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a) Halting construction work  
 b) Odd-even scheme  
 c) Shutting down fuel based industries

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 for GT Edition October 21, 2019

Do you think RCEP, the 16 Country free trade agreement will help revive the Indian economy?

Yes	No	Can't Say
23%	31%	46%

Results as on November 16, 2019

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Participation from nearly 5000 students

900 matches conducted in a span of two months

More than 40 events conducted in two categories ie, 20 in girls and 20 in boys

AUUP, the only campus in India granted permission for online education by government of India

# The Sangathan fiesta

## The 21st Mega Sports Event Once Again Ignited Sportsman Spirit

Romika Chakraborty, GT Network

**B**irthdays are special. And they become even more special, when celebrated with family. This is exactly what Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe, has been doing over the years, celebrating his birthday with every Amitian; the celebration thus aptly titled 'Sangathan'. An inter Amity institutions sports meet, the event in its 21st edition saw students from various Amity campuses across India and overseas participate in 20 sports disciplines. Here's a quick recap of the conclusion of this fabulous fiesta.

### A fiesta of joy

The mega sports event that commenced on September 2, 2019, culminated jubilantly on October 24, 2019 – the day that also marks the birthday of Founder President. The finishing event saw Amity University, Noida, open its arms to welcome

enthusiastic students flowing in from different Amity campuses across the world. Opening on an auspicious note with a pious *havan*, the event brought its fair moments of joy with the showcase of a message by the tiny tots of Amiwon, bringing a smile on every face. What followed was 'Swagatam', a soulful rendition by students of Amitasha, Amity's wing for the less privileged girl child.

### A fiesta of togetherness

It's only on great occasions like Sangathan that you see the who's who of Amity Universe come together. The event saw in attendance Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe; Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF; Dr Atul Chauhan, President RBEF & Chancellor, AUUP; Dr Aseem Chauhan, Chancellor, AUUP & Add'l President RBEF; Ajit K Chauhan, Vice Chairman, Amity Directorate of Distance & Online Educa-

tion; Ms Pooja Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Humanity Foundation; Ms Divya Chauhan, Chairperson, ASFT, ASFA and ASPA; Mr Amol Chauhan, Sr VP, Amity Capital Ventures; Mr Abhay Chauhan, VP, Amity Online, along with members of the Chauhan family and heads of institutions. The dignitaries were accorded Guard of Honour by AIMC cadets, Manesar.

### A fiesta of pride

The sound of rolling drums resonated in the air. The unfurling of Amity flag sent a flurry of emotions across every Amitian's heart. Post the inaugural ceremony, students from Amity schools and institutes of national and international Amity University campuses thumped their feet left-right-left in a march-past. The 139 contingents walked in perfect synchrony, following the rhythmic pattern provided by 20 musicians of Brass Band, Group Centre, CRPF, Jharoda Kalan, headed by sub inspector, Arvind Kumar Puri.

**Winners Tally**

**AUUP**

Winner: ASET  
 1st runner up: ALS  
 2nd runner up: ASB & AIB

**Inter Amity University**

Winner: AUUP  
 Runner up: AUMP

### A fiesta of love

Deafening cheers filled the ground when Founder President took the stage. In his address, he said, "I see Sangathan every year and my belief that Amity is developing as a society strengthens even more. It gives me immense faith that one day, we will experience India becoming a knowledge superpower. I have no doubt that we will achieve it because my Amitians know how to balance academic excellence with moral righteousness." 🇮🇳

# From the heart of Harrow

## Mel Mrowiec And Adam Hart Talk About Academics And More

Pic: Amay Arora, AIS Noida, XII F



Adam Hart, director, Harrow Intl Schools Ltd

**A**mity International School, Noida was buzzing in anticipation. After all, it is not every day that delegates from a school as old as the Shakespearean couplets come to visit the school of Amity. In his 40-year-old career, Mel Mrowiec has been a deputy headmaster, a house master and head of geography before becoming the chairman at Harrow International Schools Ltd and governor of Harrow School. Adam Hart, director of Harrow International Schools Ltd is also a partner in London Bridge Capital Partners, an independent corporate finance firm that focuses on growth companies. While Mrowiec and Hart may be a part of the best school of United Kingdom, their success has not affected their enthusiasm for life and its teachings.

**What is your idea of a progressive, happy and developed nation?**

In our opinion, it comes from the children of nation. If they are happy, their happiness spreads warmth throughout the nation. If they are



Mel Mrowiec and Adam Hart in conversation with GT reporters

joyful, fulfilled and have an idea of their future, it automatically leads to a progressive nation. Also, having a balanced lifestyle with a variety of different interests and opportunities to pursue helps.

**How do you think your schooling / college experience is different from that of today?**

As far as UK is concerned, admission to universities has become increasingly focused on academics. Earlier, co-curricular activities also played a huge part in your career. I (Mel Mrowiec) myself played four times in the Varsity football matches in Wembley. Even though schools like Harrow and Amity try to promote a great variety of different activities and talents, many universities base their criteria for admission on academics only.

The ability to enjoy a breadth of activities and to learn more than just the course prescribed has become very difficult today.

**How would you define success?**

We see no point in having success without happiness. Success, in its truest meaning, implies knowing that you have the ability to make a difference and using that ability to help people. Even if your actions affect only your family and friends, it will contribute to having a positive influence on the society. It is when your actions affect the society positively that success is achieved. Our values play a great role here; it is what shapes us.

**In a world guided by materialism, what is your definition of wealth?**

It is sad that we focus on capital wealth

so much. So many poor people in the world like priests and gurus have no money, but they do so much for the world. Wealth for us is having strong relationships with your family and friends. The warmth they bring is the wealth that matters the most in life.

**What are the values a changemaker should foster to really bring a change?**

We would say courage. Just like your Youth Power team's initiative about spreading period positivity. It was an act of great courage since it is such a sensitive issue. A changemaker must be courageous in the sense that s/he should be able to lead people, tackle issues and be prepared to speak up when needed. A good work ethic is also a necessary virtue in changemakers.

**Any message for Amitians?**

We would just like to say, keep on doing what you are doing, because what you are doing is really good.

Interview conducted by Aditi Banerjee, Anushka Puthran, Vanya Tandon & Vidhi Vivek, XI, Amity International School, Noida 🇮🇳



Mel Mrowiec, chairman, Harrow Intl Schools Ltd and governor, Harrow School



It was observed that social media users grew by 202 million between April 2018 and April 2019.



# India this week

Armaani Kaur, AIS Gurugram 46, VII I

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



## Delhi's unauthorised colonies legalised

**News:** The Union Cabinet approved the regularisation of 1,797 unauthorised colonies in Delhi on October 23, 2019. The pronouncement in effect means land ownership and transfer rights as well as access to infrastructure and civic amenities for around 40 lakh residents from lower income group. The government claims to have spent 6,000 crore on the expansion of these colonies that are spread over an area of 175 square km.

**Views:** The government is finally focusing on uplifting the lower strata of the society. With this move, they have shown that they can be trusted with keeping their promises. Kudos to both BJP and AAP for their efforts!

Shweta Singh, AIS Gur 46, PRT Social Science



## Ayodhya verdict sparks debate yet again

**News:** On November 9, 2019, the Supreme Court passed the much-awaited judgement on Ayodhya dispute (Ram janmabhoomi vs Babri Masjid Land Title). The disputed land has been the subject of several debates since 1992, when Babri Masjid was vandalised and demolished by activists belonging to the Vishwa Hindu Parishad, as they claimed that the mosque was built over an ancient Ram temple. As per the verdict, the land, which is 2.77 acres will be used to build a temple. However, the court allotted a 5-acre land to the Sunni Waqf Board for the construction of a mosque.

**Views:** The verdict is not really a win or lose situation; in fact, it is beyond the mandate of the SC to rule over matters of religion. Hence, it is a mere arrangement based on the available evidence, because no faith is greater than the other. We should welcome this verdict irrespective of our political or religious opinions, for what it actually is, a relief to this long-run dispute and a new lease towards a secular nation.

Ansh Deo Singh, AIS Gurugram 46, XII A



## Negligent officials in trouble

**News:** The Delhi govt decided on October 25, 2019, that salary of executive engineers of the PWD and other agencies will be deducted if they fail to remove garbage and construction waste from areas under their control. Chief secretary, Vijay Dev has ordered the departments concerned to prioritise the action plans regarding the city's 13 pollution hotspots and finish the task within two weeks. Dev has also directed the Delhi Pollution Control Committee to penalise both private and government agencies who have a hand in the construction of illegal dumps falling under their jurisdiction.

**Views:** At a time when Delhi/NCR is choking in toxic air, such steps become more than necessary. We are living in extremely trying times, and desperate times call for desperate measures. So, if deducting their salary finally gets them to do their job then I think it is worth a shot.

Simran Jain, AIS Gurugram 46, VII I



Girish Chandra Murmu

## J&K gets first lieutenant governor

**News:** IAS officers Girish Chandra Murmu and Radha Krishna Mathur have been appointed as the first lieutenant governor of J&K union territory and Ladakh union territory respectively w.e.f. October 31, 2019. This officially marked the formation of two new union territories under the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act 2019.

**Views:** It's good that official leaders have been appointed for newly made union territories. I hope the government is successful in doing what they set out to do and Kashmiris finally get to lead a life at par with rest of the Indians. I feel proud of our Prime Minister who brought about this immense change in the lives of the people of Kashmir.

Kanika Dua, AIS Gur 46, PRT English



Radha Krishna Mathur

## Around The WORLD

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



### USA

#### Greta Thunberg's mural in San Francisco

Argentine street artist, Andres Petreselli, revealed a massive portrait of Swedish teen activist, Greta Thunberg looking down at San Francisco on November 12. The 60 foot tall, 30 foot wide mural was made to remind people of the threat climate change poses. The mural was made with environmental friendly products keeping the 16 year old's campaign in mind. The artist confessed that this one was the most political piece of all his works.

### FRANCE

#### Beaches closed in Southwest part of the country

The beaches in Southwest France have been closed until further notice due to around 1000 kg of cocaine mysteriously washing up along coast. Authorities have warned people against touching the drug as it is 83% pure and therefore dangerous. Some people even tried to get their hands on the drugs, as the cocaine is worth millions of euros.



### CHINA

#### Hong Kong in recession

The country's economy plunged by 3.2 % during the months of July-September. The country has gone into its first recession in a decade. The continued struggle between anti-government protesters and the police has led to tourists cancelling their tickets. And as a result, it has affected both the financial and trading hub.



### INDIA

#### Electricity demand falls

Electricity demand fell to its lowest in 12 years to a staggering 13.2 % in October, that is 98 billion units, a huge fall from 113 billion units in October last year. Most of it was due to a sharp reduction in offtake from industrialised states like Gujarat and Maharashtra.



### AUSTRALIA

#### Bushfires continue to rage the continent

Fresh warnings have been issued, as the Australian bushfires continue to rage on in Queensland and New South Wales. About 150 fires are still burning, already having dazed 50 houses and taken lives of 3 people. However, the threat has been lowered from the 'catastrophic' bushfires.



### VIETNAM

#### A rare species spotted

Silver backed chevrotain or mouse deer, a rare specimen was recently spotted in the northwestern jungle of the country, almost 30 years after its last sighting. Belonging to the species Tragulus versicolor, which is the size of a rabbit, the animal was first discovered in 1910 near Nha Trang. It was last recorded in 1990 after which it was thought to be on the brink of extinction by hunting. Despite the nickname given to it, the rabbit-sized animal is neither a deer nor a mouse, but is the world's smallest hoofed mammal.



## News Flash

► **Venice:** With seven major tourist sites damaged, the country experiences devastating floods causing damage of hundreds of millions of Euros ► **Indonesia:** A strong 7.1 magnitude earthquake jolts the eastern coast of North Maluku









# CERS, swift and safe

## Edocendi - An Application With The Marked Aim Of Bringing Direct Help To You

### Pro@Project

Stuti Kalra, GT Network

In India, more than 150,000 people are killed in traffic accidents every year. That's about 400 fatalities a day, a majority of which can be saved if timely help is provided. Moved by this reality, Arnav Praneet and Debodhwani Mishra students of X, AIS Mayur Vihar, delved into the problem and put forth a solution in the form of an app – 'Edocendi'.

### What is the problem?

One of the primary reasons why emergency responders in India are unable to reach the distress location on time is lack of ample and accurate information about the person calling in. That is where the idea of a smartphone application stepped in. An application that can gather the required information of the person in distress would be very useful in such cases.

### What is the solution?

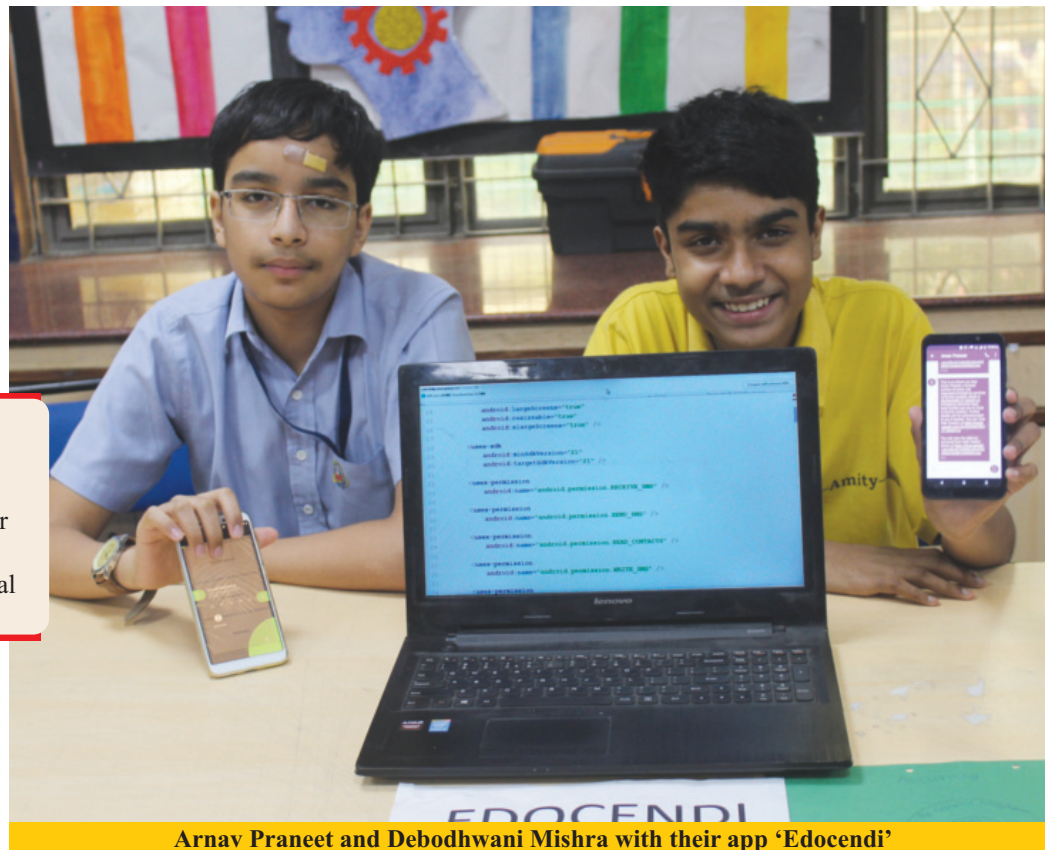
At present, 'Cell Tower Triangulation', a technique wherein the cell towers which receive a phone's signal may be used to calculate its geophysical location, is used to track the real time location. However, this technique is neither entirely accurate, nor fast, which is of prime im-



**Innovation:** An emergency responder application  
**Innovators:** Arnav Praneet & Debodhwani Mishra, AIS Mayur Vihar, Class X  
**Mentor teachers:** Dr SK Singhal and Ms Nidhi Vashisth

portance in emergency situations. This is where Global Positioning System comes in, a swifter and much more accurate solution to this problem.

The two students devised 'Edocendi', an android based app that makes use of GPS instead of cellular network triangulation. The app can provide the location of the caller, which is accurate up to 22 metres. In addition to providing the first responders with the accurate location of the person, it also provides information such as the cause of need etc. As and when a distress call is made, the app automatically notifies a person's trusted contacts. The app also provides a method to contact the nearest hospital,



Arnav Praneet and Debodhwani Mishra with their app 'Edocendi'

police station or fire station respectively. Occupying a meagre 2.3 MB space in your phone, this app could be a real life saver.

### How it works?

- As a user opens the app, s/he can select their emergency and requirements through minimal user interface.
- Upon selection, the app immediately starts acquiring GPS and cellular location.
- All the required sensors of the

device activate automatically and a picture using the front camera is taken.

- All relevant details are collected in a .txt file and placed in a folder along with the image. This folder is then uploaded to the remote network location and a message is sent to your preconfigured trusted contacts about the same.
- In case of a medical emergency, a window pops up displaying the emergency line of

the nearest available hospital.

### Why is it better?

- **Minimal need for user interaction:** The current system requires for the person in need to call a helpline according to the type of emergency. After the person concerned is connected, they need to give details about their situation and then tell them their location. There can be circumstances where the person is



### Awards & recognitions

- The project won second prize in Northern India Science Fair 2019, with a cash prize of INR 1,500.
- The team has also been selected for IISF 2019, Nav Bharat Nirman, to be held at Calcutta on November 7, 2019

unable to do so much. The app eliminates the need to talk and the need for user interaction ceases after 2 taps.

- **Accurate location:** The location acquired by cellular tower triangulation is very vague. It is accurate till a radius of 5km, whereas, the location acquired using the app is accurate up to a radius of 22m.

- **Time efficiency:** In the current system, it can take up to 30 seconds or more before a responder picks up the call. Add to this, the time taken in talking and providing the information. Whereas, the whole cycle of the app takes only 20 seconds using 4G and upto 40 seconds using slow internet connections.

# Hypnotizingly mysterious

## Is It Hypnosis Or Hypnotherapy? Can You Really Make Out Any Difference?

Sudiksha Gupta, XII & Mudit Aggarwal, Alumnus, AIS MV

In a circus far away, a hypnotic artist with his pocket watch makes a person sitting in the front row bark like a dog. Meanwhile, in a therapist's office, a patient is lying down with a trained hypnotic medical practitioner helping him relax.

While the entertainer 'hypnotizes' the volunteer instantly with but a pocket watch, the therapist creates a relaxing environment and uses various techniques such as hand-clasp, progressive relaxation, tense-relax, and fixing attention in order to induce hypnosis.

Although the entertainer is successful in making the person bark like a dog and intrigues the audience by proving his control over the victims' senses, it is only due to the fact that the person is willing to do silly things in order to be on the show. The therapist, on the other hand, uses hypnotherapy to help in medical problems like recalling forgotten experiences, anesthesia, treatment of recurrent nausea, etc.

Cut to the circus again, and we see the entertainer scare people about how they might never come out of their 'trance' of hypnosis, as he has gained control over their sub-conscious



minds. Conversely, the therapist reassures his already apprehensive patient that every person enters a state of hypnosis every day and comes out of it unscathed. The conscious and sub-conscious are both part of every person's mind and nothing has the abil-

ity to control a human mind. Additionally, if there is an emergency, the person can just be made to wake up. The entertainer, now having the rapt attention of his audience, goes on about how he got this supernatural power from the devil, and can use it to con-

control the smartest of minds in the world, and make them 'think' according to his will. At the same time, the therapist briefs his patient that hypnosis is actually a scientifically accurate form of alternative therapy. All it does is make you enter a state of highly increased

concentration and you tune out the rest of the world. You are highly susceptible to suggestions, but that's about it. You aren't asleep; you don't lose any control over your body. It is still very much you, albeit in a relaxed state. You cannot be made to do anything you don't want to do.

Near the end, the entertainer bows down and asks people to come again, stating that he can hypnotize anyone, creating a hazy and mysterious aura. The patient however, on his way out, picks up a pamphlet that describes how some people are more easily hypnotized than others, based simply on the strength of their minds. Although people who are easily engrossed are usually good candidates for hypnosis, it is not a rule and a hypnosis susceptibility test exists for smoother results.

All-in-all, hypnosis for entertainment and hypnotic therapy are completely two different concepts. The theatrics produced in the case of hypnosis are purely for entertainment and are often based on assumptions and mysticism. However, the aura of entertainment aspect of hypnotism need not cast a shadow over the immense potential of hypnotic therapy as an alternative medical treatment, which can help save numerous lives.

Imaging : Pankaj Mallik, GT Network





Out of the total number of Twitter accounts ever created, 44% of these accounts left without ever sending a tweet.



# Freaky fiction

## What If Our Favourite Characters Enter Our World?

Kaveri Mathur, AIS MV, XII

Growing up with thousands of great books to read and even more brilliant TV shows and movies to watch, we have always wanted to be a part of those fictional worlds we admired, but what would happen if our favourite characters stepped into our world. Would they be pleased with how we live, or would they want to go back to their own universe? Let's find out.

### The case of sleepiness

**Sherlock:** Look at them, John. All buried in their phones and laptops with their backs hunched, not knowing what is going on 2 feet around them. How can they live like this?

**John:** Your deduction is as good as mine.

\*bell rings\*

**Sherlock:** Oh, yes, finally a case!

**Client:** Hi, I am looking for Mr Sherlock Holmes.

**Sherlock:** Hmm, dark circles, red eyes, hands shaking, untidy hair and chips crumbs all over your t-shirt... Might I deduct you are sleep deprived?

**Client:** Yes, how did you know?

**John:** Again, what was the case that you came for?

**Client:** Oh...that...actually...uh

**Sherlock:** It's okay. You don't need a detective; you need to tear yourself away from your phone and get some good sleep.

**John:** Yes, and a cup of tea, Mrs Hudson!

### The mom is going to catchusinator

**Phineas:** There's 104 days of summer vacation and school comes along just to end it, so the annual problem for our generation is finding a good way to spend it!

**Candace:** Actually, there are only around 45 days of summer vacation and the only way to spend it is to complete your homework.

**Phineas:** What? Only 45 days? Oh, well, I am an optimist. I am sure I can finish my homework and have fun. \*builds a ginormous amusement park in the backyard\*

**Candace:** MOOOOOM

**Phineas:** Oh, you don't have to tell her. I posted a picture of it on Instagram and mom commented "If this isn't Photoshop, you are in big trouble!" Guess I am in big trouble.

### #GymLyf

**Motu:** As if it isn't bad enough being named after your body size, I get teased for it, too.

**Patlu:** You're telling me! I feel too embarrassed to go to the gym. They keep calling me a stick, saying that I'd be 'blown away' if they turn on the fan.

**Motu:** I feel you, man. They keep teasing me that I would crash the machines if I sit on them. What happened to the #bodypositivity campaign they keep posting about on their social media?

### The Hunger Games (part 4)

**Peeta:** Can you believe that we are in the real world? Everyone here lives a free life and do not really



have to fight over food.

**Katniss:** The guide says that hunger and poverty still affect majority of the population of this universe.

**Peeta:** Well then, at least they are Sovereign citizens.

**Katniss:** Some countries are still under tyrant dictatorships.

**Peeta:** Okay...but at least they do not have The Hunger Games for their entertainment purposes.

**Katniss:** You are not going to believe this but they have a show called *Khatron Ke Khiladi!*

**Peeta:** Oh god, they are doomed. 🇧🇩



# No longer in fine print

## The Newspaper, As It Bids Adieu To The Entire Human Race

Aryaman Trivedi  
AIS Noida, XII

### Hello everyone!

It is me, your old friend (I may be old, but I deliver new unlike those repetitive websites), the newspaper. I come from a time when your parents and grandparents couldn't start their day without me, alongside their piping hot cup of tea.

You ignore me, just like you ignore everything good that has come down from your parents' generation. Brag about your 'Inshorts' all you want, but they are going to keep your knowledge just like their name - short. And don't even point out the speed of your 'news alerts', most of them aren't even written by people who are alert. I, on the other hand would verify every bit of information. Mark my words - a day will come, when my curse shall befall you and when your friend (hopefully a person who reads me) asks you what's up? Your answer will be as uninformed as those websites you love to skim through.

I was indispensable and now I am used as a cheap version of a bowl for eating *chanas* and a mat for your cupboard shelves. Really now? To see this happen to someone who was revered, whose folds were gently pressed, before it was folded and kept neatly in a pile for children to cut out from for their holiday home work. I know what you're going to say next.

You are an environmentalist who does not want any more trees to be cut. After all, 12 trees for a single paper is too big a cost to pay. But the trees you are so in love with, do they ever come to your mind when you're buying furniture? Or when you're having your fancy bonfire parties? No right! So why should I be made the sole bearer of sacrifice?

I also know that another excuse that you'll come up with is time management and convenience. It is much easier to carry a smartphone and read the news that is only a few clicks away. But if people can spend hours making every frivolous thing insta worthy, then why dump me.

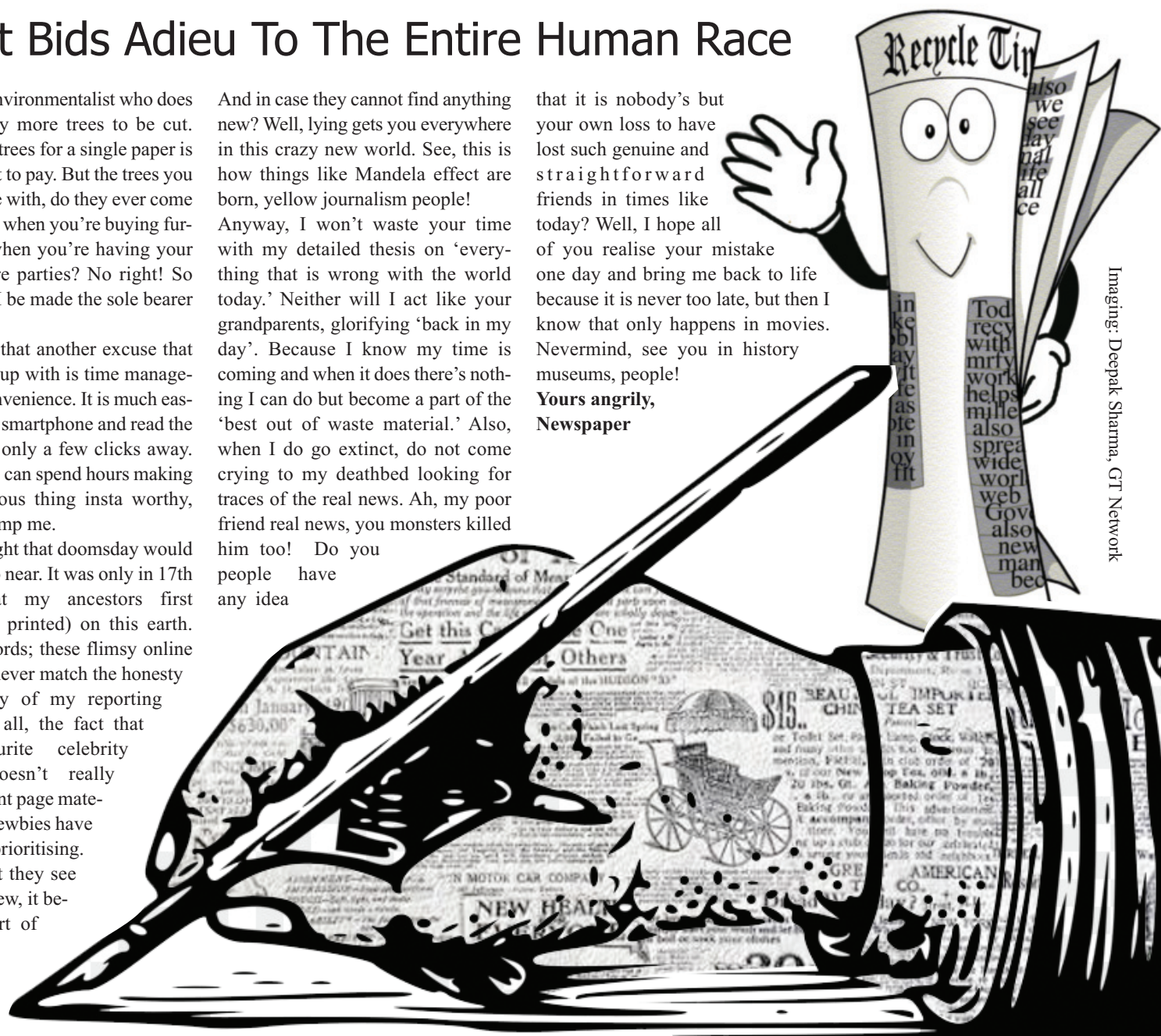
I never thought that doomsday would be lurking so near. It was only in 17th century that my ancestors first stepped (err printed) on this earth. Mark my words; these flimsy online reports can never match the honesty and integrity of my reporting style. After all, the fact that your favourite celebrity sneezed, doesn't really make it a front page material. These newbies have no sense of prioritising. The moment they see something new, it becomes a part of their feeds online.

And in case they cannot find anything new? Well, lying gets you everywhere in this crazy new world. See, this is how things like Mandela effect are born, yellow journalism people!

Anyway, I won't waste your time with my detailed thesis on 'everything that is wrong with the world today.' Neither will I act like your grandparents, glorifying 'back in my day'. Because I know my time is coming and when it does there's nothing I can do but become a part of the 'best out of waste material.' Also, when I do go extinct, do not come crying to my deathbed looking for traces of the real news. Ah, my poor friend real news, you monsters killed him too! Do you people have any idea

that it is nobody's but your own loss to have lost such genuine and straightforward friends in times like today? Well, I hope all of you realise your mistake one day and bring me back to life because it is never too late, but then I know that only happens in movies. Nevermind, see you in history museums, people!

**Yours angrily,**  
**Newspaper**





Facebook had admitted that there are approximately 270 million fake profiles on the platform.



So social

# A fit vision



Dr. Amita Chauhan, Chairperson

This year as the entire Amity family gathered to celebrate 'Sangathan', the annual inter Amity sports meet, that marks the celebration of the birthday of Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe, I could see the rise of a new India, a 'Fit India'.

Sangathan, true to the 'Fit India' movement launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is a perfect embodiment of what a perfectly healthy mind, body and soul can achieve.

At 'Fit India', it was described that fitness is in the lifestyle of Indians as yoga; that fitness is in the art of India as various dances; that fitness is in Martial Arts of India; that fitness is in local games and sports of India like Kho Kho and Kabaddi; that fitness in India is its very culture, I could clearly see all of these being put to practice at our Sangathan, initiated 21 years ago by Founder President.

Be it the display of all dance and art forms by Amityans from different states or participating in heritage sports like Kabaddi and Marshal Arts, 'Sangathan' is a true celebration of Fit India. There are so many games and sports, dance forms, music and art forms right from Archery to Fencing, classical to western which our Amityans play, practice and immerse into. As a whole, Amity Universe cheers and rejoices at this gala of games and sports. Sangathan, stands as a symbolism of rising against all odds and becoming a champion.

Herein, the champions and participants are not just winners but exemplary human beings who have already begun to explore the limitless abilities of the human mind. In Sangathan, I see the vision of Founder President in perfect synchronisation with that of our Prime Minister's dream of developed India that is 'fit' because only a healthy individual can make a healthy family, a healthy society and a healthy nation on a holistic level.

# Kill the demon



Vira Sharma, Managing Editor

I hope all of us had great festive season. Amidst all the feasts and festivities we killed so many demons... well virtually so. We killed the likes of Ravana, Kumbharkna, Meghnad, Mahishasura, Raktabeej, Shumbh-Nishumbh and around Diwali we killed

Narakasura who was an alter ego of Vishnu- his avatar gone on the side of adharma so Krishna had to kill him first to save humanity. Indian mythologies and festivals never fail to amaze me. One festival, so many stories and all the stories would evidently have demons who would be killed for truth and justice to prevail. That's what makes our Indian folk tales and festivals unique in every age. Unique they have been in today's modern age too, but for a unique reason. In today's time, when we celebrate and rejoice during festivals, the real demon of our times 'pollution' lives on, rather it gets a new lease of life with every celebration. The poisonous smog after Diwali has become an annual affair as much as the festival itself. It seems we have grown immune to even the reports of pollution levels going up. Every year as a ritual, we pledge to have green and clean Diwali but at the end we suffer the same spell of smog. This shows clearly that there is a gap between efforts and execution at the basic level. Bursting of crackers signify that the illegal cracker industry is flourishing and it is so because it has the patrons who care nothing for law or environment or society. The demon of irresponsibility fails to die. With festivals over, it is time for us to kill this real demon and let its good alter ego the 'responsibility' thrive and take over.

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# From fire to ice

## Speaking Of Youth, Fake News, De-evolving Media And More

Pic: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network

Vanya Tandon, AIS Noida, XI J & Lavanya Jain, AIS MV, XI D

Meet Runjhun Sharma, senior correspondent, CNN-News18. An acclaimed TV journalist, she is mostly known for her exclusive stories and reporting on marginalised sections of the society. Her reportage on minority and gender oppression earned her the prestigious 'UN Laadli Award' for gender sensitivity in 2015. As she sat in the jury for Youth Power Grand Finale 2019, GT reporters could not help but ask her a few questions.

**From youth to change...** The youth plays a vital role in the society. Programmes like Youth Power bear great testimony to the difference that students can make. Taking an example from recent times, when sanitary pads were included in the GST ambit, there was strong opposition from youth from several parts of the country for an entire year. Eventually, sanitary napkins were exempted from GST. This is just one example of how youth contributes to change. Youth can definitely keep the momentum for change if they keep the dialogues running.

**From newspapers to web...** Whilst tackling the problem of fake news, increase in number of web portals is a major challenge simply because you cannot be certain if a said portal is



Runjhun Sharma, senior correspondent, CNN-News18 with GT reporters

providing accurate information or not. This is where credible newspapers and news channels step in, as they do meticulous research and make sure that all the facts presented are true. The best option is to verify what you see or hear. Consumers on the other hand, should ensure that they do not forward fake news or contribute to it in any way possible.

**From facts to opinions...** News has gone from providing facts to providing opinions. We always see news channels arguing on what is right and

wrong. However, this is not the objective journalism. In my opinion, the views of a journalist don't matter. The only job of a journalist is to present facts and information, and help the citizens form an opinion.

**From biased to neutral...** Maintaining a neutral stance in your reporting might seem tough, but it's actually very easy. There have been so many occasions where I have been told to change my script for certain reasons, but I would always put my foot down. If by chance I had to succumb to it, I

would tone down what I had written but I would let the byte, ie, the voice of a person, speak for itself. I travel a lot to villages and different corners of India from where you don't get national headlines. So, by doing those reports is how I maintain the balance of being unbiased in my career.

**From me to Amityans...** I think you all are doing a fantastic job. I was very impressed with the Youth Power projects of all the eight schools. To do such a detailed work at such a young age, is commendable.

# Food for thought

## The Role Of Caste In The Indian Platter

Tanisha Chawla, AIS Saket, XII

Imaging: Deepak Sharma, GT Network

A wise man once said, what you eat is who you are. That wise man was surely not an Indian. Because in India, what you eat not just defines who you are, but also where you will live, who you will marry, whether you can hold your head high in pride or hang it in shame. Because this my friend is India, where food is more than a way to sustain life or love of a mother. It is the certification of the status of a family and a reflection of the complexities of caste in our society. Food is the defining feature of people – like a hierarchical system – those who eat beef, the non-vegetarians, those who feel eating the gravy of chicken is acceptable, those who eat eggs and the passionate vegetarians; of course, all of these habits marquee by the caste you belong to. If you are an Iyengar Brahmin, onion-garlic is a strict no-no. If you are a Kayasth, any meal will be incomplete without a mutton dish... and so on. But what makes this distinction, the gluttony of it all is how these culinary customs denote your existence. Pre-



fix 'Vaishno' before a dhaba, and it means 100% vegetarian food will be served. There is also something called 'Brahmin sambhar powder' doing the rounds, the Brahmin community connoting its superior status. And then there are caste based cookbooks, watermarking food with religion yet again. So strong is the influence of caste on food that it not just determines what you cook, but also how you cook it. For Brahmins in the South and some other regions, bathing early in the morning and putting on fresh clothes before going into the kitchen is a

must. So is to use locally sourced vegetables and spices instead of processed ones. A simple bowl of rasam is cooked and governed by the dictates of the caste of the house in which it is made – no pre-mix spices, no garlic or whole spices like cloves, or no cooking vessel other than a metal pot if you are an Iyengar Brahmin. However, you step into another genre of the Brahmin sect where rasam is loaded with whole spices and garlic. Of course, their caste allows them to.

Wait. There's more. We don't just stop at food governing our rituals. We take it to discrimination and then further to war. Higher caste Hindus cannot accept food cooked by people of lower castes. A lower caste Dalit cannot walk into the kitchen of a higher class Tamil.

It is rather unfortunate that food, a medium for growth and sustenance, a need common to every human being has been twisted into a dividing force. Food is life, a delicacy to be relished, the love accompanying it to be savoured. Let's eat food, and not let it eat into our social fabric. Let's keep caste out of our plates.

# GT M@il

Dear Editor,

This is in reference to "A Beautiful End" on page 8 of The Global Times edition dated October 21, 2019. This is the last year of my school life. As everyone around is urging us to study harder, a certain sense of nostalgia is creeping up on us. Every little moment of school life that was a routine all this time suddenly feels like a luxury. Next year when we all will go to different colleges, we won't know where our friends are or when we'll meet them again. The story of Megha and Sumi brought those emotions to forefront, making me wonder what will happen to my best friends and me next year. Will we also get separated when life gets in the way? I look at the people I grew up with sitting next to me and I know I will give them a phenomenal goodbye like Sumi gave to Megha but with a promise to see them again. Thank you GT for reminding me what an essential part my friends play in my life.

Sanskriti Bharti

AIS Vasundhara I, XII BGS

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**A beautiful end**

Storyline

The next morning, they were both sitting together on the beach. None of those words of all those years made it to her heart. As she finished reading, she realised that with the letter, she had sealed the promise of a friendship that will last forever, no matter how far they were from each other. The letter was her only link to the world she had left behind. She had developed a deep bond with Sumi. They had been together, laughing at each other's jokes, crying for each other, and holding each other's hands. The next morning, they were both sitting together on the beach. None of those words of all those years made it to her heart. As she finished reading, she realised that with the letter, she had sealed the promise of a friendship that will last forever, no matter how far they were from each other. The letter was her only link to the world she had left behind. She had developed a deep bond with Sumi. They had been together, laughing at each other's jokes, crying for each other, and holding each other's hands. The next morning, they were both sitting together on the beach.

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Statistics suggest that 81% of teenagers believe that social media affects their lives positively.

# Dear India

A Love Letter To The Country That Became My New Home



*India: A land that comes together to form one of the largest countries in the world, every corner of which is filled with colours of cultures and triumphs of traditions. In its streets, 5 foreign students of Amity Global School, Gurugram, have found a home away from home, and with the help of Bhavyaa Mittal, Grade 12 & Armaan Soni, Grade 10, AGS Gurugram, they pen down their love for their new home.*



Simone (R) posing with his friend Aman

**Dear India,**

My life took a drastic turn when I came to you from Italy three years ago. My vocabulary was limited to 'hello' and 'I love you'. I still remember my first day at my new school when our principal, Arti Gupta, asked me how I was and due to lack of comprehension, I said "yes". For the first five months, I was unable to communicate with anyone here. To be honest, I felt alone, but as time progressed, I started learning English. I began to interact with people and started making friends. A whole classroom that once seemed strange to me, turned out to be very welcoming. Of course, they had their presumptions about me, which is why my identity was stereotyped to pizza, pasta and spaghetti but slowly we came to understand each other.

India, you made me more confident than I have ever been; you made me responsible about the choices I make in my life. I am now more reflective about what I have done in my past, more innovative in trying to do things I never would have done back in Italy. You have been very welcoming. I am happy that I even got a chance to come to you in the first place. You stand as a true example of global unity. For as long as I stay with you, I promise to make the best out of it and carry back a bag full of happy, crazy and loving memories.

*Your friend from Italy,  
Simone Vagina, AGS Gurugram, Grade 10*



Abdul enjoying an Indian meal

**Dear India,**

In a short span that I have been with you, I have experienced a great deal of things about you – the lifestyle of your people, your festivals, your monuments and your traditions. Coming from Afghanistan as a stranger, everyone here turned out to be very supportive and friendly, and I couldn't help but notice that their strength lies in their humble ways. All the friends, classmates and teachers I have met here have been nothing but warm and kind-hearted. My brother and sisters, who have settled in your land, also feel the same way. The strong values you teach regarding family remained unmatched by anywhere else in the world. You have helped me learn a lot of new things; you truly have become my new home.

*Aapka aabhari Afghan se,  
Abdul Wahid, AGS Gurugram, Grade 9*



Ilham with her decorated diyas for Diwali

**Dear India,**

Three years and I have been living with you. Every day, I learn and experience something new, things I didn't think I would ever experience if I had not moved to you from my home country Afghanistan. My first vivid observation of you was witnessing your vast cultural diversity which not only fascinated me but also taught me a thing or two about the ideas of universal brotherhood and love that looks beyond religious and cultural differences.

All your people are so accepting that I have been able to expand my knowledge about all the cultures and traditions that are an inherent part of your enchanting land. Your festivals like Holi and Diwali mesmerise me, and the way your people celebrate Islamic festivals floods my heart with joy and respect. When I leave you, I will carry back an abundance of experiences you gave me that have shaped my personality and made me a better person, a person more accepting of the diverse cultures co-existing in this world.

*Yours lovingly,  
Ilham Rahimi, AGS Gurugram, Grade 11*

**Dear India,**

I love everything about you and since my arrival here from Africa, I have come to love you a lot. Your festival, Diwali, has become a favourite one for me and my family. I make it a point to celebrate it at home every year with our kind neighbours who are Indians. Your dish, tandoori chicken is my all time favourite but I love curd and rice, too. I know you and I have our troubles communicating because I can only speak Spanish but I promise I am trying to learn English and Hindi slowly and steadily. I love my school a lot because it gave me Kabir Negi, who is my best friend in the whole wide world. I love coming to school because everyone makes me feel so comfortable here. My classmates are very friendly and my teachers are very kind. I cannot wait to make more memories with you.

*Te amo (I love you),  
Federico M Mbelansue, AGS Gurugram, Grade 1  
(Translated from Spanish by Anwesa Basa, Grade 12)*



Federico with his painting of Indian flag

**Dear India,**

You are the only country I have even been to outside of Sri Lanka. I always dreamt of living and travelling to different places, which is why I was so happy to come to you, but I can't deny that I was also slightly apprehensive. Initially I did not like the idea of going to school, but all of that changed when I came to Amity Global School. I found my two new best friends here and they make sure to include me in all the activities happening in my class. So does everyone else! My classes are fun and the teachers are only too kind. When I try to make a list of all the things you have given me, there really is too much to be thankful for.

When I first came to you, I was in wonder, but a sense of familiarity also took over me. After all, you aren't much different from my home country. But you, you have so many different people yet everyone is so similar, there is so much diversity yet unity, so many religions yet a sense of secularism, so rustic yet oh so modern! You, to me, are a land of curious-things. Your celebration of festivals is enchanting. Your streets flood with



Thisarani (R) practices Kathak with her senior Sidhika

lights, happy faces, perfumes, scrumptious food and religious paraphernalia; it is a lot to take in, but never too overwhelming. At times, when I miss my cousins back home too much, you give me people who treat me like family here in a foreign land.

You have given me great experiences and learnings I would remember for a long time and I only wish to continue my journey with you.

*With love from Sri Lanka,  
Thisarani Pathiranga  
AGS Gurugram, Grade 8*



69% of smartphone users check their phone within 5 minutes of waking up in the morning.



# Hopefully, soon

Storywala



Piyush Mohapatra  
AIS Mayur Vihar, XI

I'm excited! Only a few months until I get back to my home planet - Earth!

I sat in my spaceship cabin, staring out from the window at the familiar tiny bluish green ball. Never did I imagine that one day I would be so far away from home. This was all to fulfill my vow to father, who entrusted me to complete a trip to Mars and back if he failed in his own attempt. I pulled out my wallet and flipped it open to glance at the picture of him and said, "Father, I wish you were here to see me fulfilling your dream but I know that you'd be happy for me." I thought of mother, too. I just can't wait to go back and tell her all about the cool rocks I'm bringing back with me. This, for sure, brought a smile on my face.

"Well, look at you. What are you smiling for?" I jumped. "Jim? Don't startle me like that! I was having an emotional moment." Jim grinned at me. "I watched

you grow up, boy. You should be used to it by now."

"Yeah, yeah, old man. And don't you start your stories about you and my father. Believe me, I have heard them all already."

"Really? What about the one where your father strapped a rocket to my car?"

"Well, if I hadn't heard that one, then I heard it just now," I replied. Jim clicked his tongue. "Alright, you got me. Hey, just give your mother a call. If you wouldn't, then I'll be the one she gets mad at for not reminding you. I told the rest of the crew to leave a line open for you."

"Will do! Thanks, Jim."

"No problem. See you at dinner." Grabbing a handle, I pulled myself into the Communications Room and picked up a telephone. I put it up to my ear, about to dial a number, when I heard another man's voice.

"—about the trip back to Earth."

"What is it, Kerry?"

"C-captain, I just checked the fuel tanks and it seems there has been a miscalculation."

**I floated in the Com Room for a full minute, frozen in fear. What about home? What about mother? Will I be able to go back home?**

"Do you mean to say that we are off by a few days?"

"Erm..."

"Speak up, Kerry! What are you whispering for?"

"Captain, the gauges are all wrong. We only have a week's worth of fuel left."

"Oh no!"

"Captain?"

"Look, Kerry. We have got to be calm. Do not let any of the other crew members know. We must investigate further, before anybody panics. Come to my room immediately. No time for dinner."

I floated in the Com Room for a full minute, frozen in fear. What about home? What about mother? Will I be able to go back home? The telephone buzzed in my hand. No, not now. Please, for the love of God.

"Hello?" I said.

A female voice answered,

"Sammy, it's been too long! Why haven't you called?"

"M-Mother..."

"Are you okay, Sammy?"

"Mother, please. It's nothing. Just stop worrying about me!"

"Aw, Sammy. You are all I have ever since your father passed away and you are so far away from me. How can I not be worried for you, my child? I have got here a written promise from Captain Barlow."

"Captain Barlow, huh..."

"Oh Sammy, I can tell you've got a lot of wonderful thoughts in your mind! I remember how rocket ships were your favourite even when you were a little kid."

"Yeah, Mother, I've got so much to say about... space rocks..."

"Sammy, how are you feeling? When can I see you again? Hopefully, soon, of course."

I looked out of the window again. It was a pure black view. The ship's angle changed and Earth was out of sight.

I replied, "I am excited! Only a few months until I get back to you on Earth!"

## Read Play and Win

Reading your favourite GT can fetch you a prize too. Complete all the boxes below. Click a picture and send it to [editor@theglobaltimes.in](mailto:editor@theglobaltimes.in) or submit it to your GT Teacher Coordinator. 3 lucky winners will win a prize every week!



Q: Who has been interviewed on page 6 of this edition?  
Ans:

Q: Which country is facing recession?  
Ans:

Q: Name the student featured in It's me column of page 9.  
Ans:

Q: On an average, how much time does a person spend on social media?  
Ans:

Q: Who is the writer of the poem 'The voice of lights'?  
Ans:

Q: Mention the number of matches conducted at Sangathan 2019.  
Ans:

Q: Which article has been written by Kaveri Mathur, AIS MV, XI E?  
Ans:

Q: When was the panel discussion organised by AIBAS?  
Ans:

Q: Which school hosted Vigilance Awareness Week?  
Ans:

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

Results of 81: Gauri Chaurasia, AIS VYC, V A; Aditya Gupta, AIS Gur 46, X F & Divyansh, AIS Vas 1, VII D

## Brush 'n' Easel

Priyanshi Maheshwari  
AIS Gur 43, VIII B



## WORDS VERSE

# The voice of lights

Jhalak Saxena

AIS Vasundhara 6, XI A

The dancing glitters  
The alluring lights

The crackers of ambition  
Fireworks embellishing heights

The darkness of the night  
The beauty of fairy lights

The world lost in fantasy  
Discerning the fantastical sight

The luscious chocolates  
The delightful mithais

Diving into relishing dishes  
Makes our souls feel nice

Festive season is around  
The vibes are divine



Garlands embrace the railings  
Symbolise love in a design

Embrace the hearty red  
Kiss the essence of love

The garlands of togetherness  
With the aesthetic love





# Mom's the word



## Wisdom tale

Shreeja Pal, AIS Noida, VII C

A man proposed to his girlfriend and asked her to marry him. The girl agreed but did set a condition: "I would only marry you if you move your mother to an old age home!" Blinded by love, he agreed. As he was returning home, after seeing off his girlfriend, he came across a skinny little boy, sitting in ragged clothes on the side of the road, selling beautiful flowers of various kinds. The man picked up a bunch and enquired, "Where did you get these flowers from?" "From the graveyard," replied the boy with fear. Shocked and disgusted, the man threw the flowers on the road. "How dare you? How dare you steal flowers from the graveyard and sell it to earn money?" The little boy started sobbing before he explained his side. "I-I steal it because my mama was a school teacher. She loved me and...and gave me everything. But one day,

As he was returning home, after seeing off his girlfriend, he came across a skinny little boy, sitting in ragged clothes on the side of the road, selling beautiful flowers of various kinds.

she died. Oh, I miss her so!" He choked on his sobs and took a minute to recover before he spoke again. "I had no one but her. All her students visit her graveyard and offer flowers. I steal those flowers and sell them to buy food. Even when she is gone, she is supporting me," sobbed the boy. These emotional words pierced the man's heart. He bought a bunch of pretty lilies from the boy. "Are these for your girlfriend?" asked the little boy. The man replied, "No, these are for my mother!"

**So what did you learn today?**  
Love your mother as she does.



## Fussy eaters

Sia Bhagi, AIS MV, V

I was walking back home with my mother, from the market. Suddenly a hand stopped me. "Didi, do you have something to eat? Please, I am very hungry." I looked down to see who was clutching my hand and saw a girl my age. She was dressed in dirty clothes and her bones were poking out of her skin. I was shocked. In my bag, I had a banana that my mother gave me to eat but since I didn't like fruits much, I handed it to her. She took it from me and ate it with utter happiness.

I was shocked. In my bag, I had a banana that my mother gave me to eat but since I didn't like fruits much, I handed it to her.

"Thank you for giving me this tasty fruit," she said. My eyes brimmed with tears thinking of all the times I had thrown away the fruits that my mother would always give me for lunch, which could have otherwise been eaten by someone in dire need. I promised my mother to eat proper meals from now on and never waste food.

**So what did you learn today?**  
Having a meal is a privilege so never waste it.



## 5-minute breakfast

Aaryavardhan Chauhan, AIS PV, III

### For yummy sandwich

Prep time: 4 minute

#### Ingredients

Bread	.....	2 slices
Mayonnaise	.....	2 tbsp
Paneer (thinly sliced)	.....	.50 grams
Tomato (thinly sliced)	.....	1
Cucumber (thinly sliced)	.....	.1
Pepper	.....	.to taste
Salt	.....	.to taste

#### Method

- Take two slices of bread and cut them into four pieces each.
- Apply a thick layer of mayonnaise on all the bread pieces on one side.
- Place a piece of paneer on top and also add one slice of tomato and cucumber each.
- Sprinkle salt and pepper and press two bread pieces together. Your sandwich is ready!



### For a lip-smacking drink

Prep time: 1 minute

#### Ingredients

Orange Tang	.....	.3 tbsp
Cold water	.....	1 glass

#### Method

- Fill a glass with cold water.
- Add three tablespoons of Tang and mix it well. Glucon-D can also be used instead.
- Your energy drink is ready!

## Tongue Twisters

Jayshree Singh, AIS Vas 6, VI

- A big black bug bit a big black dog on his big black nose.
- If two witches were watching two watches, which witch would watch which watch?
- A tricky, snake with sixty super scaly stripes.
- The big bug bit the little beetle, but the little beetle bit the big bug back.
- How much wood would a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?
- Whether the weather is warm, whether the weather is hot, we have to put up with the weather, whether we like it or not.
- Give papa a cup of proper coffee in a copper coffee cup.
- Fuzzy wuzzy was a bear. Fuzzy wuzzy had no hair. Fuzzy wuzzy wasn't fuzzy, was he?

## POEMS

### Dolly and I

Ritisha Bansal  
AIS Gurugram 43, III A

I have a little sister  
Her name is Dolly  
I love to play with her  
A game called rolly-polly

It is not just me and my sister  
We have many friends  
Bani, Jishu and Aastha  
And the list never ends

We go up and down on swings  
We play all day in the park  
We sleep later, together  
After the sky has gone dark.



## Diwali delight

Sana Sachdev  
AGS Gurugram, VI

This Diwali was a delight  
With no dark nights  
Everywhere I saw lights  
Things were bright  
Had a sweet bite

And witnessed a joyful sight

On Diwali night  
Wick's glowed bright  
Crackers didn't terrify the night  
Smoke didn't reach new height  
The pets didn't hide in fright  
Enjoyed Diwali in candlelight.

## It's Me

### Know Me

Name: Noor Chawla  
Class: IV K  
School: AIS Noida  
Born on: April 5

### My Favourites

Book: The Cloud Castle by Thea Stilton  
Game: Dodgeball  
Mall: Mall of India, Noida  
Food: Rajma chawal and pao bhaji  
Teachers: Vartika M Binoy ma'am and Meena Arangil ma'am  
Animal: Dog  
Subjects: English and Social Studies

### About Me

Role model: My mom  
Best friend: Aamna Arif  
Hobby: Reading  
I like: Dancing and peaceful environment  
I dislike: Loud noise  
I want to become: An actress  
I want to feature in GT because: I want everyone in school to know me.



## PAINTING CORNER

Samarth Ahuja  
AIS Vas 1, V C





# Active Learning

Keeping myself fit and happy by stretching and showing team spirit.



1, 2, 3...  
Do you know your bus route number like I do? Because I am an independent Ami.



I know the names of every single tree in our Amiown school garden.



## Amies Learn About Team Work As They Engage In Fun Activities



Making rangoli becomes more exciting when I do it with my friends.



Making lamps and showing our creativity to the world.



Decorating our class together, this task became a game for us.



Enhancing my concentration level by transferring Rajma seeds using tweezers.



We enjoy our annual Diwali feast together.



Block by block we will improve our cognitive abilities.



As a team, we are stronger and can handle anything.



Let's dance round and round and increase our flexibility.



We built a beautiful castle for everyone to come and live together.



Let's play twister and show everyone how fit we are.



We walk hand in hand and pick each other up if we fall.





The average internet user has 7.6 social media accounts.

AIS Gurugram 46

# Welcoming change!

## AIS Gurugram 46 Celebrates Annual Day



Awardees pose with eminent dignitaries at the annual day

On the occasion of 150th birthday anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, AIS Gurugram 46, celebrated the senior school annual day, 'Yug Pravartak – the changemaker'. The event organised on October 19, 2019, was graced by the presence of eminent guests Amit Khatri, IAS, deputy commissioner, Gurugram, as the chief guest; Aleksei Illiuviev, second secretary, Cultural Embassy of Russian Federation in the Republic of India as the guest of honour; and Tatiana Perova, head, Training Centre of Russian Language Teachers, Russian Centre for science and culture. The function opened with a rich rendition of one of the favourite hymns of Gandhiji. School prin-

icipal Arti Chopra, presented the annual report highlighting the academic and extracurricular achievements of the school at national and international platforms. Special awards were also announced: Pradyuman and Arpita Gupta were awarded with Late Baljit Shastri Shield (sponsored by Dr Ashok K Chauhan) for 'All Round Best Student'; Dhruv Lowe and Shubhanshi Jain received Vedvati Vidyalankar Shield for 'Indian Heritage and Values'; Dhananjay Mohan Cup for 'Science Creativity Innovation' was given to Ansh Deo Singh and Anurag Parida; Europa India Foundation Cup for 'Best Achievement in Sports' was accorded to Ishita Singh; Chairperson's Apprecia-

tion Award for 'Outstanding Achievements during academic year' was awarded to Mitalee Makwana; and Founder's Cup for the 'Academic Topper of class XII' was given to Aakriti Kiran, Gurugram Topper & School Topper (2018-19). Adding a spark of culture, Vithika, an exhibition of contemporary art of Uttar Pradesh and Odisha states, was displayed. A musical performance by Amitisha, an initiative by Chairperson for the less privileged girl child, enchanted the spectators, followed by a dance drama. The proceedings finally came to an end with words of appreciation from Chairperson and concluded with the national anthem. **GI**



School principal Arti Chopra receives the award

## An award to remember

It was a matter of pride when AIS Gurugram 46 was awarded with 'The School Creating Best Social Impact in Society across Delhi NCR' by Education World Grand Jury. School principal Arti Chopra received the award at EW India School Rankings Awards 2019-20 function held on September 28, 2019. Top 10 schools were conferred with the awards and were assessed for encouraging student-led community service projects, in school-sponsored, regional or international community projects. Introduced in 2016, The Annual Education World Grand Jury Awards constituted Grand Jury comprising eminent educationists- Fatema Agarkar, co-founder, KA Edu Associates, Mumbai; Rohit Mahindra, director, Raj Mohindra Consultants Pvt Ltd; Meeta Sengupta, educationist and senior advisor, Centre for Civil Society, Delhi; Damodar Goyal, president of the Society for Unaided Private Schools of Rajasthan, Jaipur and KR Malathi, founder-director, Auro Educational Services.

# Constant vigilance

## A Debate For The Future

AIS Gurugram 43

In association with Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, Amity International School, Gurugram 43, hosted Vigilance Awareness Week. The event, comprising a debate competition, commemorated the birthday of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, who stands as the epitome of a just leader even today. Shri O S Randhawa, ex deputy, CVO, was the chief guest for the event that saw the participation of over 18 schools. He motivated and encouraged students to imbibe val-



Student engages in debate

ues which will take the nation to greater heights.

The first, second and third prizes (gift coupons of 6000 INR, 4500 INR, and 3500 INR by PGCIL) were bagged by AIS Gur 43, AIS Noida and AIS Gur 46. **GI**

# Happy Diwali!

## Colourful And Eco-Friendly



Celebrations in full fervour

AIS VYC Lucknow

To drench oneself in the spirits of festivities and make students realise the essence of the festival of lights, Amity International School, VYC Lucknow, organised a potpourri of activities on October 22, 2019. Students decorated the assembly hall with diyas and splashes of colours were added by their beautiful

rangoli. Teachers enlightened students about the significance of the festival – how good always conquers evil; the students were also sensitised about the ill-effects of crackers. A mesmerising dance performance put everyone in the audience in a festive mood. The assembly concluded with school principal encouraging students to have a clean, peaceful and bright Diwali. **GI**



Dr Atul Chauhan and guests from Harrow International Schools take a look at the happiness project during school visit

# Happiness project

## The Art Of Living Jovially

AGS Noida

Believing that cheerful individuals lead to a better society, AGS Noida took up 'Happiness Project' to comprehend the degree of joy in students. Students were asked to explore and list down things that makes them happy and were then asked to focus on how to make others happy. Further, after enough self-analysis, they made vision boards of their goals and a mind map with visuals to showcase their happiness. The students also filled Oxford Happiness Questionnaire, a survey to

determine someone's current level of happiness. It aided them in understanding their present degree of joy and finding ways to increase it. Attended scores were then analysed through a PPT and PREZI presentation. To understand the government's role, research in the field of economy and educational policies were also done to narrow down on strategies that can be adopted at individual, local and mass level to increase a country's level of happiness. The project concluded with comparing the happiest nations with the least happy nations through a venn diagram. **GI**

AIS VKC Lucknow

# Dandiya Night' 19

## Cheer And Joy Fill In The Air

Dazzling lights, dandiya songs, games, happy hugs and with all that AIS Viraj Khand ostentatiously flaunted on the night of October 5, 2019 as it celebrated Dandiya Night during Navratri festival. The famous Saras Vatika along with Moves n Grooves, Radio partners 93.5 Red FM and the school organised the event within the school campus. The programme started with the lighting of lamp following which Rachna Mishra, school principal welcomed the chief guest, Swati Singh, minister of state (independent charge) to the

government of UP. Speaking on the occasion, Swati Singh said that it is the duty of all schools to spread awareness of their culture and heritage and Amity was fulfilling its duty well. Students then presented dandiya. Setting in the mood, RJ Saurabh entertained the guests, presenting various games and competitions. The best child dance pair were Arna Srivastava and Arnav Singh who danced non-stop for about two hours. The evening was fully enjoyed by all as the principal extended her gratitude to all for making the evening a joyful one. **GI**



Students enjoy session of Dandiya dance



Students dressed as characters from Ramayana

# Celebrating Ram and Ramleela

## Reliving The Indian Epic

On October 4, 2019 AIS VKC celebrated Ramleela as the students of Class Nursery-IV performed dance drama in the annual presentation. The event began with the traditional lighting of lamp and chants of *gayatri mantra*. With the illuminating words of Dr Vineeta Bhandari, TGT, Hindi, an undercurrent of devotion ran among the audience. Students dressed as characters of the epic displayed great talent in enacting various episodes of Ramayana under the guidance of Rupa Srivastava,

dance teacher and Lily Bhat-tacharya, PRT Hindi. After the show Ramakant Maurya, TGT, Hindi and Sanskrit, highlighted the lessons learnt from Ramayana and stressed on leading a righteous life. The programme was attended by the families of the students. In the end, school principal Rachna Mishra thanked the parents for being a part of the event and stressed on inculcating love for the culture in students. The show concluded with burning of the effigies of Ravana, Meghnad and Kumbhkarana. **GI**



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