

Status of the week
 On 22nd Sep 1994, a runaway bride Rachel walked into Central Park and interrupted a casual conversation between friends, changing our lives forever. Here's to F.R.I.E.N.D.S. - the greatest sitcom ever. We've celebrated our happiest moments with it as well as tided over our lowest lows. Happy 22nd birthday F.R.I.E.N.D.S.
 Eepsita Mishra
 AIS Saket, Alumnus

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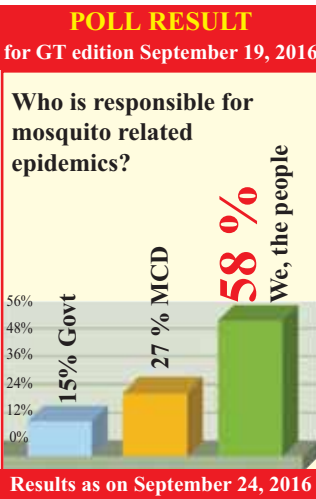
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Coming Next
 Tribute to Gandhi

Two words that have the power to stir a thousand emotions. From a pat on the back to a simple note, they have been said in a million ways, all creating the same impact – a smiling face. On the occasion of World Gratitude Day celebrated on September 21, here are some real stories of how a simple 'Thank You' has changed many lives

Romika Chakraborty, GT Network

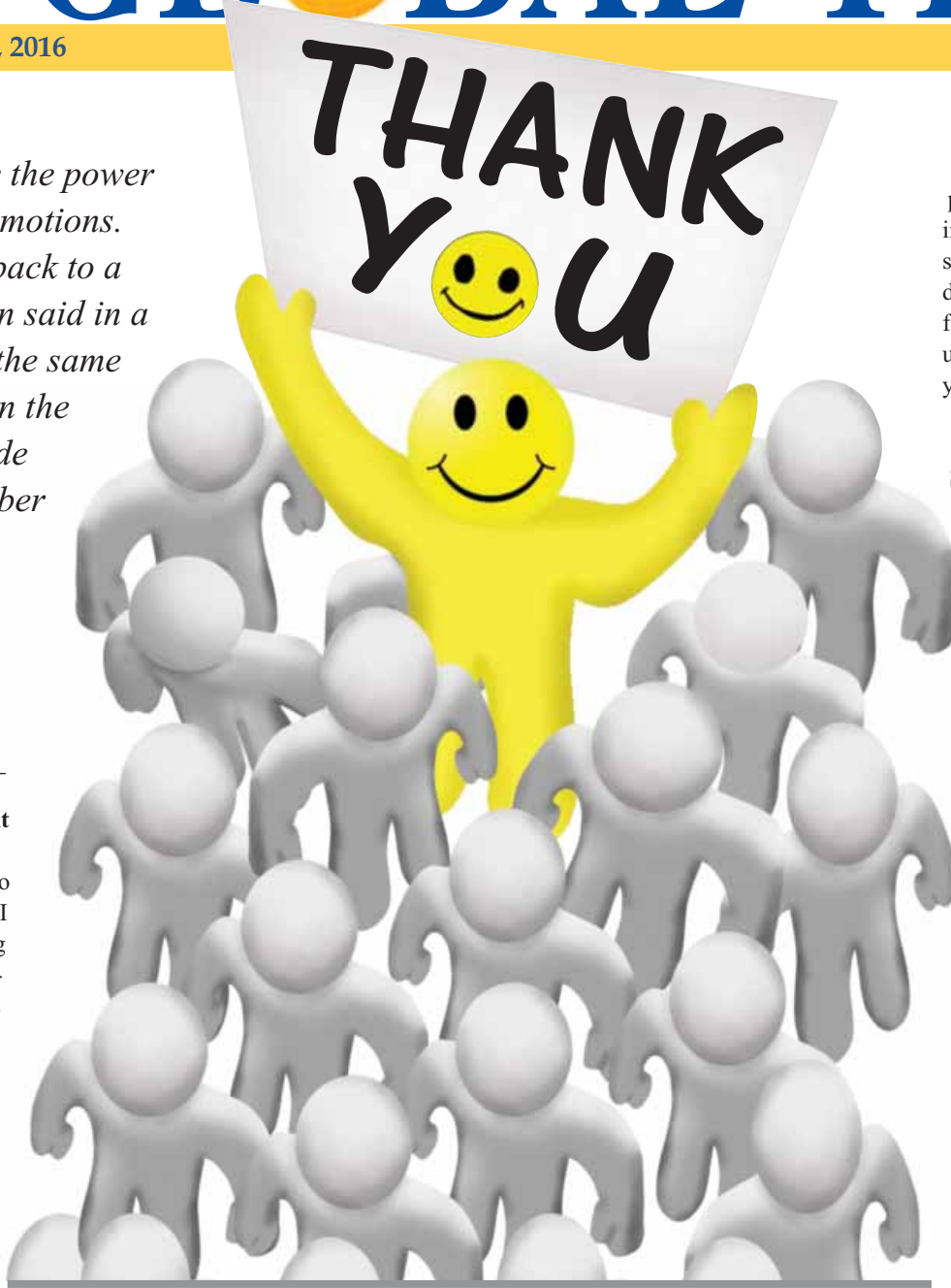
Sometimes, a 'thank you' is all it takes to make others feel loved.

Every year when my children go back to school after the summer vacations, I place a small note in their tiffins saying "I miss you!" That is just an understatement of how lonely the home feels when they go back to school. This year, after dropping the kids off to school, I rushed to tidy up their room. There lay a small note which read, "Thank you Mom, for making every summer vacation more enjoyable than last year. I want to tell you that I am really thankful for all the special things you did for me. Miss you too. Madhav." I framed the first gratitude note of my life and placed it on my desk as a constant reminder of how my kids love me back.

Vandana Sharma, M/o Madhav Sharma, AIS Saket, VI B

Sometimes, 'thank you' can create everlasting friendships.

As a 'new student' in grade 7, I knew nobody. But then I talked to a girl sitting in a corner and soon we became best friends.



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After sometime, it was announced that I topped the first term exams while my best friend Tina secured the second position. Since then, she avoided me and then stopped talking completely. Two days before the second term exams, Tina fell ill and asked me for help. Initially hesitant, I finally handed her the notes. We both bagged the first position. After that, Tina came to me with tears flowing down her

eyes and said, "Thank You." We were best friends again and this time forever!

Toyam Khanna, AIS Gur 46, VIII F

Sometimes, a heartfelt 'thank you' is your biggest achievement.

Once a student was transferred to my class who had the reputation of being unruly. Though unhappy at first, I soon realised the faith the school had entrusted in me. I

did everything a teacher would do; from protecting him from bullies, nursing him in his sorrows to encouraging him in his studies. I worked really hard on the student. As a result, I got my favourite student for the year. One day, his parents walked up to me teary eyed and said, "Thank you". That was the best trophy of my life.

Ruchi Jadoun, AIS Vas 6, Teacher

Spending time with loved ones is all it needs to say 'Thank you'.

One thank you that stirred my soul was when my son scored well in Class XII exams. That very moment, he first thanked God and then touched his grandparents' feet. After that he hugged me and asked, "Mom, are you happy?" And while the rest of his friends spend the joyous day outside, he spent all the precious moments with us paying obeisance to all the time we had spent in his preparation. Today, I stand tall, mother of a child who acknowledged all the little deeds I have ever done for him.

Rekha Monga, AIS Saket, Teacher

Sometimes, you don't have to say 'Thank you'.

From fighting for the TV remote, to barging into my times of peace, my little brother has wreaked havoc in my life. One day, three years ago, brimming with excitement for his first school trip to Jim Corbett, my brother approached my father for permission. Papa being too protective, said a 'No'. But after an hour, I finally convinced him to let him go. The next day, without any fuss, he let me watch my favourite TV channel. I was quite surprised and happy at the same time. No tiff on the sofa; he let me surf any channel I wanted to. This had been his way of saying thank you to me. But I had received my thank you when I saw the twinkle in his eyes that day.

Kriti Sinha, AIS Noida, XII

The debate whisperer

Debating isn't merely about arguments and counter arguments. It is an art that a few have mastered with years of practice. Lawand Hima Namu from Denmark, a debating coach, is one of them

Nimish Dham & Jasmine Kaur
 AIS Pushp Vihar, XI B

One careless word can lead to heated arguments and counter questions. Honing the art of debating isn't a cakewalk. Lawand Hima Namu from Denmark taught Amitians how to make it one in a week long workshop. A debating coach, he is the winner of National Danish Debating competition, Politiken Debating School's debating competition among many others. He also guides the employees of many companies in enhancing their rhetorical skills. Here are some excerpts from an interview with the expert.

On debating

Debating brings out divergence. In a society, there can either be violence or negotiations and debating is what separates the two. It can help maintain democracy as it brings out different opinions and make people aware of them. Debating also teaches one to bring out the anomalies of the language and understand when a person is being manipulative with his words.

On being a good debater

I think that there are different kinds of debaters for each debater comes with his/her own style. What is of key importance is that a person should be confident and comfortable in the style in



Learning the intricacies of a healthy debate

which he is going to present his views. One needs to put his/her point across in a simple and straight manner. Many people are of the view that using academic or heavy duty words makes you a better debater. However, it is quite the opposite as heavy words do not help in getting your point across, but rather confuse your audience.

On tackling the opponent

You need to think about it. If you don't think about what the other person is saying, then you won't be able to retaliate appropriately. One thing is certain that arguments should be made in a manner

that can withstand scrutiny. They should have a firm foundation of facts and figures. There are two types of questions; substantial questions and the others are aimed to simply confuse the opponents. Before you answer a question, it is imperative that you ascertain what type of a question has been asked.

Research

As I said earlier, one has to have a good knowledge of the topic to be debated on. If one is debating and lacks knowledge or isn't well versed with the background of the subject, then the arguments are bound to be weak and unsubstantial.



Lawand Hima Namu (C) with GT reporters

Pic: Jaidev Tandon, AIS PV, X A

In the parliament

Firstly, the debates in the parliament are influenced by the situation that a country is facing. So the politicians are constrained to a very limited area of arguments because they have to strike a balance between public opinion and the right decision. Secondly, the debate that occurs in public forums is extremely liberal where people express their opinions freely. This type of debate includes diverse opinions and arguments. But ultimately, it is the debate in the parliament which contributes to the final decision making in foreign affairs and policy formation of a country.

Favourite debater

I will have to say that it would be United States President Barack Obama. Not only is he articulate but a gifted orator as well. He uses a lot of emotion in his speeches to convince people rather than just blatantly stating out facts. I feel that these days, student debaters do not emphasise on emotions that drives people towards them and convinces them to think that you actually feel for the cause. It is an old forgotten art that people need to pay attention to. They should make use of it for not just to debate well but to actually have an impact on the people. That is how a good debate should be.

Pigeons, being highly intelligent, are able to recognize themselves in the mirror and find the same people in different pictures.



You tiny little thing

Dear mosquito, we have had enough of your nonsense – the diseases and the myths that you bring along. While the former isn't in our hands really, this write up is an attempt to get rid of the latter

Bhavna Mehrotra, AIS Saket, Alumnus

It isn't a nuclear bomb. No, not even a hurricane or an earthquake. It's a mosquito. Yes, that tiny little thing that you considered too minuscule for attention has put the entire world on its toes. While the mosquito menace has brought along numerous threats that range from Dengue and Malaria to recent additions like Chikungunya; it has also triggered several misconceptions. Here's an attempt at demystifying the mosquito.

MYTH 1: It happens only in India!

FACT: Well, if this brings you any sadistic pleasure, it is not just India but the entire world that is grappling with the mosquito menace. Dengue is endemic in much of Asia, including India, and South East Asia. Popular tourist destinations such as Vietnam, Thailand and Cambodia are also affected. Zika, on the other hand, has greatly affected Brazil. Babies, whose mothers were afflicted with Zika, are being born with deformed heads, with no remedy in sight. Doctors have also found the virus staying in a person's blood even after they were cured. This makes Zika very dangerous. This year, 42 countries are experiencing the first outbreak of Zika since 2015, with no previous evidence of circulation, and with ongoing transmission by mosquitoes. So essentially, the entire world is at stake.

MYTH 2: Mosquitoes feed only on human blood

FACT: While mosquitoes do thrive on human blood, there are also several varieties that don't really prefer homo sapiens. Research by University of California found that mosquitoes are more likely to feed on cattle than on humans if they carry a specific chromosomal rearrangement in their genome. This reduces their odds of transmitting the malaria parasite, according to the new study.

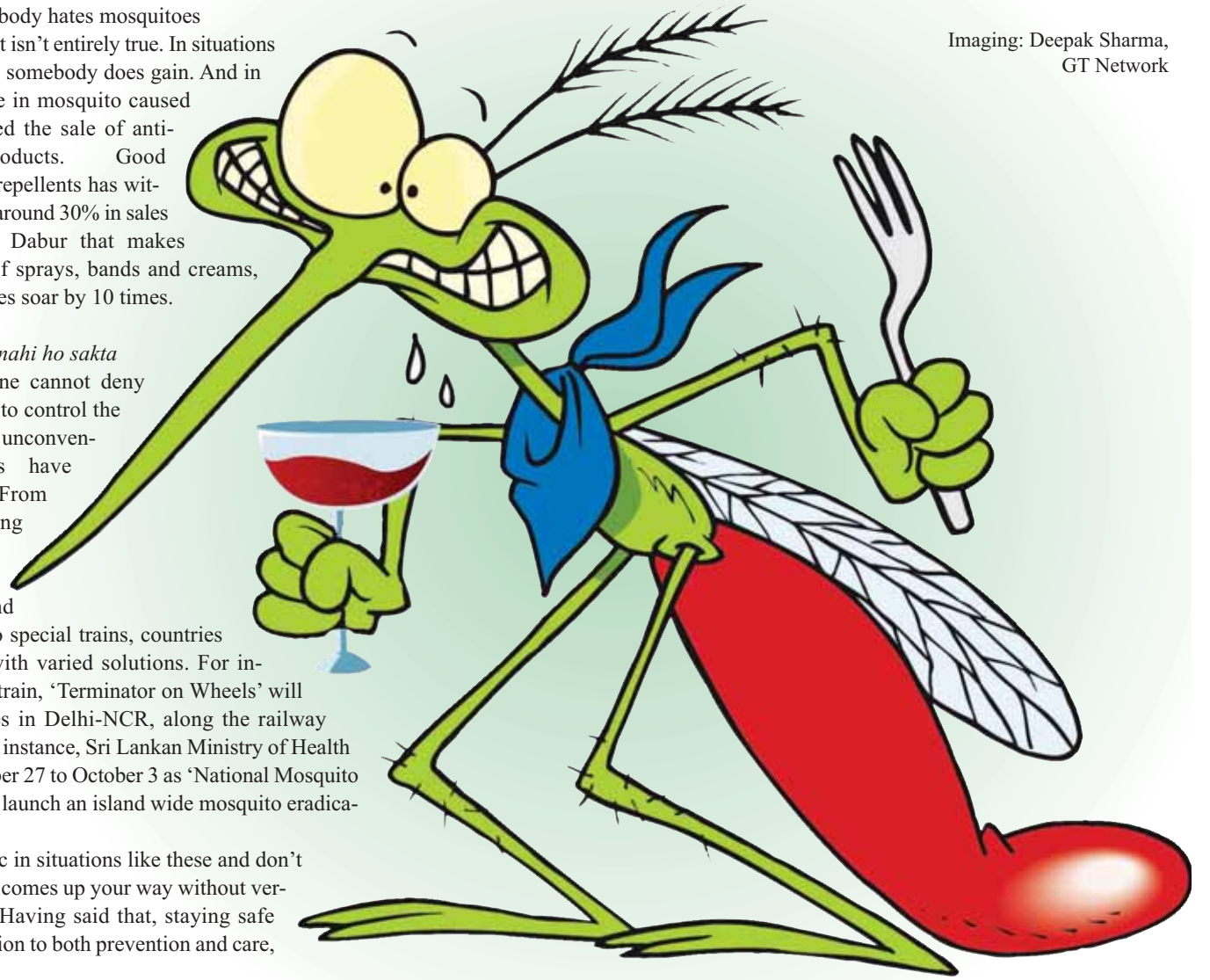
MYTH 3: Everybody hates mosquitoes

FACT: Alas! That isn't entirely true. In situations not good for one, somebody does gain. And in this case, the rise in mosquito caused diseases to spiked the sale of anti-mosquito products. Good Knight brand of repellents has witnessed a spurt of around 30% in sales repellents while Dabur that makes Odomos brand of sprays, bands and creams, has seen their sales soar by 10 times.

MYTH 4: Kuch nahi ho sakta

FACT: While one cannot deny that it is difficult to control the outbreak, certain unconventional measures have been taken. From schools allowing kids to wear jeans to apps for mosquitoes and aerial spraying to special trains, countries are coming up with varied solutions. For instance, a special train, 'Terminator on Wheels' will spray insecticides in Delhi-NCR, along the railway tracks. In another instance, Sri Lankan Ministry of Health declared September 27 to October 3 as 'National Mosquito Control Week' to launch an island wide mosquito eradication campaign.

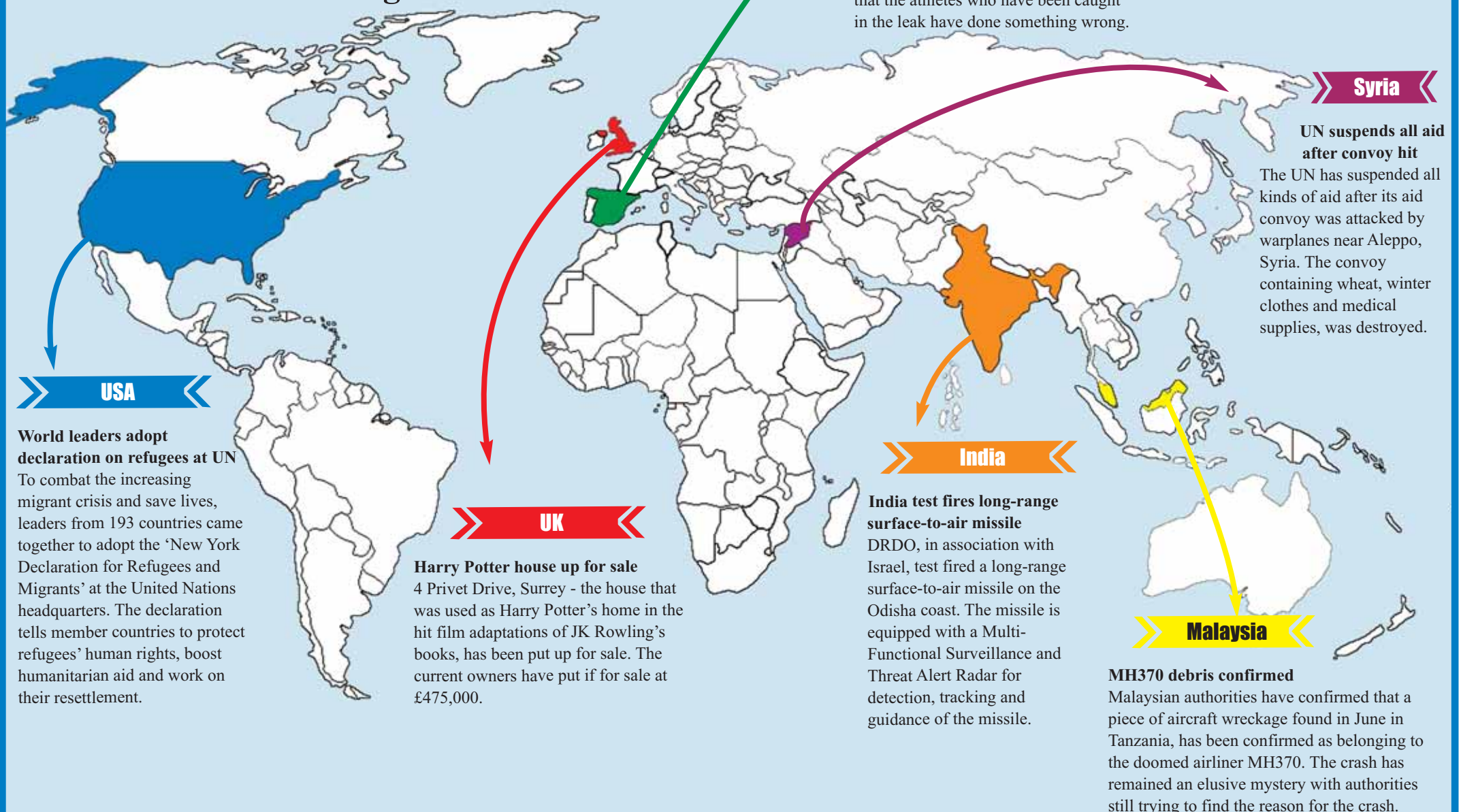
So do not to panic in situations like these and don't believe whatever comes up your way without verifying the facts. Having said that, staying safe and paying attention to both prevention and care, is important. [G](#) [T](#)



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World at a glance

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





On an average, pigeons have 10000 feathers on their body.

Double celebrations

It was twice as nice for Amity University, Mumbai that came together to celebrate their second Foundation Day that coincided with Teacher's Day



Dr Anil Kakodkar being felicitated by Prof VV Khole (R)



Lighting of the lamp by dignitaries

Amity University, Mumbai

Sushmita Padhi, MJMC, AUM

Amity University, Mumbai celebrated their second Foundation Day along with Teachers Day on September 6, 2016. Dr Anil Kakodkar, Ex-Secretary of Department Of Atomic Energy and former Director of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, was the chief guest during the ceremony. The event was also attended by Maj Gen R Shridhar, Vice President, RBEF; HODs, and faculty members along with over 1000 students. The programme began with the lighting

of the lamp by the dignitaries which was followed by a dance performance that paid tribute to Maa Saraswati. This was followed by a welcome speech by (Prof) Dr VV Khole, Vice Chancellor, AUM. Since the event coincided with Teachers Day, the students made every possible attempt at making the day special for every teacher. The day also witnessed some dance performances in different styles, melodious renditions by students and a video showcasing Chanakya's virtues for teachers and students. Soma Hota, a student of Amity University Mumbai gave a memorable speech on the outstanding work of Dr S Radhakrishnan in the field of teaching.

Speaking on the occasion, Padma Shree, Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan awardee Dr Kakodkar stressed about the need for integrated research in uplifting the society. He stated, "Some of the key areas that need to be recharged are high quality faculty, innovative research, excellent teaching, learning and evaluation methods in addition to industry linkages and institutional social responsibility." Dr Kakodkar, an eminent nuclear scientist also advocated the need of knowledge, society and economy to be integrated since the social, technological and economic development of any society depends on these three factors. He further added that a flourished society

will move towards higher value and development of new technology and transition. He also spoke about the role of teachers, saying that teachers are the creators of an informed, innovative and creative society. Dr VV Khole, in his address to the gathering, called upon the students to think out of the box, work hard and always keep a tab on the technological developments and societal changes taking place around the globe. The programme concluded with the thanksgiving speech by Anil Srivastava, Registrar, Amity University, Mumbai. The twin celebrations of Foundation Day and Teacher's Day were enjoyed by everyone. [G](#) [I](#)

Pic: Sahil Sharma, AIFS, AUUP



The jubilant members of Nyaynaman, the dramatics club of AIFS

Celebrating Teacher's Day

The journey of education from the Gurukuls to the present system - all shown in a single play

AIFS

Sahil Sharma, AIFS, AUUP

Nyaynaman*, the dramatics club of Amity Institute of Forensic Sciences, Amity University, Uttar Pradesh, commemorated the auspicious event of Teacher's Day on September 5, 2016 by putting up a stellar play. The play was a cherishable attempt at visualising the journey of the education system- from the beginning of Gurukuls to modern educational institutions.

The play titled 'Gyan Ka Bigul: Aaj Aur Kal', highlighted the merits and demerits of the modern education system. The scenes unfolded with the journey of a young child, who leaves his family behind, and embarks on a journey to his Gurukul, along with his esteemed Gurus. The play show-

cased his life as a student, the lessons he learnt from his Gurus, and how education transformed him into a sincere and knowledgeable human being.

The play left the audience with the message that if it hadn't been for their teachers, they wouldn't have been who they are today.

The play presented with the help of the leader of the club, Eshan K. Das, writer Ravi Shankar Ojha, and coordinators Sahil Sharma and Md Ateeq Ahmed, was received with much appreciation and applause by everyone.

*Nyaynaman, consists of the Hindi words 'Nyay', meaning justice, and 'Naman', meaning bowing to peace. Together, the name Nyaynaman means that 'a just society automatically harbours a peaceful society'. This student club attempts to highlight the challenges of the contemporary society and present them through the medium of theatre. [G](#) [I](#)

For the love of Hindi

Interesting competitions brought the beauty of the language to the fore

AIE & AIBAS

Two departments of Amity University, UP - Amity Institute of Education and Amity Institute of Behavioral and Allied Sciences, came together to celebrate Hindi Divas on September 14, 2016. The celebrations comprised interesting competitions including poster making competition and debate. The poster making competition was organised on the topic, 'Importance of Hindi language'. The competition witnessed the active participation of 32 students, who showcased their emotions and respect for the language through their paintings. While Deepika Sharma and Neha Chibber (B.El.Ed-3) won the competition, the first runner up spot was bagged by K. Arpita and Neha (B.Ed-B). Rashmi Aggarwal and Ritika Jindal (B.El.Ed-5) fetched the second runner up position. With the theme, 'Hindi Bhasha - a Heritage or Not', the debate gave an insight into several ignored



Students partake in the painting competition

facets of the Hindi language. The debate brought to the fore different viewpoints and perspectives of students towards Hindi Language. 20 students participated in the debate. K.Arпита (B.Ed-B) won the competition, and the first runner up position was accorded to Neha (B.Ed-B). Both the competitions were chaired by Dr Alka Muddgal, HOI, AUUP. The event highlighted the beauty of the language, making Hindi Divas celebrations a success. The event came to an end with a vote of thanks by Dr Mahima Gupta, Asst Professor, AIE. [G](#) [I](#)



A student learns to operate the fire extinguisher

Put down the fire

AIE & AIBAS

A workshop on Fire and Safety management was organised on September 9, 2016 by AIE and Amity Institute of Behavioural and Allied Sciences. It was organised as part of the workshop series on Disaster Management in the university premises. The session started with a welcome address by Dr Alka Muddgal, Head of Institution, AIE & AIBAS. The facilitator for the workshop was

Vijay Bahadur Shrivastava, Dy Chief Fire Officer, AUUP. The workshop highlighted the need to carry out emergency duties of evacuating procedures in case of a fire. It provided an opportunity to practice emergency procedures in a stimulated and safe environment. Students were given hands-on training in quick and safe evacuation from the premises and handling of fire extinguishers. The informative workshop trained students in emergency measures. [G](#) [I](#)

Amity Institute for Competitive Examinations

Presents



Brainleaks-182 FOR CLASS IX-X

Soham was going to bleach his socks because they had gotten muddy the day before. As he was pouring the bleach into the washing machine, he spilled some on the floor. He got some cleaning fluid and mopped it up with a rug. Minutes later, Sohams was dead. What killed Sohams?
(a) NH₃ (Ammonia)
(b) CO (Carbon monoxide)
(c) CaOCl₂ (Bleaching powder)
(d) COCl₂ (Phosgene)

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3 correct entries win attractive prizes

Ans. Brainleaks 181 : (b)

Winner for Brainleaks 181

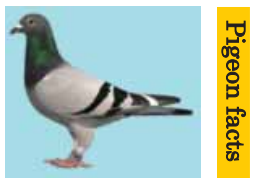
1. Sagnik Sarkar, VIII A, Vasundhara I
2. Arsh Gupta, V B, AIS Gur 43
3. Bharat Yadav, VIII, AIMC

Name:.....

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Dreams yesterday, reality today

Our grandparents dreamt of having cars that could drive them to work. We, will soon be able to lay our hands on self-driving cars. What was a mere fantasy yesterday is a reality today. **Vaishali Tikoo, XII & Aditya Thakral, Alumnus, AIS Gur 46** tell you what happens when someone's dreams meets someone's reality.

Grandfather: Oh son, back in the 80's, I was a big fan of the movie series 'Back to the future'. I remember how I'd go mad after watching each of their movies. After all, they actually showed us the science which we knew would never come true. But a little imagination and excitement, was never bad. **Grandson:** Oh grandpa, it's 2016 now. Those times are gone. The dream which your generation saw, is now a reality for us. Challenge me with any of your 'back to the future' technology, and I'll turn all of them into 'now is the future' technology.

The self driving car

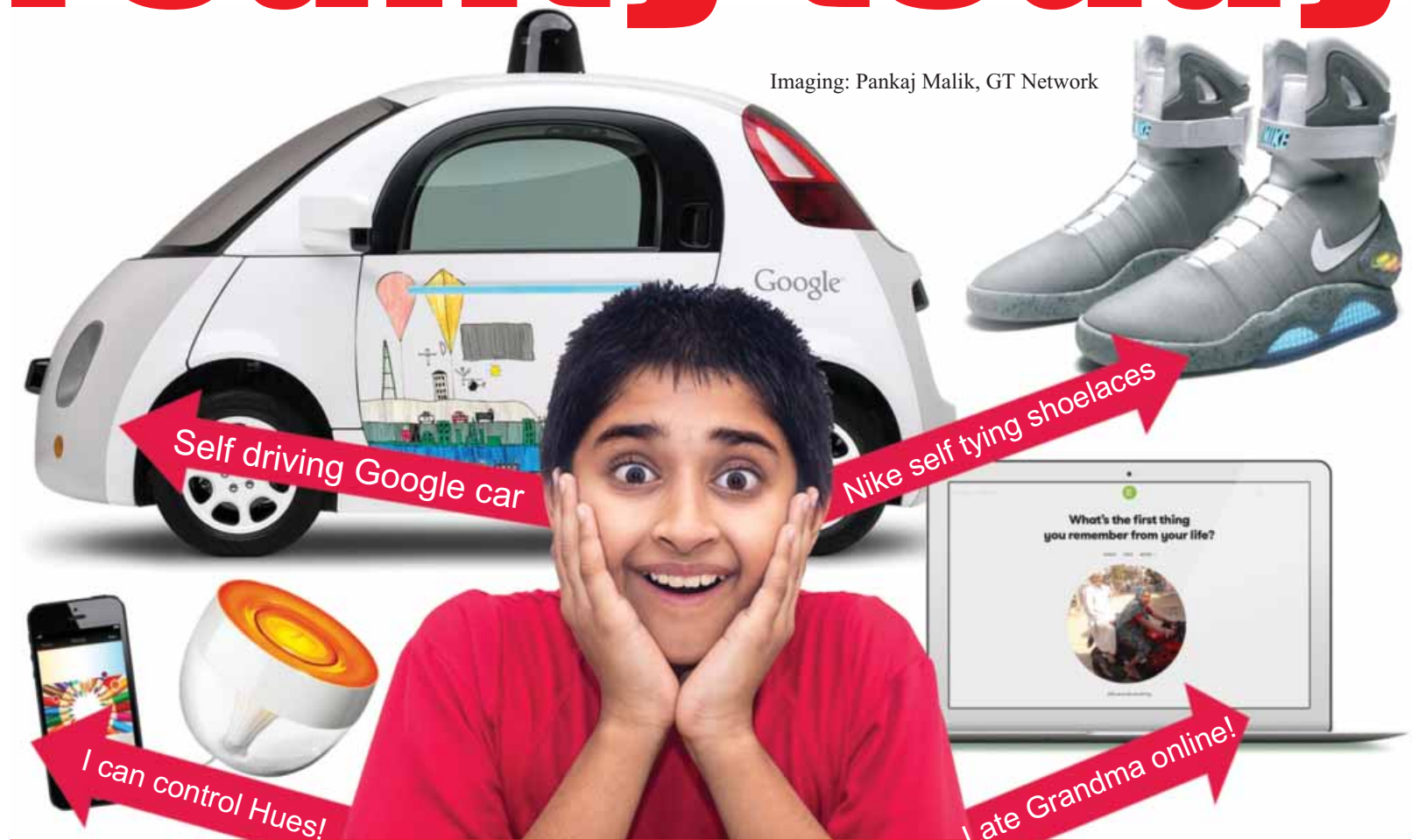
Grandfather: We had so many myths in movies, making us believe in cars which could drive on their own. Sci-fi has always managed to drive us crazy. But we all know, that's not possible.

Grandson: *laughs* Grandpa- While the Google company is building a prototype vehicle that's designed to take you anywhere just with the push of a button, cab services like Uber and Grab have already launched their driverless cars in the US!

Talk to the dead – Eterni.me

Grandfather: There was a time, a movie gave astrologers and psychics a setback. They presented us with a technology which enables you to talk to the dead. I can assure you that even Google can't bring back my old mother, for me to talk to her.

Grandson: Give me two hours and I shall reboot all the data for you to talk to my great grandmom. Eterni.me is a technology created by MIT engineers, which enables you to video-chat with the dead. It



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collects almost everything that one creates during their lifetime, and processes this huge databank using complex Artificial Intelligence algorithms.

The Phillips Mood HUE lighting

Grandfather: Oh I remember walking miles to get your grandmother's favourite coloured lights for her birthday. Back in the 80's, I had to adjust light intensity, with the filament gauge. But movies made me dream that someday, my mind can control the light. What about that?

Grandson: That's no big deal. The Phillips HUE

light bulbs have lighting facilities that are tailored for you. They set the intensity of the light, by sensing your mood. But that's not all, they can also wake you up in the morning with an inbuilt alarm-light feature. It's not just stunning, it's smart too.

The self tying shoelaces

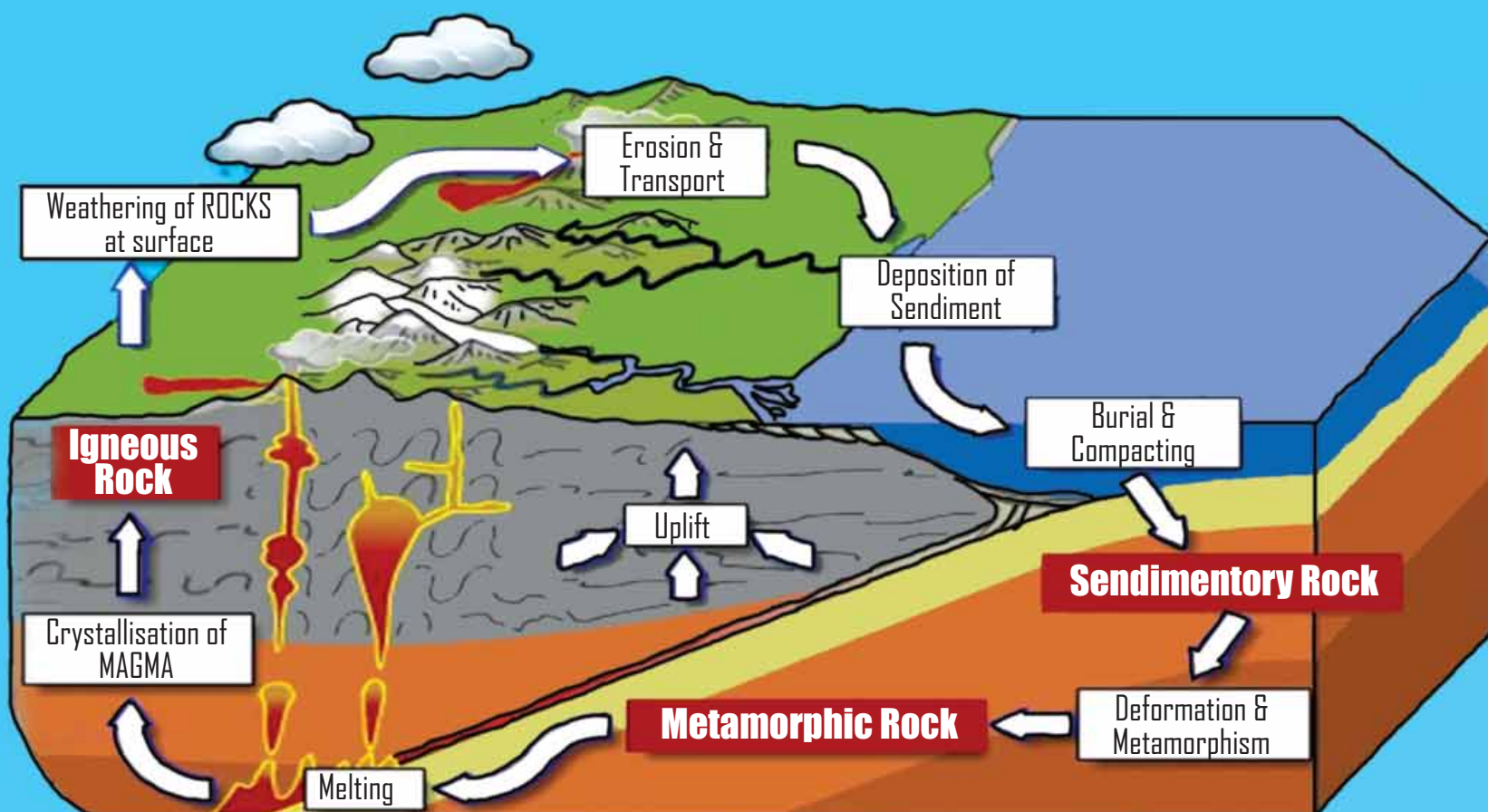
Grandfather: Okay. Do you know the weakness of Einstein? Even though, he was so smart, he did not know how to tie his shoe laces. But many movie sequences gave us an insight into shoes with self-tying laces. Got an answer for that?

Grandson: Well, no ghosts, but sensors can tie the shoes up. The Nike shoe company would soon be launching self-tying shoes. The shoes come with machinery – a series of wheels and motors, built at the bottom of the shoes, which allows them to tie themselves up.

Grandfather: I guess I am too old-fashioned to believe all these technologies to be more than mere speculations. But son, I am amazed. I really want to thank Google uncle, can we invite him for tea?

Grandson: Oh grandpa! 🇮🇳

The Rock Cycle



Do you think the 'rock' was always so hard and stiff? No. It went through myriad phases to take its mighty form. Let's walk down a rocky terrain with **Sneha Mathur, AIS Noida, X** to know this 'rocking' story.

Sedimentary rocks

They are formed by tiny igneous rocks, broken by rain and wind, and carried away to seas to form layers of sediments. Next time you use a paper, remember that a sedimentary rock, ie, limestone was used in its making.

Metamorphic rocks

They are formed when sedimentary or igneous rocks are dragged into the Earth's crust by the moving plates and get heated to change their form. Imagine, the breathtaking Taj Mahal was once just metamorphic rocks, marble.

Igneous rocks

They are formed through cooling and solidification of lava. The tiles of the room you are sitting in right now might be made of a type of igneous rock, ie, basalt.



They possess exceptional eyesight and the ability to identify objects from a distance of 26 miles.

Two words that spell magic and exude warmth like no other; and yet we often miss saying them. On the occasion of World Gratitude Day, celebrated across the world on September 21, Amitians pen down words for their loved ones to show how much they mean to them

Dear ex-neighbours,



They say 'love thy neighbour'. And loving one's neighbour is not that difficult when they happen to be as nice as you. I remember how you helped us when we were shifting out of our old house. Had it not been for you, we would have had a tough time transferring our luggage. And not to forget, the delicious food that you kept sending us to our new house till the time our kitchen was set up. You shared with us contact details of people for a cable connection, telephone and internet connections, which helped us a great deal. Even when we had moved to our new house, you would keep collecting all the letters, parcels and mails that were delivered to our old address and would ensure that they reach us. I probably could not thank you enough back then, but here I take this opportunity to tell you how much I appreciate it.

Thank You!
Muskan Singh, AIS MV, VII

Dear grandma,



You are the prettiest grandma in the world. Even though your face is wrinkled, it radiates so much warmth and love. You look prettier when you smile. You are the first to leave the bed every morning, and then you go to the temple. We eagerly wait for you to come back from the temple because you get us sweets. I am so surprised by how you are so active even at this age. You not just take care of us, but also supervise all important chores in the house. I still remember how we would snuggle up to you when we were young and would not go to sleep till you would tell us a story. I know you love me a lot and I want to tell you that I love you all the same. Thank you dadi for everything that you have given me.

Thank You!
Dishant PD, AIS PV, VII

Dear mom,



There is so much that you do for me and our family. You pick up my socks, my Legos, my crayons, shoes and everything that I leave everywhere around the house. You cook for us, and pick the best food to keep us healthy. You set limits to discipline us, even though it's no fun for you. It'll help me learn and have a good character. I now know that when you set up rules, it's because you love us. And this is just an iota of what you do for me. Thank you mom for all this and a lot more.

Thank You!
Asmita Saha, AIS Noida, VII



Dear Amity,

Education shapes the life of a person, and when you are being educated at an institution like Amity, you know you know you are in right hands. My world changed when I joined Amity International School, Vasundhara 6. Being greeted with warm smiles from my teachers ensured that each day started on a happy note. Their benevolent hands guided me at every step and picked me up whenever I faltered. Amity gave me goals and also instilled in me the passion to achieve them. My school has given me some of the most beautiful memories of my life, for which I will be forever grateful. Thank you Amity, you mean the world to me!



Thank You!
Hitendra Goswami, AIS Vas 6, VII

Dear mother Earth,

Thank you for the beautiful landscapes, deserts, waterfalls, forests, and all of your magnificent creations. Thank you for giving us the brightness of the day and darkness of the night, helping us see the two sides of life so perfectly. Thank you for giving us fresh air that refreshes our senses and water that people rightly call the elixir of life. Even though we have so much to thank you for, we remain ungrateful and continue to disturb you in every way. I am sorry for that. Here's hoping that other humans remain forever thankful to you.



Thank You!
Parineeta, AIS Gur 46, VII

Dear God,

Thank you for giving me such a wonderful life. You gave me nice parents, an amazing school and some awesome friends. I never felt lonely, as you were always with me. You always supported me to do better. When I'm afraid, you make me feel brave. When I'm sad, you're the one to wipe away my tears and make me happy. When I do anything wrong, you are the one to guide me on to the right path. You encourage me to be honest and kind. Thank you for being there for me always and showing me the right way, in my times of doubt.



Thank You!
Kriti Goel, AIS Vas 6, VII

Dear Debashree ma'am,



I am one of those lucky students who got the best of teachers in life. Before saying anything else, I would first like to apologise, for all the times I should have paid more attention, for the times I showed attitude, and for not appreciating the hard work and efforts you put into teaching me the lessons I needed to learn. Thank you for spending your valuable time in teaching me, even if I wasn't keen to learn. You have worked very hard in shaping me into the student I have become today.

Thank You!
Krishaang Gupta, AIS Saket, VII

Dear mom & dad,

No matter how much I may thank you, I don't think it'll be enough for the selfless love and care you shower on me. You have always stood by my side whenever I was feeling sad. It were your magical hugs that made me smile even on the gloomiest days. You think I don't know this, but I do realise the small sacrifices you make every day to keep me happy and comfortable. It is because of you two that I know my strengths and weaknesses, and I am the person I am today. Both of you are my heroes and I want to thank you for everything you have done for me.

Thank You!
Shobhit Bansal, AIS Vas 1, VII



Pigeons have sharp hearing. They are able to detect distant storm, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions.



Attitude of gratitude



Dr. Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

Thank you. Two 'magic' words a toddler is taught when s/he begins school. Two words that distinguish the refined from the impertinent. Two words that seem so easy to say, yet people don't say them as often as they should. Two words that define a life well lived, for there's no greater fulfilment than a life lived with gratitude.

If you can read and comprehend this, you have an entire gamut of teachers and your family to thank. If you have enough food on your plate, you have countless farmers to thank who have toiled day and night. If you have a family you can count your own and friends to stand you by, you are luckier than a huge majority of people in this world and definitely have immensely to be grateful for. The entire purpose of education, is to help you imbibe an attitude of gratitude for the abundance you have been blessed with. At Amity, every activity is a lesson in gratitude. You begin the day by folding your hands in gratefulness to the Supreme Being who guides you at each stage of your life. You celebrate special days in the honour of teachers, mothers, grandparents and helpers, all in the effort to express your appreciativeness for them.

An attitude of gratitude helps you to make friends and win over enemies. It has the power to make humble breakthroughs feel like blessings. The top story on page 1 is a simple reminder that gratitude makes the world a happier place, turning an ordinary day into thanksgiving, and a simple activity into a moment of joy. [G1](#)

Small matters



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

First, it was malaria. Then came dengue fever. And now, it's chikungunya.

Within just one year, 200-300 million cases of malaria have been registered globally, while 50-100 million cases of dengue have been reported. The latest disease to go 'viral'

is chikungunya. And all this pain and misery is caused by a simple, insignificant insect - the mosquito.

Did I just say 'insignificant'? Well, that was a major faux pas. For today, the mosquito has become more powerful and feared than the lion or the tiger. The fact that they can be found within our homes and workplaces makes them even more scary.

Suddenly the tiny mosquito has become the talk of the town. They are grabbing headlines, inciting verbal combat between politicians for the state of affairs (or of the neighbourhood), revving up sales of mosquito patches and repellents, causing endless queues outside hospitals, and popularising full-sleeve fashion in this hot and humid weather. The mosquito appears to reign supreme - you can't escape it.

Like all living creatures, mosquitoes also have a role to play in maintaining the ecological balance. They form a part of the complex food web. Many fishes, birds, frogs, lizards and spiders feed on them. Out of the thousands of mosquitoes around us, few carry diseases and even fewer transmit disease.

But those few are termed 'one of the deadliest insects of the world'. These deadly mosquitoes have the potential to wipe out the entire human race if we fail to implement effective control measures to check their propagation and growth. Today, the biggest challenge is to protect oneself and get rid of that infected mosquito, no matter how small. For today, even such a small thing, matters. [G1](#)

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Exodus-modern edition

Humanity is the conscious choice to help others in need. But when that disappears, we start to question our own conscience

Anushka Barthwal, AIS Saket, XI F

"Indifference and neglect often do much more damage than outright dislike." - JK Rowling

The continued exodus of migrants and refugees from war torn countries in the Middle East and Africa have unsettled the European countries, sparking controversy and turmoil. Children, men and women are travelling perilous roads in search of a better life. And when they do, they are met with ghettos, border controls and overcrowded refugee camps. Battling disease, hunger and with little or no education, they are unwelcome guests. With this crisis, we have to ask ourselves one question: where did humanity vanish? For those of you who have been living under a rock, the European migrant crisis arose through the rising number of refugees and migrants travelling to Europe, across the Mediterranean Sea or through Southeast Europe, and applying for asylum since 2015. They are mostly coming from the war torn Middle East, Africa, South Asia and Central Asia. The hue and cry about this social issue came into limelight in April 2015, when five boats carrying nearly 2000 migrants sank in the Mediterranean Sea, with a combined death toll at more than 1200 people.



Perspective

What do you do for people who have absolutely nothing? Who are desperately trying to survive, driven out of their homes and land? You help them. Humanity is a promise to fellow humans to be the sustenance when they need one. But alas! It is not to be. Most European countries have shut their doors for these asylum seekers due to claims of terrorism and population control. Of course, with an influx of refugees, there will be pertaining problems of settlement and housing. Another threat is of apparent potential terrorist affiliated individuals attempting to cross the borders. Google searches in Belgium showcase people asking how to stop the 'invasion' and in France, most people are just bothered about the effect this crisis will have on their travelling schedule. The question that arises is -what happened to us, where did we go wrong? Don't we have enough space for a few more friends? What is the use of being a free and developed nation if we cannot

help others in need. But of course, there are people who are going out of their way to make space for the migrants. From small jobs to families taking in orphans, tiny but significant gestures are reported everywhere. The need of the hour is to make a standard application processing system. Most structures are overwhelmed by the burden of applicants and are underfunded. Hence, the EU should definitely make efforts to standardise the arrangement. More than ever, it is important to realise the essence of humanity and be the backbone to all those who are holding out a hand for help. Otherwise we will have a major crisis at hand, something that cannot be reversed. People will suffer and continue to die unless we open our hearts and doors to them. And the injustice will reverbrate for years to come. Let us hope, that we truly understand the ethos of one world and one family, and of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam. [G1](#)

First four lines...

...are the hero of your story, says Gaurav Alagh, Jury member, GT Awards 2015-16, winning hearts of many



Gaurav Alagh (L) with GT reporter

Sara Baijnath, AIS Noida, XII A

With an experience spanning over a decade in mainstream media, Gaurav Alagh is well versed with the nuances of the industry. Currently, Director and Founder of Integration Media, a digital and advertising marketing agency, he is experienced in handling television productions, events, campaigns and branded content. He has serviced clients like P&G, Bajaj, Apeejay Group, Hong Kong Tourism Board, Fed Ex and many more. Here are excerpts from an interview.

What is your take on a newspaper like The Global Times?
A platform like The Global Times is providing students a lot of exposure. It is helping them prepare for the future from a very young age. With the quality of articles that are being published in the newspaper, it is hard to make out that these very stories are being written by school students. The newspaper has set very high standards for future writers and journalists.

What role does the school play in discovering the hidden

talents of students?

It goes without saying that the school plays a huge role in nurturing the talent of a child. It is in the school where bright children are identified and polished. They are refined and are brought to the forefront to showcase their skills and talents.

You've been doing script writing, voice overs, production, reporting, et al. What do you enjoy the most?

laughs Well, there was a time when I was involved in all of them, but not now. I enjoyed creative writing the most. It was when I used to report and write it creatively, especially columns.

What is the most important thing in a story?

The first four lines are the hero of your story. It is the first four lines that determine whether or not the story will grab the reader's attention. In fact, that was one of the criterions on which I judged the competition (GT Inter Amity Making A Newspaper Contest).

What are the main challenges faced by mainstream journalists today?

The main challenge for mainstream journalists is authenticity and detailing. I think if a journalist can overcome these two challenges, it's a job well done. How well a topic is researched, is also a challenge.

You've been working for more than 10 years now, what do you think has been your biggest learning?

I think my biggest learning came with my first job, when I started working as a trainee reporter, like you guys. There I was taught what to do and what not to do. It was a very tough time for me because I didn't know how things worked in the industry. But I used to work hard and it helped me learn a lot. In fact, those lessons I took back home then, are helping me even today.

Any message for the GT reporters?

Keep doing what you're doing with the same passion and hard work. [G1](#)



Deepak with Taksheel and Jaysheel

Inspired

Taksheel Buddhadeo, V J &
Jaysheel Buddhadeo, II A, AIS G 46

When your mother is a social worker, you too get many opportunities to engage in the same. We got a similar opportunity on September 17, 2016 when we joined her for a tree plantation programme at the School for Deaf and Dumb, Mehrauli Road. As we entered the school, the kids huddled around us; all of them communicating in sign language. Even though our language was completely different from theirs, we became friends rather quickly. Each kid greeted us with a bright smile and a warm hug. With great excitement, they showed us every classroom.

The best part was when we entered the Art room, we were astonished to see the art works of Deepak Sehrawat, an art teacher who despite being deaf and dumb expressed his thoughts brilliantly on canvas. His works have also been appreciated by the CM of Haryana and DC of Gurgaon. The experience at the school will be imprinted on our hearts forever as we met some wonderful people for whom their disability was never a hurdle. We went there as ordinary kids, we came back with an extraordinary will to make things happen. They say inspiration can strike anywhere; for us, these kids were the inspiration.



Pigeons have strong muscles and can fly up to a height of 6000 feet.

Rags to Riches

JK Rowling 2

Not every king is born an emperor. Not every beggar dies a poor death. There are some who with their sheer will, dedication and perseverance, steer through numerous struggles; making 'rags to riches' a reality. This special **eight-part series** is an ode to such bravehearts, who with their fairytale endings, have given us the will to dream and the inspiration to turn those dreams into reality.

From being a penniless single woman to becoming the wealthiest author in the world, follow the magical author in her magical journey

Ojasvita Mishra, AIS Vasundhara 6, XI

Harry Potter - a fictional world of magic that cast magic in real time on its readers. From movies and restaurants to magic clubs and theme parks, Harry Potter is one of the most celebrated franchises the world over. Brought to life by Joanne Kathleen Rowling or JK Rowling, Harry Potter is indeed a world of its own. But things were not always hunky dory for the author. She struggled against odds for her dreams to see the light of the day. It isn't just Rowling's magical world but also her fighting spirit that makes us love her.

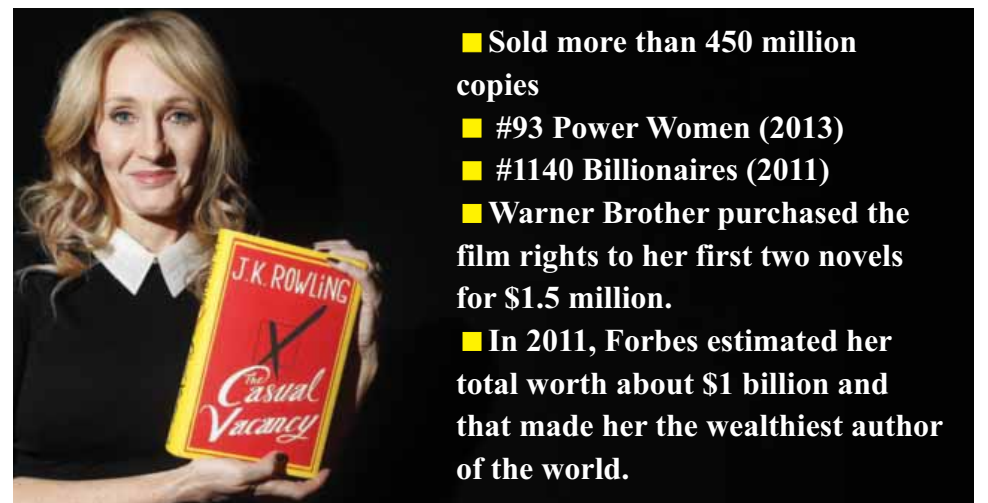
Rowling had a difficult childhood

Rowling was born on July 31, 1965. Eagle eyed Potter fans would recognise this as the birthday of the character Harry Potter. And just like her hero, Rowling too had unhappy teenage years for her mother was always ill. Her relationship with her father was strained. Rowling lived in a lower middle class cottage in Gloucestershire, which she mentioned in an interview was "not a particularly happy time in my life". Her mother battled multiple sclerosis, which further took a toll on her emotionally and physically, as the responsibility of the entire house fell on her shoulders. Her mother's death is the reason why it is a running theme in her books.

She struggled as a single parent

The death of her mother still fresh in her memory, Rowling decided to take up a job as an English teacher in Portugal. She moved into a small house post marriage and was blessed with a baby girl, named, Jessica. The rocky marriage lasted a mere 13 months, and Rowling and Jessica returned to the UK to live in Edinburgh, Scotland, not long after. She carried three chapters of "Harry Potter" in her suitcase with her.

In a worse condition than ever, she was now a single jobless woman living on



- Sold more than 450 million copies
- #93 Power Women (2013)
- #1140 Billionaires (2011)
- Warner Brother purchased the film rights to her first two novels for \$1.5 million.
- In 2011, Forbes estimated her total worth about \$1 billion and that made her the wealthiest author of the world.

"I have not forgotten what it feels like to worry whether you'll have enough money to pay the bills. Not to have to think about that anymore is the biggest luxury in the world."

housing benefits with a young toddler. As a result, she fell victim to depression and even considered suicide. "An exceptionally short-lived marriage had imploded, and I was jobless, a lone parent, and as poor as it is possible to be in modern Britain, without being homeless ... By every usual standard, I was the biggest failure I knew," Rowling said during a 2008 Harvard University commencement speech. The only way Rowling felt she could escape the misery was by writing. And so, she started finishing her manuscript that she had begun a long time ago in Portugal.

She kept facing continuous rejection

Harry Potter - the name itself spells magic and so must be every publisher's dream. False. 12 of the best publishers turned down her book. Her mail box was filled with rejection letters. Rowling has constantly spoken about this period in her life. Even though her morale was going down, she persevered and wanted to wait till all publishers rejected her. Some of the rejection letters were incredulous. One even told her to take an English writing course! Finally there was light at the end of the tunnel for Rowling when the editor of Bloomsbury decided to read her manuscript. Since it was a children's book, he gave it to his eight year

daughter for feedback. And she loved it!

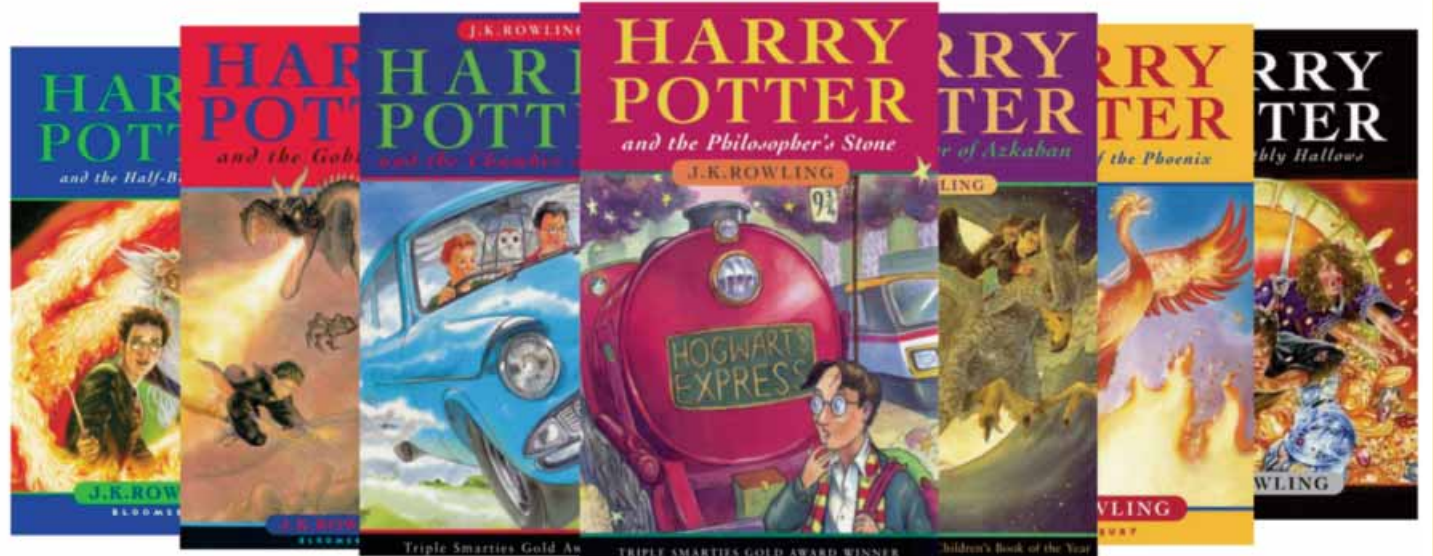
There was still doubt about her book

For a meagre \$4,000, Bloomsbury Publishing bought the rights to Harry Potter. The editor of the UK publishing house decided to publish the first few copies but warned Rowling to get a side job as one cannot earn much as a children's author. So the first book 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' was first published with 500 copies in hardback, 300 of which were distributed to libraries. For Rowling, it was just a start.

"I wasn't going to give up until every single publisher turned me down, but I often feared that would happen."

And then, Harry Potter was born

Exceeding expectations, the book Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone, opened to resounding reviews and won many awards. Topping the charts, the book was loved by all. Three days after the book was published in the UK, Scholastic bid \$100,000 for American publishing rights, an unprecedented amount for a children's book at the time. More books, movies and plays, Rowling came a long way from being a single mother on benefits to a billionaire author. Rowling nowadays, keeps the Potter magic alive through short anecdotes, origin stories, and articles on her website Pottermore. Enthralling children and parents alike, JK Rowling is still, living a magical dream. She still keeps the folder of all her rejections. [G.T](#)



Because of their incredible speed and endurance, pigeons are used for racing.



Pigeon facts

Mystery: relived and revealed

Ria Aggarwal, AIS Gur 43, XI C

The Bermuda Triangle is one mystery that remains to be unraveled. Numerous heroes and villains, adventurers and conquerors, have vanished in their attempt to unravel this mystery. But Jai, a young explorer, was not intimidated by the horror stories. He was rather amused by its mystery. He was determined to conquer the monstrous sea, to find a way out and come back from where no one ever had and fulfill his dream of circumventing the earth. And yet when he was aboard the Starlight Voyager, both, his dreams and he, were devoured by the cataclysmic waves of the Atlantic Ocean.

The widow of the victim, Asha, was mourning his death, sharing her pain and her troublesome nightmares with an innate object, her diary, which was gifted to her by him. "Is this how his dreams end? Isn't there anything I can do?" she thought. A month later, she packed her bags and set out to fulfill her husband's dreams.

She maintained the diary, through hail and storm. Asha was halfway around the Earth, halfway in reaching her destination and halfway in achieving liberation from the pain; when she



Storywala

Imaging: Dinesh Kumar, GT Network

saw it. The heavens above her had turned morose and dark hued; the peaceful atmosphere into an unsynchronized orchestra. Grey clouds raced across the sky to accumulate around a humongous cyclone in the middle of the ocean. Towering walls of water, driven by the powerful winds, slammed onto the ship, simultaneously. Asha tried to balance herself when her vision blurred. Suddenly, she heard terrified shrieks and shouts for help. She woke up to see a man wearing the Captain's hat,

handling the steering wheel. The climate held the same terrorising and destructive strength. The man turned around. Her eyes widened to the size of saucers and her skin paled as if she had seen a ghost. Her husband, Jai, was there right there in front of her eyes. She tried to clear the phantoms from her head and grasp reality, but she couldn't. Soon, the cyclone had its wretched claws on Jai's ship and his demise was approaching. And then she saw something. "Oh there, you're not supposed to do that," she

The man turned around. Her eyes widened to the size of saucers and her skin paled as if she had seen a ghost.

shouted and the horrific view before her disappeared completely.

She returned to the present time when her ship was headed straight towards the cyclone at full speed, headed for destruction and oblivion. She regained her composure and commanded the steering wheel, while shielding herself from the torrential rain. She learnt from the vision of the past and was determined not to repeat the same mistakes as her husband. She battled through the legendary Bermuda Triangle's tempest valiantly and successfully circumnavigated the whole Earth.

Back from her expedition, she visited Jai's grave and narrated her adventure. She buried the diary along with the bad memories. And with that, she buried the most coveted secret, a guide to survive the Bermuda Triangle, which still remains a mystery.



Tissue gift wrap bow

Materials needed

- Coloured tissue papers
- Scissors
- Thread
- Needle
- Pencil



Method

1. Take 3-4 tissue papers and stack all of them above one another.
2. Fold them into a triangle as shown in the picture.
3. Fold the triangle further. Refer to the picture above.
4. Draw a petal at the corner using a pencil as shown in the picture.
5. Cut the tissue in the shape of the petal.
6. Open the tissue papers. You will find that they have taken the shape of a flower.
7. Fold the flower into half and insert the needle and thread in the centre. Take a cue from the picture above.
8. Tie the thread and gently pull each petal of the flower to give it a 3D effect.
9. Your tissue paper bow is ready!

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 was the chief guest at the foundation day of Amity University, Mumbai?

Ans:

Q: Which shoe company is soon to launch self-tying laces?

Ans:

Q: When is World Gratitude Day celebrated?

Ans:

Q: Who is being interviewed on page 6?

Ans:

Q: Whom does JK Rowling share her birthday with?

Ans:

Q: The mysterious place in the story 'Mystery: relived and revealed' is?

Ans:

Q: The Comic Corner sends a message. What is it?

Ans:

Q: Who was the chief guest at the Sanskrit week?

Ans:

Q: New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants has been adopted by?

Ans:

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

Results of Read Play and Win-11: Aditi Banerji, VIII J, AIS N; Arjun Singh, IX, AIMC & Arsh Gupta, V B, AIS Gur 43 (Prizes will reach you within 15 days)

Words Verse

You're beautiful

Adiba Asif, AIS VYC Lucknow, IX

You, are a beautiful piece
Don't let people make you weak
They'll tell you, you don't look good
But dear, you look more than just good

I know they will put you down
But please keep wearing that invisible crown
You will always have haters and those who point
Remember you are better and keep them void

You don't have to be that girl on the magazine covers
Even that photoshopped face of hers
Where flaws seem to disappear
Has both haters and lovers



Don't starve yourself because they say you're fat
You're not the number on that scale
Don't ever let yourself go pale
Yes, you, who is reading this, you are beautiful!

Hues of a clear sky

Sehaj Ghuman, AIS Noida, VIII F



The heaven is always shifting
Like a restless, hyperactive child
It's never stopping around
It's always moving about

Orange hues in the blue sky
And puffs of greys and white

Then a pitch black night
Finally a ray of light

Clouds streaked across the sky
Rays shining through
Dazzling all who look up
At the clear blue sky

Now the moon lights up the sky
Here comes the shooting star
It's time to make a wish
The sky has many avatars.

CAMERA CAPERS

Pratham Maheshwari, AIS Gur 43, IX C

Send in your entries to cameracapere@theglobaltimes.in



Spotted wings



Digging for sustenance



Stripped oddity



With one ear up



They have been used for long time as mail carriers especially in Egypt and Mesopotamia about 300 years ago.

Solomon's treasure

Daksh Dhull, AIS PV, IV A

Once upon a time, there was a young boy called Sam. He was a huge fan of mystery and adventure books. In fact, it was his fascination for all things mysterious that led him to form his own secret team called 'Sam's team of Incredibles' with his friends. The group was always on the lookout for adventures, treasure hunts etc. One day, Sam's team chanced upon a map. The map was yellow, torn at the edges but seemed to be made with great attention to detail. As everyone looked at the map with awe, Sam recalled his grandfather telling him about how it directed towards the lost treasure of King Solomon.

That was it. Without wasting any time, the group set out on their mission to find the hidden treasure. Following the map, the team crossed mountains, crocodile infested rivers, dangerous forests and dark valleys, but there seemed to be no end. They came across alien creatures, animals they had never seen before and magical things like talking flowers that

left them in awe. Finally, they reached the castle where the treasure was hidden. The team jumped in joy as they finally found the castle after days of perilous journey. They rummaged through the entire castle, looking for the hidden treasure but alas! There was no treasure

Illustration: Deepak Sharma GT Network



Short story

to be found. Disappointed, the team returned home. They had braved through odds, put their lives at risk...all for nothing. Sam was extremely disheartened. He looked at the map, now angry at his grandfather for leaving behind a map that meant nothing, when suddenly he noticed a red dot on the map. Sam looked at the red dot

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again and again, it seemed familiar. In a fleeting instant, Sam remembered where he had seen the red dot earlier. It was on the painting of King Solomon in his grandfather's study. Sam immediately rushed to the study, where King Solomon's painting hung, the red dot still intact.

He ran towards the painting, removing it instinctively. And there it was, King Solomon's lost treasure, hidden right behind the painting.

So, what did you learn today?

A new word: Infested

Meaning: Present in large numbers



Varalika with her mocktail

Icy blue mocktail

Varalika Agarwal, AIS Vas 1, VI D

Ingredients

Mint leaves.....A handful
Blueberries.....10
Monin Blue Curacao Syrup1 tsp
Lime juice2 tsp
Club soda1/2 cup

Method

■ Using a muddler or a pestle, lightly

muddle the mint and blueberries together to mix the juices.

- In a cocktail shaker, add lime juice, Monin blue syrup, mint, blueberries and ice cubes. Shake it up.
- Now pour the drink over a tall cocktail glass with more ice cubes.
- Add the club soda and garnish with fresh mint.
- Your icy blue mocktail is now ready to be enjoyed.

It's Me



My name: Abhigyan Bajpai
My school: AIS VYC, Lucknow
My Class: II
My birthday: November 4
My hobby: Skating and cycling
My best friend: Sankalp
My favourite book: Panchatantra - short stories for kids
My favourite cartoon: Tom and Jerry
My favourite food: Paneer parantha
My favourite colour: Black
My favourite teacher: Isha ma'am
My favourite subject: Math
My favourite place: Ooty
I want to become: A fighter pilot
I want to feature in GT because: I want my friends and schoolmates to see me in this informative newspaper!

POEMS



My mom

Kashvi Srivastava, AIS Vas 1, IV A

Oh what a joy it is
To have a mom like you
For giving me strength
The way you do

For lifting me up
When I am feeling down
And putting a smile on my face
When I am wearing a frown

Thanks for being there
And helping me grow
You are my angel
I love you a lot, my mom.

The toothy night

Raaghavi Sharma
AIS Vas 6, III B

Last night, as I was enjoying my dream
With pastries made of chocolate cream
My tooth comes out and shouts at me
Looking at him, I scream 'Mommy'!

He simply yells
'Do you know why I'm out?'

'Why don't you brush with care?'
He sobbed, 'Because of you, I am here'

Then I listened to him very quietly
Actually he was telling things, rightly
Why are you always in such haste?
With brush, you only taste the paste

Never bothering even to take the dirt out
Then these germs hit us with their snout
Do you know, at night, your teeth weep?
If you do not brush the teeth before sleep

I know, you love coloured drinks
But we are bound to cover our nose
As your tongue stinks
Since you never brush your teeth

It's high time now
To care of yourself
Imagine being like us teeth
In a world with bad smell

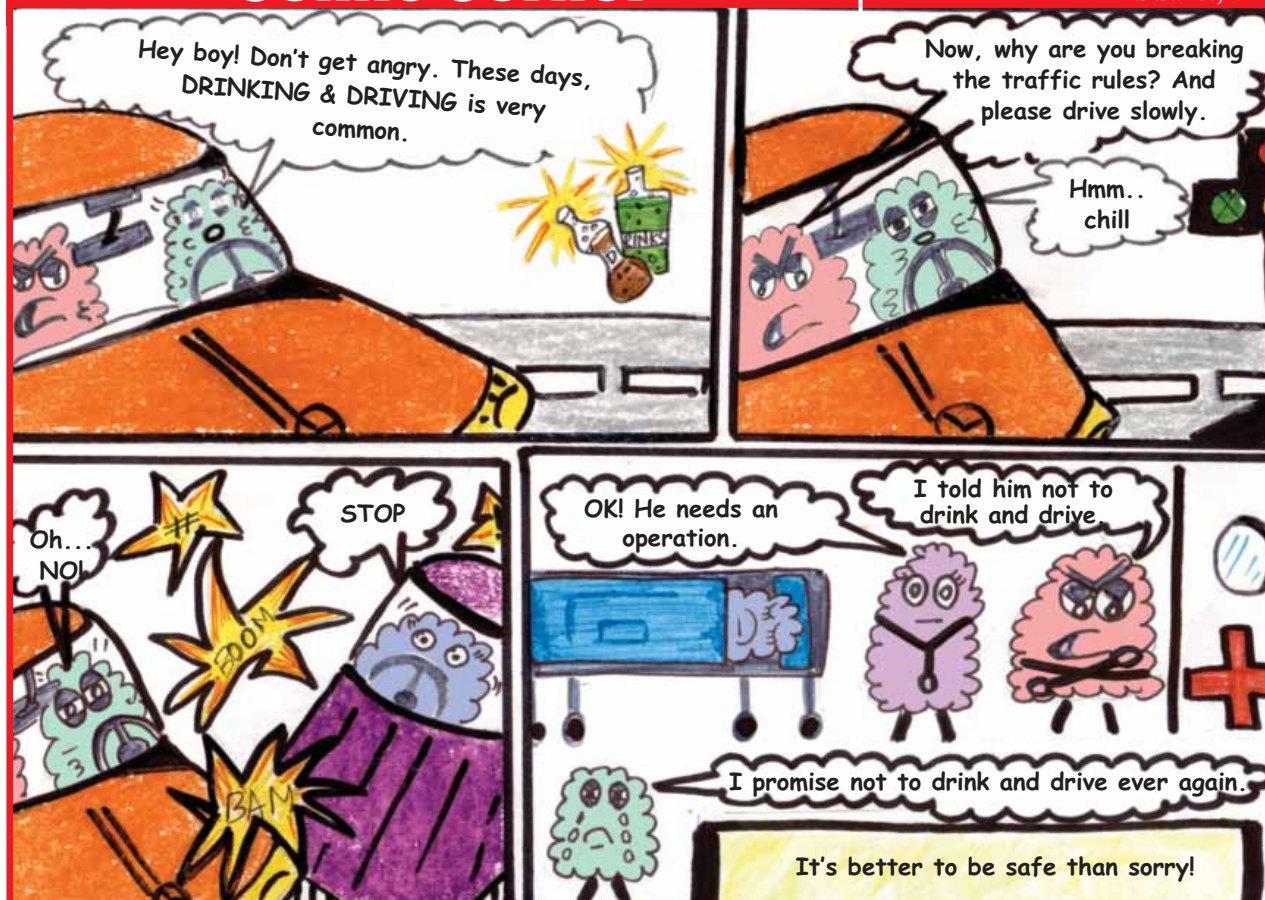


Learn to keep yourself really clean
Improve your habits
And behave like a queen
You will see the changes bit by bit

After listening to all this
I decided to change
That night, I pledged to improve myself
And always clean my teeth.

Comic Corner

Akshat Sharma
AIS Saket, VII



Riddle Fiddle

Anmol Sinha, AIS Vas 6, II

1. What is a boxer's favourite drink?
2. The most slippery country?
3. What are the two things you cannot have for breakfast?
4. What did one eye say to the other?
5. What do you call a king who is only 12 inches tall?
6. What did one hair say to the other?

Answers: 1. Punch 2. Greece and me, something smells 5. A ruler 6. It takes two to tangle!

Bonding with parents

Committed to making children's learning more visible to the parents, Amiown holds several activities for them, encouraging parents to be a part of their child's early learning progression

Amiown Gurgaon

Shilpi Mukherjee Ghosh
Amiown Gurgaon, Teacher

Amiown believes that working in partnership with parents is extremely important in order to provide a happy, caring and stable environment for children.

To 'make learning visible', an international best practice in Early Years Education, the school organises various events to facilitate collaboration between parents and school. These collaborations, in turn, enable the parents to actively participate in the daily routine of their child, while encouraging them at the same time.

Parents are invited to attend a number of events which gives them an opportunity to monitor the activities and curriculum of their children.

■ **Open House Presentation:** This is a platform where Pre Nursery and Nursery children are given the opportunity to showcase their understanding of the ongoing theme. Besides showcasing



Class presentation Sharing their learnings



Showcasing Little crafts

every milestone achieved by the children, it also helps to enhance the confidence level of Amies.

■ **Class Presentation:** Prepared and designed for KG, it reflects the knowledge and understanding of the concepts taught to the children. Parents and grandparents are invited to watch

Amies express their affection and respect, along with presenting their learnings. It also boosts their oratory skills.

■ **Workshop:** A workshop titled 'Tickle Your Story Bones' was organised for the parents by renowned and seasoned storyteller Rituparna Ghosh to discover life and the varied emotions it

brings along, through stories. The workshop provided awareness about storytelling skills by applying innovative techniques like voice modulation, music - movement, facial animation and body language so as to create the world of the story being narrated, and foster the imagination of children.

Research has shown that this proactive approach of parents' involvement has a positive effect on the performance of the little ones and encourages them to boost their self-esteem. The students are also shown to perform much better in school, if their parents visit the school regularly. [G](#) [I](#)



Amiown Kahani Tree Sharing stories



Parent workshop Sensory play

Amiown Vasundhara

Ratika Malhotra
Amiown Vasundhara, Teacher

Parent partnership interactions are most valuable as both the school as well as parents benefit from one another, since both are concerned about the child's growth and development. They help achieve several milestones as...

■ **Platform for communication:** Parent-teacher meeting is a time for listening and communicating openly to parents, emphasising the child's strengths and areas in which s/he can improve, as

the school prepares them for KG and beyond.

■ **Resolve parental anxiety:** The teachers' updates on the child's progress and daily activities help resolve parents' concerns regarding their child's eating, hygiene, settling, etc.

■ **Understand child's progress:** As the interaction covers a child's play style, social, language, cognitive and physical development, a parent is also likely to find out how well a child adapts and is able to meet age appropriate benchmarks.

■ **Showcasing child's performance:** Sharing the child's weekly reports and artwork, showcasing their work and photos of the child and their families in the class - all this gives parents an idea of what their child has been doing and learning.

Amiown Noida

Khyati Rohtagi, Amiown Noida, Teacher

Preschool parent teacher conferences are a great way to ensure the family's involvement in the classroom, as such associations show positive outcomes in children. When parents send their children to preschool, they have a lot of apprehensions, regarding their adjustment and progress issues. A healthy interaction enables them to understand their child's classroom environment and his participation therein.

The school held its parent teacher meeting on July 30, 2016 where the teachers provided positive and personal inputs about every child, followed by a discussion that revolved around the

child's overall development. The parents were also apprised on the different concepts introduced in the class and were asked to refer to the weekly documents, so that they too could take the learning forward with their little ones. They were also handed over the work of their children, which included worksheets and craft work done in the classroom.

The parents, on the other hand, were thrilled to see their child's creativity displayed in the class and in the foyer. They felt excited and happy to see how their children

are encouraged to learn experientially from their environment. Some of them even shared their surprise and were delighted to listen to their children chant 'Gayatri mantra' at home and applauded the Amiown team for their personal efforts with each child.



New classroom Learning



Parent partnership Building new relationships



Open House For collaborative learning

Amiown Pushp Vihar

Anupreet Kaur & Prabha S
Amiown PV, Teachers

The Open House serves as an important platform of interaction between parents and teachers, whereby parents also get to witness the work done by the children at school. The school organised an Open House on September 10, inviting parents to witness their children's learning about the world around them in the monthly theme 'My Colourful World'. The Open House was a culmination of different activities held during the month, showcasing Amies' understanding of colours through creative expression. It displayed how chil-

dren explored various topics such as the colours of flowers, animals, birds, colours in the kitchen, animal patterns and much more through nature walk, Circle Time discussions, hands-on experimentations, stories, multimedia and theme-based rhymes. Everyone worked collaboratively to transform their classrooms according to themes like 'colours of sky (day/night)', 'the colourful world of birds', 'jungle safari', 'kitchen garden' and 'the colourful garden'. Each class also had interesting games and activities planned to involve the children such as 'catch the star', 'day/night sorting', 'where's my food', 'follow my trail', 'heads and tails', 'table manners', etc. The other attractions were the music and movement corner and fun games.



Colourful world Exploring with parents



Pigeons saved many lives in the first and second world war by delivering messages.

Sanskrit week



One of the teams with their trophy



Ramesh Pandey (L) greeted by Chairperson

AIS Saket

Aditya Aeri, AIS Saket, VII B

To stress upon the significance of one of the oldest languages, 'Sanskrit', AIS Saket celebrated Sanskrit Week from August 1-7, 2016. During the week-long celebrations, various events, viz, Sanskrit olympiad, *shloka* recitation, picture description and quiz for students of Class VI-VIII, verse

recitation and dialogue presentation for the students of IX-X were organised. To felicitate the winners of the various competitions, 'Sanskrit Day' was organised by the school on August 12, 2016 in the school premises.

Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, and chief guest for the day, Ramesh Kumar Pandey, Vice Chancellor, Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Sanskrit Institute, graced the event. Various cultural performances

like 'Shiv Tandav Stotram', 'Mahishasur Mardini Stotra' and a small skit on 'Andher nagri chaupat raja' were also performed during the event. Such events were not only informative but also entertaining for all. The winners of various competitions organised during the Sanskrit week were awarded prizes. The celebration culminated with inspiring words by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, who appreciated the spirit of Amities towards Sanskrit language. [G.T](#)

Celebrating Eid

AIS Gwalior

A special assembly on Eid-UI-Zuha was organised at AIS Gwalior on September 9, 2016. The assembly began with an introductory speech about the festival by Harmeet Singh Vohra of Class III. His speech was followed by a talk about the salient features of Eid UI Zuha celebrated by the Muslims and other communities across the world. Following it was a performance by the students of Class I-II on the song 'Kitna Pyara Chand Eid ka'. The students were aptly dressed for the occasion, the boys in *kurta pyjama* along with caps, and the girls looked graceful in *salwar kameez* with *dupatta*. School Principal Seema Thakur con-



Tiny tots celebrate Eid

gratulated the tiny tots for presenting a spectacular assembly. [G.T](#)

Sikkim delight

AIS Vasundhara 1

On September 2, 2016, the students of Class II showcased their talent and creativity through a class presentation on the theme 'The forbidden land-Sikkim'. The presentation commenced with the lighting of the lamp followed by a welcome song and welcome speech by School Principal V Balachandran. An informative PPT on the festivals of the state, location, religion and language, was also showcased. An elegant ramp walk with students dressed as famous personalities, enthralled everyone.



Tanisha Ganguli with School Principal Priyanka Mehta

Musical maestros

AIS Mayur Vihar

AIS Mayur Vihar added another feather to its cap with its participation in Punjabi Folk Song Competition organised by Punjabi Academy, Delhi. Tanisha Ganguli of Class X A won the first prize at the state level (solo singing competition, senior cate-

gory). In a competition that witnessed the participation of numerous students from many renowned schools all over Delhi, Tanisha emerged as the proud winner. The General Secretary of Art and Culture Department Delhi felicitated her at the LTG Auditorium, Delhi. The competition aimed to promote Punjabi language and folk songs among all. [G.T](#)



A cultural performance in progress

Subhashika glory

AIS Mayur Vihar

Inter Amity Sanskrit competition 'Subhashika' was organised by AIS MV on August 24, 2016 in the school auditorium. The competition saw the participation of students from all the eight branches of Amity Group of Schools across Delhi/NCR. The programme began with the lighting of the lamp by Sudhishtha Kumar Mishra, Secretary, Sanskrit Bharti and Dr Pankaj Kumar Mishra, professor, St Stephen's College as chief guests for the occasion. Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson,

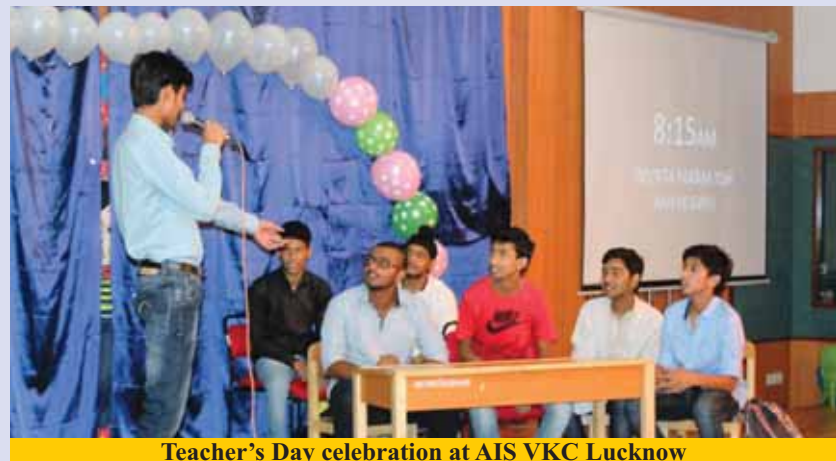
Amity Group of School & RBEF, graced the occasion and lauded the performances of all the students. The competition was divided into two categories. For the junior category, it was recitation of 'Vidya Mahima' and for seniors, it was a dance drama on 'Krishna Bhakti'. The judges appreciated the efforts of the participants and emphasised the significance of Sanskrit language. AIS Mayur Vihar won the first position in the senior category and AIS Saket bagged the first position in junior category. The rolling trophy was won by the host school which was passed on to AIS Saket. [G.T](#)

Teacher's Day celebration

Teachers are the bedrock of a student's life. Therefore, to commemorate their contribution and mentorship, Amity Schools in Lucknow celebrated Teacher's Day with great enthusiasm

AIS VYC Lucknow

To celebrate the special occasion of 'Teacher's Day', the students of AIS VYC Lucknow took on the task of preparing a special assembly with great enthusiasm on September 5, 2016. The students prepared a variety of entertaining songs, dances and various other performances for the day. Little girls from Class II performed a dance and won the hearts of the audience with their energetic performance. Students of Class V-VII performed to the beats of the song 'I love my teachers'. A solo dance performance by Samanyu Walia of Class II was appreciated by one and all. Teachers of AIS Vrindavan Yojana and AIS Gomti Nagar then got together for a spiritual lecture on the importance of teachers in shaping the society as well as the nation. School Co-ordinator Tanuja Singh acknowledged and appreciated the efforts of the children for preparing a wonder-



Teacher's Day celebration at AIS VYC Lucknow

ful assembly and acknowledged the contribution of the teachers in the growth and journey of AIS VYC Lko.

AIS Jagdishpur

AIS Jagdishpur celebrated Teacher's Day by paying a tribute to Dr S Radhakrishnan on September 5, 2016. The celebrations began with a special

assembly in which the students threw light on the various aspects of Dr S Radhakrishnan's life. A cultural event was also organised after the assembly, which comprised many mesmerising performances. Following it was a spiritual awakening session for all the teachers by Brahmakumari sister and motivational speech by School Principal Purnima Ghoshal.



The cake cutting ceremony at AIS Jagdishpur

AIS VKC Lucknow

The students of AIS VKC Lucknow celebrated Teacher's Day with enthusiasm and fervour on September 5, 2016 in the school premises. The programme commenced with cake cutting by Vice Principal Mukta and a motivational speech by the Sanskrit teacher, highlighting the importance of devotion

and sincerity. Soon after the speech, the students presented sashes and cards to award their favourite teachers. An entertaining skit imitating the teachers, solo dance and group dance were enjoyed by everyone. On the occasion, an enlightening session on meditation was organised for the teachers. The assembly culminated with a vote of thanks proposed by the Vice Principal.

A few centuries ago, pigeon droppings were seen as extremely valuable and were used as fertilizer and gunpowder.

All top quotes compiled by *Arnav Dhar, AIS Noida, IV*



Bhojpuri superstar



One of the highest paid actors in Bhojpuri cinema, Ravi Kishan needs no introduction. Having acted in more than 200 films in both Bhojpuri and Hindi, the actor went on to become a household name with the reality show *Big Boss* in 2005. In an exclusive interview with *Amaan Maajid, AIS MV, VIII A*, he talks about Bhojpuri's universal appeal and more.

Humble beginnings

I am a born Brahmin from Jaunpur (Uttar Pradesh). My love and passion for acting brought me to Mumbai. When I landed in the city in the early 90s, I had a meagre 500 rupees in my pocket, a sum given to me by my mother, who was always very encouraging. My early days saw a lot of struggle and hard work, before people began to recognise my work.

My father, my inspiration

While I had done a lot of work, it was my role in the Salman Khan starrer 'Tere Naam' that fetched me acclaim. I played the role of a priest in the movie. However, not many people know that I took inspiration for the role from my father, who happens to be a priest. Moreover, I even used his clothes to give authenticity to the role. The fact that I got a national award for the movie, makes it even more special for me.

Universal appeal

Bhojpuri, even though a vernacular language, enjoys vast appeal. Unlike many other local languages, Bhojpuri has a huge audience all over the world. Even though the language originated in western Bihar and eastern Uttar Pradesh, it is spoken in many parts of the world, including Brazil, Fiji, Guyana, Mauritius, South Africa, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago and Netherlands.

During the late 1800s and early 1900s, many

Bachchan, Abhishek Bachchan, Ajay Devgn, Dharmendra, Jackie Shroff and Raj Babbar. A film starring me, 'Jala Debh Duniya Tohra Pyar Mein', produced by American film company PUN Films, was also shown in the India Pavilion at the Cannes Film Festival 2010.

Striking a balance

Quite often, I have people advising me to concentrate on my career in Hindi cinema. However, I don't think that would be fair for I owe a lot to the region I come from. I feel I have a sense of responsibility towards my culture and people. It is for this very reason that I consciously try to maintain a balance between Hindi cinema and regional Bhojpuri cinema. As a result, on one hand, I have done mainstream Hindi movies like *Agent Vinod*, *Raavan*, *Hera Pheri* and *Bullet Raja* and on the other, I've done 'Kab Hoi Gawna Hamar' that was selected as the Best Feature Film in Bhojpuri language at the privileged National Film Awards in 2005.

A great career

For anyone who has the slightest of inclination towards creativity, a career in films and television is a great option. There are ample options for those who want to work in the entertainment industry. Opportunities are there for talented professionals in the areas of acting, production, direction, editing, cinematography, choreography, photography, etc. Today, films and TV are not just about providing entertainment and information, but also a means of bringing people together. So, a career in the same can be truly enriching. [G+](#) [T](#)



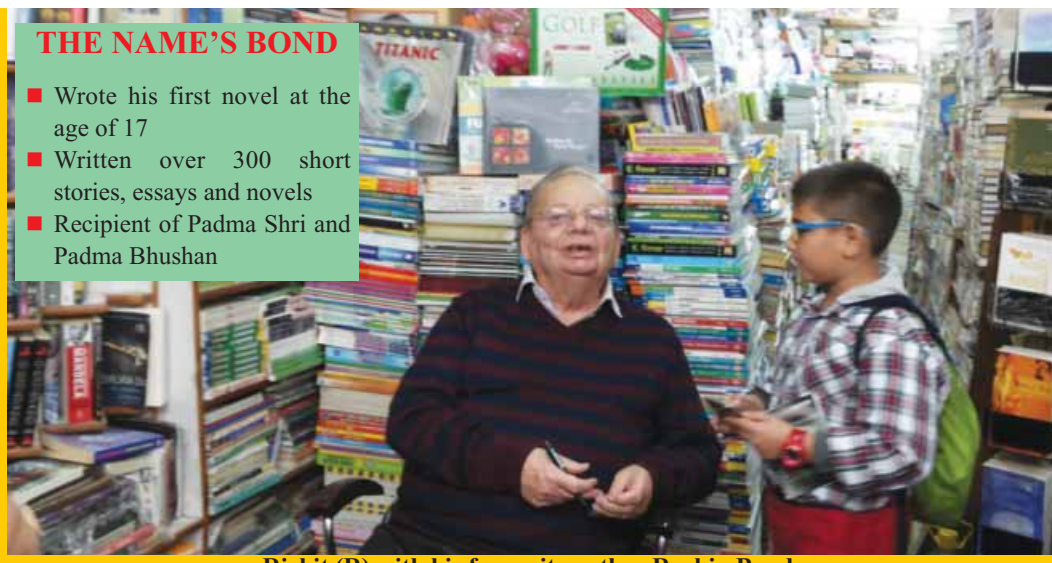
Amaan (R) with Ravi Kishan

One evening

... that went to become a serendipity on the roads of Mussoorie, all with a chance encounter

THE NAME'S BOND

- Wrote his first novel at the age of 17
- Written over 300 short stories, essays and novels
- Recipient of Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan



Richit (R) with his favourite author Ruskin Bond

Richik Nagpal, AIS Pushp Vihar, IV A

It was a regular evening, you know one of those, where everything is going as per the routine. I had come to Mussoorie for the usual summer break with my parents. But little did I know, that this will not be just another evening. Strolling along the Mall Road, I chanced upon a bookstore. Every time, I see a bookstore, I have the biggest smile on my face for I love books. I really enjoy walking through aisles of books, smelling the freshly printed pages. So, I insisted that my parents take me inside the store. As soon as I entered the store, I was in for a surprise. There he was, sitting right in front of me, my favourite author – Ruskin Bond. I could not believe my eyes. I wanted to jump and scream in joy, but I somehow managed to control myself.

Ruskin Bond is my favourite author. I have been reading his books ever since I was a little kid. Excited, I walked up to him and he greeted me with a smile. He was extremely warm and before I knew it, we were talking.

He told me about his life in Dehradun, where he spent most part of his life. He also shared his life mantra with me, "Life is fleeting. So one should seize the moment and get enjoyment out of living, out of friendships, loving relationships, out of things that give you pleasure, whether it is books or films or any form of mentally stimulating satisfaction. Enjoy life at every stage."

Then I requested him for a photograph and his autograph and he obliged me with a smile. Who knew one simple evening that seemed so ordinary would go on to become one of the most memorable evenings of my life! [G+](#) [T](#)

GT Travels to Goa



Paridhi Katyal, AIS Vas 6, KG C poses with her copy of The Global Times at Baga Beach, Goa. Baga Beach is a popular beach and tourist destination in North Goa. Baga is located at the north end of the continuous beach stretch that starts from Sinquerin, Condolim, leads to Calangute and then to Baga. The beach is named after the Baga Creek, which empties into the Arabian Sea at the north end of the beach. It is popular for water sports and dolphin cruises.

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