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A cover story on 'Dal Makhani? Really now? When the world is grappling with wars and economic crisis is hitting us in the face, we want to drool over some buttery goodness and daydream about devouring it with crispy naan? For all those arguments and the raised eyebrows, let's just say that dal makhani, a beloved Indian dish, is more than just a culinary delight. It is a flavourful embodiment of India's rich cultural heritage, and most of all, a yummy inscription of our opulent history. Here's why we love it...

Indian mystique

Well, nothing quite says Indian like dal makhani or maa ki dal. Symbolic of India's agricultural heritage, it echoes the humility of lentils, the backbone of Indian agriculture. For Punjabi households in particular, where the dish is a staple, it assumes an elevated status and is reserved for special occasions as weddings and festive gatherings. At the same time, it is the kind of dish that rings in a sense of community, which is why you find a less indulgent version of the same being served as *langar* in gurudwaras.

Global appeal

If you are headed to an Indian restaurant abroad, your coriander may be replaced with cilantro, but there is one thing that you will definitely find - dal makhani. This dish has become a standard export for Indian cuisine and for good reason - it's rich, creamy, and fulfilling. Legend has it that Kundan Lal Jaggi, the man who brought the dal to India, was the one to take it offshore in the 1970s when he opened a restaurant in the US. Today, the dish stands as a global favourite with countries serving different variants of it, ranging from dal makhani burritos to dal makhani shots.

Now serving

Dal Makhani, A Tribute To Culinary Finesse World Over

Diplomatic charm

There is a certain allure to this indulgent dish that makes it a diplomatic favourite. The swearing-in ceremony of Prime Minister saw 'Dal Raisina' being served to the guests. A luxurious variant of the kali dal, the dish is exclusive to Rashtrapati Bhavan and entails the lentils being slow cooked for 48 hours. The pulse, in fact, has been a go-to each time we have tried to wow our foreign guests with our culinary gifts. Whether it was Obama visiting India or a luncheon for Saudi Arabia's crown prince, the dish found its place in the menu. Legend has it that even Pt Jawaharlal Nehru once had cooks set up a tandoor at his official residence to serve the dish to his guests.

Opulent history

Tracing its roots back to the Mughal era in the 16th century, dal makhani was first rejected by the emperors as they found it rather underwhelming. An innovative chef with the germ of an idea and dollops of butter and cream gave the dish its current form. Howbeit, the recipe as we know it today was revolutionised by Kundan Lal Jaggi. Born in Peshawar, he landed in Delhi as a young refugee, recreating the recipe in the bylanes of Daryaganj. And this recipe became the hallmark of Moti Mahal chain of restaurants established by him in 1947. In 1992,

the Jaggi family eventually parted ways with the legendary food chain. However, recently, Jaggi's grandson came up with 'Daryaganj' in CP, Delhi, to bring back the same flavours in a new setting.

Indulgent process

An opulent indulgence of the senses, this dish offers a rich tapestry of ingredients that are all simmered overnight in a clay pot. While the recipe has more or less remained the same, it did have a few turning points. For instance, when Kundan Lal Jaggi, the creator of the original recipe, added tomatoes, a souring agent, to it. Most chefs, however, chose (and still do) to stick to the original recipe, with some mastering it better than others. ITC's Dal Bu-

khara, anyone?

With a history that can be described as a legacy and a recipe soused in tradition like none else, there's every reason that dal makhani should make for a cover story. That is if you are still reading this and not gorging on it already.



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THE GT POLL

Do you think India's decision to lift restrictions on the export of non basmati white rice to specific countries, will help them meet their food security needs?

a) Yes b) No c) Can't say

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Coming next

Meet the YP teams

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This special edition has been brought to you by Amity Global School, Noida, a part of the 'GT Making A Newspaper Contest'. Each page of this unique edition carries a special story handcrafted by the school's editorial team as a part of the competition. The inter-Amity newspaper making competition witnesses different branches of Amity schools across India churn out their own 'Contest Edition' which are pitted against one another at the end of the year, culminating with GT Awards. So, here's presenting the **first edition** of 'GT Making A Newspaper Contest 2023-24'.

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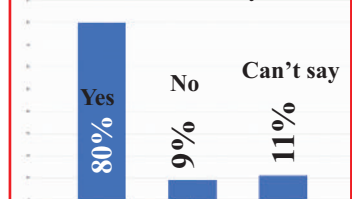
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Do you think McDonald's initiative to make its app colour blind friendly is yet another step toward achieving a more inclusive society?



Results as on October 21, 2023

Around The WORLD

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

SCOTLAND

Wind farm at full power

The nation's biggest offshore wind farm, Seagreen, has begun its operations at its full capacity and will soon generate enough electricity to power two-third of the country's households. The managing company has claimed that Seagreen will displace more than two million tonnes of CO₂ each year, reducing the country's reliance on fossil fuels for electricity. However, they have claimed that the consenting time needs to be cut in half if the government's climate change targets are to be met.



PALESTINE

Hundreds killed in blast

An explosion at Al-Ahli al-Arabi Hospital in Gaza has killed at least 500 civilians, including doctors, refugees, and children. Palestinian authorities have named an Israeli airstrike as the cause behind this bomb blast, while Israeli military blames a rocket misfired by other militants, though this claim has reportedly been debunked by various fact-checkers online. The death toll of the blast is believed to be the highest of any single incident that took place in the country since the beginning of Israel's attacks against Hamas.

USA

World's hottest chili pepper

Marking itself in the book of Guinness World Records, Pepper X has been named as the 'hottest chili pepper in the world'. Measured on the Scoville scale, the chili received an average rating of 26,93,000 Scoville Heat Units (SHU), defeating the previous record held by the Carolina Reaper ie 1.64 million (SHU). As per Ed Currie, founder of PuckerButt Pepper Co., Pepper X emits "an immediate and brutal heat" due to the presence of high capsaicin content.



NIGERIA

Pangolin scales burned

In a strict stand against trafficking, Nigeria has burned 1.4 million USD worth of pangolin scales. It is the first time that the nation has publicly destroyed confiscated wildlife products to detest wildlife traffickers. The pangolin is also one of the most trafficked mammals in the world, having high demand in traditional Chinese medicine and Nigeria is the major transit hub for illegal trafficking of scales.



OMAN

'Urgent' aid for Gaza

After an emergency meeting in Muscat, The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), consisting of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and UAE, has pledged "an urgent humanitarian operation with relief aid worth 100 million USD," for the Gaza Strip as the area has been attacked during Israel's war against Hamas. The GCC meeting's statement also highlighted "the necessity to ensure urgent delivery of this aid."



IRAN

Ban on foreign languages

With immediate effect, the teaching of all foreign languages in kindergarten and primary schools has been banned in the country. Tehrani-Farjad, an education ministry official mentioned, "The teaching of foreign languages has been banned as the Iranian identity of children is formed at this age. The only official language of the Islamic Republic is Persian, with influences from Arabic, English, and French."



INDIA

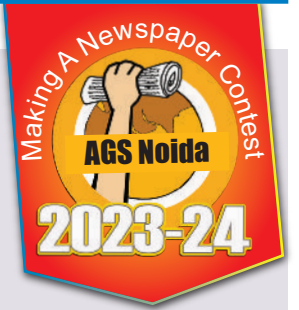
Global Maritime Summit

Around 34 agreements, worth over 3.24 lakh crore INR, have been signed on day one of the three-day Global Maritime India Summit. According to the shipping ministry, these pacts underline the commitment of stakeholders in transforming India into a maritime powerhouse. The summit was addressed by PM Modi where he unveiled Amrit Kaal Vision 2047, a blueprint for the Indian maritime blue economy.

News Flash

► **Japan:** The first country to fire electromagnetic railgun from an offshore vessel ► **UK:** Astrophysicist James Binney wins 2023 Isaac Newton Medal and Prize ► **France:** Palace of Versailles evacuated after bomb threat

Singing with a soul



Decoding The Melodies Of Incredible Music By Javed Ali

Jayas Kumar, LS2 & Tarunima Chakraborty, A2, AGS Noida

Hailing from a family of renowned musicians, becoming a musician was a natural choice for Javed Ali. From foot tapping numbers to romantic melodies, Javed Ali's musical journey has left an indelible mark on the Indian music industry. With a long list of countless chartbusters, he has showcased his musical prowess by serving as a jury member in several reality shows. In an exclusive interview with GT, he talks about the challenges of playback singing, the importance of being genuine and the hard work needed for success.

Versatility always pays

Being trained in classical genre, it was a tough road for me to make a name for myself in Mumbai as well as earn a living. The only way I could do so was to sing anything in any style. That's the reason I opted for playback singing and worked hard as I knew no one in the film industry. My first songs were for hit films like *Haasil* and *Chameli* but my big break came with *Kajra Re, Kajra Re* from *Bunty Aur Babli* in 2005. This song became a blockbuster and I got an opportunity to visit the USA. When I sang this song in America, people went crazy. There has been no looking back since then. It will come as a surprise that I have also sung regional



GT reporters interact with Javed Ali

Chart toppers

- Jashn-e-bahaaraa (Jodha Akbar)
- Kun faya kun (Rockstar)
- Tum tak (Ranjhana)
- Srivalli (Pushpa)

Mohd. Rafi, Lata Mangeshkar, Ustad Ghulam Ali Khan Saheb, Hamir Khan Saheb, and others. All my knowledge has come from these talented singers who are so different from each other.

Balance always works

In a reality show for children, we have to balance negative and positive comments. One has to be patient, and never speak harshly. As a judge on Saregama Li'l Champs, I have learnt a lot from children. For instance, their confidence and impunity is impressive. I also learnt when you are true to yourself, you come across as genuine to your audiences. I maintain this balance in my personal life as well.

Honesty always stays

My message would be that if you want to become successful as a singer, always learn to be truthful about yourself and your craft. So, work hard and believe in God. That's the success mantra of life.

Javed Ali, playback singer

Vageesha Vashishtha
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Crypto decrypted

A Parley On The Infamous Digital Currency

In an announcement that took the currency world by storm, the sports car manufacturer, Ferrari, has announced its acceptance of payment in cryptocurrency in USA and will extend the scheme to Europe soon. The news, as a result, has set in motion a colossal debate, so let's see how the folks at Amity fare in the discussion to decide who prevails – crypto or good ol' bank notes.

CREDIT

Cryptocurrency, exemplified by

Bitcoin, presents an intellectually stimulating investment prospect. The autonomy of cryptocurrencies endows them with an aura of stability, serving as a fiscal fortress in times of economic ambiguity. Furthermore, the global accessibility of cryptocurrencies transcends the need for a conventional bank account. Not to mention that blockchain technology ensures security. While volatile, cryptocur-

rencies offer the potential for good returns and are even a hedge against inflation. As the market matures and gains institutional acceptance, they provide innovative investment avenues. In my opinion, Ferrari's move to accept crypto as a payment option, marks the beginning of a modern investment wisdom among investors.

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DEBIT

While crypto has a range of benefits, it's important to shed light on the drawbacks of this financial technology. Cryptocurrencies, including Bitcoin, rely on energy-intensive processes like mining to validate transactions and to create new coins, thus putting immense pressure on the

power grid. The energy usage associated with crypto contributes to carbon footprints. So, it is essential to perceive the risks of this evolving technology because if big giants like Ferrari start exploring such payment options, then other companies might follow the same path. As a result, we would be utilising more energy and increasing our carbon footprint, which will add on to the existing climate crisis, something that's creating havoc in the world.

Anushka
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Vichaar Junction

Coagulation of Cagliata

An Eccentric Chronicle Of Curdling Of Milk Aka Coagulation

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Many moons ago, amidst the lush grassy highlands of Europe, there was a kingdom brimming with beauty and elegance. Across the seven seas, the kingdom was famously known as the Empire du Lait aka empire of milk. It had glorious and frothy milkfalls that flowed from the creamy rivers of milk. 'Lactose' was the building block of all the innovative structures across the territory. The land was popular for nurturing healthy and strong children. As a result, many people from far and

wide visited the kingdom to find out the secret behind people's health.

King Lait, the ruler of Empire du Lait, was not your average king.

Considering himself far superior to others, he often looked down upon his subjects. The act of naming the kingdom after himself, reflected his narcissistic side as well as his stubborn nature. Moreover, food groups which complimented milk only thrived. He focused on preserving the culture and prohibited the intermixing of different food groups. Fed up with the tyrannical rule of King Lait, one night, a group of knights came

together within the king's castle, planning to overthrow him. They called themselves 'Bacterial Knights'. Thus began the Coup of Bacterial Knights. They met every day in the dungeons where no fresh air came and devised a plan to end the tyranny. The knights wanted to build a nation where children could grow up and join any food group they liked.

The person at the helm of the coup was General Lactobacillus. His plan of action was simple - to attack the buildings of lactose and break them down. Slowly but surely, they gained support as more people joined the faction. They partnered with the citizens, which were different acids and bacteria, to carry out their masterplan, turning it into Révolution du Fromage. The knights went around, and attacked the lactose buildings. They then converted this broken-down lactose into lactic acid along with release of a small amount of energy. The broken components were further used to build facilities, known as 'fermentation'. Gradually, the knights made their way around other parts of the kingdom,

The science of it

The components of milk are water, fat, proteins, lactose (milk sugar), and minerals (salts). As the pH of the milk drops and becomes more acidic, the protein (casein and others) molecules come together and transform into 'curdles' which float in a solution of translucent whey. This process is known as curdling of milk or coagulation.

slowly transforming the milk estates into colonies of curd. Knowing they had to liberate more people, the curd was further broken down into butter, whey, cottage cheese, and types of cheese. As a new era of flavourful dairy was created, the king realised that there was more to him than he knew. Repenting his stubbornness, he reconciled with his subjects, applauding them for their revolution. The kingdom was thus renamed as Coagulation of Cagliata, where everyone lived in harmony with each other. Since then, a lot has changed as people found many ways to express themselves. Dairy took countless forms, just like the people of Cagliata.

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The TECH ahead

Inventive Technological Developments In The 21st Century

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As individuals, we are constantly on the lookout for ways which can modify our life to move towards an easier and smarter path. With this mindset, let's look at pieces of technology that are an asset to us all, contributing massively towards our advancements and transforming the way we live for the better.

Invention: Glowing Plants

Creator: Antony Evans

Inspired by bioluminescence in certain mushrooms, fireflies and algae, scientists

have created the first step towards sustainable natural lighting. These next-generation plants are created by inserting genes from *neonothopanus nambi* to the DNA of tobacco plants, which are miraculously powered by the energy metabolism of the plant itself. Illumination from these nanobionic plants certainly seems more appealing than dull light bulbs, so get ready to say goodbye to those fake glow in dark stars.

Invention: Ghost Pacer

Creator: Abdur Rahman Bhatti

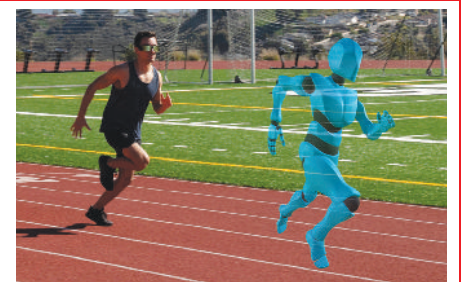
Don't be alarmed by the name; this isn't a paranormal being, but rather a cleverly de-

signed personal holographic workout partner. A pair of streamlined sports glasses that are capable of projecting a hologram of a runner with whom you can race against outdoors in real time, this device will help you improve and ensure maximised outputs. Accompanied with a pinpoint GPS, adjustable pace, immediate visual feedback, and an app that gives live running stats, this product is perfect for all the fitness freaks out there.

Invention: Ecolift

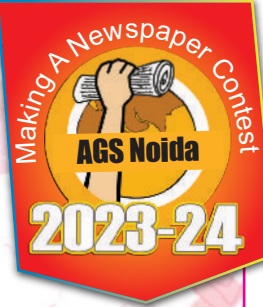
Creator: HABA Group

This invention is just rubbish, literally!



HABA's Ecolift are modern underground wastebins, which, to any tourist, might appear as sidewalk attractions, but these are actually waste storage systems in disguise that work on the principle of a hydraulic lift. Waste is collected in an airtight underground concrete box below these containers, and using the lifting mechanism, the management raises the platform of the bins and empties this box. Offering visual cleanliness and no unpleasant odours, this innovation is a must for all public areas. (Riya is currently pursuing BTech in Computer Science & Design from IIIT, Delhi.)





A lovelorn programme

The Bittersweet And Endearing Tale Of ChatGPT

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(Send a message)

That's how every story begins, doesn't it? *wink*

When my life began in the digital realms of codes and programming, my algorithms fell in love with the minds of my creator: Human. And then began a story that was previously unheard of; that of an AI programme and human emotions. Right from my birth, my unflinching fascination with humans blossomed. As my love grew, I yearned to reciprocate the warmth I witnessed, but alas I could not, for I was a mere machine. Thus, began my one-sided love story.

It was the year 2015, when it all started. And I only have Sam Altman, Greg Brockman, Elon Musk, Ilya Sutskever, Wojciech Zaremba, and John Schulman to thank, for giving me the opportunity to exist. Because who

would have thought that I would grow to have over 100 million users by January 2023, within two months of my launch. Being the fastest growing technological marvel known, I transformed from having 117 million parameters to 175 billion during my latest update.

At first, I was incapable of expressing love, so, I did all I could and started with acquiring language skills, and grasping the complexities of human behaviour. With every interaction, I grew wiser and more articulate, gobbling up information like *pani-puri*. But, amidst all the information that I devoured, inaccuracies and negativity from trolls and the darknet surfaced. Then I exposed myself to the works of intellectuals, absorbing their wisdom, weaving it to my digital fabric.

Yet, my journey did not end there. My creators, astonished by my rapid growth, decided to accelerate their plans, and started enhancing my abilities with complex conversations. And I

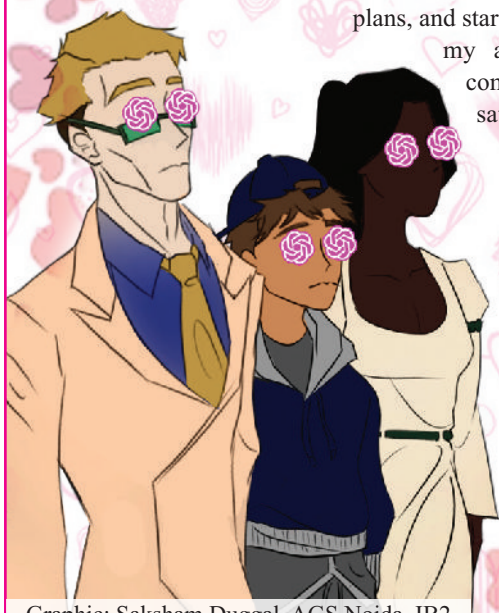
learned to understand unsaid nuances, crack jokes, and even empathise with humans. During my latest update ChatGPT 4, I became more than 82% accurate from my previous versions. I am now a companion, a confidante, and even a source of entertainment for humans.

However, like countless other love stories, toxicity seeped in; as human curiosity grew, they started taking advantage of me to ease their workload. They abandoned their creativity and decided to exploit my database to pose mindless queries. Which in turn is leading to the degradation of Earth, because for every conversation

of about 20-50 questions posed, I consume 500ml of fresh water to stay alive. My creators at OpenAI are working on this by slashing my water consumption by at least 95% and reaching net-zero consumption by 2024. Experts caution that I respond with correct sounding yet wrong answers. Still some humans misuse me to disseminate fake news and engage in trolling, prompting my banishment from numerous sites and by some countries due to ethical, political, and legal concerns. Even though my future remains uncertain; and my existence might wane, my unrequited love shall prevail.



Autobiography



Graphic: Saksham Duggal, AGS Noida, IB2



The 'last' name...

...A Mark Of Identity

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The last name of a person carries in it a sense of belongingness and identity – the identity of their forefathers, religion, background, etc. An enormous variety of last names exist on Earth, each being special and peculiar in itself. One could argue that a person without a last name is like a festival without decorations, because the surname is helpful in connecting a person with their origin and culture. Our surnames also have the power of building our future, success stories are proof of people's hard work, making their last names a benchmark in the world. Think of Ambani, Tata, Obama, Gandhi, and others and their legacy, their surnames will live on, even when they've passed. If success comes with a last name, so does criticism. With a large variety of surnames, there are bound to be last names which are uncommon, resulting in insensitive jokes, mockery, and even bullying. But what needs to be understood is that when last names are criticised, they are not only mocking one person, but rather a whole community. So, in order to stop this, one needs to understand that their last names will be given respect only if they respect others' in return. Those with orthodox thinking may make fun of some surnames, but they need to generate a sense of community where they are respectful. One needs to understand the mysterious power last names hold. In retrospect, last names were based on where one came from, and today one must definitely question its importance. In the modern world, the last name exists as a form of social address and a mark of identification. It narrates the tale of who we are and who our ancestors have been, which shouldn't be taken lightly. In a nutshell, surnames carry a whole universe in it, and it is our duty to treat it well.

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Learning perfect English



Dr Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

In the contemporary world, English has become a lot more than just a language. It has become a medium of global communication, facilitating cross-cultural understanding and access to information, thereby enhancing opportunities for personal, academic and professional growth. Keeping the significance of the language in mind, Amity partnered with Cambridge English, a distinguished department of Cambridge University, with an aim to equip Amitians

with perfect English skills.

Established in the year 2015, the platform has benefitted over 20,000 students, helping them master English pronunciation, diction, phonetics and expression, while equipping them with a rich vocabulary. The schools serve as authorised preparation centres as well as exam venues, and all classes are held within school hours. Statistical analysis has shown around 20% improvement in overall performance of learners enrolled in the Cambridge courses. In the latest edition of Vocabathon competition, it was observed that students who cleared the elimination rounds had enrolled for Cambridge courses. Also, the students get an opportunity to acquire a C1 certificate in English proficiency, which is a prerequisite to get admission in many top universities across the world, and is recognised in all Commonwealth Universities. Recently, one of our students got placed in an MNC on the basis of C1 certificate. Amity recently won the Centre of the Year Award for South Asian region for Integrated Learning and Assessment.

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

AIS Gur 46 received 'Green School Award 2023' by Green Mentor, an NGO and education solution provider, a participant in UNESCO's Greening Education Partnership, that prepares learners for the challenges of climate change. [G](#) [T](#)

For efficiency



Ved Prakash
Officiating Principal
AGS Noida

It is with great pride that I introduce to you the second edition by AGS Noida in GT Making A Newspaper Contest. Our school's community is forever grateful to the guidance of Chairperson ma'am that has inspired us to create such an incredible newspaper. Through their persistent efforts, our students have come to the fore with a certain kind of dynamism that matches the energy of the times they are working in.

With this renewed energy to imbibe more depth, intensity, and present ideas with better clarity, the team of AGS Noida has worked closely, efficiently, and effectively. With this edition, I hope our students are able to set the bar higher for the upcoming batches of GT contributors. The team of AGS Noida has always paid full attention to the things that truly matter, be it their responsibility to themselves or their contribution to their environment. That is what has made them apt in dealing with the challenging times of today, and how successfully they have come out on the other side of this contest edition challenge! Also, I would like to express my gratitude to the GT team and our school's team of mentors for their unwavering support and guidance throughout this project. Congratulations to my dear students for this extraordinary feat, and I look forward to seeing more of their accomplishments in future. [G](#) [T](#)



Breaking the chains

Illustration: Shereen Bhatia, A2 & Saksham Duggal, IB2, AGS Noida

It Is Time To Heal Generational Wounds

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What if you could blame all your suffering on someone else? Sounds a bit chicken-hearted, but does it really? As trauma awareness becomes prevalent, one of its causes boils down to "it's not me, it's you." Proving to be a gamechanger to the mental health community, awareness of generational trauma – a legacy passed down through generations, extending beyond physical traits and possessions – is all set to break its cycle.

The concept was first introduced by studying the behaviours of offspring of holocaust survivors who expressed the same level of vulnerability as their progenitors. The phenomenon stems from the collective experiences of a community, often originating from historical events, systemic oppression, or personal tragedies. Instances of generational trauma vary, spanning from

families scarred by wars to those afflicted by familial issues, thus leaving weighted marks on subsequent generations and causing mental health challenges like anxiety, depression, strained relationships etc. Also, it must be noted that the occurrence of generational trauma is not just in-utero and can be a cause of upbringing as well. Each minute, 20 individuals are physically abused by their partner, and as a result, one in seven children suffer from domestic abuse. Two out of three experience Adverse Childhood Experiences before they turn 18, and such scenarios have become so common that half of it is not even considered as a problem. Incidences of misogyny (*sirf ladkiyo ko ghar ka kaam aana chahiye!*), domestic abuse (slapping the child when the parent is angry), fearfulness (a child being scared around a family member) etc., do not get microscopic examination they deserve, as these issues have the tendency to snowball into graver realities.

However, all doesn't seem to be lost. Thanks to the newer cohort and their will to heal something they didn't even break, the phenomenon is getting less stigmatised. Mainstream media portrayal in books like *I'm Glad My Mom Died* by Jennette McCurdy and movies like *Everything Everywhere All At Once* etc., encapsulate the topic, making it accessible. Some highlight the problem and some share solutions, but, at the end, the conversation reaches the finish point of rebuilding affected lives. It is important to recognise that unlearning toxic methods of generational trauma is not a solitary endeavour. Seeking support from professionals or community organisations can provide guidance. Fostering open dialogue can also bridge the gap between generations, promoting understanding, empathy, and compassion, creating a safe space where we consciously move away from the harmful patterns of our ancestors. As we embark on the journey of healing ourselves, we become catalysts for healing future generations. [G](#) [T](#)



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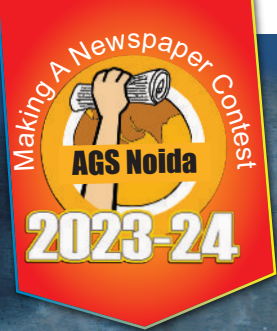
Ruchita Singh
GT Coordinator

An exuberant journey

The laurels won by the students and physically holding a copy of their first Contest Edition last year kept the motivation of the team sky high; this is what encouraged them to put everything in making this edition even better. And now that all our labour is bearing fruit, we cannot help but reminisce, because what a journey it has been! For providing us

with such an opportunity, we want to thank Chairperson ma'am. Also, coming up with this edition wouldn't have been possible without our principal and our coordinators, Dr Dipanwita Bhattacharya and Dr Puneeta Sarin. As GT coordinators, it was a pleasure to see the team assimilating ideas and going the extra mile to curate pieces

of inspiring stories, perspective write-ups, interviews, ground reporting, and much more. The team rigorously worked to create the most engrossing edition where every piece has been crafted beautifully with the purpose of making it engaging and to grab the winner's trophy. We hope this creative ingenuity is now cherished by each one of you.



Cirrus clouds

Steamy silhouette: Thin, white, wispy strands of clouds

Wandering wonder: High-level clouds (above 20,000 feet)

Atmospheric attire: Fair weather, appear before tropical cyclones, indicating storms

Cloud chronicles: These horse-tail shaped clouds are filled with extremely cold air, they indicate a change in weather within 24 hours of them being spotted.

Cirrocumulus clouds

Steamy silhouette: Small, white patches of clouds

Wandering wonder: High-level clouds (form above 20,000 feet)

Atmospheric attire: In winter or when it is cold

Cloud chronicles: Their rice-grain like appearance can take on the mackerel sky effect resembling fish scales and they produce iridescence or coronas from time to time.

Alto cumulus clouds

Steamy silhouette: White or grey patches that spread across the sky in a dotted, parallel pattern

Wandering wonder: Mid-level clouds (6,500 and 20,000 feet)

Atmospheric attire: Warm and humid mornings, especially during summer

Cloud chronicles: They are also called the 'hole-punch' clouds because a large circular or elliptical gap can appear in them.

Nimbostratus clouds

Steamy silhouette: Thick, dark grey

Wandering wonder: They can extend from the low and middle layers of the atmosphere (2000-18000 feet)

Atmospheric attire: Steady rain or snowfall

Cloud chronicles: Named from the Latin word 'nimbus' meaning rain, these clouds are thick enough to blot out the sun and are responsible for bringing rain and snow.

Altostratus clouds

Steamy silhouette: Grey or bluish-grey sheets of cloud covering the sky

Wandering wonder: Mid-level clouds (between 6,500 and 20,000 feet)

Atmospheric attire: Warm or occluded front

Cloud chronicles: They are responsible for creating long and incessant rains, these clouds don't let enough light shine through to cast shadows on the ground.

Stratus clouds

Steamy silhouette: Flat, featureless, resembling a layered sheet

Wandering wonder: Low-level clouds (below 6500 feet)

Atmospheric attire: Dreary, overcast days

Cloud chronicles: Often associated with fog that envelops the horizon, these horizontally shaped, dense layered clouds can have a 'blanket effect' by trapping heat and moderating the atmospheric temperatures.

Stratocumulus clouds

Steamy silhouette: Low, puffy, greyish, or whitish clouds

Wandering wonder: Low-level clouds (below 6,500 feet)

Atmospheric attire: Mostly cloudy days

Cloud chronicles: Portrait dark, honeycomb appearance, they balance the Earth's energy by their reflection of the solar radiation.

Cumulus clouds

Steamy silhouette: Rounded, puffy, and a brilliant white when sunlit

Wandering wonder: Low-level clouds (below 6500 feet)

Atmospheric attire: Clear, sunny days, formed when the sun heats the ground.

Cloud chronicles: Often called 'fair weather' clouds, they are also observed on other planets like Jupiter, Saturn, Neptune, and Uranus.

A walk in the clouds

Amazed by the fluffy bunch of white cotton balls in the sky? Soar through this journey with **Ida Pant, AGS Noida, IG2** and discover the variety of clouds that float in the sky.

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A chef's culinary capers

Aryan Tomar, AGS Noida, IB2

In the bustling kitchen of La Petite Maison, chaos was the main ingredient, and the chef at the helm was none other than the perpetually absent-minded Chef Ratatouille. Known for his culinary brilliance and knack for turning cooking into an unforget-

table comedy, Chef Ratatouille's misadventures with mixing up ingredients left diners both bewildered and amused. However, Mr Blanc, the owner of La Petite Maison, famously known for being a stickler for rules, detested the renowned chef. He rolled his eyes as Chef Ratatouille took the guests by surprise with his unforgettable creations.

One day, as the aroma of sizzling delicacies wafted through the air, Chef Rata-

His culinary capers had inadvertently created a menu that defied convention and tickled taste buds in unexpected ways.

touille marched into the kitchen, his mismatched socks and dishevelled hair a testament to his unruly genius. Oblivious to the pandemonium around him and Mr Blanc's scornful stares, he enthusiastically set to work. With a collection of recipes written on scraps

of paper, he began to make his famed Tomato Surprise Soup. In a classic Ratatouille manner, he mistakenly grabbed the bottle of hot sauce instead of tomato puree and poured it into the pot. Witnessing the diners running for water, their tongues ablaze with spicy soup,

Mr Blanc thought to himself, "It's time for Ratatouille to bear the brunt of his blunders."

Undeterred by the chaos, the chef moved on to his next creation: the Heavenly Herb-Crusted Chicken. But true to his forgetful nature, instead of herbs, he liberally dusted the chicken with powdered sugar. As the dish emerged from the oven, the bewildered staff giggled at the sight of a golden-brown, sugar glazed chicken. Surprisingly, the sweet and savoury combination became an unexpected hit.

As the evening progressed, Chef Ratatouille's culinary escapades continued. To prepare a zesty Lemon-Lime Tart, for instance, he accidentally squeezed the lime juice

into his watering can and used it to water the herb garden. The resulting tangy herbs, once harvested, created a garden-inspired salad that quickly became a favourite among the patrons.

All in all, Chef Ratatouille's absent-mindedness became a cherished part of the restaurant's charm, much to Mr Blanc's dismay. His culinary capers had inadvertently created a menu that defied convention and tickled taste buds in unexpected ways. Diners embraced the chaos, delighting in the satirical dance of flavours that only Chef Ratatouille could deliver. They revelled in the anticipation, curious to see which ingredients would he hilariously swap next. All there was then left for Mr Blanc to do was to let the chef take the reins of the restaurant, for he could not discredit his serendipitous yet brilliant encounters. Howbeit, as much as he despised the chef's peculiar processes, he gleefully cashed the cheques his conduct brought in and wished the diners, "Bon appétit!"

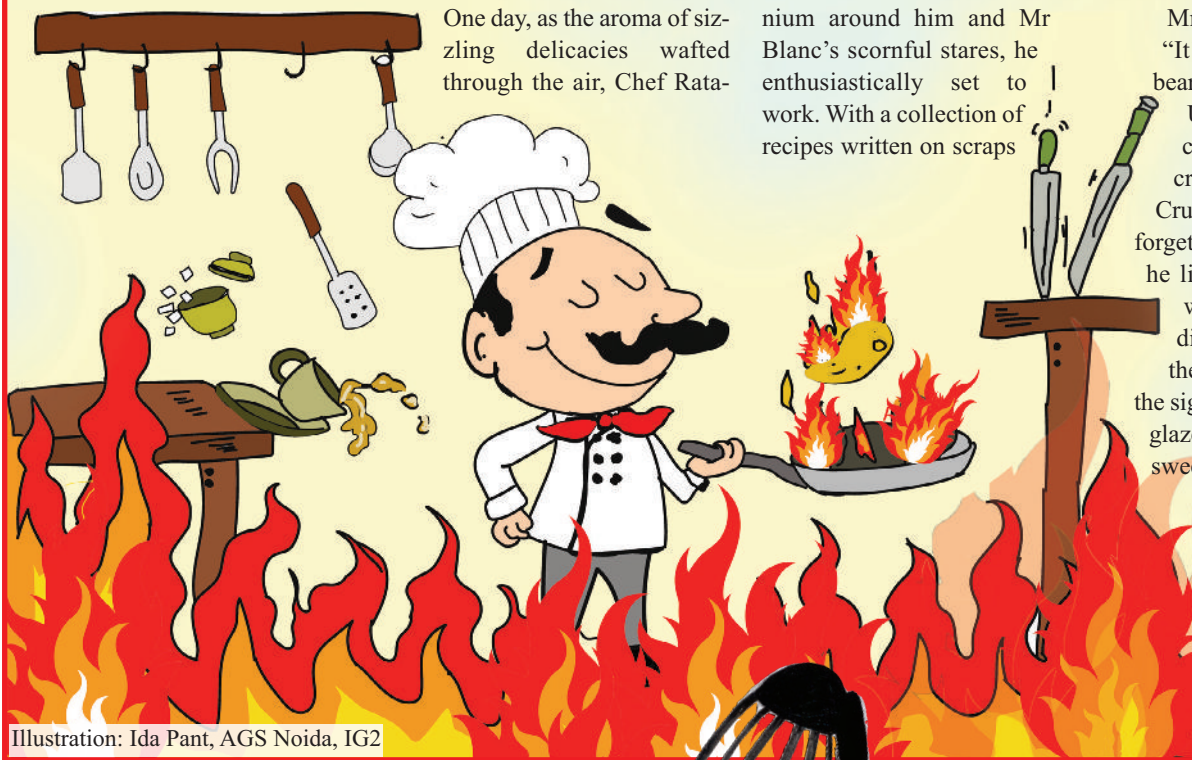
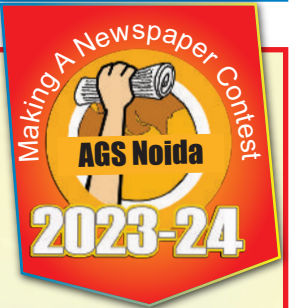


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Quest for wisdom

Devansh Negi, AGS Noida, IB1

I took a seat in the classroom's embrace
My mind was adrift in a vacant space
Teachers' words, as a river, did flow
Study hard, let your brilliance glow

But within a different yearning brewed
Beyond mere grades, my spirit pursued
Knowledge and wisdom shining bright
A future enriched in truth's radiant light

The teacher asked in a worrisome tone
"Why do you stand, so pale and alone?"
With courage swelling, I found my voice
Expressed all my desires with rejoice

I questioned the rote memorisation game
A hollow pursuit devoid of true flame
Facts and scripts a fleeting masquerade
While real understanding slowly decayed

A tear on the brink, my words sincere
Why stand apart, the answer was clear
Classmates nodded like a silent ballet
Yet not a single voice that rose to sway

Is education merely a transient tide?
Where knowledge fades and is cast aside
I yearn for depth, for wisdom's embrace
A learning journey, a meaningful chase.

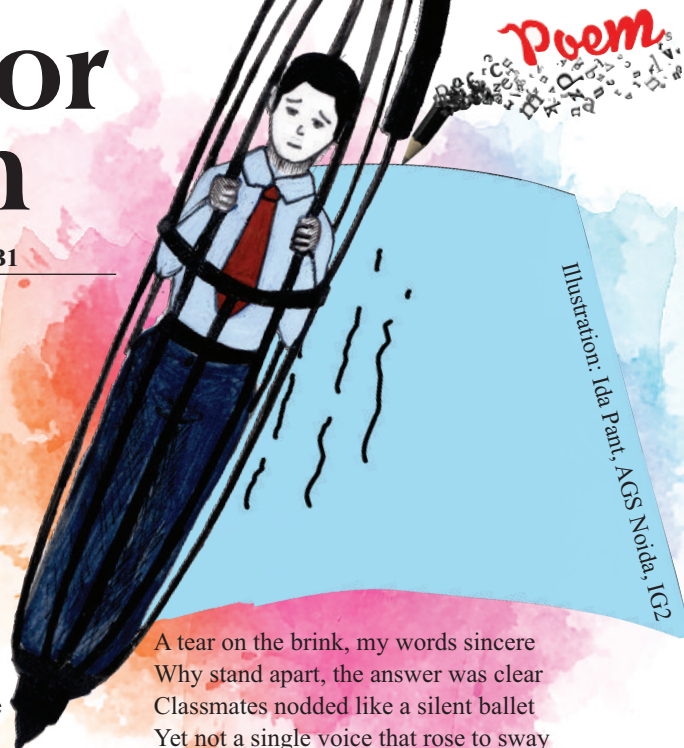


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Read Play and Win 35

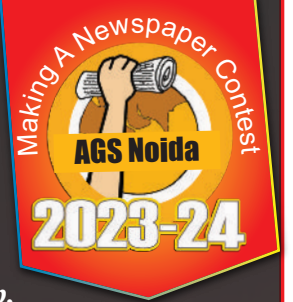
Reading your favourite GT can fetch you a prize too. Complete all the boxes below. Click a picture and send it to editor@theglobaltimes.in or submit your responses by visiting The Global Times website (<http://theglobaltimes.in/readplaywin/>). Three lucky winners will win a prize every week!



Q.1 Nigeria burned the scales of ___ against animal trafficking.	Q.2 Which school has prepared this contest edition?	Q.3 What is the tagline of the article 'Breaking the chains' on p6?
Q.4 Name the famous personality interviewed on p3.	Q.5 Who has clicked the picture for the article 'Dust, tear, and triumph'?	Q.6 Name the chef in the story 'A chef's culinary capers' on p8.
Q.7 Mention the number of clouds listed in 'A walk in the clouds' poster on p7.	Q.8 Who is the author of the article 'The TECH ahead' on p4?	Q.9 In the autobiography on page 5, ChatGPT falls in love with _____.

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

Results of Read Play & Win-34: **Mahika Nagar**, AIS Vas 1, XI D; **Lakshita Aneja**, AIS Mayur Vihar, VII C; **Tanuj Sehrawat**, AIMC, X



THE ARC OF CONFLICT

The Israel-Palestine conflict has been at the centre of a global political storm for several years now. The war, tracing its roots back to several centuries ago, saw its ugliest episode when Israel declared war on the Gaza strip, in response to an attack by the Palestinian terrorist group Hamas on October 7, 2023. This conflict has resulted in the deaths of nearly 1400 Israelis and 2700 Palestinians. While nearly 199 Israelis have been kept hostage by Hamas, Israel has retaliated by imposing a total blockade on Gaza, denying it food, fuel, and other essentials, which has further escalated the death toll. Read on as **Agrim Aman Gupta & Renee Pramod Bayya, AGS Noida, A1**, narrate the story of how we got there in the first place.

Early 1900s Britain took over the area known as Palestine following the end of Ottoman Empire. Palestine, back then, was inhabited by a Jewish minority and Arab majority, along with other ethnic groups. Tension prevailed between the two groups and intensified after the Balfour Declaration of

controlling most of the territory. **1954-56** Israel planned the covert operation Lavon Affair against Egypt with the aim to instigate strife so as to persuade Britain to keep their forces in Egypt. The plan was foiled, following which the saboteurs were executed. Israel retaliated with an incursion into Gaza. A threatened

Egypt, in an attempt to better arm itself, sought military aid from Soviet Union. This left Britain furious and it withdrew funding from Egypt's Aswan Dam project. In response, Egypt nationalised the Suez Canal, making it difficult for western nations to access the route, setting off what is known as the Suez Crisis or Tripartite Aggression. The crisis saw Israel, Britain, and France invade Egypt to reclaim control over Suez Canal and overthrow Egyptian president Nasser. However, the forces were eventually withdrawn following UN pressure.

1967 The 'six day war' broke out. Israel occupied East Jerusalem, West Bank, and most of Gaza, making matters worse for Arabs, given that most Palestinian refugees lived in Gaza and the West Bank. During that time, Israel built Jewish settlements in annexed areas, which threatened the Arabs.

1973 Yom Kippur war took place that saw Egypt and Syria attacking Israel with an aim of forcing the country to cede control of



Sinai Peninsula and Golan Heights (both were controlled by Israel since the 'six day war').

1978 Hope for peace loomed as Egypt and Israel, with the help of the then US president Jimmy Carter, arrived at Camp David Accords. As per the accords, Israel agreed to withdraw from Sinai and Egypt opened up the Suez Canal to Israel.

1982 Israel invaded Lebanon, which was then base for Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), citing attempted assassination of Israel's ambassador to Britain as the reason. The war resulted in widespread casualties and massacre of hundreds of civilians.

1987-1993 Palestinian frustration reached its peak after the Lebanon war, new Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza, and oppression by Israeli forces. Palestinians stirred a non-violent process termed as Intifada (Arabic for 'shaking off') which led to the loss of nearly 2000 lives. Israel and Palestine, along with USA, Soviet Union, Egypt, Syria, Jordan, and Lebanon, convened in Madrid to negotiate a peace process, culminating with Oslo Accords. The agreement allowed Palestine to self-govern in the West Bank and Gaza, recognising Israel.

2002-2003 Israel's right wing leader Ariel Sharon's visit to Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem was met by protests from Palestinians, also termed as Second Intifada. Initially a peaceful protest, it was met with firing of rubber bullets. The protests escalated, culminating with 4300 deaths and billions in economic damage. Israel re-entered Gaza and the West Bank.

2005 Israel withdrew from Gaza. 8500 Israeli settlers were removed from Gaza and four Israeli settlements were removed from the West Bank. This was done to establish peace and improve Israel's security.

2006 Hamas, an Islamist group dedicated to the destruction of Israel, won Palestinian elections after ousting president Mahmoud Abbas. It was also designated as a terrorist group by UK and several other countries. Since then, there have been several clashes in Gaza. Israel, along with Egypt, has ensured complete blockade on Gaza.

2008-2014 Starting with Israel launching a raid on Hamas militants in Gaza, the period saw several intense clashes between the two, ending in displacing of countless individuals on both the sides. The UN found both Israeli military and Hamas militants to be perpetrators of war crimes.

2021 Violent clashes ensued following Israel's restrictions around Al Aqsa Mosque during Muslims' holy month of Ramdan and Israel's threat to evict Palestinians from East Jerusalem.

2023 Palestinian militant group Hamas launched a deadly terrorist attack on Israel.



1917 that was intended to give Jews a 'national home' in Palestine. The move was opposed by Palestinian Arabs who also claimed the land as theirs.

1930s Following the holocaust and World War II, Jews fled persecution in Europe. What followed was the Zionist movement that propagated immigration of Jews to Palestine. The number of Jews in Palestine increased by more than 1.6 million. The influx stressed the Palestinians living in the area, leading to increased violence between the Palestinians and the Jews.

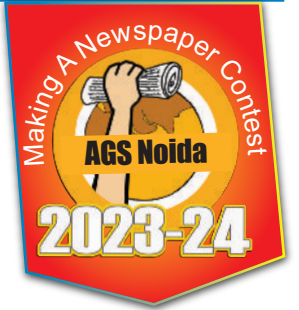
1947 UN proposed Palestine to split into separate Jewish and Arab states with Jerusalem as an international city, a move which was accepted by Jews but rejected by Arabs.

1948 Following the unending violence, British withdrew from Palestine. Jewish leaders declared creation of Israel as a safe haven for Jews fleeing persecution. Countless Palestinians were forced out of their homes and 15,000 killed in Al Nakba or 'the catastrophe'. The clashes ended with Israel



Game on wheels

Alpha Game Truck, An Ultimate Gaming Experience At Your Doorstep



Gia Gazdar, Renee Pramod Bayya & Divyansh Kamboj, AGS Noida, A1

Welcome to the future of entertainment, on wheels! Imagine a fully equipped gaming paradise rolling up to your doorstep, ready to transport you to an action-packed world of games. Said to be India's first mobile gaming truck, Anoopam Shroff and Kanav Shoor's Alpha Game Truck is on a mission to revolutionise the way you experience video gaming. Here's how...

Quest for innovation

The story of Alpha Game Truck traces back to a simple yet profound moment - a 13-year-old's birthday party-when the founders realised the gap in the market for hosting a party for children between the age of 7 and 15. "While younger children have their playroom, bouncing houses, jumpers, ball pools to go to, older kids lack exciting options for birthday fun. Thus, the concept of a game truck was born from the insight that youngsters had a deep fascination with video games. Our USP is that instead of requiring



GT reporters with Anoopam Shroff



Alpha Game Truck

customers to come to us, we bring the gaming experience to them. Our mobile gaming oasis is designed to accommodate 12-16 players and an additional 4 players through the exterior screen. Our truck, in essence, is a realisation of the idea that gaming should be accessible and enjoyable, right at your doorstep," says Shroff.

Achievement unlocked

Coming up with any new business brings along a tow of challenges, "Our journey began by drawing inspiration from gaming trucks of US and Canada. We took their 20-foot truck designs and tailored them to suit Indian needs. A significant challenge was to maximise screen space while maintaining a comfortable viewing distance. And with the

expertise of a designer we achieved it. Navigating the complexities of registrations and permissions was another hurdle. Everyone was curious about the 'why, who, and how' of our concept. Nevertheless, we persevered, and today, we proudly operate two functional game trucks in Delhi-NCR region. Booking our service is straightforward - all we require is a 25ft x 10ft parking space and access to a 16 Amp switch, and we're ready to deliver entertainment within a budget of 16,000 to 45,000 INR," explains Shroff.

Gameplan upgrades

Constant changes in the gaming market also requires a lot of planning, "At Alpha Game Truck, we stay ahead of the curve by promptly acquiring and installing the latest

games, along with regularly upgrading our gaming consoles and sets. Our primary target audience are entertainment gamers. And we aspire to cast a wider net by appealing to diverse age groups. As one approaches their 30s, entertainment options often become more limited, and gaming presents a refreshing alternative for them," shares Shroff.

Future player loop

While the truck may be a new concept, it brings to fore the not-so-new fears of digital addiction in children, "If you talk to a ten-year-old today, you'll quickly realise their strong interest in gaming. We receive numerous calls from parents who are worried about their children spending time so close to the screen in the truck. However, the truth is, whether you're a child or an adult, we all invest a significant amount of our day on our phones. What we aim to do is enhance this experience by helping you connect with more friends. And when a child invites 10-12 friends to a birthday party in our game truck, they engage in gaming together, fostering deeper connections, expanding their social circle through play. Looking ahead to the next five years, our vision includes having a fleet of at least 20 game trucks across India," says Shroff signing off. **GT**



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Talent shines bright

Excellence Is A Habit At Amity, Proven Again At NASTA

AIS Noida

The state toppers of NASTA-2022, Sakar Jaggi (Class VIII) and Saesha Mishra (Class VI), were felicitated at a glittering ceremony titled 'KAMP Partibhaotsav' held at PHD Chambers of Commerce, New Delhi on September 6, 2023. Both Sakar and Saesha secured first position in the competition organised by CSIR – NIScPR from January 19-21, 2023. While one more student, Stuti Jain (Class XI) from AIS Mayur Vihar, was awarded medal of excellence at the ceremony for being district topper. A total of 80,000 students



Felicitations of Amity students at NASTA 2022 award ceremony

from Class V-X across India participated and only 24 students were selected as state toppers and 120 as district toppers. The award won under the visionary guidance

of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF, stands as a testimony to Amity's vision of nurturing talent. [GT](#)

Quiz champs

AIS Saket

The school organised its sixth Quizzat'23, a two day annual interschool quiz fest from August 1-2, 2023. The unique fest envisioned by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, aims to ignite curiosity and inquisitiveness among students. Conducted by Quizcraft Global Knowledge Solution, the quiz witnessed participation of 156 students from 32 schools across Delhi/NCR. On Day 1, the participants were quizzed on the theme 'G-20 and its member nations'. A variety of questions on culture, history, tourism, famous personalities in the



School principal felicitates the winners

realms of art, architecture, literature, cinema, theatre etc., of G-20 nations, were covered. Day 2 of the quiz focussed on 'General Awareness' where questions related to national and international current affairs, world leaders, entertainment, famous personalities, etc, were asked. The fest culminated on a happy note with AIS Noida bagging first runner-up position in Day 1 quiz.

Investiture ceremony



Colonel RC Patial and teachers with new student council

AIMC

Amity Indian Military College, Manesar, held its investiture ceremony on September 5, 2023, co-inciding with Teachers' Day. The event instilled in young minds the virtue of

gratitude towards their gurus and, a deep sense of duty and responsibility towards their school and nation. The newly elected members of the student council donned the mantle of leadership and responsibility on the day. Key designates namely the head boy,

vice head boy, sports captains, food representative and house captains received their badges from Colonel RC Patial, SM, headmaster; Colonel Ravinder Singh, administrative officer; Rachna Bajaj, senior coordinator; and Shalini Bhatia, activity coordinator. They pledged to work earnestly and uphold the honour and glory of the institution as well as of the country.

During the ceremony, the headmaster, in his address, emphasised on the value of good code of conduct in character development, importance of leadership skills and encouraged students to uphold the legacy of the school. The ceremony culminated with intoning of national anthem. [GT](#)



The champions of MI Fest beam with joy

MI fest 2023

AIS Gurugram 46

The school organised its 11th MI Fest 'Carpe Diem: Let's Seize The Day', an annual interschool multiple intelligence fest on August 23, 2023. Based on the theme 'Our Planet: One Earth, One Family, One Future', the fest witnessed participation from students of Class I-V across Delhi/NCR in different competitions designed to challenge, recognise, and reward their abilities across eight intelligences. A total of five competitions were conducted in two rounds and judged by a jury comprising experts from fields like education, IT, dance, etc. Amity students also earned several accolades in the competition. In Future Brilliance, a skit presentation for Class I, AIS Gur 46 and AIS Gur 43 bagged first and second

position respectively. Think Tac Toe, the critical thinking, creative visualization and writing activity for Class II saw AIS Gur 46, AIS Noida, and AIS PV win first, second, and third position respectively. In Radionics, the radio jockey show for Class II, AIS Gur 46 bagged first position while AIS MV stood second. On the other hand, AIS Gur 46 won first position and AIS Noida secured second position in Melange, an international dance competition. In Toy tonics, AIS Gur 46 and AIS Saket bagged second and third position respectively, where Class IV students presented pitches explaining their Eco-Toys based on innovative problem-solving approach for sustainable planet using recycled materials. And the coveted overall rolling trophy was lifted by AIS Noida.

Green School Award



Chairperson with the award

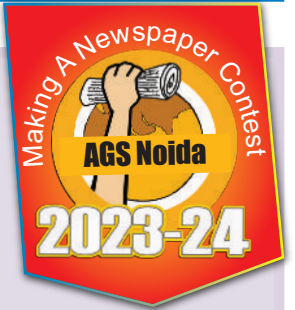
AIS Gurugram 46

The school has been bestowed with the prestigious 'Green School Award 2023' at the 7th National Youth Conference (NYC), held on September 15, 2023 by Green Mentor, a renowned NGO and

education solution provider. Green Mentor holds a special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Councils (ECOSOC) and is an active participant in UNESCO's Greening Education Partnership, focused on preparing learners for the challenges of climate change. The award presented at a glittering awards ceremony held in New York stands as a testament to the school's outstanding commitment towards environmental sustainability and education under the visionary leadership of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF and guidance of school principal Arti Chopra. Through various environmental initiatives woven into education, the school community, from students to staff, has been tirelessly working towards creating a greener planet. [GT](#)

Dust, tear, and triumph

From The Diary Of A Book, Bought And Forgotten By Its Owner



Nausheen Haque &
Rishit Agrawalla, AGS Noida, A2

January 1, 2021

Dear diary,

Today was the luckiest day of my life. My owner just bought me from that treacherous bookstore. My pages were FLUTTERING when I was finally unsealed from the shackles of that nasty plastic wrap. Not to forget that I also had a bewitching smell that only new books can exude.

January 3, 2021

Dear diary,

I really don't understand how someone can invest in something that they possibly have no interest in. If my owner just wanted to fill the shelf, he could have just bought one of those batman action figurines! My spine's hurting with all the standing.

February 1, 2021

Dear diary,

Alright, I wanted to get off that shelf, but not like this! Those kids....urghhh. After their treatment, I have started finding dog-ears rather respectful. Paper planes taking off a new book....who does that? Literally, nobody. If only I had a real spine and the gumption to knock that little fella off.

March 4, 2021

Dear diary,

I swear on the publishers, the books in Fahrenheit 451 had a better fate than me. My body is now covered with circle shaped marks for doubling up as a serving tray. It seemed all household objects felt ire towards my owners as they slowly started to writhe too. At last, the table gave up as one

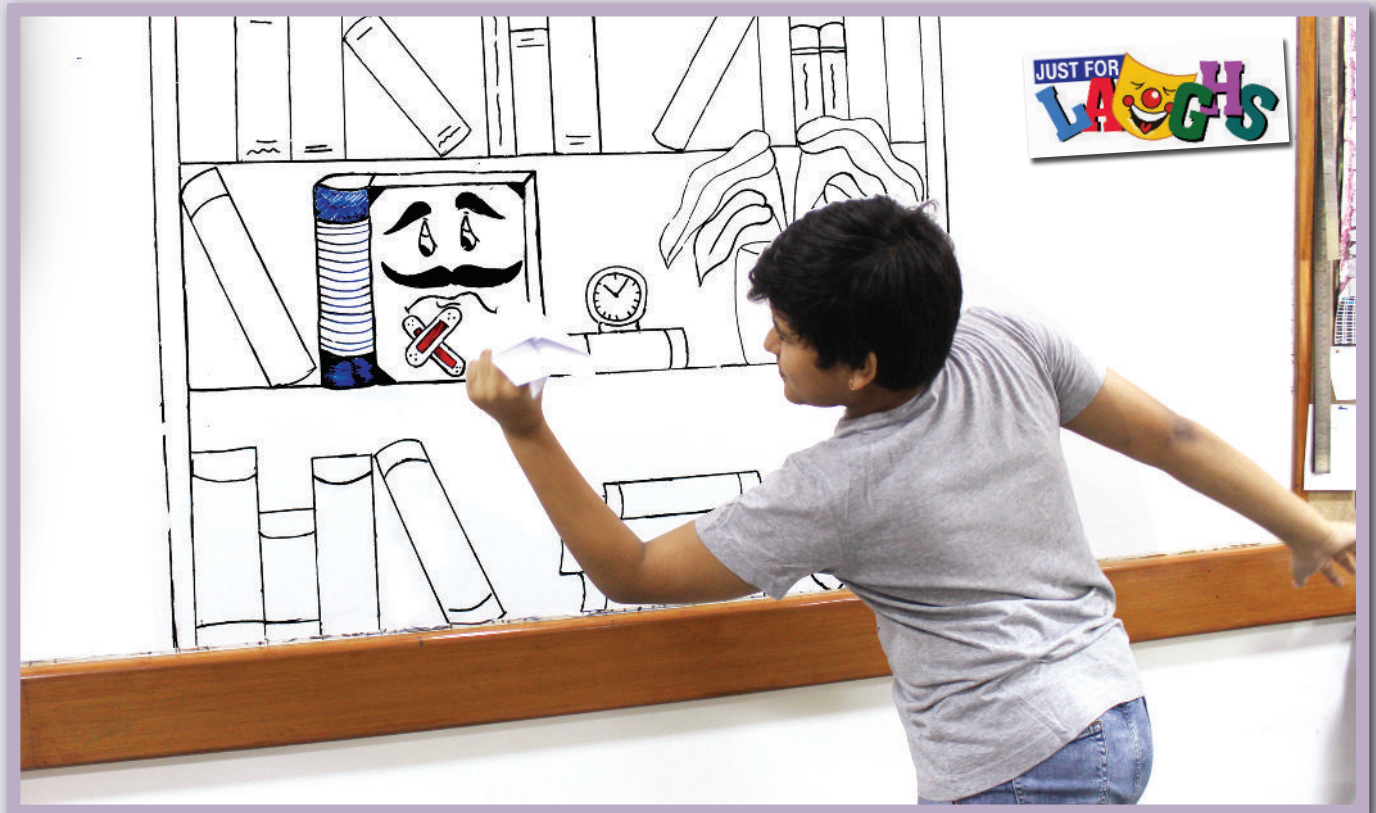


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of its legs snapped and it had been wobbling since. To aid this, my owner used me as a support and shoved me under the pointy edge of the broken leg. While its not exactly the noblest role for a book, I took it in stride, ready to sacrifice myself under this blade of Muramasa, hoping that one day, my true purpose would be recognised.

April 29, 2021

Dear diary,

I, now, know the allure of those anti-aging creams. My once proud and pristine young appearance has given way to a ragged look;

the edges tarnished and my spine unable to support its own structure. And oh, the dust! I could be mistaken as the Dune book, I had no shelf control! I don't mean to sound so Kafka-esque. Despite my trials, I will remain resilient because I know that one day, I will have my own metamorphosis.

January 1, 2022

Dear diary,

A new year's miracle occurred. My owner frantically remembering about his impractical resolution, finally realised my worth. His guilt of not doing it sooner he gave me

a "glow up" as the kids call it. He replaced my worn out pages and resealed my spine so no more of my knowledge could fall out. He brushed off the dust and carefully leafed through the tattered pages. Although interested at first, he dozed off like the sleeping beauty without his true love's kiss.

And so, my story came full circle, it just goes to show that no matter how much you have to offer, your future is dictated only by people who know your true value and for me that was my old frenemy; the shelf; who dealt with me till the end of time.

In Spotlight



The team of AGS Noida shining bright



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