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

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**POLL RESULT**  
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Yes	No	Can't Say
57%	19%	24%

Results as on October 19, 2019

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# a new ramayana

## The Trails Of The Indian Epic In Other Southeast Asian Cultures

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Diwali, being around the corner, has brought that time of the year when lights will adorn every corner and the sound of Ramayana will be echoed from every household. Ramayana, the story of good over evil is a story we've all grown up hearing. But like every other story that is narrated through generations, this one, too, has found too many once-upon-a-time and too many endings. We bring you some of them from different parts of the world.

### Cambodia

The Cambodian version of Ramayana, called 'Reamker', means 'Glory of Rama'. Going back to 7<sup>th</sup> Century, it was recited daily in several parts of Cambodia. Along with changed names for all the characters, this version also has a mermaid princess named Neang Machha. In this version when Hanuman starts building a bridge of stone to reach Lanka, an army of mermaids try to stop him. That is when Hanuman meets Neang Machha and they fall in love. This effectively stops the mermaids from stealing anymore stones. Reamker is celebrated through an all-male masked dance drama and shadow puppet plays in the country.

### Thailand

'Ramakien', or the Thai version of Ramayana, is quite close to

the original tale, only altering the topography and culture to suit Thailand. It remains the inspiration behind all *khon* and *nang yai* dramas. One can find several paintings depicting the tale of Ramakien, adorning the Grand Palace. A city in Thailand, Ayutthaya, is named after Ayodhya, the birthplace of Lord Rama.

### Malaysia

Ramayana or Hikayat Seri Rama was first introduced to Malaysians through Wayang Kulit (shadow theatre). This version was used for the sake of entertainment and social education. In this extension, minor characters were upgraded to major ones or new characters were invented. Malay writers are also known to give Lakshmana prominence over Rama for his attributes of courage, righteousness and honour. Rama was perceived to be weak and his character is often moved to the background. Ramayana in Malaysia is usually told through puppet shows with gong orchestra giving the music.

### Laos

Ramayana in Laos came as late as 16<sup>th</sup> century under the name Phra Lak Phra Ram. Just like the Malay version, people here consider Lakshmana above Rama due to his dedication to his brother. Rama here is often also considered an avatar of Gautam Buddha, which ex-



plains why the tale is found under Jataka tales. Jataka tales are stories that recount the previous births of Buddha. Phra Lak Phra Ram was a favourite of Lao Royal Ballet until 1975, and the tradition has been revived by the National School for Music and Dance that is in Laotian style.

### Myanmar

Ramayana in Myanmar is popularly known as Yamayana, where

Rama is known as Yama and Sita as Thida. Its oldest traces can be seen during King Anawrahta's reign, the founder of Pagan Empire. More literary and artistic evidences show up through the later periods hinting towards the influence of Ramayana in the country. There are as many as nine known variations of Yamayana, collectively called Yama Zatdaw. The plot of this version is quite similar, with a

few adaptations from Ramakien, the Thai version of Ramayana.

India itself has around 300 versions of Ramayana, making it very difficult to pinpoint any one interpretation of the story that is correct. It is simply about choosing a story to base our morals on, after all, every single adaptation of Ramayana promotes the triumph of good over evil, victory of light over darkness.  



Pic courtesy: dreamstime.com



Shri Prahlad Singh Patel, Minister of State for Culture and Tourism

# The people's politician

## Shri Prahlad Singh Patel On Love For Culture, Country & Its People

Vidhi Vivek & Nitya Gupta  
 AIS Noida, XI G

Prahlad Singh Patel, the incumbent Minister of State for Culture and Tourism, is a name to reckon with in the world of politics. In a political career spanning several decades that saw him serve as the Member of Parliament five times, he has worked relentlessly for the cause of the nation. An advocate by profession, he shared his inspirational

political ventures and beliefs as the chief guest at 15<sup>th</sup> World Tourism Day programme held at Amity University, Noida.

*You have been in the field of politics for many decades, what was your journey like?*

It was very challenging, but a fulfilling experience. I started as the leader of the student union and faced a lot of opposition, but decided to never give up. I have always had my ambitions set, which prominently included the welfare of people. During my first election, I was up against a senior Congress leader and had no political background, no money and no prior experience, but I still won, for which I will be forever grateful to the people of India.

*You have held several prominent positions in your career, which one was the most challenging?*

It would be when I took oath as

Coal Minister under Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee in 1999. I still remember when Atalji, with his infinite wisdom, very subtly remarked that the Coal Ministry looked like a very tantalizing prospect, but it would take immense will power to not give in to its temptations. With this in mind, I worked hard and I do not have a single blip on my record as the Coal Minister.

*Politician or advocate - which role do you enjoy more?*

I take pride in the fact that I am an advocate; my knowledge of law has helped me whilst running for elections as an MLA, MP and during my tenure as a minister. Both of them are really close to my heart, but serving the public has always been my primary goal, so I believe I will always prefer serving as a politician.

*What are the challenges of promoting tourism in India?*

The cultural diversity of this nation is such that promoting





Prahlad S Patel & Founder President sir with GT reporters

tourism is no challenge at all. Deserts in the West, Himalayas in the North, seas on either coasts, hill stations in the North East, not to forget the vast and rich reserves of flora and fauna - all make my job easy as India attracts its own audience, evident in the six point jump it received in the latest Tourism Index of 2018. But one thing I am working towards is changing the perception of Indian tourism across the world; we aren't a third world country anymore, we have the capability to compete with top nations

and our tourist destinations must showcase that.

*Your message for Amitians?*

Never allow obstacles to overwhelm you; it's easy to blame circumstances for our shortcomings but we must own our mistakes, learn from them and work tirelessly to achieve our goals. I would urge all Amitians to take inspiration from my idol, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya. I have no doubt that by following his footsteps, each and every Amitian will become successful in their endeavours.  

Pics: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network



# India this week

Yashika Aneja, GT Network

**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.

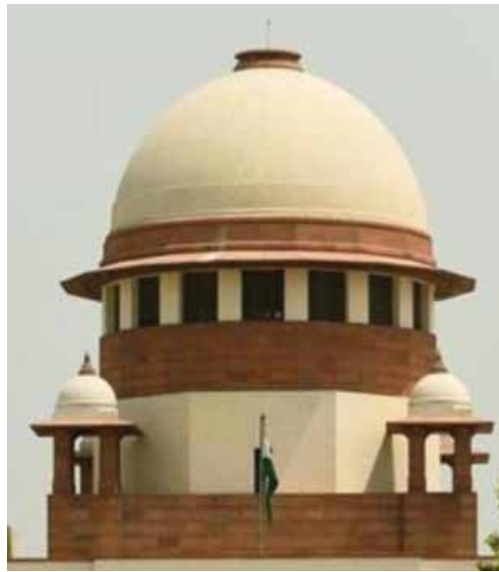


## Post-paid services in J&K renewed

**News:** On October 13, the government declared its decision to renew the post-paid services in J&K, 72 days after they were first snapped due to abrogation of Article 370. Mobile services like voice calls and SMS are operational again, benefitting the state's 40 lakh post-paid subscribers. However, the internet facility is still unavailable.

**Views:** The traumatising events that followed the rescindment of Article 370 disheartened the citizens of the state. They were further dispirited when telecom services in the region were shut down. However, the news of the renewal that allows them to connect with their families and friends living outside the state once again comes as a reassurance.

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## Section 144 in Ayodhya

**News:** Section 144 has been imposed in the district till December 10 in anticipation of Supreme Court's decree on the issue of disputed land, and also because of upcoming festivities, keeping in mind the safety of the citizens. Requests from VHP leaders to light diyas at the site on Diwali have caused an equal demand from the other side to offer Namaz there. Thus any activity in the region is restricted, barring the use of drones, and the sale and purchase of crackers as well.

**Views:** To ensure order in Ayodhya during large public-gatherings and to prevent any riots that may spring up, the sanction of Section 144 is essential. However, the execution of it should be in such a way that the citizens do not feel deprived of their Right to Freedom in the long run.

Vidhi Vivek, AIS Noida, XI G

## Air quality in Delhi depressed

**News:** With the return of the stubble burning season, the quality of air in Delhi has begun to deteriorate once again. The overall AQI in the capital touched the 301 mark, placing it in the category of 'very poor', first time in three months. A health advisory has been issued by Centre-run System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research (SAFAR). With Diwali overhead, the air quality is likely to sink even further.

**Views:** Despite the ban on stubble burning, the latest images released by NASA depict a few fire incidents in north-west India, showcasing how the ban hasn't been effective. Moreover, the sale of illegal crackers is soaring high. This only shows we are still not taking the problem of low quality air seriously, which is an extremely bad news.

Stuti Mehrotra, AIS Gurugram 43, XI D



## Abhijit Banerjee receives Nobel Prize

**News:** Abhijit Banerjee, an Indian American economist, along with Esther Duflo and Michael Kremer, will receive the Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences for their experiment-based approach towards alleviating poverty at the global level. As an outcome of one of their studies, more than 5 million poor Indian children have benefitted from programmes of remedial tutoring in schools. These Economics Laureates'19 will be awarded with a cash prize of 9 million kronor, a medal and a diploma on December 10 this year.

**Views:** Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo and Michael Kremer very well deserve the Nobel Prize for their groundbreaking project. And not only this has been extremely important for the ones who have won, but also to the entire nation who is very proud of them. Indian kids now have another Nobel Prize winner of their own country to look up to.

Anika Joshi, AIS Vasundhara 1, X A

## Around The WORLD

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## USA

### Yet another wildfire

A wildfire named Saddleridge fireblazed L.A.'s San Fernando Valley and burned over 8,000 acres. More than a hundred thousand people had to be evacuated as the wildfire spread faster than expected due to strong and extremely dry desert winds. The fire was eventually controlled but the damage was already done. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

## SPAIN

### Thomas cook leaves behind tourism scare

The collapse of British tourism giant Thomas Cook has left Spain tourism in a flux. An estimate of 1.3 million autumn and winter travelers will be unable to fly to Spanish destinations according to The Spanish Confederation of Hotels and Tourist Accommodation, resulting in huge losses.



## AFGHANISTAN

### Museum to restore Buddhist artifacts

National Museum of Afghanistan is restoring Buddhist artifacts that were destroyed by an Islamic militant group (Taliban) in 2001. These artifacts date back to the third century, to the time when Buddhism was very popular in Afghanistan and was practiced for more than 1000 years.



## JAPAN

### Nation reeling under Typhoon Hagibis

The deadly super-typhoon Hagibis hit the country, resulting in the loss of more than 70 lives, with dozens of people reported missing or trapped. Accompanied by 216 km/h winds and an earthquake of magnitude 5.7, the typhoon has paralysed the country. However, over 110,000 people have come up for search and rescue operations from around the country. The government too has allotted \$6.5 million for its emergency response and may increase it with extra funds for reconstruction.

## ZIMBABWE

### Hyperinflation hits again

The country's economy is fluctuating heavily because of hyperinflation, which first surfaced in 2005 and peaked in 2008, but was curbed by adopting a multi-currency system. This time, the situation is much worse. Electricity prices have climbed 300% and fuel by 26%.



## INDIA

### PM's Special Scholarship Scheme

This year over 4500 students from Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh region took admission in colleges nationwide under Prime Minister's Special Scholarship Scheme (PMSSS), marking an increase from 2500 students last year.



## News Flash

► **Mexico:** Mexico deported 311 Indians, illegally trying to enter the country and sneaking into the US ► **Egypt:** Archaeologists find 20 intact ancient coffins near Luxor ► **Nigeria:** Nigeria's 'Twin Capital', Igbo Ora, holds annual fest to celebrate twinning



Human babies don't have tear glands for around 2-4 weeks after they are born.

# Is school really cool?

Imagine A School Like It Is Shown In Movies...Now, Back To Reality!

Siddhi Mohanty

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Tomorrow is my first day of high school. I was up all night thinking about how it is going to be. I am pretty nervous. I am socially challenged and have high chances of ending up a loner. I reach the school and see the huge open gates. I walk inside and notice the lush green gardens on both the sides with marble statues and water fountains! This place has an eerie familiarity to it, as if I have seen this in a movie before. I check again to see if I am in the right place. After walking the longest stretch for a path, I see a series of expensive cars; it was as if I am in a showroom in South Delhi and not in a local high school. I reach the hallway and see a group of girls: a clique strolling through the hallways in skirts and long coats, every hair strand in place with their Gucci backpacks and Versace glares. Did I miss something? Are the Mean Girls in my school now? And I am thinking aren't they supposed to roam in sweatpants and whine about how much homework they got to do? I see my timetable and my first class is theatre. Which school starts their day off with drama? I slide in my seat and the teacher asks us to audition for the annual day at the end of the year. Guess



what? All of them act like they were born in a theatre room, all professional dancers/actors. I feel so embarrassed about my two left feet that I leave the class almost immediately. I wanted to try for the basketball team, so I head towards the sports arena. And what do I see? Huge courts, an Olympic-sized swimming pool, locker rooms: is this school even in India? The cheerleaders are practicing in

their candy-like outfits with the basketball players, and the players actually dance better than the cheerleaders. Wait, what? Troy Bolton, what are you doing here? We finally have a break. I get to the canteen for lunch, and a group of friends suddenly break into a dance, all with perfectly synchronized dance steps and outfits. Apparently the song was about true friendship. 'Stick to the status quo' anyone?

And then I find about the school trip. My expectations don't go higher than Agra or Shimla. But when the announcement said 'Switzerland,' I almost fainted. I swear to God I heard it. My brain could not really process what was going on. Aren't we supposed to study and prepare for college? Will Shanaya also be there? Are we also attending a big fat wedding? While going to the classroom, I

pass a group of people already stressing about the next week's party. Nobody's worrying about the science project and the four essays that are due this week and worth 40% of our grade. The bell finally rang and I am relieved I could go home. Just as I am heading to the door I heard a beep beep. Then I opened my eyes. I am still in bed. It is 6:30 and I still have to go to school. But this time, the real one. 🇮🇳

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Examinations

Presents

Brainleaks-289  
FOR CLASS IX-X

A small amount of calcium oxide (quick lime) is taken in a beaker. Water is slowly added to this. Which of the following observations is/are correct about this activity?  
(i) The beaker becomes hot because it is an endothermic reaction.  
(ii) A clear solution is obtained at the top after the reaction gets over.  
(iii) The reaction is a combination reaction in which quick lime (CaO) is converted into slaked lime, Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub>.

- a) (i), (ii) and (iii)  
b) (ii) and (iii) only  
c) (iii) only  
d) (i) and (iii) only

Last Date:  
Oct 25, 2019

3 correct entries win attractive prizes

Ans. Brainleaks 288: (d)

Winner for Brainleaks 288

1. Samyak gupta, AIS Noida, IX E
2. Nandani Dubey, AIS Gur 46, VII B
3. Yash Thakur, AIS MV, VII D

Name: .....

Class: .....

School: .....

Send your answers to The Global Times, E-26, Defence Colony, New Delhi - 24 or e-mail your answers at [brainleaks@theglobaltimes.in](mailto:brainleaks@theglobaltimes.in)

## Honest exam time conversations

This Boards, Say No To 'Gharelu Nuske'

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It's the day before your exams, and while you would utilise this time by revising your syllabus, your relatives and well-wishers queue up with unconditional affirmation and unsolicited advice. All this while you hide your disdain at the illogical 'nuske' under the layers of fake polite laughter and thank you's. Only if you could be honest with them, this is how the conversation would go.

**Mumbai wali mausi:** Sweet dahi cheeni equals sweet results.

That's not how it works mausi. While I'm sure scientists have spent years on finding the secret behind this concoction; the only way it helps you is giving you energy to write the exams. I'll drink Glucon-D instead.

**Bengaluru wali bua:** Give your phone to your mom and get more marks in return.

So, it doesn't matter if I'm clarifying doubts via DMs or getting photos of sample papers on WhatsApp? I'll just say goodbye to my Meritnation and Khan

Academy accounts because apparently, the internet is only for wasting time. Although, a recent survey from McGraw-Hill Education says 81% kids have improved their grades with use of technology. Where did I get this from? The internet! Oh, so it must be wrong?

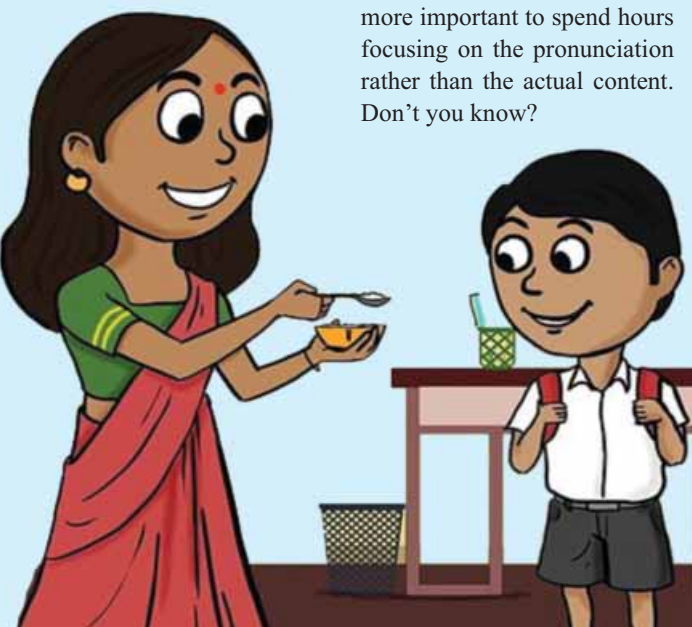
**Chandigarh wali chachi:** Early to bed, early to rise makes you healthy, wealthy and wise.

It also makes all night owls die inside. Many studies have proven that students can benefit from the

quiet atmosphere of the night, ensuring higher concentration. People with a routine that sees them more active at night will find that studying at night comes more naturally to them. But obviously, everyone has to wake up at six in the morning to study. Duh!

**Tirupati wale tauji:** Enunciate for quality education.

But I like reading faster, with higher concentration, better understanding and skipping the words I don't need. Who cares for quality understanding, it's more important to spend hours focusing on the pronunciation rather than the actual content. Don't you know?



## Pointless professions

Agree Or Not, Some Jobs Need A Facelift

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At some point in our lives, we all have had our moments of introspection. Haven't there been times when we feel that our very own existence is pointless? Or so our folks around say! Nonetheless, here's a compilation of professions, in an endeavour to alleviate you from this hopelessness.

■ A platform such as Olympics is meant for none but people who are skilled at which sport they participate in. But, what could be the possible reason to have life-guards to save the swimmers who know the A-Z of swimming? Let's just say they are preparing for the worst.  
■ The next in the list is the guard

employed for the lifts in malls. Their presence is only valid when they have to escort people up and down in the lift. Maybe, the lift wouldn't operate without its companion liftman.

■ "Order! Order!" Imagine a judge seated at the raised platform. "My lord", begins the advocate clothed in her black robe and the people anticipating the judgment. A perfect courtroom scenario? No. Not until the Darban begins with a "judge sahib tashrif laa rahe hain." Such importance, you see.

■ Do you remember the last time you saw a Republic Day parade? Did you notice that the VIPs don't come out of their cars unless it is opened by someone from the outside? There are people assigned to this strenuous task of opening car doors during

big events. Because, why not!  
■ We see advertisements everywhere for brand promotions. However, this is not enough for certain brands because they have people who hold placards outside the store they are promoting. Art of advertising, I must say!  
■ Last is the secret man sitting far behind in the cinema theatre. His job is to click the movie to play. Well, this is not that pointless, because who would not love boasting around about having watched all the latest movies.

The above list was but a synopsis of the pointlessness that the world is filled with. Now we know what to do when we are hoarded with taunts and ridicules by our families and relatives, time and again reminding us about how useless we are. 🇮🇳



# Water charged with copper

## Decoding Various Health Benefits And Toxin Removal By Copper Charged Water

### Pro@Project

Stuti Kalra, GT Network

It all started when **Deeptanshu Nandi**, a Class VIII student of AIS Gurugram 43, came across an advertisement urging people to say no to plastic. Among many other measures suggested, one was to stop using plastic bottles, stating the reasons of hazard it caused to health and the environment. Back at home, this young thinking mind observed that his grandparents drank water from a copper jug. Curiously, he asked them why and what he learnt from them set him thinking of ways to enrich water for drinking.

### Copper The wonder metal

“Why copper?” the young mind thought. Deeptanshu learnt that copper utensils had properties that were beneficial for health. Hence, people in ancient times preferred drinking water from copper vessels and lived longer. Ayurveda, too, recommends storing water overnight in copper utensils and drinking it in the morning for a healthy life. But what exactly made this metal so enriching?

### Copper A science perspective

A curious Deeptanshu then met

with his science mentor, Reena Gupta, who encouraged him to test why copper renders water beneficial for his next science project in the upcoming Vasudha, Amity's annual science project competition. Thus, was born an idea to test the electrical conductivity of water kept in copper container as compared to water kept in other containers like plastic and glass, and then

**Experiment:** Testing copper charged water for ionic enrichment

**Young scientist:** Deeptanshu Nandi, VIII, AIS Gur 43

**Mentor teacher:** Reena Gupta

find out which one is most fit for drinking.

The objective was to test how water reacted with the metal of utensils in which it was stored. The underlying theory being that when water is stored in a metal container, a very small amount of metal's ions detach from the container and stay in water. These charged metal ions attract toxins in the body and neutralises its effect. These toxins are then expelled through natural processes like urine, stool and perspiration. Metal charged water is therefore safe, easily available cheap and mild to moderately effective enriched beverage.

### Copper Experiment to conduct

Four containers made of plastic,



Deeptanshu Nandi and mentor, Reena Gupta with observation table

glass, silver and copper were half filled with water. Copper was the chosen metal as the body needs it for many physiological functions like RBC synthesis, protein metabolism, enzyme activity and benefits nervous system, circulatory system and maintain bone health.

The electrical conductivity of water in all four containers was recorded for two consecutive days, every hour, from 8 am to 1 pm with the help of a conductiv-

ity meter. The readings showed that electrical conductivity was highest in water contained in silver vessel followed by copper vessel and least in water contained in plastic container. Hence, copper was scientifically deemed good for health. It is easily available and economic also as compared to silver. However, studies suggested that caution has to be taken to ensure that not too much copper is consumed as it can lead to heavy metal poisoning.

### Copper Water that heals

Considering the fact that our body is made up of 75% water, the use of copper charged water is the perfect answer to several diseases such as joint pains, polio, leprosy, high BP, stress, mental tension, paralysis, anaemia, etc. While a lot of steel bottles coated with a layer of copper on the inside are available, another solution lies in lining a thin layer of copper in the



The experimental setup

### Awards and Accolades

■ The project was awarded second position in National Science Concur\* 2018. He was awarded a trophy and cash prize of INR 7,500. \*National Science Concur is the National Level Online Science Competition organised by Pivotal Consultancy Services Scholastic World for Class VI-XII to promote innovation and experiential learning. It is held at two levels. The first level comprises an MCQ round. Those who qualify move to second and final level that comprises individual science project.

inner portion of the taps (so that too much copper does not cause heavy metal poisoning). This will result in the drinking water being automatically charged with copper ions adequately. 🇮🇳

# Gaming greys

## With A Distinct Black And White, Gaming Is The New Grey

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Doing anything more than a certain limit comes with its own set of advantages and disadvantages. Something along the similar lines happens when it comes to gaming. Sure, it gives you immense pleasure when you beat that level you have been stuck at for a long while, but you seem to completely disregard the amount of time you have put in actually to make that possible. This, however, is just one aspect of the problem. Let's have a look at the others.

### Cognitive abilities

#### The black

A large chunk of the gaming community suffers from what is known as 'Internet Gaming Disorder'. When gamers came across game related cues which activated the pleasure seeking parts of the brain, their brain showed the same reaction as that of an addict. It was a testament of the structural and functional changes that take place in the natural reward system of the brain

### The white

Out of 116 studies that were carried out by renowned researchers and scientists, 22 were of the opinion that gaming tends to directly affect the structure of the brain. The participants of the study who were exposed to prolonged gaming, showed an enlarged hippocampus, the area of the brain which affects attention. It has been observed that gaming is responsible for increase in attention.

### Social interaction

#### The black

Several studies conducted over the years point that most gamers are reclusive and incapable of effective social interactions. In a study which involved 3000 students showed that 9.9% of the students became pathological gamers with drastically reduced social interaction. These children showed lack of social competence and greater impulsivity. Not just this but depression, anxiety, social phobias and lower performance at school were other outcomes.

### The white

In contrast to these studies, 'couch co-op' games (games that allow two or more players to play on the same console) have shown to facilitate better social interaction and relation-

ships. 25% of users who played such games have said that these games fostered better face to face conversation and aided in improving interpersonal relationships. Strategising and being part of a clan in games such as Rust are shown to even help with linguistic abilities as players from all around the world become a part of the clans or squads.

### Physical fitness

#### The black

The most common and perhaps one of the most accurate statements made against gaming is that gamers are not so keen on physical activity. While sports is believed to activate your mind, body and spirit, video games simply mean you are static and the only movement that can be witnessed in this case is that of the thumbs and eyeballs.

#### The white

Well, video games are not the enemies but the future of sports. Consoles like Xbox connect and Wii Kinect require the involvement of an individual's entire body. Various e-sports titles that are available in the market now are the ones which require you to get involved in the game just like you would in the real world. The only difference being that you play them in comfort of your living room.

Like everything else, gaming has its own black and white. You need to take the grey route.

Illustration: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network



Human body emits tiny amount of light which is too weak for the human eye to detect. This phenomenon is called biophoton emission.

# Fighting tooth with nail

Imagine The Battle When It Comes Laden With Barbed Wires Inside Your Mouth

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**Disclaimer:** This is a humorously exaggerated write-up, written in order to vent out the years of repressed anger against braces.

Those of you who have never had braces, you have no idea how fortuitous your teenage life is. If you still cannot figure out how, ask those who have been dealing with these silver or platinum-coloured shackles stuffed in their mouths for years, biting every single bit of their gums and making them sore with ulcers. Unlike everything else that have both pros and cons, have just one side. And we don't really need to mention which one that is, do we?

**The trial begins:** You have run out of luck and the D-day has arrived. Your mouth is opened wide, and braces are stuck inside using hot glue. Your gums burn, but not before bonding cement that tastes like rotten clay is stuffed into your mouth. And this, my friends, is just the be-

ginning of your protracted trial. Just sit back and watch.

**Sentenced for two years:** With braces in place, you might think that the ordeal is over. But, that is as far from the truth as we are from Pluto. Braces mean dental appointments every month for the next two years, and if you are rather unlucky, even twice a month.

These dreaded visits

to the dentist entail

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by the way, you

are also required

to keep your

mouth in the

exact same

position as

asked by

the dentist, whether it is a Charlie Chaplin or a Jim Carey expression. Sadly, you just cannot get away with it.

**Home, no longer sweet:** Once back from the dentist, you want to rejoice and jump. But just then the orthodontic brush

given to you by the dentist smirks at you. The thing that the 'braced' use to brush their teeth, giving at least 30 seconds to each bracket. So yeah, what you take 2 minutes to do, we spend 20 minutes doing. And after all this, you might think you will be able to enjoy that lovely red velvet cake, but then your metal sticks to the cake like icing,

and sticks it to you like no other has or no other ever will.

**Twist in the suffering:**

You might think that this is as bad as it can get.

But wait till the braces accidentally detach themselves.

It sure as hell is a field day for the dentist, but for us...well, some things are best left

unsaid. Of course, nobody is going to admit

eating food that was prohibited and that has

caused the detachment at the first place.

**It's routine:** The sharp metal wires not only pull your teeth together for the good but also scrape off your gums causing painful ulcers which take days to heal. The most bothersome part is that every time an ulcer gets cured a new one pops out. And that is how my friend we brace ourselves to live each day. Kudos to us!

**The day of freedom:** After all the pain you go through, comes the day when your mouth finally becomes metal free. It is a moment of sheer relief and happiness but here comes the

catch, yet again. All the bliss goes in the drain when you are asked to put on those retainers.

This is when you realise that you will never be free, okay got a bit emotional there but you

are bound for another year and that's it.



Illustration: Pankaj Mallik, GT Network



## Taste of india

Served Hot Everywhere...

Vasudha Sharma

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India is a melting pot of innumerable cultures. Diversity, as such is sure to be an outcome, one that's not just seen in the people who live in the country, but also the food they eat. Here's expressing love for the thing that is extremely loved – Indian food.

**Served to the world...**

From appetizing platters from the North to flavoursome preparations down South, India has a plethora of dishes to boast of. Undoubtedly, these dishes have managed to win every Indian's heart, but they have also found their way to international menus as well. As some of us relish pizzas and noodles, believe it or not, it is our very own *chole bhature* or *daal makhni-naan* that keeps the country's tourism rising.

**Served to the home...**

While our *desi khaana* traversed

boundaries and appealed to palates worldwide, some dishes traveled to us. Little did we know that our staple kidney-beans (lovingly called rajma) are originally from Mexico. Similarly, the idea of *daal bhaat* took birth in Nepal before it reached us, not to forget that samosas are also not Indian! But welcoming as we are, we received these foreign mouth-watering delicacies with open arms, so much so, that they came to be called as our very own.

**Served straight to the heart...**

With every region coming together to form a cornucopia of textures, spices and authentic recipes passed down from generations to generations, the list of our nation's hors d'oeuvres, street foods, main courses and desserts could go on forever, and that's one of the many reasons the Indian cuisine turns anyone into a true foodie.

As its rightly said, food is certainly the way to the heart! 🇮🇳

## Anatomy of a fan

Varied Functions Of The Body Parts Of A Hardcore Fan

Sanya Goel & Aditya Aggarwal

AIS Gurugram 43, Alumni

Even in villages fifty miles away from here, every cry of a child is stopped by the mother saying, "Sleep, son, or a fan girl will come." With their entire world revolving around a book that is 'not just a book', the life of a fan is full of complications. Fortunately, their body has adequately adapted to deal with every situation.

**Brain:** Filled to the brim, or in fact overflowing with all the information of their favourite book. From memorising the major events and their page numbers to knowing all behind-the-scenes and minute details about the author and the characters, there is no match to such wisdom!

**Eyes:** Extremely red and puffy from all the late-nights-turned-into-all-nighters, but re-reading their favourite book and crying over the death of their favourite character, for the 200th time is a must.

**Ears:** As sharp as a bat, their ears are always turned up, listening even when you think they aren't and always ready to catch you in the act if you dare enough to speak ill of their favourite.

**Mouth:** After signals from ears, mouth keeps itself ready to reprimand anyone who speaks poorly of the holy grail. It spews out facts after facts to prove the superiority of their favourite book, en-

suring that the hater is forever scared to bad-mouth it ever again.

**Heart:** Even though storage is written off as a function of brain, some things just have to be memorised by the heart. The love that resides there knows absolutely no bounds.

**Arms:** The sincerity of their dedication is proved by the rippling muscles made by carrying the kilos and kilos of all merchandise – paperback, hardcover, badges, t-shirts, mugs, phone covers and everything else they could get their hands on.

**Stomach:** The new permanent home for the butterflies is a 24\*7 chaos house, all thanks to the residents. The dread of the cliffhanger and the anticipation of what will happen in the next part is their Achilles' heel.

**Legs:** Though resting most of the time, they can give Usain Bolt a run for his money when they get to know that the next book in the series is finally available at one of the book stores, whether it is in close proximity or in another city or for that matter in some other continent. Because this madness is real and unstoppable. 🇮🇳



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## Rama within



Dr. Amita Chauhan  
Chairperson

The festival of lights is here and may everyone's life be lit with light of knowledge, happiness, love and togetherness for eternity. As we revel in the victory of Lord Rama today, I want to share the life of Lord Rama which was full of adversities and challenges, yet the one full of victory and celebrations. Even with his Godly powers, Rama was born and lived like a normal human being. And it is this fact, that makes his life exemplary and worthy to emulate. Every time you will feel like complaining about problems in life, remember, Rama's life was not an easy one too. Born as a prince, he was exiled to live in forests for no fault of his own. In the forest, his wife Sita gets kidnapped by Ravana. In the search of Sita he wanders into far off islands of Bali (now Indonesia) and Cambodia, fights battles for the local kings only in the hope of finding his wife. Down South in India, he meticulously builds an army who can help him fight demons. When finally he kills Ravana and is crowned as a king, he had to denounce Sita because of his Raj Dharma as a king. At individual level, this is no easy life for any human being, yet Rama survived it all. His biggest strength in all his fights for truth were his values, that kept him going. Respect (he never blamed anyone for his exile and he even bowed down before Ravana as a mark of respect for his intellectual abilities), humility (who can forget that he ate Shabari's berries), patience in adversity, perseverance and hope, truth and ideals, Rama upheld all these amidst great personal sufferings. He has shown the limitless abilities a human being has. This Diwali, as we light diyas in our homes, let's discover our abilities and make an attempt to awaken the Rama within. 🇮🇳

## Light in lives



Vira Sharma  
Managing Editor

Just six days to Diwali and we can see lights all around us. Magnanimous architectural wonders bathed into the iridescent glow. Such spectacle takes my thought to the unified relationship between Diwali and light. They both symbolise the victory of luminosity over darkness, victory of good over evil. But this Diwali as I celebrate Rama's victory, I also wish to rejoice victory of the man who brought light into the lives of people living in modern times... Alva Edison, the inventor of incandescent light bulb. Think of it...all these scintillating spectacles even the humble LED in your home, would it have been possible without this most significant invention of modern times? No. That's why I decided to write a small eulogy to this great inventor, an inspiring human being, a child home schooled as he was considered difficult by the world, a teenager on continuous quest of learning, designing and innovating something new and meaningful, an optimistic young man who infamously said, "I didn't fail 1,000 times. The light bulb was an invention with 1,000 steps." Hope, the inner quest, the will to win, the tenacity...all that Diwali teaches us, this man exemplifies in being. As I reflect, I find numerous parallels between the life of Lord Rama and Thomas Alva Edison. Both were brought up by exceptional mothers who instilled them with values. Lord Rama is an epitome of patience and perseverance and so was Thomas Alva Edison. Legend goes that Edison scouted almost the whole world leaving no resource unused, leaving no material untested to finally arrive at the carbon coated cotton filament for making first bulb. Lord Rama enlightened the lives of people helping them dispel the darkness within and Thomas Alva Edison dispelled the darkness outside. Their inspirational life is the lamp to lit the light within. 🇮🇳

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# That's not who I am

## I Am Kindness, I Cost You Nothing But Can Accomplish Much

Ananya Singal, AIS Gur 43, XII D

People had turned a blind eye to each other's suffering; their hearts as if hardened by cement. Nobody was willing to help anybody. "This is perhaps what they meant by apocalypse," he thought to himself. If only they would listen to him, just this once. Tried as he may to convince others to follow his way, his reputation of an unfathomable pursuit did not help him much.

But not willing to give up, he knocked on a rich man's door. "Presumably, he has the resources. It won't be tough for him to offer a little help," he muttered to himself. Soon, someone answered the door. "What are you doing here?" snorted the old man, dressed in luxurious finery. "I am not going to follow your path, no matter what you say."

"But...but...why?" "Why you ask? Now you want me to be kind and all, which means parting away with my hard earned fortunes. You'd want me to feed the poor, donate large chunks of money, all in the name of being kind." "No, no, no...you've got it all wrong," wailed Kindness. "This is not who I am, I am not a man of excess. In fact, I am about simple things, like sharing a meal, passing a smile, holding the door for someone. I bet you can do that," pleaded Kindness. The old man, his presumptions distorted, stood there, raising an eyebrow, "Are you sure that's all it takes? I wouldn't have to write a cheque?" "Well you could do that if you please, but you could be-



gin small." "Very well then, you could sign me on your team."

Having accomplished one small victory, Kindness with the hope to spread a little bit more moved on. This time it was a sturdy man. Though his bulging muscles gave Kindness quite the scare, yet he decided to give it a try; after all, the world was at stake. "You meek creature! What are you doing here? This is no place for cowardice," roared the giant. Kindness though a little intimidated, answered, "Coward? Well, that's not who I am! In fact, I am quite the courageous sorts." At this, the giant laughingly asked for an explanation. "Well their interests before yours

requires a strong will and is not for the faint hearted." The giant seemed to agree. "You have a fair point here. I am with you," and saying this he patted Kindness on the back, kinds that nearly sent him tumbling down.

Trudging forward, he came across this young chap - a suave lad, on his way to work. "Oh God! Kindness, you are here again. I'm done telling you I have no time for you. I have my own interests to look into. It's a cut throat world that works on 'Survival of the fittest'. If I kept being kind to others, there's no way I am going to be promoted," said the young boy. Kindness frowned, and then with some thought replied,

"I'm sorry but that's not who I am. When Darwin gave his theory of 'evolution', he did not think of Humans as a selfish species. In fact, he meant that humans cooperating as a whole will help them evolve as a species. Look at ants. They protect each other from predators, surviving together as a species." The young chap was dumbstruck. But now that he did not have any counter, he gave in, somewhere agreeing with Kindness.

It had been a long day. Now sitting on a bench, Kindness realised he was far more misunderstood than any other being on the planet. But then humans have always been funny species. 🇮🇳

### Little pearls of wisdom

## Practicing love



Mira Sehgal  
AIS Noida, X D

The smell of freshly mown grass, the sound of water gushing down the stream and the soft touch of the pretty, pink flowers makes you drift off to sleep. Your mind makes you dream of the perfect paradise; a place where you want to spend the rest of your life and live peacefully.

You're right, it's perfect but fictional (and cliché). It does not even sound plausible in the contemporary world to lead a peaceful life, without any distractions or commotions. We as humans are always try-

ing to join together the bits and pieces of jigsaw that we have created into a somewhat coherent picture. Of course, there are several factors at play that result in the mayhem. While there are individual issues as exam stress, peer pressure, conflicting relationships; issues exist at a macro level too - increasing inflation, growing epidemics, global warming and what not.

While you may not be able to evade the chaos, there is something you can do - cool down your mind. Now, you must be thinking that I will suggest some plain old techniques of escaping bedlam. Well, yes.

And no. Methods like yoga, prayer, admiring natural beauty and listening to songs definitely help in such situations, but there is one thing that most people miss out on, and that is practicing positive human qualities like love, compassion and kindness.

Positive values purge us from within, helping us realise the actual meaning of life. It might be love for your pet, your parents or even your hobby! You just have to find something that you truly and dearly adore and find bliss in. Perhaps, it may seem difficult, but is one that will be worth while. So, go ahead and practice love!

### GT M@il

Dear Editor,

This is in reference to 'Gandhian way of life' on page 6-7 of The Global Times edition dated October 14, 2019. A number of events commemorated the 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi in AIS Vasundhara 6. Students created posters based on truth and non-violence. They wrote poems and presented their opinion on the Gandhian philosophy. They celebrated this event by dressing up as Gandhiji as well as performing nationalistic songs. Gandhian values were stressed upon and the need for value-based learning was explained to the stu-



AIS Vas 6 principal & Jr GT TC with student writers

dents. I felt extremely honoured and privileged while conducting all these activities and events. Students also took an oath to follow in the footsteps of their beloved Bapu. 🇮🇳

Ritu Nagar, AIS Vas 6  
GT Jr Teacher Coordinator



Issue: Oct 14, 2019; Page 5

Dear Editor,

This is in reference to 'Missing the old ones' on page 6 of The Global Times edition dated October 14, 2019.

At times, certain things reel us back into the past and surround us with nostalgia; this article was one of those things. From the mention of each cartoon character that we had absolutely adored as a child, to what the

problem is with the new cartoons that we can't relate to, this covered it all. Skimming through the edition I couldn't stop myself from pausing on page 6. A very creative graphic had captured my attention, and not just because of the way it was made but also because of what it portrayed: the childhood that we all miss, the one which seems to be slipping from our hands a little more everyday. Each line and each word felt like it was being spoken by a million voices of our generation. This article went beyond than just being a piece of writing, it became an emotion instead. Thank you GT for giving us such a platform to be in; for writers like me and for readers like us all. 🇮🇳

Manasvi Kadian  
AIS Gur 46, XI J



Human teeth are just as strong as shark's teeth.

Battling with more than 200 teams, facing countless round of interviews, only to make it to Youth Power 2019-20...

... they're finally here!



**AIS Gur 46** Sanjeevani: Creating cancer free society

(L-R) Toyam Khanna (team leader), Manasvi Kadian, Debjyoti and Isha Shree; XI with mentor teacher Saritha Chittal



**AIS Gur 43** Plastica: Anti plastic warriors

(L-R) Neelansh Kr Singh, Ishrita Gandhi, Aaditya Rathore and Anirudh Narwal (team leader); XI with mentor teacher Jyoti Mutreja



**AIS MV** Wipe Out Waste: Waste reduction in everyday life

(L-R) Harshita Kinra (team leader), Kriti Thakkar, Amritha V Nair and Aditya Agarwal; XI with mentor teacher Sonali Jain



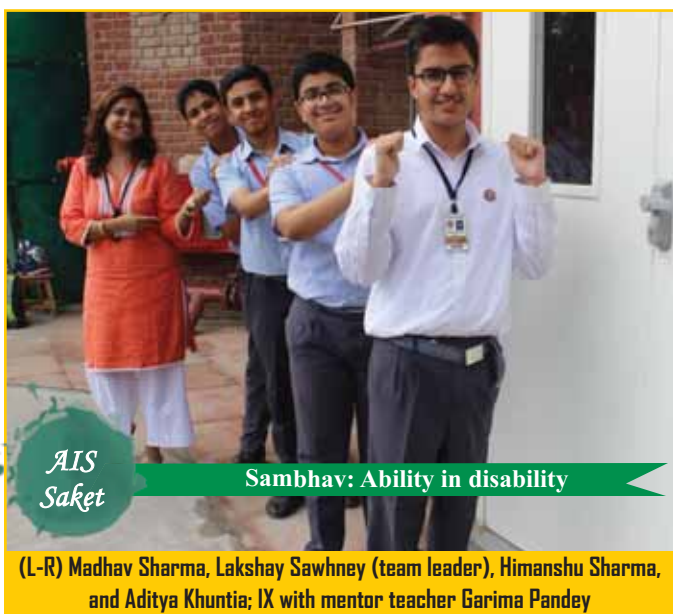
**AIS Noida** Dhvanalp: Deaf culture awareness

(L-R) Vaishant Thakur, Anannda Mittal, Vanya Tandon (team leader), Class XI and Shreya Upreti; IX with mentor teacher Smita Bhardwaj



**AIS PV** Heal-thy self: A step towards fitness

(L-R) Charvi Mendiratta (team leader), Kusha Mehta, Harshaa Kawatra, Isha Agarwal; XI with mentor teacher Sonali Batra



**AIS Saket** Sambhav: Ability in disability

(L-R) Madhav Sharma, Lakshay Sawhney (team leader), Himanshu Sharma, and Aditya Khuntia; IX with mentor teacher Garima Pandey



**AIS Vas 1** Manovinayana: Mental discipline

(L-R) Chhavi Chawla (XI), Aaryan Garg (IX), Supriya Dhingra (IX) and Anupriya Bhatnagar (XI) (team leader); with mentor teacher Sonia Rao



**AIS Vas 6** Sakha: Jeshth Jan Hitaya

(L-R) Sanchita Saha, Avishi Solanki (team leader), Medhavi Jagmohan and Vaishnavi Sharma; XI with mentor teacher Kartikay Bharadwaj



**AIS Jagdishpur** Global warming

Shashwat Singh (team leader), Ashish Yadav, Shivanshi Singh and Akansha Tiwari; XI with mentor teacher Amarnath Sharma



**AIS VKC** Gender sensitisation

(L-R) Ritika Pandey (IX), Joyal Patel (IX), Paras Pandey (team leader) (XI) and Alisha Dja (IX) with mentor teacher Surangma Prasad



**AIS VVC** Junk food

Aakarshika Singh (XI) (team leader), Kainat Arif, Pragati Singh and Ojasvi Singh; VIII with mentor teacher Sunita Singh

On an average, blood makes up 7-8% of body weight of an adult human.



# A beautiful end

## Storywala



Shivang Duesja

AIS Gurugram 46, XII

“So, this is it?” asked a very disappointed Megha. Sumi barely opened her mouth. She could not respond. It was true, the two close friends were shifting away from each other, it was as if the evening had lost its charm and sitting in the sunlight with each other just didn’t provide enough warmth to sustain this gruelling

pain of separation.

“I don’t want to go,” muttered Sumi, like an immature child crying for help. She looked at Megha hopefully, but Megha remained mute. Over the last year, they had developed a deep friendship. They would often sit for hours together, laughing at lame jokes, making fun of friends and each other too, for they both were an integral part of each other’s life. And then, suddenly Megha had

to shift away. “How much time do we have?” “I am shifting tomorrow...less than a few hours.” Bewildered Sumi walked back home; a part inside her completely broken. A beautiful friendship was truly coming to an end. She might never see her best friend again. And then suddenly it struck her that she couldn’t let Megha go like this. This end needs to be a beautiful one. The next morning, they were both sitting together on the

The next morning, they were both sitting together on the beach. None of them spoke at all, none of them could. It was hard.

beach. None of them spoke at all, none of them could. It was difficult. All Megha managed to do was shake Sumi’s hand for the last time. But when she retracted her hand, she found a crumpled piece of paper waiting in it. She flipped it open hungrily and began devouring the words. She laughed at all the humorous incidents Sumi had recorded, locked all their special memories in her heart. As she finished reading, she realised that with the letter, Sumi had sealed the promise of a friendship that will last forever, no matter how far they were from each other. She looked up teary eyed, but could find none; Sumi was gone. She smiled to herself, this was how she has always been, a mysterious young woman. Only, the morning now seemed brighter than usual. [G](#) [T](#)



Vanshika with her dish

## Breakfast toast

Vanshika Chaudhary, AIS Pushp Vihar, XI

### Ingredients

Multigrain bread.....	4 slices
Peanut butter.....	4 tbsp
Apple (thinly sliced).....	1
Pecan halves .....	2 tbsp
Crushed pistachios .....	1 tbsp
Cinnamon powder .....	a pinch

### Method

- Toast the slices of multigrain bread.
- Top each slice with 1 tbsp of peanut butter and spread it evenly.
- Place the apple slices on the bread.
- Sprinkle pecan halves and pistachios to add the crunch.
- Now sprinkle cinnamon powder for the flavour.
- Your delicious loaded apple cinnamon peanut butter breakfast is ready to relish!

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Q: Who is the writer of the article 'Anatomy of a fan'?

Ans:

Q: Who has been featured in 'Its me' column on page 9?

Ans:

Q: Name the article written by Siddhi Mohanty, AIS Vas 6, XI A

Ans:

Q: Basilica of Bom Jesus is located in which Indian state?

Ans:

Q: When were the postpaid services resumed in Jammu and Kashmir?

Ans:

Q: Who has won bronze medal in National School Games, Amritsar?

Ans:

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

Ans:

Q: What is the name of the Cambodian version of Ramayana?

Ans:

Q: Who is the author of the poem 'The stars that shine'?

Ans:

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

Results of 80: Prisha Jaiswal, AIS Vas 1, IX D; Shambhavi Sharma, AIS Gur 43, V D; Mehul Garg, AIS Vas 1, VII B

## WORDS VERSE



## An equal path

Bhanvi Nayer AIS PV, IX

She is the central force  
Who enables our progress  
She outshines in all spheres  
By absorbing all the stress

She gives meaning to life  
The one without a rest  
She is the one worthy  
Of things that are the best

She keeps suffering in pain

Time to give them their due  
The mindset must change  
But no one cares but a few

She never has any whines  
About what she goes through  
It's time to take a pledge  
But none of us have a clue

The only way out there  
Is to tread on a path  
Towards what is equal  
And not invite the wrath. [G](#) [T](#)

## The stars that shine

Resham Talwar  
AIS Saket, XI C

A reflection of forgotten ties

The enchanting waters  
Wash shore beneath my skin  
And the skies turn deep blue  
Supporting the water, its kin

And when the sun sets  
And dissipates the day  
Clouds scatter and give way  
To the stars that shine

The stars catch our eyes  
In this age of sky rise  
We still see in them

Far away in a world of dreams  
With its own magical gleam  
For even it's own beauty screams  
These wanderers are eternal

Shining diamonds in the skies  
Sometimes seem like tiny flies  
Leaving behind a merry glow  
Show the lost, his destined road

These pearls from far above  
Have everyone in sight  
But their own shimmer  
They just never hide. [G](#) [T](#)



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Mukul Sadhankar, AIS Noida, IX

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The sunny rays of hope



Head over heels in love with nature



Nature's play of colours





Hydrochloric Acid produced inside the human stomach is strong enough to dissolve metals.

# The galactic adventure

Illustration: Pankaj Mallik, GT Network

## Short story



As he logged in, a bright light almost pierced his eyes and the next thing he knew, he was sucked into the game, into an entirely new world.

shots and disappeared. Before Anshul could understand what had just happened, he found Supertron standing right in front of him. He was so large that Anshul looked merely like an ant in front of him. Supertron and had such long and sharp teeth that he could pierce through a diamond wall. Here began the final battle. With all his might, Anshul landed some powerful punches, kicks and countless fire shots from the gun. After a long and tiring combat, Supertron got exhausted due to the constant attacks while the little boy was still going strong. Ultimately, Anshul was able to turn Supertron to ashes. Supertron breathed his last, and in that very moment Anshul was teleported back to his real world. It was an adventure that he remembers to date. 📱

**So what did you learn today?**  
New word: **Exasperated**  
Meaning: **Extremely irritated**

**Shashwat Kukreti**  
AIS Gurugram 43, VI

It was a usual Sunday afternoon for Anshul, until he decided to try a new game 'Intergalactic Forces'. As he logged in, a bright light almost pierced his eyes and the next thing he knew, he was sucked into the game, into an entirely new world. Anshul looked around and tried to absorb his new surroundings. Just then, he saw a giant red monster named 'Zyphor' staring at him. He had sharp long teeth and giant claws

of steel. Zyphor announced to him that he wanted to take over the entire world and kill all the saviours of the galaxy. Anshul looked for something to defend himself. Finally, he found a laser gun with special power of turning everything to rubble. He fiddled with the gun for a few seconds. Zyphor released a ball of fire from his mouth towards him. In response, Anshul aimed the gun at Zyphor, leaving the monster in rubbles. Anshul had defeated Zyphor, but he was **exasperated** and confused. He wanted to know where

he was. He prayed to God to help him out. As if in answer, an angel popped out of nowhere. The angel told Anshul that the Gods of the Intergalactic Forces had been defeated by the leader of Zyphor, called 'Supertron'. The angel informed him that he was an avatar of their saviour and that it was his responsibility to save the universe. Anshul, who, up till a few seconds ago, was a mere human being, was overwhelmed at the news of being a saviour. The angel presented him with a special automated gun which had infinite amount of

## Penguin pen stand

**Dharsh Karthik**  
AIS Noida, IV I

### Material required

- A thick A4 sheet (white)
- Colourful craft papers (white, black and orange)
- Ready-made googly eyes (2)
- Empty toilet paper roll
- Fevicol or glue
- A pair of scissors

### Procedure

- Take a thick white sheet and cut out two circles from it of the same size.
- Stick these cutouts one over the other to form the base of your pencil stand.
- Now, take a toilet paper roll and wrap it with a black craft paper.
- Take a white craft paper and cut it in the form of a thin rectangle. The length of the rectangle should be  $\frac{3}{4}$ th of the length of the roll.
- Cut out one side (width) of the rectangle in the form of an arc so that the edges look slightly curved. It will look like a big D.
- Paste this D slightly above the bottom edge of the roll.
- Take a black craft paper and cut out two ovals from it of the same size.
- Make sure these ovals are smaller than the big D you made before
- Stick these on either side of the D. These will act as the wings of the penguin.
- Now stick googly eyes on the D in the center, near its upper edge.
- With an orange craft paper cut out a small triangle.
- Stick it upside down just beneath the googly eyes as the nose of your penguin.
- Take an orange craft paper, and cut out two Penguin shaped feet.
- Paste them on the white base to make your stand look more authentic.
- Stick your paper roll pen stand just above these fin shaped legs facing front.
- Your pen stand is ready! You can store all your pens in this cutesy pen stand now.

## Happy Diwali



**Vihaan Vishisht**  
AGS Gurugram, Grade I

Diwali is the festival of lights. Every Diwali, we light candles and diyas as it fills our house and our world with light and happiness. My parents and I always make a Rangoli and surround it with candles and diyas. After doing so, we perform the pooja where we again use diyas and candles. The beauty of these diyas and candles fill me with happiness and truly makes Diwali bright. They are also not harmful to the environment. We decorate our house with these candles and diyas and have a bright and light Diwali!

## POEMS



## Happy family

**Aamodini Swayambhu**  
AIS Vasundhara I, IV

Equality of the gender  
Would make an ideal world  
Where if justice is deserved  
Means nothing but justice served

Women become moms  
And men become dads  
While papa teaches lessons  
Mummy corrects my bad

My mother is an engineer  
She taught me to have no fear  
My father enables my education  
Ensures the family reputation

My parents are like two hands  
Of a clock sitting on a stand  
They work and earn together  
With them, home functions better

No one is less, no one is more  
Together they do all the chores  
The bond we have is unsaid  
Strong enough to break bends

Mummy empowers papa  
Papa gives strength to maa  
Together they empower me  
To face this worldly drama

We value all our bonds  
Brotherhood in our blood



Love is what keeps us going  
Harmony is what we love. 📱

## Books

**Ayansh, AIS Saket, II**

Books are our best friends  
They never demand or fight  
They bring us old and new trends  
Like bright sunlight  
Being a good friend to them  
We should love them the same  
Forever grateful to them  
For getting us our name 📱

## It's Me

**Know Me**  
My name: Meghna  
My Class: KG C  
My school: AIS  
Pushp Vihar  
Born on:  
November 15

**About Me**  
Role model: My mother  
I like: Painting  
I dislike: Drinking milk  
I want to become: A doctor  
I want to feature in GT because: I love how it gives everybody a chance to be famous.

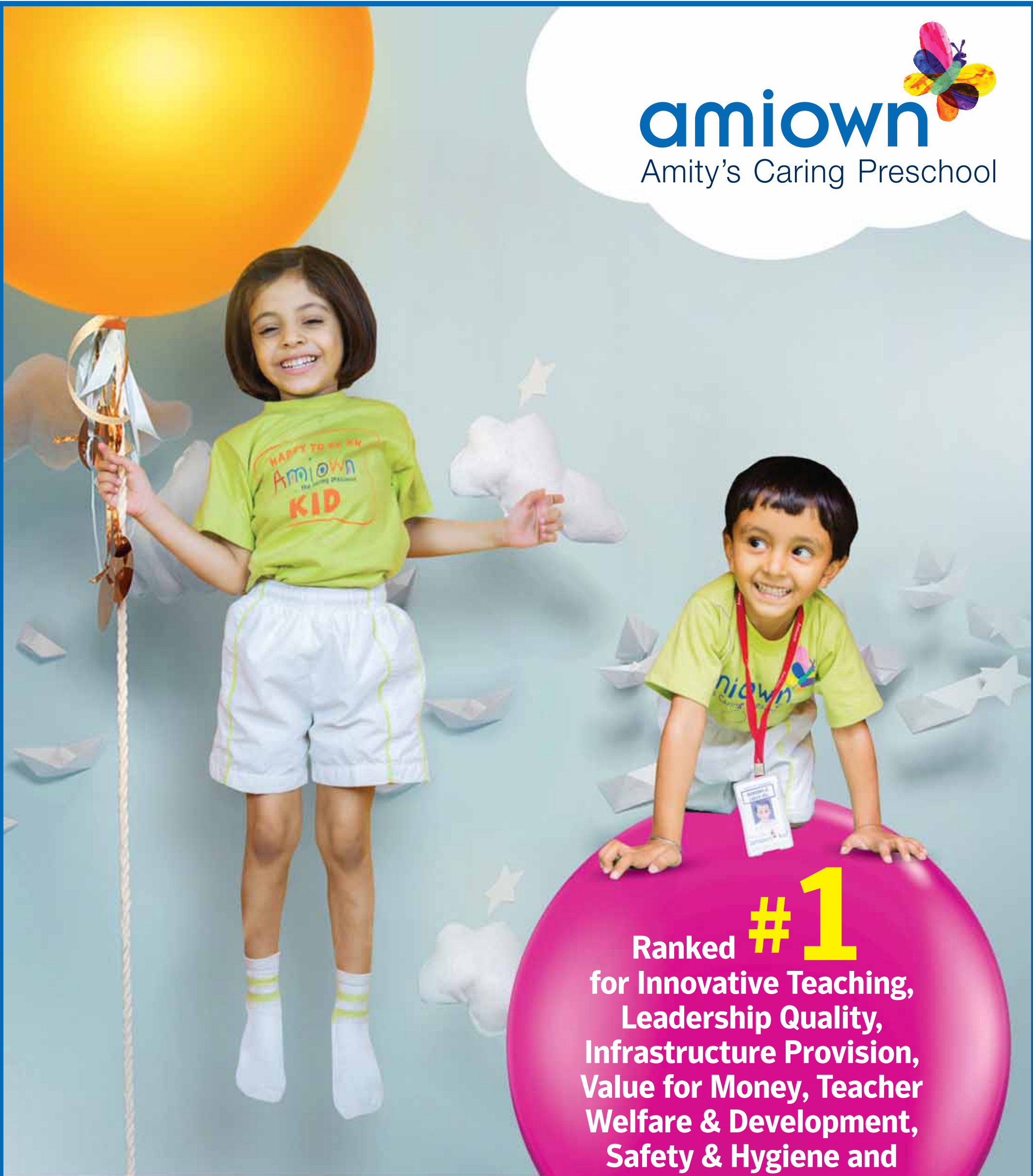
**My Favourites**  
Hobby: Dancing  
Game: Badminton  
Book: All story books  
Mall: DLF Mall  
Food: Burger and mangoes  
Teachers: Priyanka ma'am and Sheetal ma'am  
Friend: Yamini  
Poem: Twinkle Twinkle Little Star  
Subject: Maths



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Amity Global School Noida

## Induction ceremony

### Young Leaders Take Oath Of Integrity



Newly elected members of student leadership council take oath of integrity

The annual induction and oath taking ceremony of the leadership council was held on August 27, 2019 under the guidance of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF. This year's ceremony was truly special as it marked the expansion of student council board with the first time induction of primary section prefects as well as the The Global Times editorial board. The event began with lamp lighting followed by speech of head boy Tarush Choudhry who emphasised on how various opportunities offered at the school had shaped his personality and the head girl Riya Ram Kumar, who thanked her school for making her a strong person. 🇮🇳

### Student Council AGS Noida

Head Girl: **Riya Ram Kumar**  
 Head Boy: **Tarush Choudhry**  
 Grade Representative IG1: **Gauri Rathor**  
 Grade Representative IG2: **Vani Gupta**  
 Middle School Prefect: **Rohan Nautiyal**  
 Middle School Prefect: **Aadya Bharadwaj**  
 Primary Section Prefect: **Namirah Khan**  
 Primary Section Prefect: **Syed Ali Naqvi**

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Students pose with their trophies

## Rewarding the winners

The annual awards and honours ceremony of the school was held on August 30, 2019 to felicitate the students with outstanding scholarly achievements in IGCSE and School Assessments for session 2018-19. The programme commenced with lamp lighting ceremony by school principal Jayshree Kad along with parents followed by a classical dance performance on *saraswati vandana*. Meritorious students were presented with trophies and certificates for their outstanding performance in IGCSE and school assessments. School principal in her address urged upon the students to explore new horizons and work hard to achieve their dreams. She praised the dedicated efforts of educators for implementing IGCSE guidelines with high standards of quality. In her statement of gratitude Dr Dipanwita Bhattacharya, CIE facilitator, expressed her thanks to Chairperson, the management, staff and students of AGS Noida for maintaining high quality standards of IGCSE. The award ceremony concluded on the note of the national anthem.

AIS Mayur Vihar

## Fighting dengue

### A Crusade For Well Being

Live streaming of '10 Hafte, 10 Baje, 10 Minutes' campaign for dengue control awareness was held on October 1, 2019 for the students of Class I-XII. The campaign is an initiative of Arvind Kejriwal, Delhi CM to create awareness among the students about prevention of dengue. The video showcased various measures to prevent dengue from spreading in localities. It also spread the message of chief minister for school students to carry out a ten week campaign wherein for ten sundays regularly at 10 am they inspect their homes and neighbourhoods and ensure that they are clean and especially free of stagnant water.



Streaming of the campaign

He also suggested ways to prevent dengue, urged them to be more vigilant and sought ideas from the young minds to make dengue prevention campaign more effective. 🇮🇳



Felicitation of Saumik Srivastava by eminent dignitaries

## A winning bond

### From India To South Korea

A new feather was added to Amity's cap when Saumik Shashwat of Class XII bagged third position in the final round of 4th Korea India Friendship Quiz organised at NSUI auditorium on April 24, 2019. He was felicitated by HE Shin Bong-kil, ambassador, Republic of Korea and Kim Kum-Pyoung, director, Korean Cultural Centre.

The competition comprised a national level quiz based on culture, history, heritage and bilateral ties between South Korea and India. More than 23433 students from 60 schools across India participated in the same. Saumik being one of the top four winners won a fully paid six days trip to South Korea from October 4-11, 2019. 🇮🇳



A student enacts life of Gandhi

## Gandhi in me

Following the actions and theory of Gandhiji, AGSN directed an action 'Gandhi in Me' for students and teachers on October 1, 2019. They were solicited to think of one trait of Mahatma Gandhi that they find within themselves and write it on a coloured paper butterfly and

stick it on the soft board. This made them read about Gandhiji's life and also introspect their own ethics. All the students happily engaged in the activity, writing about the Gandhi within. The day ended with the soft board being beautifully decorated with butterflies students had made so lovingly. 🇮🇳

## Values for life

### Celebration Of Ramleela

AIS VYC Lucknow

Ramleela was celebrated on October 4, 2019 to mark the triumph of good over evil. Sanyukta Bhatia, the mayor of Lucknow graced the event as the chief guest. The celebrations echoed the spirit of *Satyamev Jayate* as students enacted dramas based on 14 episodes of the epic Ramayana. All the dramas were replete with powerful acting,

eloquent dialogue delivery, amidst beautiful sets and props. It was indeed a unique festival of storytelling wherein every story was interwoven with a moral message for everyone to emulate. School principal Sakshi Gautam Mishra in her address lauded the students for their wonderful performance and encouraged them to uphold their values and integrity amidst every challenge as learnt from the life of Lord Rama. 🇮🇳



Children enact one of the scenes from Ramayana



School principal with Aditya

## Kickboxing champion

AIS Vasundhara 6

It was a matter of pride for the school when Aditya Mahesh Bichkar (VII E) won a bronze medal in 52 Kg category of kickboxing at the 64th National School Games, Amritsar. The games were held from April 6-12, 2019 under the aegis of School Games Federation of India (SGFI). Aditya was felicitated with a medal and a certificate of merit from SGFI. It is notable that he has won the prize for kickboxing which is a relatively new and unique sport in India.

## Story of the day

### Tales Of Learning With Fun And Frolic

AIS VKC Lucknow

A storytelling workshop organised by Scholastic was held for the students of Class Nursery-V on September 30, 2019 with an objective to inculcate good reading habits and develop spoken linguistic skills of

young minds. Resource person, Rashmita shared the art of storytelling and elaborated on how to make narratives more effective by using right blend of voice modulation, gestures and facial expressions. She also shared about the use of puppets and pictures to build connectivity with the audi-

ence. During the session, the students learnt that story telling enhances various skills like listening, observing, logic & reasoning and sharpens the memory. Students listened to many interesting stories and engaged in activities like making puppets, props, setting up stage, etc. 🇮🇳



Students participate in storytelling workshop held by Scholastic

All the neurons present in the human brain together can generate enough electricity to power a low-wattage bulb.

All top quotes contributed by  
Maneet Kaur, AIS Noida, VI C



# Lost in their own

## Sometimes, Day Dreaming Is The Only Sure Shot Way To Find Some Solace

Saanvi Wadhwa

AIS Vasundhara 6, XI B

An anxious glance at my watch told me that it was only 9 am. The day had just begun and I was not being able to pay attention to the class. Pretty usual! As I sat restlessly, constantly tapping my foot and on the verge of tears, my mind started to wander into a different world...

**“What if the apocalypse happens right now?”**

What if the world just ended right now? What if all teachers turn into zombies? What if Thanos snaps his fingers and everybody turns to dust? Then I wouldn't have to learn this history chapter anymore, right?

**“What if terrorists attacked my school right now?”**

... I'll pick up a gun and shoot them all down, saving all my friends and teachers and then I'll become the hero of the school! (because PUBG and crime shows are all the training I need for using guns anyway!)

**“What if the fan fell down?”**

...And ignited a short circuit fire in its wake? No electricity is

equal to no lectures, right?

**“When is this class session going to end?”**

There's complete 40 minutes until the bell rings, that means 20 minutes twice, which means going through 10 minutes 4 times. And 10 minutes is nothing, right? But why does each and every minute of this session feel like a lifetime?

**“Will the teacher notice if I take a nap?”**

I can just prop my book up on the desk and hide behind it. Then I can at least take a cat nap and catch up on some precious sleep I lost waking up early for school. \*Just then teacher bangs duster on the table\* Is it just me or was she actually hinting at my droopy eyes?

**“God I hope that the teacher does not ask me to answer a question”**

...Because the truth is, I am Iron Man and I haven't listened to anything that has been said and I'm also pretty sure wrong page is open in my book. Maybe nodding like I understand everything will make the

teacher believe it, too.

**“I would've been a better dictator than Hitler”**

\*Proceeds to zone out, thinking about giving speeches and eventually conquering the world\*

**“I can't wait for the next class”**

...Because it is the Games pe-

riod. I'll be free and I will run, jump, play, basically do all that Simran was supposed to do when her father asked her to “jee le apni zindagi”.

**“I wonder what it must feel like to walk free!”**

Look at all those people in the corridor, laughing and living

their life to the fullest. I can't even remember what freedom feels like anymore.

**“Tonight I will have my favourite dinner and would sleep tight for hours!”**

My mouth is watering just at the thought of having a pizza. I hope my father doesn't nag me for

being a sloth who only eats junk food.

...As I snap out of my reverie, I realised I had been day dreaming for a pretty long time. The class must be nearing its end and with a giddy happiness, I glanced at my watch. But oh, it was just 9:05 am. 🇮🇳



# Order! Order! Order!

## If Not-So-Real Life Issues Were The Agendas At MUN

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Oorvi Gupta, AIS Noida, XI

**Committee:** United Nations Irrelevant Problems Commission (UNIPC)

**Chairperson:** Mr Karma  
**Vice Chairperson:** Ms Ethics  
**Rapporteur:** Mr Honest

This is to notify that the committee United Nations Irrelevant Problems Commission has come together to resolve the issues of conflict and restore peace in life. The listed issues must be dwelled on in the upcoming sessions. The conference is hereby declared open.

**Motions on the floor**

The delegate of Narcissistville would like to suspend a formal debate and move into a moderate caucus on the issue 'which dress they should wear on their birthday.' The perpetual question they would also like answered is 'which TV show is better: Friends or How I Met Your Mother?'

**Points of information**

The committee must note that the delegate of United States of Liars stated on record that they started studying the night before the exam but their 99% score on Monday's History test clearly

proves that they had started way earlier. The EB must ask them to justify their actions.

**Point of order**

The delegate of Teacherspetstan would like to point out it to the EB, that the delegates of Liarliar and Pantsonfire said that the reason they could not submit their research was because their dog ate it, but as far as it is known, these two delegates do not have a dog. \*Factual inaccuracy: woof!\*

**Point of parliamentary enquiry**

The delegate of United Kingdom

of Doubt would like to enquire about the result of the actions of eating an egg on Tuesday or cutting your nails after sunset. Oh, wait, never mind. She changed her mind. Her mother assured her that this would result in all the hell breaking loose.

**Outcome**

After three days of debates, discussion and deliberation, the committee was able to resolve a handful of not-so-important problems, if not all. The EB, however, feels that the time has come for everyone to focus on their real-life issues. 🇮🇳

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