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Stuti Kalra, GT Network

In my two decade long journey as a journalist, never have I ever faced any threat. I have covered conflict zones, natural calamities, pandemics, all situations that bothered me, but never deflected me from my duty as a writer. All of this changed when I heard some newsroom chatter about the possibility of Artificial Intelligence impacting media jobs. How could anyone believe that AI could ever replace real journalists? What would I do if I am asked to leave? All this troubled me till I went to sleep, wondering what my future would look like. And then, I dreamt of...

**AI (dressed up as a sombre looking gentleman):** What troubles you, my friend?

**Me (angrily):** Friend? You are my worst enemy right now. We already consume so much content based on AI everywhere, whether it's YouTube recommendations or the advertisements on websites. Now, will the real journalists be your next target?

**AI (calmly):** Well, you must know that AI in journalism has been in existence much prior than you think. Associated Press has been using AI to produce corporate earnings stories since 2014. In 2018, China's Xinhua news agency created world's first AI-powered male news anchor and debuted its first AI female news anchor recently.

**Me (glumly):** So, you want to take over our world, right?

**AI (even more calmly):** I am here only to help. You can free yourself from writing mundane stories and focus on writing in-depth articles that require more expertise. I also help in providing research material and

## Your friend in need

sifting through tons of data within seconds.

**Me (suspiciously):** Well, that doesn't assuage my fears. A recent report by Goldman Sachs said AI could potentially replace around 300M full-time jobs. I even heard that in 2022, American technology news website, CNET had published dozens of feature articles written entirely by AI. There is a news channel whose content is generated entirely by AI called NewsGPT. Its CEO, Alan Levy, called it a game changer. Even though it claims to be free from advertisers' influence, political affiliations, or personal opinions, I don't believe AI can be totally-error free! Your content lacks

tonality and even makes costly errors! You can never replace the passion and ethics of emotionally intelligent humans.

**AI (sympathetically):** I'm not stealing your job. Did you not read what BuzzFeed has reportedly said about using ChatGPT to personalize content while still having an emphasis on human-generated journalism? See, the media ecosystem is going through major changes, so one must know how and to what extent AI can be used.

**Me (curiously):** Really? Don't people mistrust AI-generated content?

**AI (cheerfully):** To the contrary, our software is designed to conduct a meticulous

examination of large databases to alert journalists about fake news, helping increase media credibility. Research shows that the use of AI in journalism can help automate an editor's job by 9%, and a reporter's job by 15%. So, journalists can now use the 'augmented reporting', in which AI analyses large documents, and detects the latest breaking news, while writers add their personal touch of creativity and analysis.

**Me (cautiously):** Then why is Brandi Geurkink, strategy and technology advisor at Reset, concerned about AI leading to eroding of trust in mainstream media?

**AI (patiently):** That's why several news organisations have already published guidelines for AI-driven content. In March, Wired published the ground rules for its journalists, saying it wants "to be on the front lines of new technology, but also to be ethical and appropriately circumspect." So, you see, humans still control the narrative.

**Me (approvingly):** I guess we can work together to produce content that is factual, effective and ethical. Thank you. I can sleep better now.

*I have woken up clear-headed, knowing that Artificial Intelligence and journalism go hand-in-hand. I'm glad that AI is not my adversary, but my friend.*

### THE GT POLL

Do you think McDonald's initiative to make its app colour blind friendly is yet another step toward achieving a more inclusive society?

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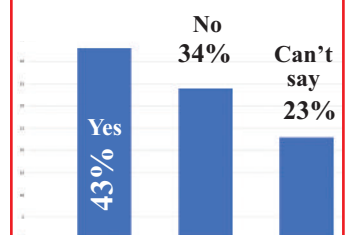
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# Around The WORLD

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**USA**

### Historic win in gymnastics

Simone Biles secured her 21st world title by claiming the all-around gold at the World Gymnastics Championships. Displaying dominance during the match, she amassed the score of 58.399 points, leaving behind Rebeca Andrade of Brazil (56.766) and fellow American Shilese Jones (56.332) in her wake. With this, Biles has boasted an unmatched tally of 34 medals spanning world championships and Olympic competitions.



**FRANCE**

### Mont Blanc shrinks

In a recent report, it has been revealed that Mont Blanc, France's tallest mountain, has decreased in height by more than two meters in the last two years. The current measurement places this Alpine peak at 4,805.59 meters above the sea level. Jean des Garets, chief geometer, highlighted the dynamic nature of Mont Blanc's summit, noting fluctuations of up to five meters in both altitude and position. Researchers further suggest that this reduction in height could be linked to decreased precipitation.



**CHINA**

### Avalanche attack

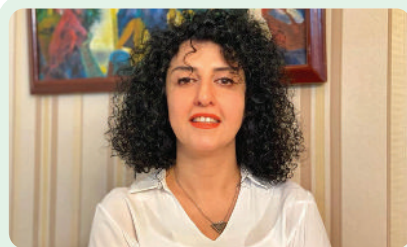
Two avalanches struck the slopes of Shishapangma, the 14th highest mountain in the world, Tibet. The avalanches hit the slopes at elevations of 7,600 metres and 8,000 metres, when 52 climbers were trying to reach the summit. American climber Anna Gutu and Nepalese guide Mingmar Sherpa lost their lives while another American climber, Gina Marie Rzucidlo, and her Nepalese guide, Tenjen Sherpa, went missing. As a result, all the climbing activities have been put on halt because of unsteady snow conditions.



**ISRAEL**

### State of war

On October 8, 2023, Israel witnessed 'Operation Al-Aqsa Storm', a surprise attack led by Hamas militants. Launched from the Gaza Strip, the invasion included firing of 5000 rockets towards Israeli towns and killing of hundreds of civilians and soldiers. In response to the attack, Israel declared a state of war and launched 'Operation Swords of Iron' to strike Hamas and Islamic Jihad targets in Gaza.



**IRAN**

### Nobel Peace Prize laureate

Human rights activist Narges Mohammadi has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize 2023 by the Norwegian Nobel Committee. The award recognises her commitment to combat the oppression of women in Iran and her advocacy for universal human rights and freedom. Presently imprisoned in an Iranian prison, she has endured 13 arrests, five convictions, and a staggering 31-year prison sentence, coupled with 154 lashes.



**AFGHANISTAN**

### Earthquake hits again

A powerful earthquake with a magnitude of 6.3 struck Herat Province in Afghanistan. Considered to be one of the deadliest earthquakes to strike the nation in the past two decades, the quake claimed the lives of 2,053 people, leaving 9,240 injured. The country has suffered significant damage from a series of recent quakes coupled with the ongoing economic and hunger crisis, displacing tens of thousands.



**INDIA**

### Strategic partnership

India and Tanzania announced a strategic partnership post discussions between PM Modi and President Hassan. The leaders unveiled six crucial agreements, including digital collaboration, cultural exchange, sports cooperation, white shipping, data sharing etc. The visit followed the establishment of the first IIT campus in Tanzania, reinforcing India's commitment to strengthen its ties with Africa.

## News Flash

► **Myanmar:** Heavy floods displace more than 1000 people ► **Egypt:** The first country to receive 'gold tier' status from WHO for its unparalleled progress towards eliminating hepatitis C infection

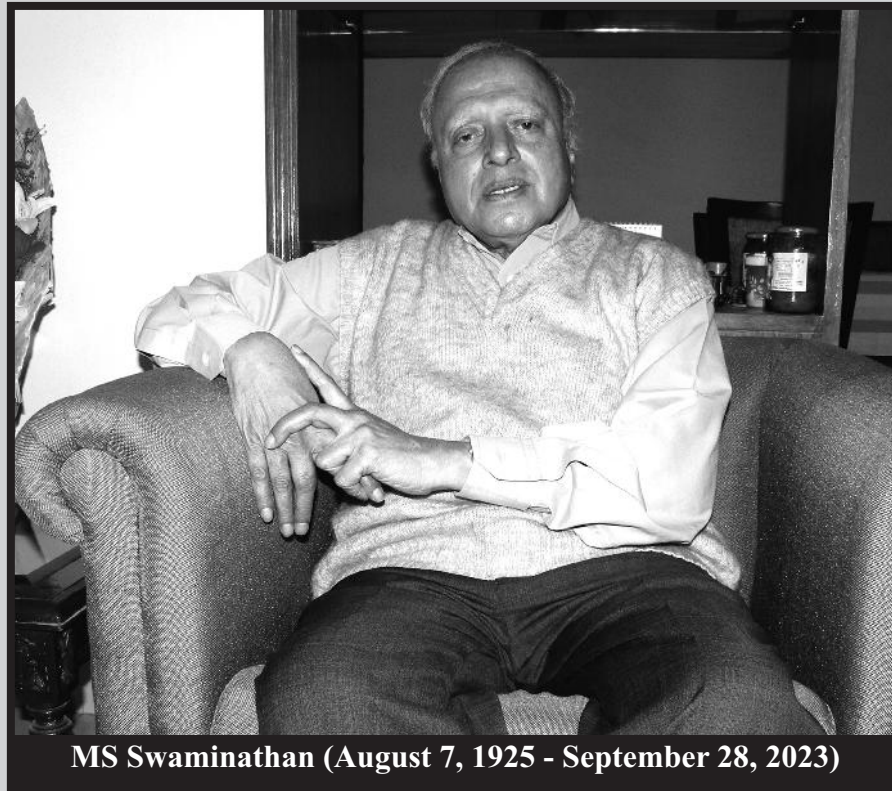


# “Reaching the unreached and voicing the voiceless have been our major concerns.”

**M**S Swaminathan, recipient of the World Food Prize for Green Revolution in India, a Member of Parliament and Founder Chairman of MS Swaminathan Research Foundation, in an exclusive interview with Managing Editor, Vira Sharma, *The Global Times*, shares the success of Green Revolution and the need for adopting eco-technology in agriculture.

**Your name is synonymous with ‘Green revolution’ in India. You’ve been a recipient of the World Food Prize and many other awards for your contribution in this field. How crucial a challenge was it at that time, when food security was a major issue? How did you conceptualise HYV?**

PM Jawaharlal Nehru in his first speech after independence said, “Everything else can wait but not agriculture,” because he could not forget the Bengal famine (1942-43) where nearly three million people died of starvation. Hence the government gave immediate priority to agriculture. Many power projects, irrigation projects, etc were established. But, in spite of all these efforts, our production and yield were stagnated and that is where I stepped in. I wondered why is it that despite all our efforts we were not being able to make a breakthrough in the yield productivity. I came to the conclusion that we lacked in ‘variety’. Our earlier varieties were not developed for making use of nutrients and water available at that time and so there was the need to develop short plants with strong roots so that they can use the nutrients and water most efficiently and also the sunlight. This is how the High Yielding Variety (HYV) programme was born. Fortunately at that time, there were some genes/genetic material with the kind of plant architecture that we wanted in Japan, United States and Mexico. We procured seeds from Mexico because the ruling conditions in Mexico were closer to ours than the United States or Japan. Some of the Mexican varieties did very well. As a method of purchasing time, we imported some seeds and led demonstrations in the poorest farmer’s field in 1964 because anything you show in a rich farmer’s field will not be attributed to technology but money. In 1964 I started national demonstrations in Delhi State with poor farmers operating Persian wheel to the



MS Swaminathan (August 7, 1925 - September 28, 2023)

**MS Swaminathan, recipient of the World Food Prize for Green Revolution in India, and founder chairman of MS Swaminathan Research Foundation has left for his heavenly abode. GT pays tribute to this revolutionary man by publishing an abridged version of our interaction with him published in the edition dated Oct 16-31, 2009.**

camels. In 1964-65 we started spreading the new variety. There was such a big demand for seed and we started ‘seed villages zones’ and by 1968 we were able to double the wheat production from 10 million tones in 1964 to 17 million tones in 1968. This was more than what we could accomplish in the previous 4000 years. From 1964-1968, we had another 7 million tonnes. We were able to condense 4000 years of history in four years, that is why it was called a Green Revolution and not a Green Evolution. The green revolution was a very great morale booster. It gave confidence to our farmers, because until then we were described as a nation which was leading a ship to mouth existence, ie, a ship had to arrive before you can feed the mouth.

**From 1964 when the Green Revolution took place till today, how do you rate India’s agricultural and economic growth? How much of a problem is world food security now?**

The Green Revolution made good progress

but only in two crops – Wheat and Rice. Their production rose from 7 million tones in 1947 to 75 million tones. Today, we have ten times more than what we had then. In fact, we are able to produce enough to feed our population. Any problem of undernourishment and malnourishment is not because there is lack of food in the market but because people do not have the money or purchasing power. That is why the government launched the National Rural Employment Guaranteed Programme (NREGP) to reduce malnutrition in the country. Unfortunately what happened was that even before the term Green Revolution was prescribed in January 3, 1968 while addressing farmers at the Indian Nation Congress in Varanasi, I stated that if you overexploit all round water, apply too much of pesticides or fertilizers then productivity cannot be sustained and you will have environmental problem. There I coined the term Evergreen Revolution. Evergreen Revolution means increase in productivity in perpetuating without ecological harm, ie, when you pro-

duce more and more income per drop of water, more crop per drop of water, more crop per unit of land. We were a population of 300 million in 1940 and are now nearly reaching 4 times more; land is shrinking. This implies that we have to produce more from less land and less water. This is why the Evergreen Revolution has become important. What is Green revolution? You marry technology with ecology and what you get is eco-technology i.e. environmentally sustainable technology.

**As Chairman of M.S.Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF), what are your current projects?**

Presently we are working on the Coastal System Managements project in Chennai. We expect that in another 30 years the sea level will go up as a result of climate change. Therefore we have pre-planted mangroves in many coastal areas. In the field of Bio-diversity and Bio-technology, our young scientists have a new type of rice which can tolerate both sea water and drought. In the area of IT, we have a programme called every village a knowledge centre, ie, ‘Gramin Gyaan Abhiyaan.’ With the support of govt and ITC companies in a public-private partnership, our aim is to cover 2,40,000 panchayat villages by 2010. We operate at three levels. At the Block level there is the Village Resource Centre with satellite connection. With the help of Indian Space Research Organization, there are teleconferencing facilities, e-medicine and e-education. At block panchayat level, there is the Village Knowledge Centre ‘gyan chaupal’ with internet, radio and cable TV. The last and final level of connectivity is through internet and cellphone. To tackle the fear of Tsunami, there are cell phones which help to know the wave height and use technology to find the fish. Through technology, we aim to reach the un-reached and give voice to the voiceless - our major concerns.

**What are the government plans for education and students in general?**

This five year plan is called the education plan as the outlay has been increased several fold for education. The major problem would not be setting up new educational institutions as IIT’s, IIM, etc, but the faculty. So there should not be so much proliferation in number, the quality of education is important. To be able to impart quality education, it is important to create an atmosphere in our university for the need for quality and the need for excellence.

# The dynamic language

From the crack of dawn, technology stirs us with its reliable alarms, and caresses us with the cooling breeze of our ACs as we drift off to sleep, weaving its wonders into our everyday lives. GT pays homage to this silent saviour that simplifies and enhances our existence with a brand new series, unwrapping A to Z of iconic tech pieces, one letter at a time. Here's presenting the **J** in this series that changed human life as we know and live it.

Abhigyan Bajpai

AIS VYC Lko, Alumnus

**The tech:** JavaScript (JS)

**The inventor:** Brendan Eich

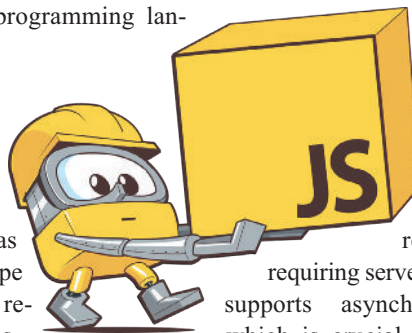
## How was it invented?

While working with Netscape Communications, Brendan Eich was given the task of

creating a new scripting language for their web browser, Netscape Navigator. Designed as a lightweight scripting language for web browsers, the language added interactivity to web pages. It was initially named 'Mocha', and later on popularised as LiveScript and eventually renamed JavaScript to capitalise on the Java programming language's popularity.

## When did we get to know it first?

LiveScript made its first public appearance in September 1995, when it was included in the Netscape Navigator 2.0 browser release. But a few months later, Netscape in cooperation with Sun Microsystems announced the launch of JavaScript on December 4, 1995. The launch was able to attract attention of several developers who were already in search of a code that would give them the ability to go beyond HTML and create a webpage dynamically, which may include moving things, responding to user input, changing colour, making a new window pop up, and many other attributes.



## Why do we use it?

JavaScript is widely used for web development due to its versatility and ability to enhance the user experience. It runs directly in the browser, and is one of the core



**Fun fact:** Around 98.7% of the websites on the internet use JavaScript as a client-side programming language, making it the most preferred programming language among software developers around the world. It is also popular among industries such as marketing, social media and design.

technologies of the internet apart from HTML and CSS. The language enables tasks like forming validation, animations, and

real-time updates without requiring server-side processing. It also supports asynchronous programming, which is crucial for fetching data from servers without blocking the user interface. JavaScript frameworks like React, Angular, and Vue.js have gained immense popularity for building complex web applications. Moreover, with the rise of Node.js, JavaScript can now be used for server-side programming, making it a comprehensive language for full-stack development.

## How has it helped our lives?

JavaScript is a powerful and versatile lan-

guage that has had a major impact on the development of web. It is used by millions of developers around the world, and is essential for creating advanced web pages. From adding animations and effects, creating interactive forms, developing games, presentations, and other applications, validating user input, and making web pages more responsive, JavaScript does it all. Not only this, but its simple syntax like English makes it easy to learn even for beginners. It has also facilitated the growth of web-based services such as online shopping, social media platforms, and cloud-based apps.

## Attraction, Repulsion, And The Invisible Forces That Shape The Magnet World

Nikhil S Vepuri

AGS Gurugram, Alumnus

Once upon a time, in a small country called Magnet, there lived two friends - North

Uno and South Uno. As inseparable as they were, their friendship raised quite a few eyebrows for they were very different from each other. No matter what, the two promised to be together.

All was well until North Dos, a new student joined their school. It didn't take long for North Uno and North Dos to realise that they were two peas in a pod, as North

Dos claimed, carbon copies. North Dos couldn't be happier. He had finally found his - BFF. But there was one problem - South Uno. Each time he saw North Uno and South Uno together, rage and jealousy took over him. And so, he hatched a plan.

Next day as Dos approached school, he saw the two unos hanging by the swings. It was time for him to put his plan into action. "Why aren't you guys swinging?" he asked, as he approached the two. "Oh! I would love to, but you know South, he doesn't like

# Uno, dos, attract!



## Science of it

Magnetism is the force exerted by magnets where similarly charged electrons repel each other and oppositely charged electrons attract each other. Every magnet has a north pole and a south pole. The like poles of a magnet repel each other due to the aforementioned property.

swings," said North Uno. Dos, who knew this perfectly well acted oblivious and remarked, "Really? That's sad! I love how swings go high up in the air." North Uno wished if it wasn't for South, he would have been swinging all along.

From that day onwards, Dos never left any opportunity to point out the differences between North Uno and South Uno. North Uno enjoyed the company of his new friend and started liking South Uno lesser by the day. After all, he had finally found someone who

was exactly like him, unlike South who always went in the opposite direction as him. South Uno was disheartened but hoped that his friend would come around.

The newfound friendship, however, didn't last long. It wasn't long before the similarities that initially attracted North Unos to North Dos became the point of repulsion. After a while, North Uno couldn't stand Dos and felt repulsion brewing inside every time North Dos was around.

Missing his old chum, he finally broke into

a fit of tears one day. Mama North had been watching everything all along and kept a caressing

hand on her son's shoulder. North Uno broke down, "Oh, mom! I am so confused. South Uno was my exact opposite, but he really was my best friend. North Dos, who is exactly like me, bores me. What should I do?" he cried. "My dear," said his mother,

"Of course, South Uno was your best friend. You have to realise that in our country of Magnets, everyone was created with a best friend who would be their exact opposite,

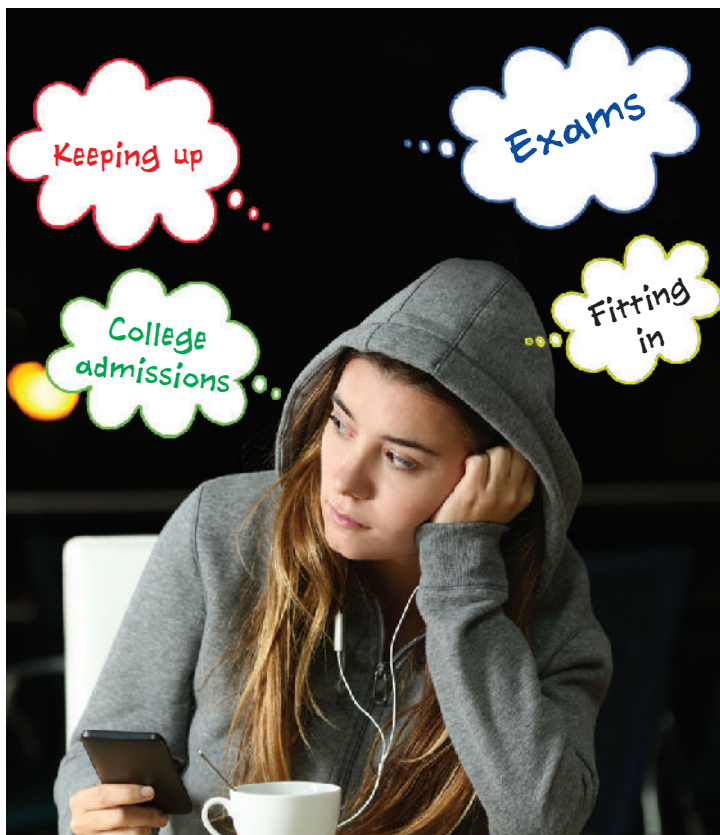
and that is exactly why they would fit so well together. The stored-up energy in your atoms is the exact opposite of the energy stored inside South Uno, which is why you are always together. But if you take someone like North Dos, who is just like you, well...he won't be able to complete your missing energy because he has the same one. Which is why you must go and find South Uno and apologise to him, and for North Dos, let's hope he finds his South Dos soon."

North Uno immediately ran to South Uno's house and apologised profusely, and even though South Uno had told himself that he would never forgive North Uno for his behaviour, he, in the end, did forgive him, because, as they say, opposites always attract.



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# Growing up like a pro

## The Overlooked Crisis Of A Teen

Janhvi Singh


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Someone has rightly said teenage is that phase of life when you are too young to do half of the things you want to do and too old to do the other half. I know you feel the same. From managing our social image to look cool and aesthetic on our Instagram handles to managing the image of a *shareef bacha* in front of our parents, we are stuck in this whirlwind of craziness.

“Teenagers are expected to act like adults but are treated like children!” courtesy - @satyavachanoninsta. I stumbled upon this gem of a quote the other day, and it hit all the right notes, to be honest. Our lives are no less than a rollercoaster ride for which we get a free subscription by default. From the constant acne breakouts and exam pressure to keeping up with the latest trend, there definitely is a lot on our plate. *Par dukh yaha khatam nahi hota.*

People out there label our mood swings as just meager hormonal changes, swiftly ignoring our opinions and preferences like yesterday’s leftovers. Sure, to this

not-so-kind world, it might seem like we are on a long emotional vacation, but, honestly, these years are more than just about ‘being teenagers.’ From acquiring valuable skills to polishing our personality and building all our precious and treasured friendships that might last us a lifetime, we make countless decisions in these years. It’s true that some are right, while others might be wrong. And we owe it all to our high school because that’s where all the action of our lives happen.

We all are set on a journey where we all try so hard to fit in. What we skip is the underlying reality that each one of us is unique in our own way. While introverts find solace in their own company, extroverts keep thriving in social settings. Maybe it’s time we understand that for good or for bad, one thing’s for sure – we all are set on our own unique journey and this phase of life called adolescence has something oddly beautiful about it. So, from one teenager to another, let’s navigate this rollercoaster ride and keep going. Who knows, the best part might be waiting to surprise us just around the corner! 

# Wheeling through life



## It’s All Round At The End, They Said!

Angad Gautam, XI J &  
Baani Sahota, Alumnus, AIS Gur 46

“Mr Wheel! Mr Wheel! We all love you!” Walking onto the stage, I could feel my heart thump louder. I stood straight, but nervous as I received the ‘Life Time Achievement Award.’

As I held the mic and cleared my voice, I saw my grandpa in all his wooden glory, overwhelmed by it all. Brushing off the myriad emotions, I finally said, “Elated as I am, I’m grateful for this award. I, Mr Wheel, son of Almighty Gyration and Fortuna, the Goddess of fate, thank her for giving me the opportunity to serve humanity by giving me a new form which let me ‘roll’ into the life of a Palaeolithic human, who first realised that round objects moved easily.”

An enthusiastic applause ensued. Uncle Tyre was almost crying, while baby lego tyres were up on the chairs, their euphoric cheers audible even above the noise. Well, with an ancestral trail dating back to 3500 BCE, my family gotta be one houseful. I mean, sure, they don’t know my exact inventors but my lineage is pretty old, tracing back to Eurasia.

“It’s been a long journey, so many variations – they call it evolving,” I continued, “but I am mostly thankful to humans of 2000 BCE, who made my work less ‘tire-ing’, as they hollowed out the



wooden discs to make me lighter and faster. I remember George Cayley, an engineer who came up with another version, by upgrading me with the wire spikes, making me resistant to breaking. However, most of you are au courant with only my current form – black rubber found in vehicles. Thank God for Robert William Thomson who came up with this idea in 1845.”

Immersed in nostalgia, I was brought back to the present with, “You are a masterstroke.” Kids! I tell you. Always the first ones to roll, literally, for the first wheel did not appear on any form of transportation, but a toy. You’d be surprised to know that to date the world’s largest tire manufacturing company is LEGO that makes wheels for toys.

Smiling at their enthusiasm, I trudged on, “It’s been a wholesome journey, being acknowledged for my contribution to mankind and bagging the title of ‘Man’s greatest invention.’ Their love is made conspicuous through their cultural symbols, the Chinese yin-yang, the ancient Greek and Roman ‘Winged Wheel,’ and the ‘Ashoka Chakra’ in the Indian flag. After all, they call it head over wheels in love for a reason.”

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# Nurturing innovators



Dr Amita Chauhan  
Chairperson

It was a moment of great pride for all of us at Amity, when AIS Mayur Vihar was bestowed with the National IP Awards in ATL category. As I stood on the stage receiving the award, my mind raced back to the times when I was constantly looking for innovative platforms for my students that can ignite a spirit of inquiry and nurture scientific temperament. And it was with that objective that we set out to establish Atal Tinkering Labs in seven Amity schools across Delhi/NCR, having received an ATL grant from AIM Niti Aayog in 2016, after a rigorous selection process.

By July 2017, seven Amity branches had dedicated workspaces where young minds could learn, while getting a hands-on experience about STEM. All the ATLs are equipped with 'do it yourself' kits on science, electronics, robotics, open-source microcontroller boards, sensors, 3D printers and computers. Students regularly undertake ATL classes and participate in various competitions like ATL Marathon, Tinkerpreneur, Community Day etc. Many of these innovative ATL projects have won numerous awards at state, national and international levels. Recently, AIS Saket and AIS Vasundhara 6 were awarded the 'ATL School of Month' for May 2023 and July 2023 respectively. Amityans were also amongst top 5 winners of Tinkerpreneur competition beating 1100 projects nationwide.

## It's Time To Say Hip, Hip, Hurray!

Sakar Jaggi (Class VIII) and Saesha Mishra (Class VI), the state toppers of NASTA-2022, were felicitated at a glittering ceremony on September 6, 2023. The duo bagged first position in the competition organised by CSIR – NIScPR. 🇮🇳

# Man with vision



Vira Sharma  
Managing Editor

On September 28, MS Swaminathan, lovingly known as the 'Father of India's green revolution', passed away at the age of 98. To my mind, he must have been an extremely content man in his last moments, knowing what an exemplary life he had led. Indeed, the Padma Vibhushan awardee, was a visionary plant geneticist and agronomist whose work revolutionised farming and brought self-sufficiency in food production. My introduction to his pioneering concepts took place during my childhood, through his easy-to-understand science articles. Awed by his ideas, I always aspired to meet him some day and that dream came true in October 2010. It was the time I had just begun my journey with GT, and I used to write to various eminent personalities for giving us interviews. And he was one the few who had agreed. I vividly remember the day I had met him. He was humility and simplicity redefined. His passion for environmental conservation was as deep as his resolve for nation's development. He was only 18 when he witnessed the devastating effects of the Bengal famine, and this experience spurred him into a career in the agricultural sciences. After earning various degrees from prestigious foreign institutes, he turned down a faculty position at the University of Wisconsin and chose instead to return to India. Because of his efforts, India went from being drought-stricken and import dependent on US for food in the 1960s to being self-sufficient in 1971. That's a true hero, a perfect example of passion, perseverance and patriotism! 🇮🇳

lead to a situation that is out of our control. Moreover, paying a cost of 225,000 USD just for an 11-minute trip is not a good deal in my opinion. Instead, just like the writer pointed out, this money can be used to help our planet recover from many dire conditions that need attention. Whatsoever opinion we may have on space tourism, there's no stopping it. Maybe the ones reading this GT mail today will end up planning their vacation to the Moon one day.

# Being alienated

## From The Diary Of An Immigrant

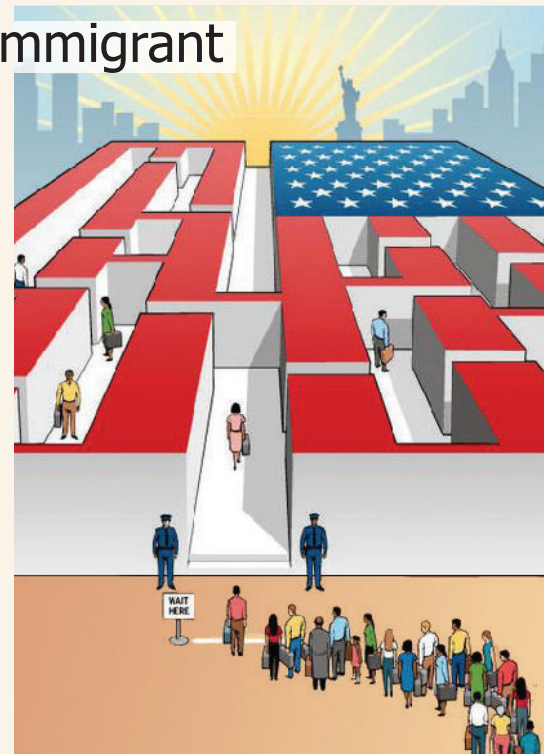
Aanya Narula, AIS Vasundhara 1, XII B

### To whomsoever it may concern

Prejudice, stereotypes, racism, gender bias and language discrimination; are the bitter ingredients that seasoned my welcome to this unfamiliar land. That night, as I stepped onto this land, the midnight moon illuminated my arrival with indifference and the chilly winds pierced my skin like needles. The pain deepened that night, for I had arrived at a place where I felt like a stranger in my own skin.

Coming to this land was a beacon of hope for me, an opportunity to fulfil my aspirations. The life that many perceive as settled and prosperous was what even I had longed for. However, what awaited me here was a departure, from the dreams I had cherished. The extreme poverty I had lived in had left scars on my soul. I had been deprived of the simple pleasures of life, of love, and of care due to a lack of essentials like food and water. Being brought up in poverty inspired me to strive for more, as it offered the comforts I had been denied. But what I got was far from my expectation. My younger self aspired to work hard and immigrate to USA to live the life I desired. That world felt like a far-off dream. For decades, USA has been a haven for innumerable people aspiring to make their life better. Approximately 10,00,000 legal immigrants enter the country annually since 2000, out of which around 6,00,000 change their status. These numbers depict a range of aspirations, skills, and dreams; a collective of people who have abandoned comfort in pursuit of a better future and have chosen to call America home. The immigrant community, however, is now troubled by uncertainty as a result of recent executive orders issued by the US government. The consequences of these policies are massive and as we make our way through the labyrinthine immigration system, the lives of millions of immigrants is in jeopardy.

Obtaining legal status in USA has become more difficult. While I understand the need for a safer border and the necessity for laws that put the welfare of American citizens first, it is also important to keep in mind the valuable contributions immigrants make to



the nation. The executive orders have made an already difficult procedure even more difficult. Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) beneficiaries, for instance, are unable to adequately plan for the future due to the ambiguity surrounding their status. In addition to the already existing hurdles, the green card backlog has grown alarmingly, making it necessary for many immigrants to wait years or even decades for application process. Our capacity to reunite with loved ones, pursue careers, and plant roots in the nation we now call home are all hampered by delays. Remember, while you consider these statistics, that behind these numbers and headlines are actual people, who have fled their homes in an effort to better their lives and the lives of their families, and we deserve respect and decency. We struggle to appreciate our own traditions here since they are surrounded by stigmas, exploitation, and prejudice. In a country I once yearned to call home, I was and still am an immigrant.

Yours sincerely  
An immigrant in a foreign land



### Dear Editor,

This is in reference to the article 'Off to space' published on page 4 of the GT edition dated October 9, 2023. Space tourism is something which is very exciting and outer space is one of the least ventured aspects of the universe by humans. However, as exciting as it may seem, it has its own cons. The first and foremost is safety, it isn't 100% safe and even the minutest of malfunctions in the system may

lead to a situation that is out of our control. Moreover, paying a cost of 225,000 USD just for an 11-minute trip is not a good deal in my opinion. Instead, just like the writer pointed out, this money can be used to help our planet recover from many dire conditions that need attention. Whatsoever opinion we may have on space tourism, there's no stopping it. Maybe the ones reading this GT mail today will end up planning their vacation to the Moon one day.

Gargi Jhunjhunwala  
AIS Vasundhara 6, XII B



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# The peace of Westphalia

## A Treaty That Left A Lasting Impact Upon The Destiny Of Europeans

**Nandita Bansal, AIS Saket, Alumna**

The Treaty of Westphalia was a peace treaty that ended the Thirty Years' War, one of the worst conflicts in European history. There were actually two separate treaties that ended this war, and historians often group them together under one of two terms: the Treaty of Westphalia or the Peace of Westphalia. The treaty is named after the region of the Holy Roman Empire in which the agreement was signed - Westphalia. Today, this region is part of the German state of North Rhine-Westphalia. The modern concepts of state sovereignty, mediation between nations, and diplomacy all find their origins in the text of this treaty written more than three hundred and fifty years ago.

### The background

#### Burden of carnage and economic crisis

Long time ago in Europe, religion and state were strongly intertwined since they both claimed divine power from the same source: the Pope of the Roman Catholic Church and the Holy Roman Empire. This unusual pair governed over a slew of kingdoms and provinces, each with its own kings and princes but one ultimate authority: the Pope and the Roman emperor's power. The Thirty Year's War began in 1618, when the Austrian Habsburgs tried to impose Roman Catholicism on their Pro-

testant subjects in Bohemia. It pitted Protestant against Catholic, the Holy Roman Empire against France, the German princes and princelings against the emperor and each other, and France against the Habsburgs of Spain. The Swedes, the Danes, the Poles, the Russians, the Dutch and the Swiss were all dragged in. Commercial interests and rivalries played a part, as did religion and power politics.

The war entailed enormous human and material costs due to its professional armies, metal weaponry, military institutions, mercenary battalions, and innovation in weapons such as transportable cannon and mounted cavalry. The most plausible estimations lead to four million combat deaths, a massive number for those times.

### The beginning of an end

#### The signing of "Peace"

A peace conference to end the war opened in Münster and Osnabrück in December 1644. It involved no fewer than 194 states. The Catholic states involved in the conflict including Spain, France, the Dutch, the Holy Roman Empire, and a papal mediator met in Münster while the Protestant states met under the leadership of Sweden and an imperial representative at Osnabrück. A conference on such a large scale had never taken place prior to the 17th century. The Treaty of Westphalia, the collective name for two peace treaties signed in Münster

and Osnabrück in October 1648, not only ended the Thirty Years' War and the unimaginable epidemic of murder that ravaged and depopulated entire areas, but it also established a European peace administration that advocated for state equality and contributed significantly to the formation of modern international law.

### The great crusade

#### A 17th century success

This notion of an international effort to solve a conflict using diplomatic methods where all sides participated and agreed to compromise, rather than a dominant nation simply dictating policy to a losing nation, was very new in the 17th century. The Peace of Westphalia dealt with many topics of importance but, from a modern international relations standpoint, three issues which were resolved are of particular significance.

The first is religious freedom which was solidified by the treaties at Münster and Osnabrück. This completely changed the relations between church and state, and established a new precedent whereby states would become sovereign entities, immune from the political pressure of any one church. Catholics, Lutherans, and Calvinists could each practice their faith without any intrusion from the emperor.

The second was the nature of war and its intended use. Before 1648, war was the ac-

cepted means of instating policy changes when one country found fault with another. While the new international order did not make war illegal, diplomacy was agreed upon as an alternative to war, as a way of settling the conflict, and as a means of acknowledging the state's sovereignty. Apart from standardizing the power balance, the notion of European 'multiple interdependencies' was created in Westphalia.

The principle of national sovereignty is the third and arguably the most important and long-lasting effect of the 1648 Peace Treaty. Prior to and during the War, German provinces were ruled by the Holy Roman Emperor. The treaty gave the provinces many rights, including ratifying peace treaties, levying taxes etc. Hence, their authority was significantly expanded, while the Holy Roman Emperor's influence was drastically reduced.

Compromises reached in 1648 on the issues of individual state sovereignty, religious tolerance, and diplomatic solutions to international warfare still form the core of modern and international foreign policy. The Westphalian tradition is one of history's leading examples of how one conflict can impact the affairs of dozens of independent nations for centuries.

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# Contro-bot's contribution



Storywala

Saanvi Goyal

AIS Gurugram 43, Alumna

Lisa picks up the book titled *The Unheard Narrative Of A Verbal Diary* and starts reading.

“And the 2032 Invention Of The Year Award goes to Contro-bot by Mr Peter Herald!” As the result was announced, a mix of cheers and boos filled the room. Some audience members whispered amongst themselves, wondering if the innovation was good enough to defeat Dr Morrison’s childcare device which was acclaimed as an expert babysitter. “What’s so extraordinary about

this bot?” enquired Dr Parker, a regular attendee of such ceremonies. “Oh, it seems you haven’t heard the story yet,” responded a man named Smith, drawing the attention of a few around them. “This bot saved the life of none other than Annalise,” and so Smith started the tale. “Her story began when a video of Annalise singing went viral, resulting in her overnight stardom, but fame came with relentless hate comments, especially as she struggled with acne. Seeing such mean comments, Annalise went into depression, leading to her isolation from her loved ones. She was left all alone with Dr Morrison’s child-care device at

“And that is how this award-winning Contro-bot proved itself worthy - by saving yet another life in darkness,” concluded Smith.

home. It was during this phase that a surprising parcel arrived for her, a parcel that had the Contro-bot. Intrigued by the robot, she activated it. Upon activating, the robot said, “Speak your heart out. Your secrets are safe with me.” Thus she began pouring out her emotions, and to her utmost surprise, the robot listened compassionately and offered the emotional guidance she needed. And that is how this award-winning Contro-bot proved itself worthy - by saving yet another life in darkness,” concluded Smith. He had silenced Dr Parker’s skepticism.

Lisa closed the book and wondered, “This is the cruelty of life. Sometimes all we need is someone to listen to our woes that can gradually shapeshift into depression, ruining our sanity until it’s too late. It was actually Dr Morrison who gifted his own contender’s invention to his daughter Annalise to help her. Who would have imagined a time when robots could provide better solace to children than their very own parents!”



## Pasta salad

Anika Garg

Anika Garg, AGS Gurugram, XI

### Ingredients

Cucumber.....1	Garlic (minced).....1 tbsp
Tomato.....1	Balsamic vinegar.....2 tsp
Onion.....1	Salt.....as per taste
Red bell pepper.....1	Black pepper.....as per taste
Olives..... 1/4 cup	Chilli flakes.....as per taste
Basil..... 2 tbsp	Pasta.....3 cups
Olive oil.....4 tbsp	Fresh parsley.....for garnish

### Procedure

- Boil the pasta in a pan full of water till al dente. Rinse with cold water and drain.
- Pour a little oil over the pasta and transfer it to a large mixing bowl.
- Next, chop all the vegetables and add them to the large bowl with pasta along with olives.
- For salad dressing, mix basil, olive oil, garlic, balsamic vinegar, salt, black pepper, and chilli flakes.
- Pour the dressing to the large bowl with pasta and veggies. Combine them well.
- Refrigerate the prepared pasta salad for 30 minutes.
- Garnish the salad with fresh parsley leaves and serve!

## Read Play and Win 34

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 or submit your responses by visiting The Global Times website (<http://theglobaltimes.in/readplaywin/>). Three lucky winners will win a prize every week!



<b>Q.1</b> The article 'Wheeling through life' talks about the autobiography of _____.	<b>Q.2</b> In which year, the Peace of Westphalia treaty was signed?	<b>Q.3</b> Mention any two ingredients required to make 'Pasta salad'.
<b>Q.4</b> Which country has been struck by a powerful earthquake of magnitude 6.3?	<b>Q.5</b> Mention the headline of the article written by Nikhil S Vepuri, AGS Gurugram, Alumnus.	<b>Q.6</b> The music album 'Dhun' was released on _____.
<b>Q.7</b> On page 10, experts share their opinions on the cause _____.	<b>Q.8</b> Who has sketched the illustration for the poem 'Rejuvenation' on page 9?	<b>Q.9</b> Name the CEO of the world's first AI supported news channel, NewsGPT.

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

Results of Read Play & Win-33: Vansh Bhati, AIMC, X, Pratham Jain, AIS Noida, VI J, Tvesha Tanwar, AIS Saket, IX A

## WORDS VERSE

### Was it a cat I saw

Shyla Basu, AIS PV, Alumna

When you intrude on my solitude  
I must tell you about the multitude  
Of standing by to your soft meow  
I stand alone, to let myself allow  
Absorbing that we both stand lonely  
In a state of refusing to believe slowly  
That happiness can thrive in isolation  
With time it comes to my realisation  
Your friendship has made me bloom  
Absorbed completely in all my gloom  
Looking for someone as lonely as me  
How oddly worthwhile it proved to be  
I was waiting for a cat outside the park  
How the little loner added all the spark.  
\*The metaphorical poem can be read in reverse and the first letters of the headline 'Was it a cat I saw' form a palindrome, which spells the same when read backwards.

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## BRUSH 'n' EASEL

Arsh Singhal  
AIS Gurugram 46, XII F





# In the other realm

## Short story



**Dalaisha Aggarwal**  
AIS Noida, Alumna

Jasmine and Ali, two best friends, eagerly embarked on a picnic to a beautiful beach. As soon as they reached there, their excitement was tempered by the sight of a young boy in tears. “What’s wrong child? Why are you crying?” Jasmine enquired. In a hoarse voice the boy replied, “I am Raj. You should stay away from me, for I am afraid I may bring ill fate to you as well.” Despite the ominous warning, Jasmine and Ali reassured, “Don’t worry, child. Nothing will happen. Tell us what made you say that.” Raj, finding solace, said, “I am not like other kids. I can see peculiar entities, they stay in my cottage. Do you want to meet them?” Though hesitation lingered, they

both agreed. It took them almost three hours to reach the cottage, and it was a sight to behold. Nestled within the confines of a tree trunk, it was almost like a gateway to another realm. In that mystical cottage were small pixies-dust fairies and goblins along with a creature who looked like an amalgamation of a lion and a horse. They all had a hypnotic aura about them. Breaking the silence, Raj said, “Meet these unearthly creatures and please save them.” Jasmine and Ali, who felt they had stepped into an entirely new world, asked cautiously, “Save them? But from what?” “Their rivals in heaven, you see they belong to heaven, not on Earth but were thrown out for being weak” Driven by their goodness, Jasmine and Ali took up this responsibility. After weeks of tireless physical

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training, they were ready. All the beastly creatures in heaven descended to Earth for the showdown. Jasmine and Ali stood in front of them with their army of mystical creatures. They knew that the only key to victory was killing the mother of all demons, Lilith. Lilith first saw Ali and, with the snakes emerging from her arms, grabbed him and choked him till his last breath escaped. Looking at this, Jasmine dropped her sword with a loud thud and screamed in a voice. Lilith turned to stare at her and said in a snarly voice, “YOU WILL DIE!” and then... Jasmine’s senses reeled as she heard the announcer speaking on a microphone, “Thank you for trying VR New 100. We hope you enjoyed this unique 5-D experience of watching a film....!” **GT** (Dalaisha is currently pursuing B.A. LL.B (Hons) at Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur)

**So what did you learn today?**  
**A new word: Amalgamation**  
**Meaning: The action or process of merging two or more things**



Samaira Jain

## Japanese hand fan

Samaira Jain, AIS Vas 1, VII E

### Material required



### Method

- Take a black sheet and cut 12 tapering strips, each measuring 18 cm long and 3 cm wide at the top end.
- Similarly, on decorative paper, cut another set of 12 tapering strips, each measuring 16 cm long and 2 cm wide at the top.
- Now round off the bottom of all the 24 strips (refer image).
- Pick one black strip and neatly paste the decorative strip on the top of the black one. Prepare the rest of the strips, in similar way. These will be your fan blades.
- Next take a needle to make a hole in the centre of each fan blade at the top and bottom.
- Stack the fan blades on top of one another and pull a thin wire-through the holes at the bottom.
- Secure the fan blades by tying on one button at the front and another at the back.
- Spread the fan out, and sew a coloured thread through the holes on the top and knot the thread at each end.
- It’s time, you flaunt your hand fan every chance you get!

## It's Me

### KNOW ME

**My name**  
Ishani Bajpai  
**My Class**  
IV A  
**My school**  
AIS VKC Lko  
**My birthday**  
December 6



### MY FAVOURITES

**Teacher:** Nibha ma'am  
**Subject:** EVS  
**Friend:** Inaya & Anshika  
**Game:** Badminton  
**Cartoon:** Barbie dreamhouse adventure  
**Food:** Paneer tikka  
**Mall:** Phoenix Pallasio  
**Book:** Amelia Bedelia Cleans Up

### MY DREAMS AND GOALS

**Hobby:** Video editing  
**I like:** Playing lego  
**I dislike:** Spiders  
**My role model:** Taylor Swift  
**I want to become:** A singer  
**I want to feature in GT because:** I want to influence others with my positivity.

## Poem

Illustration: Sana Syed, AIS Noida, IX D

# Rejuvenation

**Sonakshi Uppal**  
AIS Saket, VIII D

In a deep sleep, you can't open your eyes  
Falling in the darkness of the wild lights

You try to restore the power that's inside  
But the magic fades away from your sight

In a deep sleep, you try to renew the light  
You can't wake up, you struggle and fight

You try to recall a vivid, cheerful memory  
But all you see are shadows and dying glory

You try again with all your power and might  
To revive the light that shines, oh-so-bright

You arrive back from your deep slumber  
Feeling rejuvenated in this world of wonder. **GT**





# Giving the liver a life

A Mix Of Regular Exercise And Balanced Food Intake Every Day Keeps Hepatitis At Bay

**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 VI** of this exclusive series, based on the panel discussions organised by YP teams in 2022-23, and a host of opinions as experts debate on 'Creating awareness on Hepatitis', the cause chosen by the YP team of AIS Vasundhara 1.



The panellists with the Youth Power team of AIS Vasundhara 1

## Vaccination is a lifesaver

**Panellist: Surendar Kumar**  
Founder, RANN

"Hepatitis B is often underestimated despite its extreme severity and lethality as compared to HIV. By educating people about it, promoting prevention measures, and emphasising the significance of timely intervention, one can contribute to saving lives and preventing the transmission of this disease. For those unsure about their Hepatitis B status, vaccination is key. Apart from that, administering the Birth Dot within eight hours of a child's birth, especially to the child whose mother is affected by Hepatitis B, is of utmost importance. This practice can help protect the baby from contracting the infection.



By informing more and more people about this preventive measure, we can reduce the spread of the disease from mother to child. While Hepatitis B is a life-long disease, it is indeed treatable with proper medication and timely care."

## Maintain a rainbow diet

**Panellist: Dr Nidhi Sahai**  
Dietician, Max Hospital, Vaishali

"To keep your liver healthy, it is essential to stick to a regular sleep and eat schedule. Breakfast, the most important meal of the day, should never be skipped, for not eating breakfast will result in you feeling lethargic and less focused. Curate a rainbow diet for yourself, which includes colourful fruits, vegetables, milk, eggs, and fresh non-vegetarian options for their holistic benefits. One of the most common myths regarding Hepatitis is that it gets aggravated by eating food that contains turmeric. But that isn't true;



turmeric, in fact, makes the food more appealing and has anti-inflammatory properties that help fight off any and every disease. One must instead avoid convenience foods and opt for healthier alternatives to be better prepared against diseases like Hepatitis."



Part VI

Expert Speak

## Shedding light on Hepatitis

**Panellist: Dr Nitin Manglik**  
Gastroenterologist, Fortis

"There are five types of Hepatitis viruses - A, B, C, D and E, out of which, A and E are self-limiting viruses. They are short-lived and are transmitted by food and water. Hepatitis B and C are chronic diseases which may remain for a lifetime and are transmitted by needle sharing, mother to baby, or sexual contact. While Hepatitis C can be treated, Hepatitis B is the most chronic of all. So, one should get themselves tested for Hepatitis B or C regularly, and should follow proper hygiene, regular tests, and timely treatment. We should also follow a balanced diet and avoid processed, and high-calorie food."



## Yoga is key

**Panellist: Nikita Kamboj**  
Freelancer, yoga trainer

"Yoga asanas like Mandukasana, Taadasana, Naukaasana, Dhanurasana, etc., and pranayamas like Kapalabhati, Anulom-Vilom, etc., can do wonders to our liver health. Even a simple physical activity like walking can contribute greatly to the churning of food in our intestines. In addition to that, one must maintain an early sleep schedule to improve their metabolism. Also, know that it is not necessary to eat boiled or bland food; just include healthy and fresh food to your diet and indulge in yoga alongside to live a healthy lifestyle."



## Take care of your liver

**Panellist: Dr Gyanendra Prakash**  
Founder member and managing trustee, Gautirhashram & consultant, Panchgavya Healthcare India Pvt Ltd

"Contrary to popular belief, fatty liver can affect anyone and everyone, even non-alcoholics for that matter. Besides, our liver performs several crucial functions in our body, like regulating our metabolism and improving digestion, making it imperative for us to look after its well-being. One way of achieving this is by incorporating natural herbs like Punarnava, Bhoomi amla, Kutki, and Kalmegh in your diet. It is also advisable to avoid consumption of packaged foods and aerated drinks."





# Amity bags National IP Award

Amity Group of Schools created history once again as AIS Mayur Vihar bagged the 'National Intellectual Property Award in ATL'. The award comes as an unprecedented feat, with AIS Mayur Vihar becoming the only school in India to achieve the same.

Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF and Dr Atul Chauhan, Chancellor, AUUP & President, RBEF, accepted the award during a prestigious ceremony held at Vigyan Bhawan on October 13, 2023. The award was presented by Mr Piyush Goyal, Honourable Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Textile, Consumer Affairs Food and Public Distribution, and Mr Abhay Karandikar, Secretary DST. The event was also attended by Dr W Selvamurthy, president, Amity Science, Technology, and Innovation Foundation; Meenu Kanwar, principal, AIS Mayur Vihar; Dr Smita Sahu, professor & director, Amity IPR Cell, Amity University; Dr Lalit Mittal, head, Amity's Children Science Foundation and Dr SK Singhal, sr coordinator & science coordinator, AIS MV. The National Intellectual Property (IP) Awards are conferred every year to recognise and reward the top achievers com-



Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan & Dr Atul Chauhan receive the award

prising individuals, institutions, organisations and enterprises, for their IP creations and commercialisation, which have contributed towards strengthening the IP eco-system

in the country and in encouraging creativity and innovation. The National IP Awards are intended to encourage innovation and management of intellectual property portfolio that

influences the success of the innovation in different industry segments.

This year National Intellectual IP Awards introduced a new category 'Special Citation Atal Tinkering Laboratories (ATL)'. Amity International School, Mayur Vihar emerged victorious in each of the five categories of the award with its extensive work in the field of STEM by conducting numerous activities for students to comprehend STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) concepts with its state-of-the-art ATL laboratory with the highest number of scientific instruments and facilities available for video-conferencing and meeting rooms.

The school had worked hard in the said field, securing several credentials in the process to make it through the rigorous screening; one of them being that AIS MV saw the highest number of students participating and being recognised in national, regional, state and district level competitions. In addition, the school had also conducted extensive activities at various levels including competitions, problem solving workshops, seminars, webinars, conferences, exhibitions and more. The school's work in the given field for the past three years was assessed as a qualification for the award. [G T](#)

# Fantastic plastic

The Global Times

Eshal Ahmad, IX C and Sidhant Sinha, XI H, AIS MV

The Global Times, in association with Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), organised an extensive series of activities to create awareness on 'Responsible use of plastic' exclusively for the Amity Group of Schools & Amitasha from August 17-September 22, 2023. The awareness series, organised under the visionary leadership and guidance of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, witnessed active participation from 5000 students across 18 schools pan India.

The eye catching part of the programme was '30 minutes interactive lecture series' held in each branch of Amity International School across Delhi/NCR by the senior experts from Indian Oil. They showcased a presentation which highlighted a world without plastic and debunked various misconceptions about it, like plastic accounts for the largest share of waste in the world and it cannot be recycled. Further, they apprised the students that using plastic respon-



Winners with their certificates

sibly is the only way forward. The lectures were followed by a fun quiz in which 10 winners from each school were awarded. Moving on, the activity 'From Waste to Wonder' prompted Amityans to use plastic effectively. For the same, students created artefacts, sculptures, and gardens using pet bottles and plastic waste; the plants for which were provided by IOCL. AIS Noida won the award for 'Best Eco-Friendly Garden'; AIS Vas 1 bagged the winners position for 'Best Waste to Wonder Artefact', while the 'Most Innovative Use of Plastic

Waste' award went to AIS Gur 43.

Giving a creative expression to the series was the painting competition held in two categories-junior (Class I-VI) and senior (Class VII-XII). More than 1500 entries were received from students of Amity and Amitasha. Overall best three entries were selected by Indian Oil and were given prizes worth INR 7500, INR 5000, INR 3000 and certificates, while the best two entries from each participating school were recognised. Ashmi S (IX) AIS Noida, won first prize, Qayla Unis Kamili (XI) AGS



AS Sahney presents the memento

Gur, got second prize, and Vedant Sharma (XI) AIS Vas 6, bagged third prize. Amitasha girls made a mark by bagging first prize across the grades. The winners were Moni (VI) Amitasha Gur 46, Nisha (XI) Amitasha Noida, Himanshi (IX) Amitasha Gur 43, and Mitali (VII) Amitasha Saket.

The series culminated with a felicitation ceremony organised by Indian Oil on September 22, 2023, which was graced by AS Sahney, Executive Director, (Petrochemicals), IOCL. To acknowledge Chairperson's support towards the campaign, Mr Sahney presented a special memento, which was received by managing editor, The Global Times on behalf of Chairperson. All the winners were felicitated in the ceremony.



# The cliché crew



Shivika Gupta, X A & Priyamvada, X B  
AIS Mayur Vihar

People change, photographs don't. And the one thing that supplements this permanency is how every partaker in a chaotic group photo takes on a unique role; roles that are cliché enough to be applicable to every single group picture that gets clicked in any part of the world. Here's presenting you some of them...

## The snazzy shutterbug

Meet the great photographer, the one who placates the group with sweet nothings such as, "It will only take a few minutes to set up the camera" and then spends eons doing the same. Although he was told about the lineup way in advance, making last-minute amends as he chases his next masterpiece, tops the priority list for him.

## The abstracted alarm

One certainly cannot forget the designated human reminder app that keeps prompting everyone to check their outfits, but forgets to remind himself and ends up looking frazzled in the picture. This one's a bit annoying, but integral nevertheless. For who

else's going to meet your 'meme material' demands once the photograph's out!

## The networking ninja

What's a photograph without the new-age kid who's obsessed with social media and scrolls through his phone even when a picture is being clicked? Nothing, we say. The smile on his face doesn't come from the moment's happiness but the newest meme. Their funky pose isn't a new trend though, it's an attempt to look half decent even with their gaming-induced bad posture.

## The swanky supermodel

Off to the Met Gala, darling? Have you encountered this one person who swears to himself he's a supermodel material, tries to prove his mettle by posing like he's in a Vogue photo-shoot every chance he gets. While the posing does get annoying, the confidence is LIT. And if, heaven forbid, you missed out on capturing his LV shoes, look straight and RUN.

## The pouting princess

Time may have moved forward, but the pout has still not gotten old. And it is pretty much normal to witness that one despised cousin of the family commit it to their muscle memory to purse their lips every time a camera comes in view. One good look at the photo, and we can't help but wonder what trail of thought entered our mind when we joined them in the cliché pose. The cult's (read: curse) real, we tell you!

## Album review

# A tale of 'epic love'

**Album:** Dhun  
**Artist:** Dream Note  
**Released on:** April 21, 2022  
**Genre:** Indian Pop



**Synopsis:** In the album 'Dhun', the artist 'Dream Note' does a wonderful job by touching the heart of every listener. He grabs our attention through his meaningful and simple lyrics which come across as if they are telling his personal story. Especially the song 'Kahaani', is penned in a conversational manner and portrays all the emotions one feels while being close to, or far from, someone special. He paints all the emotions of love, hope, despair, anger etc. in vibrant colours and shows the reality of the world wonderfully. The singer talks about how he never thought he'd find love and, through his

song, explains how even though people might feel sorrow when alone, yet they can smile and be hopeful while dealing with life in a positive way. He also elaborates on the idea of 'epic love' which means that if one finds the right person, one feels happy and content even on the darkest days.

**Why is it worth listening:** The entire album gives you a soothing vibe and calms you down when you are feeling anxious or lonely.

Everyone can relate with it for some reason or the other. It takes us into the real world where sadness and happiness, good and bad co-exist. Listening to the songs is like being on an emotional roller-coaster while also learning the lessons of life that no one really talks about these days.

**Favourite song:** Kahaani

**Rating:** 4.5/5

**Review by:** Ashutosh Verma

AIS VYC Lucknow, XI A

## GT Travels to Himachal Pradesh



**Shanaya Raghav, AIS Noida, I C, poses with her copy of The Global Times in front of Rohtang Pass, a mountain pass on the Pir Pangal Range of Himalayas, around 51 km from Manali. The pass, open from May to November, is famous for picturesque view of the valley and various sports such as mountain biking, snow scooters, and skiing.**

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