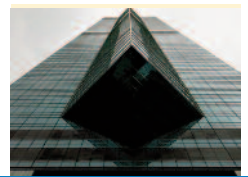


With a whopping 7.6 million HKD paid, a parking spot in Hong Kong's The Center skyscraper is the highest-priced parking space in the world.



## The best education is to care for all



Dr. Amita Chauhan  
Chairperson

While we are experiencing the pitter-patter of monsoons, bringing relief to the relentless heat in Northern India, what brings true comfort to my heart is that it's raining awards at Amity as well. Just as we acclimatise ourselves to the changing weather, and

sometimes even look forward to it, our children at Amity have also shown that they can adapt to any change life throws at them, no matter how difficult it may feel in the beginning.

When education went online last year, it was a test of how our children would perceive their new role and responsibility in this changing scenario. I am delighted to share that Amity students have proven again and again that nothing can stop them from achieving both academic and artistic excellence. One such student is Prisha Verma, of Class IX from AIS Noida, who has won the Lenovo SmarterEd scholarship organised by The Hindustan Times. She is amongst the top 100 children at the national level to have won the award. What makes this honour special is that she has won it for her ideas on making online classes available for under-privileged children. What makes me even more proud is that this award reflects Prisha's compassionate side of wanting to make education available for all. A young person, who wishes to share the gift of learning and cares enough to try and make it accessible to all, is a ray of hope for the society, the nation and the world. At Amity, we constantly strive to nurture our children as socially-aware, compassionate global citizens who understand the importance of inclusive growth. I am glad Amityans have imbibed this thought in their being. Such an achievement tells us that we are on the right path. 🇮🇳

## Wonderful wordsmiths



Vira Sharma  
Managing Editor

This edition is truly special as it carries impressions scripted in ink by the young authors of Amity who have a flair and passion for writing. They are now being regularly featured in GT's new series titled 'GT Author's Desk'. Their contribution is

even more valuable because their creativity took wings when the rest of the world was bracing under the impact of multiple lockdowns. These wordsmiths have impressed us with their deep and insightful thoughts which are reflected in each and every word of their authorship. Moreover, the writing itself is diverse and imaginative, ranging from being hilariously comical to evocatively poetic. For those who thought that the pandemic has pushed learning back by two years, these books are an appropriate response which proves that intuitive learning never ends.

Also, writing a book takes more than just good writing skills and a command over vocabulary. It requires one to be artistic and original at the same time. It pushes one to observe the world more intimately, ask questions and seek answers. In fact, writing is a life-long pursuit that enriches not just the mind but also the intellect of an individual. Writing also needs discipline and dedication. Hence, this achievement of having published material at such a young age speaks volumes about their hard work and perseverance. No wonder then, these talented children are already an inspiration for other aspiring writers. I am convinced that these books are just the first steps our gifted authors have taken in the world of literature. There is so much more to come from their bouquet of creativity! 🇮🇳

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# A SMART move

## If Technology Is The Way Forward, Then Use It The Right Way

Drhruv Jain & Aman Thukral  
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They say, 'where there is a will, there is always a way.' But if you are 'smart' enough, the way itself finds its way to you. This is what the founder and CEO of Ajeevi Technologies Pvt Ltd, Vishal Gupta, believes. His imagination of a 'smart' city has led to many initiatives that have helped India reach its stage as a developed nation. And this very imagination inspired the young GT reporters to indulge in a 'smart' conversation with this maverick at Confluence 2019 held at AUUP.

### S - Simple yet effective solutions

The concept of smart city might sound a complex term to understand. However, it is all about making our lives hassle-free using simple ways. The word 'Ajeevi' translates as 'long life' and this is what our organisation endeavours to do. We try our best to build smart cities that are also sustainable. A smart city is that which makes the life of its citizens easier and we, at Ajeevi, are striving to achieve it one 'click' at a time.

### M - Maintaining the balance

There are several factors and necessities which come into play when we talk about living in the urban city. For instance, when you wake up in the morning, the first thing that you need is water. We just make sure that the water is available and we use technology and innovation to do that. Even if it is available, it should be pure and consumable, and we consider ourselves responsible to take care of that. Therefore, at Ajeevi, we deliberate on the basic needs that are necessary to run daily routines and work on improving the quality and availability of each of them.

### A - Adoption of technology

Although we have come a long way in terms of tech-



Vishal Gupta, CEO, Ajeevi Technologies Pvt Ltd, interacts with GT reporters

nology, people are still sceptical about relying on it. And this is a major obstacle that comes in our path of building a smart city. Many people have the impression that technology is not the road to development but destruction. Only if they realise that it helps curb a lot of problems, including water scarcity and waste management, which are some of the major problems today. Ajeevi helps tackle these issues with a smart approach, i.e., with IoT, mobile and web applications. It is with the adequate contribution of manual efforts and technology that we can come up with apt formulas.

### R - Revolutionary ideas

With our services like e-governance, bus and ambulance tracking, water and waste management, etc., we also try to promote the mission of 'Go Green Planet'. These services aim to conserve the natural resources for the coming generations. Simultane-

ously, I think automation is the key to the future. If we take the simple matter of ensuring the availability of parts of your vehicle, human error at the store is highly plausible. If we automate the store, which in turn allows us to know the status of availability among many other things, the efficiency increases manifold.

### T - Taking the onus

Everyone is concerned about the current environmental conditions, and conveniently pin the blame on the government. However, we do not realise that we are the foundation of that very government. If every person takes care of small things like switching off electrical equipment, closing the taps when not required, then half of our problems will be solved. Every single drop counts. The analogy here is that every citizen is the single drop, and each effort counts. So, do your bit to build a smart world. 🇮🇳

## A brave new world To Care Or Not To Care, That Is The Question

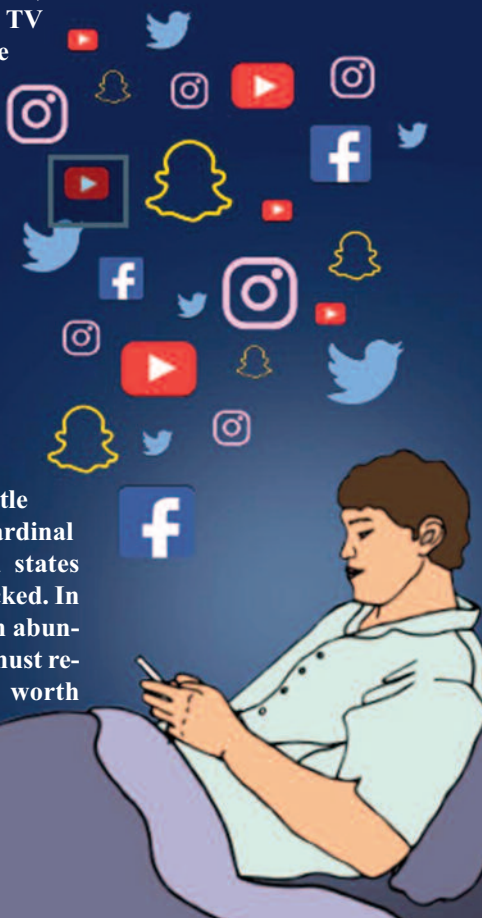
Sanah Munjal  
AIS Gur 46, Alumna

### Thoughtful Opinion

We live in a new world, a world where social media reigns supreme and we find ourselves chasing dreams and aspirations the world of the internet taught us to follow, even if they weren't our first preference. If a lifestyle blogger has it, then we must have it too, even if we weren't interested in it before. If a celebrity says we must live a certain way, then we must, without a question! We live our lives in the perpetual effort to fit into someone's else idea of perfect, and when we care too much about this 'perfect', it ends up taking a toll on us. A brave new world indeed! But what stands to be the alternative? Not caring is not the key to success either. If you don't care, then it reflects poorly of

your commitments. If you do not care about what happens in the society, then how will you make it better? How will the new wave of change come? How will the world go on? Not caring may seem like a hip and cool idea, especially portrayed on TV screens and our mobile phones, but in reality, not caring will never be an answer. It just leads to a point where instead of being productive, we end up being a complete nuisance. What must be done to truly create a brave new world is to find the true balance between the defiant act of not caring and the subtle art of caring. The real cardinal rule for the new world states that struggles must be picked. In an environment where an abundance of issues exist, we must realise which fights are worth

fighting, which issues are worth following, and which trends we should definitely do away with. So, let's find the perfect amalgamation of caring and not caring to create a brave new world, shall we?



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It's tough at the TOP  
Which People's Expectations From You Are Too High

Rake in that review

Animation, the art of illusion  
Issue: Page 3, July 12, 2021

Dear Editor,

This is in reference to the article 'It's tough at the TOP' on page 3 of the GT edition dated July 12, 2021. The article sheds an entirely new light on the lives of students, and how even the sharpest of them can sometimes succumb to peer pressure. Through it, the readers not only gain an insight on the thoughts and feelings of a student, but also the unrealistic expectations our society has established for them. Just like the surface of a rock is not entirely smooth and has jagged edges, even the most 'perfect' people have their imperfections. I would like to thank GT for helping us realise that our identity is so much more than what our class rank or percentage is. It's our passion, our hard work, and most importantly, our happiness that makes us who we are!

Endri Agrawal, AIS Saket, X C