

In Quotes

“There’s really no sign that this flow of people is going to dry up. There are still, we believe, thousands of people waiting to take boats across to Cox’s Bazar.”

Chris Lom
International Organisation
for Migration

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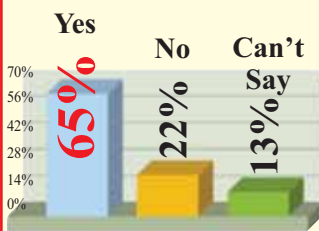
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Do you think the North Korea issue can be resolved through talks and peaceful means?



Results as on September 16, 2017

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Five W's and One H



The killing of journalist-activist Gauri Lankesh on September 4, 2017 wasn't the first attack to muzzle an independent, feisty voice in India. There were many journalists before her whose death never stirred up a hornet's nest.

Shilpa Raina
GT Network

Media is considered to be the fourth pillar of a democracy. Given this, one is likely to presume that freedom of press in India would be ultimate, considering the fact that investigative journalism continues to flourish and acerbic critiques are welcomed by the government. But, alas! This isn't true as around 27 journalists have been murdered in India since 1992. They are the ones who used the basic tenets of journalism – five W's and one H to report; little did they know their life story will one day be summed up in 5Ws and 1H after their unexpected killings.

Who: Gauri Lankesh, Publisher, Gauri Lankesh Patrike

When: September 4, 2017

What: Murdered

Where: Right outside her residence in Bangalore

How: Shot in the head and chest by three unidentified assailants.

She died instantly after the fourth bullet hit her.

Why: Gauri fearlessly criticised the government and the rise of right-wing extremism through her Kannada-language weekly tabloid, 'Gauri Lankesh Patrike'. This earned her anger from several groups, who often threatened her. She voiced her concern about the rise of majoritarianism and intolerance in the country, communal violence and the caste system, and expressed her opinions regularly through social media posts and feisty speeches.

Who: Rajdev Ranjan, Bureau Chief, Hindustan Daily

When: May 13, 2016

What: Murdered

Where: Siwan, Bihar

How: Intercepted by two unknown bike-borne assailants, one of the man shot him between the eyes and neck. Rajdev died on the way to hospital.

Why: He covered Siwan politics and crime extensively through his Hindi daily. Rajdev was known for publishing several reports on court proceedings

against former Siwan MP Mohammad Shahabuddin. His wife too believes that his critical writings on Shahabuddin were the core reason her husband was targeted. Few local journalists later confirmed that he had been receiving death threats.

Who: Jagendra Singh, Freelancer

When: June 8, 2015

What: Murdered

Where: At his home, Shahjahanpur in Uttar Pradesh

How: He was set on fire by a group of policemen who barged into his house and doused him in petrol. He was set ablaze on June 1 and died from burn injuries on June 8.

Why: While he was being treated at the hospital for the burn injuries, he gave his statement in a video footage in which he identi-

fied five police personnel, and also accused the then ruling SP's member Ram Murti Singh Verma for being the main conspirator. Jagender had a facebook page- 'Shahjahanpur Samachar'. On his page he had exposed the MLA for illegally acquiring property worth crores. He had asked him tough questions regarding his alleged involvement in illegal acts like illegal mining and forced occupation of land etc.

Who: Narendra Dabholkar, Editor, Sadhana, Social Activist

When: August 20, 2013

What: Murdered

Where: Pune

How: Shot at his neck and back from a close range by two gunmen in Pune.

Why: He was a prominent campaigner against superstition. Through his Marathi weekly, he promoted scientific

thoughts and spoke about caste and religion politics. His writings often supported rationalism and he was known as the crusader to remove superstition from the society. He, in fact, was killed after initiating a campaign to persuade Maharashtra government to pass an anti-superstition and black magic bill.

Who: Umesh Rajput, Reporter, Nai Dunia

When: January 23, 2011

What: Murdered

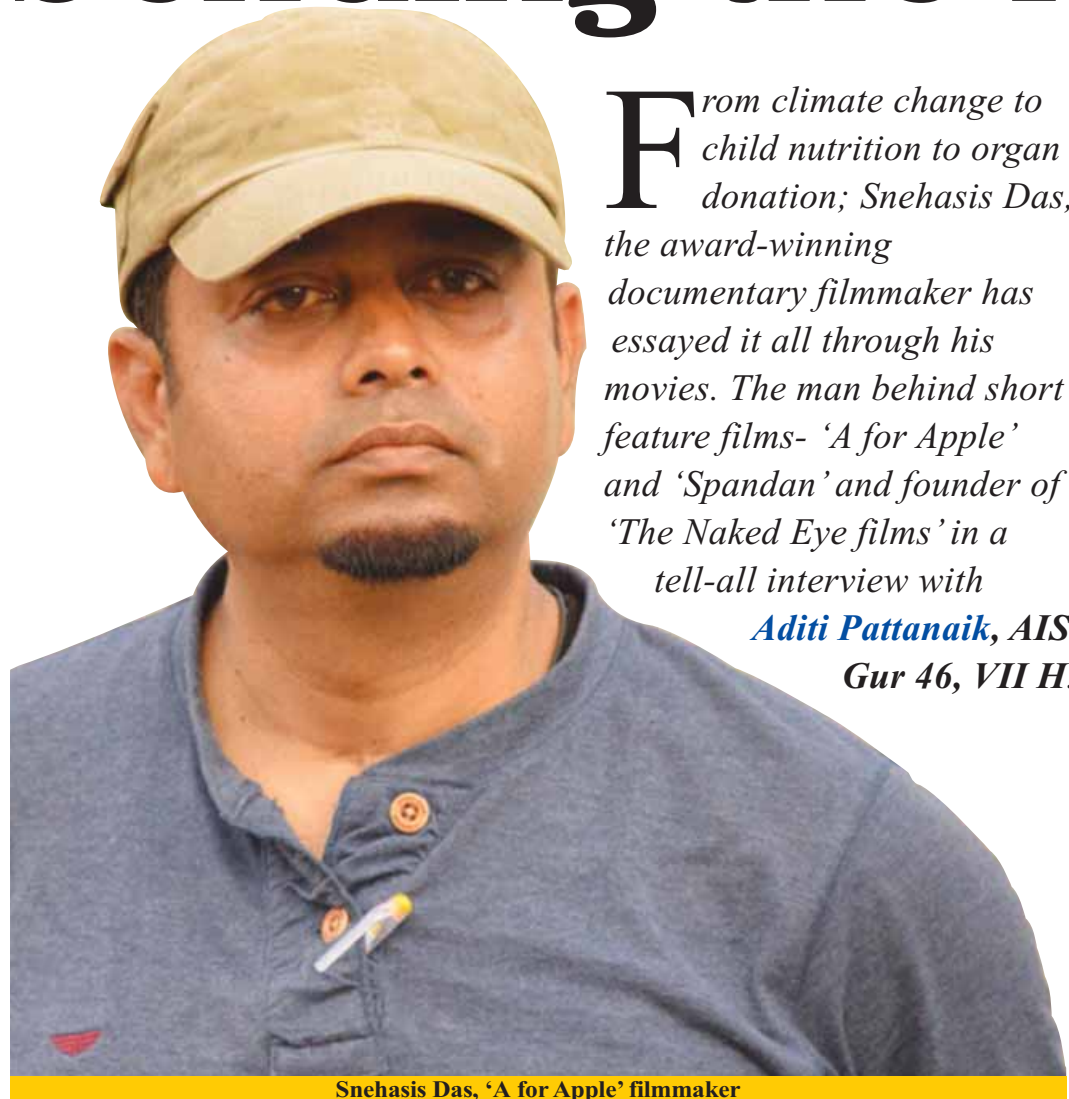
Where: Raipur, Chhattisgarh

How: Two masked men on motorcycle shot him with country-made pistols outside his house.

Why: He had frequently written about corruption and exploitation of tribal communities in the region. He had written about a botched eye procedure on an *adivasi* patient who died at a local hospital. 'Khabar chaapna band nahi karoge toh mare jaoge' is what he was told.

These journalists sacrificed their lives for the society. About time, that we, the society stand up. 🇮🇳

Sending the right message



Snehasis Das, 'A for Apple' filmmaker

From climate change to child nutrition to organ donation; Snehasis Das, the award-winning documentary filmmaker has essayed it all through his movies. The man behind short feature films- 'A for Apple' and 'Spandan' and founder of 'The Naked Eye films' in a tell-all interview with

Aditi Pattanaik, AIS Gur 46, VII H.

Filmmaker v/s director

For most people outside the film industry, these two terms can be quite confusing. There is a subtle difference between the two. While a director's role is only limited to directing a film, a filmmaker is involved at multiple levels - starting from pre and post production to writing script and even producing the film. So you can say that a director is the captain of the ship, whereas a filmmaker is a multitasker fitting into many roles, perfectly.

Perfect documentary

There is no secret formula for making a perfect documentary film. I think that a person has to be passionate about the topic that he/she wants to highlight through the film. So, the first step is to identify a relevant subject and then start researching on it. Once all the research is done, it would be a good idea to share the research work with a specialist. For instance, if a person wants to make a documentary on environment then s/he should consult an environmentalist for inputs.

Film festivals

Film festivals are a great platform for films and documentaries to reach out to a larger audience, both at the national and international level. Nowadays, it is very easy for a filmmaker to participate in these festivals because several film festivals have sprung up in several Indian cities and the West too has become receptive to the Indian films. Also, many filmmakers are sending their films first to international film festivals where they generate good response and win awards. It also

promotes low-budget films in India, where major production houses still shy away from financing an 'arty' film.

Self-expression

I chose the medium of films to express my ideas and views about subjects that matter the most. Since the beginning, I have chosen themes related to social development and environment. This is because I love to address social issues through my movies and send right message to the people and policy makers. 🇮🇳

Pic courtesy: Aditi Pattanaik, AIS Gur 46, VII H



Snehasis Das with GT Reporter

To make one pound of honey, the bees gather nectar from almost two million flowers.



Kim crazy kiya re!

The mere mention of North Korea conjures up an image of a nation that is busy testing nuclear missiles. But there is more to Kim Jong-un's secret world than this. Here is what you don't know...

Tanya Sutradhar & Pankaj Mallik, GT Network

What happens in North Korea stays in North Korea. This is the world view about the rouge country which is so isolated from the rest of the world that no one knows what exactly happens there. The only time they hit the headlines is when they launch a new nuclear missile, something that is happening too often now. But there is so much more to the country that will amuse you. Read on...

Crocodile tears

Punishment was given to those who didn't cry at the death of dictator Kim Jong-il. The government declared severe punishments like at least 6 months in labour camps for those who didn't go to the organised mourning events. It was also reported that those who tried to leave the country to escape during this time were also severely punished.

Selective tourism

Organised tour is the only way for the vast majority of people to visit North Korea. However, Americans can enter as tourists.

Those who have been there suggest that one should pack bottled water because it is not advisable to drink water from the taps and also pack toilet paper!

Hair trouble

One of the bizarre news that came out from this country was in 2015, when it was widely reported that people were ordered to replicate their leader, Kim Jong-un's 'ambitious' hair style. The authorities were strictly told to ensure that their hair grows no longer than 2cm, in length while replicating Kim's bouffant hair. In fact, women too weren't spared and were allegedly told to style their hair in a bob in homage to his wife, Ri Sol-ju.

TV woes

North Korea has only four channels. All legal televisions are tuned to state-controlled domestic programming. The citizens



know only what the North Korean state propaganda describes about the world events, nothing more than that. The channels only broadcasts hagiographies of the two leaders and pictures celebrating the country's army, model farms, model villages, etc. The content is restricted.

Restricted internet

North Korea restricts access to the internet to its citizens. What is amusing is the fact that not many North Koreans know that a thing called internet even exists. It is only bureaucrats and government employees who have unrestricted access to internet.

Own calendar

North Korea does not only follow their own myths, but also has their own calendar. The country does not follow the Gregorian calendar, known as the Western calendar. Instead, they have a calendar called 'Juche', introduced in 1997, and is based on Kim Il-Sung's date of birth ie April 15, 1912. The year 2017 is the 105th year, as per the Juche calendar.

Prison break

The country's prison camp system, where detainees are subjected to forced labour, torture and starvation are known as Nazi-style gulags or 'kwanilso' in Korean. These infamous prison camps are notorious for secret execution of prisoners, even children. Reports suggest there are somewhere between 154,000 – 200,000 North Koreans living in these prison camps in inhuman conditions. Several human right groups have documented their operations through satellite imagery.

Songbun system

One system that is blindly followed in North Korea is known as songbun — a sociopolitical classification that is based on the political, social and economic background of a person and is also dependent on their ancestors as well as their relatives behaviour. Based on this analysis, doors of opportunities open for natives and their chances of getting jobs in the ruling party also increases. The parameter is also used to determine their access to food, and basic services like health care, employment opportunities and education.

World at a glance

North Korea never fails to show defiance to the international community. Last Friday, the country fired a ballistic missile test over the northern Japanese island of Hokkaido. The world has become increasingly responsive to the country's growing threatening actions

USA

US President Donald Trump
"South Korea is finding, as I have told them, that their talk of appeasement with North Korea will not work, they only understand one thing!" He also expressed planning to use force against North Korea and said, "We'll see." Further, he added, that he will also consider halting trade with any country doing business with North Korea.

UK

Britain's Foreign Minister Boris Johnson
"They seem to be moving closer towards a hydrogen bomb which, if fitted to a successful missile, would unquestionably present a new order of threat." He added that there were no palatable military solutions.

Russia

Putin with Russian Foreign Ministry
"North Korea's actions pose a serious threat to peace and security on the Korean Peninsula and in the Asia-Pacific Region. This will have negative consequences primarily for North Korea itself".

China

China's Foreign Agency
"We express deep concern over the ongoing tension and prolonged nuclear issue on the Korean peninsula and emphasise that it should only be settled through peaceful means and direct dialogue".

Japan

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe
"We can never tolerate that North Korea trampled on the international community's strong, united resolve toward peace that has been shown in UN resolutions and went ahead again with this outrageous act".

France

French President Emmanuel Macron
"North Korea's repeated provocations were a threat to peace and international security." Macron also expressed France's solidarity with Japan.

India

External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj
"We call upon North Korea to refrain from such actions which adversely impact peace and stability in the region and beyond. India also remains concerned about the proliferation of nuclear and missile technologies which has adversely impacted India's national security."

Germany

German Chancellor Angela Merkel
"This latest provocation by the ruler in Pyongyang has reached a new dimension".

South Korea

South Korean Defence Minister Song Young-moo
"During a National Security Council meeting (held right after the sixth nuke test), views converged on a direction that strengthens the military standoff (for now), rather than (pursuing) the Berlin declaration or dialogue."



Futuristic professions



What do you want to become? Doctor, engineer or pilot? None of these. It's time to look for out of the box professions

GOT reminders

The popular show comes with a major problem: as the new season arrives most of us have forgotten more than half of the characters and some important details, courtesy twisted plots, complicated family ties and Martin's thing for murders. Who is alive and who is dead (given the number) can be more taxing than taxes! So, we really need a person to remind us of everything, even the minor little details, because you do not want the latest GOT season to go over your head.

Pencil sharpeners

You look at your pencil and its tip is blunt. You sharpen it a little, but it still isn't sharp enough. You sharpen it again and the next thing you know is that the nib of the pencil is broken and stuck in the sharpener, rendering both the pencil and the sharpener useless. How many times has this happened to you? Just the reason for the existence of professional pencil sharpeners who will save your day and your stationary supplies. Just give them all your broken pencils, they are really sharp people. (Now you want an after-pen fight-pen-finder too!)

Video game players

Do you feel solitude grip you as you sit on the couch, waiting for the friend who promised to play with you? Wait no more and look for a professional gaming partner. Yes, we need to consider the option, especially when fighting over a match (physically) and then not talking for a few days is inevitable. These people would carry any genre of video games you would like to play and play for as long as you want! Better than those worth-no-fun friends anyway!

Your loyal friend

There are two kinds of people in this world, those who love F.R.I.E.N.D.S and those who don't. As much as we hate the latter type, some of them, unfortunately and ironically, happen to be our friends. All you need is someone who shares this love with you, aka the professional F.R.I.E.N.D. They'll tell others how useless they are, waiting for 'winters to come', watch the rerun with you and who knows, you might find the new best friend in the process. **GT**

Disclaimer: Any resemblance to such jobs actually coming up in near or distant future is purely coincidental.

Profile managers

So you always wanted to be the social media butterfly but are the snail instead. Your 9 to 6 job and internet surveillance leaving no room for Facebook. Well, how about we give you a profile manager who will set your profile just right. Yes profile managers are here to your rescue. You can enjoy food while your manager 'checks you in' at this famous high end bistro, your next to perfect profile picture will fetch you a 1000 likes for the first time and soon you'll be feeding on the buzz. And all this while, you can relax and perhaps read a real book.

Notifications managers

We all have been bombarded with a zillion notifications that announce sales, loans and properties on our mobiles. Even more irritating is the urge to open them all while deep within we know that the notification-usefulness ratio isn't that high. Give the notification manager a chance! He or she will completely manage each and every notification on your phone separating them into folders of sale, messages, news and more. And then you go through those folders without putting much effort and can choose, happily ever after.

Sanya Goel, AIS Gur 43, XI

People always say that robots will take over humans in the future, that humans will be servants to robots. Perhaps, our future does not necessarily lie in the clutches of robots! Mundane tasks that seem next to no importance now, have

future revolving around them. While people may think that we need doctors and engineers and computer specialists but the following professions are what we really need. So let's hope some courageous ones, who live out of the boxes and cubicles do take up these professions, making life a paradise for all of us.

Education ashore

Students of Amity University, Dubai visit the Parliament



Students from Amity University Dubai visit the Parliament

AUUP

Ekta Gupta, Asst Prof, ALS

Students of Amity University, Dubai visited India as a part of an educational trip. The visit organised under the aegis of Dr Atul Chauhan, Chancellor, AUUP by Amity Law School, AUUP aimed at acquainting the students with the largest democratic system in the world and also providing them an insight into the political and social system of the country. The programme was facilitated by Prof (Dr) Balvinder Shukla, VC, AUUP and Dr Shefali Raizada, Addl Director, ALS.

As part of the trip, five students of Amity University, Dubai along with Dr Geetanjali Chandra, Officiating Director, ALS, Dubai, visited the Indian Parliament on August 21, 2017. The visit was organised by faculty co-ordinator, Ekta Gupta and

student coordinator, Harish Nadda.

During their visit to the Parliament, the students visited both the houses. They were apprised on the functioning of both the houses and their role in the Indian legislature. Students were also informed about the various proceedings of both the houses. They also learnt about the code of conduct followed in both the houses.

Several questions about the rules and functioning of the Indian Parliament were put forth by the students and Dr Geetanjali Chandra. All the queries were answered by Amit Sharma from Rajya Sabha, Secretariat. It was an enriching experience for the visiting students as they understood the functioning of Indian Parliament from close quarters. It was a great effort made by ALS to make the visit of students from Amity Dubai Campus, a memorable one.



Eminent guests release the journal on 'Amity International Journal of Legal and Multidisciplinary Studies'

A guide for lawyers

The launch of a book, opens doors for academic excellence in the field of legal studies for young lawyers by offering valuable ideas

AUUP

Ekta Gupta
Asst Prof, ALS

Under the guidance of Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe, ALS released the first ever 'Amity International Journal of Legal and Multidisciplinary Studies' and its first book on media laws titled 'Laws governing in Media and Entertainment Industry' on August 23, 2017. The initiative was appreci-

ated by Dr Atul Chauhan, Chancellor, AUUP along with Prof (Dr) Balvinder Shukla, VC, AUUP. The chief guest and guest of honour for the occasion were Salman Khurshid, Former Minister of Law and Anil Bajpai, Sr Advocate.

The event also saw in attendance several special guests as Dr Puroshottam Agarwal, Member, Legislative Assembly, Delhi; Baldev Bhai Sharma, Chairman, National Book Trust; Dr Aman Hingorani, Senior Partner at Hingorani & Associates; Prof (Dr)

DK Bandyopadhyay, Chairman, ALS; Savita Mehta, VP, Media, AUUP; Prof (Dr) Aditya Tomar. The editorial team spearheaded by Prof (Dr) Shefali Raizada, Additional Director ALS, AUUP who served as Editor in Chief along with Prof (Dr) Meenu Gupta as Editor and Ekta Gupta and Mayank Kapila, Co-editors and the entire editorial team were also present on the occasion of the launch.

The student committee comprising Shashank Kumar, Vashistha V Parashar, Shantanu Narain and

Siddharth Rajpoot was also in full attendance.

The book aims at providing guidance on a pertinent subject in the field of law to academicians as well as students. It comprises a total of 12 chapters which primarily focus on the laws that are prevalent in media and entertainment industry. The book provides valuable insights and is of great help to anyone in the field. Contributions to the book have also been made by Justice Sangeeta Dhingra, Dr Gokulesh Sharma and students of ALS, AUUP. **GT**

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A block of mass M kg is pulled along a smooth horizontal surface by a horizontal rope of mass 1 kg. A force of 15 N is applied at the free end of the rope. The force exerted by the block on the rope is 13.5 N. The mass of the block is:

- (a) 1.5 kg
- (b) 3 kg
- (c) 6 kg
- (d) 9 kg

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9/11: A lowdown



Illustration: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network

More than a decade later, the 9/11 attack on the United States that shook the world, still makes us recoil in horror. Here's revisiting all about the day — from the cause to the effect

September 11, 2001 - what could have been just another date, turned out to be a life changing event for the Americans as terror dawned upon them that even they are not safe. The date marked the biggest terror attack in history and left the entire world gaping in horror with one question - "If US is not safe, then who is?" 16 years later, we revisit the day that changed the world forever.

TALE OF TERROR

On the morning of Tuesday, September 11, 2001, 19 militants hijacked four airliners and carried out suicide attacks in the United States. Two planes were flown into the towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, a third plane hit the Pentagon just outside Washington, DC, and the fourth plane crashed in a field in Pennsylvania.

DEATH & DEVASTATION

Everyone on board the planes were killed and nearly 3,000 people died on the ground. Only 18 people were rescued alive from the rubble. It also took firefighters 100 days to extinguish all the fires ignited by the attacks in New York.

MASTER WITH NO MIND

Two weeks after the attacks, the Federal Bureau of Investigation connected the hijackers to the Islamic extremist group Al-Qaeda founded by Osama bin Laden, who claimed that the group was solely responsible for 9/11. In 2004, he released a video, explaining his dealings with lead hijacker Mohammed Atta.

DEADLY DISDAIN

Osama had openly criticised the policies of the US for attacking Muslims in Somalia and also

supporting Russian atrocities against Muslims in Chechnya. In fact, he had also written an open letter, "to the American people" where he had mentioned all these problems, alongside America's constant support to Indian oppression against Muslims in Kashmir. Osama clearly stated that he never liked Western policies and its meddling into an Islamic country's politics.

RECOIL, REACT

In the aftermath of the 9/11 deadly attacks, many US citizens held the view that the terror attacks had "changed the world forever." While the United States recoiled in horror, it reacted immediately and launched the 'War on Terror'. The US invaded Afghanistan to depose the Taliban, which had given shelter to Osama. Nearly, after 10 years, America's

quest for Osama Bin Laden came to an end on May 2, 2011. In the dark of night, he was finally killed by the US Navy seals. Within 40 minutes of the invasion, the world's most wanted terrorist was killed. President Obama addressed the world, "Justice has been done".

DOMINO'S DEFECT

By any measure, 9/11 was an extraordinary event. It was the first direct attack on the US space since the British burned the White House in 1812, an event which occurred in the context of a much larger war. This event led to one of the biggest US military buildups for over 20 years. Most importantly, after the attack, the rate of hate crimes against completely innocent Muslim-American citizens increased dramatically. Xenophobia was on its all-time high.

MONEY MATTERS

The attacks did leave a huge gaping hole in the US economy. In fact, some of the effect of the attack continue to show up even to this day in the economy. US, which was already struggling from the 2001 economic recession, found things to be even tougher. The Dow Jones (a stock market index) dropped more than 600 points. The New York Stock Exchange, as well as the American Stock Exchange, was closed for six days, making a devastating drop of 7.1 percent in the stock market. Further, the 'War on terror', which turned out to be one of the biggest govt spending programs in US history, left a bigger hole in the economy.

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9/11 Facts

Fire has never prior to 9/11 caused any steel frame building to collapse. The effects of explosives could not be examined.

Whenever contact is lost with any airplane, fighter jets start their sortie. On 9/11, two hours passed without any interception.

Out of 3000 people killed, 343 were New York City firefighters and paramedics, along with 23 New York City police.

Cleanup of the WTC was completed in May 2002, and the Pentagon was repaired within a year of the attack.

The New York Times became first to print the headline: "America's Emergency Line: 9/11".

Today, September 11 is remembered as Patriot Day in the United States and is dedicated to mourn the victims.

Chronology of terror



8:45 am: The hijacked plane, American Airlines Flight 11 out of Boston, crashes the plane into floors 93-99 of the north tower of the WTC, setting it on fire.

9:03 am: The second hijacked airliner, United Airlines Flight 175 from Boston, crashes into the south tower of the WTC, killing everyone on board.

9:17 am: The Federal Avia-

tion Administration (FAA) shuts down all New York City area airports.

9:21 am: The Port Authority orders all bridges and tunnels to be closed.

9:31: President George W Bush speaks from Florida and calls the series of events as "apparent terrorist attack on our country."

9:37 am: Hijackers aboard Flight 77 crash the plane into

the western façade of the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., killing 59 aboard the plane.

9:45 am: The White House and U.S. Capitol are evacuated.

9:57 am: President Bush departs from Florida.

9:59 am: The South Tower of WTC collapses.

10:10 am: United Airlines Flight 93, also hijacked, crashes in Somerset County,

Pennsylvania, southeast of Pittsburg, killing all 40 passengers.

10:28 am: After burning for 102 minutes, the north tower of New World Trade Center collapses, killing approximately 1,400 people.

11 am: Mayor Rudolph Giuliani calls for the evacuation of Lower Manhattan south of Canal Street.

1 pm: President Bush, from US

Air Force base in Louisiana, announces that US military forces are on high alert worldwide.

5:20 pm: Hours after the attack, the 47-story Building 7 of the WTC complex collapses.

6:58 pm: Bush arrives at the White House.

8:30 pm: Bush gives his final address of the day and calls the attacks "evil, despicable acts of terror".



The brain of honey bee is of the same size as a sesame seed. But, it has a remarkable capacity to learn and remember things.

Acts of courage



Dr. Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

American poet EE Cummings' line, "It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are" reverberates in my mind whenever I think about the word 'bravery' or 'courage'. This is because I grew up in a country like India where countless stories of our brave freedom fighters, who valiantly fought for overcoming decades of colonial rule, are recounted every time to remind us how lucky we are to live in a free, democratic country. I often marvel in awe at their courage and how they were so consumed by the idea of freedom that they never cared for their lives. This is because they fought for a larger cause- the nation's freedom. Such stories of valour are no more a staple in our everyday conversations. But they still exist. In the 21st century, these unsung heroes are fighting to expose truth, battling corruption, et al. Weeding out these problems are plucky journalists who are our new-age freedom fighters. Their lives are always under a cloud of threat. But nothing perturbs them in their dogged pursuit to search for the truth.

Truth is something we are always encouraged to speak. But the recent killing of Gauri Lankesh is a grim reminder of how speaking your mind can cost your life. But unfortunate incidents like these shouldn't deter a person from embarking on a truthful life. They should fill us with a sense of gratitude that they rallied for others. A courageous person isn't someone who suppress weak, but someone who works for a larger cause to make the society better. I have complete faith that my children will be our modern-day freedom fighters. 🇮🇳

Perfect Teacher



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

For the toddler going to school, the acme of perfection without any doubt is his teacher. "My teacher told me to colour it in green," he would insist stubbornly, no matter how much you try to convince him that capsicum can be red or yellow too. His teacher is the perfect hero/ine.

As he climbs the school ladder from primary to middle and senior wing, the adulation and adoration for these 'perfect' teachers softens steadily into respect and friendship. The young adult realises that 'perfection' was a beautiful myth that shaped his primary years. Even years later, when he happens to catch a glimpse of that perfect teacher at an alumni meet or even a market, the natural impulse is to walk up and say, "Sir, do you remember, I am Rahul. I used to be your student in Nursery." The teacher tries to connect that childish face with this young gentleman, while the student stands there, waiting for the acknowledgment in his eyes.

We all have treasured memories and anecdotes of the special student-teacher relationships during our schooling years. Although we ended up accepting that our beloved teachers were as prone to human flaws as any other people, the aura of glory they seemed to be surrounded with never really wears off. The best teachers were the ones who perfected the art of drawing out the best from us, motivating us to give our utmost. Being a teacher is not easy. Being a perfect teacher is perhaps even more difficult, but our teachers never give up the attempt. Read on (P 6-7) to see what the winners of an essay competition for Amity teachers on the topic 'Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection, we can catch excellence' wish to share their ideas on perfection. 🇮🇳

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Torture, no more

National security is priority. But should 'torture' as a means be adopted in every situation?

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When it comes to using torture as a means for extorting information out of those suspected of terrorism, opinions stand divided. While some stand in favour of the practice arguing that national security shouldn't be compromised, no matter what that means; there are others who condemn the same, calling it a violation of human rights.

This debate comes to the fore again, when placed in Indian context, putting the spotlight on Armed Forces Special Powers Acts (AFSPA), which is currently being implemented in Assam and Srinagar. Innumerable stories of mindless torture of civilians and misuse of this act have often surfaced both in the National as well as Western media.

There have been human rights violations and cases of disappearing men, women and children. But no one seems to care for national security seems to be the issue at hand. There is certainly no denying the importance of national security, but it is possible that inhumane acts are being conducted under the veil of security. Charles Krauthammer, a graduate from Harvard Medical School and contributor to the Washington Post and Time Magazine, once wrote, "Torture is an impermissible evil. Except under two



circumstances. The first is the ticking time bomb. An innocent's life is at stake. The person you have captured possesses information that could save life. He refuses to divulge." If one goes by his observation, then mindless torture is generally not required in every case. A strong and logical rationale is mandatory before brutal means is employed to extort information. A perfect example of meaningless use of torture is Guantanamo Bay, where inmates have been detained indefinitely without trial and have been subjected to severe



torture. They were, not necessarily, a threat to the US's national security, but nevertheless, the misuse of power has been an open story.

It is because of examples like these that human rights activists and bodies are aggressively pushing for no torture policy. They are referring to studies that have supported the fact that other methods of interrogation are superior and more effective than torture. Yes, national security is vital, but must it come at the expense of torture is a thought we need to ponder over. 🇮🇳

Captain in making

When Josh Shipp said that 'You' need to dominate your own world before someone else does, he was right. There are times when everything in life goes haywire. Muskaan Paintal & Poorvi Kar, AIS Gur 46, XII, share ways to reclaim your life.



Unbiased opinion
People around you will always have innumerable suggestions but the only person who knows your strength and weakness is 'you'. So, keep your prejudice aside and look straight in the mirror and decide what is best for you. Accept your weaknesses and work towards them.

Because you want to
Be it making an alternative career choice or taking a risk in life, there will always be peer pressure around. 'You' will have to take the decision

and live with it for the rest of your life. Work towards your goal because you want it, not for the sake of it.

Redefine yourself
There is always a better version of 'you' that's left undiscovered. Something that is lying dormant and needs to be ignited to improve your growth trajectory. So, improve, and move ahead.

Courageous you
Nothing in this world comes for free. Not even success. 'You' have to overcome

obstacles and challenges; be ready to face failures and rejection; constantly motivate yourself and patiently work towards what you really aim for. And all this together requires a lot of courage.

Negativity at bay
Everybody knows that a positive mind is essential to lead a happy and peaceful life. And, if you have set your goals in life, then 'you' have to ensure that negative thoughts don't find a breeding ground in your fertile imagination.

Slow and steady
We all know that Rome wasn't built in a day. Time is the biggest teacher and experience doesn't come in a day. 'You' may be an amateur today, but tomorrow will be another day. Remember that slow and steady wins the race. So, keep yourself focused and be persistent in your efforts.

So, the bottom line is to identify what 'you' want to do in life. Have a game plan, overcome your shortcomings and embark on a joy ride. 🇮🇳



Dear Editor,
The edition dated September 4, 2017 came as a surprise. While going through the edition, I came across four special pages – all in Hindi. This was very heart warming because today 'Hindi'



as a language has lost its charm. But when I read the pages, I felt very proud. I think with GT introducing such editions, the students will develop interest and learn correct usage of our national language.

Kartikay Bharadwaj
Teacher, AIS Vas 6, 🇮🇳

Little pearls of wisdom

The light of truth

Arush Jha, AIS Noida, VI

Leo Tolstoy, the greatest writer of all times once said, "The hero of my tale, whom I love with all the power of my soul, whom I have tried to portray in all his beauty, who has been, is, and will be beautiful, is Truth." It was not just Tolstoy who had firm belief in the power of truth. As a matter of fact, the entire world runs on the faith which is attained when truth is established. Imagine if all of us were liars, how would the scenario be? For instance, if you were hungry and your mother said she has cooked food but you didn't find any. You asked your teacher to solve your query but she didn't, claiming she didn't know it. You were supposed to complete homework but you didn't. The police was supposed to catch hold of thief but they didn't. These are just some, but that

would have altered the scenario, bringing the world to a halt.

So, there is a truth behind everything we say and do. We tend to hide it not only from people but actually from ourselves to seek short sighted happiness. Mahatma Gandhi in his childhood used to smoke under the influence of his friends. But it got difficult for him to manage the expenses and he ended up stealing money and even stole his brother's bracelet to pay debts.

Somewhere in his mind, he was irked by the habit of lying and thought of confessing it. He wrote a letter to his father charting down all the wrong deeds. He gave it to his father and tears rolled down his father's eyes. His father was silent and tore the letter. This was an act of forgiveness by Gandhi's father. From this instance, Gandhi learnt the importance of speaking the truth. So, it is truth that instills a light of power inside you and makes you confident in every situation you encounter.



There are about 20,000 to 60,000 honey bees and one queen in a colony of bees.



Buzzing Bee

The worker female honey bees live in the colony for about 6 weeks and do all the work.

Not-so-perfect

American football legend Vince Lombardi once pointed out, “Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection, we can catch excellence.” As teachers muse over this saying, they draw anecdotes from their personal lives and inspire children to deliver nothing but the best.

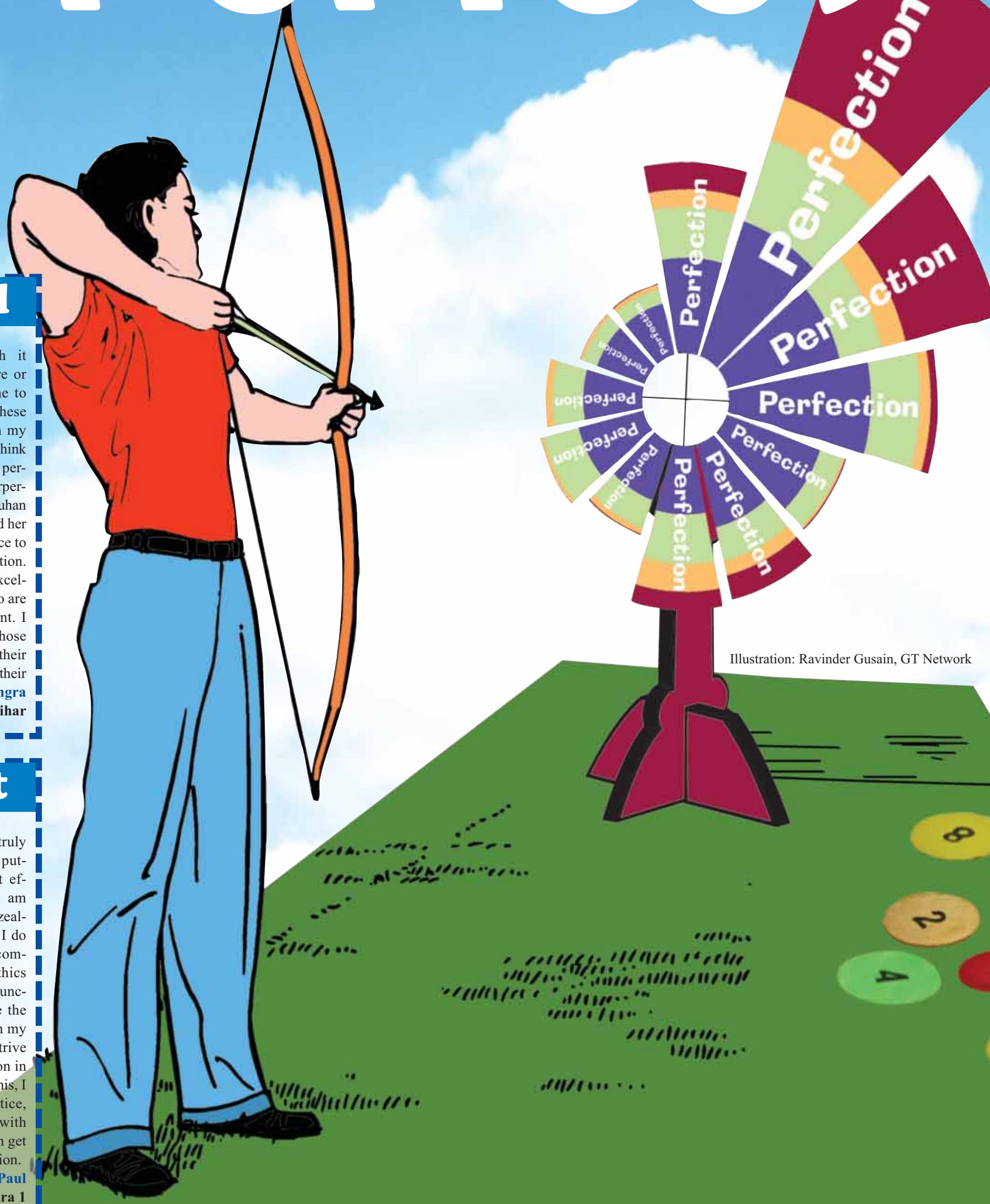


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Learning curve

To err is human. It is important to make mistakes in life because only when we fail, we will learn. And it is during this process of learning that a person attains perfection. Life is a journey of learning and provides us with numerous opportunities to near perfection. Sometimes, a person keeps on repeating a mistake, but the day he decides to ensure that there are no mistakes, he pushes himself to give his life a meaningful shape. This is the day when one embarks on the path of perfection.



I believe that “No-body on this earth is a perfectionist” — neither the student who scored 100%, nor the teacher of the student. This is because learning never stops. What you thought was perfect the last time around may become average when you ace your own achievements the next time. While perfection can’t be attained, there are things that can drive you towards it, like dedication and loving what you do.

Nruparaj Sahu, Amity Global School, Noida

Heart and soul

We live in a world where the dust of improvement never completely settles in the air and we, humans, the greedy souls, keep exploring more with each passing day to attain excellence in our fields. In order to become perfect, we are often surrounded by some questions that keep bothering us. ‘Is perfection a myth? Or is it attainable?’ How many times does a person try before he reaches the stage of perfection? The answer to this my friend is blowing in the wind. So, are we sup-



posed to catch it from somewhere or will it just come to us? While all these doubts linger in my mind, I can just think of one and only person who is Chairperson, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan who has always reiterated her faith in chasing excellence to reach the stage of perfection. They say, success and excellence comes to those who are determined and confident. I say, success comes to those who strive hard and put their heart and soul to achieve their goals.

Garima Dhingra AIS Pushp Vihar

Healthy mind

Not every person in this world is perfect, but if one works towards his goals diligently, then he would be able to reach the state of perfection. Practice makes a man perfect and even a stupid person can become intelligent, if he never gives up. There have been examples in the past that highlight the importance of continuous practice. Hence, hard work, dedication and sincerity are keys to succeed in any field, be it education, sports or even entertainment. One essential aspect that



most of us forget while talking about perfection is health. Only a happy and healthy mind can channelise all its energy in the right direction. This is why I firmly believe that a healthy mind resides in a healthy body. Regular exercise and meditation not only makes a person active, but also increase his concentration. So, while indomitable willpower is essential, health too should be in good spirits to excel in life.

Anil Kumar Yadav AIS Saket

Give your best

Vince Lombardi said, “Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence.” I firmly believe in this adage as I can see how as a teacher, I expect nothing but the best from my students. I want them to put their best efforts in everything that they do and seize right opportunities. There is always a conscious effort on my part to inculcate a sense of news and world happenings in my students. As an Amity teacher, my work fills up a large part of my life and the



only way I am truly satisfied is by putting in my best efforts. I am passionate and zealous about what I do and try not to compromise on ethics and values. Discipline, punctuality and humility are the qualities that I nurture in my students and I equally strive hard to achieve perfection in all of them. Apart from this, I also push them to practice, because I believe that with rigorous practice one can get an inch closer to perfection.

Sanjukta Paul AIS Vasundhara 1

Persistence is the key to succeed

All successful people who have reached spectacular heights aren’t perfect. But, they are the ones who never gave up the quest to achieve it. Learning is a continuous process and one never stops gaining from the immediate surroundings. The more one absorbs keenly and is willing to respond, the more chances of him attaining some sort of perfection becomes possible. To understand this, we have to remember that the word ‘impossible’ doesn’t feature in the dictionary of



those who have carved a niche for themselves. One has to excel in whatever one does. I would like to share a personal experience. When I joined Amity, I was too young and had little experience. At that time, I got a wonderful opportunity to work under a disciplinarian teacher, who was extremely strict. She wanted perfection from every work and even though I tried my best, it was difficult to make her happy. She would always find some mistake or flaw in my work. This kind of re-

sponse started having a negative impact on my performance. But then I remembered what my mother had once told me. She had said that we should always be open to learning and never give up because learning is a continuous process. The day one stops learning, he stops growing as an individual. Hence, I started focusing on my work and it was only a matter of time that I started getting nearly perfect in my work. I earned praise not only from my friends but also from my supervisor.

Pooja Singh AIS Vasundhara 6

Incalculable virtues of patience

There is nothing more enchanting than the voice of children singing the praise of God, early in the morning. My decade-long journey in the salubrious environs of the school has been enriching and fulfilling. It is here, that I realised, that along with students, we teachers too have a lot to learn in order to broaden our horizon. Besides teaching English poetry and literature, I have seen before my own eyes various avenues where my students could participate, compete and collaborate. They



have set fine examples for students by highlighting the virtues of practice. I have been fortunate to see many of my students get into prestigious colleges. And, since I have been a witness to their relentless pursuit to do well in life, I have learned the values of hard work and dedication from them. I would like to mention two brightest gems of our school — Saksham Agarwal and Arundhati Dikshit. They both are in IIT, Delhi. Both of them showed early signs of genius, right from the

Nandini Mukherjee AIS Gurugram 43

Scope for improvement

‘I am perfect’ is a myth. Almost nothing in this world is perfect. There is and will always be a scope for improvement. So, for me, every single day comes with something new to learn and that can be perfected only through regular practice. This drive within me to improve myself is what motivates me to try harder. Even though I am saying that perfection is a



myth, chasing perfection means that we are ambitious and we know that we have faith in the fact that we can do more. It means accepting that perfection doesn’t exist, but using the abstract idea to ‘catch excellence’ in order to grow more. It means that we believe in our abilities and want to use them to accomplish as much as we can. As a facilitator, my regular efforts to impart

knowledge to my learners with the best possible methodology does push me to shine and work towards a direction wherein I update myself with new ideas and procedures. I always focus on learning, planning, organising, delivering and achieving excellence by nurturing my country’s future. And, I know that as I try to pursue excellence, I am improving myself along the way.

Shreng Labru AIS Gurugram 46

Full dedication

There is no one in this world who doesn’t want to be perfect, but perfection is something that eludes many. In the present day scenario, there are many who are good at multi-tasking, but I strongly believe that one should put in all his/her efforts to do one job at a time. This doesn’t mean that the ones multitasking aren’t perfect. They may be perfect in their work, but they can’t put in their 100 percent in all the tasks at the same time. Perfection is achieved, not when there is nothing more to add,



but when there is nothing left to take away. If you find pleasure in your job then you will automatically put perfection in your work. Ergo, one should work with the thought, ‘I want to do it’ and not with ‘I have to do it’.

Perfection is like stars that pull, guide and inspire us. They show us the way, but never move. As we aim at them, we march towards them with zeal and enthusiasm, learning a lot enroute.

Ruby Kapil AIS Gwalior

Focus on the goal

Life is full of follies but learning from these follies helps one to enhance ones’ skills and abilities. As the saying goes, “Perfection doesn’t mean doing extraordinary things, but in doing ordinary things extraordinarily.” My life experiences have helped me develop and groom myself into a sensitive, determined, hard-working individual. They have also trained me to fight against my own weaknesses and accept challenges in life — no matter how small or big they are. Rigorous practice and moving ahead in life with a new



goal has taught me how to grow and accept challenges with fresh zeal, fervour, enthusiasm and intensity. Personally, for me, being at Amity has helped me enrich and enhance the very essence of an educator within me that was lying dormant for many years. While I learn new things everyday, I am fortunate to be surrounded by people who are warm and helpful. I have learned so much in their company. I am learning every single day here.

Suchika Sumeet Notani AIS VYC Lucknow

Game of thorns

We should prefer the concept of striving for excellence instead of aiming to achieve perfection. This is because excellence is about setting a high standard for ourselves and focusing on getting as good as we can possibly be. It is ultimately an inward process. It is about being as excellent as we can be. I always try to make my pupils understand that you are flawed (because everyone is flawed as no one is perfect) and you are perfectly fine the way you are. So, strive for excellence and



see how good you can become in whatever you are striving for. One also has to remember that excellence is not a bed of roses and comes with plenty of thorns. Perfection is a golden dream and we all are allowed to cherish this golden dream that works like a stimulus and motivator. But the journey isn’t a bed of roses. So, be prepared, work hard and work slowly towards perfecting your dream. It is possible to achieve it.

Deepak Kr Upadhyay AIS Jagdishpur

Par excellence

Indians are too often blamed for their display, acceptance and promotion of mediocrity. Their well-known ‘chalta hai’ attitude which they smugly take pride in has rotten our system and affected our lives. This attribution stops a person from achieving greatness because once mediocrity is accepted, we don’t challenge ourselves to do better. To shrug off this very mediocrity, which Indians imbibe from the system, is the first step towards making a person better. This is the reason why I think it is important to train kids to pursue



perfection, as it is famously said that to develop any habit, catch them young. Hence, perfection is essential to discover new facets of one’s strengths and weaknesses. Also it is this pursuit that would one day lead them to the threshold of excellence. As a teacher, it becomes imperative to train students to shrug off all forms of complacency and train them to work hard towards their goals. Only then there is a possibility of getting closer to perfection.

Manisha Batra AIS Mayur Vihar

Learn everyday

As an individual, a professional and as human beings, we always strive hard to become perfectionists. We may also keep them into two categories: Those who think themselves to be all knowledgeable and have no desire to learn more and then there are those who keep on improving themselves by taking up challenges. In my opinion, we have to learn everyday, irrespective of our age and experience. Being an English teacher, my friends around me expect me to be a repository of vocabulary. It so happened that one of my



friends asked me meaning of a word, I tried to explain her but failed to say that in right words. That time, I felt devastated because as a language teacher I thought I could conquer words and beat them with my rhetoric. But, words and language often ditch us. Since then, I have started focusing on understanding the right emotion of the word and not just comprehend its meaning. There is still a long way to go, I shall slowly get there.

Monika Chaudhary AIS VKC, Lucknow

Positive mind

Perfection is like a star in the sky that attracts us towards itself and guides us to reach closer to our dreams. In many ways, it encourages us to get closer to it, but it does that without moving from its place. This shows how the star motivates us to work hard and give our best shot despite the fact that we will never be near it. Perfection too works like this because we can never attain it, but the yearning for perfection makes us work harder. It indirectly tells us that learning is a never ending process and to achieve perfection in all aspects of life we will have to learn relentlessly. Some philosophers have rightly said that one should start with small things and slowly achieve the goal that one has set for himself. If one does that honestly, one would realise that the work/goal which once seemed impossible can not only be achieved, but perfected as well. It defi-



nitely isn’t an easy process, but one has to go an extra mile to achieve it. There are times in our life when we wish for a certain thing in life, believing that it would make our life perfect. But, this isn’t really true. No one can ever have a perfect life, but we can always try to make it better by aiming towards perfection. To do well in life, one has to diligently work towards their set goals. While one can’t ignore the importance of qualities like hard work and dedication, I believe that our thoughts are our best weapons and we ought to have a positive approach towards life to give our dreams a chance to flourish. We have to keep negative thoughts at bay and employ a focused approach to achieve everything. I have been teaching for 23 years and I can tell you from my experience that learning is a continuous process and so is perfection.

Kiran Tiwari AIS Noida

All the experiences shared in p6-7 are extracts from the winning essays, penned by teachers as part of essay writing activity conducted under the guidance of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEE, on the occasion of Teacher’s Day 2017. To be continued...

To identify the members, each honey bee colony has a unique odour.



Buzzing Bee

Storywala



The dark side

Nishka Mishra

AIS Pushp Vihar, X C

“Jill, you have to leave me here. I’m too hurt to run. You have to get out before it gets you,” screamed Rose. So far, the two had managed to dodge the monster. But they had now run out of luck for Rose was in the monster’s grip. Jill could see that Rose was in pain. She did not want to leave her behind, but realised that she had no other option. Reluctantly, she

turned around and ran for her life. As she ran, she did not know whether to feel angry at the monster or to feel sad for her friend. It had been just another day for Jill and Rose. Like every evening, they were playing in the woods. And then suddenly from nowhere the monster emerged, changing their lives forever. Suddenly she came to a halt. In front of her stood two doors. Perplexed, she did not know which one to take. Before she could make up her mind, she heard a

scream. It was Rose. Hearing the painful scream she knew that her friend was gone for good. “That ugly soul must have eaten her,” she thought to herself. With tears in her eyes and fear gripping her, she went inside the door on the right. Once inside, she was standing in front of a dark, long tunnel. Before she could muster the courage to walk through this dark zone, she could hear the sound of footsteps. It had to be the monster. Though, she couldn’t see him, she was surprised to observe that the voice ac-

“Before she could muster the courage to walk through this dark zone, she heard the sound of the monster again.”

companying the footsteps sounded familiar. As the voice echoed, she was sure that she had heard the voice before. And, then suddenly she realised that it was her own voice. She turned around to look at the monster who she had been trying to escape. She recoiled in horror, when she saw that the monster was no one else but her own mirror image, except that it was larger. Her palpitation increased and her palms were drenched in sweat, she couldn’t fathom what exactly was happening till the monster said “What you are thinking is absolutely right. I am your darker, wicked side. The side you always think doesn’t exist because you wear the garb of goodness. But somewhere, when you intentionally speak ill of your friends or cause them hurt, you invariably do a bad deed and I grow bigger every time.” She realised it is the monster inside her whom she will have to kill, to save herself. And before she could say or do a thing, she heard her mother calling her name. The monster disappeared and her eyes opened to the rays of the glaring sun and a newer version of her. 🇮🇳



Lemango pie

Vanshika Anand
AIS Vas 6, IX

Ingredients

- Biscuit crumbs.....100 gm
- Butter(melted).....6 tbsp
- Condensed milk.....200 gm
- Fresh cream1 cup
- Mango juice.....25 ml
- Lime juice25 ml
- Food colour(green) as required

Method

- In a large bowl, combine biscuit crumbs and the melted butter.
- Press the mixture onto a 9" pie plate, to make the crust

- for the cake. Press it evenly to ensure that the crust is of uniform thickness.
- Now place it in the freezer for 30 minutes.
- Take a bowl; add condensed milk, fresh cream, lime juice and mango juice. Mix well and set aside.
- Take out the frozen crust plate.
- Pour the batter carefully over the crust and swirl green food colour on the top.
- Refrigerate the pie for about two hours to set.
- Once done, take out the pie and serve cold.

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!



<p>Q: What is the headline of the article written by Yastika Biswas, AIS Gur 46, XII D?</p> <p>Ans:</p>	<p>Q: From where does the honey bee collect nectar to make honey?</p> <p>Ans:</p>	<p>Q: Name the DIY activity mentioned on P9.</p> <p>Ans:</p>
<p>Q: Kim Jong-un is the supreme leader of which country?</p> <p>Ans:</p>	<p>Q: Under which genre, 'The Angry Birds' movie fall?</p> <p>Ans:</p>	<p>Q: What is the name of the filmmaker interviewed on P1?</p> <p>Ans:</p>
<p>Q: Who is the author of the article, 'Bhaiya, ek plate' on P12?</p> <p>Ans:</p>	<p>Q: How many professions have been mentioned in the article, 'Futuristic profession'?</p> <p>Ans:</p>	<p>Q: Who visited AIS PV on the occasion of Teachers Day?</p> <p>Ans:</p>

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

Results of Read Play & Win-35: Monark S, AIS Noida, VII C; Jasraj, AIS Vas 1, VII B; Anuradha Arora, AIS Vas 1, IV A

WORDS VERSE

My Independence Day

Chhavi Sharma, AIS Vas 6, IX D



Near a cart
I lay on hay kept apart

They came, and I asked
Can I also be the function's part

They looked furious
And told me to not be over smart

They said, I didn't belong to their class
And I felt like a broken glass

Their words poked my heart
But then I thought of making a start

I walked to the heap of garbage
And pulled out things not of usage

I got some orange peel
Someone must have had it in their meal

I too found a green box filled with some paste
I licked it, My God how bad it taste

And with some pieces of a thrown white chart
I went back to the cart and worked on my art

It wasn't same as a flag
But it had my name tag

As the tunes of the National Anthem neared my ear
I stood up to pay homage to my dear

With my flag, in my hand
I went where they stand

It's my day and I will celebrate
Even if I have to stand separate 🇮🇳

Tongue twisters

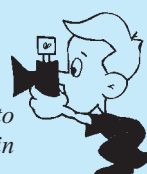
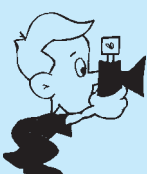
Aditi Suresh
AIS PV, XI F

- A big black bug bit a big black dog on his big black nose.
- The blue bluebird blinks!
- If two witches were watching two watches, which witch would watch which watch?
- If you want to buy, buy, if you don't want to buy, bye bye!
- Give papa a cup of proper coffee in a copper coffee cup.
- I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream.
- Whether the weather is warm, whether the weather is hot, we have to put up with the weather, whether we like it or not.
- Zebras zig and Zebras zag.

CAMERA CAPERS

Anchit Gupta, AIS Pushp Vihar, IX

Send in your entries to cameracapert@theglobaltimes.in



When the wait is over



Chip comes to life



Standing tall with dignity



The male honey bees known as drones don't work at all and are supposed to serve the purpose of mating.

Small but smart



Short story

Medhansh Kak
AIS Gur 43, VI

Once upon a time in a forest, a mighty elephant by the name Chaturdanta was the king. Everyone in the forest lived happily together like a family, they used the lake right in the middle of the forest to drink water and take bath. So one monsoon there was no rain and the lake dried up. Animals and birds started to die because of no water and the situation went out

of hand. After a long search, one of the elephant found a lake at the far end of the forest. And now, everyday the herd would go to the lake to bathe and drink water from the lake. But everyday they would pass a colony of rabbits and would not pay attention to the rabbits on the ground. So everyday some rabbits would be injured or crushed to death. As their number grew less, the leader of the rabbits called a meeting to stop this. Kikoo, a rabbit mustered all his

courage and went to the king and said, "Respected sir, I am Kikoo, a messenger from the Moon himself. The almighty Moon has sent me to you with a message." The king looked worried, and the rabbit continued, "Lake where you go to take bath, satisfy your thirst belongs to the almighty Moon, and he is **flustered** as you crush many rabbits on the way. As he is our guardian, our sad plight has saddened and angered him. He wishes to meet you. I will escort you for the meeting."

One of the elephants found a lake in forest. And now, everyday the herd would go to the lake to bathe and drink water from the lake.

The king and Kikoo took him to the lake, the Moon was reflected in its still water. The rabbit persuaded the king to offer his greetings to the Almighty. The king bent towards the lake and dipped his trunk in the water, and as the water stirred, so did the moon's reflection. Kikoo looked at king with concern and said, "Oh! He is really angry, he shakes when he is in anger." To which the king asked in fear, "But why is it so?" "Because you have angered him even more by touching the holy water of the lake," replied Kikoo. "Please ask the Almighty to forgive us. I promise my herd will never come again nor will we ever harm the rabbits," pleaded Chaturdanta and left with a promise to never visit the lake.

So what did you learn today?
New word: **Flustered**
Meaning: **Make someone agitated or confused.**



Hanging owl

Materials Required

- Paper cup1
- Circular foam stickers 1 strip
- Brown craft paper1
- Black craft paper.....1
- White craft paper1

- Yellow craft paper1
- Off-white craft paper1
- Hole puncher
- Adhesive
- Scissors

Procedure

1 With scissors, cut out oval feather shapes from coloured (brown and off-white) papers. Glue in layered rows around cup. (Refer image)

2 Now trace your hand on off-white colour craft paper and cut. Similarly draw a square (L-2cm x B-2cm) on yellow craft paper and cut.

3 Take black craft paper and cut out two 1.5 radius circles

and stick on the white circular foam stickers in the centre. And glue the eyes on the feathers. (Refer image)

5 Fold the beak in cone shape (refer image) and glue it in between the eyes. Stick the eyes and feathers to the top of the inverted cup. And let it dry.

6 Punch a hole on top and pass a string through it to hang. Hang it near a window.

Match it

Samridhya Pant
AIS Vas 6, III

Personality	Work/Achievement
1	A
2	B
3	C
4	D
5	E
6	F
7	G

Answers: (1. G) (2. C) (3. B) (4. E) (5. D) (6. A) (7. F)

POEM



Soft snowflakes

Eva Singh
AIS Vas 1, IV A

Soft snowflakes begins to fall
Making everyone enthral

Each flake is unique
Delicate and beautiful

Children play with the snowball
Gather to make a white snowman

Santa gives an excited call
Let's decorate the Christmas stall

And dance the night away
In the magical ball.

Best entries for Colouring Fun



Aashi Singhal, AIS Vas 1, II



Aarna Jain, AIS Vas 6, II B



Rahil Kharbanda
AIS Gur 46, V H



Prisha Kejriwal
AIS Vas 6, Nur D

Painting Corner

Saumya Arora
AIS Vas 6, III E



It's Me

My name: Niharika Garg
My school: AIS Noida
My Class: I
My birthday: 29 June
I like: Watching cartoons
I dislike: Writing
My hobby: Ballet
My role model: My father
My best friend: Navya
My favourite book: Neelu and Peelu
My favourite game: Lawn Tennis
My favourite mall: Mall of India
My favourite food: Pasta
My favourite teacher: Tanya Ma'am
My favourite poem: Balloon song
My favourite subject: Russian Ballet
I want to become: Ballerina
I want to feature in GT: Because I would love to see myself in the GT newspaper



Riddle Fiddle

Aadhya, AIS Gur 43, II

1. What do you get from a pampered cow?
2. What do you call a Santa who doesn't move?
3. Why was baby ant confused?
4. Why did cookie go to the doctor?
5. Why are teddy bears never hungry?

Answer: 1. Spoiled milk 2. Santa Clause 3. Because all his uncles were ants 4. Because he was feeling crummy 5. Because they are always stuffed



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The honey collected by honey bees during warmer months is used by them to feed themselves during winter season.

Forging new bonds

Abiding by the philosophy of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbukam' - world is one family, Amity has always shared strong bonds with different countries. The latest addition to Amity's list is South Korea

Amity Educational Resource Centre



Students exchange musical notes with each other



Students along with faculty members

A friendly tune

A musical exchange programme with our Korean friends

Welcoming everyone with open arms is a tradition Amity believes in. But this time AIS Noida opened its doors for the students of Byulmuri Christian School, South Korea, with musical arms. The school hosted a 'Musical Exchange Programme', on September 4, 2017, which saw an exchange of both

musical as well as cultural notes between the two countries. The event organised under the aegis of AERC gave students of both schools an insight into each other's culture and traditions. The event commenced on a pious note with ceremonial lamp lighting amidst the holy shlokas by students of AIS Noida. Greetings in Korean extended by Indian students sent out the message for friendship, loud and clear. Amitians accorded a traditional welcome to their Korean friends by singing a 'Swagat geet'. A mesmerising musical performance where the table, flute and *sitar* swayed in harmony, was met with a thunderous round of applause.

Taking over the stage and competing in English, a language unknown to them, they made their place in every heart from the very beginning. Love needs no language. It is a language in itself. The Korean students communicated that with a skit that sans words conveyed the power of love. A foot tapping dance performance that sent an MJ-esque vibe across the auditorium enthralled all. Taekwondo coupled with dance moves was the next act. The entertainment galore came to an end with a soulful orchestra by Korean students. The event ended with exchange of souvenirs between the two schools. Songs were sung, feet tapped, hugs exchanged, hands shaken and yet this end marked the beginning of a new friendship.

Learning ashore

Amitians visit South Korea to learn

In Amity, learning has never been confined to the classroom. It is a great endeavour of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF to ensure that the entire world is a classroom for Amitians. Keeping this in mind, a learning experience program in South Korea was organised for the first time ever. Organised under the aegis of AERC, the programme saw a group of eleven students from different branches of Amity In-

ternational Schools visit South Korea from August 28-September 2, 2017. The students were accompanied by Sunita Kenue, Manager, Amitranet and VS Naidu, Vice Principal, AIS Noida. During the six day programme, students had the opportunity to understand a culture other than their own, and acquaint themselves with best practices in South Korea. From soaking in the rich culture of South Korea at world heritage sites like Changdeokgung Palace to enjoying state-of-the-art technology at Trick Eye Museum, the world's first augmented reality museum; the students had the chance to do it all. A visit to the National Folk Museum ac-

quainted students with the country's history as the students got to know about life in earlier times. A visit to several tourist attractions as Ice Museum, Gyeongbok Palace, K-Style Hub, COEX Aquarium amidst several others was organised. Students had a great time at Lotte World, an amusement park and Seoul Animation Centre, where they made their own clay models. They explored new Korean technology at Samsung D'Lights and enjoyed watching wide variety of aquatic animals at COEX Aquarium. To sum up, the trip offered an enriching experience, replete with entertainment, learning and cultural enlightenment. This exchange programme offered students an opportunity to widen their horizons, serving the truest purpose of education.

Ticket to the USA

A workshop guiding the aspiring students about criteria & procedures to study further in USA



Students and parents take part in the counselling workshop

ACCGC

Under the guidance of the Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Amity Career Counselling & Guidance Cell (ACCGC) organised a workshop on the topic 'Prepare to study in USA' in collaboration with The College Board at AIS Gur 46. The session was attended by the parents, students and counselors of Class IX- XII, from all branches of Amity Schools. The guest speaker for the workshop was M Lisa Jain, Country Director, The

College Board, India. The workshop commenced with Ms Lisa talking about the US Universities Application process with major focus on the set of assessments which can help the students prepare & finally apply, like- PSAT, SAT, SAT Subject Tests & AP Exams. Students were informed about the benefits of taking PSAT, as it provides the best practice for SAT. The score report of PSAT provides a detailed performance review, helping students identify their strengths/weaknesses and enabling them to adopt smarter strategies while preparing for

SAT/other similar exams. She then explained the structure of SAT along with information about 'How' & 'When' to register for the same. Ms Lisa also spoke in detail about Advanced Placement (AP), a program in the US created by The College Board, which offers college-level curriculum and examinations to high school students. One great benefit of taking AP Exams is the opportunity to earn college credit and placements. Nearly all colleges and universities in the US grant credit and placement for qualifying AP scores. One can save money and move to an upper level course much sooner, thus saving time as well. The session concluded with an open house where students, parents and counsellors asked their queries. Ms Lisa appreciated the efforts of ACCGC for organising this workshop & providing a platform to students & parents to interact with experts and gain accurate & authentic information.

Loving your teachers

Gurur Brahma, Gurur Vishnu, Gurur Devo Maheshwara...

AIS Pushp Vihar

The school celebrated Teacher's Day with great love and gratitude for their teachers on September 5, 2017. The occasion saw the great presence of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF. Mohina Dar, Director, Amity Group of Schools also lighted up the ambience with her gracious presence on the occasion. The students presented teachers with handmade greeting cards which touched their hearts with abundance of love. They extended their gratitude to teachers through varied gestures showcasing their love and care for them. The beloved teachers looked vibrant and vivacious in plain clad colourful sarees carrying more roses in their bags than books.

Dhol beats, cake cutting during the morning assembly was the element of surprise for the teachers which made their day. The students also wrote a 250 words essay on the topic 'what will I do to make India clean', proposed by MHRD to conduct it in schools on the occasion. The celebrations also called for a spiritual talk for the teachers by Brahma Kumari Shivani Ji, an Indian spiritual teacher and inspirational speaker



Chairperson felicitates the spiritual teacher

who spoke on a variety of topics ranging from anger management, intrinsic happiness to harmony between thoughts, words and actions. Chairperson enlightened the students and teachers with her exalted wisdom. The day also felicitated teachers for their effort on best written essays on Teachers Day. The talk was followed by a spectacular presentation by teachers after school.

The queen bee can live upto five years and her role is to fill the hives with eggs.

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Ek plate aur...

From aloo chat to shikanji, our streets, thankfully, still shower us with these seasonal snacks. So let's look at yummy healthy street foods to enjoy

Dhairya Chaudhary, AIS PV, XI C

If Indian street food were to be a planet, it would supersede Jupiter. The planet is home to a lot more than the rather mainstream pav-bhaji or aloo tikki. Chura matar, benne dosa, malaiyo, etc may not be your regular golgappa, but do constitute a part of the world of Indian culinary served on street side. Another problem with Jupiter is that no one wants to go there (Mars is more fashionable). Our Indian street food suffers the same fate as western counterparts like fries, burgers and pizza hog the limelight, after being hogged on. The reasons? Everything from non-fashionable to unhealthy. This article is an attempt to dismiss all these claims.

Shakarkandi Chaat

Season: Winters

Sweet and succulent, this street style excellence, scores high both on taste and nutrition. Sweet potato is an excellent source of Vitamin C, Vitamin

A, and Vitamin B, along with essential minerals like Manganese, Iron and Potassium. With only 112 calories per sweet potato and zero fat, it is a great option for weight watchers.

Corn Cob / Bhutta

Season: Monsoon

Ever nibbled on a corn cob, watching the rain fall on your window? If yes, you must know what bliss feels like and you never have to feel guilty about eating this one for it is low on calories and fat. And what's more is that corn is full of carotenoids such as (lutein and zeaxanthin) and antioxidants. *Ab, isse healthy kya hoga?*

Dosa / Idli

Season: All seasons

If you are looking for a quick bite, then this is where you need to seek solace. Healthy and yummy, there is nothing more beautiful in the world than a crispy dosa or a soft idli, served

with piping hot sambhar. These south Indian delicacies are made from rice and urad dal, which is a source of iron and calcium. While iron helps in producing oxygen in the body, calcium is essential for maintaining healthy bones. Can you ask for more?

Dahi Vada

Season: Summers

Nothing beats the heat better than a plate of soft vada soaked in fresh curd, topped with red and green chutney. Contrary to popular belief, not all street food recipes are fattening. Just like the vada; some are shallow fried, and some even steamed. So, when you spot a food stall ask about the prep method, and once you spot a food stall that serves steamed vadas, hold on to them for dear life.

Dhokla

Season: All season

As this soft sponge like thing melts in

your mouth, you can only thank God for inventing things like dhokla. But it is not just the taste that puts it in the list of most preferred chaat. This Gujarati snack is the topper of the healthy class. Firstly, it is made of gram flour, then it is fermented, which only increases the nutritional value of pulses used, and to top it all, it is steamed. So much goodness in that tiny yellow cube.

Coconut Water

Season: Summer/ All season

Before kids start stealing thunder, the good old 'naariyal pani' quenched every 'pyaas'. Unlike those fooling colas, this low-calorie natural beverage detoxifies the body. Besides, it is packed with antioxidants, amino acids, enzymes, B-complex vitamins, Vitamin C and minerals.

So, next time there is 'mangalyaan', just root for Jupiter! 🇮🇳



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MOVIE REVIEW



The Angry Birds

Released: May 20, 2016

Director: Clay Kaytis and Fergal Reilly

Starring: Danny McBride, Jason Nicholson, Josh Gad, Maya Rudolph

Rating: ★★★★★

Genre: Action/Adventure

Narrative: Who doesn't love angry birds goofing around? This movie captures the love for these tiny little creatures. It revolves around an island populated by happy birds, except for Red, who has a temper issue, speedy Chuck and the ever volatile Bomb who feel out of the place. Red's temper issues lead to him being driven to anger management sessions, which prove to be of little help.

Things get more interesting as a bunch of pigs reach the island. Pretending to be friends, they secretly plan to invade the island. Red, who can see through their plan, tries to convince the natives of the island, but all thanks to his past behaviour, no one believes him.

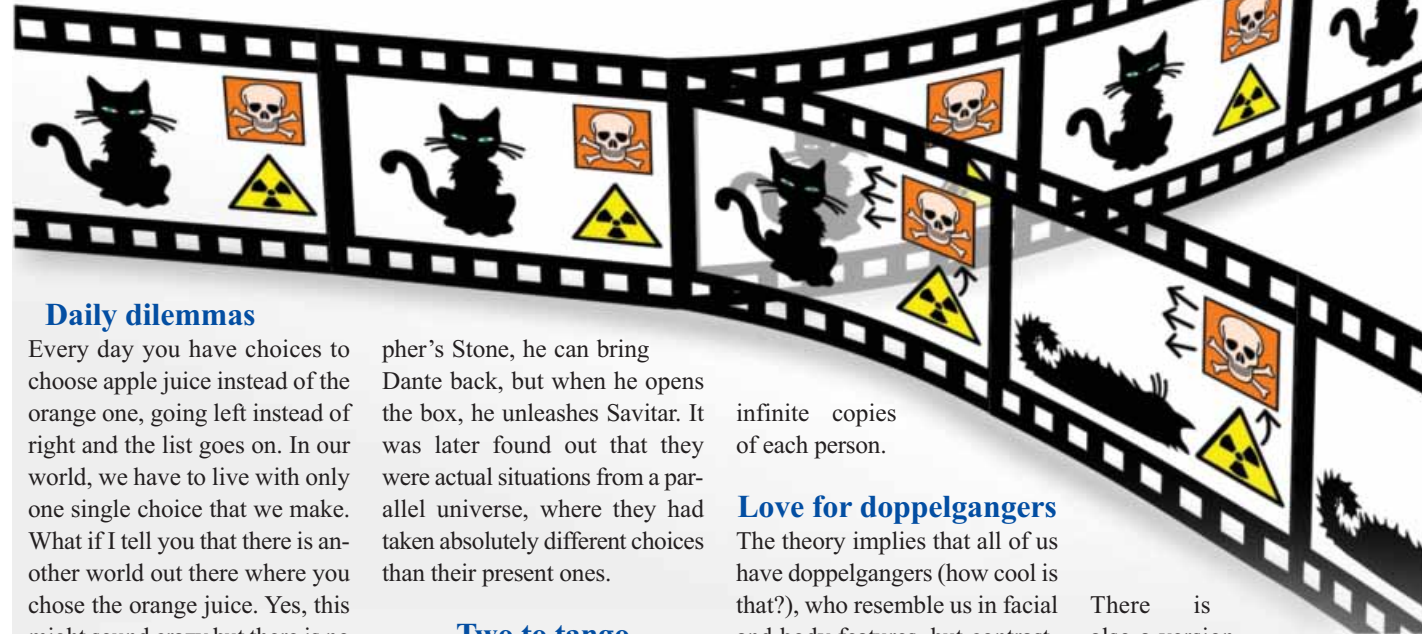
Analysis and inspirations: The movie does its bit of delivering a sensitive message that of not judging others. But primarily, the movie aims at being funny, and does that job rather well. It aims at entertainment and doesn't disappoint.

Best dialogue: Bomb: "If my name were Bobby, would you ask me what is my hobby? Or if my name were Judice, would you ask me what my mood is? I laugh, I cry, I love, I hate, I do so much more than detonate. Think about it."

Review by: Ananya Vij Mandakini,
AIS Vasundhara 1, VIII

You didn't read this!

As per the 'Many Worlds Interpretation' quantum of Physics, we live in an infinite web of alternate timelines, **Yastika Biswas, AIS Gur 46, XII D** decodes the possible multiverse theories.



Daily dilemmas

Every day you have choices to choose apple juice instead of the orange one, going left instead of right and the list goes on. In our world, we have to live with only one single choice that we make. What if I tell you that there is another world out there where you chose the orange juice. Yes, this might sound crazy but there is no theory that can irrefutably discredit its validity. And these theories have been around since 1954, when Hugh Everett gave his 'Many World Interpretation' theory.

Fiction unboxes reality

DC Comics fans, do you remember the Flash episode, when Cisco started having hallucinations? Cisco had a hallucination of his brother Dante and finds out that if he gets the Philoso-

pher's Stone, he can bring Dante back, but when he opens the box, he unleashes Savitar. It was later found out that they were actual situations from a parallel universe, where they had taken absolutely different choices than their present ones.

Two to tango

Moving on, what the 'Many World Interpretations' basically means is that, since the wave function never collapses, every possible outcome of any event is realised in a separate and non-communicating physical reality, which actually exists alongside ours. If Everett's Many Worlds Theory is to be believed, it holds many ramifications that completely transform our perceptions on life. There are an infinite number of parallel universes and

infinite copies of each person.

Love for doppelgangers

The theory implies that all of us have doppelgangers (how cool is that?), who resemble us in facial and body features, but contrastingly we do not have identical personalities (one of us may be aggressive and another may be passive) because each one experiences a separate outcome.

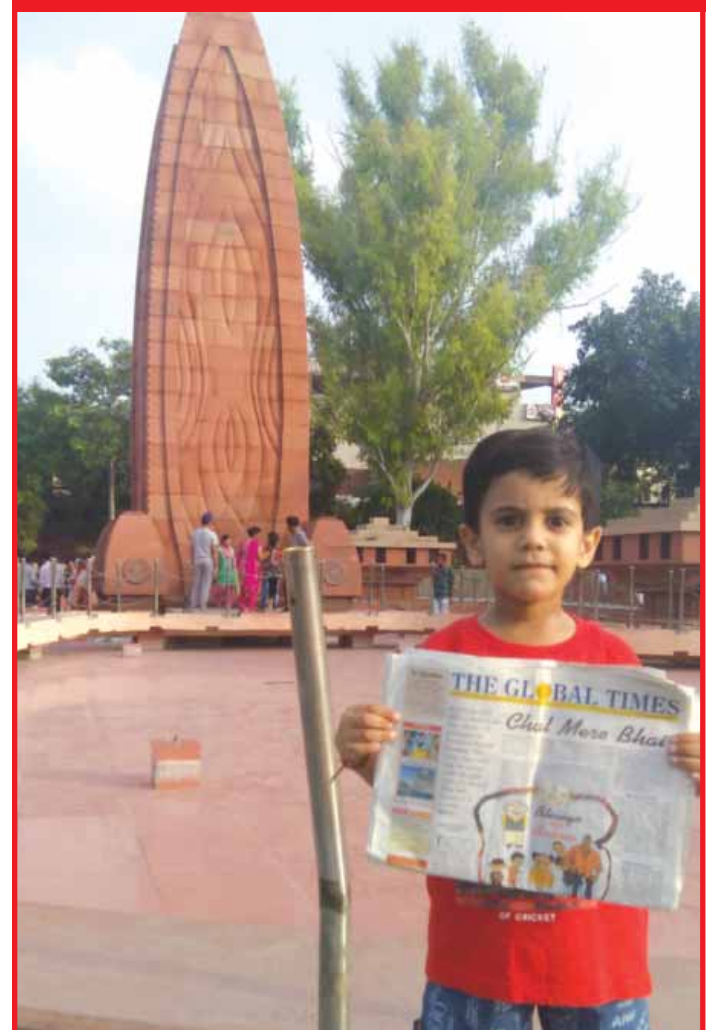
Versions of "What is's?"

Each and every one of us – or some version of us in a parallel universe – has done or will do everything. At any rate, this means that there is a version of you who missed their bus this morning and had to take a metro.

There is also a version of you who was attacked by a kamikaze bald eagle, for this doesn't just apply to mundane stuff.

Disclaimer: I also did not write this article that you are reading in the other world and in another world you didn't realise that I spelled you're wrong. Wait I just pointed it out, well that means in one of the worlds I didn't point it out and..... You get the point! 🇮🇳

GT Travels to Amritsar



Aruj Tejpal, AIS Vas 1, KG B, poses with his copy of The Global Times in front of the Jallianwala Bagh, Amritsar, Punjab. On April 12, 1919 approximately 1000 people gathered were killed on the order of Brigadier-General Reginald Dyer.

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