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Warriors of India, P7

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Do you think international economic sanctions against Russia would end President Putin's war in Ukraine?

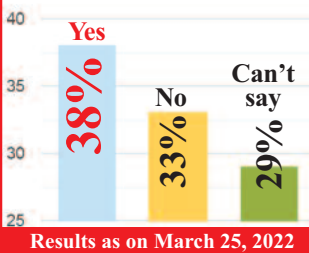
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POLL RESULT

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With Delhi government announcing the set-up of more than 100 charging stations by June 2022, do you think the move will boost the sale of electric vehicles in the capital?



Coming Next

Winners at EPIC

Amitians On Returning To School After COVID-19 Lockdown

An intriguing mix of anxiousness, excitement, and ambition, coupled with familiar countenances and welcome-back hugs, is what the first day of school is more or less teemed with. This year, howbeit, having already struggled to adapt to the two year-long absence from the school setting, with its causative factor persisting still, going back to school for all the stakeholders was fraught with a whole new set of challenges, be it emotional, pedagogical, or sanitarian. In an effort to attain a greater level of understanding about the same thus, GT asked Amitians to chronicle their first day at school post Covid and what it meant for them. Here's what they had to say...

"As the notice, 'offline classes to start soon', flashed on my mother's mobile screen, I read it twice for I couldn't believe it the first time. "My shoes, my bag, I-card - where have I kept it all?" I excitedly questioned myself. And though waking up early seemed uneasy, yet the thought was gone the very next moment when I thought of meeting my friends. As I finally did, funnily, some of them looked a little taller and some fatter than before. Together with them as I sat in a real classroom, I felt as if I had gained my freedom back. I was so happy to be back as interaction with my peers and teachers is a part of my education, and it is definitely better offline."

Akyaash Rawat, AIS VKC Lko, V B

"Finally, the day for which I had been waiting for the last two years was here. I was very excited to be going back to school and was eager to see my friends and teachers, and to walk the familiar classroom that I had missed so much during these years. However, behind the excitement, there were also some concerns about my safety, but when I reached the

Back to SCHOOL



school, the school management made sure to keep us safe. Our teachers, too, made us feel special as they welcomed us with love and joy. And though our desks were

separated as far as they could from one another, to meet my friends in person after so long felt amazing."

Devansh Srivastava, AIS Jagdishpur, IV

"Coming back to school was a great experience for me. I was super excited to meet all my friends and teachers again. Though we had to follow all the necessary covid protection rules like wearing masks and maintaining distance, but we were all glad to be back in school and did not wish to return to online learning. The virtual lessons were understandable, but I feel more comfortable with face-to-face teaching as glaring at the computer was hard and often strained my eyes."

Diya Aggarwal, AIS Vas I, V A

"My first day at school after COVID-19 lockdown was an exciting one, for it had been two long years since we last got the chance to attend school physically. And so, I was happy beyond words. As I reached the school, the security guard checked my temperature and sanitised my hands. After that, I went to my class and met my teachers and friends, which made me happy but the fact that I had to practice social distancing while doing so was a little sad. But then I understand everything better in online classes than the offline ones and so, was very happy and excited to be back to school."

Arnav Singh, AIS VYC Lko, IV A

"When my mom told me I will be going back to school after two years, I was thrilled and a little bit nervous. I got up early and was ready before time. As I entered the school to see it all decorated with balloons, I had tears of happiness in my eyes. My lovely teachers whom I had only seen online so far welcomed us with a big smile. And the time I got to spend with my friends made me so happy. All of us jumped with joy, and my first day at school could not have been any more perfect!"

Ativeer Rajput, AIS Saket, III C

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It's political; it's a cartoon

Learn More About The Art Of Political Cartooning From Expert Dr Praveen Tiwari



Dr Praveen Tiwari, TV/print journalist

Mahi Modgil, AIS Gur 46, XI G

Sometimes a subtle mockery of the absurdities of politics, and a proponent of social crusades on other occasions; political cartoons have long been an integral part of journalism. However, those who have mastered this art form are far and few in between. Dr Praveen Tiwari, a TV/print journalist, author, and a scholar, is one such name. With an experience spanning two decades, he holds acclaim for the 'first ever PhD in political cartooning' recorded in World Book of Records, London (UK). Recently he divulged a lot more about the art form and his own

journey in an exclusive interaction with GT. We present you excerpts from the same...

On writing a thesis

It was almost 20 years ago when I had the wonderful opportunity of working with Late RK Laxman sir in a workshop while pursuing my degree in mass communication that stirred my interest in PhD. However, the process was quite challenging for me since there was no written documentation on political cartooning in India at that time. That's when my PhD guide, Dr Man Singh Parmar, encouraged me to go for extensive research in this subject. And so, I am forever indebted to my teachers for inspiring this passion in me.

On cartooning as an art form

Late Sudhir Tailang ji, a renowned Indian cartoonist, once said that while a majority of the old 70's Bollywood films revolve around the villain dominating the hero, what truly makes the viewers hold on to their chairs is the part when the hero finally fights back and defeats the villain. This same raw emotion is what political car-

toons elicit from people, where these cartoons based on fighting against corruption really make people feel something. His comparison between the two truly explains how impactful political cartoons can really be.

On the nuances of political cartooning

Political cartooning isn't mere artistic skill, for it also requires a certain level of political wisdom. But, unfortunately, in many journalism courses in India, there's no specialisation for this particular field. As a consequence, there's a significant dearth of awareness regarding the same. It's not as if we don't have enough talented political cartoonists in India, but the ones we have are forced to suffer at the hands of journalists and editors who don't appreciate the importance of cartoons.

On drawing the line

As a journalist, I always follow the principle of not hurting anyone's feelings, and I encourage others to do the same as well, especially in relation to religious sentiments. For mocking someone's faith or belief is something which I don't stand by. Unfortunately, a few people capitalise on this sensi-

tivity in order to gain fame when the very purpose of cartooning is to highlight issues in a humorous and artistic way and not to be hateful.

On overcoming challenges

Along with being a journalist, I am a professor in mass communication and a PhD guide as well. So, at times, it gets tough for me to find the right balance, but I have always embraced challenges. I was in Uttar Pradesh to cover the recent elections, and it was a difficult 45-day visit with over 6000 kms of travelling but I never felt like I wasn't enjoying. Everybody should acclimatise to whatever changes or challenges life throws their way.

On message for Amitians

Make sure you are clear on why you're entering a certain field; introspect whether it is for the fame that comes with it or does it have anything do with your passion. A common misconception about media is that it always leads to fame. However, that is untrue as increasing competition has made survival in this field quite challenging. So, be prepared for the ups and downs, and know that the only thing that will help you sustain here is your passion. 🇮🇳



India This Week

Harshita, AIS Vasundhara 6, XII C

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..



Modi-Morrison virtual summit

News: At a virtual summit aimed at boosting ties between India and Australia, PM Modi and his Australian counterpart Scott Morrison energised a series of new initiatives in the field of critical minerals, clean energy, mobility of students, etc., with the latter even announcing an investment worth 1,500 crore INR in a range of key sectors. The strategic partners also decided to initiate a young defence officer exchange programme, which is said to be named after Late CDS General Bipin Rawat who died in a helicopter crash in December last year.

Views: Summits like these not only improve international relations but also encourage cooperation amongst countries to prevent distressing situations like the recent Ukraine crisis from ever occurring. And since the two sides have agreed on holding such summits on an annual basis, nothing but progress and progress alone is bound to take place. Besides, Australia's kind gesture of returning 29 Indian artefacts ahead of the summit also adds a special cultural dimension to the existing relation.

Rishi Garg, AIS Vas 6, X D

Orange alert in Telangana

News: As heatwaves grip Telangana, the Indian Meteorological Department, on March 20, issued an orange alert and a yellow alert in several districts of the state that are likely to witness a maximum temperature of 41-45 degrees Celsius and 36-40 degrees Celsius respectively in the coming days. The overall maximum temperature in the state has been recorded to be 2-4 degrees higher than the average temperature of 36-37 degrees Celsius for the second and third week of March, with predictions stating that the mercury may even rise further next week.

Views: The rising temperature of Telangana might cause the resident population to be in a state of constant irritation. For the unversed, orange alert comes right before the red alert and stipulates masses to be prepared, so, according to me, the warning has been issued at the right time and both



the government and the masses should pay heed to it. This drastic change in the climate also indicates how intense heatwaves have become more frequent, severe, and deadly in the recent years, which is a huge cause for concern for climatologists everywhere in the world.

Arya Singh, AIS Vas 6, IX



Suzuki to manufacture EVs in Gujarat

News: Suzuki Motor Corporation, on March 20, made public its plan to invest about 10,440 crore INR by 2026 for the local production of electric ve-

hicles and BEV batteries in Gujarat. To make this vision a reality, the Japanese automobile company, on March 19, also signed an MoU with the state of Gujarat at the India-Japan Economic Forum held in Delhi in the presence of Japanese PM Kishida. Production activities for the same as such are expected to commence by 2025 and will be based at the company's plant in Gujarat.

Views: Electric vehicles eliminate the need for fossil fuels such as petrol and diesel, becoming increasingly essential to counter the rising pollution and fuel prices in India. And if these vehicles are manufactured locally, their initial cost would reduce by a lot, making them more affordable for the Indian populace. Suzuki's investment thus marks a favourable future for EVs in the country. However, such efforts to bring these vehicles to the fore should be supported by making charging stations more conveniently available.

Anika Khosla, AIS Vas 6, X D

No re-exam for hijab ban protestors in the state of Karnataka

News: Recently, the Karnataka government stated that the Class XII students who had boycotted the February-March practical examinations following the Hijab controversy will not be allowed to re-appear in the said exams. As such, all those who didn't appear for the practicals would end up losing 30 marks. Supporting the decision as being fair, Education Minister B C Nagesh opined that if the Hijab protestors are allowed a second chance today, someone else might cite another reason and seek another chance in the future.

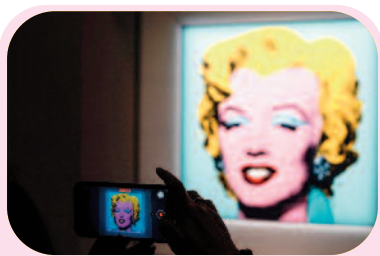
Views: Strong critics see this as discrimination against the Islamic culture and anti-feminism act, while others applauded the government for standing up for their majority. While I absolutely support the government's decision to continue to stick to the strict school code, I am sceptical of their decision to refuse the re-exam. I understand how difficult it will be for the government to construct another question paper and the demerits of this decision in the future, but I don't agree with deserving students losing 30 marks, for this highly increases their chance of having to repeat the school year again.

Ishika Agarwal, AIS Vas 6, IX D



Around The WORLD

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



USA

Monroe portrait to be sold

The famous portrait of actress Marilyn Monroe by the 1960s pop icon Andy Warhol is set to be auctioned off in May with the estimated value of 200 million USD, setting a new record. The painting titled 'Shot Sage Blue Marilyn' is said to be the most expensive painting of 20th century ever sold at an auction. The proceedings from the sale will go to Thomas and Doris Ammann Foundation that is dedicated to improving the lives of children around the world.

UK

Chlorine leak at Olympic Park

Around 29 people were hospitalised after high quantity of chlorine gas was leaked at the swimming pool used for the London Olympics. As per the London Fire Brigade, 200 people were evacuated from the area due to a chemical reaction that caused the leak. With many patients reporting breathing difficulties, even the nearby residents were asked to close their windows as the building was being ventilated later.



CHINA

Plane takes deadly nosedive

As per a press conference held by authorities, the China Eastern Flight 5735, that tipped into a deadly nosedive, failed to respond to multiple calls from air-traffic controllers. The plane disappeared from their authorities' radar screen three minutes before it took its steep descent where all 123 passengers and nine crew members are presumed dead. The investigation regarding the cause of the crash, however, is still ongoing.



SRI LANKA

Amendments for anti-terror law

The country's controversial counter-terrorism law, which faced international criticism for its harsh provisions, saw approval of amendments at the parliament. The bill to amend the Prevention of Terrorism Act of 1979 was approved with 86 votes in favour and 35 against. The amendments include reduction of period of detention, magistrates visiting the place of detention to eliminate torture, lawyers to be given access to detainees, communication with relatives to be allowed, expedition of hearing of cases, etc.

UKRAINE

100,000 trapped in Mariupol

As per President Zelensky, almost 100,000 citizens are trapped in the bombarded city of Mariupol. The stuck currently face starvation, and even those who managed to escape narrate tales of "freezing hellscape riddled with dead bodies and destroyed buildings". He appealed to Russia to allow the civilians safe humanitarian corridors to escape the place where they are "in a total siege. Without food, water, medication, under constant shelling and under constant bombing."



AFGHANISTAN

Girls' schools to shut again

Just hours after they were re-opened for the first time in seven months, the Taliban administration announced the closing of girls' high schools once again. The decision means that the female students above the sixth grade will not be able to attend schools, and the Ministry of Education has stated that the same will remain closed until a plan is drawn up in line with Islamic law and culture.





It is speculated that the nickname 'Oscar' was given by an executive director who thought the figurine resembled her uncle named Oscar.

A game or a life lesson?

Saamya Arora, AIS Saket, X B

Looking At Video Games Through A New And Different Perspective

“My head hurts” “I don’t feel so well” – tell your parents any of these and all the blame will be put on “those stupid video games”. The ultimate reason behind every misery in your life, well, at least according to your parents, is video games. So, if you, too, are looking for ways on how to convince your parents to not ban them from your life, let us give you a few scientific pointers you can use the next time you approach them for permission (but you’ll have to do that on your own risk though!)

Gaming - a community activity

We know parents tend to view video games as a solitary business as you shut yourself in a room staring at a screen to play them. However, video games can actually be a social activity. Today’s advanced video games, more often than not, have options of multiplayer where children can play with other kids around their age from different corners of the globe. Many of these games often come with the options of inbuilt chat rooms where players can talk to each other via messages while playing the game. A research that examined 5800 messages sent in gaming chat rooms had a socio-emotional connect, proving that gaming can build social interaction skills rather than hindering them.

Gaming – way to decision making

Nothing can probably teach children the value of decisions better than video



games. Even though it is just a game and they don’t stand to suffer from any actual losses, it does end up teaching them that every decision has risks and consequences. Within the game, they are given a chance to weigh their options, and use their best judgment to strategically plan and complete mis-

sions. And these decisions must often be made in a split second, so it also helps them develop analytical skills in high-pressure situations and maintain their calm under stress.

Gaming – developing cognitive ability
According to research, brain’s hip-

pocampus is engaged whilst playing immersive 3D, which is associated with complex learning and memory. Most video games played by children nowadays require them to keep a track of immersive plot, data, and information to ensure their virtual survival, which ends up boosting the formation of their mem-

ory. Not to mention that there are various games designed just for that, like Nintendo’s Brain Age. Such video games also end up improving their visual-processing ability, making them better at identifying important information and ignoring irrelevant distractors.

Gaming – learning to work hard

Like the real world, these video games also showcase the players that if they want to achieve something, they will have to work to get it. If they want to reach the finish line, players need to learn patience and perseverance, deal with problems as they are thrown at them, concentrate at the task at hand to complete it, recognise patterns to overcome them, multi-task, invest their precious time in the activity, and so much more. It is all the time and effort they put into a video game to emerge as the winner that stands a mirror to life, telling them that they have to work twice as hard in real life to be the winner.

Just like everything else in life, video games come with their own pros and cons. Even though there are some arguments that prove that video games can be good, it does not justify you staying up all night or ignoring your education to play them. It goes without saying that anything in excess is harmful; so, the next time you want to get your parents’ permission to play video games, be sure to mention a moderate time limit. [G1](#)

Science beyond books

Pro Tips To Help You Understand The Subject Better

GT Teacher’s Desk

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Science is all about ‘How, What and When’. We are always exposed to one or another scientific phenomenon on regular basis, be it traveling in the metro, enjoying a roller-coaster ride in an amusement park, or playing your favourite game on the cell phone. Without the knowledge that science provides, all this would have been just fantasy. From natural phenomena that nurtures life like rainfall and sunlight, to gadgets that assist in living a good life like the lightbulb or

the air-conditioner, all of these are due to scientific inventions and discoveries.

Having said that, science is a dynamic subject and the ways to understand it have changed over time. Gone are the days when one used to depend on books and classroom teaching alone. Today’s era is all about experiencing science in a pro-active way. Here, I am sharing few such tips that can be utilised by every student.

Firstly, students can use flash cards at home as they are known to be excellent memory reinforcement tools. When one looks at the flash card during revision, one engages in an active recall, which means one tries to remem-

ber the idea from scratch. It creates a stronger neural connection and helps one practice faster.

Another way is to use simulations which can be done by conducting experiments and understanding a scientific phenomenon better. Also, they must set up small goals and study small portions of the subject matter. There is a technique called POMODORO, which says that for effective learning, you should study in chunks with sessions of 25-30 min and breaks in between. At the same time, one should not worry about finishing a topic during this time span.

Finally, learning should always be fun, and mnemonics is a smart way for memorising complex

topics. For example, one of the mnemonics can become almost like a Harry Potter spell! Memorise Mexo-Bendo and it will stand for ‘Making bond is exothermic, Breaking bond is endothermic’. Mnemonics can also be used to learn the elements in a periodic table, names of planets in the solar system, classification of living organisms, etc. Students can also choose to make their own mnemonics.

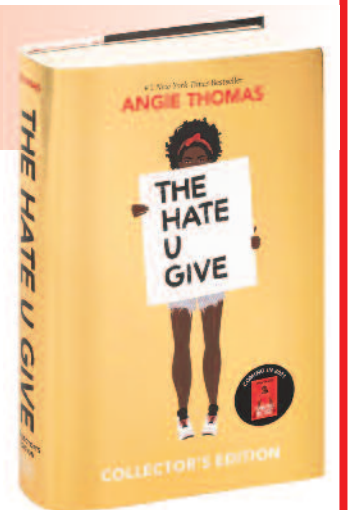
Remember, it is our responsibility to take ownership of our learning. Education is not just limited to the books, as there is plethora of knowledge out there waiting to be discovered. All you need is curiosity and an inquiring attitude to scale these heights. [G1](#)



Book Review

Rake in that review

Name: The Hate U Give
Author: Angie Thomas
Published on: Feb 28, 2017
Genre: Fiction



Synopsis: The book revolves around the life of a 16-year-old girl named Starr who lives in Garden heights, a predominantly lower-class black neighbourhood, and goes to school at Williamson Prep, a place where white upper middle class children are admitted. The story progresses forward as she meets her childhood friend Khalil, and one day, while going back home, their car gets pulled over by a white police officer on duty who misconstrues a hairbrush held by Khalil to be a destructive weapon. Things go down when he is shot to death by the officer due to a mere misunderstanding, making the young Starr the sole witness to the whole incident. What follows is the aftermath of her dealing with the situation and her struggle to obtain due justice for her innocent friend.

Why is it worth reading:

Everyone should read this book as it is very realistic and successfully manages to shed light on racism prevalent in the 21st century. It evokes a lot of emotions and makes one realise the

discrimination against people of colour. Besides, the narrative as a whole is engaging, and the characters are all strong and multifaceted. Starr, for instance, is scared due to the whole incident but fearless still. Every character thus is done with perfection, and the book is sure to leave an impression on whoever reads it.

Iconic quote: “What’s the point of having a voice if you’re going to be silent in those moments you shouldn’t be?”

“Sometimes you can do everything right and things will still go wrong. The key is to never stop doing right.”

Rating: 5/5

Review by: Aadya Kapoor
AIS Vas 6, XII D



The master gland

All About The Function Of Hypothalamus In Brain

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Princess Hypothalamus of the brain was in a state of dilemma. As she sat twirling away the neurons of her regal grey gown, disconcerting questions and ideas haunted her. She was flustered, unsure of her capabilities, her value in the ginormous brain and was neglecting her duties for a while. "Why can't I live my life like those conventional princesses, be it Snow-White or that Sleeping Beauty. They were never bombarded with these arduous tasks of managing the welfare of the kingdom. And come to think of it, my worth is little. Of what use is a four-gram structure in a humongous organ of more than a kilogram," she pondered listlessly throughout.

As if on cue, four courtiers entered her court, breaking her train of thoughts. "Your Highness," began Adrenaline in a restless yet authoritative tone, a tone that immediately caused everyone in the room to feel anxious and increasingly vigilant. "The kingdom is in a state despair. Everything, from temperature regulation to energy balance in the body of humans is out of order."

Her jitters now aggravated further, the princess hopefully looked at the cheery twins, Dopamine and Serotonin, for some moral support.

"It's true, madam," said Dopamine as Serotonin chimed in, "Without your guidance, Dopamine and I are not released timely. Depression and distress are profound and the emotions are all haywire. We are the happy hormones but even we don't feel happy anymore." "And I become active at all the wrong times. At night, everyone is wide awake and during the day, the whole kingdom is fast asleep," said Melatonin, the sleep-inducer, in his languorous and placid voice, as if he was singing a lullaby.

Before Melatonin Imaging: Deepak Sharma, GT Network

The science of it

Located at the base of the brain, near the pituitary gland, the Hypothalamus is small in size but an integral part of brain.

Known as the control centre of the brain, the Hypothalamus receives signals sent by parts of human body to the brain and in case of unbalanced factors that need attention, it responds by releasing the right hormones into the bloodstream to achieve homeostasis ie healthy and balanced bodily state.



could cause her senses to beat a retreat, Hypothalamus hastily started to speak. "My dear courtiers, your statements are a testimony to the fact that I am not an efficient leader. I believe it is high-time that you start functioning without my instruction. Who am I, but a pea-sized structure, accounting for less than one per cent of the weight of the brain?" she said in a dramatic tone.

The hormones exchanged looks and after a minute of stunned silence, Dopamine finally spoke up. "There is a reason why you are called the Super Master Gland, ma'am. You coordinate basic functions necessary for life, and perform a wide range of activities that are vital for the survival of the kingdom.

Without you, we will all be meaningless." "Your complex and highly specialised structure help maintain a state of order in the kingdom. We are mere chemical messengers and will not know our destination if you do not supervise us," added Serotonin. Adrenaline and Melatonin nodded in agreement with Serotonin.

It was true, she indeed was the Super Master Gland. Somewhere under Hypothalamus' feelings of uncertainty and uselessness, she felt a ripple of optimism and worth. She turned these thoughts carefully in her head for a while till the silence in the room grew tense and expectant.

Finally, she adjusted her brain-shaped tiara and declared, "You are right, dear hormones. I don't know how I allowed these irrational emotions to distract me. I am sorry that I did not take my responsibilities seriously. From now on, let us work together and make this kingdom flourish."



A nuclear DISCOVERY

LISE MEITNER was part of the team that discovered nuclear fission

Ruchita Nair, AIS MV, X D

Perhaps some of us know the names of the three men-Strassmann, Hahn and Frisch - who are credited with the discovery of nuclear fission. The majority, however, have forgotten about another key person who was part of this team, Austrian-Swedish physicist Dr Lise Meitner.

Meitner, Strassmann and Hahn began bombarding uranium and other elements with neutrons and identify the series of decay products.

In December 1938, during an experiment, Hahn and Strassmann found isotopes of barium amongst the decay products. Unable to explain this phenomenon, Hahn sent a letter to Meitner, who along with her nephew Frisch, gave the required explanation.

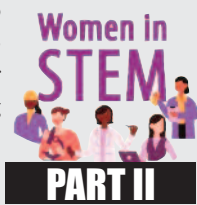
She propounded that if we view the nucleus like a liquid drop, following the model proposed earlier by George Gamow, the uranium nucleus might, like a water drop, become elongated, then start to pinch in the middle, and finally split into two drops. After the split, the two drops would be driven apart by their mutual electric repulsion at high energy. Hahn won the Nobel



Prize in chemistry in 1944, but Meitner was never recognised for her important role in the discovery of fission. And still, Dr Meitner continued her research on nuclear reactions, and contributed to the making of Sweden's first nuclear reactor.

It was only in 1966 that the US Department of Energy jointly awarded her, Hahn and Strass-

mann with its prestigious Enrico Fermi Award 'for pioneering research in the naturally occurring radio-activities and extensive experimental studies leading to the discovery of fission'. Also, in 1997, the element 109 in periodic table was named after her 'Meitnerium', making it only one of the two elements named after women till date in the periodic table.



PART II

The big boy Bocaccio

Rivers, lakes, and wetlands are indubitably amongst the most biodiverse places on earth, but the diversity that dwells in them is often overlooked. As such, despite being vital for communities, economies, and ecosystems alike, scores of fish species today are heading towards extinction; fisheries that trade in them and provide employment opportunities to millions across the globe are increasingly shuttering down withal. Being mindful of the same, the United Nations has designated 2022 as the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture in order to make us au courant with the catastrophe that awaits these marine miracles and ensure their continuity for the foreseeable future. Aiming to make this vision a reality, GT presents a brand-new series, wherein each segment will either cover an endangered fish species on the verge of extinction or a renowned fishing village in any part of the world in need of immediate human attention.

Yashika Agrawal

AIS VYC Lucknow, VIII A

Meet me, I am: Bocaccio rockfish

My taxonomic name: *Sebastes paucispinis*

I am native to: Stepovak Bay to central Baja California

My life expectancy: 45-50 years



back is burnt orange or olive in colour.

- My female self is capable of producing 23,00,000 eggs in their whole lifespan.
- I am also known as rock salmon, pacific red snapper, salmon rockfish, longjaw, etc.
- My adult self is usually located over rocky high relief bottom which is as deep as 60-340 meters.

Why I am in danger

I am in danger because I take immense time to grow. Not just this, but my food sources and the growth of my larvae have been highly affected by upwelling, resulting in low amounts of resources as well as weaker egg size, amount, and quality. Even natural phenomenon

like El Nino and La Nina ends up creating drastic changes for my surroundings, further harming my growth. As if this wasn't enough, overfishing has also led my number to decrease. As a consequence, today my entire population is in a critical stage. Fishermen love to make me their target as I am usually present in one area in abundance and because I have a longer shelf life than various other fishes. Currently, I am plagued from all these problems; I have also been named a threatened species in 2001, but I still hope things will become better before it is too late.

How I am being saved

I am listed as threatened. Even though I am suffering so much, I can still be saved by preventing deep-sea fishing and placing regulations on how I am being fished. Some attempts for the same are already in motion, like how the California Department of Fish and Game have set a limit of two of my kind being fished every day. Since I live in deeper waters, new rules have been set that doesn't allow fishing to go farther than 240 feet, letting my kind to escape such fate. Some fisheries are also working on providing me a better home, and it is only when all these efforts are combined that my family can bounce back happily!

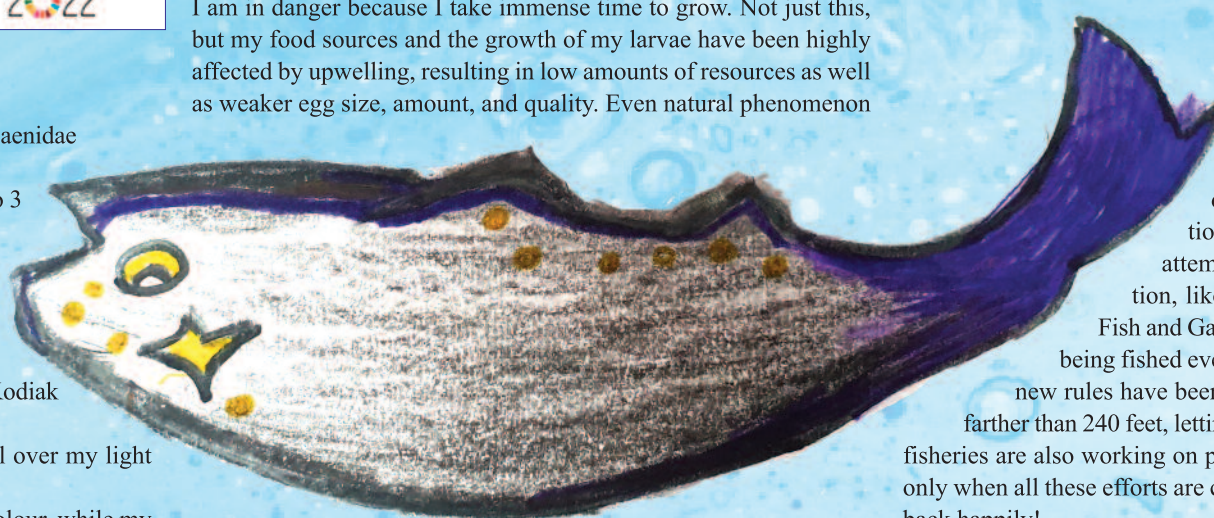


Illustration: Yashika Agrawal, AIS VYC Lucknow, VIII A

About me

- I belong to the Sebastinae subfamily of the Scorpaenidae family.
- I am one of the largest rockfishes, growing up to 3 feet in length and weighing up to 21 pounds.
- My female species grow faster and they also live longer than their male counterparts.
- I am one of the 35 different kinds of rockfish.
- I am usually found in Baja California, Punta Blanca, the Gulf of Alaska off Krozoff, and the Kodiak Islands.
- When I am young, I have small brown spots all over my light bronze surface, which fades away as I age.
- As an adult, my stomach turns pink and red in colour, while my



The first ever Academy Awards ceremony was held in 1929 as a private dinner ceremony.

Be a junk journaler

Beginners Guide 101: How To Get Creative And Be Sustainable At The Same Time

Avni Munjal, AIS Gur 43, X D

What if we tell you that all those junk paper pieces lying uselessly around your house can be transformed into something valuable when combined in a journal to be cherished forever? Sounds fun, right? Well, this new development in journaling leads to the formation of what we now refer to as a junk journal. Though crafting with waste is what we all have done for various school projects, for it is something that we have consciously encouraged to save our environment, journaling waste from paper is a novel concept. How you may ask? Well, keep on reading to find out...

As a reliable and relevant solution for the problem of paper waste, junk journal makes use of scrap paper, recycled old books, planners, etc., to make a collection of mixed media pages which can be used to write, draw, or record memories, ideas and thoughts. The content on each page thus can include a variety of elements like postcards from a pen pal that lie in a trunk ageing as the years pass by, some ephemera from your travels, air tickets, or the paper bags you get from markets, etc., all of which, if combined and customised together, has the potential to turn into something unique and eclectic. Besides, the best part of

a junk journal is that it lets you create with reckless abandon and without wasting any expensive material. So, gift it to a friend, see it as your own mood board, or make a business out of it, the choice is all yours!

While many people pursue it as a hobby when their creativity is flowing, interestingly enough, one can also make junk journaling their profession by starting their own business online. In that case, just like any other business, one simply needs a Pinterest account, or a YouTube channel, or an Etsy store at max. Besides, today, there are several social media applications, such as Facebook, Instagram, etc., that help you reach out to people and promote your business idea to a wider audience, all the while sitting at your homes. Thus, there are no prerequisites to this career option (if we may) except that you should have a good aesthetic sense of placing different elements together. In fact, for people who do not have much sense of art and craft but would still like to make a junk journal, the markets are filled with readymade supplies like washi tape, vintage papers, stamps, seals, stickers, dried flowers, printable journals, etc., for you to buy and fulfil your urge to create. So, once the product is ready, accompany it with your own customised 'Thank You' tags, business cards, YouTube thumbnails, Pinterest

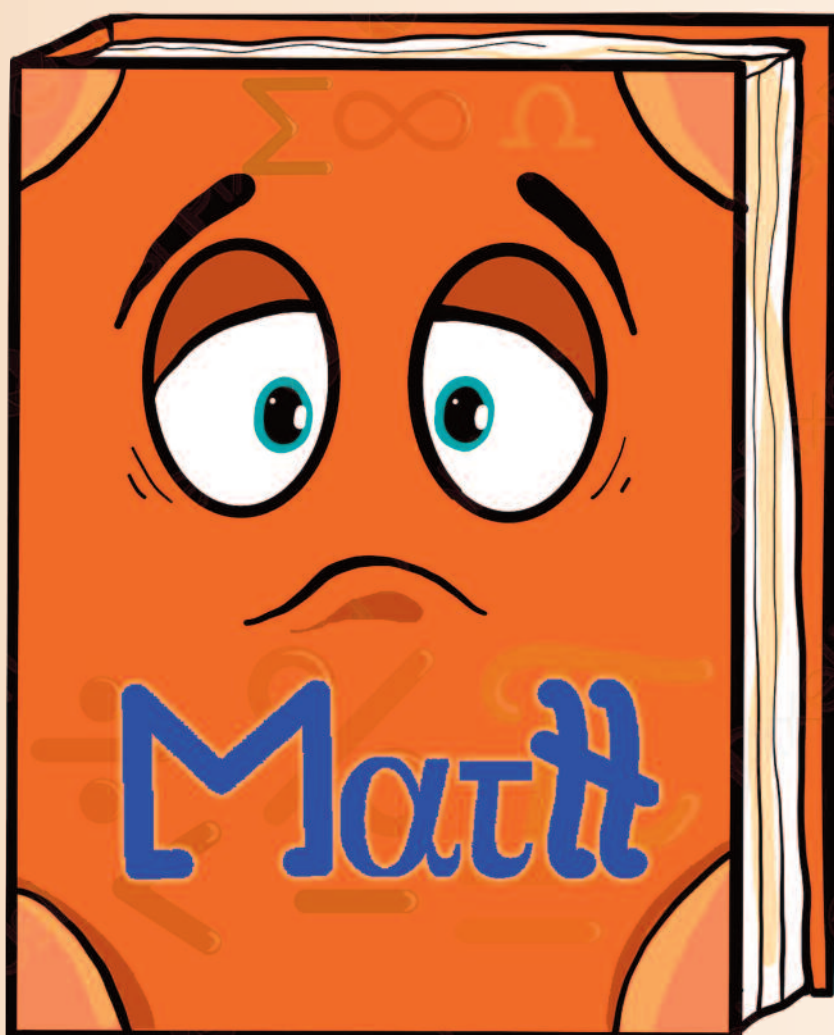


pins, and much more to promote it further. Adding these will, in fact, also act as a keepsake for the buyers. Besides, what's better than earning from the comfort of your

home and letting your creative juices flow, all while ridding the environment of around 30% of the waste that gets added to it on a daily basis. So, if this is something that interests you, buckle up and set out on this journey towards a more sustainable and creative future right away.

1, 2, 3, do you see me?

The Untouched Mathematics Book: Desperately Calling Out For Some Attention!



Ananya Jain
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Imagine being despised, absolutely loathed and cursed at every opportunity. Well, count your stars dear reader, for you haven't been bestowed with the ill luck of being a mathematics book. Well, even though I am a grade X math book, my problems are not ones to be dealt with ease.

For a moment, imagine being born with bucket loads of problems; that is what it is like to be a maths book. No colour, no illustrations, no drawings, I come as dull as can be. But you should look at the art that is bequeathed upon my pages. It is incomparable. No creativity strikes as hard as a child bored in maths class. They scribble, doodle, sketch and draw on every space available in my problem riddled pages. I fervently hope they

turn out to be the next Michelangelo and Da Vinci, as math, for sure, is not their strong suit.

The other books regard me as an ancient textbook with a multitude of secrets. My dull mustard yellow colour does not help matters in my case. Perhaps, there is dignity in being revered as wise and worldly; for knowing hypotenuses and trigonometry, when all the English grammar book contributes to a conversation is write poetry about forests or patriotism. I may even, dare I say it, challenge the computer textbook to a battle of brains and win without having to flex a single page. Of course, with such wisdom abound, my luck must have needed to compensate for it. I cannot reason why my owner would allow me to foster dust bunnies in her closet otherwise.

The only thing that keeps me from becoming a dust ridden, mouldy shell of my former self is the mother of my

owner. She dusts the cupboard regularly, arranging and rearranging the tottering pile of books which would otherwise fall over. Through the narrow gap in the cupboard, one can observe the daily flurry of activities that transpire in the room. The tiny sliver of an opening humbles me into gratitude that I was not born a common gel pen or, heaven forbid, an eraser, gasping for a life fulfilled too soon, and then gone in the blink of an eye. I reason it is better this way. Better a breezy bookshelf than stuffed into a smelly schoolbag, never knowing when an inquisitive hand would relieve me of the darkness. There is no dignity in that, although the temptation to be read is undeniable. Maybe someday, I shall tire of the view from the shelves and wish for something more; of excited eyes pouring over my pages, of friendships with wiser math books, and a sense of relief as my pages fill to the brim with answers to all my problems.

My dreams may be naive to many books who do not know the torment of being unloved and unread. But with every glance that is spared towards a math book sitting on a lonely shelf, my hopeful dreams shall prosper.

The most nominated male and female actors in the Oscars' history are Jack Nicholson and Meryl Streep with 12 and 21 nominations, respectively.



Sky-High Success



Dr. Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

'If sky is the limit, then go there', so goes a famous saying. Indeed, our talented Amitians have proven once again that they are always soaring high in the sky of success, and literally this time. Two of our young space enthusiasts -

Hridyansh Yadav and Aditya Raj Verma of Class IX, AIS Pushp Vihar - have won a special award called the 'Dick Edwards Leadership Award' for envisioning space-based companies called 'Vulture Aviation' and 'Grumbo Aerospace' respectively at the Indian National round of the International Space Settlement Design competition. Organised by Atlantis Research and NASA, the event was held from January 6-10, 2022. The aim of this annual contest is to encourage high school students to use their scientific knowledge and find unique ways to simulate the experience of working in an aero-space company.

I feel that learning about space allows our children to understand and appreciate our own planet better. When we begin to realise why mother Earth is extra special and how we can protect this uniqueness, we are motivated to keep our planet safe and healthy. By learning how much more exists in the infinite sky, and by looking at the scale size of our Earth in comparison to the rest of the universe, we learn humility and gratitude as well. Space and its various mysteries have always intrigued children, and they are drawn to it much more in today's time as rapidly developing technology has made conversations about private space travel and futuristic colonies seem real and possible. And yet, to design ideas that can explore the vast unknown at such a young age is not easy, and for this our two winners must be applauded greatly.

At Amity, our mission is to provide a variety of opportunities so that children can discover the infinite potential of their mind. These achievements convey to me that this effort has been in the right direction, and I hope that our children always reach for the stars! 🌟

Happy Karma Day



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

The Bhagwad Gita is my favourite Hindu scripture to turn to whenever I feel the need to find direction and calm amidst the daily chaos of life. Obviously then the news that it was being introduced in school curriculum in Gujarat filled me not only with joy,

but also a deep sense of nostalgia. In my childhood, my first initiation into this holy text was through my grandmother (daadi) who was a firm believer in the theory of karma. Karma forms the core of Gita and roughly means that both intentions and actions have consequences in an individual's life. My grandmother, however, had a delightful way of making us understand what this really meant. Whenever she wished us on our birthday, she would greet us with 'Happy Karma Day', for she believed that life is the sum total of our karmas, and every birthday is meant to remind us that we are born to accomplish good karmas.

In the Bhagwad Gita, Lord Krishna says to Arjuna, "Do your karma diligently and do not worry about results. Karma is not only about physical actions, but also the way we conduct ourselves - in our speech, our thoughts, and our emotions. According to the concept of karma, merely working aimlessly will have no benefits. We are all born to achieve both the *phal* (immediate fruit of our actions) and *samskara* (invisible effects that can make us happy or miserable), and it is up to us what future we want to create for ourselves. So, choose wisely and make every day a Karma Day. 🌟

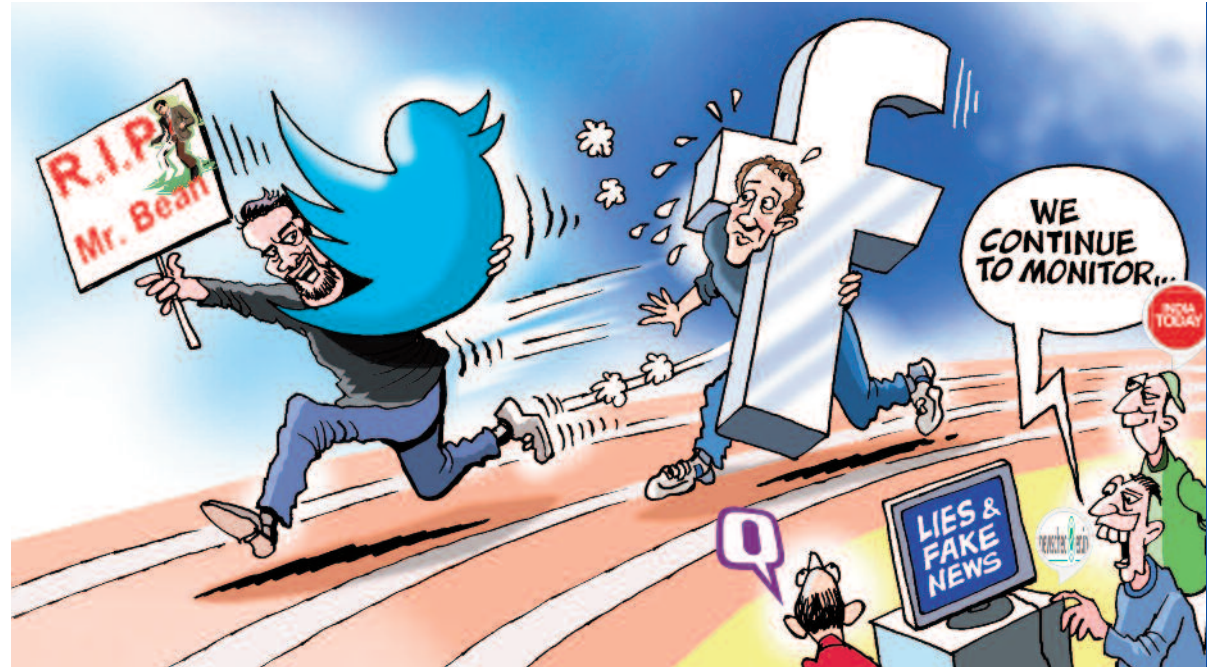
To kill a mockingbird

Fighting Against The Spread Of Misinformation On Social Media

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We live in an era where the world is condensed at our fingertips in the form of a smartphone; an age where a mere click leads to a plethora of information ready for consumption. For each and everything is made available on the internet in a matter of seconds, even microseconds. But as the saying goes, 'with great power comes great responsibility', to make a positive use of this privilege is something that entirely depends on us.

With the advent of the World Wide Web and the rapid creation of different social media platforms, such as Facebook, WhatsApp, Twitter, and Instagram, information dissemination has become extremely convenient. Through these social media platforms thus, consumers create and share an unprecedented amount of information, some of which is deceiving with no relevance to reality whatsoever. For the "news" is often created for entertainment purposes or to increase a particular channel's overall engagement. This human tendency to fabricate facts has not only made assigning accountability for the same a bit challenging but has also led to an exponential increase in the spread of fake messages or rumours that are possibly altered to suit the audiences' liking. A tweet, for instance, is merely 280 characters, but once circulated amongst others, spreads like wildfire. One such tweet declared Mr Bean dead. Yes, you read that right. British actor Rowan Atkinson, adored universally as the hilariously ditzzy Mr Bean,



was reported dead in 2017, in 2018, and again in 2021 by some bogus fanpage on different social media platforms. The news was later debunked as a hoax, for he is still very much alive, well, until someone is bored enough to spread the next set of fabricated tweets. Likewise, throughout 2020-21, people made numerous WhatsApp forwards that claimed that drinking bitter gourd juice can cure coronavirus. A viral video even suggested that COVID-19 vaccines can make people 'magnetic'. The Press Information Bureau later debunked all these claims, categorising them as baseless misinformation spreading from unverified sources. Such fake news leads to the creation of myths and hesitancy amongst the population, something we clearly don't require at

this point in time. Narratives thus float around, blurring the fine line separating truth and false. A word here, a word there, and suddenly it's considered news; a game of Chinese whispers but make it high stakes with alarmingly adverse effects. So, to control this endless void of misinformation, numerous counteractive measures are under the works. Instagram, for instance, has recently started working with independent fact-checkers to reduce false information. This is a step in the right direction and will hopefully influence more tech giants to solve this problem. But, as responsible citizens, whenever you get a forwarded message on WhatsApp, it is best to check if the information is accurate before circulating it further. The application itself

provides a list of a few IFCN Fact Checking Organisations that help you verify the suspicious fake news spreads. For India, you can send the news to India Today (+91 7370-007000) or Newschecker (+91 99994 99044) or Quint Webqoof (+91 9643651818) and they will help you verify its credibility.

Killing a mockingbird thus might be a sin, but one that disseminates false information should certainly be dealt with; you all know which bird app we are talking about here! So, stay vigilant and do not trust unverified forwards. And once again, no, you can't get up at 4:59 am every day to stare at the sun at a 60-degree angle and become immune to Covid, nor can you forward a message to eight people to recharge your battery to 100%. 🌟

Existence in art

A Plausible Reality Or A Pipe Dream? Let's See

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Let's suppose that we are far ahead into the future. In that future, today's the first day of sale of the book that you have authored for years. A hundred copies sit gracefully in the 'New Arrival' segment of the library, ready to make its way to the 'Bestsellers'. Only, it doesn't. Maybe you wait for few more months hoping that this book would mark your debut as an upcoming author, but sadly, that is reduced to a pipe dream. Long story short, let's call it a result of automation.

The misconception

It is often remarked that the wave of automation hitting the workforce is encouraging people to pursue more creative interests. A study from McKinsey Global Institute posits that automation will displace between 400-800 million jobs by 2030, requiring as many as 375 million people to switch job categories entirely; this further gives birth to theories that humans will exist on an art-based economy.

The validation

The truth remains however, that the entertainment and art industries work on the principle of exclusion, hence the term 'cut-throat industry'. Globally, the creative sector has a share of 5.5% of the total output. Now what can be in-



ferred from this is that only a few people can find their niche in this industry at any given moment. To speak of it, the nature of the creative industry demands that only a few people, in the entertainment and art industry, be on the Billboard Top 100 or become a New York Times Bestseller.

The exception

But wait, is the dawn of AI implicative of a gloomy future for the creative domain? Maybe not. Celebrated artist Harold Cohen, who began working with Algorithmic Art in the 1960s, developed a computer programme called AARON, which was later refined to produce drawings and paintings. However crucial role AARON played in Cohen's artistic journey, he stated that the artistic potential of machines wasn't

intrinsic but it was due to the human-AI collaboration, which at any point in time in the present or the future would hold true.

The question

Machines can brew coffee perfectly, yet there has been tremendous growth over the last decade in coffee breweries that use human workers as a unique selling point. But paintings or novels are not consumable like coffee. Secondly, the people employed in the breweries are locals. Even if you pay the bookstore a visit every day, the books aren't written by people from your neighbourhood, but by the top authors from all around the world. Therefore, while certain niche artisan industries may survive, what are the odds of us sustaining the entire economy on art? 🌟



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Dear Editor,

This is in reference to the article 'The Braveheart Chennamma' published on page seven of the GT edition dated March 21, 2022. I would like to show my appreciation for the GT team for presenting this impeccable piece on a legend who cannot be celebrated enough - Rani Kittur Chennamma. A symbol of the Independence movement in India, the gallant Chennamma gave her all to save the nation, and the article beautifully captures that sentiment. Remembered for her valour and sacrifice, she paved the path for rebellion against the British government in India. A legend to behold, this article demonstrated the life of Chennamma in an enthralling way, with her roots and all the great feats she accomplished detailed down to a tee. Her legacy continues on and her name will be etched in our history books and this beautiful article forever. 🌟

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The accidental publishing of the winners in a newspaper before the ceremony in 1940 started the tradition of sealed envelope results.

The braveheart Borphukan

The human heart has always been stirred by tales of valour and adventure, and whenever we hear such stories, we cannot help but look up to those heroes who have chiseled their names onto the stone of history with the weight of their accomplishments. Such legends deserve to be celebrated and remembered for their bravery and all that they have done in the past to make the present better. Here's presenting the saga of one such warrior, **Lachit Borphukan** who changed the course of history for the better.

WARRIORS of INDIA

Part 7

Name: Lachit Borphukan

Born on: November 24, 1622

Died on: April 25, 1672

Position held: Councillor in Ahom kingdom; commander-in-chief

Noteworthy achievement: Led Ahom army to victory in 1671's battle of Saraighat

Biography to read: A Comprehensive History of Assam, by Swarna Lata Baruah

The roots of a warrior

History books are filled with stories of great heroes that made significant contributions to not just our nation, but the entire world. While most of these heroes are acknowledged and appreciated for their efforts, there are some who unfortunately go unnoticed. One such name is that of commander, Lachit Borphukan.

Born on November 24, 1622, Lachit Borphukan, of Lakhurakhun clan, was the son of Momai Tamuli Borbarua and Kunti Moran. He was born in Gargaon, which today is known as Sivasagar, Assam; it was, at that time, the capital of the Ahom Kingdom, a kingdom of Ahom or Tai-Ahom tribe

of India. His father, Borbarua, was the commander-in-chief of the kingdom which was then ruled by Pratap Singha aka Susengphaa, and Lachit inspired to grow up to become just like him. Since a very young age, he was trained to be a leader and a warrior. His education and training included in-depth analysis and practicals about humanities and various languages and scriptures of the Ahom lineage, not to mention warfare. He served various positions for the kingdom like superintendent of the stable of royal horses and superintendent of the royal household guards. Many people assumed he would one day replace his father to serve his king and the land. Little did they know, his time came sooner than he had expected as Mughals kept attacking the kingdom! The Mughals came after the Ahom territory under various leaders – Allah Yar Khan, Aurangzeb, Shah Jahan, and Ram Singh I, as they realised the importance of the land and planned to capture it for their expansion. Various treaties were also signed regarding the land between the two parties, but everyone had sensed that the issue would not be resolved without a big final blast. This is why the then king Chakradhwaj Singha appointed Lachit Borphukan as the new commander-in-chief of his army, and so the battle of Saraighat commenced.

The sword of a warrior

The Mughals fought the battle of Saraighat as their last attempt of capturing Assam, and the Ahoms, with Lachit Borphukan as their leader,

fought it to protect their land for once and for all. The battle saw various difficulties for Lachit, but with his dedication and courage, he overcame every single one of them, even when the odds were against him. Using tactics like guerrilla attacks, flotilla strikes, Lachit stood against the Mughals who had come with around 30,000 infantry, 15,000 archers, 18,000 Turkish cavalry, 5,000 gunmen, and 1,000 canons.

Even after the Mughal's might, under his leadership, the Ahom forces were able to take Guwahati back from the Mughal rule because he used the land he knew so well to his advantage. But seeing how he was so central to the army, the Mughals tried their best to have Borphukan recalled by misleading the Ahom king with false rumours of him being a traitor and taking bribes from the enemies. Yet his hard work and brilliance spoke for itself, so when Mughals did come to attack him once again at Guwahati, he again used his extreme knowledge of the land and the water to attack them when they were sailing the river Brahmaputra after blocking their land route with mud embankments.

The odds were initially not in his favour, with him being severely ill and his men being outgunned and outnumbered, but when has a great warrior been defined by them? Even when his troops considered waving the white flag, he, alone, stood in the front, proclaiming how he would "die fulfilling his duty to the king and country, even if it meant he had to do it by himself." He led by example,

which is why he emerged as the winner of the battle, and the land of his country and king was declared safe for the time being, all because of this one warrior that was the epitome of determination, perseverance, intelligence, bravery and hope.

The legacy of a warrior

Today, the legacy of Lachit Borphukan lives on in various states, not only because of his loyalty towards his nation, but also as an example of how even one person can change the course of history. Even when everyone thought he would fail, he came out on top with fireworks, giving the fight all he had, which is why November 24 is now annually celebrated as Lachit Divas in Assam. Honouring his bravado, India's National Defence Academy presents the Lachit Borphukan gold medal to the best cadet of every graduating batch, a tradition that first started in 1999. There are multiple places in modern-day India that still commemorate his legacy like Lachit Borphukan's Maidan where his remains were laid, his statue at National Defence Academy, and also the one in Tezpur. Even though he died a year after his win at the battle of Saraighat, the tales of his heroism lived on for every single generation that the Ahom kingdom saw as well as every generation that India still continues to see. It is not everyday that the world gets to witness a man who turns out to be more than a man, but the story of Lachit Borphukan leaves us with a lesson, and now we finally understand why there is a 'man' in 'superman'.



During the ceremony, the winners are only allowed a thank-you speech for 45 seconds or less.



A hidden treasure

Storywala



Navyaa Singh
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It was a particularly hot day in the hills of Redwood. With sweat on their brows and weariness in their eyes, the people of the town in Redwood forced themselves to go to work. Things would not have been so difficult had the town not been so underdeveloped. With no air conditioner, cooler or even a fan in some places due to poverty, everyone was boiling in the scorching heat. Robin was one of those people, a herbalist who tiredly looked for plants in the forest so that he could make medicines for his pa-

tients. Everyone in the town loved him for his kind heart. Looking ahead, he saw a stranger in fancy clothes, standing in the middle of the forest. Robin knew that no foreigner would just wander in the deep forest of Redwood without a reason. Robin kept looking as the man took out a coin made of glass from his pocket. He then pulled out a map from the coin and Robin realised it was not actually a coin but a vial like thing. As the man opened the map, Robin realised that it was the map of Redwood and on the top it was written, 'A HIDDEN TREASURE.' Robin was immediately intrigued and wondered if he could

get to the treasure before the man. But he would need the map for that. He saw the man fold the map and keep the vial back in his pocket. Robin picked up a rock from the ground, moved forward and bumped into the man causing the man to fall down. He started apologising to the man, and quietly switched the vial in the man's pocket with the rock in his hand. The man heatedly cursed him, got up and left. Robin immediately left the place as well, not wanting the man to find out what he had done. Since Robin was familiar with the forest, it did not take him long to find the treasure. Excitedly, he ran back to the town as

The whole town looked at each other and then at Robin wondering what the fuss was about.

fast as he could and called everyone to follow him. He showed them the treasure and everyone was thrilled. They could finally increase facilities in the town and think about development. As the members of the town started collecting the gold and walking back to the town, Robin noticed the strange man standing just ahead of them, looking furious. "You, you are the one who stole the map from me. How dare you?!", the man shouted at the top of his voice. The whole town looked at each other and then at Robin wondering what the fuss was about. "It is true that I stole the map from you," Robin spoke up, "But you were going to steal the treasure that rightfully belonged to the people of Redwood. A treasure found in the land of Redwood belongs to its people and not some foreigner." As Robin spoke up, everyone stood behind him, showing their support. The man knew he would not be able to fight such a huge mob of people, so he angrily left. The town people cheered for Robin, complementing him on his wit and kind hearted actions. So, the town of Redwood became one of the richest towns in the world, no one really knew how it suddenly happened, other than the strange man who lost it to Robin's presence of mind. 🇮🇳

WORDS VERSE

What we feel within



Bhuvi Pandey, AIS Saket, XI A

What do we feel within?
When we get a chance but fail
What do we feel within?
When we let go of our duties

A burden of responsibility
Weighs down on our heart
As if the world is against us
And our mind's shattering us apart

We dwell in false assurances

That it was time who did us bad
But deep down we know
We're the ones who lacked

Like irksome, stubborn children
The feeling refuses to go away
It nags us from the depths of within
We silently fall into the fray

My friend, you and I
We're young, naive and brittle
In the face of burgeoning responsibilities
It's okay to falter a little 🇮🇳

Back to the future

Aarat Chadda, AIS Noida, X F

In a garage one day I found
A thing worth gold a pound
Let me take you to the past
Of the universe that is vast

Defying the quantum physics
Unvarying damage it inflicts
Thousand scenes flew by me
Napoleon, Hitler, a lot to see

Multiple revolutions passed me
At time there wasn't much to be
Fires started burning in stone age

In iceage, people had to forage

My journey was lots of fun
Now I'm back after all is done
Past had dangers we had to flee
Time to go back to future for me.



Brush 'n' Easel

Apeksha Saxena
AIS VKC Lko, X A





The red carpet for the Academy Awards is 500 feet long /33 feet wide and 16,500 square feet.

The magical yellow flowers

Wisdom Tale



He was stunned with sadness but because of his laziness, he did not bother going back to the forest.

agreed to his wish and gave him two more seeds. Without saying thank you or apologising for talking rudely, he left. When Amar was out of the forest suddenly, the other two seeds he took by force turned into snakes and slithered away. He was stunned with sadness but because of his laziness, he did not bother going back to the forest. After he reached home, he planted the seed and slept happily dreaming about becoming rich.

Next day, the seed had only grown into a tiny sapling but Amar did not lose hope. After a month it grew into a tree with pink flowers. Amar still did not lose hope and wiped them with a wet cloth but it turned out to be a normal tree. Amar burst into tears. His father consoled him and told him that this was only a result of his own behaviour. Mira saw all of this and generously asked him to be a co-owner in her business. Amar finally realised his mistakes and from that day he became kind and hard-working just like his sister.

So, what did you learn today?
Hard work always pays off.

Shambhavi Sharma
AIS Pushp Vihar, IX B

Long ago, there lived a merchant called Amardas. Once, he used to be very poor but his kind hearted and hardworking nature made him touch the heights of glory! He had a wife named Amana, who by God's grace gave birth to twins not long after. They named them Mira and Amar. The couple gradually realised that their children were different as chalk and cheese. While their daughter was hardworking and intelligent, their son was lazy and foolish. One day Amardas called the children and said, "Mira and Amar you two are big enough to start a

business of your own. Now is the right time to tell you the secret behind my fortune. In the center of the Kalyan forest, there is a tree which grows yellow flowers. There is a keeper of that tree. When you find him ask him for a seed of that tree and accept what he gives you. But don't ask for more as he only gives you what you deserve. When you plant those seeds every seed will sprout a single yellow flower. As you wipe the flower you'll see that it is actually made of gold!" The twins were astonished but also excited to know this. Meera set off for the Kalyan forest that day itself. It rained cats and dogs but nothing could stop her from her goal. Two days passed and

Mira returned happily. She eagerly explained the journey to her father and she planted the four seeds she had got from the keeper. Next day, the seeds grew into beautiful yellow flowers. She wiped them and they turned out to be made of gold! She sold them off and started a business of clothes that soon became successful due to her hard work. Amar saw all of this and envied his sister. He also sat off on the marvelous journey but unlike his sister he took two whole days to reach the tree due to his laziness. When he reached there, he got only one seed from the keeper. Without heeding to his father's words he got furious and asked for more. The generous keeper



Roasted makhana

Reyansh Vij, AIS Saket, IX C

Ingredients

Desi ghee.....2 tsp
Mustard seeds.....½ tsp
Makhana.....1 cup
Curry leaves.....8 to 10
Green chillies.....2
Salt.....to taste

Procedure

- First, heat some oil or desi ghee in a pan.
- When the ghee turns hot, add mustard seeds.
- Once the seeds crackle, add curry leaves and green chillies. Saute this for a minute or two.
- Then add makhana to the pan and mix well until they get a golden brown colour.
- Next, add salt as per your taste, and stir everything inside the pan thoroughly.
- Allow the makhana to cool down before you serve it.
- Your tasty roasted makhana snack is ready!

It's Me

KNOW ME

My name: Shaman Dhameja
My Class: III A
My school: AIS Mayur Vihar
My birthday: October 30

MY FAVOURITES

Teacher: Suja Vinod ma'am
Subjects: English & EVS
Friend: Shivani Mahandru

Game:

Chess

Cartoon: Little Singham

Food: Ladyfinger with chapati

Mall: Select City Walk, Saket

Book: The Best Chef in Second Grade

MY DREAMS AND GOALS

My hobby: Clay modeling

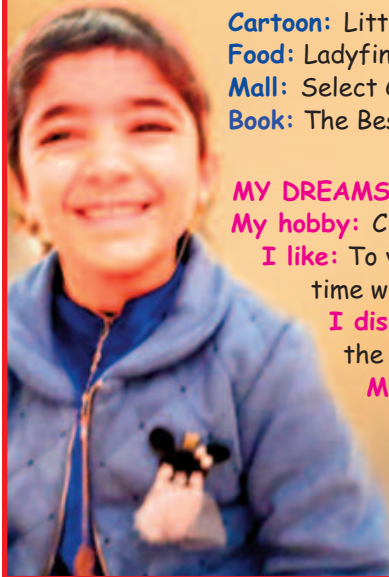
I like: To visit new places; spend time with my family

I dislike: To stay indoors for the whole day

My role model: My mother

I want to become: A businesswoman

I want to feature in GT because: I want to be popular.



POEMS

Our country India

Priyanshi Das

AIS Vasundhara 6, VIII E

Our country is a land of sages
Best known for bravery of ages

They sacrificed for what is right
So we sleep peacefully at night

They are good enough and true
Who fought for me and you

Whatever be caste or religion
All live peacefully in unison

With all rivers and fountains
It's land of proud mountains

Green forests, huge and pretty
Are a source of utter prosperity



Bring happiness to each's face
By educating the human race

Let's cut snare of unemployment
Filling heart with encouragement

Let's live in harmony with nature
Let's save the trees and creatures

Let's bring progress in agriculture
Let's foster the best of culture.



3D shapes

Arnav Vijay

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3D shapes are fat not flat
A cone is like a party hat
Sphere like a bouncy ball
Cylinder like a can of pop
Cube is the dice you drop
Prism is like a building tall
3D shapes are here and there
3D shapes are everywhere.



Super mom

Ridhaan Talwar

AIS Gurugram 46, VI A

My mom is simply the best
With her, I feel so blessed
She guides me the right way
She amazes me everyday
She is beautiful and caring
Teaches me love and sharing
She works round the clock
Stands next to me like a rock
She is amazing and calm
I love you, my super mom!

Jokey Pokey

Arnav Singh

AIS VYC Lko, IV A

Teacher: Tell me, what is the capital of Mexico?

Student: Ma'am, the capital of Mexico is "M".

Q. What happened to the egg after it was told a funny joke?

A. It cracked up!

Q. What kind of a tree fits in your hand?

A. Palm tree!

Teacher: Sam, if you had 5 rupees and you asked your mother for another 5, how many rupees would you have?

Sam: 5 rupees, Sir!

Teacher: You don't know your Arithmetic?

Sam: But sir, you don't know my mother.

Student: Would you punish me for something I didn't do?

Teacher: No

Student: Ma'am, I didn't do my homework.

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Kathryn Bigalow is the first woman in history to win the award for Best Director for *The Hurt Locker* in 2009.

We are back

First day at school

All pictures courtesy AIS Saket



Back to school

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“My first day at school was very exciting and emotional. I understood the lectures better as I could ask questions easily. My classroom was full of laughter and there weren’t any internet glitches to worry about. Plus, the school followed appropriate safety measures and the teachers ensured that all the students were wearing masks properly. There’s truly nothing like being in a real classroom with your friends and teachers and getting to experience each and every moment not virtually but in reality.”

Nyra Jain, AIS Gur 46, V

“After two long years of wait, I was able to go back to school. I was allowed to play in the ground, meet my friends and teachers face to face, and have lots of fun. On my first day, I was so glad to see my classroom, its blackboard, chair, table and everything inside it that I cannot get at home. When the school was online, our teachers taught just like they would in real life,

but seeing them face-to-face was so different. Everyone welcomed us back and made the whole day special. Now I just hope we never have to go back to full online mode.”

Amaira, AIS Gurugram 43, V A

“A notice was uploaded regarding the reopening of the school after a long break of two years. That day, I woke up with the chirping of birds and the shining sun. I looked at my stuff with so many emotions – my school bag, uniform, lunch box, I missed them so much! Finally, I reached school with such excitement. Our teachers were waiting at the school gate to welcome us, and I was so happy to be back in the real world. There were posters all around depicting safety measures reminding us that it’s not completely over yet but yes, we fought together and managed to reach here finally. Despite all the challenges and mixed emotions, I felt really lucky to be back to school.”

**Anaaya Mehendiratta
AIS Vasundhara 6, V B**

“The first day back at school was a unique experience that can’t be explained in words. Everything seemed new and different when I reached the school gate. There were so many students around me, and all of them looked so excited to be back at school. It was an emotional and unusual experience. Our physical appearance had changed a lot; we were now taller and healthier from the last time we met. Our teachers gave us permission to meet our friends without hesitation but carefully of course and at appropriate distances. I met my best friends Sidhi, Arihant, Anya and Arihant, and all of it was so great!”

Ridam Bisht, AIS Mayur Vihar, V A

“After a long break of two years, I finally got to visit the school, meet my friends, sit in the classroom and study. We were given a school tour where we saw the Math lab, art room, Indian and western music room, and yoga room. It was a wonderful day full of fun activities like playing tongue twisters, rhymes, passing the parcel, and shar-

ing time. Even at lunch I got to sit with my classmates and eat yummy food. It was so amazing and I never want to go back to online school!”

Mallika Pal, AIS Pushp Vihar, IV B

“When mom and dad told me I could go back to school, I was so excited to meet my friends, interact with teachers in the classrooms, and have fun during recess! We were all very careful, too, on our first day back – we maintained social distancing and wore masks at all times. On my first day back to school, I promised myself that I would study harder and become a good student.”

Nandika, AIS Gwalior, III A

“My first day back at school buzzed with excitement! I was absolutely thrilled to meet my facilitators and friends in person after so long. It was so good to get back to the routine of a regular school with different classes and moving around for various activities. But it was a bit sad because I couldn’t really explore the whole school like I could before due to the

safety protocols that we must follow. Hopefully going back to school would help me make more friends and class activities would be more fun! I cannot wait to wear my school uniform again every day and attend special assemblies that are more fun in person.”

Kashvi Kamboj, AGS Noida, V

“My first day at school after COVID-19 lockdown was an unusual experience for me. I finally met my teachers who have been so lovable, kind, and energetic with us during online classes. I was very excited to meet my friends as well because I could only see some of them on screen during online classes. It was so fun to meet them again in person and have fun with them. Yes, we were also asked to follow all standard safety measures and the school told us all the rules to be cautious. They had even installed hand sanitisers throughout the building, and everyone was wearing their masks properly. Overall, I was so happy and excited to be back at my school!”

Yashvi Jain, AIS Noida, IV





The youngest person to win an Oscar is Tatum O'Neal at 10 years old in 1973.

World radio day



A young RJ on air

AIS Vasundhara 6

The students of Class II D, conducted a virtual class assembly on February 7, 2022 to celebrate World Radio Day, which is held every year on February 13. Through enactments, poetry and dance, they emphasised on the relevance of radio in the 21st century. They showcased the transformation of radio services, influenced by the current media trends and new technological platforms. They emphasised the importance of radio as a low cost but powerful medium of communication. PM's *Mann ki Baat* where he connects with the common man and reaches every corner of India during the pandemic is a great example of the importance of radio. It helped in collating resources as well.



Virtual class assembly



Chairperson and eminent dignitaries of Amity with students as they interacted with HE Madeba Vodeb Ghosh virtually

Talk with diplomat

Leaders of Tomorrow Learn From The Leaders of Today

AERC

AIS Mayur Vihar hosted the first ever session of the Talk With Diplomat series virtually on January 28, 2022 wherein, about 400 students of Amity Group of Schools pan India interacted with Her Excellency, Mateja Vodeb Ghosh, Ambassador of Slovenia to India. Heads and teachers from Gimnazija Jurija Vege Idrija and Danila Kumar International School Gogalova Ulic which are Amity's partner schools from

Slovenia since ten years, also participated in the event.

Talk with Diplomats is a new stellar initiative envisioned by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF, held under the aegis of AERC (Amity Educational Resource Centre). The program aims to broaden the thought and visionary horizon of the young minds through intellectual and insightful conversations with diplomats of distinguished merit all over the world. The special event started on an

auspicious note with lamp lighting amidst the chanting of Gayatri Mantra following which, Meenu Kanwar, school principal AIS Mayur Vihar, welcomed the whole gathering.

HE Mateja Vodeb Ghosh, an accomplished diplomat and a polyglot with expertise in Slovene or Slovenian, English, Croatian, French, and basic Japanese was felicitated by the Chairperson following which she delivered the keynote address on the topics like Republic of Slovenia and its foreign policy, Slovenia-India re-

lations, European Union-India cooperation and climate change & sustainable development. Students then interacted with her on various global issues and listened intently while also presenting their viewpoints and ideas.

Glimpses of all the programmes organised by Amity Educational Resource Centre in close association with Slovenia during the last 10 years, of Amity's warm relations with various schools of Slovenia and the visits of Slovenian diplomats at AIMUNS were also showcased. 🇸🇮

Leaders in space



Aditya Raj Verma

Hridyansh Yadav

AIS Pushp Vihar

Two space enthusiasts, Aditya Raj Verma (IX) and Hridyansh Yadav (XI) won Dick Edwards Leadership Award at Indian national round of the International Space Settlement Design competition. The annual competition organised by Atlantis Research and NASA held from January 6-10, 2022, witnessed participation of students from several prominent schools across India at the national level. It aims at providing high school students a simulation of an aerospace company to give them first hand experience of the same.

The competition saw students being grouped into teams or 'companies', where every company had 50 participants and one deserving student from each company is given the Dick Edwards Award. Aditya and Hridyansh bagged this award for their companies 'Vulture Aviation' and 'Grumbo Aerospace'. 13 students from AIS Mayur Vihar and 12 space enthusiasts from AIS Vasundhara 1 also participated in the event.



Soaking in colourful hues as the schools reopen

Back to school

The Return Of Innocence And Laughter

AIS Saket

After a careful evaluation of various factors to ensure safety of students and staff, schools were finally reopened to much rejoice on Feb 17 & 18, 2022. The lifeless classrooms and mute corridors were seen brimming with joy as the little Amities of class Nursery-IV were given a power-packed welcome back to school.

The zeal and happiness of coming back to school after a long break due to the pandemic, was conspicuous among students and teachers alike as the first day back to school registered a motivating attendance of 381 stu-

dents from Class Nursery-V. For some students it was a very special occasion as they were seeing the school for the first time in last two years. Their yearning for the warmth of physical, in-person classroom sessions was palpable in the air.

The teachers, principal and headmistress showered a warm welcome on the students, greeting them at the gate, after which they were accompanied to the designated areas for the morning assembly. Under the guidance of school principal Divya Bhatia, the special day was meticulously curated to provide the little ones a fun-filled experience and an opportunity to strike a rapport



A warm welcome

with their classmates, some of whom they were meeting for the first time. The schedule of the day was designed to include academic sessions, and dance and music activities along with leisure time in the newly created swing area. Several interactive activities were conducted as a primer to the whole day long rejoice. Students were seen playing in the playground and the day rushed by with the air filled with laughter and cheers.

Amidst all the excitement and enthusiasm of rejoicing back to school, the covid appropriate behaviour was not lost sight of and all covid protocols were scrupulously followed. 🇮🇳

Surya namaskaar for vitality

Awakening The Power of Surya Within

Amity Group of Schools

Students from all the branches of Amity Group of Schools participated in the first ever virtual mass *Surya Namaskaar* event titled, 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav- Surya Namaskaar for vitality' initiated by, Ministry of Ayush, Khelo India initiative, Fit India initiative, Patanjali Yogpeeth and other prominent yoga organizations to celebrate 75 years of Indian independence on January 14, 2022. Even the parents and the teachers participated in the event with great zeal. They all performed 13 asanas of *Surya Namaskaar* daily for 21 days and students were given certificates thereafter.

The aim of the event was to bring Indians together and perform 75 crore *Surya Namaskaars* together all over India, creating a new Guinness World record. The initiative also sought to promote holistic health and well-being of Indians and infused the spirit of pride for yoga, which is India's gift to the world.

The event organised across various schools began with the chanting of Gayatri Mantra, following which students, teachers and par-



A student performs various asanas of Surya Namaskaar

ents proficiently performed 13 asanas of *Surya Namaskaar*, under the supervision of their respective sports department. Virtual interactive sessions on the power of yoga, meditation and benefits of *Surya Namaskaar* were also taken by the experts. They apprised the participants on the role of yoga and *Surya Namaskaar* in improving concentration and memory, toning the body, losing weight, improving

digestion, combating insomnia, strengthening muscles and joints and attaining inner peace. All the participants were advised to practice it daily to ensure better health and well being. In Amity's relentless efforts to ensure holistic well being of its pupils and educators, it has now included *Surya Namaskaar* in curriculum wherein, Amities will do *Surya Namaskaar* for 5 mins daily before beginning their day. 🇮🇳



The adventures of the EB

Reading Through The Minds Of Our Efficient And Capable Editorial Board Members



Becoming a member of the editorial board is an honour that Amityans look forward to throughout their school lives. From writing, editing, reworking, sending drafts after drafts, ideating on visuals and putting the same on paper to finally seeing the article get published, being associated with GT in doing so is the sole mammoth undertaking they wish to take on. And the sentiment remained the same when an unprecedented year brought with it an unexpected trail of transformed responsibilities and evolved working patterns. Let's hear some editorial board members from AIS Saket talk about their emotions, expectations, and experiences thus far.

When GT was the harbinger of nostalgia and some normalcy...

The best feeling in the world is walking through the school corridors bearing the blue tie and the oval batch, shoulders heavy with responsibilities and heart filled with pride for being chosen as an editorial board member. However, owing to the pandemic, as the silent teams lobby replaced the bustling school corridors, the editorial board members laboured hard to brave the unprecedented in their own way and instead, donned varied hats to fulfil the various roles they were entrusted with.

"To be honest, working online was no less work than working offline. Getting people to submit work and finding new students to write was a real struggle. Then of course, there was no going to AKC House and none of the other wonderful experiences that come along with being a part of GT, like GT Awards which is truly a spectacle. But still, it's always a pleasure to work as it's something we all truly enjoy."

Tanya Ganguly (XI C)
Associate Editor (2021-22)

"Being a member of the editorial board this year was unexpectedly exciting. True that we could not meet up in the GT office to discuss ideas nor go to the Amity University for the much awaited GT Awards, but coordinating with the rest of the team and completing projects was enjoyable. It was not difficult for us graphic editors to switch to working online and hence, we were able to help out other members as much as we could."

Raghav Agrawal (XII C)
Graphic Editor (2021-22)

"Working online as an editorial board member this year was an exhilarating journey! I learnt so much new stuff that I never would have tried otherwise. The year's highlight for me, however, was conducting online

interviews of people I look up to. Whether they were social workers or those working in the creative field, it was truly an honour to be able to converse with such talented individuals on varying issues. In fact, the whole process of getting in touch with them and drafting professional mails for the same was very exciting. I also got an opportunity to express my ardour for visual arts as I illustrated for the newspaper time and again."

Vidhi Khurana (XII)
Sub-Editor (2020-21)

When GT became a quintessential part of the Amity experience...

Ask any Amityan about their favourite day at school and odds are they'll tell you about their first byline in The Global Times- it's a first that every student wishes to experience again and again! Even during the pandemic, GT provided a glimmer of hope to all the Amityans as it continued to expand its family by involving new students in creative ways. GT not only became a platform for exchange of ideas, it became a forum where numerous connections were first founded, numerous networks and friendships built.

"As a first-time editorial board member, the unique quarantine editions worked as a coping mechanism for me, combining both what I love to do (write

and what I feared (covid). With Google on standby, innovation increased exponentially. Communication between the departments became fluid and we worked as a team, now more than ever. It was always fun to ideate together on giant Google Docs which seemed like a complicated structure we constantly created and refined (a physical manifestation of our team spirit, if you will). And oh, the joy, when it came together as a beautiful amalgamation of ideas!"

Nandita Bansal (XII E)
Editor-in-chief (2021-22)

"A new school on an online medium aroused curiosity in me as to how The Global Times would operate. From understanding the rudimentary to contributing enthusiastically on projects like the contest edition, I grew cognisant of the ethos of the board- one of enthusiasm and cohesion. The candid and profound atmosphere inflated creativity in spite of the technical modalities, imprinting a memorable year."

Sarthak Sahoo (XII G)
Editor-in-chief (2021-22)

"Since I joined Amity in the middle of the pandemic, my first experience with the editorial board was completely online yet nothing short of incredible! For, as an EB member, I got ample opportunities to write, speak, conduct sessions for juniors,

ideate for the contest edition, interview change-makers, and have bylines in special editions! As a result, thus, not only my skills improved, but I also got a chance to work with so many talented individuals from my school. If only virtual interactions can do such wonders, one can only imagine how delightful it would be to work with the members in person."

Ishika Sharma (XII D)
Senior Sub-Editor (2021-22)

When GT was synonymous to the home and the heart...

GT is not just a newspaper, it is an experience in itself. From Youth Power and the GT school board to the GT Awards, the contest editions, and the summer holiday homework (every Amityan's first tryst with GT!), the team has always had something for everyone under its belt, and this year was no different. From GT Fights Corona to the Prompt Box, to our favourite special editions, on Christmas or Republic Day, GT made every occasion special and worth looking forward to.

"My passion for writing (and my feral imagination) as an editorial board member allowed me to contribute to it more enthusiastically; from writing for the special quarantine editions to celebrating AIS Saket's victory at the coveted GT Awards, every step of this expedition has been a profusion of insight, of learning, and of enlightenment. GT is a family that I take immense pleasure in being a part of and hope to remain associated with to infinity and beyond!"

Bhuvi Pandey (XI A)
Editorial Prefect (2020-21)

"GT has been an integral part of my life ever since I could spell properly but sailing through the storms of this year with GT by my side has made me realise, yet again, the amount of gratitude I have for it. Flipping through the pages of GT in the pdf format became an formidable part of my weekly routine, while working along with determined Amityans under the guidance of my encouraging mentors kept me rooted through all the lows and the highs of this year, and I feel blessed."

Resham Talwar (Alumna)
Editor-in-chief (2020-21)

"To be honest, with schools closed pan India, reviving the editorial board with quarantine editions can best be described as a bright yellow feeling- full of happiness, sunshine, and everything in between. It felt like the heart had found its home in the nostalgic adrenaline rush. The best feeling? Perhaps when it all paid off as we brought the cup home!"

Vibhu Khare (Alumnus)
Graphic Editor (2020-21)

