

That's how we (sc)roll!

Only To Find Things Spiralling Way Down The Rabbit Hole

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Have a headache? Didn't finish your homework? Your phone is responsible. Couldn't travel to moon? No matter what the situation is, the root cause of all things wrong seems to be a phone. For sure, our parents have informed us of that with their incessant nagging, but only now do we wonder – wait a minute, are they right? Is the time we spent on our phone, scrolling the reason for our downfall?

The phone in hand is lifeline We must stare at it all the time

An average person picks up their phone at least 52 times a day, and the ongoing pandemic has increased the number ten-fold. According to AppAnnie, Indians spend at least one-third of their day on mobiles, due to which India stands fifth in world's excessive use of phones. Countries like Brazil, Indonesia, and South Korea saw people using their phones for over five hours a day, and an average US adult spends around four hours a day on their device. But what exactly are we doing with our phones for so long?

Into the pit of SNS we fall And there we scroll & scroll

The invention of social networking service (SNS) has been a game changer. According to Instagram, users spent an average of 13 hrs every month on the app

in 2021. Facebook, too, witnessed around two billion active users daily. But such a rise in numbers was recorded because SNS was the only source of information. The trend to stay updated led to doomscrolling—endless scrolling to binge on negative content. Even Twitter saw a record 24% increase in its users. Ruined sleep schedule increased night scrolling by 57% as per GISS. But isn't this bad for us?

It sinks our life, down we go We're not like we were before

Being glued to these sites sure is a great way of wasting our time. However, that's the least of our worries. In fact, the increased use of social media has been linked

with depression and PTSD. As per Healthline, around 49% adults have self-reported symptoms of depression in the last two years, and the rate of depression in adolescents increased to more than 60% in 2005. Even if we were to look at less harrowing effects, the evidence of scrolling hampering our sleep and attention span is as clear as day. Increased screen time affects our gut, leading to anxiety, nausea, headaches, muscle tension, and tremors. This same little screen has made us chase perfect lives as we see on social media; increased our FOMO, messed up with our sanity, and over all have caused more harm than good. So, why can't we just give it up?

Turn mad but don't look away Our sanity is now fully astray

In theory, we understand mindless scrolling ends up offering us nothing concrete, but still we cling to it. Many people have admitted that the dire need to keep themselves updated further makes them stuck in the scrolling circle. With new content comes a new shot of dopamine, and every new 'ding' compels us to fall down a new well that never ends, and we are aware of it. So, why don't we try to climb out?

The addiction of scrolling is easily said to be beaten than its actuality. Even when some, in its favour, might argue that correlation does not equal causality, it is tough to dismiss such high number of annexures when they all point fingers against it. So, will all of this teach us to scroll less, or will we all just scroll past this article and continue the fall downwards? **GT**



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THE GT POLL

The best FIFA World Cup anthem till now, according to you, is...

a) Waka Waka by Shakira
b) Wavin' Flag by K'naan
c) Dreamers by Jungkook

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which are pitted against one another at the end of the year, culminating with GT Awards. So, here's presenting the third edition of 'GT Making A Newspaper Contest 2022-23'.

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POLL RESULT
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Do you see death sentence imposed by the Iranian government to suppress anti-hijab protests in the nation as a viable solution?

Yes: 20%
No: 69%
Can't: 11%

Results as on November 26, 2022

Around The WORLD

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

TURKEY

Earthquake jolts the entire nation

An earthquake with a magnitude of 5.9 hit northwestern Turkey on November 23, 2022, injuring 68 people and counting. According to the Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency of the country, the earthquake was centered in the town of Golkaya in Duzce province and struck the public at 4:08 AM in the morning. Dozens of aftershocks of the disaster were also reported, including one with a magnitude of 4.3.



CHINA

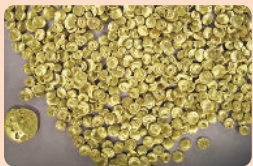
Protests at the largest iPhone factory

Violent protests have broken out at Foxconn iPhone factory, the largest iPhone factory in the country, as workers clashed with security over COVID-19 restrictions at the plant. Various viral videos of the protest showcase workers marching in daylight and being confronted by riot police as well as security in hazmat suits. The protests came as a response to China's strict zero-COVID policy which has been causing unrest amongst the public for months.

GERMANY

1.6 million EUR gold coins stolen from museum

In a shocking loot at a museum in Manching, Bavaria, hundreds of Celtic gold coins worth 1.6 million EUR have been stolen in the middle of the night. As per the police report, the loot lasted for nine minutes, starting out with the thieves sabotaging the museum's alarm system. The authorities are trying to figure out if the raid is linked



to the theft of a gold coin in Berlin. Nothing certain has been reported so far.



UAE

Builds world's tallest residential structure

Burj Binghatti Jacob & Co. Residences, the newest 'hypertower' in Dubai, is set to become the tallest residential structure in the world, surpassing New York's Central Park Tower. The new building is a 100-storey structure in Dubai's Business Bay area and "will feature the most lavish penthouses at the highest altitude". The building will offer a concierge team and services like daycare, chauffeur and chefs.



INDIA

Free trade pact with Gulf Cooperation Council

To promote commerce and investment between India and Gulf region, the country and Gulf Cooperation Council have announced the launch of negotiations for a free trade agreement between the two regions. The decision comes in the light of India's increasing exports to GCC countries, which have grown to 58.26% in the last year, and imports by 85.8%.



SRI LANKA

Chamika Karunaratne fined for misconduct

The nation's cricket board has fined the bowler Chamika Karunaratne 5000 USD and has served him with a one-year suspension ban for misconduct during the T20 World Cup. Though the exact reasons have not been revealed, the official statements state that he has "breached several clauses in the player agreement" during his time in Australia. He is the second player sanctioned by the board for misconduct after Gunathilaka.



MALAYSIA

Anwar Ibrahim elected as Prime Minister

Reformist opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim has been named as the newest prime minister by the country's king, Sultan Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah. Though Anwar's Alliance of Hope only gathered 82 seats in the election, he was still chosen against Muhyiddin Yassin who only garnered 73 seats. Ibrahim's rise to the position is said to bring in diverse waves of change for multiracial residents.

News Flash

▶ **USA:** 400 million USD security aid announced for Ukraine ▶ **Namibia:** Statue of Curt von François pulled down in Windhoek
▶ **Indonesia:** A 5.6 magnitude earthquake rattled the nation on Nov 21, 2022, killing 271 people and injuring 2,043 others

The racket rocket

Unfolding The Masterstroke To Success With Prakash Padukone



Koyal Das, AIS Gur 43, X B

INTERVIEW

Padukone—a surname known in every household, and that is the reality of a time even before Deepika Padukone became a superstar. Before she owned it, there was another name

that came in front, the one that went on to become a badminton legend. Meet Prakash Padukone—an Arjuna and Padma Shree awardee, and the first Indian to win the All England Open Badminton Championship. He was also ranked #1 in 1980. In an exclusive interactive session, he tells us about the journey that the surname has seen.

The baseline of journey

My father was a badminton player. Each time he went out to play with his friends, I would tag along. It was during that time that I got to know players like Suresh Goel and Rudie Hardon, who were my inspiration. I wanted



to be like them. I started playing at the age of seven. Back then, the sport was not so popular in Southern parts of India. Before badminton, I used to play basketball, cricket and table tennis.

The drive of a champion

When I first started playing this game, I didn't think of becoming world #1 or even a national champion; I was unsure whether I could even play district or state level. I just wanted to play because I loved the sport and over a period of time, I realised that I wanted to pursue it professionally. I began by playing whenever I could, and reached state level tournaments. At the age of 15, I won the national Junior Championship! It was my passion that took me this far.

Carrying the pain & gain

Life is not a bed of roses.

Wins and losses are a constant part of life, and that is exactly what sports teaches us. Everyone must take up some sport for it teaches various life lessons, one of them being the ability to accept defeat. You can't always win. In fact, a person who has played any sport knows how to learn from their mistakes.

Rally for the future

I co-founded Olympic Gold Quest, an NGO that identifies talented players and aids them in preparing for the Olympics. Over the years, we have identified many talented players like PV Sindhu, whom we have been supporting for the last 10-12 years. Currently, we support around 250 players from different sports.

Matching the potential

As a sports player, you need to have a structured training pro-

gramme that keeps you on track. You need to be talented in the chosen sport, and follow the 3Ds—discipline, dedication, and determination. You should be prepared to sacrifice your pleasures for the ultimate gain.

The great all-kill

For me, the most memorable match was my All England victory in 1980. Just as Wimbledon is to tennis, All England is to badminton, and back then, badminton wasn't even a part of the Olympics. It was a great moment for me because not only was I able to fulfill my childhood dream, but I could also make a huge difference to the Indian badminton committee. It was after that win that the sport became so popular in India.

The surname of success

As the father of Deepika Padukone and Anisha Padukone, nothing gives me more joy when my children excel in their respective fields, and that field does not necessarily need to be my own. I never forced them to become badminton players, and as a parent, neither should anyone else, because you have to let them follow their passion.



Prakash Padukone, former Indian badminton player

Future UNcertain

A Take On The Role Of UN In Solving Global Issues

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In the recently concluded G20 Summit, global leaders deliberated upon major issues grappling the world at large. While expressing his views on the same, PM Modi remarked, "how multilateral organisations like United Nations have become unsuccessful in tackling issues of our times." The statement has now raised a significant question on the 'role of the UN' in solving world issues. Here's what Amitians have to say on the said matter.

"Going by the recent conflict between Russia and Ukraine, the UN has not been quite swift in its response, which poses many questions to its functioning. Such a delayed response in its action plan has triggered world crisis such as shortage of goods, and most importantly, it has led to the loss of innocent lives. Hence, I completely agree with PM Mod's remark because the UN needs to act quickly to stop the world from entering a potential third world war."

Raabia Ali Abidi
AIS Saket, IX E

"The Russia-Ukraine war has put into perspective that the UN has failed to create reforms that suit the world. However, it cannot be denied that the UN did take steps to aid those in crisis due to armed conflict (as in Yemen, Syria, etc). So, saying that the organisation has been unsuccessful would be wrong. Perhaps, what the UN needs to do is, rework on the existing reforms as per current issues."

Yashasvini Verma
AIS Noida, XII J



Vichar Junction

"It's time for the UN to bring a change in the way it functions. Even though numerous peace treaties have been signed, still it has failed to prevent wars and the Arab Spring. The organisation should not refrain from implementing strict sanctions in order to

avoid escalation of conflicts. The reason being—we were affected by WWII, we are getting affected by Russia-Ukraine, and we will be affected by the tensions in the South China Sea as well in future."

Aarushi Anand
AIS Vasundhara 1, XII D

When colours unite

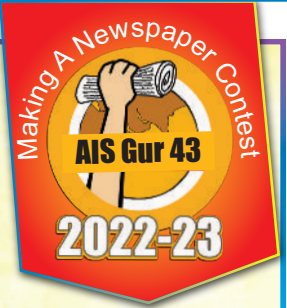
The Reflection And Refraction Of Rainbow Makes The World Shine Bright

Koyal Das, AIS Gur 43, X B

The skies were clear and the sun was shining. It truly was a great day in Heaven. The court was a full house with King Gaudium at the center and the Ministry of Gods and Council of Fairies in tow, when suddenly the skies turned grey. "Not again," cried Happiness Fairy. As all the heavenly beings tried to figure the change in weather, conundrum ensued below on planet earth. "Oh! Minister Rain, everyone was so happy until you decided to descend," taunted Minister Sun. "And me not showing up will make them unhappier. Don't you remember what happened when I fell ill last summer?" Rain remarked to everyone's agreement. "But something must be done. See, how the skies have turned grey," King Gaudium intervened. "I think I might have an idea," came a feeble voice from behind. It was Lumiere, the light fairy. She shared her plan and eventually everyone agreed. She asked rain to continue pouring, and sun to rise at an angle of 42° to the



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The science of it

When white light enters a raindrop, it bends and splits into seven colours. These colours further bounce off the surface to form a rainbow.

raindrops, simultaneously. While the ministers got to their job, Lumiere rushed home and awoke her seven children: Violet, Indigo, Blue, Green, Yellow, Orange and Red. Red enquired about their responsibilities, to which Lumiere answered,

"When Minister Sun makes the perfect angle and sets up the stage, we all will take off from there to perform our special rain dance. And when we hit the sur-

face of the raindrop, I will remain backstage and disperse you all, in the process of which I will bend slightly."

"Isn't that dance step known as refraction?" exclaimed Blue. "Yes," Lumiere answered, "After I refract, you will continue your

performance further. Be careful to not fall off the stage when you collide with the drops the second time. Just bounce back towards the center. This bouncing back is called reflection. On my signal, end the dance and exit the droplet. Red, being the eldest, will guide the others, and will bend the least. Kids, just remember the two steps - refraction and reflection."

Soon it was time to shine. Lumiere took the plunge and sky was filled with hues of joy. Everyone came out of their houses, dancing with delight. The impressed king announced, "This streak of glee overcame the dreadful darkness of rain. From now on, this will be called The Rainbow. And the colourful angels will be known as VIBGYOR." The crowd chanted, "Long live Lumiere! Long live VIBGYOR!"



A glamorous discovery

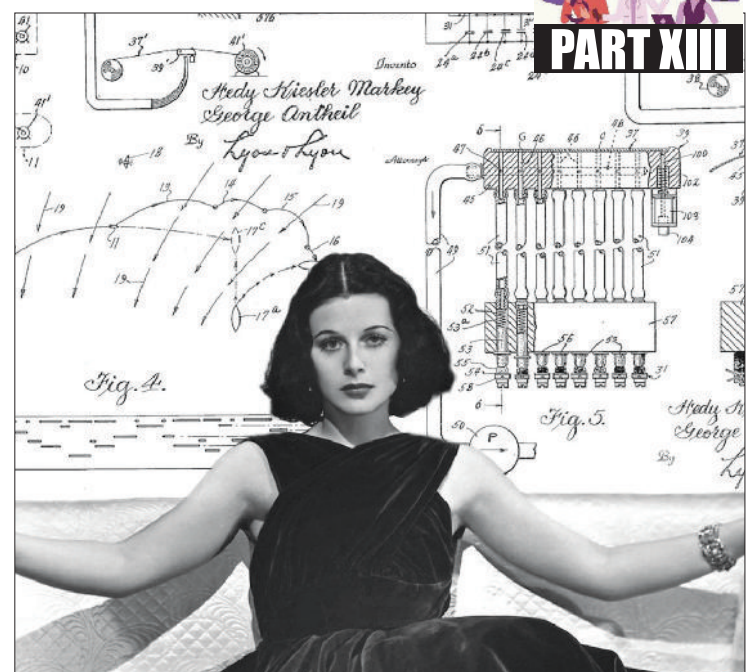
Everything About Hedy's Invention Of Frequency Hopping

Ruchita Nair, AIS MV, XI I

Throughout her acting career in the 1930s and 1940s, Austria-born American actress Hedy Lamarr was applauded for her alluring performances on the silver screen. However, she was also an ingenious inventor who planted the seed for what would blossom into some of our most-needed technology of today, including Wi-Fi, bluetooth, GPS, cordless phones, and cell phones. Lamarr's interest in invention began when she was merely five, when she dismantled a music box and reassembled it. She continued to

expand the horizons of her curiosity, and as an inventor, worked with a genius partner, an eccentric composer named George Antheil. Lamarr's greatest breakthrough came in the early years of World War II when she was trying to invent a device that blocked enemy ships from jamming torpedo guidance signals. Lamarr, along with Antheil, found a way for the radio guidance transmitter and the torpedo's receiver to jump simultaneously from frequency to frequency, making it impossible for the enemy to locate and block a message before it had moved to another frequency. This approach became known as 'frequency hop-

ping' and was later modified to create a variety of software such as Wi-Fi, GPS, and bluetooth. In 1997, her work received recognition and she was honoured with the Pioneer Award of the Electronic Frontier Foundation. Although Lamarr never made money from any of her inventions, she remained a scientist at heart. In fact, in Hollywood, she was often seen spending evenings working at home in the same room where she invented several other inventions, such as an anti-aircraft shell which is equipped with a proximity fuse, or a tablet that could be dropped in water to make a cola drink. 📺



Arsh Gupta, AIS Gurugram 43, X B

“Excuse me, brother... brother *idhar!*” As you pass by, ignoring me, I call out to you from the corner of my rusty shelf. Yes, I am the same Rubik’s cube that you bought with so much sparkle and yearning in your eyes, but, alas, with one failed attempt, I was tossed into the deep chasmic void of unused toys. For years I have waited for you to pick me up again, and put all my primary colours close to their own kind whilst sitting here idly, being deprived of the chance. With all these Gen Z children engrossed in their PS5, it’s time for me to tell the world my jumbled story.

I came into existence in 1974, through Ernő Rubik, my humble creator, in Hungary. I have many siblings as well, who come in different shapes and sizes - the 2×2, the Classic 3×3, the Mirror cube, the Megaminx, the Skewb, and many more. I started out as the ‘Magic Cube’, intended to be a tool to help understand complex math problems. The puzzle and toy industry gave me the identity I have today. By the 1980s, I was traveling all around the world, an instant hit for young children and adults alike. My perplexing nature piqued the interest of everyone; be it mathematicians, puzzlers, or enthusiasts, all eager to solve me. I am the one toy that can boast to have united Gen X, the millennials, and Gen Z. I have never been out of vogue among any generation, making me truly immortal. Since my inception, I have been an indispensable part of pop culture, finding my way into movies,

Scrambled!

Left Down, Right Up - The Rubik’s Way

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shows, books and even art. I can proudly say that I have been a sold-out toy year after year, with my sales going up to over 500,000 cubes each year. But this journey to the pinnacle of success was not without its trials. There were patent and trademark



concerns and conflicts, not to mention the earlier versions posed problems of low-grade plastic manufacturing alongside slow and rusty mechanisms. There was also a long slog in the trademark battle, for the shape that I was granted in 1999 was set to be stripped off in the year 2017. The mid-1980s even saw my sales plummeting, only for the craze to come back in the 2000s through speedcubing.

What did you say? ‘Speedcubing what?’ If only you’d been bothered with things other than PUBG. Just FYI, speedcubing is a recognised worldwide sport that involves individuals competing in 17 different events regulated by the World Cube Association (WCA). As a matter of fact, the current record for speedcubing stands at 3.47 seconds, yes you read that right!

If I had to sum up my life in one word, it would be ‘scrambled’, for my life sure is a scrambled mess of more than 43 quintillion combinations (if you can’t picture that in your mind, that’s 43 followed by 18 zeroes). Yes, that big! And as I’ve now reminded myself of my perils, I, sadly, must go and deal with them.

Mansi Kumari, AIS Gur 46, Alumna

Passionate for food? So are we, but the art of choosing restaurants is a difficult one to master, especially when you’re on a long road trip. Eat to your heart’s content at a roadside *dhaba* or indulge in an extravagant meal at a fine dining – the quandary hovers. Here’s how you can settle the dilemma once and for all.

Popping presentations

On a plate that looks nothing less than an antique piece of art, you’ll find a tiny scoop of mashed potatoes, boiled veggies coated in honey with a smear of sauce on the side... fancy, eh? They truly satisfy your hunger pangs (Insta ones only). But if your tummy is chummy, it’s *dhabas* all the way. A no-frills-attached shining steel plate, half of it laden with rice and the other half with curry of your choice, may not be the ultimate feast for your eyes, but for tummy...oh yes!

Ample ambience

Enter and your ears are treated to some light jazz music, or perhaps a live musician playing to your amusement. And it isn’t all party

Where to go?

Fine Dining Or Dhaba - It’s Your Choice!



for only your ears, the nose has a gala time too as a subtle lemongrass fragrance goes wafting inside the nostrils. Maybe the man who said we eat with all our senses was a Michelin starred chef. But that doesn’t mean the *dhabas* are lagging behind in giving you

a multi-sensory experience. Featuring an old jukebox blasting *chaiyyan chaiyyan*, your ears encounter loud roars of laughter, cars and trucks honking in the background on the side along with a very pleasant earthly scent that fills in your nostrils.

Cutting cutlery

The wide collection of fancy cutleries at a fine dining restaurant makes you feel the need to go back and learn table etiquettes; meaning, which of these hundred different shapes and sizes of spoons or knives do you use to put food in your mouth? And then there are different kinds of questions you ask when you are visiting a *dhaba*, which includes the likes of – what is cutlery? You struggle to find one proper shaped spoon as most of them are twisted or have lost the sheen because of being washed in hard detergent n number of times in a day.

Mesmerising menu

Glossy prints replete with words you can’t pronounce, that’s the menu card for you. Adding to your agony is the description written beneath the dishes. Sample this - “Rice slowly cooked in lentil soup, topped off with coriander.” Scratching your head, you finally recognise the hidden meaning - *khichdi*. God bless you if you go with even approximate expectations to a *dhaba*, where a gleeful server comes chanting, “*dal tadka, malai kofta, shahi paneer, dal makhani*”. Choose from the walking-talking menu. 🇮🇳

Role models



Dr Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

In 2017, when the young IFS officer, Eenam Gambhir, delivered a power-packed speech at the United Nations indicting terrorism, I was marveled at the eloquence and coherence of her communication skills. Such a proficiency is especially important when it comes to handling both geo-political and socio-economic issues, and I believe that one can hone these skills at an early stage with right guidance.

It is with this vision that we have MUNs, an excellent platform for Amityans to master the flair for expression as well as navigate through the world of diplomacy and international relations.

Several students from Amity Group of Schools recently participated in both MUNOG (Model United Nations Goldberg) held in Germany and the Oxford Global MUN-2022 at Oxford University. It is indeed a matter of great pride that at MUNOG, Samaya Chauhan of AIS Pushp Vihar received the Best Delegate Award for her outstanding contribution. While Sanjali Sharma and Yashasvini Verma from AIS Noida represented as Chair in the committee on the status of women and ECOSOC (Economic and Social Council). The visit proved that our students are not only exceptional leaders, but also brand ambassadors for their country's culture and values. During the cultural exchange, they presented Indian dance forms and art, and also recited *gayatri mantra* in front of the global audience. At the Oxford MUN, Samaya Chauhan once again proved her mettle by winning the Honorable Mention Award at the conference, which witnessed participation of over 600 delegates across Europe. This event also saw brilliant diplomatic skills of Sanjana Chauhan at UN 1945 and Aarav Mohan at General Assembly-Disarmament and International Security Committee (GA-DISEC).

To see that Amityans are developing a view of the outstanding world at such a young age and that they are able to articulate their thoughts with precision and compassion gives me great joy. As a proud mother, I am convinced that a bright and happy future awaits my young diplomats.

Be karma yogis!



Dr Anshu Arora
Principal, AIS Gur 43

The power of action, and more importantly, genuine, persistent, and a right kind of action is what the world needs today. More often than not, we are caught up in the vicious cycle of actions that are motivated by 'What will my reward be?' Because of it, what ensues is action not guided by a sense of righteousness or a sense of excellence, but jaded by our short-term needs and desires. In such times, the Bhagwad Gita's iconic quintessential *shloka* should always

resound in our minds - *Karmanye vadhikaraste ma phaleshu kadachana, ma karma phalaheturbhurma te sangostvakarmani*. The meaning of the verse is, "Perform your actions but do not have any expectation of the fruits."

So dear children, be karma yogis! Be the light that brings light into the world as envisioned by our mentor karma yogis, Founder President sir and Chairperson ma'am. Energise and enthuse the world with the purity of purpose, and your actions will heal the world. This is the purpose of this noble and opportune platform, The Global Times; it is your sounding board, a reflection of your karma and mindset. Remain committed to the purpose and ignite the spark of the same in others.

In with the old

Heritage Hotels: Killing Or Revamping Legacy?

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Raja Nirmal Singh Chauhan had lived comfortably in his majestic palace all his life. After the 'privy purse' was scrapped in 1971, he was forced to convert his home into a hotel, a decision he was rather reluctant to make. What followed was a conversation...

Raja: Oh dear! Although I haven't lost my palace, it seems like it.

Palace: Your Majesty, if I may, you are ignoring the positives!

Raja: Positives? There will be commoners roaming the halls of my home—an invasion of my legacy. If this is what heritage hotels are, I do not want any part of it.

Palace: But Your Majesty, this isn't an invasion, but an intervention! If I may explain—heritage hotels are historical landmarks turned hotels predating 1950 with the intent of preventing historical structures from falling into decay. Come to think of it, I will return to my former glory. Your eminence, along with that of the local community I am located in, will be further dispersed. Your legacy will be experienced firsthand by visitors from around the globe. Besides, studies show that rehabilitation of old buildings like me takes half to three quarters of the time required to demolish the same floor area.

Raja: Ummm...though it all does sound nice in theory, I am not entirely convinced. Why would

visitors want to stay here instead of a newly established hotel?

Palace: Your Majesty, we have what conventional hotels lack—authenticity, luxury, world-class architecture, and most importantly, a sense of history! Statistics suggest that a cultural tourist spends as much as 38% higher per day.

Raja: But what about the people of my own land? They won't be able to afford this experience now, would they?

Palace: You're correct. Most middle-class Indians will never get to admire my ornate architecture. But the hotel will make up for it in other ways. Locals will be hired and trained as staff. Both you and your people will be elevated economically. We will attract visitors with our old-world charm and convert our one-horse town into

a popular destination.

Raja: Alright! The idea does seem a little less revolting now, but what about the consequences of commercialisation? That could end up undermining our legacy.

Palace: Your Majesty, people might try to replicate me, but they will never be able to replicate the stories and memories you made with me! Besides, your legacy lies not just in me, but also with the tales that I narrate. My unique ability of being the 'original' is what will set me apart from all the hotels.

Raja: I am touched. With this heritage hotel, I will be able to provide them a glimpse into the past, and that's quite... special. Hopefully, we will be better off as a heritage hotel.

Palace: *hums* Que sera, sera; whatever will be, will be.

4 PERSPECTIVE

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The power of words

Gen Z—the survivors of unprecedented times, the ones bombarded with possibilities like no other in history! Yet they rise to every occasion, warming hearts to create masterpieces. They have lived virtually and then returned to normalcy, and GT has made this journey with



Shalini Ramaul
GT Coordinator

them. It has, in its dynamic vistas, given them opportunities to prepare for the future, fostering thoughtful and engaged citizens. In its very being, this platform develops greater skills to meet the demands of our changing landscape.

As we traversed on this journey of making our contest issue, we delib-

erated upon social issues to interviewing stalwarts; from tasting the thrill of ground reporting to weaving a fairytale to explaining scientific phenomena; from tickling your funny bone to unravelling newer vistas on the career front – what an exploration and what learning it has been! Exhilarated? Yes! Raring for more? Absolutely! "A word after a word is power," said Margaret Atwood, and here we are wielding that power through the pages of our contest edition. Read on and feel empowered!



Looking for clues



Does catching the bad guys only entail holding a gun? If your answer to this question is yes, then you clearly aren't familiar enough with the cool field of forensic science. Catching the culprits with test tubes, the field of criminalistics mixes science, criminal law, and civil law. Watch out as **Koyal Das, AIS Gurugram 43, X B** tells you exactly how you too can break into the stream!



Dr Hemlata Pandey

Autopsy of the qualification

To be a forensic odontologist, you first need to be a dentist. You can choose forensic odontology as a subject while pursuing BDS, and can later do a specialisation or a diploma in it. Another thing that can help you get an extra edge in the field is LLB.

The will in the DNA

The nature of work is sensitive because you face gruesome visuals at crime spots, which is why you need to be mentally strong. Also, one must be good with technology.

Swabbing the timings

It is not like a 9-5 job. You need to work with the police on urgent

Meet the expert

A forensic odontologist, Dr Hemlata Pandey is the first Indian to have established forensic odontology at a government hospital. She also serves as the assistant professor at Seth GS Medical College, and is the proud recipient of the Mid-Day Young Achiever Icon Award.

cases, and the investigation can happen anytime. You might even be stuck in the lab for 24 hours.

Teeth play an important role

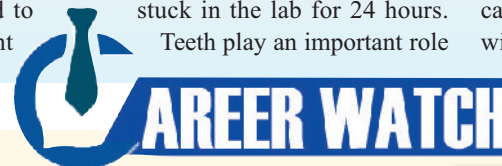
in identifying crime because they are strong, making your role important.

The expert witness

When I started working in this field, very few people in India knew about it. In fact, I was unemployed for a year when I came back from the UK. However, things have changed. Today, forensic odontology has helped solve various crime cases, making the law system accept its contribution openly.

The visible print of success

Initially, I will suggest you not to focus on the amount of money you earn but at the experience you gain from each case. Also, the field is now coming up with new job opportunities.



CAREER WATCH



Adarsh Mishra

Meet the expert

An expert in fingerprint and handwriting deduction, Adarsh Mishra is the CEO and director of Brilliant Forensic Investigation Pvt Ltd. With a PhD in forensic science, he is also a visiting lecturer at the Amity Institute of Forensic Science, Amity University, Uttar Pradesh.

Swabbing the timings

There are no fixed timings. In private sector there is a lot of competition, so if you are ignorant to the needs of the clients, they will take their business elsewhere.

The expert witness

My journey in the field has been exciting. With every crime case, I have to create different strategies and search for fingerprints.

The visible print of success

You can open your own company, work in the field or teach. Besides, if you start your own venture, you can earn 15-20 lakh per month easily.

Autopsy of the qualification

You need a Bachelors, Masters and even PhD. There are usually two fields in this profession – dry field, and the other related to testing laboratories. For dry field, you need to have graduation and post graduation but for the other one you need to have more knowledge and experience.

The will in the DNA

You need to have a sound knowledge of your stream as you can be cross examined in the court for any case. You should be able to state your source, and you should be extra attentive and proactive.

Autopsy of the qualification

To become a toxicologist, you can pursue MSc in Chemistry, and can even look for different specialisations. However, if you wish to become a medical toxicologist, then you must opt for MBBS degree followed by MD.

The will in the DNA

Toxicology is about your ability to judge, observe and interpret. You must get into the subject and learn through application.

Swabbing the timings

You've to be available 24X7 as well as quick in response. The reason being, poison works quickly and you need to work quicker. It is your job to help the police solve emergency cases.

Meet the expert

A toxicologist, Dr V V Pillay is chief at the Poison Control Centre, Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences as well as the professor and head, Forensic Medicine and Toxicology, AIMS, Cochin.



Dr V V Pillay

The expert witness

A personal incident inspired me to enter this field - my daughter was poisoned due to carelessness and when I witnessed the sorry state of affairs of toxicology in the hospital where she was admitted, I realised that I needed to do whatever I could to help the field.

The visible print of success

Do not focus on the money. If you do so, then you're not interested in the field. In fact, focus on how you can save someone's life because of your job.

The White Stallion

Arnav Goel


AIS Gurugram 43, X B

I opened my eyes, feeling groggy. I realised I was trapped somewhere tiny like a shoe cabinet. I could hear footsteps approaching and some murmurs outside, a sliver of light coming from a crack enabled me to see. Once I could see clearly, all of it suddenly came back to me. I was on my way home to celebrate my outstanding performance in a physics exam. Lost in thought, I came across a peculiar-looking black sheet that had some codes, and a quaint yet odd 'White Stallion' drawn on the other side. No sooner had I picked up the sheet that cars started honking, strong winds started to blow, and the sky above darkened with clouds. It all seemed very ominous. Scared, I ran home as fast as I could. Climbing the steps, I saw the door open, and some strange people sitting in the living room. Looking at these strangers, it dawned upon me that it wasn't my home at all. Turns out that in my disoriented state of mind, I had taken a wrong turn and I was now in

the hideout of the renowned criminal group - The White Stallion.

A woman's piercing shriek broke my reverie, "Get him!" she shouted. I started running back but they caught up with me in no time and I blacked out. I woke up 15 minutes later, feeling dizzy with a sharp pain on my wrist due to the ropes I was tied with. A sudden burst of light flooded the whole cabinet when a stout, balding man with bright piercing eyes opened the door and asked me, "What's your name?" Quivering fearfully, I replied, "Frank, F-frank B-bright". He laughed at my stuttering voice and asked me, "Who are you working for? NYPD? CIA?" Crying, I replied, "You are mistaken, sir. I am just 14 years old." He guffawed threateningly and said, "We kill little birds like you every day; tell us the truth or

He laughed at my stuttering voice and asked me, "Who are you working for? NYPD? CIA?"

suffer the same fate". When I kept repeating the same thing over and over, he suddenly shut the door with a panicked look on his face, leaving me behind in the darkness. I could hear a commotion outside, with a few scattered gunshot sounds. I had braced myself for a deadly fate when the door opened yet again. But it wasn't the same man, it was someone else. He untied my hands and feet, pulled me out and said, "It's your lucky day, son. You were caught by the White Stallion in the middle of our secret mission to capture them. You were just in the wrong place at the wrong time. But worry not, we have made arrangements to send you back to your home." At that, I breathed a sigh of relief, for my short but horrifying ordeal was now over, and the first thought that occurred to me was that today, of all days, should be celebrated, no matter what. 



Tip the cook



Illustration: Myiesha Malik, AIS Gur 43, X B

Ayushi Jain

AIS Gurugram 43, X A

When we were just about to leave
The plates of *makhani paneer* behind
The yummy meal the chef had weaved
Made papa have a thought in mind


He went to the cook behind the counter
Whose hands were lathered with spice
Slid a note, explaining his needless saunter
The cook had expected cooking advice

Amused, for it was a rare sight for the cook
Who did all – chop, saute, fry, knead and brew
But the tips of his skills and hard work

Often ended with the waiter crew

And so beholding some extra cash
The cook decided to leave early
And ran so fast, could be called rash
To buy his wife a hair pin of *chameli*

And that night the wife was full of joy
The smell of the flowers, a bliss to enjoy
The flowers weren't the only thing dewy
Their teary eyes, a sight of tranquil beauty

To bring a smile on the face of the cook
A sweet gesture was all it took
All you have to remember now
Is to generously tip the cook! 

Read Play and Win

Reading GT can be fun as it can fetch you a prize too. Participate in this interesting contest simply by clicking on the link mentioned below in the online edition/taking a picture of the sheet and mailing us your responses at editor@theglobaltimes.in. So, get set, go!



Q.1 On which page can you find the article 'The post peril'?	Q.2 Name the guest who got interviewed on page 3.	Q.3 What is the title of the article written by Mansi Kumari, AIS Gur 46, Alumna?
Q.4 How many Amitians partook in the Oxford Global MUN-2022 held at Oxford University?	Q.5 Who is the author of the story 'The White Stallion'?	Q.6 How many countries are a part of the G20 forum?
Q.7 Name the railroad garden featured on page 10.	Q.8 How much time does an average US adult spend on their phone?	Q.9 Which award did American actress Hedi Lamarr receive in 1997?

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

Results of Read Play & Win-7: **Khushi Sharma**, AIS Vasundhara 1, VII D; **Lakshita Aneja**, AIS Mayur Vihar, VI B; **Manya Malik**, AIS Pushp Vihar, IX E

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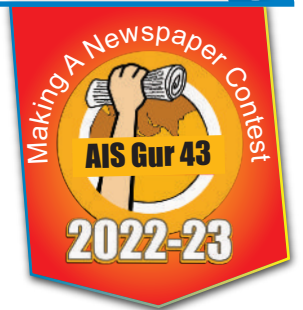
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Summing up the summit

Geetaali Malhotra & Aanya Moturu, AIS Gur 43, XI C, Bring You G20 Highlights



Group of Twenty formed in 1999

An inter-governmental forum comprising 20 members has been formed to address major issues pertaining to the global economy like international financial stability, climate change mitigation and sustainable development.



Since 2008, the summit is convened at least once a year with high-ranking govt. officials as well as international guests participating in the event. The 20 permanent members of the group are Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, South Korea, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States of America, and the European Union.



2022 G20 summit held in Indonesia

The 17th meeting of G20 was held in Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia from Nov 15-16, 2022 with the theme 'Recover Together, Recover Stronger'. For the event, the Indonesian government allocated a budget of 45 million USD, and deployed around 10,000 police officers and 18,000 soldiers for

security. Flights to Bali's international airport were restricted, with a ban against commercial aircrafts staying overnight. The event also brought tourism-dependent Bali back to life after the COVID-19 devastation. It was attended by prime representatives of all member countries, except



Russia where foreign affairs minister Sergey Lavrov attended in place of Russian president Vladimir Putin.

Eliminating global starvation



A major chunk of the 2022 G20 summit was focused on keeping the food supply chains functioning, especially under the circumstances created by the Russia-Ukraine war. With a need to strengthen food security and building resilient systems, significant measures were suggested. This included investment in agriculture, improving market transparency, reducing food loss and waste, fostering sustainable growth, and supporting human resource development. The session welcomed the Black Sea Grain Initiative and stressed upon the importance of ensuring that the global energy demand is matched by affordable supply.

Call for a better future

With a plethora of discussion on different topics, the 2022 G20 summit in Bali came to an end with a common declaration issued by the leaders. The statement called for the G20 members to undertake 'necessary actions' to stay agile in macroeconomic policy responses, protect financial stability, promote food and energy security, unlock investments for low and middle income and other developing countries and recommit to accelerate achievement of the SDGs.



US-China becoming friends

To resolve the tension brewing since US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's Taiwan visit, a meeting between US prez Biden and Chinese president Xi was organised on Nov 14 to restore the communication between the two. While Biden dismissed rumours of 'cold war', none talked of the Taiwan issue. Both countries focused on ways to boost industrialisation by introducing reforms. Constructive efforts were agreed upon to deal with transnational barriers, aim a bid to maintain macroeconomic stability not limited to health and food security.



Coal sweating from global temperature



A commitment towards increasing actions to limit global warming was shown by the leaders. India wanted other countries to phase down their usage of fossil fuels by ending the combustion of coal in coal-burning power plants. It was stressed upon that such a goal can only be achieved if all work collectively. Developed countries were urged to fulfil their commitment of mobilising 100 billion USD per year for the mission. The G7 countries, EU, Denmark, and Norway came together on Nov 15 to announce Indonesia Just Energy Transition Partnership – a 20 billion USD deal to decarbonise Indonesia's coal-powered economy.

Russo-Ukrainian talk of the town

The US president and Chinese president jointly agreed that Russia should not use nuclear weapons against Ukraine. This, however, came in complete opposition of Chinese foreign minister, Wang Yi's statement, who called the nuclear blasting 'rational'. China and Russia were noted to be against the usage of the word 'war' in G20's final communique in context to Russia's invasion. A lot of countries were against Russia participating in the event and made it clear by not posing for photos, leaving events, and calling for Russia to be ousted from the forum. The tension also increased on the second day due to the explosion in Poland near Ukraine's border, forcing G7 and NATO leaders to hold an emergency meeting for the same.



India assumes next presidency

The presidency was handed over to India for the next summit, which will be India's chance to showcase its leadership. US praised the country for playing an essential role in negotiating

the declaration at the 2022 summit. Though India was to host the summit this year, it swapped it with Indonesia as the latter is slated to hold the chairmanship of ASEAN in 2023.



A miniature paradise



Step Into The Lilliputian World Of NeverEnuf Garden Railway



Ayushi Jain, X A & Chhavi Gupta, VIII D, AIS Gur 43

Enter village Para Tehsil Tawas City, Gurugram, Haryana, and you'll find 'NeverEnuf Garden Railway'. A first-of-its-kind concept in India, NeverEnuf is a miniature landscape spread over an acre of land with many miniature dioramas. Highlighting every minute detail of this educational railroad garden, Adesh Grover, the steam man behind the miniature park, shares everything that makes this place worth a visit for children and adult.

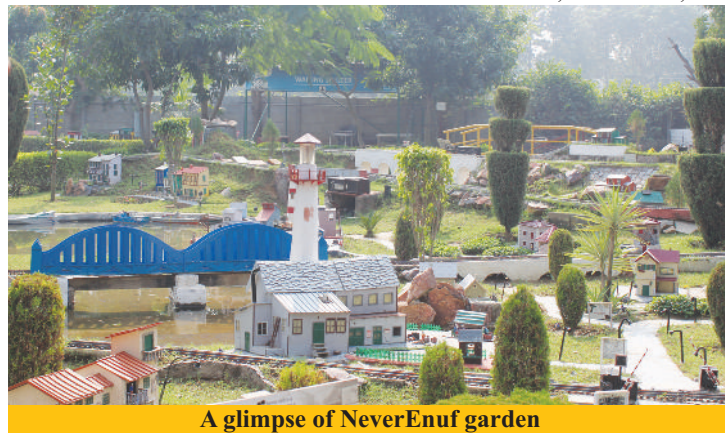
Living up to its name

Once inside NeverEnuf, you'll discover a park where everything makes you feel enormous. A chug-chug train runs around dispersing candies straight from the 'Big Nut factory' and chanting announcements which you can record on



Adesh Grover

your own! Next up you encounter a port town, with remote controlled ships ushering you in and the tiny people on the deck waving you hello outside their teeny-tiny shops, 'Sofa So Good', 'Life Of Pie' and many others! "The aim behind creating such a place was to introduce India to the world of miniatures. There are so many rail modelers in the western world, and they served as my inspiration. In fact, I wanted to design a place where I could indulge in my inter-



A glimpse of NeverEnuf garden

ests ie of miniature modeling," says Grover.

Putting it all together

The garden was developed step by step. "The concept of miniature modeling is pretty much non-existent in India and initially, I didn't have a layout in my mind. So, I built the entire garden section-wise as sourcing of materials for each section was the most difficult task," Grover quips. The next challenge was the cost of materials. "It

became difficult to source materials with the imposition of duties and curtailing of imports. What costs about 200 dollars, ended up costing close to 400 dollars because of the duties."

Maintaining the models

There are a ton of electrical components powering the railway nirvana you see. "A park of this size and complexity requires round-the-clock maintenance. As you go about, you'll see that there are

miles and miles of wires, millions of switches, motors, circuits, and other components. To keep a facility like this functional, there must be ongoing maintenance procedures; however, because there are no explicit instructions, one must first burn their fingertips before determining what will work best for them. That's exactly what we've done," he quips. For he believes, "In my opinion interaction is vital, though it comes at a heavy cost. Moreover, I want the children and adults to forget about their daily life tensions and explore the park."

Vision of the hobbyist

"Have you ever seen a middle-aged man playing with trains or simply lounging on his desk surrounded by a pile of ship parts? In the Indian society, these are unusual spectacles. But NeverEnuf wants to highlight these pastimes," elaborates Grover. This miniature park inspires you to discover your unknown likings. So, go ahead and plan a visit soon. [G I](#)



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Amitians shine at International MUNs

From Goldberg To Oxford, It Is Amity All Over

Amity Educational Resource Centre

Oxford Global MUN

A team of 12 Amitians from different branches of Amity Group of Schools participated in Oxford Global MUN-2022 held at Oxford University, United Kingdom, from November 11-16, 2022. It is also a matter of pride that Samaya Chauhan (IX) of AIS Pushp Vihar won the Honorable Mention award at the conference which witnessed participation of over 600 delegates from across the globe. Amitians participated in GA-DISEC (General Assembly-Disarmament and International Security Committee), UN Women, COP-27 (The UN Climate Change Conference), Historic GA 1945, WTO (World Trade Organisation), WHO (World Health Organisation) and ECO-SOC. They deliberated on agendas like formation of UN charter, po-



Amity delegation with Ambassador of India to UK



(L) Jyoti Arora with Sec Gen Joana (R) Samaya Chauhan

sition of women, rights of employees, Russia-Ukraine crisis, intellectual property rights, artificial intelligence, climate finance,

monetisation of social media, disarmament etc. Amitians made a mark with their knowledge and research-driven debating skills. They also got an opportunity to interact with Amity alumni at the first ever Amity Alumni Meet UK-Oxford University Chapter and University of Cambridge Chapter. Amitians also visited India House and interacted with HE Vikram Doriaswamy, ambassador of India to the UK, and Amish Tripathi, minister of culture and education, and Director of Nehru Centre. [G I](#)



Raising Amity's flag high at MUN Goldberg



Samaya Chauhan

(IX) from AIS Pushp Vihar, and Madhav Gupta (IX) from AIS Noida. The students were accompanied by Ameeta Mohan, principal, AIS PV.

During the visit, Amitians stayed with host families in Germany, which provided them a unique opportunity for cultural exchange. They

also visited the iconic Mercedes Benz Museum. They presented Indian traditional dances, chanted Gayatri Mantra, explained its meaning, and gifted a token of Indian Madhubani art and painting to the principal of Goldberg Gymnasium. They also celebrated Diwali and Founder President Dr Ashok K. Chauhan's birthday on October 24, which coincides with UN Foundation Day, to spread the message of light and unity. [G I](#)

resolutions for the same. Samaya Chauhan (IX) from AIS Pushp Vihar received the Best Delegate award in the committee of Status of Women. Sanjali Sharma (XII) and Yashasvini Verma (XII) from AIS Noida were the Chair in the committee of Status of Women and ECOSOC (Economic and Social Council) respectively. Other students who participated in the programme were Suhani Chauhan (X), Pari Mittal (XI), Avni Gupta

The opportunity to participate in MUNOG & Oxford Global MUN was extended by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, and was facilitated by Amity Educational Resource Centre. The programmes are aimed at educating students about international relations, diplomacy & working of UN.



Players and principal Manju Singh pose at AIS Gwalior

Children's day @ Amity

AIS Gwalior

On the occasion of Children's Day, the school organised two friendly matches between students and teachers. The basketball match between girls of Class VI-IX and teachers was won by girls with the final score of 24-16. In the cricket match held between the boys of Class XI-XII and teachers, the latter ended up winning the match by 15 runs.

AIS Vasundhara 6

The school organised Readersville event on Children's Day, during which a host of activities were held to develop the love for books and reading in children. Some of the activities held were



Readersville joy at AIS Vas 6

story weaving, word play worksheets, treasure hunt, storytelling sessions with grandparents, creating manga and haiku poems, drafting graphic novels, bookmark making, etc. A book-talk session was also organised, during which the budding authors of the school who had published their books during the pandemic read out excerpts from their books. An author talk by master storyteller, Simi

Srivastava, was also held wherein she narrated many stories from different walks of life.

AIS Gurugram 46



Bal mela fun at AIS Gurugram 46

A fun-filled and exciting Bal Mela was held for the students of Class I-V and Amitasha from November 14-15, 2022. Children enjoyed different types of rides and swings. They were gifted books by Ruskin Bond, Dr Seuss series, Bumble and Bee series, Akbar Birbal, and Judy Moody series by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF.

AIS Vasundhara 1

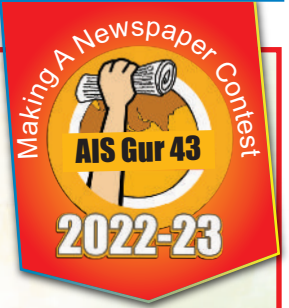
Children's Day Carnival was organised in the school on November 14, 2022. It included a variety of games like the lollipop pull, number cups, flip flop, swipe and slide, colourmania, imaginia art, and rides like columbus, giant wheel, bouncy, caterpillar, mini car etc.

Activities like disco jockey, talent hunt, tambola, and an array of edible delights made the event unforgettable for the children and their parents both. [G I](#)



Inauguration of Children's Day Carnival at AIS Vasundhara 1

The post peril



Settling The Mano A Mano Between Instaholics And Retrophiles

Avni Munjal

AIS Gurugram 43, X D

It was a fine Sunday morning as Siya set out to post her letter. Sure, it wasn't an exercise by choice, but she couldn't deny having enjoyed it. She wanted to thank her mom for the idea, but knew what would follow – "I told you, it is so much better than being glued to social media." Nonetheless, she made her way to the mailbox...

The Stamped Post: (Proudly) Can you see? She is carrying me with utmost care and excitement as seen by her expression. I love this part where I shall go sliding! But wait! Why would you take that electronic box-thing out now? No, this is my moment; pay attention to thy pen pal letter, which has been lovingly crafted. Thou shalt attempt all the horrible 'poses' thou make afterwards! Hmph! I know the drill; thou will go to that pink-purple thing, do some witchcraft to click my photograph, and well, post it the 'modern' way first and the real way after, right?

The Hashtagged Post: Man, it feels so great to be back. Heya, old frenemy! Las' time I saw yeh, feels ages ago. What was it, two centuries? My, how have you grown! That reminds me, I haven't introduced meself! Well, (rolling his eyes) do I really need

to? I am ye're greatest addiction, a Social Media Post.

The Stamped Post: There's no need for that pomposity, dear fellow. Feels suffocating locked in

that phone, doesn't it? And for seeing me after long, that is because Siya was busy decorating me intricately. She wanted to make me the most beautiful thing ever. Unlike thou, making me takes time and effort. Also, one doesn't get scolded by the elders if they use me, nor am I the cause of every illness this planet shall see.

The Hashtagged Post: (Ignoring the insult) Oh, well! That's the point, ain't it? What else is yer work than ter let her express her (mockingly) emotions, feelings, sorrows, joys, followers, blah blah blah? That's what I let her do in the spur of the moment. An' instead of travellin' all me

life, her friends get me within seconds an' even comment on me. An' most importantly, she don't need to spend money on me.

The Stamped Post: Oh, really?

Did I miss the part where the box-thing you come in started growing on trees? And what would thou even know about the sweet fruits of adversity? It's a whole other feeling to be able to travel the ex-

citing world and to look at the receiver treating thou like a mother gently holding her newborn child. And paying for you doesn't even make any cents (pun intended).

The Hashtagged Post: How funny! (rolling his eyes again). Now, are yeh done? (fake yawn) All those thou-thys bout yer greatness is makin' me sick. Want

to know something shocking? Ye're made of paper! Ha! And of course, yeh are tear-able (grinning broadly). My dear bloke, if I could, I'd tear ye apart and crush ye under my foot. Ouch, did that hurt ye, dear pal?

The Stamped Post: You should have thought twice before offending me. Who art thou without that nasty new personality like thyne, the Internet? Yes, sire, (mocking him bitterly) ye're nothin' withou' him.

The Hashtagged Post: Yeah (angrily), an' what are yeh withou' that human postma-Siya closes her phone, keeps it in her pocket.

The Stamped Post: Finally, what a headach-ahhh....

A thud resonates in the surrounding as the letter is slipped inside the mailbox, ready to begin its journey abroad, after having a chit-chat with his frenemy.

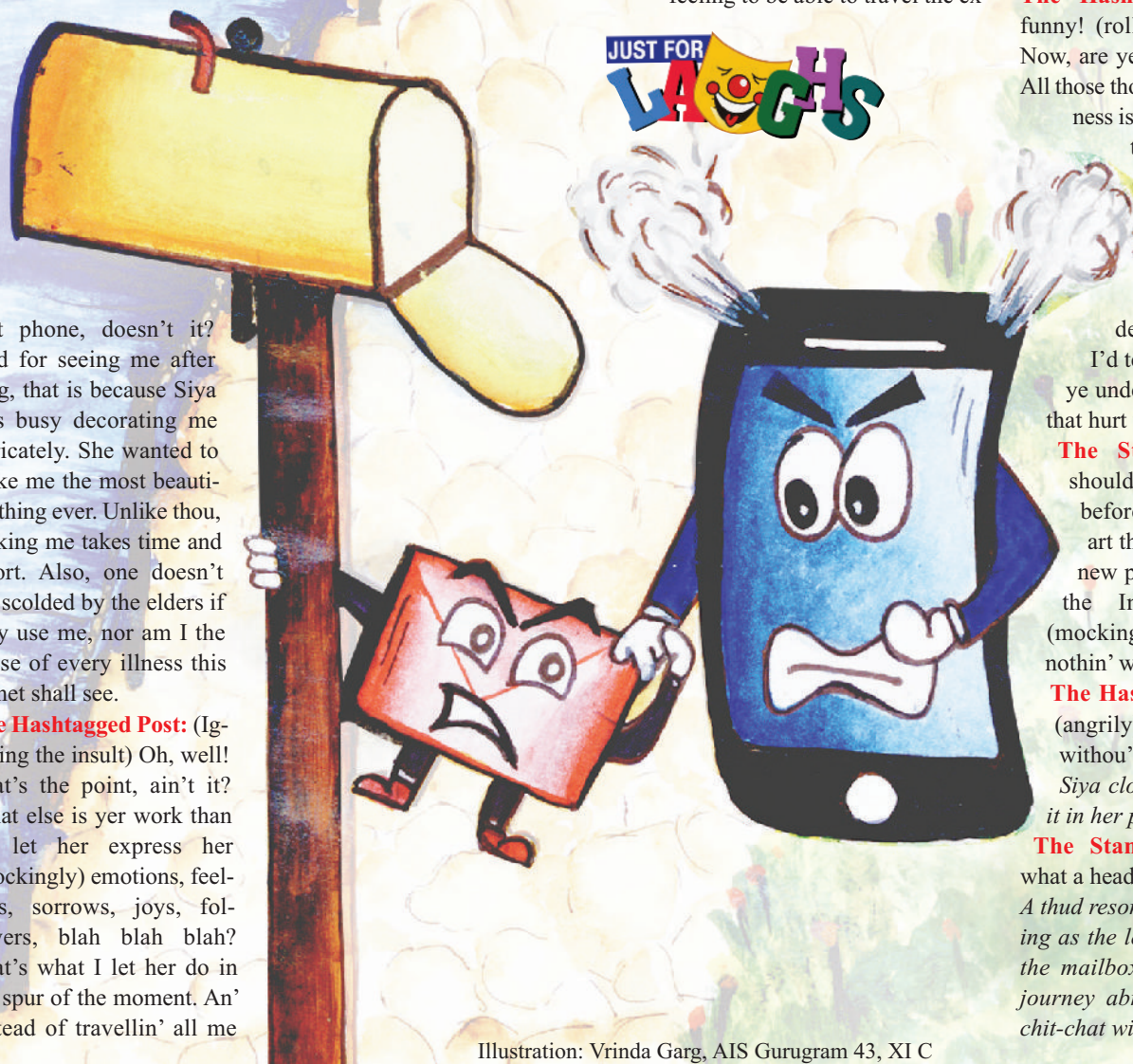


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