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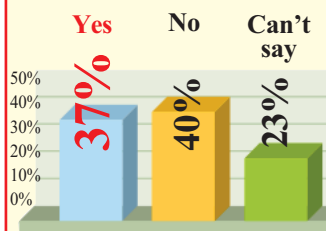
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## THE SOCCER SORCERER

A Tribute To The Greatest Football Player The World Will Ever Know

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They say, football brings the world together regardless of culture, age or even nationality. And when the whole world believes one name to be the face of this glorious sport, we know that the name has to be Diego Maradona. Known for his unmatched agility on field and brilliant captaincy that brought his country the 1986 World Cup, Maradona was but a name to reckon with in the entire sports universe. However, his unexpected demise has rendered the global football fraternity with a void that no one else can fill, and we can only console ourselves with the belief that it was now time for him to manifest his magic in the heavens. On that note, here's what the sports captains of Amity schools have to say in tribute of the football legend.

### The god of goals

"Widely revered as one of the greatest football players of all time, Maradona will forever be known for his 'Hand of God' goal against England in the 1986 World Cup quarter-final in Mexico. Not just for his own nation, the football legend was a sport icon worshipped in India, too. I still recall the day when Maradona visited India in 2017 to keep his promise to the football-frenzied city of Kolkata. Former Indian cricket captain Sourav Ganguly, after a 40-minute exhibition match, had exclaimed what a treat it was to watch the Argentine great from close quarters."

Anusha Attree, AIS Noida, XII J

### Adieu, legend

"With great sadness, we bid adieu to one of the greatest football players of all time- Diego Maradona, who, despite retiring from the game in 1997, remained an inspiration to many. His resolute skills, coupled with ultimate devotion towards the game led him to carve a name



for himself, despite his own personal flaws and battles. A joint-winner of the FIFA Player of the 20th Century, he won the Golden Ball in the 1986 World Cup, where he scored 2 goals against England- an instance that made football history. His love for the game was rightly quoted when he said the following lines, 'If I was in a white dress at a wedding and a muddy ball arrived... I would stop it from the chest, without thinking about it.'"

Aadeshvir Singh, AIS Gur 46, XII A

### The golden kid

"Speaking on a personal note, Maradona was my hero. An inspiration to many, his sheer genius was there for all to see every single time he stepped on the football field. He was an outright God, spinning magic with his feet, bringing glory to the game. In his early years, he was awarded the title 'El Pibe De Oro' which is Spanish for The Golden Kid as he climbed the

ladder, going from local games to the international level. In his international career with Argentina, he earned a massive 91 caps and scored a total of 34 goals for his country. Truly an enigma, his absence can never be compensated by anyone. The world has indeed lost a gem."

Priyal, AIS Vasundhara 1, XII A

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# From a critical eye

Murtaza Ali On What Goes Into The Making Of A Good Film Critic

Yeshita Jeet Tripathi  
 AIS Noida, IX

Say Indian film critic and the name Murtaza Ali is sure to pop up in your mind. A crackerjack among several Indian film critics, he currently serves as the film editor of Café Dissensus, a New York based magazine and contributes to publications such as The Hindu and The Sunday Guardian. With his gripping views on the future of entertainment, cinema and media as a panellist at ICEMP 2020 held at AUUP, GT reporter couldn't miss the opportunity of engaging in a conversation with him.



Murtaza Ali with GT reporter

pends your opinion; what you say will reach out to many readers and influence their perception about the movie in some way or the other. In short, as a critic, you have to be very particular about the subject on which the movie is based. Say if I watch a period film like *Tanhaji*, I must be thorough with the history or the background of the movie and its characters. Without doing homework, you can't do justice to any film as a critic.

### The evolution of cinema

Cinema has evolved over time. Today you can just sit at your computer and you get the job done without visiting the actual locations. However, this does not make modern cinema any easier, it is just that the dimensions have changed. The challenge to make a spectacular movie and penetrate deep into the mind of audience is a task that the film

makers experience even with these modern day alteration techniques. For instance, films like *Parasite* and *Irish Man* are modern cinema made with advanced techniques and hence, last in our memory for a long time.

### Experience is the key

As a critic, you get to watch a variety of movies on a regular basis. When you watch a movie like *Chhapaak*, you're compelled to think about it even after you've left the theatre. On the other hand, when you watch movies like *Andhadhun*, you think about the excellent editing and sound design of the movie. So, when you watch lots of movies over a period of time, you start analysing the qualities or the best thing about a particular movie. And gradually, you start realising the type of cinema that really appeals to you.

### Different strokes for this folk

As a film critic, you can just give your own opinion based on what you see and understand. But, as a journalist, you need to take care of other people's opinions too. For example, if I conduct interviews of different people on a movie set, my final report would be journalistic in nature with all the opinions of the people highlighted. So, according to me, both of the roles are equally important and totally different from each other in nature.

### A relatable approach

One thing I have noticed over the past years is that Bollywood has started focusing more on the Hindi belt. For example, films like *Badhai Ho* are more Hindi belt centric. This is because people, nowadays, want to watch films with themes about themselves and don't like watching romantic movies set in Switzerland. Modern day viewers in India have greater hunger for content which is more realistic now and relates to them.

### Watch and learn

One of the challenges with film criticism is that it does not have a set formula, as in you have to learn this and only then can you be a film critic. My advice to the young critics is to watch more and more films. The more you watch and the more you read, you get a better understanding of what being a film critic is all about. [G](#)



### Harder than it looks

The job of a film critic is like any other job. You can't take it lightly as everything de-

Harry Potter is a seven-part series of fantasy novels written by J. K. Rowling where the first book was published in 1997.



# India this week

Shashwat Singh, AIS Jagdishpur, XII

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.



## First 'cow cabinet' meeting held in MP

**News:** In a first-of-its-kind move, the MP government passed a slew of decisions that included the branding of cow as the "Holy Mother", the introduction of a cow cess, and a proposal to open 4000 new cow shelters to set up production units to make cowdung cakes, organic manures, etc. amongst others. Aimed at spreading awareness about the importance of cow and its by-products, all the decisions were processed bearing the needs of environment in mind.

**Views:** The eyes of thousands of roadside cows tell us their current predicament; they often sleep on an empty stomach, and sometimes end up consuming plastics. While this step would definitely aid the many unsheltered cows, it will also benefit our environment largely as the by-products we get from cows would replace the artificial, chemicalised products, making everything more organic.

Amarnath Prajapati, AIS Jagdishpur, XII



## Kumbh Mela despite COVID challenges

**News:** Notwithstanding the problems placed by the COVID-19 pandemic before the world, the CM of Uttarakhand, Trivendra Singh Ravat, asseverated that the divine Hindu pilgrimage, Kumbh Mela will most certainly be held in all its glory in

Haridwar next year. To ensure the festival, beginning from January 14, goes hassle-free, preparations are well underway.

**Views:** Kumbh Mela is one of the biggest sources of economic growth in India as well as the mainstay of Uttarakhand's economy. Thus, in order to kick start our depressed economy, it is imperative to uplift the economic condition of hundreds of hotels owners, ashrams, small vendors, labourers, etc., all of whom earn maximum during Kumbh Mela. However, what remains to be seen is how the government plans to organise something on such a large scale with proper precautionary measures in place, and how the visitors plan on going about it with utmost safety.

Fatima Samreen, AIS Jagdishpur, X

## Jail term for offensive social media posts in Kerala

**News:** Kerala Governor Arif Mohammad Khan signed a Kerala Police Act amendment ordinance to rein in the growing cyber-attacks in the state, according to which, a police officer can suo moto file a case against and arrest any accused. The law stipulates either a jail term of 5 years, a penalty of about 10,000 INR or both for any social media post that is "defamatory", "offensive", or "threatening".

**Views:** Aimed at stopping online harassment and cyber bullying, the law is a bold move by the Kerala government. It will not only put an end to the misuse of social media, but will also give a reality check to all the keyboard warriors who hide behind the big black screens and dare to threaten or challenge others. Even though the amendment's cur-



rently receiving criticism from all corners as being "a destroyer of free speech", if used wisely, would only shield the victims against any sort of hate speech which is precisely what is needed today.

Arpita, AIS Jagdishpur, X



## PM launches water supply scheme in Uttar Pradesh

**News:** PM Narendra Modi, through a video conference on November 22, launched a novel 'Har Ghar Nal Yojana' worth 5,555 crores INR for the Sonbhadra and Mirzapur regions of Uttar Pradesh. Aiming to deliver clean piped water supply to over 4.1 million people in the two districts, the scheme is believed to transmute the lives of the local residents and make it more easeful, both health-wise and availability-wise.

**Views:** Government's decision to supply piped water to the Vindhya region is a praise worthy move indeed. Since acute drought and scarcity plague the region at most times, this scheme will not only help in making something as basic as clean water more accessible to the residents but will also reduce the chances of any water-borne diseases like cholera, typhoid, etc. As the village people don't get much facilities, this step would also ensure better living conditions for them and a better, rapid development for the state of UP.

Mridul Maurya, AIS Jagdishpur, X

## Around The WORLD

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



### USA

#### Recording Academy releases Grammy nominations 2021

The nominations for the 63rd annual Grammy awards have finally been announced where Beyonce led the pack with nine nominations, followed by Taylor Swift, Dua Lipa and Roddy Ricch, each having six. The award ceremony is set to be held on January 31, 2021.

### UAE

#### No visa for 13 countries

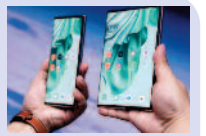
UAE has suspended application for employment and visit visas to citizens of thirteen countries including Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran, Turkey, Syria, Somalia, etc. The ban has been placed on most of the Muslim countries over security concerns and no deadline for the same has been released by the government.



### CHINA

#### OPPO releases world's first rollable phone

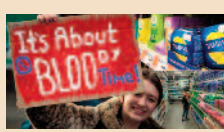
At the INNO Day 2020, OPPO became the first telecommunications cooperation in the world to unveil rollable display for mobile phones via OPPO X 2021. The screen of these phones can be expanded and contracted without any screen creasing. Having been tested over 100,000 times, the model is said to work flawlessly.



### SCOTLAND

#### First country to provide free sanitary products

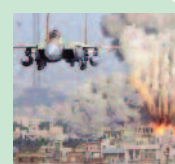
The Period Products Act was passed by the Scottish Parliament, making Scotland the first country in the world to make it legally mandatory for all public institutions to provide period products to the ones in need. The bill was first presented by Monica Lennon with the goal to eliminate 'period poverty'.



### AFGHANISTAN

#### 14 dead in bomb attacks

14 people, including one policeman, died and at least 45 were injured in a series of roadside bomb attacks in central Afghanistan. The responsibility of the act has not been claimed by anyone yet, but it has increased tension between the government and Taliban as their meeting to call a truce has led to little development.

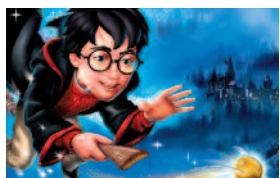


### AUSTRALIA

#### Trade tensions with China rise high

The tensions between Australia and China stand at an all-time high with Beijing placing crippling tariffs on barley exports, halting beef imports and warning its citizens against visiting or studying in Australia. PM Scott Morrison says that more than 50 ships laden with Australian coal are stranded off the Chinese ports.

**News Flash** ▶ **Bhutan:** The country established formal diplomatic relations with Germany on November 25 ▶ **New Zealand:** Elected as MP, Indian-origin doctor took oath in Sanskrit ▶ **France:** Proposed 'eco-cide' law to punish any damage done to the environment



As of 2018, the series has sold more than 500 million copies worldwide, making it the best-selling book series in history.

Soumya Bansal, AIS MV, XI

The onset of 2020 saw the entire world being held hostage by an invisible force – COVID 19. With a ‘no sector barred’ policy, the pandemic dealt out fatal blows, the education sector included.

Fear and mayhem rocked the academic world as educational institutions were locked down. “Class XII is an important class. Without any information about when the schools will reopen, we were left absolutely clueless,” said Ria Kumar, a Class XII student of Bal Bharti Public school.

To add salt to the injury was the coinciding of the pandemic with CBSE Class X and XII board examinations. “Exams suspended meant results delayed further. Students were anxious about their future and we could not find a way to assure them that this will end any soon,” expressed Seema Bajaj, a CBSE board evaluator, while Aryan Sinha, a student of Delhi Public school stated, “It was so much worse to sit and wait for the revised dates of the exams than actually preparing for the same.”

The teachers too had their fair share of ordeals. While some were stuck at the CBSE examination centre, grappling with fear of contracting the virus, there were others who struggled with online results. “During our time at the spot evaluation centre, we had to work in close proximity with other teachers. A single sneeze or cough made us apprehensive. Constant sanitizing and hand washing was practiced obsessively,” expressed Shalini Ramaul, PGT Eng-



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# The reset button

## As Education Took A New Turn Amidst COVID-19

lish, AIS Gurugram 43.

Dealing with a crisis is still easier when you are home, something we realised while speaking to Aryan Bansal, a final year student pursuing higher education in Australia, “India had implemented inbound travel restrictions and I had no idea if I would be able to return home.”

Corona may have been an adversity of unprecedented nature, but humankind

is known for its survival instincts if nothing else. While learning was not the same, new solutions were sought. The education world was now streaming live. “Technology served as a boon for teachers and students in times as such, with classes conducted online. However, technical incongruities, like clubbing too many students at once, improper working of cameras, inaudibil-

ity, were part of online learning. We also tried to keep the students engaged through Amity’s intranet portal called Amitrinet, where they could find several activities and worksheets,” said Sunita Kenue, manager, Amitrinet, Amity International Schools.

“Digital learning was a safe idea, or maybe the only resort but it came with its own loopholes. Not everybody

owned a laptop or PC, and in many instances there were siblings who shared a single laptop. In such cases, it obviously compromised the child’s education and further posed a challenge for the parent who was then tasked with arranging for a new equipment,” revealed Manjir Ghosh, father of Tanirika Ghosh, a student of Class XI, AIS MV. In addition, Dr Madhvi Aggarwal, an educator, opined, “Practical applications and deep understanding of concepts have always remained a huge challenge and there is much more to education than is being passed around on a five inch screen.”

“Despite engrossing myself in several hobbies and activities, the monotony of it all got to me at one point. Online learning helped a lot, but it was nowhere close to the kind of education that one acquires in a classroom filled with students,” exclaimed Anushka Ramesh, a student of class X, AIS Mayur Vihar.

But to say that these dark clouds came without their silver lining would be unfair. Preeti Gupta, mother of Shivika Gupta of Class V, AIS Mayur Vihar shares, “To this generation that gets bored every five minutes, this pandemic taught patience, if nothing else. They have understood that not everything can be controlled, and sometimes waiting it out is the key.”

That’s just a synopsis of when we said that corona defined our lives for as many as six months. And we sat there without an answer, but with a hope that this would all be over soon, and with a fear that maybe this was just the tip of a destructive iceberg.

# A friend or a teacher?

## This Is No Battle 'Cause We Know Who Does It Better

Aditi Banerji

AIS Noida, XII I

Calming each other’s storms to countless last-minute doubt clearing sessions, our best friends have always been by our side. They’re the ones tutoring us behind the scenes, albeit in their own peculiar idiosyncratic fashion. Even though they try their level best to make things simple for us, sometimes they end up confusing us even more and at such juncture, it is our “teacher” who comes to the rescue. Here, see for yourself!

**Class: Probability (Math)**

**Teacher:** The theoretical probability, also called classical probability of an event E, written as P(E), is defined as ...

**Student:** Uh...umm...in all probability, this is going to go a 100 feet over my head!

**Friend:** Look, probability is basically the likelihood of an event taking place. It is generally expressed in the form of fractions. Like, the probability of your mother scolding you today is one. Since, it is a sure event. What according to you is the probability of you coming over for a sleepover tonight?

**Student:** Zero definitely, Haha!

**Friend:** Umm, but what if she suddenly remembers you are her child and so to make amends for all her scolding, she really does consider sending you for a night out?

**Student:** Ah! Things just got



tougher, I believe.

**Teacher:** Well, if you two would have paid a tad bit more attention to what I said, you would have known that probability is measured as the ratio of the favourable cases to the whole number of cases possible and so, just in case you want to know, your chances of a sleepover become ½, either she sends you or she doesn’t. So, if you don’t concentrate here, the probability of you being expelled from the class would become a sure thing.

**Student:** It all depends on my mom’s mood. I get it now.

**Friend:** Yeah! Never say zero unless you mean it.

**Class: Grammar (English)**

**Teacher:** An oxymoron is a figure of speech in which appar-

ently contradictory terms appear in conjunction...

**Student:** Does that make me an oxymoron...er...moron?

**Friend:** Take a chill pill! You’re blissfully unaware that you’re awfully good at English.

**Student:** Err what? I thought we were talking about Oxymoron and not my (still debatable) skills in English. Let’s just ask our teacher.

**Teacher:** For instance, ‘The comedian was seriously funny’, here seriously and funny, two opposites, have been brought together and that’s an oxymoron.

**Student:** Oh, now I understand!

**Friend (sulking):** I told you that.

**Student (rolls eyes):** No, I would like to say you didn’t.

**Class: History**

**Teacher:** Born into a family of

Silly: Prosperous  
Nice: Foolish  
Naughty: Needy



# What do you mean?

## The Evolution Of Words

Navya Garg, AIS Vas 6, XII B

Did you know the word ‘angel’ which means a spiritual being in English translates into a fishing rod in German and sting in Dutch! Now this was about the same word having different meanings in different languages. But what about the words that have had different meanings in the same language, only to be changed with the passage of time?

**Silly:** It comes from the old English word ‘gesaelig’ meaning ‘prosperous’. In its 500-year journey, its meaning has changed to the word we now commonly associate with our friends and little brothers, ‘foolish’.

**Sad:** In 1300’s, sad was the word to describe if you’ve eaten. It took its current definition of unhappy when it replaced the word ‘unrot’, opposite of ‘rot’, which meant cheerful.

**Nice:** In the 12th century, nice meant ‘foolish’. In the 14th century, its meaning changed to ‘being careful’. Finally, in the 18th century, it changed to what we call ourselves, ‘nice’. Well, sarcasm just took a new turn.

**Moody:** Its origin is an old Eng-

lish word ‘modig’, meaning brave. It wasn’t until 1950’s that moody became a word to replace what we know to denote gloomy.

**Artificial:** In the 14th century, artificial meant ‘skilled’; an artificial object meant that it was artificially created. And it was almost after fifty years that artificial came to replace ‘synthetic’.

**Egregious:** Its origin is an old Latin word ‘egregious’ meaning illustrious. While initially it meant something remarkably good, now it defines something outstandingly bad. Now that’s ironic, isn’t it?

**Pretty:** In old English, ‘pretty’ was another word for crafty or cunning. A reference to people’s backward ideologies in those days. Now it basically means good looking in a delicate way.

**Myriad:** Around six hundred years ago, the word myriad was not just a random amount rather exactly ten thousand. Now of course it simply means a lot (Pun not intended)!

So, the next time you call someone silly, just remember that if you were a part of the universe about 500 years ago, he would have been the wealthiest merchant in the town. 🇧🇪

Harry Potter series, originally written in English, has been translated into at least eighty languages.



# Colourful subterfuge

Nature Is But A True Magician Astounding Us With Marvellous Tricks And Illusions

Pratham Sharma, AIS Vas 1, XI

Nature is a known trickster. It is infamous for the tricks it plays on unsuspecting eyes. Be it animals or plants, all resort to subterfuge to deceive their enemies, one of their

many ways of self-preservation. In the wild unknown, a flower is not a flower; a rope is not a rope.

## The colour manoeuvre

One such means of deception employed by the animal kingdom is their vibrant

colours, mostly using it to attract mates or disguise themselves from their predators. The most popular example of this is the chameleon who can change its colour in a matter of seconds to mix with its surroundings. This elusive animal does not really change

the colour of its skin but actually relies on structural changes on the upper layer cells of its body that, in turn, change how light reflects off their skin. Many other animals use the same trick, albeit in different ways. The rock ptarmigan, a grouse found in North America, has brown feathers in summer and white in the winters, allowing it to hide from predators. Octopus and squids can change not only their colour, but also the texture of their skin to match rocks, corals and other items nearby. Mysterious, isn't it?

## Duplicity of blue

When talking about the varied colourful tricks played on us by nature, it is impossible to not mention the biggest duplicity of nature- the colour blue. For animals, most of the colours they sport come from the food they eat or from pigments produced by certain cells of their body. Animals can come in different hues, shades and tone. Red, green, yellow; you name it and it's there, except the colour blue! Most of the blue you see in nature is nothing but a trick of iridescence or selective reflection. Even the eponymous Blue jay is not blue in colour. Their feathers have modified sacs that scatter light and make the bird appear blue. If you hold up a blue feather under ultraviolet light, it will appear as grey. Joining the likes is the Blue Morpho Butterfly which has wings with microscopic structures that scatter light. This scattering of light cancels out other colours, thereby only reflecting blue.

Each minuscule scale on the butterfly is equivalent to a pixel, in layers, overlapping each other. The wings of the butterfly refract light, just like a prism. As one changes their viewing angle, stronger shades of colours can be seen, giving us an incredible iridescent effect, a definite sign of fake blue.

## Blue, where art thou?

So, the question is- where is the real blue? Does it even exist? Is it just an elaborate ruse? The answer is yes- sort of. Naturally occurring blue pigment is extremely rare. The Olive Wing Butterfly is one of the very few insect species on earth and the Blue Poison Dart Frog is one of the only known vertebrates to contain the blue pigment. Even in the aquatic community, less than one percent of the animals perceived as blue actually have that pigment. Now, it is still not known to man as to why the colour blue is so rare or why it has been copied in nature by plants and animals alike, but for the latter question, it has been theorised that maybe emulating the colour blue became advantageous for survival and communication and to do so, from an evolution point of view, it was easier to change the shape and structure of animals' bodies rather than to rewrite chemistry itself.

Blue or no blue, nature is full of surprises; some enthrallingly beautiful, some plain mind-bogglingly. Hope this new information chases away your Monday morning blues!



# Relativity in everyday life

Reinforcing The Fact That Science Is What Forms The Basis Of The Whole Universe

Shreya Ghosh, Alumna & Raghav Pardasani, XII, AIS PV

Einstein proposed his theory of relativity in 1905, creating a complete revolution in scientific thinking. It explained the existence of black holes, gravity being a particle and light bending because of it, and the theory of no 'absolute' references. But, however complex it may seem with its implicit results and mind-boggling sub-theories, there is a lot we can learn from it without much scientific aptitude. Just a few of its vast implications can be seen as follows.

## The Global Positioning System

The GPS has been saving our time (and sense of direction) for over three decades now. To think of  $E=mc^2$  as its only explanation can be dumbfounding. In simple words, relativity tells us that the atomic clocks kept on the GPS satellites work faster than the identical clocks we have on earth. The reason being, the gravitational pull slows down time, resulting in GPS satellite clock to advance faster than the clock on ground by about 38 microseconds per day.

## Mercury, liquid at room temperature

Relativity states that the mass of a moving object increases with its velocity. Since, in Mercury the electrons are closer to the nucleus, it has more mass and velocity than expected. This makes Mercury, essentially, behave like a noble gas atom because its inter-atomic bonds are weak. Therefore, its low energy, due to relativistic effects, enables



it to melt at room temperature and remain in liquid form on earth.

## Electromagnets and its effects

Magnetism has relativistic effects. The relative movement of charged particles in a DC current wire results in current flow. With flow of current and varying electric fields, attributing their rela-

tive characteristics, alternating magnetic fields are generated. The advantages of generators that we so ignorantly enjoy, relativity not just only explains it but is mostly the reason it works.

## All that glitters is not gold

Photoelectric effect (jumping of electrons in-between energy orbitals) is the reason that primarily

causes metals to shine. Gold, being a very heavy atom, possesses inner electrons that move fast enough to make a relative increase in mass appreciable. Therefore, closer electrons moving with a much higher momentum absorb and emit longer wavelengths giving these metals a natural shine or lustre. So, now you know, how theory of relativity fits in everyday concepts. 🇮🇳



The last four books in the series consecutively set records as the fastest-selling books in history, and the final installment sold around 11 million copies in US within 24 hours of its release.

# Conversation in heaven

Read On To Find Out What Happens When An Entrepreneur Meets A Psychologist

Arushi Gupta, AIS Noida, Alumna

*It's a bright beautiful day in the clouds as the sun shines bright and birds chirp, but all the pleasantness of heaven is threatened when Steve Jobs lays eyes on Sigmund Freud.*

**Freud:** Look at these humans! Where is their drive? Where are their desires? What has become of mankind?

**Jobs:** Can you calm down? Not everyone is trying to understand their unconsciousness.

**Freud:** Yeah, like, I should take suggestions from you: the person who was kicked out of his own company. Jobless Jobs. Hahaha!

**Jobs:** This is the reason why you have absolutely no friends, Freudie.

**Freud:** The feeling is mutual, Stevie.

**Jobs:** Whom are you even spying on?

**Freud:** Look at that young fellow down there.

He is studying, or, at least, he is trying to. He is so worried about his History test tomorrow.

**Jobs:** Do you really have nothing better to do than to derive pleasure out of someone else's pain? That young man is worried about his exam and here you are, reveling in his misery.

**Freud:** Well, it is not really my fault. He waited until the last minute to study. His conscience tricked him into believing that he can complete his task at the last minute, but in reality, his subconscious mind was panicking and literally begging him to start sooner.

**Jobs:** If only he'd asked Siri to help him, he wouldn't be in this mess. Siri could have found

him the best research material, put alarms to wake him up early in the morning to study, and answered all his queries, but alas, this boy has an \*whispers\* Android.

**Freud:** Oh, shh! I don't want to miss the best part. He is going to study for hours without a break and just as he decides to check his phone, his mom

will burst in. Do you think this happens because mothers have some special radar in their consciousness that tells them when their child is not studying? Huh! Maybe it's time I work on deriving a new complex. The iPhone Complex! How does that sound? It certainly will be more popular than Oedipus.

**Jobs:** Don't you dare drag my precious iPhones into your mess. They are smart, amazing, and brilliant. Do you know iPhone X's camera is better than a DSLR? How do you think people maintain their flawless selfie game?

**Freud:** Geez! Don't get testy. Look! He has picked up his phone. What do you think he is going to search?

**Jobs:** He should search 'How to buy an iPhone'. Huh!

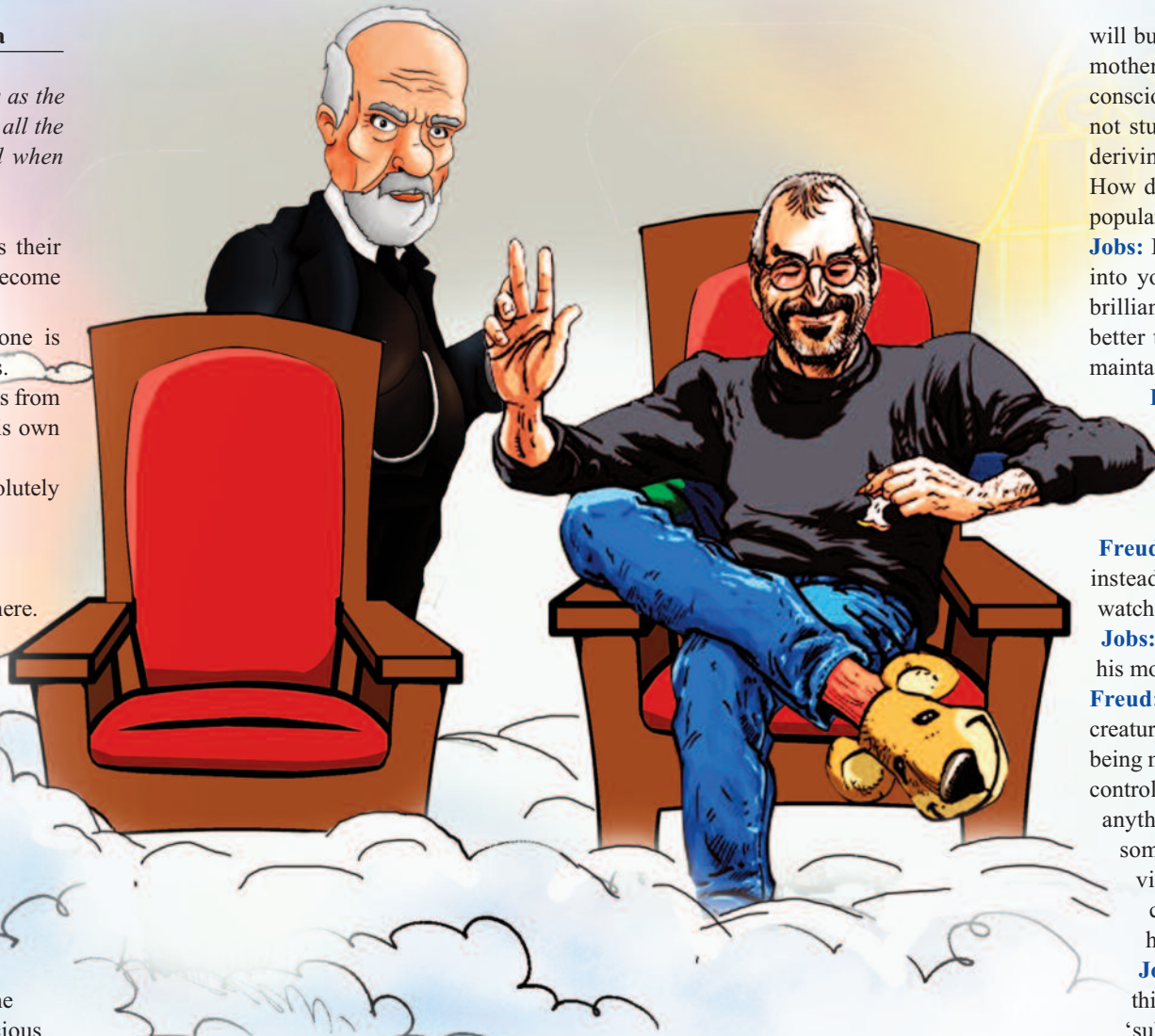
**Freud:** 'Motivational speeches on exams' So, instead of studying for his test, he is going to watch TED Talks?

**Jobs:** But that speaker is saying the exact thing his mother told him 30 minutes ago.

**Freud:** See, I told you, humans are funny creatures. We let our consciousness trick us into being motivated. But the truth is, we like being in control of our actions. Humans do not like to do anything they are forced to do, even if it is something they love. Watching motivational videos makes them think that they are in control, even when they are not. I told you, humans are such control freaks.

**Jobs:** Like you are any different. You just think throwing in words like 'conscience' and 'subconsciousness' will make you seem smarter than everyone else, but in reality, what you are saying makes no sense.

**Freud:** You know what? Samsung is so much better than Apple!



# The grey area

Shining A Light On The Actions Of Some Villains We Love To Hate

Kartikey Sharma  
AIS Gurugram 46, XII

People absolutely love to hate villains; probably, because it is a villain who causes harm to the common people and destroys everything around him. But then, is this uni dimensional perception really true? Do they really destroy everything or try to cause harm to the society? Or is there more to them? Let's analyse some of the villains and their actions under the microscope.

**Thanos: The Mad Titan**

**Why a villain:** A lot of people find Thanos rigid and narrow-minded as he chose to kill half of all living beings apparently 'for their own good'. They argue, if resources were a problem, he could have doubled the resources instead of wiping half the mankind. Plus, his actions left many people with a lot of mental problems due to losing their loved ones.

**But more of an anti-hero:** Human population has seen a rise since the industrial revolution. Even if resources are doubled, our greed will lead us to where we are today. So, whether one agrees to it or not, overpopulation has been a problem since a long time; it's just that Thanos was the only one who tried to do something about it in reality.

**Professor Snape: The Half Blood Prince**

**Why a villain:** No one can deny that Snape bullied many students (Harry being his 'favourite') and held kids responsible for their parents' actions. He was responsible for Lily, Harry's mother's death and still hated Harry for as long as he lived. Also, he did not mind people dying, as long as it was not the love of his life.

**But more of an anti-hero:** While the other side asks "Why is Snape still even there on this list?" Yes, he did some bad things but he more than made up for it by saving Harry and sacrificing his life to end the dark lord. Of course, the latter was more to take revenge for Lily's

death than for Harry. But, in the end, we have to acknowledge that he was Dumbledore's most trusted confidante and could be considered a hero, albeit with a very bad attitude and social skills.

**Cersei Lannister: Queen of the Seven Kingdoms**

**Why a villain:** From entrapping Sansa Stark in Kings Landing to blowing up the city to getting rid of Margery Tyrell, Cersei Lannister has done some really terrible things in the show. She always blamed her brother, Tyrion, for their mother's death and almost executed him for her son Joffrey's death.

**But more of an anti-hero:** Some people argue that the world of Game of Thrones is all about survival. Every single character's actions cannot be judged in black and white. While Cersei did some horrible things, she did it to survive. Most importantly, she did it for her children. One could even argue that Ned Stark's nobility made his children suffer and Cersei's cunningness made her kids rule, even though the end was not well for them.

Despite 'I do bad things' being on the top of their resume, no one can deny that every villain has at least some redeeming qualities. After all, everyone is a hero in their own story. If we pay a little more attention to their intentions, and a little less to their actions, we'll realise that there are grey spots in their black landscape. [G](#) [I](#)



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## BHAAG: the way forward



Dr. Amita Chauhan  
Chairperson

I am immensely thankful to all my Amitians and staff for their heartfelt wishes to our Founder President on his birthday. While I am enthralled at the purity of such affection, what really moved me was how all of you have imbibed and

manifested the virtues of BHAAG, a life mantra propounded by our Founder President.

The mantra has spurred Amitians to be compassionate changemakers. This year we all saw many uncertainties and we also saw how BHAAG guided us in these times.

I was touched to see my students display courage and kindness in their behaviour all along. It was great to see these future leaders harbour affection in their behaviour, with 'Behavioural Science' as the first attribute of BHAAG.

Evidently, each one of you ensured that learning continued during these times, reiterating the significance of 'Hard work'.

I could easily see the attitude of resilience in my Amitians as they helped our pandemic warriors by designing smart masks, organising IT help camps, reaching out to elderly and those in need. BHAAG's third virtue - 'Attitude' to win over challenges forms the soul of the changemakers. The 'Ambition' to change the world for better, and make it a happier place was quite visible as I saw each one of you striving hard to learn and grow with each and every single virtual opportunity that came your way.

And when I learnt about plantation drives, a way of gratitude to 'God' conducted by Amitians, my heart filled with pride that you all have truly made BHAAG-the way forward as envisioned by our Founder President. 🇮🇳

## Football means Maradona



Vira Sharma  
Managing Editor

I was all tears when I came across headlines screaming -Diego Armando Maradona is no more. While the world mourned, I reminisced the times when Maradona ruled the football ground back in 70s and 80s.

As a school girl back then, in a small, conservative town of Bokaro, I really didn't know what football the game was all about. However, even though I never really played the sport, I knew that Maradona defined football; he was really a quark of energy, a living spark.

Carrying around him the spontaneous, free and spirited aura, this legend passed the very vibe on to the entire team and audience like a chain reaction. 'Sportartist' is what I choose to call him. Famous for slithering agility for passing the ball, Maradona truly rescripted sports as an art.

A sport that was considered to be the roost of the tall and sturdy, he changed the way the world looked at football and its players forever. He became the hope for millions of short and plump people who took to playing football and aspired to be a Maradona someday.

When the famous football clubs boasted of stars in their team, Maradona played with so called average players as a team and made stars out of them, creating galaxies of victories. Only an artist can do that, ignite the spirit of the souls and write histories on field with them.

Being a spark who ignited millions of lives with hope and determination, Maradona will always be a sportsman who made sports an art of playing as well as the art of living. 🇮🇳

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# Time to destress yourself

## Hold On And Re-evaluate - Is This Really Worth All The Tension?

Saumya Srivastava  
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“Stress-i-nator” read the text inscribed on the side of the old copper lamp. The girls rubbed the lamp, waiting for the miracle to happen. Magic dust spread everywhere as the genie glided out of the lamp.

**Genie:** You have summoned Stress-i-nator, the terminator of all stress. But, unlike your regular genies, I just have one wish that can be fulfilled. So, decide and tell me which one of you needs me the most!

*The girls turned around and started discussing amongst themselves.*

**Aditi:** Guys, you must let me use the stress-i-nator. I don't think anyone except him can fix my problem!

**Siddhi:** Ohhh no, not at all. I feel more dejected than you. Look at my swollen eyes!

**Shreya:** I am certain that it cannot be as terrible as my issue. My whole career is on the line here!

**Aditi:** Oh my god! What happened?

**Shreya:** \*Bursting into tears\* I did not get into Stanford, and only because of a mere 0.25%.

**Aditi:** But didn't you get accepted into Princeton?

**Shreya:** Yes, but I wanted Stanford.

**Siddhi:** I know you always wanted to go to Stanford but trust me, more than the university, what matters is the attitude you go with and the efforts you put in. If you go with a bright and positive attitude to Princeton and try your best there, then who knows? You might even shine brighter than you would have in Stanford.

**Shreya:** \*Wiping away tears\* Well,



when you put it that way.

**Aditi:** Okay, now I'll tell you what happened with me. I was supposed to go for Amish Tripathi's book launch today evening, but now I won't be able to because mom had to fly out of town. I was so looking forward to spending time with her.

**Shreya:** Silly girl! One book launch is not the end of the world. I know that you really wanted to go, but there will be many more book launches and events that you can attend with aunty in the future. In fact, why don't you plan a nice dinner at home with her when she's back?

**Aditi:** That's a good suggestion. Why didn't I think of this before! I guess I was too busy moping about it. Now, Siddhi what is your problem?

**Siddhi:** Well, I failed in Mathematics. If that's not the worst, I don't know what is.

**Shreya:** It's okay, Siddhi. It was just a unit test. At least now you know that you must be well-prepared next time.

**Siddhi:** Yes, but we're in 12th. I should have studied harder.

**Aditi:** There are a lot of things you should and shouldn't have done but there is no point in crying over spilled milk. You should reach out to your

Math teacher for help so that you can figure out your shortcomings in the paper. Take it in your stride and let this failure help you look for all the places where you can improve.

**Siddhi:** You have a point. Thank you so much, girls!

**Aditi:** Hey, enough crying and thank-you's now. Let's ask Mr Stress-i-nator to look for somebody who actually needs his wish.

The girls turn around only to find no trace of the genie and his lamp. But, what they do find is the realisation that the solution to every problem is always with us. 🇮🇳

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### An idol for life

“The great Argentine footballer- Diego Armando Maradona is a name that echoes in the hearts of every soccer fan. Even though we all struggle to face the fact that he has passed away, his place in the deepest corners of our hearts can never be replaced. Loving the game ever since his father gifted him his first ball at the tender age of three, he was not only a genius at the young age of 15 when he made his professional debut, but became a life-long idol of every single fan and player associated with the game, myself included. The magic he created with football will never be seen again in the world and that, truly, is this game's greatest loss.”

BSR Saatvik, AIS Gur 43, XII A

### The ultimate G.O.A.T

“Every morning that I get up, I should light a candle to the soccer ball.”

-Diego Maradona

“When they ask you, “Who's the greatest footballer of all time?” Nobody, I repeat, nobody can dare name anybody other than Maradona! Diego Armando Maradona was destined to create magic on the field and so he did! And now that he has left for his heavenly abode, it is heart breaking to say the very least. Gone too soon, he has left behind a boundless legacy in the game of football. And today, as I pay tribute to this legend, this unmatched magician who will forever stay in our hearts, words fail me. My hero is no more... Rest in peace, the greatest of all times!”

Shubham Malik, AIS PV, XII B



### An inspiring legend

“An absolute legend in the game of football, Diego Maradona exemplifies the power of passion. He never let anything or anyone stand in his way, even when he was going through some of the toughest times of his life. Every time a surprise kick was thrown his way, he would always be prepared, tackling it with ultimate perfection, and hitting the final goal, coming out as a victor. It is no surprise that the love fans have for him move way beyond the football field or even the realm of sports, because he did not just inspire us as a sportsperson, but also as an individual full of determination and willpower. He may be gone, but will never be forgotten!”

Vrinda Wadhwa, AIS Saket, XII F

### Words to live by

“With a name engraved deep enough in the history of football, Diego Maradona's presence has been extremely inspiring and his demise has shattered me to the core. Maradona's achievements always made me strive to be a better football player. His words, “when people succeed, it is because of hard work; luck has nothing to do with it,” have become my life's mantra. Each time I face challenges, I recollect these words to drive myself forward towards achieving my goals irrespective of whether it is easy to attain or not. Maradona has left us all with several lessons, and the most valuable ones are not limited to the game he played per se.”

Jai Anshul Monga, AGS Noida, XII

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Dear Editor,

This is in reference to the page 4 article 'Fashion or environment?' published in the GT edition dated November 23, 2020. As the climate crisis worsens year by year, there is a huge need to recognise the impact of our lifestyle choices on the environment. Most of us are guilty of turning a blind eye towards the massive degradation that fast fashion brings about and continue to buy unsustainably sourced clothing. This article does a brilliant job at illustrating the hazards of fast fashion and makes us introspect on our not so necessary choices. Thank you, GT, for making us aware of the hard truths of the fashion industry and reminding us of our responsibility towards the planet we live on. 🇮🇳

Anwesh Samanta  
AIS Noida, XII B



The book series was adapted into an eight-part film series by Warner Bros. Pictures, and it became the third-highest grossing film series of all time.

# Fighting the big C

The Fight May Have Been Started By Cancer, But Let Us Be The One To End It

**Y**outh Power is an annual social leadership programme organised by The Global Times, where different teams from Amity schools engage in varied social causes in several stages. One of them is 'Panel Discussion' where experts from different walks of life discuss several aspects of the chosen social cause. Here's presenting **Part II** of this exclusive series, based on the panel discussions organised by YP teams, and a host of opinions as experts debate on 'Fighting cancer', the cause chosen by YP team of AIS Gurugram 46.



## Ensure the right diet

**Panelist: Dr Shikha**  
Head nutritionist, Fortis hospital, Gurugram

"Your food intake goes a really long way in determining if you are equipped to keep cancer at bay. Be it grown ups or children, your diet should be such that it provides all the essential nutrients, for adequate nutrition helps in boosting immunity. This is something that we all are aware of but still refrain from following. Intermittent fasting and calorie restriction are two most common ways to slow down the progression of cancer, kill the cancer

cells, and boost the immune systems. But the youngsters of today constantly compromise on their regular diet. They have taken into the unhealthy fad of eating junk food as a quick bite and end up losing on nutrition which is required for their overall wellbeing. So, my advice to the younger generation will be to strike a balance between eating right and maintaining a fitness regime. One does not have to exercise constantly to be fit; eating well and mild exercise does the trick. Although cancer can never be predicted, we can always make sure that we don't invite it, especially, if we start early with the right lifestyle and diet."



**Panelist: Mukesh Sharma**  
Yoga instructor

"Cancer is something that must be dealt with in all aspects. One of these aspects is keeping hale and hearty. Physical and mental health is of utmost importance when it comes to preventing any disease, not just cancer. Regular routine of any form of exercise is always imperative to maintain good health. Even simple exercises like brisk walk-

## Be fit enough to fight

ing for 30 mins offer immense benefits. Yoga is another option. It has proved to not only cure many illnesses but also regulate blood supply and build a strong immune system. Being an instructor, I would always advise my students to maintain an exercise routine and devote at least 5 minutes to breathing exercises. One must develop healthy habits of getting good sleep and eating a nutritional diet which includes lots of fresh vegetables, from an early age itself. Such habits certainly have a long-lasting and positive effect on one's overall wellbeing."



**Panelist: Indra Jasuja**  
Joint secretary, Indian Cancer Society and a cancer survivor

"It is never an easy task to counsel a patient who has been diagnosed with cancer. The very first step towards counselling begins when the patient is still in denial as s/he is told about the life-threatening disease s/he is suffering from. It calls for a lot of patience and positivity to calm down the patient and gradually help them gather the will power to fight against the disease. One very imperative

## Let it sink in

step is to remain constantly in touch with the patient while s/he is undergoing treatment for the disease, and to extend moral support to the family of the patient, because they also go through a great deal of trauma and mental stress during the course of treatment. Cancer, needless to say, is something massive to deal with; it drains one out emotionally as well as financially. So, it is our responsibility to make this exhausting journey less burdensome for someone who is going through such a situation, in any and every way possible at our end. Most importantly, we should try to be as normal and empathetic as possible when around the patient. Being reminded about their situation from time to time is the last thing any cancer patient wants."

## You'll come through

**Panelist: Jeetmanyu Chauhan**  
Alumnus, a cancer survivor

"To begin with, cancer itself shook me inside out, but since both my parents are doctors, I received huge emotional support and the proper line of treatment as soon as I was diagnosed with it. There are times during the treatment when you really break down, your morale hits rock bottom but never did my family let the smiles vanish from their faces or mine. They ensured I was surrounded by all positive thoughts and friends who en-

couraged me to sail through these tough times. I realised how your family and friends play an important role in your life. Had it not been for their support, my recovery was questionable. I also realised that there are many cancer victims who are less fortunate financially and emotionally. Thus, this is what drives my aspiration to become a doctor as it will further enable me to reach out to the less fortunate segment of the society to create awareness and provide as much assistance as possible."



## Part II

## Expert Speak

## Reach out to them

**Panelist: Kishan Goenka**  
Rotarian president

"Rotary is associated with several cancer hospitals like Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute, Fortis, RML, etc. to name a few. We work very proactively with these hospitals as well as with the health ministry in organising many cancer awareness camps, blood donation drives, etc., to promote awareness, targeting both urban as well as rural population where there is a dearth of awareness or, as a matter of fact, need for free

cancer screening tests. As a Rotarian, it is a mixed experience whenever we launch cancer awareness drives, for not many people are forthcoming to even go for free medical checkups. At times, we have not had a very encouraging response from the educated people as well. Thus, the need of the hour is to reach out to the masses and educate them, which now looks a possibility with the support of young Rotarians like you all who take up such a cause and spread awareness."



A play, continuing the story after a 19-year gap was co-written by J. K. Rowling which premiered in London in 2016.



# 5672

## Storywala



Sanskriti Dev, AIS Gurugram 43, XII

“There’s something familiar about these numbers,” Damian murmured, confused. “What numbers?” Mark asked. Damian frowned and pointed towards the house plate of Mark’s home - 5672. “What could possibly be familiar about that? That’s just my house number!” irritated, Mark turned away. Damian had been acting strangely ever since he shifted. Mark thought Damian would be elated now that he lived only one street away, but no! Damian sighed and said, “I’ll come by tomorrow and help you get settled, but it’s getting dark now

and my sister must be worried. You know how she is.” “I know,” said Mark sympathetically.

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“His sister really is crazy! Last night, she called my mother and screamed about how I was going to die. Can you imagine that, Emily?” Mark said into the phone. “That’s so awful! Have you ever met her?” Emily asked. “No, I have only seen photos.” “Why? She lives with Damian, right?” “Yeah, she does,” replied Mark, “but she stays locked up in her room, and Damian prefers it that way. Emily, someone’s at the door. I’ll call you back.” Mark went to attend to the door.

“Um...can I help you?” he asked. A familiar

“Damian had been acting strangely ever since he shifted. Mark thought Damian would be elated now that he lived only one street away, but no!”

face was staring at him, though he couldn’t place how he knew her. “Sshh, y-you have to help m-me. Please, hide me,” she cried. Shocked, he let her in.

“Who are you and what happened to you?” he looked at her questioningly.

“I am Darcy, Damian’s sister, and I think he is going to kill me. Please help me!” she sobbed. He could not believe his ears. Damian? His best friend? A killer? His mind was racing million miles a minute. “It’s okay,” he found himself saying, “He won’t harm you here.”

The doorbell rang again. “Mark, open up!” said Damian. “I won’t,” shouted Mark. “How could you even think of killing your sister? I never knew you were a monster!” “Me? a monster? I am trying to save you here.” But Mark did not comply. Dreading the worst, he continued, “Open up. Darcy is missing and she should not be let loose. She killed my parents when she was just 10 and was admitted to a mental hospital. I helped her escape and it was a mistake. We need to call the police, NOW!” But there was no response from Mark. Suddenly, a feeble voice said, “You might want to call an ambulance, brother!” With tears rolling down his cheeks, Damian called the mental hospital, “Patient 5672 gone loose, request for assistance. I repeat 5672.” 🇮🇳

## WORDS VERSE

### A wake-up call

Ananya Sharma

AIS Vasundhara 6, XI E

Realise the earth is ageing  
So, we must grow up too!  
The temperatures are rising  
And there’s no planet B to turn to

We’re not just the youth  
But also the future leaders  
It becomes our responsibility  
To act as the torch bearers

Just talking is not enough  
The planet yearns for our help  
Our approach has to be tough  
So that earth does not yelp

The lands are now barren and dry  
Toxic gases have polluted the air

And we cannot rest until we try  
In order to restore the earth’s flair

The Arctic ice is depleting  
Animal extinction has increased  
Forestry is gradually declining  
And tourism being deceased

For every problem lies a solution  
Let’s buck up and start today  
Together fight the situation  
It’s the planet we must save 🇮🇳



### What is this fear?



Vidhi Pandey, AIS MV, XI I

What is this fear, I ask?  
I could never make it clear  
I go all rigid and tense  
Numb, unable to sense

What is this fear, I wonder?  
Yet again making me fret  
I want to escape this feeling  
And I want to get this out

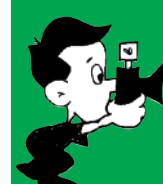
What is this fear, I reckon?

Breaking me layer by layer  
I feel nothing yet everything  
Am I even a human being?

What is this fear, I ponder?  
And why is it affecting me  
Gets inside me every single time  
I wish I could calm my mind

An answer, now I demand  
How can I make it go away?

I cannot withstand the weight  
Will I ever be able to recover? 🇮🇳



## CAMERA CAPERS

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A stroke of pink



A rush of red



A tinge of yellow



A touch of green

## Motichoor ladoo



Rohan Nautiyal

Rohan Nautiyal, AGS Noida, VIII

### Ingredients

Gram flour .....	1 cup
Ghee .....	½ teaspoon
Water .....	1 cup
Oil .....	2 cups
Sugar .....	1 cup
Rose water .....	½ teaspoon
Cardamom powder .....	¼ teaspoon
Orange food colouring .....	as desired

### Procedure

#### For boondi

- In a large bowl, add gram flour, a few drops of orange food colouring, ghee and mix them all well.
- Slowly, add water whilst mixing, to create a smooth thick batter without any lumps. Once done, let the batter sit for 15 minutes.
- Take a wok and heat oil in it on medium-high heat. Hold a perforated ladle 3-4 inches above the oil and fill it with the batter.
- Shake the ladle up and down to drop down all the batter in the wok properly.
- Let the tiny boondis cook in the wok for 1 minute, and using a large sieve, remove them from the heat and set them aside.

#### For syrup

- In a wok, add sugar, water, cardamom powder and rose water. Boil the mixture until the sugar completely dissolves.
- When the syrup is ready, add the fried boondis to the wok.
- Cook the boondis on a low flame for 2-3 minutes and stir continuously to make sure it doesn’t burn.
- Shift the entire mixture from the wok to a plate and let it cool down completely.

#### For ladoos

- Apply ghee on your palms.
- Take a small portion of the boondi mixture and roll it between your palms gently to make a ladoo shape. Repeat it with the entire mixture!
- Voila! Your delicious motichoor ladoos are ready!





In 2016, the Harry Potter franchise was estimated at 25 billion USD, making it one of the highest-grossing media franchises of all time.

# Among the yellow pages

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## Short Story



Deveshi Verma

AIS Vasundhara 6, V

A few years ago, I went to Himachal to visit my grandfather. He used to live in a small village nearby a forest. As I was preparing for the night and looking for my night suit in the cupboard, my hand suddenly touched something. Now usually that would be the beginning of a horror movie, but in my case the unknown object turned out to be a brown leather diary. My curiosity got the better of me and I opened it. Seeing the handwriting, I immediately knew it was my grandfather's. I opened a random yellow page

and started reading.

It was dated September 21, 1890. It read, "Dear diary, I was returning from a shop when I noticed the bushes near me moving. I was scared, but the choice of finding out was taken out of my hands when the eyes of a tiger's cub peeked at me from behind. Like any sane man, I was about to run away but then I realised that while I was scared, the cub looked petrified. I gathered my courage and moved forward. The cub smelled my hand and proceeded to lick it. I grinned and started playing with the cub. After a while, I realised it was time to go home. But the idea of leaving this cub behind did not

sit well with me. Who knows if it will be able to survive on his own or not? I decided to take him with me. He is in the attic now, away from everyone's eyes. I hope no one finds him. Goodnight, Dairy"

The diary entry left me shocked. Grandfather had a tiger with him? Did he still have him after 30 years? Curious, I opened another page. This entry was dated October 19, 1891. "Dear diary, my wife found out about Timothy. He was caught stealing meat from the fridge. She forced me to drop him off to the jungle. Now, he has grown a lot in his time here and should be able to protect himself in the wild. Losing a

As I was preparing for the night and looking for my night suit in the cupboard, my hand suddenly touched something.

friend still made me sad though. Goodnight, Diary." I was surprised that my grandfather was able to keep this tiger a secret for so long and also glad that he let him go. I decided to read one more entry before keeping it back. It was dated February 27, 1892.

"Dear diary, I was passing by the bushes when a tiger jumped in front of me. He growled at me and I shakily took a step back. Just then another tiger jumped from behind the bushes and tackled the evil tiger to the ground. I recognised Timothy immediately. I was feeling ecstatic even as both the tigers got into a growling match. Timothy won of course, but sadly, he did not come forward to greet me. Just looked at me once and sped away, and I realised that even though I'll probably never see him again, he had proved to me that some friendships are for life. Goodnight, Diary."

I stopped reading, feeling sad and happy at the same time. I never told my grandfather about what I read. I knew some things were better left unsaid. **GI**

**So, what did you learn today?**  
A new word: Petrified  
Meaning: Extremely afraid



## Paper cup puppet

Maitri Goyal, AGS Noida, I

### Material required

- Paper cups- 2
- Coloured papers
- Colouring pens
- Glue stick
- Double sided tape

### Procedure

#### For the zebra

- On a white paper, draw two round eyes, two pear-shaped ears, hair, nostrils, a mouth, and some zebra stripes as shown in the picture.
- Using colouring pens, colour all these facial features.
- Once done, cut them all out.
- Now, paste these pieces on the paper cup using glue stick.

For the ears, use double sided tape. (Refer to the image)

- Your cute zebra paper cup puppet is ready!

#### For the elephant

- Take a paper cup and make two small circles in the front with a black colouring pen.
- Now take a pink paper, make two holes in it (slightly bigger

in size than the circles made on the paper cup).

■ Wrap the paper cup with this pink paper in a way that you place the holes right above the black circles. These will be the eyes of the elephant.

■ Now, draw the tusks, hair and eyebrows of the elephant on a white sheet and colour the hair and brows black. Cut them all out.

■ Make the ears, trunk, and legs of the elephant on a green sheet. Top with some yellow polka dots and cut them out.

■ Once done, paste all these pieces on the paper cup as shown in the picture. Use double sided tape for ears.

■ Your cute elephant paper cup puppet is ready!

## Riddle Fiddle

Aarna Jain, AIS Vas 1, III

1. Think of a number. Double it. Add ten. Half it. Take away the number you started with. What are you left with?
2. What starts with a T, ends with a T, and has T in it?
3. Which vehicle is spelled the same forwards and backwards?
4. Where will you find Friday before Thursday?
5. Why can't a man living in New York be buried in Chicago?

Answers: 1. 5 2. Repeat 3. Racecar 4. In a dictionary 5. Because he is alive

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## POEMS



Avani Goel, AIS VKC Lko, VIII

Here or there, wherever we go  
My mom is always on the go  
She is the first voice I hear everyday

Like winter's first dew drops over hay

As soon as the sun in the east rises  
She gives me all sorts of advices  
No matter how many questions I ask  
She answers them all like a task

Whenever I feel the need to travel  
She takes me to markets and malls  
And fulfills all my wants and wishes  
Embracing me with loads of kisses

Sometimes open, sometimes shun  
Sometimes she is full of fun  
But it is on her that we all rely  
This one thing can no one deny

She takes care of my health  
And does all the other chores  
Cooks me great food that's yum  
This, ladies and men, is my mom! **GI**

## It's Me

### KNOW ME

My name: Alankrit Bisht  
My class: Nursery  
My school: AGS Gurugram  
Born on: March 2, 2017

### MY FAVOURITES

Teacher: Ruchika ma'am  
Subject: Mathematics  
Friend: Agnivo and Grace  
Game: Hide and seek  
Cartoon: Peppa Pig and Little Singham  
Food: Pasta  
Mall: Ambience Mall  
Book: Rhymes book

### MY DREAMS AND GOALS

Hobby: Dancing and playing  
I like: Playing with my blocks  
I dislike: Watching TV  
My role model: Peppa Pig  
I want to become: A body builder  
I want to feature in GT because: I want to see my picture in the newspaper



## Our founder president

Vedika Agarwal, AIS Gur 46, VIII

Our amazing Founder President sir is an inspiration to all of us. He showers us all with his love. A true inspiring mentor for all of us. He allowed us to fearlessly dream. Making us feel mighty and supreme. He guided us on the path to fulfill them. Nurturing us from our very stem. Every Amitian is thankful to you. Without you, our blazers won't be blue. We are all very thankful to you. For dipping us in your colourful hues. We respect what you've turned us into. Responsible and obedient citizens. This country's daughters and sons



BHAAG truly motivates us everyday. To face all our challenges and slay. We promise to make you proud. And here we cheer for Amity out loud! **GI**

A chain of themed areas called The Wizarding World of Harry Potter have been built at several Universal Parks & Resorts around the world.



Harry Potter



Ishan distributes COVID relief packages



Ishan as he helps the community



Relief packages ready for delivery

# Heal the world

## Sanitas International - Delivering Relief Packages And Love

Armaan Soni, AGS Gurugram, XI

In the preamble of lockdown, as every news channel blasted information of humans suffering left and right, **Ishan Datta, a student of Grade XII from AGS Gurugram**, couldn't help but notice the bestial impact the less-privileged were going through due to the ever-worsening pandemic, and it was then and there that he decided to not just be a bystander. And so, with his four friends, Sadaqat Omar, Xinan Rahman, Debo Paul and Eun Seok Jung, Sanitas International was created - a relief campaign started by teenagers which aimed to lessen the pain and agony of the world. Having conducted two relief deliveries, touching the lives of 200 families, and spreading awareness to their 3 lacs followers on Facebook, Ishan and his team proved that humanity is greater than any virus.

"One of the major issues our country was facing in the pandemic was migrant workers living in poor sanitary conditions and even taking drastic steps

such as walking back to their hometowns and villages without taking adequate precautions," says Ishan, "which is why our aim was to make people aware on how to prevent the spread of the virus as well as enabling them with the means to do so." The primary objective of the initiative was to provide low-income groups, consisting of labourers, daily-wage earners etc., with sanitary as well as essential supplies like flour, pulses, rice, sugar, soaps, and masks. For the same, Ishan and his team designed a four stage project implementation plan which comprised fundraising and awareness campaign, procuring supplies, pre-distribution logistics, and distribution, to ensure that everything went according to plan.

The ultimate tool of 2020 was employed - technology. "Social media became an essential platform for us to reach out to the community and interact with them in these difficult times. With more than 3,39,000 likes on our Facebook page, we were able to promote our project, invite donations and provide

useful information that was helpful in protection against the virus." Once the funds were raised and the supplies procured, they created an elaborate plan for ensuring social distancing for deliveries. "Before deliveries were carried out, we distributed supply coupons amongst the less-privileged to ensure that the distribution of goods was fair and everything was accounted for. On the day of the deliveries, we ensured all safety protocols were met."

As Ishan staunchly went ahead with his campaign, he realised that COVID-19 is not just an issue plaguing India but the entire world, which inspired him to extend the initiative to foreign grounds. And so a few calls were made and soon the small-scale fundraiser was truly transformed into Sanitas International which saved lives not only in India but also countries like Bangladesh.

But the journey to aiding so many wasn't easy and it surely wasn't bereft of its own set of challenges. "Since we are not a registered organisation, many people were hesitant in donating to us," Ishan

shared as he recalled the problems faced. "And as I was the only one managing the Indian leg of our initiative compared to a whole team focusing on our work in Bangladesh, my resources and reach were limited, but thankfully, as we completed our first delivery, we started gaining attention and were able to reach out to more people, gaining their trust and overcoming this hurdle."

The future for Sanitas International seems bright as Ishan and his team plans to reach out to other social campaigns and NGOs for collaborations. They are currently engaged in designing a relief delivery in Mumbai. With all school students running the initiative, their goal from the very beginning has been to come up with a sustainable solution to address a real world issue. Claiming that with strong motivation and undying passion anything could be achieved, Ishan and Sanitas International stand today to support the community and the world because the only way to move forward is together.



Parv Jain, AIS Noida, VIII C

# The quarantine show

## How Fictional Characters Fare This Lockdown

Tanish Jain, AIS Gur 46, XI B

Now that we have been in quarantine for the better part of this year, we are running out of things to keep ourselves busy. Sure, there's school work and holiday homework but keeping busy when there's no going out and meeting friends is a hard task. At a time like this, one's mind wanders to odd places and one such thought is 'How would our favourite fictional characters handle the pandemic and the lockdown?' Well, read on and find out.

**Rapunzel**

The OG princess of isolation, Rapunzel would've handled the pandemic and the quarantine way better than all of us. For starters, she has been locked away in a tower for eighteen years with only Mother Gothel for company. If you want to take inspiration from her quarantine routine, just watch the first few minutes of Tangled. But, during the pandemic, she should really be careful who she lets down her hair for.

**Elsa and Anna**

Just like Rapunzel, the Frozen sisters belonged to royal families and were locked up in their 'humble' abodes early on in their life. So, they too, would be living in the castle without a care, provided that the castle still has a painting room and a ballroom, since Anna and Olaf need somewhere to play. Elsa, being the dedicated queen, would probably be taking this time to think about her subjects and to make sure everybody stays safe.

**Harry Potter**

The quarantine life would have been much easier for the wizards; they can entertain themselves with their magical books, countless spells and their ability to conjure up anything and everything. If Harry was stuck in quarantine, he would probably talk to his friends through the fireplace, relive old memories with Dumbledore's Pensieve and practice some magical martial arts with the Boggarts.

**Spongebob Squarepants**

Well, he lives in a pineapple under the sea, so we don't think the coronavirus can reach him. But anyway, Squidward would've told him about a bat that went on a rampage, killing everyone who threw plastic into Bikini Bottom. Staying in the house would have made him do things that Sandy would call 'crazy talk', like finally understanding what Gary wants to tell him, which has reached a new plane of existence.

**Spiderman**

Now that everybody knows the elusive Spiderman's secret identity, this quarantine couldn't have come at a better time. Our friendly Spidey would be swinging from hospital to hospital, delivering medicines and PPE in quick Spidey style. His mask, no longer needed to hide his identity, would be wonderful in keeping him safe from the virus but he would have to sanitise his suit every single day.

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A website called Pottermore was launched in 2011 which allowed users to be sorted in Hogwarts houses, and play various games related to the Harry Potter universe.

# Founder's Day celebration

The Day The Light Of Happiness, Hope And Inspiration Descended Upon Amity

## Amity Group of Schools

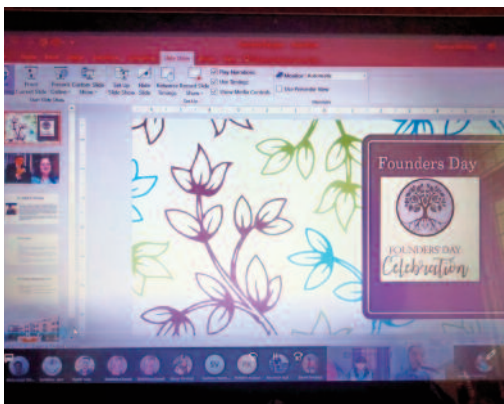
October 24 - the day when on the Amity Universe descended the soulful luminosity of a visionary the world today knows as Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe. Sculpting lives with his mantra of BHAAG, he is an inspiration to many. So, when his birthday came knocking, it was a reason for every Amitian to rejoice. Celebrated as Founder's Day across various Amity institutions, it was an event marked with love, emotions, inspiration, learning and much more. Here is how the magic unfolded.

### AIS Saket



Saluting the vibrant vision of the Founder President, 'Creative Edge' was held from October 14-21, 2020. With the central theme as 'Making A Difference in the Lives of People' a range of activities from story telling to singing were organised. Happy Amitians engaged in narration replete with self-made props, poster making, jam sessions, essays and article writing.

### AIS Gurugram 43



Founder's Day celebrations in the school were marked with fervour and gaiety, the highlight being a special assembly that put the spotlight on the virtues propagated by Founder President. The assembly commenced with prayers for the long life of Founder President. This was followed by students sharing self-composed poems and thoughts about learnings imparted by him. Enthralling dance performances that followed next added to the celebratory fervour.

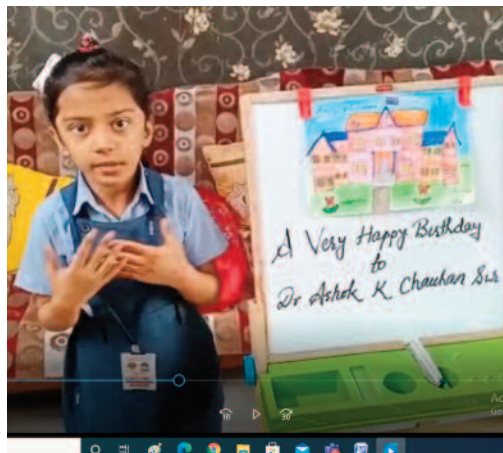
### AIS Gurugram 46



Song and dance, heartfelt messages and inspiring

thoughts, Founder's Day celebrations at the school had it all. The merrymaking this year saw students designing greeting cards for their beloved Founder President. A musical presentation that entailed students singing a birthday song along with musical instruments brought in cheers. The celebrations concluded with a special video that showcased students sharing their birthday wishes and messages.

### AIS Gwalior



Commencing with the traditional lamp lighting ceremony amidst chanting of shlokas, Founder's Day celebrations at AIS Gwalior was a mix of inspiration and jubilation. "Koi chalta padchinho par, koi padchinha banata", a song sung by Piryush Timbe inspired students to contribute to the society, as they have always been encouraged to by their Founder President. To mark the momentous occasion of Founder President's seventy-eighth birthday, a total of 78 saplings were planted in the school premises. Bringing in jubilation were the video messages by students and handmade greeting cards. The programme ended with school song followed by the national anthem.

### AIS Pushp Vihar



Inspiration, gratitude and myriad emotions ran high as the school celebrated their first ever virtual Founder's Day in the honour of their beloved Founder President on October 22-23, 2020. The two-day celebrations saw a series of pictures and videos being shown to students to highlight Founder sir's mantra of BHAAG on the first day. On the second day of the celebrations, the students enthusiastically participated in a colourful activity, wherein they painted their hands with bright colours and exhibited the acronym BHAAG. The students also shared their learnings imbibed from the ideology of BHAAG by writing about it on a virtual palette wall.

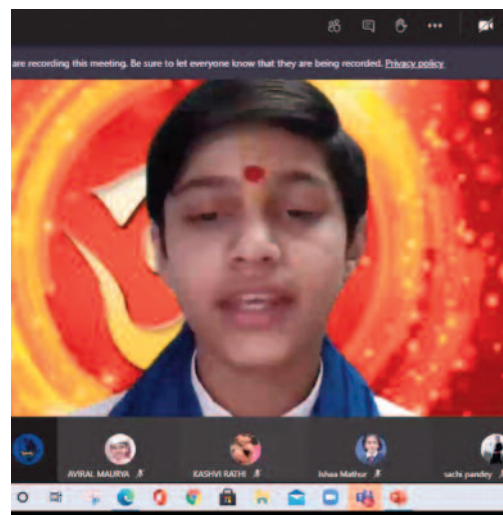
### AIS Vasundhara 1

Students expressed their love and heartfelt emotions for their Founder President on his birthday through virtual celebrations. Preparing special videos and cards for their beloved Founder President, they shared what it was like to be learning under the guidance of an inspiring visionary. They



also promised to adopt the virtues of BHAAG, and make it their life mantra. The celebrations culminated on a heartfelt note with the students wishing eternal health and happiness for their beloved Founder President.

### AIS Vasundhara 6



Founder's Day celebrations at AIS Vas 6 expounded BHAAG-a life philosophy propounded by Founder sir as the mantra for a successful life. Different activities were organised to highlight the virtues promulgated under the same. To bring out 'Behavioural' attributes, an event titled 'A Proverbial Smile' was organised, wherein students were asked to research on folklores that are a gateway to age-old wisdom. Mass chanting of Sanskrit shlokas to inculcate purity of thoughts was also organised. The virtue of 'Hard Work' was highlighted in the competition 'A journey of my life', wherein the participants made presentations on famous personalities, highlighting their inspiring journeys. With an aim to create a caring 'Attitude' towards the environment, students of Class VIII presented a symposium on reducing the use of plastic. Class VII endeavoured to instill the patriotic attitude with the event 'Blazing a Trail, India forth 1947'. In order to kindle the spirit of 'Ambition' in the students, an inter-section competition titled 'Aamne Saamne (Saakshaatkaar)' was organised, encouraging the students to nurture ambitions of creating a prosperous India. To invoke the blessings of 'God', students from the primary wing chanted 'Sarve Shaam Swastir Bhavatu', the pious hymn from the Vedas.

### AIS VKC Lucknow



A beautiful video created for their revered Founder President was the highlight of the celebrations at the school. The students wished their Founder President, whilst speaking about his achievements

and inspiring journey. The students also spoke of his contribution in the development of the nation and expressed gratitude for the same.

### AIS VVC Lucknow



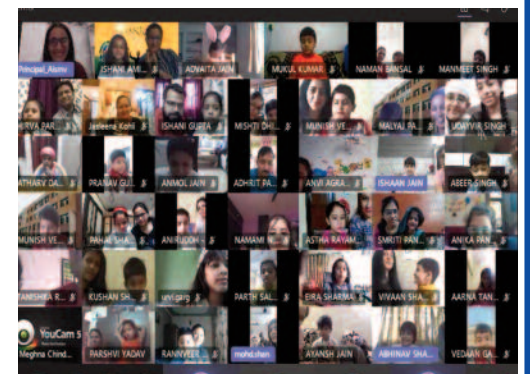
Commencing with a virtual havan ceremony, Founder's Day was an amalgamation of emotions and inspiration. Ojasvi Singh, a student of Class IX recited a self-composed poem dedicated to the Founder President. This was followed by Pragati Singh of Class IX giving a speech, highlighting Founder Sir's commitment towards making India a superpower by 2030. A unique twist to the celebrations was a virtual monologue by Kainaat Arif of Class IX, wherein she presented an interview of the Founder President with a journalist, whilst enacting both parts.

### AIS Noida



Every year AIS Noida celebrates Founder's Day with a lot of enthusiasm. This year too the pandemic could not deter the celebrations that were marked with unbridled joy. Special assemblies were organised on the occasion, wherein students expressed their heartfelt gratitude for giving them the opportunity of studying in an institution like Amity.

### AIS Mayur Vihar



Founder's Day was commemorated in the school as the 'Joy of Giving', a class presentation wherein students participated in different activities like dancing, singing, instrumental rendezvous etc. An instrumental performance and song presentation, a hindi skit highlighting the joy of giving, poem recitation were some of the highlights of the celebrations. They also discussed about the care for elderly and shared pictures showing them caring for and watering the plants. The presentation concluded with the video of a picture collage.

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix is the longest book in the series with 766 pages in the UK edition and 870 in the US edition.

All top quotes contributed by *Saanvi Goyal, AIS Gur 43, IXA*



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# Artists out of place

## Art Maestros Reimagined

**Dhairya Chaudhary**  
AIS PV, Alumna

Sitting in the joyous sun, being far away from the world as it was known, and creating history...those were just some of the attributes of our favourite painters who went on to change the world, but as we stop to admire them, we can't help but wonder what their life would have been like if they lived in the present times! *What would their life be like...hmm...*

### Vincent van Gogh

With doleful eyes, Vincent would keep staring at the sky for inspiration only to finally put his paintbrush down. With a thick screen of pollution and smog, there would be no starry nights to paint and no bright yellow paint to eat as he would probably be put into a self-help group, but his Instagram game would be lit though!

### Leonardo da Vinci

Da Vinci's frantic search for another inspiration would keep him scrolling through all

of the world, and the societal pressure for him to top 'Mona Lisa' would have made him hostile and irritated. He definitely would have been cancelled on Twitter at least three times a month!

### Rembrandt van Rijn

Rembrandt would want to set a new world record with maximum number of portraits made by an artist. He would constantly have his fan-base defend him on social media and fight his battles every time someone tried to diss him. On the personal front, even after shifting from one field to another, he would settle down on being an internet poet with millions of followers.

### Claude Monet

Monet would definitely be tired of the tall buildings, skyscrapers and the hustle-bustle of the main world and would forever rant about wanting to go on a vacation, so much so that he would ditch all his known ones and run away to live in isolation. Try to find him, can you? 📍

# DEAR PUBG PLAYERS

## Please Know That Not Every Place Is A Battleground

**Maansi Anand**  
AIS Vas 1, Alumna

*To all PubG warriors,*

Be it home, metro or literally any other place, your presence was felt but trust me, it was not appreciated. PubG fanatics like you were easily identifiable from the rest of the sane population, with your hunched backs, plugged in earphones and eyes fixated on the screen almost as if your lives depended on it. You were so disconnected from the world that you didn't hear people calling you, the doorbell ringing or even when your mother yelled at you for being glued to the phone all day. To you, the en-

tire world revolved around Erangel and Sanhok. Vacations were only spent on Vikendi and Miramar (look at all the research I had to do just to make fun of you!)

Your family were the 100 people on the server with you. Who remembers siblings and parents when you've got the perfect team? PubG had become the link you desperately sought to bond with other people, be it at weddings, parties or family gatherings. Irrespective of where you were, you never hesitated before screaming right into your microphones; who cares if the on-lookers didn't appreciate it? The heart and

soul of the game mattered.

Have an important exam tomorrow? Don't worry, PubG is on hand to calm your nerves. One game turns to ten, but what about the exam? Doesn't matter, at least you were able to climb up a few levels! Your reality was distorted, courtesy of all the graphics that replaced the real people in your lives.

I'm sure, even if you were stranded on a real island, the only thing you would have craved for was this game and its dimensions. As the zones receded, so did your actual lives; but you didn't care about the latter. Well, loss of life happens in the real world as well;

when you cut yourself from everyone else. I'm sure I was not the only one who had heard innumerable complaints about siblings or friends we had lost to this game.

Well, now that your precious game has been banned, it's safe to say that your reign of terror is over. But I'm sure other games have whisked you away from your post-PubG hang-over, awakening the fanatic in you again. Now, before the game is revived again, let us enjoy our quiet homes and our peaceful metro rides. We know we have earned it.

*Sincerely,*  
*The Relieved Public*



# The A to Z of Graphology

## A Peek At Yourself Through The Curve Of Your Letters

**Lavanya Gupta**  
AIS Gur 43, Alumna

The way you form your 'D's and curl your 'P's reveal more about you than you might think. In a world where everyone is interested in knowing themselves better, writing analysis is a way to cross off all the unnecessary Instagram zodiac posts and palmistry books that end up confusing you more and more in the end. For people who don't believe in astrology saying how 'unscientific' it is, a better alternative is here, that considers science and at the same time allows you to scratch all your 'curious to know my personality' itches.

### Pressure of the strokes

- High pressure indicates that you may be intense or vigorous.
- Average pressure indicates a relatively calm but anchored person with good perception or memory skills.
- Light pressure is a sign of introversion, or someone who prefers low-energy situations.

### Slant of the strokes

- A right slant shows that you



might be assertive and confident.

- A left slant could mean an unwillingness to write, or a desire to hide emotions.
- A straight vertical slant mean that you keep your emotions in check.

### The base of baseline

- Upward writing is said to show optimism and a happy mood.
- Downward writing may be a sign of discouragement or fatigue.
- Wavy writing that moves up

and down could mean an unstable or uncertain person.

### Size of the letters

- Large sized letters mean that you are outgoing.
- Small letters mean you are reclusive, introverted, or thrifty.
- Average letters mean you are well adjusted and adaptable.

### Spacing between letters and words

- Cramming letters close to-

gether might mean you could be self-conscious or introverted.

- Dragged out letters mean that you're generous and independent.
- More spacing between words show clearer thoughts.

### Shape of your letters

- Pointed letters show smartness.
- Rounded letters signal creativity and artistic ability.
- Connected letters indicate towards a logical as well as a systematic personality. 📍

