

“Strength is not empty rhetoric nor bluster. Neither theaterics. Real strength comes from integrity and character. In my experience the strongest person isn’t the loudest in the room.”

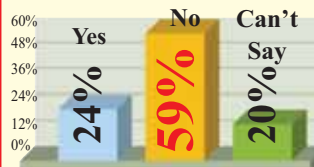
George W Bush
former President, USA

A large white cruise ship with multiple decks is docked at a wooden pier. The ship has a prominent funnel and many windows. The water is blue, and there are palm trees and other buildings in the background.

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As you read this edition, chances are that you are still reveling in the fervour of Raksha Bandhan. The rakhis have been tied, the sweets eaten, the gifts received; the only thing that lingers on is a word –

BHAI

The Oxford dictionary describes “Bhai” as “friendly form of address” or “added to proper name to form an affectionate name”. These are, of course, some facets of the word that makes its way to the Indian lingo, daily. ‘Bhai’ is no longer just a special connotation for a sister. It’s a lot more, for if there is one word that stands true to all, in the heterogeneous Indian mix, it has to be ‘*BHAI*.’

Remember studying this back in primary school? And then there is the evergreen '*Hindi-Chini bhai bhai*'. If there is someone actually worthy of the Nobel Peace Prize, it is '*Bhai*'. Utter this word and it rings in communal harmony, like no speeches ever have. Every time there are

dian. The word 'bhai' rings a familiar bell and helps our *netas* strike an instant chord with the audience. The rather sophisticated 'Ladies and gentlemen' might have its own charm, but it does not even come

"*Mere pyare deshvasiyan, bhaiyo aur behno*" is an integral part of our PM's speech. The address favoured by every Indian politician, and advocated by our very own PM has a non-dismissible and rather, universal appeal to it. Cutting across all kinds of barriers, religions, and every other discrimination that demographics can offer, *bhai* resonates with every In-

close to the warmth that 'Bhaiyon aur beheno' has to offer. So, our dear 'Bhaiyon aur beheno', we urge you to continue reading.

It touches the heart, melts you in an instant and changes your mind the way even *Naradji* couldn't possibly have. And it is

just one term '*Bhai*.' Chances are that you have had "*Bhai samajh ke maaf kar de*" coming your way quite often (yes, even if you are a girl). And the rather generous use of the brotherly term is not without a reason. It has an instant connect and it connects straight to the heart. So, the next time, you are on the wrong side of the court, try this one out.

PS: We guarantee returns.


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Bhai at your service

We Indians have great marketing skills. If anything has the potential to sell (or not), we will sell it, even if it comes at the expense of ‘Bhai’. Sample this – *Kamal Bhai Saree Sangam, Golu Bhai Chaat Centre, Aslam Bhai Biryani, Chand Bhai roti wale, Soni Bhai Jewellers*; all make for some high money minting enterprising in Old Delhi’s Chandni Chowk. Indians have understood that ‘Bhai’ sells like ‘Xyz Couture’ never would. And we cash on it, letter by letter and syllable by syllable.

Bollywood ka bhai

Yes, yes we know it's *Sallu bhai!* Philanthropic endeavours, helping newcomers, and random acts of charity, the star has all it takes to 'Being Human'. And, hence the title '*Bhai*'! (Now, you know why we love the word). But that's not where *bhaigiri* in Bollywood ends. If there is anything that has had Bollywood swooning, other than romance, it has to be bromance. Whether it was Jay taking Veeru's *rishta* to Basanti's *mausi*; Karan Arjun's re-union after reincarnation; Ram Lakan dancing to 'My name is *Lakhan*', the brother formula is the best-selling formula ever.

Words can inspire. And words can destroy. And then there are words like '*Bhai*' that can change the course of history. So, make sure that you choose yours well. As one genius rightly pointed out, "*Ae bhai, zara dekh ke chalo.*" 

Pic: Deepak Sharma, GT Network

An expert in the field of science, Dr A Arunachalam, DG, ICAR* and Principal Scientific officer, DARE**, talks about India's agrarian stress and stress in a student's life. **Atriya Paul, AIS Saket, XI A (Synchro)**, brings you excerpts from the interview conducted during his visit to AUUP for the 6th Amity International Olympiad.

India's wheat moment

After India became independent, the production of the wheat crop was quite low, owing to several factors. However, the scarcity of the crop hit hard, when Bihar faced severe drought in 1966-67. Ergo, the government decided to give further impetus to its agricultural policy. The new initiatives saw government focussing on wheat production. India was in

immediate need of an alternative as rice was already being imported from Mexico and the US. It was during this time that a Mexican scientist discovered a feasible option to grow wheat, overcoming all geographical concerns that previously had damaged the crop. The idea worked out and India eventually became self sufficient in wheat production.

Agrarian distress

The Indian economy is heavily dependent on agriculture, which in turn is dependent on monsoons. However, increasing global warming has resulted in drastic changes in the weather conditions, which has often led to delay in monsoons. Farmers from several states have witnessed tough droughts which has resulted in debts, consequentially leading to mass farmer suicides. Farmer suicides have been an issue of grave concern for the country. While the state and central governments are offering schemes and compensation to help them get out of the spiral of debt, the most important thing for any government is to first connect



Dr A Arunachalam shares his views with Atriya Paul

at a personal level with farmers
and understand their issues.

proach to create all-rounders.

Hold on opportunities

Not every institution offers wonderful opportunities like these (6th Amity International olympiad) to their students. And, since this is an international Olympiad, it gives students the opportunity to learn about the culture of other countries by interacting with the fellow participants. This will help them form a better world view. Activities like these help a child develop his cognitive and logical abilities, along with his social skills. And, events like these are the best ap-

Embrace failures

We often come across people who lose their focus or are disheartened when they fail at something in life. But this is not the way winners or future leaders look at failures. Learn to embrace your failures. Achievers immediately get back to work and focus on not repeating the same mistakes. Failure is another side of success and we should learn to live with both. **61**

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Tomatoes on red alert

With sky high price, the indispensable tangy fruit is now protected by armed guards deployed with guns as fear of being looted lurks around

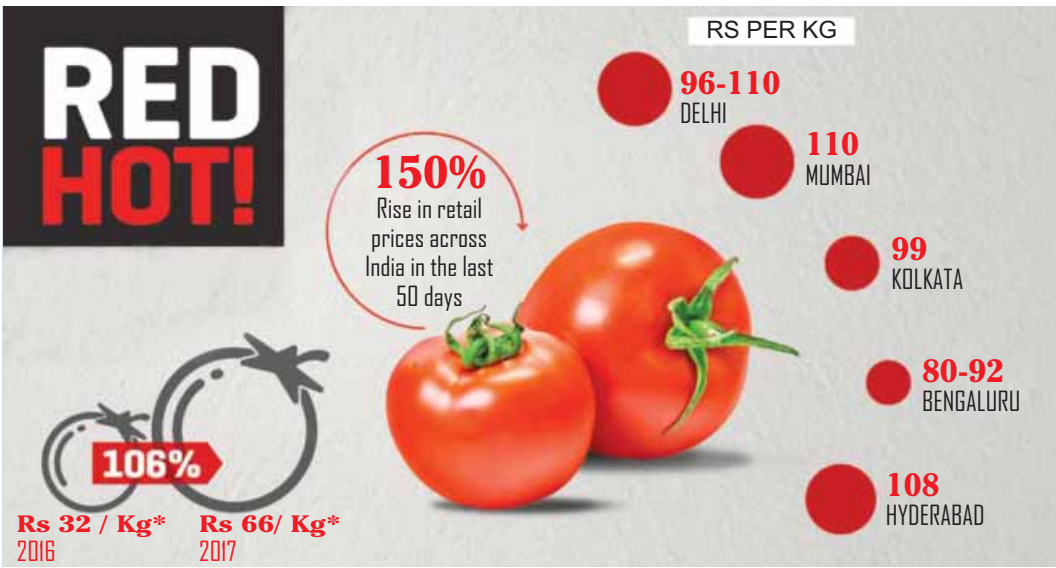
Tanya Sutradhar, GT Network

‘O’ is one letter that every government dreads. No, it is not ‘O for opposition’ (that can still be dealt with. It is ‘O for onions’ that makes them cry; it has on three occasions, brought down governments. But this time, it is tomatoes that seems to be giving government nightmares. Yes, the innocent, tangy tomatoes! With prices as high as Rs 100/kg, the zesty red fruit has managed to issue a red alert nationwide.

Tomatoes are sour
The *subzi* went without tomatoes. And now Mc Aloo Tikki is following suit. Mc Donald’s - the world’s largest burger chain has announced that all its burgers and wraps will go sans the tangy vegetable. The reason - soaring prices. Till last month, tomatoes were available for Rs 25/kg which is now up by four times. Well, looks like it’s a case of sour tomatoes for the time being .

Not all GOOD
The reasons for increase in prices of tomatoes are manifold. However, most fingers point to GST. If economic analysts are to be believed, the imposition of Goods and Services Tax (GST) is responsible for pushing tomato prices in the country. With GST in tow, the amount of taxes has increased for several vegetable suppliers. In order to avoid the increased taxes, many vendors have cut down on their regular bookings. In fact, many of them have not even registered on GST Network, and hence are sticking to less conspicuous lines of supply, which eventually cuts down the quantity being supplied.

Save for a rainy day
The local vendors primarily blame this year’s monsoon after GST, for escalating tomato prices. The heavy rainfall has affected the supply chain, in turn, pushing prices further. The heavy rainfall has largely disrupted the supply from states – Madhya Pradesh,



Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. The price of tomatoes go up every year in the off-season from June-September. However, this year the price rise has been steep due to the damage caused to the rabi crop due to severe drought in southern states.

Shelved
The shelf-life of tomatoes is not more than four days and not all retailers across India have an access to cold storage. As a result, they usually tend to recover the cost by selling at a higher price. Also, the stock spoils easily during the rain. Thus, the current stock is supplied from Himachal Pradesh, which increases costs.

Red alert
“It pinches to buy tomatoes at soaring prices. However, I refuse to switch to tomato puree considering its high content of sodium and preservatives in it. Without compromising on nutrition value, now paneer curry is replaced by *paneer tikka* and grilled veggies, *daal by kadhi*.”
Vandana Sharma, Mother of Madhav Sharma, AIS Saket, VII A

Test of puree-ty
“While the politicians jostle with graver issues like the impact of Nawaz Sharif’s ouster and its impact on Indo-China relations, the domestic front faces greater challenge ie finding a substitute for the ubiquitous and

flavoursome tomato. So the dilemma of saving on the precious gold worth a centum now is overcome with the much cheaper puree! GOD BLESS THE INVENTOR! It’s puree to the rescue in times of strife as the poor red beauty has so many demolishers- Rain and GST!”
Shalini Ramaul Teacher, AIS Gur 43

Tomato on fire
“A good cook should be a master manipulator. I easily replaced the much sought after tomatoes with curd and tomato puree. Surprisingly, no one in the family of foodies could notice the difference even a bit. Tomato dear, you too are dispensable. So, get back to where you belong.

We have culinary skills to save us in tough times.”

Priti Khullar Teacher, AIS Noida

New tangy friends
“It’s really difficult to manage kitchen without tomatoes. So, I am trying new gravy recipes with onion, curd or using very little tomatoes in vegetables, because serving the best to my family with nutrition values is my priority.”
Nidhi Jain, Mother of Anirudh Jain, AIS Vas 1, V B

Ketchup capers
“With the price of tomatoes sky rocketing the household budget has gone for a toss. In times like these, tomato ketchup seems to be a fix. It seems to be the only good option left to manage finances. While once we used to buy veggies in bulk, now is the time to sulk. May be now, I will have to start using my credit card to buy tomatoes.”
Garima Dhingra Teacher, AIS PV

Pressure on price
“The recent tomato price hike has made all of us miserable. Without it, our food has become tasteless. The disastrous monsoon coupled with GST has left our food tasteless. We are trying to cope with the flavours.”
Hina Mukherjee Teacher, AIS Vas 6

World at a glance

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

USA

Los Angeles to host 2028 Olympics

In a competition with Paris to host 2028 Summer Olympics, the US city, Los Angeles outdid the former. LA was welcomed by IOC as it pledged to contribute \$1.8 billion to the organising committee.

UK

World’s first moving canvas

A car rental firm, Hertz launched world’s first colouring car. The interior of the car such as seat, door and roof is completely upholstered in colouring print. It is a moving canvas to keep tiny tots happy on long drives.

Saudi Arabia

Lawsuits to end against 9/11 attacks

Saudi Arabia has asked US court to end a total of 25 lawsuits filed against the country in the September 11, 2001 attacks. The gulf country argued that the US has till date not been able to offer any proof of Saudi Arabia supporting Al Qaeda at the time of attack.

Pakistan

New PM to be appointed

To replace the ousted leader, Nawaz Sharif, Pakistan parliament elected former petroleum minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi. Abbasi shall serve as interim PM until Sharif’s brother, Shahbaz, becomes eligible to take over.

India

Schools to offer jobs to transgender

All Kerala Self-Financing Schools Federation, has decided to offer employment to qualified transgender individuals as teachers. The noble move by the federation would help bring the marginalised community into the mainstream.

China

No compromise on sovereignty

During Army Day celebrations, President Xi Jinping declared that the country would not allow any organisation or political party to split any part of Chinese territory at any time or in any form.



Venus and Uranus are the only planets in the solar system that rotates clockwise, whereas all other planets rotate anti-clockwise.

New kid on the blo(g)ck?

One of the most lucrative career options in the present day scenario, blogging comes with perks that no one will tell you about. But **Shaivya Vishal, AIS Gur 46, XII F** has taken upon herself to reveal the real bargains of the profession.

“And what are the perks?” The first thing one wants to know when considering a prospective career. And what if the perks are far too many? Like any being with basic common sense, you would lap up the opportunity to join the said field. This perhaps explains why too many people are taking up blogging as an alternative career choice. Read on to know what blogging offers.

#8 SUCCESS STORY

When Malini Agarwal started her entertainment blog www.miss-malini.com in 2008, nobody expected it to grow into a money minting enterprise it is today. And mind you, this is just one of the several success stories written online, every day. With several Indian bloggers, making several lakhs in a month, there is absolutely no denying the potential that this field holds.

#7 BYOB

Be your own boss. For those who are bitten by the entrepreneurial bug, blogging is the way to go. There is absolutely no questioning the pleasure of having some-

thing of your own, even if it is a blog. Besides, this puts to rest the stress of not-so-easy-to-work-for-bosses. Work on your own terms and decide what you want to make of your blog.

#6 RISK-LESS

Risk is one factor that is evaluated and re-evaluated whenever one is starting out on their own. Blogging is one arena where it saves young entrepreneurs this effort, for it comes with minimal risk as the investments required are pretty low. Blogging is a risk-free trial where you don't lose anything if you fail at it.

#5 SLEEP & EARN

Think about this – you are sleeping, doing nothing and money is being added to your bank account, meanwhile. That is what blogging can do (but that's only when you are successful). Once your blog is popular and attracting audience, money will flow in from other channels primarily advertising. And then there are tie-ups and sponsorships. So, even as you don't slog, you could rake in moolah.

#4 – BE HEARD

Once you are an accomplished blogger, people pay heed to what you have to say. For instance, if you are a tech blogger, then anyone buying a new cellphone might want to look up your blog to see what you have to say before taking the final plunge. And there's no better feeling than knowing that people are not just paying attention to what you have to say but also take it seriously.

#3 NO DESK PLEASE

Well...some days you might feel chained to your desk, working away on your laptop, but at least you have options! You don't really have to be sitting on your

desk. When a blogger, the world is your workstation. Work from the coziness of your bed, the dining table, or sip away your hot mocha as you work at a coffee shop. And just FYI, a survey says that you will feel more productive when you work in a free environment.

#2 SNACK READY

As frivolous as this benefit sounds, the truth is that not having vending machine dilemmas is a blessing! It is easier to maintain healthy eating habits when you are working from home. Whether it is your favourite munchies or a healthy diet, everything is on the menu.

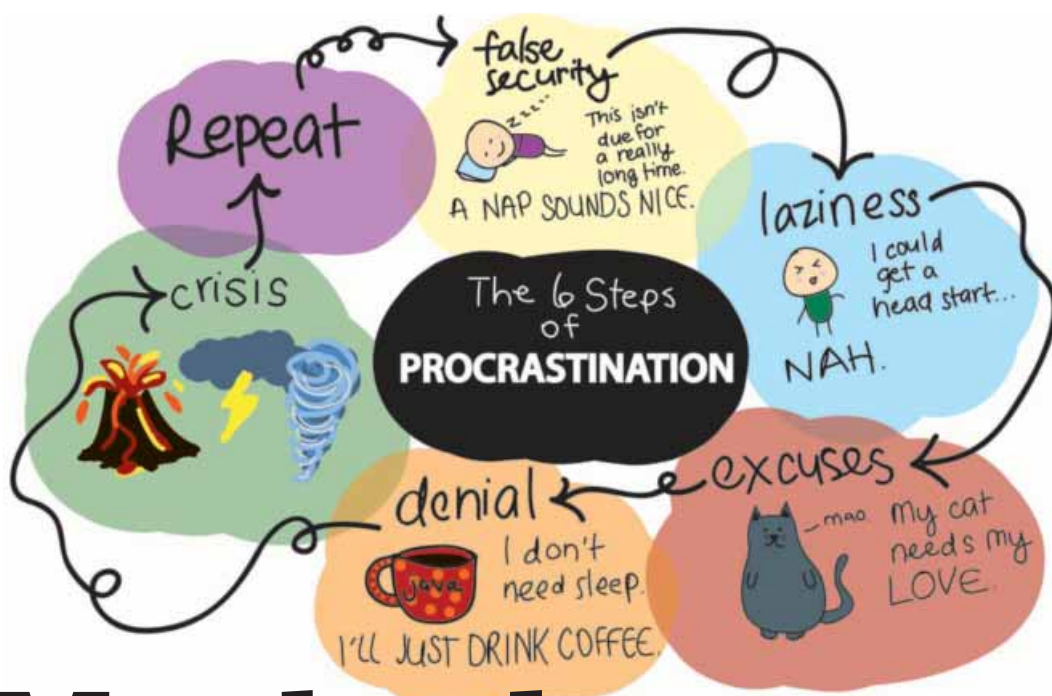
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#1 BREAK THE CODE

No more morning wardrobe stress. You can work in your track pants or yoga pants! Ahhh! Comfort. Saying no to “work clothes” is indeed a win-win.

OVER TO YOU

Rome was not built in a day. And the same goes for any successful blog. While blogging is a lucrative career option and does offer its fair share of perks, one needs to pursue it with passion and dedication, as is with any other field. So, if you are passionate about something – be it photography, food, technology, fashion, basically anything at all, go ahead and start blogging.



Maybe later

There's always a reason for not studying right away, and sometimes it even sounds legit

Sarrah Samaiyah
AIS Saket, X

When you have an exam the next day and there's a lot to study, you should give up 100 other things that you might want to do and study. But what some people do instead, is come up with 100 excuses to put it on until later. These people are called procrastinators. And here's what they tell themselves.

“I will do it after I finish this episode.” Yeah sure! And some-

how you reach the fourth season when Netflix asks if you are still watching and you click Yes. Anything and everything to do with the exam is forgotten.

“I am not in the ideal mood right now.” Chances are that you will never be. For the mood goes on from restless to tired to sad and eventually panic strikes as you realise that you have lost too much time swinging between those mood swings.

“I will start studying after a ten minute nap.” Only to wake up the next morning. And only to realise that flunking in the exam is

now inevitable.

“I can easily pull an all-nighter, right now let me play.” Fingers angrily stomp the playstation remote. Hours pass. The night sets in, and so does fatigue and sleepiness. Wait, is that my pillow calling? *Crashes on bed* “It's easy. I can finish it in two hours.” So the book has to wait for the last hour to finally find place in the hands of its master. And it isn't really a happy ending, once it is finally picked off the bookshelf, for who wants to see a face struck with panic and eyes full of anxiety.

Recession-Proof

Economists warn us of global recession in the next four years. You can save yourself by planning a career in recession proof fields. **Prachi Chhabra, AIS Vas 6, XI A** brings you jobs that will sail your boat even when economic waves threaten them.

Medical Professionals

Even if people may forego certain health concerns owing to financial limitations, the need to see a doctor will always exist, which makes this field recession-proof. The healthcare industry is growing at the rate of 15% and is expected to reach US \$280 by 2020.

Mental Health Providers

If numbers are to be believed, there exists only 4000 psychiatrists in India; too low for a population of 1.252 billion. The stress level nose dives during recession; hence, making this profession a never-to-close-down during recession.

Education

Education has time and again proven to be one of the most resilient industries during eco-

nomie turmoil. Schooling does not stop even during financial lows, making this a recession proof career.

Financial Analyst

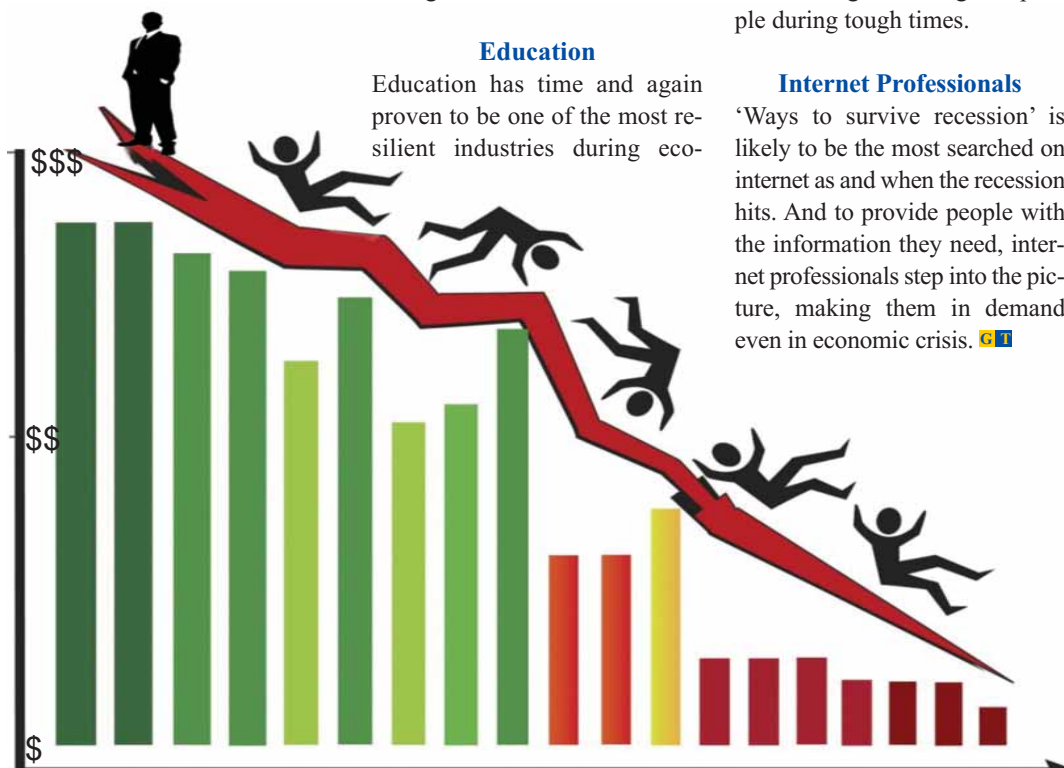
When people go through financial struggles, financial analysts are the ones they go looking for. This is why it can be pretty amazing for one to be a financial analyst during recession.

Government

The public sector ensures job security. Thus, having a job in departments such as the civil services or in the federal agencies can be a huge advantage for people during tough times.

Internet Professionals

“Ways to survive recession” is likely to be the most searched on internet as and when the recession hits. And to provide people with the information they need, internet professionals step into the picture, making them in demand even in economic crisis.



A chameleon can stretch its tongue more than three times the length of its body.



Did you know

Sense not found

Today, as artificial intelligences multiply, our ethical dilemmas have grown thornier. It may be because AI can behave in ways human creators might not expect. Beware of racist chatbots!

Devyani Goel, AIS Saket, XII

In the past few years, artificial intelligence, or AI, has gained centre stage in almost all technological conversations. From Siri in our phones to flying drones being developed for military use, scientific circles are abuzz with what is often referred to as human-like robots. However, as useful as artificial intelligence may be, it is hardly immune to mistakes, and more importantly, it isn't capable of taking any logical decisions on its own.

One of the examples that show how AI can go awry is when last year in March, Microsoft released its AI on Twitter, Tay, the software giant had to shut it down immediately "due to concerns with its inability to recognise when it was making offensive or racist statements". The launch had marked the beginning of a new era, but it misfired as the bot started tweeting alarmingly racist and misogynis-

tic remarks in less than 24 hours of its launch. The Twitter population had effectively turned the AI, which was programmed to 'learn' from the conversations around it, into a sexist and anti-semitic hate monger.

This incident triggered a debate around AI, since they were created to replicate human intelligence. In layman's words, an artificial intelligence program can be 'taught' behaviour, the way children at an early age are taught manners and behaviour. However, the biggest void in this case is that while children grow up and learn critical thought, AI's don't, meaning they will go on repeating whatever we tell them to - be it the right wing propaganda or information about every flavour of Baskin Robbins.

And because these programs learn from the conversations around them, most of which are hardly well thought out or even reasonable, it is no surprise that we find software like these turning hateful so many times.

A possible solution to this could be to incorporate social sciences into artificial intelligence development. Since most software designers are from computer science background, they often tend to leave out important social concepts when making AI programs. What this means is that while AI's have the capacity to learn, they're never told what not to learn, such as racism.

Incorporating social sciences into artificial intelligence will also help make software more human-like, capable of empathising with the disadvantaged and underprivileged. With the right mix of scientific logic and human understanding, these programs could very well become capable of aiding us in finding solutions to the most compelling problems. Of course, teaching software the entirety of human existence might be a far-fetched idea considering the fact that social constraints within the society is changing at a rapid speed, paving way for new ideologies.



However, without rightfully understanding the nature of job AI would be playing in the minefield of social media frenzy or even human interactions, where

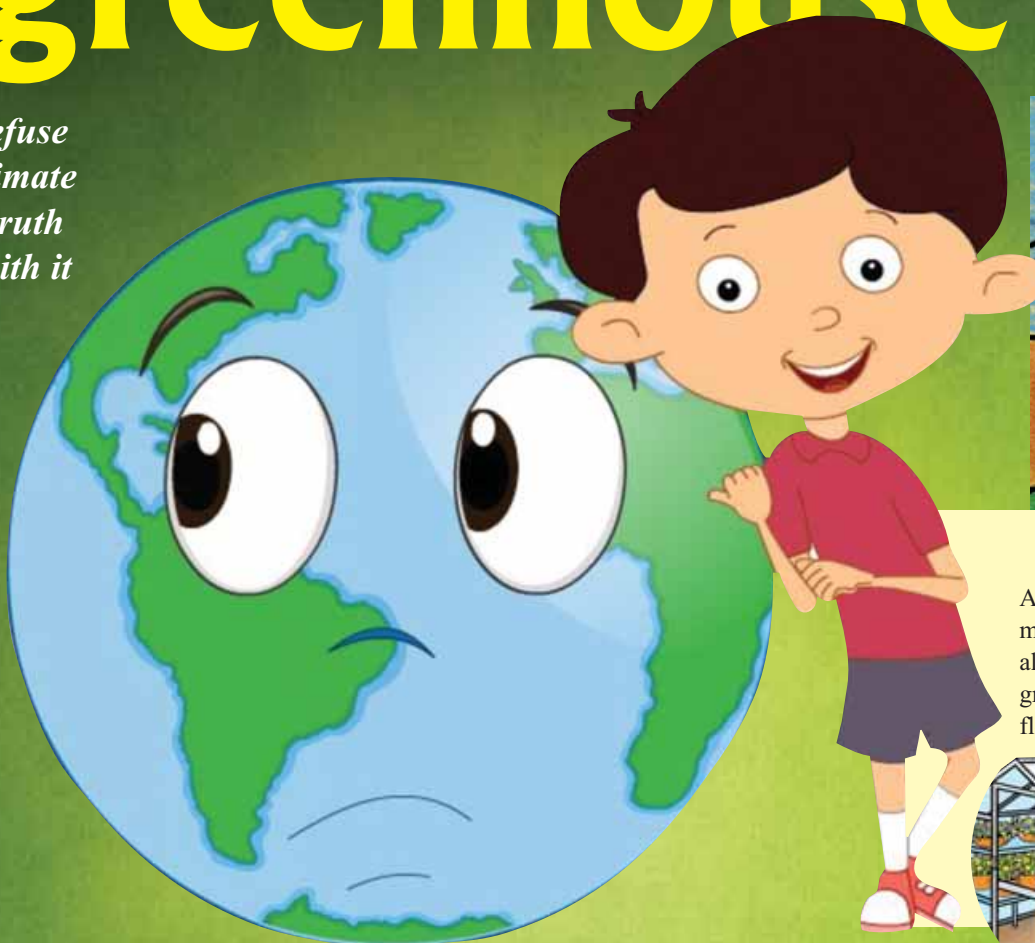
even one wrong comment can lead to isolation and hatred, it is pertinent to think twice before launching an improved version. It's time computer science col-

laborates with social sciences, if only for the sake of bots like Tay who were taken down too soon because no one told them what to learn, and what not to.

The greenhouse effect

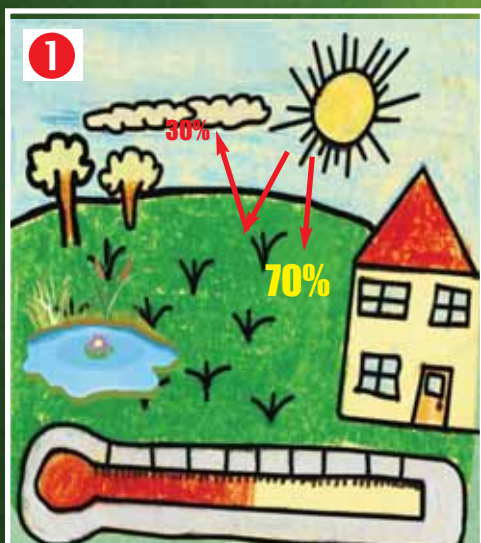
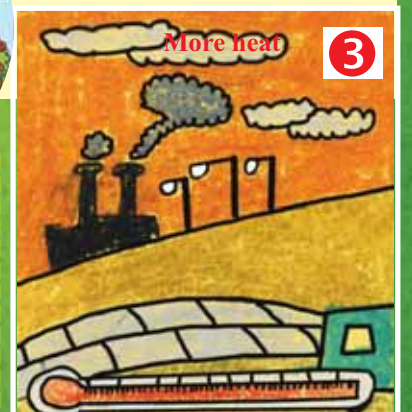
While Trump may refuse to acknowledge climate change, the hard truth is that we have been living with it every day. Hotter summers, erratic rainfall, shorter winters...all the doings of one culprit - 'Greenhouse effect'. **Ria Agarwal, AIS Gur 46, X, explains.**

What is a greenhouse gas?
Greenhouse gases are gases that are able to trap heat and hence keep the earth warm. For eg. CO₂, methane, nitrous oxide and CFCs.



Greenhouse

A greenhouse uses the principle of greenhouse effect. It is made of glass, which allows the heat to pass through it and also works as a barrier to ensure that the heat stays inside. A greenhouse is mostly used for growing vegetables, floriculture, planting material acclimatization, fruit crop growing for export market and plant breeding.



Solar radiation from Sun reaches the Earth's atmosphere. While 70% of the radiation is absorbed by the Earth's surface (land and water), 30% of it is reflected back into space by bright surfaces like ice.



The greenhouse gases in the atmosphere trap the heat reflected by the Earth and keeps the planet warm. If there were no greenhouse gases, Earth's temperature would be as low as -18° C.

Due to human activities like burning fuels, cutting trees etc the amount of greenhouse gases present in the atmosphere has increased. This has resulted in the gases trapping extra heat. As a result, the global temperature has increased, which has also lead to change in weather patterns across the world. This is the greenhouse effect.



Eight of the ten largest statues in the world are of Buddhas.

Twist in the tale

When a popular tale is made into a movie, it comes with its share of compromises, the ones that are made with the storyline.

Dhanya Viswesaran, AIS Saket, XI takes you on a journey that started from stories, ended at movies, meeting changes enroute.

Fairy tales have always enraptured young audiences. And more so, when they are adapted into a movie. But the journey of these stories from the book to the big screen is accompanied by manipulation and maneuvering. Case in point - the storyline, which on more occasion that one, is tweaked and sometimes, completely rewritten to ensure a box-office-capturing-magical-formula. Read on to know the real and reel versions of some popular tales.



Snow White

Original: The courtship period between the Beauty and the Beast is quite different in the book. The Beast hardly talks to her. In fact, she eats alone each evening, before he comes in to say goodnight and proposes to her.

Celluloid: In the film, the two slowly fall in love after spending time together (while imprisoned)

in the Beast's palace. Soon, she is able to see the good man behind the mask. They get to dine together, dance and get to know one another in the film.

Cinderella

Original: In the Brothers Grimm version, one of the stepsisters cuts off her toe to fit into the shoe. When Cinderella and the

Prince get married, the stepmother and stepsisters are also invited. However, before the ceremony begins, two birds, who are friendly with Cinderella decide to peck out their eyes and teach them a lesson.

Celluloid: Karma has no role to play in the film. Cinderella simply lets her stepsisters off the hook for all they have done and

goes on to live happily with her prince charming.

Hercules

Original: In the original Greek tale, Hercules is shown to possess God-like strength. He is quite confident and is shown to be born in Thebes, Egypt.

Celluloid: The character is completely opposite to the myth. In

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this, he is presented as a socially-awkward person, who is born on Mount Olympus.

Sleeping Beauty

Original: In the Grimm's tale, Talia, the sleeping beauty character is under a spell, which is broken when one of her kids sucks the stalk from the nail bed — the main reason why she had dropped dead in the first place.

Celluloid: The King is enraptured by the striking beauty of Talia, who is dead and her body is kept in a castle. The movie shows that her spell would be broken by a kiss out of true love — this aspect was indeed an addition in the screenplay.

While some might argue that such alterations to the original storyline is grave injustice to the book, there are others who feel tweaking is essential to add some thrills and chills. So, which side are you on?

Parental Espionage

Illustration: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network

What happens when parents decide to spy on their children? Will they be proud, or will they get angry? Well, the possibilities are many...

Parnika Prabhakar

AIS Gur 43, XII

It was that time of the year again. It was the day of the much dreaded parent teacher meeting. Like always, the parents were mentally prepared to receive feedback for their children from teachers and also, in any case, complaint. All set to defend their children in case of any behavioural anomalies, they were in for a surprise when the class teacher asked them to have a look at how their children behave in the classroom. CCTV cameras were mounted, giving parents a generous view of the classroom.

SCENE 1: CLASSROOM

Dad (nerd): “Finally, he will get over this dreaded test today. He has been preparing for it for the test for the past 2 weeks.”
Dad (bully): “My son never studies, wonder how he passes.”
Mom (backbencher): “Time is passing. Why won't he write?”
Mom (average student): “If everyone's asking, who knows the answers?”
Mom (nerd): “I love my son!”
Dad (clown): “Teamwork is a moral value, isn't it?”
Mom (backbencher): “Should the teacher worry about the chits? I hope not!”

Dad (clown)-
“Outstanding comic timing, I'm proud son.”
Mom (nerd)- “The comic time is standing-out.”

Mom (unlucky student)-“He's cheating! GROUNDED FOR TWO DAYS!”
Dad (bully): “Ok. So now the teacher will collect the answer sheets. And now I know how he gets his marks”
Dad (backbencher): “If I don't forget about this test, he'll make me for sure.”

SCENE 2: MATH PERIOD

Mom (fashionista): “Not sure if my daughter had the same hairstyle in the morning.”
Dad (class clown): “It's their math teacher. She never gives any homework; I think we should complain about that.”
Mom (unlucky student)-“Did she say 'submit your homework'?”
Dad (backbencher): “Just one boy did it!”
Mom (nerd): “I love my son!”
Mom (unlucky student): “Homework also not done! 3 DAYS GROUNDED!”
The students apologise to the teacher for not doing the homework
Dad (backbencher): “It's okay

they're kids, at least there are no paper ball battles.”
I answer later...

Mom (bully): “No! PH scale is different!”

And the class erupts into fits of laughter.

Dad (clown): “Outstanding comic timing, I'm proud son.”
Mom (nerd): “The comic timing is standing-out.”

SCENE 3: RECESS

Mom (unlucky child): “I've packed him pav bhaji today.”
Dad (backbencher): “Well it's the recess, what could happen; guess I'm going to go...”
In that moment, he was interrupted by the loud voice of a desk crashing down. Suddenly, they wanted to stay.
Mom (unlucky student): “Did anyone feel the earthquake?”
Mom (bully): “It's pav bhaji.”
Mom (nerd): “What is that orange stuff erupting from the mouth of that kid!”
Mom (unlucky student): “*Bhaji!* This mob has swallowed him!”
Dad (backbencher): “The wild beast munching on that piece of food is not my son! Is that how he eats?”
Mom (fashionista): “This is a sickening display.”
Parents were now ready with punishments, in their own styles.



SCENE 4: CANTEEN

Dad (clown): “I doubt they will know what 'queues' mean.”
Mom (nerd): “He's studying in break time! Such dedication.”
Mom (unlucky student): “My son barely got anything to eat in lunch time.”
Mom (fashionista): “What are they contributing money for?”
Dad (backbenchers): “A party I suppose.”
Dad (bully): “2 sandwiches and juice doesn't look like party.”
Mom (unlucky student)- “They

bought lunch for my son!”
This small gesture worked wonders with the secret audience the children had.
Mom (unlucky student): “Okay I'll just ground him for 2 days.”
She said with a subtle smile.

NEXT DAY

Fashionista: “My mom hasn't been acting quite like herself since yesterday, she didn't believe me when I told her we didn't have homework and made me do the entire assignment!”

Backbencher: “Suddenly my dad is after my table manners.”
Class clown: “Dad thinks I have a great sense of humour.”
Class bully: “I think I'll pass at trigonometry.”
Class nerd: “Sure you will.”
And thus the students decided to gulp down their confusions with some food.
Class clown: “Where's Sagar?”
Backbencher: “He's been grounded for 2 days.”
Class bully: “Too bad.”
Well, the story continues...

Pic: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network

Bond of love



Dr Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

“Siblings are the only relatives, and perhaps the only people you’ll ever know, who are with you through the entire arc of your life.” Writer Jeffrey Kluger’s observation about this solemn bond couldn’t have been worded better. The nature of this relationship is revered in every culture, but in India, the pious bond between a brother and a sister is observed as Raksha Bandhan.

On this day, a sister ties a thread around her brother’s wrist, while he promises to protect her. There are several stories associated with the origin of this festival, but one of the popular stories comes from the Mahabharata. It is believed that once Lord Krishna cut his finger and was bleeding profusely. Seeing this, Draupadi tore a part of her sari and tied it around his finger. In return of this gesture, Krishna promised to help her when required, which he did during the disrobing of Draupadi.

Raksha Bandhan is a festival integral to our culture and are also an important part of the Amity almanac. From special assemblies to eco-friendly rakhi making workshop, the festival is celebrated across Amity schools. Such events ensure that the students are in touch with their roots. So, while events like MUNs, symposiums, Olympiads, etc, aid the students in developing a modern outlook, celebration of Indian festivals help in keeping the traditions alive. And that is what the Amity ethos stands for, ‘where modernity blends with tradition’.

I am confident that my Amitians rooted in tradition, will progress forward with a modern view, making the world a better place. 🇮🇳🇮🇳

Sibling love



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

“Do you miss not having a brother?” This question kept coming up every year close to the festival of Raksha bandhan. “Well not really,” I answered promptly, wondering how a brother was any different from two loving and protective elder sisters. With just a year of difference between each of us, I grew up in the care of both my sisters (as mom had no time to manage three children together). From tidying my clothing, to feeding me and ensuring that my homework was done...they took care of everything. With them, I felt safe. But I did not tie a rakhee on their wrists.

For purely traditional and ritualistic reasons, every raksha bandhan we would send rakhees to all 17 of our cousin ‘brothers’ without fail, dutifully celebrating the bro-sis bond. We still follow this ritual, but the cousin brothers are all busy with their lives, with barely enough time to respond on receiving their rakhees. Our excitement on sending off the rakhees every year, however, is yet to wane. And yes, I still don’t miss a brother.

It was only when I grew older that I realised that the festival celebrates the bonding between two people, where the one who wears the rakhee promises to protect the other. The rakhee does not have to be from a girl to a boy. The meaning and value of this piece of thread transcends those boundaries. A younger brother can tie a rakhee to an elder sister who takes care of him. Today sisters tie rakhees to sisters and brothers to brothers. So if you have a sibling, go ahead and tie the rakhee, irrespective of whether a brother or a sister. If you don’t have one, choose one; you can forge a new relationship with this piece of thread. Celebrate sibling love. 🇮🇳🇮🇳

An equal world

The road to women empowerment is replete with hurdles, all of which can be overcome. Chintamani Sharma, former IPS officer, talks about the problems and solutions, in an interview with Jyoti Chaurasiya, Amitasha, Alumnus, on the occasion of Amitasha annual day, held at AUUP.

THE PROBLEMS

Child marriage: Marrying girls at an early age is perhaps one of the biggest social evils that need to be confronted if we are to truly empower women. It has a disastrous effect on children, and not just girls, which translates into damaging the future generation. The tradition is prevalent on a large scale among people of lower strata.

Female foeticide: It is extremely unfortunate that despite several awareness campaigns by the government and door-to-door activities by NGOs, female foeticide is still practiced in the country. This can be attributed to social evils like dowry that make people think of the girl child as a burden.

Lack of education:

A majority of the Indian population is still uneducated, which is the root cause of most social evils. They are not aware of the rights of a girl. Besides, they do not have any information about the various initiatives being taken by government agencies and NGOs to support the girl child. With education in place, these obstacles can easily be overcome.

THE SOLUTIONS

Gender sensitisation: If we want to bring women to the fore, the key lies in gender sensitisation. In my opinion, gender sensitisation begins at home. Parents often divide chores among their children on the basis of gender. For

instance, girls would be asked to take care of the kitchen, while boys are encouraged to take outdoor responsibilities. If we discontinue such discrimination, we will be able to usher a change in the society.

He for she: In a patriarchal society like ours, men are mostly calling the shots at home. So, if we look at the larger picture, they can actually play an important role in empowering women by encouraging them at every step of their lives. Unlike West, where a man and woman play an equal role in household chores, there are taboos associated with Indian men doing household chores. The attitude hasn’t changed over the years. Even though



Chintamani Sharma with GT reporter Jyoti

women have become financially independent, they are still expected to take charge of household work. To create an equal society, men should support women by stepping up for household responsibilities. It’s time to flip the saying, ‘behind every successful man is a woman’.

Social awareness: Changing popular mindset is the need of the hour and that can only come with social awareness. We need to reach out to the masses and apprise them on the asset that girls can be. It’s definitely a slow and a long process, but we shouldn’t give up this fight. 🇮🇳🇮🇳

The sound noise of chatter

Considered as the fourth pillar of society, ‘media’ in India, has become a playground for mindless debates. After all, it’s all about TRP ratings!

Bharat Goyal, AIS MV, XII

“Tonight on the panel we have, a grumpy news anchor bellowing harshly at others, a couple of corrupt statesmen, an elderly social rights activist yawning and dozing, a student union leader, an actor retired from films; all of them seething and fuming like pressure cookers. They are competing rigorously for space, time and attention divided into tiny booths, each occupied with these frenetic media men. My question tonight, ‘What is wrong with our media today?’ and the nation wants to know!” That’s our domestic media for you!

Our country hails media as the vanguard of the society. We have around 70,000 newspapers; over 100 million copies are sold each day and we boast of over 690 satellite channels. Our media is the largest ‘industry’ in the world. It has been instrumental in ensuring a free and healthy flow of ideas, be it during the struggle for Independence, when publications under the nose of the Imperialist masters com-

municated and beckoned for the ideas of freedom and liberty. And even during the Emergency and clampdown of the press in the 70s, when journals exposed the brutal reality of the Indian democracy and politics. However, long gone are those days when media industry was driven by the sole pursuit of social welfare and shared a collective vision of reporting the truth, without



any political leaning or bias. The appalling reality today is that Indian media finds itself in a quagmire. News channels and publications have transformed themselves into business corporate houses and are largely run by people with business interest and political affiliations. Moreover, views are being presented as news. There is a parade of pseudoscience and false learnings. Bytes, counterbytes and high decibel debates constitute a majority portion of the proceedings. Frivolous matters are made sensational and news pieces are endowed with frills and gimmicks. And, not to forget is the media trial. This happens when the media

dons the hat of a ‘messiah’ and news debates metamorphose into courtroom battles. I do get an idea about why gladiator matches had such huge crowds when I see the debate cum orchestra on my ‘idiot box’. Media has innate potential. We believe what we see, and the television decides what we see. The contours of the debate on these channels, the way the media doctored the scheme of things during JNU issue or Sheena Bohra Murder mystery, controversies like Radia Tapes, the slogans of “Go Back Indian Media” on the streets of Nepal; all raise an alarming question and concern about the way the media is ripping apart the fabric of the society. The time has come when some introspection by the Indian media is the need of the hour. Our media personnel need to wake from their slumber and should realise the kind of importance they hold and the responsibilities they hold, by the virtue of being omnipresent, in every single house in the country. Are things expected to change? ‘Gaur se dekhe aur soche!’ 🇮🇳🇮🇳

Little pearls of wisdom

Politics of religion

Aastha Sharma, AIS Vas 6, VIII

A five year long fight, uprooted innocent people from their homes, brutally killed them and destroyed several historical sites. This is the situation of worn torn Syria and Iraq at present. The reason for such colossal damage to life needs to be a rather prominent one. But the grim truth is that the reason is ‘religion’. Unfortunate! Isn’t

it? The hate mongers are using ‘religion’ as a tool to promote hatred among people. This hatred eventually generates unnecessary conflict and destruction. Even India, a multi-cultural country that houses people from different religion, caste, colour and creed, isn’t aloof to the politics of religion. The chorus of ‘intolerance’ and ‘caste-based killings’ has become a recurring feature in day-to-day conversations. Slowly religious

division is cultivating disharmony and distrust among people. If only we would pay heed to what Buddha once said, “Be kind to all creatures; this is the true religion.” The aforementioned teaching of Buddha outlines the real meaning of religion. The original idea of religion was to share beliefs and bind people together on grounds of faith. Every holy text teaches us to be kind, compassionate and at peace to practice religion in society. None of them call for unjust mass killing or use of violence to get people to follow a certain religion.



It is extremely unfortunate that some religious fanatics have twisted the meaning of religion to suit their own vested interests. It is about time that we shun the myopic outlook of religion presented before us. Let’s start afresh and embrace each other’s beliefs and views to practice ‘religion’ in its truest sense ie to spread kindness amongst all.



The eyes of donkeys are placed at such an angle, enabling them to see all their four legs at all times.

My summer story

Summertime is fun time. Some plan for a trip while some look for everyday activities to stay engaged. Bringing you summer stories, narrating moments to be cherished forever

A memorable vacation

Radhika Diwan
AIS Noida, VIII N

It was summer vacation again. And yet again, I was wondering how to spend my one-and-a-half-month long summer vacation. I needed change and that is when my mother came up with the amazing idea of enrolling my younger sibling and me in Chinmaya Mission's Balvihar summer camp. This, she felt, would add a different dimension to our usual summer vacation. And there began the most beautiful three weeks of my life. My father would go to drop us every day. Themed 'Values Personified', each day at the camp would begin with tilak being applied to the forehead. Once inside the class, we would first seek blessings of Swami Chinmaya-ananda ji and then greet everyone with 'Hari Om.' The environment at the camp was calm, composed and everyone greeted each other with a lot of warmth.

The session began sharp at 9 am where we first chanted "Om" followed by mantras and bhajans of Lord Rama. After attending this pious recital ceremony, we headed towards a refreshing yoga session.

Soon after the yoga session, we were divided into groups and each group was supposed to attend a different class. I was in Shashwat group along with my other group members - Raghuveer and Janardan. The session focused on Indian mythology, particularly on the life of Lord Rama, which was explained in a fun-filled manner.

The session would break into lunch, which would again be followed by another round of interactive sessions. Each session taught me something or the other through dance, discussions and other activities. Once, the classes were over, students at the camp would assemble in the main hall for the *aarti* and distribution of *prasad*.

The summer camp was an all new experience. There was so

much to learn. I learnt a lot from Swami Prakashananda ji, a charismatic personality, who heads this centre of Chinmaya mission. In fact, I really enjoyed the session where he inked the entire Harry Potter series to mythology. Being a Potterhead, I thought I knew everything about the series. But, I was astonished to hear that JK Rowling, unknowingly, had written Harry Potter series based on Indian mythology. Like the first movie 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' starts with an owl sitting on the board of Privet Drive. As the owl is the vehicle of Goddess Lakshmi, it signifies prosperity and eight forms of wealth.

On the last day of the summer camp, a grand finale was held. All the students participating in the camp were supposed to perform something based on the learning of the camp. We were given the liberty to choose our own group. I was in the dance group. The finale began with chanting of mantras.



Finale preparations



Radhika Diwan

Radhika preps up for 'Ram leela'



Enlightening session at Chinmaya Mission



Radhika with a guru

A 'Ram Leela', an amalgamation of narration, theatre and dance, was staged before the audience. The finale turned out to be extremely enjoyable as everyone from the camp participated whole heartedly. The au-

dience could be seen applauding all the acts endlessly. Before enrolling for this camp, I had always thought mythology to be boring. However, I have now developed a deep interest in studying mythology and want

to learn more about our values and culture.

To sum up, the summer camp was an enriching, learning experience. It not just opened the gates of mythology to me but also left me with the desire to be a better human being.



Smiling faces from vacation diaries

The tale of a sail

Gaurika Wahal
AIS Noida, IX L

I had always dreaded the idea of sailing in the sea. It was a fear I had developed by imagining the worst possible scenarios while at the sea, like a wind storm swallowing our ship. So, when my parents surprised me with the cruise vacation, I was rather nervous. The idea of being surrounded by water for 4-5 days was something that did not really entice me.

But all my fears vanished in a second when I stepped on the ship, 'Enchantment of the Seas'. The ship, standing true to its name, was truly enchanting. It was nothing short of a 7-star resort and its enormous edifice

was magnificent.

The four day journey on this magnificent ship began from Miami (Florida) and docked at Nassau (Bahamas), CocoCay (Bahamas), Key West (Florida) and then back to Miami. It was a comfortable journey with a courteous on-board staff taking good care of our needs.

Quite contrary to what I had expected, I did not feel dizzy at all. As a result, I was able to enjoy my vacation even more. During the day, we visited the mesmerising islands and would sail for the next port at midnight.

We were enjoying each and every moment, while on board. Every evening, there used to be a get together where every cruise member had to dress up accord-



CocoCay at Bahamas

ing to the "theme of the night". The themes ranged from evergreen '70s to ballroom dance. In addition, the Royal Caribbean singers and dancers on board, entertained all. Apart from evening shows, several activities and fun games like 'Belly flop' or 'Shop till you drop' were also

organised to keep everyone engaged.

And, as they say that 'All good things come to an end,' so did our exciting cruise journey! I disembarked the ship with an enchanting experience and a heart full of memories.



The web of friendship



Mehul Sehgal
AIS Vas 1, IX

“P ing.” The sound reverberated in the silent room where Prayag was making his bed to call it a night. It was 11.30 pm and he wondered who among his friends was awake at this hour. He quickly rushed towards his study table, where the newly-gifted laptop was stationed and looked at his chat box and smiled. A ‘Hello!’ message was sent by a profile, friendz4life. He knew who this was. So, he quickly typed, “I’m good. How about u?”

Though he had promised his parents that he won’t be online for long hours, he decided to make tonight an exception. ***

Prayag, 10, was addicted to online game forums. In his free time, he was either be glued to his mother’s phone or the laptop. It was here that he had met Sumit, an online gamer who used the profile, friendz4life. The two had become friends after several intense gaming sessions. ***

Prayag was sleepy throughout the day. He knew the late night chat was costing him sleep, but he

didn’t mind it. Sumit and he had so much in common: they both loved travelling and reading books. But, most importantly, Sumit was a good listener. Being the only child, Prayag usually felt lonely. Perhaps, that’s why he liked talking to him. He was there always, especially at night, when he wanted to chat. In fact, he had given him all details of his house and a detailed itinerary of their much-awaited holiday to Japan. ***

Prayag was enjoying his sushi, when his father received a call from his neighbour. “Your house has been burgled. Come back

In fact, he had given him all details of his house and a detailed itinerary of their much-awaited holiday to Japan.

urgently.” All three of them cut their holiday short and rushed back home. They were surprised to find that someone had used their spare key, which was kept under one of the pots, to open their door. Only three of them knew about it. The police, suspicious, asked them questions to find the culprit. ***

Prayag wanted to tell Sumit about this tragic episode. Sumit wasn’t online. He left a message for him. Sumit didn’t get back to him. This was strange as Sumit had never done this before. Suddenly, Prayag realised that Sumit knew about the keys. He himself had told him about them. He told his parents about Sumit and they informed the police. It was soon verified that the id was fake, and it was a trick to befriend Prayag to extract their personal details. ***

Prayag felt disheartened since his parents had cautioned him not to make online friends. But he didn’t listen to them. He wished he had.🇮🇳



Greek baked feta

Arnav, AIS Gur 46, IX

Ingredients

Feta cheese.....1 cup
Tomato.....1
Red onion1/2
Red bell pepper.....1
Zucchini.....1
Extra virgin olive oil.....1 tbsp
Oregano1/2 tsp
Salt.....to taste

Method

- Cut red onion, red bell pepper and zucchini into rings.
- Now chop the tomato into small cubes.
- Take an aluminum foil and

and place feta cheese in the centre of the foil.

- Top it with chopped tomato, onion, red bell pepper and zucchini.
- Drizzle extra virgin olive oil.
- Sprinkle oregano and salt on the veggies and cheese.
- Completely wrap all the veggies and cheese in the foil.
- Place it on a baking tray.
- Bake the feta cheese and the vegetables in a preheated oven at 180 degrees for about 20 minutes.
- Transfer the feta cheese and vegetables on a plate and serve hot.

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WORDS VERSE

Seasonal story

Aditya Nagpal
AIS Gur 43, IX

The time is winter
When cold breeze blows
And fiery fire glows
In the night of darkness
We huddle together
To share stories of yore

Next comes spring
Everything looks fresh
Flowers bloom
In many hues
The beauty of nature
Is full grown

It’s summer again
When days are longer
And nights shorter
Under harsh sun rays
Life becomes fray
All we do is pray

Suddenly, something changes
The air is moisture-laden
Spells of showers
Soak the city
Monsoon brings relief
In our dreary journey

Now comes autumn
When trees shun leaves
Devoid of any colour
The world looks gloomy
Under hazy sky
It’s time to write poetry

Once again the year ends
Once again hot coffee blends
Once again winter arrives
Once again the cycle returns
Once again nature beckons
Once again season begins.🇮🇳

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: Who has been interviewed on page 1? Ans:	Q: How many fairy tales have been explored in ‘Tales with a twist’? Ans:	Q: Which school organised ‘Cresendo’? Ans:
Q: What is the headline of the article written by Prachi Chhabra on p3? Ans:	Q: Mention the name of the student featured in It’s Me column. Ans:	Q: Which page carries the story ‘Politics of religion’? Ans:
Q: Which vegetables have been used in ‘Greek baked feta’? Ans:	Q: Who has written ‘Deciphering blondes’ on page 12? Ans:	Q: How much does a space suit cost in Indian rupees? Ans:

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

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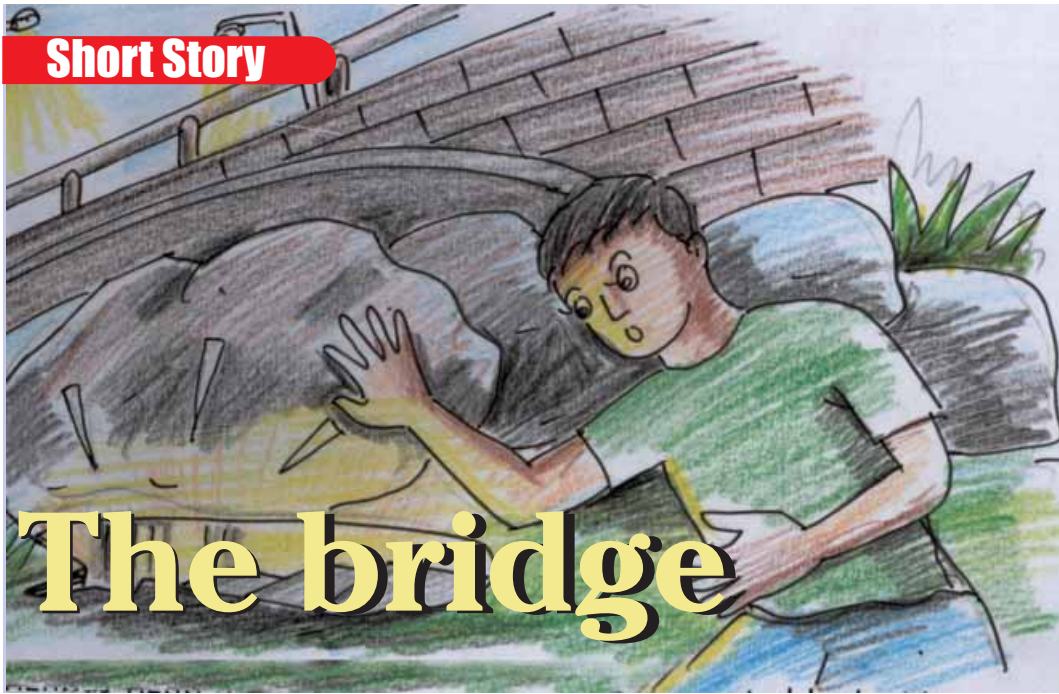


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Pratul Gupta, AIS Saket, VI

It was midnight. Everyone in the house was asleep, except, Ashok, who like always stood by his window. The window in his house overlooked a beautiful lake. Under the moonlit sky, the lake glittered every night. Enchanted by the beauty of the lake, he was often tempted to sneak out of the house at night and take a stroll on the bridge over the lake. Ashok would often visit the bridge during the day. But scared that this might drive his parents furious, he resisted the urge to do so. Finally, he decided to call it a night and went off to sleep.

The next morning, when he woke up, his father told everyone over breakfast to be careful as Sushim, the boy next door had been kidnapped. Ashok screamed in horror. “Sushim is my friend, papa!” Frantically, he left his breakfast and rushed to Sushim’s house, where he saw several policemen interrogating his parents. Ashok found out that the kidnappers had left a note, “If you want your son to be alive, get two bags of gold bars to the bridge.” Sushim’s mom was hysterical and said, “Where will we get gold bars from? Which bridge?” After listening to all of this, Ashok was even more worried

about his friend, Sushim. He wandered around all the favourite spots, where they would play after school. Finally, he stopped by the bridge for a few minutes, and then started walking towards the other end of the bridge. Just then his ankle twisted and he toppled over a rock. And there he saw a small hidden door beneath the bridge covered with bushes. Curiously, he opened it. The door opened to a flight of stairs. Gathering all his courage,

Ashok found out that the kidnappers had left a note, “If you want your son to be alive, get two bars of gold near the bridge.”

he decided to go inside. It was dark inside. he had barely walked a few steps, when he noticed a dim light. And just then his eyes fell upon his friend Sushim, who was laying there unconscious, on a rusted old bed. His eyes wandered further, when he saw two kidnappers sitting, playing cards. “We will be rich!” “Let’s go and call this boy’s father,” said one of them. As they left to make the call, Ashok crawled towards his friend and tried to wake him up. After a lot of effort, Sushim regained consciousness and both of them silently crawled outside the den. Sushim was in a state of shock and dehydrated. Ashok took him to his own house and informed Sushim’s parents. Within few minutes, Sushim’s parents and police reached Ashok’s house. His parents were ecstatic. Ashok and Sushim briefed everyone about the kidnapper’s den. The police rushed to the spot, and the kidnappers were caught. Everyone was proud of Ashok.

So what did you learn today?

A new word: Hysterical

Meaning: Affected by uncontrolled emotions



Catch the bug

Materials

Toilet paper rolls (2)
Jute rope (1/2 metre)
Poster/Acrylic Paint
Glue
Stapler
Googly eyes (4)
Green construction paper
Green construction paper

Method

- Paint the inside of the toilet paper rolls with red colour and let it dry.
- Next, paint the outside of the toilet paper rolls with green colour. Let it dry.
- Take green construction paper and cut out four legs for each frog.

- Flatten one end of both the rolls by pressing by hand.
- Stick four legs on each roll. Two on the upper part and two towards the pressed end.(Refer image)
- Now, take the jute rope and tie a knot at both the ends of jute rope.
- Slide-in one end of the tied rope inside flattened sides of the rolls.
- Now, staple along the flattened end to secure the knot.
- Cut out 4 bugs from the blue construction paper.
- Cut out 4 bugs from the blue paper. Stick the other knot beneath the bug.
- Stick googly eyes on the frog.

It’s Me

My name: Vansh Pratap Bisla
My school: AIS Gur 43
My Class: I
My birthday: February 18
I like: Painting and colouring
I dislike: Fighting
My hobby: Playing with friends
My role model: My mom
My best friend: Ahaan Garg
My favourite book: Jungle book
My favourite game: Cricket and video game
My favourite mall: Ambience Mall
My favourite food: Butter *parantha* and *daal*
My favourite teacher: Abha ma’am
My favourite poem: Johny Johny Yes Papa
My favourite subject: English
I want to become: A pilot
I want to feature in GT: It makes me feel good.



POEMS

I want to dream such a dream

Annanyaa Kainth, AIS Vas 6, III D

I want to dream such a dream!
On an evening, I am having ice-cream
Watching a cricket match of Indian team
Besides my family sitting in a ring
We are enjoying food with lots of things

I want to dream such a dream!
Everyone gets together to pray
To have all the pains taken away
Everyone gets to eat food
And always be happy with good mood

I want to dream such a dream!
I will work very hard
In order to glitter like a star

I will be kind and caring
Because perfect life is just about sharing

God’s gift -nature

Amatra Sejwal, AIS Saket, IV A

Can’t you see nature?
Beauty of nature
Smile of nature
Nature, nature, everywhere nature

Earth is a pocket full of nature
Everything we see is nature
Breezy and sunny nature
Smile with nature

You can find peace in nature
Sometimes solace in nature
Never doubt healing power of nature



Nature, nature, feel the love of nature

We are born out of nature
Will go back to nature
Find friendship with nature
Nature, nature, be a part of nature

Match it

Vedanshi, AIS Vas 6, III

Do you know who discovered what? Take this game and find out.

SCIENTISTS		INVENTIONS	
	1. Thomas Alva Edison		A. Telephone
	2. John Logie Baird		B. Calculator
	3. Alexander Graham Bell		C. Electric bell
	4. Blaise Pascal		D. Television
	5. Alexander Parkes		E. Battery
	6. Alessandra Volta		F. Plastic

Answers: 1.C,2.D,3.A,4.B,5.F,6.E

Riddle Fiddle

Manasvi Chaudhary
AIS Vas 1, II

- How many months have 28 days?
- You can see me in water, but I never get wet. Who am I?
- What has a heart, but no organs?
- What begins with T, ends with T and has T in it?
- I am a seven letter word containing thousands of letters. Guess who am I.
- Why are teddy bears never hungry?

Answers: 1. All of them 2. A reflection 3. A deck of cards 4. Teapot 5. Mailbox 6. Bear cause they are stuffed

Jokey Pokey

Anaya Kumar
AIS Vas 6, II





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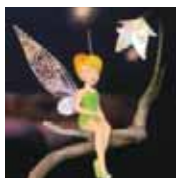
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The smallest wax figure made in Madame Tussauds is Tinkerbell.

Crescendo carnival



The winners uplift the trophy with great enthusiasm and pride



Students perform with full zest

AIS Mayur Vihar

In keeping with the vision of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF, to ensure holistic development of children in every field, the school organised its annual Inter-school Western Music Competition titled 'Crescendo' on July 20-21, 2017. The popular annual event show-

cases the musical talent of the school students across the city. The musical extravaganza, spread over two days saw eighteen schools from Delhi/ NCR enthusiastically participate. Renowned names from the music industry such as Ronald D'Silva, Ashton Vaz and Naman Dutta graced the occasion as the judges.

The participants performed with

fervour and zest and displayed exemplary musical flair to the cheering of the crowd. They competed neck to neck in the competition. The Rolling Trophy was bagged by DPS RK Puram. In the individual category, Arpit Jain of AIS MV was adjudged the Best Keyboard Player and Parth Sarathi shared the Best Drummer prize with St Columba's School. [G](#)[I](#)

Planting trees



Taking part in the noble cause



Planting life

AIS VVC Lucknow

To create a social awareness about the importance of trees and to protect the environment, a tree plantation drive was organised in the school

on July 24, 2017. Atul Jindal, General Manager & Arun Singh, Asst. Chief Conservator, Forest Conservation Department were invited on this noble occasion. The children planted seedlings to mark the day as a significant one.

The students and teachers enthusiastically took part in the plantation drive. They also talked about the harmful effects of deforestation on Earth and the ways one can combat such issues by planting more and more trees. [G](#)[I](#)



Kanishka with Principal

International Skating championship

AIS Gurugram 43

Kanishka Sharma, a Class V student, represented school at the International Roller Skating Championship held in Nepal on July 6, 2017. She won two Gold medals in 500 mts and 1000 mts, respectively, competing against 200 students from various states of India.

A skating champ, Kanishka has 30 Gold, 20 Silver and 10 Bronze medals that she won in various Skating championships. Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF applauded her efforts and achievements. School Principal Anshu Arora congratulated the young prodigy for doing the school proud.

Visit to Parliament

AIS Mayur Vihar

AIS Mayur Vihar organised a visit to Indian Parliament for the Commerce and Humanity students of Class XI and XII on July 19, 2017. The students pursuing Legal Studies visited Parliament Museum and witnessed the Lok Sabha session from the visitor's gallery. They also saw the big wigs of Indian Politics. The students were spell bound to see the impressive oratory skills of the ruling party and the opposition. They also got lucky to get an opportunity to meet and talk to Anurag Thakur, Member of Parliament (MP) and Ex- President, BCCI. The visit gave students an insight and first-hand experience to learn about the working of Lok Sabha. This experience shall help the students understand about the law making organ of the country and its proceedings. [G](#)[I](#)

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Fifteen students from Class X along with their Social Studies teachers, Meena Negi & Aarti Saxena visited the Parliament on July 28, 2017. They witnessed the parliamentary proceedings from the visitor's gallery.

The children saw the Members of Parliament discuss about the bill introduced to restrict the role of Govt. in Indian Institute of Management (IIMs) and give them autonomy with regard to admissions, placements, curriculum, etc. The bill was supported by the members of opposition with a few suggestions.

The students were privileged to hear prominent leaders like Prakash Javadekar (Minister HRD), Shashi Tharoor (Congress leader) & Babul Supriyo (Minister of State for Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises). [G](#)[I](#)



Students share the frame with Anurag Thakur

French Olympiad

AIS Gurugram 46

The school bagged the Overall Champions Trophy in the Inter- Amity



Holding the trophy with pride

French Olympiad organised for Class X students on January 31, 2017.

All branches of Amity Interna-

tional Schools from Delhi/ NCR comprising a total of 315 students participated in the competition. Pulkrit Goyal, Sukriti Jain & Ishita Bansal made the school proud by their exemplary performances in the competition. School Principal Arti Chopra congratulated the students for their brilliant achievement.

AIS Viraj Khand Campus, Lucknow

Dance competition



Shaking legs together on different tunes

Inter-house



Mind Exercises: Sharpening the debating skills

ADZAP competition

AIS Noida

Gaurika Wahal, IX L & Khushi Saxena, X L
AIS Noida

AIS Noida held an inter-house ADZAP competition in the seminar hall on July 19, 2017. The students had to prepare different creative advertisements for their given topics. Alaknanda house portrayed an advertisement on washing powder with great zeal and enthusiasm. Bhagirathi house got multipurpose school bag as their topic. Pawani and Mandakini houses were allotted multipurpose snacks and eraser as their topics, respectively. The houses were appreciated



Students present creative ads

and encouraged with applause for their creatively made advertisements. The first position was bagged by Pawani house, followed by Bhagirathi on the second position. Mandakini and Alaknanda had a tie and grabbed the third position.

AIS VKC Lucknow organised an Inter- house dance competition for the students of Class XI and XII on July 24, 2017. Students flaunted their dance moves on stage as they shook their legs on the 'International theme' allotted to them.

The participants were judged on criteria such as song selection,

props and costumes, coordination and expression, and overall presentation. Amongst the four houses, Mandakini house emerged as the winner and bagged the first prize, followed by Bhagirathi house at the second position.

Overall, it was an extravagant and delightful competition, enjoyed by all. [G](#)[I](#)



Students give a well synchronised performance

Debate competition

A Debate competition was organised by school for the students of senior wing (Class IX and X) and middle wing (Class VI, VII and VIII) on July 19, 2017.

The topic for the senior wing was 'Is social media beneficial for us or is it just a sophisticated way of stalking?' The topic for the middle wing participants was 'Plastic money is better than paper money'. The participants debated aggressively on both the topics while the interlocutors interrogated the speakers.

The participants were judged on various criteria such as the relevance of subject matter, voice modulation, coherence, confidence and the rebuttal answers. Pawani house bagged the first

prize while Alaknanda house emerged out as the runner up in the senior wing. The Best Speaker award in the senior wing for 'for' and 'against' the motion went to Pranjal Mishra (IX B) and Anisha Singh (X B) respectively.

In the middle wing, Pawani house bagged the first prize while Bhagirathi house emerged as the runner up. Chhavi Bhatt & Prabhav Trivedi of Class VIII and Joyal Patel & Astha Jain from Class VII in the middle wing were adjudged the Best Speakers.

The debate competition gave students an opportunity to bring their best oratory skills out and instilled a lot of stage confidence in them. [G](#)[I](#)

A space suit costs US \$12 million, which is about Rs 75,24,05,400.

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Samara Chauhan, AIS PV, IV



Did you know

Guess me, if you can

It's easy to guess an actor's name if the given hints are his movies, songs etc. But what if the hints are their social work? Will you be able to guess, then?



Disha Rawal, AIS Gur 43, Alumnus

Bollywood is not just any other industry in India. It is a religion. What else can explain millions of fans wanting to know everything about their favourite celebrity - right from what they eat to the amount of sugar they like in their coffee. But what many do not know about these popular stars is their philanthropic endeavours. If you think you do, here's a little guess game for you.

① She, through her namesake foundation, helps poor and needy people in India. She has also pledged to donate

her eyes to the Eye Bank Association of India and has appeared in a public awareness film on eye donation. Apart from this, she was also a Goodwill Ambassador of UNAIDS.

Hint: The former Miss World is married to the son of yesteryear's super star. She is the brand ambassador of an international beauty brand.

② This 'badshaah' of Bollywood is known for his philanthropic deeds. He has made a special cancer department and children ward at Nanavati Hospital, in memory of his mother who died of cancer. Apart from this, during natural disasters like Tsunami and Uttarakhand

floods, he raised money through his concerts and donated Rs 25 crores to Uttarakhand victims.

Hint: He is known as the king of romance and is the co-owner of an IPL team. His humble beginning started from a TV soap.

③ She often speaks out on women's issues such as female infanticide and foeticide, and in support of education for girl child. She was appointed UNICEF's National Ambassador in 2010 and now has a long standing association with the 'Save the Girl' campaign by UNICEF. She has also pledged to donate her organs after death.

Hint: She was featured in a leading role on an American TV show. A former Miss World pageant winner, she also turned singer and made her international music debut with a song featuring Will.I.Am.

④ In the past, she has campaigned to promote children's education and supported the cause for women. Now she is actively involved in promoting the cause of clean drinking water and sanitation. She is also part of a campaign aimed at increasing awareness about banes of open defecation in India. Apart from this, she was also the face of WWF's Earth Hour. **Hint:** Despite her power-packed performance in her debut film, this talented Bollywood actress had to face the wrath of critics and fans for weight-gain issues and horrible dressing sense

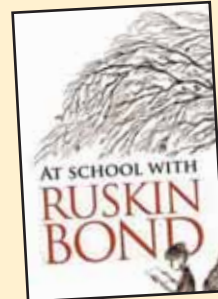
⑤ He is a silent knight when it comes to charity and donates big amounts without flaunting it. In 2013, the actor donated Rs 25 lakhs to the Uttarakhand flood victims and even initiated a campaign to encourage others to donate. He is vocal about social issues and even hosted a TV show, through which he highlighted sensitive social issues. He is also the ambassador for UNICEF in South Asia.

Hint: Known for getting into the skin of the character, this actor sticks to doing only one film a year and he also stays away from award ceremonies, a trend that he started. 🇮🇳

In case you could not guess, don't worry.

① Aishwarya Rai ② Shahrukh Khan
③ Priyanka Chopra ④ Vidya Balan
⑤ Aamir Khan

A world of my own



Book-Review

Kinjal Singh, AIS Vas 1, VIII

Book: At the school with Ruskin Bond
Author: Ruskin Bond
Release date: 2011
Rating:*****

This book is a unique collection of stories, where Ruskin Bond recalls his school days in a boarding school. He recollects his memories of being a Scout boy, the pleasure of belonging to a secret club, his increasing passion towards reading and the pleasurable activity of wandering around the hills of Mussoorie.

Why you should read it: The collection of stories leave you with happy feeling. The author takes cue from everyday observations from personal experience, and weaves them into beautiful stories. The lucid narration is another add-on.

The message: Growing up is a never-ending phase as life is a journey of experiences, both good and bad; each leaving us with a lesson to learn. It is these bitter-sweet experiences that add up to make memories, which stay with an individual for life. The book tells you to live each experience that life throws your way.

My best liner: When Mr Kumar said to Ranjit, "Where would we be without losers? There wouldn't be any games without them. All good players have a bad day now and then."

Best to read when: If you are feeling glum, pick this, and it will surely transport you to another world.

Colours: Hair edition

Blondes ought to be stupid. Brunettes are smart. Redheads are fiery. But that's all myth. The truth is rather different.

Sanskriti Bharti, AIS Vas 1, XA brings you facts about blondes, brunettes and redheads.

Blondes

Fact: Being naturally blonde is rare. Only 2 % of people in the world have natural blonde hair, that's about 1 in 20 Americans. And yet, all you see around are blondes. So obsessed is the world with golden-coloured hair that around 40% Americans colour their hair blonde.

Many hues of blonde: There are many hues that can be considered blonde. The colour spectrum ranges from café au lait locks to golden platinum and even brown blonde mix!

Did you know: Most people have 120,000 hair on their head, but blondes usually have more hair than any other person because their strand is thin. So the scalp can hold more.

Brunettes

Fact: Brown hair is the second most common human hair colour after black hair. Its strands are thicker but not as much as those of red hair. This type of hair is common among populations in the Western world, especially in Central Europe, Southeastern Europe, Eastern Europe and Southern Europe.

Many hues of brunettes: There is plenty of variation ranging from dark brown to milk chocolate brown; and also

dark chestnut brown to walnut brown.

Did you know: Actress Audrey Hepburn received praise from critics during the 1940s and 1950s for bringing a different kind of appeal to films. In a time period where most actresses were blonde, she refused to dye her dark brown hair into a blonde shade.

Redheads

Fact: Redheads, a term used for people who are born with natural red hair. Less than 2% of the

world's population has red hair, which is nearly 140 million people. Scotland with 13% boasts the highest percentage of redheads, while Ireland comes second with 10 percent.

Types of hair colour: Red hair varies in shades, ranging from burnt orange to copper.

Did you know: Redheads can't absorb sufficient Vitamin D due to low concentrations of eumelanin in their body. However, when they are exposed to low light conditions, Vitamin D is produced in their body.



GT Travels to Hampshire



Arnav Ahlawat, AIS PV, II E poses with his copy of The Global Times in front of Peppa Pig World, Hampshire, UK. The Peppa Pig World is located within the Paultons Theme Park, which spreads across 140 acres of land. The theme park offers a total of 70 rides including thrill rides, roller coasters, water rides along with a collection of 80 species of animals and birds.

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