

If you move closer to the gate, the Taj keeps getting smaller, and bigger as you walk away. They say when you leave, you take the Taj with you in your heart.

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Waah Taj!

The food(ie) squad

This World Food Day, Let's Check Out Which Food Item Matches Your Personality!



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“My best friend is like a cup of coffee, sweet and warm.” “I’m just like maggi, only 2 minutes to get ready.” We’ve been listening to these and more such assertions where we cannot help but compare ourselves to the food items around us. On the occasion of World Food Day on October 16, let’s check out what will happen if our favourite food turn human!

Biryani The social butterfly

That popular charmer of a girl who everyone wants to invite to all of their social gatherings. Whether it’s a last-minute adventure or a sophisticated function, simply because she is the perfect dose of fun and everyone is happy in her company.

Hot chocolate The comfort bag

Failed an exam? Got into a fight

with your mother? Didn’t get the job you’ve had your eyes on? Well, no matter what the problem is, if you need a little cooing and cuddling, hot chocolate is your man. With free hugs and reassurance, hot chocolate is that go-to person whose door you can knock at any time of the day and you will never be disappointed.

Chai and Biscuit The ‘Jai and Veeru’

Practically living on the lines “yeh dosti hum nahi todenge”, Chai-Biscuit are those pair of best friends whose bond is unbreakable, and irrespective of the situation, they are always found together. They actually make you believe that they’ve been this way since they were in their mother’s wombs.

Samosa The couch potato

Samosa is that one character who lives to relax. From eating to sleeping, their life revolves around their couch and healthy living is a far-flung concept to them. They are typically referred to as ‘aalsee’, but their couch is their home and they don’t seem to care to fit into any place else.

Karela The ‘Sharma ji ka beta’

That stereo-typical all-rounder who somehow manages to successfully ruin every happy moment of your life. A perfect portrayal of a prodigy, loved by all parents and dreaded by the kids - Karela Sharma is always ready with his extraordinary accomplishments giving your parents the ground to compare and remind why you need to become more like him.

Oreo Shake The absolute sweetheart

This guy just can’t be rude to anyone. He is the one who is always kind because he just doesn’t have what it takes to be mean to others. An acquaintance with him fulfills your daily sugar requirement. It’ll be a cool indulgence being around him, yet you will never be bored and keep going back for more!

Given the traits, the time isn’t far away when we will start imagining our food walking around and hanging with us. After all, when no one understands you, let your food come to the rescue! After all, food is fuel! 🍔🥤

Nineties nostalgia

90’s are considered as the ‘golden era’ for kids, where fun and frolic did not mean playing on the phone but something to relish

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What was the best decade to grow up, one may ask. The answer remains same for every person belonging to any decade - “The years I grew up in.” Such is the beauty of childhood that one simply can’t get over it. Unwinding the 90’s nostalgia that gives us the best high.

■ “Neeche ground mein aaja bat ke saath,” a common statement every evening. One could kill to bat first, and every ball that stumped would either be a trial ball, a no ball or a wide ball. And if you sensed an unjust decision, you left the ground. Problem solved!

■ Power Rangers, Pokemon, Power-

puff Girls, Tom & Jerry, WWE, Dexter’s Laboratory, Shaktimaan and Son Pari kept us glued to TV screens. Our lives seemed more meaningful when we wore the ‘Shaktimaan’ costume to look like our superhero or were gifted a new set of Beyblades.

■ Birthdays were all about wearing the best outfit, buying the yummiest candies and distributing them to classmates and teachers. Two candies for each classmate, one extra for best friends, chocolates for the teachers - our first learning in setting priorities.

■ Remember the cool feeling you had when you ate those Poppins candies and cups of jelly? Tattoos were the reasons we bought chewing gums, those stick-on tattoos were oh-so-cool.

■ Our personal collections of

‘Tinkle’, ‘Amar Chitra Katha’ and ‘Chacha Chaudhary’ was something we wouldn’t trade for anything (unless it were, well, a new set of beyblades).

■ Everyone had a slam book. The prettier, the better. And the last day of the session would witness more slam-books than textbooks. You knew you were best friends with someone when you read their entry in a third person’s slambook. Reading the good things about oneself felt so self righteous and special.

■ “Mere saath Khadi-Baithi lagayega?” we would say. ‘Aao Milo Shilo Shaalo’, ‘Mama went to China’, ‘Poshampa Bhai Poshampa’, ‘Banana Kick’, and ‘Ghar Ghar’ were the best games ever. You could play them anywhere, sometimes during the Math class...oops!

■ As kids, the worst punishment to be received was sitting with a student of the opposite gender, Ewww. The moment you both sat together, an LOC was marked on the desk, and crossing that was totally unacceptable. 🙄

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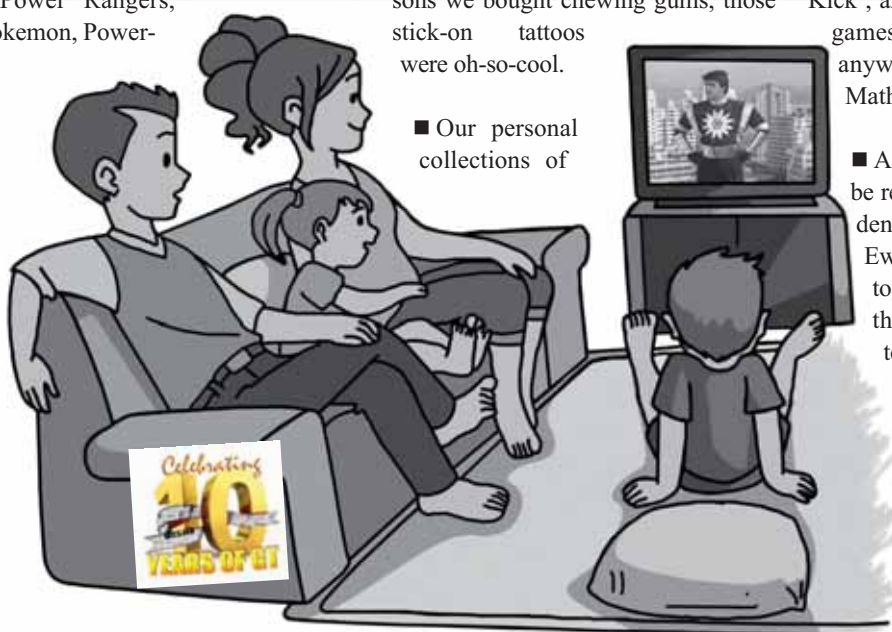
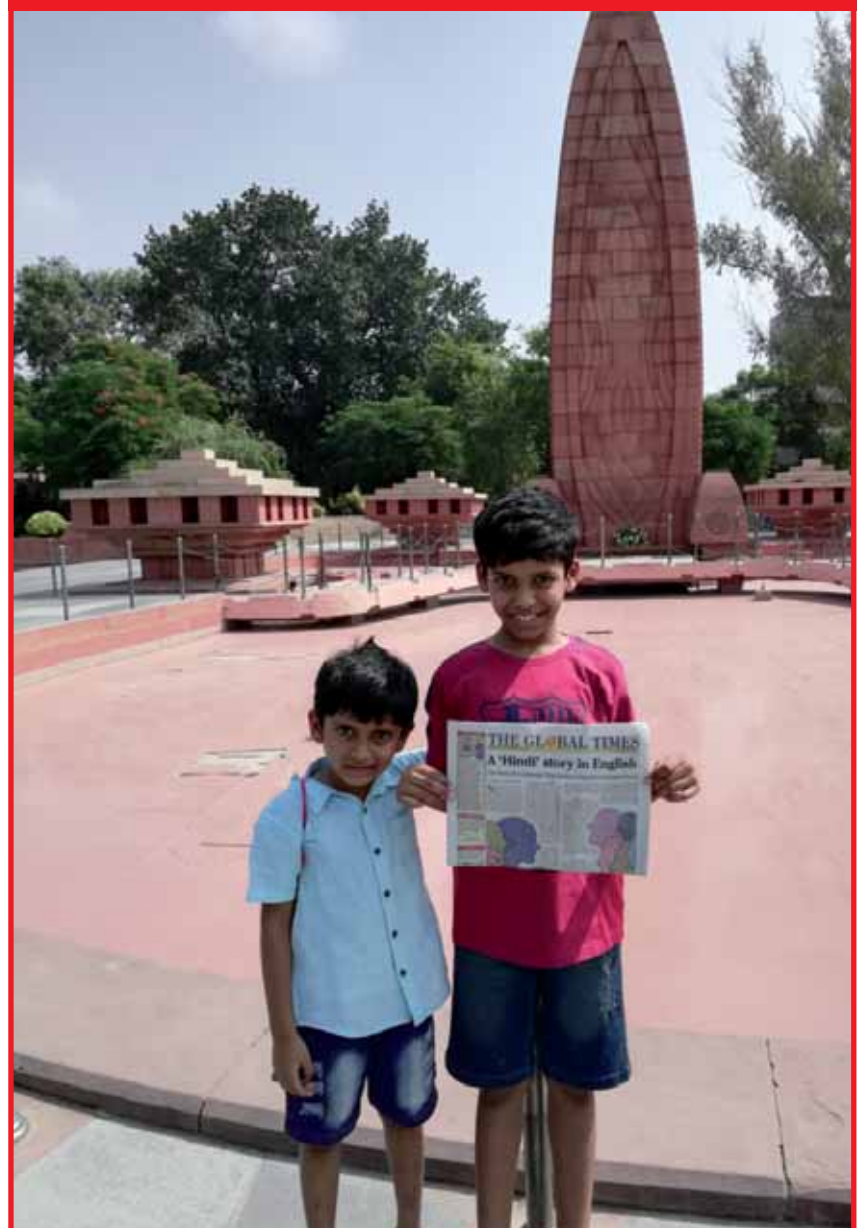


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