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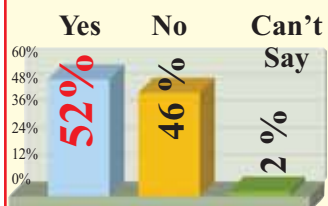
a) Yes b) No c) Can't say

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POLL RESULT

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Do you think it was fair to declare England as the winner of ICC World Cup 2019 trophy?



Results as on August 3, 2019

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Heat (wave) of the moment

The World Watches, As Global Warming Bakes Europe This Summer

Lakshya Dube, GT Network

"Climate change is no longer some far-off problem; it is happening here, it is happening now."

- Barack Obama

2019 has been the year of records - whether it was the frivolous ones where a photo of an egg became the most liked picture on Instagram with 30.5 million likes (yes, it was just a normal egg!) or the more noble ones where 633 Florida scuba divers came together for the world's largest ocean cleanup event. And then there were other records that set the temperatures soaring, literally! Belgium set a national record by hitting an all-time high temperature of 41.8° C, Luxembourg stood at 40.8° C, France at 46° C and so did many other European countries. The era of sweet summers for Europe had come to an end. Scorching summers was the new chapter. And that's just the tip of the iceberg (melting, of course) being profoundly addressed at the moment as 'European heatwave'.

35° C...you call that hot?

Well, well, well! 35° C is good news for the Indian bravehearts who've put up with a sveltering 50° C. And just so you know, same is the case with 80% of the world population, who is accustomed

to temperatures. But not for our dear Europeans. England, where people are used to average annual temperature of 15 degree Celsius saw an excessive rise up to 38 degree Celsius. Now, this should explain why air conditioning in their country does not make it to the list of *roti, kapda, makan*. So, when temperatures blow through the roof, and there's no AC to provide solace and comfort, things are sure to go the bonkers way.

Ok. It's hot...so what?

Heat can sometimes mean more than having to fan yourself or dry off those little beads of sweat. Excessive heat can sometimes lead to wildfires. Greenland is on fire, so is Russia and Spain. Fifteen thousand acres of forest in Spain have been lost to wildfires owing to increasing temperatures. Your tour de France had to be stalled owing to the record breaking heat. On a less dangerous level, Europe is dealing with transportation problems. Same roads that

were blocked due to snow few months ago in England and Germany are now melting in heat. Rail tracks are heating and expanding which is leading to more transportation problems. Europe tourism has taken a hit too. Multiple deaths have been reported in the latest heatwave. Commuters on Paris Metro system were reported to have fainted. Health issues are running rampant. And this, my friend, is just the beginning. Heatwaves are not uncommon for the world, but according to weather experts, they are being amplified by a huge rise in global temperatures and are likely to become more frequent - one of the more predictable impacts of our warming climate.

What makes it so hot?

The heatwaves occur across Northern Europe when high atmospheric pressure draws up hot air from Northern Africa, Portugal and Spain, raising temperatures and increasing humidity. Clear skies added with strength of the sunshine are further increasing temperatures. The heat domes that find its strength from the Sahara desert hung over Europe all summer this year. Now what caused European heatwave and what amplified it is a matter of debate for weather experts from all over the globe.

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Ayurveda: A way of life

Dr Devendra Triguna Shows An Alternative Way

Pic: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network



Rimjhim Sayana, XII D & Tarini Pathak, XII C, AIS Noida

Ayurveda is a priceless gift of India to the world. Upholding the sanctity of this gift is Dr Devendra Triguna, who has changed many lives with his expertise in *Nadi Vaidyam*. A former honorary physician to the President of India, he has been awarded with the fourth-highest civilian award, the Padma Shri in 1999 and also the third-highest honour of the

Padma Bhushan in 2009. He is the incumbent president of the Association of Manufacturers of Ayurvedic Medicine (AMAM) and the All India Ayurvedic Congress (AIAC). GT reporters caught up with him for an interview during his visit to AUUP for Convocation 2018, where he was bestowed with an honorary doctorate. We bring you excerpts.

Health, passion and way of life

A large number of people believe Ayurveda to only be a field of medicine, but, in reality, Ayurveda is a way of life. It focuses not only on curing diseases, but preventing them too. It teaches its followers how to live a healthy life without depending on medicines. The art-form believes that the daily routine, seasonal changes, etc., affect an average human. Ayurveda



Dr Devendra Triguna with GT reporters

teaches people how to balance all the aspects of life for holistic living.

Awards, honours and ideologies

Awards and recognition shouldn't be on your list of things to worry about; the focus should always be serving humanity. A commercial mind won't do as much good to the society as a compassionate heart will. The entire premise of the medical profession should be devoid of commercialisation and should rather be focused on serving people.

Accomplishments, fame and success

India is a country where no matter how many new medical technologies might be introduced, Ayurveda will never lose its place and significance. Today, there are various bodies working towards the betterment of the field, such as AYUSH, Central Council for Research in Ayurveda, The All India Institute for Ayurveda and numerous research councils. It is the combined effort of all these organisations that today, almost 45 countries apart from India are active in

practice and research of Ayurveda.

Technology, awareness and balance

The modern medical diagnostic tools available to us are extremely helpful and should be used to their full extent. But areas like *Nadi Vaidyam* (pulse diagnosis in layman terms) can only be learnt through experience, practice, research and study of body's *prakriti* and natural system. The need of the hour is to work towards creating a combination of both the modern as well as the traditional methods of medicine.

Inspiration, admiration and vision

Amity universe without any doubt is one of the best educational institutes the world has to offer. The work it is doing towards creating future leaders is exemplary because I know it is the vision of Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe to see young students make India proud and achieve laurels. I just hope that one day I will witness many doctors of Ayurveda graduating from Amity University.

Dr Devendra Triguna, incumbent president, Association of Ayurvedic Medicine & All India Ayurvedic Congress

As per Socio Census 2011, rural adult literacy rate in india is 67.8%.



Illustration

Around The WORLD

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



FRANCE

Discovery of giant dinosaur bone

Recently, French paleontologists excavated a 140 million years old femur bone of a dinosaur in the southwestern part of the country. Roman Allain, paleontologist of National History Museum of Paris, said that the two metre long bone belonged to a herbivorous dinosaur called Sauropod and that the bone was a major discovery because of its excellent state of preservation.

HUNGARY

Selfie museum becomes a hit

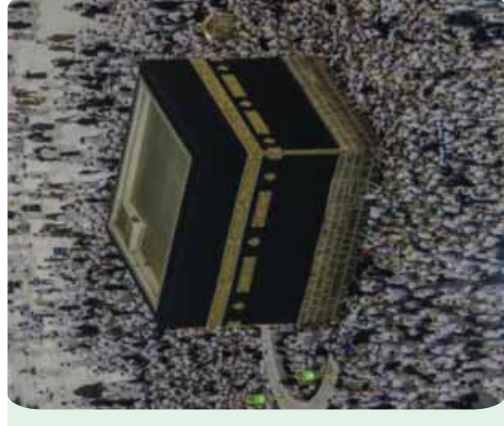
Museum of Sweets and Selfies, Budapest, the first of its kind in Europe, has turned into one of the most popular tourist attractions in the capital. The exhibition rooms, adorned with pink ceilings, banana swings, etc., allow the tourists to pose and click selfies and photos inside the museum. Since its inception in December 2018, this museum has attracted more than 30,000 visitors.



SWITZERLAND

Rare wine festival begins

Vevey, a town in Switzerland, began its once-in-a-generation wine festival 'Fête des Vignerons'. The festivity, which started in 1797, to highlight the winemakers and their work in vineyards, is celebrated once in every 20 years.



SAUDI ARABIA

Govt denies Hajj visas

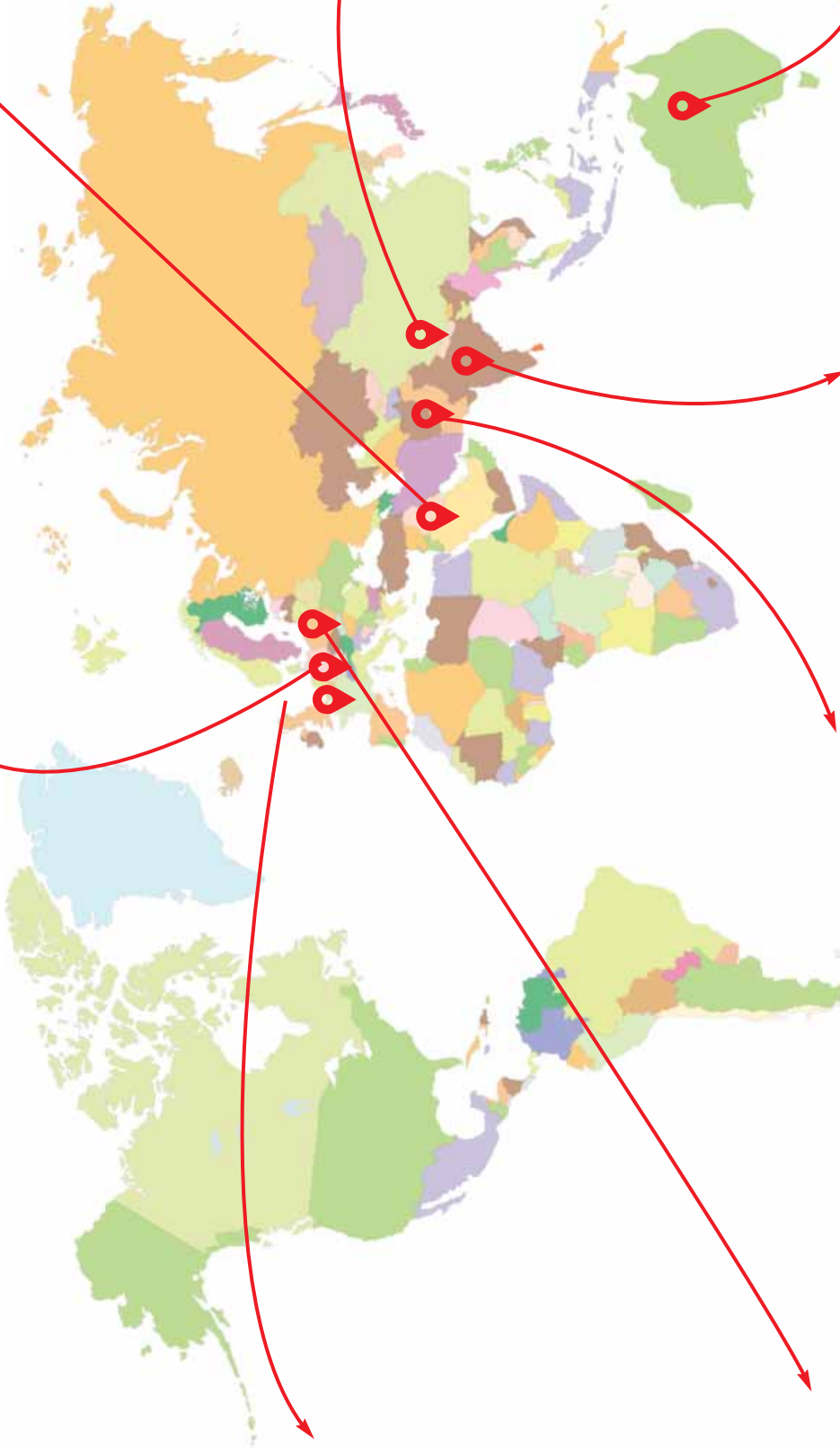
Due to the recurrence of Ebola virus in the Republic of Congo, the Saudi Ministry of Foreign Affairs has decided to ban entry to any tourist from the country, fearing that the deadly outbreak might spread during the upcoming Hajj pilgrimage and largely affect the tourism. Muslims account for three percent of the total population in Congo.



NEPAL

67 districts of the country inundated

Heavy monsoon rains have triggered floods and landslides in the capital, Kathmandu, leading to the death of over a hundred people. It has been reported that around 40 people have also gone missing. The country has sought help from international agencies to aid in preventing possible water-borne diseases and also provide proper healthcare services to the affected.



INDIA

Tiger count increases by 33%

On the occasion of International Tiger Day, PM Narendra Modi released All India Tiger Estimate - 2018 and informed that India is now one of the safest habitats for Tigers. The new estimate states that the country is now home to 76% of the world's total tiger population. The number of tigers in the country have increased to 2967 from what was 2226 in the year 2014.



PAKISTAN

Ancient Hindu temple reopens

A 1000-year old Hindu temple, called Shwala Teja Singh was reopened in Sialkot, for the first time since partition. This happened following a demand of the local Hindus. The temple was closed due to the absence of Hindu population in the area and was also damaged during the Babri Masjid riots in 1992.



AUSTRALIA

Survey reveals rise in poverty

Household, Income and Labour Dynamics Survey, an annual survey conducted by Melbourne University disclosed that the proportion of people living below poverty line in the country has increased in 2017 from 9.6% to 10.4%. Experts believe that this surge is likely due to a change in the country's welfare policies.



News Flash

► **Britain:** As heat wave gripped the country, it recorded its hottest day after its temperature reached 38.7 Celsius in eastern England ► **Spain:** The National Court of Spain has accused the second largest bank of the country, Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria (BBVA) of corruption ► **USA:** NASA to send first woman and next man on moon by the year 2024



In the year 2014-15 the school dropout rate was 4.03% in upper primary level.

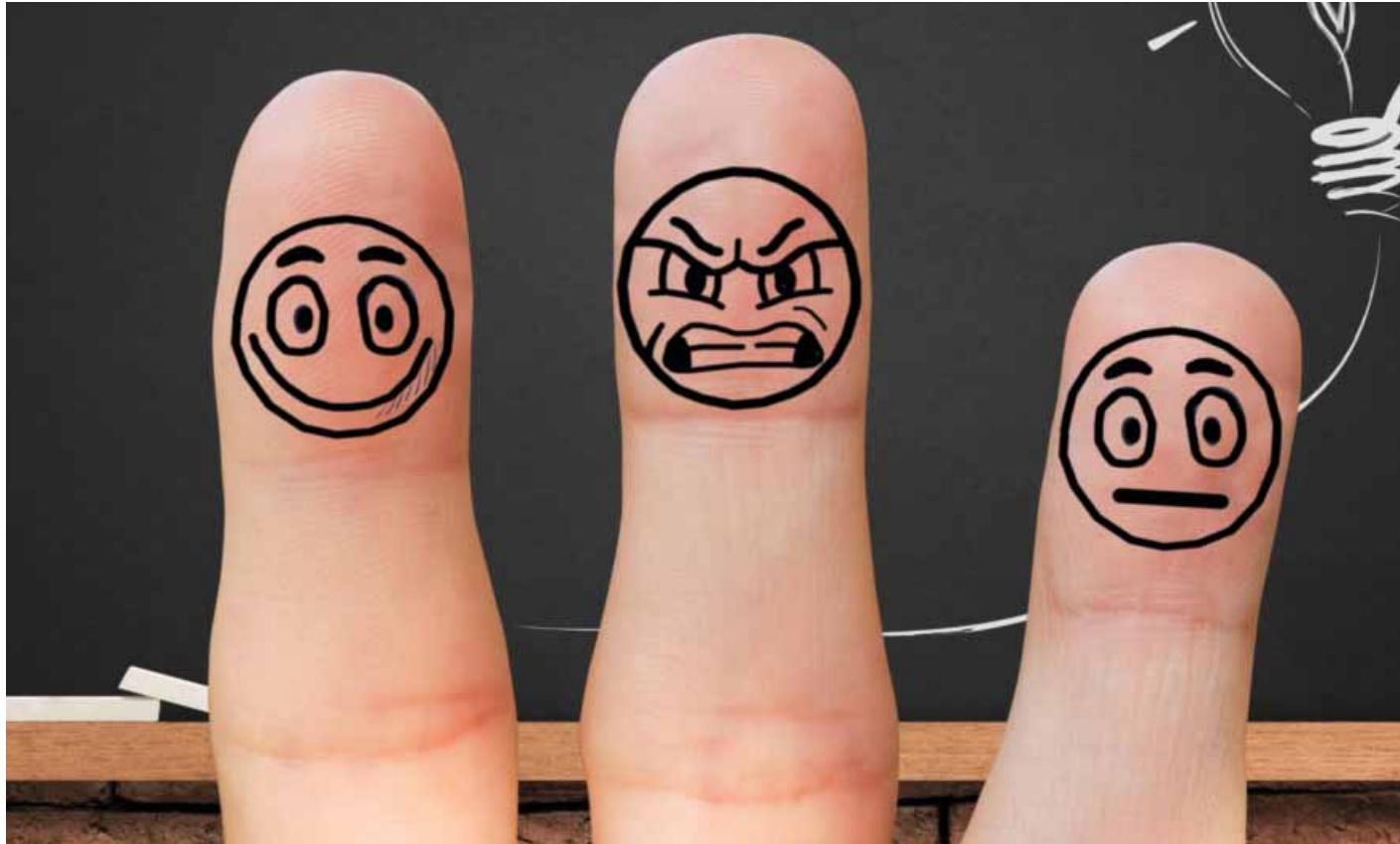
Don't test my season

To The Seasonal Moods Of The One Who Is A Thunderstorm Herself!

Imaging: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network

Khushi Saxena
AIS Noida, XII I

She wakes up to the loud alarm, with the thought of taking on the many challenges that her students might throw her way. She is, after all, a teacher. With a mind as fresh as a flower and a dupatta dancing in the air like a daffodil, she gets ready for the next six hours of breeze, unaware of what lies ahead to sway her spring away. The bell rings, indicating the beginning of her first class. Her happiness blossoms as she replies to every 'Good morning, ma'am', with a wide smile on her face. The sun in her garden shines peacefully and blissfully. But as we must accept it, all good things must come to an end, sooner or later. And so they do, as the students begin to chit-chat amongst themselves, not paying attention to her lesson. The sun in her garden grows excruciatingly warm as the students run to take cover. The flowers begin to wither and the land goes dry and barren whilst she reprimands the students for making the classroom seem more like a fish market. Her schedule is filled up with classes, with no umbrella or raincoat to protect her. All left for her to do is to step into the classroom



and hope that the students do nothing to unleash the thunderstorm inside her. But obviously, it is too late! One after the other, the students pile up on her; one class being too sleepy or too disinterested! She rains lecture upon lecture on the students as she tells them to quiet down and pay attention. Her time-table finally glows with

a free period, and it feels like Christmas! In the coldness of the world, she dreams of sitting cosily in the staff room with a steaming cup of tea. The cold air in the atmosphere suddenly becomes too frigid as she looks at her table filled to the brim with unchecked notebooks. All her hopes are dampened as she is surrounded by assign-

ments written in untidy handwriting and incorrect answers. Every page looks like a dance battle between ants and some as if nothing was done but just blue ink smudged all over the sheet of paper. A chill runs down her spine just by looking at the modern art that her students had made in their math notebooks. To clear some of the fog in her

mind, she moves on to the notebooks which are scribbled with beautiful calligraphy. With the ring of the final bell, she leaves the building, wanting to never enter it again. And then, the next day arrives in its full blossom, and there begins another journey of an ordinary day in an ordinary life, of a not-so-ordinary teacher!

Amity Institute for Competitive Examinations

Presents

Brainleaks-279 FOR CLASS VI-VIII

In jaundice the amount of _____ increases in blood.

- (a) Haemoglobin
- (b) Bilirubin
- (c) Nitrogen
- (d) Carbon-monoxide

Last Date: Aug 9, 2019

Ans. Brainleaks 278: (a)

Winner for Brainleaks 278

1. Shubham Mahajan, IX J, Amity Noida
2. Shreeya Mittal, XI E, AIS Noida
3. Ahaan Ali, VI B, AIS Vas-I

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

State of perplexion

No Idea About Future? It's Okay If You Don't Have One

Shreya Ghosh, AIS PV, XII C

Along with the unceasing pressure that is accompanied with Class XII boards, the nail-biting anxiety of what the future holds, the cloud of questions like: which college, which course, which field, looms large over our heads, waiting to pour down all the paranoia. Don't worry if you are clueless because there are courses which can sail you through all the uncertainties. Opening you up to a plethora of options, they let you figure things along the way and are a safe fall back in case you aren't sure of a career after Class XII.

BA English
An Honours degree in English has a direct relation to many fields like journalism, legal system, corporate, HR, statistics, finance and linguistics, etc. If you pursue a Bachelors degree in this course, you can never go wrong. This course is a perfect doorway to a sea of opportunities in the future. It will for sure help you experience different areas and emerge out decisive about your field of expertise, while still having a back-up.

BJMC
Mass communication has a practical use in a lot of fields: be it law, sales, politics, journalism, radio and video jockeying, social and print media, corporate communication and even advertising! You get to learn the aspects of interaction and also find out more about the society as a whole. Thus, a degree in

BJMC will definitely pave a way for you and help you towards realising your prowess.

BA Psychology
Foraying into this field will lead you to a substantial array of scopes. With a graduate degree in Psychology, you can find a place for yourself as case manager, HR, career counselor, or-

ganisational/consumer psychologist, researcher, teacher, etc. Well, these are but only a few examples of where you can land up. So, your in-depth knowledge about human cognition can be applied in almost any field, making you aware of your potential and helping you learn more about your own interests and areas of specialisation.

BA History
History, a field so vast in nature, has as many career options as one can think of. From being an archaeologist, a tourism expert, an archivist, heritage manager, art curator, heritage conservation officers to being a professor, are viable fields apart from mainstream research, providing much needed insight into events with their historical contexts.

Sometimes, it is okay to not have a plan of action. After all, life is not about having a foolproof plan, but about figuring things along the way. Ditto for your career. While you haven't figured much about your future or your life right now, you can thank heavens for these courses, for they let you do just that.



Take a note

The Art Of Making Notes

Rhea Suri, AIS MV, XII D

Objective: To make useful notes that help get great marks

Apparatus: Pens, pencil, colours, sketch pens, highlighters, notebook

Theory: Taking notes is the practice of writing information obtained from sources like books or lectures. It isn't only about noting everything written in the book; it's about capturing what's being taught and formulating it in your own words.

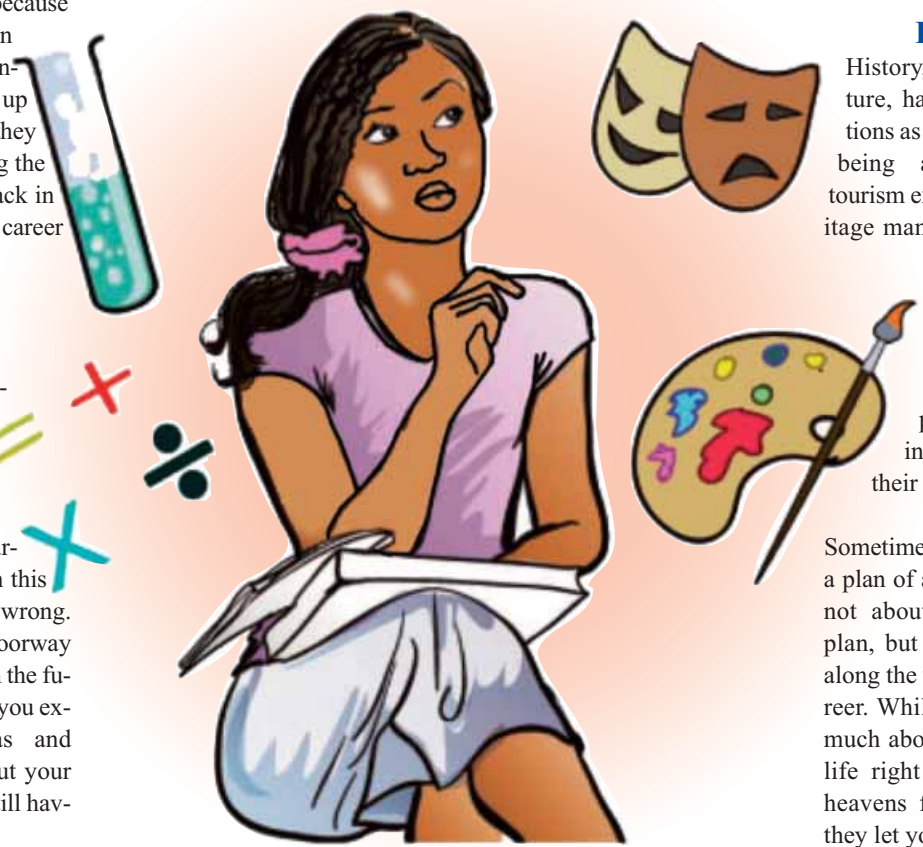
- Methodology:**
- Keep your stationary closer to you than your mobile phone.
 - Use different headings to divide the notes into various parts.
 - Use sketches and diagrams to visualise the concept.
 - Correlate colours with words

or topics as per the requirement.

- Use acronyms and mnemonic devices to make your notes fun.
- Use infographics and icons to make study material interesting.
- Judge what needs to be written down. Organise your thoughts and then make the decision.
- Make your notes short, concise and to the point.
- Make flash cards for quick revision sessions.
- Now review and summarise your notes after you've finished the procedure. This way you'll be able to remember what you've written.

Observation: You will observe that making notes and retaining useful information is not as difficult as it may seem.

Result: You will pass with flying colours and obtain great marks in your examinations.



According to 2011 Census, illiteracy rates were highest in the Indian states Bihar, Arunachal Pradesh and Rajasthan.



A story to remember

Saying Goodbye To Delhi's Smiling Iron Lady: Sheila Dikshit

Rashi Garg, GT Network

Sheila Dikshit. A name that resonates with anyone who has been a part of *dilli*. The longest serving female Chief Minister of any Indian state, she was a breath of fresh air in the rut of mudslinging politics. Steering forward, she taught us what true leaders are made of. She breathed her last breath on July 20, 2019, leaving behind an iron-inspiration, a reformed Delhi and the story of an Indian politician etched into the sand of times.

A modern empress

Women are the real architects of society and Sheila Dikshit exemplifies that. In one of her interviews she said, "I refused to cover my head with the *pallu* of my saree". In her fight against atrocities on women, especially the Dalit women of Uttar Pradesh, she was sent to jail, but nothing was able to put out the fire within her. Even while she rests in peace, she will forever be remembered for what she had done for other females and for the society.

Gauri Singh, AIS Vas 6, XI C

A personal loss

When I came to Delhi, I would regularly hear about the then Delhi CM,



File Pic (2012): Late Sheila Dikshit with Founder President and Chairperson at AIS PV Annual day

Sheila Dikshit. Whether it was DMRC reaching every corner of the city, a programme that took wings under her administration, or academic competitions being organised; the impact of her actions could be felt in day to day life of a common man. Perhaps, it was her close involvement that makes her demise a personal loss for many of us.

Amit Rath, AUUP Alumnus

A city of dreams

Sheila Dikshit shaped Delhi with her arduous efforts like a potter shapes a disfigured mound of clay to an art piece. "I love Delhi and that is what kept me going" were her final words to a group of reporters on Thursday. As

I sat in the living room, watching the news, my grandfather in a grave tone said, "She was a people's chief minister; this news is hard to believe." It was then that I sensed the respect she had earned in the hearts of all Delhiites, and why she matters to all of us.

Stuti Kakkar, AIS Saket, XII E

A woman who inspires

I read her autobiography 'Citizen Delhi: My Times, My Life'. The book made me realise that Sheila Dikshit indeed was a strong woman with the strongest of beliefs. She was an inspiration to every human who aspires to make their country a better place to live in. She fought off every difficulty

to make the capital what it is today, and for that, she deserves the grandest of salutes and all the love.

Maansi Anand, AIS Vas 1, XII C

A life well lived

Sheila Dikshit's demise took me by shock. Respect and gratitude for India's longest serving female chief minister! Upon remembering her achievements as a minister, I'm also reminded of her accolades as a humanitarian. Her life as a political icon has made all the future women leaders believe that with utter sincerity, perseverance and hard work, they too can break the glass ceiling.

Khushi Saxena, AIS Noida, XII I



File Pic (2012): Late Sheila Dikshit in conversation with Chairperson

Epitome of grace

I remember meeting Sheila Dikshit to invite her for the school's annual day as chief guest because the theme was '100 years of Delhi'. And when it is about Delhi, the first name that comes to our mind is of Ms Dikshit. She took keen interest in the school and the extra-curricular we offered to the students. She was so impressed by the school that she agreed to grace the event, and that was one annual day all of us at Amity Pushp Vihar will remember. She interacted with the audience during the event, and struck a chord with the parents and students alike. She came across as a simple and humble lady who was willing to go an extra mile. I have to say, we've had a countless annual days and a countless chief guests, but Sheila Dixit was easily the most gracious of them all.

Ameeta Mohan, Principal, AIS PV

India this week

While 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!



Chandrayaan 2 enters third orbit

News: Chandrayaan 2 entered the fourth earth bound orbit successfully on August 2, 2019. As reported by ISRO, all spacecraft parameters were normal when it achieved 277 x 89472 kms in the orbit. If everything goes as per the plans, the spacecraft will enter the next orbit on August 6, 2019.

Views: Hearing about the mission's success has filled everyone's heart with pride and joy. India is one of the very few countries that successfully launched this mission in a low budget. This just shows how effective the brightest minds are in our country. I now wait for the day when we will receive the news of the Vikram lander landing successfully!

Nitya Gupta, AIS Noida, XI G



Floods wreak havoc in Assam and Bihar

News: Though the rains have receded, the damage has already been done as the floods lashed in the Indian states Assam and Bihar. More than 200 people died, while over a million were affected. International organisation, UNICEF has announced that it is working with the state governments to provide support in the worst-affected areas.

Views: The torrential downpour in Assam and Bihar forces us to come face to face with the fallout of environmental neglect that we have been doing. Abnormal weather conditions have rendered countless people homeless and caused all-round ecological destruction. We are continually ignoring nature's warnings when the intent should be towards ensuring better preparedness.

Ananya Singal, AIS Gur 43, XII D



PM Modi to appear in Man vs Wild

News: Whether it was the sudden announcement of demonitisation or his retreat to the Himalayan caves post elections, PM Modi has never ceased to surprise the masses. The latest is his appearance in Bear Grylls' 'Surviving the Wilds' television show Man vs Wild, a first for any Indian PM. The programme will be aired in India on August 12, 2019.

Views: Narendra Modi, once again, has created a stir by appearing on the show. The programme aims to create awareness about environment and nature. And with his Swachh Bharat Abhiyan sailing straight, this is the perfect platform for him to draw audience's attention towards the importance of environment through the entertainment industry.

Shyla Basu, AIS PV, X F

Vodafone Idea at lowest in 12 years

News: In a first, telecom major Vodafone Idea Ltd. is at its lowest in 12 years when it comes to shares, crashing down by at least 28.64% at Bombay Stock Exchange. With 6.60 INR, this has been the lowest stock price for the telecom giant since 2007. The sharp dip came after the telecom major reported a net loss of 4,874 crore INR in April-June period.

Views: In this changing economic scenario, many firms are in a tight spot. Vodafone Idea's profits have been going down particularly since Vodafone merged with Idea. So, this news doesn't really come as a surprise.

Aditya Pathak, AIS Gur 46, XI B



Nation celebrates 20th Kargil Vijay Diwas

News: To mark the success of Operation Vijay, India celebrated the 20th Kargil Diwas on July 26, 2019. A number of events took place to commemorate the sacrifice made by the soldiers in war that occurred in 1999. Celebrations began from July 14 when 'Victory Flame' was lit at Delhi's National War Memorial and taken to Drass to be merged with the eternal flame at Kargil War Memorial.

Views: Just as we are taught about India's struggle for freedom, we should also learn about the sacrifices and contributions made by our soldiers in the war. Kargil Diwas celebrations should be carried out in schools all over the country to make us aware about how Operation Vijay unfolded. This will help us understand how costly war is, regardless of who wins.

Kaveri Mathur, AIS MV, XII E



India's illiteracy rate stands at 74.04% in 2019.

Youth 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 4** of this exclusive eight-part series, based on the panel discussions organised by YP teams, and a host of opinions as experts debate on 'Clean India Green India', cause chosen by YP team of AIS Vas 6.



Let there be a future

Sustainability: The Only Option Left For Humans To Ensure A Bright Future

Govt is doing its bit

Every time something goes wrong in our society, our first question is – what is the government doing? Look at the number of initiatives that the government has taken up to meet the sustainable development goals. Missions like Swachh Bharat Abhiyan are being run at a national level in order to ensure cleanliness in the country, something that was the responsibility of the citizens to begin with. Smart cities are another initiative being taken up by the government to make cities a better place to live in, with environmental, industrial and technological stability. And how can we not mention metro, an indispensable part of public transport in the capital that is absolutely environment friendly and works on the principle of zero pollution? Look closely and you will find that all these initiatives are directed towards 'Clean India,



Raj Rani Sharma
Vice President, Welfare of Women and Recipient of Vashisht Mahila Award

Green India'. This clearly proves that the government is taking steps in the right direction. The question that remains is what are we doing. We, as citizens, should be at our best and try to make small contributions towards achieving sustainable

goals. We need to remember that these goals have been set for us and for the welfare of our future generations. Thus, it becomes imperative and important that we try to make every possible effort towards achieving our set goals.

Stop being selfish

Over the decades, there has been a shift in the perception of people with respect to the planet. Today, people no longer care about the land on which they sow their crops or the rivers that provide them water. This has resulted in an overuse of resources, which now stand on the verge of depletion. It is for this



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very reason that 'sustainable development' has become the need of the hour. Sustainable development propounds meeting the needs of present without compromising with those

of the future generations. Yet, we have been excessively using resources and have impaired their utility. Therefore, soon our fisheries will collapse, grasslands will become barren and croplands will lose fertility. Hence, there is a possibility that earth might become an overheated place full of deserts, barren landscapes and ailing environment. So, to avoid all this, we need to act responsibly and use our resources judiciously. We need to stop acting selfishly, and realise that earth belongs to the future generations as much as it does to us.

Progress that benefits all

Garima Sharma, Teacher
PGT Biology, AIS Vas 6

We have been studying about sustainable development in both Science and Social Science. We have been reading about it, we are familiar with the term and we know that today this phrase stands to be more important than ever. While we are developing at an unbelievable rate, what we seem to be overlooking is the fact that this progress has come at a cost. For every road being made, there are countless trees being cut. For every water reservoir being tapped, the marine ecosystem is disturbed. The cost of all this development is being borne by our planet and our future



generations. We often forget that we have not inherited this earth from our ancestors, but borrowed it from our future generations. By remembering this arises the need for sustainable development. Development by default should be sustainable in nature; it is the need of the hour to sustain all the creatures and our ecological systems. So, while we progress, we need to ensure that it is not at the cost of the environment. Instead, it's time we should be working for a progress that benefits all.



Let's learn from others

Every development plan is strictly evaluated against the potential damage it might cause to the environment. The 'Sustainable Singapore Blueprint' is a great step in this direction. The plan aims to meet Singapore's sustainability targets by 2030. It emphasises on active community towards a zero-waste nation, 'Eco Smart Endearing' towns and a leading green economy. While our government is doing its bit to ensure a sustainable future, the effort sure can be increased and taking a cue from other countries would certainly



Kavya Aggarwal
Alumnus, AIS Vasundhara 6 and Student, NTU Singapore

Adopting best practices from across the world can be a great step in ensuring a sustainable future. Studying in Singapore, I realised that there were quite a few practices followed in the country, which, when adopted in India, could be equally fruitful. Balancing environmental conservation and the demands of the economy has been a hot-button issue in Singapore for quite sometime now.

do no harm. We need to look at other successful examples and do our best to inculcate those lessons in our own country and society.



Ecological economy



Dr Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

Last three months of newspaper readings on climatic catastrophes have left me flooded with thoughts and desire to somehow change so many things around us. Droughts in Maharashtra, floods in Bihar, heat wave in Northern India and even Europe, delayed winters in southern hemisphere... all of them makes me ponder if we are doing the right things in the name of progress because what we are witnessing today, didn't happen overnight. The story dates back to 18th century when the world was witnessing a huge revolution in terms of manufacturing products. Bulk production was the order of the day and happy customers got their favourite items delivered into cargo fleets of huge ships, planes, goods trains, etc. That was industrial revolution. Time 21st century... enabled by revolutionary technology and scientific innovations, businesses and economies world over opened up and trade collaborations across the countries and continents became the order of the day. More ships sailed, more jets flew, bullet trains gained speed... but all this also marred our beautiful planet. Oil was the new gold and we kept drilling our oceans in search for more. In the name of durability, plastic became the way of life. To fulfill our economic development, we degraded our ecology. We strangled our oceans with oil and plastic pollution, and drilled wounds deep into our mother earth's heart to get oil. In our quest for creating ecology of economics, we forgot to sustain ecology through economics. Well, all said, it's not the doomsday yet and we still have a chance to save our planet. It's time that our youth in their quest for better economy find innovative ways to create ecological economy, a system which supports and sustains all, and my Amitians are my hope for this. 🇮🇳

Warm winters



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

That day when I dropped my parents to the airport for their dream vacation to Alaska, I was extremely happy. I grew up hearing them plan this trip to the land right high above in the North where it's all pristine white with windy winters. Dad had seen extraordinarily beautiful pictures of Alaska in books he read. We used to sit glued to the enchanting scenery of Alaskan land on Discovery channel. Pretty glaciers, sledge dogs, skiing, everything about Alaska and Alaskan culture would send our hearts and mind to a different spectacular world. I was relieved as dad was finally going and I was over with shopping those loads of woolen stuff for them, the ones we saw in pictures. The vacation over, when I went to pick them up from the airport, the excitement of the trip was missing. "You should plan to see Alaska because in the next 25 years, all of it or whatever remains of it will be gone. Already it's warm, there's nothing left of large blanket of white snow. We humans have slaughtered nature to fulfil our greed. Now you need not carry many woolen clothes," he said. I could see his childlike grin evaporate in the heat of global warming. If recent floods, climate fluctuations are anything to go by, then it's a wakeup call for us to rectify what we have done. It's time we leave our greed so that our next generation can still dream of wintry winds of Alaska. 🇮🇳

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A steaming conversation

Dr Joya Bhattacharya Talks Of Education, Politics & More

Ashmita Sharma, X B & Ridhi Nair, XI B, AIS Vasundhara 6

There are some interviews that give you a glimpse of the interviewee and some that leave you grappling with monosyllables. And then there are some frothing with philosophies. This interview, of course, belongs to the latter category. Meet Dr Joya Bhattacharya, associate professor, Political Science, DU. A recipient of UGC Junior and Senior Research Fellowships and EURAC scholarship, she brings many points to the table, all encased in a steaming conversation with GT reporters at Youth Power 2018-19 as jury member. We bring to you some of them, topic no bar – politics, youth, women, education and more.

Having been an academician for 25 years, how do you think education has changed due to globalisation?

Education is a field that will always see an increased demand, and the government cannot manage it on its own. Thus arises the need for private universities, something that globalisation has ushered in. While this is a good thing, the problem with these universities is their accessibility. Also, the mushrooming of these private universities has resulted in a fund crunch for the public-funded universities as the



Dr Joya Bhattacharya with GT reporters

state is promoting private ones. Private universities or not, the state shouldn't abdicate from its job of providing quality education to the people.

As a Political Science professor, you are actively engaged with two words that shape a nation – 'politics' and 'youth'. How would you describe the relationship between the two?

Politics impacts all of us and more so the youth, so I really don't believe that youth and politics don't go together. All of us are engaged in politics and by that I don't mean party politics or electoral politics. Politics is a social process, a way of being involved with

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the society. A good political vision can sort of mitigate the effects of many social vices like communalism because a lot communal tension or friction is manufactured or helped by politics. Thus, it becomes essential that the youth be involved in politics. They should learn to critique their surroundings, question the authorities and know that questioning is not bad, and definitely not anti-national.

You are a member of the women development centre of your college. Do you think women today stand at par with men, especially in the political arena?

Definitely not. Figures speak for themselves. We have less than 9% women in parliament and just 11% in legislative assemblies. All that we have managed in last 70 years is mandatory 70% representation of women at *panchayat* level. Women representation is something that needs to be worked on as it is one of the 'Markers of democracy'. Somehow, there is a lot of resistance to women sharing political spaces.

What is your opinion about 'Empowered women make an empowered nation'?

It goes without saying that empowered women will make empowered communities and that in turn will make an empowered nation. But again, it is a difficult process because unfortunately in our country there is a lot of individual empowerment which does not really translate to community empowerment. Shifting of individual empowerment to community empowerment is a challenging task but we have taken baby steps and it is an incremental process.

What is your message for Amitians?

Study hard and be focused on what you want. Try and have empathy for those who are not as privileged as you are. Aspire for values like hardwork, focus and concern for the society. 🇮🇳

The people's president

Dr Abdul Kalam: An Exemplary Leader Who Ruled The Hearts

Rishabh Jain

Semester VIII, ASET, AUUP

Fondly called the people's president, Late Dr APJ Abdul Kalam was the most influential president India has ever seen. The man left the world for his heavenly abode on July 27, 2015. Four years later, he still continues to inspire, as he will even after forty years to come. Close on the heels of his death anniversary, we make a feeble attempt at decoding his life and remember the lessons he taught us.

When the going gets tough, the tough get going: Who can forget the first launch failure of Prithvi missile in 1988? Led by Dr Kalam, it was supposed to be a great moment in the history of Indian indigenous defence but missile failed its very first test. Undeterred, unfazed, he faced the media, but immediately sprung into action, rectifying what was needed and rest, they say, was history, when just within ten days, Prithvi was launched and the world knew that India had arrived.

Dare to dream and work hard to achieve them: Dr Kalam always said, "You have to dream before your dreams can come true, and great dreams of great dreamers are always transcended." He gave us such pearls of wisdom and made sure to live by them. He dreamt of being an Air Force pilot, but unfortunately he was the 9th candidate to be selected and they needed only 8. He never gave up on his dreams and pursued his passion in designing rockets. Not surprisingly



enough, he went on to become the Chief of Defence Forces of India who also flew a fighter plane, Sukhoi Jet.

No matter where life takes you, don't forget where you come from: When Dr Kalam visited Trivandrum for the very first time after being elected president, he was entitled to invite two people as 'presidential guests' to the Raj Bhavan of Kerala. Turns out, these two guests were a cobbler and an owner of a very small hotel. The former president had become close to the two during his stay in Trivandrum. A simple gesture, but one that teaches us the importance of sticking to your roots.

Invest in people who invest in you: Imagine receiving a letter from the President. Gives you happiness like never before. Naman Narain stood amazed and happy when, in 2005, he, then a Class VI student, drew a painting of the president and mailed it to Rashtrapati Bhavan. What happened next is something nobody expected. Naman received a letter that read "Dear Naman Narain, thank you for your nice drawing. Dr APJ Abdul Kalam." Love when reciprocated, even in the smallest ways, has the biggest impact.

Problems are not stop signs: You are about to give a presentation to a room

full of people when suddenly the electricity goes out. Do you panic or wait for the power to return? Dr APJ Abdul Kalam did neither. At a small school, when he was about to deliver a lecture, the situation presented itself. Unfazed, he walked right in the middle of the students, urging them to crowd around him and gave the lecture. So, the next time a crisis shows up, go on, because that's the only way to go.

500 words are but a tiny drop to contain the vast ocean of innumerable inspiring anecdotes that Dr Kalam's life is. And yet again, he teaches us one thing here- live a life worth living and countless stories. 🇮🇳



...and it gets hotter!

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As some say that it is only because of climatic change, but climate is something which is continuously changing on this planet and it isn't all that surprising that we have witnessed so many climatic extremes over the ages, and stand on the verge of experiencing even more. Unlike popular belief, heatwave is not in itself a 'thing' that leads to rise in temperatures in a particular place, in contrast to a cyclone that causes extreme winds and rain, it is just a name given to a phenomenon that is so harsh and monstrous. So, in a nutshell, heatwave is just a time period when it's hotter than usual. A time period that is bent on taking us further away from the ice age, and towards its climatic opposite.

It's an emergency...

European heatwave is not a new phenomenon. It struck first in 2003 claiming 70,000 lives and resulting in 50,000 fatalities. And then again in 2010. This time the death toll was restricted to hundreds but Russia was worst hit with death toll crossing the fifty five thousand mark. So, when temperatures started soaring again, the authorities did not waste time in calling the situation an emergency. Belgium issued its first 'code red', ever since its weather warning system was created 20 years ago. 80 administrative regions in France were on 'orange alert', the second highest level of warning. Britain's Met Office placed 5 of England's 9 regions on 'Level



Three', which is one level short of declaring a national emergency.

It's hot, deal with it...

Back at home, we have developed our own coping mechanism for the 'chubti jalti garmi'. The Europeans, new to the experience are trying. Spain has opened pools for late night swimming, in addition to installing extra drinking fountains. English apparel industry is seeing an unfathomable change; as Europeans are letting go of the sophisticated suits to beat the heat. London saw the Zoo offi-

cial serving ice lollies to all the animals in a bid to cool them off. Belgian authorities allowed people working outdoors to go home early. Horse drawn carriages were suspended in Brussels. They are coping, yes, but for how long is the question that needs to be answered. Because winter is certainly not coming.

But how did we get here?

Truth be told, there is nothing unexpected about the European Heatwave. In fact, it is pretty consistent with extremes linked to greenhouse emissions. Like we

said, the European heatwave is just the tip of the iceberg, an offshoot of the danger that looms over the world - 'Global Warming'. We are seeing the worst rise in temperature in more than five hundred years. Earth is barely holding.

The polar ice-caps are melting every moment; the heat wave only stirring things up, resulting in faster melt down of ice. Greenland's ice sheet lost 160 billion tons of ice in July alone - roughly the equivalent of 64 million Olympic-sized swimming pools. To add to that, Siberia, Alaska and Greenland produced more

HOT FACTS

- Mercury hits 45.9 degree Celsius mark in France.
- Wildfire in Spain wiped over 15000 acres of forest.
- 4 deaths linked to European heatwave so far.
- Heatwave affected 80% of world's population in 2019.

carbon dioxide due to wildfires in the past few months than they had in last ten years. As a result, global warming is adding more fuel to global warming. It's an undeniable mechanism. If the world persists on the same path of destruction, then Europe is sure to witness a heatwave every alternate year. So, let's just say that we got here, pretty much on our own, paving our destruction bit by bit.

Speaking of records, ever since records began 20 of the earth's warmest years have been witnessed in the past 22 years. And if we just wait a little, 2019 may set a record for itself as the hottest year, so says World Meteorological Organisation. Or better still, we may set the record straight for being the most imprudent generation ever which destroyed the only planet they had. 🇮🇳



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India is home to one in every three illiterate persons in the world.



Illiteracy

A past of scars



Storywala

Saumya Srivastava

AIS Gurugram 43, XII D

“How did you get that scar on your arm Akru?” I saw Ashna looking at me curiously. It wasn’t the first time someone had questioned my scar. I have always tried to dodge such conversations, making some excuse or the other and changing the topic altogether. Ten years have passed, and I still don’t have the

courage to share the story.

My parents were lawyers and planning a vacation from their busy schedule was quite impossible. Yet, on my insistence, they planned a short trip to Mumbai as I wished to enjoy the sea breeze on beaches which wasn’t to be found in Delhi, ever. We landed at Mumbai airport. It was an unusually warm November night for Mumbai. On our way to the hotel, I could see the street

lights glittering and rush of people in the city.

We had checked into the Taj Hotel at around 9:30 pm, we heard loud sounds like that of crackers at the back of the hotel. Presuming a celebration was going on, we carried on with the proceedings of check in. We were about to move towards the lift on the right side when we saw two men with big rifles and bags full of grenades, entering through the lobby and opening

We had checked into the Taj Hotel at around 9:30 pm, when we heard loud sounds like that of crackers at the back of the hotel.

fire on people there. Petrified, I couldn’t understand a thing. But my parents weren’t so clueless. In mere seconds, my father ducked both me and my mother down. Both my parents hugged me tightly and created a shield around me. The firing went on for what felt like hours but were minutes. And when it finally stopped, I realised, the heartbeat of my parents too had stopped. One bullet grazed past my left arm too, but I didn’t feel the pain. My whole world had collapsed merely in seconds. Those devils kept us in siege for three more days before I was rescued by the NSG with heavy heart. Just then I saw my parents leaving me forever.

It took me five years of vigorous counseling and therapy to get out of the trauma I suffered. I miss them every single day. I sighed, finally having said it out loud. Ashna’s eyes were brimming with tears, as she hugged me tightly. This time, I felt the pain a bit less. Perhaps, I will be able to move on from that horrific event of 26/11. 🇮🇳



Yarn ball toran

Material Required

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Balloons | 6-8 |
| Yarn (different colours) | 4-5 |
| Craft glue | 1 cup |
| Corn starch | ½ cup |
| Water..... | ¼ cup |
| Vaseline | as required |

Method

- Inflate 6-8 balloons of small size and rub vaseline all over them so that the yarn does not stick.
- Now make the glue mixture by adding one cup of craft glue, half cup of corn starch and one-fourth cup of water in a bowl.
- Dunk the yarn into the glue mixture, squeeze any excess glue and wind it around the inflated balloon forming a web. Make sure that the yarn is stuck tight to the balloon surface and is not loose anywhere.
- Let the yarn-wrapped-balloon dry for at least 48 hours.
- Gently press the balloon to loosen it from the yarn. Pop the balloon and carefully remove the deflated balloon.
- String together 6-7 such yarn balls to make a ‘toran’ that you can hang on your front door.

WORDS VERSE

Mighty books



Shreya Tuli

AIS Vasundhara 1, X

By hook or by crook
There’s no friend
As loyal as a book
Take a book in hand

It’ll never fail to show
Wondrous sights it can
You’ll make new friends
And will be so amazed

How fast characters blend
Time will seem to fly
No matter how late

In stories, you soar high

You’ll hear every scream
And taste every potion
They’ll invoke every emotion
You’ll miss them long after

Once you’ve lived with them
Moments of joy and laughter
People may come and go
But books always stay

Till the end of the show
Just like the ships set sail
On the endless sea
Magic of books will prevail 🇮🇳

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| Ans: | Ans: | Ans: |
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Superheroes

Prithish Bhattacharya

AIS VKC Lucknow, IX

These superheroes that we love
Ventured, struggled a long way
Before becoming what they are
Made way from being shoved
Finally, got their powers bizarre

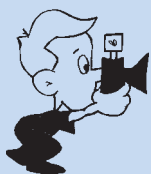
Iron man started as a billionaire
But suddenly he became aware
His uncle cheated on him
Alas! he lost his heart that day
But somehow found another way

Doctor Stephen Strange
Did not want his hands useless
He never knew he had a power



Dwelling deep down and vicious
Its hunger for justice, voracious

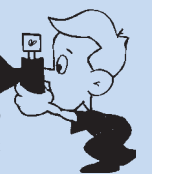
The superheroes that we love
Have indeed come a long way
But we are waiting for the day
For it is only an imaginary strife
When they’d come to life 🇮🇳



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Anshuman Jha, AIS Vasundhara 6, Alumnus

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For the love of God



Straight from the farm



Food brings everyone together



Poverty is one of the major reasons for high percentage of illiteracy in India.

The land of dying trees

Illustration: Adam Farooq Mahajan, AIS Gur 43, VI



Wisdom tale

It was just another day when Adam went to the park to play amidst nature, but he could feel it in his heart that something was wrong.

see how we try with all our might to save them from harmful UV rays, landslides during excess rainfall and provide them with fruits and fresh air. But we're simply left to die. All we want is to help you live better, and this is what we get in return from humans."

Adam's eyes were filled with tears. He didn't have enough words to apologise for the whole humankind, but he knew exactly what he needed to do to redeem the doomed species. He said to the tree, "Dear friend, you don't have to worry. I will make it the purpose of my life that nobody ever harms trees again." Hearing this, the tree smiled and Adam was transponded back to the park. He ran back home and told his parents about his new revelation. Luckily, his parents supported his dream of saving trees. Adam became an environmentalist, saving thousands of trees when he grew up. 🇮🇳

So what did you learn today?
Our ecology nurtures us. We need to preserve it.

Adam Farooq Mahajan
AIS Gur 43, VI

Adam was a playful boy. He loved going to parks, lakes and enjoyed playing under the blue sky in the fresh air. Adam believed that he had a special connection with nature. He could feel when the trees liked his company and when they were being disturbed. It was just another day when Adam went to the park to play amidst nature, but he could feel it in his heart that something was wrong. He went to a tree and put his hand on its trunk. He closed

his eyes and tried to figure out what was wrong. When he focused with all his energy, he saw flashes of random things – smoke in the sky, floods, people crying and so much more. Adam opened his eyes in shock and found himself in a different dimension. There was nothing around him; everything was empty except for the ground that he stood on. The ground was filled with burnt wood logs, dried leaves and the grass underneath his feet was all red. "Adam, you're the only one who understands us. You're the only one who can help," came a voice

from the stretch of emptiness. Scared, Adam shouted back, "Who are you? And where am I?" Suddenly, the same tree that Adam had touched earlier, appeared. It had become weaker and older with more dried leaves. "It's me, Adam. This is my world. I've wanted to show this to humans since long," the tree spoke as Adam looked around and reverted, "What kind of a barren world is this? Why would you want to live here?" "That's the thing, Adam. I didn't choose this. Humans have forced us here. They cut us down for their selfish reasons. They don't



Aruj Tejpal with his dish

Sassy soya bowls

Aruj Tejpal, AIS Vasundhara 1, II B

Ingredients

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Soya bowls20-25 pieces | Mayonnaise2 tsp |
| Capsicum (finely chopped)..1 | Black pepper powder¼ tsp |
| Tomato (finely chopped)1 | Mixed herbs¼ tsp |
| Onion (finely chopped).....1 | Salt..... to taste |



Method

- Take capsicum, tomato and onion in a bowl.
- Now add a dollop of mayonnaise to the veggies.
- For the seasoning, add black pepper powder, mixed herbs and salt to the veggie mix.
- Toss and mix all the ingredients well.
- With the help of a spoon, put small quantities of the mixture in the soya bowls.
- And your little soya bowls are ready to be served!

Riddle Fiddle

Mahi Arora
AIS PV, II

1. What comes once in a minute, twice in a moment, but never in thousand years?
2. What travels the world but stays in one corner?
3. Why did the librarian get kicked off the plane?
4. What goes up and down the hills but never moves?
5. What is easy to get into but hard to get out?

Answer: 1. The letter 'M',
2. A stamp 3. Because it was
overbooked 4. A road
5. Trouble

Don't waste food

Anirudh Maheshwari
AIS Gur 43, VI

Start doing this locally
So you can reach globally
Let's save food together
And make this world better! 🇮🇳

Take as much as you need
But let others also eat
Before complaining of taste
Think of all that you waste!

Buy food with a thought
Think of those who cannot
Cook it with extreme care
As healthy food is very rare!

Always clear your plate
Even recycle your waste
Know that even waste food
Can lift another's mood!



POEMS

Ayurvi Saxena
AIS MV, VII

I have been North
I have been South
Sometimes I am happy
Sometimes I shout!

Like the sun from East
Like the wind from West
Our dreams abound and best
Help us get every quest

Our dreams take us
To the faraway lands
Our dreams make us
Not the lines on our hands!



Dreams



It's Me

KNOW ME BETTER!

My name: Mitul
My Class: I
School: AIS Noida
Born on: January 18

MY FAVOURITES

Book: Gingerbread Man
Game: Ludo
Mall: Mall of India
Food: Pizza
Teacher: Tania ma'am and Sunanda ma'am
Poem: Johny Johny Yes Papa!
Subject: Maths

ABOUT ME

Role Model: My father
Best friend: Samarth and Iraaj
I like: Watching cartoon Paw Patrol
I dislike: Fighting
I want to become: An army officer
I want to feature in GT because: I want to be famous!

Best entries for colouring fun



Maira Shadab, AIS Vasundhara 6, V D



Priyanshi Agarwal, AIS Noida, VIII L

Learning to teach teaching to learn

ACERT: A School That Creates Educators, Transforming Their Lives For Better

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ACERT (Amity Centre for Educational Research and Training) constantly endeavours to mentor educators who can nurture the learners of tomorrow with love and care. The role of a teacher today, is no longer limited within the four walls of a classroom. She is an influencer for lifetime, as s/he has lasting impression on young minds. ACERT envisions to groom these influencers as empowered educators, who constantly innovate the way an educator teaches and the children learn. In their journey from being an 'edulearner' to an 'educator', the teachers experience learnings in such a way that their lives get transformed immensely. While some rediscover themselves, others discover a new world for themselves and some get soaked into the sea of learning with fun. As a new session at ACERT begins, we bring you some musings by our ACERT alumnus of their learning to teach, and teaching to learn experiences.

Mapping my way to future

When I chose to become a teacher, I knew I was taking up the profession of sowing seeds for the future generation. Just as you need to review a map before embarking upon a journey, I chose ACERT as my guiding map for training with specialization in modern teaching techniques.

S Sakthi Abirami, ACERT Batch 2018-19

The first journey, many breakthroughs

What I liked the most about Amity is that I got to experience and witness many grand moments with children for the first time in my life. Just when my patience reached its peak and I was about to give up, my students would have a breakthrough learning experience. And that exactly would be the moment when I felt like being on seventh heaven and do a happy dance. I owe all these experiences completely to ACERT whose meticulously designed curriculum has taught us the value of innovation in education. ACERT is a gift and Amity is a blessing.

Jutika Barua, ACERT Batch 2018-19

An educator redesigned

My journey at ACERT has helped me in exploring my potential. Be it learning different development theories or Reggio Emilia approach of the inquiry-based learning, ACERT course gave me a wide exposure to modern education system. I also learnt the importance of lesson plans, circle time, quality circle time and the concept time. All these learnings made me internalize that my role is not to 'teach' but to 'facilitate and stimulate' the young minds to think critically, collaborate and solve problems independently.

I learnt that child development needs to be holistic, covering cognitive, emotional, physical, social, and linguistic growth. I personally like the multiple intelligence theory of Howard Gardner that everything can be taught in more than one way. Though I have had the experience of teaching before, this course brought out the best in me in terms of planning and execution, making me a more confident and mindful person.

Understanding child psychology

From Plato's theory of children having inherent differences to John Locke's 'Children's minds are like blank slates', we learnt all the different theories of child development evolving through the ages at ACERT. We learnt about domains of development like physical, socio-emotional, cognitive, communication in different stages of the child's life. In the process of all these learnings, our own personalities also got transformed as we enhanced our knowledge about positive and negative emotions, stranger wariness and separation anxieties of in-



fants to toddlers.

We learnt that eye contact is the first communication after birth and different stages of communication development happen eg phonological, morphological, early semantic development to adolescent semantic development. Through this understanding of child psychology, I am now able to recollect my child's development and can relate all these theories with her and other children. I am looking forward to further modules of psychology so that I can relate better with my daughter and also prepare myself for my role as an educator in the classroom.

Keerthi Gupta, ACERT Batch 2018-19

An enchanting engaging experience

As part of my ACERT journey, I was lucky to do my internship at Amity School and therefore I had many opportunities to have perfect hands-on experience to communicate with the children from pre-nursery to KG. The whole experience of being in the class, observing the children and learning from the class teachers has been a great learning. I also got to learn the importance of music and movement in class management. I learnt that reading stories to young children helps in developing their listening skills. I realised that teachers are very observant about each and every kid in the classroom and hence able to adopt their teaching style accordingly.

Bhavna, Senior Trainer, ACERT Batch 2018-19

Teaching togetherness

The teacher greeted with a welcome poem
But none of the students responded to her tone
Bewildered, she watched them enter quietly
The classroom looked fresh and clean
However, it lacked the essence of a team

What could she do, to ignite that spark?
She pondered, as she thought
Suddenly she announced, "Who will play a game with me?"
Excited, they all responded "Me"

Though she hoped to listen to the word "WE"!

She asked them to share their names and one quality each

The students looked at her, all perplexed
For they barely knew the person sitting next
Let's get acquainted by passing a smile and holding hands of each other

The teacher suggested to make them feel at ease

As the students followed her to form a huge human circle

"Together we can, together we will"

Whispered the teacher in their ears
For she believed this was a circle of hope, a circle of peers
A circle to bind them together to face their new fears...!

The teacher assertednow, my students you are ready to win

For you stand united, to take up the new journey and accomplish your dreams.

Ritika Talwar, ACERT Batch 2018-19



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In 1991 Census, it was decided that the population aged seven years and above would be classified as literate or illiterate.

Odyssey of the Mind

Amitians Emerge Global Winners At Eurofest 2019



AIS MV and AIS Saket win first prize in mixed team problem



Team AIS PV secures fourth position in spontaneous activity



Students of AIS Gurugram 46 all set for their presentation



Participants of Agrosphere from different nations

Agrosphere'19 Redefining The Agronomy

AERC

Since ancient times human has relied on agriculture to fulfill his staple needs. From the past two centuries, agriculture has expanded exponentially with the emergence of new technology leading to green revolution transforming global agronomy forever. To commemorate the same, the United Nations organised agricultural conference UNESCO Agrosphere-2019 at Magnitogorsk, Russia from April 25-30, 2019. A total of 110 students from six countries, namely, India, Slovenia, Russia, Germany, Italy and Brazil attended,

brainstormed and presented new methods of organic and sustainable farming at the meet. Four students from Amity Group of Schools represented India, facilitated under the aegis of Amity Education Research Centre. Vaanya Shrivastava, AIS Gur 46 (IX) and Aaryan Pratap Singh, AIS Vas 6 (VIII) spoke about new types of biofertilizers while Anushree Doharey, AIS VYC (IX) and Arth Garg, AIS Noida (VIII) gave new outlook on organic farming. Vaanya Shrivastava also won the best delegate award for her role as the delegate of Algeria in the food crises committee, of the conference.

ACSF

To bestow holistic learnings to Amitians, as well as provide them world class opportunity to learn and grow, has always been the vision and mission of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF. And one such platform that fulfills the vision is Eurofest-Odyssey of the Mind* organised under the aegis of Amity's Children Science Foundation (ACSF), where Amitians

have been registering victory, year after year. This year, five teams comprising students from different branches of Amity Group of Schools, qualified for participation in the 27th Odyssey of the Mind, Eurofest 2019. The competition, held at Suyazist, St. Petersburg, from April 25 -30, 2019, was attended by 50 teams from 11 countries. Amitians did the school and nation proud by bagging several awards. In the mixed team problem, AIS Mayur Vihar and AIS

Saket secured first prize, and AIS Gurugram 46 bagged third prize. In this category, the teams were conjoined with other international teams to explore and innovate fun ways of solving different types of problems. AIS Noida and AIS PV secured second and fourth positions respectively in long term and spontaneous activities. Besides this, the teams also participated in an international fest during which participants traded the souvenirs of their respective

countries with one another. They also went for sightseeing of the historic city of St Petersburg. ***Eurofest- Odyssey of the Mind is an international programme for promotion of creative learning, tolerance and international understanding. It provides students diverse problems to be solved creatively. The problems usually comprise construction of small operable vehicles and devices, designing costumes and props and presenting them all as a part of small presentation.**



Aryan teaches less privileged kids in mobile bus school

An edu-influencer Time To Teach Everyone

AIS Saket

Aryan Rajput a young learner of Class VII is an inspiration for everyone to follow. At this young age, he teaches less privileged kids in his vicinity. The recipient of Junior Citizen's award 2018 for social work by Children's Entertainment Foundation, Aryan is an edu-influencer whose mission is to empower more kids like him who cannot afford to go to school. He was amongst top 19 students selected out of 100 nominated for this prestigious national award. Aryan's mission started two years ago when he was in Class IV and used to observe many poor children carrying waste collection bags instead of school bags or just wandering on streets begging. The question of why those children are not in school and whether something can be done for them hit Aryan's mind hard. He finally took it upon himself to act for creating a change. Taking a cue from his father, he started utilising his Sundays and holidays

to give free coaching for subjects like Math, Science and English to the underprivileged children, a large number of whom are children of daily wage labourers and domestic helps. In Aryan's words, "I believe in each one teach one. We are privileged to be educated so let's take it upon ourselves to teach those who are uneducated. When each one of us will teach at least one more child, then surely not a single child in India will be illiterate." Till date Aryan has taught nearly 200 underprivileged school drop outs. He also helps his father, Sandeep Rajput in his NGO 'Innovation Mobile School' a mobile bus school for the children of poor migrant labourers run by AICAPD in Gurugram. Aryan is grateful to Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF for providing education interwoven with human values at Amity due to which care and compassion kindled his heart since childhood. This young changemaker dreams to be an IAS officer.

ATL Community Day

Coming Together For Better Learning And Innovation

ACSF

Amity Group of Schools celebrated the 128th birth anniversary of Late Babasaheb Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar with *ATL Community Day which was organised from April 12-25, 2019. The programme, facilitated by Amity's Children Science Foundation, led by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF, aimed at the exchange of scientific knowledge and resources to encourage, and promote unbiased enhancement of scientific understanding and research acumen amongst school children. During the span of 15 days, over 500 students from Class VI-X, from different nearby government schools, NGOs, Amitasha (an initiative for less privileged girl children) and Atulasha (an initiative for less privileged boys) were invited to visit ATL



Chairperson interacts with Amitasha students in the ATL lab at AIS PV

labs in different Amity schools. Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, also graced one such event held at AIS Pushp Vihar and took keen interest in knowing how children engaged in different science experiments. During their visits, students were given an introductory tour of ATL labs wherein they saw exhibits like paper circuit, blindman's smart stick, multiple images by

mirrors and other resources available. They also had hands-on experience of various fun experiments like DIY salt water battery, electrolysis, electroplating, balloon train, convection currents in liquid, etc. Students also participated in STEM based activities like making straw tower, paper circuits card, newspaper bridge, coloured shadows, etc. Workshops on AI, robotics

(Arduino, Lego EV3 and Mechano), drone making, aerodynamics, diffusion of colours, IR and ultrasonic sensor and 3D printer etc., were given by senior student volunteers and science teachers in every school. It was an immersive learning experience for students as they learnt to construct simple device with spinning arms, device which draws curved lines on paper and built automatically rotating small moving cars. 3D printing and robotics were quite fascinating for the students as they printed small logos of ATL community day, token trophies and blocks in 3D printers as their token of learning. *ATL Community Day is an effort to spread awareness as well as to engage local communities in the neighbourhood of an Atal Tinkering Lab. The day was held all over India with the larger theme of Ambedkar Jayanti.



Students watch demo of 3D printer at AIS Gur 46



Students at AIS Gur 43 make balloon train

International Literacy Day was celebrated for the first time on September 8, 1967.

All top quotes contributed by Samridhi Pandey, AIS Gur 46, VIII



Amity Start-up My JEE mentor

The Need Of Personal Mentorship During The Dire Times Of A JEE Aspirant

Every year, hundreds of thousands of students appear for the JEE mains exam. Some crack it, others don't. Part of the reason for the same could be the one-size-fits-all approach towards JEE preparation. This

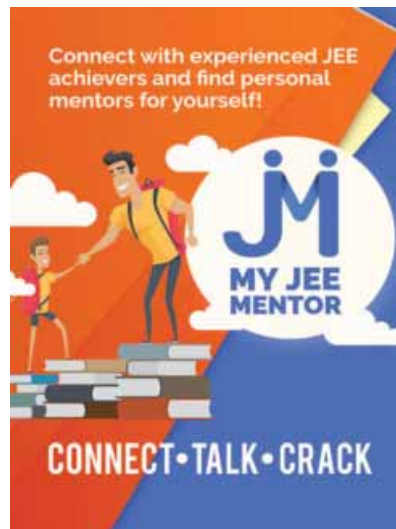
is where 'My JEE Mentor' steps in. A unique initiative that connects JEE aspirants with previous years' toppers, providing them with a personal mentor who motivates and guides them throughout their JEE preparations. A brainchild of Amity alumnus - Ayushman Pandita, CEO and Founder, and Jasmine Kaur, Chief Operations Officer, alumni of AIS MV and AIS PV respectively, 'My JEE Mentor' offers personal mentorship to JEE aspirants.

The journey

In the beginning there were two, and then there were many. Currently studying at IIT Delhi, Ayushman and Jasmine realised the importance of personal mentorship, during JEE preparations, a stressful period, where the students only know so much. They researched and surveyed their target audience both online and offline only to come to a conclusion that every student requires motivation and effective personal guidance through the course of JEE preparations. For a long time, they provided personal mentorship to many students for free before finally turning the idea into a startup at IIT's Incubation Center.

The process

Students fill up an online form on the website mentioning their personal and preparation details. Based on the infor-



mation provided by them, they are then allotted a personal mentor from the team by using artificial intelligence algorithms. The mentors have a one-on-one relationship with their mentees. The students are given daily assignments, online mock tests and a personalised roadmap to cover the syllabus which is different for every student. Apart from this, the students are free to contact their mentors anytime regarding anything that is hindering their way to success.

The contrast/distinction

In a class of 50 students, it becomes hard for a teacher to focus on each and every student. This is why most of the

students opt for coaching, but the situation isn't any different there as well. MJM strives to give equal amount of attention to every student that comes to them for help, and provides a unique solution to their problems depending on their level and methods of preparation with the aid of tried and tested methods of previous years' toppers.

The struggle

Both Ayushman and Jasmine, and most of their team members are college students and a lot of times there is academic pressure on them, but the founding members were finessed by Amity and hence they are well trained in balancing their studies whilst also handling a startup. The amount of passion that they have for their work makes it all the more enjoyable for them rather than seeming like a burden. The team always has each other's support, which makes the job run smoothly.

The mantra

"You didn't come this far to only come this far" is what Ayushman lives by and tells his mentees too. It is normal for many students to not see the expected results in the given time frame, but it is also the moment which can either make you or break you. If you decide to carry on in that moment,

you can do wonders. So, have faith in yourself and put in your best efforts without worrying too much about what the outcome might be.



An honest letter for honest trailers

Let's Do More Story, Less VFX Show Reel?

Karan Dhall

AIS Gur 43, Alumnus

Dear trailer makers, Please bear in mind that this is from an avid movie buff and a student who decided to take a break from strenuous studies. With a simple wish of zeroing on a movie that would be worth the time of a XII grader, I decided to go the tried and tested route - that of watching trailers to zero down on a movie. And that...that was the exact moment when everything slipped downhill. Just FYI Google defines 'trailers' as a series of extracts from a film or broadcast, used for advancing publicity. But you don't seem to understand the term 'extract'. At least, you will understand this then - why will I spend 350 bucks on watching a movie when you've told me who the killer is, courtesy your trailer. Guess, you're more of a trailblazer in idocracy. If you missed the definition of trailers, there are some in your community that missed the objec-

tive of trailers ie to attract audiences. Yes, you were supposed to lure me into spending my hard earned pocket money (it takes a

lot of pleading to get out money from mom). But you moved round and round and round during those 120 seconds that I have no clue if the movie is a thriller, romance, period or mythological drama. And then there are some bright knights in shining armours in your community again, who have confused the trailer of a movie with the trailer of a star kid. Fully zoomed in shots, pan shots, shot from left angle, shot from right angle...all for the to-be-launched star kid. So, yes I know your movie features the third generation of another star family - but what about the movie? You missed that! Basically, you need to up your game because you may not realise, but you are the ticket to returns on investment of the 100 crore club.

Regards,
A movie buff

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