung Alex his favourite lullaby, "Sleep my dear Alex, sleep my dear Alex, the angels are here for you, the stars are twinkling for you, the moon is shining"





Bats are the only mammals that can fly. Their leg bones are so thin that they cannot walk.

Illustration: Atishay Jain, AIS Vas 1, VIII

Dadaji's bridge challenge!

Atishay Jain
AIS Vas 1, VIII

Dadaji, Rahul and Riya were going in their car to the market. Suddenly, Dadaji stops the car because of a long jam.

Dadaji, why is it so much crowded here?
I think the bridge is closed. Therefore, people have to go back or take another route.
This is very bad. Now we will have to take the longer route.
Perhaps people swam across the river or used boats! Which is the oldest man-made bridge?
Don't worry Rahul, just think of the time when there were no bridges, or vehicles for people to communicate. Think how they must have crossed the rivers??
Going by history, the oldest bridge captured by NASA from space which connects land masses is Adam's Bridge or the Ram Setu, 30 miles long, connects India and Sri Lanka and dates back to 1,75,000 years.
Oooldddd...! So...old! Dadaji, is the bridge still there and do people use it?
No, not anymore. Though, its geographical remains are still there.
Dadaji, which is the oldest bridge that is still used by people?
The oldest bridge is the Caravan Bridge in the city of Izmir, Turkey. This bridge is approximately 850 BCE old and built over Meles River. It is also the oldest man-made bridge and in continuous use.
Alright dadaji, now tell us which is the highest bridge in the world. I am sure you must not be remembering this!
Oh I do! The world's highest bridge is over Sideu River in China's Hubei province. It is a suspension bridge that spans over a deep river gorge.
Dadaji, which is the longest bridge in the world?
It is 164.8 kms long Danyang-Kunshan Grand Bridge in China, located on the rail line between Shanghai and Nanjing in East China's Jiangsu province.
Dadaji, I am just curious that why are all the bridges constructed in different forms all around the world?
If you are talking about the material used to construct, then it totally depends on the time and availability of materials. As back then there was no technology, only wood, stones and dust used for construction.
Today the bridges are constructed as per the requirement. Like the Golden Gate bridge built for the ships to pass.
Multi beam bridges are made out of two or more parts, which when required can be opened like gates so that the ships can pass through.
Dadaji, you are GENIUS!!
Wow! Dadaji, bridges not only make our journey easy, but also cuts down the distances to be travelled.

POEMS

Diary of the dusk

Swasti Thukral
AIS Noida, VI I

Every evening children go to park to play
In the park they just want to play and stay
Even the world is a park but bit watery
And we all sometimes do little flattery!

As the sun rises in sky and wakes birds up
The pleasant sky amuses us grown ups
As the children roll and the people stroll

Amazing gales and butterflies troll!

But as the uncle moon pops up
All the birds go to sleep on tuft
Every little girl and all little boys
Run back home all happy and joy!

All the river and all the parks
Go to sleep in a spark
With a little sound of teet-teet-teet
All of us go to sleep sleep sleep! 🇮🇳



Black mask

Sarah Mehta, AIS Saket, IV A

Pollution is very bad
Pollution makes me very sad
When goes away, I am glad
The smog make me cough like mad!

Pollution is a menace
Mummy says, "Don't play tennis"

Papa says to put on the mask
And that becomes a huge task!

Outdoor games are at a standstill
Air purifiers are increasing electricity bill
Pollution is everywhere
And I don't think it is fair!

Causing health concerns for all
Frantically trying to find a doctor on call
How to get rid of pollution?
We must find a final solution! 🇮🇳

Riddle Fiddle

Tanishtha Teotia, AIS Gur 46, II

1: You saw me where I never was and where I could not be. Yet within that very place, my face you often see. Who am I?

2: I am at the beginning of the end, and at the end of time and space. I am essential to creation, and I surround every place. Who

am I?

3: Until I am measured I am not known. Yet how you miss me when I have flown. Who am I?

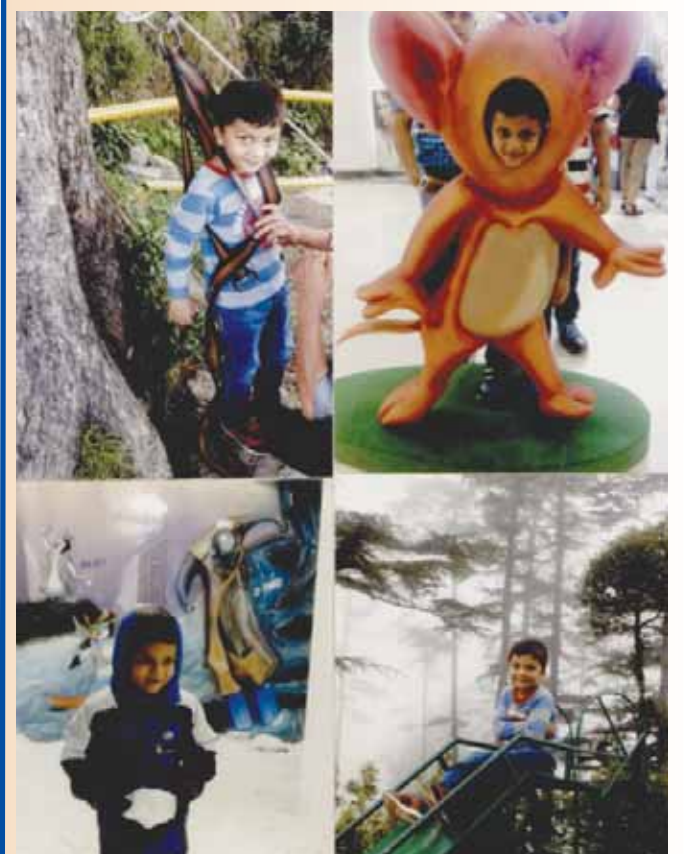
4: I am red, blue, purple and green. Often look like half of ring. No one can touch me, not even the queen. Who am I?

5: If you don't like me, say my name and I disappear. Who am I?

6: I always run but never walk, often murmur, never talk. Have a bed but never sleep, have a mouth but never eat. Who am I?

Answer: 1. Reflection 2. E. 3. Time 4. Rainbow 5. Silence 6. River

It's Me



My name: Abhav Bansal
My school: AIS Saket
My Class: I
My birthday: December 11
I like: Listening to stories
I dislike: Apples
My hobby: Colouring
My role model: Doctor
My best friend: Arjan, Daksh and my elder brother Sparsh
My favourite book: Goldilocks and the three bears
My favourite game: Blocks and hide & seek
My favourite mall: Select

City Walk, Saket
My favourite food: Chole and bhature
My favourite teacher: Ritu Ma'am and Preeti Ma'am
My favourite poem: Twinkle little star
My favourite subject: Mathematics
I want to become: A doctor
I want to feature in GT because: I want to showcase my talent to everyone, see my photo in paper and become very popular.



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A blue whale's tongue can weigh as much as an adult female elephant.

APCYS Conference 2017

Amitians make their mark by bagging silver medal at the Asia Pacific Conference of Young Scientists Kathmandu



The winners Manav Prem Narang and Vinayak Seth along with their teacher

AIS Mayur Vihar

Two students, Manav Prem Narang (Class VII) and Vinayak Seth (Class VI) from the school won a silver medal in the 6th Asia Pacific Conference of Young Scientists 2017 (APCYS) held in Kathmandu, Nepal from Nov 1-5, 2017. The students accompanied by Ms Prem Kumari Narang, Teacher, Physics Department, presented their project on the topic 'Urja Daksh: Energy Effi-

cient and Economical Mobile Charging System'. The project on the subject Environmental Sciences was about designing the alternative source of Mobile Charging System alongwith a designed prototype for the same.

Out of a total of 73 teams from 11 different nations, AISMV the winning team, was the youngest team to have participated. Creative science projects for representing the country at the 6th APCYS 2017, Kathmandu,

Nepal were shortlisted by, The Foundation for Global Science Initiatives (FGSI) FGSI is a not for profit organisation working with the noble objectives of encouraging scientific creativity and developing problem solving capacity amongst the youth of the country. It is accredited with major international and national science fairs and has given fellowships and sponsored many award winning science projects of students for many prestigious events. [G](#) [U](#)



Chairperson felicitates Lt Gen CS Narayanan at the function

Annual day celebrations

AIS Vasundhara 6

The annual day at school was celebrated with a lot of laughter, cheers and fun on November 3, 2017. It was a vibrant cultural affair where students showcased their talents and gave spellbound, dynamic performances. The programme was graced by the presence of the chief guest Lt Gen CS Narayanan, Deputy Chief Integrated Defence Staff-Medical, MBBS (AFMC) MD

(AIIMS). He has been bestowed upon with the *Vishisht Sewa* medal from the President of India. Other revered guests who were there to grace the occasion were, wife of the chief guest, Ms Malini Narayanan, Principal, Army Public School, Shankar Vihar, New Delhi with Dr (Mrs) Amity Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF and other notable dignitaries of the august Amity family.

Over 950 students participated in the celebrations and took the audience on a beautiful sojourn to the North East, presenting their unique cultures, traditions, music, dance and customs. The highlight of the programme was a dance drama presented by students depicting various activities of the north eastern states of India. The orchestra and school choir also mesmerised the audience and the guests with their mellifluous, musical performances.



The colourful presentation of Chhau dance by the artists

Spic Macay

AIS Mayur Vihar

The school hosted 'Virasat' the cultural series of Spic Macay on November 13, 2017. School Principal Dr Priyanka Mehta welcomed the eminent artists and urged students to connect more with Indian culture. The programme commenced with the traditional lighting of the lamp by the esteemed guests. The eminent artist Shri Chini-

bas Mahato with his troupe enthralled the audience with enchanting Chau dance performance depicting the killing of Mahisasur- the king of demons from a mythological episode of Shiva Purana. Students of Classes VI and VII were mesmerised for two hours with the spellbound symphony of traditional music and dance called Purulia Chau. It was indeed a great cultural experience for the students.

Heritage assembly

AIS Noida

A vibrant special assembly on river 'Narmada' was conducted by the students of Class V on October 27, 2017 with great zeal and enthusiasm. The assembly was called to create awareness about the cultural heritage of India and inculcate respect in students for our precious rivers.

The assembly commenced with morning prayers followed by news headlines and thought for the day. The students presented an informative talk on river Narmada and also highlighted the 'Narmada Bachao' movement, headed by Medha Patekar. The students were also sensitised about the causes of river pollution through placards depicting washing, releasing of industrial wastes, etc. This was followed by a *nukkad natak* performance given by the students highlight-



Students take pledge to save the environment

ing the urgent need to curb the increasing river pollution and protect & preserve water bodies. The children also put up a couple of dance performances which sent a beautiful message to honour and respect the rivers. Thereafter, a heritage quiz was conducted for the students. The

assembly concluded with students taking a pledge to save the rivers. School Principal Renu Singh applauded the efforts of the students and teachers for their initiatives to save the rivers and also thanked them for putting up a great assembly to create awareness amongst everyone. [G](#) [U](#)



Children dressed in fancy clothes

Fancy dress competition

AIS VYC Lucknow

The school organised a fancy dress competition for the little ones on November 10, 2017, judged by Sunita Pangtey, English facilitator. The students came dressed in vibrant costumes as different characters like Chota Bheem, Superman, Fairies, Doraemon and many more.

The first prize in the competition was bagged by Prisha Parashar (KG). The second prize was awarded to Maria Shadab (KG), whereas, the third prize was shared by Krishna A Verma (Nursery) and Ayushman Banerjee (class I). [G](#) [U](#)

Workshop on drug abuse

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Under the leadership & visionary guidance of Dr (Mrs) Amity Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, the school conducted an interactive awareness workshop on 'Drug abuse' for the students of Classes IX to XII on Nov 8. The workshop was conducted by Monica Mongia, Scientist-II, National Drug Dependence Treatment Centre (NDDTC), AIIMS. The workshop was held to create drug awareness in the

young minds and provide them with positive information that would save them against any kind of drug addictions and abuse. School Principal Valambal Balachandran welcomed all the guests and the Pantomime show by Sh Arijit Roy and his team beautifully depicted the issue to create mass awareness. The workshop sensitised students by demonstrating the first defense against the drug-ridden culture that the young boys and girls are encompassed by today. The workshop saw many important



Students during the workshop on drug abuse

issues being discussed such as substance abuse, definition of drugs, causes of drug addiction, effects of drugs, common drugs of abuse, etc., to name a few. Other eminent guests included Anand Katoch, Director, Na-

tional Institute of Social Defense (NISD), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment; Manoj Hatoj, In-charge, National Centre for Drug Abuse Prevention (NCDAP), NISD and Dr Preeti Soni, consultant, NISD. [G](#) [U](#)

Vigilance awareness week

AIS VYC Lucknow

The school celebrated Vigilance Awareness Week from October 30 to November 4, 2017 in collaboration with Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). The inaugural day of the week saw 'Integrity Pledge' being administered by scholar Yashasvi Verma of Class IX. The school also conducted various activities during the week such as essay writing, slogan writing, poster-making, etc. Teachers



Students indulge in activities

also gave speeches on topics like 'Prevention of financial frauds & corruption by using digital technology.' School Principal SG Mishra in her address stated, that children should learn right values and take measures to make India free from corruption.

Hippopotamus secretes reddish oily fluid from the skin that acts as moisturizer, sunblock and antibiotic.

All top quotes composed by Arshmeet Singh, AIS PV, II



On a winning streak

She started her musical journey at the age of three and has performed at several events. **Anushka Mukherjee, AIS Noida, IX J**, has been selected for the popular show, *Voice Kids 2017*. In an interview with **Vedika Saini, AIS Noida, IX J**, she shares about her passion & inspiration.

On Inspiration

My inspiration has always been my father, Surojit Mukherjee. Way back in 1994, he had won a reality show. During my growing up years I saw him do his riyaz every day and he was so dedicated to his music and practice that I couldn't help but feel inspired. He also played a pivotal role in my grooming and took me under his tutelage at a very early age.

On Mentorship

I was always surrounded by music and it runs deep in our family. While my father is a professional singer, my grandfather is a renowned tabla player who learnt from Pt Chaturlal. Also, my granduncle Pt Sunil Mukherjee is a renowned sarod player and a disciple of Pt Ravi



Shankar. So, I grew up in an environment where music was the way of life. I also had the fortune to learn something from all of them.

On Performance

I have been performing regularly with my father at several events across Delhi/NCR since last five



years. Apart from this, I have also performed at the national level where I was selected for Saregama Little Champs in the year 2009 and Indian Idol Mega Finals in 2015. However, I am very much excited about being selected in the Voice Kids 2017 out of 2 lakh contestants from across India.

On Preparation

I am leaving no room for error and have been practicing a lot for this major competition. Since it is a nationally renowned reality show I really hope to present my best. I am taking out time for regular practice and balancing my studies and my passion dedicatedly.

Message to readers

My message to young singer would simply be that if anyone is aspiring to be a successful singer, he/she should definitely learn classical music as it gives you a firm grasp on notes. It is very important to have a great foundation to excel in whatever one wants to pursue.

Book Review

Matilda

Book: Matilda
Author: Roald Dahl
Illustrator: Quentin Blake

Rating: ★★★★★

Review: Matilda is the story of a 5-year-old genius named Matilda Wormwood.

She lived with her parents and brother in a small English village. Her father had a dishonest business of fixing car engines while her mother, who was plain stupid, just sat in the Bingo club all day long and her brother was a bully. They all went out in the morning and in this time Matilda occupied herself by reading books that she borrowed from the local library. At school, her headmistress was Ms Agatha Trunchbull who had turned the school into a kind of jailhouse, where everything was done her way. However, Matilda was very brilliant and in fact, her intelligence level didn't match that of others. So she would often get bored in class. This led to the development of an amazing power; Matilda could make things move by simply pointing at them.

She quickly befriended the kindly Ms Jennifer Honey, her class teacher who took an immense liking to her and invited her over to her house often, where Matilda soon noticed that her teacher was extremely poor. They told each other more about themselves and discussed their miseries. Matilda decided to help Ms. Honey by using her extraordinary powers. In my opinion, this as well as all the other books in the 'Roald Dahl's Complete Collection' are must reads. I would recommend this book for ages between 9-12 years. All the books are equally interesting and the simple yet humorous language captivates the minds of young readers, fascinating them as well as enriching their vocabulary.

Reviewed by: **Tanya Ganguly**
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Treasuring collectables

Collecting stamps and coins is passé. Think milk bottles and soap bars instead. Presenting out-of-the-box collections

Swati Jha & Sarthak Narain
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Some do it passionately and some do it for fun. But there is some kind of obsession associated with collecting collectables that drives people crazy. It is a different thing that many of us part ways with this addiction after some time and these collectibles start gathering dust inside our closets. While there is no definite list of collectibles, we bring to you some perplexing items that people around the world have collected over time.

Soap charm

Carol Vaughn, a lady from the UK has collected more than 5,000 soap bars. She is very enthusiastic about collecting them and it looks like she has no plans for throwing in the towel any time soon. This hobby basically started as a pass time while she was taking care of her mother in 1991. It stemmed from the cheesecake-shaped soap she once received from her friend and that left her wondering whether she should eat it or have a wash.



Since then she has collected these soaps from the places as far as Australia.

3500 Dalmatians

No, we are not talking about a sequel to Disney's classic 101 Dalmatians. Karen Ferrier is so obsessed with Dalmatians that she owned around 3,500 items that are textured like Dalmatian fur. Her obsession with polka-dot items started after she bought Ditto, a Dalmatian as a puppy.

From spotty sunglasses, shoes, hats, ear muffs and the spotty clothes; she bought everything under the sun. However, she did realise that her obsession was going way too far and finally sold her collection very recently.

Sign me in!

Paul Schmelzer has a rare autograph collection in which he has gathered signatures from many famous personalities. From Yoko Ono and Sonic Youth's Kim Gor-

don to Civil Rights icon John Lewis and filmmaker Wim Wenders they all have given him their autographs. Sounds boring, right? But what makes it unusual is the fact that all these celebrities have signed his name and not theirs! No one knows how he gets them to sign it like that. Today, he boasts of a collection of more than 75 autographs from really high-profile celebrities.

Milk-mad

Paul Luke, a former milkman has collected around 10,000 milk bottles, a collection so big that he had to make a museum in his backyard garden after his collection outgrew the space in his house. He had started collecting these bottles when he was only nine years old. Some bottles from his collection date back to 1980s! Apart from this, he also runs a newsletter that informs the readers about the history of cows. He too thinks that his hobby has got a bit out of hand. Well, the hobbies of these people to collect bizarre stuffs won't bring in the financial gains, but it indeed has made them a celebrity in their own right. [GT](#)

GT Travels to London



Krishiv Batra, AIS Vas 6, II A, poses with her copy of The Global Times in front of London Bridge that is over the River Thames, between the City of London and Southwark. London is the capital and the most populous city of England.

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