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It is a cozy day as you open a storybook and read – ‘There are larger forces at play’, a warning to the Hero as a last attempt to save them from the Larger-Than-Life Transformation yet to happen. You pause and wonder – well, what if there were such transformative forces at play in our world as well? Spoiler alert: there are, and they shape the global economy. For centuries they have changed the way we live. Remember electricity, automobiles, or the internet? These megatrends are just as vital to human life as oxygen itself, so let’s have a look at few of them.

From thing to behaviour

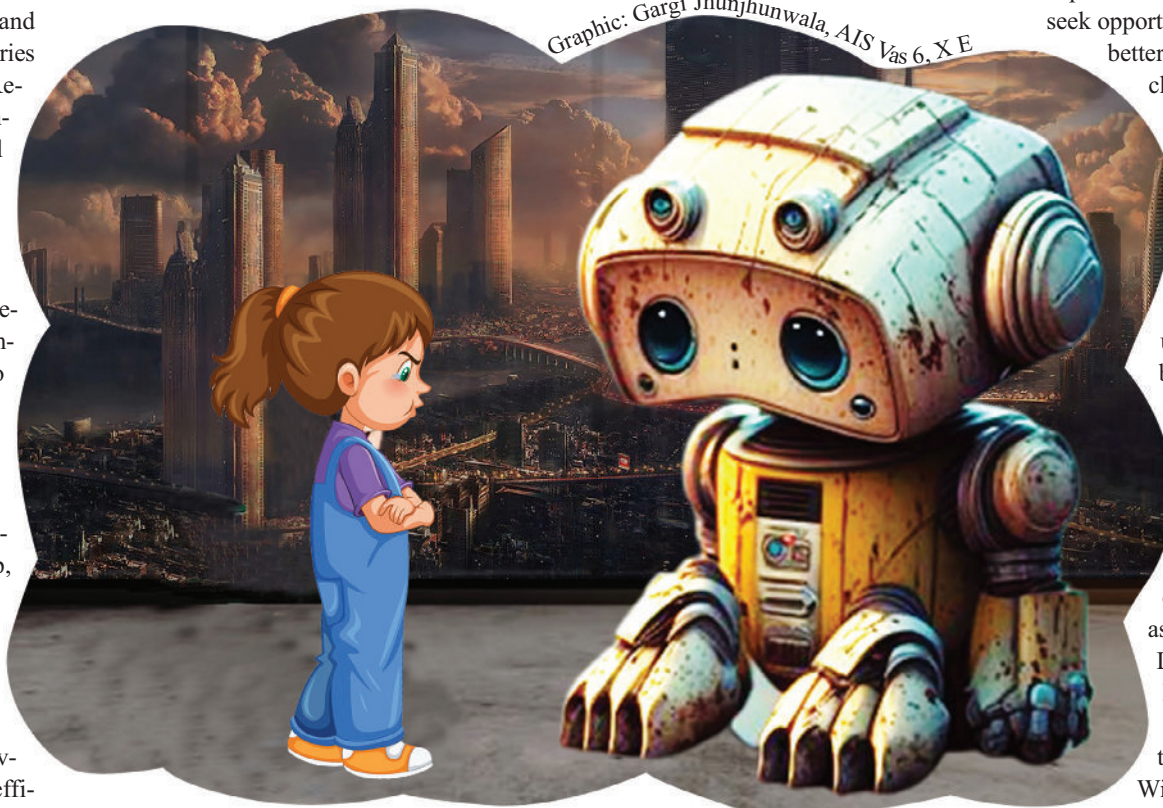
Today, we live in the era of Internet of Behaviour, a concept that utilises data, technology, behavioural analysis, and IoT to bring about a system that can draw insights, and use it to predict, or even influence, human behaviour. Sounds complicated? Well, have you ever noticed how websites always advertise products you have recently Googled? Yup, that’s IoB! With IoB set to alter the lives of more than three billion people, the world of individual-centric data analysis is set to barge in with a strong bang. IoB will be helpful in areas like defense, facial recognition, geolocation-based activity, finance management, predictions, efficiency and much more. As per the Interactive Advertising Bureau, American companies alone spend over 19 billion USD acquiring consumer data. This proves that data is, in fact, the new oil. But just like oil, IoB, too, has its concerns. What about the threats that stem from constant monitoring? Will the Big Boss always be watching?

From B2C to All2All

Once upon a time we lived in a world dominated by business-to-consumer models. However, with increased access to platforms

#Megatrending

The Catalysts To A Modernistic Society



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and consumer data, consumers can now perform transactions within themselves, with the model turning from ‘to all’ to ‘from all’. An apt example of this is the fact that nearly half of the online purchases made in 2019 were made through online marketplaces, the ones not necessarily owned by big business names. And this shift to consumers buying through new channels and new ways is expected to grow more. By evaluating the propensity of consumers to spend towards goods that appeal to a certain trend, it will be

easier for companies to identify real future opportunities rather than falling back on the same old ways. The new ways mean everyone has something to offer and others aren’t afraid to reach out for it, no matter how new they might be to the scene. But with the new virtual websites, Instagram seller pages and whatnot, the traditional ways of the face-to-face interaction has been dying down. Does this mean that the future holds shops where we interact with machines and computers to buy and sell, not actual human beings?

From small to smart

In today’s world, every city, no matter how small it is, is aiming to be ‘smart’ – the urban areas that use information and communication technology to increase operational efficiency, optimise the use of limited resources, and improve the quality of public services. With the wind of globalisation came this concept of smart cities where people flood to seek opportunities and connections for a better life. Jobs, education, global changemaking; you name it and smart cities have it. This, of course, also makes them a self-sustaining circle. Jobs attract jobs, business attracts business etc. According to IEC, over half of the world’s population, by the year 2050, will be living in smart cities. Because of this, traditional cities are bound to be transformed into economic hubs, with 90% growth forecasted in Asian and African cities. Mega and smart cities will end up becoming as powerful as whole nations. Look at New York, Seoul, London etc. But if we have a closer look, we notice that the picture is not all bright. With everyone rushing to the center of excitement, the world realises that the opportunities are limited. As a result, the one who has the most money rules, and rest fight to collect scraps. Is this really the future we imagine for these so-called smart cities?

The next time you read your storybook, as the Hero saves the world, the reality dawns on you – your knowledge of all these factors and more may not help you save the world, but you’ll surely be ready when these megatrends are #megatrending. 🇮🇳

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THE GT POLL

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- a) Strict social distancing
- b) Limited people in a space
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Contest Edition (AIS VKC Lko)



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

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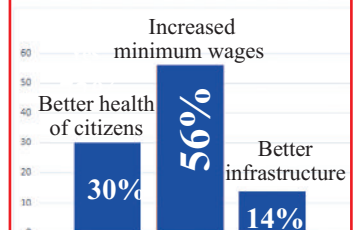
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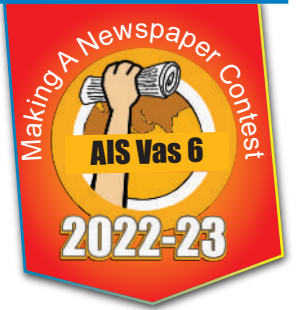
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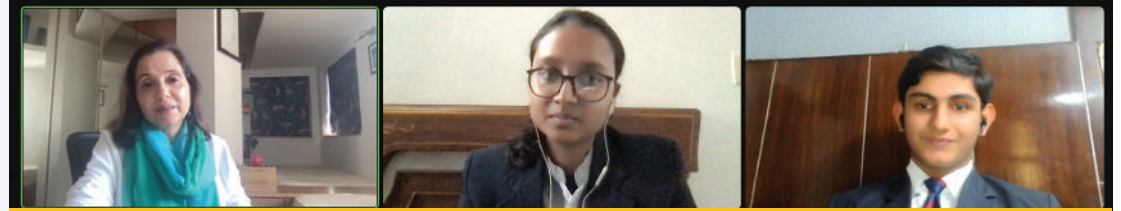
The inside view

Delving Deeper Into The Art Of Critiquing Films

INTERVIEW



Anupama Chopra, movie critic



GT reporters interact with Anupama Chopra

Madhav Sharma & Ananya Mittal, AIS Vas 6, X D

Film critics are as essential to the art of making a film as theatres are to the experience of watching it. It is their analysis and interpretation - of the plot, the craft, and the cultural context of a film - that separates the mediocre from the superlative. Anupama Chopra is one such acclaimed movie critic whose evaluation of Hindi cinema, over a three-decade-long career, has always been on the mark. She is also the director of the MAMI (Mum-

bai Academy of Moving Image) Film Festival and curator of the digital platform, Film Companion. She shares valuable insights into the world of cinema in an all exclusive interview with GT.

Great Indian film

Cinema is not only the cheapest form of entertainment but also the most popular, because we can all relate to it. In a country with low literacy, visual storytelling will always surpass something that one needs to read. At the same time, the Indian way of storytelling is very home-grown, very authentic. We

have our own aesthetics and tonality. A film that appeals to everyone will always have a bit of everything - romance, comedy, mystery, drama and so on. Also, every language has its own industry and each one focuses on providing a local flavour to its viewers, which is why Indians just idolise movies.

Way forward

We must remember that Indian cinema is not just Bollywood or Hindi cinema. It's a combination of many other regional languages. Right now, we feel films being made in the South are dominating the market, but I believe it's a healthy sign. It's great for the future of Indian cinema if there is cross-pollination between various industries. There is an exchange of ideas and artists. I think that the crumbling of these walls between different languages is really essential. We must look at the growth of

Indian Cinema in its entirety, and not focus on Bollywood alone. I do want films that are popular throughout India, but I also want small films that are made within limited budgets and have experimental story ideas. The ideal situation would be if there is a variety to choose from.

Trustworthy platform

Sadly, in the world we live in right now, too much of entertainment journalism is now paid for, and too much of it is a part of the marketing agenda of films and filmmakers. The mission with Film Companion has always been to create a pan-India platform for storytelling and entertainment. And the vision is to create credible engaging journalism which has integrity and is not transactional. We want to be the one place where, if you read a good review, you can trust us.

Lessons learnt

There was an American film critic, Roger Ebert, who called films 'empathy machines' and said that of all the arts, films are the most conducive to empathy, and good ones can make us better people, and I believe that. That's because when you watch a film, you put yourself in somebody else's shoes, and you get a sense of what that person's world and life is like. The most important lesson is to be empathetic and to be able to see life from other people's eyes.

Message for Amitians

One must have an excellent work ethic. Learn to enjoy the burn, learn to love the work. All of us are now on social media and everyone wants instant gratification. But that's not how life works. You need to work really hard, before you get something. So, work ethic is the most essential tool for anyone.

French carnival '23

Celebrating What We Call The Language Of Love

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Les Penseurs, the French club of Amity Global Business School (AGBS), AUUP, organised an Intra-Amity French Carnival 'La Journée De La Francophonie 2023' on February 21, 2023, to mark the celebration of the French language, and acknowledge the prospects of learning it to unite people; and create spaces of solidarity and mutual understanding. The event held in AUUP, was conducted

under the able guidance of Prof Divya Bhatia, French professor, AGBS with a team comprising about 50 AGBS students across BBA and MBA courses pushing from the back.

A total of five competitions, namely Métissage Culturel (poster making competition), Passion Pour La Danse (dance competition), Le Monde De La Poésie (poetry competition), Cuisine Française (French cuisine competition), and La Voix (singing competition), were held as part of the

event, in which over 300 AUUP students participated wholeheartedly, showcasing their love for French.

Julien Banaszuk, co-founder and director of High Environmental & Social Impact India; Babusha Verma, author and teacher, University of Delhi; and Gana Sow, French teacher for International Baccalaureate Diploma Program and Middle Year Program graced the event as judges for the day. The jury was ecstatic to be back on campus to celebrate the festival



Esteemed guests and students at the French carnival

post pandemic and motivated the students to carry forward the ethnicity, glory and pride of the French language. They also emphasised upon the importance of continuing to learn the said language and immersing oneself in a new culture and civilisation.

The enthralling series of events concluded with the distribution of trophies and medals to the winners, felicitation of participants with a certificate of participation, and a formal vote of thanks to all the esteemed dignitaries, participants and attendees.

THE WHIRLPOOL WITCH

Combating The Opposing Water Currents To Save The Kingdom

Anika Bansal, AIS Vasundhara 6, X D

Avery was born and raised in an old fishing village known for its legends from the sea. Passed down from seaman to seaman, these lores had found a home in the lives of people of the town. Avery's grandmother, now as old as these tales, knew them like the back of her hand. Every day, the village kids would gather around Avery's house to listen to his grandmother's tales. Today, she was to narrate the tale of King Aramis and his brother Prince Malek. As the children huddled together, excitement of a new story to unfold reflected on their faces, the grandmother gave them what they needed – a good story. And so she began the tale...

"This story goes back to hundreds of years ago, when right beneath our very feet stood the sea kingdom of Avalon. The king, Aramis, was fair and benevolent, but to the despair of his parents, their younger son, Malek, did not take after Aramis; he was greedy and selfish, so the throne was passed to Aramis. Even though Aramis had been coronated to the throne, an envious Malek was now on the lookout for plans to bring an end to his brother's reign. One night, he slipped out of the palace, a hood over his head, disguising himself as a traveller, and headed to Essetir to meet with Avalon's and Aramis's archnemesis.

As he set foot on Essetir's waters, he requested to meet with their king, Rodor. Now, Rodor was a sharp and impish man. He had been on the lookout for the perfect opportunity to bring Aramis to his knees. As he saw Malek, he knew the moment had arrived. Arriving at Rodor's court, Malek threw back his hood, gave a quick curtsy, and cut to the chase. "Your Majesty, I apologise for the late hour, but I have a proposal for you."

"And what might that be?" asked a curious Rodor. Malek smiled eerily and said, "The fall of King Aramis, your Majesty, lies in these maps. No matter how great a kingdom, its strength is bound to waver in the absence of its supply routes. Avalon's routes are marked by their swift-flowing currents mentioned here, and if we disrupt those, the kingdom will fall. It'll be yours

The science of it

Water flows in one direction, but when two opposing water currents meet, a body of swirling water is formed that is known as a whirlpool. And when a whirlpool has a downward draft, it can suck objects beneath the water's surface by forming a vortex. When the whirlpool becomes violent and powerful, it is referred to as a maelstrom.

to conquer."

For long Rodor had waited for this opportunity. He let out a devilish laugh and summoned his commander, the Whirlpool Witch. Known for her great power over the waves, she could bend them so hard that everything around was sucked into nothingness. No one in the nearby water kingdoms was able to resist her pull. Both Malek and Rodor knew that she would be a great asset in disrupting these routes."

A few days later, Avalon was under attack. Aramis and his army fought back, with the

water swirling around them, sucking in battalion after battalion. The forces of Avalon and Essetir remained at odds, both equally strong. It is said that the war rages on even now. Children and adults are taught to stay away and to not get caught in the water, lest they be pulled into the midst of the Great War, never to be seen again. So, don't go near deep-water children," said the grandmother, concluding her tale.

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SCIENCE
BEDTIME STORIES





Booking All The Important Dates In The History Of The Calendar

Shambhavi Verma

AIS Vasundhara 6, X E

Can anyone tell me what date is it today? What month are we in right now? Which year? What? Do I see you running off to me to find the answers? Of course, of course! Welcome, everyone, to the masterclass of organising time, and I, Calendar, will be your life coach for today. Before we begin the class, let me introduce myself a little, just so you know I am qualified enough to teach you about time management.

Hi, I am life coach Calendar, and my main job is organising time, and categorising it between days, weeks, months, and years. I think I first started the job during the New Stone Age, but if we are to go by proof, I think the first historically attested and formulised versions of me are from the Bronze Age, dating back more than 11,000 years. Archaeologists even unearthed a 10,000-year-old me in Aberdeenshire in 2013. Yup, I am old, but like they say, old is gold, and I did learn a lot in my journey of turning into this gold! During my glow up, as the Gen Z say it, I have seen a lot of changes. I have seen versions of me that follow the sun like the Julian calendar created by Julius Caesar, Coptic calendar, etc., and I have seen the versions of me that only follow the pretty moon like the Islamic Hijri calendar, Gezer,

It's a date

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Haida one, Maori lunar calendar etc. I even have siblings that follow both the sun and the moon, the lunisolar versions of me, like the, ancient Athenian calendar, Hindu Panchanga, Babylonian calendars like the one of the Persian empire, Zoroastrian calendar, Parthian version, and even the Hebrew one. What can I say? Everyone wanted a piece of me, but only on their own terms. Every-

one was fighting over their version of me being superior, until Christopher Clavius and Pope Gregory XIII, in 1582, modified the Julian version of me and created the Gregorian calendar, the one used in most

parts of the world today. This version made my one year 365 days long and added an extra day in February in every year that is an integer multiple of 4 (except for years evenly divisible by 100 but not by 400).

The number of days in a month or year was actually not the only struggle I faced. Believe it or not, it took me a little while to gain my name 'Calendar'. The name actually comes from the term 'calends', which is known as the first day of the month in the Roman calendar. The Latin people called me 'calendier' and the Middle English peasants knew me as 'calender' before I gained that A in my spelling. And once my name was settled, they moved on to the names of the months in me. That, too, was a tough task, but I am sure you already know what my months are, don't you?

From calendars that were divided into 12 lunar months (Sumerian calendar and classical Greek) to the ones with 360 days a year (Old Persian), from the Mayan calendar that had two years to the old Roman one that had 304 days divided into 10 months, I have struggled a lot to finally reach where I am today. Standing right in front of you, all ready to teach you about the passage of time. So, let's start the class, shall we?

A holy visit

Parth Chhabra

AIS Pushp Vihar, II D

Place: Badrinath Dham

Top sights: Badrinath temple, Tapta Kund, the cave of Veda Vyasa, Vasudhara falls

Best time to visit: May - June and September - October

Delicacies to try: Phaanu, Kafuli, Chainsoo, Maggi

Things to carry: Warm clothes, dry fruits, first aid kit, trekking shoes, raincoat, and umbrella

Souvenirs to buy: Religious books, Rudraksha, idols of Gods, wooden items

Languages to know before you visit: Hindi

My experience: Badrinath

temple, also known as the Badri Narayan temple, is a Hindu holy shrine located in the Chamoli district of Uttarakhand. Dedicated to Lord Vishnu, the temple is surrounded by mountains, river Alaknanda, and numerous waterfalls. The temperature was pleasant when we started hiking. Blessed with heavenly beauty, the temple is very colourful and decorated with lovely flowers. As the deity of the temple, Lord Vishnu is seated in the Padmasana or Lotus position, in a contemplative state on the main temple premises. I tried learning to sit in this po-

sition as well. A thermal hot spring by the name of Tapta Kund is located very near to the temple, where some devotees take a dip before entering the temple. The water from the hot spring is believed to have medicinal properties. I even

managed to learn several shlokas and the Badrinath Ji Aarti while trekking. The energy and enthusiasm of the devotees filled me with positive energy. Overall, it is a mesmerising place to visit and offer your prayers.

My favourite memory from the trip: After a long and tiring trek, a dip in the hot spring of Tapta Kund was like a ray of sunshine on a cold morning. It warmed up my soul and relaxed my entire body. All the tiredness from the trek was gone within seconds, and we were refreshed with renewed vigour to visit the temple and also, for our long journey back home.



The holy shrine of Badrinath Dham

Embrace sorrow



Dr. Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

Just as one cannot know light without knowing darkness first, happiness or joy cannot be fully appreciated without experiencing grief or sorrow. Sadness or *karuna*, one of the nine rasas, is essential for all of us in order to be able to look deep within ourselves. Whether it is an undesirable event, personal loss of a loved one, or an even greater human tragedy, having *karuna* in our hearts makes us more loving and patient not only with ourselves, but also with others. Sadness, in fact, is a part of the ups and downs of life, and is not as useless and negative an emotion as most people think it is.

In fact, when you accept that you are sad, it gives you the strength to cope with any situation. Feeling sad is not being weak. Acceptance is the first step towards coming to terms with a difficult situation and then moving on. Being mindful of what makes you sad, and what you can do to change the situation, can help you adapt, focus, persevere and grow. At the same time, it also works as a positive reaction of empathy and understanding in response to human suffering. This evokes in us the desire to help others. When this compassion is combined with values of justice, equality and fairness, it can make any society and nation a beautiful place to live in.

And, it's also a beautiful moment of happiness today as I share that two students from AIS Vas 6 namely Pratyush Khare and Vatsalaya Bhadaurya, of Class XI, were among the selected 436 teams invited to present their project at the All India level of CBSE National Science Exhibition. Organised by CBSE, the theme this year was 'Technology and Toys' and 3,169 teams from across India had registered for this event. Our talented duo earned this recognition for their project 'VaPr Weather Stations' that predicts weather conditions in order to help farmers. 🇮🇳

Golden moment



Sunila Athley
Principal, AIS Vas 6

India is celebrating the 75th year of Independence as 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', commemorating the glorious history of its people, culture and achievements. India has established itself as a democratic superpower and is providing the world with the kind of leadership it requires, aided by our G20 Presidency. The next 25 years or so as such are very crucial for our nation's development.

India, as a nation powered by youth, looks up to its youth as future world leaders and global citizens. The robust schooling system, which places a significant emphasis on STEM education, has helped India establish itself as a pioneer in technology and innovation. On one hand, we value education and look at it as a means to accomplish upward social mobility, on the other hand, we view it as being influenced by the traditional values of hard work, discipline and respect. This has played a key role in shaping the country's social fabric, fostering a sense of community and social responsibility.

In continuation with this ethos, the editorial board of AIS Vas 6 has worked tirelessly to churn out a contest worthy edition. We hope to see more and more Indians ascending to top positions around the world in the future, as our honorable Chairperson ma'am so dearly desires, cementing India's reputation as a world leader. Excelling as always, we can look forward to seeing many more CEOs, CTOs, COOs and various other technocrats of Indian origin from the nurturing grounds of Amity. 🇮🇳

iNanny

An Exclusive Look At The Latest Au Pair In Town

Ananya Mittal, AIS Vasundhara 6, X D

Alexa, what's my schedule like today? Meetings, deadlines and finding time for her daughter gets muddled up as she tries to wipe the sleep away. Komal begrudgingly gets up and brews her saviour cup of joe before getting her daughter ready to go. Today, Anoushka refuses to cooperate with Komal and is not at all willing to eat her breakfast. Komal, tired of this routine, opens her trusty mummy-buddy Google for help. *How to make my picky eater eat her breakfast without a fuss?...* types in Komal before pleading with her toddler to take a bite. Tantrums of "I don't want it, I won't eat it!!" ring in her ears as she desperately reads through the article for help. Unlike her mother, who often used to offer *ghar ke nuske*, Komal, along with two out of five parents, uses social media to get support for parenting issues. Soon enough, the situation is diffused and the mammoth task of breakfast is checked off her to-do list.

Time for work. And a Zoom meeting on top... she wonders, *how do I occupy Anoushka for the next three hours? The iPad should suffice...* She feels guilty of her solution, but then 65% of parents say it is acceptable for a child to have their own tablet before teenage. So, is that right or is that wrong? Back when she used to live with her parents and aunts, they would be eager to occupy her.

Her new nuclear family lifestyle doesn't accommodate her work requirements and thus, she is left with no choice but to turn to her newfound friend, a gadget for nanny duty.

That went well... thinks Komal as she gets Anoushka to learn the alphabet from YouTube. 34% of parents allow their kids to be on the platform regularly, and

Komal isn't denying her love for keeping up with the trends. Quite literally! During the session, she sneakily takes some shots for the 'gram.

Anou's progress with the alphabet! she captions along with a video of her daughter.

Komal isn't embarrassed to be a part of the 'sharenting' gang, in which more than 80% of children are said to have an active online presence.

Finally, it's time to sleep...

Alexa, play Anou's bedtime playlist. The nostalgic childhood tunes of 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star' fill the house as Anoushka closes her eyes and drifts off to the land of her dreams,

only for Komal to be reminded of the time when her mother would sing her favourite lullaby. Komal follows her routine and has Alexa play her playlist, too.

The day winds down and Komal finally rests. Today, she recalls the time when her *nani* used to nanny her, and not an iPad. Her days used to start with her *nani* waking her up rather than Alexa, and ended with her *dadi's* bedtime stories. *Nani ke nuske*, however, are now left in the dust, with Google at her fingertips supplying quick fixes, and Alexa keeping her child engaged. *But then, technology doing the nannying for me is very 2023, isn't it?* 🇮🇳



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APERSPECTIVE

Patient persistence

*No results? Keep working.
Bad results? Keep working.
Good results? Keep working.
Consistency is key!*

As a mentor, I staunchly believe in the act of 'persistence'. Dripping water can hollow out a stone, not through force but through persistence. And staying self-consistent is as important as it gets.

All the students who work on the contest edition await its mesmeris-

ing feel with bated breath and a thumping heart. This year is extra special as after two long years, the contest editions will be 'delivered' in the physical form. And none of it would have been possible without the visionary guidance of our beloved Chairperson ma'am. She understands the younger generation so well, and like so many other unmatched avenues, has pro-



Shweta Tomar
GT Coordinator

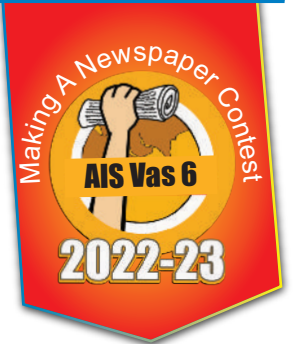
vided them with this outstanding platform to find their true potential. There can be nothing better than the healthy competition that 'GT Making a Newspaper Contest' provides them with, where they learn, they do, and they grow. It is most

definitely their continued effort and dedication that led to the successful completion of the edition, and by virtue of that, another chain reaction of waiting for the results!

Hence, the wait begins...

Order! Order! Order!

Hearken as *Harshita Pareek, XI C & Aadya Kapoor, XII D, AIS Vas 6*, delve into a sphere that addresses the issues of social injustice from within the purview of the Rule of Law.



Smita
Priyadarshini

The beginning: Law for me happened by chance. Both my brothers were in the field of law. One day while poring over their books, I realised my interest in the subject. And then before I knew it I was pursuing law.

The whys: Being apprised on various businesses and what is happening at the center of various industries is something that has always interested me. And that is exactly what corporate law allows me to do. It allows me to work in a company environment, whilst interacting with both national and international clients.

The perks: Its ability to add value to any and every business is the most rewarding thing about this profession.

The challenges: As the legal counsel, you become the one stop for everything – marketing, HR, sales, and are expected to have an answer/solution

Meet the expert

A corporate lawyer, Smita is currently working as a senior director and executive legal counsel at Boston Consulting Group. In her 23-year-long journey, she has handled several portfolios including compliance, corporate, privacy, HR and more.

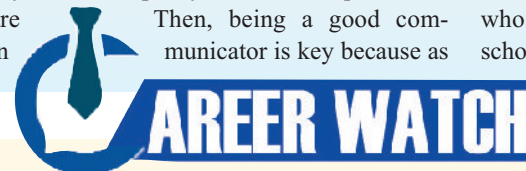
a corporate lawyer, you are always interacting with either the management or the client. Other than that, you need to have an even-temperament as you need to convince others of your point of views without losing your cool. Finally, a good knowledge of the business always helps as it enables you to give sound legal advice.

The routine: I personally do not have any fixed working hours because my stakeholders are based out of country. If you really want to rise in a profession, you should stop thinking about a fixed routine or working hours.

The scope: Today, one out of every three children I meet is pursuing law. But just because everyone's into it does not mean it's your cup of tea, too. As for the remuneration bit, anybody who has passed out of a good law school can earn around 15-20 LPA.

to everything. But you are simply a counsel so meeting that expectation can be quite a task.

The requirements: A degree in law is a pretty obvious requirement. Then, being a good communicator is key because as



Harshita
Mishra

Meet the expert

A metropolitan magistrate in the Delhi Judicial Service, Harshita is currently posted at the Delhi State Legal Services Authority that provides free legal services to the needy.

onous. But that's not the case, for every time one gets a new jurisdiction, one deals with new types of cases, unlike lawyers specialised in a certain field.

The challenges: The job requires constant research and the need to stay updated. Besides, there are no rights or wrongs in law, but many shades of gray in between. Deciphering these grays and arriving at a judgment can be quite daunting.

The requirements: In terms of educational qualifications, you need to pass the Judicial Services Examination. Other than that, one requires the skills of being a patient listener and fluent communication.

The routine: It's pretty sedentary. From 10 to 5 every day, you are bound to sit in the court and listen to arguments.

The scope: At the entry-level, one can draw a salary of 1 lakh per month. One also gets perks like residential facilities, security, etc.

The beginning: I appeared for the Judicial Services Exam and cleared it with first rank in Jharkhand. Since then, I have held civil courts, where I decided civil suits. I have been a Mahila Court judge, where we had cases relating to domestic violence, dowry, abuse etc. All my postings have left me with diverse experiences.

The whys: Judicial services gave me an avenue where I could use my writing skills and quench my thirst for writing and reading throughout. I also get to serve the public. So, every time I pass a judgment, it leaves me with a very satisfying feeling.

The perks: People believe that after a certain period, judicial work becomes monot-

The beginning: I made my beginnings by working in the chambers of a senior advocate in Karnataka High Court. I started my independent practice soon thereafter and since then, I have handled all kinds of cases.

The whys: I was very much passionate about history, political science, and English. So, the natural choice was to go into journalism or law.

The perks: When a client comes to you, he is very distressed. So, as an advocate, you need to solve his problems, and help him to lead a sound and stable life. And when you're able to accomplish it, the satisfaction is unmatched.

The challenges: Oh, plenty! Long working hours, the need to stay up-to-date and more. One aspect that I find particularly

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An advocate and high court government pleader, Kavitha has been a legal practitioner for over 27 years. During the course of her practice, she has advised and plead for the Govt of India, and is currently an advisor for Indian Railways.



Kavitha Hassan
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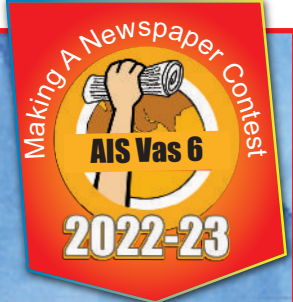
challenging is when you have to defend your client even when your personal beliefs don't align with the case.

The requirements: I think resilience matters the most. A lawyer should not be shaken up by things easily.

The routine: We need to maintain a particular work schedule since courts usually work from 10:30 AM to 5:30 PM.

The scope: This is one profession where nothing is fixed, it all depends on your hard work. The starting pay package, however, will start around 8-10 LPA and can go up as you move up on the ladder.

The Skeleton under his bed



Rishi Garg, AIS Vas 6, IX D

It was the year 2097, and the world had changed from that of our fathers. Humans had mastered science like never before. And yet all that could now be seen was a sea of fire and smoke. As buildings came burning down, ash and dust filled the air, and turned the whole world to shades of orange and gray. Our world was being ruled by Feuregle, a totalitarian government determined on burning every book in the world. The houses were periodically raided, with the Feureglan officials hounding for any source of books or written content. 'Feuhommes', the special agents, were given the task of eradicating every book, including their owners and their residence. The fear of storing books was so deeply engrained that people were afraid to even utter the phrases 'Once upon a time' or 'Happily ever after'. Rotia Andras, a Feuhommes leader, was enjoying his feuboisson when the feualarm began to ring, "FEU, FEU, FEU...". The radar had picked up one book at a home two kilometers away. They got onto their truck, the feucamion, equipped with flamethrowers.

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They moved closer to the scene as the engine roared. "Open up!" belted Rotia. When no one responded, they set the door ablaze. The door gave up and they entered the house, burning every object in their wake. They pushed the burning materials out of their way, across the house, just to find a single book. Whoosh! The book turned to ash. Then they planted a few bombs, and the house was reduced to nothing. Rotia quickly completed the procedure and then took a bus to return home. The news-screen displayed the information that the diligent Feuhommes had put out a total of 30 new structures that day. Although Rotia was filled with pride, he also carried a persistent anguish. When he got home, he discovered his sister watching the news screen, while his mother was hooked to the radio. Rotia retired gloomily to his room. He fixed his attention on the secret drawer under his bed, and quietly pulled

out a set of books from their protective case. He then took out a book by Epictetus titled 'Of Human Freedom'. One of the lines in it read, "Isn't reading a kind of preparation for life? But life is composed of things other than books." He paused, asking himself, "Is what I do appropriate? Should all those folks be burned simply for owning books." Such ideas were racing through his head when he abruptly heard a knock at the door. His nerves gave up; he knew the end was coming, but he hadn't anticipated this soon. The Feureglan officials and Feuhommes were always hounding those with individualistic thoughts, and a knock on the door meant you're gone. Would he too catch fire in the Feuhommes' fires tonight? His family would surely be spared. After all, they were unaware that these books ever existed. But he was unable to muster the courage to unlock his door.

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THE LITTLE GIRL

Nibir Das, AIS Vasundhara 6, IX D

I saw her standing all dressed in rags
Carrying a gunny full of plastic bags
Her sorrowful eyes touched my heart
And pierced my soul like a pointed dart

Stood all still under the scorching heat
Asked me if I had a little for her to eat
With regret, I shook my head for a 'No'
Tears started rolling as she dropped low

Seeing her go, I was struck with a thought
Grateful we should be for all luxuries we got
Seeing the poor lead a life of grief and misery
Made me witness a poignant and tragic story

Tears of gratitude trickled down my cheeks
For all the pleasures in my life started to speak
Making me analyse the wrong deeds of my life
Today the little girl taught how one must thrive.



Read Play and Win 19

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



Q.1 Name the Judicial Services Exam topper interviewed on page 7.	Q.2 What is the headline of the story written by Rishi Garg, AIS Vas 6, IX?	Q.3 Who is the curator of the digital platform Film Companion?
Q.4 Name the author of the article 'It's a date' published on Page 5.	Q.5 What is the name of the club founded by Ritika Jain Ahuja?	Q.6 On which page can you find the article 'iNanny'?
Q.7 Who made the illustration of 'Hacked by 5-minute hacks' article?	Q.8 "American companies alone spend over _____ acquiring consumer data."	Q.9 Which two schools observed 'Bagless days' from Feb 27-Mar 3, 2023?

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

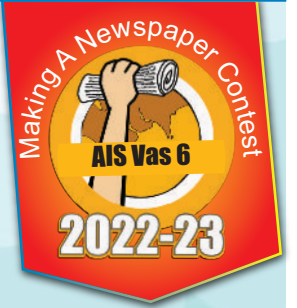
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I'm **falling**...

...Cries The Leading Financial Institution Silicon Valley Bank of USA, But Why? Let's See



Madhav Sharma, AIS Vas 6, X D

From keeping money safe to giving financial aid, banks seem to be the heart of the matter of our world. Such was also the case of Silicon Valley Bank, a state-chartered commercial bank in California that was the leading financial institution for the tech industry. The keyword in this whole story is 'was', because, on March 10, 2023, this dreamy bank saw its own collapse. How? Well, it is as simple as ABC...or maybe not.

A dream that met its final fall, and we're here to see it all

Founded in 1983, Silicon Valley Bank had been the founding father of various companies in the tech industry. It was a well-known source of private banking, personal credit lines, and taking risks on new companies that may or may not be a wonder. But how did this not-so-little bank go from being such a unicorn to being the biggest financial collapse since the global financial crisis of 2007-2009 and the second-largest bank failure in its home country? Experts say that the downfall started in 2021 when SVB, seeking higher investment returns, started shifting its securities portfolio from short-term to long-term treasury bonds. But what came as a googly to them was the Federal Reserve; the Fed raised the interest rates in these bonds to curb the ongoing inflation surge, and as a result, the market value of SVB's treasury bonds decreased

significantly. The bank, then, had no other option but to raise the borrowing costs, which the clients did not like, so they started withdrawing their money. The money was already invested in bonds, but the clients demanded their share, so SVB had to sell over 21 billion USD worth of securities, borrow 15 billion USD, and urgently sell treasury stocks worth 2.25 billion USD. The remaining clients panicked as well and caused a bank run (when a huge number of customers make withdrawals because of a loss of confidence in the bank); they withdrew 42 billion USD in one day, leaving SVB with a negative one billion USD balance.

Balancing loss to stay afloat, question of survival is cut-throat

This tale is no short of a horror, and now the other banks and customers cannot help but be scared. As soon as SVB collapsed, other banks in America, too, saw heavy withdrawals overnight, with traders predicting this to cause great instability. The situation grew worse with global financial stocks losing 465 billion USD in market value, MSCI Asia Pacific Index dropping around 2.7%, US banks losing around 100 billion USD in two days, and European banks losing around 50 billion USD. American billionaire Ray Dalio claims that SVB's collapse could be an early sign that will have 'knock-off effects in the venture world'. It

is also vital to note that SVB stood as the supporting rock of various innovative start-ups. Not to mention that the low rates of SVB encouraged investors to take on more risks, allowing a lot of firms to survive and thrive. With the collapse, however, these companies struggle with their operations, and that directly affects the technology industry as most of the clients belong to that sector. The news also has broader geopolitical implications as the bank maintained relations with institutions around the world. The collapse may even make the world want to shift their tech capital from Silicon Valley to another city, removing US from the first place in the tech race. Even with First Citizens Bank's agreement to acquire SVB's loans and deposits, the leveraged assets are so much that the financial sector in general should brace itself to face many more problems before this issue fully runs its course.

Capitals run to save themselves, how will India bear this well?

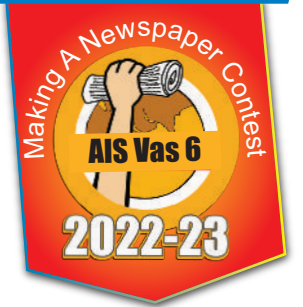
Since the problem is more US-based than global, Asian leaders are seen as a bit insulated from direct risk, but it definitely does not mean a green signal for them. Though the figures are not major, it was still noticed how Japan's Mitsubishi slid down 8.3% on the MSCI

World Financials Index, Seoul's Hana Financial Group by 4.7%, Tokyo Stock Exchange banks dropping more than 5% etc. For India, the ripple effect is not felt as much in practice as it is in theory. As the fastest growing tech-hub, India has developed its own ecosystem, and when the question comes to the tragedy trickling down to India's financial feet, experts aren't waving the red flag yet. However, the tech sector is a bit worried. With lay-offs on rise, Indian technology sector needs to prepare itself to face any backlash, especially companies that operate through international channels. It cannot be said for sure how long or how deep the aftermath of the Silicon Valley Bank's collapse will run. But if the world is going to take something away from the whole situation, it definitely is a better knowledge of liquidity, cash flow, diversification, rebalancing portfolio, and strategic entry and exit to shelter oneself from such a drastic situation.



A race against patriarchy

India's First All Women Supercar Club Is Set To Empower Women



Ananya Mittal, AIS Vas 6, X D

Each and every woman across the globe has faced the stereotype of being a bad driver at some point in her life. To rectify this wrong, Ritika Jain Ahuja, chief operating officer and marketing head, Big Boy Toyz, founded Queen's Drive Club (QDC), India's first all-women supercar club. Based in Delhi, the club, with its supercar showdowns and driving dramatics, acts as a huge platform for a niche interest to grow and prosper, empowering women at every step, and how!

A superclub

Queen's Drive Club has members from all over India, ranging from metro cities to small towns. "It is about passionate women who own and love to drive supercars, but, unlike men, rarely get any chance to showcase their talent. Since I am a zealous driver myself, I could



A glimpse of the racing event organised by Queen's Drive Club



Ritika Ahuja, founder, QDC

not help but do something about this lacuna of driving opportunities for women. And that's exactly when I decided to talk to my motorhead friends and together, we came up with the club in 2022. Countless passionate women came on board soon after," elaborates Ritika when asked about the driving force behind her decision.

A super drive

Breaking barriers with every mile they drive, the club thus far has

around 47 members, and has successfully organised three car rallies, with drives to hilly areas like Rishikesh and other parts of India in the pipeline. Elaborating on the process, Ritika says, "We collaborate with hotels, people, and institutions who invite us to host these events, and get all the major arrangements done. Apart from this, we also levy a small membership fee from all the members of the club, which is then used to plan, execute and market

the sundry events. We also have a line of luxury products launching this year, including car-inspired jewelry, the proceeds from which will be utilised to fund Queen's Drive Club's activities."

A super subscription

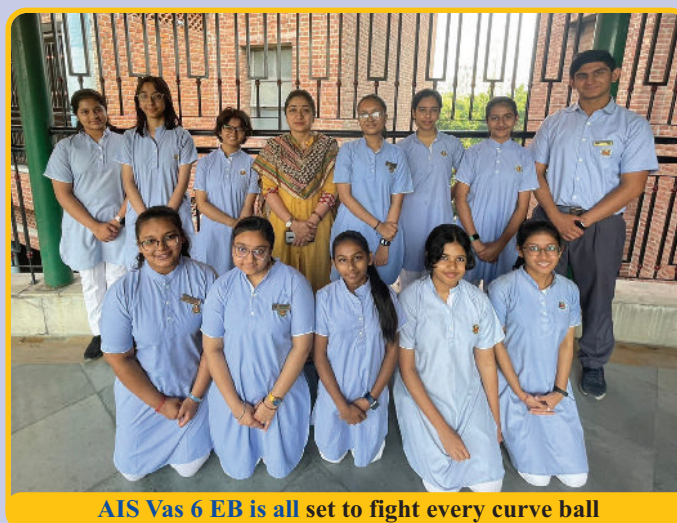
There's something about an easy membership process that attracts all into a venture, similar is the case with Queen's Drive Club. Explaining the process, Ritika says, "We get many inquiries for mem-

bership through our website (www.queensdriveclub.com), from where we filter applications on the basis of the car a certain applicant owns. We then indulge in a background check by asking the applicants to submit their vehicle's details and pictures of them driving the car. Once satisfied, we go ahead with the application and send the membership details to the applicant." As far as the credibility of this process goes, Ritika finds the members very supportive. She hasn't faced any over-the-top challenges, and it has all been a smooth ride thus far, hinting at how each member adds value to the club making it better in every way.

Analogous to how they run the society, these women super riders today drive it all. Lamborghini, Rolls-Royce, Porsche... you name it! Even though there lies a long and difficult race ahead of them, with every drive they partake in, these super women keep proving how women and cars are a match made in heaven. [G](#) [I](#)



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Young scientists

Innovators of Amity At National Science Exhibition

AIS Vasundhara 6

Pratyush Khare and Vatsalaya Bhadauriya, both of Class XI, were amongst the selected 436 teams from regional rounds (out of 3169 registered) invited to present their project at CBSE National Science Exhibition, held from February 7-9, 2023, at 35 venues across India and abroad. Pratyush and Vatsalaya presented their project 'VaPr Weather Stations', which is designed to predict weather conditions to help the farmers. The unique opportunity was extended to them by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chau-



Pratyush and Vatsalaya with their mentor at the exhibition

han, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF, who envisions to nurture critical thinkers and innovators who can build the world.

The exhibition organised by Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) was based on the theme 'Technology and Toys'.

Teachers welcome kids back

AIS Mayur Vihar

School teachers organised a special assembly to welcome back the little Amitians of Class II-V on March 21, 2023. The assembly commenced with the recitement of shlokas and a prayer. The teachers then presented the thought for the day on the importance of confidence, sin-

cerity, and hard work, followed by the news of the day and recital of melodious songs that motivated students to remain committed in all their future endeavours. A storytelling session was also conducted which infused in them the spirit of compassion and empathy. The highlight of the special assembly was a yoga presentation by the school yoga teacher.



Teachers sing for the students



Little ones with messages for sparrows

World Sparrow Day

AIS Saket

Class I-VIII participated in myriad activities on March 21, 2023, in order to celebrate World Sparrow Day, observed every year on March 20. Held with an aim to raise awareness about the importance of sparrows and their conservation, the

event witnessed children of all the classes enthusiastically deliberate on the topic. While the students of Class I-V created beautiful collages and paintings, those of Class VI and VIII made posters to spread the message of sparrow conservation. Class VII digitised the celebrations by composing poems on sparrows on Padlet.



Bagless Days celebrations at AIS Gurugram 46

Bagless Days@Amity

In an attempt to align Amity's vision of imparting holistic education and joyful learning experience to the students, Amity Group of Schools organised first of the 10 Bagless Days. GT brings you the glimpses...

AIS Gurugram 46

School observed Bagless Days for Class VI-VIII from February 27-March 6, 2023, during which, various vocational activities, along with a sports camp, were organised. The week-long program saw the students participate in 10 voca-

tional activities, namely pottery, fabric painting, canvas painting, jewellery designing, tie n dye, photography and video editing, cooking and baking, macrame art, needle work, and carpentry, with experts in the field guiding them throughout. The students were also awarded participation certificates for the same.

AIS Noida

Bagless Days activities were conducted for Class Nursery-VIII from February 27-March 3, 2023. During the period, students participated in an array of activities like nature walk, clay and craft, band making, family puppets making, gratitude card making, music, dance, theatre, sports, and poster making, etc., all on the theme 'Celebration of wom-



AIS Noida goes bagless

anhood'. They also played games like dumb charades, Chinese whispers, etc., adding to the joy of going bagless to school.

A scientific affair

AIS Noida

School celebrated National Science Day on February 28, 2023, in a bid to honour the contributions made by those in the field of science towards the development of our nation. Several activities such as a science fair, poster making, essay writing, and other sci-fi activities, all based on the theme 'Global science for global wellbeing', were organised for Classes VI-VIII, with an aim to hone the scientific temperament of young minds.

The activities conducted were all hands-on, and the experiments were demonstrated through videos to ensure in-depth understanding of scientific concepts. Several sci-fi movies and documentary links

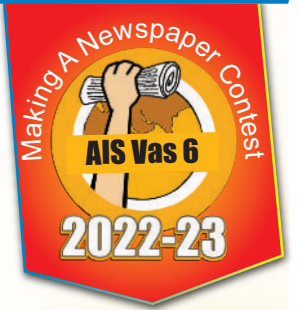


Young scientists share their unique experiments

were also shared with the learners, followed by a Microsoft form evaluation to assess their learning. Budding artists displayed their creativity through posters adorned with colourful strokes to create awareness about National Science

Day. The students also participated in an essay writing activity, highlighting the contributions of eminent Indian scientists. All the activities conducted thus primed the students' interest in the field of science and technology.

Hacked *by* ^{5-minute} hacks



Cooking Up A Disastrous Recipe For A More Troublesome Life

Adya Srivastava, XII D &
Rishi Garg, IX D, AIS Vas 6

It's your day off. Lying in bed, you're mindlessly scrolling the internet, and you stumble across 'Five-minute Ice-cream recipe'. This looks easy and you gather all the ingredients. But after 10 minutes of blending, you are left with a sweet smelling white brick of cement. From magically fixing scratches and dents to quick recipes for gourmet dishes, these hacks deliver a lot more than promised.

One tablespoon uncommonness

At 0:01, the hack promised to use house-

hold items. At 00:10, the list grows weirder. At 7:50, you are still sitting with broken heel, a glue gun, zero patience, looking for the time stone used by the Avengers to defeat Thanos, because wishing to go back in time seems like the best option right now. If only time could take you 10 minutes back to the cobbler who had promised to fix your heel in two minutes. And God forbid if you have fallen prey to CIY (cook it yourself...duhh) instead of DIY. The ingredients always seem accessible at a cursory read, only to find yourself in cooking mode with earphones plugged in and ingredients out, ready to make a delicious mess. But a few minutes into the video, unheard-of and

inedible items mount your screen, in your already overburdened life. The cries that ensue, haunt our dreams for days to come.

One potful pointlessness

"Are you clumsy? Is your phone scarred after being dropped countless number of times? Are you unable to find a cover for your phone? Then you have found the right video." Just inflate a balloon and latch it to your phone as it deflates. Voilà! You just made a DIY cover for your otherwise chipping phone. The catch? You can't use some of the features like the camera, charging slot, headphones. But don't worry, simply cut those parts of the balloons out... uh oh,

the balloon rips as soon as you carve up the 'cover'. Verdict? Pointless.

Garnish with tardiness

Late at night, when the wolves come out and you finally get out of your bed for a snack. Because your hungry eyes fell prey to the latest Maggi hack. But your next five minutes are spent looking at the pan in frustration because it's still uncooked, not to mention the ruckus that you made, which would even wake up the dead. Your life is a movie, and this is the heart-breaking moment for the protagonist. **cue sad violin with dramatic zoom in on the pan**

Serve in incertitude

You discover a 10-minute recipe (read disaster) for breakfast using leftovers. The only problem, they did not mention how old the leftovers should be and you marinate all of it in mustiness. Following the recipe, you roast, add spices, layer it, and bake it for two hours. After impatiently waiting for so long, you produce a burnt, and an overall rancid dish. Overflowing with self-doubt, you dare to present it to your family. Fingers crossed and prayers on your lips as they taste. The next moment you hear choking noises, witness the food flying, with a strident call for water. Your family makes you swear never to cook again, much less from two-minute food hacks!

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