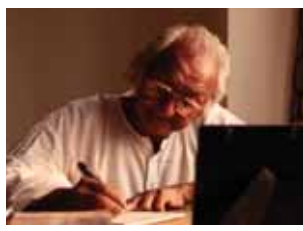


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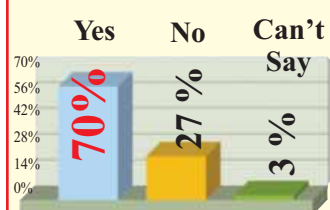
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for GT Edition August 12, 2019

**Do you think Article 370 will help in the growth and integration of Jammu & Kashmir with India?**



Results as on August 16, 2019

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Article 370

# Surge of change

This Independence Day, Let's Celebrate The Rise Of A New India

Rashi Garg, GT Network

“Long years ago, we made a tryst with destiny and now the time comes...at the stroke of the midnight hour, when the world sleeps, India will awake to life and freedom. A moment comes, which comes but rarely in history, when we step out from the old to the new...when the soul of a nation, long suppressed, finds utterance.” Looking forward to a ‘new’ India, Jawaharlal Nehru made an iconic speech which filled hearts. Cut to 73 years later, India has stepped out from the old to the new, again. Once again, as the world slept, India created history with Chandrayaan 2. Once again, Kashmir awoke to a new dawn with revocation of Article 370. Once again, the long suppressed Muslim women saw hope with abolition of triple talaq. It is time to breathe in the surge of change that has enveloped the country on a whole.

**On the moon**

Launched on July 22, 2019, Chandrayaan 2 will make India the fourth country to successfully land a moon rover and the first ever to touch the moon’s south polar region. And what’s the star to the moon is the fact that this feat was accomplished with the budget of INR 978 crore (approximately \$140 million). You will realise how small this is when you compare it to \$25 billion that was spent on Apollo 15 mission to moon, which cost over \$100 billion at the current price. Somewhere, a philosopher wondered if the phrase ‘touching the moon’ would still hold any meaning. After all, India had made it pretty easy-peasy.

a ban of triple talaq, she knew she was not the only one getting divorced via speed post. 2019 – Shayara Banos of the country found exaltation as the triple talaq bill was passed. The law makes the practice of ‘Talaq-e-biddat’ a punishable offence. Talaq-e-biddat refers to the pronouncement of talaq three times by a Muslim man to his wife resulting in an instant and irrevocable divorce. Section 4 imposes a maximum sentence of 3 years imprisonment if triple talaq is used. Somewhere, a Muslim woman looked at her husband through her veil, this time differently. After all, the threat of the three-worded sword was now over.

state could have its own constitution and laws, but no more! The state will now be divided into 2 union territories – Ladakh and Kashmir. As of 2019, we stand as one nation, one constitution. But this has more implications on ground than on paper – Kashmiris will now have access to right to education, the tribals will be entitled to privileges, more employment opportunities, amongst other benefits. Somewhere, a Kashmiri pandit ousted from his homeland smiled. After all, his home and his homeland will now be one.

Certainly, 2019 will be marked in history books. A history which people of India have created for the entire world to see. Certainly, India is moving towards change. A change which will take our country forward and far ahead.

**Breaking conventions**

2016 - when Shayara Bano petitioned for

**One nation for real**

A historic declaration was made on August 6, 2019, when Jammu and Kashmir saw the abolishment of Article 370.

The article granted special status to Kashmir, meaning that the



# For a balanced mind

A Renowned Neurosurgeon, His Journey And His Ideas



Dr SS Kale, professor of Neurosurgery, AIIMS

Caitanya Singh Jaswal  
 AIS Noida, XII D

A neurosurgeon of international repute, Dr SS Kale strives to provide for comprehensive spine care by dealing with complex fusions. Currently serving as professor of Neurosurgery at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, he has had about 800 patients – one of the highest in the world – on developmental CV junction anomalies and their management. In the last three years, he’s been invited to deliver lectures in seminars on spine surgery and was nominated the Course Chairman for AOSpine courses at Davos, Switzerland, which was attended by over 300 spine surgeons. GT Reporters had a fine opportunity to interact with this renowned persona during Convocation 2018, held at Amity University, Noida, where he was conferred an honorary doctorate. Read on as he spills his success mantras for us.

**Challenge yourself**

When I was a kid, neurosurgery sounded very fancy to me. At that

point in time, not a lot of people around me were neurosurgeons or aimed to be one. It was a challenging career choice, one that very few people were willing to take. I think it was this challenge associated with the field that attracted me in the first place. It was like achieving something that wasn’t everyone’s cup of tea. This motivated me to work hard. So, challenging yourself is a step forward to achieve success.

**Strike a balance**

Balance is key for anyone who wishes to lead a healthy life. There needs to be a balance at all levels, whether it is within the body or between the body and its immediate surroundings. A human body is at its optimum best when it is in balance with its surroundings. As for internal balance, yoga can be of great help. However, at times it becomes impossible to uphold that balance due to various reasons – health or otherwise. In such cases neurosurgery helps in restoring that balance. Thus, it is imperative that we try to strike a balance in every field of life.

**Be responsible**

Neurosurgery is a job of much responsibility. If you aren’t careful



Dr SS Kale shares his views with GT reporter

Pic: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network

enough during delicate surgeries, people could lose a part of their body permanently, and brain and spine are the roots of our being. They are the hardware to our hormones and feelings which function as software. Therefore, even minuscule mistakes can easily affect the patient’s mental health. Of course, with better technology, it has become easier for both doctors and patients than it was 25 years ago. But that said, one cannot ignore the extreme level of responsibility that comes with this job. And why just surgeries? One must make it a point to be responsible for their actions for that

is the only way to go forward.

**Serve your country**

India has a population of 1.3 billion people and with 2500 neurosurgeons, there aren’t enough doctors to treat them. Our nation is in dire need of good doctors – as many as we can get. Do not interpret my words to mean that all of you become doctors. The need of the hour is that the youth should serve the country. From social scientists, to economists, to engineers, we need all kinds of trained, well read people for our country to grow and we need doctors to help it grow well. 🇮🇳



Juhu Aerodrome, situated in Mumbai, is the first civil aviation airport of India, built in 1928.



Maiden Mumbai

# India this week

Induja Tyagi, GT Network

**W**hile we sit on our couch just breathing, a lot of things happen around us, and sometimes in our very own country. We bring you the ones worth mentioning.



## Kejriwal announces free wi-fi

**News:** Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal has announced that the Delhi Cabinet has approved of his proposal to install free Wi-Fi internet service in the capital. He said that every user will be provided with 15 GB data free per month. According to the proposal, 11,000 hotspots will be set up, out of which 4000 will be installed near bus stops and the remaining near assembly constituencies across Delhi.

**Views:** This decision seems more like a political incentive rather than a call for development, considering it is targeted at the youth that makes up a chunk of the voting population. It would have been better if the government focused on other development initiatives.

Vidhi Batra, AIS Noida, XII H



## Kerala swamped by incessant rains

**News:** Kerala is being ravaged by floods due to heavy rains which have led to the death of more than 60 people. 2,27,333 people have been evacuated and shifted to 1,551 relief camps across the state. Several teams from the Indian Army, Navy, National Disaster Relief Response (NDRF), fishermen and volunteers have engaged in the rescue operations.

**Views:** The devastating situation caused by floods in Kerala and other states like Maharashtra, Gujarat and Assam, indicates that calamities have become a common occurrence and that they can no more be called 'natural' disasters. These are visibly the consequences of the indifferent attitude of humans toward nature. While the whole nation has come together for rescue operations and donations, which is commendable, it's about time for us to start acting in order to save the environment.

Ananya Singal, AIS Gur 43, XII D



## Kohli breaks 26-year-old record

**News:** Virat Kohli went on to become the highest run-scorer against West Indies in ODIs. He attained the record during India's second ODI when he scored 19 runs more than the previous record of 1930 runs which was set by Javed Miandad 26 years ago. While Miandad took 64 innings to make the record, Kohli was able to outrun the same in just 34 innings.

**Views:** Virat Kohli has shown exemplary performance as a batsman and skipper, and the pressure of being the captain has only blazed and refined this diamond of a sportsman. This perhaps serves as a befitting reply to those who questioned his captaincy post India's ouster from the world cup. Undoubtedly, he is an unstoppable batsman of the present cricket era!

Stuti Kakkar, AIS Saket, XII E

## Davis cup asked to be shifted

**News:** India has asked International Tennis Federation (ITF) to move their forthcoming Davis Cup tie from Pakistan to a neutral venue. This request has come as a result of the political tensions that have arisen between the two countries due to the revocation of Article 370, which gave special status to Jammu and Kashmir, by the Indian Government.

**Views:** India's demand to ITF to move the Davis Cup to a neutral venue clearly reflects the already existent tensions between India and Pakistan, which were further escalated after the abrogation of Article 370. Since Pakistan has already shown its displeasure by making changes in the bilateral trade relations at its end, India's demand does not seem unjustified, because the team's security is highly compromised in such a scenario.

Shreya Chopra, Sem III, ASCO, AUMP



## Around The WORLD

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



## USA

### Free Hindi classes to university students

With an aim to promote Hindi language, the Indian embassy in Washington has decided to provide free Hindi classes to the students of George Washington University. In the six-week non-credit introductory Hindi language course, the students will learn about Hindi alphabet and verbal communication. The course has already garnered interest of 87 candidates from 7 different countries.

## WALES

### Man sets new record

An adventurer named Ashley Philip Dykes became the first person to walk the length of the river Yangtze which is 6300 km long. Dykes began his trekking journey a year ago from the Tibetan plateau and finished near Shanghai. The river Yangtze is the third longest river in the world after Nile and Amazon.



## CHINA

### Typhoon causes massive destruction

Typhoon Lekima hit the south eastern part of the country, leaving over 35 people dead and more than 30 people missing. In Zhejiang province, the calamity damaged 34000 houses. 3023 airline flights were halted in Shanghai and other services were cancelled. More than 21,000 people have been engaged in relief operations



## NEPAL

### Newly discovered lake might be world's highest

The Kajin Sara Lake, which was recently discovered by mountaineers in Manang district, might be the highest lake in the world. According to its current measurement, the lake is located at an altitude of 5200 meters. It is estimated to be 1,500 metre long and 600-metre-wide. It might replace Lake Tilicho which currently holds the title of the world's highest lake, situated at an altitude of 4,919 metres.

## INDIA

### Samjhauta Express cancelled

After Pakistan suspended the bi-weekly cross-border train services, India cancelled Samjhauta Express at its end, indicating tensions between the two countries. This decision came after the revocation of Article 370 which is being objected by many.



## SINGAPORE

### Wildlife trade to be curbed

In an effort to stop illegal wildlife trade, the National Parks Board has decided to ban ivory sale from September 1, 2021. The announcement came on World Elephant Day after deliberations with ivory retailers and non-government organisations. Lawbreakers will face one-year jail term and also pay hefty fines.



## News Flash

► **Japan:** An experiment which involves creating animal embryos containing human cells has been approved by the Japanese government ► **Greece:** Wildfire rages on the Greek island of Evia ► **Myanmar:** Thousands of Rohingya to be sent back





On April 16, 1853, the first passenger train in India ran between the stations Bori Bunder and Thane in Mumbai.

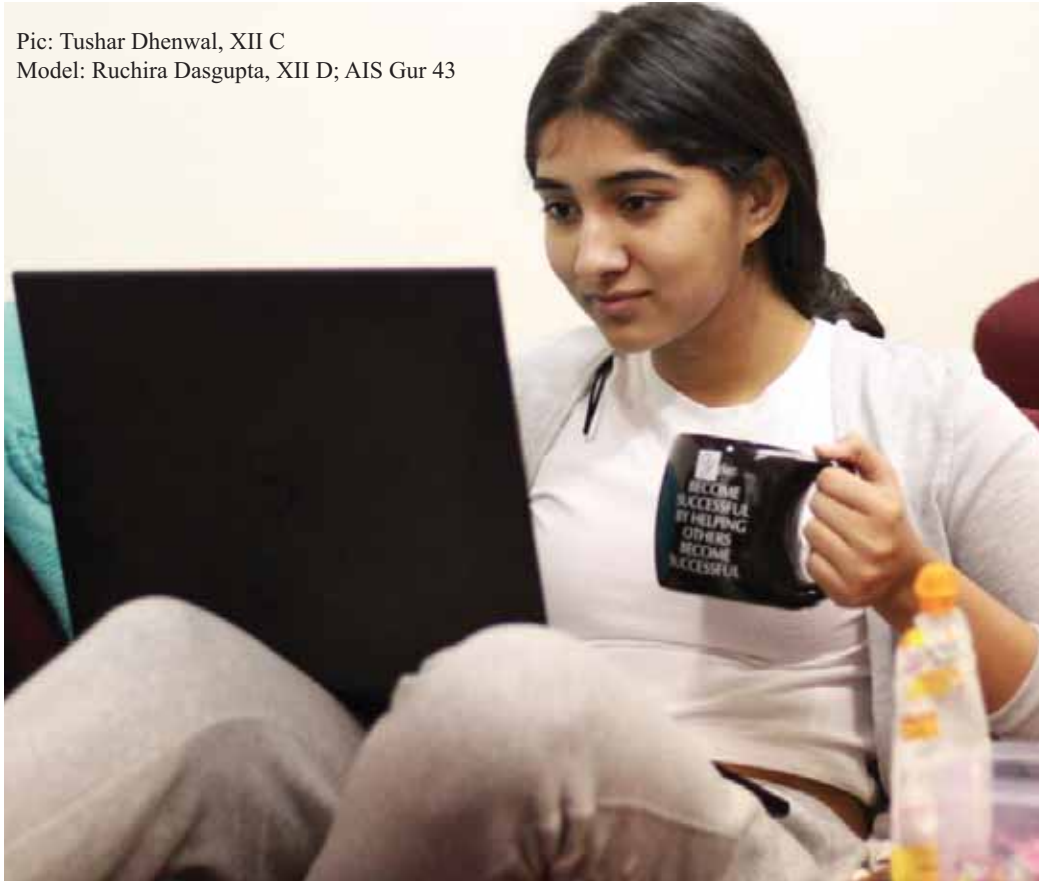
# In-between the lines

## An Insight Into The Life Of A Freelancer Juggling Work And Play

Karan Dhall &  
Samridhi Agarwal  
AIS Gur 43, Alumnus

Freelancer – say the word in a room and you will have a variety of looks coming your way. From the ones that say ‘how frivolous’ to the ones that go ‘how cool’. The truth, like always, lies somewhere in between and so Siddhi figured out, during his career as a freelancer; and maybe you will too as you read his life’s story... “I hope I make it,” he thought to himself as he stood inside the crammed metro, holding a folder of his best art work. Nervousness and ease resided in his mind simultaneously. Nervous for he needed money, after all, being a freelancer he didn’t really have a lot of financial backup, nor the security of a salary on every first of the month. While at the same time, he was accustomed to this drill of asking for work; he was an upcoming freelancer, after all, one yet to mark his territory. He reached the right office, waiting for Ms Arti to show up. Ms Arti? She is a freelance art consultant, who works with several top firms. Siddhi had heard of her, and also that she was a tough nut to crack. Before he

Pic: Tushar Dhenwal, XII C  
Model: Ruchira Dasgupta, XII D; AIS Gur 43



knew, he was shown the door to Ms Arti’s office. Luckily for Siddhi, she seemed to like his work. “This seems good. But there will be tough deadlines,” she said. And there was the D word, something Siddhi hated most about his work,

and something his friends wouldn’t understand. Every time he would turn down an offer of catching up with friends because he had deadlines to meet, he was met with smirks and even ‘Don’t lie. You are a freelancer, what deadlines?’ But that was the hard

truth of Siddhi’s life, he had deadlines for every assignment he took on, and sometimes tough ones at that. It were these deadlines that made him wish that he had a regular job, where he could shut his laptop at 6 in the evening and

head home for a peaceful evening. And there he was slogging all night, chasing D and finishing the assignment. Now in the present, Siddhi sat there nodding and glad that he had bagged a project. But he had concerns of his own. “And what about the payment?” That was one of his top criterion before he chose a project, something he learnt after experience served to him the cold hard way – chasing people for payments. Ms Arti who had herself traveled the same road smiled an understanding smile. “Don’t worry that will be taken care of,” she said. She had freelanced for several years before she made it as a sought after consultant. But those days of collecting payments and chasing work were long gone by. “And you will get there,” she said closing the deal and Siddhi’s file. Now back home and having seen a convincing future in the form of Ms Arti, Siddhi seemed quite settled. And settled he was with a bucket of popcorn in hand, decked in his comfy shorts, lounging on his bed, working on the project he had just bagged. “Life’s good,” he muttered to himself with a smirk on his face. 🇧🇮

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Brainleaks-281  
FOR CLASS VI-XII

Electrically charged particles called ions are found here. Who am I  
(a) Methosphere  
(b) Ozonosphere  
(c) Ionosphere  
(d) Lithosphere

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Aug 23, 2019

3 correct entries with attractive prizes

Ans. Brainleaks 280: (b)

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2. Arsh Gupta, VIII D, AIS Gur 43

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

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your answers at brainleaks@theglobaltimes.in

# Falling overboard

## The Woes Of Students Giving Boards

Deeksha Puri  
AIS PV, XII F

Dear whomsoever finds this letter, I’ve been stranded on this strange island called ‘a class’ for a few months now. Any and all outside communication seems to have broken down. Anyone that is brushed up onshore is shooed away by a vague chanting of “This is the boards class. Don’t call people from here or else...” This vague chanting has been continuously emitting from ruins that lay far behind me, amongst which the inscriptions of what seems like mathematical equations and scientific derivations are. That alone is enough to send chills down my spine. I’ve attempted to forage for food, multiple times in this place, but sadly, many of the natives only seem to survive on eating brains. I highly doubt I’ll last in this

strange, strange world for long. Perhaps writing to you will be my only hope to maintain my questionable sanity. Creating shelter has also been a really difficult task as of late, especially ever since I discovered a newly activated volcano that I bothered to name, “Beta padhlo.” I’ve recorded a lot of observations regarding this volcano. Funnily enough, every time I try and lie down to take some rest, I hear bubbling hot lava nearing the brink of explosion. The only time this volcano lies dormant is when I appear to read and write. Strange indeed, I’m highly intrigued. Today, I tried to attempt to decipher what foreign language the numbers in my book conveyed. I must say I never knew that a

three-sided figure could be so complicated that people would end up writing theorems on it. I diligently noted all of them down in my handy notebook. I wandered along the island, and found a group of people who seemed just like me, but kept on telling me, “I’m going to fail, I haven’t done anything,” even though, the volcano seemed exceptionally pleased with their results, making me further confused. The fear lasts even after the act is done apparently. I hear a long siren blaring in the distance right now. My heart skips a beat...could it be help?

The above extract has been salvaged from a letter in a bottle that washed ashore in the month of March. The author, although saved, seems to have collapsed from exhaustion, with evidence of cramps on her right hand. 🇧🇮

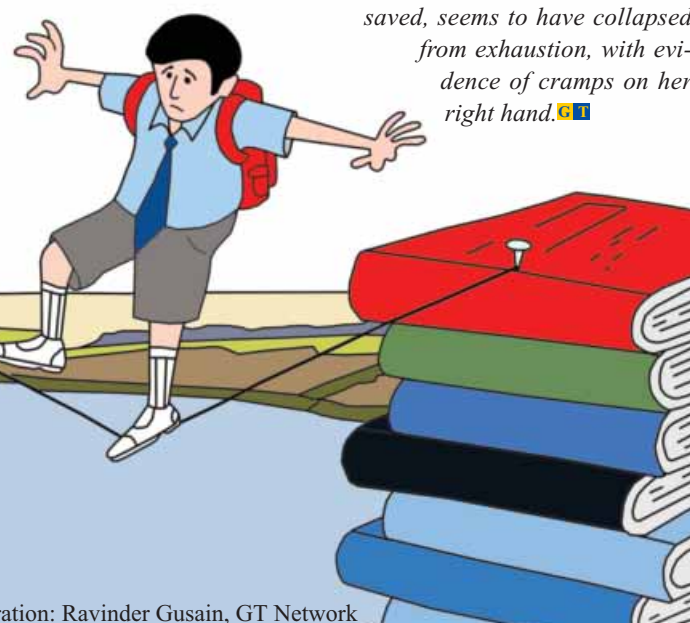


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Esteemed guests launch a book on current practices and trends of media communications

# A stronger mediascape

## Three Day Forum On Media Practices

AUMP

Over 450 academicians, researchers, practitioners, industry experts, teaching professionals and students came together for CPFTMC 2019, a three-day international media conference. The event was inaugurated by Mohammad Abdullah, managing director, Dubai Knowledge Park and Dubai International Academic City and Dr Vajahat Hussain, CEO, Amity University Dubai. An ISBN-listed book, Current Practices and Future Trends in Media Communication and Bi-annual SCOPUS indexed journal named Journal of Content Community and Communication, was also unveiled during the inauguration. Conference knowledge partners Nikon School, Media Cast and

What: Conference on Practices and Future Trends of Mass Communication (CPFTMC) 2019  
Where: Amity University Dubai, UAE  
When: June 17-19, 2019  
Why: To discuss the current practices and future trends in media communication  
Who: Organised by Amity University, Dubai and Amity University, Madhya Pradesh, Gwalior

Oasis Enterprises set up a range of activities designed to give university and school students a glimpse into life within the media industry. A pop-up photo studio, broadcasting desk and camera were set up to teach students more about this life and a deep multimedia insight. The conference also covered a range of interesting panel discussions and technical sessions.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Vajahat Hussain said, “This conference is a great opportunity not just for attendees to collaborate, but also for the students to understand the industry and the different opportunities available to them.” Dr Sumit Narula, conference chairman, CPFTMC 2019 shared the need for safeguards in media, “In this infinite media-scape, there is no legislation to safeguard the principles of ethical and professional practice. No wonder, we are dealing today with an alarming increase in the spread of fake news, running trolling attacks and biased propaganda machines.” To sum up, CPFTMC 2019, was a great step in the direction of strengthening contemporary media and ushering a dynamic and interactive landscape for the media industry. 🇧🇮



Hotel Taj Mahal Palace was the first five-star hotel of India, built in Mumbai in the year 1903.



Maiden Mumbai

## Embracing diversity



Dr. Amita Chauhan  
Chairperson

Our world is enchanting with such an immense cultural, linguistic and natural diversity, that one life really doesn't seem enough to imbibe the whole of it. Right from huge sequoia trees to microscopic bacteria which keep us healthy, from Sa Re Ga Ma to Do, Re, Mi, Fa, from AR Rahman to Lucciano Pavvarotti, the world mesmerises us and it is my dream to have all my children at Amity experience this innately diverse world in all its magic and glory.

My dream finds expressions through various international exchange programmes we have at Amity, YRoNS (Young Researchers of Natural Sciences - Read pg 11) being one such paragon program. Our newest campus, Amity Amsterdam, was the proud host of this unique Science learning programme this year. In its 12th year of inception, YRoNS turns out to be an ideal platform for holistic learning and inclusive development of learners, inculcating in them respect for nature and diversities.

YRoNS is rooted in exploring the scientific intricacies of the nature while imbibing cultural variations as a part of self. What enthralls me most is the learning and cultural exchanges which happen at YRoNS. It's a sheer delight to see the exciting and immersive exchange of methods of learning and teaching science, the ways to understand concepts, the embracing of diversities and the appreciation of cultures and languages that happens when learners from various nations congregate at one place. Same concepts but different ideas to explore, different music but same rhythms to dance, this is what enchants me about YRoNS. As we move ahead, I wish that all my children at Amity continue learning and exploring the world, embracing diversities, unifying humanity. 🇮🇳

## Silent story



Vira Sharma  
Managing Editor

Candid shots and conscious pose...over 300 entries received, each capturing different 'flavours of India' - the theme for GT Picture-it Photo Contest, organized by your very own newspaper, for the eighth consecutive year. The beauty and variety with which Amity's lensmen framed the gastronomic essence of our nation, is worth a look (page 6-7).

Moments create memories, and memories captured by lenses, script timeless stories. And such two momentous photographs of the launch of India's first satellite carried by ISRO scientists on a bullock cart (Pg 8) to Chandrayaan-2, narrate the whole story of the space sojourn of our great nation. These two photographs tell us about 44 years of team effort, hard work and perseverance of the scientists and staff of ISRO to conquer the world. That's what the beauty of a well-timed and well-captured picture is, it is 'silent' but speaks volumes, it is 'still' but moving. It holds memories which create legacies. It tells stories in chromes and weaves nostalgia in sepia tones. A picture is more than just a 'click', it is a 'shot' of the 'tale' which would one day become the 'narrative' of a family, the 'memoir' of a society and the 'heritage' of a nation. This is the reason why GT Picture-it Photo Contest has been designed to encourage our young lensmen to see the world through their lenses and weave a powerful pictorial narrative. A picture can change the world and I am sure that each one of us will try to explore the beauty of the world through the eye of the lenses. 🇮🇳

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# Hopes of a weary man

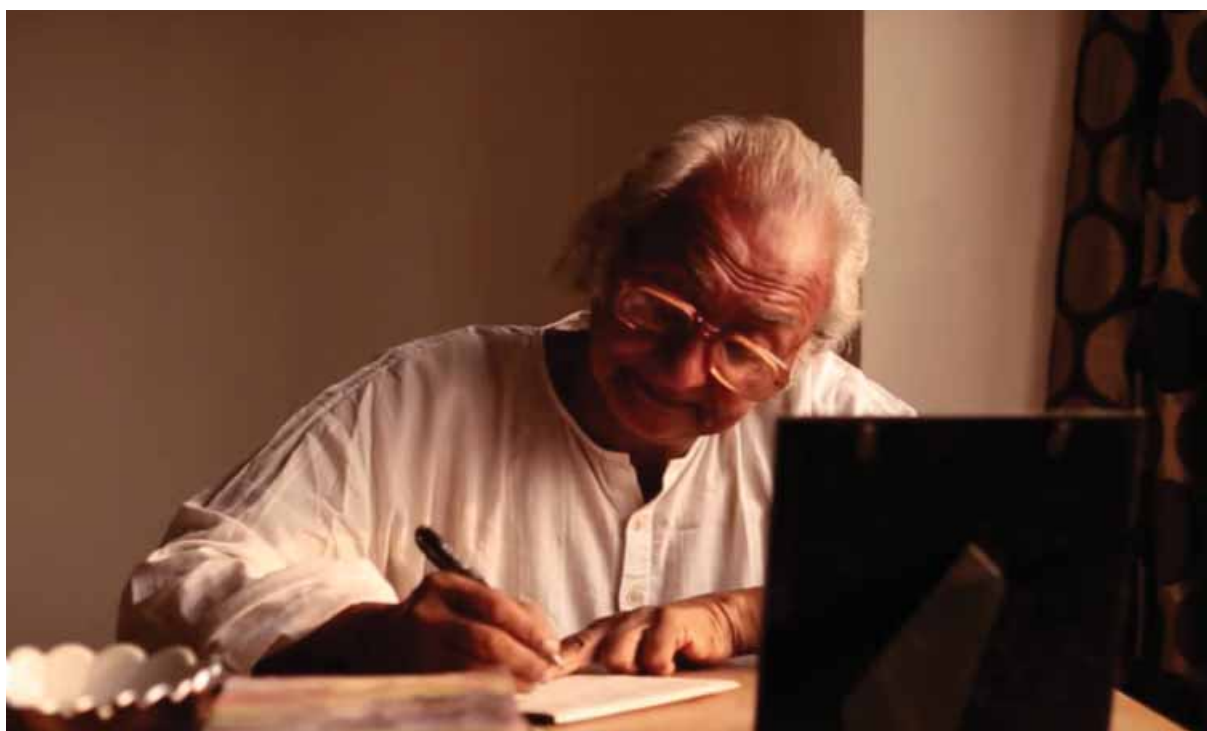
## A Hope For A Better Tomorrow, A Hope For A Better World

Arushi Gupta, AIS Noida, Alumna

To my favourite (and only) grandson

Today marks the first anniversary of the best moment of my life. You turn one today. I hope that a few years down the line, when it is not too late, you will open this letter, and you will understand everything. Unlike you, my child, I grew up in a time when people used to sleep on rooftops and count stars under the black night, when the only channel on TV was Doordarshan, when you could see nothing for miles but the horizon and a gleaming sun bleeding into a scarlet sky. Over the years, I've seen forests turn into housing complexes, homes into houses, and the people living in them turning into robots. Today, out of things that I pass down to you, I regret leaving behind humans who could've been a little more human.

A few decades ago, when we cared little about the glamour of materialism, we spent more time the sun rather than soaking up the screen light. Crossing continents in a few hours was a far-fetched dream, and the only food delivery system we had was the milkman. We did not have everything available at the beck of our call. We have now become so used to impatience that a simple act of waiting is an



annoyance. I hope that somewhere along the lines of growing up, you don't forget the pleasure of pausing and appreciating the moment. Life is not a race but a slow beautiful journey which needs to be appreciated.

I hope you care more about the people around you than the people on the other side of your screen. I hope you care more about the relationships and friendships you have, rather than the

number of likes you gain or the money in your bank account.

It saddens me to know that you will grow in a world that has begun collapsing into dead fragments. I have grown old and weary; there is not much I can do. But I hope you make a difference, or at least make an effort to do good to your surroundings. I hope you put your best foot forward. I hope you have a big life and a big heart.

Above all, I hope you remember to love people, not things. As I write this, I wish you could see the milky way illuminating the night sky like it once used to, with all the wonder it possesses, unobscured by the fake charm of blinking city lights.

I hope you become a human and not just a robot living in a body. 🇮🇳

Love,  
Dadu

# With love...

## ...Sharing The Great Experience From YRoNS



Nora-Victoria Soby-Arnesen,  
Arendal Videregående Skole,  
Norway

This spring approximately fifty students from India, Hungary, Germany, Slovenia, Norway France and Holland visited Amsterdam for the 12th annual YRoNS conference hosted by Amity International School, Amsterdam. Students presented projects in a scientific conference setting, learned about the culture of Holland and made many new friends during the four days they were in Amsterdam. Here is what the experience was in the words of a student.

**New people**

Personally, I am certain that I speak for a great number of participants

when I say that our overall impression of the days at the Young Researchers of Natural Sciences conference was incredible. Every single day was filled with learning and social activities challenging our own thoughts and views. We all grew, not only as people, but also as students, future scientists, great thinkers and supportive friends. During all the activities we had some free time where we got to interact with people, who with their different views, ideas and cultures taught us a lot about life. I would like to thank Amity for hosting such a fantastic conference.

**New lessons**

One of the other main purpose of YRoNS is to develop an arena for young minds to share brilliant ideas

within a wide range of scientific branches and backgrounds, based on a specific theme. This year the theme was 'The world of colours.' As different schools participating in the conference, focused on different subjects and presented their YRoNS project around these subjects, we got to see the topic 'The world of colours' presented through the lens of Physics, Chemistry, Technology and Biology. It was at YRoNS that I realised that there are endless perspectives on the relationship between science and colours. Another activity that I found highly entertaining was the cultural festival where we learnt about different facts, stereotypes, music and folktales of seven different countries.

**New places**

Apart from the scientific events, we also visited different museums, parks and science centres in Amsterdam. I loved the historical areas around this interesting city. My favourite ones were- NEMO museum and the Madurodam park. At the NEMO museum's interactive science centre, we had a few hours to walk around a five-floor building. Each floor covering different areas of science, featuring their own activities and games for us to try out. Madurodam is home to 1:25 scale model replicas of famous Dutch landmarks. We had the opportunity to walk around this park, observe and discuss the miniature buildings and the great history behind them. Another attraction I enjoyed was our trip to the canal boat. I truly loved this experience. 🇮🇳

GT M@il



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Dear Editor,

This is with reference to GT Awards that was held on August 9, 2019 at Amity University, Noida. I was unable to make it to the event because of my college, but when I received the news that my school has bagged the winner's trophy, I exclaimed with joy! I am very happy that my school and team were honoured with Best School Newspaper Award. I genuinely want to thank the entire GT team, not only for the opportunities and the platform but also for providing me an extra edge in this increasingly competitive world. Here, at my college, IIT Roorkee, I have already been recruited as one of the writers because of my past experience and work. And just to specify, it is a huge deal in itself. All the grooming I had undergone in school because of GT has been helping me out in ways that I could never even think of. I could see myself growing and evolving as a writer throughout the years I spent with Amity and GT. Considering that I have published work in the only registered school newspaper in India, I can stand with confidence in my college because of GT. As an alumna, I am proud to say that I am and will always be a part of the GT legacy! 🇮🇳

Yavnika Garg, AIS Gur 46, Alumna





Mumbai has only 1.1 square metres of open space for the people living in the city.

**Y**outh Power is an annual social leadership programme organised by The Global Times. It witnesses ten teams from Amity schools work on varied social causes in several stages. One of them is 'Panel Discussion' where experts from different walks of life discuss several aspects of the chosen social cause. Here's presenting **Part 6** of this exclusive eight-part series, based on the panel discussions organised by YP teams, and a host of opinions as experts debate on 'Period Positivity', the cause chosen by YP team of AIS Noida.



# Tied by blood

## Menstruation, A Process So Natural Still Ties Down Women In Stereotypes

### Congenial workplace

The past decade alone has witnessed more changes than the whole of the century gone by. Things are changing at a fast pace and this includes the work spaces as well. Today, offices are no longer just a bastion of men alone. Women have become a major part of the workforce in the recent years. However, policies related to workplace have not been as dynamic to keep up with this changing scenario. This holds even more relevance with regard to menstrual health. There are only a handful of organisations that offer maternity leave. Not many companies offer facilities with regard to menstrual health. It is the lack of these facilities and our inability to recognise menstrual health as a pivotal issue that still keeps women from working out of homes. This definitely needs to change. India is a huge country. Women living in rural areas and those living in urban cities have



**Divya Patpatia**  
\*Delhi based lawyer

different lifestyles. Without proper statistics, guidelines and procedures, you cannot expect to tap into the female population in the country and help women. What our society needs to understand is that not every woman is same and each one of them might go

through their periods in a different manner. Thus, there is a need to shape policies that look at menstrual health rather holistically. \*The panelist is a specialist in cases pertaining to gender equality, human rights and criminal justice.

### Adults, grow up!

In my initial days of practice as a gynaecologist, I noticed that for young girls who had problems with their menstrual cycle, their mothers came to discuss the problems. They said that girls shouldn't see a gynaecologist. For them, it was a taboo. Though the situation has changed a lot in recent times, there are still a lot of taboos surrounding menstruation. It is still



**Dr Surbhi Singh**  
Gynaecologist, obstetrician & founder prez, \*Sachhi Saheli

subject. The onus of the problem rests with the adults, who make menstruation seem scary and negative right from the time a girl hits puberty. The result is that today it has become hard to

rare to find girls and boys talk openly about the

destigmatise something as normal and essential as breathing, simply because of the string of negative outlook it has become engrained with. However, if we aren't ashamed of breathing, then we shouldn't be embarrassed to bleed or to talk about it, to say the least. It is time for us, adults, to actually behave like grown-ups and encourage conversation about the subject. It's high time that such topics no longer remain a taboo.

\* Sachhi Saheli is an NGO that works towards creating awareness about menstrual health and hygiene. It enables women to act collectively at all levels of our society.

### Coming out from the veil

**Pramathesh Purkayastha**  
Executive director (retd), NTPC and member of Advisory Board of \*PRISM



When I first went to buy sanitary napkins for my daughter, the pharmacist wrapped it in a black bag before handing it to me. When I asked him, he said that people prefer not to have it seen by others, leaving me baffled. Sanitary napkins are a basic necessity and help in maintaining hygiene. Despite this, we continue to conceal it in opaque bags. I fail to understand why something so important is being stigmatised by our society? We need to start advocating it and sensitise everyone about the significance of sanitary pads in-

stead of hiding them. Awareness programmes need to be organised on the safe and proper usage of sanitary napkins. So many women across the country contract infections and diseases that can simply be avoided by use of one simple thing, ie, sanitary napkins. And yet, we continue to make it a taboo. It is about time that sanitary napkins are looked upon as a tool to promote wellness instead of an object of shame.

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### No stigmas attached

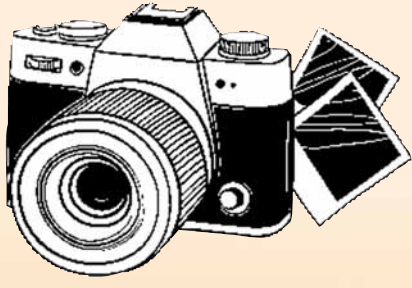
vulnerable. They remind her of the numerous restrictions she has to live with simply because she belongs to a certain gender. Every time you say such things, it takes away a part of her self-confidence. Thus, it is no surprise that many girls feel like an outcast simply because of the restrictions that are imposed on them during their periods. What makes matters worse is that we are constantly feeding those thoughts instead of telling her that it's alright and it's just another natural process that her body is undergoing. How about we start telling young girls that periods is just another phase of the month and that they are free to do whatever they want to do? This is the only way to restore normalcy around periods in the minds of young girls.

**Dr Manpreet Sodhi**  
Clinical psychologist



Menstruation and taboos go hand in hand in our country. Things like "You shouldn't go to the temple" or "You shouldn't enter the kitchen" are said so casually to any girl during periods. While these may look like small things and do not appear to have any significant outcome at the surface, the truth is that these statements can have repercussions much larger than they appear to be. Such statements constantly remind a girl of being





# GT Picture it Photo Contest

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## flavours of india

From hot and spicy chhole bhatures to steamed tender idlis; from crispy samosas to sugar dripping gulab jamun; from the street food of Chandni Chowk to fine dining at Lodhi Colony; India offers something for every palate, a flavour for every taste bud. And what better way to celebrate India's independence than celebrating the myriad tastes it has offered to the world. We present to you all the scrumptious flavours of India captured by the young lensmen of Amity on the occasion of Independence Day.



1st

*The solace on a chilly winter morning*



Pulkit Gandher, Sem V, ASCO, AUUP



3rd

*A drop of deliciousness*



Kunal Ahuja  
AIS PV, XI D



3rd

*Preparation of joy*



Dhruv Arora  
AIS Noida, XI H



2nd

*Flipping with finesse*



Dakshesh Bharal  
AIS Pushp Vihar, XI E



Special Mention

*The making of the magic potion*



Ishika Dutta, AIS Pushp Vihar, XI A



Special Mention

*The spices of life*



Tanishqa Jain  
AIS MV, XII G



Special Mention

*Sumptuously sizzling*



Nandika Kumar  
AIS Saket, XII G



*A bite to devour*



Aryaman Sen  
AIS Vas 6, X D



*The heart of the nation*



Radhya S., AIS Gur 43, VIII D





*The platter full of satisfaction*



Ghanisht Jain  
AIS Gur 46, X G



*Let me tikka look*



Kartik Pruthi, AIS MV, XI F



*Served with love*



Saksham Jain, AIS MV, VI A



*A twisted delicacy*



Nidhi Kokaḡwar, AIS Gur 46, IX G



*Roll 'n' crēme over food*



Sansita Dewani, AIS PV, IX A



*Maa ke haath ka pyar*



Koyal Das  
AIS Gur 43, VIII D



*Chatkara with shots*



Nishika Saxena  
AIS Noida, I H



*Say G! Say F! Say G!*



Nishita Gusain  
ASFA, AVUP



*Sun's out, buns out*



Aayushi Singh  
AIS Jagdishpur, VIII A



*A treat for the eyes*



AVANI GOEL, AIS VKC, VII A



*Chatpat and jhatpat*



Pyasvni Sharma  
AIS Vas 1, IX D



*The sweet circle of life*



Anaaya Mehendiratta  
AIS Vas 6, II C



*The 'tea' in contentment*



Daḡsh Agrawal, AIS MV, VIII B



*Sweetness overloaded*



Osho Maheshwari  
AIS Noida, IV G



*Happiness comes in round shapes*



Shubhankar Sarangi  
AIS Saket, IX B



*The colours of taste*



Kshitiz Saxena, AIS Vas 1, XII B



*The perfect combination*



Kunjal Sharma, AIS Noida, XII I

**Judge**

An alumnus of prestigious College of Art, University of Delhi, Neerajj Mitra is a much acclaimed multi-dimensional artist with an exemplary art career spanning over 30 years. He has created his own unique language of art and has set numerous trends in photography, sculpture, paintings and design thinking.

Neerajj Mitra, EduArtist, Art Curator, Design Innovator and Interior Designer





The area of Mumbai was once a group of seven islands that were later united to form Greater Mumbai.



Maidan Mumbai

# India arrives...this time on the moon

# Chandrayaan 2

India has now become the fourth country in the world to successfully initiate a rover mission to the moon. This indigenous mission displays the technological advancements of our country. Let's take a look at all that matters in Chandrayaan-2 launch.

## The unknown

Chandrayaan-2's lander and rover are targeted for a location about 600 kilometers (375 miles) from the lunar south pole, making India the first nation to achieve this feat. The rover will explore the surface of moon for one lunar day or fourteen earth days. This will make us the first ones to see and to show to the world the darker side of the moon.



## Timeline

**July 22, 2019 at 14:43 (IST)**

GSLV MK III carrying Chandrayaan 2 spacecraft weighing 3290 kg was launched from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, India. The spacecraft comprises of an orbiter, lander and a rover.

**July 22, 2019 at 14:58 (IST)**

Approximately 16 minutes after lift-off, Chandrayaan-2 separated from Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle Mark III (GSLV MK III) rocket and was successfully placed in the Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO).

## Abandoned dream

ISRO signed an agreement with Russia in 2007 to launch Chandrayaan-2 in 2013. Then Russian lander's construction was delayed after the December 2011 failure of Roscosmos' Phobos-Grunt mission to the Martian moon, Phobos. Subsequently, Russia pulled out of the agreement citing financial issues, leaving the project in limbo. Hence, what couldn't be achieved collaboratively has been achieved single handedly now.



**August 14, 2019 at 02:21 (IST)**

Three weeks after its launch, Chandrayaan 2 left the earth's orbit after completing the Trans Lunar Injection maneuver operation and is safely headed towards the moon now.

**It will reach the moon's orbit on August 20 and is expected to make a soft landing on its south pole on September 7.**

## Inexpensive brilliance

Chandrayaan-2's total cost is 978 crore INR including 603 crore INR mission cost and 375 crore INR for its launch and the GSLV MK III rocket, translating to 140 million USD. This makes Chandrayaan-2 way cheaper compared to extravagant US Apollo Missions that cost over 25 billion USD. China also spent 8.5 billion USD in its 2017 Moon Mission. This shows that our scientists worked hard enough to keep the capital investment low.



## Woman power

This mission was led by two women scientists of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). Muthayya Vanitha was leading the Chandrayaan-2 mission and Ritu Karidhal was working as mission director. It is for the first time in the history of this country that a space program of such high sensitivity is being led by female scientists and that too, to the zen of excellence.



## A tribute

"When Vikram Lander would land on the moon next month, it will be a befitting tribute from 130 crore citizens of India to Dr Vikram Sarabhai."

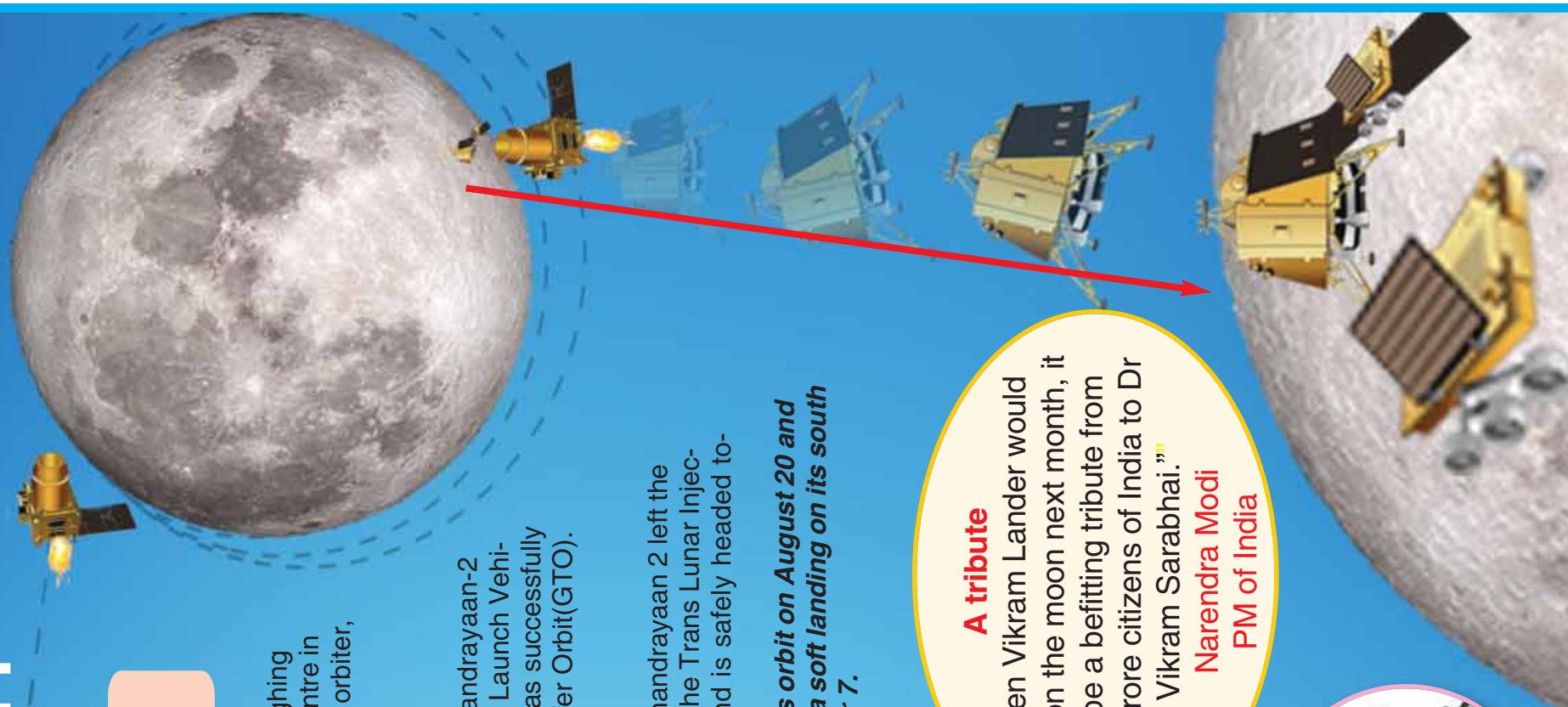
**Narendra Modi**  
PM of India



Picture courtesy: ISRO



ISRO scientists carrying India's first communication satellite APPLE on bullock cart in 1981.







Dharavi, a slum in Mumbai, is the largest slum in the world, spread over an area of 535 acres.

# Certificate of honesty

Illustration: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network



## Wisdom tale

Sanvi Mohapatra

AIS Gurugram 43, VI

Once upon a time, there was a king named Narendra Dev. He was blessed with a beautiful baby boy after many years of penance. The king was so happy on having a son that he decided to give away 10 kgs worth of flour to every household in the kingdom. The next day, all the people of the kingdom received bags full of flour. Among these people was a poor but honest labourer called Shyam. He was happy

knowing that his family wouldn't have to starve for the next few days. Upon reaching home, he excitedly opened the bag, only to find two gold coins gleaming on the top. "I must return these to the king," Shyam told his wife. "Don't be foolish. If destiny has put a little money in our hands, then why should we return it?" she asked. Shyam, who could not bear the thought of being dishonest, replied, "It will wrong if we don't return what's not ours. I will go back to the palace tomorrow and return it to the king.."

So, Shyam set out to return the coins the very next day. He reached the palace, where he told the king about the gold coins that he had accidentally found in his bag of flour. King Narendra Dev was so pleased with Shyam's honesty that he gave him a thousand gold coins as a reward for his honesty. Shyam was overjoyed. Soon, the tale of his honesty spread like wildfire, and reached the ears of a crooked merchant called Raju.

Raju was delighted at the thought of a thousand gold coins and hatched a plan. Dressed up

Shyam was overjoyed. Soon, the tale of his honesty spread like wildfire and reached the ears of a crooked merchant named Raju.

as a poor man, he went to the king. On meeting the king, he presented him with a bag full of flour and ten gold coins. Sheepishly, he said, "I found these coins in my bag and wanted to return them to you."

Now, king Narendra Dev was very generous, but also very intelligent. He found something tricky about Raju's story. The king's suspicions were confirmed when he spotted a diamond ring on the merchant's finger. "Very good," said the king, "your honesty must be acknowledged!" Hearing this, Raju was convinced that he would receive at least 5000 gold coins for showing such honesty. But the king turned to his royal advisor and said, "Issue a letter of honesty to this man, stating that he is the most honest person in the entire kingdom."

The poor merchant was left with no option, but to accept the certificate and give up even his own gold coins.

**So what did you learn today?**  
**Honesty is always rewarded**



## Homemade jewelry

Eva Singh & Kartikey Nath, AIS Vasundhara 1, VI

### Material required

- Wool in different colours
- Buckram paper
- Fabric glue
- Sewing needle
- A pair of scissors
- Pom-pom balls
- Two thin hoop earrings

### Method

- Take three strands of thick wool of different colours. Knot the three together at one end and braid them.
- Secure the other end also in a knot. Make three braids in the same manner.
- Draw a large 'C' on a buckram paper and cut it out for the base of the necklace.
- Stick the braids next to each other in the centre of the 'C' shaped cut-out using the fabric glue.
- Paste the readymade pom pom balls lining the edge of the topmost braid.
- Now, pierce a needle with yellow coloured wool and pass it through the third braid loop by loop.
- Take wool of any colour and cut strings of length equal to your longest finger.
- Paste one end of the string below the lowest braid, so that the other end is free and looks like a tassel.
- For the earrings, wrap wool around the hoop earrings and hang the pom pom balls on each hoop to finish.
- Your DIY homemade necklace set is ready!

## Riddle Fiddle

Shreya Chakrabarty  
AIS MV, VII

1. Which table can be eaten?
2. Which alphabet has lots of water in it?
3. What do we buy to eat but don't actually eat it?
4. What begins with T ends with T and has T in it?
5. What kind of a tree can you carry in your hand?
6. What can you ask a person many times and get a different answer each time?

Answer: 1. Vegetable 2. The letter 'C' 3. Plate 4. Teapot 5. Palm tree 6. "What is the time?"

## POEMS

### A litter of limericks

Akshat Aggarwal  
AIS Saket, V B

Pancakes were cooking in a pan  
But I don't think I'm a fan  
And when I turned around  
I quickly pushed the pan down  
And cooked eggs in another pan



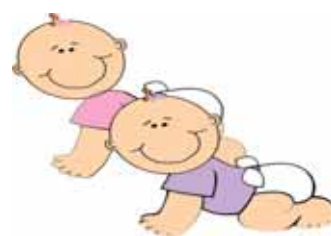
There was an old man  
Who hit me with a can  
When I broke his favourite pot  
How to save myself I thought  
I tickled the man and ran



When I was reading a book  
I read about captain hook  
He was sailing a ship  
His iron hook had a pointed tip  
He lost at the end of the book



When I went to a mall  
I saw a red coloured shawl  
And I tore it by mistake  
With a start I came awake  
I dreamt I went to a mall



There was a cute little boy  
Playing with a cute little toy  
When I saw him sitting there  
I told him he has very soft hair  
He told me his name was Roy



I looked out a window glass  
I spotted a blue coloured flask  
Stepped on the land a hound  
Crushing the flask to the ground  
I saw glass break through glass



When father heard my limericks  
He laughed so hard he fell sick  
I gave a tablet to cure him  
And a chocolate to please him  
He told me they were slick.

## It's Me



### KNOW ME BETTER!

My name: Divina Pamnani  
My Class: KG E  
My school: AIS Noida  
Born on: January 7, 2015

### MY FAVOURITES

Book: Motu Patlu  
Game: Football  
Mall: Logix mall  
Food: Samosa  
Teacher: Poonam ma'am  
Poem: Hum Bharat ke rehne wale  
Subject: Math

### ABOUT ME

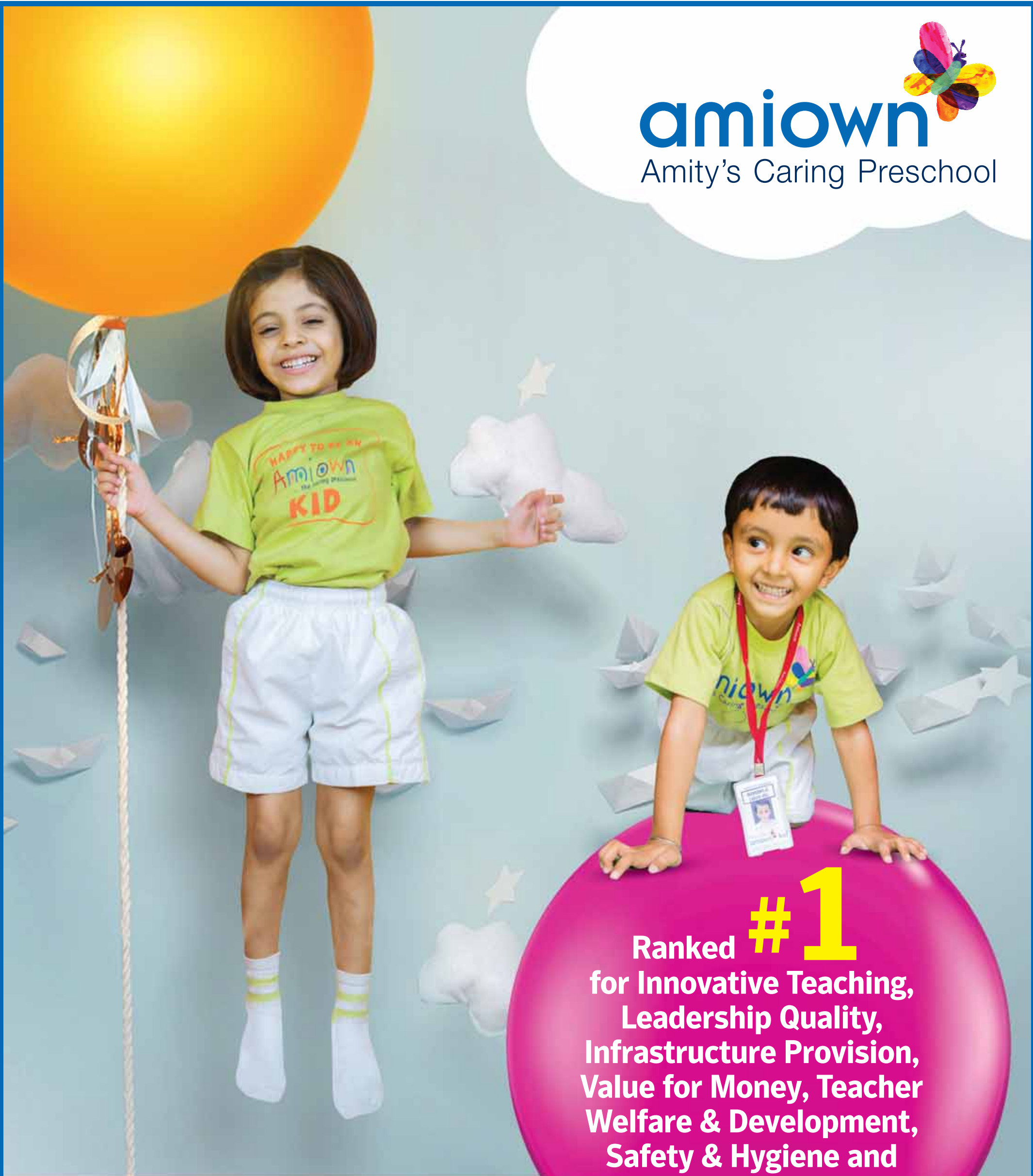
Role Model: My parents  
Best Friend: Reet  
I like: Watching cartoon Motu Patlu  
I dislike: Loud sound  
I want to become: A painter  
I want to feature in GT because: It's my favourite newspaper. It tells us everything. I love The Global Times.

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AIS Vas 1, IV A







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# YRoNS 2019@Amity

## An International Symposium Of Science & Culture



Team YRoNS from India at the opening ceremony of YRoNS at AIS Amsterdam



Delegates from Amity with the Mayor of Amstelveen

### YRoNS Fact Sheet

**What:** 12th YRoNS (Young Researchers in Natural Science)  
**Where:** Amity International School, Amstelveen, Amsterdam  
**When:** April 9-11, 2019  
**Who:** 7 nations (46 students) including Hungary, Netherlands, France, Germany, Norway, Slovenia and India  
**Theme:** World of colours-the function, sensation, utilisation of pigments and dyes in natural sciences

### Projects from India

- Sustainable development through fertile newspaper printed with natural ink by Vivaan Taneja (X) & Ananya Agrawal (IX) AIS Saket and Nalin Jayaswal (IX) AIS Pushp Vihar
- Assessing plant growth under artificial light of different colours by Sreemoyee Chatterjee (IX) & Henaysha Chhabra (VIII) AIS Noida
- Chromatography in forensic science by Krish Talwar & Shivain Gupta (IX) AIS Noida, Mrinal Sharma (XI) AIS MV and Vedant Swain (XI) AIS Gur-46

### AERC

Amity International School, Amstelveen, Amsterdam, the youngest school abroad in the chain of Amity Group of Schools, proudly hosted the 12th YRoNS (Young Researchers in Natural Science) from April 9-11, 2019. Budding scientists from around the globe, observed the world of colours through the prism of science, exploring the chemistry of colours and understanding physics of light both of which together make the life on

this planet happen.

The conference hosted by Amity Group of Schools for the third time was organised under the aegis of Amity Educational Resource Centre (AERC), an initiative of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF to provide world class opportunities to learn and grow. Nine Amityans from Amity Group of Schools took part in the symposium. Before leaving for Amsterdam the Indian team sought the blessings of Chairperson and also met the Ambassador of Netherlands

in India, HE Marten van der Berg. They interacted with him and discussed about Indo Dutch relationship. On April 9, 2019 YRoNS opened to a grand ceremony with Jolanda van der Aart, senior manager, Indo Dutch Business Relations as the chief guest and Jane van Kampen Zoutendijk, head, Economic Affairs, Amstelveen as the keynote speaker. School principal David Porritt, AIS Amstelveen extended a warm welcome to all the participating delegates. The opening ceremony was followed by project presentations

and sharing of innovative ideas. A total of 18 projects on topics ranging from natural dyeing substances and their impact on the taste of food by the team from Germany to colourful waste management by the team from Norway were presented by the teams. The though provoking project presentation concluded with all the student delegates and faculty members being felicitated with medals and certificates. To make the conference more interesting, an open house conversation with the Mayor of Amstelveen, HE Bas Eenhoorn at

the City Hall and an international cultural festival was organised. During the festival, students from different nations spoke about their culture and cuisines. The highlight was Polka dance by Slovenian team, mellifluous songs presentation by French team and a foot tapping dance number by Henaysha from Indian delegation. During the three day sojourn, the delegates took a canal cruise to the city, visited places such as Miropia, Artis Zoo, Nemo Science

museum, Keukenhof, Maudrodam and the Goat Farm. The journey concluded with delegates visiting The Hague and meeting Indian Ambassador HE Venu Rajamony at the Indian Embassy in Netherlands. The conference not only gave the participants a platform to showcase scientific minds but also made them interact with people from myriad cultures, learn to respect diversities and nurturing them to become global responsible citizens. 🇮🇳

## Cyberfestival For Every IT Wizard

### AIS Mayur Vihar

Alina Ahmad, IX A Aarushi Aggarwal, X C AIS Mayur Vihar



Young IT enthusiasts participate in Cybercon

Metaverse, the 'Cyber Society' of the school organised its 5th cyberfest titled 'Cybercon' on August 1, 2019. More than 180 young IT wizards participated in a total of nine closely contested competitions which required good knowledge of skills like web designing, virtual gaming, photography, etc. The competition began with lamp lighting ceremony by school principal Meenu Kanwar followed by a video introduction of the 'Greatest IT Cyberfest - Cybercon' by Metaverse. As the

google personal assistant Alexa announced the names of the organising team members, the Metaverse team stood smartly on stage all set to launch the event. Various competitions held in cybercon included Tempus (HTML), OnePlusZero (Programming), Surpr!se event, InQUIZitive (Quiz), Design Protocol (PPT), Junior events (Scratch, Logo, Tux Paint, Photoshop) and Kodachrome (Photography). The fest saw a plethora of cyber events for students to showcase their IT skills. 🇮🇳

## A day at university

### Students Visit AUMP To Explore Horizons

### AIS Gwalior

A visit to Amity University Madhya Pradesh (AUMP) was held for 107 students of Class VI-X from August 1-2, 2019 with an objective to introduce them to the resources and study opportunities available at the university. On the first day of the visit, students were shown around the chemistry, biotechnology and physics labs. The visit ignited curiosity and gave students an opportunity to conduct experiments and understand the working principles of concepts and tools like tissue cultures, microscopes, radio



Students visit AUMP campus

waves. They also asked questions related to the experiments that were demonstrated. During the second day, they visited

ASCO department as well as the Moot Court where they got to see the live simulation of the working of court. 🇮🇳

## Ignited Spirits 2019 Annual Theatrical Extravaganza At Amity

### AIS Pushp Vihar

The ninth edition of 'Ignited Spirits', an annual inter-school theatre fest was held from May 3-4, 2019. A total of 23 teams from different schools of Delhi/NCR participated in the competition. The participants were divided into two categories ie junior (Class VI-VIII) and senior (Class IX-XII). The theme for seniors was 'Contemporary adaptation of The Canterbury Tales' and for juniors was 'Contemporary punch to the Panchtantra' AIS Gurugram 46 lifted the overall rolling trophy. In senior category, AIS Pushp Vihar, AIS Saket



AIS Gurugram 46 lifts the rolling trophy at the fest

and AIS Gurugram 46 bagged the first, second and third position respectively. In junior category, AIS Pushp Vihar won the first prize followed by AIS Gurugram 46 and AIS Gurugram 43 at the second and third position respec-

tively. Samaya Chauhan of AIS PV and Advay Singh Raghav of AIS Gur 46 bagged the award for 'Best Actors' in junior category while in the senior category it went to Noor Chawla of AIS Pushp Vihar. 🇮🇳

## Independence week celebration

### Me and My Nation

### AIS Jagdishpur

School celebrated Independence week from August 6-9, 2019 during which the entire campus was decorated in tricolour flags and art works prepared by the students. Students from Class Nursery-XI participated in various inter house and inter class competitions like face painting, fancy dress competition, speech on topic 'Mere Sapno Ka Bharat', poem writing, tri colour salad making, tri colour dishes, creative writing, poster making and essay writing on an inspiring woman leader, rangoli making, etc. Tiny tots from the primary classes gave a musical presentation of patriotic songs. A power point presentation on Indian



Children make tricolour flags

freedom fighters, documentary on Mangalyaan, doodle art and street play was also organised during for all the classes the week. Students from different houses also decorated their class bulletin boards with information related to independence movement of India. 🇮🇳



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All top quotes contributed by Saksham Jain, AIS Gur 46, V



# The raj of Swaraj

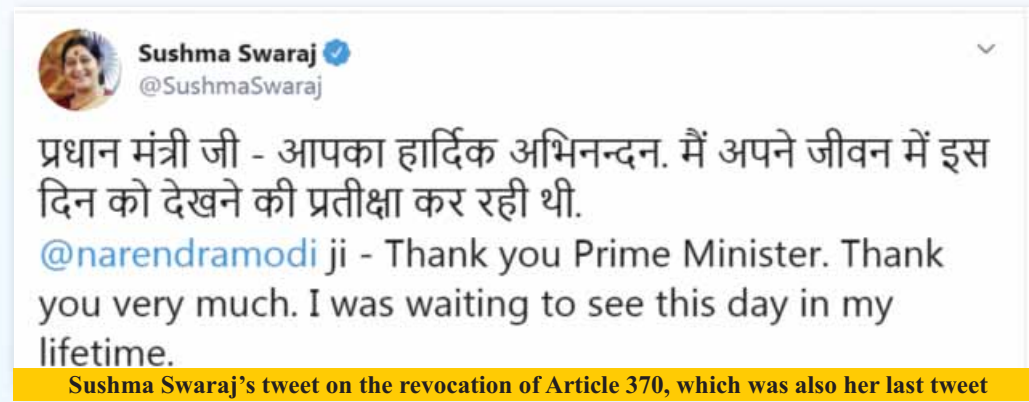
## Tweeting Our Love For The Minister Who Gave Love And Made Us Laugh

Loveena Garg, GT Network

When someone like Sushma Swaraj passes away and we try to remember all the good she did for us, it is not tears that wet our eyes rather smiles that grace our faces. Sushma Swaraj was a woman of many firsts—youngest cabinet minister and first full-time woman foreign minister to name a few. However, it was her reign on the microblogging site Twitter that often made news. From queries pertaining to visas to bizarre requests, she addressed it all in her signature style. We bring you some tweets by her that are worth remembering.

“Media - Pl avoid the headline: ‘Sushma skips Oath Ceremony’”

In 2016, she was unable to attend the swearing-in of ministers and tweeted about the same. That she also took a subtle dig at media with the aforementioned tweet was the talk of the day. When journalist Barkha Dutt taunted by tweeting ‘tweets are rather killer’, ‘...and so are the headlines’ was Swaraj’s reply!



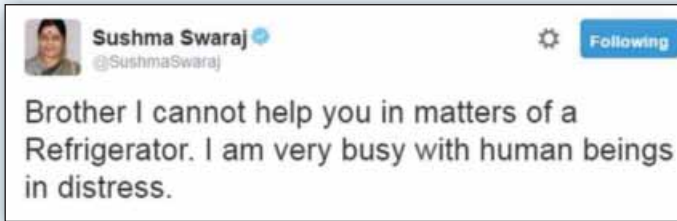
Sushma Swaraj's tweet on the revocation of Article 370, which was also her last tweet

“There is no problem. After becoming Foreign Minister, I have learnt to follow English of all accents and grammar.”

A resident of Punjab was mocked by Twitterati for his broken English while asking for help from her to bring his sick friend back to India. Swaraj came to his defence, leaving the bashers feeling embarrassed.

“The computer is guilty of separating you. But don't worry. We will send you both in the same batch.”

When a man requested her to let him take the Mansarovar Yatra with his wife who had been allotted a different batch from him, this was her reply. While we can conclude that she was all



the things good in the world, no one said that good things cannot be witty. Bad computer!

“Brother I cannot help you in matters of a refrigerator. I am very busy with human beings in distress.”

Majority of India is full of wise people. The rest is filled with not so wise ones. A man found it okay to cry about his refrigerator on Twitter. He also thought it would be a good idea to tag a

minister in his rants. You know what they say about responding to stupidity with sass. That's exactly what Sushma Swaraj did.

“I am so sorry. Please take your car to a workshop.”

Also, from that other part we were just talking about came a man who tweeted about the problems he was facing with his Volkswagen. In his defense, it was a brand-new car that gave up on him! Surely minister also



means mechanic. Sushma Swaraj could not resist replying to him. We can only imagine her deadpan face while writing this.

“I will have to consult the volcano there.”

I do swear in the name of God to help Indians against natural calamities. Sounds outrageous, right? Apparently, a man going on a trip to Bali had no idea that

ministers do not promise protection against ‘God’s act’ for he tweeted at Sushma Swaraj asking whether it was safe to travel at that moment. Honestly this one was just asking for it!

That’s not all our foreign minister was famous for, but this is definitely one of the reasons why you’ll be sorely missed by everyone, our ‘Twitter minister.’

# The stolen dictionary

## The Tale Of The Words Who Went Overseas

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Hindi was tired; it was tired of always being overshadowed by its foreign cousin – English. One day, exasperated, Hindi decided to take the matter in her own hands. She accused English of always looking down on her and stealing her bright ideas. As expected, English dismissed the accusations. Hindi remained tight lipped, but presented English with the following list.

### JUGGERNAUT

/dʒʌɡəˈnɔːt/ Noun

A huge, powerful and overwhelming force. The word has its roots in “Jagannath” which means ‘king of the world’.

### LOOT

/luːt/ Noun

Stealing valuable things during a time of riot or war generally by raiders. Also, derived from the same Hindi word, which is a homophone of its English counterpart.

### SHAMPOO

/ʃɑːmˈpuː/ Noun

Sure, it’s a liquid preparation for washing hair but very few know that it actually originates from ‘champoo’ which means head massage in India.

### BUNGALOW

/'bʌŋɡələʊ/ Noun

A low house having only one storey or, in some cases, upper rooms set in the roof, typically with dormer windows. Everyone knows that it is derived from the word “bungla” which means a big house.

### MAHOUT

/məˈhɑʊt/ Noun

The original word being ‘Mahavat’, this means the person who rides the elephant. Looks like there wasn’t much effort done to change the word.

### CHEETAH

/'tʃiːtə/ Noun

The long legged cat from Africa, which is known for its speed, owes India for its name. The name which originates from the Hindi word, ‘Cita’ means speckled or variegated just like the animal’s yellow and white fur coat decorated with black spots.

### GURU

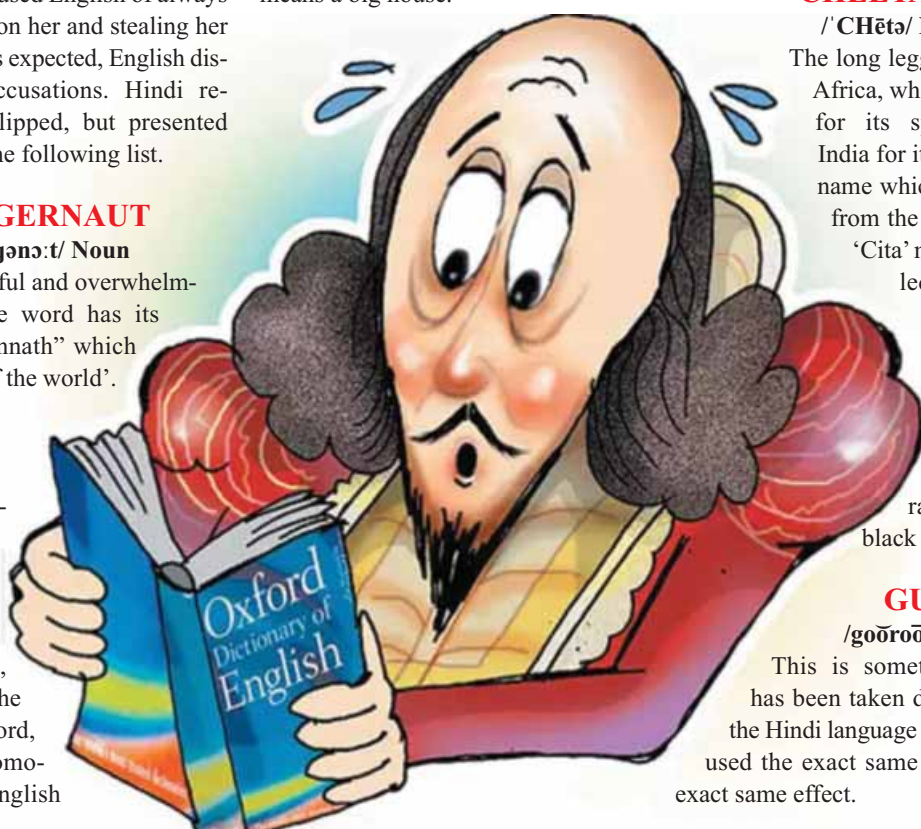
/ɡʊrʊ/ Noun

This is something which has been taken directly from the Hindi language and has been used the exact same way for the exact same effect.

### CHIT

/tʃɪt/ Noun

Taking its origins from ‘chitthi’, this word means a small piece of paper. While the original word meant a letter, chit is used for pieces of paper we pass around in class. 📄



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