



MORE THAN LOL

Jokes or roasts, they can make you laugh — a giggle, a chuckle or just a smile. Tickling your funny bone, stand-up comedians are on a rise!



...And like that, we learnt to laugh some more.

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In a world where bubble paper is scant, and fidget spinners are overused, stand up comedy has emerged as a path to salvation. But stand-up comedy wasn't always this popular. In fact, it was barely recognised as an art form a few years ago. But when the winds of change finally blew it changed their fates. Now, from the polite smattering of applause to sold out shows and from the grainy WhatsApp videos to Amazon Prime specials, stand up comedy is ruling the roast.

Same Bro, Same

One of the biggest reasons why we have fallen head over heels with this form of art is because we have an inherent urge for twinning. The 'oh-so-relatable' factor of stand up comedy is what draws us endlessly to it. Because, you see, something that we relate to, and understand instantly becomes ten times funnier than something that is obnoxiously impractical.

"Jab se Facebook aaya hai, life enjoy karne ka pressure badh gaya."

Amit Tandon

Goodbye Hannah Montana

The fact that these comedians have chosen to take up stand-up comedy professionally as their ONLY job, has meant the establishment of stand-up comedy as a legitimate full-time job. Much like the evolution of YouTube, stand-up comedy is now a very plausible career option. All this has served to create better content for the audiences and has also given birth to many new comedians.

"Didi ji kaash mei octopus hoti, 8 chapaat maarti aapko."

Mallika Dua

De Dhana Dhan

Stand-up comedy is actually proving to be a very lucrative business venture. The following of Indian comedians is huge. Kenny Sebastian has over a million followers on Twitter, and AIB has more than 2 million subscribers, earning them 3.5 to 4 lakh INR minimum per video!

"My family did something that no middle-class family does in expensive restaurants. We ordered dessert."

Kenny Sebastian

Pyaar ki Bhaasha

Be it Biswa's adorable Oriya references or Zakir's very Delhi jokes — stand-up comedy has adopted all that

came its way. Like most art, its unprejudiced acceptance of all culture has also led to its growth. Another aspect of this is the rise of regional comedians. We have comedians like Aravind SA who caters to the funny-bones of Tamilians.

"We have 140 crore people who have the same idea of scenic beauty. It's always two mountains, one sun. A river on the side, next to a house with one door, two windows."

Biswa Kalyan Rath

A Spoonful of Sugar

Stand-up comedy is more than just laughter. Be it Aditi Mittal's open mic on breast cancer awareness or Daniel Fernandes' take on marital rape, comedians find themselves using humour to talk about social issues, making people aware of the bitter misgivings of our society with a spoonful of sugar laughter.

"Humour is one of the best ways to lower somebody's defences. Because once you've got them laughing at you, they are way more willing to hear your point."

Rohan Joshi

In this era of change, where karaoke nights have switched to open mics, we believe that this laughter is the magic medicine we all need!

8 Reasons Why You WILL Succeed

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After countless BuzzFeed articles on Top 10 Deepika Padukone Moments, Top 10 Spongebob Memes and 10 Reasons Why You Should Watch 13 Reasons Why. We, at GT, present to you the 'Top 8 Reasons Why You Are An Awesome Cookie Who Is Going to Break All Records of Life'!

- Because you have an arsenal at your disposal; and that is your family.
- Because Google.
- Because minions are cute and cute things make the world a lot better. And if they can be positive even when they're kidnapped by evil scientists, so can you.
- Because you have the world at your fingertips and all that's left for you to do is to put those fingers to work.
- Because if Taher Shah can achieve success, so can you.
- Because years of fighting off your mum's flying chappals have trained you in the art of kung-fu.
- Because, on that note, momos are beautiful explosions of awesomeness for a mere Rs 50.
- Because you are a human. Congratulations on your first step towards success.



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Hum Aapke Hai Kaun?

Gen Z – the loneliest generation. Gen Z– the generation that brought the lonely Pluto back. Perhaps, it doesn't take a lot to 'click' with them

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Dearest Adults,
Welcome to our humble abode. We, the loneliest generation, want you to feel at home. Your age doesn't bother us—we accept all that comes our way (except for androids, country music and anything less than an iPhone). Love is our motto and we are not afraid to love (on most days). We know you think there isn't enough love to go around but you see, we learnt a few things in our time here and the heart has been our understudy for a long time. We have come to understand that there is no limit to love (also read: Netflix).

"Ohqna means family, and family means nobody gets left behind."

We are the generation that questioned the dismissal of Pluto as a planet because we thought it was 'unfair' to leave it behind. We are the generation that



has friends all across the globe. We do not restrict ourselves to our immediate surroundings; our world is infinite, stretching all the way to Pluto. The famous 'infinity' tattoo is our version of a pair of blue jeans in a revolution of our creation. Friendship, in our idealistic little world, is forever, and we no longer use the

term 'long lost friends'. The power of the click is an unbreakable bond and we master this art; one click and you're in it forever. (Exception: blocking (noun) formal way of informing someone that you no longer want to be acquainted.)

"Good friends are like stars; you don't always see

them, but you know they're always there."

The brain and the mind are concepts that have been studied extensively. The brain has physical form and structure; the mind, however, has been an abstract concept. (Bear with the science jargon; I swear I've got a point to make.) Something that can't be seen, nor

touched, but is definitely there. Do you question its existence? Our virtual family, on the other hand, comprises of real people (we hope): we can hashtag and selfie our way through friendships, accumulating precious moments (no, not momos, you guys) that we can hold onto forever. We are a courageous generation (it's true! Some days we wear colours other than black, okay?). We rechristened the word 'family'. Family is everyone you feel at home with and our family is in every corner of the world— although against the beliefs of the ancient Christian church, our world has no end (since it's round, get it?). We have a home everywhere.

Dearest Adults,
Let's start over, and leave the judgement and stereotypes behind. How would you like to be friends? (Oh and on Wednesdays, we wear pink. I hope that you really don't mind.)