

In Quotes

"Right to privacy of any individual is essentially a natural right, which inheres in every human being by birth. It is inseparable and inalienable from humans."

Justice Abhay Manohar Sapre
Supreme Court of India

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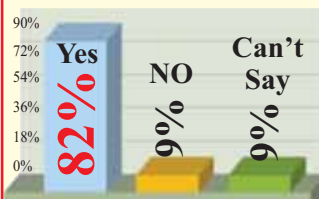
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Wizard of the Stick

As India gears up to celebrate the National Sports Day which also marks the birthday of iconic hockey player, Dhyan Chand, we take a look at his illuminating career that is dotted with anecdotes

Prachi Chhabra
AIS Vas 6, XI A

The nation already knows that Major Dhyan Chand's birthday is celebrated as National Sports Day (August 29) in India. The nation also knows that major sport awards like Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna, Arjuna Dronacharya awards are presented on this occasion to sportsmen who have shown tremendous commitment towards sports. But, what the nation doesn't know is the many stories and legends associated with this man. Cricket legend Sir Don Bradman once said, "He scores goals like runs in cricket," reiterating what was an unfolding truth. Unraveling many such unfamiliar stories is what will follow next.

Did you know the story behind 'Chand'?

Chand joined the Indian Army (British) at the young age of 16 and took up hockey while he was still enrolled. He used to practice a lot during late night hours under the moonlight, since there were no floodlights then. This earned him the nickname 'Chand' by his fellow players as his practice sessions at night invariably coincided with the coming out of the moon.

Did you know about Hitler's proposal?

During the final match between Germany and India in 1936 Berlin Olympics, Adolf Hitler

left the stadium halfway through the match, as he couldn't see his team lose. Later, when Hitler came to know about Dhyan Chand's performance, he expressed his desire to meet him. It is believed when the two met, Hitler offered him German citizenship and the rank of colonel in his army, which Chand declined.

Did you know about the magnet controversy?

His outstanding performances around the globe brought great accolades for the nation, but many nations were terrified of his unmatched performance. Such was the fear of Dhyan Chand's marvelous game that it forced the officials in Netherlands to break his hockey stick to check if



Illustration: Gaurvi Rustagi, AIS Vas 6, XII B

there was a magnet inside.

Did you know about his precision?

Once, while playing a tournament, Dhyan Chand was not able to score any goal. He then argued with the match referee about the measurement of the goal post. To everybody's amazement, he was right; the goal post was found to be in contravention of the official minimum width prescribed under international rules!

Did you know about the many legends?

It is believed that to honour Dhyan Chand, the residents of Vienna, Austria had set up a statue with four hands and four hockey sticks, depicting his mastery in the game. However, there is no record of the existence of any statue. Also, the stories about him scoring six goals in 1936 Berlin Olympics is also untrue as he himself has mentioned in his autobiography that "India's goal-getters were Roop Singh, Tapell and Jaffar with one each, Dara two and myself three."

Did you know about his death in penury?

After Dhyan Chand retired, he coached for a while, and then settled in Jhansi. However, the last days of his life were not very memorable, as he was penniless and was ignored by the nation. He once went to a tournament in Ahmedabad and they turned him away, not knowing who he was.

THINGS TO KNOW

- Also known as 'The Wizard', he scored more than 400 goals in his international career
- He played his final international match in the year 1948
- He retired as Major in 1951 and the same year was awarded the Padma Bhushan
- He helped India win three Olympic gold medals (1928, 1932 and 1936)
- National stadium for Hockey in Delhi is named after him and known as Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium.
- 'Goal' is the autobiography of Dhyan Chand, published in the year of 1952
- In 1936, he lost a tooth when he collided with German goal keeper Tito Wamholtz
- Scored 1000 goals from 1962-1948
- His statues adorn the National Sports Stadium in Delhi and on Sipri Hill in Jhansi.

In 1979, weakened from liver cancer, Dhyan Chand was taken to AIIMS. At the time he was receiving a pension of Rs 200. Since no one recognised him, the hospital placed him in the general ward. Many say, that later a journalist's article eventually got him moved to a special ward. However, Dhyan Chand died 12 days later on December 3. Two months before, he had expressed his disappointment at being neglected. "When I die, the world will cry, but India's people will not shed a tear for me, I know them," he had said.

It's sad that the man who brought laurels to the country was forgotten by his own countrymen. Here's remembering the icon who will now be a living memory.🇮🇳

Taking care of soldiers

One of the prominent luminaries of science in India, Dr Bhuvnesh Kumar, Director, DIPAS* talks about dietary patterns of soldiers at higher climes and why challenges are important. He spoke with Aditi Arya, AIS Saket, XI B (Synchro) during the recent award ceremony of GTSE 2016 at Amity University, Noida.

What kind of obstacles do soldiers face in extreme weather conditions?

Whenever soldiers are deployed at high-mountain regions or in desert or under deep water, they undergo enormous stress which takes a massive toll on their body. The stress breaks down the metabolism of soldiers, which in turn, affects their perform-

ance. They witness a major dip in energy levels, lethargy and irregular sleep patterns. Overall, any kind of major change to the body plays havoc with its basic functioning and the body clock.

What measures are taken for their well-being?

This is where our departments steps in. We are given the duty to ensure that they live a healthy life while they are on the job, taking care of our country. I see this as a

huge responsibility because when a person is healthy and active, they can overcome any kind of retaliation. We majorly focus on health. And, when we talk about health, we talk in terms of nutrition. So, we plan their diet on the basis of this and include food items that have high nutritional value, but are less in fat. For instance, soldiers at higher altitude need to have more energy but less fat so that they don't have high BP, which can cause major health issue at high altitudes.

Is accessibility easy in these remote regions?

This is a major challenge that we still face at higher altitude or remote regions, especially in the North Eastern states that lack basic facilities. Here, roads are in poor condition and means of transportation are limited. So, we have to ensure that we stock up ample food and medical care amenities, not only for our soldiers but also for the civilians because they live in



Dr Bhuvnesh Kumar with GT Reporter

villages near borders and don't have access to basic facilities. We aim to create a feeling of affiliation and not elimination with these people, because each village is not less than a battalion.

What is the importance of challenges in life?

I have seen several ups and downs in my professional career, but every time I faced a

problem, I accepted it as a challenge and converted it into an opportunity. Every person faces failure in life but this shouldn't pull him down. In fact, a person can't make progress without failing in life. So, a person should face every obstacle with a positive approach and mind.🇮🇳

*Defence Institute of Physiology and Allied Sciences

World at a glance

GT keeps the newswire ticking by bringing you news from around the globe

This experience has enhanced my organising, communication, strategising, on-the-spot thinking, and managerial skills.

Divya Labru, Sec Gen AIMUN Dubai; AIS Gur 46



UK

Net migration number falls

Office of National Statistics came up with new figures of immigration. As EU citizens flee Britain, the net migration in the country falls by 2,46,000 in a year. It has been considered statistically significant change by ONS, as the people arriving to live long term in the country decreased by 81,000 previous year itself.



China

Typhoon Hato hits southern China

Around 150 people were injured and 12 dead as Macau and Hong Kong were hit by the strongest storm, Typhoon Hato. The storm hit the zone with winds blowing up to 160 kilometre per hour, heavy rainfall and massive 24 hour power failure in Macau.



Brazil

Amazon reserve opens for mining

A vast area covering 46,000 sq km towards the northern states of Amapa and Para were declared to be open for mining by Brazilian government. The areas are rich in gold and other minerals although nine conservation and indigenous land areas within it would continue to be legally protected.



USA

Bacteria to harvest solar energy

A new bacteria, 'Cyborg' has been created by scientists in Los Angeles. The microbes are covered with tiny and highly effective solar panels which can harvest Sun's energy. The harvested energy can further be converted to produce fuels from carbon dioxide and water.



India

Eight pacts signed with Nepal

PM Narendra Modi announced signing of eight pacts between India and Nepal. The pacts also included deals on countering drug trafficking and post earthquake reconstruction in the Himalayan region.



Saudi Arabia

New job scheme favours locals

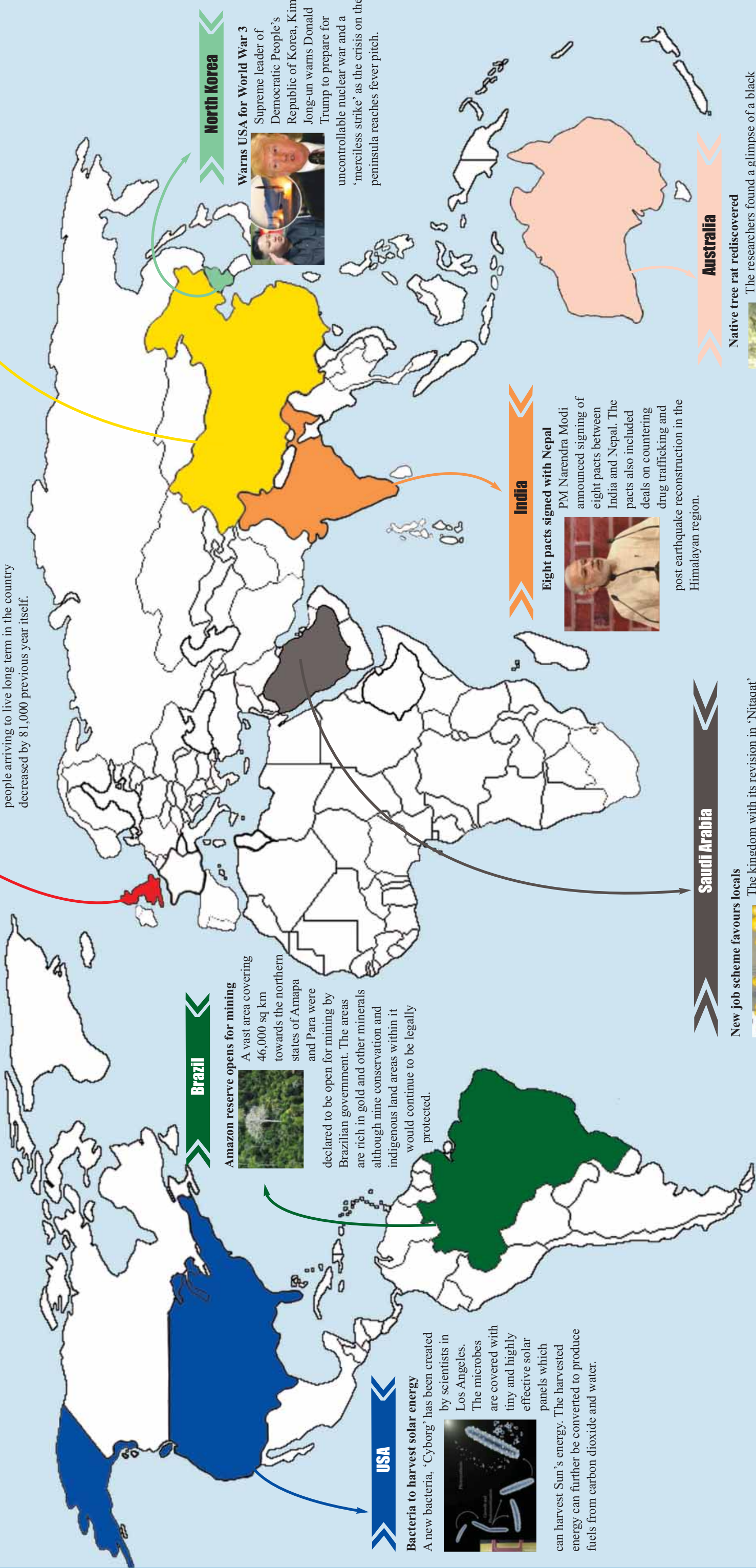
The kingdom with its revision in 'Nitaqat' (Saudiisation) might not work well for Indian migrants. The organisations would be graded on the number of Saudi nationals employed by them and other criteria. The ones with high grades would be able to apply for block visas.



Australia

Native tree rat rediscovered

The researchers found a glimpse of a black footed tree rat after three decades in Western Australia. The rat with a long black and white tail, weighing up to 800g was last seen in the year 1987 at Kimberley. This rat is enormous compared to its common relative the golden-backed tree-rat around 200g.



When Gurudev met fiction

Little butterflies, set to fill the sky. Can you imagine tales to be this short and crisp? If not then, read on this article to know about micro tales with zing of fiction

Khwaish & Nayesha

AIS Gur 46, XI

It was a sunny afternoon, when Rabindranath Tagore woke up from coma for the first time in 4 years. As he slowly opened his eyes, he expected to see a team of doctors or his family at his bedside. Instead, his eyes met the figure of a young man, dressed in strange, black apparel. Tagore's thoughts went running to Yamraj. Before he could plea for his life, the young man said, "Dude, before you pick me through the wringer, I am a struggling author from the future, and I need your guidance to write flash fiction."

Relieved at still having his life and amused at meeting such a strange person, Gurudev was at a loss of words. But amidst the dilemma, the words 'Flash Fiction' had stayed with him. "Flash fiction? What's that?" asked Gurudev, both perplexed and curious. "And I thought I was the struggling author," replied the young boy.

With a smirk on his face, he replied, "Flash fiction is storytelling in less than 500 words. Now, can we move on to the advice part before I get sucked back to my time?" Tagore instinctively knew this man was serious, despite his mocking tone and said, "Judging from your



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haste, I can tell that people in the future don't have much time. So, why don't you write 50 impactful words instead of 500 unnecessary ones? Don't let the chaos in your mind bleed out onto paper; keep your story calm and concise instead."

"Oh! You are talking about micro tales. I could try, but it is a slightly difficult form of writing?" replied the young boy. Skeptically Gurudev looked at

the young boy and said, "If writing was ever easy, we wouldn't have had anything worth reading. The name 'flash fiction' itself is indicative of what you have to do."

The boy patiently heard Gurudev accompanied with occasional 'okay's and 'hmm's. And, Gurudev explained, "The story must go off like a flash, yet leave impressions in the minds of the readers for moments after. Pour

your soul into the story, and pep it up with words laced in emotions and implications. Keep the readers guessing even after the story is over. Choose a relatable topic, but break free from monotony. And finally, edit it multiple times to achieve perfection and get it published." "Wait a minute- what do you mean by publish? We hardly have any books in the future," said the boy. Gurudev with wide

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open eyes was taken aback. In utter confusion he said, "What's wrong with your generation? Why don't you go to Visva Bharati and get it published?" "Wait. Do you mean that dilapidated university in the poorest part of the city?" he said, immediately regretting it as Gurudev collapsed back onto his bed. Who knew Tagore would be so attached to a publishing house in ruins? The boy tried to wake up Tagore but it did not look like he was going to get up anytime soon. So, the boy headed back to the future.

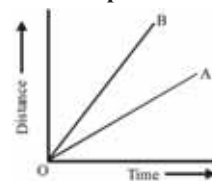
Back in future, the young boy chose his words with precision and wove them beautifully, drafted his micro tales in a paper booklet and went to Visva Bharti. His book became sensational and soon after that books replaced kindles. When asked about his inspiration, the boy would smile, but said nothing. Yet every night he thanked Gurudev not only for providing guidance, but also for teaching him that there is a world of possibilities outside the internet. [GT](#)

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(c) A and B both have same speed
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Jaago re campaign

A campaign to sensitise the youth towards gender equality

AUUP

Dhruv Mehta &
Shivangi Maheshwari, AGBS

Amity Global Business School, AUUP, Noida participated in the Tata Tea 'Jaago re' campaign. The 'Jaago re' campaign is an effort to reach out to both, schools and universities where the issue of gender sensitisation is prevalent in day to day scenario.

The campaign is an effort at the grassroot level that aims at urging people to sign a petition to the HRD ministry to make 'gender sensitisation' as an accepted curriculum in schools. The event was held in three sessions, where each session was held in both Hindi and English. Each session saw experts from various walks of life share their views on topics

such as gender inequality, suppression of women, domestic violence, dowry and sex education.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Ranjana Kumari, Director, Centre for Social Research in Delhi & Chairperson, Women Power Connect, shared, "No one should grow up believing that women always have to adjust to the definition of 'Bhartiya Nari', where women are expected not to voice out her agony." Dr Rajat Mitra, Founder, Swanchetan highlighted the fact that sex offenders do not just belong to one class of society, they can be anyone within the society.

The campaign gave the students an opportunity to understand the multiple facets of gender sensitisation. The sessions taught the young minds to respect men and women equally. [GT](#)

Mission decryption

Encrypted overall performance reports have layers of meanings, sometimes entailing things teachers couldn't say to parents

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Kashish Kumar

AIS Gur 43, Alumnus

Whether a teacher has been teaching for several years or just a few weeks, s/he has to deal with parents at the PTM. It is on these PTMs that a teacher says something and conceals something. We bring you some examples of the latter category. Go ahead, read, understand.

"Your kids aren't your friends, trust me"

Often teachers hear from parents that they're mates with their children, they talk with their children every now and then. But a fourth grader certainly does not need to know about the infamous society affair or the bitter feud with their neighbours. There is enough pressure in school as it is.

"Video games aren't everything, if you think so"

Parents, of course, love it when their child is quiet and playing video games in his room without making any disruptions. But when their most recent piece of writing features SAS operations against Colombian drug cartels, it's a matter of concern. Teachers can't control what goes on after school, but children need to



know the difference between game simulations and reality.

"Your kid isn't the most disciplined child"

Creating a ruckus in class is common. When a child starts to argue, dodge questions, gesticulate, roll his eyes, and huff or puff, it really gets on the teacher's nerves. The media may put emphasis on children who get away with it, but it's painful to watch eight-year-olds mimicking this sort of behaviour even in the playground.

"Sorry, he's just plain lazy"

A teacher always think the best for their students, but after some analysing and reading the child game, they simply come to a point that some of the students aren't tired or busy; they just care less. The teachers do realise that all they're doing is trying to move an immovable object.

It's tedious enough to teach someone who doesn't want to learn, but it's damn near impossible to teach someone who thinks they know it all already.

"Homework = Tug-Of-War"

It's either too much or not much and too hard or its basic when it comes to parents and homework. They complain when they're expected to help their child with it and when it's supposed to be done individually. The list goes on and on. However, one can only do so much.

There are things teachers may not say, but for the ones that they do, one must pay heed. After all, success often lies in the golden words of a teacher. [GT](#)

I used to get anxious while delivering a speech but after participating in this MUN (which also happens to be my first), I have overcome the same.

Prisha Mishra, Delegate, AIS Noida



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Flash flood

Devyani Nautiyal

AIS Vas 6, X

What is flash flood?

Flooding that normally occurs within six-seven hours of heavy and intense rainfall is referred to as flash flood. The water level rises quickly as a result of intense rainfall, eventually leading to a flood. Flash floods are often accompanied by water flowing at high speed, often carrying away heavy objects. It is for this reason that flash floods are considered dangerous and pose a significant threat to life and/or property.

Causes

Excessive rainfall: This is the most

common and primary reason for flash floods. When there is excessive rainfall over a prolonged period of time, it results in flash flood.

Bank erosion and silting: Intense rainfall causes erosion of rock and soil. The rivers then carry along sediments like clay, sand and silt, which are deposited on riverbeds. As a result, the river channels become narrow and are incapable of holding more water, resulting in floods.

Landslides: Debris avalanches act as an obstruction to the flow of rivers, resulting in change in the river course. The excess weight from accumulation of the rain stresses weak slopes which cause soil to wash away with water.

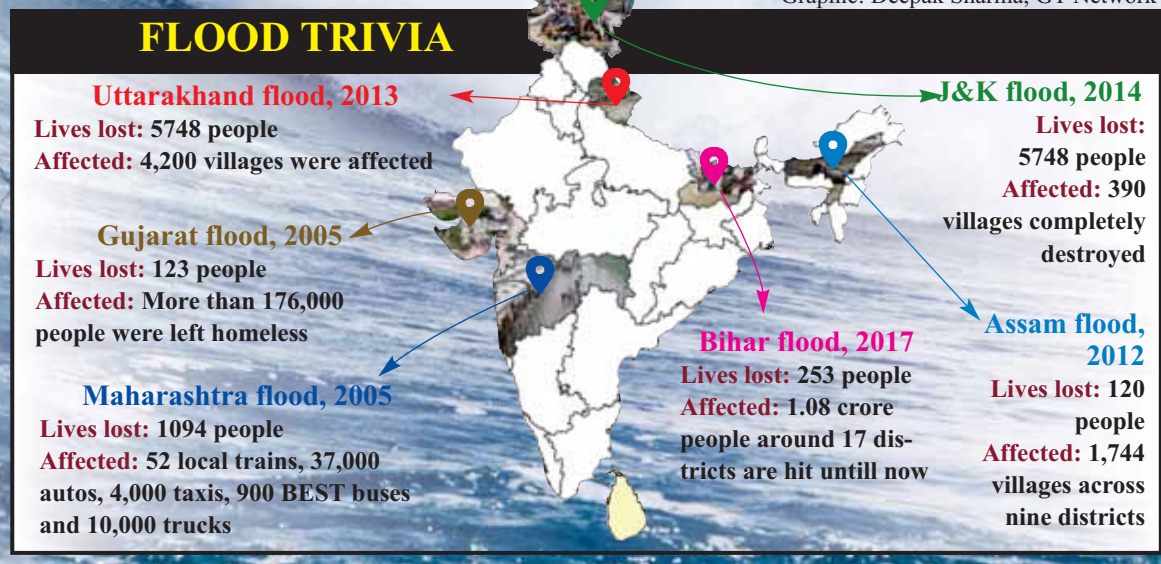
Poor drainage: In case of excessive rainfall, sometimes, the overflowing water cannot escape because of poor drainage system, which results in flooding.

Snow melt & glacial outbursts: Ice jams and snowmelt can cause flash floods. Melting snowpack and rainfall together produces flash floods. As chunks of ice break and get stuck against bridges, causing the water behind to rise rapidly.

After-effects

- Human and animal loss
- Decreases food supply
- Destroys the agriculture sector
- Destruction of infrastructure
- Loss of houses and valuables

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Sports

Howzatt!?!

Aggressive Gloves: On!

The word aggression is synonymous with sportsmen and they flaunt it on-the-field to be at the top of their game. We take you down the memory lane and recall some memorable ‘aggressive’ incidents

Aryaman Jain, AIS MV, XI

Amongst the many emotions spurred in the sports arena, aggression is the trickiest. It may turn the tables for one or turn the tide against another. It may bring out a star or pave way for a fall. Criticised or appreciated, the emotion is inevitable on field. We bring you some famous displays of this paradoxical emotion by sportspersons from world over.

Sports person: Maria Sharapova
Match: Wimbledon semi-finals
Why so aggressive: Right from the match's start, Sharapova began her tradition of grunting at every possible moment. This continued till the grunts had become screams, which only served to justify Maria's nickname, the 'Queen of Screams'. Her vocalisation has officially been recorded at 101 decibels, the same as that of a pneumatic drill or a speeding train. Twitteratis took to complaining about Sharapova's aggressive shrieks on Twitter, "Had to mute my TV just to watch the match!"
Sometimes aggression is not what your fans are looking for.



Sport Person: Yuvraj Singh
Match: 2007 World T20
Why so aggressive: One of the most popular incidents of aggression on field, this is perhaps a lesson in making the best of aggression. When the over began, Andrew Flintoff attempted to instigate Yuvraj just before Stuart Broad's over with his insulting words. An angry Yuvraj replied



to Flintoff with six sixers in a row instead, making India win the game by 18 runs.
Sometimes aggression can bring out the best in you.

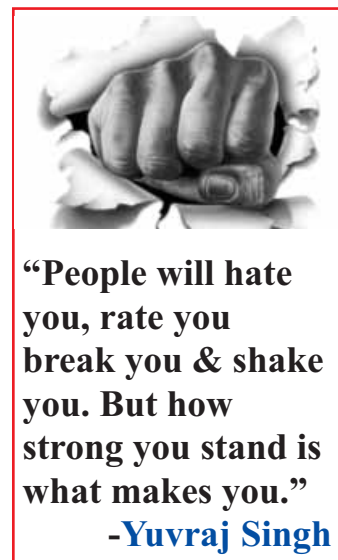
Sport Person: Nicolas Batum
Match: Summer Olympics London 2012 Basketball quarterfinal
Why so aggressive: Late in the quarterfinal match between

France and Spain, French player Nicolas Batum, punched Spanish opponent Juan Carlos Navarro in the groin. The reason stated by Nicolas for this unsportsmanlike act was that he wanted to give Juan Navarro a good reason to flop. A flop, in basketball, means an intentional fall to have an official issue a personal foul call to the opponent. Batum later



tweeted an apology.
Sometimes your aggression may dig a hole for yourself.

Sport Person: Angel Matos
Match: Taekwondo Summer Olympics Beijing 2008 (Bronze)
Why so aggressive: After incurring an injury, a broken toe on his left foot, Cuban athlete Angel took a 'kyeshi', which is a one



minute medical timeout. However, even after kyeshi elapsed, Matos did not approach the center and was subsequently disqualified. After Kazakhstan's Arman Chilvanov was declared the winner, Matos argued with the referee, pushed a judge, and spat on the mat, before being carried out by security. He received a lifetime ban from any World Taekwondo Federation event after the incident.
Sometimes your aggression may lead you to shoot yourself in the foot.

Setting new benchmarks



2017 has indeed been a very phenomenal year. This year, we set several benchmarks as the finest educational institution. Amity made headlines in all national dailies as Raksha Gopal from Amity Noida topped All India Class XII boards with 99.6%. And then Amity touched another international milestone with the launch of the Dubai edition of Amity International Model United Nations. AIMUN Dubai made Amity the only educational institution in India to start an overseas chapter of an MUN conference.

It was just 10 years ago in 2007 that Amity hosted its first MUN in its flagship school AIS Saket. The idea then was to introduce the children to this concept so that they learn the skills of research, diplomacy, debating and deliberations. Soon after, a MUN chapter unfolded in all branches of AIS; some even having a junior MUN of their own. And that was still just a beginning, as three years later in 2010, we launched the mega Amity International Model United Nations held at Amity University, Uttar Pradesh. The very first AIMUN witnessed more than 550 delegates, 60 participating schools, 10 Indian states and 8 international schools. Since then, there has been no looking back. With AIMUN Dubai, we have made a global impact that is set to travel all across the world.

With this programme, I have seen a huge positive change in my students. It has not only enhanced their knowledge of pressing issues but also nurtured them as confident speakers and responsible global citizens.

With the training received, Amitians are winning accolades at several national and international events. I am confident that it is these ambassadors who shall one day be the face of India on the global map. 🇮🇳

Power of Sports



The streets were jammed. And yet no one seemed bothered. All you could hear was people waving their national flags and cheering their hearts out. The occasion: India's T20 World Cup victory. That day, all of Delhi was out on the streets with no sign of violence or riots. The nation was euphoric in the aftermath of the historic win. Cricket was the cement holding everyone together. That is the unique power of sports.

Sports are indeed the only platform where everyone stands equal. With the rules laid down and accepted across the world, sports provide a fair ground for all. The passion of the players and the fervour of the viewers and fans is a truly potent unifying force. That is the real power of sports.

Incidents of sports fans crying with happiness or spewing venom when their sporting heroes win or lose are commonplace. This zealous frenzy associated with sports is rooted in the psyche of every man, woman and child who secretly nurtures the wish to win in their lives. We all strive to be a winner, and it's the winning team that provides the necessary fodder for that conquering feeling. That's the power of sports.

The top story of this edition is a tribute to the sportsman, who with his singular effort and passion, led Team India to three gold medals in the Olympics. His birthday is celebrated as National Sports Day on August 29 every year. And on this day, once again, let us come together to experience the power of sports. 🇮🇳

Growing between tall trees

Ever pondered over the feelings of a small plant trapped between tall trees? It is an unusual mix of struggle, despair, envy and a dash of inspiration

Vidisha, AIS MV, Alumnu

In this advancing world of intellectual dominance, underdogs like me have to struggle for survival amongst the so-called genius. Every day I work hard to go a mile extra than my competitors just to know that I am at the same position as them. How is the world termed to be fair and unbiased, when I have to work 10 times harder than my ostensible friend, to accomplish the same task?

The emotional melancholy which ‘we’ the ‘ordinary’ people suffer due to the antagonism encountered in life is hard to explain. Strife of a young sapling trying to grow between tall green trees is a facsimile of what we go through in our lives. That young sapling who has not yet sprawled its root has to compete with extensive and elaborate network of despair and disappointment, for the same limited resources - the root for all competitions.



The inexperienced player who should be growing in rays of hope is shadowed by boastful canopies of massive

trees. How can nature be so biased, extending its services to the already affluent and turning its head away from

DAILY REMINDERS

*I am amazing
I can do anything
Positivity is a choice
Celebrate individuality
I am prepared to succeed*

the strugglers?

The tall tree with its already large girth is continuously being favoured by the sun and water whereas the weak sapling is being deprived of both. But amidst all this sorrow, the tall trees in my life that I loathe are also the ones who keep reminding me of the same struggle they underwent when they were a sapling. They remind me that a butterfly gains the power to fly in its strenuous journey to come out of its cocoon and I will learn to extend my roots. And canopy only if I learn to deal with shadows and mazes of nature. The ones who are moulded by struggle are the fittest to survive. 🇮🇳

Maid in India

Sometimes, the most empowering examples can come from the lowest stratas of our society

Poorvi Kar
AIS Gur 46, XII

She wakes up before dawn, embracing another day as an opportunity to live up to her family's needs and expectations. As she enters Ritu madam's flat, she finds her standing in front of the mirror covering her fresh bruises with makeup. Her husband must've struck her again, she thinks. She remembers the last time her husband beat her up. He had wanted to keep her children from going to school so they could work and earn more for the family. She was not educated, but did not want the same fate for her children. She put up a fight, one that ended with several bruises on her body. But the fighter she was, she had retaliated and then packed her bags that very evening and left the house with her children.

On the other side of the room, Ritu continued covering her bruises. Shaanti, her maid was dusting the shelves and considerably asked, “Madam, how much longer? Will you never leave him?” Ritu sighed. “My son has to complete his education, for which I need money.” “But you are educated, you can take up any job you want to,” Shaanti said, rather perplexed by the turn of events now. “I have not

worked for so many years and I do not think I can now,” Ritu madam continued to cover her scars. Shaanti's mind went back to the time when she had told her husband for the first time that she would work. Her fate had seen similar bruises then, but she did not back off.

“You can always try.” “But what about my family? I cannot disappoint them. And then what will the society think of me as a divorced woman?” Shaanti did not say anything to this because her own mother had not taken her in when she had left the house for her children. She had spent several nights on the road, but was adamant on ensuring a better life for her kids. “What would you have done if you were in my place” asked a rather hysterical Ritu madam.

“At least, not what you are doing,” said Shaanti coming out of her thoughts. And with that she got back to her task at hand of sweeping of the floor. It was just then that Ritu madam noticed the scars and brusies on her body.

As Shaanti left the house, Ritu wondered if Shaanti's life was an example of what women empowerment actually meant. She had attended seminars on women empowerment, even spoken on the issue but today she had perhaps understood the word in its truest sense. 🇮🇳



Little pearls of wisdom

Be determined

Shambhavi Saxena, AIS Vas 6, VIII

We all have heard stories of God visiting his devotees by giving *darshan*. But within all these stories one thing is common, the devotee has to perform *tap* (austerities) for years to get God's grace. And one such tale narrates a tapasvi's determination to seek darshan of God. The tapasvi performs austerities under a tree and lived by eating leaves. Years passed and one day, God's messenger was passing by and saw the tapasvi chanting mantra. He was swayed by the way austerities were performed to get God's darshan. Winds started blowing and tapasvi opened his eyes. He saw God's messenger and asked, “Did God send you here?” “No” said Messenger. He requested the messenger to ask God when will he bless him with

darshan? The messenger agreed and went to God. The messenger said, “ Lord, there is a tapasvi who has been performing austerities for years and wants to know when will you bless him?”, God replied, “I want him to continue austerities for another 20 years and then only I will give darshan.” Messenger was heartbroken and went to tapasvi. He said, “Another 20 years and then only you will be blessed with God's Darshan.” The tapasvi was overjoyed and said that he is now more determined to perform the austerities. He was happy with the fact that God would bless him no matter how much he has to wait. Tapasvi was a determined man. He had the passion and will to achieve his goal. Similarly, we all should be determined and work hard to achieve our goals no matter how much time it takes. With sheer determination only one can achieve the goals in life.



I learnt a lot about world affairs i.e how to negotiate, mediate, lead, listen and express.
Shreya Dasgupta, Delegate, AIS Gur 46



The different Amity institutions we visited were one of the best institutes I have seen. I felt extremely proud to be part of this Group.
Abhay Labru, Delegate, AIS Gur 46

AIMUN Dubai 2017

India's first MUN held overseas

“Heal the world sand by sand, MUN by MUN.” With that motto, Amity's first MUN across borders opened gateways for the young minds to new roads of friendship, paving way for a better world



(L to R) Delegation from Ritsumeikan High School, Kyoto, Japan and Amity Int. Sch. South Africa

Yavika Garg & Sahar Dua
EIC IP, AIS Gur 46

Amity Group of Schools set a historic benchmark, by becoming the first Indian educational institution to organize an MUN outside their own country with the Dubai

chapter of AIMUN held at Dubai from July 24-25, 2017. AIMUN Dubai organised under the aegis of Amity Educational Resource Centre (AERC) and hosted by AU Dubai under the guidance of Dr Atul Chauhan, Chancellor AU, President RBEF and & CEO AKC Group of companies saw

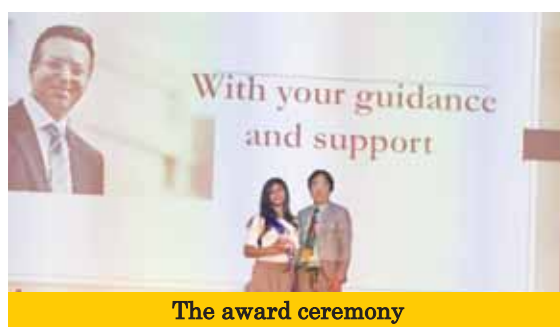
over 40 delegates from India, South Africa and Japan take part. The conference, is a pioneering initiative of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, who believes that it is only the youth of today who with their potential can haringer change in the world for humanity and peace.

Opening Ceremony

It was the first overseas AIMUN and therefore the excitement at the opening ceremony skyrocketed for obvious reasons. All the participating schools and dignitaries present were accorded a warm welcome. The esteemed dignitaries Vajhat Hussain, CEO, Amity University, Middle East; Srinivas Naidu, Principal, Amity School, Dubai; Mariam Shaikh, VP, Admissions and Nur Aneesa Abdulla, Head

of Business Studies & Quality Assurance, Amity launched the AIMUN dossier that captured the long and beautiful journey of AIMUN through seven soulful years of its existence. Ambassadors from all participating schools took upon the stage to share what they proposed to achieve and thanked the organisers for providing the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for helping build friendships across cultures.

The AIMUN Organising Committee was lauded and felicitated with mementos and badges. Jyoti Arora, Charge D' affairs and Sumedh Kapoor, Chef De Cabinet were presented with a memento too. Divya Labru, Secretary General, AIMUN Dubai set the conference open with the much awaited words, "I...hereby declare this conference open," and the ceremonial bang of the gavel.



The award ceremony



Secretariat AIMUN Dubai: (L to R) Kabir Arora, Dy. Sec Gen; Divya Labru, Sec Gen; Ayan Gupta, Dir. Gen

Closing Ceremony



Organising Committee AIMUN Dubai accepts memento on Chairperson's behalf



Japanese delegation presents a cultural performance

True to its motto, the two days AIMUN Dubai conference, saw the delegates, join the voice to 'Heal the world...sand by sand...MUN by MUN'. The conference closed with a splendid award ceremony with the participants receiving the best delegate, high commen-

dation, special mention and participation awards, trophies, certificates and medals. The participating nations presented the magnificence of their cultures through splendid dance performances. Four 'bizarre' IP Awards centred on the theme Avengers were also given. A

short video prepared by the IP presented during the closing ceremony captured the mood of the conference. The Secretary General formally closed the conference with the ceremonial bang of the gavel with the words, "I hereby declare AIMUN Dubai closed."

Global Harmony

I congratulate all the delegations who took part in AIMUN Dubai, for making the first ever MUN by Amity Group of Schools across borders. A resounding success. MUN is a very potent platform for nurturing leaders and with AIMUN Dubai, we have set the pace, to reach out to a larger audience for a better understanding and global harmony. Sir Franklin D. Roosevelt once said, "We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future" and concurring with this philosophy, we build a new family around the AIMUN universe. I pray that through this experience, each of you take away positive thoughts as expressed by the mantra 'Lokah Samastah Sukhina Bhavantu', meaning - May all beings everywhere be happy and free, and may the thoughts, words, and actions of my own life contribute in some way to that happiness and freedom for all.



Dr. (Mrs) Amita Chauhan
Chairperson
Amity Group of Schools

Words that inspire

Gunika Grover, USG, IP, alumnus AIS MV brings inspiring words from luminaries at the event

Coming together



MUNs aim to bring together people from across the world on one platform. Amity University, Dubai is a manifestation of MUN for it is home to students from over 50 nationalities, who have come together for global education. I wish all the participants all the very best. Vajhat Hussain, CEO, Amity University, Middle East

Real education



Real education is not just confined to books. It goes beyond academics. MUNs take education outside the classroom. There is no point in teaching or holding a discussion, when those participating in the discussion cannot connect with one another. AIMUN will connect. Srinivas Naidu, Principal, Amity School, Dubai

Set a benchmarks



I want to congratulate everyone at AIMUN Dubai for organising such a wonderful opening ceremony. With a promising Organising Committee and Executive Board, there is nothing that can stop this MUN, from setting a trend for others to follow in future. Mariam Shaikh, VP, Admissions, AU Dubai

Brighter future



When I see young people like you, I feel very inspired because you give me the hope for a better and brighter tomorrow. And now that you have gathered here for a fruitful conglomeration like AIMUN, I know the future is in right hands. Nur Aneesa Abdulla, Head of Business Studies & Quality Assurance, Amity

Not just diplomacy



AIMUN is not just about diplomacy. It is about humanity and humility, and the world at large. It is a journey from 'me' to 'we'. Anyone who has been a part of this beautiful sojourn, must pick up their pearls of wisdom to heal the world...sand by sand...MUN by MUN. Jyoti Arora, Charge d' Affairs, AIMUN Dubai

Glimpses



Ms. Jyoti Arora extends a special thanks to Manjot Sandhu and Kahlil from Amity Univ. Dubai for all the support extended



Divya Labru, Sec Gen addresses the gathering at the opening ceremony

Dubai Diaries



The entire team of AIMUN Dubai poses in front of Amity University, Dubai

Yavnika Garg, EIC, IP
AIS Gur 46

July 23, 2017: Here enters the Amity cult on my sands. I am proud and privileged to host them here in the Amity University Dubai. A day left for the conference! Good luck.

July 24, 2017: The spectacular event commenced on my foreign yet homely land under the Amity aegis. Dubai, Japan, South Africa and India under a roof! The global leaders-in-making discussed the crux of their respective agendas and came up with viable solutions to combat the pressing issues. The success of the first day of the conference was celebrated with a gala dinner at Dhov cruise. Sailing in the wooden vessel, the cruise offered a magnificent view of the city on both sides, as the creek in the river joined the sea.

July 25, 2017: The students under the able guidance of their teachers had created his-

tory. AIMUN got a Dubai Dimension to be cherished by each one of us. Let's heal the world, sand by sand, MUN by MUN.

July 26, 2017: The delegates had now become tourists enjoying a tour of the Amity University campus, offering globally benchmarked courses and facilities. They attended a specially designed workshop on forensic science and whacked their brains to look beyond the ordinary, with the best ones winning prizes for the right answers. The workshop on 'Future Literacy' organised by Incubation Centre, Amity University Dubai and Futures sandbox created awareness on the use of anticipatory skills in making better life decisions and career choices. They tasted my flavour after a thrilling desert safari and relaxed at a desert camp to experience authentic Dubai culture and cuisine.

July 27, 2017: Abu Dhabi receives young

guests where they explore their sister school -Amity International School, Abu Dhabi, based on an enhanced British curriculum, visit the Ferrari world, Grand Mosque - hub of Dubai's religious and cultural life, marvelous architectural delights like the coin building and the leaning tower of Abu Dhabi - 18 degree buildings, sweets at the largest dates market and click selfies with Burj-Khalifa!

July 28, 2017: Delegates discover yet another Amity institution, the world class Amity Early Learning Centre that follows the British Early Years curriculum, incorporating best practices from Reggio Emilia and the Montessori system, to develop an all-round love of learning from an early age. Thereafter, they move on to buy souvenirs at the Dubai mall. It was a great honor to host the first ever AIMUN Dubai 2017. Waiting for them to return with fresher bonds and better hopes!

United Nations Office on Drugs & Crime



Agenda: Combating the criminal misuse of information technology
Executive Board:
Co-chairperson: Rohan Yadav
Co-chairperson: Aryaman Singh



The EB commenced with explaining the ROP. With the doubt clearing coming to an end, the debate began with an amazingly structured crisis update and the GSL speeches. The Executive Board left no stone unturned, when it came to sparking debate in the committee and encouraging everyone to speak up on how even technology is coming close to being criminalised. Day 1 concluded with a consensus on drafting the

final resolution the next day. The second day saw some more research and a bag full of solutions. And the began the formulation of the draft resolution, where all the delegates pitched in their solutions. The committee concluded with the signing of the agreement by the chairpersons, sponsors and signatories. A unanimous resolution to decriminalise technology was passed. With intense debate and convincing arguments, the committee was successful.

Best Delegate
Tazika Mohamed,
Amity Int. Sch., South Africa
Aditya Agarwal, AIS Gur 43
Special Mention
Aryan Kumar, AGS Noida
Aryan Nijhwan, AIS Gur 43
High Commendation
Ruka Yamauchi,
Ritsumeikan High School,
Kyoto, Japan
Abhay Labru, AIS Gur 46



Participants at the desert safari



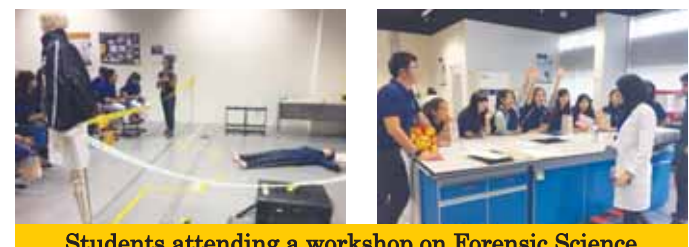
Students at Amity International School, Abu Dhabi



Students attend workshop on 'Future literacy'



Delegates at Dhov cruise for gala dinner



Students attending a workshop on Forensic Science

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Turn around

Tanisha Karmakar
AIS Noida, IX J

Back from the her coaching classes, she threw her bag on the sofa in exasperation. She looked at the watch and realised that she had only ten more minutes before she had to run off for her next class. She was tired, tired of the same monotonous schedule, tired of her life being dictated by strict rules and tired of not being able to do what she wanted to. She was like any other teenager; if only her parents would realise

the same. What bothered her more was the harsh words her father had said to her yesterday. Her fault? Tired of studying, she wanted to watch TV. She looked around and hated everything around her. Her eyes went towards the time table hung on the wall, one that had been prepared by her father. There was no way on earth she could overlook it. Aditi realised she'd had enough. She did not want to lead this suffocating life anymore. And then she decided something that she had never thought of doing her

entire life - run away. Wiping her tears, she took out her suitcase and began packing. She packed her suitcase and waited for the night, the time she would leave this house she had come to dislike so much for good. Hiding the suitcase under her bed, she went back to her books. The thought that she was following her routine for the very last time dawned upon her. The clock struck twelve. She closed her books and was certain that her parents would be fast asleep. Nonetheless, to be doubly sure, she went and peeped inside

Though it looked rather ordinary, it was special for Aditi for this was the place where she locked her imagination.

her parents' room to find them fast asleep. Tip-toeing, Aditi went back to her room and started dragging the suitcase when she suddenly noticed a diary. It was a pristine blue coloured diary. Though it looked ordinary, it was rather special for Aditi, for this was the place where she had locked the world of her imagination. This was the place where she would pen down stories and bring alive her fantasies. Aditi loved writing stories. But then like everything else, she had to give up this too as her parents only wanted her to focus on studies. As she flipped through the pages, she went back to the memory lane and realised that she was the happiest while writing. Writing - this was exactly what she wanted to do. Aditi now wanted to stay put. She wanted to stay back and fight for her dreams and not run away like a coward. Tracing her fingers on the diary, she figured that her passion was a reason enough for her to stay. She stood up closing her diary and murmured, "Let's stay back, and face the blow!"



Twig photo frame

- Material**
 - Twigs (15 cm)-10
 - Twigs (20 cm)-10
 - Scissors
 - Butter paper-1
 - Adhesive
 - Jute rope-1 roll
 - Feathers
- Procedure**
 - Separate the twigs into two piles based on size. Trim the ends to ensure all of them are of the desired length.
 - Lay out your rectangular frame. Place two piles, each with five 20 cm twigs vertically on each side.
 - Similarly lay two piles, each with five shorter ones (15
- cm) on top and bottom horizontally.
 - Now, take the jute rope and tie all the four corners of the frame one by one in criss cross manner.
 - Take butter paper and cut it according to the size of the photo frame.
 - Glue the butter paper to the back of the frame, and let it dry.
 - Paste the photographs on the butter paper in the form of a collage. Since the frame is large, you can select a few pictures of varied sizes.
 - Stick colourful feathers to the side of the frame. Your frame is ready to use.

Read Play and Win

Reading your favourite GT can fetch you a prize too. Complete all the boxes below. Click a picture and send it to editor@theglobaltimes.in or submit it to your GT Teacher Coordinator. 3 lucky winners will win a prize every week!

Q: Name the student featured on It's me column on p9.	Q: Who has been interviewed on page 1?	Q: Where was AIMUN 2017 held?
Ans:	Ans:	Ans:
Q: What is the headline of the article written by Shashank Tomar, AIS Noida, XII?	Q: Mention the bacteria that can harvest solar energy.	Q: Who is the author of the article 'Mission decryption' on page 3?
Ans:	Ans:	Ans:
Q: Which school secured first runner up position at ISSDC?	Q: Name the DIY activity mentioned on page 8.	Q: How many stages are there in the formation of flash floods?
Ans:	Ans:	Ans:

Name:.....Class:.....School:.....

Results of Read Play & Win-34: **Manya Singh**, AIS Noida, VII C; **Akshita Kaushik**, AIS Vas 1, VIA; **Aadit Gupta**, AIS Gur 46, IX C

WORDS VERSE

Never ever step back

Tushti Sharma
AIS Saket, X

They'll try to break you, hurt you
They'll try to leave you, love you
They'll say things to you
They'll make fun of you

They'll hurt you, and ask why you're sad
They'll call you dumb, stupid and mad
They'll try to dominate and control you
And try to stop you, from dreaming

They'll make you believe they're strong
But they know they're wrong

Every time you cry, you die a little inside
You feel to have lost all your pride

You wish to go and leave it all behind
But you soon realise, you're one of a kind
Too much bullying, now it's your time
To rise and shine like a twinkling star

They'll be nasty again tomorrow
But you don't care, you've become tough
Now you smile every single day
Keeping them at bay

Not fine, not cool!

Brinda Rastogi
AIS Noida, VIII K

Not fine, not cool!
I'm not pretty
You know that's true
You don't have to pretend otherwise
It's fine, I'm cool

I'm not a model
I can't catwalk
They only notice me
When I trip or fall
It's fine, I'm cool

I'm always the nerd

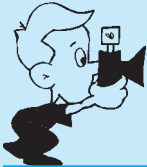


The one with the facts
The practical one, the sensible one
The one with tact
It's fine, I'm cool

But I'd like to be called
Something else for a change
Not the 'Topper'
But maybe my name
It's fine, I'm cool

I'm not an encyclopedia
Don't call me a dictionary
Please! I'm a human
I live and breathe
It's fine, I'm cool

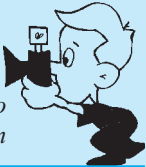
So, it's a request from me
To all of you
Don't be so insensitive
And so cruel
Because it is not fine, not cool!




CAMERA CAPERS


Shagun Jain, AIS Pushp Vihar, IX D

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Blurred lines



Setting in



Colours of culture

The longest wait

Wisdom tale

Bhavya Malik, AIS Vas 6, VI

Max and Jack were best friends. The two shared everything - from lunches to each other's problems. And then it was time for them to part ways. Max's family was shifting to New York. As they parted, they promised to meet at their favourite cafe besides the lake, after ten years, on the same date.

It had been ten long years. A long wait. "But would the wait be worth it? Would Jack remember the promise?" Max thought to himself as he stood outside the restaurant. The morning sun turned overhead at noon and set down at dusk. But, there was no trace of Jack to be seen.

It was late in the evening when a police officer approached Max. "I've been observing you all day. You've been here since morning. I smell something fishy," said the officer. Max narrated the entire story to him. After listening to his story, the officer asked him to leave the place.

"Perhaps, he has forgotten it all,"



Max muttered under his breath. But just as he was about to turn away, he felt a pat on his shoulder. "Are you Max?" asked an enthusiastic voice. Max nodded in agreement. "I am Jack!" The two hugged and went inside the restaurant. After all, they had a lot to catch up on.

Rounds of coffee ensued as this was a conversation entailing ten long years. "I waited so long to see you," said a nostalgic Max. "Me too," Jack replied. "Hey! Do you mind accompanying me to the police station? I have lost my

car keys and need to file a complaint," he said. He said he'd been late because of the keys. Max shifted uneasily in his seat. He was not very welcoming about the idea of going to a police station. He tried to dodge the request but had to give in when Jack insisted.

Inside the police station, Max was surprised to meet the same officer who had asked him to leave while he was waiting at the restaurant. "You are arrested," said the officer, as he looked at Max. "But why?" Max was taken

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aback. "You thought we won't be able to track you, 'Mr Marcus'. Too bad, but the scar on your forehead gave you away," the officer said.

Max knew he had been caught. He realised the risks while he was coming to meet Jack, but decided it was worth taking for a friend. Max was a 'wanted' criminal. He was known in the world of crime by the alias 'Marcus' and was sought by the police of several countries.

As Max resigned to his fate, the look in the officer's eyes softened. "And just so you know, I am Jack," said the officer. Max's world had been turned upside down. "Then, why did you do this to me - a friend, who came all the way to see you?" asked a hysterical Max. With a stoic expression and a calm voice, Jack said, "Duty first."

So what did you learn today?
Duties and responsibilities come before all relationships.



Curd sandwich

Garv Pahwa, AIS Gur 46, III

Ingredients

Bread 1 packet
Thick curd 3/4 cup
Mayonnaise 1/4 cup
Black pepper powder 1/2 tsp
Carrot (chopped) 1/4 cup
Cabbage (shredded) 1/4 cup
Capsicum (chopped) 1/4 cup
Ginger (grated) 1/2 tsp
Corn kernels 1/4
Salt to taste
Butter/Olive oil 2 tsp
Ketchup 2 tsp
Mint chutney 2 tsp

Method

For the filling

■ In a large mixing bowl take thick curd and add mayonnaise, black pepper powder, salt and mix well.
■ Now add the vegetables -

carrot, cabbage, capsicum and mix well.

■ Add the corn kernels, ginger and mix again.

Sandwich

■ Take a bread slice and spread the curd filling.
■ Cover it with another bread slice.

■ Repeat the same process with all the slices.

■ Heat a pan and add some butter or olive oil.

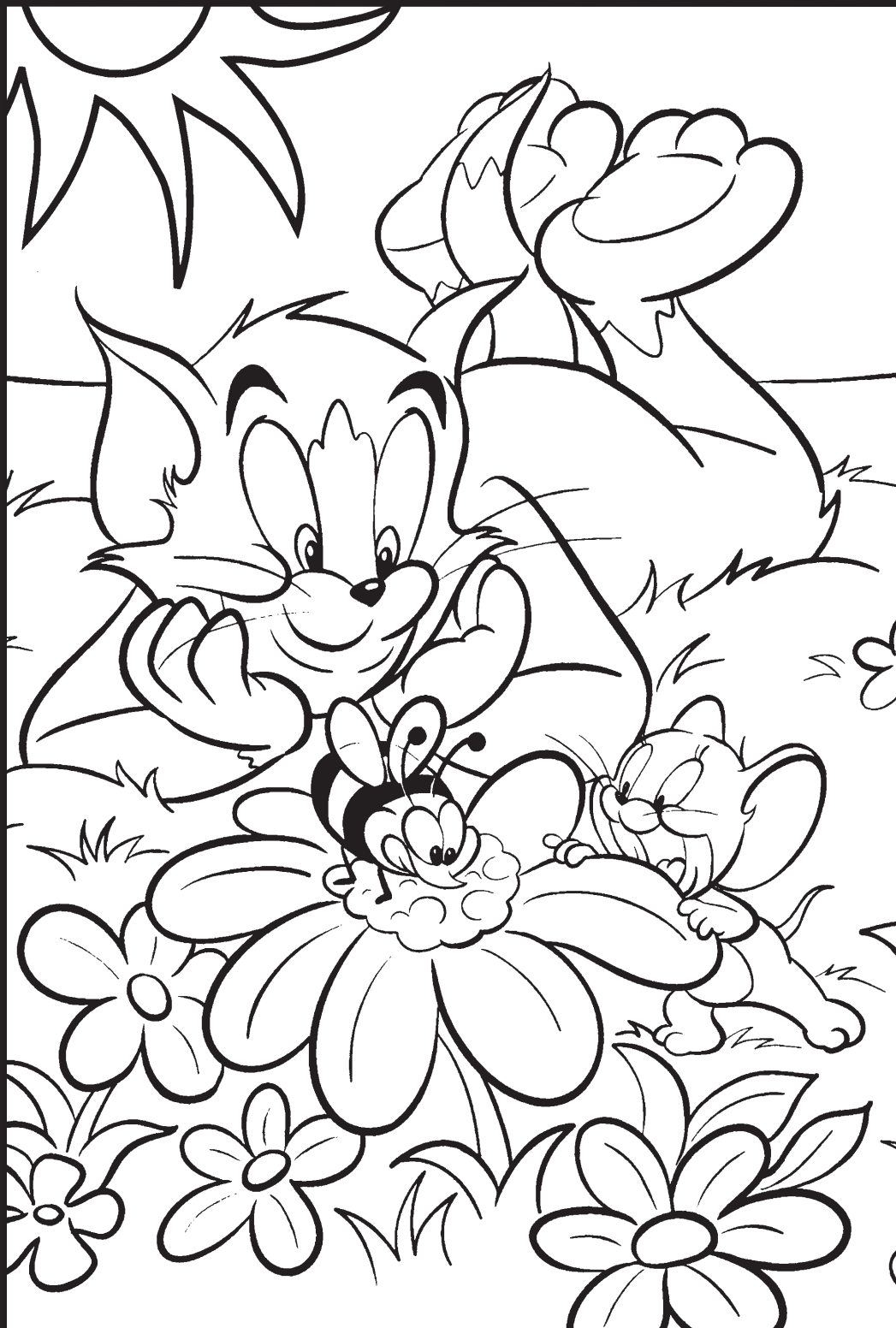
■ As the butter melts or oil heats, place the sandwich in the pan.

■ Flip the sandwich until both the sides turn golden brown.

■ Now cut the sandwich into two equal pieces.

■ Serve hot with ketchup or mint chutney, and enjoy with friends or family.

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POEMS

Irreplaceable bond

Anirudh Jain

AIS Vas 1, V B

Friends are our best asset
Whom we choose for a lifetime
Our bond is extremely special
As it is something irreplaceable

Together we party
Together we cry
Keep each other's secret tight
And cover every lie like a knight

Together we smile
Together we walk a mile
What a joy it is to have you
Who drives away the blues

Thank you for lifting me
When I'm feeling down
I'm here for you until the end
Because I'm your best friend

Tale of the oldest man

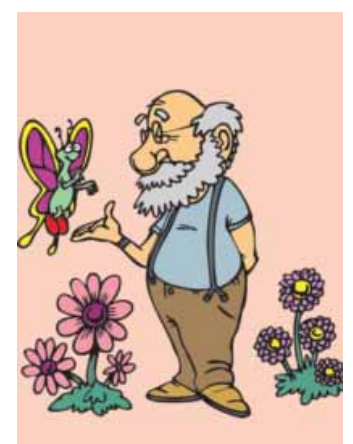
Palkil Khemka

AIS Noida, VII

The oldest man in the world
Has million wrinkles on his skin
Yet his smile is worth capturing

He is older than time
Older than a rhyme
Yet, he is fit and fine

The bones in his body ache



He spends many nights awake
Wishing for peaceful sleep

Like a wise man
He speaks wisely
And loves every living being

It's Me



My name: Naisha Das
My school: AIS Vas 6
My Class: I
My birthday: November 25
I like: Painting
I dislike: Cockroach
My hobby: Dancing
My role model: My mother
My best friend: Ria, Naisha Jain and Samaira
My favourite book: The Gruffalo
My favourite game: Tennis

My favourite mall: Shipra mall
My favourite food: Spaghetti & pancake
My favourite teacher: Dipanita ma'am & Meenakshi ma'am
My favourite poem: Choti si Miaun Rani
My favourite subject: English
I want to become: An astronaut
I want to feature in GT because: I really love this newspaper and it will help me make more friends.

Riddle fiddle

Suhavi, AIS Saket, II





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Runners up at ISSDC

Amitians once again woo the international audience with their ingenious space colony



The jubilant ISSDC Runners Up team with their mentors

AIS Saket

The school, bagged the first runner up prize at the prestigious International Space Settlement Design Competition* (ISSDC), at Kennedy Space Centre, Orlando, Florida (USA), held from July 28 to August 2, 2017. The team comprising Atharva Boobna, Swetabh Changkakoti, Animesh Jha, Animesh Saxena, Keshav Gupta, Pragyan Pandey, Siddharth Dua, Ayush Kulshreshtha, Devyani Goel, Rhea Gupta, Shivang Seth & Ujjwal Kumar was guided by Aravind Kumar Singh and Nidhi Sehgal.

Amity Int. School Saket reached

the international round after qualifying three rounds i.e the preliminary round, the Asian Region Space Settlement Design Competition (ARRSSDC) and finally the International Qualifying Round (IQF).

As a part of the competition, the school was grouped with five other teams - two from USA and one each from the UK, China and Australia - to form a company titled 'Vulture Aviation'.

The Indian team established itself as one of the frontrunners right from the first day itself when Shivang Seth participated in an informal quiz on Venus and stood first. Shivang was later elected Vice President Engineer-

ing by an overwhelming margin, while Devyani Goel was appointed Vice President Sales in the company formed.

The school has been actively participating in this competition since the beginning and winning accolades. Amity Saket was the first team from India to qualify for the ISSDC held in 2007. Thereafter it reached the international round thrice again in 2010, 2012 and 2017.

For giving them a wonderful opportunity like this and showering their blessings on them, the team extended heartfelt thanks to Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF and school principal Ms Divya Bhatia.

**International Space Settlement Design Competition is a prestigious competition which aims to impart industrial skills in students. The competition puts high school students in the shoes of Aerospace Industry Engineers. Student Engineers demonstrate creativity, technical competence, management skills, space environment knowledge, teamwork, and presentation techniques to conquer the problems inherent in designing a Space Settlement (aka Space Colony).*



The workshop in progress



Chairperson felicitates winners

Ready for a Start-up

Experts lend entrepreneurial and leadership skills to students under a competitive atmosphere

AERC

Under the dynamic leadership of our Chairperson Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Amity makes every effort to provide platforms to students to hone their entrepreneurial and leadership skills. The Amity Build a Start-Up Programme, initiated by chairperson under the aegis of Amity Educational Resource Centre (AERC), offering a unique opportunity to explore and develop the talents of young Amitians to become successful entrepreneurs.

Thirteen teams comprising 55 students from all branches of AIS took part in the five days' workshop held at AIS PV from August 1 to 5, 2017.

The workshop was conducted by

Ms Pauline Roussel and Dimitar Inchev, who have achieved laurels in the world of start-ups, and were specially invited from Germany for this.

The workshop commenced with a brief introduction of the guests school Principal, Ameeta Mohan and an insight into the conceptualisation of the programme by Jyoti Arora, director, AERC. The program provided end-to-end knowledge of entrepreneurship cycle, from the initial phase of evaluating a business idea to the actual business launch. Participants were introduced to the realities of entrepreneurship and the misconceptions surrounding it using various case studies.

The content of the first four days varied from brainstorming session for ideas to explaining the idea in a simple sentence. Various

exercises were conducted to enhance students presentation skills. Technical aspects like the Business Canva were also discussed at length and each team prepared their own Canva to understand their business idea better. The finale saw 13 teams deliver powerful presentations, each with a unique business idea, judged by 13 judges from top companies and start-ups.

Team Fobo, from AIS Pushp Vihar bagged first position for their idea on 'food box'. Team Amity, Saket - 'Leaf it' scored a second position with their eco-friendly idea of recyclable paper with seeds.

The third position was bagged by Team ShopTrack from AIS Noida with their business venture of tracking shopping patterns of consumers.



Participants sing patriotic song

Patriotic song competition

AIS Noida

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As India completed 70 years of independence, the school organised its 15th inter-school Patriotic Song competition titled 'Dhwani' on August 9, 2017. Over 40 schools, comprising 400 students took

part in this competition. The students from various schools presented their love for the country in melodious voice and sang several songs. They were judged by a jury panel comprising Piyushraj, Balkrishna Sharma and Pandit Devendra Verma. AIS Pushp Vihar bagged the winner's trophy. School Principal Renu Singh applauded the performance that was enjoyed by all.

Just a Minute

AIS VKC Lucknow

The school organised a Just a Minute (JAM) competition for the students of Class VI-VIII on July 26. Students spoke on topics like e-books vs. textbooks, dealing with examination stress, if I were a billionaire, my dream city, etc. School headmistress Tanuja

Singh and western music teacher Ayush Srivastav judged the participants on the basis of coherence, fluency, confidence and pronunciation.

The first prize was bagged by Bhagirathi house, followed by Pawani house. The Best speaker award went to Aakshi Chhaniwal (VI), Prithish Bhattacharya (VII) and Aishwarya Singh (VIII).



Participants present JAM



Little ones dress as their favourite storybook character

Book Parade

AIS VKC Lucknow

The school organised a 'Book Parade' on the occasion of Book Week celebrations held in the school for the students of class Nursery to I from July 17-21, 2017. The hall was full of fairy tale characters as the little ones walked up the stage, dressed in their favourite story characters such as Snow Whites, Little Red Riding Hood,

Pinocchio, Dwarfs and many other characters picked up from different fairy tales. Their confidence was infectious as they presented a short speech. They were judged on the basis of confidence, costume and overall presentation. This indeed was a great learning opportunity for the students as various dresses and presentation of different characters encouraged students to know and read the stories they never read.

Celebrating rakhee with Indian Army

AIS Saket

Ashutosh Maurya, XII C; Aditi Verma, XI & Eshna Gupta, XI E, AIS Saket

On August 5, 2017, Head boy Sahishnu Sharma, Interact Club President Eeshna Gupta, along with volunteers from Class V, VI, XI and XII went to the Delhi Cantonment Area to celebrate Raksha Bandhan with the warriors of our nation. The initiative was

taken up to express the sense of gratitude and pride students feel towards the armed forces.

The students were greeted by Lt. Vinay Budhwar of the J&K Light Infantry, who ushered them into the 'Motivation Hall', whose walls were adorned with the portraits of brave soldiers. It was encouraging for students to revive the heroic tales of those who had put service before self. The hall was occupied by the soldiers of the same regiment. It was an awe-inspiring moment



Student ties rakhee and presents a token of love to army official

for the students to address a room full of people who are role models for every proud citizen



of our country. After giving a brief introduction of the purpose of their visit, students tied the sa-

cred thread on their brothers' wrists, who work for their safety and protection, and served them sweets too. This was followed by a personal interaction of Lt. Budhwar with the Head Boy, and volunteers, Ashutosh Maurya and Ram Krishna, who themselves are army aspirants. The officer gave them an insight about the 'fauji' life and also gave guidance about the selection procedure. Students learnt about the history of J&K Light Infantry, which is one of the

most decorated regiments of the Indian Army. The meeting concluded with the commemorative photograph, with the officers' eyes filled with pride and trust in the nation's youth, and the students' faces beaming with courage and dare. The meeting instilled in the students a sense of familiarity with the armed forces of the country and helped them form an informed opinion about those courageous men who give their lives for the country.

Being a member of the Executive Board I learnt a lot from my fellow EB Members and from the delegates too. I also learnt how to make others feel comfortable and encourage them to debate in the conference.

Lakshaya Khurana, Vice President Security Council, AIS Noida



Freedom within LOC

The door of a classroom is no ordinary one. It is a line of control. Life within this LOC changes as the teacher leaves the classroom and those five minutes mark eternal freedom

Ayush Gupta, AIS Vas 1, XI

As the teacher packs her books to leave the class, the students inside the classroom wait with bated breath. The layout of this very classroom will change within the next few minutes, for life in here will be one on the battlefield, with soldiers aka students taking positions. The teacher leaves in a hurry to reach another class and now the students have 5 minute window to complete their mission. Yes, mission!

5 mins to go...

The smart kid of the class is deployed at the door as the guard of this sensitive LoC. He keeps a watch of every movement across the border. Inside the class, the soldiers start their drills and today's mission is to eradicate the chalks and duster so the next teacher wastes first 10 minutes of the class in the search operation. One can see the soldiers align themselves with their allies (friends) so that both of them bear the brunt of the next half an hour together. Rest of the soldiers are up for the 'borrowing books' missions.



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4 mins to go...

A package (bag) is being hidden to trouble an enemy (the class nerd, detested by most soldiers) so that he is right on target when the head of opposing troops (teacher) marches in. Next up, the messengers (chatter boxes) gather in a corner gossiping about the latest matches, players. Football enthusiasts start talking

about their favourite clubs and tease a guy whose club always loses (Arsenal-ista). But these are only some of the troops, the good ones. There are also others who have set up their missions (mischiefs). Misplacing a water bottle remains the most common mission at hand. However, Lunch remains a distant possibility because lunch boxes cannot wait.

3 mins to go...

Freedom is cherished and more so, when it is for a short period of time. Making the most of this freedom are two comrades who can't get over their discussion. A soldier, who is not part of any mission, remains glued to his books. Moving in front, are 5 soldiers, preparing for the next war - the next dance competition.

2 mins to go...

Coming back to the soldier stationed at the door, he peeks inside the class and warns the class of the approaching threat, "Hurry!!! Rashmi ma'am is coming." With a speed that could surpass Usain Bolt, the soldiers take to their stations (seats). Meanwhile the guard soldier on LIVE commentary, "The teacher is near...and whoa she just went to the next class."

1 mins to go...

The officers (monitors) start with their regular sorties to go around and check any nuisance in the territory. The Kardashians of the class start coming back from the washrooms after setting their hair right only to be arranged again after the next period. The guard soldier active at his post. As he hears the enemy advancing (teacher's footsteps), he raises an alarm in the class.

5 seconds to go...

Everyone takes out their books and start pretending as if they have been reading these marvellous things for ages. The officers (monitors) start minding the class like a boss. And with that freedom within the LoC is seized until the operation (class) is over. As 'she' is in, the students greet her waiting for the moment she crosses the border at the end of 35 minutes and the class gets back to their MISSION POSSIBLE! 🇮🇳

Unfriend now



Simple life events explained with inspirational quotes. Selfie is backed with self-discovery. FB is bombarded with annoying posts now and then. **Shashank Tomar**, AIS Noida, XII, talks about the annoying things that people do on facebook.

Candy Crush invites

August 19, 3:48 pm, request sent. August 19, 4:02 pm, request sent. Sending game app request once in a while is bearable. But sending repeated requests of the same game app again and again is somewhat next to bullying. The Candy Crush Saga folk need to understand that not everyone has interest in colourful candies and you are already running the risk of being blocked. Open your eyes before the game crushes your social circle.

Donald Trump has my vote

Does this ring a bell? Does it remind you of long paragraphs that have little to do with explaining the situation at hand but more with proving someone's intelligence and understanding of such matters. Meet the self-acclaimed intellectuals and statisticians not just involved in nation building but also their FB profile. With a master's degree in debating, dissecting every word spoken by any political leader. All in the name of 'Freedom of speech'.

#ootd Michael Kors bag

With such posts, the humble-bragger clan keeps you reminding of everything good in their lives, leaving you only a little more miserable than you were earlier. It seems they are supplied with major accomplishments of life be it promotions, new cars, high end products et al. And of course they never miss to add 'blessed' at the end of everything they post.

Take a chance, make a change

Every morning, a new inspirational quote will make way to your FB post. Meet the modern day Lord Buddha or Mother Teresa who use social media as a platform to preach positivity. Here's bursting your bubble. If we do need any inspiration, we have Google at our aid and can manage without your help. So, thanks, but no thanks.

No filter

Who wouldn't like to capture happy moments with friends or family? Taking selfies and posting them on Facebook is fine. But there is Error 404, when you get to see single selfie posts on multiple locations-gym, garden, bathroom, workplace and even funerals. The owner of such posts have mastered the 'duck faces' and 'pouts'. And as much as they

GT Travels to Dubai



The AIMUN Dubai International Press team poses with a copy of The Global Times at Amity Early Learning Centre (Amity ELC) in Dubai. The team comprising (L-R) **Gunika Grover**, alumnus, AIS MV, **Sahar Dua** & **Yavnika Garg**, AIS Gur 46 with mentor teacher **Vira Sharma**, Managing Editor, GT, visited the education hub during their visit to the country for AIMUN Dubai. Amity ELC is strategically located on the boundary of Meadows and Jumeirah Islands, with easy access for many communities. The centre provides a meticulously designed education, outstanding education based on the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) UK, enhanced with an international focus.

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take pride in the said arena, the only response that it solicits from us is irritation-in its purest and simplest form.

Your sun is in 4th house

Your horoscope for this week, the next, and the next, right up until Skynet takes over the world... everyone has encountered them on their walls. They spring up like mushrooms in rain. And the sad part is that they're nothing but

baloney, just some drivel with a dash of pseudo-science.

#showmercykeepitshortplease

#toldyouthisgonnabethisway #hashtags have proved to be deadly at the hands of such users, who like to go the extra mile, literally. Just like all the good things, hashtags have been over-used and destroyed, all thanks to them. So, if you are indulging in this sin, #stop. 🇮🇳