



September is the month where we celebrate the spirit of our official language, Hindi. On the occasion of Hindi Diwas, celebrated on September 14 every year, The Global Times brings a Hindi Special edition. Enjoy the last part of this special edition and revel in the magic that Hindi weaves, for it's not a mere language; it's a feeling, a medium of expression.

INSIDE



Breathe healthy, P4

AMITE poll

Do you think the recently announced Odd-Even scheme for Nov 4-15 will help in combating pollution?

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

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Do you think that the Government's decision to merge banks will help sustain India's economy?



Results as on September 14, 2019

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The vibe effect

Induja Tyagi, GT Network

A span of 15 years, a remarkable team of scientists, a monetary funding of 988 crore INR, a million hopes, an almost successful mission but a missed landing – this is exactly what defines Chandrayaan-2, the second moon-exploration project designed by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), which would have made India the fourth nation to have soft-landed on moon. Even if it failed to attain the last leg of its goal, that is to put the lander named Vikram on the unvisited lunar zones, this mission has certainly inspired us and made us proud in thousand ways.

A brave pursuit

From what can be called a humble beginning, ISRO started off in a small Kerala church by transporting satellite components on bullock carts and borrowing used rockets. Over the years, ISRO built itself and went on to create milestones in the world's space history. After several successful space missions, ISRO announced its ambitious space project Chandrayaan-2 in the year 2007, with the objective to explore the south pole of the moon. It aimed to discover the hidden craters which might contain hundred million tons of water and unravel the un-

known facts about the origin of earth, making it an unprecedented attempt. As ISRO continued to soar higher and higher with its path-breaking missions, it also taught us to keep dreaming; somewhere we learnt that nothing can keep us from our goal if we are persistent enough to reach it, even if it is the moon!

A unified nation

Live telecasted across 100 countries, we are right to say that Chandrayaan-2's landing was not just awaited by Indians but the whole world. The whole nation and the world was glued to their television screens during the early hours of September 7 to watch the landing of the mission, perhaps, without even blinking an eye, soaking in

every moment before the touchdown. Although each heart sank with the news of the lander having gone missing, but what followed was not a nation being critical about the mission, but a nation all praises for the unparalleled endeavour. As much as the nation rejoiced with the launch of the mission, it went into shock and despair when Vikram was lost. This time, instead of pointing fingers at the team that worked hard to ensure the mission's success, we learnt to hold hands and stay united, because that's exactly what the country needed at the moment.

An ideal leadership

While we were at our homes witnessing the historic event, hon'ble PM Narendra

Modi decided to witness it right from the space station in Bengaluru along with 74 school students selected across India, Shivansh Pal of AIS Noida being one of them. It could be clearly seen that our Prime Minister was no less enthusiastic and anxious about the landing as the whole nation was at that moment. But that was not it, he consoled and encouraged ISRO Chairperson, Dr K Sivan as he broke down upon the loss of contact with their lander, which was to expose the south pole of the moon. PM commended the hard work and persistence of the team behind the mission at ISRO and said, "there will be a new dawn" and that "the best is yet to come." A leader may come, a leader may go, but it is this mission and our Prime Minister's spirit that instilled in us the sense of true leadership. He taught us that being a true leader is not about the power to stand above others, but the compassion and humility to stand with others.

An unusual limelight

Catchy headlines ready, news reports perfected, every news channel and newspaper agency in the country anticipated the successful landing of the indigenous mission. However, when things didn't happen as per the plan, the media, for once, left behind their over the top way of reporting and instead remained composed and reported the news with equal vigour and positivity. Every news reporter eloquently proclaimed how exceptional this mission was and every headline printed did not focus on what Chandrayaan-2 could not be but the incredible feat it has managed to accomplish. As the moon mission kept everyone on their toes during its final hours, it also taught us to revel in the moments of glory, to celebrate the things that did meet victory rather than being dismal about what went wrong.

Chandrayaan-2 turned out to be more than just a mission; it was a lesson that taught us a little about science and a lot about life!

Chandrayaan-2 A Humane Perspective



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Journalism and its frenemies

Let's Be Responsible About What We Say And Share



Maha Siddiqui, associate editor-anchor, CNN News 18

In a career spanning over 16 years, Maha Siddiqui, associate editor-anchor, CNN News 18, has worked with various media houses including The Times of India, DD, News X and India Today. Anchoring news bulletins since 2007, she specialises in reporting parliament, politics and foreign affairs. She is also renowned for her news writings on web and news tweets. As the chief guest at Youth Power 2018-19 Grand Finale, held at Amity University, Noida, she interacted with the students, talking to them about the baleful effects of social media on journalism and its subsequent repercussions.

You have been in the field of journalism for 16 years. How has your journey been so far?

I started off my career with DD and I must say I had great mentors there. It is because of my term there that I have been to different parts of India and worked in remote

villages. I have covered some very challenging events, like I was sent to cover the elections in Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh. I know how tough it is for a woman journalist and that's why I feel accomplished.

How has journalism evolved in past two decades especially in terms of values, outreach and impact?

The truth is that media has always been a key influencer in the society. I remember I started my career with Doordarshan and it had an enormous impact on people. Now what has actually changed is that with a smartphone in every hand, people capture everything quickly and almost see themselves as journalists.

Speaking of citizens reporting news, do you think it has given a push to media or has it brought down reporting standards?

Citizen journalism started with the intent of bringing exploitation to the fore. The media cannot reach everywhere, but these citizen journalists can. And once an issue is brought in the spotlight, the mainstream media takes it from there. So, citizen journalism has definitely helped media cover stories from even remote corners. Having said that, not everything reported by citizens is worthy of being called news. We need to train people to pull out information. The role of a journalist is to sift the information available so that only cor-

rect news reaches out to the people.

What is your opinion on fake news?

Fake news is a great threat to responsible journalism, but we journalists are doing our best to provide people with reliable facts and to regain their lost trust. Social media acts as the medium for such news to not only spread but also maximise its approach, gravely threatening the society at large. And to keep up the pace with such rapid advancements in technology is indeed a strenuous task. The first step to cease the circulation of fake news would be to curb that internal urge to forward a message as soon as you receive it. The right thing is to indulge in some cross checking before you actually spread the word.

As a journalist how do you manage to keep bias out of a story?

There are always stories you feel passionate about, so it is virtually impossible to keep biases completely out of journalism. For example, I feel very strongly about women's issues so when I am doing a story like that, unknowingly my inclination would seep into it. This is why in journalism we have a team, we have layers of editing. It is not like I do a story and it goes on air. There is a team of editors who edit it and then I have my seniors who iron out the biases and gaps, and together we provide you the unprejudiced news.

Fatehpur Sikri, a town in the Agra district of Uttar Pradesh, was founded by Emperor Akbar as the capital of the Mughal Empire in 1571.



Fatehpur Sikri

India this week

Devrajan Goparaju
AIS Noida, VI C

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



'Make-in-India' metro in Mumbai

News: Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently launched a group of new metro projects in Mumbai. The chief highlight was the inauguration of the first ever metro built under the 'Make-in-India' initiative. This metro has been developed by Bharat Earth Movers (BEML). The most unique feature of this metro is that it will allow people to travel along with their bicycles.

Views: This initiative of the government is taking the country forward in a healthy manner. It will boost industrial manufacturing, generate revenue and essential employment, decrease our dependency on other countries.

Shubham Srivastava, AIS Noida, VI C



Vikram lander of Chandrayaan 2 spotted on the moon

News: The mystery of the lost Vikram lander of Chandrayaan 2 has been the most sought-after news in India and abroad. It was a disappointment for ISRO, who spent 15 years preparing for this space mission. The Chandrayaan 2 comprised Vikram (lander), Pragyan (rover) and the Orbiter. Vikram was lost along with Pragyan inside at an altitude of 2.1 km, while performing a soft landing on the surface of the moon. It had to function for 1 lunar day, which is equal to 14 earth days, for studying the Moon. The orbiter has already traced the lost lander on the surface of the Moon. The orbiter will continue to orbit the Moon and send images of the lunar surface for a year, revealing the lesser-known side of the Moon.

Views: I strongly believe that Chandrayaan 2 Moon mission is not a failure. We are proud of this exceptional achievement of ISRO scientists. They are an inspiration for the younger generation, motivating us to take tough challenges and work hard to accomplish our goals. This mission will prove to be of high importance in the years to come; hopefully we'll even be able to re-establish connection with the Vikram lander.

Aryan Varmani, AIS Noida, VI B



India Joins hands with Russia

News: The extensive diplomatic stance of the Indian government continues, and this time the political hand has reached out for Russia. Indian government has announced a line of credit of 1 billion dollars to help Russia develop their 'Far East'. The Far East is a part of Russia which has a harsh terrain but houses many kinds of energy sources. It will be an essential asset for India to get involved in Russia's Far East in terms of mining industry, whereas, this alliance also portrays India as a much stronger competitor amid political tensions and rivalry with China.

Views: The time has come for India to look beyond for solutions, to look for fresh ventures and allies. To build our ties stronger with good neighbours and others beyond if we want to build ourselves stronger. Thinking out of the box, strategic innovation is the need of the hour and I think this stand of Indian government and PM Modi will empower India as a nation and help us in seeing through the problems collaboratively and work towards a better future.

Vishesh Bhat, AIS Noida, XII A

130 wetlands to be restored by the government

News: Indian government has identified over 130 wetlands spread all across India for rapid restoration within five years under a scheme of the National Plan for Conservation of Aquatic Ecosystems (NPCA). State governments will submit their integrated management plans by October 15. Wetlands are patches of water in the form of lakes, ponds, marshes, etc., that have their own ecosystem. These wetlands have enormous ecological value and play a key role in maintaining hydrological cycles, providing water and raw material. All the garbage, debris, buildings and factories (if any) will be removed to restore these wetlands.

Views: Restoration of wetlands is a very positive step by the Indian government as they are a critical part of our natural environment. This will have a positive impact on several wetlands in and around the National Capital Region, such as Surajpur, Dadri, Dhanauri and Vrindavan. We often see beautiful migratory birds taking temporary refuge in these wetlands. I think that this initiative will attract more bird enthusiasts and also create more sensitivity towards mother nature.

Ishaani Chaudhary, AIS Noida, VI C



Around The WORLD

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USA

Rare rattlesnake found

Two herpetologists of Herpetological Associates of Burlington County recently spotted a newborn two-headed timber rattlesnake at Pine Barrens, New Jersey. Named Double-Dave, the nine inch long snake has two brains, each of which functions independently. It also has two tongues, four eyes and twice as many fangs. Scientists say that the rare bicephalic animal can hardly survive in the wild.



ZIMBABWE

Former president expires

Robert Mugabe, ex-president of the country passed away at the age of 95 due to health issues. Hailed as a revolutionary leader and an icon of liberation, Mugabe served as the prime minister of Zimbabwe (1980-1987) and then as the president (1987-2017).



INDIA

Cross-border pipeline inaugurated

The first cross-border pipeline between India and Nepal was inaugurated on September 10, 2019. Having a capacity of 2 million metric tonnes, this project will enable Nepal to import fuel from India at a lower transportation cost, saving about \$8.7 million a year.



CHINA

Jack Ma steps down as chairman

The famous educator who became a billionaire entrepreneur, Jack Ma, co-founder of Alibaba Group Holding Ltd, stepped down from the position as executive chairman of the nation's largest company on his 55th birthday. He will remain a member of the Alibaba partnership, a group of 36 members. The position was transferred to Daniel Zhang, who assumed the role of Alibaba CEO in the year 2015.



HONG KONG

Extradition bill rolled back

Leader Carrie Lam announced withdrawal of the controversial extradition bill which permitted extradition to mainland China, wherein the courts are under the authority of the Communist Party. The proposal of the bill invited historic protests and has negatively impacted the country's tourism by 40%.

News Flash

► **Britain:** 4000 British Airways pilots went on strike demanding share in the company's profits, affecting many due to flight cancellations. ► **Brazil:** Two new species of electric eels found in Amazon, one capable of giving a record breaking jolt.



The name of the city is derived from the village called Sikri on which Fatehpur was founded.

Language list: 2019 edition

Presenting Languages From East That Are Taking Over The World

Shreya Tuli, AIS Vas 1, X

Language is what connects us all. But some languages have always enjoyed more popularity than others. Take English for instance, the lingua franca of business and academia has always been at the centre of the table with almost 1.5 billion native speakers. European languages like the fancy French, stylish Spanish and even glossy German also made it to the 'popular' list as Europe was once the centre of the global economy. But with the turn of the new century, the tables have also turned. The population and the economy of the East improving gradually, Asian and Middle Eastern languages took over the globe. Let us look at the ones which are topping the charts!

Mandarin

Why it's hot: China might not have the biggest economy right now, but it is projected to overtake the economy of United States by 2028. Also, with China nudging the United States out of the top spot as the nation with the world's largest GDP, the native language of the country is on high demand.

Future scope: Being a relatively tough language, it might take an average of 2,200 classroom hours for English speakers to



Imaging: Pankaj Malik, GT Network

master, but with the rapidly growing Chinese economy, it would not after all be a bad idea to learn Mandarin. It is sure to open various interesting job prospects and might even act as an instant hit for getting jobs in multi-national corporations and various global organisations.

Japanese

Why it's hot: We already have 130 million Japanese speakers

located primarily in Japan, which also happens to be the third largest economy in the world. Japanese is also very aesthetic, as it is graphical and instantly grabs the anyone's attention.

Future scope: Japan has both a thriving export market and is also the world's second largest investor in research and development, along with being one of the most technologically advanced and integrated nations in

the world. Learning Japanese would give an easy access to an almost impenetrable culture and would open doors to a wide range of opportunities in the technology sector.

Hindi

Why it's hot: Hindi is the national language of India and several other surrounding countries. India is the seventh largest country by area and the fastest grow-

ing major economy with the seventh largest GDP.

Future scope: The demography provides a major consumer market, generating future demand for localised content. Although the language is not the easiest to learn as the use of syllables is quite tough. Learning Hindi gives you an extra edge in the Indian market, considering companies across the world scramble to get into business with the booming Indian companies.

Arabic

Why it's hot: Arab is rich in natural resources and has untapped economic potential. Arabic is spoken by 295 million speakers worldwide, and it's the official language of 28 countries including growing economies in the Middle East and Africa.

Future scope: Six Arabic speaking countries are amongst UK's top 50 export market in goods, with a combined value to the economy that surpasses that of Spain, China or Italy. This is one of the reasons why Arabic was referred to as the second 'language of the future' in a report from British Council.

Hot or not, all languages are important in their own way. So, go ahead and learn a new language to open doors to new opportunities and new avenues. 🇸🇵🇸

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Presents



Brainleaks-285 FOR CLASS VI-IX

Raghav categorized the following household items into acids and bases.

Acids	Bases
1. Lemon	4. Baking soda
2. Antacid	5. Vinegar
3. Tea	6. Curd

Which of them are placed under the wrong category?

- (a) 3 and 5 only
(b) 2 and 6 only
(c) 3, 4 and 5 only
(d) 2, 5 and 6 only

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3 correct entries win attractive prizes

Ans. Brainleaks 284: (a)

Winner for Brainleaks 284

1. Deeptanshu Nandi, AIS Gur 43, IX A
2. Darvi Gupta, AIS Noida, XI B
3. Abhinav Gautam, AIS MV, X D

Name:

Class:

School:

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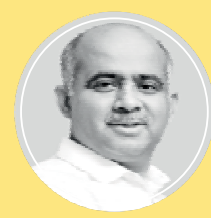
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Breathe healthy

This Eco Friendly Mask Created By Shivam Mukherjee Helps You Breathe Fresh Air



Shivam Mukherjee and his mentor, Radha Kumari with their innovation LifeMask

Rewards and recognitions

Competition/Exhibition Name	Position/Prize/Selection
Inter Amity Vasudha 2018 by Amity's Children Science Foundation (ACSF)	Gold medal
Indian International Science Festival 2018 (IISF), Lucknow under Nav Bharat Nirman category	First position and cash prize
Delhi State Level Science Mathematics & Environment Exhibition 2018-19 (SLSMEE) by The Directorate of Education (DoE)	First position and selection for Jahwarlal Nehru National Level Science, Mathematics and Environment Exhibition
Delhi Central Level Science Mathematics & Environment Exhibition 2018-19 by The Directorate of Education (DoE)	First position
VOLVO Excellence in Ideation under #BREATHEFREE	First position
CBSE Central Level Science and Mathematics Exhibition 2019-20	First position and qualified for national level

PATENT

Patented for LifeMask (3 layered innovative solution to Air Pollution) by Intellectual Property India (IPI)

Pro@Project

Stuti Kalra, GT Network

October 2016: The siren of ambulance tore through the heart of the city, with Delhi traffic at its peak. An old man, grasping for breath, surrounded with paramedics trying to revive him was rushed to emergency. Unfortunately, he was admitted in ICU. The reason, rising levels of Delhi's air pollution created havoc with his already ailing lungs

Innovation : 'LifeMask' - Air purification breathing mask

Innovators : Shivam Mukherjee, VIII D

Mentor : Radha Kumari
Science Coordinator

fighting a chronic disease. Shivam, who looked up to his grandfather was inconsolable to learn that his grandfather had actually become a victim of air pollution and chronic disease that he fought so bravely every day.

August 2017: Memories of his grandfather and the wish to do something to save many like his grandfather always made him restless. One day, he shared this thought with his science coordinator, Radha. Few compassionate chats later, the two set out to find a solution and the platform of Vasudha gave them one. Thus, began the two-year sojourn of research, hypothesis, experiments, design, innovation, hit and trials, all which led to the making of 'An eco-friendly multi-layered mask as an effective solution for air pollution'.

July 2018: The intensive research culminated in the innovation of a collar, made of

ecofriendly biodegradable material like PVC and faux leather, ensuring sustainable development. It has total seven layers:

Layer 1 | Base mask- Makes the outer covering and first layer of protection.

Layer 2 | Primary air pumps - Maintains air pressure and sustains it at desired levels.

Layer 3 | Secondary air filter- Ensures that the air filtered is completely pollution free.

Layer 4 | Gel chamber- Comprises of a net coated with vaseline to trap dust simulating human nose.

Layer 5 | Water chamber- *Passes heated air in the form of a bubble.

Layer 6 | HEPA filter- Filters live bacteria and viruses, particularly helping those with respiratory problems.

Layer 7 | Medicine/Aroma-Filters where medicine or aromatic oils can be added.

**Shivam plans to innovate the water chamber by ensuring that the water in the same remains warm as hot water kills microorganisms and settles down coarse dust and pollutants depicting artificial rain.*

October 2018: It was the Indian International Science Festival (IISF) 2018, Lucknow, under Nav Bharat Nirman category. Over 800 students from different schools across India gathered to present their innovative science mod-

els before a panel of science experts. A proud Shivam made his way to this platform. The competition was tough, but what made his model stand out was its complete protection coupled with great sustainability. While the market is flooded with air masks, most of them are made up of filter cloths and very few actually offer complete protection against pollens and microorganisms. Shivam's air mask, with its innovative carbon +HEPA (High Efficiency Particulate Air) filter, +Nanofibre filter and a small UV tube painted with anti-radiation paint, immediately caught the attention of the jury. While HEPA forces the air through filters forcing out pollen, pet dander, dust mites, and tobacco smoke, the nanofibre filters out bacteria and virus and clears the particulate matter of 2.5 PM and 10 PM. The UV chamber coated with anti-radiation paint protects from harmful effects of UV rays. To top it all, the mask is also fitted with an aroma chamber which has a cotton swab dipped in Nilgiri oil that keeps the entire set up fragrant.

As a solution for tomorrow, the 'intelligent' mask is also fitted with a system and sensors that can protect one from dangers like sudden rise in pollution, fire and smoke emergency. Shivam elaborates, "In case the pollution level suddenly goes up, the intelligent system will automatically turn

off the mask and turn on the emergency oxygen cylinder supply, as well as the siren for people to know that you may need help. Synchronised with an app on your smartphone, it will also send out alert messages with exact location coordinates to your family and friends so that they can rush to your rescue. This intelligent air filter mask can also be worn by firemen who go on dangerous rescue operations which sometimes involves toxic fumes. It has a buzzer, a display and a jacket for emergency oxygen supply which is managed by the electronics fitted in the collar.

The model has won the first position and a cash prize of INR 25,000 at Indian International Science Festival 2018 held from October 5-8, 2018 at Indira Gandhi Pratishthan, Lucknow. Adding to the achievement, the smart air mask has also been patented as 'Patent for Life Mask (3 layered innovative solution to Air Pollution) by Intellectual Property India (IPI)'.

While others just talked about the detrimental state of the environment due to the ever increasing air pollution, Shivam took it upon himself to find a solution which not only helps to breathe clean, but also freely. Getting further, he plans to make the design of the air mask more compact and easy to use. Let's hope that humanity gets facilitated with such vision.



Shivam wears the mask



Complete Air Mask Kit with electronic sensor



Water Filter



UV Filter



HEPA filter



Gel Chamber

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नारी की पहले से ही अपनी अलग पहचान है, उसे सिर्फ अपने आप को पहचानना है।

हरिवंशराय बच्चन की कविता *कोशिश करने वालों की हार नहीं होती* को चरितार्थ करती ऐमिटी इंटरनेशनल स्कूल की संस्थापिका डॉक्टर श्रीमती अमिता चौहान एक सुप्रसिद्ध शिक्षाविद्, दार्शनिक और परोपकारी महिला हैं। वह आर्थिक रूप से कमजोर लड़कियों की शिक्षा पर हमेशा जोर देती हैं। उन्होंने अभिताशा नाम से एक चैरिटेबल स्कूल को स्थापित किया है जो आर्थिक रूप से कमजोर लड़कियों को निशुल्क शिक्षा देता है। वह कहती हैं कि पढ़ी-लिखी महिला कई पीढ़ियों को सँवार देती है। बाधाओं से हार कर न बैठना और अपने लक्ष्य की ओर बढ़ते जाना उनके जीवन का उद्देश्य है। बच्चों को अच्छे संस्कार और मूल्यपरक शिक्षा देना वह अपना कर्तव्य समझती हैं। श्रीमती डॉक्टर अमिता चौहान के निर्देशन में ऐमिटी समूह पिछले दो दशक से अधिक समय से अच्छी गुणवत्ता की शिक्षा प्रदान करने के उद्देश्य से कार्यरत है तथा भारत और दुनियाभर में अपनी शैक्षिक पहुँच के प्रसार के पश्चात् यह बेहतरीन शिक्षा का मानक बन गया है। नारी उत्थान के विभिन्न पहलुओं पर उन्होंने अपने बेवाक विचार साँझा किए। उनसे प्रेरणा लेकर हर नारी अपने जीवन में कुछ कर गुजरने के अपने सपने को पूरा कर सकती है।

आपके अनुसार शिक्षा का उद्देश्य क्या है?
शिक्षा का मुख्य उद्देश्य विद्यार्थी में मानव मूल्यों

का विकास करते हुए उसे एक सुसंस्कृत नागरिक के रूप में उसका विकास करना होता है। साथ ही, उन्हें प्रतिभावान, देशभक्त, स्वाभिमानी और आत्मविश्वासी बनाना है। हमारी भावी पीढ़ी को अपनी संस्कृति पर गर्व होना चाहिए। उसे सही और गलत की पहचान होनी चाहिए। इसके साथ ही वह प्रतिस्पर्धात्मक उत्कृष्टता से परिपूर्ण होनी चाहिए। हम एक ऐसे शैक्षिक वातावरण का निर्माण करना चाहते हैं जिसमें छात्रों की प्रतिभा को निखारने में कोई कसर न रहे। मुझे बहुत प्रसन्नता है कि हम इस कार्य को सफलतापूर्वक अंजाम दे रहे हैं।

घर हो या बाहर, आप प्रत्येक जिम्मेदारी को बखूबी निभाती हैं। ये प्रेरणा कहाँ से मिलती है?
अपनी प्रत्येक जिम्मेदारी को बखूबी निभाने की यह प्रेरणा मुझे अपनी माँ से मिली है। मेरी माँ अपने परिवार के प्रति बहुत जिम्मेदार रही हैं। माँ को आदर्श रूप में देखते हुए बचपन से ही मुझे लगता था कि जीवन में जो भी कुछ कार्य करना हो, उसे पूरी जिम्मेदारी के साथ करना चाहिए। इसके साथ ही, मैंने हमेशा अपने पति को बहुत सत्यनिष्ठा से अपने काम को अंजाम देते हुए देखा है। इतना ही नहीं, ससुराल पक्ष में भी अपने सास-ससुर को जुझारू रूप से सभी कार्य करते देख मुझे निरंतर प्रयासरत रहने की शक्ति मिलती रही है। मेरे माता-पिता, मेरे सास-ससुर और मेरे पति

डॉ॰ अशोक कुमार चौहान सदैव मेरे जीवन के प्रेरणास्रोत रहे हैं।

एक प्रतिष्ठित महिला होते हुए भी किन बाधाओं का आपको सामना करना पड़ता है?

आपने बिल्कुल ठीक कहा, एक महिला होने के नाते समाज में प्रतिष्ठा पाने के बावजूद भी घर और बाहर की जिम्मेदारियों तो एक महिला को उठानी ही पड़ती हैं। इसके लिए मुझे अपनी कुछ रुचियों को छोड़ना भी पड़ा है। यद्यपि इस प्रकार की बाधाएँ मेरे समक्ष कभी आई नहीं हैं, किन्तु फिर भी घर और बाहर दोनों की जिम्मेदारी निभाते हुए आपको कभी-कभी ऐसे निर्णय लेने पड़ते हैं जिनमें आप स्वयं कभी-कभी बहुत पीछे छूट जाते हैं। आपको स्वयं यह निर्णय करना होता है कि आपको क्या करना चाहिए, कैसे करना चाहिए और कहाँ-कहाँ, कौन-कौन सी चीजों की उपेक्षा की जा सकती है।

उदाहरण के लिए सोशलाइजिंग करना मुझे बहुत अच्छा लगता है, जबकि मेरी व्यस्त जीवनशैली में यह एक प्रकार की बाधा ही सिद्ध होती है। पसंद होने के बावजूद भी आप ये सब नहीं कर सकते। एक सीमित दायरे में ही समय व्यतीत कर पाती हूँ क्योंकि मुझे पता है मेरा पूरा ध्यान अपनी पारिवारिक जिम्मेदारियों को पूरा करने पर ही होना चाहिए। मैं जो भी कार्य करती हूँ, पूरी जिम्मेदारी के साथ करती हूँ और अपने परिवार के प्रति पूर्ण रूप से समर्पित हूँ। जीवन

में आप कितने भी बड़े व्ययों न हो जाएँ, आपकी कुछ ऐसी रुचियाँ होती हैं जो जीवनभर आपके साथ रहती हैं। जैसे मुझे घूमना-फिरना, बातें करना, नई-नई जगह पर जाना, शॉपिंग करना आदि बहुत अच्छा लगता है लेकिन समय के अभाव के कारण मेरे लिए यह करना अब आसान नहीं। इसलिए इन सभी चीजों से मुझे समझौता करना पड़ता है। मैं खुशनुमा हूँ कि मेरा परिवार, मेरे बच्चे सभी बहुत ज्यादा सपोर्टिव हैं। इसलिए मुझे इस प्रकार की ज्यादा दिक्कत नहीं आई।

नारी सशक्तिकरण हेतु प्रयास करना कितना आवश्यक है और क्यों?

निरसंदेह नारी का सशक्त होना अत्यावश्यक है। केवल अपने अधिकारों की माँग करना ही नारी सशक्तिकरण नहीं है। दरअसल, नारी सशक्तिकरण की शुरुआत घर से होती है। यदि किसी घर में माँ समझदार है और वह अपने बेटे और बेटों को भेद की दृष्टि से नहीं देखती तो ऐसे में लड़की स्वयं सशक्त होती है। जब माँ अपने बेटे और बेटों में अंतर करती है तब वहाँ लड़कियों में आत्मविश्वास की कमी हो जाती है। मेरा जन्म ऐसे परिवार में हुआ है जहाँ लड़का और लड़की में कोई भेद नहीं किया गया। मेरे माता-पिता ने सदैव लड़कियों को सशक्त बनाने का प्रयास किया है। आप मुझमें जो आत्मविश्वास देखते हैं उसका प्रमुख कारण यही है कि उन्होंने कभी बेटा और बेटों में अंतर नहीं किया। लड़कियों में सशक्तिकरण

की भावना प्रेम से आती है। माता-पिता का प्रेम और विश्वास लड़कियों में नारी सशक्तिकरण को मजबूत करता है। केवल सड़कों पर नारे लगाना या हो-हल्ला करना में नारी सशक्तिकरण नहीं मानती। लड़कियों का अच्छा चरित्र-निर्माण करना, उन्हें यह बताना कि जीवन में क्या सही है और क्या गलत है; समझना चाहिए। एक नारी होने के नाते मैं सभी से अपेक्षा करूँगी कि सर्वप्रथम हमें नारी सशक्तिकरण का सही अर्थ समझना होगा। हमें यह समझना होना कि हम किस प्रकार एक अच्छी पत्नी, एक अच्छी माँ बनें। अपने बच्चों को शिक्षित करें एक नवीन समाज का सृजन करें। एक अच्छी नारी अपने बेटों को ही सही राह चलने की उचित शिक्षा देती है।

नारी उत्थान हेतु आप क्या कहना चाहेंगी?

मेरा मानना है कि नारी सदैव सशक्त है। यदि आवश्यकता है तो उसकी सोच को सकारात्मक दिशा देने की। एक घर को सुचारू रूप से चलाने की पूरी जिम्मेदारी औरत की होती है। नारी को अपना दृष्टिकोण बदलना चाहिए तो उसका उत्थान खुद ब खुद हो जाएगा। हमें इस दिशा में उचित कार्य करने की आवश्यकता है।

इस समाज में नारी को अपनी अलग पहचान बनाने की आवश्यकता क्यों है?

नारी की पहले से ही अपनी अलग पहचान है, उसे सिर्फ अपने आप को पहचानना है। हाँ, यह सही है कि घर में लड़कियों को

दबाकर रखा जाता है परंतु उनकी हिफाजत और सुरक्षा के लिए ऐसा करना कभी-कभी जरूरी भी होता है। यह आपके परिवेश पर निर्भर करता है। लड़की को घर की इज्जत कहा जाता है। इससे अधिक महत्वपूर्ण बात और क्या हो सकती है!

नारी उत्थान हेतु आपकी क्या योजनाएँ हैं?
लड़कियों को शिक्षित करना उनके उत्थान के लिए बहुत जरूरी कदम है। मैं 'अभिताशा' के माध्यम से लड़कियों को शिक्षित करने और सशक्त बनाने का कार्य कर रही हूँ। लड़कियों को अच्छी शिक्षा देना बेहद जरूरी है। शिक्षा के माध्यम से ही उन्हें जीवन के सही मूल्य दिए जा सकते हैं। किसी भी लड़की में यह निर्णय लेने की क्षमता होनी चाहिए कि उसके लिए क्या सही है और क्या गलत। इसके लिए उसका शिक्षित करना जरूरी है। यही समाज में सुधार लाएगा।

महिलाओं को आप क्या संदेश देना चाहेंगी?
मैं तो यही कहूँगी कि नारी समाज की रीढ़ की हड्डी है। वह अपने बच्चों को जिस प्रकार के संस्कारों से पोषित करेगी, वैसे ही समाज का निर्माण होगा। आप यदि लड़का-लड़की को बचपन से ही समानता का पाठ पढ़ाएँगे तो एक स्वस्थ समाज की स्थापना स्वतः ही हो जाएगी। भारतीय संस्कृति में नारी को बहुत उँचे स्थान पर रखा गया है क्योंकि नारी में एक अच्छा समाज बनाने की क्षमता है।





The city was left by Akbar by 1610 due to lack of water supply.

A weird dream

Illustration: Deepak Sharma, GT Network

Short story



Prakriti Sharma
AIS Gur 43, VI

One morning, Keith opened his eyes and found himself on a strange bed, in a strange room. When he looked outside the window, he realised that, in most probabilities, he was on a different planet. Though this place looked familiar, it was weird. The temperature was hot and the atmosphere was suffocating that he could hardly breathe. Wherever he looked, he only spotted skyscrapers. Not a single plant

was to be seen, forget trees. Before Keith could think any further, someone approached him and gave him a mask to wear. Then he was taken to a nearby kiosk and was ordered to wear a uniform similar to his. Soon they set out for tour. After a while, Keith asked the alien, "Which place is this?" Hearing this, the alien laughed and replied, "This is your Earth and we are in 30th century." Keith was stunned. The alien continued, "Considering earth to be habitable, we invaded this planet in 22nd century. Little did

we know it was going to be like this eventually. Had we known, we wouldn't have come here ever." Offended, Keith said, "But what was wrong? We had advanced so much." "Brother, if you think your planet was advancing, then you must come to our planet sometime. Even **utopia** doesn't stand a chance when compared to our planet," the Alien said with triumph. Keith looked around and thought, "Oh God! What is all this?" The alien nudged Keith to walk forward. As he looked around, everything was in sham-

The temperature was so hot; the atmosphere so suffocating that Keith could hardly breathe. Wherever he looked, he only spotted skyscrapers.

bles, people were morose; it barely resembled the Earth he remembered. Eventually, in the extreme heat, Keith got thirsty and asked the alien for some water. The alien took him to a counter, where hi-tech machines were producing potable water. He gave him a straw and said, "Drinking water is a rare commodity and expensive. Now, we manufacture it in the laboratories. So, don't waste a single drop." Keith couldn't believe his eyes. "How can people survive like this?" he thought. Horrified, Keith rubbed his eyes to check if all that he saw was real or not. He was scared to open his eyes and even be in that space again. But this time, to his relief, he found himself on his bed, in his own room. Staring at the fan and giving an afterthought, he realised that the day isn't far when this would soon turn into a reality. **GT**

So what did you learn today?
A new word: **Utopia**
Meaning: **An ideal place**



Chocolate balls

Aditri Bhatnagar, AIS Saket, V

Ingredients

Marie biscuits	10-14
Milkmaid	200 g
Cocoa powder	3-4 tsp
Chocolate bar	1

Method

- Crush the biscuits and make a fine powder.
- Add milkmaid and cocoa powder to it.
- Blend the mixture well to get an even texture.
- Now, make small balls of the mixture.
- Grate the chocolate bars.
- Roll the balls in the grated chocolate, coating the balls evenly with the grated chocolate scrambles.
- Your mouth watering chocolate balls are now ready to serve and relish!

Riddle Fiddle

Zara Kumar, AIS Pushp Vihar, II

1. I can fly, but I am not alive. I can be shaped like a diamond, filled with colours. I have a long string. Who am I?
2. I am a place kids love. My name starts like 'please' does. Kids come to me to run, swing, and slide. Who am I?
3. You can see me, but you can't touch me. The wind can change my shape. I am tiny water droplets gathered together in the sky. Who am I?
4. You might see me in the streets after it rains. If you look into me, you will see yourself. Some kids like splashing into me. What am I?

Answers: 1. A kite 2. A playground 3. A cloud 4. A puddle

POEMS



Dear Sun!

Sadhya Singh
AIS Vas 6, III C

Oh! my deary darling Sun
What on Earth have you done

We know you know your duty
And you perform it with fun

But kindly dim your rays a bit
As you are troubling us in fit

Your hot rays cause heat
We do not know ways to beat

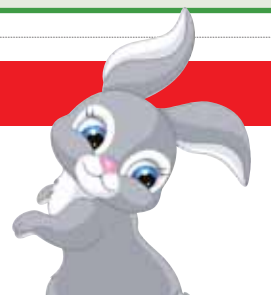
You throwing scorching gleams
During the day hot and bright

With you rising in the sky
Temperatures rise high and high

Please be mellow and stay calm
As summers are already warm

You are getting warmer each day
And we can't go out to play

Please try and be nice to us
In this world, let's make buzz!



Rabbits

Mireya Karthikeyan
AIS Gwalior, II A

I love rabbits
Dreaming of it
Is my big habit
It has white fur
Is soft as wool
It eats cabbages
Has its belly full
It's my dream pet
Soon I will get! **GT**

It's Me

Know Me

My name: Lakshit Goel
My Class: I
My school: AIS Pushp Vihar
Born on: June 5

My Favourites

Game: Cricket
Mall: DLF Promenade
Food: Chapati with butter
Teachers: Himanshi and Dimple ma'am
Poem: Five little monkeys
Subject: English
Hobbies: Watching TV, playing games

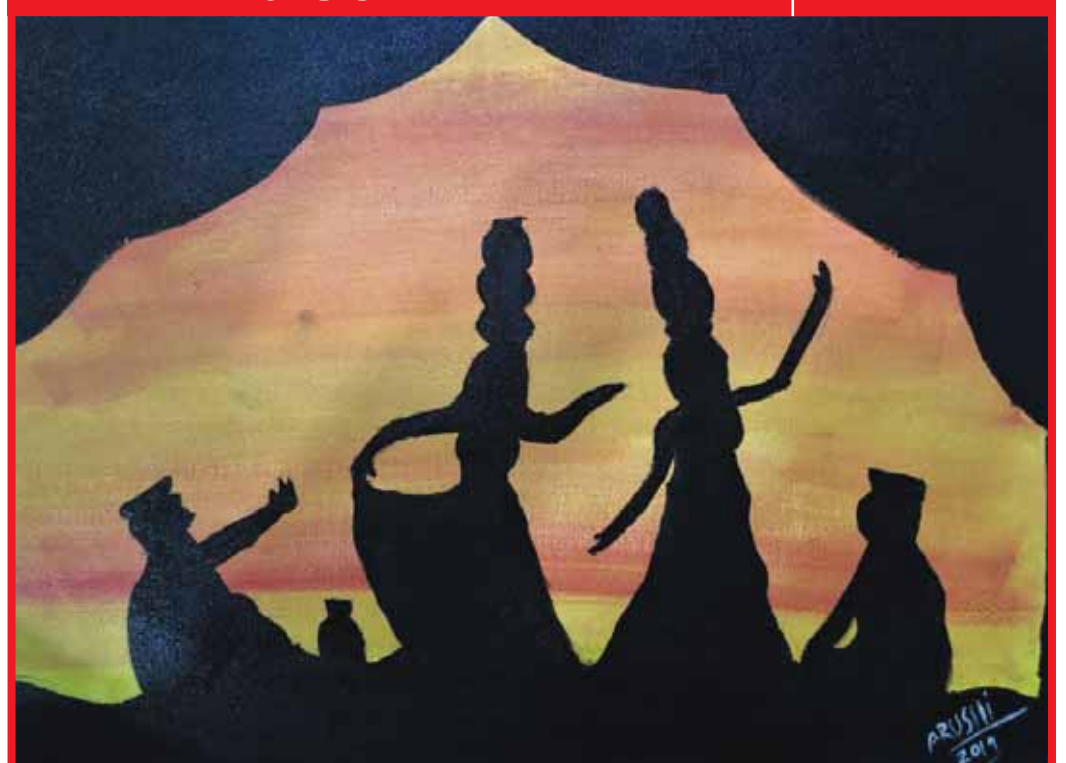
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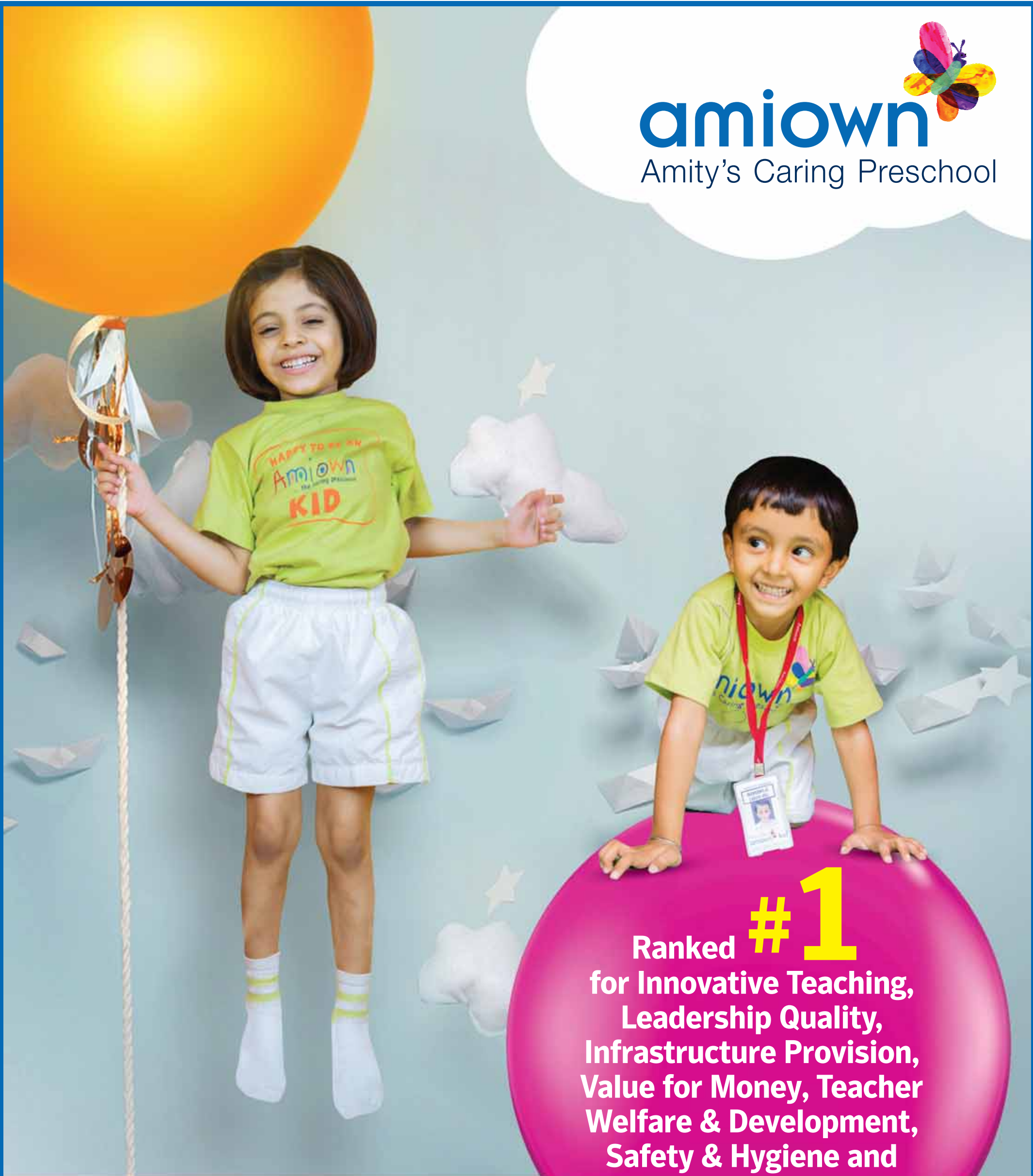
Role model: My father
I love: Grapes
I like: Swimming
I want to become: A pilot
I want to feature in GT because:
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Fatehpur Sikri sits on a 40m high rocky ridge which is in the shape of a rhombus.



School principal Divya Bhatia with the winners of the competition

Ecomite 2019

A Symposium To Hone Corporate Heads

AIS Saket

The second edition of 'Ecomite', the annual competition of economics and commerce, was held on August 8, 2019 for the students of Class IX-XI. Envisioned by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, the competition aims to develop financial and managerial capabilities of the students, thereby making them ready for the industry. The symposium saw students take part in three competitions with the first two (mentioned below) held in two categories comprising students from Class IX-X and Class XI in each. The competitions were as follows...

Economics symposium: The competition saw teams discuss various current issues like water crisis, trade wars, consolidation

of banks and issues ailing the aviation industry. Vasu Madan (X), Madhav Sharma (XI) and Ram Sehgal (X) won the first, second and third position respectively as speakers in Class IX-X category. In Class XI category Kushaarg Gulati won the first prize, Sonsie Khatri bagged second prize and Sagar Mowdgal secured third position.

Game plan: It comprised a startup competition and innovative ideas like V Mask-an app to help an individual complete all the formalities related to a new business and an app called Water Cycle for waste water management. The first position was bagged by the team comprising Aviral Bindal, Muskaan Batra, Sapriya Sharma and Aasmi Bhasin of Class XI. While the team comprising Kheeshika Dang, Sanskaar Sareen, Madhav Sharma, Ananya Choudhary and

Vibhu Khare of Class XI secured second position.

Poster making: Herein students made colourful posters based on topics related to commerce and economics. Anwesha Satpathy (IX) won the first prize, followed by Nandita Bansal (X) and Manya Bhatia (IX) at second and third position respectively in Class IX-X category. In Class XI category, Tanya Sachdev bagged the first prize. Ananya Bansal stood second followed by Ridhima Bansal for third position.

All the competitions were judged by eminent experts as Deepti Madhura, assistant professor, Amity Institute of Education; Shankar Bose, CEO, Aum Tech; Ila Bose, director technology, AumTech and Gopal Guglani, visual artist. The panelists also comprised school alumnus Himadri Seth, Pragyan Pandey and Sana Grover.

Celebrating Sanskrit

Amitians Express Love For The Language

AIS Mayur Vihar

Subhashika, the annual inter Amity Sanskrit skit competition was held in the school for the 13th consecutive year, on August 22, 2019. The theatre commenced with lamp lighting by Dr Parmesh Kumar Sharma and Dr Pravesh Vyas, assistant professors at Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth and Dr Satyendra Shukla from Norman Ice Educational Institute.

Two teams in junior (Class VI-VIII) and senior category (Class IX-XII) from each of the eight branches of Amity Group of Schools participated in the an-



Winners of Subhashika

nual competition. The junior group recited shlokas based on 'Shivstrotam' while the senior students performed episodes of Ramayana, showcasing the importance of human values. In junior category, AIS Vasund-

hara 1 stood first followed by AIS Vas 6 and AIS Mayur Vihar at second and third position respectively. AIS Gurguram 43 team received consolation prize. In senior category, AIS Vasundhara 1 bagged the first position followed by AIS Pushp Vihar team at second. AIS Saket and AIS Mayur Vihar shared the third position.

The overall rolling trophy was bagged by AIS Vasundhara 1. The event concluded with the felicitation of the winners and wisdom words from the judges who shared their experiences of Subhashika and the nuances of vernacular drama and theatre with the students.



School principal Anshu Arora with the winning team of AIS Saket

Tech symposium

Cyber Enthusiasts Showcase Their IT Skills

AIS Gurugram 43

Over 25 schools from Delhi and NCR participated in the 16th annual IT symposium CyberBuzz 2019-20. The event began with lamp lighting ceremony by school principal Anshu Arora and chief guest, Dr SN Sridhara, professor and director, Amity School of Engineering and Tech-

nology, Amity University, Manesar. The opening ceremony saw students presenting mesmerising dance performances. More than 300 students competed in 14 events like photography, video making, power point presentation, crossword, logic programming, quiz, group discussion, game development, web development, gaming, etc. The competition was adjudged

by a panel of judges from MAAC Animation, Rainbow Animation and professors. Students of Amity won various competitions and shone bright. The overall first runner-up position was bagged by AIS Pushp Vihar followed by AIS Noida taking away the overall second runner-up position respectively. DPS RK Puram won the overall rolling trophy.



Students present life and times of Lord Krishna

Janmashtami celebrations

Welcoming Krishna In Life

AIS VYC Lucknow

Soaked in the spirit of spirituality, the students celebrated Krishna Janmashtami as Narayan Samarpan on August 22, 2019. They presented the magnanimous mythological world of 'Dashavataar' (ten avatars) of Lord Vishnu. A short presentations of each and every avatar of the lord was shown leaving the

audience in awe of the Almighty. The main attraction of the celebrations was 'Dahi Handi' in which all the students zealously tried reaching out to dahi by climbing the human pyramids. Both teachers and students sang mellifluous devotional bhajans. Students also held discussions on different human values we all learn from the life of lord Krishna and how to put those values into practice.

Ambassadors of change

AMUN 2019 Opens Up A Spectrum Of Global Issues



General Assembly of AMUN in action

AIS Vasundhara 6

The school organised a class presentation for Class V students on the topic 'Country Spectrum' and also held an AMUN (Amity Model United Nations) session from August 16-17, 2019. The event was held to realise the vision of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of

Schools and RBEF to hone the young minds to resolve critical global issues and build exemplary leaders of tomorrow. The students spoke eloquently about various countries like China, Sri Lanka, Mauritius Maldives, etc. The participants presented their well researched facts about these places especially focusing on their physical features, culture and cuisines, diplomatic

relations, etc. Students also presented dance forms of different nations like the welcome dance of Sri Lanka, fan dance of China, horse riders dance from Mongolia, Sega folk dance of Mauritius and a folk dance from Afghanistan. Some fun-filled games and activities like jigsaw puzzles, photo booth, etc., were also held to engage the parents. The AMUN session comprised

General Assembly as the committee, that discussed issues related to women empowerment and child rights policies of different countries.

Certificates were awarded for Best Speakers, Best Interjectors and Best Costume at AMUN. The event not only honed the soft skills of the students but also made them aware of the global policies and paradigms.



School principal Sunila Athley with participants



Once upon a time...

The Story Of A Not So Ordinary Boy With An Extraordinary Zest For Golf

Lakshya Dube, GT Network

Once upon a time lived a young boy. His parents named him Hridaan. He went to Amity International School, Saket. At present, he is studying in Class III. Now back to the story, this little boy was born in a family that had seen three generations of doctors, but he was a little different; he had other aspirations. It all started when he was 4 years old. His grandfather would narrate him the tales of golf. By the time he was 5, he started liking skating, soc-

cer and even had love for mathematics. But golf was something that he loved. As soon as he was big enough to carry a golf stick, he was ready and inclined towards the game. People who had seen him play, said that golf came to him naturally. Unlike anyone else in his neighborhood, unlike anyone from his class, he picked a sport that was not much talked about and started showing his talent in it. And this was just the beginning.

“Who do you want to be like when you grow up?” someone asked Hridaan. “Like Tiger Woods,” he said. But he knew just wanting it or saying it was not enough. So, he practiced every day. Even when it meant managing school, exams, golf and everything at the same time, he did it and the results started to show. By the time he was 6 years old, he received many awards, including a gold trophy at Digvijay Junior Golf Challenge.

Every day at the golf course was a thing of beauty for this little boy. Sure it was hard sometimes. Sometimes, the coach asked him to push a little harder and better. He never broke down. Whenever it got too hard for him, he just chanted ‘Om’ in his mind and went on, something his grandfather had taught him. But he was still an innocent little boy, regardless of all his talents and achievements. When someone who couldn’t play golf once asked him, “Why do you like golf so much? What’s so interesting about it?” Laughing, he replied, “I just like playing it and also, it will make me tall.”

Today, he is 7 years old. He has won four gold trophies at USHA Junior Training Program, a first runner up trophy at Shiv Kapur Junior Golf Challenge Tournament and a silver trophy at Champions NCR Junior Golf Challenge, among other achievements. But he continues to be any other ordinary 7 year old

in all ways, except the fact that he has a goal. When most kids of his age spend their evenings playing games on phones, Hridaan goes to the golf course and works hard with his coach Romit Bose. He has achieved a lot at such young age and he wants to keep playing golf all his life. When GT interviewed Hridaan and asked him, ‘What is that one thing that he wants from his life right now?’ He said, “I just want people around me to support me like my parents and grandparents always do.”

Let’s wish Hridaan all the luck and support talents like him for it is because of them that we remember a name. It is because of his achievements today that we will always remember Hridaan Wahal.

Star kid: Hridaan Waahal
Hall of fame: Ace golfer
Find him @: AIS Saket
You should know him because, he has won:

- 4 gold trophies at USHA Junior training program
- First runners up trophy at Shiv Kapur Golf Challenge Tournament
- Gold trophy in U-6 at Digvijay Junior Golf Challenge



In the la la land



Our Favourite Theme Songs From Our Favourite Shows

Rimjhim Sayana, AIS Noida, XII D

We watch a lot of shows in our lifetime – some due to peer pressure and with some, we actually get lucky. A lot of times, we associate these shows with their theme songs which are equally great, or more in some cases, one of those cases where we don’t skip the intro and stand there in front of our screen ready to groove to that music and pretend to be a rockstar. This is a wild guess at what songs are always on the back of your mind.

The Big Bang Theory

A theme song that’s catchy and interesting? I’m going to embed it in my system only so that I can sound cool and intellectual at the same time. Something Dr Cooper would love. And then of course, there’s the most sci-

entific video to accompany the audio. Why would anyone want to skip the 30 seconds of their everyday life where their mom thinks that her child knows everything (maybe)?

The Powerpuff Girls

Who would’ve thought that three little kindergarteners would help save the city of Townsville from countless number of villains? Powerpuff girls have been reigning since day one, inspiring little girls with that action-packed theme song to fight their fears. If that isn’t the cutest metaphor of feminism, we don’t know what is.

F.R.I.E.N.D.S.

Friends and ‘I’ll be there for you’ go together like bread and jam. Are you even a fan if you don’t sing along (and clap) to the theme song every time it comes on? No matter how many

reruns Comedy Central offers, we will never get tired of watching the same episodes every other day and definitely never get bored of singing the same song every half an hour. Thank you, The Rembrandts. (Bet you didn’t know them either).

Doraemon

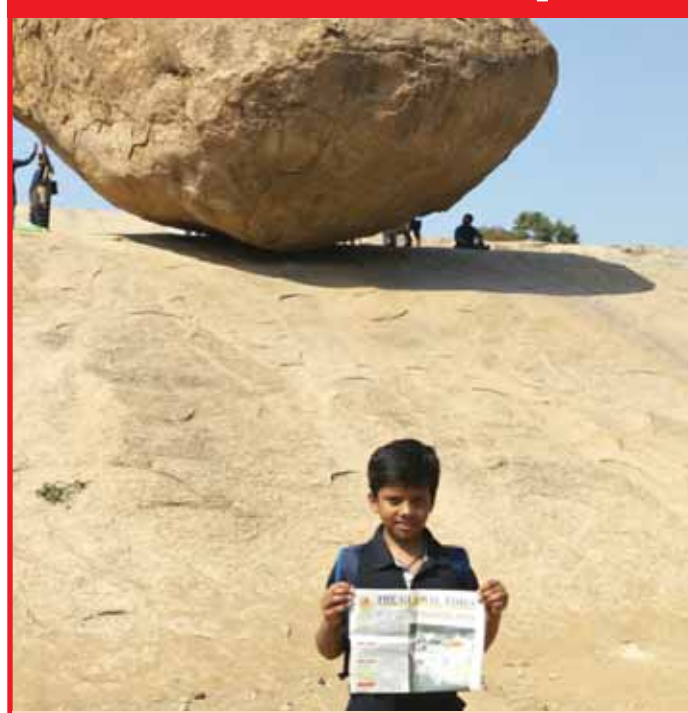
I know, I know. It’s so bad that it’s hilarious. You sit there waiting for it to be over when suddenly you hear the title song and start to sing along. You have absolutely no idea how you know the entire lyrics to a cartoon you don’t even watch. Don’t worry, it’s not your fault because “duniya hi badal dun mai to pyara sa chamatkar hun.” It’s indeed a plague that has hit every age group equally. For all you know, your mom is singing the exact same song while she’s packing your lunch every morning. [GIF](#)

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Akshat Shukla, AIS Vas 6, III, poses with his copy of The Global Times in front of Krishna’s Butterball or the Vaan Irai Kal at Hampi. This 250 tonne gigantic boulder magically rests on the edge of a hill inclined for the past 1200 years.

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