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# Experiments with truth

## The Ever-Changing Gandhi In The Ever-Changing World

Loveena Garg, GT Network

October 2 might have just passed by, but not without serving us the realisations that Mahatma Gandhi is the father every nation needs. Our understanding and appreciation of Gandhi has evolved with time. Well, Gandhi himself was no stranger to evolution. He was the man who looked around, learnt from what he saw, experimented, adapted and consecutively evolved. But isn't that what life is about – learning and evolving? We bring you some experiments of the man with a charkha and the subsequential life it resulted in for all of us to emulate.

### Experimenting with religion

Everyone knows that Gandhi was a devout follower of Hinduism but that wasn't always the case. As a child, he did not even believe in the idea of God, let alone follow a particular religion. Although he did recite *Rama Raksha* as part of his daily routine, it was more due to habit than faith. It was only when Gandhi started reading Ramayana to his sick father that he developed an interest in the religious text. Later, in his second year of training as a barrister in England, Gandhi read *Gita* as suggested by two of his friends. The teachings of this book left a deep impression on the mind of the young man. And so, began his affiliation with Hinduism.

*At a time when communal lynchings are taking over and are on the rise, we all can take a cue from Gandhi. We all have our certain prejudices- some we are born with and some we acquire from our immediate environment. But a little openness is all we need, and prejudices will melt quickly even before you can say ice.*

### Experimenting with food

Gandhiji's entire life revolved around people, many of whose diets he supervised in an extended experiment on eating. Belonging to a devout Hindu household, he was expected to follow vegetarianism his whole life. He slipped only once in his life when one of his best friends convinced him to eat meat. The superior physique of British due to a different food palette was also used as a point of persuasion. What stopped him was only his guilt of lying to his parents, but he was still not convinced of the advantages of a vegan diet. However, when he stumbled across 'Plea for vegetarianism' by Henry Salt and several other books on the subject, he started practicing vegetarianism whole heartedly. That in no way meant that he was against non-vegetarians or thought them to be infe-

rior. For him, food was about fulfilling a need and not desire.

*At a time, when people refuse to accept food because it is being delivered by a man of another religion, Gandhi teaches us that food like everything else in life is constantly changing. If only we change with this change.*

### Experimenting with clothes

Whenever the name of Mahatma Gandhi is taken, a man clad in a simple dhoti and shawl comes to our minds. However, this attire was not always Gandhi's choice of dressing. Once, Gandhi even tried his hand at becoming the perfect English gentleman and donned a chimney-pot hat, an evening suit and a double watch chain of gold to fit into the high society of London. But after his return to India, Gandhi went back to wearing a dhoti, tur-

ban and cloak all made of Khadi, in order to garner support against foreign goods. This alteration stuck till the time he realised the importance of adorning the clothes of a common man to win his trust. That is when he chose a khadi dhoti and shawl as his final attire till death, to show his stand against the British rule.

*At a time, when the choice of a woman's clothes are seen as a parameter of her character, Gandhi teaches us that clothes do not define who you are. That clothes will change, but a strong character won't.*

### Experimenting with British rule

When we talk about the British rule, Mahatma Gandhi's fight against them is impossible to ignore. Therefore, it is quite surprising that Gandhi supported the British during the Great War. Back then, he still believed in the benefits of their rule and thought that the mistreatment of Indians was more due to individuals than a whole system. He supposed that helping the British in their hour of need would in turn win their help for the Indians after the war. It was only after Britain's mandatory military drafts for Indians, demanding compulsory participation of Indians in military, that he launched a new Satyagraha in protest and waged a war against them.

*At a time, when our country is on war footing, the strategies cannot be what they were before. If we changed from 'no nuclear first' to 'might use nuke', it is for a reason. The reason being changing to meet the needs of a changing world. Gandhi understood this a long time ago.*

The only thing that is constant in life is change. And for those of you who do not want to be sheer constants, Gandhi has taught aplenty. Learn, change, adapt and evolve – that is the only way to go.



Smartha Guha Thakurta

# The call of the moment

## Bridging The Gap Between Industry Requirements And Academia

Nikita Mutreja  
 Sem VII, ASET, AUUP

Transforming the security landscape, Smartha Guha Thakurta, director sales at India and SAARC, Color Tokens, is a pro at creating value and eliminating customer's challenges. With more than 18 years of experience in the IT industry and a track record that demonstrates creativity, Thakurta talks of bridging the gap between industry requirements and academia. GT reporters had a conversation with him during his visit to Amity University, Noida for Confluence 2019. An excerpt:

### Educating to develop

Getting right exposure at the right time is very important for holistic development. The kind of external interaction that students do is vital. It might be the



Smartha Guha Thakurta shares his views with Nikita, GT reporter

Pic: Kunal Kashyap, Sem III, ASET, AUUP

things that they look at, the kind of mentors they get in the organisation, the kind of industry amalgamation that takes place and the kind of cultural events they attend. All these combined together will make a personality.

### Educating with a focus

In the present day scenario, we don't need to just educate. We need to prepare children for their future careers. Tailor made curriculum is a step in this direction. Since it is a new idea, it would be absorbed by the system slowly and gradually. In my opinion, the child of the millennial will be able to make his/her decision pretty early as to what he/she wants to become. The number of choices

private universities like Amity are providing are immense and when they will be starting their graduation they will have a core sub system which will give them the basic track from where they can decide their path ahead.

### Educating the heart

Rural India is the heart of the country. And for the country to develop, education must reach its heart. This can be achieved in two ways. The first option is teaching students through virtual means, following a 24\*7 approach. All a student needs to do is to log in at his hour of convenience, and a professor or a robot would be available to teach him. The second could be through personalisation.

With a suitable approach for the rural community, and an education that is job specific, we can reach out to the heart of the country.

### Educating to bridge the gap

This is the era of startups. They are popping faster, and our curriculum needs to adopt to the pace to ensure that it is more relevant for people. So, from that perspective, the most important requirement for the curriculum is to be updated on the lenses of the latest trends. We must educate the students and ensure that they have the agility to move from one career path to another. To bridge that gap, the industry is also opening doors to college graduates. There is an immense collaboration between the colleges and the companies where the industry is gaining and so is the academia.

### Message for Amitians

Amity is a great institution that has managed to strike a balance between modernity and tradition, a feat that is quite difficult to achieve in the present day scenario. It has opened the doors to so many avenues for its students, again something that cannot be seen in many institutes. So, make the most of this beautiful world called Amity that you are a part of. 🇮🇳

Having approximately 28 species, Rafflesia is endemic to Southeast Asian countries, like Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Philippines.



# India this week

Arsh Arora, AIS Pushp Vihar, VII A

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



## Orange alert in Bihar

**News:** An orange alert had been issued in several regions of Bihar, including Patna, by Indian Meteorological Department due to heavy rainfall on October 3-4, 2019. The state is currently suffering from the aftermath of the torrential rains and the government has intensified rescue and relief operations, with water being pumped out of submerged localities.

**Views:** Bihar is one of India's most flood-prone states, with floods occurring almost every year. Right now, the state is in knee deep water, making it difficult for people to go on about their lives normally. It is disheartening to read about the grim situation and all of us should come together and do everything we can to provide aid.

Svasti Sehgal, AIS PV, VII A



## Ban on export of onions

**News:** The government has banned export of onions with 'immediate effect' to control soaring prices after extended monsoon downpours delayed harvests and supplies shrivelled. A stock limit of 100 quintals on retail traders and 500 quintals on wholesale traders has been imposed. To give relief to consumers, the government has built a central buffer of about 56,700 million tonnes through NAFED to supply onions throughout the country.

**Views:** This crucial step was very much required as the soaring prices of onions had touched the sky. The implementation of central buffer would help to stop the hoarding by traders and further selling of the same at unreasonable price, making it only difficult for consumers to buy the essential vegetable very much required in every Indian household.

Pranavi Mendiratta, AIS PV, VII C

## Saudi Arabia to invest 100 billion USD

**News:** Saudi Arabia plans to invest 100 billion USD in India in areas like petrochemicals, infrastructure and mining, amongst others. Saudi Arabian oil company, a.k.a. Aramco, proposed investments in India's energy sector to strengthen the bonds between the two countries. This key step would provide significant expansion of trade and business for Saudi Arabia as the country looks to decrease its dependency on oil.

**Views:** India, being a fast-growing economy, is sure to attract investments. The expansion of trade between the two countries will benefit India in a lot of ways as it will secure the energy need of the country if they arise, which I feel is very important in today's time. Hopefully, this proposal will work out for the benefit of both the countries.

Charvi Mendiratta, AIS PV, XI E



## Release of prisoners on Gandhi Jayanti

**News:** To commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, several prisoners were released from jails across India including 150 from Uttar Pradesh alone. Transgender convicts aged 55 and above, physically challenged prisoners with at least 70% disability, women convicts aged 55 and above, and men of 60 years or more who have completed half of their sentence were released under the special remission scheme. However, this remission was not granted to prisoners who were convicted for an offense with life imprisonment or death penalty. This marked the third phase of the scheme, where the previous two phases saw release the of 1,424 prisoners on October 2, 2018 and April 6, 2019.

**Views:** Mahatma Gandhi believed that 'the weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is an attribute of the strong'. I think that releasing the prisoners who had been honestly carrying out their sentence and that too without causing any harm is a noble act. This act of forgiveness would give them a chance to improve themselves and will surely help the prisoners to start new life with a fresh perspective. They, for once, would try to walk along the path of truth. The move is a perfect example of Gandhian values.

Aarav Sharma, AIS PV, IX B

## Around The WORLD

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



## GREECE

### Fire at migrant camp

A deadly fire, which killed one person, broke out at the largest Greek migrant camp, Moria, in Lesbos. The fires were the result of disputes between different ethnic groups that reside in the camp. The camp was originally designed to accommodate 3,000 people but is currently being inhabited by nearly 13,000 residents. As a result, the Greek government has decided to return 10,000 migrants to Turkey by the end of the year 2020.



## ITALY

### Free metro tickets for recyclers

As part of an environment-friendly initiative, free metro tickets are being offered to travelers who recycle plastic bottles using machines set up in three of Rome's metro stations. This initiative was launched in July and has proved so popular that a total of 350,000 bottles, with an average of 20,000 bottles daily, have been recycled so far.



## CHINA

### 70 years of Communist rule

To commemorate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its Communist rule, China organised a military parade on October 1. Around 100,000 performers participated in the nationally televised event that took place at China's political heart-Tiananmen Square. President Xi Jinping watched the parade from The Gate of Heavenly Peace.



## MALAYSIA

### Debt hinders 1 billion USD train project

In a mutual agreement, Malaysia and Singapore have agreed on a month's delay for the decision to go ahead with the billion-dollar Rapid Transit System Link, a project which plans to connect the two countries. The countries earlier suspended it in May this year as Malaysia's new government, hit with 259.9 billion USD of debt, reassessed the projects announced by the previous government. The RTS Link, which was due to be completed in 2026, has been designed to carry 10000 passengers per hour.

## YEMEN

### Extreme fuel shortage hits

The country has been hit by a phenomenal fuel shortage, compelling vehicle owners to line up outside petrol stations for days. This crisis comes in addition to the already active civil war between the Iran-aligned Houthi movement and a Saudi-led coalition backed by the western superpowers.



## INDIA

### A tribute to Gandhi

PM Narendra Modi released 150 INR commemorative coins as a tribute to Gandhi on his 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary. Also, while addressing children and volunteers at Sabarmati Ashram in Ahmedabad, PM declared India as Open Defecation Free (ODF) country, a target set in 2014 to fulfill Gandhi's dream of a 'Swachh Bharat'.



## News Flash

► **England:** Prince Harry to sue The Mail over publication of Meghan Markle's private letter ► **US:** Over thousand fell ill and 18 reported dead due to vaping-linked lung injury ► **Pakistan:** Dr Manmohan Singh invited for Kartarpur Corridor inauguration



Rafflesia is named after Sir Stamford Raffles, leader of the expedition to Indonesian island of Sumatra where it was found.

# The preparation leave

## Tick Tock, On The Clock, Will This Mind Numbing Stress Ever Stop?

Riyosha Sharma

AIS Gurugram 46, XII B

On the blissful breaks between exam days, waking at 7 o'clock, fixing a spot at the study table, and revising the chapters left are things that you don't do. After all, you've got three days left, right? Irrespective of the type of student you might be, you watch your plans erode under the flow of time. We bring you a more realistic time table of the preparatory leaves. See the real transition from calm to war!

### Exam: 3 days to go

The moment the preparatory leaves begin, the studious ones sit down to begin checking and cross checking all their answers to the previous exam. They spend the first day lost in the past - before being dragged to the present as they realise that history really might repeat itself if they don't start studying. And then there are some who use their extensive knowledge of math to calculate how many hours they are left with to study if they sleep away the first day. After all, the brain needs refuelling! While the average ones are so happy that one exam got over that we spend that first day



giving it a farewell, forgetting that there are more battles left to fight and survive.

### Exam: 2 days to go

After wasting the entire first day in sleeping or loitering around, the regular ones (most of us) are lost in the daydreams of after exam parties. Who cares about fixing compasses, we are too busy fixing outfits for parties.

Fantasies take up space meant for chapters, and we get busy in making to-be-read and to-watch lists. Alas, if only we'd spent this much time on the books that actually mattered.

### Exam: Tomorrow!

This day is when things start getting serious and we realise where we've put ourselves; it is a situation of 'devil and deep

sea'. With 10 full chapters more to cover, this is when we realise how fast time actually passes. Human limits are stretched as we race against time to somehow cover it all. Frantic calls are made to even more frantic friends to find consolation that I am not alone. At the last moment, one of us unfortunate souls discovers that the chemistry book is lost.

Well, regardless of how we waste our times on preparatory leaves, all students have their own style; while some of us whine and complain about how two days are not enough for a mammoth of a subject, there are always those who look at it like a challenge and are always the first ones to complete the syllabus and then ring you up to ask, "Kitna hua?".

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Brainleaks-288  
FOR CLASS V-IX

Two numbers are in the ratio 3 : 5. If each number is increased by 10, then the ratio becomes 5 : 7. The numbers are \_\_\_\_\_.

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(b) 7, 9  
(c) 13, 22  
(d) 15, 25

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Students of Amity perform a drama

## Natya Shastra

### Revisiting Indian Drama

AIBAS

September 14 is recognised as Hindi Diwas. Celebrating the same, Amity Institute of Behavioral and Allied Science (AIBAS) organised a workshop on 'Natya Shastra: An eye opener to Indian Culture and Heritage' on September 12, 2019 at Amity University, Noida. Professor Dr Chandan Kumar, department of Hindi, Delhi University was the distinguished guest for the event. It was a highly informative experience for the students of Amity as Dr Harish Kumar, head, AIBAS, spoke about the significance of Hindi language and also highlighted how Natya Shastra is integrated in our day to day life. It was followed by an enlightening lecture by Dr Chandan Kumar, explaining how Natya Shastra

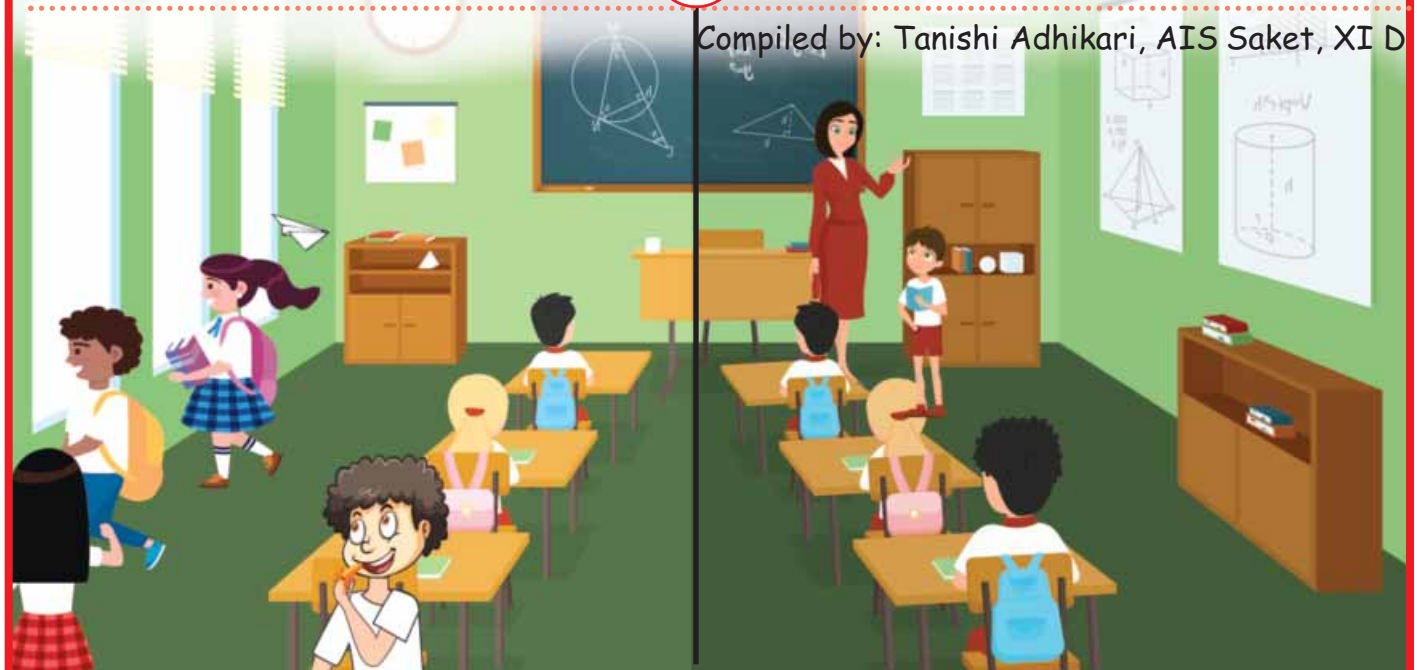
is an ancient Indian treatise of performing arts encompassing theatre, dance and music. He talked in detail about the origin of Natya Shastra, also elaborating how it covers stage design, music, dance, makeup, and every other aspect of stagecraft, highlighting the importance of the concepts of 'ras' and 'leela'. The informative talks were followed by an entertaining short cultural programme by the students which included a song in praise of the Hindi language, self-composed poems based on themes like mother, struggles of women and poverty, etc. A drama titled 'Andher Nagari, Chaupat Raja-Taka Ser Bhaji Taka Ser Khaja' written by Bhartendu Harishchandra, was also performed by the students, giving a perfect conclusion to the energetic event.

## ANATOMY OF A BACKBENCHER

### The Forever Switching Split Personality Of A Student

When the teacher is not watching	When the teacher can see you clearly
Jiggle to the Mamba beat	Firm as a dignitary
Cross & Zero puzzle, crosswords, doodles and caricatures	Rigorous notetaking and copying everything from the blackboard
Humming & whistling discreetly while trying best to go unheard	A serious resting expression as if in some deep thought
Enjoying your own humming sounds reverberating within	Alert to the voice of the teacher who may shout your name
Planning for the evening party	$(A+B)^2 = A...$
Peeping out of the window to see the children play	Peeping into his neighbour's notebook to stay tuned with the class

Compiled by: Tanishi Adhikari, AIS Saket, XI D



Being a holoparasite, Rafflesia cannot complete its life-cycle without its host Tetrastigma vine.



Rafflesia facts

# Smart way to Swachh Bharat

Walking Towards Better Future, Here's A Smart Technology To Maintain Cleanliness

## Pro@Project

Stuti Kalra, GT Network

Inspired by the school's Youth Power 2017-18 team 'Pic Civic' that had chosen to work towards sensitising people to be responsible towards their environment, Arnab Gupta, Parth Khullar & Vasu Madan of AIS Saket, Class X, decided to do their bit.

Arnab shared, "The Swachh Bharat mission was gaining momentum. We observed that the government had put up so many bins including garbage dump points, yet people never used the bins and littered here and there. The result was an unhygienic and unpleasant street as the waste decomposed. The biggest example was the garbage dump built by Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) at the corner of the road leading to our school. Every day we used to see garbage being dumped outside and not inside the marked walls." "These unhygienic areas later used to become breeding grounds for mosquitoes, which gave rise to so many hazardous diseases. All this made us think harder and we came up with the idea of a

smart bin," added Parth.

The two along with Vasu, then set out to find an automated solution to this with the help of technology. The idea was to use robotics and AI that can easily sort garbage to make its disposal ecofriendly, economic and efficient. Together with their mentor Anjana Wadhwa, the team integrated robotics & Arduino, provided by ATL lab of school, to innovate their own 'smart' bin.

Let's know a bit more about the working of this smart bin;

- An ultrasonic sensor, embedded in the smart bin, instantly detects the presence of any person standing within an area of 25 cm to 100 cm circumference.

**Innovation:** Smart Bin

**Innovators:** Arnab Gupta, Parth Khullar & Vasu Madan, AIS Saket, Class X

**Mentor teacher:** Anjana Wadhwa

- As soon as the person is detected, the servo motor rotates the dustbin 90 degrees clockwise and opens the smart bin so that the waste can be thrown.

- Once the person moves away and smart bin senses the waste matter, it again rotates to 90 degrees anti-clockwise and resets



Arnab Gupta & Parth Khullar with mentor Anjana Wadhwa and fellow Jaisal Kothari

itself in the original position, closing the lid of the bin.

- To test the weight load that the smart bin can hold, it was installed in the school canteen for a few days. The team found that a small smart bin can take up to 30 kgs of load while the larger bin can take up to 80 kgs of waste matter.

## The road ahead

Inspired by YP and driven by 'Swachh Bharat' mission, to make living conditions for the people of this nation better, the team is now working towards enhancing the smartness of their smart bin. They aim to help the organizations to work on a large scale production of smart bin us-

ing robotic technology. The team also plans to compartmentalise the bin to collect and segregate the waste and convert green waste into compost. The team also plans to attach another sensor which notifies the authorities once the bin is filled up to 75% of its capacity so that they can come and empty the bin on time.



The Smart Bin

## Achievements

- Youth Power 2017 team of AIS Saket installed smart bins in their school.

- Junior Astitva Samman Award\* 2019 by the PHD Chambers was awarded to Arnab Gupta, Parth Khullar and Vasu Madan. They were selected from over 250 entries.

\* The award is given by the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry - Women and Child Development Committee to encourage and motivate the students who have demonstrated innovations, leading to socio-economic upliftment of the society in general. The selection for the Samman is drawn from various schools within the Delhi / NCR.

The YouTube Channels Which Are Changing The Way The World Learns Science



## AsapSCIENCE

**Why you should watch:** Because it's like watching a cartoon!

**What it is about:** Kinetic typography and riveting animations make this channel perhaps the best there is, when it comes to learning science on YouTube. With videos like 'What if all the ice melted on earth?', 'What happens in your body when you drink coke?' and so much more, you invest your time in a light-hearted fun video that leaves you more knowledgeable than before.

# Science made easy

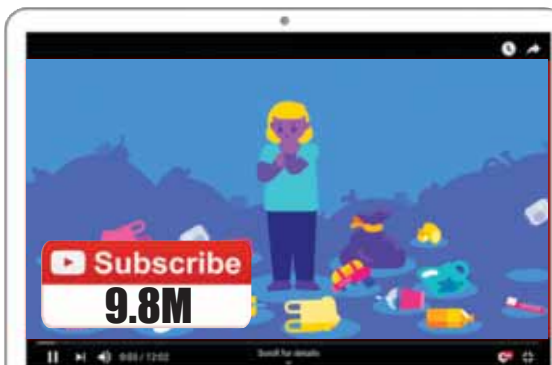
Brinda Sethi, AIS Mayur Vihar, X A



## SciShow

**Why you should watch:** Because science can be entertaining!

**What it is about:** SciShow delves into various scientific subjects that we unknowingly come across in our daily lives. The channel's graphics, animations and videography are definitely worth a look and good enough to entertain the audience. Not to forget the video schedule that it offers for every day of the week.



## Kurzgesagt

**Why you should watch:** Because learning science is easy peasy!

**What it is about:** If your brain feels racked after a 30 minutes lecture on periodic table, then, this channel is definitely for you. Presenting complicated scientific theories in the most simplified ways, it makes science look like a piece of a cake. Their use of advanced animation and doodles are also a big draw.



## SmarterEveryDay

**Why you should watch:** Because science is all around us!

**What it is about:** We know that science is all around us, but this channel really tells us how; they show fascinating videos of things in the environment and the science behind it. Launched in 2007, this one will woo you with captivating animations and visual effects.



Due to lack of proximity to each other, Rafflesia flowers find it difficult to pollinate.

## Who is a real guru?



Dr. Amita Chauhan  
Chairperson

In my last column, I had shared how we at Amity are proud to have teachers who love their work. It is their love for work that has rendered many as gurus at Amity, who have empowered and transformed the lives of many. To be able to explain who is a guru, let me share a story. When Alexander the Great was preparing for his eastern conquest, his teacher, the famous philosopher Aristotle was not willing to let him go as he could gauge the dangers and travesties that awaited him in the East. Alexander was however, adamant on winning the world, to which Aristotle proposed that he should also accompany him. Alexander being a prudent leader and knowing down in his heart that his teacher is right, refused to take Aristotle with him. Instead, he told him, "If one Alexander leaves for the East and never comes back, the world will lose only one leader. But if one Aristotle stays back in Greece he can create many more Alexanders and who knows they might turn out to be better than Alexander himself." So such is the power of a true guru. A guru, by his/her sheer foresightedness can make you explore your limitless capabilities. A guru pushes you to the limits of challenges yet s/he remains your friend for life. S/he acts as a guiding light leaving you to choose your own path, makes you cry but wipes your tears, lets you fall but always holds you safe. To all my Amities who are now CEOs, doctors, engineers, accountants, remember you are able to hold a pen and wield scalpel only because there were gurus who let you be who you are and who also made you who you are. 🇮🇳

## Post-a-card



Vira Sharma  
Managing Editor

It was a normal day at the office and the courier boy brought me an envelope. Curious, I opened it, and to my delight it held something which has been an integral part of who I am, something which Bapu always used, something which was a bridge between me and my family for years...a handwritten postcard from my friend. Memories cascaded unannounced as I recalled my college days in Delhi. For three consecutive years, I wrote a postcard daily to my parents back in Bihar. This was during the times before the internet, when we had a closed economy. Not everyone had ample money, so 15 paise postcard was the means of communication we could afford. Studying in a metro like Delhi, I had to face the mockery of some of my better-off friends and fellows. Sometimes, I must admit that being a young teenager, I did have mixed feelings about having to use postcards. But, holding the postcard the other day, I got emotional as I reminisced about those times. I realised how writing a simple update on that humble postcard about what I did the whole day gave me strength in a strange city and gave solace to my parents. The versatile postcard was in fact a powerful medium used by Gandhi in pre-independence days to connect to the masses as he travelled the length and breadth of the country. To see someone pen a message on a medium like the postcard today, when messages travel and get deleted in seconds on email and other messaging platforms, made it feel so personal and intimate. Handwritten words are always better than forwarded messages as they connect hearts. So, this festive season, to celebrate 150 years of Bapu, write a postcard and connect with your near and dear ones by heart. 🇮🇳

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# Missing the old ones

## Cartoons Being A Medium Of Learning Is Just A Thing Of Past

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In an era where TV couldn't be paused, time was of the essence as children ran home from their play sessions to catch their favourite cartoons on time, cartoons that taught them valuable life lessons. But today, as children pause, rewind and forward the show, how they watch and what they watch has drastically changed, and we cannot help but think that the change has been for the worse. The 90s, seeming to be the golden decade for cartoons that presented us with various TV programmes that were not just loved but also appreciated for all the lessons they ingrained in the young minds. Learning compassion from one, love from another, friendship from all, we grew up to understand the true values of these traits, not knowing that we would be the last generation to do so.

While the young (read: younger) ones watch Doraemon and lust over the new futuristic gadgets he introduces in every episode, we had our eyes glued to The Flintstones, which taught us a lesson today's 'futuristic' generation would never understand: you don't need to rely on technology to lead a fulfilling life. Compare it to Doraemon, not only does the show make the younger generation dependent on technology by presenting new 'gadgets' as the ultimate solution to every problem, it also showcases characters like Gian and Nobita who promote bullying and



being a crybaby as the only way to deal with a problem.

We, on the other hand, watched Dexter's Laboratory which taught us that a lot of preparation and planning is needed to create a piece of technology. Not to mention Powerpuff Girls, who were a symbol of feminism and taught us to stand up to bullies, even bullies like Gian and Suneo.

But such values are often lost in translation with shows like Motu and Patlu that preach discrimination based on different body types. Whatever happened to the lessons taught by Johnny Bravo and Winnie the Pooh? What happened to realising that we should all love ourselves and our attributes

without putting ourselves or someone else down? Such lessons are lost in the world of Shin Chan who promotes indiscipline amongst children rather than promoting love, respect and compassion like our favourite Mickey Mouse once did. As we watched Noddy run around the town helping everyone and Bob the Builder teaching every kid that 'Yes, we can' tackle any problem that comes our way, we cannot help but conclude that shows like Oggy and the Cockroaches, teaches kids nothing but violence. It will never even touch the legacy of Tom and Jerry, which showcased that no matter how much you fight with your friends, in the end, they are your

best friends!

As today's cartoons leave us with nothing, we reminisce about the times when we ate spinach because of Popeye, thought sky to be the limit because of Aladdin, we always worked hard because of Pokémon, we interrogated everything through a neutral eye because of Scooby Doo, we learnt to stand by our loved ones because of Chip and Dale, we believed in true friendship because of The Rugrats, we overcame our fears because of Courage the Cowardly Dog, and cared for our environment because of Captain Planet. The lack of these lessons in today's shows can only prove that our future is not in the right hands. 🇮🇳

### Little pearls of wisdom

## Gandhiji's Nai Talim

### Do It The Way Bapu Would Have Done It



Illustration: Pankaj Malik, GT Network

Siya Pandey, AIS Vas 6, XI

If you are wondering what the world would have been like if Mahatma Gandhi was alive today, you sure wouldn't be the first one. With social menaces like hunger, isolation and lynching hatred looming over the world at large, would sentiments like honesty and compassion still touch the hearts of post-modernists like us? With population at an all-time high and employment at an all-time low,

would anyone really care about what the man in khadi would have to say. The answer is that we don't know and we never will because, sadly, Mahatma Gandhi is not coming back. But that shouldn't really stop those interested in ushering a change, for Gandhi, may not be alive today but he has left us a legacy – a reservoir of values and teachings that will always be relevant, no matter what age we live in. One such teaching or let's say belief is 'Nai Talim'. The ideology

rests on the belief that knowledge and work are not separate. He developed this educational philosophy after studying abroad, where he saw that Indian students were alienated and there was a strong focus on 'career based thinking'. To overcome these barriers, he devised a three-tier holistic approach to change the face of Indian education in particular.

The three pillars of Gandhi's pedagogy were its focus on the lifelong character of education, its social character and its form as a holistic process. For him, education was 'the moral development of the person' which is a lifelong process. It aims to give every single human being the ability to learn and decide for themselves. Self-awareness and self-dependency are the main motives of this system. The ideology also wanted teachers to not just be a professional construct but rather someone who could truly relate to their students.

Anything that is done with the intent of getting an immediate result can't be called education. People should look at education like gardening, something that Nai Talim tends to do, tending to and nurturing individuals with love, care and values. Nai Talim might sound like a dream right now, but if we work today, the world might just become a better place tomorrow.

GT M@il



Issue: September 30, 2019; Page: 4

Dear Editor,

This is in reference to 'Kabhi No Nahi Kia' on page 4 of The Global Times edition dated September 30, 2019. I want to thank The Global Times for giving me this wonderful opportunity of writing a piece for the school newspaper. This is the first time that my article has been published and I am really thankful to the entire team of The Global Times for giving me such an opportunity. Writing for GT will always be special, whether it is your first time or your last; there is so much to learn from the process. I know writing this piece gave me great exposure and also provided me with a chance to explore new avenues, learn new statistics and broaden my horizons. The issue I wrote about, the recent evolution of phones, is also something very current and something we have all witnessed. That is why I could really connect and relate to what I wrote. I was informed of new facts and learnt a new perspective to look at things as well as how to put down my thoughts on paper with more clarity. I thank GT mentors who assisted me for their guidance. It was truly an amazing experience. I hope that I get an opportunity to write for The Global Times again. 🇮🇳

Ira Malik, AIS Saket, X B

Rafflesia does not have chlorophyll hence it does not undergo photosynthesis.



Rafflesia is also known as a 'Corpse lily' because it emits the rotting flesh like odour in order to attract pollinators.

# Gandhian way of life

Remembering And Celebrating The 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary Of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, The Father Of The Nation

October 2, 1869. It was just an ordinary day. A day, that brought to life an extraordinary man. The man who later marched our country to freedom and peace. The man who went on to become the father of our nation. The man whose

name is etched into history with golden ink. On the occasion of 150<sup>th</sup> Gandhi Jayanti celebrations, tiny tots of Amity International School, Vasundhara 6, remember their Bapu ji with immense and heartfelt fondness, love, respect and awe!



## When the man... ...Of My Dreams Lands In My Dreams

It had been a long day. Learning about Mahatma Gandhi's life had been fun but also very tiresome. Snuggling comfortably inside my blanket, I closed my eyes and drifted into a peaceful sleep. Before I knew it, I was standing in a meadow and before me was the man I had been reading about earlier...

**"Mahatma Gandhi:** Excuse me, o child! I wanted to go to India but I am afraid I have lost my way. Could you please guide me?"

**Shreya Gunupur:** Ba-bapuji? Yo-you are in India and the year is 2019!

**MG:** Are you sure? It looks so different from the India I lived in. Look at it! It's so dirty here; people only care about themselves. Everywhere I see, all I can witness is people fighting, killing each other over material gains and spreading hatred. This is not my India.

**SG:** You are right, Bapuji. You taught us to be kind and believe in peace but we are extremely rude and find reasons to fight with our neighbours. Nobody performs their civic duties anymore; we keep littering the roads. We have forgotten all that you once taught us.

**MG:** It's okay, my child. It is never too late to spread the message of peace, unity and love. We can, once again, make our country the epitome of equality and brotherhood. You kids are the future of our world, so *bura mat suno, bura mat dekho, bura mat kaho!*"

**"M**ahatma Gandhi, standing in front of me, shared his pearls of wisdom. He taught me that I didn't need new toys and clothes to make myself happy because the goodness of a human is defined by the goodness of their words and actions. He also told me about self-belief, honesty, perseverance and patience; the desire of instant gratification and quick results is making kids impatient. It made me realise that I, too, have been impatient in the past and chased quick success instead of working hard for what I wanted. Whilst Gandhiji was concerned about our declining moral values, environment was also an issue of concern for him. He told me to plant more and more trees and to use water carefully. I promised him that from now on, I will focus on my studies and become a better person by my good deeds. As the morning came and my alarm clock woke me up, being eager to share my learnings with my teachers and my friends, I quickly jumped out of the bed."

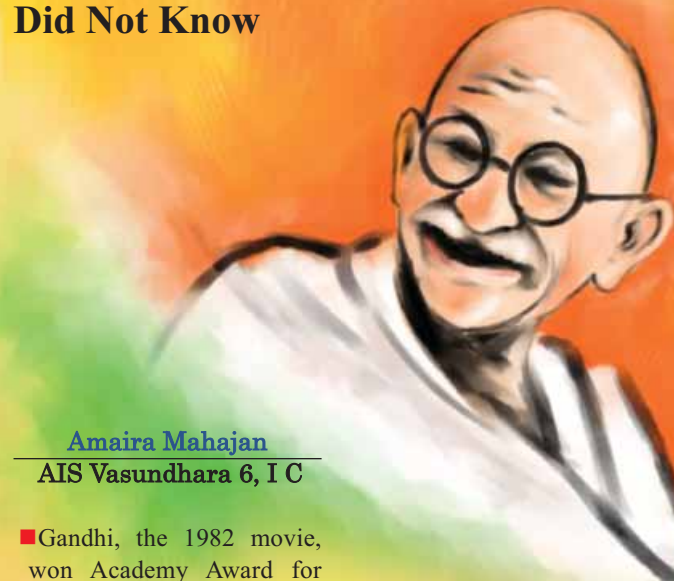
Saanvi Sharma, AIS Vas 6, IV E

**"I**folded my hands and greeted him. 'Namaste, Bapuji!' He sat on the grass and patted the space next to him, asking me to sit down. 'Bapuji, please tell me what I can do to be more like you?' I asked. 'My dear child, practice non-violence and always fight for the truth. You should never hurt anyone; be kind even to your enemy. Never be angry with your opponent but rather accept their anger and be sympathetic to their sufferings. We should wipe away tears from every eye! Wanting to learn more from him, I further questioned, 'What can we do for our country?' He replied, 'We can make India a great country through love. You must never discriminate people based on their religion, race, gender, beliefs, language or ability.' Smiling at him, I promised myself to do everything he taught me so that I could be a good human being and India could be a great country."

Anirudh V Kamath  
AIS Vas 6, V A

## Know the man!

Fun Facts About MK Gandhi You Probably Did Not Know



Amaira Mahajan  
AIS Vasundhara 6, I C

- Gandhi, the 1982 movie, won Academy Award for 'Best Motion Picture'.
- He was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize five times.
- His birthday, October 2, is also marked as the 'International Day of Non-Violence'.
- The honorific title 'Mahatma', which means a 'Great soul', was given to him in 1914.
- He is often called 'Bapu', a Hindi term of endearment meaning 'father'.
- He once only ate fruits, nuts and seeds for 5 years.
- His image has appeared on all denominations of Indian rupees printed since 1996.
- An urn that once contained his ashes now rests at a shrine in Los Angeles, California, United States of America.

## The father of our nation



Swasti Sharma  
AIS Vasundhara 6, II D

The father of our nation  
The saint of Sabarmati  
A lawyer by profession  
Lived a life of simplicity!

For India to gain freedom  
He fought day and night  
He sacrificed himself  
To keep our future bright!

His Quit India Movement  
And call of 'Do or Die'  
Reminds us of our history  
The glorious days gone by!

Teacher of truth and non-violence  
He loved peace and patience  
Taught unity and equality  
And preached tranquility!

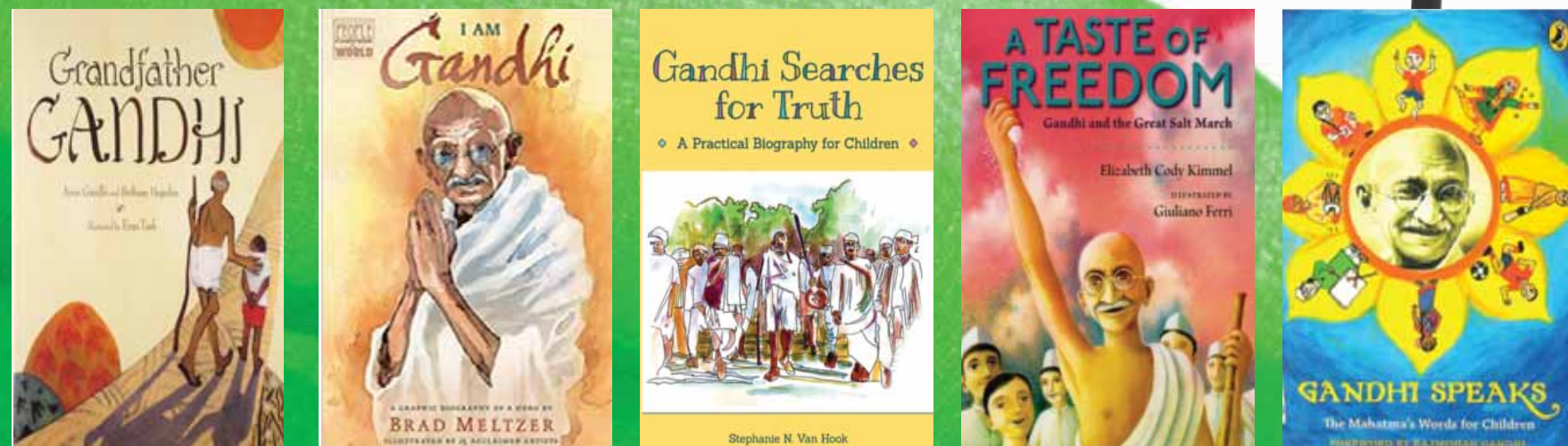
He was the father of our nation  
The one who set us free  
He taught us to be always true  
And planted the freedom tree!

Model: Vivaan Pandita,  
AIS Vas 6, KG E



## A novel fella

Nitya Stuti, AIS Vasundhara 6, III C, Presents  
Books To Read To Know Gandhiji Better



**Author:** Arun Gandhi and Bethany Hegedus

**Synopsis:** Mahatma Gandhi's grandson, Arun Gandhi, tells the story of how his grandfather taught him to turn darkness into light in this uniquely personal tale that carries the perfect message of peace.

**Author:** Brad Meltzer

**Synopsis:** This book tells the story of how Mahatma Gandhi used the principles of non-violence and non-cooperation to fight discrimination against Indians by British raj, by using only peaceful heroism, patience, strong will power and *ahimsa*.

**Author:** Stephanie N Van Hook

**Synopsis:** The book talks about the journey of Mahatma Gandhi since childhood to independence of India in twelve short stories, exploring how he discovered the important principles of nonviolence and peaceful protest, and used them in his fight.

**Author:** Elizabeth C Kimmel

**Synopsis:** Narrated by a small child, the book recalls Mahatma Gandhi's famous salt march that shook the reigns of British empire and showed the world, the determination, strength and power of a united nation with its united people.

**Author:** Mohandas Karame-hand Gandhi

**Synopsis:** A collection of the best bits spoken by him, it talks about his life, philosophies and lessons to the young generation of our country. He guides them on the right path by himself following the simple lessons mentioned in the book.



## Quiz Time!

Brought to you by Pratyusha Dubey, AIS Vas 6, I C

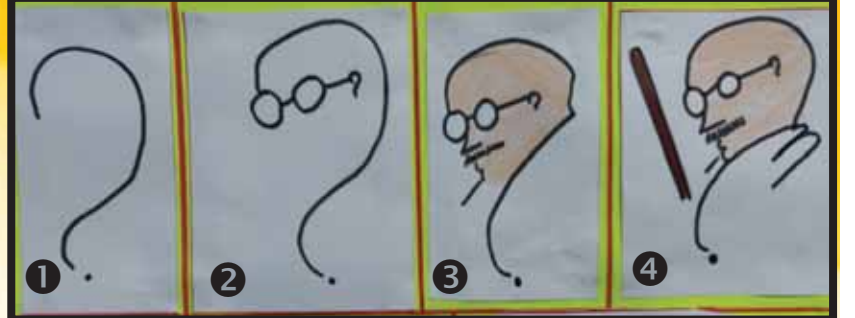
Think You Know Everything About Gandhiji? Think Again!

1. Mahatma Gandhi's death day is observed in India as \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) Martyrs' Day  
(b) International Day of Non-Violence
2. Where was Gandhiji born?  
(a) Gandhidham  
(b) Porbandar
3. Who was Kasturbai Makhanji Kapadia?  
(a) Gandhi's wife  
(b) Gandhi's mother
4. How old was Mahatma Gandhi when he got married?  
(a) 21 years old  
(b) 13 years old
5. Which university did Gandhi attend for his law education?  
(a) University College of London  
(b) University of Oxford
6. What was the name of the youngest son of Mahatma Gandhi?  
(a) Harilal Gandhi  
(b) Devdas Mohandas Gandhi
7. When was Gandhiji shot?  
(a) January 30, 1948  
(b) February 1, 1948
8. Where was Mahatma Gandhi arrested for the first time?  
(a) Ahmedabad  
(b) South Africa
9. The essential condition of Satyagraha led by Gandhi was:  
(a) Non-violence  
(b) Disobeying British government
10. Who killed Mahatma Gandhi?  
(a) Narayan Dattatraya Apte  
(b) Nathuram Vinayak Godse

Answers: 1(a) 2(b) 3(a) 4(b) 5(a) 6(b) 7(a) 8(b) 9(a) 10(b)

## Steps to draw Bapu

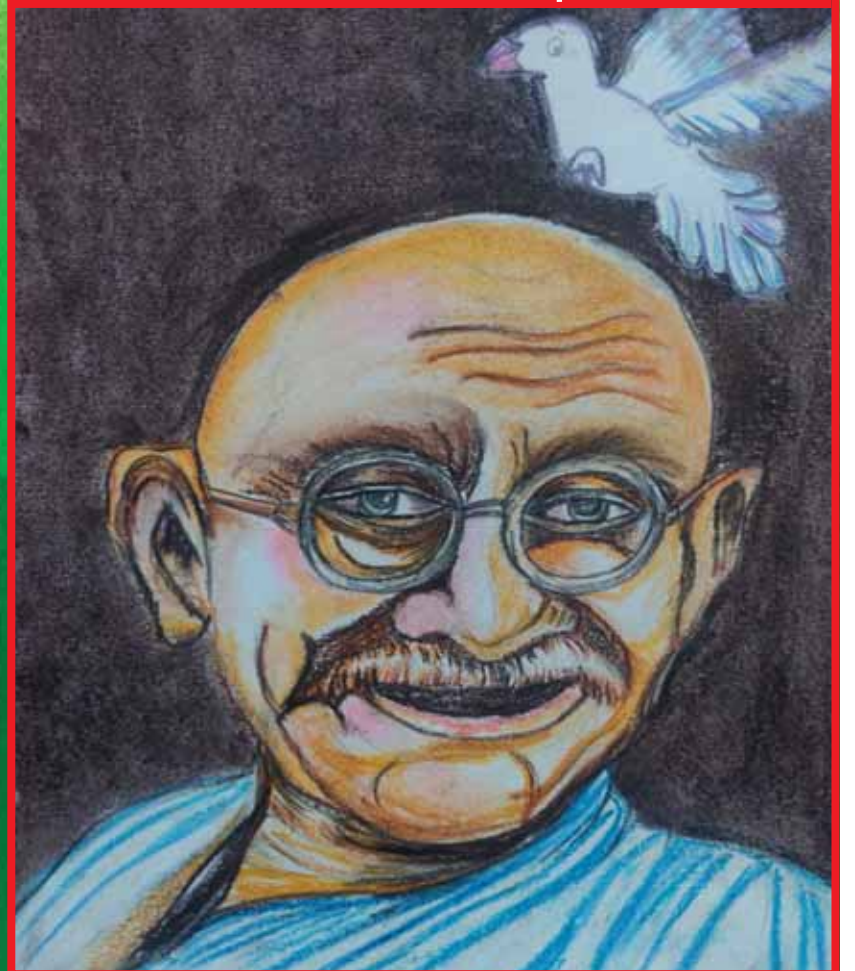
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Comic by: Tanya Khurana, AIS Vasundhara 6, V B

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The blooming period of Rafflesia varies from 6 to 9 months.



Rafflesia facts

# Bugs in the mind

Megha Chattopadhyay  
AIS Vasundhara 1, XII A

Imaging: Pankaj Malik, GT Network

Nitayuvani was standing in the balcony, sharing a cup of tea with her beloved grandma. She had finally come to her granny's house after months of busy school days. Suddenly, she heard a crash as her grandma's cup fell on the floor and broke. Grandma started behaving abnormally and continuously tried to brush something off her left arm, though there was nothing. She cried with agony, "Why aren't these bugs falling off my arm?"

Nitayuvani tried to tell her that there were no bugs. But she looked at her blankly and asked, "Who are you? What are you doing in my house?" Nita was taken aback. As she stood there stunned, grandpa rushed in after he heard the glass breaking. He gently patted grandma's back, brought her inside a well-lit room and played her favourite music. She became normal again in some time.

Nitayuvani then came to know from her grandpa that her granny had been diagnosed with



Alzheimer's, and her strange behaviour was due to hallucinations, a very common symptom of the disease. Grandpa also mentioned that since grandma showed such symptoms, their caretaker had left the job, scared that her mistress has caught a demonic spell. Nita was shocked at such ignorance

about the disease. She requested her grandpa to take her along with them on their next appointment with the psychologist. She did her research work and when she met the doctor, she bombarded him with tonnes of questions. The doctor smiled, and patiently an-

"Your granddaughter is very sharp for her age. You're lucky to have a granddaughter so sensitive and caring like her."

swered all her queries. He later told her grandfather, "Your granddaughter is very sharp for her age. You're lucky to have a granddaughter so sensitive and caring like her." From that day onwards, Nita took charge of her granny's medicines and gave special attention to her diet. Gradually, the frequency of the hallucinations dropped. Next time her grandma would hallucinate, Nita knew exactly what to do. She held her grandma's hands, and said, "I know this is frightening for you, but the bugs are only in your mind, they are not actually on your arms. I'm here to take care of you." The grandmother slowly zoned out of her hallucination and gradually became better. Nita also slowly understood that bugs in the house and in the mind, both can be avoided with a little attention and a lot of care. 🇮🇳



## Materials required

- Medicine wrapper with round and transparent pill pocket
- One plastic bottle
- Acrylic paints
- Scissors
- Black and white thick paper
- Pencil
- Glue

## Method

- Cut off the bottom part of a plastic bottle.
- Start cutting the bottle from the base along its length so as to make a long incision. Now, make similar cuts 1/2 inch apart from each other till you cover the entire bottle this way.
- Curl those cutout segments outwards so that they look like octopus feet.
- Mix white and blue acrylic paint in equal quantities to make light blue colour and use it to paint the whole bottle light blue.
- To make the googly eyes, take a medicine wrapper with round and transparent pill pocket.
- Cut out two pill pockets of the same size.
- Now, draw an outline of pill pocket on a white paper and cut it out. Cut out another such circle.
- For small eyes, cut out two smaller black circles, almost 3/4th the diameter of the white circle.
- Place the black circle in the pill pocket and stick the white circle from behind using glue. Repeat the same with the other eye.
- Stick the two googly eyes on the neck of the bottle at 1/2 inch distance.
- Your googly eyes octopus is ready! Decorate it on your tabletop.

## WORDS VERSE

### A diary's saga

Khushi Saxena  
AIS Noida, XII I

I've been with her  
Since she was five  
She was my girl  
Naughty, yet so naive

Her hopes were sharper  
Than her pencil tip  
Quite stronger than  
Her little hand's grip

She was happy  
When I was gifted to her  
Even heavier than  
Her heavy coat of fur

Afraid of the challenges  
Of this enormous world  
Outside the dreamland  
Of simple pen and paper

She tells me her tale  
Of turning sweet thirteen  
As she wraps me  
Into a new cover

She thinks differently  
Thinks she has seen enough



Little does she know  
That this is the start

My girl, she is yet to win  
More smiles and a million hearts  
She is now a youth  
Shining bright at eighteen

She believes sky's the limit  
With her graduation degree  
She tells me  
Time is flying by so fast

She strolls her fingers  
On her past pages  
And thinks again  
Of her first book release

Wonders that finally  
It's time to achieve  
My pages are filled  
With her desires 🇮🇳

## Read Play and Win

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



Q: Mention another name for Rafflesia.

Ans:

Q: Who has been interviewed on page 1 of this edition?

Ans:

Q: Name the poem written by Khushi Saxena, AIS Noida, XII I?

Ans:

Q: Who is the writer of the article 'Science made easy'?

Ans:

Q: On which page the story 'Prayer to God' has been mentioned?

Ans:

Q: Who is the author of the book 'Charlie and the chocolate factory'?

Ans:

Q: Where did GT travel to in this edition?

Ans:

Q: Which country is offering free metro tickets to travelers?

Ans:

Q: Who has won CBSE National Teachers Award by CBSE?

Ans:

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

Results of 79: **Bhavya Jain**, AIS Vas 1, VI B, **Sanvi Singhal**, AIS Vas 1, VI B, **Parth Katoch**, AIS Gur 46, VI I

## My friend moon

Garima Minocha  
AIS Pushp Vihar, XII

Hello moon, my old friend  
I look at the stars and wonder  
Are they all your children  
Or people who surrender

You're so bright  
The brightest in the sky  
I think you are lonely  
Sometimes I wonder why

Are those dazzling stars  
In your close vicinity  
Mirrors who reflect you so high  
Or specks like me so nigh

Have you been able to confide  
Or are all away because of light  
As colours in the welkin above  
Is that your blanket of love?

You look so perfect  
You look so impeccable  
But still those silly creatures



Describe you despicable

They say you're a fabulist  
And you beg for attention  
And all your craters  
Are signs of detention

I know for sure they lie  
Because moon o moon  
Who would dare not spy  
The apple of our eyes

But listen my old friend  
I trust what my eyes will see  
For all I see in thee  
Is you and me 🇮🇳



## CAMERA CAPERS

Srishti Manchanda, AIS Noida, Alumna

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Just wheeling around



Behind the veil



Hard work is the way of life



Rafflesia is a short-term bloomer as its flower blooms once in 9 months and only for a week.

# Prayer to God

Illustration: Deepak Sharma, GT Network

## Short story



Soham Roy, AIS Vas 6, V

Ritu was at work when she received a phone call. "You need to come home now. Ria is suffering from high fever and the medicines don't seem to be working," it was her daughter's babysitter on the other side of the call. Without wasting a moment, Ritu rushed towards her car. As she drove towards home, she called her doctor who prescribed a certain medication. "Give her

this medicine, it should bring down the temperature. And I will also try to get there as fast as possible," her doctor told. She stopped by the pharmacy to get the medication her doctor had asked her to. Picking the medicine, she rushed towards her car again, when she realised that she had left the keys in the car. Not knowing what to do, Ritu panicked. Just then she got another call from her babysitter who told her that Ria's fever was getting even worse.

She was on the verge of tears when she spotted a rusty coat hanger lying on the road. She dusted it, straightened it and opened the car. But the attempt was of no use. She prayed to God and asked him to send her help. Within five minutes a beaten up old motorcycle pulled up, with a dirty, greasy, bearded man who was wearing a rugged biker skull helmet. She did not want to take this man's help but she was desperate, so, she just kept quiet. The

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man got off his bike and asked if he could help. She said, "Yes, my daughter is very sick. I stopped to get her some medication and I locked my keys in my car. I must reach home to her. Please, can you unlock my car?" He said, "Sure." He walked over to the car, and in less than a minute the car was opened. She thanked the man and through her tears she said, "Thank you so much! You are a very nice man." The man replied, "Lady, I am not a nice man. I just got out of prison today. I was in prison for car theft and have only been out for about an hour." The woman thanked the man again and with sobbing tears cried out loud, "Oh, Thank you God! You even sent me a professional!"

**So what did you learn today?**  
A new word: Rugged  
Meaning: Rough and strong



## Cinderella crush

### Ingredients

- Strawberry crush .....1 tbsps
- Lemon juice .....1 tbsps
- Apple (finely chopped) .....1
- Pear (finely chopped).....1
- Lemonade .....1 cup

### Method

- Take a tall glass and pour strawberry crush and lemon juice in it. Mix it well using a spoon.
  - Now, add finely chopped apple and pear pieces into the glass.
  - Pour lemonade into the mixture and stir it well.
  - Store it in the fridge for a while and serve it chilled!
- Why make it?**  
It looks good, tastes good and boosts your energy level.

This recipe is brought to you by: Nishka Oberoi, IV D, Titiksha R Narendra, IV B & Vaibhav Kapoor, III B; AIS Vas 6

## Make a wish

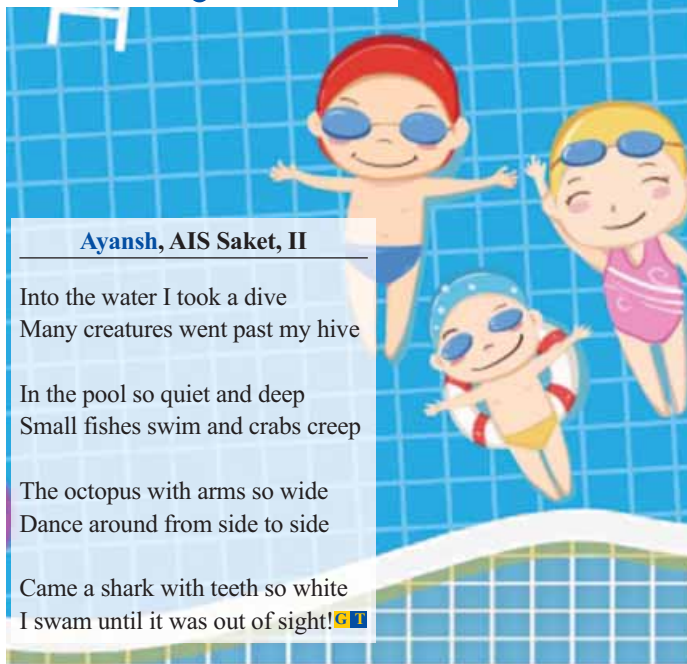


Party in the clouds or a giant ice cream sundae...we all have wishes. Purnima, AIS P.O. shares hers:

- 1 Absolutely no exploitation of girls.
- 2 Everyone is educated and gets good marks.
- 3 All our surroundings are clean and green.

## POEMS

### The pool



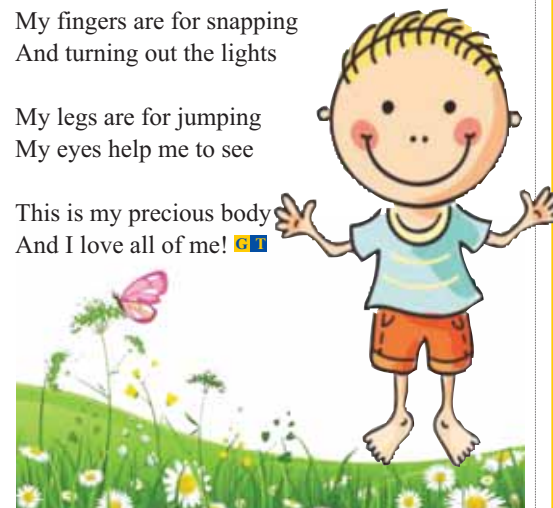
Ayansh, AIS Saket, II

Into the water I took a dive  
Many creatures went past my hive  
  
In the pool so quiet and deep  
Small fishes swim and crabs creep  
  
The octopus with arms so wide  
Dance around from side to side  
  
Came a shark with teeth so white  
I swam until it was out of sight!

### All of me

Pavel, AIS Gurugram 43, III A

My hands are for clapping  
My arms can hug tight  
  
My fingers are for snapping  
And turning out the lights  
  
My legs are for jumping  
My eyes help me to see  
  
This is my precious body  
And I love all of me!



## Riddle Fiddle

Sourish Srivastava, AIS Vas 1, VII

1. What is always coming but never comes?
2. Name an eight letter word which has 'kst' in the middle.
3. I am a word that is hardly there. Take away my start and I am just an herb. Who am I?
4. Some say I am red, some say I am green. Some eat me, some spray me. Who am I?
5. Who has one eye but cannot see?
6. Which letter from the alphabets has the maximum amount of water?
7. What is so fragile that saying its name immediately breaks it?

Answers: 1. Tomorrow 2. Inkstand 3. Sparsely 4. Pepper 5. Needle 6. G 7. Silence

## It's Me

### Know me!

My name: Bhavya Porwal  
My school: AIS Noida  
My Class: I  
Born on: January 12

### My favourites!

Game: Hide & seek  
Mall: DLF Noida  
Friend: Pihu  
Food: Ice-cream  
Teacher: Parul ma'am  
Subject: English

### About me!

I like: Reading and playing sports  
I dislike: When my friends go back to their homes after playing  
My hobbies: Painting and dancing  
My role models: My mummy and papa  
If I could be a flower, I'd be: Sunflower because they spread joy.  
I want to be featured in GT because: I am an adorable and cute girl!

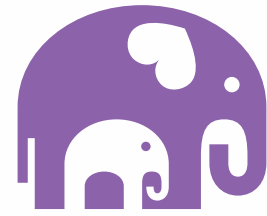


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Rafflesia is the largest flower on the planet, weighing 11 kg with the maximum diameter of about 107cm.



School principal Sunila Athley receives the award from Minister of HRD at the ceremony

## National Teachers Award

### School Principal Felicitated For Excellence

**AIS Vasundhara 6**

A new feather was added to Amity's hat as school principal Sunila Athley received CBSE National Teachers Award, by CBSE. Total 35 educators from all over India were selected for the award. Sunila Athley won the award for being a teacher of outstanding

merit rendering commendable services to the community for the cause of education. She was felicitated with a citation, a shawl and a cash prize of 50,000 INR by Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank, hon'ble minister of human resource development and Sanjay Dhotre, hon'ble minister of state for human resource development. The award

ceremony was held on September 12, 2019 at Pravasi Bharathiya Kendra. It is notable that Sunila Athley is also the mentor principal of AIS Vrindavan Yojna, Lucknow. Her significant contribution in the field of education was also commended by Anita Karwal, Chairperson, CBSE and Anurag Tripathi, Secretary, CBSE. [G I](#)

## Say no to plastic

### A Campaign For Plastic Free Environment

**AIS VKC Lucknow**

To raise awareness among the students to preserve the beauty of earth and make it plastic free, the eco club of the school organised a 'No Plastic' campaign on September 20, 2019. Student members of the club conducted the campaign for two weeks during which they visited all the classes and informed students about ways to reuse plastics. They also made flower pots, pencil holders, bird feeders and other small decorative items out of old waste plastic bottles and containers.

As part of the campaign, the club also conducted awareness walk during which student members along with teachers visited houses in nearby localities, holding placards with messages 'No Plastic'. They also passed on the message by rendering poems, speaking slogans and interacting with locals. The members urged people to use jute and cloth bags instead



Eco club members spread awareness during the campaign

of plastic bags as well as presented a jute bag to each family. Various ways to reuse old plastic items were also brought into light by the students. During the walk, the students even approached the local shopkeepers

to not use poly bags and to not promote the sale and usage of any such plastic products. The residents of societies appreciated the efforts of eco club and along with the students pledged not to use poly bags and plastic. [G I](#)



Young scientists present their viewpoints

## Science seminar

**AIS Gwalior**

An inter class science seminar was conducted for the students of Class VI-VIII on August 28, 2019. Inspired by various achievements and experiments done in the field of science and technology, students discussed topics and attempted questions kindling their curiosities. There were six participants from different classes who gave presentation on current topics. Anika Vasistha of Class VI bagged first position for her presentation on 'say no to poly bags'. Harsh Vardhan Singh of Class IX stood second for his presentation on 'gravitational sources' and the third position went to Akshat Singhal of Class VIII for his presentation on 'alternative sources of energy.' The seminar concluded with students taking a pledge to reduce the use of plastic bags and protect the environment. [G I](#)

## A day with soldier

### Anubhav, An Interaction With Samaritans

**AIS Saket**

As a part of 'Anubhav'\* series, esteemed Brig Amul Asthana (Retd.) gave the students an enlightening talk into Kargil war on August 14, 2019.

With an exemplary career in Indian Army to his credit, Brig Amul Asthana (Retd.) played a pivotal role in 'Operation Vijay', Kargil War (1999). His life has been an inspirational saga of valiance and sacrifice.

During the talk he shared how after being inducted into the Batalik sector, he lead the battalion in the most rugged terrain at a height over 17000 ft. In his address he also highlighted the fact that fueled with patriotism, even common man supported soldiers in various ways. He showed some informative spot pictures, soul stirring anecdotes and heartfelt salu-

tations which were awe-inspiring and infused the young minds with sentiments and spirits of pride and patriotism. He also paid tribute to the indomitable spirit and gallant services rendered by war martyrs specially Lt Manoj Kumar Pandey who was awarded Param Vir Chakra (Posthumously). The informative interaction was a precursor to the Independence Day celebrations. The interaction also provided students an insight into the life of a soldier in a war zone, the travails and travesties they face, their emotions and dedication towards the nation. The talk motivated the students to pursue a career in defence services. [G I](#)

\*Envisioned by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF, 'Anubhav' series is a platform for students to interact and understand the life and experiences of real samaritans and imbibe their good values.



School principal felicitates Brig Amul Asthana



Students interact with Brig Amul Asthana



Eklavya with his golden trophy

## Skating to success

**AIS Noida**

Eklavya of Class VII participated in Belarus Open Cup and won first position in final B 1000 metres, fourth position in final A 500 metres and fifth position in final A 777 metres. He played in under 14 age group and competed against skaters from Russia, Latvia, France and Belarus, having attended an 18 days long short track ice skating skill enhancement training camp at Minsk, Belarus. The training, organised by Ice Skating Association Of India, helped Eklavya improve his performance. The skating champ will further participate in the upcoming winter Asian Open Championships and South East Asian Championships. [G I](#)



Prem Kumari Narang with her award

## The winsome teachers

### An Award For Kindling Science In Young Minds

**AIS Mayur Vihar**

Two educators of the school Dr S K Singhal, PGT physics (HOD science) and Prem Kumari Narang, PGT physics received 'Scientist Satyendra Nath Bose inspiration honour award

2019'. The award was given to 30 educators from different fields chosen from the nominations received pan India. They were selected on the basis of their published research papers and their active participation in science activities kindling scientific temperament of the young minds in

school. Both the educators were felicitated at an award ceremony held at The Buddha Hall, Port Blair on September 14, 2019. The award ceremony was organised by Science and Mathematics Development Organisation affiliated to VIPNET (Vigyan Prasara). [G I](#)



Dr S K Singhal with his award

Rafflesia has no stems, leaves or roots, but just five red and white spotted petals.

All top quotes contributed by Aharshi Kumar, AIS Noida, IV



# You don't know me...

## ...Till You Know My History, Says The Idiom

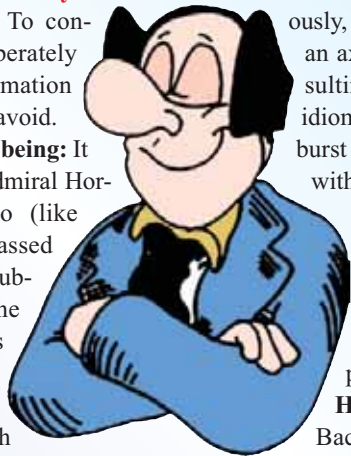
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How many times have you heard someone say that something is a piece of cake! Or that they have heard something straight from the horse's mouth? Have you ever wondered how these idioms found their way to our tongues? Even when they sound so bizarre and out of context, most people tend to let the sleeping dogs lie or bury their heads in the sand and don't give a second thought to the reason behind the phrases. To those who till now were ignorant of the very interesting history behind these idioms, we give you a view beneath what is the tip of the iceberg.

### Idiom: Turn a blind eye

**What it means:** To consciously and deliberately ignore the information that one wants to avoid.

**How it came into being:** It all started with Admiral Horatio Nelson, who (like some of us), passed every degree of stubbornness when he defied his senior's orders to withdraw from battle. He looked through the telescope with his one blind eye when naval orders were transmitted via a system of signal flags. "I have a right to be blind sometimes. I really do not see the signal" were his words, and since then turning a blind eye to something has become a common phrase on our lips.



### Idiom: Mad as a hatter

**What it means:** To be completely crazy

**How it came into being:** Contrary to common belief, this famous idiom doesn't come from Lewis Carroll's 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland'. In fact, it dates back to 17th century France, where poisoning occurred among hat-makers who used mercury for the hat felt. The "Mad Hatter Disease" was marked by shyness, irritability and tremors that would make the person appear 'mad'. This sure is a rather grim background to something that we use so lightly.



### Idiom: Giving someone a cold shoulder

**What it means:** To purposely be unwelcoming or antisocial towards someone

**How it came into being:** In medieval England, it was customary to give a guest a cold piece of meat from the shoulder of mutton, pork or beef



chop when the host felt it was time for the guest to leave. So the next time if your guests impose on your hospitality for a little too long, pick up a piece of whatever coldest item (ice cream not included!) you can find in the refrigerator and serve it. The effect, we assure you, will be instantaneous.

### Idiom: Flying off the handle

**What it means:** To suddenly become very enraged and lose temper

**How it came into being:** This particular idiom has a rather gruesome origin from the 1800s. Axe heads were known to fly off the handle while being used because they were often crudely fitted together. This, obviously, resulted in injury. The suddenness of an axe-head being flung off, and the resulting trouble it caused, leads to this idiom's origin, for it suggests a wild outburst of anger and loss of self-control, all with a possible threat of harm.

### Idiom: Break the ice

**What it means:** Overcoming awkwardness often experienced between people

**How it came into being:** Back when road transportation was not developed, ships were the only transportation and means of trade. Sometimes, the ship got stuck during the winter because of the frozen seas. The receiving country then sent small ships to 'break the ice' and clear a way for the trade ships. This was regarded as a welcome gesture and a mark of understanding.

### Idiom: Letting the cat out of bag

**What it means:** To let out a secret carelessly or by mistake

**How it came into being:** Another idiom with roots in the past, this is related to the existing corruptions in the medieval markets, when people used to sell piglets in bags for farmers to carry home. Sometimes, a shady dealer substituted it with cats (being less expensive). If someone let the cat out of the bag, the deceit was uncovered, or, the secret was out.



### Idiom: Butter someone up

**What it means:** To praise or flatter someone excessively

**How it came into being:** A customary religious act in ancient India included throwing butter balls at the statues of gods to seek good fortune and earn their favour. This was supposed to be a praise for the Gods so that



the people are rewarded with luck. Speaking of ancient customs, similar practice can be traced back to the Tang Dynasty of Tibet where sculptures made out of coloured butter would be displayed as gifts to the heavens marking the new year.

### Idiom: Pull someone's leg

**What it means:** Joking, teasing or fooling with someone

**How it came into being:** Originally, this 'pulling of leg' was a method used by bandits to trap and rob clueless pedestrians. One member of the gang was assigned 'tripper up' duty, ie, to knock the person to the ground. Luckily, these days the saying is much friendlier and less dangerous, though being on the receiving end of a joke might not always be fun.



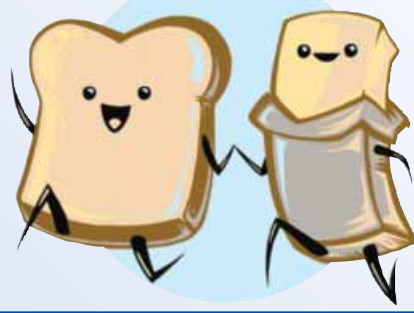
### Idiom: White elephant

**What it means:** A possession that is useless or troublesome, especially one that is expensive to maintain

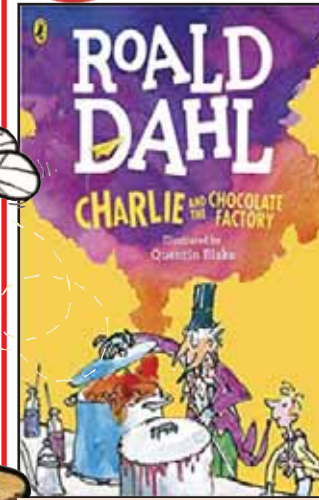
**How it came into being:** According to legend, the ancient kings of Thailand used to gift actual white elephants to those who they wanted to punish. The white elephant was



considered sacred, required the highest and the most expensive management. By presenting people with these grand animals, the kings hoped, and often succeeded, to financially ruin those he disfavoured. Nowadays, the white elephant still means useless and much expensive possessions.



## Book Review



**Book name:** Charlie and the Chocolate Factory  
**Author:** Roald Dahl  
**Rating:** ★★★★★  
**Genre:** Children's literature, fantasy, adventure  
**Publisher:** George Allen & Unwin  
**First Published:** 1964  
**Suited for:** 7-15 years

**Number of days I took to read the book:** 10 days.

### Synopsis

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory is a children's novel that follows the life of Charlie Bucket and his journey to and inside the chocolate factory of eccentric chocolatier Willy Wonka. Charlie lives a life of poverty with his parents and four grandparents until he earns a golden ticket for a trip to the chocolate factory. There he meets gluttonous Augustus

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Gloop, the spoiled and petulant Veruca Salt, the chewing gum-addict Violet Beauregarde and the television-obsessed Mike Teavee. One by one the kids are eliminated as they also meet a new race of small people called Oompa-Loompas.

### What I liked

I liked how the book talks about morality and poetic justice dressed up as an entertaining story. The protagonist of the story, Charlie, is justly rewarded for his honesty and forbearance, teaching us how self-discipline is the key to success and glory.

### Alternate ending

No, I don't think there can be any other way to finish this beautiful book. How nature works mysteriously to punish the spoiled kids is just perfect. It sends a good message and no other ending could have done justice to it.

### Favourite character

Charlie Bucket, because he is honest, selfless, kind hearted, optimistic and is always respectful towards others.

### New words I learnt

**Enormous:** Huge  
**Verdict:** Decision  
**Peculiar:** Unique  
**Bewildered:** Surprised  
**Dumbfounded:** Amazed

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