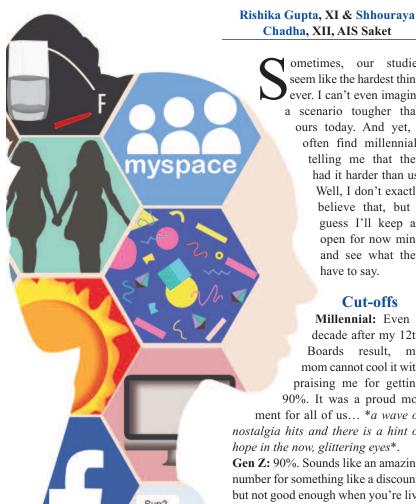


# Millennials vs gen Z: boards edition

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



Going shopping

ometimes, 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

**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\*.

have to say.

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

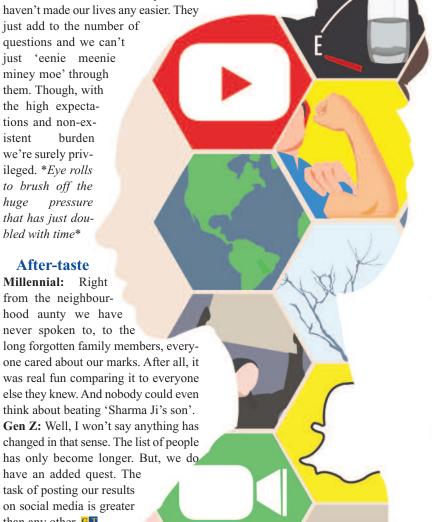
big sigh of relief in an attempt to forget the decade-old pressure\* Gen Z: The one marker questions

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-exburden 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. GI





## Instilling a vision

## Of ATOMIC Magnitude For Future Growth

#### **AUUP**

ith 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,

lowed by launch of new initiatives to strengthen Global Study Programs in association with Global Consortium of Univer-

sity Partners. During the virtual session, Founder President introduced ATOMIC Vision- a notion for all Amitians to inculcate in these

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 of belongingness.

## **Nord if you understand!**

## A Peep Into The Nordic Education System

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cross 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." GI

