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'The Show Must Go On', Attests Youth Power With Aplomb



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With 558 mammal species said to be extinct by 2100, do you think it's high time we entirely reform environmental laws?

a) Yes
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"I am so happy that 12 years down the line, Youth Power has become a programme where all my Amitiens work selflessly to give back to the society and spread happiness in countless lives."

Bhawna Tuteja
 GT Network

Unless you've been living under a rock, you'd know what Youth Power is and reading the tag line you'd just want to cut to the chase and find out this year's winner. Well, the trophy for 2019-20 was lifted by AIS Pushp Vihar and AIS Noida. AIS Saket followed suit at the second spot and AIS Mayur Vihar at the third.

For the uninitiated, Youth Power is Amity's flagship social sensitisation programme. The event in its 12th edition saw 11 teams from different Amity branches across India work on a social cause through the year. The programme concluded with a grand finale where the 11 teams showcased their year long journey. But that is just the crux; Youth Power is a saga, and it's tough bringing one up to speed on a 12 year long sojourn in a few words (there's always a word limit). Nonetheless, if you wish to gain some understanding of the biggest event of the year, here are 12 highlights of the 12th edition of Youth Power.

1 The YP grand finale for 11 straight years has witnessed a magnificent stage, an auditorium abuzz with over 500 people, endless cheering, applause and much more. Naturally, you'd expect the online version to be a damp squib in comparison. Well, it wasn't. There was cheers, applause, drum rolls, shining PPT and more.

2 The who's who of Amity was in attendance. Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF graced the event with her presence. The event also saw in attendance Mr Amol Chauhan, Sr Vice President, Amity Venture Capitals.

3 It was a full house as heads of various amity institutions occupied the virtual front rows. From principals to vice principals to coordinators, everyone marked their presence – a feat impossible in the non-pandemic era. (Silly! If everyone goes to attend the finale who will run the school. Got it? Good.)

In line, online

4 A fab jury comprising Deeksha Mittra, former TV anchor and life skill coach and Richa, an alumna of IIT Roorkee and former Vice President, Morgan Stanley, now a naturalist, judged the event. And boy! The questions they asked (you can read them on page 4-5).

5 Its tough to contain the magic spread over a year and so the finale was conducted in three parts from September 9 -11, 2020. While the first two days saw the teams give their presentations, the last day was earmarked as the valedictory ceremony.

6 Organised on MS teams, the event was as smooth as butter with each participating team showcasing a sensitising video, a PPT encapsulating their journey and a social podcast. They were judged for each of these as well as the work they did in the year gone by.

7 It rained awards in different categories like every year. Check sidebar for details. (We know virtual trophies are no fun, will send the real ones once the schools reopen.)

8 All about giving back to the society, YP lauds anything that resonates similar sentiments. Case in point – 'Corona Warriors' or young Amitiens who came out during pandemic to help

others. They were felicitated during the event, also covered under the World Teenage Reporting Project that showcased stories of 31 such Samaritans across the globe. (Read page 10)

9 There are some people you want to listen to, even if it is in an online window. Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan is one of them. Mics were unmuted and applause erupted as she shared, "I miss our Youth Power stage. But all of you have put up a very good show. I am proud of my Amitiens, my teachers and principals who have worked so hard." Congratulating the students on being torchbearers of change, she lauded all the participants.

10 Praise is inevitable when big actions stem from young corners. Don't believe us? Ask our jury members. While Richa stated that it was heartwarming to see the future generation work for the society, Deeksha Mittra expressed her joy for being a part of this programme.

11 While some things were on screen, there was a lot of excitement behind the scenes. Here's some dope – "where's the sound?" "what is wrong with the

| Winner Board | |
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| Winner | AIS Noida and AIS Pushp Vihar |
| First runner up | AIS Saket |
| Second runner up | AIS Mayur Vihar |
| Best YP Presentation | AIS Gurugram 46 |
| Best Documentation | AIS Pushp Vihar |
| Best Fund Raising Model | AIS Vasundhara I |
| Best Research Strategy | AIS Vasundhara 6 |
| Best Community Outreach Programme | AIS Jagdishpur |
| Best Awareness Movie | AIS VKC Lucknow |
| Best Social Implementation | AIS Gurugram 43 |
| Best Social Media Engagement | AIS Noida |
| Best Panel Discussion | AIS Mayur Vihar |
| Best Social Podcast | AIS Saket |
| Jury's Special Mention | AIS VVC Lucknow |
| Best Mentor Teacher | Sonia Rao, AIS Vasundhara I |

audio?" This went on for a full 30 seconds as the video for AIS Noida was played. 30 seconds gone in a 59 second video. As the IT support went problem fixing, the audio returned – "did you have a problem hearing?". Turned out, the audio was purposely omitted to sensitise towards the deaf.

12 Just as water confirms to the shape of the vessel that contains it, Youth Power too beautifully adapted to the virtual realm; its ability to quench the thirst of change remaining undeterred. And just like water, the magic of Youth Power flows on to its 13th edition. **GT**



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Around The WORLD

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

NORWAY

MP nominates Donald Trump for Nobel Prize

Christian Tybring-Gjedde, Norwegian MP, has once again nominated US President Donald Trump for the 2021 Nobel Peace Prize for playing a 'key role' in negotiating peace between UAE and Israel, and North Korea and South Korea.



ITALY

India proudly returns to Venice Film Festival

Chaitanya Tamhane, with his latest film, The Disciple, made India proud at the Venice Film Festival as the movie marked India's return to the festival after a long gap of nearly two decades. The film which narrates the story of classical musicians, also bagged the prestigious FIPRESCI award at the event.

CHINA

Boycott calls for Disney's remake of Mulan

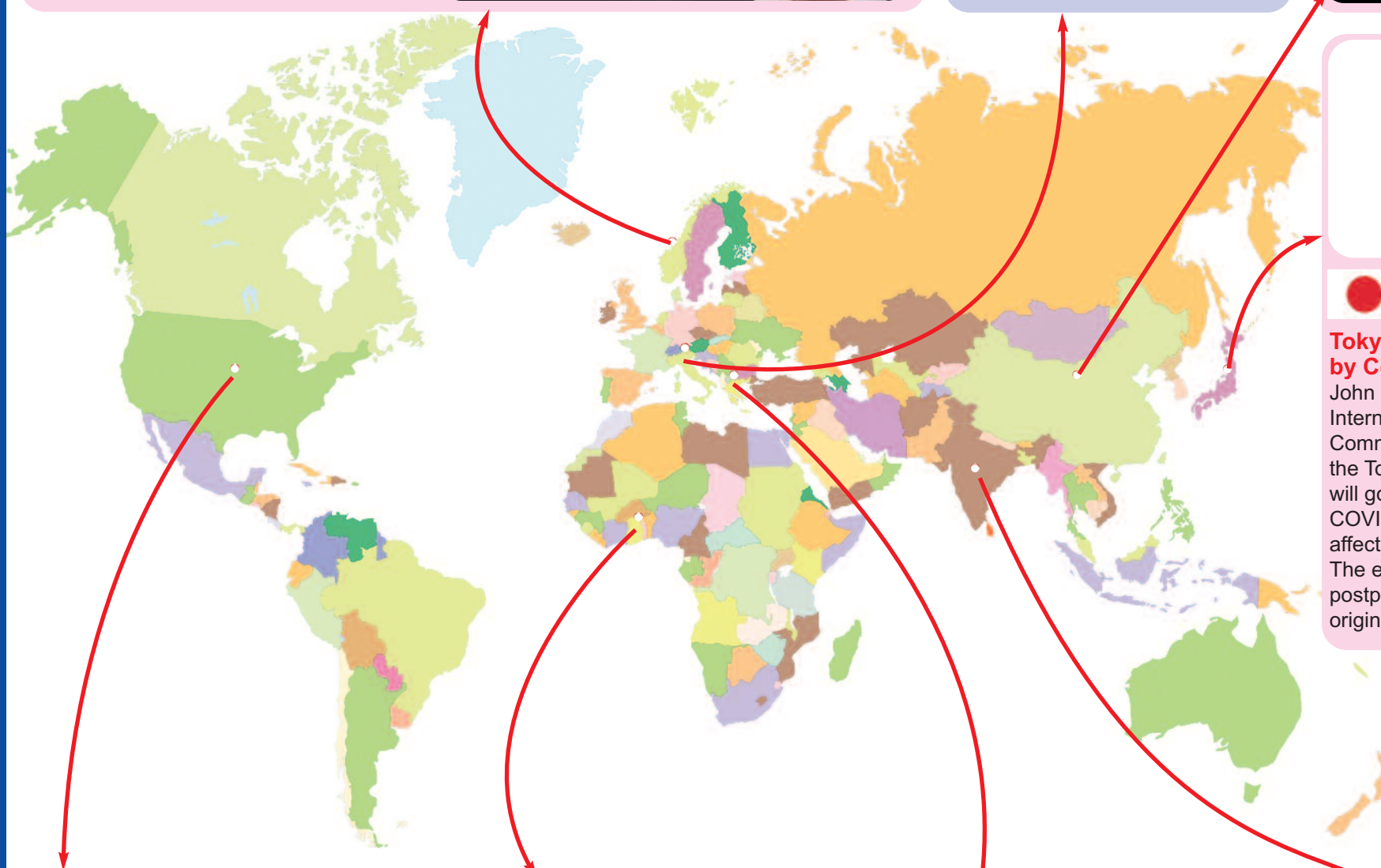
Disney's live action remake of Mulan has come under fire as public gained knowledge that some scenes were shot in China's Xinjiang, where multiple internment camps to abuse the region's Muslim population has been documented. The calls for boycott were also raised when Liu Yifei, the lead actress, showed support for Hong Kong's police brutality against protestors last year.



JAPAN

Tokyo Olympics unfazed by Coronavirus

John Coates, Vice President, International Olympic Committee, has declared that the Tokyo Olympics in July 2021 will go ahead 'with or without COVID-19' and will not be affected due to the pandemic. The event has already been postponed once as it was originally scheduled for 2020.



GHANA

First woman to win Africa Prize

Charlette N'Guessan, a 26 year old, has become the first woman to win the Royal Academy of Engineering's Africa Prize for Engineering Innovation for BACE API, a digital verification system she created that uses AI and facial recognition to verify a person's identity. She was awarded 33,000 USD for the same.



USA

Spacecraft named after Kalpana Chawla

Northrop Grumman, an aerospace technology company, have named their next space station resupply ship 'SS Kalpana Chawla' to honour Dr Kalpana Chawla, the first woman of Indian descent to go to space. The spacecraft will be launched into orbit from Virginia on September 29.



GREECE

Fire wreaks havoc at Europe's largest refugee camp

A fire at the Moria refugee camp wreaked havoc. The place which housed more than 12,000 people was mostly burned to the ground. The camp had faced condemnation in the past for its poor living conditions and holding people more than four times its original capacity.

INDIA

Govt launches 15 challenges for startups and MSMEs

Taking a step towards Aatmanirbhar Bharat and reduce India's dependence on input imports, NITI Aayog has announced 3 challenges each across 5 ministries for Indian MSMEs and startups. Each challenge will have 2 winners, eligible for a grant of upto 50 lakhs INR. The projects in advanced stages with prototypes will only be selected.





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Millennials vs gen Z: boards edition

The Two Generations That Have Nothing In Common Finally Have A Face Off

Rishika Gupta, XI & Shhouraya Chadha, XII, AIS Saket

Sometimes, our studies seem like the hardest thing ever. I can't even imagine a scenario tougher than ours today. And yet, I often find millennials telling me that they had it harder than us. Well, I don't exactly believe that, but I guess I'll keep an open for now mind and see what they have to say.

Cut-offs

Millennial: Even a decade after my 12th Boards result, my mom cannot cool it with praising me for getting 90%. It was a proud moment for all of us... **a wave of nostalgia hits and there is a hint of hope in the now, glittering eyes**.

Gen Z: 90%. Sounds like an amazing number for something like a discount, but not good enough when you're living in 2020. Correct me if I'm wrong but the current cut-off for top colleges is higher than the germ protection offered by Dettol (99.99%).

Extra-curricular

Millennial: Extra-curricular? What's that? This term is as non-existent for us as your plans of concentrating on your studies without checking your phone multiple times. In our times, extra-curricular meant wastage of time and there was no such thing as interest! **shakes head in disbelief**

Gen Z: Well, today if you're not involved in 100 activities and don't have 500 certificates, you're as good as a sitting cow (like the one that can be seen stopping all the traffic, living the best life). So, they basically want us to do everything and nothing at the same time.

Prepping Up

Millennial: We had regular tests and a pre-board to prepare us before the actual board exams. Such tough times!

Gen Z: We first have tests. Then we have a pre-pre-board. Then we have a really tough pre-board. And if you're fortunate enough to fall short by a few marks in these 'easy-peasy' exams then you get to give exciting re-tests. So, you see, life just gets easier and easier.

Pressure Cooker

Millennial: We did not have any one marker questions. By the time we reached the end of the paper, it seemed like our hands might just fall off, that is if we had time to complete the paper. **Flashbacks through time and takes a*

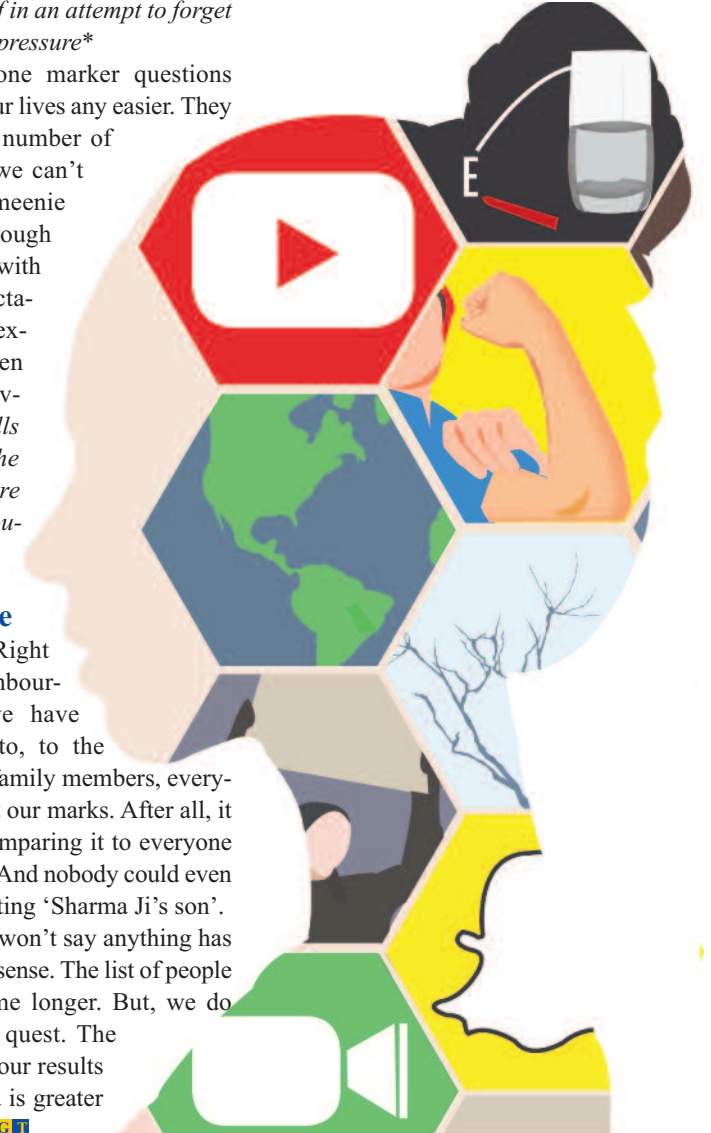
*big sigh of relief in an attempt to forget the decade-old pressure**

Gen Z: The one marker questions haven't made our lives any easier. They just add to the number of questions and we can't just 'eenie meenie miney moe' through them. Though, with the high expectations and non-existent burden we're surely privileged. **Eye rolls to brush off the huge pressure that has just doubled with time**

After-taste

Millennial: Right from the neighbourhood aunty we have never spoken to, to the long forgotten family members, everyone cared about our marks. After all, it was real fun comparing it to everyone else they knew. And nobody could even think about beating 'Sharma Ji's son'.

Gen Z: Well, I won't say anything has changed in that sense. The list of people has only become longer. But, we do have an added quest. The task of posting our results on social media is greater than any other. 🇺🇸



Founder President Dr Ashok K. Chauhan and Dr Atul Chauhan address the virtual session

Instilling a vision Of ATOMIC Magnitude For Future Growth

AUUP

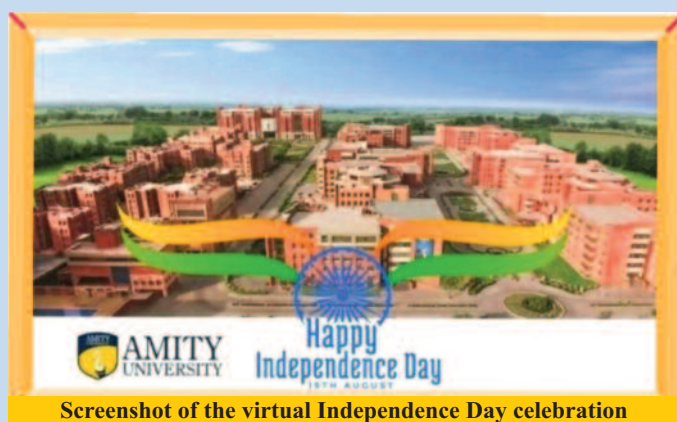
With elated broad smiles and proud patriotic hearts, AUUP celebrated the 74th Independence Day virtually. The event was inaugurated with the hoisting of tricolour flag by Founder President, Dr Ashok K. Chauhan in presence of chancellor, Dr Atul Chauhan; Prof (Dr) Gurinder Singh, group VC; Lt. General Sikand, DG, Skill Development & Vocational Studies and Prof Bhawna Kumar, VP, RBEF. The flag hoisting was fol-

lowed by launch of new initiatives to strengthen Global Study Programs in association with Global Consortium of University Partners. During the virtual session, Founder President introduced ATOMIC Vision—a notion for all Amityans to inculcate in these tough times where the word ATOMIC stands for 'Attack The Opportunities & Monitor the Implementation and Control'. The day also marked the launch of Amity Centre of Happiness, previously known as Happiness Club of Amity International

Business School, AUUP, buzzing with loads of weekly activities to establish joy in people's lives. The newly launched Center of Happiness assured that it will adopt and abide the new ATOMIC vision by observing ATOMIC happiness as a benchmark for bringing success and growth to the center. It will keep a balance through research and innovation focusing on academia, organisational and national happiness, launching Journal of happiness, magazine of happiness as well as engaging with the community on platforms in celebration mode to build the spirit of belongingness.

Students from other departments of Amity University, Uttar Pradesh, zealously partook in the virtual ceremony as well, bringing forth joy with their ecstatic dance and singing performances.

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Screenshot of the virtual Independence Day celebration

Nord if you understand! A Peep Into The Nordic Education System

Tanya Talwar
AIS Pushp Vihar, XII

Across the globe, the idea of education varies from country to country. One such unique system of education is of Nordic countries. The education system is strikingly different in its provision of a holistic view of education. It follows no standardised testing apart from one voluntary matriculation exam. The students are graded on an individual basis. Instead of tumbling from teacher to teacher every year, the system

believes in the concept of one teacher to deeply analyse the learning capacity and bent of each student, helping them build their future cohesively. The most important feature of this education system is that they don't believe in competition. There is no class for 'gifted students'. Those who excel more than others are expected to help academically weak students. The education system dismisses arbitrary merit-based systems of grading. There is a higher focus on equitable schooling than an ordinal approach. All students

are provided with free meals, regular counselling and individual based guidance. It encourages relaxed environments, longer but fewer classes and less homework and with no concept of after school tuitions. With this kind of education system, all one can say is, inculcation of a more comprehensive way of education persists to be the need of the hour for plurality of institutions around the globe, as it was articulately stated by John Dewey, "education is a process of living, not a preparation for the future." 🇺🇸





The Q & A gallery

Here's How The Teams Aced The Volley Of Questions From Jury Members At YP Finale



What role does social media play in sensitising about any social cause?

The involvement of social media is paramount in spreading cognisance about any social cause. During our campaign, it played a huge role in conveying our cause to a larger audience. Upon our interactions with families with special children, we came to know that many parents are not comfortable sharing about their special children. Social media is one place that offers anonymity, and it allows these families to reach out to experts and interact with other families with the same outlook.

According to WHO, the prevalence of diabetes, mortality rates, cancer deaths, etc., has seen a surge in the recent years. Do you think there is something wrong with the very base of our functioning? Humans are undergoing several changes because of the prevalence of several diseases and conditions that have increased substantially over the years. Diseases such as cancer, diabetes have a biological reason behind them, but when it is about mental conditions like autism and dyslexia, there is still a lot to be figured out. These conditions cannot be regarded as a result biological imbalance and hence, scientists across the world are still doing research to find the reasons for such mental conditions.

YP Team, AIS Saket
Cause: Special care for the special needs



You talked about buying things only when necessary and not out of want. Can you quote some incident where you managed to resist from buying something that you really wanted to possess?

Before this initiative began, we would procure any attractive item that we came across while exploring a nice fancy store, even if it was absolutely unnecessary. However, our YP journey taught us that we can certainly hold back our impulsive habits and refrain from purchasing something that doesn't really hold an immediate purpose. We started with simple stationery items like using refillable pens and the blank pages of used notebooks for our personal use. We also used this measure during our endeavour by combining blank pages of old notebooks and distributed it to the underprivileged kids, through an NGO called Rupantar.

While researching on the topic, did you hear about types of waste such as chemical waste, heavy metals, volatile organic compounds (VOC). If so, can you please name the measures that can be taken to mitigate these kinds of wastes?

Upon online research and expert interactions, we realised that the usage of several products leads to the generation of harmful chemical waste. During one of our interactions with Mr Shantanu from Space India and Sankalp Goyal from Moti Packaging, gave us an understanding of space waste and packaging waste respectively. We were apprised how these are main contributors towards hazardous waste and the methods being devised in order to mitigate them. For example, Space India is collaborating with ISRO to create reusable rockets. In the same way, Moti Packaging has also developed eco-friendly packaging for a greener planet. We think, every such practice can be made organic, so that it makes the planet greener with time.

YP Team, AIS Mayur Vihar
Cause: Management of waste

Expert: Deeksha Mittra, Life Coach
Speaks: "Responsibility means ability to respond, wherever you are and in whatever situation you should have that sensitivity in you to respond to every situation in best possible manner. I am very happy to see that in present times these young change makers from Amity Group of Schools instead of getting disheartened or complaining previous generations for their present sufferings, thought to transform the society for better. They are indeed the inspiring torch bearers who at such tender age have such great insights into social issues which need immediate attention. I am impressed with the holistic approach of every YP team for their respective social causes."



Plastic being such a necessity in a layman's life, did you ever come across any fact that truly shocked you and made you realise what a huge issue this problem is?

Humans are dependent on plastic, but coming face to face to this reality was definitely an eye-opener for us. As we went on with our project, we found that approximately 60% of Gurugram residents feel that the plastic waste management implied in their locality is inefficient or useless altogether, which is why it became our goal to fix this issue. For the same, we collaborated with companies like EcoGreen and KK Plastics to ensure that the plastic our society carelessly uses and throws away actually ends up being properly disposed of.

Anirudh Narwal, YP Team, AIS Gurugram 43

Plastic waste and plastic management is a serious issue, something that even grown-ups ignore, so how difficult was it for you to educate the junior section of the society and how was the response?

In our experience, the junior section of our school were much more environmentally-conscious than any other grown up would have even thought. As we started interacting with the tiny tots of our schools to conduct anti-plastic activities, we received maximum participation. They themselves came up to us, telling us how they prefer using steel and metallic bottles instead of plastic. Whenever we would carry out the campaign in school, kids could come up to us and call us 'Anti-plastic warriors' which was such a confidence boost for us; it willed us and motivated us to work even harder.

Ishrita Gandhi, YP Team, AIS Gurugram 43
Cause: Say 'NO' to plastic



How did the initiative affect students of your school and how did you respond to them?

During our campaign, we designed mood-trackers, which individuals could use to monitor their moods and were distributed amongst the students. After some time, we collected them back and noticed that one student's mood tracker had more negative moods than usual. So, we approached the student and connected him to our school counsellor to discuss his problems. His parents were informed about it as well and they really appreciated our methods. Along with that, our initiative sensitised the students not only about mental health but also the impact of use of derogatory words.



As the only male member in the team, what are your views on boys wearing pink and the ridicule that follows?

I personally have always loved wearing pink and this is less out of a conscious protest but more because I feel that I look good in this colour. And, I think that's the way it really should be. Why do we even have to give weightage to such stereotypes in the first place. So, I choose to wear pink, a so called feminine colour, irrespective of any derogatory remark that is thrown at me. I really don't seek the approval of people who are ignorant. And believe it or not, you would do too, if only we break away from such gender-based stereotypes.

Paras Pandey, YP Team, AIS VKC Lucknow

When we say equality, are we trying to place and weigh oranges and apples on the same scale? Is this what we mean by equality?

Equality does not mean oranges and apples are same; equality is when oranges and apples are both considered fruits with their individuality intact. Likewise, when we say men and women are equal, what we mean here is that they should together as humans get the same rights and resources. For, we are all humans first, men and women afterwards.

Alisha Ojha, YP Team, AIS VKC Lucknow
Cause: Gender sensitisation



When you say 'we are what we eat', do you think it only ends up referring to our physical state?

'We are what we eat' refers to who we really are; it signifies that whatever we eat determines our physical and mental health. Which is why it's important for us to eat healthy so that our body stays fit and our psychological state remains flourishing. It is, after all, our brain that makes us who we are, so we should be very careful about what we feed it with.

Aakarshika Singh, YP Team, AIS VYC Lucknow

Your YP topic was 'Debunk the junk', but what do you think is the biggest irony when we talk about junk food and how it is so tempting to the common masses?

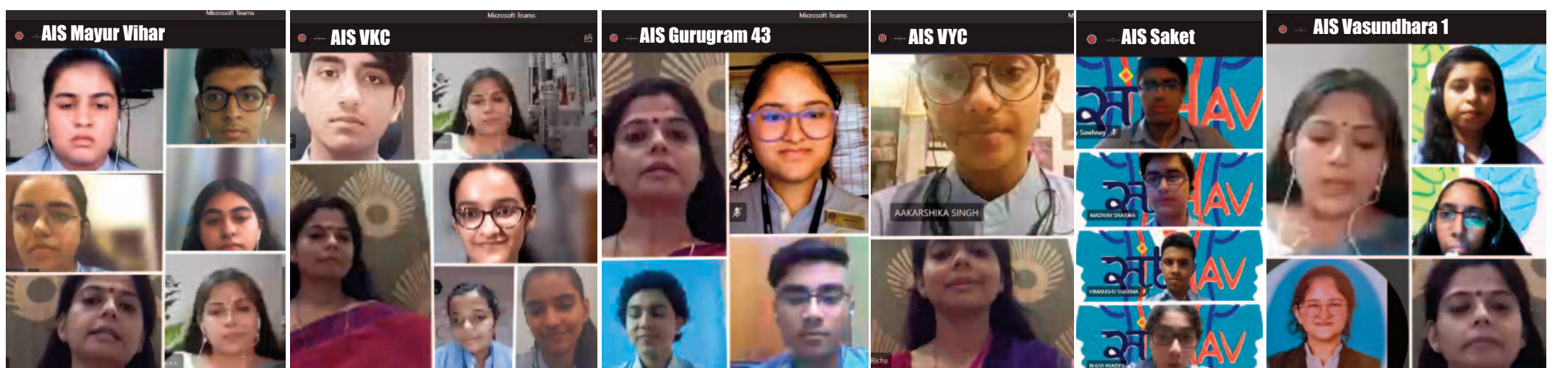
It's ironic how when we say junk, only negative connotations jump to our minds. We imagine useless items that nobody wants, but add a 'food' after it and suddenly we think of pizzas and fries. But if it is 'junk' food, shouldn't we be throwing it in the dustbin, like any other junk? Considering how 90% of the happy hormones are produced by our gut, we definitely shouldn't feed junk to our mind, body and soul.

Kainaat Arif, YP team, AIS VYC Lucknow
Cause: Say no to junk food

Hormones play an important role in our mental health, especially serotonin. What do you have to say about the same?

Hormones have a crucial influence on our mental health. Serotonin, also known as the 'happy hormone', contributes to our overall well-being and happiness. There are other hormones as well in the body that are equally responsible for our happy moods such as dopamine and oxytocin. These hormones bring changes to our emotions which in turn impact our mental health. For example, a lack of the hormone serotonin may cause depression, anxiety and sleep disorders among other behavioural changes.

Anupriya Bhatnagar, YP Team, AIS Vasundhara 1
Cause: Mental Health





The first car did not had a steering wheel, it was operated by a lever.



Can you share what was the thought behind deciding on the name 'Sakhaa' for your Youth Power cause?

It started with my grandfather, fondly called Nanu by me. He led a happy and happening life for 67 odd years both personally and professionally. Two years back, I lost him to Parkinson's disease which had rendered him completely immobile and dependent on us. I was a part of his daily life, from feeding him to changing his diapers. This revealed the insensitivity of a few of my friends with whom I shared my daily routine. I also discovered the loneliness that elderly people go through in their lives. They are in need of a friend and that's how we came up with the name Sakhaa, which will always remain close to my heart.

Medhavi Jagmohan, YP Team, AIS Vasundhara 6

Can you share how your experience changed with your grandparents prior to picking up this cause and post it?

After being a part of this campaign, I learnt that senior citizens have so many experiences to share and so much knowledge to give. When we visited Shashiraj Foundation, the elderly residents there shared with us their life experiences. We in turn gave them technological help and informed them about helpful apps such as ElderAid. From this journey, we have understood that senior citizens have a lot to share and we must enlighten ourselves with the wisdom of elderly.

Sparsh Rastogi, YP Team, AIS Vasundhara 6
Cause: Care for senior citizens



There was one thought provoking activity in your report, based on BHAAG- Behaviour, Hard work, Attitude, Ambition and God. How do you think God contributes in our healing and fitness?

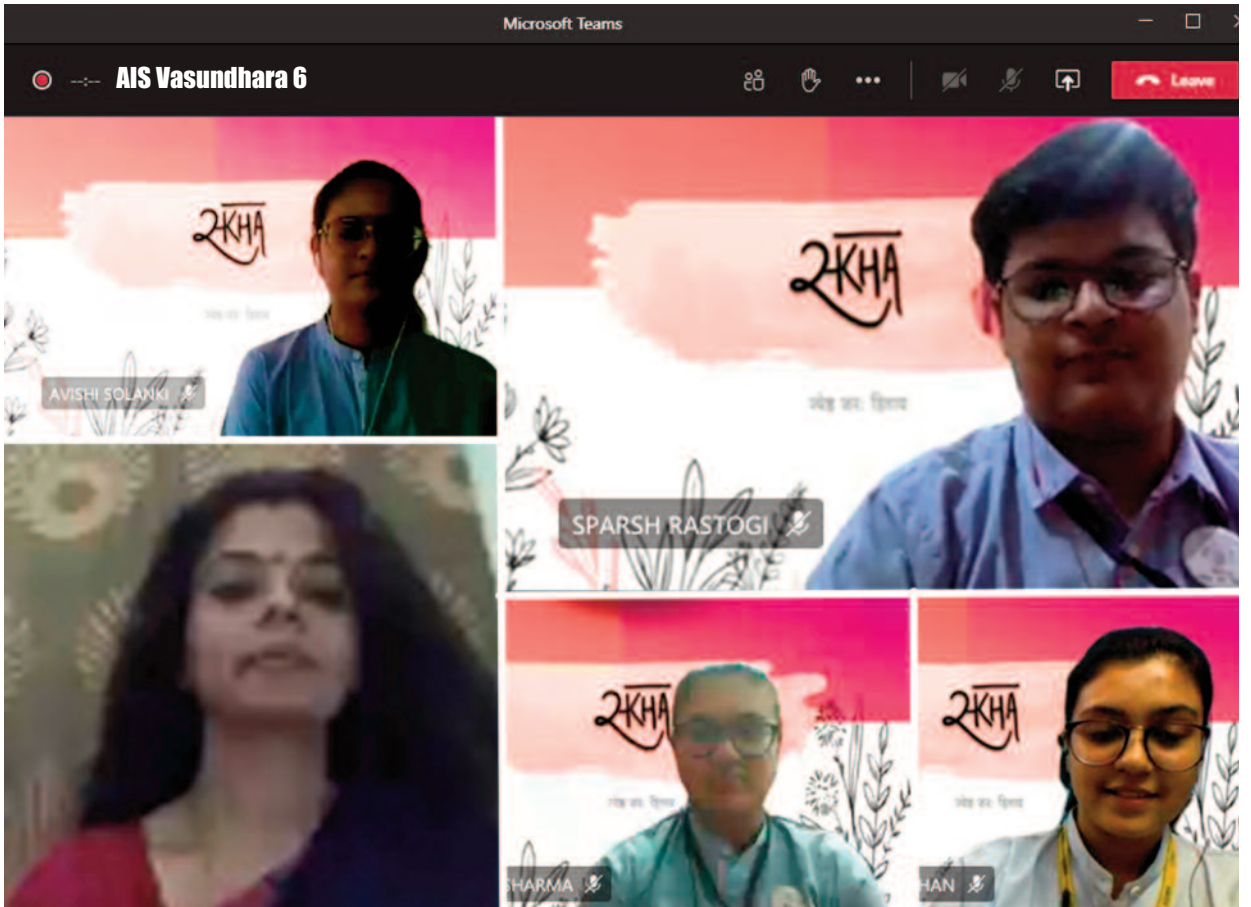
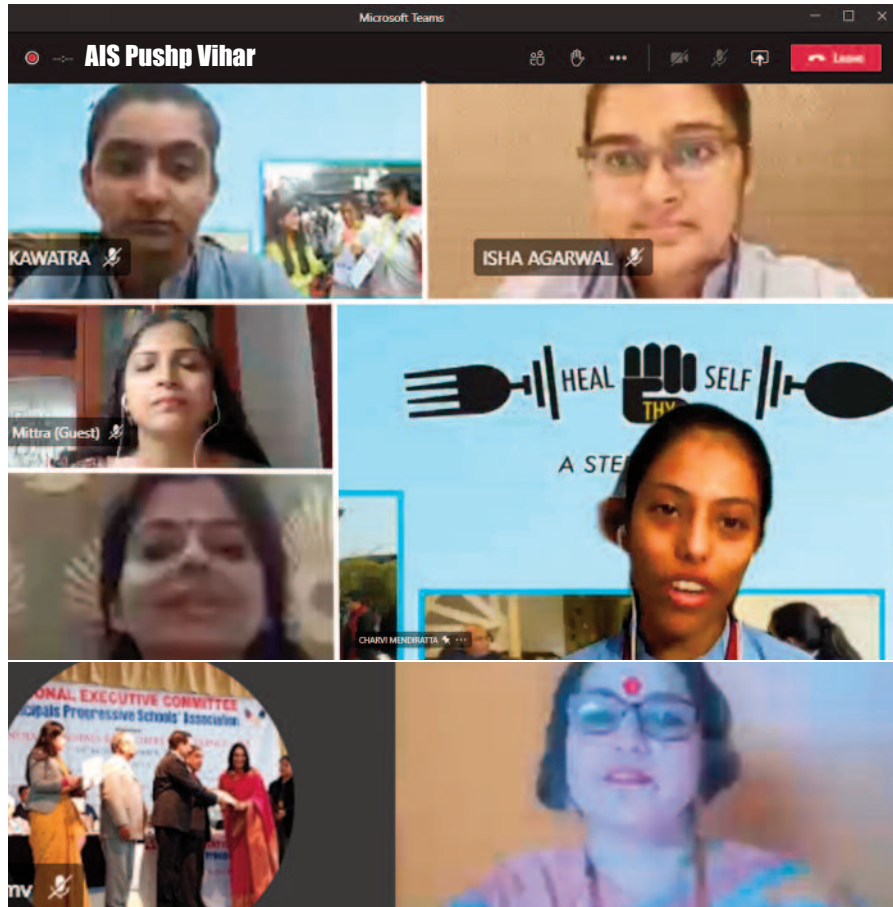
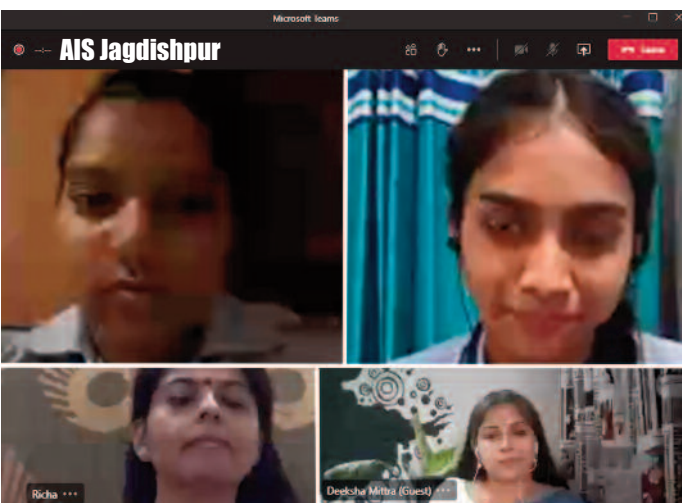
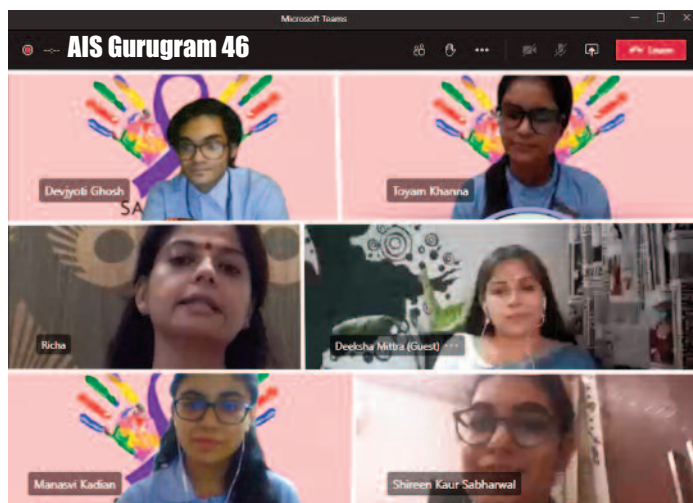
God is one omnipresent being who gives us inner strength and if we have that, we can achieve anything in life. It is our belief and will power from within that pushes us to reach our goals. Keeping the attributes of BHAAG in mind, we encouraged students to exercise daily and make it a habit and assured that if they are willing to do that, God will help them achieve their goal.

Charvi Mendiratta, YP Team, AIS Pushp Vihar

Diet and lifestyle play a huge role in healthy living and you reached out to many people to communicate the same. Did you also interact with senior citizens to understand lifestyle and food of their time?

In the modern world, our grandparents are the ones who offer us their advice of experience in terms of what we are doing wrong, be it intensive gyming or intake of artificial nutrients. As a part of our campaign before the lockdown, we interacted with the old aged people to gather fitness tips from them. We also posted it on our social media so that maximum number of people could benefit from it.

Isha Agarwal, YP Team AIS Pushp Vihar
Cause: A step towards fitness



Expert: Richa, The Naturalist

Speaks: "Over the time our mechanistic and reductionistic approach has made us get far away from nature, we have forgotten that we are made of 'Pancha-boota', we are made from nature and if we continue to extract and destroy the nature, we will eventually hurt ourselves. It's heartening for me to see how

the YP teams picked up relevant social causes as well as worked so passionately for the same. I feel that the youth should always find solutions to fix the cause. Remember, when water overflows we fix the tap and do not go looking for corks. As the leaders of tomorrow, now, the onus lies on youngsters to reclaim the human species from toxins and create a beautiful better world. Congratulations to the students for putting up a stupendous show."



To convince people to spend an entire day without air conditioner is tough, how did the you go about it?

It was easy to convince our fellow school mates since they supported our cause but to convince parents and families was a tough job. We would often hear them say that we are just whiling away our time and that we should be more inclined towards academics, but it didn't deter us from achieving our goal. And I reckon, this is where the need to sensitise people towards the environment comes to the forefront. We along with the help from our volunteers unflinchingly sensitised our compeers who in turn convinced their families at home to partake in the cause, creating a chain of love and affection for our precious mother Earth; also safe-guarding our own selves and our future in the process.

Fatima Samreen, YP Team, AIS Jagdishpur

When we talk about global warming, we generally hear about carbon dioxide but did you also happen to hear about nitrous oxide and methane?

All these gases are known as greenhouse gases which majorly contribute to global warming. While we hear more about carbon dioxide in our daily life, nitrous oxide is 300 times more potent and methane's potency rate is about 60 times more than that of carbon dioxide; so you can imagine the extent of damage that these gases cause, but still these are overlooked very conveniently. Our everyday industrial, agricultural activities like farming, fossil fuel burning, etc majorly contribute to their composition, posing a grave threat to the ozone layer and finally, the climate and earth's temperature overall. So, it is the need of the hour to somehow restrict these human activities a bit, if not completely.

Ashish Kumar Yadav, YP Team, AIS Jagdishpur
Cause: Mitigation of global warming



Throw some light on how a deaf person hears himself talk in his head?

Scientifically speaking, we hear our voice in two ways. When we speak, one sound enters through our ears and the other one through the internal vibrations from the Eustachian tube which connects our ears to our neck to the pharynx area. So, what we hear is different from what the other person hears because of these two sounds. A deaf person is however unable to hear the outer world because of some complications in his/her ear, but manages to hear the sound of what s/he speaks through inner vibrations of the Eustachian tube.

Anannda Mittal, YP Team, AIS Noida

Describe your YP journey in a few words.

Dhvanialp came into being a year before our YP journey actually began. I was intrigued by sign language and used to fingerspell some common words and phrases using it. Gradually my team mates joined in too. And then, we were all set on our journey to learn more about deaf culture and its other facets, one of them being sign language. As we coursed through, we found out the problems that a deaf person or a hard of hearing person faces in his day-to-day life. And then we never stopped. From that day to this day, we have been vehemently engrossed in championing the cause of the deaf and will continue to do so.

Vanya Tandon, YP Team, AIS Noida
Cause: Deaf culture awareness



Upon your insightful interactions with cancer survivors, what do you think worked more for them? Was it empathy, love and positivity, or the medical treatments?

After we came across various fighters who got through cancer, we realised that even though chemo therapies and proper treatments are crucial to overcome this disease; however, more than that, what kept them going was the mental and emotional support that they were offered with, be it their family, friends or even the doctors themselves. A normal and positive environment is what gives them the hope and strength to endure the internal pain and get through the entire period of this battle.

What role do you think detox plays in fighting cancer?

During our campaign, our team shed light on various plants like wheatgrass and tulsi, that contain high detoxification properties. Detox plays a significant role in cleansing the blood, regulating oxygen flow, and increases red blood cells in the body. This is in turn crucial in mitigating cancer, because cancer cannot thrive in a low oxygen environment. Even if we incorporate intermittent fasting it can help in detoxification, but what goes a long way is taking care of our eating habits and lifestyle, ensuring that our body is not deprived of even the little things that are great in preventing cancer.

YP Team, AIS Gurugram 46
Cause: Fighting cancer



Invest In Youth



Dr. Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

The week gone was truly invigorating for me as I witnessed the promising and inspiring young change-makers of the world at the Youth Power 2020. I was greatly impressed with the knowledge, depth and dedication of these young

minds to bring the change in society, beginning with themselves.

India in the 21st century is hailed as one of the most promising and powerful nations in the world owing to its youth population of 356 million. And much of this is attributed to its young visionaries, hardly in their 20s and 30s and some even teenagers and school children who are adamant, and passionate for making this nation a super-power soon.

History is witness that the biggest path breaking, change heralding movements have ridden on the back of youngest visionary leaders of the world. Youth is the potential with immense possibilities, a right trigger and right mentoring can steer this huge potential into the direction of exponential growth which is constructive, inclusive and progressive. As a nation, it is our responsibility to rise up and nurture this precious wealth with right education blended with right virtues if we truly want this treasure to grow into a global change-maker. We need to empower our youth with education that gives them the wisdom to think and act humanly, an education that bestows in them virtues to serve society and nation above the self. I really felt proud to see how the Youth Power programme has nurtured these precious wealth of young thinkers who are always willing to take challenges head on. These young harbingers of change are our true pride indeed. [G](#) [I](#)

Youth Power



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

It all started 12 years ago with a dream of our Chairperson ma'am to nurture the youth with compassion, courage and creativity, and thus was born 'Youth Power'. One of the longest running social sensitisation programmes for children,

Youth Power exemplifies its motto of 'be the change, bring change'. This change is the very soul of Youth Power, and this year we saw numerous changes in the finale. True to the driving force of Amity that the show must go on, we embraced the change and facilitated by technology we were successful in making the first ever virtual Youth Power Grand Finale a success story, with new energy and zeal. The virtual 12th edition of the YP Grand Finale was a real milestone as it resonated with the spirit of youth, stopped by no stone, deterred by no storm. A lot of inspiration for the same came from our own young change makers whose spirits remain undeterred and who continued with their social endeavours helping one and all in their small ways even in such challenging times. It is their zeal and enthusiasm which became our key driving force for conceptualising the virtual finale to engage their inner creativity. They took the road less travelled and so did we, they created milestones and our virtual ceremony was an endeavour to salute their spirit and keep them motivated.

Youth Power, over the years, has not just apprised young children of the social issues that exist around them but has also encouraged them to work for them. I am glad that we could once again engage and amplify the voices of the youth, for it is these leaders who will help make India a knowledge superpower as envisaged by our Founder President Dr Ashok K Chauhan. [G](#) [I](#)

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Performative activism

How Social Media Movements Could Be Equivalent To Silence

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With the rise of social media in these recent years, many people, especially teenagers, keep up with current events through platforms such as Instagram and Twitter. Though most households subscribe to newspapers and have a cable connection, the internet has quickly become the main source of news for many. Issues and crises are brought to light through posts that circulate on people's feeds and stories. Through reposting useful resources and using trending hashtags, almost anyone can take part in raising awareness. But with everyone speaking out comes the problems of raised voices that are only there because it is, after all, the 'latest trend'.

What is performative activism?

The term performative activism is defined as 'a pejorative term referring to activism done to increase one's social capital rather than because of one's devotion to a cause.' In other words, it is activism that is done to appear politically correct. This sort of surface-level activism can be seen everywhere as it is done by businesses and influencers, but also by your average social media user or influencer. This is the activism that doesn't really care about bringing the change, but rather cares more about people witnessing them taking part. Done to raise their own social image rather than awareness on the issue, little to no actual help is ever derived from this sort of activism, and once the latest hashtag



changes to something else, these performers also run away with it, leaving the problem as and how they found it.

The real issue

At the end of the day, other than being somewhat insensitive to the victims, performative activism isn't inherently bad, but it is shallow and hollow. Taking part in tagging challenges and posting black squares on your profile does little to truly talk about the issue, and somewhere along the lines, they end up becoming games rather than activism. As almost every other person now believes this to be the way to go, the real problem is that public has

started believing that posting on social media is enough and is the equivalent of taking action in real life.

How do I avoid it?

The situation causes a dilemma, as just posting about an ongoing movement might appear as a shallow attempt to show allyship, but not posting can make it look like you don't care. The solution is to not worry about how you come across to your followers, which is where the issue is rooted in the first place. The important thing is to ensure that you show your support outside of social media as well. It's understandable if

you don't have the means to protest against the wrongs or donate for the good, but before posting about it, properly educate yourself on the topic. When you do post, make sure it's useful, educational and true. Your job isn't done after making a few posts online; the sentiment needs to be transcended into your daily life. Spread the word, hold other people accountable to their ignorance and mistakes, and if possible, fundraise and donate a little. The conversation shouldn't just start and end on social media. Instead, social media should be a gateway to action on a much larger scale. [G](#) [I](#)

The yellow day

Garima Minocha
AIS Pushp Vihar, Alumna

That cute little girl
In stripped yellow pants
Radiant like the sun
On her way to dreamland

On a school trip
Off her mother sent
Those days were bright
Filled with hazy spells

Her eyes didn't droop
Her forehead smooth
Nothing could be done

To suppress her mood

Depression not seen
Not one line made
On a face so plump
And so articulate

Pictures were taken
Sometimes in mood
Some in bright smiles
And some subdued

She was eternally bright
And her untouched mind
Had no care of the world
When turned an eye blind



She felt no pain
Everything was fine
Until one day it wasn't
But oh, she didn't cry

With eyes still bright
Was she out of mind?

Or maybe it just was
For what she'd pined

No companionships
Just solitary love

It was something
She kept all above! [G](#) [I](#)

Pearls of Wisdom

The art of gentleness

Aryendu Singh, AIS VYC Lko, X

To be gentle has always been misunderstood and misinterpreted as to be soft and weak. In fact, considering present day and age, it is a virtue which is rare to find. But people generally focus on the 'brawn' trait, not understanding that it may lead to violence.

It is a no brainer that brain is wired in a complex manner. Violent or gentle, thoughts of a person compliment the action and vice versa. So, the point to be taken here is that your actions need to impart a sense of intensity and not



violence. In the evolution of one's action, the initial bit will always be violent, but as you become more experienced in life, you notice rough edges and tone your actions down to

make them smooth to the point of having no violence in action. Only naïve swordsmen go screaming into a battle while the experts will just flick the sword and it's done. As mentioned earlier, the person needs to let go of violence and hold on to the intensity in your actions.

Hence, a person can evolve and become better with time, converting that internal violence into a sophisticated action. Gentleness is not something a person is born with, but one can always acquire the trait through his or her actions. After all, learning is a lifelong process.

GT M@il



Dear Editor,

This is in reference to the YP special edition dated September 7, 2020. As I flipped through the pages, I found each page to be just different, not just in terms of different social causes that the YP teams had signed up for but the way they had been presented. From YP findings to mind boggling facts to wise words of the experts to simple awareness games, the edition had everything to get an insight into the problems as well as ways to take small steps towards the same. It took me on a journey as I travelled from one page to another. This special edition stands as a testimony to the very programme 'Youth Power' as it has always been a platform capable of bringing change in the society by nurturing young minds. Cheers to all the bright and young changemakers! [G](#) [I](#)

Manasvi Kadian

AIS Gurugram 46, XII J



Ferrari manufactures a maximum of 14 cars a day.



WAAH TAJ

To The Most Marbleous Wonder Of The Entire World!

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 reflection of magnificent history and some even a sanctuary for biodiversity to flourish. Here's presenting Part IV of the Heritage Series, giving an insight into Taj Mahal, which was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1983.

Yuvika Mahajan

AIS Pushp Vihar, Alumna



Taj Mahal - the name itself is enough to transcend one to a world of beautiful posh white marble shining with the history of the footsteps our ancestors left behind, captivating us with its aura, and enchanting us with a magnificence that could only be possessed by a Wonder of the World. The story behind these stones, dipped in reminiscent of royal romance, is just as charming as its exterior. From one of the biggest attractions of its native country, India, to standing as the symbol of eternal love, Taj Mahal reminds you of something new every time you look at it, so let's find out the wondrous history buried deep in the mausoleum that still stays alive in everyone's heart.

...to the bricks it was built on

This 'Crown of the Palace', constructed with ivory-white marble in Agra, stands on the banks of river Yamuna as a mausoleum for Mumtaz Mahal, the favourite wife of Shahad-ud-din Muhammad Khurram a.k.a. Shah Jahan. Commissioned to be built in 1632, the monument contains Mumtaz Mahal and Shah Jahan's tombs, a mosque, a guest house, and gardens bounded by crenellated walls on three sides. Around 3 acres of land was allotted to the project, which was filled with dirt to reduce seepage and for it to be levelled at 150 ft above the riverbank. For the tombs, land was specifically dug up to form a firm footing, and instead of utilising bamboo, an enormous brick scaffold was constructed to mirror the tomb. With over 1000 elephants used for transportation, the construction of Taj Mahal employed raw materials from all over Asia. Translucent white marble brought from Rajasthan, jasper from Pun-

jab, jade and crystals from China, turquoise from Tibet, Lapis lazuli from Afghanistan, sapphire from Sri Lanka, and carnelian from Arabia. The construction of this masterpiece was first completed in 1643, and with the final touches being done by 1653, the complex was ready in its entirety, costing nearly 32 million INR at that time, an equivalent of the modern day 70 billion INR. With around 20,000 artisans and workers lending their skills to the building, this architectural wonder was led by Ustad Ahmad Lahauri, who made it the Taj Mahal we look at in awe today!

...to the times it has seen and overcome

The 'illustrious tomb', as Abdul Hamid Lahauri called it, has seen its own share of tough times since its construction and has a history that is just as much soused in trauma as it is in love. As the Jat rulers of Bharatpur invaded Agra in the 18th century, Taj Mahal lost its two chandeliers, gold and silver screen, and shield to the desolation. Falling a victim to the test of age, parts of the monument fell into disrepair by the late 19th century when the British viceroy, Lord Curzon, ordered a restoration project where a large lamp in the interior chamber modelled after the

one in a Cairo mosque was added, along with the remodelling of the lawns in European style that still remain in place till today. When the anticipation of air attacks by Japan was still high in the air in 1942, scaffolding around the Taj were erected to disguise it, and the same preventive measure was again taken during the India-Pakistan wars of 1965 and 1971.

The name Taj Mahal being etched in every to-visit list proves the enormous admiration the monument has, maybe even bigger than any other landmark in the world.

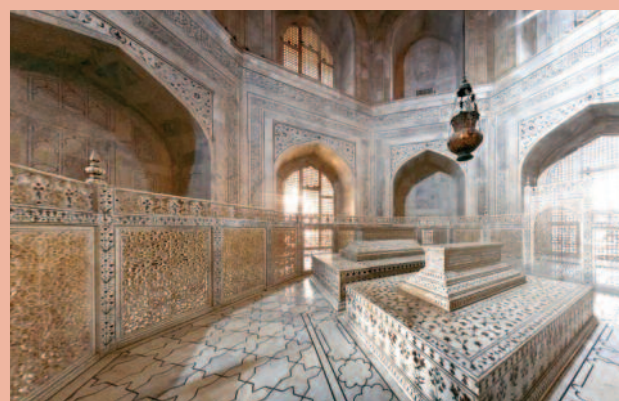
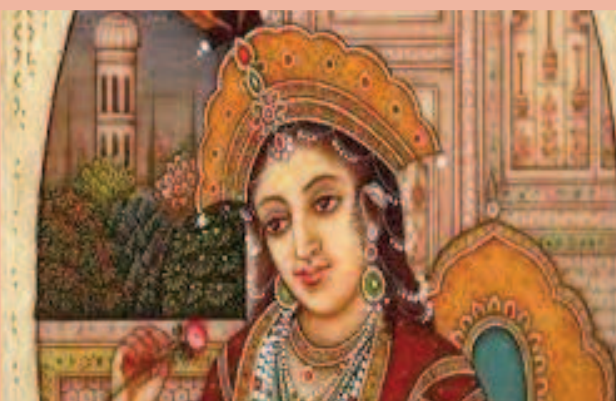
With environmental pollution being its newest enemy, acid rain and such elements have turned its ivory white marble to a musty yellow-brown, and the decline in the ground-water level in Yamuna has also raised concerns about the tomb's structural integrity. Some cracks in the tombs and the minarets surrounding it have been noticed recently, and it can only be hoped that this beauty, which withstood the test of time, will somehow also stand the test of humankind.

...to the amazement it causes

Taj Mahal, being the jewel of Indian heritage and an epitome of art, stands to be not only one of the best examples of Mughal architecture, but also a masterpiece of the finesse mankind has attained. First designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1983, the monument attracted almost 6.5 million people in 2018, according to the

Indian Ministry of Tourism. Moreover, because of its popularity and the over-tourism it caused, the government was forced to institute fines for visitors who stayed longer than three hours, starting in 2019. Winning the poll of New Seven Wonders of the World with around a million votes, Taj Mahal has always captured the attention of every human on the planet, celebrities and common man alike. With notable figures like George Bush, Barack and Michelle Obama, Princess Diana, Mark Zuckerberg, etc., visiting the monument and awing at its beauty, no one would disagree when Rabindranath Tagore described it as "a teardrop on the cheek of time!" From iconic international movies like The Namesake, Slumdog Millionaire, Million Dollar Arm being shot here to Indian cinema highlighting our *desi* gem in 'Mere Brother Ki Dulhan', 'Jhoom Barabar Jhoom', 'Bunty Aur Bubly', etc., Taj Mahal is no longer a building composed of beautiful bricks, but rather a testament of love, culture, history, art, and everything in between.

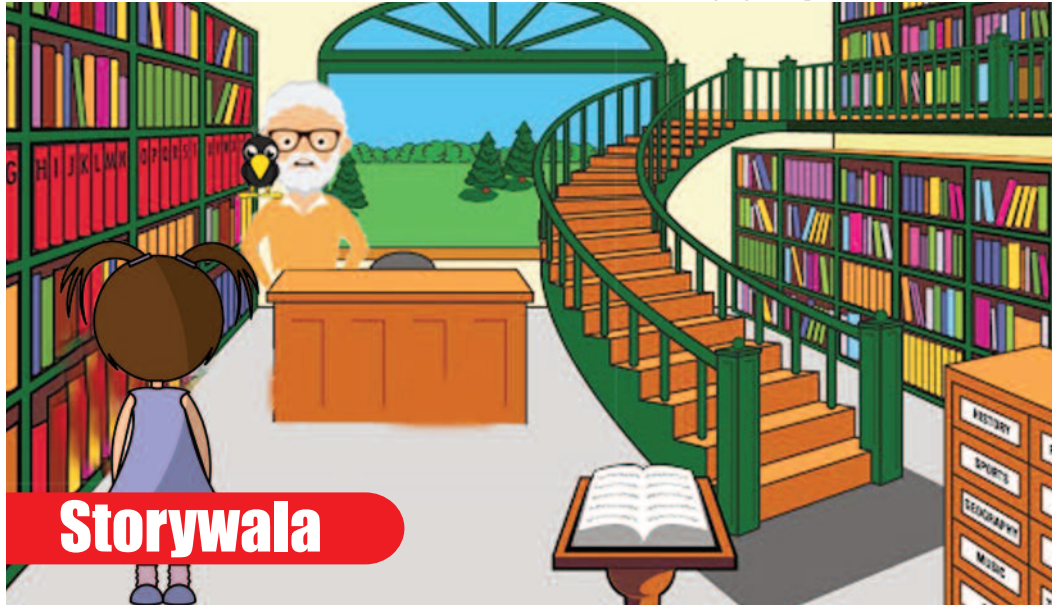
The name Taj Mahal being etched in every to-visit list proves the enormous admiration the monument has, maybe even bigger than any other landmark in the world. With its glittering history of every lover's dream to its shining arcs being every history buff's love, the place no longer just holds a stagnant history, but rewrites its present and its relevance with every new year, so much so that the only words that could ever fully encompass its feeling are 'Waah, Taj!'





Clary's next life

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Storywala

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Clary took a deep breath as a pair of blinding lights came dangerously close. The driver pressed the brakes, but to no avail...she slowly opened her eyes, as she scanned her surroundings. She found herself to be in a strange monotone cell-like room and before Clary could come to her senses, she heard a voice "Sir, she is finally awake!" The words came from a boy with green eyes

and freckles. "Where am I?" with a dry throat, Clary managed to utter.

"I don't think I am the best person to answer your question," said the boy, "Let me take you to the Grandmaster, he'll explain everything to you." "The Grandmaster?" she enquired and followed the boy out of the cell. After what seemed like an hour, they finally reached some place. Unsure of what to do next, Clary realised that she was at a gigantic library. There were books in shelves that touched the ceiling.

She spotted a lean man dressed in a yellow coloured pullover who also had grey hair and a beard. One thing even more peculiar was the crow sitting atop the man's shoulder.

As if sensing her presence, the man turned around and greeted her with a smile, "Ah! Ms Clary Jacobsen is finally awake!" And she felt the knot getting tighter in her stomach. A million questions flooded her mind...Who is this man? How did the strange man know her name? Is it a dream? Just then, a sharp caw interrupted

A million questions flooded her mind... Who is this man? How did the strange man know her name?

her train of thoughts. "Shush Hades!" the man scolded the crow. What ensued next was an awkward silence. Cutting down the same, the Grandmaster said, "I assume that you have a lot of questions." "You are right sir. You got to tell me where I am and why am I here," Clary demanded. "You are in the abode of demon hunters and as to why you are here - you are the last descendant of the great king Midas and today on your 17th birthday, you must take your birthright as a demon hunter!" Clary heaved in confusion; this was all wrong! She wasn't related to any king! She must get out of this psychotic place! As if reading her thoughts, the Grandmaster said, "You can't leave. You are one of us now, an immortal!" Stunned, she stood still. Her vision was again getting blurred. "Is this happening for real?" Clary thought as she fainted on the floor yet again. 🇺🇦



CHOCOLATE FUDGE COOKIES



Mallika Seth

Mallika Seth, AIS Saket, IX C

Ingredients

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| All-purpose flour |1 cup |
| Cocoa powder |1/3 cup |
| Salt |1/4 tsp |
| Baking powder |1 tsp |
| Butter (melted) |1/3 cup |
| Brown sugar |1/2 cup |
| Granulated sugar |1/2 cup |
| Egg |1 large |
| Vanilla extract |1 tsp |
| Semisweet chocolate chips |1 cup |

Method

- Place a sieve on top of the large bowl and add flour in it.
- Along with this, add cocoa powder, salt and baking powder.
- Gently sift the dry ingredients into the bowl. If you see any larger clumps, press them in with the back of a spoon and set the dry ingredients aside.
- In a separate bowl, add melted butter along with granulated sugar and brown sugar.
- With the help of a whisk, thoroughly mix the sugar in the melted butter together.
- Add egg yolk followed by vanilla extract. Whisk again and mix it very well to ensure smooth consistency.
- Grab your sifted dry ingredients and add them to the above mixture. Mix them gently with a spatula.
- Before adding semisweet chocolate chips, reserve about 1/4 cup. This will be used to top the cookies before baking.
- Mix the chocolate chips into the dough as evenly as possible.
- Line your baking sheet with parchment paper.
- Scoop out heaping mounds of the chocolate cookie dough onto your baking sheet. Make sure to space them out evenly for about 2 inches.
- Now top each cookie with a few of those chocolate chips reserved earlier and bake the cookies at 350 degrees Fahrenheit for about 10-15 minutes.
- Once they're baked, let the cookies slightly cool and enjoy them with milk.

Words Verse



Caves and diggers

Garima Minocha
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In each, I see an intrusive digger
In each, I see a deep dark cave
And oh, does the light flicker
There is no end to the knives

A relentless toil between the foes
Should your cave be explored?
My chastity, on tip toes
A plain appease of thirst

But civil war on your door
'Keep talking, I'll let you in'
Neither of us will say

Attacked, you might respond

"But there's gold inside"
For it's only natural
A system of barter and needs
Another guiltless attempt

To the dungeons of fears
There's a cave inside you
There's a cave inside me
I am a love digger, but so are you

Cold, cold spirits; here's to hope
We'll explore each other's caves
And find something beautiful inside
As diggers, together someday 🇺🇦

An exam dream

Kuhu Saha
AIS Mayur Vihar, XII

Here I am, on my wooden desk
Staring across in the exam hall
There comes nervousness again
Making me anxious and small

My ground beneath is shaking
My heart begins to palpitate
I feel the atmosphere around
Which begins to intoxicate

In whispers, my mother says
"Do not worry my sweetheart
You are going to do great!
Always keep that in your heart"

Then is my father who says
"My child, focus on the process
Don't worry about the result
And you won't score less"

But there's the question paper
Problem is its judging eyes



It's saying, "You can't do it
What they said, are all lies"

All of a sudden, I wake up
To see my book and pen
It was all just a dream
I've to give my exam again! 🇺🇦

Word factory

How Many Words Can You Think Of?

Rishika Chutani, AIS Gur 46, Alumna

Answers:

1. Winter
2. Write
3. Wine
4. Well
5. Twin
6. Time
7. Went
8. Rewin



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A full bloom



A peek of innocence



A stance of pride



A modern Formula 1 car can drive upside down in a tunnel at 120mph

Finding glory

The duo walked silently for ten whole minutes and approached an old brick building.

agreement. She felt butterflies in her stomach in **anticipation** of meeting the famous astrophysicist, who would now mentor her for post-doctoral fellowship. They walked through the massive hallway and crossed before stopping in front of a room with a huge oak door. On it was a golden plaque with the name 'Dr Robert S Stephen PhD, Nobel laureate' neatly engraved on it. Meera's heart was beating fast against her chest and her throat felt dry. Katty knocked at the door and asked for permission to come inside the room. "Sir, Ms Meera Nagpal from India is here", she said to a man standing against the window with his back towards them. "Good afternoon, sir. I am Meera Nagpal from India. I am here to assist you as a post doctorate fellowship scholar".

The old man turned to her. Meera's eyes opened wide in amazement. Mr. Stephen was none other than the same old man whom she had bumped into in front of the coffee shop and who had guided her to this very place. She could not believe her luck and was thrilled to be a part of the elite team of budding scientists who were designated to work on designing a 'Teleportation' device to be launched in the year 2030. **GI**

So what did you learn today?
A new word: Anticipation
Meaning: A feeling of excitement

Short story



Vihaan Gupta, AIS Vas 1, VII

"I am new in the city," said Meera to an old man standing in front of a coffee shop. The old man didn't utter a word. He stared at her intently; Meera felt uneasy as beads of sweat trickled down her forehead. She had just landed in a quaint little town in USA. The anxiety of landing in a foreign country for the very first time was very much evident on her face. "Are you listening, sir?" Meera poked at him as the old man seemed to be lost in his own world. "Sir, can you please guide me to the Universal Laboratory?" Meera prodded again. The old man's expressions changed,

and his lips broke into a faint smile. "Why do you want to go there, young lady?" With a hint of mystery, the man lowered his voice and whispered, "Don't you know that it's restricted to civilians!". Meera was perplexed and felt blank for a moment. She muttered, "I am not a civilian, sir. I have an urgent appointment with the famous astrophysicist Mr Stephen." The old man frowned, Do you think Mr Stephen would just meet any girl?" Meera fumbled and took out an envelope from her old tattered haversack. She clumsily opened the envelope and took out the letter and showed it to him. The old man gave it a fleeting glance and merely muttered,

"Okay, follow me!"

The duo walked silently for ten whole minutes and approached an old brick building. The building though built a century ago, still retained its old-world charm. The white façade overlooking the huge gardens stood proud in its glorious past. The reception looked plush with its expensive Italian leather sofa. The old man ordered her to sit. "Katty, kindly help out the young lady." He walked away and vanished in the hallway. Katty, the receptionist read the letter carefully and gave a warm smile to Meera. "Welcome to Harvard University, Ms Meera. So, you are the new apprentice for Sir Stephen?" Meera smiled and nodded her head in



Pebble Art

Pavni Kotnala, AIS Vas 1, III A

Material required

- Pencil
- Cardboard
- Pebbles (2)
- Ice cream sticks (6-7)
- Water colours
- Paintbrush
- Glue stick
- Scissor

Method

- Wash the collected round shaped smooth pebbles thoroughly and dry them with a cotton cloth.
- Now, with the help of a pencil, draw any cartoonish face on the pebbles.
- Start painting the pebbles with colours of your choice and let them dry for an hour.
- On a cardboard, draw a square with all sides being 10 cm.
- With the help of scissors, cut the square shape.
- Using glue, stick the ice cream sticks along the border of the square cardboard cut-out. You can even paint the ice cream sticks beforehand.
- Paste the painted pebbles on the cardboard in the center and let it dry.
- Your painted pebble art is ready for display!

POEM

A cute puppy



Satvik Bhatia
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One fine morning when I woke up
I stood at the window in a huff

Sun was orange, the birds chirped
With this my good mood perked

As I took a walk away from my home
I rushed to park to see honeycomb

Instead what I saw was a surprise
All I heard was howling and cries

A cute little puppy was in pain
Someone had hit him, what shame

I took the puppy to my house

Hurt he was, just about to drowse

Swiftly I bandaged the puppy
And caressed his fluffy tummy

My mother then scolded me
And asked to send away the puppy

But a day later, I saw the puppy again
He was starved and still in pain

I picked him took him to my house
But this time my mom didn't shout

She awed at his pitiful condition
And immediately ran to the kitchen

We fed the puppy with milk and bread
And from then on, he was always fed! **GI**

Riddle Fiddle

Nishchay Verma
AIS Gurugram 43, VI

1. What starts with a P, ends with an E and has thousands of letters?

2. What comes once in a minute, twice in a moment, but

never in a thousand years?

3. Why do bees hum?

4. I have no life, but I can die, what am I?

5. When it rains, I go up, what am I?

Answers: 1. Post office 2. The letter M 3. Because they don't know the words 4. A battery 5. An umbrella

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Shriya Pasricha
AIS Gur 43, VI B



Know me better
My name: Vanya Bhatnagar
Class: I
School: AIS Vasundhara 6
Birthday: November 9

My favourites
Teacher: Sucheta & Nimisha ma'am
Subject: Mathematics
Friend: Vihaan
Game: Doll House
Cartoon: Chota Bheem
Food: Paneer sandwich
Mall: Mall of India, Noida
Book: Bruno stories

My dreams and goals
My role model: My parents
I want to become: A doctor
I want to feature in GT because:
I want to show my pictures to everyone.



Young warriors of change

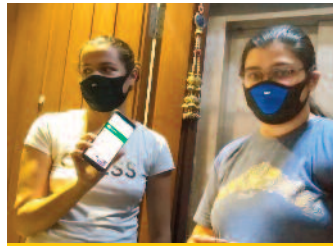
It's indeed true that youth holds the power to bring a change. With a similar aim, young corona warriors of Amity did their bit to help the society during the pandemic. So, let's find out what these warriors shared when they were being felicitated for their outstanding contribution at the Youth Power 2019-20 Grand Finale.



Charvi Mendiratta



Harshaa Kawatra



Isha Agarwal

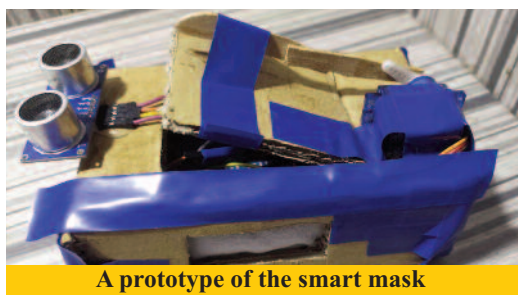
Outfacing the obstacles

“When the pandemic struck, most of us were clueless as to what would the future be. But we as a team had only one thought- let's make our present better. This is when our campaign was conceived. We relentlessly encouraged people to download the Aarogya Setu app. From convincing people, especially the senior citizens to download the app to creating awareness, we had a chance to contribute to this unique initiative which gave us a different learning experience all together. Yes, we did face a plethora

of obstacles, but what is life if everything sails smooth, right? After all, that's how we learn, and that's how our journey has been - thrilling. And we can never forget to thank, our beloved Chairperson ma'am, principal ma'am, and our mentor teacher Sonali Batra ma'am for helping us in every stage of this campaign. Last, but not the least, our volunteers who cooperated with us and helped us succeed. Thank you so much!”

Charvi Mendiratta, Harshaa Kawatra & Isha Agarwal, AIS Pushp Vihar, XII

This pandemic calls for 'smart'



A prototype of the smart mask



Nadish Gulati



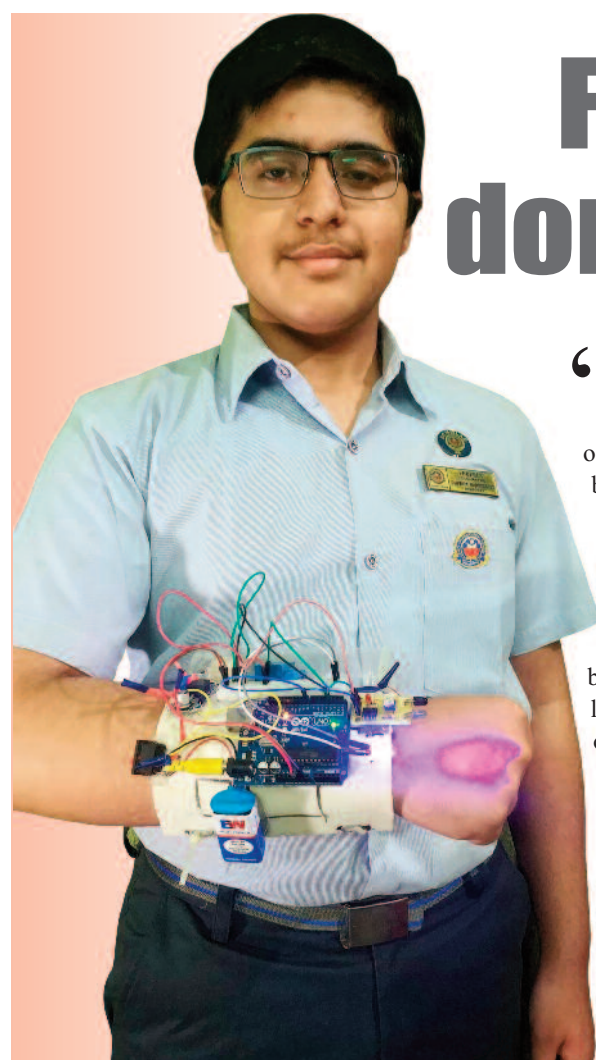
Dhruv Gupta

“I clearly remember the time when I first wore a face mask during this pandemic. It was a very unpleasant experience for me. It caused irritation and made it difficult to breathe. And when I discussed the same with my peer Dhruv, he too faced the same problems. It occurred to us that if we are facing so many difficulties in wearing a mask then what kind of trauma it must be for people with respiratory problems like asthma or Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD). Hence, the idea of a 'Smart Mask' struck us. After much brainstorming we came up with the idea of a

face mask to help people with respiratory problems. Our basic idea was to make a mask that would open if the person is in a safe environment and would close again if someone comes near. Both of us would like to express our immense gratitude towards all those who helped us throughout this project like our class teacher and our science teachers. We would also like to thank our principal ma'am and Chairperson ma'am for providing us with the opportunity to make this project.”

Nadish Gulati & Dhruv Gupta
AIS Gurugram 46, X A

Face it, don't fear it



Shivam Mukherjee poses with his invention 'Abhay'

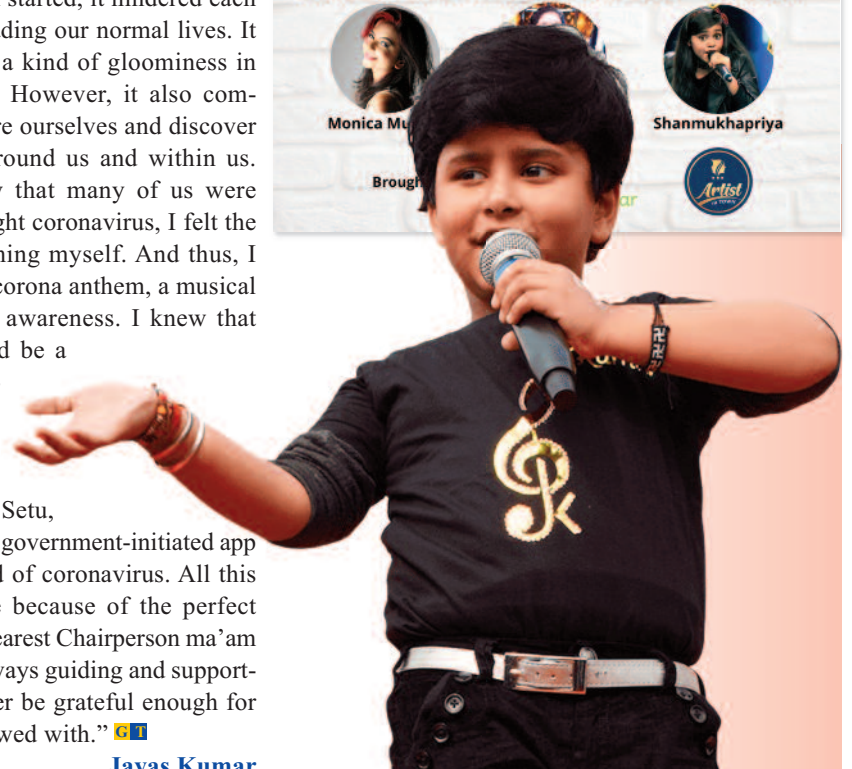
“In 2020, if there was anything close to a post-apocalyptic sci-fi movie, it's the coronavirus pandemic, and I, a student of class IX, desperately wanted to help. I had brainstorming sessions with my family and friends, and finally, the dream and passion of wanting to do something to help the world in its fight against COVID-19, forged with the hard-work of several sleepless nights used in making the prototype, 'Abhay' was born. Named after the Sanskrit word for fearless, it is the protector, the sword and shield of the COVID warriors. I want to thank respected Chairperson ma'am, principal ma'am, Radha ma'am, my parents and friends for helping me think productively and reach a solution that would make a tangible difference. I owe this honour to each and everybody who helped me carry out this endeavour. I congratulate all my fellow corona warriors for joining this cause alongside. Together, we can surely bring a change!”

Shivam Mukherjee
AIS Pushp Vihar, IX D

Remedying with a melody

“This is such a great moment for me to be present on such a prestigious platform. When the national lockdown started, it hindered each one of us from leading our normal lives. It suddenly brought a kind of gloominess in our surroundings. However, it also compelled us to explore ourselves and discover something new around us and within us. And while, I saw that many of us were doing our bit to fight coronavirus, I felt the need to do something myself. And thus, I came up with the corona anthem, a musical way of spreading awareness. I knew that this anthem would be a breather for everyone amidst this gloominess and also make them aware of Aarogya Setu, a much imperative government-initiated app to track the spread of coronavirus. All this has been possible because of the perfect nurturing by our dearest Chairperson ma'am and my school, always guiding and supporting me. I can never be grateful enough for all that I am bestowed with.”

Jayas Kumar
AGS Noida, IV



Jayas Kumar performs the anthem song

When in crisis, create!

“It feels so exuberant to be called a corona warrior. This is certainly an experience to be reckoned with, given the challenges that I faced on the way- creating a safe design for 3D Face shields and distributing it during the national lockdown. However, I can say that the will to make an impact in this time of crisis, showed me the way. Although, I was no expert in 3D printing, I resorted to the internet and tapped into resources near me. One take away from this journey is that if you're passionate about something then go the extra mile. I am grateful to everybody who encouraged me to take this step even though it was a risky affair venturing out. But now that I look back, it feels really gladdening to have taken this decision. I believe it's gestures like these that go a long way in helping the individuals around us while making us better individuals. A big thanks to everyone who were part of this cause!”

Satyam Mehta, AIS Noida, XI E



Satyam distributes face shields to local authorities

Spread the word, do the deed

“We are very honoured and overwhelmed that our work is being acknowledged on a stage so revered. To help the world that is suffering from this killer pandemic, we decided to do our part by giving away masks to maids, guards,

fruit vendors, policemen and other essential workers and less privileged people in the society, who are perhaps deprived of the basic necessities in life. We also visited our school premises and gave masks to all the guards. Thinking that this was the least that we could do to not let this



Pushpak distributes essentials



Sunay and Pushpak gather essential items

pandemic take over us, we distributed 6,000 masks across Delhi-NCR. To be honest, we really couldn't have done it alone. We are grateful for all our classmates and volunteers who helped us throughout this

endeavour. Needless to say, we sincerely thank our Chairperson ma'am, principal ma'am, and class teachers for recognising our efforts. All this support has truly motivated us to be corona warriors!”

Sunay Bajaj, VIII A & Pushpak Bajaj, VI B
AIS Gurugram 46



It would take almost ten months to get to the moon by car at an average speed of 60mph

Subhashika 2020

A Virtual Ode To Sanskrit, The Heritage Of Our Nation



One of the winners of junior category presents the strotam



A student sings shloka from Bhagwad Gita

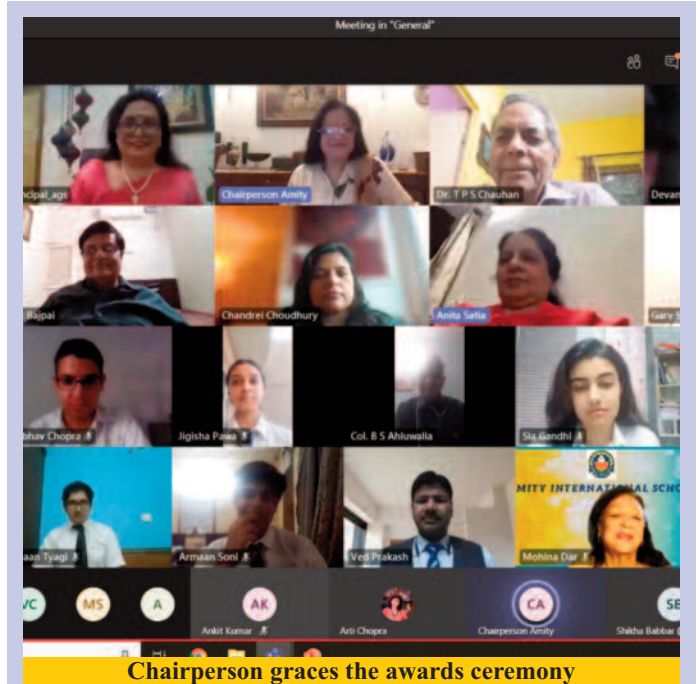
AIS Mayur Vihar

The school organised 14th edition of inter-Amity Sanskrit Shloka Gayan competition *Subhashika* virtually on August 24, 2020. Held in two categories juniors (Class VI-VIII) and seniors (Class IX-XII) the event started with the chanting of shlokas and lighting of the

lamp virtually. School principal Meenu Kanwar welcomed the eminent judge Parmanand Bhardwaj, professor, Lal Bahadur Shastri Sanskrit University and also recited Sanskrit shlokas to motivate the participants. The topic for junior category was Strotam, and for seniors it was shloka gayan based on Shrimad Bhagwad Gita.

In junior category Dhara Khare (AIS Mayur Vihar), Vishwas Goswami (AIS Gurugram 43) and Akaisha Mathur (AIS Vasundhara 6) won the first prize. Anshul Lokhande (AIS Pushp Vihar) & Divsha Pandey (AIS Gurugram 46) stood second and Agamya (AIS Saket) came third. In the senior category, the first prize winner was Sai Krishna

(AIS Gurugram 46). The second prize was bagged by Aadya Roy (AIS Saket) and Atharv Santosh Gupta (AIS Mayur Vihar) while the third prize went to Tanmay Singh (AIS Noida). All the participants were deeply appreciated by the eminent judge for their presentations. All the winners were conferred with the e-certificates. 🏆📄



Chairperson graces the awards ceremony

Rewards and investitures

Celebrating The Achievers

AGS Gurugram

Samudi Ranawake, XII & Armaan Soni, XI, AGS Gur

The very first virtual IGCSE awards and investiture ceremony of the school was held on August 28, 2020. The occasion was virtually graced by Dr (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, along with the eminent dignitaries from Amity Group of Schools.

On this occasion, the newly appointed student council members were bestowed with badges and sashes. The IGCSE Year 2 (2020) students were awarded certificates and medals for their astounding 100% results. The young leaders were officialised by school principal Arti Gupta.

The event began with the eloquent rendition of the Gayatri Mantra, after which, the entire

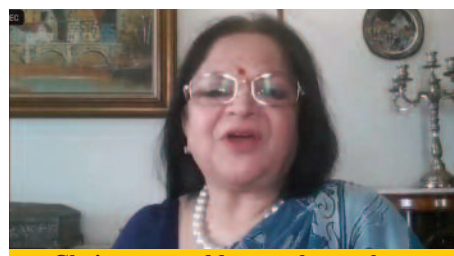
student council lead by Head Girl Khushi Toprani and Head Boy Gaurav Vermani, took an oath of integrity, commitment and guided leadership. School principal then shared with the audience the exceptional 100% IGCSE results of 2019-20 batch. The toppers, Armaan Soni and Devansh Jaggi narrated their journey behind their success, serving as inspiration to the juniors. In addition to this, the guest speaker, Priya Chopra, who is the proud parent of Vaibhav Chopra, reflected upon the school playing a significant role in her ward's holistic development. The college admissions of the recently graduated IBDP Year-2 were also shared with plaudits. With this incessant streak of persevered consistency, AGS has once again been able to guide its very talented graduates in securing admissions in prestige universities all over the world.

An ode to educators

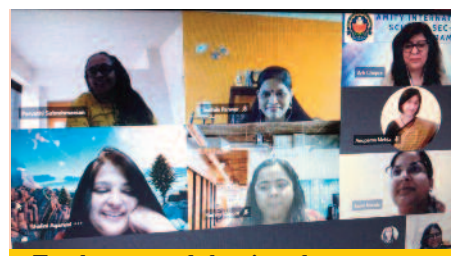
Students Express Their Gratitude On Teachers' Day

AIS Gurugram 46

First ever virtual Teachers' Day was celebrated on Sept 5, 2020. Senior school council held an online assembly which commenced with the expression of gratitude towards Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe, and Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF, for providing them a unique platform of holistic learning. Founder President and Chairperson both addressed the teachers and students virtually, congratulating school principal Aarti Chopra for her winning the CBSE Principal 2020 award and school teachers for their



Chairperson addresses the teachers



Teachers attend the virtual programme

good work and tireless mentoring of young lives. Both of them encouraged teachers to keep innovating and guiding the young global citizens, the future of the nation with the light of true knowledge. On this occasion many students expressed their sincere thanks

to teachers for their tireless efforts in sculpting their lives by singing songs, reciting poems and odes. Many online fun games and activities were also held and students also showcased presentations based on the importance of the teachers in life. 🏆📄

Winsome innovator

Young Innovator Tops The Nation

AIS Vasundhara 6

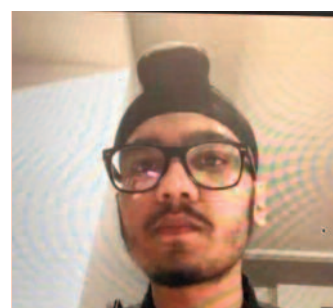
Young budding scientist Dhruvi Gupta of Class IX added another feather to Amity's cap of excellence by winning second innovation award for school children for 2020 for her project 'Innovative Easy Brush an eco-friendly, economic, biodegradable brush'. As due to pandemic situation no first prize was declared, that technically makes her the national winner of the prestigious annual award held by Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) under the aegis of Ministry of Science and Technology. She has been conferred with a certificate and a cash prize of INR 50,000. The opportunity to participate in the platform promoting excellence in innovation was extended by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF. Dhruvi won this award through a tough national level competition wherein she submitted a 500 words proposal which was screened by a panel of eminent scientists. It was followed by a telephonic interview and a powerpoint presentation, after which the winners were chosen.

About Innovation Award for school children
Every year CSIR invites innovative idea proposals

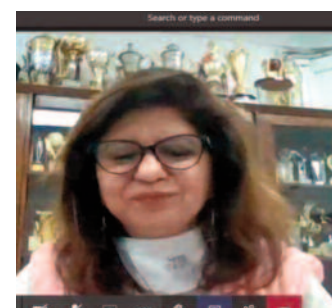


Dhruvi poses with her winning invention

from budding school scientists. Total 15 awards at national level are selected for novel scientific concept solutions for existing societal problems. 🏆📄



Students (left & right) with school principal, discuss important aspects of MUN



Fostering leadership skills

A Virtual Training For Facing Real MUN

AIS Gurugram 46

A three-day virtual learning conference 'MUN Training 2020' in association with MUN Society was held from May 18-20, 2020 and attended by over 200 students from Class VIII-XI. The training aimed at providing a platform to students for exchange of knowledge, in-depth understanding of world issues and a near real simulation of the real MUN. Eight sessions

of two hours each were conducted across two groups. First day session began with welcome address by school principal, Arti Chopra followed by an overview and concept of MUN shared by Kusum Kapoor, Coordinator-MUN Society. Scheduled agendas such as rules of procedure and flow of debate was then shared by the senior students from MUN Society. The second session was even more insightful with critical points such as types of commit-

tees, flow of debate, argumentation and diplomacy techniques in MUN being discussed extensively by the senior students. Training concluded on the last day with the expert sessions by alumni Ayan Gupta and Pradyuman Singh, who shared their MUN experiences and gave valuable tips to succeed and win MUNs. The sessions were highly interactive with questions & answers on chats and messages being shared. 🏆📄

The world record for removing and replacing a car engine is 42 seconds, set on November 21, 1985.

All top quotes contributed by
Ruben Singh, AIS Mayur Vihar, VI D



A heavenly chaos

The Modern Way Or The Godly Way?, Lets Hear Out The Gods

Deeksha Puri, Alumna &
Shyla Basu, XI B, AIS Pushp Vihar

Zeus, the Greek god of thunder, cradled his beloved lightning bolt, and mused in a displeased tone, "It seems like your holy significance is being challenged by these puny humans!". Scratching his beard, sea god Poseidon, acceded. "The new world with its gadgets and social media seems to have forgotten about the existence of our symbols. The mortals have replaced them with superfluous features and whatnot, that is beyond our comprehensibility. As the veterans whined in frustration owing to the silly advancements that humankind have made, Apollo entered the space and offered to explain some of these belittled features to them:

Kronos' scythe

Be it a social media post, or a comment, or even a really short chat, once we re-

alise its supercalifragilisticexpialidocious nature, there must be something to shut it out of existence. And that's where the 'delete' button, the weapon that can wipe it all off the face of social media once and for all, comes to the fore.

Cornucopia of memes

Meme accounts that overflow with hilarious content that make you laugh, snort or wonder how the original poster, lovingly addressed as 'OP', ever came across such accurate words to describe weird yet relatable experiences. There's no end to the number and variety of memes each account has to offer!

Pandora's box

Remember when you posted that picture that you felt really good about, and then you reached into the comments section out of curiosity, and got positive and fulfilling comments from people

you know? Me neither. Sometimes opening this jar of word worms should be proceeded with caution.

Apple of discord

You log on to twitter and see hashtags trending about one of your favourite influencers, and intrigued, you peruse the tag only to find people arguing as if in a courtroom to prove him/her guilty of

something with no definite basis. Isn't cancel culture just the best?

After Apollo was finished, though Zeus and Poseidon still couldn't understand how any of this could possibly be cooler than thunder bolts and lightning, or gigantic tidal waves beckoned at will, they decided to look at these 'memes' that human beings amused themselves with constantly, with their self-created cornucopia.

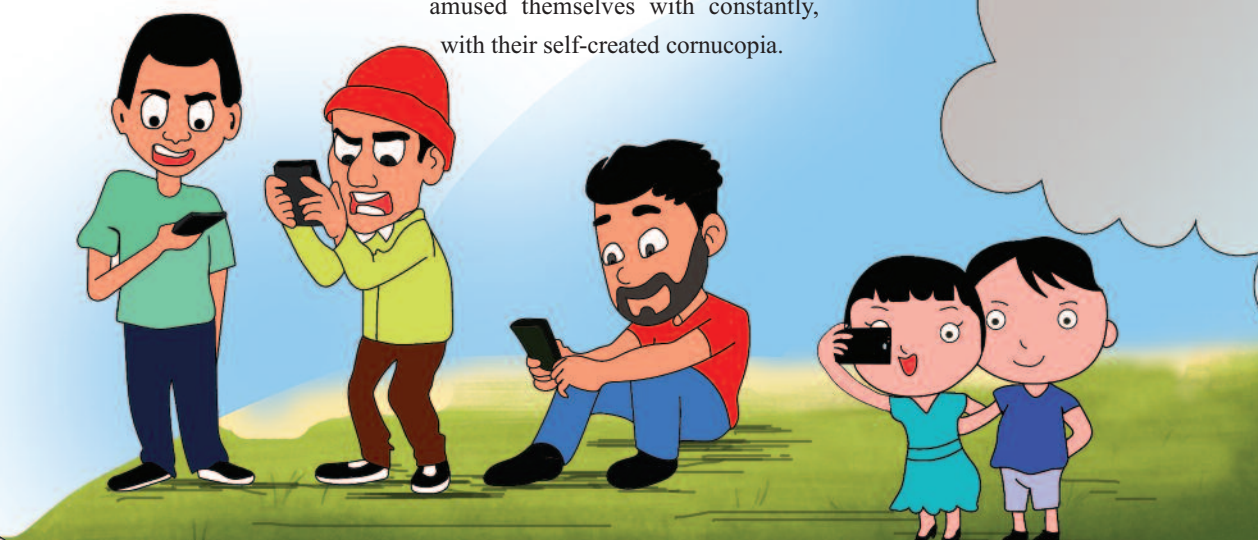


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Slang-o-rama

I Am, Therefore English Persists And Vice Versa

Vanalika Maini
AIS Gurugram 46, XI

I scoffed as I saw another article tarnishing my name; 'Will slang ruin the English language?' These pretentious intellectuals will never stop criticising my existence. The nerve of people these days! What? Can you deny the pizzazz I bring into speech? I provide a better glow-up than all those ads on Instagram!

A few hundred years ago, when I was but a wee young word, I was quite the rebel, I tell you, running around with the wrong crowd. Alas, even people in the 1700s didn't quite see my flair. They would call me cheap, that the people who used me were lowly and disreputable. Imagine? But I'll have you know, you Neanderthals, that I was a favourite of Shakespeare. He once used the phrase 'I'll tickle your catastrophe' as a threat! And people think I am uncultured.

And what is with these English Nazis refusing to think of me as a part of their language. The only reason an era's language is even remembered is courtesy - yours truly. If not for me, there would be no history of English language; because all history would then have are those same old words, used in that same old tone.

Okay, okay I'll admit that some slangs are really cringey and bizarre. But I blame you millennials for that! After all, your definition of me is either using an existing word or phrase incorrectly, or an entirely alien word that came from God knows where. I'll bet a hundred bucks that you just open up a dictionary and cut and paste words together to form the ULTIMATE word. Sadly, they are all my children and I love them (and before you ask, yes, I have looked at adoption agencies).

And oh, did anyone even think about my children after they came into this

world. My children either stick and everyone starts using them- including old people, which makes me cringe or they are thrown into the depths of the 'Word Underworld'.

See, it's not like you have never used words like 'LOL' or 'TTYL'. When you're running late and you have to drop a quick text to someone, you don't use Shakespearian words to write out a beautiful prose, now do you? I'm not trying to be smug, but I am totally being smug. And I'm not asking anyone to put me on a pedestal either (although, that would be nice), just give me some recognition from time to time! Think of me as a distant relative, just give me a ring once in a while, stop by for a chat, and sit down for some tea. By that I mean that you'd be the one sipping tea (Remember I'm a word; I don't have a mouth). Also, stop writing mean articles about me, don't make me vibe check you. 🇮🇳

Newton, who?

Films That Make You Forget Logic

Ananya Grover, AIS Noida, Alumna

Jeeps whirling through the air, guns pursuing their victim, heroes leaping and sparring in mid-air defying gravity—rings a bell? Replete with such idiosyncratic events and logic-defying stunts, Telugu and Tamil films indulgently use their cinematic license to deviate from scientific rules, reason, or even facts, in order to entertain their audiences! Here take a look at how our films redefine some of these well-established scientific laws given by Newton.

First law of motion

It says that an object in motion or at rest stays the same unless an external force is applied on it. So, if a bullet is fired at you, you are pretty much dead, right? Not at all, if you are Thalaiva Rajnikant from 'Sivaji: The Boss'. Even a bullet doesn't touch him because obviously, he is Rajni Anna, irrespective of the fact that a projectile at such a high speed will require a lot of external force to stop it. But then again, why would you need the natural laws when you have Thalaiva as your lead.

Third law of motion

While it states that, "Every action has an equal and opposite reaction," Tollywood has

redefined it as, "Every action has an over-exaggerated reaction." In the movie, 'Race Gurram', we see the most cliché scene ever. The police officer enters the goon hide-out and suddenly the goons starts flying everywhere. It doesn't matter where the police inspector enters from. He might be coming in through the window and the goon on the third floor, taking a leak will start flying.

Law of gravitation

Honestly, have you even seen any Indian action flick ever made that follows this law? In the hugely popular Baahubali films, Baahubali-Katappa and Co. climb onto a bent palm tree and catapult themselves onto the palace walls. Long after the tree's initial propulsion should have helped, they are kept airborne by virtue of locking their shields together, as their strategic war formation helped them... what? Defy gravity?

Now, these were just a few examples. But before we leave you with the reeling impact, just one more bonus content. In the movie 'Hrudaya Kaleyam', we see the protagonist throwing a heart made of thermocol through an open window, landing exactly into the open incision for the waiting patient undergoing heart transplant. That's it! We'll leave you with that as Newton rolls in his grave!

