



This edition that you hold in your hands is a special one. It is a heartfelt tribute to the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi on the occasion of his 151st birth anniversary brought to you by the young journals of the AIS Noida editorial team.

Restating the Mahatma

As His Enlightened Sayings Still Finds Great Relevance In This Epoch

The persistent revolt for national freedom was harbingered by a man clad in an austere white dhoti- Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi. Having renounced the luxuries life had to offer, Gandhi ji's efforts in this road to colonial emancipation evidently stand testament in the pages of history. And as his vision for the country remains as new and important as it was decades ago, GT brings you the aphorisms he left behind which are still worth reckoning.

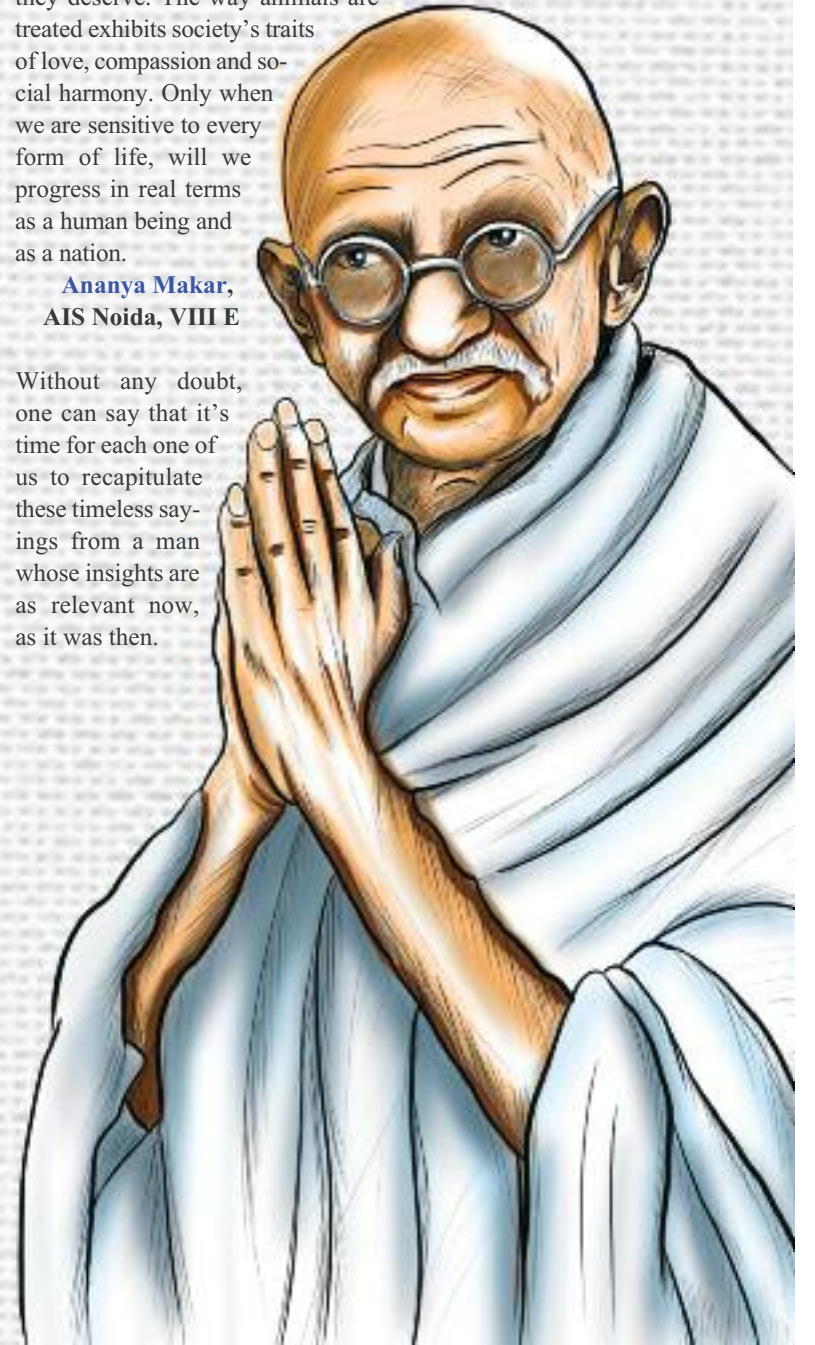
that the last eight months of low industrialisation has been a breather for nature, proof that the day humans stop abusing the planet, its centuries-old wounds will heal and it shall return to a state of homeostasis and balance. As rightly expressed by Gandhiji, today all of us are fortunate enough to savour the bounties of nature, however, it also becomes our moral duty to ensure that the future generations are not deprived of what this bewildering planet has to offer.

tection from atrocities, we still have a long way to go to actually give them the security and love they deserve. The way animals are treated exhibits society's traits of love, compassion and social harmony. Only when we are sensitive to every form of life, will we progress in real terms as a human being and as a nation.

Akshita Singh, AIS Noida, VIII J

Ananya Makar, AIS Noida, VIII E

Without any doubt, one can say that it's time for each one of us to recapitulate these timeless sayings from a man whose insights are as relevant now, as it was then.



"Non-violence is the greatest force at the disposal of mankind. It is mightier than the mightiest weapon of destruction devised by the ingenuity of mankind."

With the force behind our national struggle being nonviolence, India is founded on the basis of universal peace. However, with the unfolding of the 21st century, we have been spectators to umpteen violent incidents surfacing around the globe. Case in point- mob lynching and hate crimes due to mere misinformation on social media and innumerable riots taking away lives of hundreds of people. This shows that we need to be more mindful, and learn to co-exist peacefully regardless of our differences. It has become crucial for the Indian youth to realise that for the society to function seamlessly, they have to be the engine of change in guiding themselves towards the path of nonviolence with the help of Gandhian values.

Stuti Priya, AIS Noida, VII H

"The earth, the air, the land and the water are not an inheritance from our forefathers, but on loan from our children. So, we have to hand over to them at least as it was handed over to us."

The COVID-19 pandemic has surely proven to be a boon for the environment and further reinforces the words once articulated by Mahatma Gandhi. As the pollution levels plummeted by close to 50% in India, we can say

"Strength does not come from physical capacity. It comes from an indomitable will."

These lines by Gandhi ji reminds one of the beloved cartoon duo Tom and Jerry. Tom, a cat with a larger stature, always found himself outwitted by Jerry, the tiny yet clever mouse. Clearly, it is Jerry's will and intellect that makes him a winner in any situation. But now, applying this to reality, Arunima Sinha, conquered Mount Everest despite an amputated leg. Joining the likes is Deepa Malik, the first Indian woman to win a medal at the Paralympic Games. Although circumstances led rendered them physically weak but their invincible willpower made them inspirational figures, proving that a determined, strong-willed mind can transform the impossible into possible.

Anya Malik, AIS Noida, VI E

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

Animals form an important part of our ecosystem, and this puts the onus on us to respect their existence equally. Currently, illegal wildlife trading is the fourth largest illicit transnational activity practiced around the globe. We often hear about poaching of tigers, elephants and pangolins for our unreasonable wants, and this is just the tip of the iceberg. Even though there are various laws which entitle animals to pro-

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AMITEpoll

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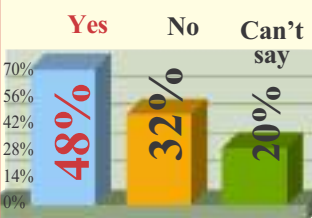
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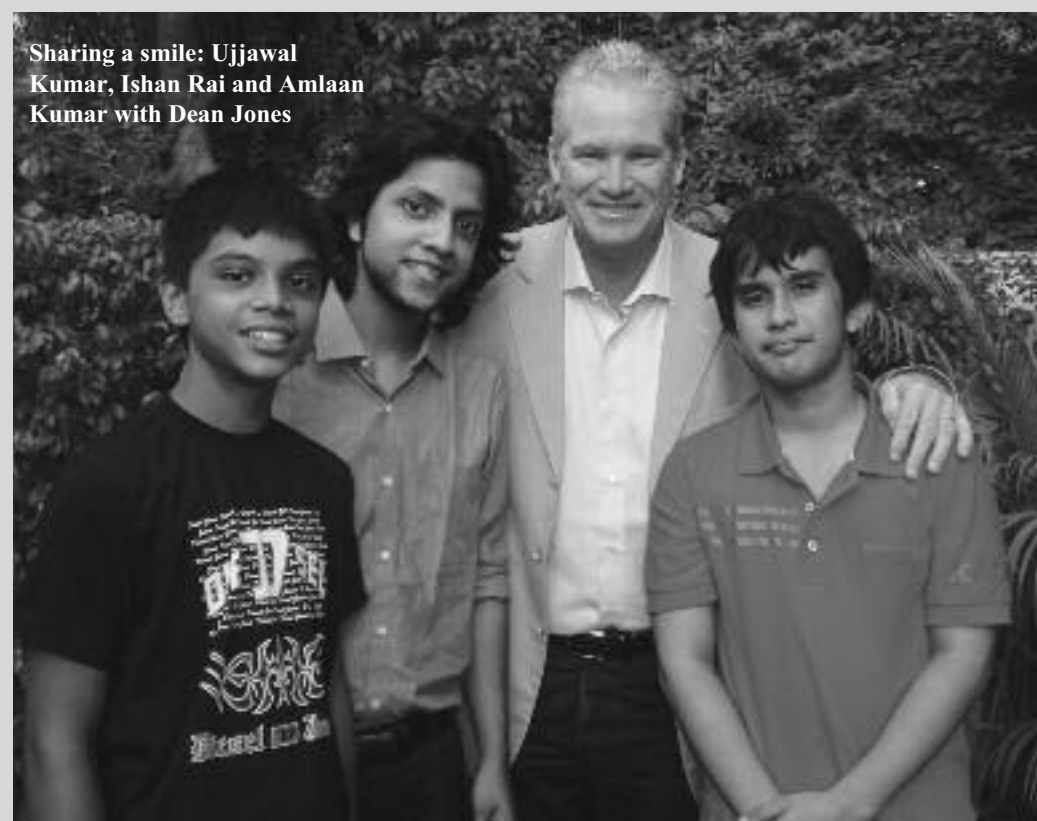
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Coming Next

AIS MV Contest Edition

Bowled over by charismatic 'Deano'

Australian Cricketer Dean Jones Shares Candid Moments Of His Life With GT



Sharing a smile: Ujjawal Kumar, Ishan Rai and Amlaan Kumar with Dean Jones

This is a tribute to Dean Jones, cricketer extraordinaire. For he may have left for his heavenly abode but his words of inspiration will continue to stay with us forever. Presenting his interaction with GT reporters published in GT edition dated August 1, 2011.

Three little musketeers namely **Ishan Rai, Amlaan Kumar and Ujjawal Kumar** settle down into a gigantic house turned office. A little humbled, a little bowled, a little amazed and extremely delighted they take their place. The recorder is set and placed, there is a synchronised clicking of pens and notebooks ruffle as the musketeers start their dream interview with famous Australian Cricketer and commentator Dean Jones.

Childhood and Cricket

Let's begin with your childhood. Did you always dream to be a cricketer?

No, not at all actually. Football was and is still a popular sport in Australia. I never intended to take up cricket as a career, I always believed that career should be a way of life and not just something you do. As for me, I just happened to be good at cricket. I scored 2,700 runs in a season playing in the 12-14 category after which my father

gave me the go ahead to play with seniors. So yeah! That's how it all began.

(We all enjoy as he explains his experience against the seniors. He gives a comic description of his feelings playing against the 'BIG BOYS'.)

Who has been your idol?

My father. He was my coach, my mentor, my idol. He taught me everything. I think it's very important to have a mentor and place your faith in him and let him have full control.

(He takes time to explain how his father was instrumental in his success and how he would push him hard so that he would do well.)

Dream debut

So when did your career begin?

I made my One Day debut playing against Pakistan in 1983. I scored 44 runs in that match. I played my first Test match against West Indies. It was a tough pitch to play on and I scored 48 runs. I can safely say

that it was definitely the best innings of my life.

Golden Days

Tell us about your most memorable moments in cricket? Tell us about the famous cricket match at Chennai?

The 1987 World Cup victory is one of the most cherished moments. It was truly a high point. The memories of 1989 Chennai test match is something that I will treasure all my life. The conditions were tough and I was dehydrating and still I went ahead and scored a double ton. It was definitely the turning point and I thank the people of India because it was them who put me on the international cricketing map.

Tell us about your most memorable innings?

The most memorable innings of my life was scoring 100 runs off 70 balls against New Zealand in the finals. I will forever cherish the memories of that match. Those innings are still considered historic by ICC.



Around The WORLD

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



UK

Hike in COVID cases initiates strict regime

As the country saw a sharp spike in the number of COVID-19 cases, precisely 5693 new cases in the past week, the government imposed a new regime that comprised fines up to £10,000 for those who breach the quarantine and isolation rules. The country is also looking at another national lockdown as an official option. The new regime also involves a payment of £500 to those who test positive, self-isolate and cannot work from home.


JAPAN

Airlines promote gender neutral terms

Japan Airlines declared that it will scrap the usual 'ladies and gentlemen' announcement method in order to give way to expressions that are more gender neutral. A new approach during in-flight and airport announcements will be applied to all the languages used during these announcements. This decision is a first in the history of Japanese carriers and is based on the study of feedback and comments from the passengers.


UAE

Spacecraft to be launched in 2024

Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the ruler of Dubai, announced that the country proposes to send a spacecraft to moon. An Emirati-made lunar rover named Rashid, this unmanned mission will be aimed at exploring the undiscovered areas of the moon. The rover, which is to weigh around 10kgs, will study the lunar surface, and mobility on the surface, and could make UAE the fourth nation in the world to land a spacecraft on moon.


RUSSIA

Country blamed for most nation-state cyber attacks

Microsoft Corp recently released a new data that stated that Russian-based hackers are behind most of the nation-state attacks on Microsoft customers. The company issued about 13,000 alerts to its customers regarding hacking attempts in the last two years, out of which 52% attempts were that of Russian hackers. As per the report, the targets vary from elections to Olympics in multiple countries.


USA

Disney to cut 28000 jobs

In light of social distancing requirements necessitated by the coronavirus pandemic, Disney company announced that it will let go of 28,000 of its employees from the US parks and experiences division, two thirds of which are part-time staff. Disney has already suffered a loss of 4.7 billion USD in the recent quarters due to a halt in its theme park business and postponing of major movie releases.

ZIMBABWE

Mysterious elephant deaths reported

Around eleven elephants were reported to be dead in the Pandamasue forest located in the western part of the country. Poaching has been ruled out since the elephant carcasses were found with tusks on them. This incident is also being related to a similar happening in Botswana, the country with the world's largest elephant population, where over 275 elephants were found dead for unknown reasons.


SWITZERLAND

Health groups plan boost in vaccine for the poor

Gavi vaccine alliance, Geneva, in collaboration with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, announced that upto 100 million doses of any eventual COVID-19 vaccines will be secured for delivery in poorer countries by the year 2021. This figure doubles the number of doses already procured from Serum Institute of India. It has also been said that the vaccines will be priced at 3 USD per dose.

INDIA

PM inaugurates six Namami Gange projects

As part of the Namami Gange Mission, PM Modi launched six mega projects in Uttarakhand worth 521 crores via video conferencing on September 29, 2020. In a bid to cleanse the Ganga river, which enriches the lives of more than half the population of the country, the projects include the construction of two new, 68 MLD and 18 MLD, sewage treatment plants, along with the upgradation of the existing 27 MLD plant in the city of Haridwar.





He did his schooling from Alfred High School, Rajkot.

A new concept

Differentiated Instruction In Education



All the guests and participants share their opinions during the webinar

AUUP/ AIBS

With an objective of introducing the prospective teachers to today's educational challenges and to educate them on the importance of 'Differentiated Instruction', Amity Institute of Behavioural and Allied Science, AUUP, organised an international webinar on August 27, 2020. The topic for the same was deliberated 'Tailoring teaching approach to match students' learning styles: Differentiated Instruction'. The online event saw the attendance of Dr Priya Rao, assistant professor and vice dean, Quality and Accreditation, University College of Abu Arish, Jazan University, Saudi Arabia, as the esteemed resource person, along with several other academicians, prospective teachers, faculty and students. In her address, Dr Priya shed light on the salient features of the re-

cently introduced New Education Policy 2020, which strives to make education accessible, affordable, accountable and equitable, that is, to turn India into a vibrant knowledge hub in the coming times. She added that every student has a different learning capacity and style, therefore education must be imparted as per different capabilities. Thus, a differentiated instruction applies an approach to teaching and learning wherein teachers restructure the curriculum and modify their strategies of transacting information to cater to the varying needs and requirements of diverse learning groups in the classrooms. Following this, another discussion was initiated by the resource person, revolving around various strategies that can assist differentiated learning and help in developing new pedagogical models. For example, creating learning stations, using task cards, inter-

viewing students, using multi-sensory approach while teaching, were a few techniques that were explained. All these methods support student-centered approach of learning by allowing flexibility in teaching-learning process where the educators largely play the role of guides and facilitators. Dr Priya then put forth the challenges that future academicians might have to confront in order to bring about a positive transformation in the traditional methods of teaching and learning. She concluded her address with an inspiring remark, "Teachers are agents to change" and urged to take these challenges in stride and lead our country towards prosperity and enlightenment. The session ended with a concluding remark by Dr Harish Kumar, HOI, AIBAS, after which Dr T Beena, event moderator, AIBAS, proposed the vote of thanks. 🇮🇳

CENTRE FOR DETECTION OF FAKE NEWS & DISINFORMATION

Organises **WEBINAR** ON

Fake/Cloned/Predatory Journals/ Magazines: A Threat to Academics

Date: 28th August 2020
Time: 4 pm to 5 pm

Speaker:
Dr Sumit Narula, Director, ASCO Chairman, Centre for Detection of Fake News & Disinformation



Zoom Id: <https://amityuni.live/82067095699> | Visit our website: www.cdfnd.in
Details of the webinar being introduced

A revolutionary step

It Is About Time To Expose Fake News

AUMP

Muskan Agarwal, AUMP, ASCO BJMC (Sem V)

In the era of social media and internet, fake news and misinformation seems to be the biggest hurdle netizens have to overcome, and to aid this fight, the Centre for Detection of Fake News & Disinformation (CNFND) conducted a webinar on 'Fake / Cloned / Predatory Journals / Magazines: A Threat to Academics' on August 28, 2020. The session was conducted by Dr Sumit Narula, director, ASCO, Amity University Madhya Pradesh, who did his Google News Initiative Training in Singapore and also launched the campaign's website www.cdfnd.in to further promote it. Many eminent guests were in attendance such as Dr Aseem Chauhan, additional president, RBEF & chancellor and chairman, Amity University; W Selvamurthy, president,



Webinar in progress

ASTIF and Lt Gen VK Sharma, vice chancellor, AUMP. The webinar circled around how many unethical sources have been targeting academics to publish cloned research papers, and further talked about how the campaign's website aims to detect if the piece of information is authentic or cloned. All the attendees appreciated the efforts initiated by CDFND towards increasing reliability in the field of research work.

Education and more

Exploring The Intricacies Of Gandhiji's Tenets Of Education

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"We shouldn't be here, Disha!" "Shh Prisha... I know what I saw. My dreams never lie." "What if you're not 'the one' this time? What if it was a dream after all?" "Prisha, what if it wasn't?" Both best friends moved along the narrow-twisted lanes, torches in hand, putting forward careful steps. Cobwebs and eerie sounds bouncing on and off, it was difficult to see anything clearly under the thick blanket of dust which seemed to have settled everywhere. Nobody had stepped foot in the restricted section of the public library in decades. "...145, 146, 147... 147!! Here, this is it!" "I think we should head back." "Shh. I was meant to be here." Disha squealed in excitement as she brought down a huge rusty book. The preface read, "What is really needed to make democracy function is not knowledge of fact but right education." Disha com-

pleted, "said Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi." She flipped a few pages, and the book fell open at the exact page, the same way it did in her dream. And she went on reading. "Education which doesn't mould character is wholly worthless. If we want to achieve peace in this world, we should start educating children - an all-round drawing of the best in child and man in body, mind and spirit..." Prisha looked stumped. "Just try to understand what Gandhiji truly wanted," Disha carried on, "Naturalism, idealism and pragmatism are the very basis of education, thus, I propose the 8 tenets of education- beginning with free compulsory education for 7-14 years olds." Do these tenets still hold true in today's time?" questioned Prisha. "Just imagine Prisha - we have hit a goldmine! If these tenets are implemented today, the face of education will change forever!" Prisha slumped on the chair as Disha excitedly continued in her stupor...

Craft-centered

Craft is to be the center of education. The development of mind and soul is possible only through handicraft. Education should begin with a useful and productive craft, forming the nucleus of all instruction. The brain must be educated through the hand.

Self-supporting

Education must be self-supporting, so that families who are dependent financially don't have to wait. Handicraft, besides developing the personality of the child, would make education self-supporting as the sale of the craft items of the children would meet

the expenses of the school.

Instruction through mother tongue

Mother tongue unites people. When all is lost, it is the voice which remains. It enlarges the capacity to understand and express effectively. It develops clarity of thinking and receptivity.

Non-violence

Nonviolence is a weapon of the strong. The value should be imbibed in a child since the very beginning so as to create in him - a prospective citizen of the world. Violence leads to bondage and have no place in education.

Dignity of labour

A plea for the spinning wheel is a plea for recognising the dignity of labour. No labour is too mean for one who wants to earn an honest penny. It is a well-kept secret of all those who engage in it, that it not only makes one strong but also enriches the personality.

Emphasis on practice

Activity-centered education enriches the mind as a whole. It makes the child not a passive recipient of knowledge but an active and responsive participant in the process.

Social awareness and service

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others. Social awareness and responsibility can be developed through involvement of students in programmes of community service."

For a minute, the two girls were silent. Suddenly, Prisha sprang from her chair, hugged her friend tight and announced, "Time to change the world!"





In tandem with humanity

Here, Take A Closer Look At Mahatma Gandhi's Take On The Science Of Science

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Often misconstrued as the one who rejected science, Mahatma Gandhi was indeed pro-science, a sustainable science that doesn't involve dehumanisation and environmental degradation. Hence, this story is an attempt to bring you some facets of his ideologies on science that makes Gandhi nothing but an exponent of the same.

The outlook

In most of his orations, Gandhi integrated the word 'science'. This, nonetheless, was not to be interpreted as oratory rhetoric. He truly did root for inculcating a scientific approach towards day to day proceedings. When the Non-cooperation movement labelled him as the nation's foremost political leader and a saint, he asserted that he was close to a scientist who knows his limitations and makes experiments about 'some of the eternal verities of life' as a humble searcher of truth. He even advised his students to follow the examples of the two most brilliant Indian scientists: JC Bose and PC Ray, adjoining that their research work "enabled us to come nearer to our maker" and that they were cultivating science simply for the sake of it, which is indeed an honourable pursuit.

The ideogram

Perhaps the most common evidence that comes to portray Gandhi as anti-



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machinery is his promotion of spinning mills and *khadi* weavers, something he vouched for all his life. Gandhi claimed that he had no design on the machinery and thus no intention to "...put back the hand of the clock." "It was a mental state that had to be put right... [and] the principal that was to guide in search for

improved tools." This holds perhaps truer in today's time than ever, where we are losing not only menial jobs that require repetition, but jobs that require active creative and experienced thinking, all thanks to better automated intelligence. Thus, the *charkha* was meant to be a symbol that would ensure

that we progress along paths that retain this mind-frame. However, this in no way implies that *charkhas* had nothing to do with science or advancement. Gandhi always urged his community to be well-versed in the 'science of spinning': a thorough knowledge of both the theoretical aspect of weaving, as

well as the practical one.

The misconceptions

Gandhi's 'quarrel' with science has much less to do with the advancement of the sciences, than the procedures with which these are done. He absolutely abhorred vivisection -the practice of performing operations on live animals for the purpose of scientific research- asserting that it was inhuman. The slaughter of innocent life in the name of science did not add "an inch to the moral stature of Europe... if the circulation of blood theory could not have been discovered without vivisection, the human kind could well have done without it". This was the very ideology that made him stand against machinery that would leave the population of India idle and without source of livelihood. In 1927, Gandhi ji urged the students of the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, that they consider the rural population and the poor while conducting any sort of research, meaning that unless the research was not for the welfare of this section of the society, their laboratories would be no different than "...Satan's workshops."

Thus, this is what Gandhi stood for, a world that accommodates science ingrained with humanitarianism. A science that would be crucial for the well-being of the society, rather than just helping with capitalism. [G](#) [I](#)

All hail Fiji

The Country That Changed The Way We Fly!

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Do you remember the time before the GPS technology came to rule our lives? Surely you remember it but the memory of getting lost in tiny lanes and by-lanes and driving through hours of traffic is not a fond one. The GPS or Global Positioning System has become indispensable to us in today's day and age and we can't imagine life without it. But did you know that the small island nation of Fiji had a major part to play in the development and testing of this crucial technology? Read on to find out!

The inception

Believe it or not, the origins of the GPS technology can be tracked way back to the Sputnik era when American scientists realised that they could track satellites with the shift in their radio signals. Using this new knowledge, the US Navy carried out experiments through the development of a satellite navigation system named TRANSIT to track US submarines carrying nuclear missiles. Almost a decade later, the US Department of Defense, carrying on the work of the US Navy, decided to use satellites to support their navigation system, thus giving birth to NAVS-

TAR or Navigation System with Timing and Ranging, a nascent version of what we know today as the GPS. By the late 1990s, GPS technology had evolved considerably and showed a lot of potential but for this technology to be adopted for commercial use, it needed to be tested in a controlled environment to sort out any glitches.

Enter Fiji

With its growing tourism industry, Fiji was eager to improve its widespread aviation system. Before GPS, pilots were completely dependent on radar and visual routing and later, beacons which were radio signals or visual markers. Over water, things became even more difficult as there was no radio signal and pilots had to use dead reckoning- a technique for estimating the current location using the last known location. Looking to improve things, Fiji volunteered to act as a testing ground. Earlier, Fiji had only five radio towers. 80% of Fiji's airspace was radar-less. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) decided to fund the project and in April 1994, a little over a year, Fiji became the first country to include GPS in their navigation system.

The pioneer

Fiji became a shining example of the

usefulness of the GPS system. It proved that the technology could change aviation forever, making it faster, safer and more systematic. Soon after, the GPS technology was adopted by several countries around the world, often aided by the new GPS experts from Fiji. No longer did pilots have to rely on outdated and inefficient systems of navigation. To further add to that, bad weather was no longer a problem as well. Earlier, pilots had to usually turn back to the destination of origin when they hit bad weather but with the advent of the GPS, pilots were guided through rainy weather or even menacing storms. Flight time also became shorter as planes could fly directly to a destination and not from one beacon to another as it was done before.

By volunteering to help the US test the GPS system, Fiji had unknowingly helped the world to further improve and grow this important technology. For GPS was nothing but a science project back then, with radio and radar communication towers as the prime technological medium for communication. But with Fiji's gracious help, we can now scale new height we never knew was possible. But now in the modern world, isn't it handy and amazing? Well, go thank Fiji for it!





Relics of the past

Remembrances of Mahatma Gandhi: A Union of Minimalism And Magnanimity

Ishani Singh, AIS Noida, XI E

Fondly remembered and revered as *Bapu* or the Father of the Indian Nation today, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi is a paragon of truthfulness, persistence, leadership, minimalism, self-mastery and non-violence. His high moral, political and spiritual ideals have inspired generations upon generations of people across the globe. Though enriched with endless qualities, he was a man of few worldly possessions, but each of them being truly exceptional, with a particular significance of its own. As we celebrate his 151st birth anniversary, let's get a load of his unforgettable memorabilia.

Creative charkha

Khadi, "the livery of our freedom" as Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru termed it, is an offshoot of Mahatma Gandhi's spinning wheel or charkha. Symbolising that which is *apne desh ka bana* or Swadeshi, it propounded the Gandhian ideal of a self-reliant India that makes its own cloth instead of relying on the ones sold by the empire, thus providing the nation with a constructive economic activity at a time when severe unemployment, dehumanising poverty and discrimination plagued it under British rule.

Housed at Sabarmati Ashram, Gujarat, his traditional charkha is a huge tourist attraction today. A portable version of it devised by Gandhi himself and later on bequeathed upon Revd Floyd A Puffer, a Methodist missionary, in 1935, was sold for a whopping 110,000 pounds by Mullock's action house, England in 2013.

Spectacular spectacles

Gandhi bought his first pair of spectacles when he was studying law in England in the 1890s. His iconic round-lensed glasses not only symbolises his visionary thoughts but the simplicity of its design also defines him as an individual, one with an unostentatious lifestyle. Gandhi Museum



in Madurai, India is said to possess his last pair of glasses along with his blood-stained clothes from the day he was shot in 1948. However, owing to his habit of handing over private possessions as gifts to his admirers, many similar glasses have surfaced on the auction circuit over the years. One of them

from his trips to South Africa in the 1920s was auctioned for over 260,000 pounds by East Bristol Auctions, UK on August 22 this year, breaking all records for a UK based auction house.

Comfy chappals

Further adding to his notion of minimalism are his leather chappals. As part of an anti-British goods movement in India in the early 20th century, Gandhi summoned cobblers from several parts of the country to Sabarmati Ashram to make 'ahimsa chappals' in an attempt to carry forward his ideal of a self-sufficient India and to also ensure that

nobody in India walked barefoot. These chappals were 100% cruelty free and since walking was Gandhi's most preferred means of commutation, he wore them too. One heavily worn-out pair of his leather chappals was sold for about 19,000 pounds in London back in 2013. Another such pair is said to be housed at Ditsong National Museum of Cultural History, South Africa.

Memorable Memoirs

Using writing as a medium to spread knowledge and wisdom, Gandhi, being a prolific writer, authored several journals and memoirs including *The Story Of My Experiments With Truth*, *Hind Swaraj* or *Indian Home Rule*, *Non-Violent Resistance* etc. to name a few. He also maintained his personal diaries throughout his life, which along with his formal/informal letters today are available in over 100 volumes, conjointly called *The Collected Works of Mahatma Gandhi* (1884-1948). Many of his handwritten letters have gone under the hammer over the years, charging hefty amounts from the bidders. The worth is real!

Clad in white Khadi, with a pair of ahimsa chappals on his feet and a selfless vision of a free India in his bespectacled eyes, Mahatma Gandhi personified "simple living, high thinking". And to this veteran who left an ineradicable mark on the sands of time, we wish a very happy birthday!



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Harry Potter and the devoted fan

The Lessons We Learnt From The Books That Defined Our Childhood



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"Harry Potter"-a name that does not merely represent a series of books but rather, signifies generation after generation who have grown up idealising it and imbedding the values taught by it in their lives. As we reminisce about the days of reading it for the first time, let's remember all the things it has imparted on us.

"It takes a great deal of bravery to stand up to our enemies, but just as much to stand up to our friends." The series showed us how

bravery does not only come in a single avatar and is not defined by only defeating the villain; it can also be defined by small actions and the will to do the right thing even when it might mean going against the people around you. Neville, by standing up to his friends, supported the right cause, teaching us how we, too, can be brave.

"It is our choices that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities." With Harry and a lot of members of the Order of the Phoenix choosing to do the right thing over the easy option, it is proven time and again that what we have is not merely as important as what we do. Our actions define what kind of a person we are, teaching us that we must always do good.

"Anything's possible if you've got enough nerve." Fred and George Weasley, the epitome of daring, taught us to be bold enough to think the sky to be the limit. Based



on hope and good winning over evil, the series shows that nothing is unachievable. So, if Fred and George can start Weasleys' Wizard Wheezes, you can do what you want to, too.

"We are only as strong as we are united, as weak as we are divided." These books gave us #friendshipgoals, because if it weren't for Hermione, Harry's life would have been in danger umpteen times, and if it weren't for Ron, he never would have known what having a family feels like. These three taught us the value of friendship.

Teaching us new things, the Harry Potter series shaped the childhood of millions of kids and continues to do so. As we re-read our copies again, we can only thank JK Rowling for giving us Hogwarts as our home. 🇮🇳



Gandhi – The Father



Dr. Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

I always care for my Amittains and nurture them like a mother. This is indeed a very unique blessing of God to me. And therefore, as a mother, I celebrate every happiness, dream and achievement of all my children as my own. As I

share this, I also want to talk about another bond, that is strong like steel, intense like an ocean and tendered with silent sacrifices seldom expressed. That is the bond of a father with his child. What impels me to write about it is the persona of our revered leader Mahatma Gandhi, also known as the father of the nation. Just as father's heart knows no bias for his children, Bapu's heart also never differentiated between caste, creed or religion. Bapu like a father was strong as steel as he took upon himself to bind the entire nation in harmony to herald the freedom movement of India. In his heart lay the intense ocean of love and care for all his countrymen. He tendered the poor and rich alike with unconditional care and harmony so deep that even the harshest of his critics always respected him. As a father leads a family, Bapu led our nation and the world with great leadership, good human virtues, unconditional service to society, supreme love and sacrifices. He himself wore Khadi before asking us to do so. He himself served the society before asking the world to be selfless. He himself discovered the joy of giving and adopting minimalism before the world emulated him happily. His teachings are as relevant today as they were yesterday. As a nation, on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, let us all pledge to foster Bapu in our being as we owe a great deal to the silent sacrifices of this father of the nation.

Editorial tribute



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

This edition is an eternal reminiscence of the times gone by and the present, scripted by the past, an insignia of how our lives are shaped by every single moment. It all began eight years ago when two young writers Aditi Banerji and

Kreetik Thakur, then students of Class IV from AIS Noida, sent in their creative recipe of 'Gandhi platter' (reprinted on page 9 of this issue) on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti for The Global Times. Today, both of them are the Editor-in-chiefs of their school newspaper in the Student Council. I was overwhelmed, when they shared their old column and came up with the idea of taking out a Gandhi Jayanti Special GT edition as a tribute to the spirit of Gandhi. Led by these two student leaders of AIS Noida, this edition walks us down to the Gandhian thought and relevance through all the pages.

This edition is also a tribute to the legendary cricketer and commentator Dean Jones whose sudden demise came as a shocker for the cricket fans. Effervescent and full of life persona, it seems only a matter of yesterday when nine years ago GT reporters Amlaan Kumar and Ujjawal Kumar of AIS Noida interviewed him for GT (republished on page 1). The mesmerising conversation turned out to be one of the most candid interactions we ever had. Time flows, what remains are memories. And it's up to us to keep those treasured memories flowing with times by revisiting and imbibing the ideas engraved by them upon the sands of time. So, here's presenting an ode to life and times.

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A letter to Bapu

From Someone Who Is A Long Forgotten Friend - 'Ahimsa'

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Dear Bapu,

I hope you are doing well. It has been a long time since I last wrote to you, and an equally long time since I last saw you - 151 years to be precise. I am doing well, but face constant obstructions, especially in today's world and I'm often left wondering whether the world has plundered into literal chaos. I wonder- would you even be remembered in the centuries to come? Will Humanity start walking on the footsteps laid down by you and start paying heed to what you wanted her to achieve instead of mindlessly celebrating your birthday every year? My friend, Humanity, has come a long way. While a part of me would be ecstatic for you to see how the world turned out to be, I do feel that you are better off in your heavenly abode, where you have been resting for decades now. Earth is still beautiful, but the same cannot be always said for Humanity. Humans rob, murder and steal. There have been hundreds of wars and conflicts ever since you left, and Humanity is always involved. There are parts of her, which might feel guilty of the atrocities committed and try to make amends, but some parts always end up celebrating the crimes.

You have always taught that one should appeal to the conscience of others, and make them see their mistakes. I try that with Humanity as well. And one thing I have learnt

after my eternal existence is that Humanity is not always bad. She tries hard to shrug off the temptations offered by Evil, and tries to make a difference- to spark a light amidst the abyss. While Humanity and I have never been 'good' friends, you were and have always been the bridge amidst our differences.

We were quite a pair Bapu, you and I, desperately trying to search for goodness everywhere. Parts of Humanity might ignore me and never realize my crucial existence, but I never left her. Remember the day you were thrown out of the train in South Africa, just because you were a brown man? I remember. You just smiled and held on to me, refusing to yield. You would always strive to teach Humanity. You brought out the best in her, and for a while I thought that she will realize my importance soon. So today, while every second a part of her tries to push me away and propel me into deep and dark corners, there is still a part of her which seeks me for guidance and embraces me, heartily. As I write you this letter, I anxiously wait for my universal acceptance- something you always desired.

Yours truly,
Ahimsa



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Road to Dandi

A Rebellion, Following In The Footsteps Of Gandhi

Bhuvika Pandey, AIS Saket, X D

A cool gust of breeze blew over my face, rippling sheets of grass, swaying the Swaraj flag that I pompously held aloft. It seemed as if nature, too, was united with us Indians in our tranquil fight against British Raj. The British had effortlessly invaded our spaces and tried to conquer our freedom with its well-thought and connived schemes. However, we opted for a harmonious battle in a bid to proclaim our freedom; and in this fight we were led by Gandhi ji, whom we address reverentially as Bapu. Clad in a simple dhoti, with a staff in hand and mounting a mass struggle on the shoulders of unarmed men and women, he was the only man who could have lead us to freedom; freedom that we all craved and desired, that had been seized from us by the British by cashing in on our generosity and warm-heartedness. Our tiny village of Aslali was the first stop of Gandhiji and his devoted Satyagrahis in the defiant Dandi march. Upon his arrival, he asserted, "Do not be con-



tent with merely wearing khadi and plying the spinning wheel, thinking that you have done all that you could do..." With electrified feelings; our hearts pounding in unison, we listened to him exuberantly, his every word generating a spark in us, compelling us to defy the British and at the same time motivating us to be non-violent and peaceful.

Unable to resist ourselves, we joined in to what had become known as the "Salt

Satyagraha', walking about 200 miles in about 20 days. Every day, people were beaten up and arrested by the police in the spree of civil disobedience, but the spirit of Indians proved to be unshakable. Following the footprints of Gandhiji, we were determined to complete this march and thus initiate a widespread civil disobedience movement against the British. It is rightly said, 'Anything is possible if you have the nerve to do it.' If there is one Indian in whose case this stands amply illustrated, it is Mahatma Gandhi. Despite the difficulties, at 6:30 am on 6 April 1930, Gandhiji shook the British roots by manufacturing salt by boiling sea water. The exhilarated crowds, were filled with a new hope of attaining liberty. This seemingly simple act was a revolutionary step in India's struggle for independence. Gandhiji, through his unparalleled virtues and learnings, had successfully sent across a humble message by grasping a handful of salt on the beach at Dandi, that every human being was entitled to their basic rights and means of survival.



Dear Editor,

This is in reference to The Global Times edition dated September 28, 2020. In this whirlwind of a year, collating our Contest Edition came as a breath of fresh air. The pandemic induced a wave of anxiety in us; we were not sure if our Contest Edition would make it. But our fears were allayed when we were informed that it would be released digitally. In fact, it is a matter of sheer pride for us to put out the first ever e-edition contest issue. A surge of elation ran through me when I saw the final version of it. Cheers to everyone who were a part of this contest edition journey!

Ananya Singal

AIS Gurugram 43, Alumna

Little pearls of wisdom

Anandeeta Kapoor
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The perilous nature of emotion

In a jungle far away, many animals lived a happy life. One such creature was Mr Beaver who lived by the lake. He was getting old and he had been living here since he was an infant. It was only natural that he had grown attached to his home especially after losing both his parents. Life in the jungle was good, until one day when the news of the wildfire arrived. "Run, folks! Run as fast as you can! The fire is on its way and it will consume us all," Mr Monkey hopped

across the jungle to warn everyone. There was chaos all around. All the troupes moved so fiercely that the ground underneath trembled – the elephants, coyotes, deer, monkeys; but not Mr Beaver. He loved his home too much to leave it. "It's just a fire. It can't be bad enough to drive me out of my home," he thought and shut himself inside. He looked around remembering all the times he had with his family, all the times this home was his safe space

from the rest of the world. Suddenly, there was a knock on the door. "Open up Beaver, the fire is close. Let's go," it was Mr Monkey. Mr Beaver sobbed and said, "I can't. This is my home." "If you come with me now, you can build another one and fill it with memories." But Mr Beaver was too hung up on his feelings. Mr Monkey gave up and went with the rest of the animals. Two days later, the fire destroyed everything including Mr Beaver and his little house. If only he



was wise enough to listen to Mr Monkey and act according to the need of the hour, not only would he have built a new home but also cherished the old memories, making fresh ones along the way.



A trip to Amer

A Luxurious Citadel Of Rajasthan That Royally Basks In The Glory Of Its Past

India is a land abounding with wonderful UNESCO heritage sites to feast one's eyes on. Some of them being natural wonders to some being exquisite architectural marvels to many being a reflection of magnificent history and some even a sanctuary for biodiversity to flourish. Here's presenting Part VI of the Heritage Series, giving an insight into Amer Fort, which was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2013.



Anshika Sharma
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Seldom does the effulgence of ancient citadels and palaces fail to captivate us. The history and grandeur associated with these breathtaking marvels of art and architecture in fact makes them all the more riveting, leaving us with an itchy feet every time. One such palace, Amer Fort, Jaipur, Rajasthan infallibly makes to the bucket-list of all the history buffs out there. Agree or not but this fort has a separate world of its own. Read on as we explore some parts of it.

Amer: A Historical Tour

Over a millennium ago, in the year 967 CE, amidst the massive desert that was Rajasthan, Raja Alan Singh, a ruler from the Chanda clan of Meenas, laid the foundation of Amer, famously known as the Fort of Amer today. It took the Meena kings about 70 years to establish their kingdom and gain the trust of their countrymen. But all their efforts went down the drain as the combined army of Kachwaha Rajputs and Mughals defeated them, annihilating everyone and everything that came in their way. Soon after, Rajput Raja Kakil Dev took over and established Rajputana structures around the area in 1037 CE. Several centuries

passed, many Rajput rulers ruled peacefully, generation after generation. But the fort as it stands now was built during the reign of Raja Man Singh in the 1600s, with various further expansions and improvements taking place under his descendent Jai Singh I and even later, until Sawai Jai Singh II decided to abandon it and move Kachwaha capital from Amer to Jaipur in 1727.

Amer: A Strategic Tour

As a quintessential Rajput military hill architecture, the Fort of Amer is strategically seated on a forested promontory, the 'Cheel ka Teela' (Hillside of Eagles), that juts out into Maota lake, the main source of water for the palace, and is immediately guarded by the third-longest walls in the world and the Aravalli range of hills as its encintes. Like a magic castle in the fairyland, the opulent palace is made of red sandstone, marble and huge stone blocks, that shines when sun rays fall on it and compliments the thick wilderness around. The palace is connected to the nearby Jaigarh Fort, distanced at around 5-6 km by road, through a secret subterranean passage or tunnel, that cuts short the distance to a meagre 1.5 km. Constructed to be used as an escape path in times of siege, the tunnel has many

stairways and ramps to make the route a bit complex in case it is ever breached by enemies. This passage however found no use and was kept a secret until 2012, when Rajasthan tourism finally decided to open it for the tourists.

Amer: A Structural Tour

The fort is widely known for its artistic style, from its doorways to its magnificent courtyards, everything reflects an immaculate amalgamation of both Hindu and Mughal architecture. Follow through as we structurally unfold this sphere, one layer at a time.

The Crust

Suraj Pol or Sun Gate along with Chand Pol or Moon Gate act as the main, outermost entrances of the fort, where the former was used for royal processions and army, common people were allowed in through the latter. Both the gates are connected to Jaleb chowk, the very first of the four courtyards of the citadel, where the victorious armies would assemble and hold parades. To its right is a small stairway passage leading to the Sila Devi temple, a seat of Goddess Durga. Animal sacrifices were an important part of its rituals until 1975 when the Indian government finally banned the practice. Adjacent to the chowk stood horse stables and quarters for the royal guardsmen.

The Mantle

A stairway to the left of Jaleb Chowk leads one to the second courtyard or Diwan-i-Aam, where the kings used to hold their public grievances and petition hearings. Standing on a dais, this Public Audience Hall has 27 sculpted columns, each mounted with a lotus and an elephant-shaped capital. Right in front of it is positioned the resplendent 2-storey Ganesh Pol or Ganesh Gate. Painted in vegetable dye, with murals of Lord Ganesh as the name suggests and other Rajput-Mughal mix mosaics and sculptures engraved on it, this door is nothing short of a chef-d'oeuvre in itself. Above it is the Suhag Mandir with its latticed windows, from where the royal ladies peeked into the proceedings of Diwan-i-Aam.

Outer Core

As one passes through Ganesh gate, one enters the private chambers of the royal family or the third courtyard, which has two buildings standing tall, one opposite to the other, separated by an ornamental garden with a star-shaped pool and a fountain in its center. The building on the left is the exquisite Diwan-i-Khas or the elite court, also known as the Sheesh Mahal. Its floral glass inlays, alabaster relief work and multi-mirrored ceiling lights up like a glittering jewel box under candlelight. It is widely believed that Raja Man Singh issued orders for its construction to fulfil the wish of his wives, that of sleeping under the stars. Directly opposite to it lies the Sukh Niwas, or the Hall of Pleasure with its sandalwood doors. Its perforated, marbled back wall that allows cool breeze to pass through it along with its piped water channels, together provided an air-conditioned environment for the royal family during the hot summers. A truly ahead of its time construction!

Address: Devisinghpura, Amer, Jaipur
Rajasthan - 302001, India

Visiting hours

Monday-Sunday

8:00am - 5:30 pm

6:30am - 9:15 pm

Tickets and costs (Daytime)

Indians - 50 INR

Foreigners - 250 INR

Tickets and costs (Nighttime)

Indians - 100 INR

Foreigners - 200 INR

Inner Core

The last and the final courtyard is the Raja Man Singh Palace that primarily includes the Zenana or the women's quarter. It had separate rooms for each of his 12 wives, with a separate staircase passage in each linking them to his room, and also a common pavilion in its center for the queens to spend time together. The structure was so discretely designed that if the Raja wanted to spend time with one of his wives, the others won't know. Perhaps that's how he kept a check on any internal dissents.

Amer: A Timeless Tour

For a fort that took over 200 years to stand as high and mighty as it does today, it wasn't easy to keep up with the brutal ravages of time. The Amer Development and Management Authority conducts conservation work in the area from time to time. To further keep up with its touristic endeavours and to revive its glorious culture and tradition, the fort hosts several activities like elephant rides, light and sound shows at Maota Lake in the evening, classical dance program in the Sukh Mandir, etc. to name a few. Also, since the guardsmen quarters are now turned into eateries and retail shops, visitors can shop and eat inside the fort too. Free advice? Head towards 1135 AD for some amazing Indian food. So, what's holding you back? *Padharo Mhare Desh!*

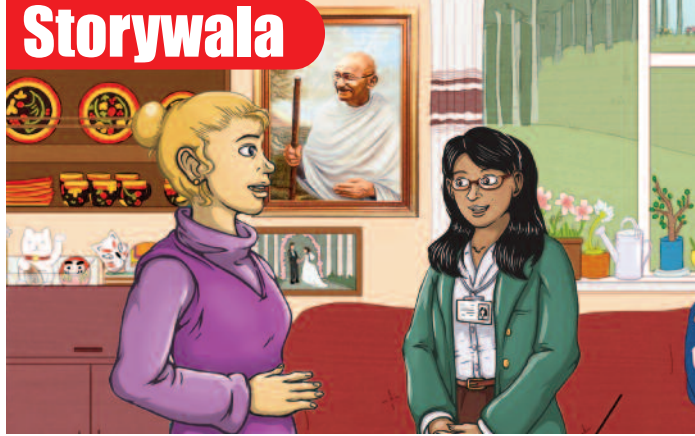


The country against whom he fought for India's Independence, Great Britain, released a stamp honouring him 21 years after his demise.



Storywala

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Nandini Shukla

AIS Noida, VIII I

Kriipa walked out of the school bus with gloom tugging at her heart. As she reached her mom, who was waiting for her at the stop, her sulking stride made it abundantly

obvious that she was having a bad day. Her mom tried to get her to talk, but she responded with only half-hearted mumbles.

As she entered her room, she slammed the door behind her and leapt on to the bed. Her legs ached, as she had spent a whole hour standing outside the class.

The right people

Her brain kept replaying the shrill voice of her teacher asking for the notebook she was supposed to submit that day. Of course, she tried to explain that her work was complete, and that she distinctly remembered placing it in her bag last night, but Miss Roxy was in no mood to hear 'excuses'. To make the matters worse, her desk mate Alaka had been snickering the whole time.

Her mom sneaked in and sat down on the bed right beside her. She began stroking Kriipa's hair, but it didn't take too long before

Kriipa burst into tears and explained what had happened. Her mother sighed as she realised where the notebook had gone and decided to illustrate her point with a short story. "Have you heard about the time when Gandhi ji, a vegetarian, tried meat?" Kriipa's head in her lap shook slowly in response. "Well, as a prank, his friends once told him that eating meat would make all his fears go away. Gandhi, being young and naïve, believed it and ate meat for a whole year, before realising that he had been lied to. Feeling hor-

Now, what do you think got Gandhi ji into trouble?

rible, he confessed to his father, who was cross at first but soon forgave him. Now, what do you think got Gandhi ji into trouble?" Kriipa stared blankly at her face for a minute before giving up. Her mother explained, "Well, the les-

son here is that we should be able to distinguish between real friends and people who may end up harming us." It didn't take long for Kriipa to figure out that her mother was hinting at Alaka, who had been lurking around her bag the entire time today.

As Kriipa went to school the next day, she confronted Alaka, who broke out giggling, and pulled Kriipa's notebook out of her bag. As Kriipa told Miss Roxy everything, she thanked her mom in her head and expressed her gratitude to Gandhi ji as well. 🇮🇳



WORDS VERSE

A tribute

To The Father Of Our Nation By Amitians

Father of the nation

Saksham Verma

AIS Noida, VIII D

Shrouded in simple white
A wooden stick in one hand
Walking towards a new era in sight
He left his mark on Indian sand

Forever he advocated peace
Always upheld his virtues
His beliefs will never cease

As he built a nation anew

He envisioned a diverse country
A tolerant country he tried to nurse
He strove to make the nation free
As a beacon of light for his followers

His praises echo throughout
His name we recite in exaltation
Lifting us from inequality's drought
He is the father of our nation.

Our nation's hero

Ishita Jain

AIS Noida, VIII I

He taught us the power of truth
In the fight against tyranny
He rallied all of India's youth
To end the British authority

Like a guardian angel
He fought with non-violence
For the rights of people

With all his valiance

His remarkable personality
Shone all over the universe
He preached of love and amity
Facing situations, however adverse

Mahatma Gandhi, our saviour
Guided us to a free nation
With all our love and adoration
Let's remember his contribution.

India's knight in white dhoti

Samiksha Dubey, AIS Noida, XI I

He who fought for his mother land
He the one who never surrendered
He who never had a weapon in hand
He will always be remembered

Mahatma Gandhi was his name
Father of the nation we always say
He definitely did not do it for fame
He wanted India free from dismay

Non- violence was his strong belief

Khadi, Indian goods were his pride
Swaraj and self- rule were chief
Abolished salt tax with Dandi stride

He fought for the weaker sections
And kept the Khilafat movement alive
Our torch who led to India's resurrection
Porbandar's gem who helped us survive

His experiments with truth bore fruit
'Bapu' we call him even to this day
Gandhi ji, to whom we salute
His contribution sent freedom our way.

The story of a man

Aadishree Kher

AIS Noida, VIII I

This is the story of a man
Who always longed for peace
Non-violence as he preached
Wanted bloodshed to cease

He believed in the truth

And equality he taught
With the right principles
For us, he valiantly fought

He hated discrimination
For this, he united the nation
Through peaceful resistance
He promoted coexistence

He condemned all atrocities
He embraced all with ease
Not once did he bend
In front of evil fiends

He harbingered a revolution
He endlessly sought liberation
He inspired us till the very end
To be rightful and ideal citizens.

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Your words against Mother Nature



In the lap of hills



The sky's got my back



The title of Mahatma was given to him by the Nobel Prize winning Bengali poet Rabindranath Tagore.

The colours of life

Illustration: Deepak Sharma, GT Network

Samarth Dagar

AIS Vasundhara 1, VII

It was a bright sunny day, Margaret was sitting next to the window sill and enjoying the sight outside. Just then, she saw her mother open the main door, "Mom, where are you going?" asked Margaret in astonishment. "I'll be back in an hour, don't worry," replied her mother. Alone for the first time in days, Margaret decided to keep herself busy. She rummaged through her study table and took out her drawing kit. She rarely had time for painting earlier with her basketball practice every day after school. But after her accident, she had been wheelchair bound and could spare time for it all. As she was sketching, she remembered the big box of paints and wanted the same to fill colours but couldn't find them anywhere. "Where did I keep them?" she mumbled to herself. Absentmindedly, she called out to her mother, "Mom..." But quickly she realised that her mother is not around. Then, Margaret slowly moved her wheelchair from room to room and finally found them in a shelf, gathering dust. Relieved, she went back to her drawing. Margaret's hand shook as she began to fill colours in the sketch showcasing a small bird perched

Wisdom Tale



on a cage. She felt helpless, like that little bird, stuck inside a cage of her own; her house. Nonetheless, she painted the little bird in a gamut of bright colours and the cage in golden colour. Suddenly the doorbell rang, and Margaret wheeled herself to the door and opened it. "You're back mom! Where did you go?" she said. Her

mom hugged her and said, "I went to book an appointment with your physiotherapist. I think it's time for you to start with physiotherapy sessions. The doctor said that after attending these sessions regularly, you will be healed in about 6 to 8 weeks." Even though it was good news, Margaret looked dismayed. Sit-

ting down beside her, Margaret's mother asked, "Is everything okay? Why do you look so sad?" "What's the point of physiotherapy and all if I can't even appear for the state trials?" she cried. Her mother caressed her and said, "My dear, do not let one setback hold you down. Just be cheerful like this colourful bird. It looks so lively even in the cage. Don't be sad. You can work hard and appear for the selections next year." Margaret sobbed as she spoke, "I'm sorry for wallowing in self-pity all this while. Thanks for being there, mom. I promise, I will attend the sessions regularly and I will come out of this stronger than ever."

After a whole month of grueling and painful therapy, she took her first unassisted step and felt a wave of joy. She realised that ups and downs are a part of life and that perhaps life has a plan for everyone. 📖

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So, what did you learn today?
Everything in life happens for a reason, probably a good one!

Gandhi platter

On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, GT brings you a special recipe



Ingredients

- Brown bread5-6 slices
- White bread5-6 slices
- Cheese slices3
- Pepper powder1 tsp
- Saltto taste
- Black olives4-5
- Cloves50 gm
- Butter4 tbsp
- Jam4 tbsp
- Banana leaf1 big

Method

- Use a round bowl to cut out a circle from a brown bread slice for the monkey's face. Cut six such circles.
- Similarly, cut out three similar circles of cheese slices.
- Take a brown bread circle and spread jam on one side. Spread butter on another circle. Place the cheese circle on it and sprinkle salt and pepper. Put the jam circle on top to make a sandwich. Make 3 such sandwiches.
- Now take 3 white bread slices and cut out 3 smaller circles for the mouth.

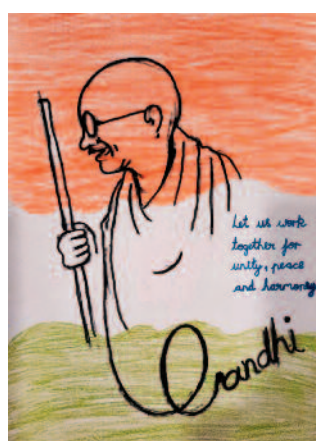
- With a small bottle cap, scoop out 6 tiny circles from the white bread for the monkeys' ears.
- Cut out 3 circular coasters from the banana leaf and place them on a tray.
- Arrange one brown bread sandwich each on the coasters.
- Place one white circle each over the brown circles (refer pic) for the mouth.
- Insert 2 cloves on each of the white circles to fix them with the brown sandwich. This becomes the nose.
- Insert 6-8 cloves on the white circle to make a smiling face.
- Place the tiny white bread circles for the ears. You may also insert cloves to fix the ears.
- Cut the olives into thin slices to make 6 eyes. Place them on the monkeys.
- Cut out 6 small hand shapes from the brown bread.
- Arrange them on the three monkeys, two hands over the eyes; two over the ears and two over the mouth to depict Gandhiji's three monkeys.
- Your Gandhi platter is ready! 📖

Reminiscing Gandhiji and his ideals with a reissue of a recipe by Aditi Banerji & Kreetik Thakur from GT edition dated Oct 1, 2012

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Gandhi, my hero

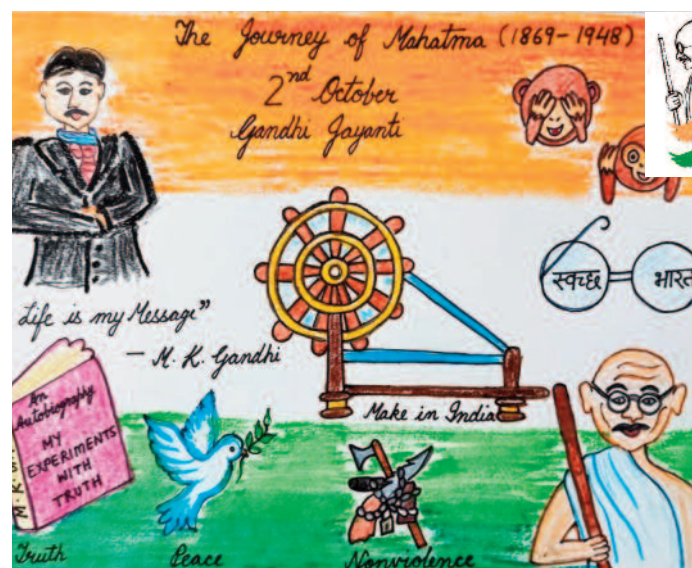


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Gayatri Dhingra
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Gandhi ji's philosophy of life
Was of truth and non-violence
He was a man who every one
Listened to in eager silence

He led an optimistic life
And was utterly peaceful
Even to his numerous enemies

His behaviour was never hateful

He had a very big vision
For future and for the society
He wanted everyone to live
In freedom, with equality

He believed in unity in diversity
Lived his life fully, not in parts
Obeyed ethics even in adversity
To be etched in our hearts. 📖



Pearls of Gandhism

Aaryan Pradhan
AIS Noida, VII F

Good thoughts, words and action
Always keep a good intention
Non-violence is the right way
Dare to speak the truth everyday
Help the needy and deprived
Know them and how they strive
Support local ventures and trades
And let Swadeshi be first grade
Be the change you want to see
Bapu wants this for you and me
Jai Hind, Jai Bharat! 📖

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Five Quick Steps To Sketch Gandhi Ji



Aaryan Pradhan
AIS Noida, VII F

Step 1



Step 2



Step 3



Step 4



Step 5





The world with Gandhi

On October 2, 1869, India saw the birth of legend called Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, fondly known as Bapu – the one who eventually went on to become the global face of peace and non-violence. As we celebrate Mahatma's unparalleled noble deeds on his 151st birth anniversary, here's a list of worldwide commemorations in his name.

Follow the Mahatma

When: 2017

What: An extensive campaign launched by the Indian embassy in association with the Indian community in Netherlands, this campaign intends to spread the Gandhian idea of harmony and non-violence to school children. A first ever Gandhi March was also initiated in the country, involving people of all nationalities and making it a first of its kind event.



Mahatma Gandhi District

When: 2010

Where: Houston, Texas

The district, named after the champion of non-violence, happens to house mostly people of South Asian descent. The same year, the mayor, Annise Parker, also officially declared January 16 as 'Mahatma Gandhi District Day'. Moreover, the much applauded 'Howdy Modi' event of 2019, was also held in the same surrounding, given its rich Indian ethnicity.

Gandhi

When: 1982

What: Globally acclaimed film

Based on the struggle-filled life of Gandhi, this film, starring Ben Kingsley in the title role, is a co-production between India and the United Kingdom, and it is directed and produced by Richard Attenborough. The film won eight awards at the 55th Academy Awards and was also ranked the 34th greatest British film of the 20th century by the British Film Institute.

Mahatma Gandhi Statue Ariana Park

When: 2007

Where: Geneva, Switzerland

Unveiled in the Ariana Park, Geneva, the statue was gifted to the city of Geneva by the Indian government, underscoring the role of Geneva in promoting peace, harmony and friendship, values closely associated with Gandhi. The gift also marks the starting point of the activities celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Treaty of Amity between India and Switzerland.



Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Rural Energy and Development

When: 2000

Where: Bangalore, Karnataka

Established with the assistance of Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Government of India and a few others, the objective of this institution was to carry out Capacity Building and Awareness Programmes in the areas of Rural Energy and Sustainable Rural Development as envisaged by Gandhi.



Gandhian stamp

When: 1948

What: Internationally honoured postage stamps

The release of the first stamp, ironically printed in a Swiss press, was originally to be done in 1947 on Gandhi Jayanti; however, it got postponed to 1948 Independence day after his unfortunate assassination. Apart from this, Gandhi has been featured in over 300 postage stamps released in 150 countries around the world.



Gandhi Peace Prize

When: 1995

What: Global award

Launched in 1995 by the Government of India on the occasion of the 125th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, this award felicitates the recipients for their contributions towards social, political and economic transformation through Gandhian methods such as non-violence. Renowned recipients include Julius Nyerere and Nelson Mandela.

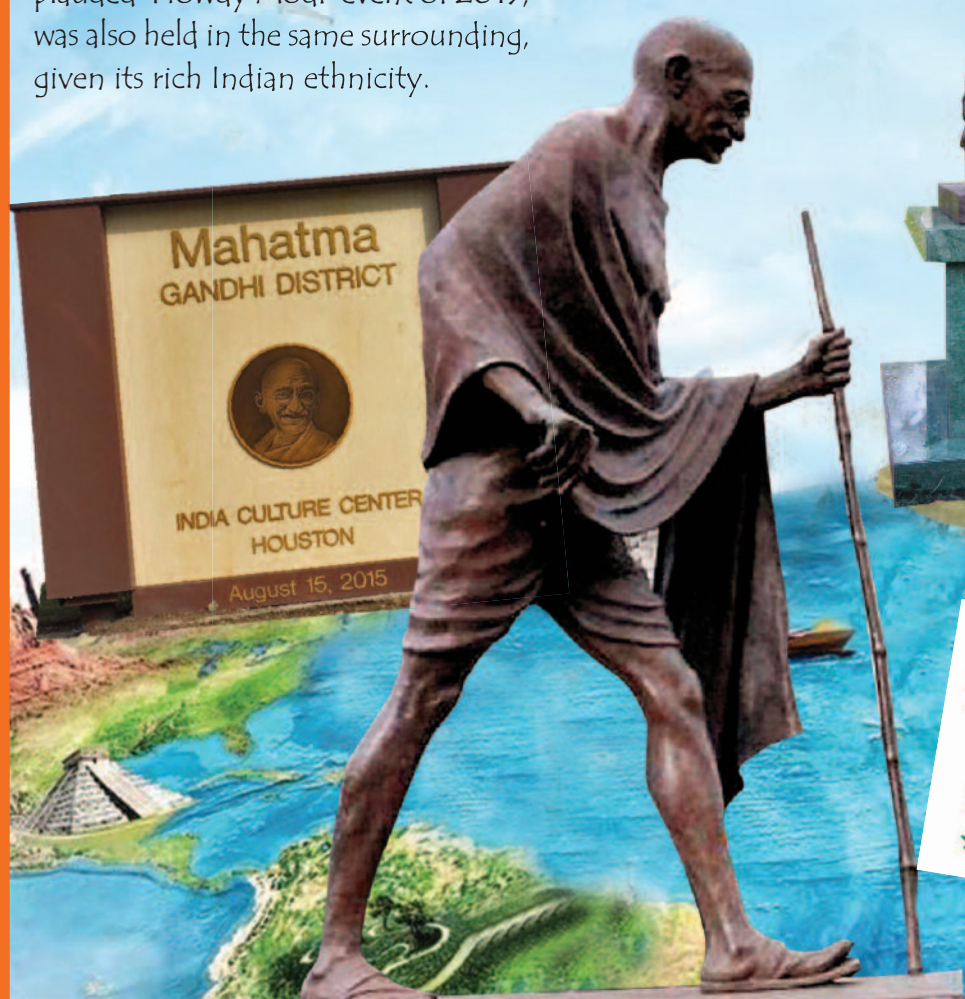
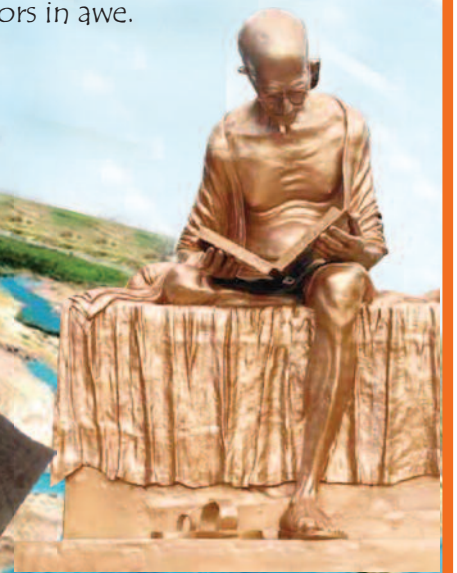


Mahatma Gandhi Marine National Park

When: 1972

Where: Port Blair, Andaman and Nicobar

Started under the Wildlife Protection Act of 1972, with the aim of protecting marine life, especially sea turtles and corals, this park comprises rare corals which is a treat to the visiting tourists. The park is an absolute no plastic zone and the islands are absolutely uninhabited. The exotic biodiversity and captivating beaches along with a plethora of alluring tourist destinations leave the visitors in awe.



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Gandhi ji pronounced 'untouchables' as 'Harijans' meaning 'children of God'.

MI fest fosters the hope within

Intelligence Expressed In Multiple Ways



Students participate in masquerade



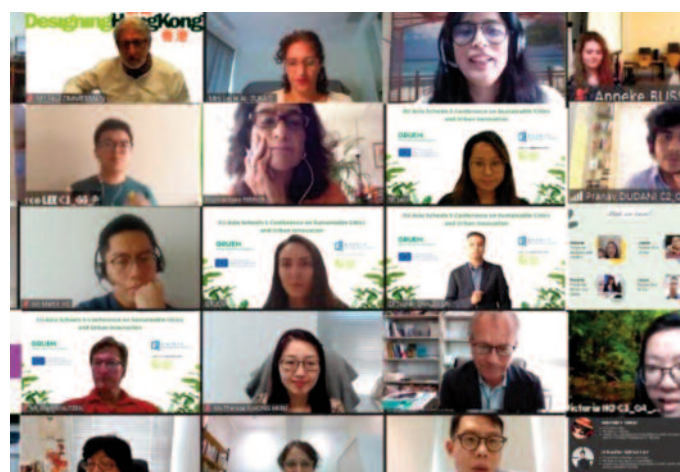
School principal welcomes the participants

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Eighth inter-school MI Fest –Carpe Diem 'Let's seize the day', also the first virtual one was held from August 28-31, 2020 for Class I-V. Hope was the theme of the event in tandem with the belief of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF, that if you choose hope, anything is possible. The event was woven with messages of hope expressed through an array of competitions based on 8 multiple intelligences. This year all the participants were asked to submit the video entries of their presentations and a panel of teachers and judges then shortlisted the top 10 entries for the final online round conducted on virtual platform. Total 39 schools from

Delhi/NCR participated in the event designed to challenge, recognise and reward abilities in various avenues. School principal Arti Chopra inaugurated the event virtually, and shared the significance of the development of multiple intelligences during formative years. Amitians registered victories in different competitions. Naira Dattarata (AIS Gurugram 46) bagged consolation prize in Masquerade for Class I wherein, students presented role plays based on their favourite corona warriors. Vinayak Jain (AIS Gurugram 46) and Mishika Bansal (AIS Gurugram 43) won first prize and consolation prize in 'My Creative Screen' for Class II 3-D painting contest based on theme- 'Life during lockdown' respectively. Bhuvika Jain (AIS Gurugram 46) bagged first prize in

'Immune endorsement' in which Class III students presented an immunity booster drink prepared by them using ingredients from their mom's kitchen and endorsed its benefits through presentation. Mehak Sukhani (AIS Gurugram 46) came third in 'Yoga tale' competition for Class IV in which students narrated stories with the help of yoga postures. Class V student Ananya Agarwal (AIS Gurugram 46) proved her intellectual prowess in multiple intelligence-based quiz titled 'Mind-O-Pedia' by winning first prize in the competition. The eminent jury members of MI Fest comprised educationists Kajal Mathur and Rina Singh Chauhan, content developer Shalini Chaturvedi, dietician and yoga instructor Priyanka, and life-style coach and author Meenu Chopra. [G1](#)



Participants share viewpoints on creating green urban spaces



Manasa Bangaru (L) and Urja Kohli (R) of AIS Noida win laurels in the finale of 'GRUEN: Green Urban Environment' project

The green warriors

Amitians Shine Bright At Project GRUEN

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Amitians brought laurels home in the finale of the prestigious project 'GRUEN: Green Urban Environments' held online from September 10-12, 2020, by Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong SAR, co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union. Manasa Bangaru and Urja Kohli from Class XI of AIS Noida lead their respective teams to win 'Goethe GRUEN' award by Goethe Institute and a position in the top three categories of the 'International GruenP' competition respectively. They won cash prizes of €400 and €300 respectively. Nalin Jayaswal, Divyansh Jain, Ahaan Bhandari and Angad Gulati, all from Class XI of AIS Pushp Vihar won 'Originality' award and a cash prize of €75 per person. Vyakhya Gupta of Class XI from AIS Gurugram 46 won the 'Best E-tools' award in the 'EU-Asia Schools E-Conference on Sustainable Cities and Urban Innovation' and was conferred with a cash prize of €75. The event was organised under the aegis of Amity Educational Resource Centre (AERC) as a step forward in nurturing compassionate innovators of

tomorrow, the lofty vision of Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan.

The competition that commenced with the registration on March 16, 2020 saw over 270 schools from 50 countries including Hong Kong, France, Germany, Spain, Netherlands, Nepal, Indonesia and South Korea present their dream designs of sustainable urban future. The first round of presentations took place on May 31, 2020 after which around 50 students qualified for the second round and 12 groups were finally selected for the e-conference to present their ideas virtually to the GRUEN community across the globe on Zoom platform.



The laurel brought home

About GRUEN Project

It is a dream project of the Hong Kong Baptist University, co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the EU which kick-started on March 16, 2020. The Goethe Institute with GRUEN gave an educational challenge to secondary school students to dream about and design their sustainable urban future. Students from schools in Asia worked with partner schools in the European Union to develop their ideas on green cities. [G1](#)

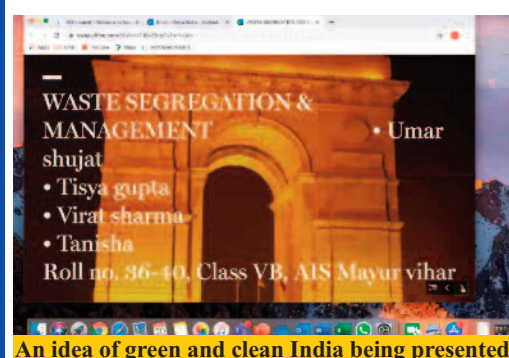
Virtual Vasudha for primary

Fostering Scientific Thinking Of The Budding Scientists In Their Formative Years

In an endeavour to keep the scientific spirits of young innovators kindled, the very first virtual science exhibition Vasudha 2020 for primary students was held in different branches of Amity Group of Schools, Delhi/NCR. The annual insignia event of

Amity Group of Schools is an outcome of the vision of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF, to kindle inner curiosity of young minds and foster their scientific thinking and reasoning skills. It is aimed at inculcating scientific

temperament and encouraging research & innovation amongst children in their formative years, catching them young and spirited. GT brings you reports of the presentations of innovative ideas by young Amitians from different Amity schools:



An idea of green and clean India being presented

AIS Mayur Vihar

Virtual Vasudha 2020 for Class I-V was held from August 20-21, 2020. Students from Class I - III presented their individual Vasudha projects like mini book, museum, 3D models on transportation and also explained them eloquently with examples. Class IV and V students presented group projects based on various themes like our planet, pollution - causes, effects and prevention, ayurveda and health, food production and wastage of food, waste management and segregation. They

delivered eloquent speeches, explained their projects using PowerPoint presentations, and also shared the learning outcomes and future plans of their project topics.

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Class Nursery to V students presented their scientific prowess from August 7-8, 2020. Young scientists presented their innovative ideas based on various themes like my planet, transportation, medicine and health, energy, computer science and

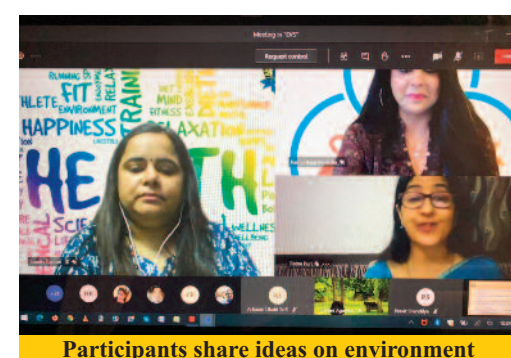


A young scientist with his Chandrayaan

technology, geographic information and system, space science and agricultural science & technology. They brought in vivacity to innovation by presenting their ideas using modern ICT based presentation tools like Padlet, Quizziz, Storyweaver and Wordwall. All the teams finally showcased their teamwork through small innovative behind the scenes videos, capturing their journey of brainstorming, innovating and presenting them all virtually during these changed times.

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Class I and II students participated in Vasudha held on September 19, 2020 based on the theme 'Health and Hygiene'. It commenced with the chanting of Gayatri mantra and school principal Arti Chopra addressing the parents. Students demonstrated how to make immunity booster drinks, home-made sanitisers and herbal tea. A live demo of yoga asanas and the video of 3 R's of environment was also well explained. Students also emphasised on the importance of nurturing the environment by being compassionate towards

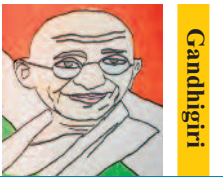


Participants share ideas on environment

all life forms through dance, drama and songs. An experiment to demonstrate the importance of healthy food over junk food was also conducted and SDG goals were discussed. Slogans, poems and jingles based on topics like 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan' and 'Freedom Run' were presented and children also dressed up as famous personalities like Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Kiren Rijju, Baba Ramdev and engaged into a debate on healthy vs junk food. A quiz for the parents was held in the last, who enthusiastically participated in the event for young minds. [G1](#)

48 roads in international countries are named after Mahatma Gandhi.

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Ideals that matter

Time To Imbibe The Long Lost Gandhian Ideologies

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Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the nation, was bestowed with the title 'Mahatma' for his principles that shaped a human to be his best and encouraged one to lead an honest, diligent and honourable life. He inspired each human to be 'manushya' in its right meaning and led the populace from darkness unto light. But as the world progressed, we moved farther away from the ideologies he taught us, missing out some of the core human values, but today, it's time we revisit them and imbibe them once again.

"An eye for eye only ends up making the whole world blind."

If we keep violently attacking those we deem cruel, then we are no better than the bad ones spreading violence all around. You can't solve violence with more violence. Tit for tat is

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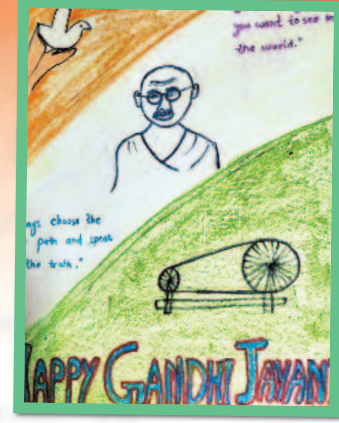


not always the solution. Non-violence is the only key to put an end to all the violent actions and motives happening in the world around us.

"Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony."

Happiness is something that cannot be denoted by the amount of possession you have. It's relatively proportional to your thoughts, the way you preach as well as the way you enact. All three need to remain in agreement; only then will you be truly happy. The entire triangle of contentment or happiness is based on this congruency.

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"Be the change you wish to see in the world."

We mirror the world around us. All the predispositions present in the outer world are to be found in the world within ourselves. If we could change ourselves, the predispositions in the world would also change. "In a gentle way you can shake the world," he said. Bring about that one small change in yourself that you wish to see in your surroundings.

"Nobody can hurt me without my permission."

The world today is filled with a lot of negativity. But only you have the ability and right to decide how to react to everything

that happens. From the intense and major to the mundane and mild, you are the one to decide how to react to everything and conquer the negative thoughts hovering your mind.

"Satyamev jayate"

Truth always triumphs and fear is what leads one to lie. Yet, we often forget the power of honesty. Being honest to who we are and what we do is what makes a person lead a life of dignity.

"The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong"

Forgive and let go; two attributes that bring peace in one's life. Let go of the bad times and let go of the negative emotions you have against someone or something. Cleansing your mind off this negativity will always leave you a bit wiser each time.

Each of these ideals are crucial to lead a good and harmonious life in today's world, and with the world struggling so much already, maybe these positive affirmations are exactly what we need to go back to.

A guide book for transformation

Signs That You're Becoming Like Your Mom



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As a kid, you'd laugh and be irritated by all the eccentric things your mother did, only for you to grow up and start the slow but steady transformation that turns you into her. It may start with the small insignificant things but before you know it, your mom-ifications are almost complete as you stand in your kitchen, saving polybags for future purposes and taunting your maid for never coming on time.

Sign #1: When nothing is trash You have finally realised that everything is useful, some way or the other. By gaming up your

middle-class 'jugaads', filling water in the almost-empty shampoo bottle and putting plastic on the TV remote just seems like common sense. Oh, and also, you must not forget to give those old bed sheets and dresses to the tailor so that he can make something useful out of them!

Sign #2: The urge to clean

You have guests coming over in 30 minutes? Better go into extreme mode and vacuum clean the entire house, dust every corner, and mop the floors. You must also fluff all the pillows and take out the expensive showcase pieces that are labelled 'Only for guests'. Of course, if all of this is not done before they arrive, it will bring immense shame to the family.

Sign #3: Parents seem right

As a kid, you think you are oh so smart and totally an adult who can handle everything, and your ultimate villain seems to be your mother's "no". But it is when you grow up, you find yourself agreeing with your parents and laughing at those kids who think they are all grown up at the age of 14.

Sign #4: Sale! Sale! Sale!

There is nothing, I repeat, nothing in the world that will bring you happiness like a good sale does. If the sign '50% off' brings tears to your eyes, you know your transformation has reached its final stage. A good sale or a bargain is what you live for. Long live the clearance rack!

Sign #5: I 'nose' too much

You know you need to know every single piece of gossip that is making its way around the circle. In fact, you are somehow always updated with everything that is happening in everyone's life and people keep coming to you to know the current hot topic. Of course, you know what happened at Rita's maasi's daughter's pet's birthday party! Duh!

Even though you're transforming into her, you still know that you'll never be able to match up to the superhero that your mother is. [G I](#)



Dodging Mundane Mondays & Stodgy Sundays

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Even though Google sums up most of the special dates through its infamous Google Doodles, there are many unpopular days that are yet to gain public acknowledgment. Here's to unraveling the stories of all the peculiar days that were made official a long time ago, but are yet to be celebrated.

March 3: Thomas and Ruth Roy found one of the weirdest reasons to celebrate by far. 'What If Cats and Dogs Had Opposable Thumbs Day', helps us pause and think, what would have happened if Snowy and Simba had opposable thumbs? Would our cats do dexterous tasks? Or would they hide it out of laziness? Would

dogs abuse their tin opening privileges? Well, whatever the answers may be, it is for us, a day to appreciate our furry friends!

April 27: — — — . . . or Morse Code Day celebrates this extremely concise and influential way of communication. In 1825, Samuel F. B. Morse heard that his wife was gravely ill. By the time he reached home, she had already been buried. Heartbroken, he turned the sadness into something productive and created an extremely efficient method of communication with the help of his compatriots in 1836, where each alphabet is represented in a sequence of dashes and dots.

June 25: In the year of 1960, on an island found Nor-Norwest of Spain, music had been changed

for generations to come by four muses; namely, Paul McCartney, George Harrison, John Lennon, and Ringo Starr. 'Global Beatles Day' celebrates the huge positive influence they had on people, not only because of their music, but also due to their values. Throughout their career, they promoted the ideals of truth and love, changing the way people express themselves, mostly through fashion trends.

September 23: 'Restless Legs Awareness Day' works towards bringing awareness to this medical condition where people have the urge to move their legs even while they are resting. A Swedish neurologist, Karl-Axel Ekborn first wrote about this and so, the day has been set to accord with his birth date. [G I](#)