

Picarones (Peru): Doughnut made from sweet potato and squash, drenched with spiced syrup.



Global desserts

A for Ambition



Dr. Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

As I share the fourth tenet of BHAAAG, ie, 'A' which stands for 'Ambition', I am reminded of how great dreams have shaped the world we presently inhabit. It was a dream to fly like a bird which led to the making of the first airplane. It was a dream to reach out to our loved ones fast and free of cost which created 'WhatsApp', the literal lifeline today. It was a dream to give the world class quality modern education blended with tradition, which created the entire Amity Universe.

All great achievements started as a dream, and these achievements become a reality, only because of ambition. Your dream is the vision, and your ambition is the virtue which steers that vision in the right direction, helping you to focus on the right things and do the right actions at the right time. Your dreams tell you where to go, but it is your ambition that actually creates the path for you to tread upon and reach there. Once you are ambitious, you are ready to take on the world and make it the way you want it to be, because ambition at times can beat genius 99 per cent of the times.

Remember, ambition is never big or small. One small ambition, driven by hard work and attitude to win, can change the world. The success story of 'Lijjat Papad' is one such big example. Ambition is the hub of the wheel of dreams which script your journey of success, so, it is imperative to have a dream and be ambitious.

So, my dear Amityans, always remember that a man without ambition is like a bird flying without any direction. Therefore, as you grow up and prepare to face the world that stands in front of you, have a dream and ambition. This is what will give you the strength to believe in yourself and help you achieve your goals. [GT](#)

Wintry echoes



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

It does not seem to end. Yes, the winters—the long winters. It's February, and I am still enjoying the wintry chill packed in my woollens, soaking in the heat of the elections, trying to decode the budget matrix. As a child, I remember vacationing in hill stations, chasing clouds, creating steam with my mouth and letting loose the Picasso on every misty or foggy glass pane.

This winter, all this was actually available at our door step. We felt the winters, not on hill stations but at home.

Sounds like a perfect day, but is it really? As I enjoy the extended chill in the weather, another thought sends a chill down my spine. I sip another cup of coffee, watching the steam rising from the hot cup and ponder—what is steaming beneath this cold, long, wintry chill? No matter how much we like winters and secretly wish to delay the scorching heat of summers, we cannot ignore the sound of the alarming bugles it brings with it each day.

As I look across the glass window pane, the life all foggy and still, I can feel the broken rhythm of nature, unlike what we experienced in childhood. My heart can hear the silent tiptoe of the fury our nature might be just readying to unleash itself upon us sometime soon. With the talks of climate change and global warming, my mind shudders at the thought that the apocalypse might have already arrived.

As I finish the last sip of coffee, the steam warms me up, and my soul still warms up to the thought that perhaps these long winters are nothing but the echo of a rhythm disturbed, the sound of nature's fury. We have done enough damage and now it's time to set right what we did wrong. [GT](#)

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Of journalism and more

Prof Kate Williams On Avenues Of Life & Tenets Of Journalism

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From death of Princess Diana in 1997 to London bombings of 2005, Prof Kate Williams has seen it all, covered it all. Having worked for BBC for 22 long years, she understands journalism like the back of her hand. At present, she is the deputy dean of Faculty of Arts, Science and Technology at University of Northampton, UK. GT reporter caught up with her at the recently concluded International Conference on Emerging Media Paradigms 2020 at Amity University, Noida. We bring you few excerpts.

On working with BBC... Having worked with BBC for 22 years, I am aware of what journalists need to know. But the cycle would only be complete when journalists know what I know. Anyone who steps into the field must have a fair idea of how things work here. This is why I started the in-house journalism training scheme for BBC, which every new trainee must now undertake. The training basically aims at passing on maximum relevant knowledge, which makes it easier for young journo to do their job once they are out in the field.

On challenging assignments... I remember covering the news of Princess Diana's

death. The fervour around the news was crazy. It was such a major international news story that everybody around the world knew about it. To be able to report it and see the coffin go past was indeed an intense moment. I watched it close and saw the emotions of everyone around. It was a very powerful moment and I feel privileged to have reported on it for BBC.

On social media... Social media has changed the way news is reported. Today, news reaches the common man before you can blink an eye. Social media is important even for the journalists, for it helps them in finding new stories, do research and reach avenues that are otherwise ignored or unreachable. Other than that, social media has also given journalists a platform to share their story with people. So, social media is definitely an aid to journalism, and not a threat, quite contrary to what many people believe.

On journalism must-haves... Journalists definitely need to be inquisitive. They must have the confidence to approach people and talk to them. The Indian education system is really good at teaching students how to write and how to tell stories, a key trait in the profession that we have come to know as journalism. [GT](#)



Kate Williams with GT reporter

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A welcome maturity

The judgment of the apex court in this century-old tussle of faith and justice was perhaps the last innings. The dispute first reached court in 1858, and went through a series of trials and tribulations. Prime amongst them was the 2010 verdict by Allahabad High Court that offered a tripartite decision. Now, what could have been fairer than offering an equal slice to each of the contending parties. The verdict, instead of being embraced, was contended by all. Another nine years later, one expected similar turn of events. But in stark contrast to the past, the populace placed their faith in the hands of the highest judicial institution. Even before the verdict, one unanimous sound could be heard "we will welcome the decision, no matter what the outcome." Status quo prevailed in the aftermath. AIMPLB said, "Not satisfied, but will respect the court." Of course, AIMPLB is contemplating a review, but that is a right that remains within their legal ambit and cannot be denied. A sensible, neutral, and unified acceptance of the court's wisdom and decision is showcase enough of a maturity that has often been absent from the Indian polity.

(A)political leaning

From fuelling communalism to appealing for peace, politics and, more importantly, politicians in India have indeed come a long way. And nothing says that more loudly than the Ayodhya verdict. Back in 1984, when the Ayodhya conflict was in

full swing, the many politicians were seen heading the campaign that aimed to liberate the birth place of Lord Rama. Twenty years later, echoes of aligning with a certain side was evident, when the then PM announced that he will definitely build a temple at the disputed site. Cut to 2019, when all political sundry refrained to comment on the matter, let alone aligning with either side. PM Modi's tweet that this should not be a "win or loss for anybody" only resonated fair play. Union defence minister Rajnath Singh, too, ahead of the verdict, slammed leaders indulging in communal and appeasement politics, asking them to do away with commenting on the matter. Communal politics seems to be a thing of the past. A recent coverage of Ayodhya verdict by BBC bears testimony—"It is now not as easy to mobilise people in the name of religion...extremists have failed to garner supporters."

A hopeful future

Karl Marx was perhaps mistaken when he reduced religion to 'opium of people'. Or maybe he didn't understand it fully well, when placed in context to India. The Ayodhya battle

has often been criticised for using religion as a ground for divide. However, the future may prove otherwise. Economists and market analysts are optimistic that the elimination of a major uncertainty in the country's socio-political landscape would boost global investor confidence towards the Indian economy. Nearly 1 lakh daily pilgrims from across India and abroad are expected to visit the temple and mosque in Ayodhya, bringing in revenue greater than Vaishno Devi and Tirupati. In fact, it is predicted that the temple and mosque together will draw as many as 50 lakh visitors to the state, serving as a much needed antidote to the economic slowdown. This will mean a huge revenue boost to the otherwise poor state of Uttar Pradesh.

There is neither a victor nor a vanquished, in what is essentially a contestation of faith. The Ayodhya verdict is a mere closure as well as a new beginning that could lead to a magnificent temple and a peaceful mosque co-existing in this sacred land, signifying the true values of equality and justice upon which the Indian constitution and nation have been built. [GT](#)

Dear Editor,

This is in reference to the story 'The 'C' signal' on page 7 of The Global Times edition dated February 3, 2020. When I first heard that my story was going to be published in The Global Times, I was thrilled. As a writer who loves her work, I felt immense joy at finding my work being published in the newspaper. It brought me a great sense of satisfaction to know that my writings are good enough to be published in my school newspaper. The Global Times gave me the courage and inspiration to write more and helped me rediscover my passion for writing. I hope that the readers who read my work will find it as inspiring as it was for me.

Yashaswini Sharma
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Dear Editor,

This is in reference to the story 'The memory master' on page 12 of The Global Times edition dated February 3, 2020. I was elated to see that my son Varnit Chandra's achievement has been covered by The Global Times and it was an even more exciting moment for Varnit. We appreciate this newspaper's efforts in acknowledging and writing about students' achievements in different fields. It is such a great platform to showcase talents and stories of the Amityans. We are thankful to the team of The Global Times for their efforts in bringing to us a new and interesting copy of the newspaper every week. [GT](#)

Neha Chandra
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