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"The world is becoming a smaller space where social media is bringing people closer and anyone can share their story."

— Aishwarya Rai Bachchan
(On #MeToo movement)

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Do you think India's selection in UN Human Rights Council will strengthen its global stand?

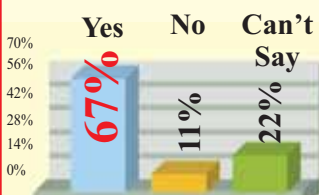
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POLL RESULT

for GT Edition October 8, 2018

Do you think the recently held public opinion poll has a role in determining the status of 2019 elections?



Results as on October 13, 2018

Coming Next

Meet the YP teams

Festival of change

October: Serving Various Festivals Of India In Their Modern Avatar

Rashi Garg, GT Network

October is the month of soft breeze of change as we transition from harsh summers to biting winters. It is also the month when glee cheers euphoria, as festivities of the Indian calendar kick in. With 'change' and 'festivities' hanging thick in the air, we decided to explore both in this edition's top story.

A celebration of change

Indian festivals have breathed colour and shined light for as long as we've known. But they have gone through metamorphosis too as candles and *diyas* were replaced by dainty fairy-lights; the colour made way for its organic counterparts. *Laddoos* and *jalebis*, found their heir in sugar free sweets. The ganpati idols, were replaced by eco-friendly counterparts; some going an actual mile for change, with one restaurant in Amritsar making a chocolate idol which was later immersed in milk and distributed to underprivileged kids.

A celebration of unity

Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations were initiated by Maratha ruler Chhatrapati Shivaji to propagate culture. It remained a family affair till Bal Gangadhar Tilak, a social reformer and freedom fighter, brought back the tradition of celebrating it as grand public event. The celebrations soon became a meeting

ground for people from all castes and communities at a time when the British discouraged social and political gatherings to control the population. Our festivals, whilst changing, opened their arms. Moving away from the shy private affairs, our festivals have become more flamboyant, their arms spread wide to embrace the community.

A celebration of secularism

There was a time when if you wanted to celebrate Ganesh Chaturthi, you'd prob-

ably have to take a flight to Mumbai. But that is a thing of the past. Today the rivers and lakes in Delhi engulf as many idols as does the sea in Mumbai. The festive fervour of *dandiya* is as resplendent in the city as it is in Gujarat. Chath, a festival celebrated in Northern India saw the capital enjoy a holiday. As regional festivals rally to the front, it is celebration of a secular India that takes the limelight. Festivals spell happiness where people come together to celebrate irrespective of their caste or creed.

A celebration of taste

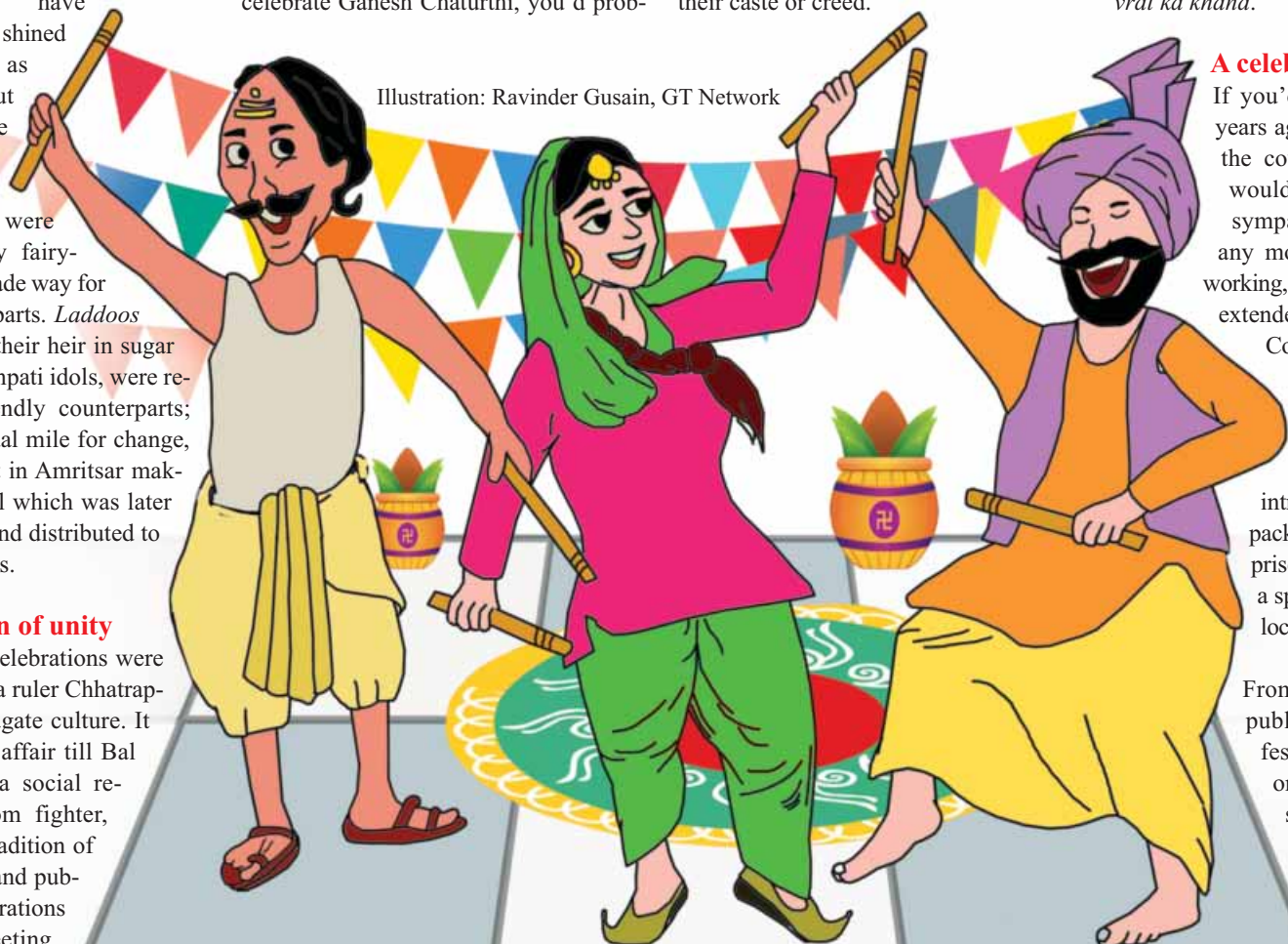
We all know of the navratra thali. Domino's took things a step ahead with the navratra pizza last year, dishing out a pizza made of *singhare ka atta*. While we weren't fans of the same, its underlying taste was that of sweetness of celebration. Restaurants are also offering regional foods like onam sadhya. The pizza chain even turned 500 of its outlets vegetarian. Maa, no longer needs to stand in the kitchen, sweating for hours, preparing *vrat ka khana*.

A celebration of holidays

If you'd told someone a few years ago that you won't be in the country for Diwali, you would have been met with sympathetic looks. But not any more. With both parents working, Diwali is now a time for extended holidays. Thomas Cook recorded a growth of 36% in 2015 across domestic and international travel. The travel company also introduced special festival packages which could comprise a traditional meal and a special pooja at an exotic location during the holiday.

From cosy celebrations to public affairs; from select festivities to celebrating one and all; our festivals seem to have been swept away by the winds of change. But we aren't complaining anymore. 🇮🇳

Illustration: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network



Let us dance...

Geeta Mahalik Believes Dance Is The Answer To Everything

Mugdha Jain, XI F, & Aditya Pathak, X I, AIS Gur 46

When the rhythm of the music is heard, it is hard to stop oneself from tapping their feet, swinging their arms, devoting everything to the rhythm and letting it all go. Geeta Mahalik, a classical Odissi dancer, understands this magic better than anyone else. Trained in intricacies of the art from a very young age, she has studied under two eminent gurus of Odissi dance - late Deba Prasad Dash and Shri Mayadhar Raut. A Padma Shri awardee and a recipient of Sangeet Natak Akademi Award, she narrates the charming love story of herself and her precious dance form.

Dare to dream: To be successful, the first step is to dream. If you don't dream of landing on the moon, then you won't even touch stars. When I first thought of being a professional dancer, many people wanted me to change my mind saying that dancing will never be a proper career and I will never achieve anything in it. They told me, I was going to ruin my life in a field that will never give me something in return. But look at me now! I am glad I did not listen to them.



Geeta Mahalik with GT reporters

Aim to achieve: Becoming successful is not something easy to achieve. A lot of hard work, dedication, and sacrifice goes into turning your dreams into reality. As a dancer, I knew I had to work very hard and practice for hours at a stretch every single day. There have been times when I wanted to quit, when I could have let myself be distracted by something else, something that could have been achieved easily. But in the end, I knew dance was my passion and excellence in this field is what I wanted to achieve.

No is not an option: Many people told me 'No' when I first started out in this field. They thought that women should only have 'normal' jobs or be a homemaker. I am glad that I never took their opinion as the final an-

swer. With the support of people around me and my own determination, I passed every hurdle. Life will always give you more reasons to quit than to continue. In moments like these, it is you who need to tell yourself that giving up is not and never will, be an option. Never take 'No' for an answer, even when you are talking to your own self.

Carve your own path:

You were not born to follow everyone else around you. Initially, when I began with my training, I was told to try western dance forms. I was told that people no longer care about Indian dance forms, but I knew my heart lay in classical dance forms. So, I worked hard and followed my dreams. Every individual is capable of greatness, but we will never achieve it if we keep following the rules and the norms set by society. I am so glad that my parents taught me to follow my heart and not do what society wanted me to do.

Every experience a lesson: Every experience that we face teaches us a lesson that we can inculcate in our lives. I think it is through these lessons that I have learnt to create a balance of everything in life. As a child, the biggest

lesson I learnt was to strike a balance between my passion for dance and my education. Now even as an adult, I try to maintain a balance between my personal passion for dance and my professional commitment to it. While performing

all these years, I have learnt a lesson to keep practicing and be my best always. Every obstacle, every experience, every rainy cloud is eventually a teacher, ready to teach us a lesson, if only we are willing to listen to them and keep learning with each new day. 🇮🇳



Geeta Mahalik, an eminent dancer, makes a 'mudra' of Odissi dance

One of the seven wonders of the world, the Taj witnesses at least 12,000 visitors every day.



Wahh Taj!

World at a glance

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

North Korea

Kim's invite for Pope
North Korean leader has invited Pope Francis to North Korea. This comes as a welcome change as no Pope has ever visited North Korea, except Pope John Paul II. The invitation will be extended by South Korean president Moon Jae-in.

China

Remote sensing satellite launch successful
China has successfully launched two remote sensing satellites into space. The main purpose of these probes, belonging to Yaogan-32 family is to conduct electromagnetic environmental probes. The launch was the 286th mission in the Long March Series.

Germany

WWII bomb still creates paranoia
An unexploded bomb from World War II created a havoc when found in the Eastern city of Poisdam. It led to the evacuation of more than 3000 residents and was diffused successfully without any casualties.

UK

Self destructing painting
Banksy, the infamous street artist who is known for his revolutionary and out of the box ideas for guerrilla activism pulled what is being considered one of the biggest stunts in art history. His painting, 'Girl with Balloon' was auctioned off for just over a million dollars. As soon as the deal closed, the painting shredded itself, leaving the audience dumbfounded.

France

World's first river turbine farm in Lyon
France becomes the world's first country to install its first river turbine on Rhone river near Lyon. The project is supposed to generate enough electricity to power 400 homes. The turbines will soon be linked to the main power grid to start production by the end of 2018.

USA

Declassified files show plan for WW3
Recently declassified files show that a high ranking official of the US army, General Westmoreland had conspired to send nuclear warheads to south Vietnam in the event of a defeat at the Vietnam war. It was only through the swift action of President Johnson that the day was saved.

India

Cyclone Titli hits Odisha
Cyclone Titli caused heavy rainfall in Ganjam, Gajapati and Puri districts of Odisha. The cyclone was upgraded to 'very severe cyclonic storm'. The speed of wind touched 126 kmph. 15 teams of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) were deployed to combat the disaster.

South Africa

New kind of Behemoth discovered
The remains of what could easily be the largest animal, *Ledumahadi mafube* to have walked the earth has been unearthed in South Africa. The sheer size of the dinosaur is supposedly double the size of an average African elephant. The dinosaur who existed more than two million years ago, weighed around 12 tons.

Greece

No more joyrides at Santorini
Greece has placed a ban on obese tourists on taking rides on donkey backs. This came after reports that these tourists were the reason that the donkeys were left with broken backs. A new set of regulations have been implemented by Ministry of Health and Food.

Australia

Sprint legend Bolt's debut in Football
The legendary 100m sprinter Usain Bolt is set to make his football debut as a professional. He says he's 'all set' and excited for this journey. His first stint with football was when he was called in as a substitute and made his twenty-minute cameo in August.

Bangladesh

Tarique Rehman sentenced to life
Tarique Rehman, the son of former Bangladesh Prime Minister Khaleda Zia, was sentenced to life over the 2004 grenade attacks that killed 24 and left over 500 injured, including Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.



The Emperor spent about 32 million rupees during the years 1632-1653 on this great architectural venture. Today that amount would be close to 1,062,834,098 USD.

Mathematics of life

Maths And Life Have More In Common Than You Can Even Imagine

Aditi Suresh, XII & Aastha Gupta, Alumnus, AIS PV

The Greeks, born in the incipience of civilization, without occupation and hobby, were quintessential in creating something that the universe isn't complete without, or so they have us think at school. As much as the greater part of humanity resents its creation and curses this subject, Mathematics establishes useful rules for navigating through life just as if it was a math textbook, and it is about time we reckon its importance in our lives.

The pressure cooker

It was only until grade nine, that Math was just about triangles. The Babylonians however, foresaw the need for concepts like trigonometry, algebra and the likes, basically all the stuff that makes adrenaline surge through a student's body, to about five times the usual rate. It is hard to forget that feeling you get right before a Math test, as your hands get clammy and your body starts sweating, all the while your nerves tap dancing like crazy. However, this only worsens as your brain tries to process all those formulas you crammed in your head last night. No matter how cool you act about it, the pressure gets

to you eventually.

Life: The leap from triangles to trigonometry is very similar to life. It is important to remember that anxiety does no good, but rather makes you doubt the table of 17 you mastered once. Life is a concoction of ups and downs, and success only comes when you take the leap of faith. So, it's better to cook well while you're in the pressure cooker and have a shot at making a delicious stew, because worrying about the result will get you nowhere.

An overcooked bacon

One puts in all the efforts to get RHS equal to LHS just to realise

that you've either got it right or you're still hundreds of miles away. Researchers suggest that reiterating a Math question won't get it right, but understanding the psychology behind it would. So sit back, take a sip of water and remind yourself that you would still get marks for all those steps. After all, an overcooked bacon is far worse than the one which is

still in the process.

Life: Regardless of the answer, the route you chose to find that square root is what matters. Getting tensed about 'what next' will only lead to another screw up. Sometimes, it's the journey that makes your destination worth, so remember to do what you can, the best you can and aim to get partial credit if not a full score.

Trials of yore

Ah, the bitter memories of the weeks past, spent crying and clutching your hair and the occasional calming sessions in front of the mirror (and this is after just one NCERT exercise) while preparing for the exams, alights in us sentiments of repulsion and trauma. The unending tuition classes, the utter inability to solve that 'Circles' problem despite repeated attempts are some of the trials a modern student has to endure in order to pass the ultimate test, M-A-T-H-E-M-A-T-I-C-S. Unsurprisingly, it all boils down to students starting to avoid math prep like crazy and just assuming the Math textbook is but an unsolvable nightmare.

Life: Despite the torment produced by studying Mathematics, remaining resilient is the key. At the end of the day, only those students top this subject who keep trying. The ones who adopt 'Math is not my cup of tea' attitude, forever remain haunted by it. Similarly, life too subjects us to suffering in order to ensure that we are moulded into adaptive humans that we are meant to be. All those months of torturous studying you do, will make you achieve for the most part, a decent grade. Life might drag you through deep puddles of lava, but at the end, it will drop you in a cool pool of lemonade. ☺

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Presents

Brainleaks-257 FOR CLASS VI-VIII

216 cubes of side 1 cm each are stacked to form 1 large cube. If the entire surface of the new cube is painted black, how many unit cubes are left unpainted?

- (a) 64
- (b) 36
- (c) 72
- (d) 108

Last Date: OCT 19, 2018

3 correct entries win attractive prizes

Ans. Brainleaks 256: (C)

Winner for Brainleaks 256

1. Vinayak Chawla, X-A, AIS PV
2. Ahaan Ali, V-A, AIS Vas-I
3. Maksh AGARWAL, IV-H, AIS Gur-46

Name:.....

Class:.....

School:.....

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Scholastic Alert

Examination: Undergraduate Common Entrance Exam for Design (UCEED)

Course: Bachelor of Design (B.Des) - 4 yrs. Admissions to (B.Des) programmes at IIT Bombay, IIT Guwahati and IIITDM Jabalpur are done through Undergraduate Common Entrance Examination for Design (UCEED).

Eligibility: The candidate must have interest in design with creative, visual and problem solving aptitudes.

Applications are open to applicants who have passed/will appear for Senior Secondary (10+2) examinations in academic year 2018-19 in any stream from any recognised board like CBSE, ICSE, IB or equivalent.

Important dates:

Date for online registration: October 9 - November 9, 2018

Date of entrance examination: January 19, 2019

Website: www.uceed.iitb.ac.in

Institute: National Institute of Design (NID)

Course: Bachelor of Design (B.Des.) - 4 yrs at NID, Ahmedabad Graduate Diploma Programme in Design (GDPD) - 4 yrs at NID, Kurukshetra & at NID, Vijayawada

Eligibility: Admission to all design courses will depend on the

candidates' performance in the two-stages of Design Aptitude Test (DAT). It aims to assess the skills, knowledge and behavioural abilities of candidates.

Stage 1: DAT Prelims - They will be conducted across India. Appearing for DAT Prelims or being ranked in the shortlist does not guarantee admission.

Stage 2: DAT Mains - Candidates shortlisted after DAT Prelims will be invited to appear for Stage 2 DAT Main exams at Ahmedabad or at other campuses of NID viz Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Gandhinagar, Kurukshetra and Vijayawada.

Educational Qualification:

Applications for academic year 2019-20 are open to applicants who have passed/will appear for Senior Secondary (10+2) examinations in academic year 2018-19 in any stream from any recognised board like CBSE, ICSE, IB or equivalent

Important dates:

Online application form: October 1, 2018 (Monday)

Last date: November 9, 2018

DAT Prelims: January 6, 2019

DAT Mains: May 12 or May 19, 2019

DAT Mains Results: May 31, 2019

Website: <http://www.admissions.nid.edu>

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Reversal of learning

The Little Things Teachers Learn From Their Students

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Teachers are always put on a pedestal, and why shouldn't they be? They teach their students various valuable lessons that they use not just inside the classroom, but throughout their life. Well, education is not a one-way street. Just like any other avenue in life, it also works on reciprocity and it just so happens that the teachers end up taking lessons from the very students they were supposed to deliver lessons to.

Period 1: Uniquemantics

A classroom has a diversity of students. Some are naughty, some quiet, some with straight 'A's and some who struggle with every subject. A teacher finds herself at the welcoming end of these myriad personalities. Despite how annoying some students can be, she tries to understand different personalities, each accompanied by their own special qualities and learns to identify something special in everyone, a learning she takes often outside the classroom.

Period 2: Patienceology

As a teacher, it is impossible to never meet students who don't



like to pay attention in class, are always behind with homework, and are a constant source of trouble. It is when they get too testing that they teach a teacher the lesson of patience. In those moments of irritation, teachers have to remind themselves that they cannot hit the student, no matter what happens. Instead, they calm down, take deep breaths, and look for a better solution to teach the child a lesson.

Period 3: Excusenometry

From "I kept the notebook, but

can't find it" to the clichéd "I am feeling unwell," teachers have seen it all. If your teacher heard the excuse and let you go, don't think of yourself as smart enough to fool them. They've played all these games and applied these tricks hundreds of times in their teaching career. In the process, they were too fascinated with your creativity and picked up inspirations only to be applied back to you. All your excuses that your family pet gobbled away your assignment will only turn out as topics of the next

summer project. So, the next time you say that the dog ate pages of your assignment, be ready to write next project on the lesser-known species of dogs!

There is no doubt that a teacher plays a gigantic role in shaping the future of the students. Yet every once in a while, this natural order is reversed. So really, when a teacher enters a classroom, the students aren't the only ones that come out taught, even if they are on completely different subjects. ☺

There is a small hole on the ceiling of the main hall perpendicularly above the tombstone of Mumtaz Mahal.



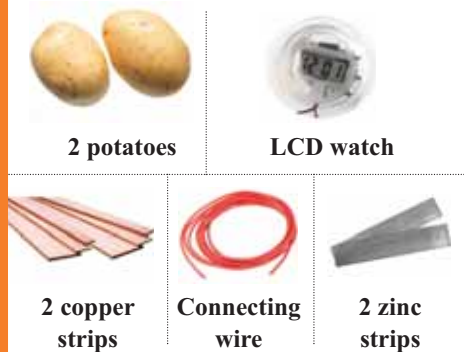
Potato power

An Easier And Greener Way To Generate Electricity

Adit Gupta, AIS Saket, V

Aim: To generate electricity from raw potatoes.

Things you need



2 potatoes

LCD watch

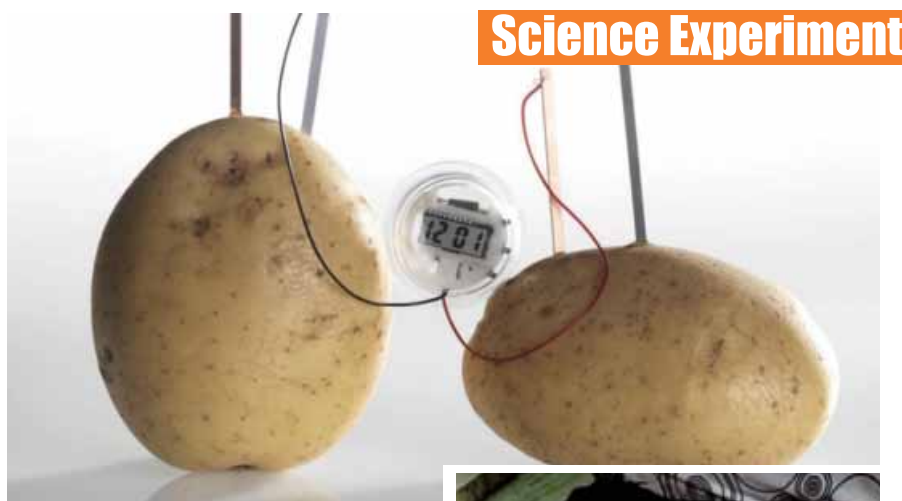
2 copper strips

Connecting wire

2 zinc strips

Method

- Insert one copper strip and one zinc strip in both the potatoes.
- Connect the red wire of the watch (the positive terminal of the watch) to copper strip of one potato.
- Now, connect the black wire of the watch (the negative terminal of the watch) to the zinc strip of the other potato carefully.
- With the help of connecting wire, connect the remaining copper strip and zinc strip of both potatoes. You will



Science Experiment

find your watch has started to function the same way it works with batteries.

Let's ask Science

Raw potatoes are highly acidic. Zinc reacts with acid present in potato. This reaction releases neutrons in the process. Hydrogen gas is also formed as a byproduct because it is present in the acid. The free electrons travel from zinc strip through the wire after which the watch starts running. These electrons then travel to copper strip. The reaction at the copper strip liberates electrons from copper, which produces positively charged hydrogen atoms in the remaining half of the potato, hence electricity is generated.



Earth on fire

Aaditya Ranjan
AIS Vas 1, VII B

sea water since the last century due to rising heat.

Along with seasons, it is also the climate which has taken a 180-degree spin. Climate change is a real, living and breathing monster which refuses to take a step back, despite all our #savenvironment campaigns and planting trees. Here are some of the most staggering figures which may make you sit up and take notice of how the world is melting away.

19th century: When the heat-trapping nature of carbon dioxide was discovered and demonstrated for the first time.

1950: The year when atmospheric levels of CO₂ broke the record of the last 400,000 years.

30 percent: Increase in the amounts of toxic untreated matter being dumped into oceans.

97 percent: Scientists who believe the primary cause of global warming is the misuse of available resources by humankind.

1.5 degrees Celsius: Increase in the average worldwide temperature since the last century.

25 years: More than 3 trillion tons of ice has melted in Antarctica since 1992.

If these numbers do not make you do the math, then we don't know what will. Let's all come together and save our beloved Earth from turning into a fiery ball of flaming-mass! 🌍🔥

8 inches: Is the rise of level of

Sports

Howzzat!!!

The golden goal!

Sahil Learns Sportsmanship And Takes Home Victory!



Ria Aggarwal, AIS Gur 43, Alumnus

It is the match of the decade, the game of a lifetime, the finals of the inter-school Football Championship '17 between the quick as lightning, Dino Thunder and the team with the wildest skills, Jungle Rangers!

First Quarter

The ball is in its place, the players are in formation and the referee finally blows the whistle. The tension is evident just from the beginning. The intensity in the

air keeps getting stronger. The Rangers are the first to take the ball and their captain, Sahil, dribbles the ball down the field alone with two Dinos on his tail, while his teammates stand around free. In just a matter of five minutes, the competitor steals the ball.

Earlier in the day...

It was the final practice match. Every player was trying to give their best for they were gearing up for a match they could not afford to lose. Sahil, the cap-

Captain Sahil continued scoring goal after goal. To the coach it looked like they were warming up to play against each other, and not against another team.

tain of the team, was working to be the player of the match.

Second Quarter

Jungle Rangers run in hopes of intercepting but Dinos run zig-zag, passing

the ball from one corner to another. They are fast indeed. After a series of intercepts, tackles and passes, the score stands at 2-1 in favour of the Dinos. The Rangers can be seen struggling. Sahil tries to score a goal, but the ball bounces off the goal post; another failed attempt.

Earlier in the day...

As the practice session got heated up, the heat between players also rose. Sahil continued scoring goal after goal. To the coach it looked like they were warming up to play against each other, and not against another team.

Third quarter

It seemed like the outcome of this match is already very clear. This one surely will be a crushing defeat for the Rangers. Suddenly, in what seems to be divine intervention, Sahil passes the ball to the next player, who manages to score a point. The fans cheer in jubilation. Ranger flags can be seen waving high up in the air. Jungle Rangers stand in the field, unable to believe what just happened. Finally absorbing their slight shift towards victory, they cheer on. The score is a tie at 2-2.

Earlier in the day...

The coach walked up to Sahil. The captain who had by now scored six goals knew that a pat on the back was due.

But, he was rather surprised to hear these words from his coach – "To win a match, you need to be a good team player and not just a good player."

Fourth quarter

It's the final fifteen minutes of the match. Fingers were crossed and prayers were muttered. The coach saw what no one else did, the eyes of his players communicating amongst each other. Captain Sahil dodges the ball towards another player, who in turn did the same. And in the blink of an eye, in a game of quick reflexes, team Jungle Rangers scored another goal. All the players of the team rush towards Sahil, enveloping him in the tightest hug that he had ever known.

Earlier in the day...

Sahil had won many matches for the team. As he sat there perplexed, he saw other players hugging each other, giving each other tips interspersed with high fives and fist bumps. He sat there alone and watched the camaraderie.

So, with the match coming to an end, Sahil took home victory along with lessons of team spirit and sportsmanship, essential to win a match or championship. The day made him ponder upon Michael Jordan's words, "Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence wins championships." The match taught Sahil that a successful team beats with one heart. 🏆👥



The ASI had to conceal the Taj during WW-II with a huge scaffold to misguide bombers, and with a green camouflage during the Indo-Pak Wars.

#NotTrendingAnymore

Not Everything That Is Viral On The Internet Is Fun And Entertaining, Or Is It?

Vidhi Batra, AIS Noida, XI H

From clothes to YouTube videos, from the way we to talk to the way we walk, trends have woven into our lives such that they have become a lifestyle. So much so that all that matters to us today, is keeping up with an upcoming trend, no matter how vain it may be. So, in this era where most of us seem to be shedding our hair (and some, common sense) keeping up with the trends which changes faster than seasons we bring you a few of the latest trends that weren't really win-win for all of us.

Don't forget about me

When Justin Bieber rose to fame after his debut on YouTube, needless to say that others also saw this as an opportunity. From *Pammi aunty ki beti to Gupta uncle ka bhanja*, everyone shared their 'talent' with the world on the easily available platform. While some turned into Shradha Sharma, others were Dhinchak Pooja. As much as we enjoy listening to soulful music, it is also hard to forget the cringe worthy voices trying to call upon the apocalypse a little too early. No wonder, Simple Minds had to write an entire song about not forgetting people.

Tell me a lie

Fun fact: fake news was named 2017's word of the year. It's pretty much given how fake news has become more than just another #TrendingNow. With the coming of social media, whatever information we get can't be traced back to credible sources. What better example to all those "Jan gana mana has been declared as the Best National Anthem by UN" messages that *bua ji* and *mama ji* keep forwarding on the family WhatsApp groups. One Direction might want to hear some lies, but the rest of us certainly don't.

What about us?

First, it was Pokemon Go, then Counter Strike and now PUBG. You might as well start a cult while you're at it. Every time a group of people decide to get together, there will be at least two or more 'gamers' glued to their phone screens, totally engrossed, screaming at it and giving directions to virtual strangers to jump down a plane or kill another gang or whatever. We do understand that you're angry about things, but what happened to talking to real people? Just because we're peace loving human beings, do we not deserve any attention? Or just like P!nk had put it, 'What about us?'



Illustration: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network

Let it go... no, really!

Filters. We all have used them, but some of us are guilty of over-using them. Snapchat and Insta-

gram have given us unlimited options through which we can put on a mask, change our voices and annoy people (deliberately

or not). Every time we look at stories, there's at least one time when we say 'Ugh, not again!' to ourselves and skip. Quoting

Just because we're peace loving human beings, do we not deserve any attention? Or just like P!nk had put it, "What about us?"

James Bay, 'C'mon let it go...' (and repeat it for hundred or more times).

Live your life

Life would be better if our phones didn't *ting* every other second to the notification 'Ms Wanna Be started a live video. Watch it before it ends!' And if you happen to open the app while trying to get rid of the notification, you will find *Neha ki mausi ke padosi ki beti* dancing on the latest Bollywood number. It's actually high time people stop going live on social media only to have others ask them what class they're in or why aren't their parents home yet. So, feel free to 'Live your Life', just don't go about throwing it in people's faces.

Trends pop up every now and then - it is inevitable. Some of them disappear in a flash, while others last a little longer. They go viral in a minute and get outdated just as fast. Yes, word travels fast, but in our time, trends travel even faster. 🇮🇳

When titans collide!

Rivalries Can Be Good Or Bad. Read On About The Greatest Rivalries Of All Times!

Ananya K Dash & Sreeram Kandikuppa, AIS Gur 43, XI

Man U V/S Barca. It's the finals and you're sitting, biting your nails with your cousins watching the thing that you have been waiting for the entire week. That's when your cousin comes

in with total disregard for the match and starts to blabber about how Manchester is going to take Barcelona down easily. That is exactly the moment when you know that the person in front of you is not your cousin, but your mortal enemy. And that my friend is the dawn of another rivalry. Speaking of

which, some rivalries have always been there. Some so intense that they have been passed down from forefathers through generations and some so recent that it's impossible not to comprehend how it became such a big deal all of a sudden in no time. Here are some of the examples of such ri-

valries. Pick your sides already!

PS4 vs Xbox

Any conversation involving consoles is incomplete without inclusion of the famous Xbox v/s PS4 banter. Of course, there is Nintendo but isn't it just a hipster thing? While the consoles battle it out in terms of va-

riety of games, performance, specs etc., the PC master race smirks and says, 'Rookies!'

Goku vs Vegeta

Kamehameha!!!! Is there anyone who hasn't gone through his childhood without the Dragon Ball Z phase? In fact some of us are still in that phase. Although the series was an instant hit, August 3, 2005 was nothing less than a revolution. It brought to life the greatest rivalries of all times creating a huge divide within the fans on who is better? Goku or Vegeta. I'm just 'saiyan', both are equally awesome.

PUBG vs Fortnite

The two frontrunners of the hype train of battle royal genre made on the same engine has divided fans for a year. Fans constantly argue about which game provides a better experience, which has a better map and whose gameplay is superior. But in the end it's all about having a chicken dinner after your victory royale, isn't it?

Addidas vs Puma

It's not easy to fill someone's

shoes, and even more so when it's the two rival companies Adidas and Puma. From the same company to opposite aglets, the rivalry between them was so intense that their respective factories built in the same Bavarian village of Herzogentaurch polarised the community with local people picking sides by picking shoes. It's almost as if they had 'just do it' attitude!

Lamborghini vs Ferrari

Enzo Ferrari would have never thought that they would have to pay such a big price for humiliating a lowly tractor manufacturer company. The small feud resulted in the birth of the giant bull - Lamborghini. Ever since then, the stallion and the bull are constantly racing to be called the speed demon.

Rivalries come and go. Sometimes they motivate people to outperform the other and be the 'numero uno', or they turn bitter, leaving dents on either side. And sometimes, they pave way for friendships. But they are always a treat to the spectator as long as they last. It's all about what you learn from it.



The story of the arms of all artisans being amputated by Shah Jehan is probably a myth because they worked on other projects too.





Navratras for Nine rivers



Dr Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

Navratras, it's that time of the year again when every morning the fragrance of flowers and incense, sounds of hymns, chanting of mantras fill up the air. As we worship nine forms of Goddess Shakti, I am reminded of the nine great rivers of India, called river systems.



The waters so pious that even a drop is known to cleanse you of all the evils and sins as per our ancient spiritual beliefs. The rivers so powerful and full of energy that they have nurtured thousands of civilisations and nourished billions of life forms since ages. No doubt, in India every festival is invariably associated with rivers. Be it the ritual of taking a holy dip, floating earthen lamps with best wishes for beloved ones or the immersion of idols in rivers. However, today, our precious heritage are weeping loud and bawling with the pain of pollution and filth. They are screaming to be cleaned and to be restored to their natural self. Ganga, Kaveri, Brahmaputra, Mahanadi, Yamuna, Narmada, Tapi, Godavari, Indus all these huge river systems comprise many small and large tributaries and distributaries. Every plastic bottle thrown, every chemical effluent released, every bag of trash thrown into any one of these systems plays havoc with the river and entire planet. It is high time that we show respect to our rivers. Let us evolve our customs and rituals in such a way that we add to their glory. At Amity, as part of our 'heritage education' we have been studying rivers and sensitising the children to save rivers and ensure that they can breathe again. This Navratra, let's also take upon ourselves to kill the Mahishasura of water pollution and let our rivers cleanse our minds, body and soul again through their pious waters.  

Revamp festivals



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

A week ago I decided to clean my 'pooja ghar' at home as I realized it looked cluttered. At the end of the cleaning process I had accumulated a bagful of things like vermilion packets, multiple copies of religious prayer books and pictures, 'shringaar' items, 'chunnis', over Rs 300 collected in cash and coins, etc. Now, while my 'pooja ghar' looked clean, I could foresee another problem ie how to dispose off that bag. All through my growing up years, I had seen my elders dump it in rivers. But, I had been witness to the ill impact of this practice and could not gather the courage to do so. So, I decided to visit a temple and seek the priest's advice. To my surprise, none of them knew what to do with it and refused to take the bag. They also advised not to waste money on such items and instead give cash or useful items in future. As for the money, no one refused. The visit was truly an eye opener.

We take pride in our feisty festivals and grandiose celebrations. But have we ever wondered, how much waste is generated in the name of customs and rituals? While our Vedic texts have prescribed all the customs in a very ecofriendly and sustainable manner, over time we probably moved away from nature. Well, now it's time for us to get back to roots and revamp our religious practices. Thankfully, I have observed that youth and especially school children today have started celebrating festivals in a very ecofriendly manner. From silent Diwali, to playing Holi with flowers they are doing everything for Mother Earth. This festive season let's step closer to our real culture and celebrate for sustainable development.  

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Change your life

Dr Saurabh Srivastava Shares His Biggest Mantra Of Success

Nandika Mogha, AIS Noida, XII

An entrepreneur, an investment professional, Dr Saurabh Srivastava, Chairman Emeritus, TiE Delhi/NCR has turned everything he has touched into a success. Former chairman of NASSCOM and founder of Infinity Venture, he is also the recipient of Dataquest Lifetime Achievement Award, Distinguished Alumnus Award from IIT Kanpur and the prestigious Padma Shri in 2016 for his contributions to the world of trade industry. During his visit to AUUP, Noida on the occasion of ICEL 2018, he was awarded Amity Lifetime Achievement Award for promotion of Entrepreneurship. In an exclusive interaction with GT Reporters, the man shared what allowed him to climb the ladder to success, the word which brought a wave of 'change' in his life.

Change your perspective

One of the biggest misconceptions in the world is the belief that we can only be successful if we have abundant resources and assets to back up our projects and our dreams. If you believe that, I advise you to change your mindset right now. Not everyone is born in affluent families, but that does not mean that they cannot

be successful. History is replete with examples of people who changed the world with great ideas, despite of having meagre resources. Having fewer financial resources is not the end of the world and we need to change how we think about it.

Change your actions

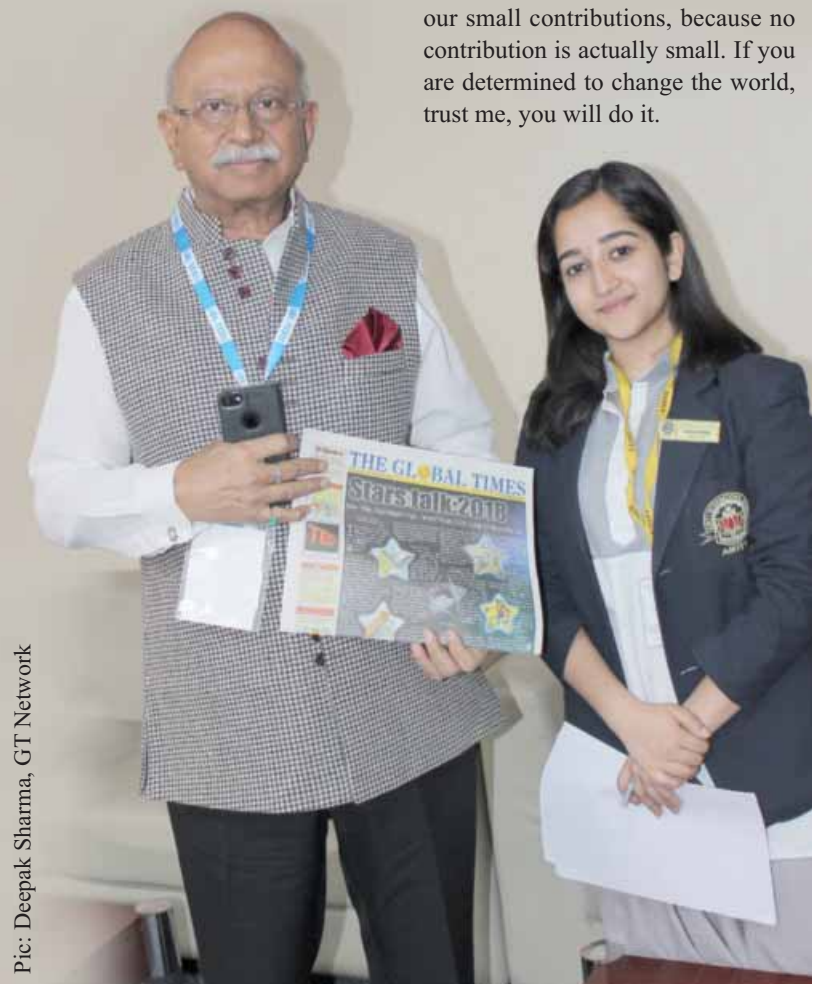
Merely thinking about wanting something, achieving something and changing something is not enough. All of us can sit on our couches and wish for the world to be different, for us to be successful, but what are we actually doing to bring in the change? We need to get off the couches and work towards achieving our dreams. Even if you have plenty of resources and a good idea, none of it will matter if you do not work towards turning that idea into reality. It takes a lot of hard work to turn your surname into a brand name. At the end of the day, you need to be determined about what you want to do and have a plan of action. You will only be able to achieve it if you dream it and do it.

Change the world

As citizens of this country, I think we should make sure that everything we do is for the betterment of everyone around us. A lot of unfortunate events have been happening in the world,

but that does not imply us closing our eyes to the reality and living in a bubble. We need to get up, realise our responsibility and try to change the

world. But we need to remember that bringing a change does not always mean doing something dramatic. We can actually bring a change even with our small contributions, because no contribution is actually small. If you are determined to change the world, trust me, you will do it.



Pic: Deepak Sharma, GT Network

Dr Saurabh Srivastava with GT Reporter

Being positive

Does Optimism Always Work?



Nivedita Kapoor, AIS Noida, XI A

'Stay positive' is a phrase that we hear when we go through a crisis. In fact, the whole world counts on this so much so that this has become a consolation for every hurdle. Whatever is the problem, we are advised to be optimistic and everything would fall in place. But, is it really the 'cure-all' for every problem that we come across?

The problem



Now, being optimistic might be a major step towards getting over crisis, but it cannot be the only step. Sitting there, being positive that the problem will go away, will not make it go away. It will only find a solution when you get cracking on it. And that is just the tip of the iceberg. Several health concerns are trivialised by the society because it is undermined by another disease 'optimism'. Quite often 'be positive, *sab theek ho jayega*' is heard as the solutions to even grave health concerns. Yes, positivity helps you fight the battle and heal faster, but only when you are enroute treatment.

The realisation

Let us consider the fact that keeping a sanguine disposition during a difficult situation might be taken as a good way to steer clear from negativity. But the question is - for how long? This is where we need to be real. Staying positive might seem an effective way to get rid of the problem, but you need to realise that it is not the only way.

The way out

A realistic approach to any problem is to accept that life is not a bed of roses. It is a never ending roller coaster. A positive attitude can help you sail through the highs and lows but add a little pragmatic thinking and hard work to your problem in the right direction and you would be good to go.

To those who believe that success will come to them by mere positive attitude, it's high time that you start cultivating your optimism while welcoming the challenges that stand before you. It is on an optimistic note that we should start working out on our problems because there is absolutely no obstacle that comes without an answer.  

GT M@il

Dear Editor,

This is with reference to the story 'The train uphill' in October 8 issue of The Global Times. It tells us about how tough times bring forth our true strengths. The story is about a saint and his disciple who are travelling by train. When the disciple realised that the coaches were starting to disconnect from the engine and that they might all die, he started panicking. He was amazed to see that his guru was very calm and wanted to spend the last moments of his life in peace. The story was very short and crisp which made it an interesting read for me. This taught me a valuable lesson that, 'Death is inevitable. If we spend our life worrying about death, we will regret not enjoying the precious gift of life.' I feel that we should read more such stories so that we can apply these morals in our lives to become better people.

Naisha Abbey
AIS Noida, VII J



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Issue: October 1, 2018; Page 4

Dear Editor,

We think that everything we have ever touched, believed, seen, done or felt is the ultimate truth and there isn't a single thing - living or dead - beyond our restricted world. 'The simulation game' from October 1 issue of The Global Times makes us question our existence - are we really living on our own accord; are we being played or are we a part of just the biggest reality show ever? Frankly, no matter what goes on in our minds, we will still be here and the situation will still be the same. Nothing is going to change just because we finally realise that there could be more advanced beings in the universe capable of controlling us. The author has left the Sims hypothesis open ended which makes readers wonder 'What if...?' If you already aren't amongst those with an existential crisis almost on a daily basis, then this story will alter your reality, even if it is for a brief moment; it will give you goosebumps and leave you with doubts that maybe our life is nothing but all a big lie.

Drishti and Aviral
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The foundation of Taj Mahal would have eroded years ago if Yamuna wasn't there, as the water from the river keeps the ebony moist and strong.



0 traffic, kal aana!

Our Only Wish As We Step Out On The Road, Hoping For A Smooth Ride

\$ 9.6 billion – that is the amount Delhi loses on an annual basis as a result of traffic jams. Other metro cities share a similar fate, with Bengaluru trailing behind at about \$5.92 billion, Mumbai at \$4.8 billion and finally Kolkata losing about \$1.97 billion per year. Travellers in Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru and Kolkata spend about 1.5 hours more on their daily commutes than their counterparts in other Asian cities during peak hours; Courtesy, none other than our very own – Traffic jams.

Yeh signal kab khulega?

Victims of the traffic breathe out fire, but Ruchika Sehgal turned out to be brave enough to get their feelings out.

Ruchika asks her dad about what infuriates him when stuck in a traffic jam. "People on road don't bother to follow traffic rules. The saddest part is that ambulances and fire brigades also get stuck in the middle of traffic and can't get to people on time, leading to loss of lives. Students can't reach school and college on time and working people get late for their meetings. A lot of time and work gets hampered."

Next, Ruchika spoke with her neighbour Mrs Verma who had just come back from work, late.

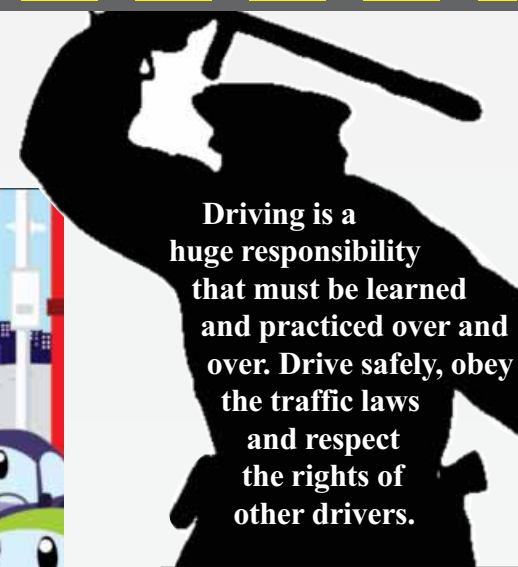
"With the growing population, traffic growth becomes quite obvious. The remedy to this growing traffic lies in effective planning and implementation at various levels. The cities and their roadways need to be effectively planned as the existing plans don't suffice."



She also had a word with her senior in

school, Lila Sharma concerning the mismanaged and irritable traffic.

"The two most annoying things on road are impolite drivers and getting stuck in jams. They really upset me. Say, when I



Driving is a huge responsibility that must be learned and practiced over and over. Drive safely, obey the traffic laws and respect the rights of other drivers.

am running late and I get stuck in traffic, I miss my class. I have to deal with others trying to get ahead of the rest. It angers me because these people don't realise that their actions could lead to mishaps. I am not sure if I should get used to this, because it's so wrong and it happens almost on a daily basis." 🇮🇳

Aur kitna aage tak hai?

In 2010, a traffic jam on a highway near Beijing kept cars stuck in traffic for more than a week (8-12 days according to different sources). The traffic jam itself went on for 97 kilometers and was caused by trucks carrying coal to Beijing.

Transport demand in India has increased by almost eight times since the 1980s.

Delhi has the highest share of people using their private cars for commuting at 45%, while in Bengaluru, the share is 38%.

India has the highest rate of road accident fatalities in the world with 105,725 in 2006.

A regular rush-hour driver wastes about 375 litres of fuel on an average every year due to traffic.

Aage toh badhao bhai!

Stop Cribbing And Start Acting Smart



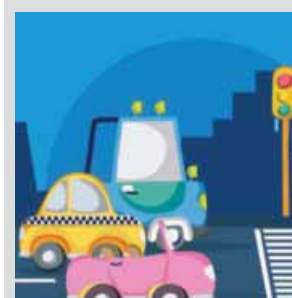
■ While travelling for short distances, prefer walking. It helps you reach your destination sooner, and you don't have to worry about trying to get out of the traffic jam.

■ Try to take maximum advantage of public transport— buses, autos, metro or whatever works for you. Reducing the number of vehicles on road will go a long way in reducing snarls.

■ Carpooling saves your fuel and gives you company for long or short rides. Pool in with your friends while going. Also, with apps like Ola and Uber, you can choose to pool in with other people who are going in the same direction.

■ Before leaving your house or workplace, do make sure you check the traffic status on Google Maps. It tells you how long the jam can last and also shows you with the routes with faster moving traffic.

■ Pay attention to traffic reports on the radio. People talk about most and least crowded routes. Look out for what suits you, turn your car and don't look back! 🇮🇳



Kaafi jagah hai, nikal hi jaayegi

Myth: You can only overtake another vehicle from the right.

Reality: If the automobile in front of you has indicated to turn right, it would be a careless gesture to overtake them from the same side. At times, using common sense while taking over is a good idea.

Myth: High beam means more visibility at night.

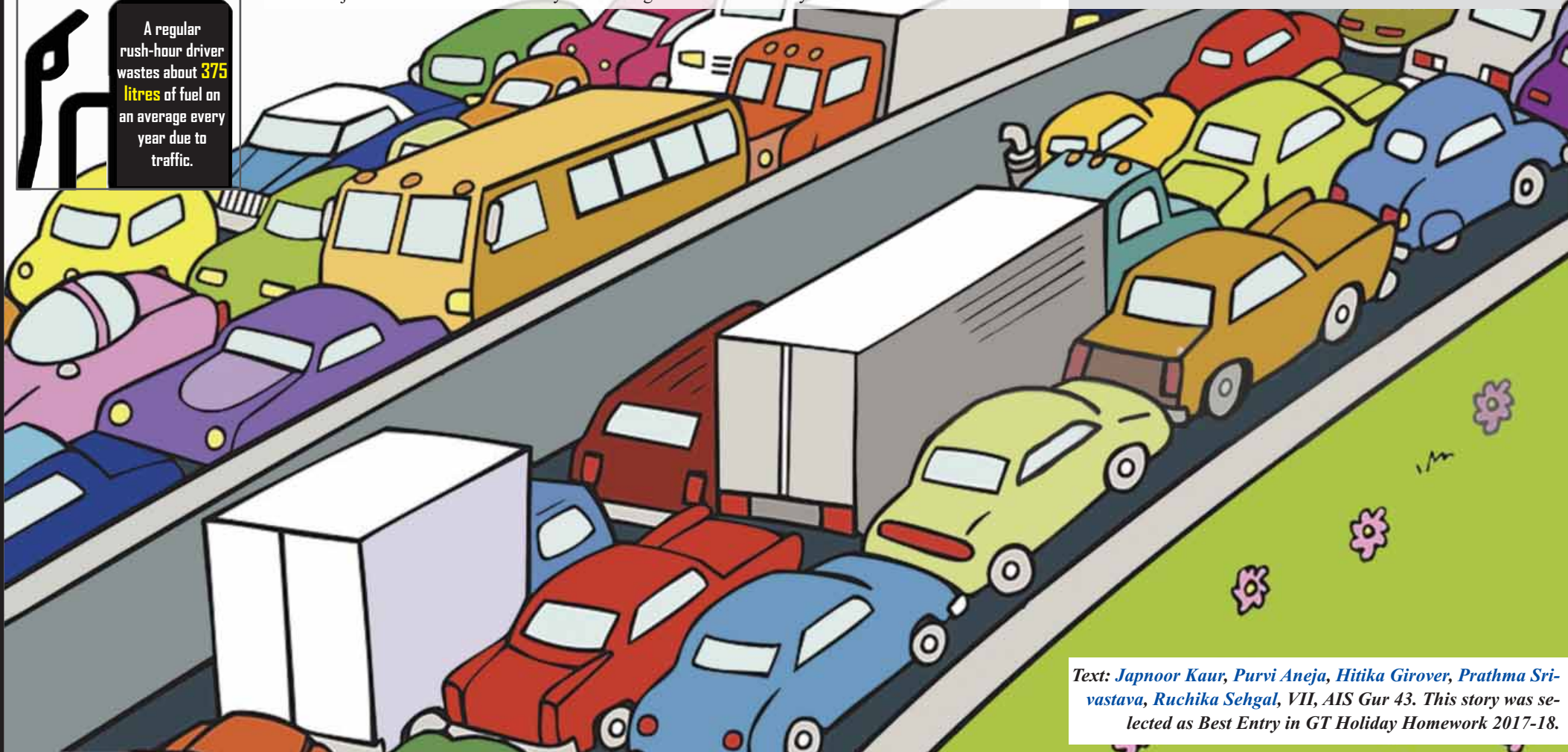
Reality: High beam is blinding for the oncoming traffic. Use them only while driving on a dark highway at night or on rural roads with more pedestrians and cyclists.

Myth: Nobody obeys traffic lights at night.

Reality: Whether it's 2 pm or 2 am, if the traffic light ahead of you is functional then you ought to obey. Driving responsibly is not a choice.

Myth: Reversing in the wrong direction on a one-way street is okay.

Reality: It's not. Because on a one-way street, the direction of traffic flow matters and not that of your parked vehicle.



Text: Japnoor Kaur, Purvi Aneja, Hitika Girover, Prathma Srivastava, Ruchika Sehgal, VII, AIS Gur 43. This story was selected as Best Entry in GT Holiday Homework 2017-18.

The minarets of the monument were built tilting outwards to protect the Taj's main dome from calamities like earthquakes.



Storywala



The sound

Manasvi Kashyap
AIS Gur 46, IX I

It sounded like violin music and seemed to be coming from the direction of the basement. Hearing the sound, a teenage girl with chocolate brown hair stopped prancing and singing in the hall and stood glued to the spot; her eyes wide open in horror. Her name was Hillary. Hillary walked in the direction of the sound. Peering down the

staircase, deciding whether to go down or not, she stood scared. "Stupid house," she thought, "It's more like a labyrinth." Finally she gathered courage to descend the stairs. She had just put her foot on the first step when she heard a shriek of evil laughter. Her courage faltered. She ran to the telephone and had just finished dialing her mother's phone number when she stopped herself. "I'm being stupid. It must just be my wild imagination."

Curiosity won over her and she finally made her way down the stairs. Her hand trembled as she turned on the light. In the dim yellow glow, she couldn't spot anything abnormal. She moved forward to look closely and the light blinked. Whimpering, she moved ahead. Hushed voices came from the boxes and her hands trembled in fear, drenched in cold sweat. Then she heard it again, that shriek of laughter. Hillary stood

The lights blinked again. "Guys, did you bring any friends?" Hillary asked. "Not any that I know of." Kai replied.

petrified as a hand appeared on her shoulder. She screamed and strong hands covered her mouth. She was about to collapse when the hands grabbed her shoulders. "Hey Kai, that's enough man. Stop it or she's gonna collapse on top of me," a voice said. Hillary looked up at these words. The lights stopped blinking. "Hey Tyson, she's never gonna forgive you for this." Hillary's brain started spinning. Those names sounded so familiar to her. Then it hit her. "Tyson, I'm going to kill you for this!" she said, getting up and breaking down completely. "Hillary, we're sorry," Kai said, comforting her. "Tyson and I were passing your house, when we found the front door open and decided to check it out. Finding you alone at home, we decided to have fun. "Sorry," he said grinning ear to ear. Tyson grinned at him. Hillary stood up, angry. She opened her mouth to say something when the light blinked again. "Guys, did you bring any friends?" she asked. "Not any that I know of." Kai replied.



Potato pinwheel

Samridhhi Sharma, AIS Gur 46, IX

Ingredients

Potatoes (boiled)	4
Green peas (boiled)	½ cup
Fennel seeds (Saunf)	1 tsp
Coriander powder (Dhania powder)	1 tsp
Garam masala	½ tsp
Turmeric powder (Haldi)	½ tsp
Red chili powder	1 tsp
Refined flour (Maida)	1 cup
Baking powder	1 tsp
Oil	For frying
Salt	To taste

Method

- Peel the potatoes. Mash them coarsely.
- Add boiled peas to the mashed potatoes.
- Now add all the spices to potatoes-peas mixture. Mix well.
- In a separate bowl, combine plain flour and baking soda.
- Add two table spoons of oil to this mix.
- Now slowly, add water to this mix to knead it into a firm dough.
- Cover the dough with a damp cloth and let it sit for 10 minutes.
- Take a large ball of dough and flatten it into a large disc using a rolling pin, just like a *chapati*.
- Evenly spread the potato mixture on the *chapati*.
- Once you have spread the mixture, start rolling it from one side so that it becomes a roll.
- Once your roll is ready, cut it into small pieces.
- Deep fry each of these small pieces.
- Serve hot with green chutney or ketchup.

Read Play and Win

Reading your favourite GT can fetch you a prize too. Complete all the boxes below. Click a picture and send it to editor@theglobaltimes.in or submit it to your GT Teacher Coordinator. 3 lucky winners will win a prize every week!



Q: Who is the former chairman of NASSCOM?

Ans:

Q: Who is the author of the short story 'The Sound'?

Ans:

Q: How old was Tanmay Bakshi when he started coding?

Ans:

Q: What is the name of the ant in wisdom tale of Page 9?

Ans:

Q: Who has been invited to North Korea by Kim Jong-un?

Ans:

Q: What is the average worldwide increase in temperature?

Ans:

Q: Where did GT travel to in this edition?

Ans:

Q: Who wrote the poem 'A Flower'?

Ans:

Q: Why are the minarets of the Taj built in a way that they tilt outwards?

Ans:

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WORDS VERSE



The night sky

Akriti Singhal
AIS MV, XII E

Not heeding to our calls so loud

The twinkling stars in the sky
Keep winking at me all the time

The twinkling stars in the sky
Flickering in the sky so high

Fascinating with graceful charm
They are my source of calm

I count them, one by one
Fading away like an illusion

The twinkling stars in the sky
Disappear and make us wry

It makes the dark night shine
As a diamond sheet so bright

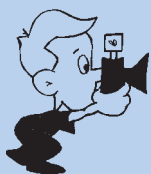
Hidden behind the grey cloud

The twinkling stars in the sky
Wink at me all the time

Best entry for colouring fun



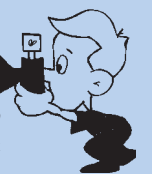
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Race in the city



An aura divine



Fire of enlightenment



Shah Jahan desired a mausoleum for himself similar to what he had built for his wife, but in black. He began to build it on the other side of the river but could not complete it as he was deposed by his own son.

Jungle diaries

Wisdom tale



Illustration: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network

Suhani Madan, AIS Saket, IV B

There was a time when everybody underestimated the little ant Rubi. That was until a life altering incident happened with Rubi. One day, mustering all her courage, she entered Jake, the elephant's ear and troubled him a lot. Poor Jake was baffled by the tiny ant. After that day, there was no looking back for Rubi as

she was the new hero of the jungle. Rubi, elated by the sequence of events could not stop beaming. In fact, her low self-esteem was now replaced by pride and arrogance. Having walked through an elephant's ear, she came to the conclusion that she could walk anywhere, and started walking in the center of the road wherever she felt like. This caused a lot of trouble in the jungle. To protect her from getting

trampled on, many animals changed their course, resulting in accidents. All the animals tried to reason with her, but Rubi just wouldn't listen and continued to walk in the middle. So one fine day, Tuk Tuk, the squirrel decided to teach Rubi a lesson. Tuk Tuk challenged Rubi to race with him. Rubi, who by now, was rather proud and over confident, accepted the offer without a second thought. Now, Tuk

Rubi, now elated by the sequence of the events, could not stop beaming. In fact, her low self-esteem was now replaced by pride and arrogance.

Tuk knew that Rubi would only run in the center of the track. So, she placed a number of hurdles in the path that Rubi had to take.

The day of the race arrived. Everyone from the jungle arrived at the scene to witness a new chapter in jungle diaries. Loud cheers could be heard from all directions. The race began, and as expected, Rubi started running in the center. Faced with impediments, she could barely move ahead. Even though she could have easily chosen to run along the edges of the racing track, she continued to run in the center because of her sheer arrogance. As a consequence, Tuk Tuk went on to win the race.

Rubi was extremely disheartened, but she also knew the reason for her defeat. From that day onwards, she stopped walking in the center of the road. And Tuk Tuk? She was happy to know that her plan was finally successful.

**So what did you learn today?
We should never be proud and get ahead of ourselves.**



Ghost windsock

Material required

- A tin can
- Paint (black and white)
- Paint brush
- White ribbons

Procedure

- Take any empty tin can. You can use empty aerated drinks can or larger cans used for oil.
- Paint the tin in white colour and paint the eyes and mouth on the can in black.
- Cut many 12 inch pieces of the white ribbon.
- Stick one end of the ribbon to the bottom edge of the can on the inside. Make sure that half an inch of the ribbon is glued to the inside of the can so that it remains secure.
- Repeat the same with all the pieces till the entire circumference of the can is covered.
- Poke two holes on the base of the can and knot a long piece of ribbon on the side.
- Insert the ribbon from inside of the can and take it outside and insert the other unknotted end in the other hole.
- Knot the other loose end once the ribbon is inside the can. This makes for the handle.
- Your ghost windsock is ready!

Riddle Fiddle

Kiaan Malik
AIS Noida, II

1. If three cats kill three rats in three minutes, how long would it take for hundred cats to kill hundred rats?

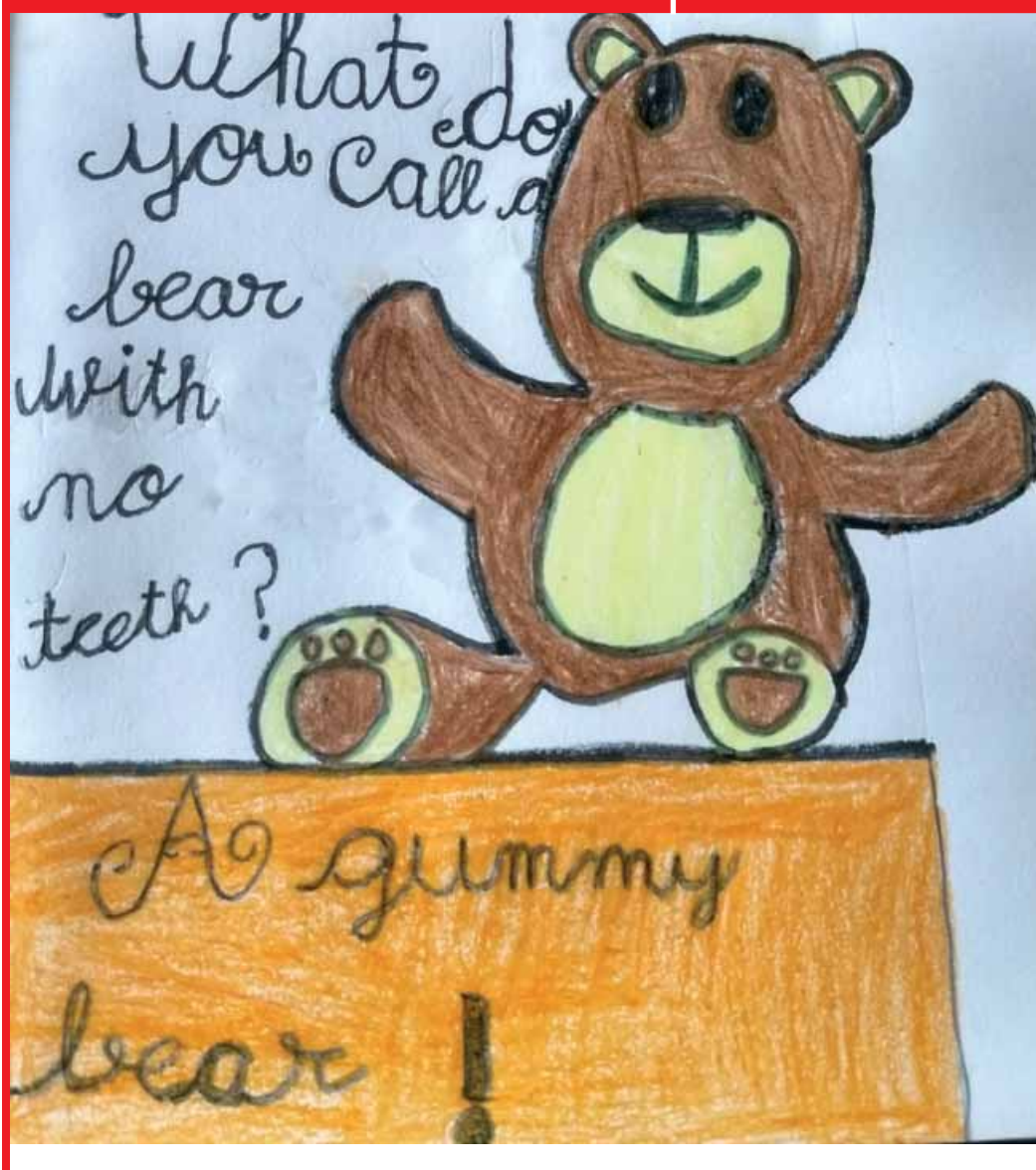
- If you take two apples from three apples, what have you got?
- How many months have twenty-eight days?
- How can we make thousand using eight '8's'?
- What is green but not a leaf;

- imitates others but not a monkey?
- What sleeps through the day and cries through the night. As it cries, it also creates light?
- What is as hard as a rock but melts immediately in water?

Answers: 1. 3 minutes 2. 2 apples 3. All 12 months 4. 8 + 8 + 8 + 8 + 8 + 8 + 8 + 8 + 8 + 8 = 1000 5. A parrot 6. A candle 7. An ice cube

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POEMS

A flower



Avishi A., AIS VKC Lko, V A

Red, yellow, white and pink
Many flowers I know I think

Out in the garden they grow
Blooming and dancing in a row

Attracting bees and butterflies
It is where my heart lies

The scene makes my face glow
Whenever I feel low

Flowers give meaning to life
To be calm if there is a strife

Different colours different roles
Helping us fulfil our goals

Growing up



Yashika Das, AIS Saket, VI B

When my age was one
I saw the bright Sun
I thought it was not fair
For mom didn't let me go there

When my age was two

I chewed on my new shoe
My mom found out
And scolded me aloud

When my age was three
I took a cup of tea
I spilt it on my paa's belt
How sad he felt

When my age was four
I fell to the floor
My mom picked me up
Made me smile with juice cup

When my age was five
I saw a beehive
Inside was the queen bee
Having a drop of honey in tea

I will always want to grow
After all, every age has
Something new to show
Something for us to know

It's Me



Know Me

I am: Swarnika Singh
School: AIS Vasundhara 1
Class: I
I blow candles on: January 12
Aim: To be a doctor
I like: To dance in the rain
I dislike: When my mom scolds me

Favourites

My hobbies: Dancing and sleeping
My role model: My mausi
My best friends: Asmita, Avika and Anav
My favourite book: Dolphin
My favourite mall: Gardens Galleria, Noida
My favourite game: Soft toys
My favourite food: Dal chawal
My favourite teacher: Tripti ma'am
My favourite subject: Mathematics

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Shah Jehan's daughter Jahanara Begum, refused a grand burial like the Taj.

M'app'ing it young

A 15 Year Old Techie Shares His Story



Computer genius Tanmay Bakshi with Jyoti Arora, Director, AERC and his proud parents

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Arun Prakash, GT Network

At an age when we play with our friends all day long, he wrote code. At the age when we still hope for a cricket bat on our birthday, he had his own application on the Apple App Store. Meet Tanmay Bakshi, a 15 year old tech wizard, and a very well known name in the field of neural networking and machine learning.

Over 281 students belonging to class IX from different branches of Amity International Schools had the privilege of meeting this young wizard at the TechTalk, a collaborative initiative of Amity Educational Resource Centre (AERC) and Amity University Uttar Pradesh (AUUP) with BPB publication, which was held at

AUUP on October 4, 2018. This great opportunity was extended by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF. It was inspiring and encouraging, motivating students to pursue career in the field of Information Technology. Tanmay Bakshi, started coding at the age of 4 as he keenly observed his father, a coder himself. In his address, he introduced students to new concepts like machine learning, artificial intelligence and their applications. The youngest cognitive and cloud computing developer, who built applications engineered to augment human capabilities via Deep Learning, shared his story of how his simple curiosity soon became a lifetime passion.

Many of us might consider artificial intelligence (AI) to be the future of information technology,

but this widely accepted myth was one of the few that Tanmay busted during the talk. He said, "Artificial Intelligence is not possible especially in the field of Information Technology, but it could be executed in the field of biotechnology in the future."

A TEDx speaker, an author, a programmer, a neural network expert and a YouTuber with over 276,000 followers, he shared his vision of trying to help 100,000 young and budding coders to reach their goal, claiming to have reached the 8,800 mark. The talk came to a close with an interactive question-answer session wherein young Amitians gained clarity on the subject of machine learning. The occasion was graced by the presence of Dr S K Khatri from AIIT, AUUP and Nrip Jain and Varun Jain from BPB publications.

Following Gandhi's steps



Students spread message of cleanliness

visited the surrounding neighbourhood areas and spoke to the locals to make them more aware about the importance of cleanliness and hygiene. A 'shramdaan' activity was also held in school during which students cleaned the premises.

AIS Gwalior

The school held a special assembly for class I-VIII on October 1, 2018 to celebrate Gandhi Jayanti. The objective was to reinforce the message of cleanliness and hygiene propagated and exemplified by Gandhi ji in his lifetime. The assembly began with a mellifluous rendition of Gandhi ji's favourite bhajans, 'Vaishnav Jan' and 'Raghupati Raghav Rajaram'. A skit based on the freedom movements led by Gandhi ji was presented by students of class III. An oath ceremony was also held to communicate the quintessential message that every hand and every effort counts towards realising the vision of our respected Prime Minister, that of 'Swachh Bharat'.



Children present a skit on Gandhi ji's life

AIS VKC Lucknow

A special assembly was held in the school on October 1, 2018 to mark the celebration of Gandhi Jayanti and spread the Gandhian messages of cleanliness, honesty, peace and harmony among children. Students were shown a powerpoint presentation on Gandhi ji's life which was followed by question-answer session based on the presentation. Pupils of class VII-IX indulged in cleanliness awareness activity in which they



Guru Geeta Mahalik with students of AIS Saket and volunteers of SPIC MACAY

SPIC MACAY@Saket

AIS Saket

An Odissi performance was held on September 27, 2018 under the aegis of SPIC MACAY. Students got an opportunity to witness an enthralling performance by Padma Shri Guru Geeta Mahalik Ji. Well known as a master of 'Rasa', Geeta ji is also well acclaimed for dance dramas like *Lavanyavati*, *Krishnabhilasha* and *Draupadi - Antim Prashna*. She was accompanied by Prasant Behera on vocals, Prasant Mahana on

mandala and Dhiraj Pande on flute.

The ceremony commenced with auspicious lighting of the lamp. School principal, Divya Bhatia welcomed the artists with saplings. Geeta ji presented a creative and instructive performance of Odissi. She also explained the nuances of Odissi as a classical dance form and how it is related to our cultural heritage. She also brought in many innovative interpretations, religious and secular overtones through her choreography and explained its significance to the students.

Rendezvous with books

AIS Gurugram 46

Students of class III did a class presentation based on the theme 'Rendezvous with Books' on September 20, 2018. The presentation began with traditional lighting of lamp followed by the rendition of *Ganesh Vandana* and *shlokas* by the students. The objective of the presentation was to inculcate good reading habits among students. The presentation was woven through a story of two children Nitya and Raghav who happen to meet characters from different famous books like, 20000 Leagues Under The Sea, The Hundred Dresses, Alice in Wonderland, Malgudi Days and Akbar Bir-



Children enact a skit based on a storybook

bal. Students gave tremendous performances which included dance, skit and a rap song based on storybooks they had read. Through the presentation, they drove home the message of learning with fun and the pleasure of reading books. Through presentations they also emphasised on moral values interspersed in every storybook.



Song presentation on river Brahmaputra to celebrate its rich heritage

Special heritage assembly

AIS Noida

The students of class I presented a vibrant and colourful assembly based on river Brahmaputra on September 20, 2018 as a part of the 'heritage education'. The purpose of this assembly was

to highlight the importance of river Brahmaputra for the people of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh and how it fulfills their needs. Through skit, dance, poetry recitation and song, children apprised others about river Brahmaputra such as the location of its origin, course, temples on its banks, annual festivals and how closely people are associated with it. The skit 'Save Rivers' and the dance 'Namami Brahmaputra' conveyed their feeling of thankfulness towards this significant river of the North East.

AIS VYC Lucknow

To make students aware about the rich cultural, environmental and social heritage carried by different rivers of India, two special heritage assemblies were held in school. On July 23, 2018 students from class III-V presented a special assembly on river Indus and on September 25, 2018 they presented on river Mahanadi. Celebrating river Indus, students of class IV performed a 'Sambar' dance while students of



Sambar dance performance by students on the occasion

class III and IV sang songs based on its rich heritage. Class V organised an exhibition in which they showcased objects of Harappan civilisation. In the special assembly on river Mahanadi, students of class IV gave a speech while class II and III presented a song and a dance based on Mahanadi.

If you move closer to the gate, the Taj keeps getting smaller, and bigger as you walk away. They say when you leave, you take the Taj with you in your heart.

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The food(ie) squad

This World Food Day, Let's Check Out Which Food Item Matches Your Personality!

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AIS Noida, XI I

“My best friend is like a cup of coffee, sweet and warm.” “I’m just like maggi, only 2 minutes to get ready.” We’ve been listening to these and more such assertions where we cannot help but compare ourselves to the food items around us. On the occasion of World Food Day on October 16, let’s check out what will happen if our favourite food turn human!

Biryani The social butterfly

That popular charmer of a girl who everyone wants to invite to all of their social gatherings. Whether it’s a last-minute adventure or a sophisticated function, simply because she is the perfect dose of fun and everyone is happy in her company.

Hot chocolate The comfort bag

Failed an exam? Got into a fight

with your mother? Didn’t get the job you’ve had your eyes on? Well, no matter what the problem is, if you need a little cooing and cuddling, hot chocolate is your man. With free hugs and reassurance, hot chocolate is that go-to person whose door you can knock at any time of the day and you will never be disappointed.

Chai and Biscuit The ‘Jai and Veeru’

Practically living on the lines “yeh dosti hum nahi todenge”, Chai-Biscuit are those pair of best friends whose bond is unbreakable, and irrespective of the situation, they are always found together. They actually make you believe that they’ve been this way since they were in their mother’s wombs.

Samosa The couch potato

Samosa is that one character who lives to relax. From eating to sleeping, their life revolves around their couch and healthy living is a far-flung concept to them. They are typically referred to as ‘aalsee’, but their couch is their home and they don’t seem to care to fit into any place else.

Karela

The ‘Sharma ji ka beta’

That stereo-typical all-rounder who somehow manages to successfully ruin every happy moment of your life. A perfect portrayal of a prodigy, loved by all parents and dreaded by the kids - Karela Sharma is always ready with his extraordinary accomplishments giving your parents the ground to compare and remind why you need to become more like him.

Oreo Shake

The absolute sweetheart

This guy just can’t be rude to anyone. He is the one who is always kind because he just doesn’t have what it takes to be mean to others. An acquaintance with him fulfills your daily sugar requirement. It’ll be a cool indulgence being around him, yet you will never be bored and keep going back for more!

Given the traits, the time isn’t far away when we will start imagining our food walking around and hanging with us. After all, when no one understands you, let your food come to the rescue! After all, food is fuel! 🍌

Nineties nostalgia

90’s are considered as the ‘golden era’ for kids, where fun and frolic did not mean playing on the phone but something to relish

Akshita Shreya, AIS Saket, XII

What was the best decade to grow up, one may ask. The answer remains same for every person belonging to any decade - “The years I grew up in.” Such is the beauty of childhood that one simply can’t get over it. Unwinding the 90’s nostalgia that gives us the best high.

■ “Neeche ground mein aaja bat ke saath,” a common statement every evening. One could kill to bat first, and every ball that stumped would either be a trial ball, a no ball or a wide ball. And if you sensed an unjust decision, you left the ground. Problem solved!

■ Power Rangers, Pokemon, Power-

puff Girls, Tom & Jerry, WWE, Dexter’s Laboratory, Shaktimaan and Son Pari kept us glued to TV screens. Our lives seemed more meaningful when we wore the ‘Shaktimaan’ costume to look like our superhero or were gifted a new set of Beyblades.

■ Birthdays were all about wearing the best outfit, buying the yummiest candies and distributing them to classmates and teachers. Two candies for each classmate, one extra for best friends, chocolates for the teachers - our first learning in setting priorities.

■ Remember the cool feeling you had when you ate those Poppins candies and cups of jelly? Tattoos were the reasons we bought chewing gums, those stick-on tattoos were oh-so-cool.

■ Our personal collections of

‘Tinkle’, ‘Amar Chitra Katha’ and ‘Chacha Chaudhary’ was something we wouldn’t trade for anything (unless it were, well, a new set of beyblades).

■ Everyone had a slam book. The prettier, the better. And the last day of the session would witness more slam-books than textbooks. You knew you were best friends with someone when you read their entry in a third person’s slambook. Reading the good things about oneself felt so self righteous and special.

■ “Mere saath Khadi-Baithi lagayega?” we would say. ‘Aao Milo Shilo Shaalo’, ‘Mama went to China’, ‘Poshampa Bhai Poshampa’, ‘Banana Kick’, and ‘Ghar Ghar’ were the best games ever. You could play them anywhere, sometimes during the Math class...oops!

■ As kids, the worst punishment to be received was sitting with a student of the opposite gender, Ewww. The moment you both sat together, an LOC was marked on the desk, and crossing that was totally unacceptable. 🙄

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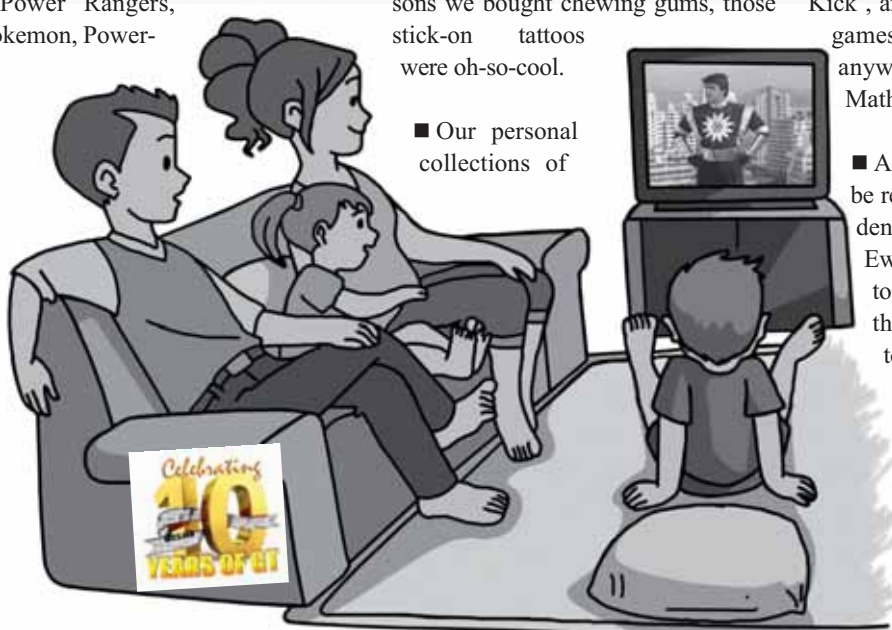
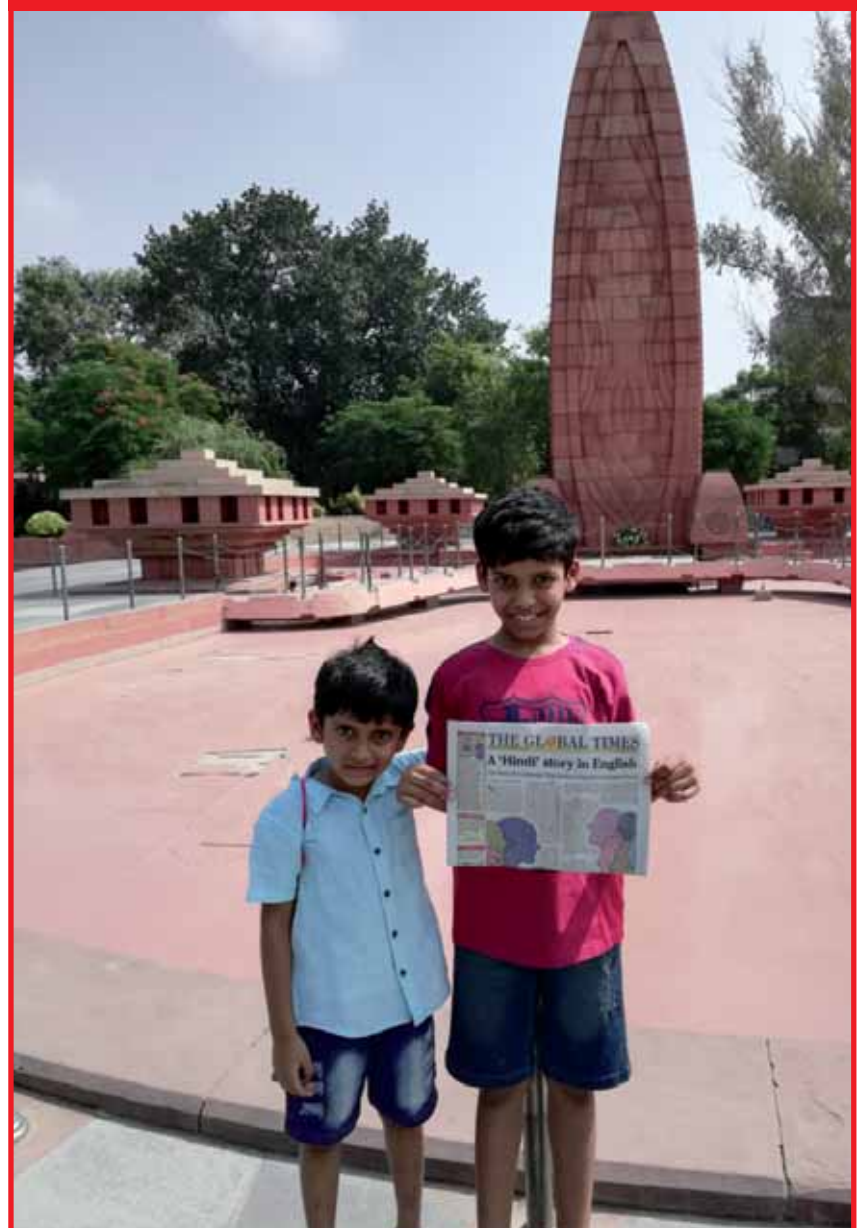


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Harsh Srivastava, IV C & Daksh Srivastava, KG C, AIS Vas 6 pose with their copy of The Global Times at Jallianwala Bagh, Amritsar, Punjab. Jallianwala Bagh houses a memorial of national importance, established in 1951 by Government of India, as a tribute of the massacre of peaceful celebrators by British forces on the occasion of Baisakhi on 13 April, 1919.

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