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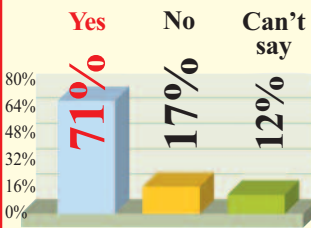
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CBSE Issues New Assessment Rules. But How Conducive Are They?

Stuti Kalra, GT Network

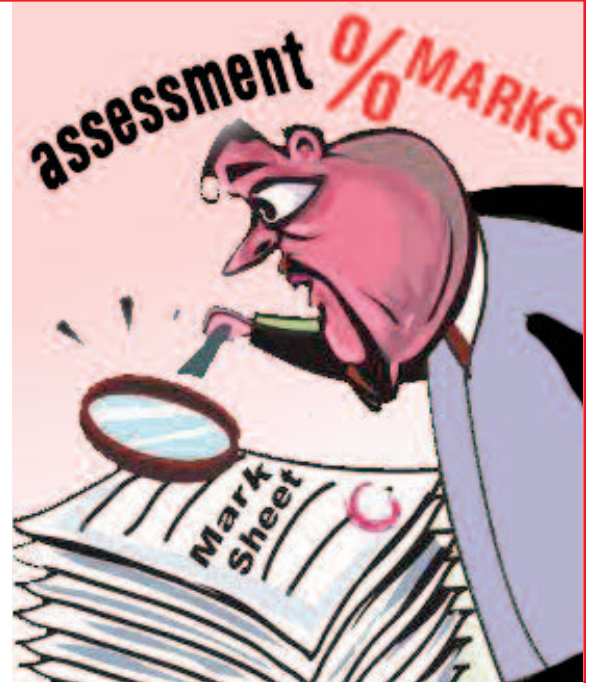
“CBSE Board exams 2020 for Class X and XII stand cancelled.” – hit the headlines on all news shores. It brought a turmoil as the question, ‘What about results?’ crossed the mind of thousands of aspiring students and worrisome parents. To tackle this conundrum, CBSE with its avant-garde approach towards learning and education, came up with a new ‘Assessment scheme’ on June 26, 2020 in order to salvage Indian students from the academic challenges posed by the great COVID -19 pandemic. This new scheme has given way to a glut of opinions. Read on as we try to bring some straight from the perturbed parents, perplexed teachers and aspiring students themselves.

To the rekindled hopes

A silver lining in dark clouds, the scheme kindled hope for many who would have faced severe consequences otherwise. Imagine being forced to take a year drop, dispiriting and unfair to say the very least. “Cancellation of exams is a very sensible move by CBSE. Stretching them would have only furthered anxiety in the students already reeling from the pandemic. Universities should follow the lead too and restructure their admission policies to factor this aspect,” shares Minakshi Tandon, PGT Mathematics, AIS Gur 43. For parents crammed with emotions, and focused on passionate safe-keeping of their kids, “This decision has come as a huge sigh of relief. With no check on the number of corona cases reported daily, we are all scared to even step out of our homes. Exams are important but life security and well-being comes first,” says Vikram Pavagadhi, f/o Trisha Pavagadhi, AIS Gur 43, XII C.

CBSE GUIDELINES

- For students who gave all exams, results will be declared on the basis of their performance.
- For students who appeared in more than 3 exams, average of marks secured in top 3 performing subjects will be awarded in the remaining subject/s.
- For students who appeared in only 3 exams, average of marks obtained in the best two performing subjects will be awarded for the remaining subject/s.
- For the students who appeared in only 1 or 2 exams, results will be declared according to their performance in them as well as their internal assessments/projects/practicals.



To the shattered dreams

Regardless, not all can be easily taken in stride. “In a bid to even out the odds, CBSE has unfortunately doubled the odds for students like me. I still have 2 board exams left. I could have excelled in them to raise my overall score. Moreover, there are many who missed their pre-boards or internal assessments due to unavoidable reasons, how will CBSE work out a formula for them? Nobody can answer these questions and that’s unnerving,” voices Agrika Malaiya, AIS Gur 43, XII C. Another aggrieved parent, Vandita Garg, m/o Kanu Garg, AIS Gur 43, XII C, adds on to the debate, suggesting that, “The entire matter could have been handled in a more efficient way. CBSE could have resorted to online examination, it would have been challenging but better nevertheless. A lot of students were counting on the remaining exams. They are all now left at the

mercy of their fate. Yet, of course, universities and colleges would in no way lower their expectations.”

To the uncertainty of it all

Not all questions have answers. Likewise, not all answers are solutions. The precariousness of the situation had to be addressed, and that’s what CBSE did, as hinted by Prem Kumari Narang, PGT Physics, AIS MV, when she elaborated, “CBSE was not left with much choice to be frank. Students can, however, reappear for exams if they are not satisfied with their internal assessments and that’s reasonable and fair.” But can a thing be fair without its own shortcomings? Questions A K Sehgal, f/o Aditya Sehgal, AIS MV, XII, as he verbalised, “The need for an optional exam for the remaining subjects too, benefitting those who had not been able to prepare/perform well in their at-

tempted subjects.” Win for some, loss for some, both for many like Udit Trivedi, AIS Vas 1, XII, who sees the decision as a double edged sword - “While I feel joyous to be relieved of my final board exams, the method adopted by CBSE to assess us does concern me a little. But let’s all be hopeful. For, everything is fair in love, war and pandemic.”

Keeping the darkness of uncertainty at bay, the scheme has lit a ray of hope for some, who are now certain that things will not fall apart, but there are many who feel their future has been put on stake, with several others who are perplexed about it all. One pandemic, much on stake; One decision, a plethora of takes. But, which one feels home to you? July 15, 2020 would answer it all or maybe not. Till then let’s wait and watch, if the scheme truly is the ‘fairest’ of all. 🇮🇳

My four commitments to life

His Holiness As He Divulges The Key To A Happy World

On June 26, 2020, His Holiness, **The 14th Dalai Lama** addressed staff and students of **Amity University, Manesar** on the topic ‘Peace and compassion in the modern world’. The Global Times presents extracts of the webinar that emphasised on ‘Ahimsa and Karuna’ as the way forward for a happy world. Presenting his commitments towards life through which he wishes to spread peace and compassion in the world...

Oneness of humanity
 In today’s world of 7 billion, most people are self-centered with the feeling of ‘I, Me & Mine’. They need to transform this feeling into ‘Us, We & Ours’. Man is a social animal. The moment he starts thinking in a self-centered way, he starts developing negative emotions of competition and anger towards the world

Imparting religious harmony
 India is the brightest living example of secularism and religious harmony in the modern world. It is a nation with vast religious and cultural diversity, yet it has peace and compassion to its core. The world needs to learn from India about how almost every religion of the earth can co-exist fairly and thrive as the biggest democracy of the world. If we look at the western world, it is rooted in the concept of God, but here in ancient India and Buddhism, it is the man who is the creator of his own self. So as a creator, my life is committed to making people create peace and religious harmony.

Saving the ecosystem of Tibet
 Tibet is the roof of the world. The reason being, it is situated at such a height and has important glaciers in the world which are the sources of major rivers flowing into India, Pakistan, China, Burma, Bhutan, etc. In the modern world, global warming and pollution are affecting these glaciers and thereby all the nations, as the rivers sustain numerous

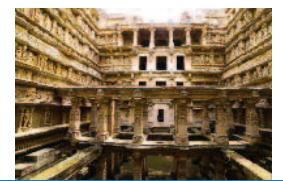
life forms. Protecting the ecosystem of Tibet is hence not only crucial for human survival but also for the survival of the flora and fauna nourished by these rivers. These rivers play a prime role in our lives and conserving them should be our priority. I am committed to protecting the Tibetan ecology so that we can give our next generation a greener and happier planet.

Spreading ‘Karuna’ & ‘Ahimsa’
 If you read ‘Nagarjuna’, the great Buddhist scholar of the 2nd century, you will know that the ancient ‘Nalanda thought’ is rooted into the concept of ‘Ahimsa and Karuna’. A being who has ‘Karuna’ in heart will naturally have ‘Ahimsa’ as a way of life because then you are able to feel life beyond materialism. ‘Ahimsa’ & ‘Karuna’ are the two key virtues of life as they hold answers to all problems of the modern world. Once a friend of mine who had just returned from captivity shared that during his time in captivity, he prayed not to lose ‘karuna’ or ‘compassion’ towards his tormentors. The modern education system focuses a lot on competition, which is leading to anger. What we need is to blend meditation in the curriculum in order to build a happier world. I am committed to embed ‘karuna’ in everyone’s soul so that ‘ahimsa’ becomes way of life.

(Compiled by **Stuti Kalra**, GT Network)

His Holiness, The 14th Dalai Lama

Stepwells can be traced back to the Indus Valley Civilisation especially in Western India. Commonly known as 'baoli', one such stepwell is Rani ki Vav in Gujarat.



Rani ki Vav

Hindi Chini Bhai Bhai

Nandini Medhi, GT Network

The Old Saying Seems To Go Downhill

The incident: On June 16, 2020, the Indian commanding officer along with 50 Indian soldiers went on to check the de-escalation process of illegal Chinese structures on the Indian side of Line of Actual Control (LAC). While demolishing and burning the illegal Chinese structures, a violent standoff emerged between Chinese troops and the Indian soldiers.

The casualties: 20 Indian army jawans were killed in the stand-off against the Chinese troops, making it one of the deadliest face-offs since the Second Sino-Indian war of 1967.

As much as this recent conflict has flared up tensions between the two nations, it has also set in motion rampant anti-Chinese sentiment across India, calling for complete boycott of Chinese products. Although the reactions are justified, yet a few questions do arise- is boycotting China a solid solution to a constant border problem? What about the bilateral ties shared with the country? Read on to know what Amitians have to say...

The great Indian boycott

"It is a sound decision to boycott Chinese goods. As our Honourable PM has said, we have to focus on being self-reliant or 'atmanirbhar' and give our full support to the local businesses. Every year, Chinese goods flood the Indian markets, giving tough competition to local entrepreneurs with their cheap prices and varying designs, even pushing locals out of business. Also, the recent move by the government to ban 59 Chinese apps will be

beneficial for the Indian app makers. Thus, a complete ban will be instrumental in improving the economy and GDP of our country."

Jaya Jha, AIS Gurugram 46, XI J

The cost of war

"Land disputes between India and China has been a source of conflict for decades now. Many pacts have been signed over the years on grounds of mutual trust, acceptance and abidance but border conflicts still occur. It is unreasonable for India to

trust China at a time like this. But since COVID-19 has wreaked havoc in our country, the government should devote all its attention in combating the virus and helping the citizens of this country survive the pandemic. India cannot afford to go to war."

Naman Gupta, AIS Vasundhara 1, XI A

Neighbours or allies?

"India and China have never been true allies. There have been constant dis-

putes between the countries and in the war of 1962, thousands of Indian Army jawans died fighting for their country. Today, China is gearing up for yet another conflict, but I believe this is not a time for India to be violent and engage in war. A more diplomatic approach should be taken to tackle the situation."

Ayushi Goel, AIS Gurugram 43, XII C

Boycott not the solution

"The recent flare up between the two countries for sure has ignited the fire to boycott Chinese products, yet I feel putting a complete ban will be difficult for India. The reason being, there are so many distributors and suppliers who have stocks of Chinese items or products in their warehouses. If the ban gets implemented, it will bring a huge economic loss for these people. If not the complete removal, we can at least aim for reduction of Chinese imports. With carefully formulated policies to speed up the process and support the masses, the concept of Make in India will definitely be accelerated as well."

Shhouraya Chadha, AIS Saket, XII C

Distasteful tactics

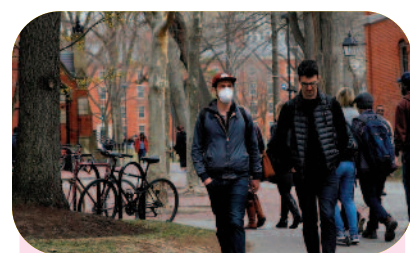
"Boundary issues between India and China have always been discussed through peaceful consultations. But, from the recent flare up that occurred in the Galwan Valley, it seems as if peace talks will not bring about desired results. We are at a position of war and the decision to fight back is in our hands. War should never be a first choice but when the other side is not cooperative, the only option is to enhance our own 'military tactics' and face the reality."

Ananya Sharma, AIS Vasundhara 6, XI E



Around The WORLD

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USA

Government receives flak over visa-row

The American government has been severely reproached by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard University for passing an order that would deprive international college students of their US visas and deport them lest courses go online because of the pandemic. The universities filed a lawsuit requesting a temporary restraining order to halt the decision, terming it as unlawful.



UNITED KINGDOM

Royal residences to reopen

The Royal Collection Trust announced that some of Queen Elizabeth II's royal residences will be reopened from July 23. One of them, Windsor Castle, which has been home to the 94 years old monarch since the beginning of the pandemic, will be open for pre-booked and timed visits.



ITALY

Algae turn alps pink

Scientists have observed the appearance of pink glacial ice in the Italian Alps due to a peculiar form of algae called *Ancylonema nordenskiöldii*. Though the algae are not dangerous, it is a common occurrence during the spring and summer in middle latitudes. Yet, its presence accelerates the absorption of sun radiations and causes ice to melt faster, adding red hues to white ice.



INDIA

Red signal for Asia Cup 2020

BCCI president Sourav Ganguly announced the cancellation of the Asia Cup T20, which was previously scheduled to be held in September, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is also believed that Sri Lanka has agreed to host the event next year, since the country is the least affected from the coronavirus.

ETHIOPIA

Ethnic violence renders over 239 dead

The capital city of Addis Ababa and the Oromia region of the country witnessed violent unrest resulted from the murder of Hachalu Hundessa a popular Oromo singer and the voice of the marginalized Oromo ethnic group. He was shot dead by unknown assailants, which caused violent protests killing more than 239 people.

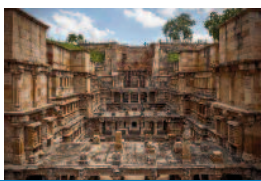


MALDIVES

Towards a Measles free country

The WHO announced that Maldives, has freed itself of measles and rubella viruses, with the last case reported in 2015. This achievement was attributed to the country's well-performing surveillance system and made it one of the first two nations in WHO South-East Asian region to eliminate these two diseases before 2023 deadline.





Located on the banks of river Saraswati, Rani ki Vav has been a UNESCO World Heritage since 2014.

Sanskrit Samwad

Conference On Scientific Tradition In Sanskrit Literature



Prof (Dr) Balvinder Shukla addresses the audience



Felicitating of Sanskrit scholars at the event

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With an aim to raise awareness on the scientific tradition found in Sanskrit literary works, along with promoting research through Sanskrit medium and establishing dialogue among Sanskrit scholars, a one-day conference was organised. The event saw participants and experts from various Sanskrit institutions from Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

Inaugural session

The programme began with Prof (Dr) Balvinder Shukla, vice chancellor, AUUP, welcoming the esteemed experts and students. She emphasised on the importance of Sanskrit and how its promotion is necessary for the development of our society. Following it, conference chair, Dr D Dharmendra Singh Rathore took on the dais and elaborated upon the subject of science and Sanskrit, and how one should forsake superstitions. Taking the session further, convener of the conference, Dr Shrutika Pandey recited citations for the prestigious 'Sanskritopask Samman' which were conferred upon Dinesh Kamat and Dr Brajesh Gautam.

Event: Sanskrit Samwad 2020
Organised by: Amity Institute of Sanskrit Studies And Research, AUUP & Uttar Pradesh Sanskrit Sansthan, Lucknow
Date: February 27, 2020
Venue: AUUP
Theme: Scientific tradition in Sanskrit literature
In attendance:
 ■ Dr Dharmendra Singh Rathore
 ■ Prof Ramesh Chandra Bhardwaj, head, Dept of Sanskrit, DU
 ■ Prof Santosh Kumar Shukla, dean, School of Sanskrit and Indic Studies, JNU
 ■ Dr. Daya Shankar Tiwari, Dept of Sanskrit, DU
 ■ Dinesh Kamat, All India Organisation Secretary, Sanskrit Bharati
 ■ Dr Brajesh Gautam, president, Sanskrit Teachers Association, Delhi
 ■ Prof Girish Chandra Pant, head, Sanskrit Department, Jamia Millia Islamia University
 ■ Dr Vinay Kumar Vidyalkar, honorary professor, AUUP
 ■ Prof (Dr) Balvinder Shukla, vice-chancellor, AUUP

Expert speaks



Expressing his views on the chosen theme of the conference, Prof Ramesh Chandra Bhardwaj narrated the historical facts of the period's scientific knowledge in Sanskrit, whilst Prof Santosh Kumar Shukla shed light on the asso-

ciation of science and Sanskrit, which is the language of the Vedas and is believed to be the root of all knowledge. Dr Daya Shankar Tiwari elaborated on the use of mathematics in Vedang astrology by citing references of the Yajurveda.

Interactive session

The second session of the conference saw two interactive activities for the students namely Shlokocharan and Prashn Manch. Both the sessions saw huge participation from students from various colleges and gurukuls. The audience present in the auditorium enjoyed the presentation of the shlokas. Following which the winners for the competitions were felicitated with awards.

Concluding session

The conference concluded with the address of Prof Girish Chandra Pant, who shared that science and Sanskrit vedic texts go hand in hand. Adding to it, Dr Vinay Kumar Vidyalkar elaborated on the presence of Sanskrit literature in the context of science. The conference came to end with a cultural programme, report presentation, vote of thanks and recitation of the National Song.  



Stephen Rhodes and other guests at the workshop

Teaching Science

Workshop On Ways To Teach Science

AIBAS, AUUP

On February 27, 2020, Amity Institute of Behavioural and Allied Sciences, AUUP organised a workshop on 'Modelling and Misconceptions in Science Education'. The workshop was conducted by Stephen Rhodes, founder, Sensational Science, an organisation working to find innovative ways on how to teach science in classroom. Dr Harish Kumar Tyagi, HOI, AIBAS, welcomed Stephen Rhodes and shared his views on science during his address. He reiterated that science is a very powerful source of understanding and how misconceptions in science can change the experience of

teaching the same.

During the workshop, Stephen Rhodes demonstrated activities on various concepts of science including the concept of circuit, spectrum of light, digestion, circulatory system, Tyndall effect and many more. He gave hands-on experience to the students in conducting different experiments by using basic instruments such as socks, utensils, bag, rods, sheets, ribbons etc. The workshop helped the students to get an insight into innovative and helpful techniques to be used while teaching science in classroom. At the end of the workshop, Dr Harish Kumar Tyagi presented vote of thanks and presented a token of appreciation to Stephen Rhodes.



Workshop session in progress



Academicians and faculty members at the training session

Advancing with technology

Certified Training Programme On Tech

AIIT | AUUP

Amity Institute of Information Technology (AIIT), AUUP conducted the first ever instructor training of Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) 7.0 from January 13- 23, 2020. The inauguration of the training witnessed the presence of Murugan Vasudevan, board director, Cisco.

Organised under the guidance of Prof (Dr) Ajay Rana, director, AIIT and senior vice president, RBEF, the 11-day long training program was attended by 36 faculty members and academicians from different Amity campuses across India and other

institutes like Graphic Era Hill University Dehradun, NIIT Foundation etc. Dr Ajay Vikram Singh, Dr Nitin Pandey and Ruchika Batla of AIIT performed the roles of facilitators for the programme.

This enriching training course came to an end with the felicitation ceremony which was graced by chief guest, Yogesh Pandey, regional head, sales, Cisco. In his closing address, Yogesh Pandey encouraged the students to collaborate with Cisco for training, internship and projects, placements and hackathons.

To sum up, the event was a fruitful affair, benefitting all those involved.

Confluence 2020

The World On One Stage To Create A Better Future



Eminent guests and personalities at the 10th International conference Confluence 2020



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The 10th International Conference 'Confluence 2020' organised by Department of Computer Science & Engineering, Amity School of Engineering and Technology (ASET) in association with AWS - Amazon was held from January 29-31, 2020 at Amity University, Noida, Uttar Pradesh. Centered on the theme 'Cloud Computing, Data Science & Engineering', the event aimed at helping students keep abreast with changing trends in development and research and foster research relations between industry and academia.



The three-day conference brought together a host of scholars, scientists and industrialists of the IT industry for discussions and deliberations on the further development of information technology and the increasing need

for better IT security. Furthermore, it provided an exciting platform for researchers and developers to exchange information and present papers regarding advancements in the field of cloud computing and data sciences. Sharing his thoughts on the event, Founder President, Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, said that it was encouraging to see some of the world's top universities from Australia, Germany, Italy, partner with Confluence 2020 to bring the best of the world's industry and academia together.

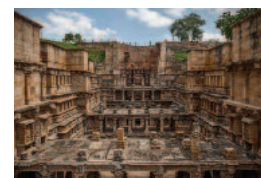
Welcoming the distinguished gathering, Dr (Prof) Balvinder Shukla, vice chancellor, Amity University, Uttar Pradesh spoke about how rapid advancements in technology has led to an increase in challenges for industry as well as for educational institutions. Prof (Dr) Abhay Bansal, general chair, Confluence 2020, talked about the rapid and dy-

amic expansion in the field of cloud computing, data and engineering.

The conference saw a multitude of eminent speakers from leading universities talk about the technology of Cloud Computing, Data Science and Engineering including Prof (Dr) John Domingue, professor and director, Knowledge Media Institute; Dr Kazuhiro Nakadai, professor, Honda Research Institute, Japan; Prof (Dr) Bernhard Pfahringer, Waikato University, New Zealand; Prof (Dr) Mike Hinchey, director of Lero & professor, University of Limerick, Ireland among others.

Confluence 2020 received tremendous support from both home and abroad with a total participation of 609 manuscripts for presentation, speaking volumes about the popularity and quality of Confluence as a harbinger of ideas and solutions.  

Also known as Queen's stepwell, it is believed to be constructed in the memory of King Bhimdev by his widow, Queen Udayamati.



Plug unplug



good things surrounding me fell through the cracks as the significance of anything positive was reduced to mere etymology. Surprised by my own capacity to be negative, I remembered hearing the concept of 'negativity bias'. It is a phenomenon which states that humans are more drawn to things that are scary and unsettling. I pondered if perhaps this was the cause of my unceasing woes.

Agonising idiosyncrasies

Turning my eyes away from all this, I tried analysing my timeline and its contents. It was then that I realised that bombarding people with 'sensationalised' negativity does have real and psychological effects on their intellect. I could notice myself feeling bulldozed by negativity. After all, several experts say, 'News is to the mind, what sugar is to the body.'

Dysfunctional functions on the body

As I was getting late for my doctor's appointment, I left my mind in the wake of these thoughts and headed for my daily check-up. The doctor noted my high blood pressure and then proceeded to ask me if I took too much stress. When I hesitantly mentioned my negative flood of emotions and its cause, he then said, "Such thoughts persistently trigger the limbic system. Panicky news spurs the release of glucocorticoid (cortisol). This deregulates our immune system and inhibits the release of growth hormones. In a nutshell, our body gets in a state of chronic stress. High glucocorticoid levels cause impaired digestion, lack of growth (cell, hair and bone), nervousness and susceptibility to infections. The other potential side-effects include fatigue, fear, aggression, tunnel-vision and desensitisation."

After that, for the very first time, I learnt that sometimes ignoring the news update notifications popping on my phone was better, not just for my mind, but my entire being.

The Subtle Art Of Detachment From News And Everyday Life

Deeksha Puri, XII F & Nandini Sunil, XII E, AIS PV

My phone was flooded with a flurry of words, swirling in a melange of subdued stories. From sensationalist buzzwords to fluff pieces, they were all scattered on my timeline and for the first time, I felt

nothing. My senses stung at this realisation of deep desensitisation, as I stifled a sigh and set out to understand how I fell into this void, this emotionless grasp when the world outside was so overwhelming.

Scare-tactics: The new fear factor
My timeline seemed hell bent on scar-

ing me more than any of those horror movies ever could. Every account was posting, or better to say, fretting about the latest political, climatic and social development (or a lack thereof.) The American Psychological Association provided me with a clear answer. In a study, more than half of Americans reported that negative

news contributed to a feeling of stress, anxiety and helplessness and 20% of the subjects mentioned constantly feeling the need to monitor their social media feeds.

Glass half empty bias

After observing what a messed up place this world was, the myriad of

A technological ramble

A Keyboard Narrates Its Tale Of Unabating Pain, Love, Passion And Fear

Resham Talwar, AIS Saket, XII C

Tap, tap, tap... getting beaten up might not be everyone's cup of tea (other than boxers, of course), but life as a keyboard is not all bad. My name is a set of random alphabets and numbers that even I forget at times, but I love to be called 'Keykey.' The satisfaction of being an object of utility to people compensates for the harsh brutality of the real world that often hits me, quite literally! This realisation dawned upon me a month after I was shipped off to this Internet Café after complete exploitation (they call it 'testing').

The first few days, people who used me did not care to remove the plastic that I came wrapped in. I could function the best knowing that my safety was intact. But as the plastic wore off, I knew that my days of being handled with care were over. I was suddenly thrown out into the real world. A small kid once decided to snack while he played video games - long story short, I stank of onions for a week and there are still bits of snacks stuck in the middle of my teeth. No, they did try to get rid of it, but they added strange marks on my beautiful

face, as they kept hitting me hard against the wooden ply.

Here is a life lesson for the newbies; there are two kinds of people in this world- either the ones who love the backspace key as they keep making mistakes, or the ones who use my ctrl key as a weapon to rule the world (My

brother Mac calls it 'command'- coincidence? No.) I get especially afraid whenever someone announces that the deadline is near. I prepare myself for all the kicks, punches and face smacks. These tech enthusiasts even make the neighbours hear their passion for the sound of my keys.

This job has given me the opportunity to witness some emotional moments as well- memories which I will always cherish. After tolerating the inconsiderate people who do not even have the patience of a man on fire, I remember the teenager who brought her grandpa to teach him how to use me, his gentle touch was reflective of the pride in his heart when he successfully typed his first word. I have also felt the tears of a blogger stroll straight down my keys, when his first post saw 10 likes.

With 2 keys sprung out due to a mischievous kid's continuous tapping, I can still assure you that I can take all the lemons, life throws at me. I may stop and rest for a while (oh, they

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say I have 'hanged'- such preposterous language), but my user exasperatedly pushes himself internally- and me physically- to get back to work. As my friend Mr Mouse was replaced with a trackpad, I wonder if my existence is in danger too- but I know I'm irreplaceable, almost like the pages of a book. The food particles are starting to get accompanied by dust. What if I end up being an antique, just like my old friend typewriter? No, I don't want to. The thought itself is dispiriting, isn't it? 🍌

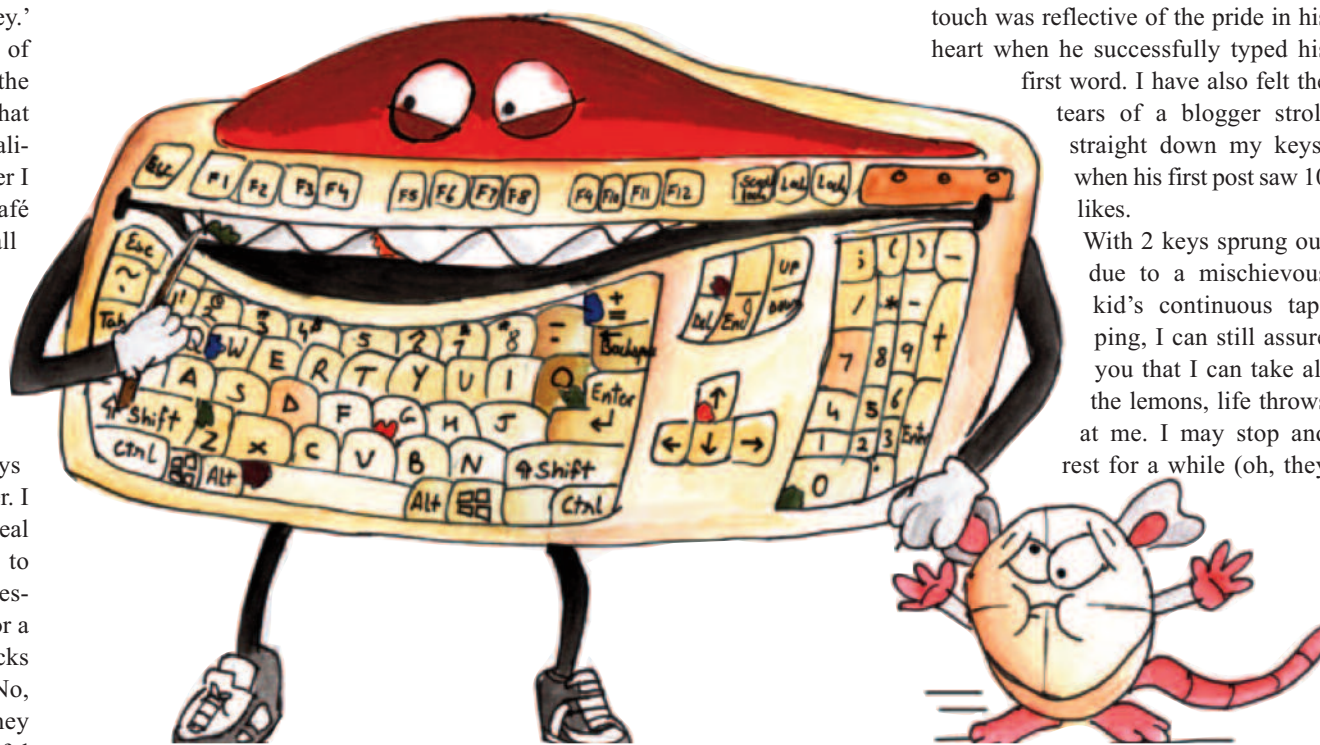
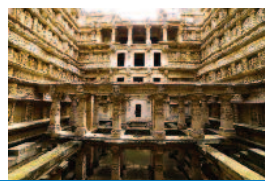


Illustration: Abhilasha Kuba, AIS Saket, XI E



Silted over, Rani ki Vav was rediscovered in 1940s and restored in 1980s by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).

A new way of learning



Dr. Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

Recently I had the privilege of attending a webinar by His Holiness, The 14th Dalai Lama, Amity University, Manesar. It was an extremely ethereal experience, so to speak. While he shared a multitude of ideas (some shared on page 1),

his views on 'Nalanda thought' or 'Nalanda way' of learning, particularly impressed me as it is something that I have always practiced in my belief of putting together an education system where 'tradition blends with modernity'. The 'Nalanda thought' of learning is based on logic (reading), critical thinking and enquiring (debate) and analysing (meditation). And India, since times immemorial, has been the 'Guru of the world' in logic and reasoning, scientific thinking and spiritual enrichment. As per this thought of learning, a learner should first thoroughly read, enquire and debate about any subject/topic, rather than just believing what is written. This makes the learner more inquisitive and in his quest for knowledge, he becomes meditative – sensible and peaceful inside out. S/he analyses deeply what is being read and learnt and experiments in real world. It's time for India to become the world Guru once again by blending the traditional 'Nalanda thought' of learning with modern education now, when the world is again looking forward to India as a leader. Blending our traditional ways of learning with the modern education system will help resolve many problems like materialism and competition, leading to negativity, anger, stress, violence, etc. The 'Nalanda thought,' rooted in logical understanding with meditation, will help us to know the world deeply, way beyond its materialistic existence. It will teach the learners to be inquisitive while controlling their thoughts in a positive way. [GT](#)

Fair journey



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

After months of speculations, CBSE has finally allayed anxiety of around 30 lakh students of Class X & XII, with its decision to cancel exams and go the internal assessments way for the remaining exams. When I interacted with the stakeholders, their views varied between fair and unfair. While many were looking forward to writing exams of a particular subject as they worked hard throughout the year, counting on high scores in that subject for their admissions, yet there were some who felt that CBSE couldn't have offered a fairer deal amidst the present situation.

But, life in its entirety is a mixed bag of fairness and unfairness. While assessments are important, careers are never dependent on grades alone; for these are the milestones in the journey of life but not the entire journey itself. Life with its myriad situations is but one journey where only bends lead to beautiful vistas of success and glory. Our beloved people's president, Dr APJ Abdul Kalam is a testimony to this fact. He was not an IITian, he graduated from Madras University, he failed his air force entrance test but went on to head the defence forces of the nation. His first satellite launch project failed drastically but he only put India on world map with the successful launch of PSLV, Pokhran test and developed five missiles. So, fair or unfair in extraordinary times present extraordinary challenges and the ones who show extraordinary courage to accept situation, move on in life. [GT](#)

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Engineering a better world

Time To Utilise Technology For The Betterment Of Society

Shubhika Garg, AIS Noida, XII

Met David Chesney, professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, at University of Michigan. With over 20 years of work experience and several awards to his credit, he is a name to reckon with in the automotive industry. David Chesney has also worked with children with cognitive and physical disabilities, utilizing his expertise in the field of engineering to help them. As a speaker at Confluence 2020, held at Amity University, GT reporters took the opportunity to discuss the automotive industry and autonomous vehicles in a quick tete-a-tete.

On the changing face of the automotive industry

In my opinion, the latest and the greatest invention is definitely the autonomous vehicle, also known as the self-driving car. It's a great potential area of expansion. Exactly how much time would be needed to bring this technology online is not known, but it's an idea with a lot of potential. When talking about the problems likely to crop up, a step-by-step approach should be followed starting with manufacturing autonomous vehicles in a pure van style, which can be used on the highway, where there is no traffic.

On working with people with disabilities

I started with the automotive industry, working more and more on vehicle and software controls for engines and transmissions in my initial year. From there, I did some work on artificial intelligence and my interest in that field gave me the inspiration to start working for people with disabilities. I believe being able to use the modern technology with the thought of benefitting the society, particularly the disabled is what the students must keep in mind. Say, how to build a user interface for somebody who can't see or hear. This is where our technology will prove immensely productive.

On his notion of success

Success, according to me, is to do the most with what you have access to. The utilisation of what you have is very important. So, if you are given the education and the means to better yourself, there is also an assumption that you will use it to help the society and that too for the betterment in every way possible. Your willingness to use what has been given to you, to its maximum potential is what makes you successful. Do what you enjoy, and the money will follow. So, find something that you really, really enjoy and life will take care of itself. [GT](#)

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David Chesney with GT reporter

The aftermath

An Emotional Tribute Straight From The Heart



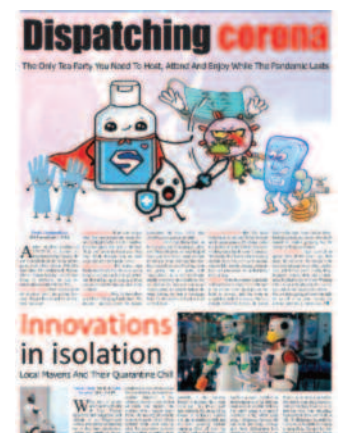
Ananya Grover, AIS Noida, XII B

“**S**tart getting ready,” your parents say. “What for?”- And then you wince. Dread climbs up your toes as you realise that today is scheduled for the big family get together. The bell rings and the first wave hits: hyperbolised grins, welcoming the relatives. Of course, you're not a veteran at the art of holding trays and the water sloshes around as the glasses are picked up quickly. Second wave: Questions about aspirations and marks. And right when you thought everything was under control? That one aunty chimes in, “*Accha? Doctor banna hai? Jab 5 saal ki thi na? Toh truck driver banna chahti thi.*” Yep. This will be your legacy after you die. You sigh and try to enjoy the banter. At this point, the toddlers are starting to throw around their limbs and hitting their parents in the faces, clearly bored and seeking attention. Your mother suggests that you take them to your room. Third wave. No, there are no games on my phone and no you cannot turn on the PS4 and oh my God please leave my soft toys alone! Clinking of dinner

plates and laughs loud enough to disturb the neighborhood. And then, finally, it's over. The door parted slightly, your parents dropping them to the car, being asked to come to their place next time; and you crash to the bed, leaving all the ACs on for just a few minutes. You pick yourself up and start cleaning up before mom shouts at you for being lazy. You're sure she's exhausted as well, dealing with the paternal side of the family. You place the glasses along the sink, rinsed and ready to be thrown into the dishwasher. You turn off the lights and change into regular clothes, and as you slide into your bed, you feel it envelop you from all sides. It was over at last. Utterly exhausting, right? But a part of you feels it wasn't so bad. I mean sure, small talk is draining and baby-sitting is testing, but... they are family. It's kind of strange when you think about it; these random people who live such different lives come together once a year or two and check in on each other, just because they're blood.

A bond that cannot be conveniently erased by blocking them on social media and deleting all your photos to-

gether. Whether for better or for worse, this bond had a permanence to it that serves as an anchor to you, even in the direst of situations. Who were you, if stripped of these relationships? Give a thought about it. And interrupting this train of thought, you notice the stuff toy on your desk that you've had since you were five has disappeared. You frantically toss the entire home upside down, when you begin to think back to the toys you had 'borrowed' from your elder siblings and cousins as a child. Those toys may have been second-hand and well-worn from use, yet they held a special significance for you. Your worry and anger subside almost just as soon as it arose. It was only fair that you give forward your own toys to the next generation. After all, familial bonds are forged through mutual caring, sharing, and by passing on old traditions and possessions. Your family sees mere shades of you, but without them—without their nosy interrogation, without hectic and annoying family get-togethers, without your roles as a sister, daughter or aunt, without sharing with them and caring for them - you could never be complete. [GT](#)



Issue: P4, July 6, 2020

Dear Editor,

This is in reference to page 4 article 'Innovations in isolation' published in the GT edition dated July 6, 2020. As tough times and bad news surrounded us, The Global Times brought a smile on my face and gave me a break from the monotony of lockdown-life. I really appreciate the platform given to us in the form of quarantine e-editions. It helped me tap into my creativity while stuck at home. When I chose to write this article, I was worried that I won't find any content worth including, but it gave me the inspiration to find out that people were fervently trying to make best out of the situation at hand. This was indeed a time for introspection and making use of technology to reach creative solutions to these new problems. I am sure that this era will give rise to sustainable technological solutions, a topic I am rather passionate about, and continue to inspire all my fellow students. Lastly, I would like to express my gratitude to Chairperson ma'am & principal ma'am who appreciated our efforts to make the quarantine editions successful and the GT team who made our ideas come to life. Thank you! [GT](#)

Suhani Malik, AIS PV, XII B

The finest and one of the largest examples of its kind and designed as an inverted temple, Rani ki Vav highlights the sanctity of water.



Rani ki Vav

TEDx, AIS Gur 46 rolled out the carpet for all the rebellious changemakers who refused to accept the traditional ways of the world and dared to ask...

TEDx, is a mega global platform that invites motivational speakers from different walks of life. Here, each of the speakers, narrate their personal accounts, which enables the audience to see the bigger picture of life, and make them realise that the glass is always half full and not the other way around. Every year, Amity Schools also organise their very own version of TEDx, all in an endeavour to encourage and prepare its young minds for all the challenges that they might encounter in their life ahead. It inspires the students to be change-makers and make the world a better place.

TEDx
AIS Gurugram 46

WHY NOT?

Belief in your self-worth is directly proportional to the heights of your achievements - a phrase spouted by many; embraced by a few. The fourth edition of TEDx talk organised by AIS Gur 46 on November 22, 2019 ingeminated the veracity of this phrase over the self-limiting

beliefs that encourage us to ask 'why' instead of 'why not' - the theme of the event. TEDx propels you to have grit and dream of things that never were instead of looking at and accepting things as they are, revolutionising the way the world observes and operates.

Why not be unique?

Inquisitor: Dr Aseem Chauhan, Chancellor, AU

The TED take: "All of us mostly tend to compare ourselves to others and think what we lack in ourselves that they don't. In this process, we lose our own identity and forget what makes us. Instead, what we must know is that every single one amongst us has been embedded with disparate identities and attributes that make us exceptional. Our task is to identify those qualities and utilise them in such a way that it eventually goes on to change the world for something better and wise. As students, what you must remember is that academic

excellence alone is never going to take you forward;

defines you. It is the blossomed version of that special

architecture, or anything that appeals to your heart and your mind. In this ever-changing world, there are many opportunities that await you and with time, these are only bound to grow in number and forms. Having said that, one is sure to get caught up with so many things, so many trends and even revolutions today, but you should not be too stuck in the rut. Just focus on the values and ethics taught to you by your family and your school, and this will certainly help you to face your challenges head on and propel you towards success. Be unique, be Amitians and go change the world!"



passion is what supersedes anything else in life. Because your passion is what actually

attribute gifted to you by God. So, pursue your passion, be it music, sports, ar-

Why not challenge yourself?



Inquisitor: Anvesha Dattagupta, singer and lyricist

The TED take: "I was a part of the show Amul Star Voice of India, Chotte Ustaad. It was during that stint that my mother woke me up one night and told me that the makers had changed the song I was supposed to sing the next day. Needless to say, I panicked and told my mother that there is no way I would be able to do it. My mother simply said

that since I don't have a choice, I might as well prepare and give my best. I did give my best and was surprised to find out that my best, was pretty decent. Moving forward, years later I used to randomly come up with new melodies at home, when one day my parents asked me why I don't write the lyrics for these tunes and compose a complete song. I had never written lyrics in my life before. I believed that it takes

years to hone a skill as well as some creativity, and I was not good at this one. But yet again, my parents encouraged me and supported me to take on this new challenge, asking me why not? Why not prepare a song in one night? Why not become a composer and a song writer? Why not challenge yourself to do something, you've never done before and that became the key to my success."



Why not be imperfect?



Inquisitor: Rita Gangwani, Pageant coach and Founder of RIGAHaus (Rita Gangwani's House Of Personality Transformation)

The TED take: "I have been a prisoner of stereotypes and prejudices throughout my life. Who put me behind these bars? It's the society. For, it has created a box; if you fit in, you are lucky, if not, you, my friend, are a misfit. Tall, beautiful and fair is what thrives, everything else just has to survive. I have suffered the same fate due to my short stature. When I was in

school, I wished to be a model or an actress someday. But all my desires were crushed when my classmates belittled me with terms like *thingu*, *bauni*, etc. I used to fight with my parents every day, asking 'why me?' But as they say, whenever devil strikes you, God sends an angel in your life. And this angel for me was one of my teachers. She asked me to not make anybody else's opinion my own reality. As a result, I applied for the Indian army and became one of the first lady army officers from Himachal Pradesh. The same

people who laughed at me, now started saluting me. And soon I saw myself living my dreams. Though I didn't become one, but I was now producing many models and actresses. So, it doesn't matter what you look like, it is what's inside you that defines you. It's not the distance between the top of your head and your feet, it's the difference between the top of your head and your eyes and how you use it. Just eradicate these differences from the world. For, why can't we accept something that's not perfect? Why not?"



The steps of Rani ki Vav are wide and ornately carved with various Gods and Goddesses. Many wall carvings are related to Lord Vishnu, including the Dashavataras.

Why not count your blessings? X



Inquisitor: Vidisha Balyan, Miss Deaf World 2019

The TED take: "Someone once said – 'Blindness separates people from things; deafness separates people from people.' But this isn't true. I am Miss World and an international tennis player and I am also deaf. Would it all be possible if I were detached? People tend to think that the deaf aren't capable of anything. But according to me, the only thing that differentiates me from the rest is that I cannot hear. I was born this way but it

didn't stop my parents from seeing me as normal. They along with my maternal uncle toiled really hard to make my speech better and raised me like every other child who can hear. Though I couldn't stand out in studies but I excelled in sports and won countless tournaments in lawn tennis and even qualified and secured 5th position in the deaf Olympics. But after the Olympics, I suffered a serious back injury that rendered me incapable of playing the sport anymore. It was heartbreaking

because tennis defined me. It was not just any sport, but an outlet for my grief and isolation. I did stop playing it but life didn't want me to stop, only this time the new game was Miss Deaf World. Because why not? And guess what, I won it fair and square. Thus, believing in yourself and the God who created you is essential. Avoid what you don't have and be grateful for what you do. Discover your ability and convert it into your talent. The rest will definitely follow."



Why not live for others? X

Inquisitor: Deepak Bagla, Managing director & CEO of Invest India

The TED take: "I was from the world of finance and banking and was fairly satisfied with my life. There used to be this big fat bonus at the end of the year and that was all we used to work for—a higher salary, a better car and a vacation abroad. That was what kept us happy. Then in 2008 came an event which changed my life completely—26/11, the terrorist attack in Mumbai. I was

in the Oberoi's restaurant with my friend when the attack took place. We managed to escape from the restaurant and ran up to my room on the 12th floor where we were holed up for almost 40 hours. When word got out that I was trapped in the Oberoi, there were prayer meetings for my safety. When you realise that there are so many people who care for you, it changes your entire thought process. I decided that I was not going to work for money anymore. I shifted course

and started working for the government. Of all the things I held important in my life, nothing was more satisfying than the work I had done in the past five years. What matters is the ability to try and help others and move beyond you. The level of satisfaction is immense. Always remember, a lot of your life is in your own hands. But there will always be some events beyond your control, which will shape it. So, be ready for the unknown."

Why not follow your heart? X



Inquisitor: Abhishek Agarwal, CEO, Atlantis Educational Services

The TED take: "I once called my father and told him that I wanted to take a plane from Delhi to Varanasi, instead of a train. I was in grade 11 and living away from my family at that time. The answer my father gave me was, 'If you ever do something that takes you out of the country, I will put you on a plane.' I started look-

ing for all the international competitions available to a child of my age, hoping to win one so that I could compel my father to pay for my ticket to travel out of India. I even participated in one of them, worked hard along with my friends for two months but lost anyway. Three years later, I joined the Thappar University to become an engineer and convinced my friends that we should form a team and apply

for the Space Settlement Design Competition. We found 11 students from a school of Patiala (because most of the schools rejected our offer), worked hard for two months and won the competition. To do something creative, something big in life, you need to have some inspiration. My inspiration through all this was that I wanted to get on a plane and why not, inspiration can come from anywhere!"



Why not be the changemaker? X

Inquisitor: Amit Khatri, Deputy Commissioner, Gurugram

The TED take: "Many of us are quick to blame the government for all the wrong things happening in the society. But many of us are not ready to take charge of the situation and bring a change. In fact, it is a no brainer that change wouldn't take place on its own. One has to come up and take the initiative. You see, I was a computer engineer first before I took the plunge into Civil Services. I wanted to see a transformation

in the society, so I worked towards it. The youth today lives in the metropolitan city, but they do not realise how far we have come in terms of development. Take the example of Gurugram. If we look back in time, some 20-25 years ago, Gurugram was merely a vast land, scattered with small villages here and there. Cut to 2020, the city has now become a corporate hub. Though we have sacrificed on the green cover and good quality air, but we do have come a long way.

As far as the government sector is concerned, Gurugram has witnessed public library movement in the last six months; citizen service delivery center has also been completely revamped with a clear timeline as the status of documents like driving license, income certificate, etc. is thoroughly checked and updated on a regular basis. The point being—change is the only constant so, why not contribute to this ongoing process and be the changemaker for a better and more evolved tomorrow."

The members of the royal family used the stepwell as a place to socialise because the area remained cooler as compared to its surroundings.



Rani ki Vav

Habitation on Mars

Storywala



Aryaman Jain & Aadhithya Aravind, Alumni, AIS MV

Mr Roma is roaming around in his house in his all-time favourite velvet robe. He cannot hold his excitement as he is sending out birthday invitations to his relatives and friends. It is going to be a huge party because all the members of Roma's family share the same birthday. This peculiarity could only be found on Mars, the red planet, where the Northern Ice Caps happen to melt only once during summers.

"Who are you inviting now?" asks Roma's son, Mali who has just returned exhausted after a long day of shopping for the party. "Not so loud, your mother may hear you," says Roma in a tone of urgency. As Mali suddenly spots the names on the invites, he asks with a shocking look on his face, "Are

you going to invite your brothers even after what they did to you last time?" "They didn't do anything. It was just an accident because of the wind-blown dust in our eyes," says Roma with a tone of finality. In hopelessness, Mali responded, "But dad, they have always envied you because you have inherited the ancestral farm from the great grandfather, the first inhabitant on the planet. Whenever they visit, it is always with a conspiracy to censure you."

The much-awaited day arrives and so do the wicked brothers. "Hello, there!" says Roma. We have been dying to see you brother!" said Grenadios, a butler by profession. "It is terrific to be back after a long time" said Barnabas, an Inter-Planetary law practitioner for the Cronos Law Firm. "Are you wearing a new dye?" asked Mousa, the youngest brother and a Nakhla observer by trade. "Uh...I don't think so," replied Roma.

Roma, who has now realised that he had made a wrong decision, yet again, arms himself with a saber and locks his son and his wife in a room.

After a quick round of greeting and roaming around the house, the brothers decide to carry out their brilliant plan. "We shall make sure that we spike his drink in the right proportion so that he is properly unconscious" said Grenadios to Barnabas. "What's my job?" asks Mousa, to which Barnabas replied, "Go and hang around with our beloved brother. Make sure that no one gets suspicious." The entire secretive chat is being overheard by Mrs Roma who wastes no time and runs to tell her husband. Roma, who has now realised that he had made a wrong decision, yet again, arms himself with a saber and locks his son and his wife in a room. He rushes towards his brothers and knocks them to their knees in one clean blow to the ankles.

"I am ashamed, brothers. If the farm is all you want, you need only to have asked. Why are you after my life?" Roma asks in disgust. "How could we see you enjoy your life when we ourselves are suffering in misery?" replied Mousa, crying in pain. "Because I worked day and night while you were busy whiling away your time with your good-for-nothing friends. That's why father entrusted me with the ancestral farm," said furious Roma, realising that his brothers would never change.

- "But brother..."
- "You might as well leave the house, without wasting a second."

The brothers walk towards the door hanging their heads in shame. They realise their mistake, maybe, until the next time. [G I](#)



Nutelloreo truffles

Arunima Gulati, AIS Saket, XII

Ingredients

Oreo biscuits 15-20
Cream cheese 1 cup
Nutella 1 cup
Rainbow sprinkles to garnish

Method

- In a blender, crush the Oreo biscuits to a fine powder.
- Now, add cream cheese to it and blend again. Then add ½ cup Nutella and blend until a chocolaty smooth ganache is formed.
- Transfer it in a bowl, cover with a foil and pop into the fridge for half an hour to let the ganache set firmly.
- With the help of a cookie scoop, portion out scoops of the ganache in your hand and roll it against your palm until it turns into a ball.
- Place it on butter paper. Repeat the process until you have about 15 truffles.
- Next, refrigerate them for 10-15 minutes.
- Now, take the remaining ½ cup Nutella in a bowl. Dip the refrigerated Oreo truffles into it one by one and garnish them with rainbow sprinkles alongside.
- Repeat until all truffles are done and place them on butter paper once again.
- Refrigerate these truffles for about 30-40 minutes.
- Bring them out and gobble your Nutelloreo truffles!

To the ocean

Riya Ramkumar
AGS Noida, XII

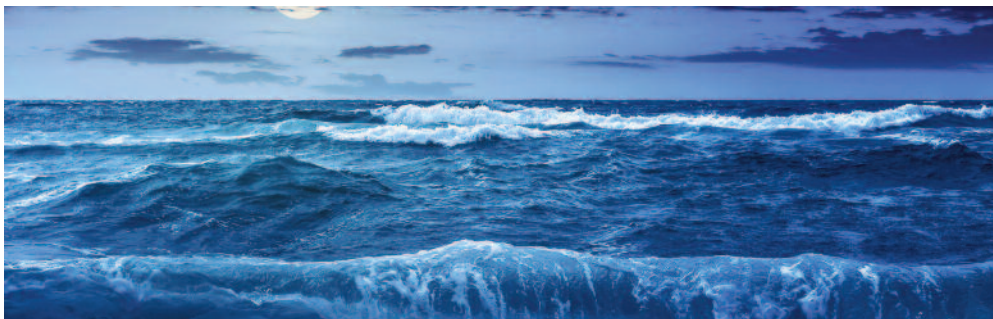
I hope someday you could
Forgive me for forgiving myself
For it is you that you seek
For mercy and forgiveness

I'd take blame unconditionally

Like I had promised to
Selflessly, every single time
I believed in the roses and denied

The thorns they carried
The love that they drained
Love that you carved out
To your own desired thirst

The body that now remains
Says to self: body, forgive me
The soiled rivulets for it is ocean
For I tarnished you when I chose. [G I](#)



Autumn

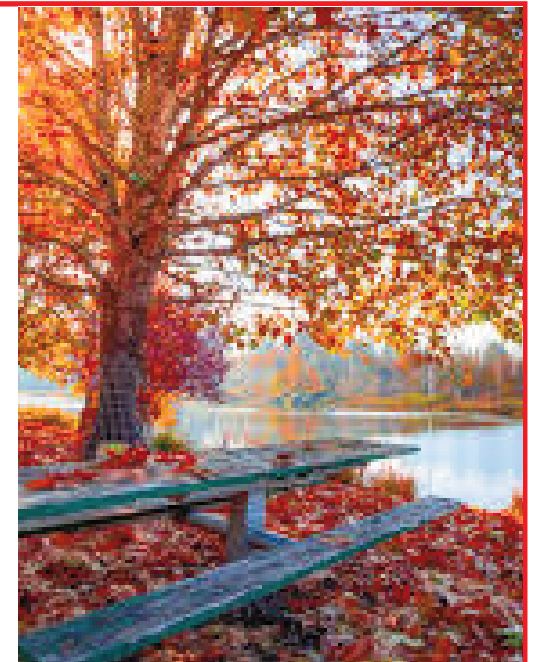
Saanvi Goyal
AIS Gur 43, IX

Autumn is coming, the leaves fall
Trees are bare - big and small
Notorious breeze is blowing around
Flying with the leaves around

Bears gathering honey in caves
Squirrels roaming to collect nuts
Caterpillars boarding places for food
To endure in the weather little rude

Birds have stopped singing
To their nests they are clinging
And finding places to stay
Where the winter is away

Soon the sky will turn to rust
And ground will be covered in dust



All the beings will sleep in peace
And stay with the greatest of ease. [G I](#)

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Karan Gupta, AIS Vas 1, IX

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Steamy and spicy savouries



Appetising balls for every appetite



Deep fried delicacies



Built at the height of craftsmens' ability in stepwell construction, Rani ki Vav has the architecture style of Maru-Gurjara.

The Gulmohar

Imaging: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network

Short story



Dhruv Tripathi

AIS Gur 43, VII B

This is a story about six best friends - Arnab, Simran, Yusuf, Zara, Aman and their another great friend - The Gulmohar. This huge tree had seen the five of them grow and was home to countless memories. Seeing their immense love for the tree, Zara's father who was an architect, built a treehouse for the kids in the giant Gulmohar. The children were ecstatic and now every morning and night was spent in the shade

of the beautiful tree. Life was good for the five friends, until one fine day, bad news came knocking on their door. "I have a bad news! I think soon we will have no treehouse. I heard Mr Ali telling his people about building an apartment here. They are going to cut down our Gulmohar," Aman told his friends in between sobs. The five friends were baffled beyond belief. After all, the tree was their home. "But how can they cut this tree? What about the birds and squirrels that live on this tree?" asked Zara. They sat to-

gether lost in their thoughts. Finally, Yusuf exclaimed, "We cannot let this happen. Let's go and request Mr Ali to build his apartment somewhere else." Next day, all of them reached Mr Ali's office. They told him about their treehouse and requested him to shift the apartment elsewhere. At first, Mr Ali was rather amused seeing five young children show up at his office, for this had never happened before. He tried telling off the kids politely, but they wouldn't budge. Annoyed, he told them, that he was a busy man and did not have time

Seeing their immense love for the tree, Zara's father, who was an architect, built a treehouse for the kids in the giant Gulmohar.

for petty requests. The kids were heartbroken, but remained firm in their resolve of not letting their beloved Gulmohar go. They sat in their treehouse, thinking of ideas to save their friend. Just then, Aman recalled reading about the 'Chipko Movement'. The movement started in April 1973 in Uttarakhand where the people of the village protected their trees by hugging them. He suggested protecting their Gulmohar in the same way. Everyone ecstatically agreed to Aman's idea. Next day, early morning, all of them met near the tree and refused to move even when their parents called them. Gradually, everybody in the neighbourhood joined them.

When Mr Ali's men came to cut down the Gulmohar tree, they were surprised to see the crowd and called Mr Ali, who was equally shocked to see so many people gathered around the tree. He was speechless but moved by the brave efforts of the young children. He promised to re-design the apartment so that their beloved Gulmohar would not have to be cut down.

So, what did you learn today?
A new word: Amused
Meaning: To make someone smile



Desk organiser

Darsh Nair, AIS Gurugram 46, V

Material required

- Empty box of Kellog's
- Empty toilet paper roll
- Small cardboard box
- Wrapping paper
- Fevicol
- Scissors
- Stickers
- Decorative tape

Method

- Take an empty box of Kellogg's and cut the folding flaps on the top to give it a cuboid shape without its top surface.
- Mark a broad 'V' on the front of the box just one inch below the top edge.
- With the help of scissors, cut the soft cardboard out along the marked lines so that it looks like a magazine holder. Wrap this box up with a wrapping paper.
- Now take an empty toilet paper roll and give it a base by using the same cardboard you had cut out from the Kellogg's box.
- For the same, measure the base circumference of the roll and cut out a circle of the same size.
- Paste the roll on top of this cutout circle and cover the roll with the same wrapping paper.
- Paste it on the right side of the Kellogg's box. It would now serve as a pen stand.
- Now take the small cardboard box. Wrap it up with the same sheet of paper and paste it on the front, making an additional holder for small things.
- Decorate the organiser with fancy tape and stickers.
- Your desk organiser is ready to organise your study table!

POEMS

Choices

Priyamvada Rao
AIS Mayur Vihar, VII

Everyday we make choices
To be powerful or to be weak
To be strong or to be meek

To be happy or to be sad
To be good or to be bad
Everyday we choose our own fate

You will be the one to decide
If you are special and worthy or not
If you are strong and sturdy or not
If you let out the light within
Or let darkness sway the win
Or you'll let others choose for you

I love books

Aruj Tejpal
AIS Vasundhara 1, III

Books are a vast treasure
I read them for my pleasure
Many characters you will find
Some funny, serious or kind
They take me to a new place
I read them at my own pace
Finding scores of new words
Helps me solve crosswords
I love the fragrance of pages
One can feel it for ages



Best entries for colouring fun



Rishit Yadav, AIS Gur 46, III

Anishka Yadav, AIS Gur 46, V

It's Me

Know me
My name: Kabir Singh Negi
My Class: Grade 2
My school: AGS Gurugram
Born on: February 24

My Favourites
Book: Ramayana
Mall: Ambience Mall
Game: Hockey
Food: Pasta
Teacher: Debjani ma'am
Friend: Daivik Goel
Story: Robinhood
Subject: Math



About me
Role model: My mother
I like: To visit Goa
I dislike: Fighting
I want to become: A scientist
I want to feature in GT because: I want to be known and loved by everyone.

PAINTING CORNER

Aadya Dimri
AIS Vas 6, IV



The architecture and sculptures at Rani ki Vav are similar to the Vimalvasahi temple in Mount Abu and Sun temple at Modhera.



Rani ki Vav

A fight for their right

Humans And Their Appeal Against The Novel Coronavirus

Aadya Kapoor

AIS Vasundhara 6, XI D

The novel coronavirus has wreaked havoc on humankind. Distressed and dying, they demand justice, and whom better to ask it from than the mighty Mother Earth herself!

Humans: Mother! This pandemic is costing us our lives; our whole race is in danger.

Mother Earth: My dear children, believe me, whatever is happening is in the favour of all of us. It is your wakeup call. Now that you cannot run from it, you must rethink your actions and realise how selfish and greedy you have been; you destroyed my resources for your own convenience. If the balance is not restored now, it will never be able to restore itself.

Humans: But we only use your resources for development, and it is only through this development that we evolved from primitives.

Mother Earth: And you did it all against my terms! Do you not see the innocent animals whose homes you destroyed? They, too, need their time to heal and build back what you tore down. As you stay shut inside, the wilderness is rebuilding itself. Help them restore the balance of this ecosystem for the sake of their children and yours.



Humans: This pandemic is forcing us to stay inside our houses. How are we supposed to lead our lives normally?

Mother Earth: You have been gifted with intelligence, the most useful tool in times of distress. Not just that but you also have technology on your side, so use it well to continue your daily life whilst staying inside. Since the day you have been on lockdown, huge improvements in the air quality have been noticed. Chinese and Italian industrial areas are showing strong drops in nitrogen dioxide. Moreover, the COVID-19 pandemic is having significant detrimental impact on other environmental factors like the emissions of greenhouse gases. Try to understand the harm that those four-wheeled monsters have done to others.

Humans: Our transportation system has been our power for years now, Mother. Without it, all our basic functions have been brought to a standstill. Our future seems so dark at this point.

Mother Earth: Oh! Human, the transport that you boast of right now was wrecking the world altogether. Do you realise that the ships were the reason for the contamination of the Venice canals? The large number of boats in the canals stirred up sediments, making them float and increasing my water's turbidity. The sea creatures were so terrified.

Did you ever stop even once to think about them? Now that there is no boat traffic, the sediments stay on the bottom of the canals; the animals are coming out of the confinements and claiming their equal rights on the Earth. Children, I know the pandemic is affecting your kind but there are many positive changes taking place on my surface, that you will observe eventually. You just need to be patient.

Humans: Your ways are twisted, Mother, but if you say the only way to save ourselves is to rethink our actions, stay inside, and treat our fellow animals and you with love and respect, then that's exactly what we will do, from now on.  



Go corona go! In The Hope To Eradicate The Virus

Osho Maheshwari

AIS Noida, V G



Osho Maheshwari

Once upon a time, the Earth was clouded by the grey and black of Coronavirus. One fine March morning, up in the sky, the Sun and the Moon started confabulating upon how they must get rid of the virus.

The Sun boasted that he had the supreme power to eliminate all the darkness in the world, including the virus. The Moon, being the calm and composed one, said that it must be killed at the earliest before corona takes over the entire world.

This consternation went on for days, and then weeks. The month of March was eventually over. Then came April, the month of vibrance. It was believed that the virus would go away, but no, it stayed. In this very anticipation, May also passed by and thus came the sixth month of June, but the battle still persisted. Coronavirus was not at all ready to go!

Finally, the Sun and the Moon came together to deliberate again. "Why is corona still here? Don't you think it has overstayed

its welcome on the planet?" the Sun expressed. To this, the Moon replied, "I know right? It's high time we did something about it." After some thought, the Sun exclaimed "Hey, I overheard something from the artificial satellite. That might be of some respite."



"Yes, tell me already. Don't keep me waiting", the Moon said in apprehension. "They are counting on you and me!"

"How is that going to help?"

"Solar eclipse! That's going to help. It might be helpful in beating the coronavirus"

The Moon was baffled at this. "Let's do it then! What are we waiting for?"

Having decided to execute the plan in the last week of June, coinciding with the summer solstice, the Sun and the Moon aligned together and fought Coronavirus, banishing it from the green planet once and for all.



And thus 8 year old Rohan woke up from his dream in the afternoon on June 22, 2020, a day after the eclipse, with the hope that they have vanquished the virus. As he happily ventured out to play, his dad yelled, "Rohan! Wear your mask, or you'll catch corona!"  

POEMS

Justice beyond just us

Savyasachi Singh, AIS Noida, X F

They survive all their sad days
And they close their empty nights
With their silent gaze all a daze
When they can't even stand upright
Hungering the eyes of the world
Rustling their fingers against walls
But they are hidden and unheard
No help for them when trouble calls

The pandemic tightens like fists
In loose embrace of the shirt wrists
They are put out of work in this sun
Without shelter, their bodies burn
They wet their eyes but never lips
A drop of water is hardly sipped
Their kids should make paper boats
But the family can't even stay afloat
But no day is better than the other
A new dawn is last dusk's brother.  



A silver lining

Suyashi Sehgal



AIS Vasundhara 6, III B

Take out your old box of hobbies
And remove all the layers of dust
Let us all paint again a new world
Though it is the tough time of isolation
But we can explore new family relation

Let us all enjoy a sip of warm coffee
And take out some time for a friend
When s/he called we were not free
But now let's have some fun and frolic

Play some music and dance unlimited

At present we are not holding hands
But in difficulty, together we stand
Wash hands, maintain the hygiene
And be safe and remain at your hive
As we have no option but to fight

Yes, there is silence on the road
But we can hear the chirping birds
We can hear the swaying leaves
We can see the clear sky with stars
And that is the silver lining so far.  



How to fight with
CORONAVIRUS

Mohd. Ali Jamee Saeed Khan, AIS VYC, V



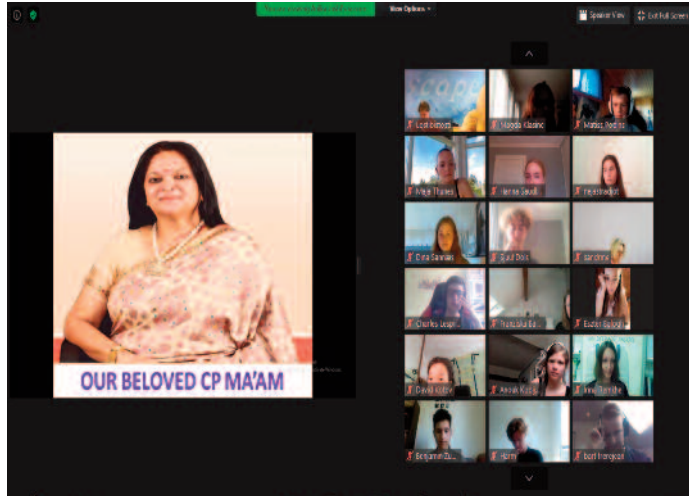
There are more than 500 principle sculptures and over a thousand minor ones that combine religious, mythological and secular imagery on Rani ki Vav.

YRoNS, the new way

Brilliant Young Scientists Share Their Learning Online



International participants interact at first virtual YRoNS



Chairperson addresses the participants at virtual YRoNS

AERC

Nine nations, 48 students including 11 Amitians from different branches of Amity Group of Schools, Delhi/NCR, participated in the 13th YRoNS (Young Researchers of Natural Science) held virtually on June 2, 9 & 16, 2020 under the aegis of Amity Educational Resource Centre (AERC). The unique platform of scientific and cultural exchange that saw participation from nations like Hungary, Germany, Norway, France, Slovenia, Netherlands, Russia, Brazil and India, proved to be undeterred by the shadow of COVID-19.

Envisioned by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF, the programme kept the learning flowing seamlessly during transformed times. The programme organised virtually, was moderated by head AERC. Each participating school's projects and presentations on a different theme were showcased online, under the guidance of their creative mentor teachers and proved to be enriching for all. The theme for the first day 'The world during

Amitians At YRoNS' 20

- Suhani Chauhan, AIS Pushp Vihar
- Bhuvni Pandey, AIS Saket
- Niamat Gill, AIS Noida
- Sarah Chawla, AIS Gurugram 43
- Sudiksha Sarcar, AIS Gurugram 46
- Alak Pratap Singh Jadon, AIS Gwalior
- Shivanshi Sharma, AIS Mayur Vihar
- Anika Joshi, AIS Vasundhara I
- Mahi Gangal, AIS Vasundhara 6
- Sia Gandhi, AIS Gurugram
- Gauri Rathor, AIS Noida

the COVID-19 period' entailed an introductory round where the representatives exhibited how their world was keeping abreast with the COVID affected times and how they continued to be achievers in their own right. The guest speaker, Professor Daniel Soares, Federal Professor at Institute of Education, Science and Technology, Sao Paulo, Brazil spoke about maintaining equilibrium in lives and contemporary issues impacting all.

The second day opened up with a discussion

and informative session on the topic, 'Our country during COVID-19'. Highlight of this day was the address by Karoly Gyorgi, International Secretary at Hungarian Trade Union Confederation who spoke about how working and schooling online have become the new normals and how the entire humanity has risen to the occasion, supporting each other like never before.

The third and concluding day of the conference based on the theme 'Science and cultural presentations' showcased avant-garde abilities of young scientists. Innovations like super absorbent material 'Hydratonic', making apple wine using yeast, plant health monitoring app, inventing a battery run vehicle for contactless deliveries, planting vegetable gardens in urban spaces with self-tilting solar panels were shared and discussed with peers around the globe. The young minds also deliberated on issues like why lycra masks were the best, importance of homeschooling amidst transformed times, etc. The three days symposium proved to be a platform for exchanging scientific ideas and developing cultural understanding between the nations. 🇮🇳



Glimpse of the webinar on space science

Learning in space

Webinar On New Trends In Space

ACSF

Amity's Children Science Foundation (ACSF) in association with AUUP organised a webinar on 'Emerging trends in space science' for the students of Class IX-XII on June 20, 2020. The webinar attended by over 2,400 participants on Zoom and YouTube, commenced with welcome addresses by Dr W Selvamurthy, chancellor, Amity University, Chattisgarh, president, Amity Science, Technology and Innovation Foundation (ASTIF) & director general, Amity Directorate of Science and Innovation (ADSI) and Dr Rajiv Sharma, director general, Amity Foundation for Science, Technology & Innovation Alliances (AFSTIA), scientific advisor to the Founder President and senior vice president, Ritnand Balved Education Foundation (RBEF).

Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF, in her opening address shared Amity's achievements in NASA and

various other space related competitions over the years.

Various space experts namely Prof M S Prasad, Prof R Yadav and Prof D V Singh, Amity University, Noida; Dr Siddarth Pandey, Amity University, Mumbai and Dr Sarath Raj, Amity University, Dubai, shared about different vistas of space science. They discussed vastness of space, economic significance of insignificantly small asteroids, space missions, developments made by India in space, etc. In Astrobiology, participants were introduced to the diversity of microorganisms in space and how such variations may lead to evolution of life on Mars and other exo-planets. Students were also shown NASA's T.A.T.I.L.A.S, a system that can inform about an asteroid collision 24 hours before it takes place and were also taught about the use of remote sensing and satellites.

Overall, it was an exciting experience for the students to learn about cutting edge latest space technologies from space science experts across the globe. 🇮🇳



Ripunjay Vashisht with his innovation Sani Robo

A golden victory

Young Amitians Win Gold Medals At The 27th NCSC



President of India peruses project 'Sangini' of AIS Saket



Participants from AIS Vas 6 poses with her medal

Amitian tops AIM

Beating COVID With Scientific Thinking

AIS Vasundhara 6

Ripunjay Vashisht of Class VIII was selected as one of the top 30 innovators amongst thousands of participants at the national ATL Community Day Challenge 2020 held in the month of May. His project was selected amongst top 30 in the category of 'AI problem statement' of the competition organised by the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)

in collaboration with Niti Aayog. He won the laurels for his innovation called Sani-Robo, a non-contact automatic sanitiser dispenser which dispenses sanitiser and alerts about the low levels of sanitiser automatically. This low cost, low maintenance and durable device can be installed indoors or outdoors and is powered by an ultrasonic sensor which captures hand movement and performs the command functions. 🇮🇳

ACSF

Six young scientists from three different branches of Amity Group of Schools, Delhi/NCR brought home, two gold medals and hearty laurels at the 27th National Children's Science Congress (NCSC), held at Trivandrum from December 27- 31, 2019. Around 658 children from various schools all over India participated in the prestigious national level science consortium. The young innovators of Amity initially incubated their ideas as projects in 'Vasudha' (the inter Amity science competition organised under the aegis of Amity's Children Science Foundation), a visionary initiative of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF, to promote scientific temperament among students. Aayushi Kaushik, Numa Falak Khan and Kaavya Joshi (Class X) of AIS Saket, won

gold medal for their project 'Sangini'-a low cost biodegradable sanitary pad. They were also selected amongst the eight best innovators in India and were felicitated by Shri Ram Nath Kovind, hon'ble President of India on November 14, 2019 at the Rashtrapati Bhawan. This team from AIS Saket was the only one from Delhi, selected for such a distinguished appreciation.

Sparsh Sahni (Class IX) AIS Gurugram 46 won a gold medal for his innovative, 'Wonder Blocks'- bricks made of paper sludge. His presentation, charts and meticulously done file work won special appreciation from the eminent scientist Sujit Banerjee and TP Raghunath, chairman, National Academic Committee of NSCS. A copy of his project file has also been kept in NCSC library as exemplary references.

Sheen Sarup and Ridhi Nair (Class X) of AIS Vasundhara 6 presented a paper on their in-



Sparsh Sahni of AIS Gur 46 with his gold

novative nutritional supplement solution 'Herbal nutrient powder for micronutrient deficient children using waste fruits and vegetable peels'. All the winners and participants were conferred with medals and a certificate of merit. 🇮🇳

The enormous Queen's stepwell is 210 feet long and 65 feet wide.

All top quotes contributed by Raghav Sharma, AIS Saket, VIII B



Rani ki Vav

Pic: Dakshesh Bharal, AIS PV, XII E

Gulshan Grover Shares His Journey To Becoming A Villain

Saanvi Vaish, XII C & Arshya Gupta, XII G, AIS Pushp Vihar

Say 'Bad Man' and a name instantly pops up - Gulshan Grover. Bollywood's original villain, he has created a unique brand for himself with his work in both India and abroad. A 25 year long career dotted with over 450 films and numerous accolades, this man needs no introduction. As a panelist at the YP panel discussion of AIS PV, he indulged in an exclusive interview with GT reporters, sharing with them his inspirational journey. Here are some excerpts.

Your journey in the film industry...
With over 450 films to my name, I feel God has been very kind to me. Speaking of my journey, I would say that I'm just warming up. I have a long, long way to go.

Ever tried changing your 'bad man' image...

Never in my life would I ever think of, let alone try, to change my bad man image. I have worked very hard to create this brand and now that I have such grand viewer identification to it, I don't want to tamper with it. I am really proud of what I have achieved. I also named my autobiography 'Bad Man' and have no intention of altering it.

Your most challenging role...

Every role you undertake is challenging. In fact, challenge should be

THE BAD MAN



GT reporters with Gulshan Grover

the basic criterion for any actor to accept or reject a role. If the role doesn't challenge you as an actor, it is pointless, and would add nothing to your craft. That said, the challenges vary too. For instance, sometimes it is about the director you're working with or the kind of character you're playing; sometimes it is challenging because of the situations that you're working in. But no matter what, you need to overcome these challenges and prove your worth according to the faith put in you by the producer. Once you

achieve that, you are good to go.

Your take on nepotism...

Looking at the world today and all its competition, I don't think it would harm anyone if I give my child a little push. I, as a parent, would obviously want the best for my child and would love to introduce him/her to the best opportunities that I can create. But this in any way does not guarantee a successful career for them, especially in this field where the viewers decide your fate. It's more like making your

child learn how to ride a bicycle. You only help them only till they manage to balance it all themselves.

Your views on work ethics in the West vs that in India...

West, in my opinion, focuses more on the detail. They plan everything. We, Indians, miss out on the planning part a bit and leave things on the Almighty. Also, in the West, you get a responsibility with full authority, and tremendous information. Here, in India, actors do not have too much to say. But what we as Indians are better at than the people in the West is multitasking. We work long hours and we work in adverse conditions or with equipment that is not at par and still make things work for the better.

Your message for the youth...

Dream. Don't let the world or your own situation at the moment stop you from dreaming. Don't let failures bog you down, for these momentary lows will not determine how you will turn out eventually. If you are hard-working and have a zeal for learning, you can achieve anything. Anything at all! So, don't shy away from dreaming. Keep hustling and surprise people with your secret abilities.



Changing lures?

From Juniors To Seniors; Seniors To Juniors And So On

Sanya Goel & Harsh Shekhar
AIS Gur 43, Alumni

Change, they say is constant. Things change, and so do people. And so does the equation between people. *clears throat* you know, I am not the only one who feels that way. Ask any senior in school, and he will give you the same answer. What? We have a 'back in our day' story too.

So without much ado, let me take you back in time, a time where seniors were a revered lot, where everything they said was a gospel, where they were greeted with 'good morning didi/bhaiya'. But like I mentioned in the beginning of this article, things change, a change we seniors strongly detest.

It was just the other day when I was walking in the corridor, that a bunch of ignorant juniors hurtled past me. The fact they nearly brushed shoulders with me was the least of their concern. And in no time, I was reminded of the time when we were juniors. Seniors walking by the corridors meant letting them go first, as we stood

on the side, passing polite smiles. But guess things change!

Willing to move on, I opened my book, when my friend, now the school head girl, came storming in. "These juniors, I tell you!" A little probing later, I discovered that she had tried to make an announcement in one of the junior classes. 15 minutes of 'settle down' later, she had to move out

without making the announcement. Now, at the risk of sounding like a whiner, I can't help but

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mention how back-in-my-days, a senior entering the class meant pin drop silence, followed by complete attention to what the senior had to say. But guess things change!

Accepting my sorry senior fate, I headed towards the bus. I stepped inside to see some tiny little fellows take the prized backseat. Now that backseat has always been the prerogative of the seniors, or so I thought, until I was in the middle wing. And until these silly juniors came our way. They happily and very conveniently hog the seat that suits them best. Though one to put things behind me, I could take it no more and decided to take the matters in my hand. "Don't you know that only seniors sit on the backseat," I said, almost gearing up for a savage comeback with rolling eyes. But to my utter surprise, the little boy said, "Sorry bhaiya," and quietly took his bag and friends, moving to one of the front seats. I was both amazed and a little amused. Guess what, things don't really change so much, after all!



A rite of passage

Sibling Away, Perks Your Way

Caitanya Singh Jaswal
AIS Noida, XII C

sions that covered up the wall.

ATTENTION

So, your sibling has left for college and you have the house to yourself. You have gained a bed, but lost a family member—sounds like a fair trade to me! But is it? Read on to know what/what not to look forward to.

All your parents' attention is now on you. Expect lots of explaining to do when result day comes around. But it's not all necessarily a bad thing: with your sibling gone, who else are your parents going to pamper?

MUSIC

SPACE
You never really know how much space a human being can take until you sleep diagonally on your bed. You can prance and dance, and you can do whatever you want. But while you may have more space, the density of people decreases, and you might feel a bit lonely at times...

Headphones? Never heard of them. See what I did there? Blast your music to your heart's content without worrying about disturbing your sibling. But, in case they shared a same taste for it, the loss is yours. Nobody to discuss the new album with? Eh?

QUIET

POSTERS
The walls are yours! That doesn't sound very exciting, but adding posters to your walls makes the room uniquely yours. Though admit it or not, a part of you will miss their weird obses-

Possibly this is one of the biggest upsides to your sibling leaving. You can lie down, close your eyes and let the solitude blend in with your mood without fearing a sarcastic comment coming your way. That is, of course until they return for the holidays.