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The spaghetti growing tree

And Other Fantastic Tales You Must Beware Of This April Fool's Day

Arun Prakash, GT Network

During his reign of the Roman Empire, Emperor Constantine decided to make his court jester, Kugel, emperor for a day. The first decree that emperor Kugel declared was a day to celebrate idiosyncrasies and absurdity. Hence, April fool's day was born. A long standing tradition of pulling pranks on friends, family and even strangers has been the take-away of April Fool's day. So, when the world is pulling fast ones, the fastest (read the media) were not far behind either. The first in line was a series by New York Sun about life on moon. The Boston Post went ahead as it bragged about jewels discovered on Boston Common, forcing people to go out in search of the valuables. Don't believe it. Here's more.

The oldest

The oldest ever recorded April fools prank to be ever pulled, was by 'Dawk's newsletter' on the April 1, 1698, which recorded that lions were allegedly being washed in the ditch at the tower of London. Hence, ensued a series of April fools pranks which continued for decades to come. An updated version of this prank was pulled in the mid nineteenth century when pranksters even printed official looking tickets for the same.

The yummiest

In 1957, BBC managed to trick people into believing that mild winter and elimination of a type of pest had resulted in an unusual cultivation of spaghetti growing crops. BBC presenter Richard Bimbleby couldn't predict the kind of reaction a simple practical joke would garner. The broadcast showing a Swiss family harvesting spaghetti, resulted in the BBC headquarters being inundated with endless calls.

The most literal

In 1977, The Guardian released a special seven-page supplement talking about the discovery of several 'semi-colon' shaped islands 'San Seriffe' in Indian Ocean. The main islands were apparently named 'Upper Caisse' and 'Lower Caisse'. The capital was named 'Bodoni' and its leader was 'general pica'. It's a pity how only a handful of readers caught the conspicuous overuse of printer terminology – 'San Seriffe', 'Bodoni' 'semi-colon'; and the fact that it was an obvious practical joke.

The funniest

BBC went out of its way for their 2008 edition of pranks. They released a video declaring the discovery of a new type of penguin (Adélie penguins) which had the ability to fly. They went on to say that these newly found penguins spent their winter in the South American forest unlike other penguin breeds.

The silliest

The April 1980 issue of Soldier magazine, the official publication of British army,

published an article stating that the Bearskin helmets worn by soldiers need regular trimming. It even explained about the retention of natural oils as the reason. Even the editors of London Daily were so impressed that they passed on the news in

their own edition.


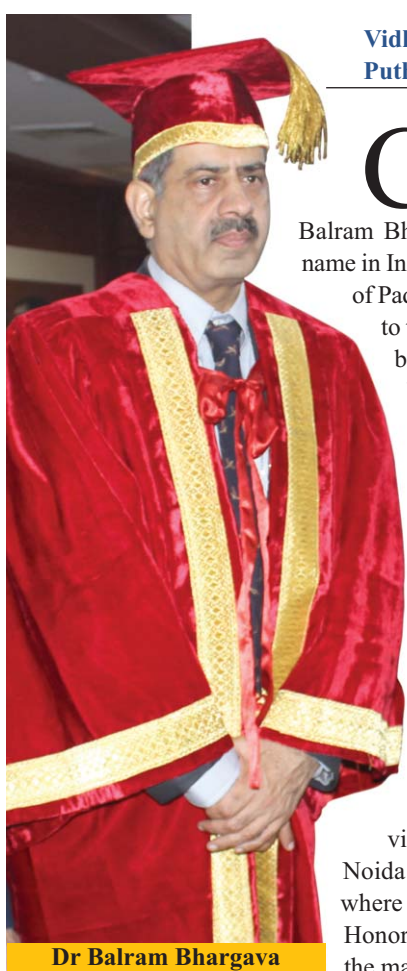
We had half a mind to finish this article with a footnote about all this being a huge elaborate April fool's prank, but then again we are not that kind of paper. 



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Straight from the heart

The Man Who Has Been Serving The Country With All His Heart, Mind And Soul



Dr Balram Bhargava

Vidhi Batra & Anushka Puthran, AIS Noida, XII

Cardiologist, science administrator, teacher and researcher, Dr Balram Bhargava is an established name in Indian medicine. A recipient of Padma Shri, his contributions to the field of cardiology and biomedical research have been straight from the heart. Currently the Director-General, Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi, and Secretary, Department of Health Research, under Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India; he caught up with GT for a conversation during his visit to Amity University, Noida for Convocation 2018, where he was conferred with Honorary Doctorate. Here are the main excerpts.

A heart for medicine

Medicine has always been my first love. It is the first thing that ever ignited a passion in me, and encouraged me to bring a change in this world. Even as a child, I had always wanted to be a doctor. I never even thought of any other career option in my subsequent academic years. Medicine came naturally to me. It was only at a later stage, when I had established myself as a doctor, that I was introduced to medical research and I got to do some great work there. Nonetheless, practising medicine is and will always remain my primary career.

A heart for innovation

Today, medical research has reached a pinnacle of its own, but India still has a long way to go. 80% of the latest medical technology is imported, making it expensive for the average Indian patient to afford the same. I have seen people giving away everything to be able to afford such treatments. So, we felt it was imperative to take a step in this direction. We have an amazing pool of talent in our country in terms of engineers, biomedical scientists, innovators and young doctors. When such people come together, innovation becomes easier. This became our driving force to innovate medical products which are affordable, accessible and sustainable.

Pic: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network



Dr Bhargava with GT reporters

A heart for society


Most of our society understands the human body like a machine, which is major misconception. Our body is a biological system, not an electronic one. It even possesses the capacity to repair its own cells and heal itself, much like any other system of nature. But if you start doing all these experiments on it, it doesn't guarantee that it will always remain healthy. Normal test or an annual check-up has been found to be useful in terms of prevention. We really need to educate people that performing unnecessary tests does not guarantee fitness, but only helps prevent some of the risk factors. That is what drove us to establish the Society for Less Investigative Medicine (SLIM). Our

Awards & honours

- Gujar Mal Science Award
- SN Bose Centenary Award
- Platinum Jubilee Award
- Vasvik Award
- Tata Innovation Fellowship
- National Academy of Sciences, India Fellowship
- American Heart Association Fellowship
- Academy of Medical Sciences Fellowship
- American College of Cardiology Fellowship

aim is to educate people about unnecessary tests which are not just a waste of time and resources for the patients, but even harmful for them. I hope we can change the society and make Indian medicine a little more sensible.

A heart for Amity

According to what I feel, Amity is an institution that does everything from the heart. The students, staff and teachers immerse their heart and soul into their work. The kind of endeavours that they undertake is quite commendable and I am really proud of them. I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate them on their achievements and I hope they always keep up the good work. 



Shooting star

Imaging: Dinesh Kumar, GT Network

Short story



Shrivali Gupta

AIS Gurugram 46, V

This is a story of two sisters Liya and Mina, former being the elder and wiser one. They shared a great bond with each other. One fine night, both of them were sitting on the terrace gazing at the night sky when a shooting star appeared. They quickly made a secret wish and sat in awe of nature's beauty.

Suddenly, out of nowhere, Mina said, "How I wish I could go near the stars and see them up

close." Liya, not wanting to disappoint her little sister said, "Well, I can do that. Let me summon a flying carpet and then we'll see the star from up close." She shut her eyes and muttered a few strange words. A second later, there was a big poof! Mina could hardly believe her eyes. In front of her was a real flying magic carpet.

Liya hopped on and helped Mina climb on it too. At first Mina was hesitant, but then she was enjoying it so much that she forgot they were following a shooting star. Soon, they were far away

from the Earth, exploring unseen horizons.

After a little while, Liya and Mina came across a star which had a lot of things written on it. Mina read a few of the things aloud "I wish to have a puppy, I wish I have the best birthday ever, I wish my mom recovers and stays healthy," she continued. The number of wishes inscribed on the stars amazed her. She pondered over the purpose of this but could not think of any reason. Finally, she turned to her sister for an answer. Liya explained to Mina that

"Let me summon a flying carpet and then we'll see the star from close." She closed her eyes and muttered a few strange words.

since so many people make a wish while looking at the shooting star, it becomes difficult for the star family to remember and fulfill each one of them. That is the reason they maintain a record of the wishes they still have to fulfill. Mina was gradually getting a clear picture in her head. Curiously, she searched for the wish that she had made earlier. After waiting for Mina very patiently, Liya finally uttered, "I think it's time to go home now. It's already way past bed time, and there's school tomorrow." Both the sisters hopped on the carpet and zoomed out of the star straight back home. Liya tucked Mina in bed and before Mina could even recall her adventure, she was asleep. The next thing she knew was that Liya was waking her up. "Mina it's already 10 in the morning, when will you get up?" cried Liya. Mina was a little **haphazard**. She had no idea if it was a dream or reality. Again, she turned to her sister for an answer. Liya could not say anything but that it was only a dream. After all Mina should not know the truth behind Liya's secret power. 🇮🇳

So what did you learn today?
A new word: **Haphazard**
Meaning: **Lack organisation**



Cookie craze

Tavish Koul, AIS Mayur Vihar, VIII

Ingredients

Milkmaid	1/2 tin
Butter	150 gm
Cocoa powder	4 tbsps
Baking powder	2 tbsps
Refined flour	2 cup
Almond (crushed)	1 cup
Vanilla essence	1 tbsps

Method

- Sieve flour, baking powder, and cocoa powder in a bowl. Add crushed almonds and mix them thoroughly.
- Beat butter and milkmaid in another bowl until the mixture is smooth.
- Mix the contents of both the bowls until a dough-like consistency is reached.
- Spread the dough with a rolling pin into a ½ inch thick sheet. Use the cookie cutter of preferred shape to cut the cookies.
- Preheat the oven at 180 degrees celsius and bake the cookies for 20 minutes.
- Let the cookies cool down to room temperature and voila! Your chocolate cookies are ready to be devoured.

Jokey Pokey

Aditya B., AIS Vas 1, VII

Teacher: What's the difference between electricity and lightning?

Student: We don't have to pay for lightning, but we have to pay for electricity.



Father: Son, what do you want to become when you grow up?

Son: I want to become a doctor when I grow older.

Father: What qualities of a doctor do you have?

Son: His handwriting.



Dreams

Aria Puri

AIS Saket, VIII

It is a realm of fantasy
Unclear of what you see

A seed of imagination it sows
From happy to unending woes

POEM

Sometimes it is happy
Sometimes just crappy

Suddenly ends the hallucination
You realise it's just an illusion

Is it a dream or nightmare?
With imageries so rare

In a jiffy it does vanish
Dreams don't last, they perish

A reality or imagination
It must be some fascination

No matter day or night
No matter dark or bright

Without a warning it comes
In a whole story or in lumps

It might not be what it seems
Remember it is just a dream 🇮🇳



It's Me

Hello, Friends!

My name is: Vaani Bhargava
My school: AIS Vas 6
My Class: K.G.
My hobby: Colouring
My role model: Papa
My best friend: Reyanshi Tayal



Here's what I like!

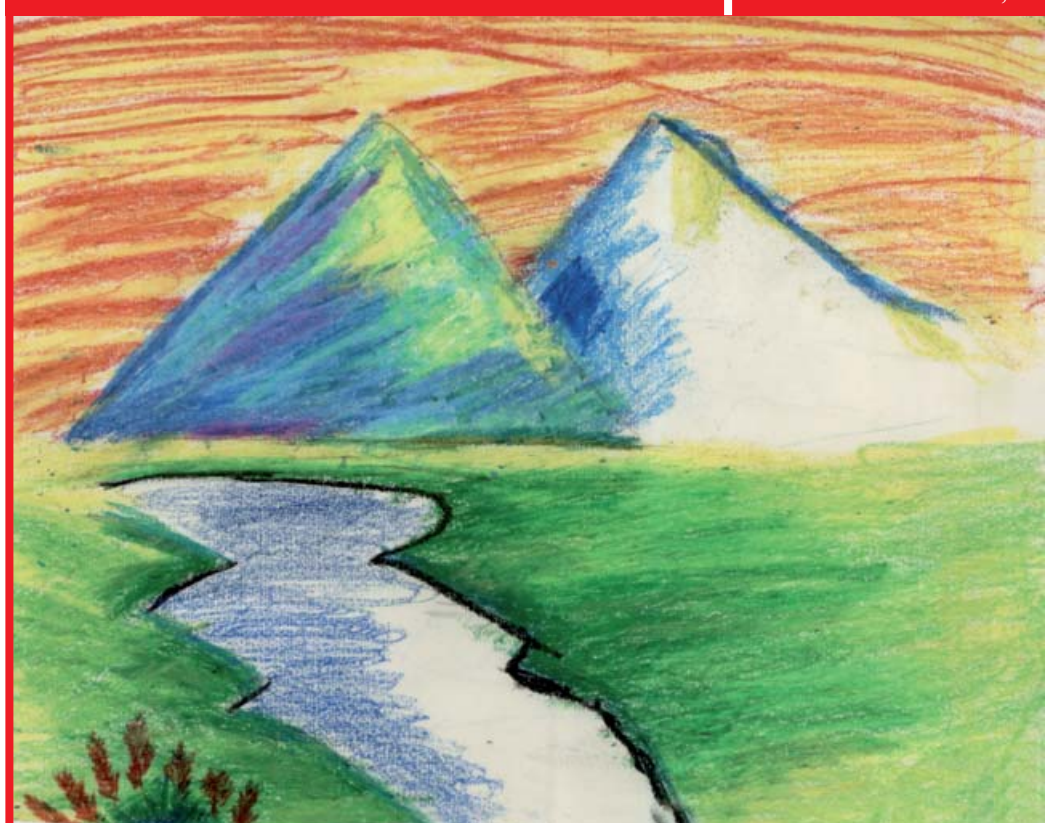
Favourite food: Ice cream
Favourite teacher: Preeti ma'am
Favourite poem: Finger family
Favourite Mall: Shipra Mall
Favourite subject: English

Know me better

I like: Dancing
I dislike: Injections
I love: Music
I want to be featured in GT because: I want everyone to know me and become my friend!

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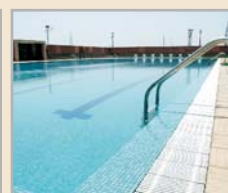
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A day to rejoice



Felicitation ceremony of students on the occasion



Students present a mesmerising drama at the event



Sarika Chuni (L) with principal and program head CENTA

Celebrating The Joys Of Childhood At Junior Annual Day

AIS Saket

School celebrated its 27th Junior Annual Day on March 8, 2019 in the gracious presence and attendance of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of School and RBEF; Ms Pooja Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Humanity Foundation and Ms Divya Chauhan, Chairperson, ASFT, ASFA and ASPA. Anurag Tripathi (IRPS), Secretary CBSE,

was the chief guest at the event which also marked the presence of eminent dignitaries and heads of various Amity institutions. School principal Divya Bhatia welcomed the guests along with student council and presented the annual report.

Awards were given for special achievements in various fields and staff members who had completed 20 years of service to the school were felicitated. The school choir and orchestra along

with students of Amitasha – an initiative for lesser privileged girls, presented a very harmonious show.

Highlight of the evening was the scintillating dance drama titled 'Soham - Every child is divine', which presented stories from the 'Puranas' and gave a glimpse of the innocent world of childhood. In his address, chief guest congratulated Chairperson on Amity International School, Saket completing twenty eight years of ed-

ucational distinction. He highlighted the collaborative role of parents and teachers in ensuring a holistic development of the children and also spoke about various CBSE initiatives in bringing about educational reforms. Chairperson in her address, heartily applauded the hard work and endeavours of the entire school team for setting and meeting high benchmarks in academic and non academic achievements. 🇮🇳

Green Olympiad

AIS Vasundhara 6

Mishel Agarwal of Class V became the state-level winner of 'Green Olympiad, Uttar Pradesh' held by TERI (The Energy Resources Institute) on October 30, 2018. She scored 90% marks and won a certificate of distinction and medal.

Kovid Gangwar of Class V also received a certificate of distinction for securing 82% marks. Other students of the school, Aadya Sharma and Rushil Omar of Class IV, along with Eshaan Sharma and Advik Mishra of Class V have also received certificates of merit for their participation in the Olympiad. 🇮🇳



Students pose with their Olympiad certificates



Winners with their mentor teacher and school principal

Quizzards

AIS Vasundhara 6

Three students from the school added a golden feather to Amity's cap by securing top three positions at the National Online Psychology Quiz organised by Unique Psychological Society & Services of India for the students of Class XI and XII.

Kaashvi Ray bagged winner's trophy with an award worth 11,500 INR including an internship worth 8,500 INR and earned the title 'Best Budding Psychologist'. Subhashree Rana won first runners up position with an award worth 10,500 INR including an internship

worth 8,500 INR and Hridyansh Sharma was second runner up with an award worth 9,500 INR including an internship worth 8,500 INR. The school also received 'Best Psychology Department Award'. In total, 13 students from Class XI participated from the school who were mentored by teacher, Sampurna Sathpathy. School principal, Sunila Athley applauded the efforts of the students.

The internship programme would provide students a conceptual clarity, first hand interaction and one-month practical training of different psychological setups under the guidance of renowned experts in the field. 🇮🇳

Award for GT journo

GT Reporter Gets Recognised By United Nations India

AIS Gurugram 46

Aditya Pathak, The Global Times reporter from AIS Gurugram 46 was recognised by United Nations India for meticulously reporting the entrepreneurial journey of Ajaita Shah, Founder and CEO, Frontier Markets and President of Frontier Innovations Foundation. He was also invited to participate in the prestigious Women Transforming India Awards 2018* and got a special opportunity to engage with leaders from UN.

The programme 'Women Transforming India' a UN Project in collaboration with NITI (National Institute for Transforming India) AAYOG, Govt of India, was open for school students from Class VIII to XII and aimed at honing their research, reporting and writing skills. Students across India were invited to collect and scout for exceptional stories of women entrepreneurs who are flag bearers of the next wave of innovation. The project received over 2500 stories of women entrepreneurs who are



GT reporter Aditya Pathak with school principal Arti Chopra

breaking the glass ceiling and challenging norms through business, enterprises and initiatives that provide solutions to address key developmental challenges and impact communities.

Every entry received was screened and evaluated by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) on pre-determined parameters, to create a shortlist of qualified entries. The shortlisted entries were further screened through a two-tiered process – an online jury of 24 industry leaders. The super jury declared 15 winners based on their combined score. Winners were selected from a range of sectors such as renewable energy, education, sanitation, art and culture, social innovation and impact. The entrepreneurial journey of Ajaita Shah, was one amongst top 15 selected, which lead to the recognition of her work and Women Transforming India Award 2018 being conferred upon her. Aditya Pathak used his journalis-

Teach to win

Educator Shines At Olympiad

AIS VKC Lucknow

Sarika Chuni, a special educator of school has topped the fourth edition of CENTA TPO* (Teaching Professional's Olympiad) 2018 held on December 8, 2018. She secured first rank in primary (subjects: English, EVS and Math) and secondary school English competing with almost 15,000 teaching professionals who appeared for Olympiad in 45 different cities at National level. She has won two cash prizes worth 1 lakh INR each from Reliance Foundation Teachers awards and another cash prize worth 5,000 INR. She has also got herself a very unique opportunity to attend a two week Oxford English Language Teachers' Academy Masterclass at University of Oxford sponsored by Oxford University Press, India. In

her own words, "It was a wonderful moment to be recognised on a National platform and be given the incredible opportunity to attend English teaching Masterclass at Oxford." School principal, Rachna Mishra praised Sarika Chuni for winning the olympiad. *TPO: It is a national level olympiad for educators conducted by Centre for Teacher Accreditation (CENTA) to reward educators based on evaluation of their teaching skills and training. A national platform for teachers to test their skills, winners of TPO get rewards which include cash prizes varying from 5,000 INR to 1 lakh INR, a chance to attend world's biggest education conference in Dubai with a chance to co-author a book, and an opportunity to attend a sponsored international program at Oxford University. 🇮🇳

tic abilities to deeply understand and emulate about Ajaita Shah an eminent entrepreneur. Her firm Frontier Markets is a rural marketing, sales and service distribution company providing affordable and quality consumer durables to low-income households; focusing on products in clean energy, agriculture, health and water sanitation. Through this enterprise she has also transformed the destiny of 2500 local rural women turning them into women entrepreneurs 'Solar Sahelis'. Frontier Markets has partnered with Indian manufacturers to produce clean energy solutions and the firm has now a turnover of over 5 crore INR, having sold 5,60,000 clean energy solutions to rural Rajasthan.

*Women Transforming India Awards 2018: The third edition was an online contest launched on the WEP portal and ran till August 31, 2018. The contest was supported by an extensive outreach campaign online and offline, including social media, Whatsapp, Facebook live sessions, road shows, school outreach and more. 🇮🇳



The disruption continues **PART 2** X

Excerpts Of Who Said What At TEDx, AIS Gur 46 In Second Part Of Two Part Series

X A 'positive' ending

Disruptor: Sumita Dawra, IAS, District Collector, Karimnagar

A paradigm shift: I will begin by telling you a disruptive story of the Karimnagar district in Telangana of which I was the collector and the district magistrate. Karimnagar is a culturally rich place, yet it has a history of being socially and economically backward. Located along the Godavari river, it was a heavily forested area majorly affected by left-wing extremists, so one had to be very careful with the Naxal presence. With this background, I'll tell you how we brought thousands of out-of-school children back to school when there was a visible presence of child labour in the district. When we talked to the parents or the children themselves, there was a lack of will or awareness to go to school which was very disturbing to witness. With this insight, we went to the teachers, who had many preconceived notions about the conditions within which, they thought, it is difficult for students to study. After running around different departments, we got to know that there were 50,000 children who were out of school. We organised 32 meetings with concerned parties, got media attention and slowly the environment got created for the children to attend school. Teachers and headmasters took responsibility, Sarpanchs held competitions and within



6-8 months, many villages reported to be 100% child labour free. But with this came another problem of not having enough number of schools. Taking this up as another challenge, we started more than 500 primary schools and

were able to bring down the number of 50,000 to 1812 in just two years. To conclude, with disruption all over the place in the district of Karimnagar, we were able to bring a positive change and that is all that matters in the end."



Confidence is the key X

Disruptor: Nayasha Gandotra, author of the book 'Feels' & student of AIS Gurugram 46

A paradigm shift: "When I found out that I was to give a Ted Talk, my first reaction was that of nervousness. That is because, essentially, I would be confronting myself as you are all my age. So, I did what any 21st century kid would do: I binge watched Ted Talks. That's when I realised, I had spent two days trying to emulate others on a stage that essentially encourages you to be yourself. I then closed my laptop and started talking to the wall. And that's when it struck me. I'd talk to you about something that you can never have too much of, or even too less of: Confidence. Step one of becoming confident, surround yourself with good people. People who become catalysts and not poisons in your

progress. Also make sure that you yourself become a catalyst for other people. Step two, open yourself to criticism. There used to be days when people thought I didn't trust them enough to show them what I wrote, but the truth was that I didn't trust myself. Then I gathered the courage to show people my writing. You need to let people tell you where you can improve. Step three, don't stress out. Remember, pressure is inversely proportional to performance. Step four, be you. Throughout our childhood, we're told that we're special, so we grow up pretending to be someone with no flaws, someone we aren't. When you pretend to be someone else, half of your brain is caught up in being that persona and you are left with only half a brain to be productive. So, I think it's easier being you than someone that you aren't."

Disruptions all the way X



Disruptor: Nipun Malhotra, CEO, NIPMAN Foundation

A paradigm shift: "Disruption is a part of everybody's life on a day to day basis. For me, it started as soon as when I was born on the occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi, birth of a God who is ironically known for removing obstacles. Since birth, I had a rare disability which leads to absence of muscles in arms and legs. Due to this, the first 3-4 years of my life were spent in hospitals getting corrective surgeries. Going to a normal school was also a challenge as many did not want to take responsibility of a disabled child. But finally,

one school in Mumbai took me in for what I could do and not for what I couldn't. Since I could not do physical activities, I fixated my energies towards academics to eventually become the school topper in Class X and further a subject topper in India. Despite of this, there were many disruptions to follow. While applying to premium universities, I realised that a majority of them were not accessible for people like me. But that didn't stop me. I ultimately did my graduation from a top institute and founded the enabling committee 'Equal Opportunity Cell', which ensured that the college becomes accessible to peo-

ple with disabilities. After my masters from another premium institute, I started NIPMAN Foundation in 2012 which focuses on including disabled people in the workspace. Other than this, we have also worked with and against the government in cases like getting exemption from the odd-even scheme for the disabled, filed PIL for legalising sign language, allowing disabled to go for Haj beside other things. My journey has been full of disruptions so far but that has not made me sit back at home, instead, it made me grab the available opportunities to make a better life for myself and for others."

Because why not? X

Disruptor: Neeraj Mitra, edu-artist & Founder, gallery Art'est, Gurugram

A paradigm shift: "I see so many people who just Google whatever art theme is currently popular and copy that in their artwork, instead of creating their own style or language. Patience is the key in this field. Hold onto yourself. Believe in yourself. Know what kind of art you believe in. Your ideas, what you put across, and how you put it across is very important. When we are toddlers, our art is taken in a very positive manner. Parents are happy with whatever their kids draw, calling it a masterpiece, but as you grow up, enter higher classes, your art is pushed to a secondary state. Everyone tells you not to pursue it anymore, to not waste your time with it. But they don't understand that it is equally a part of your education system and more importantly, a part of your growth. We must understand that all the experiences in our life inspire our art. You never know when an experience might inspire you and where it might lead you. Your mantra of dealing with situations in life should be 'Why not'."



Only because I live by it, I am able to move away from norms and do something different than what is merely conventional. You never know what kind of opportunity is waiting for you and where it will take you. So, never say no and follow your heart."

Do you know why?

To Answers That One Might Never Find, There Is Always A Friend Called Science

Sunidhi Gupta, AIS Saket, XII

Each one of us is prone to experiencing strange situations from time to time. Strange because we are unable to comprehend what happened and why it happened. Oh, nevermind. Because science is here to the rescue.

Situation 1: You are seated in the exam hall. Your eyes are fully focused on the question about the theory of gravitation. You try the hardest to think of the equation that will get you to the answer. In turn, Maroon 5's 'Girls like you' that you heard last night before sleeping is all you can hear without missing a single beat. You just keep staring at the white question paper, and questioning your result.

Science says: A phenomenon called Involuntary Musical Imagery (INMI) reasons for this situation. This phenomenon allows certain portion of a song (also called 'earworms') to play in our minds without any effort and then repeats consciously in our head. Earworms are usually high-tempo tunes with an easy to remember melody and a result of word memory association, stress, a wandering mind and altered emotional states.

Situation 2: It's a usual evening get-together with your friends. A funny ban-

ter leads one of them to pester you by tickling and you can't resist yourself from going hysterical. Tickling has never been quite a pleasant experience, but we prove otherwise by cackling with laughter.

Science says: Tickling causes the epidermis (top layer of your skin) to send electric signals to the brain, which is received by somatosensory cortex and the anterior cingulate cortex, and the hypothalamus anticipates pain. The laughter that follows is a reflex action signal sent by the brain as a defense mechanism against the tickle that is assumed as a harm to the body.

Situation 3: Friends are home for group studies and mom suddenly has to go out for some urgent work. Yay! Time for a discussion on ghosts and super naturals for good 30 minutes. Even though it is creeping you out, but your mind isn't willing to stop having gleeful conversations about campsite horror stories.

Science says: Listening to stories about ghosts are similar to watching horror

movies. Each detail about the death caused and their murder execution brings with it a rush of neuro-

transmitters. This increases the heart rate and breathing rate with a shoot in the blood glucose level. A dose of dopamine is administered into the brain which is associated with the feeling of pleasure, but also with fear.

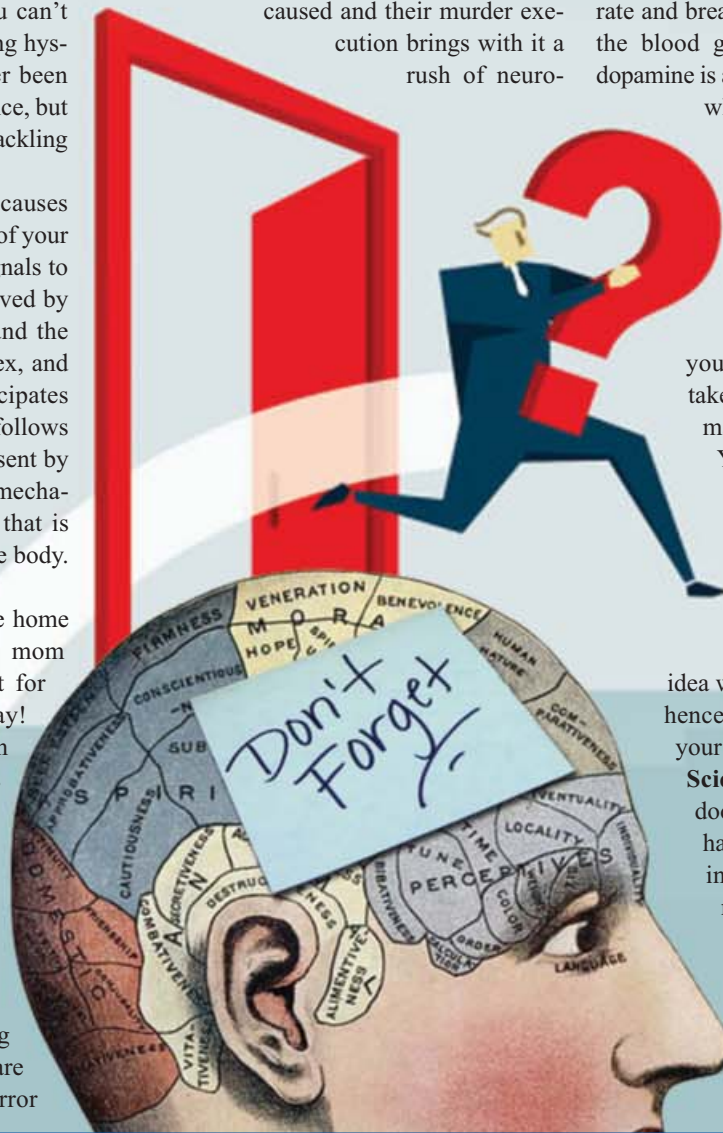
Situation 4: You are already late for school. As soon as you step outside the house, you go "Oh no! I forgot to take my Math notebook" and make your way back inside. Your sister insists that you at least polish your shoes, but it is the least you could care about at the moment. As soon as you enter the room, you have no idea why you're even there and hence, stay there scratching your head.

Science says: Known as the doorway effect; this situation has a lot to do with disparity in the physical as well as mental environment. Walking from one room to another resets the memory and makes space for new episodes in the brain. This is also

Splendid science

- Our brain does a lot more work while we are asleep than when we are awake.
- The physical growth of a child in their preschool years is slower as most of the energy goes into the development of the child's brain.
- Because of neuroplasticity, the brain is constantly changing by forming new synapses and repairing old ones.
- The brain of a blind person can rewire itself to process sound information instead of visual perception.
- Music is processed differently than regular speech, various pitches and frequencies. Different harmonies are perceived differently as well.

called location updating effect. When you walk through the doorway to your living room, you replace that mental picture with a new one. In that switch, some other information – like the reason you headed into the living room – can get lost.



Is it inviting or invading?

Voice Assistants Just Cannot Seem To Draw A-Line When It Comes To Privacy

Mudit Aggarwal

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Imagine. You are riding down the highway. Going to a show. Stopping at all the by-ways, playing rock and roll. It's a long way to the destination, but you really want to go. So, you continue on your way, unhindered. You exclaim that the only thing that could make your life better would be a friend, because you don't have any. And suddenly, Bixby lights up, and says "I can be a friend, if you need me to be."

Lately, there have surfaced multiple incidents that saw smart devices eavesdropping and recording certain conversations when they were not supposed to do it. Remember that time when Alexa sent a recording of a private conversation to a random phone contact and almost broke the internet? When Alexa creepily remarked a joke as funny and then proceeded to tell her own? And when Bixby automatically set the driving directions based on a private call from last night? And all of this when they were explicitly told to stop recording. These are just the reported incidents. There are many more incidents that haven't been reported, or even realised.

You come back home, shocked and scared at the same time. You sit on the couch, switch on the TV while still trying to wrap your head around what just happened with Bixby. Suddenly out of nowhere Alexa turns on and says, "Don't worry, it'll be okay." Mindlessly, you ask your device if she's spying on you to

which she replies, "I only send audio back to Amazon when you activate me. For more information, and to view Amazon's privacy notice, visit the help section of your Alexa app or alexa.amazon.com."

Although the devices state that they record and store our commands on their parent com-

pany's cloud, what they don't state is how they can easily mistake a word for their 'wake word' and record a lifetime of conversations (Intentionally? Who knows?) Over the past two years, researchers have been working on secretly activating AI systems using ultra-high frequencies and hidden commands which are in-

audible to human ears through the means of music files, YouTube videos or even spoken text. This means your virtual assistants are receiving instructions even when you aren't giving them any. One can only imagine the consequences of such experiments if they make it outside the four walls of a science lab.

You have given up and all you want to do is sleep. You lie down on your bed, and you open YouTube for some goodnight's music when you are greeted with an ad about that phone that you've been eyeing for the longest time.

What even?

Digital assistants are known for their notorious activities, the most famous and mysterious being the Ad Play. While Google Assistant is great for little everyday things, it is as much toxic in the long run. Meaning, our recorded conversations are most basically used for target advertising. It's no coincidence when you talk about buying a new camera and suddenly all your phone does is endlessly talk about it. While these companies have designed such functions for commercial benefits, they don't realise that it also has legal and ethical implications.

If this scenario seems to be of the "so-bad-it's-funny" sort, or if you think that the writer is paranoid (you aren't wrong, but not the point), consider this a wake-up call. Privacy is really important, and that should be common sense. The virtual assistants are designed to collect data, so that they can give us a personalised service. However, they aren't smart enough to know where to draw the line. For all we know, our devices might be recording our conversations all day long and we're left thinking that we got a defective piece with a really poor battery. 🇺🇸



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To find the poster, first get on the rollercoaster!

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Guilty or not guilty?

Keeping Up With The Millennials: What Truly Makes Up The Life Of Generation Y

Raisaheli Bhattacharya
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Millennials are an impressive lot. Over the years, we have mastered the act of superficiality. Most of us lead double lives, one of which includes conforming, while the other includes glam. We all have tools which we often use subconsciously to present a rather desirable scenario of our day-to-day, run of the mill lives. And it is these tools from which arise clichés, or better yet trends. Social media is packed with them. They are what constitute the dazzling Instagram themes, flawless DSLR images and wanderlust.

Lifestyle blogging: Reiterating capitalism

Lifestyle bloggers come across as impeccable creatures. It is almost as if they created first world problems just to be able to come up with their respective first world solutions. There is something irrevocably irksome about blogging about healthy dessert options, and millennials are quite unmatched when it comes to that. Recommending peanut butter on fruit as an alternative for ice cream sundaes is exactly the type of ridiculousness that our forefathers must have feared. Not guilty.

Bukowskis: The Instagram edition

And The Truth Is
You Don't Know Heartbreak
Unless
You Have Composed A Pseudo Poem
In Typewriter Font
We have all come across such poems or musings, as they are called these days indefinitely on social media. Makes sense if you think about it. Why waste time on creating substantial content? Why not change the face of poetry altogether and turn it into a reflection of utter incompetence? Why strive for quality? Not guilty.

Of turmeric lattes: The Starbucks generation

Coffee is no longer a hot beverage consumed on a wintry morning (yes, there was a time when it was just that.) Today, it is a statement. It speaks of who you are, your ambitions and your values. A 1080px by 1080px perspective shot of an elegant porcelain cup, filled to the brim with warm mocha, styled with an open novel beside it, or perhaps a pair of sunglasses, is one sublime way to tell the world that you are an independent, mature socialite who is as successful outside your iPhone as you are within it. Guilty!

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Fairy lights: Poor man's Vogue

No one requires a context for this particular aesthetic, which is so old that it might as well be a cliché classic. Reminds one of the saying "like it or hate it, but you can't ignore it." You really cannot ignore that picture of a pair of hands gently holding a string of fairy lights, with an immensely thought-provoking and moving caption about empowerment through love and electricity. Isn't expression a fine thing... Guilty!

Musical.ly: A viral sham

If reading this triggers an image of an oversaturated clip of people, lip syncing

to Bollywood dialogues in your mind, you must rush for immediate medical assistance. Friends and foes, this is the dark age. Talent and originality have made way for mindless lip syncing aided with a dash of glycerin and some pretty low IQ. Forgive the brusqueness. Not guilty.

Somewhere far away, there must be a messiah quietly working towards a world where happiness, equality, and free wi-fi are abundant. Perhaps in that world, we will finally be free of these grim realities. 🇺🇦



Divine comedy

Learning To Pull Off April Fool's 'Successfully'



Dhairya Chaudhary, XII C & Arshya Gupta, XI, AIS PV

*March had terminated
Which had with consternation
Pierced my heart
Upward I looked
And I beheld the calendar
The day of mischief
Had arrived at last*

Inferno: the flames of Hell

One early morn you wake with devilry being the sole thought resonating in your mind, and you give in to the devil whispering, persuading you to play, not by the rules, but with mischief. You wet your hands, lubricating them with hot sauce and go around touching everything. You wait with bated breath for the unfortunate victim to arrive and stroke his hands against the spiced up furniture and use them to touch his face. And then, after his whole body

burns with the heat, the evil would have won.

But then accidentally you touch your own eyes and true fire you feel, for when it boils down to evil vs good, it is the good that triumphs.

Purgatorio: cleansing of Sins

Now, the sun shines bright in the sky and your foe wishes to cleanse themselves. You, however, are in no mood to allow that. You take the soap and clear nail polish and cover the soap with a fresh new clear layer of shining polish, rendering it useless. Your chosen victim picks the soap up and rubs vigorously, to no avail. It would be your ultimate victory.

Alas, while arranging for the prank your own hands have been dirtied and looks like the only bar of soap has been put out of use. For those with evil intention might win the battle, but definitely not the war.

Paradiso: trouble in Paradise

And now at nightfall, when your target is lost in slumber, tired after being projected to a day of your 'epic pranks', you drown his limbs in whipped cream. On the brink of dawn, when he wakes, he will be greeted by the sight of the fluffy white clouds of paradise, drawing the curtain on your day of stirring trouble.

Finally you wish to celebrate your victory and treat yourself to a grand dessert, but how? All the whipped cream is gone... The curtain is also drawn on the happiness you got from your mischief.

*Vigour failed the lofty fantasy
But now was turning
Of my desire and will
Even as my mischief
Was thought of long and hard
It is only good that moves
The sun and the other stars. 🇺🇦*

GT Travels to Hong Kong



Siblings Aashi Sharma, IX & Adite Sharma, VII, AIS Vas 6 pose with their copies of The Global Times at Disneyland, Hong Kong. It is the biggest theme amusement park in Hong Kong. It is the only Disney Theme Parks which features an actual mountain behind the Disney Castle, and one of the first to feature a Marvel ride.

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Edu-Innovators



Dr. Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

We've been reading and hearing a lot of reports of Amityans winning accolades in different fields and it's because our teachers have not lagged behind. The news of a special educator teacher from AIS VKC Lucknow topping the prestigious Teaching Professionals Olympiad, held by CENTA and bagging the unique opportunity to attend a two week fully sponsored English teaching Masterclass at Oxford University (Refer to page 11 school news), has been very heartening. At Amity, this is not something that has happened for the first time. Be it a paper presentation on innovative pedagogy and teaching methodologies or international educational tour or best mentor award, the ever ready and versatile academic faculty of Amity has been constantly participating and winning accolades and competitions. These awards, presentations and educational exchanges are unique opportunities where educators interface with great minds, thinkers, leaders, edu innovators, etc., on global level.

Infact, these educational exchanges and pedagogical innovations that we see today, have been an integral part of our Vedic teaching system too. Great scholars and teachers used to brainstorm about new ideas of teaching and learning. Innovations and exchanges ensure constant flow of creative energies and ideas and it is only when ideas flow that we grow. School is not just a place for imparting lessons, it is a chalice of reinventing old and creating new. It is only when our educators experiment constantly that new doors to new methods of learning and upskilling will come to the fore. As educators, we, at Amity, promise to keep learning and innovating each day, every step and every moment, continuing the legacy of this great nation. 🇮🇳

Happy Monday



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

I have something very important and rejoicing to share with you. It was a regular Monday morning and I had just opened my official inbox to check my mails when one particular name struck me with awe, shock and cheer, all at the same time. Dean Baquet, executive editor, New York Times had sent a mail. It was unbelievable for me at first and I was too numb to react. I said to myself, "I must still be having Monday morning blues. This can't be true." I couldn't believe that the editor of the most coveted newspaper wrote to The Global Times, quoting it one of the best ever student newspapers in the world and that he has rarely seen such a newspaper where writing, graphics, photography, designing, etc., get expressed so marvelously. He also mentioned that he chanced upon a copy of The Global Times with some kid on the last flight he took to India.

My happiness increased manifold when I further read that he expressed his wish to meet GT reporters. I wasted no time in connecting with him and you shall be pleased to know that The Global Times and New York Times has now come up with a GT Journovator workshop under which some of our chosen GT reporters will get an opportunity to visit New York Times headquarters in the Silicon City soon for an exclusive one week innovative journalism workshop with Dean Baquet and his team. We will launch our 'Be a Journovator' programme and I am sure all of you will participate. Ah! Happy! Well read last three lines again, it says, 'New York Times headquarters in the Silicon City'! The catch, New York Times is headquartered in NYC-Happy April Fool's Day!

Disclaimer : This article was written in a light humored way with a very serious wish that one day this April fool joke becomes a reality. 🇮🇳

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Our love for ostentation

It's About Time That We Lead A Good Life, Not A Goods Life

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He was the king of the world; owning every inch of soil. Yet his heart yearned for more, but he did not know for what. Mirror selfies to show off the half-eaten apple, Instagram stories showing off Keventers bottles, buying new Zara dresses for every MUN, do these things define how cool you are? If yes, then, you have successfully become a true prisoner of materialism. But, guess what, however indispensable this may seem, you were not born this way. And neither does it define you.

Award or reward?

Often, parents incentivize (read bribe) their children for getting good marks by offering them with what they desire. In such a scenario, the motive of the child shifts from getting good marks to fulfilling his desire. Thus, such children grow up confused among need, desire and happiness. They are never able to focus on the actual task, spend their time and energy waiting for their reward, which is for them, a culmination of their happiness. It overlooks the need for climbing the ladder step-by-step. When you ought to be toiling to achieve your goal, you're transfixed in an erroneous belief that things would come to you the easy way. Materialism solicits short cuts. Students want to have a posh lifestyle but do not necessarily work for it. This is 'The Fantasy Gap'.

Want or need?

Nowadays, smartphones and other gadgets have become latest rage and people judge each other by how expensive their tech-product is. Those who cannot afford it, are often found spending their days dreaming about possessing the product. Possessing a smartphone is not materialism but thinking that you wouldn't be happy without one is. Thinking of someone as cool or happy because they possess the latest iPhone is a standpoint that is as materialistic as it gets.

Quality or quantity?

If anything, materialism teaches us to prefer quantity over quality. Owning 'n' number of clothes and even then complaining about having 'nothing to wear' is the new millennial trend. Every time a new product or collection is launched, people are already hoarding outside to get their 'hands first' on it. Nobody really cares if they even put the product to good use. Possession is the primary thought in their minds. This only shows how the line between need and greed has blurred. It is imperative that we know the difference between the two.

Materialism is a mindset. It is a way of living. One starts to become materialistic when one's desire knows no bounds; when one can't derive satisfaction from merely fulfilling his/her needs but attaches one's self-worth to accumulation of assets. Identifying oneself with a label or an object is ma-



terialism. Everyone seems to have forgotten that money is one of the perks of success and the result of hard work; it is not the foundation of success or reason for hard work. If we succumb to all our desires then we may only lead on a self-destructive path. One

may argue that pioneering desires can be a good thing, say a desire to be successful, but if the culmination of all your desires has something material as the end product, then without wasting time, you may need to reflect on your choices and goals in life. 🇮🇳

The coming of AI Watson

Kumar Gaurav Khanna Talks Of New Technology In The Market

Pic: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network

Dhruv Jain & Aman Thukral
AIS Noida, XII

Kumar Gaurav Khanna, National Alliance Manager, IBM has been around the block for long enough to tell his tale as a model to young kids. During his visit to Amity University, Noida for Confluence 2019, we at GT caught up with him for an exclusive interview. Read on as he talks about his journey, his success and what AI Watson is doing in the field of cancer treatment.

The coming of technology

A lot of people talk about how they want to go on a digital detox. I, on the other hand, think that technology is an absolute bliss for this generation. We are able to do almost everything without having to leave our homes. Tech-



Kumar Gaurav Khanna in conversation with GT reporter

nology is playing a very positive role in our development, especially in fields like health and education, and IBM is one of the proud pioneers in this particular industry.

The coming of AI Watson

Watson is different from other AIs be-

cause it has been designed to have a child-like understanding. It is an AI engine that learns the advancements in the treatment of cancer, like a child learns from his elders. Doctors can have Watson scan their patients' report and it will tell them the best line of treatment available within seconds.

The coming of success

Success is subjective. It cannot have the same definition for two different people. It can be one thing for a mother and another thing for her son. It is not something that you can measure in time, it is an ongoing process – something that can never stop growing. It can take a lifetime to be successful, it all depends on how you perceive it from your angle.

The coming of Amityans

From what I have known, Amityans have the best of facilities at the reach of their hand. If they strive, they can achieve whatever they put their mind to. So, my advice would be to always be your best and ready for whatever challenges life and school throws at you. Go out there and show the world what you're capable of. 🇮🇳

Dear Editor,

This is with reference to the article 'The art of war' on page 5 of The Global Times edition dated February 18, 2019. When maintaining 500 snap streaks turns into a life and death situation; when the polls on Instagram stories is the only truth we know, this new age of budding 'Ms Most Popular' necessitates sharing ones' life's most intricate details with the world. "Hey, look I'm eating a carrot!"; "Just my everyday workout!"; "Hey, I've become a carrot!" All these dialogues steal away our attention from real things. We tend to



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lose the ability to communicate in person. We find posting quotes and sad poems on our stories a better way to express our dismay! Even when the reason is our very own best friend. The writers have defined the quarrel between two hearts perfectly! We don't need arms and ammunitions to fight this war. Cheeky posts are enough. The two best friends lead the Allies and the Axis powers. The Allies having

the rowdiest kid on their side begin by forming a chain of despicable stories on Instagram which leaves the other apparent best friend socially boycotted. Thus, with the article comes a soulful message: Do we really need this? Do we really need social media to control our lives? Let's Instagram poll this, shall we?

Aditi Banerji,
AIS Noida, X D 🇮🇳

THE ART OF WAR
Behind The Scenes Of The Fights You Have With Your Friends

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Does all this look like a riddle? Maybe through the pages you should fiddle!

Classroom shenanigans

Silly Tips For Overcoming Even Sillier Challenges In The Classroom

Prabha Jha, AIS Gur 46, X

Are you the kind of student who is used to keeping many ingenious backup plans in case the original ones backfire? If yes, then you are reading just the right thing. Here are a few harmless mechanisms that will definitely help you sail through the silly troubles in classroom battleground.

Count and predict!

The guru mantra of reading a chapter fluently is counting the number of students in front of you and matching it with paragraphs to foresee which one you'll get. We use this mechanism to cope with our own version of shyness until a nosy kid changes your prediction by saying that he has a sore throat. #FaultInMyStars

The life saviours

All of us hope for lenient teachers as invigilators! Now, who doesn't want a little extra time. But as soon as you see a strict teacher, compliments find their way out of your mouth (in vain) and you sit there wishing you had prepared better. #BetterLuckNextTime

Dealing with MCQs

Writing yes or no on a pencil and rolling it for the MCQ is our

favourite selection process of answers for unprepared questions. Sure, it's a great way to keep yourselves amused, other than making an uneducated guess (pun intended). But that lasts till

the teacher comes and deprives you of your nuclear weapon. #TroubleAhead

Say JMD!

These three magical words find

their way on the top of every answer sheet. These words are all you need to finish your paper within five minutes, because that's how much it takes to write your roll number and 'Jai Mata

Di'. But then, 'Mata' aka 'Mother' has always been known to help those who help themselves; in this case, study. #ZorSeBolo

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These three magical words find their way on top of every answer sheet.

Pretend till the last breath

If you don't understand what the teacher is saying, don't even bother to ask. Don't panic. Just pretend. Try to not keep a blank expression, with well timed nodding and the teacher will not pick you to answer the question. Or that's what we think. But if she notices your guilt ridden eyes and questions you, well our sympathies. #FakeItTillYouMakeIt

Being the PRO

Last bonus tip. "What has ma' am written on the board?" "Just copy it down anyway." You never know you might just understand a little in the process. #Protip

PS Even if you are a student who can outsmart all these mechanisms, never lend your ball pen to a friend. Ships lost in Bermuda triangle can come back but not that pen! 🇮🇳

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FOR CLASS VI-XII

A force P acts on a body so as to accelerate it from rest to velocity v. The force P is then replaced by force Q which decelerates it to rest, then
(a) P must be equal to Q
(b) P may be equal to Q
(c) P must be unequal to Q
(d) None of these

Last Date: Apr 5, 2019



Ans. Brainleaks 271: (b)

Winner for Brainleaks 271

- Siddhant Singh, X D, AIS MV
- Raghav Puri, X D, AIS MV

Name:.....

Class:.....

School:.....

Send your answers to The Global Times, E-26, Defence Colony, New Delhi - 24 or e-mail your answers at brainleaks@theglobaltimes.in



Students put on their dancing shoes at AMICHROMA 2k19

AMICHROMA'19

A Colourful Youth Fest Hosted By AUMP

AUMP

Biplab Das, ASCO, AUMP

Amity University Madhya Pradesh organised a two day Amity Youth Fest, AMICHROMA 2K19 from February 12-13, 2019. The fest saw a wide participation from 2500 students from AUMP and other universities as well.

Day 1

The two day extravaganza began with the lighting of the lamp by chief guest, Lt Gen VK Sharma, AVSM (Retd), AUMP Pro VC, Prof MP Kaushik, AUMP, as well as the HoDs and HoIs of other departments. Welcoming the participants, Lt Gen Sharma presented a welcome address, where he highlighted the

significance of youth fests and how it helps the young ones to showcase their talent. Adding to his speech, he also said that youth fests bring together students from diverse fields and backgrounds, promotes innovative ideas, facilitates an inter disciplinary exchange and also encourages team spirit within the student volunteers. The fervour built up when students registered for different competitions such as RJ hunt, clay modeling, crime run, street soccer, achintya, parliamentary debate, snooker, graffiti, table tennis, amicarnival, treasure hunt, series quiz, cerebrum, poetry recitation, storytelling, bandwar, TVS stunt show, Swaranjali and Nrityanjali. Throughout the day, the response of the participants remained full of enthusiasm and energy.

Day 2

The second day was marked by innumerable fun-filled competitions and activities such as ludo, gully cricket, doodokulus, NFS, anant dristi, carrom, sham & glam, mukkad natak, innovative selfie, fireless cooking, logo designing, samanvay, spell bee, pratibimb, musically, model making, hunt for millions, nach de ne saare, fashion show, etc., where participants readily took part. However, the highlight of the evening was the most awaited EDM night by DJ Jorge Leon. The whole campus danced on his exquisite beats and tapped their feet to the music. The grand annual youth fest, AMICHROMA 2K19 provided a priceless platform to all the participating students to come together and showcase their zeal and talent. 🇮🇳

Challenges of diversity

Workshop On How To Manage Diversity



Dr Roma Kumar, guest speaker, felicitated during the workshop

AIPS, AUUP

What: Workshop on 'Managing Diversity and Challenges in Schools'

When: February 7, 2019

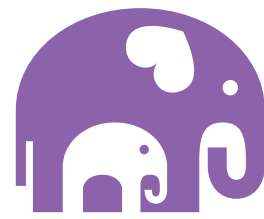
Host: Amity Institute of Psychology and Allied Science, Amity University, Uttar Pradesh
Who: Dr Roma Kumar, clinical psychologist, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital; Dr Sunita Singh, pro vc, AUUP; Dr DS Rathore, advisor, AIPS; Prof (Dr) Ranjana Bhatia, acting director, AIPS and other faculty members of AIPS, ASPES, AIRS; counselors, teachers and psychologists from prestigious schools across Delhi/NCR

The one-day workshop redefined DIVERSITY as Different Individuals Valuing Each Other Regardless of Skin (Colour) Intellect Talent or Years (age), an

acronym of the word itself as coined by Dr Ranjana Bhatia. The guest speaker for the day Dr Roma Kumar enlightened the audience on both the opportunities and challenges that diversity brings along itself. She discussed everyday challenges faced by schools as drug use, aggression, lack of parental support, anxiety, etc., and suggested solutions to overcome them with a positive school climate where teachers need to build strong relationships with children, give them individual attention and boost their confidence. The other speakers presented a holistic insight on the importance of diversity as they also touched upon the importance of scientific parenting and psychology in day to day life.

Following the deliberations, participants were divided into

groups wherein they shared the theme of workshop. The outcome of the entire exercise were understanding various aspects, like how children are quite receptive, how teachers can help the child; how regular interactions with parents and teachers help children; how early psycho education helps parents to understand their child and the role of therapies like play therapy, dance therapy, colour therapy in channelising their energy etc. The deliberations concluded on the note that there is no 'one' tailor made solution to managing diversity and challenges in schools. The only answer lies in adopting a consistent coordination with parents and teachers. At the end of the workshop, the guest speaker was felicitated and participants awarded with certificates for deliberations. 🇮🇳



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We are close to the end of the scrounge, so keep searching for the School Lounge!

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Food fooled

Is It Fine Dining? Or Is It Playing Russian Roulette?

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It's always safe to assume that food which looks good tastes good, and food which isn't pleasing to the eye won't exactly be pleasant for the mouth either. But then there are exceptions to every rule. So, here it goes.

Dragonfruit

Commonly known as Dragon Fruit, Pitaya is quiet the let-down for foodies. The only thing beneficial coming from it, apart from the rich nutrients, is a lesson to never set expectations as high ever again. At the extreme brink of tastelessness, this fruit offers you no joy, neither does it compensate for the amount of hard work it takes to cut.

Chocolate (100%)

A bitter disappointment, quite literally. Pure chocolate, made from 100% cocoa lures you exactly the same as any other chocolate – with its lush brown goodness. However, the way it bites you when you bite it, is an experience only a few can forget. Also, get ready for a desert like dry tongue.

Edible flowers

Pink, yellow, blue...they literally bring spring to a dessert. Alas! They don't spring



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the same way with flavour once inside your mouth. A storehouse of sugar, sugar and more sugar; they literally make you go for God's cake!

Limburger cheese

With a soft, creamy texture, and a fancy name, it is very much possible that you might dump this in your cart while grocery shopping. But as you prepare your famous delicacy (read: cheese maggi) and grate the cheese over it, you will find that Limburger has actually deceived you. This breed of cheese will only appeal to your smelling and tasting senses if you've completely lost them. Otherwise, it's just another item which stinks up your fridge.

Breadfruit

Every once in a while, everyone likes to show off their taste in food – going from the basic Apple to something as new and exciting as Breadfruit. But child, this fruit is not stairway to food heaven. Infact, the Wall Street Journal has described it as 'all but inedible'. Nobody wants this, trust us.

Fondant

TLC's Fabulous Cakes made it every kid's dream to have their birthday cakes as fancy and big as they come, with, of course, the famous fondant that uplifts your standards instantly. Sadly, standards are the only good thing that comes with the sugar sheet, because when it comes to taste, your guests will go back home disappointed. 🙄

Take me home, (on) the country roads

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It's an extended weekend, and you don't have any work to finish up. You pick up the phone, call your friends, and decide to go on a road trip, hoping to create unique memories. Sure, here is how it actually goes down!

STAGE 1

#FoodOverHumans

Everyone has gathered around the car, bags in one hand, eatables in the other. Dry fruits, fruits, chips, *paranths*, cookies, snacks and instant-noodles: check. *Fafda*, peanuts and pickle: check.

Kitchen, gas stove, not-yet-invented-23rd-century-cyborg: check. Seats: Oh Crap! The chronic lack of seats is definitely not helped by the fact that 7 people want to go on a road trip in a 5-seater, 4 of which are taken up by food. But still, we can't compromise because food is life.

STAGE 2

#ToPlayOrNotToPlay

The next hurdle you have to cross: choosing the perfect song. Every song you select is either too slow, or too catchy, or too distracting, or just simply too hated. Even if you do find a song that gets past the wolves, there exists at least one fellow road-tripper who hates the song at least a little bit. (4th law of Thermodynamics)

STAGE 3

#RestInRestroom

With great number of people comes great probability of wanting to use the restroom. You've finally gotten on the



road, and everything seems to be running smoothly. You begin to enjoy yourself just as someone shouts: "I need to go to the washroom." This isn't annoying (at first). However, when it happens for the 2077th time, each at a gap of 5 minutes, all you can think about is how did these infants get their voter ID cards?

STAGE 4

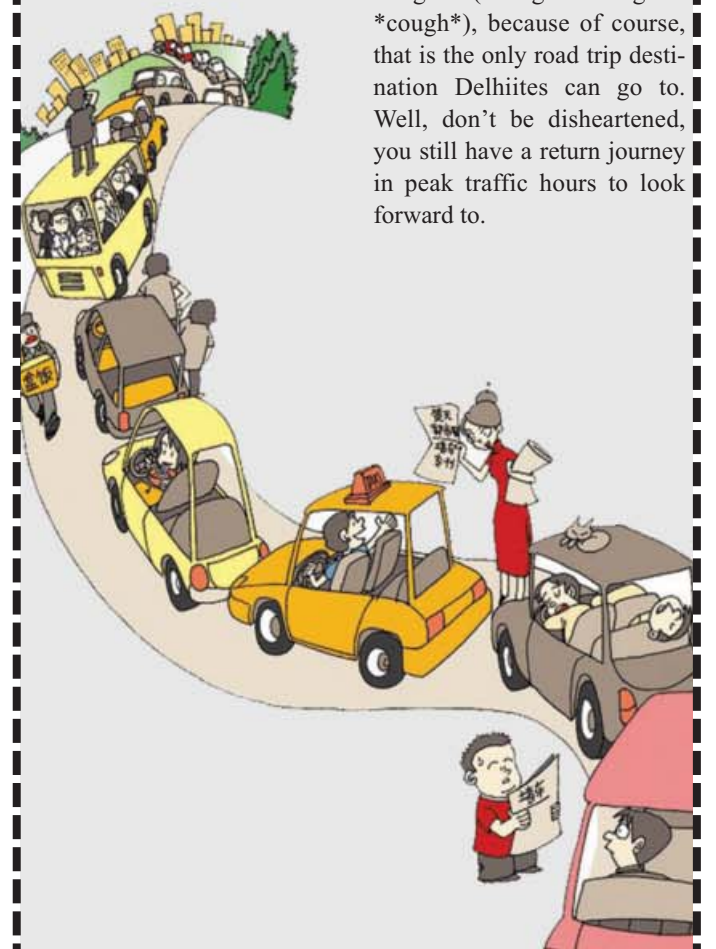
#JustJammin

After calming everyone down, you move onto the actual highway and finally have a chance to behold the scenic beauty of, wait-for-it, traffic! Yep, the same traffic that has been motivating people to walk since 1968. After being totally unable to move, you finally decide that your next road trip would be a *teerth yatra* on foot.

STAGE 5

#Gotcha

Are we there yet? Are we there yet? Where are we going anyway? All the hard work, sweat, and blood has paid off. After 5 hours of hitting the breaks and caressing the gas pedal, the time has finally come for you to stop. You have reached your ultimate road trip destination: Gurgaon (*cough* Gurugram *cough*), because of course, that is the only road trip destination Delhiites can go to. Well, don't be disheartened, you still have a return journey in peak traffic hours to look forward to.



The play with clichés

Is Making A Cliché On A Cliché Still A Cliché?

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We stood still, gazing at the chasm roaring back at us. As writers, we have always known the art of dodging its existence. However, it was too late to back out now. We'd have to risk the lives of our work, for conducting this clandestine but totally authentic research. Taking a deep breath, we jumped in, and bumped into this pitfall of all writing: the dreaded cliché along with its mannerisms. It's time for an insight!

The pronoun type

Well, who wouldn't want to be constrained in a small box filled with all sorts of generalisations? The act of generalising is based on an individual's physical or social attributes. Of course, all women are inborn damsels in distress, and all men are supposedly the 'knights in shining armor', isn't it? And it is precisely this easy to fall into the trap of this type of stereotype.

The paradox type

In a bid to sound 'non-cliché', many of us have ended up writing something so, so eccentric that it inevitably fits itself into

the mould of 'trying too hard to be edgy.' As we all come across, most of the new generation stories have their plots revolving around what they think to be novel and non-cliché but are, in fact, bizarre.

The 'point'ed type

Lists seem to be convenient. These help us organise ourselves, memorise content better and get clear pictures. Let's leave it right there. Nowadays, writing seems to be seeing so many lists that sometimes eyes are forced to see an array of bullets and arrows instead of the relevant content. Let's not cause the world more pain that it is already seething in, and move from lists to paragraphs for a change. #MoreWordsLessLists?

The existential type

In an attempt to stir the plot in a different route from those common, initially being careful with just a pinch of drama, the story begins uniquely. It whirls its

way past the typical pieces; yet in the course of our umpteen attempts to stand out, to balance the substance with a glint of drama, there comes out the same age old melancholic plot. Like a ballerina twirling, the plot turns, twirls and finally collapses with just a little too much of sensation, just like always.

The fairytale type

Seldom do we find a story which, fortunately, has not taken place 'once upon a time, in a faraway land'. This 'out of the box' story is devoid of what we call the 'happily ever after'. However, such stories are rare. Mostly, the writers try hard to incorporate ambiguous elements in their plots with, of course, the totally unpredictable plot twist. These repetitions do more

than just making the writing dry- they make it worn out with almost no meaning left to deliver to the readers.

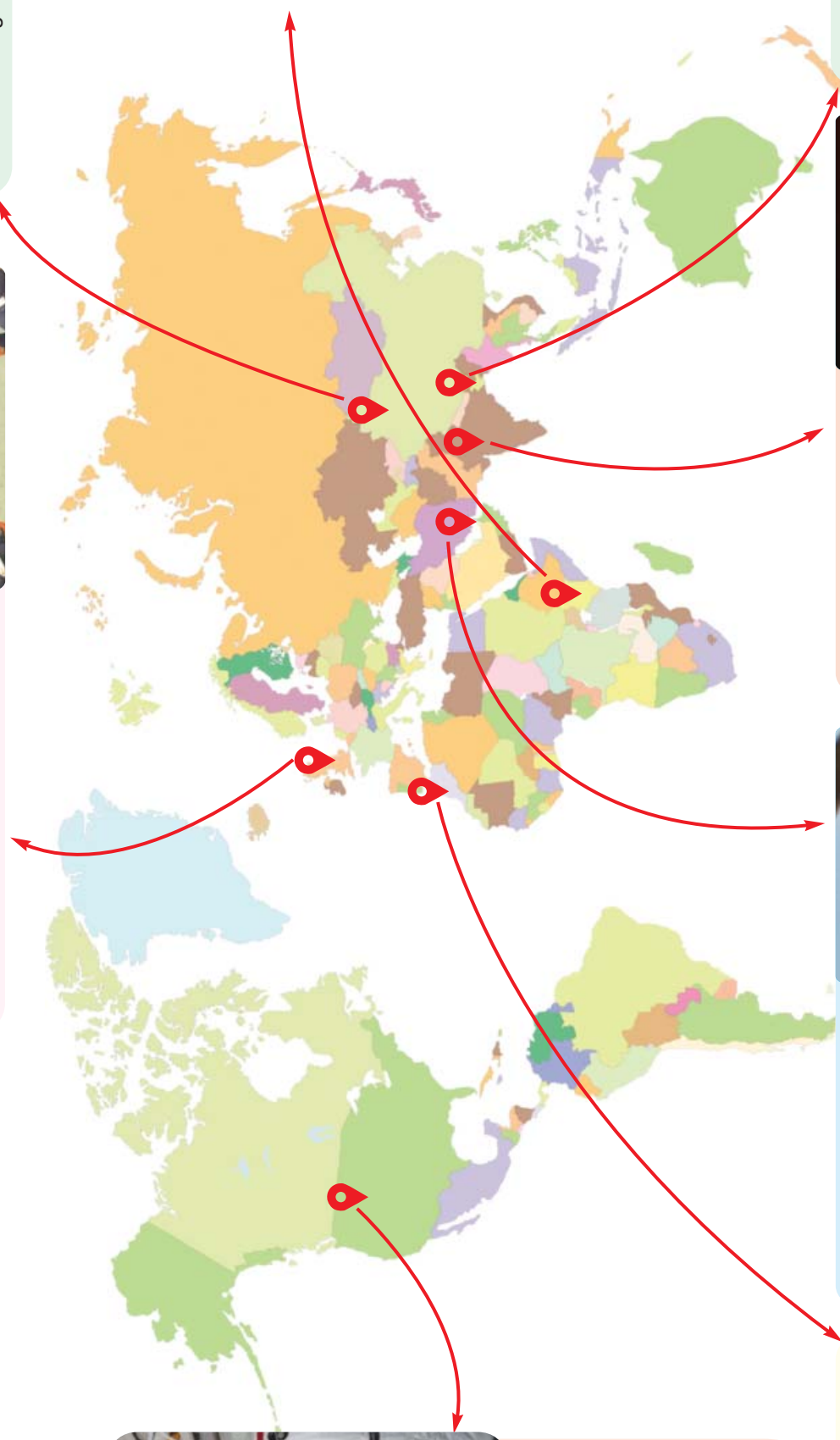
Browsing through each kind of typical writing piece, from that abyss of clichés with the short cut way of plagiarism alluring us at every step, we managed to emerge unscathed, without any cliché clinging to us, our research completed, because, having made a cliché on a cliché has certainly made us immune to clichés, dont you think?





Around The WORLD

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Prime Minister under pressure to quit
Around 11 cabinet ministers of the parliament are in a bid to overthrow PM Theresa May, as they feel that 'her decision has gone haywire' ahead of the country's exit from the European Union. The ministers argue that the PM has not been consistent with her decision regarding Brexit, and that her deal was rejected twice by British lawmakers.



'Incorrect' world maps destroyed
The custom officials destroyed around 30000 world maps because they felt Arunachal Pradesh and Taiwan were not marked as part of China's territory. The country's capital Beijing claims Arunachal Pradesh to be a part of South Tibet. The official maps of China depict the northeastern state as part of South Tibet Autonomous region.



Teacher wins \$ 1 million prize
Peter Tabichi, a 36-year-old Math and Physics teacher has won Global Teacher Prize which amounts to \$ 1 million. Tabichi used to give away 80% of his salary to fund the education of his students who could not afford books or uniforms. He was selected among the 10000 nominations from 179 countries.



Decision for all-female spacewalk scrapped
NASA cancelled the first ever all-female spacewalk which was to be held on March 29, 2019, due to the shortage of fitting spacesuits. Anne McClain and Christina Koch were to conduct the space-walk at the International Space Station to install powerful lithium-ion batteries for one pair of the station's solar arrays.



Gaza Strip hit by Israeli air force in retaliation
The Israeli air force launched an air strike aimed to hit the Hamas targets located in Gaza Strip. The attack came as a retaliation from Israel after a rocket hit the Israeli territories after being stuck by Gaza. The attack rendered seven people wounded and also led Israel PM Benjamin Netanyahu to cut short his visit to Washington.



Lightning kills rare birds
50 rare species of birds were killed in a recent thunder lightning in Abu Dhabi. The death of the birds has caused a loss of 20 million dirhams to the owner, who has claimed that the birds had won a lot of trophies in different competitions.



Mission Shakti-a success
India has become the fourth country to destroy a Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite in space using an anti-satellite missile, which was code named as 'Mission Shakti'. Till now only Russia, USA and China have been able to achieve this feat.



No education for Rohingya kids
Due to a huge influx of Rohingya refugees in their country, the government of Bangladesh has ousted many refugee children from their schools. According to UNICEF, the government has also forbidden centers in the camps from teaching Bangladeshi education curriculum to the children.

News Flash

Greenland: Jakobshavn Glacier starts growing again due to cooling water temperatures
Poland: Rare Albino penguin makes way into zoo for the first time
New Zealand: Prince William to visit Christchurch to honour attack victims
Yemen: Seven killed in air strike near Kitaf Hospital
Hong Kong: Cathay Pacific to buy budget airline Hong Kong Express