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 Dear Mr Kalam,  
 Thank you for making India a  
 better country. Rest in peace.  
 Satrajit Sahani  
 AIS Mayur Vihar, Alumnus

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# Kalam ko Salaam

*Rarely comes a man, who is respected unanimously by the ruling party and opposition alike. Rarely comes a soul, who earns boundless followers from across the world. Dr APJ Abdul Kalam was one such rare gem. A humanitarian in every sense of the word, Amity revisits with fondness, the regality of his simplistic aura.*

Dr APJ Abdul Kalam during his visit to AIS Noida in 2008

Tulika Banerji, GT Network

Finally, the children of India have a role model. A true role model who is without vices to cow him down or controversies to mar his reputation. A spotlessly clean professional, with an unsoiled career. A perseverant and fiercely determined scientist, with a tireless mission. A holder of the highest office in the country, yet he didn't mind in the least leaving his official cavalcade to walk through a traffic jam. Finally, the people of India have an icon who everyone claims to be theirs. Everyone boasts of their slice of glory with him, be it a fleeting handshake or a smile exchanged. A selfless individual, with a magnanimous mass appeal, that was Dr APJ Abdul Kalam.

Always a scientist

When Dr Kalam stepped into the portals of AIS Noida in 2008 as chief guest on the valedictory ceremony of Vasudha, his eyes shone bright, for he was among his favourite things - science projects. Renu Singh, principal, AIS Noida recounts, "He was quite impressed with Vasudha, and mentioned in all humility that it was a very noble initiative. He took interest in all the projects, and personally interacted with the children." A great scientist with insatiable curiosity, that was Dr Kalam.

Always a People's President

Soham Gupta from AUUP, then a student of Class IV, AIS Noida, was thrilled to bits when he was invited for a week's stay with his family at Rashtrapati Bhawan,

Always a teacher

It was no ordinary day when Nikita Ojha, AIS Gurgaon 43, alumnus, met the extraordinary being, "When your parents pull you out of school on an ordinary day, either you are in trouble or you are getting a big surprise. Meeting Dr Kalam was indeed a big surprise. He signed an autograph for me and asked me to recite the words printed on the card - 'Learning gives creativity; creativity leads to thinking; thinking provides knowledge; knowledge makes you great.' A lifelong teacher who lived and breathed his last with students, that was Dr Kalam.

Always a gentleman

A meeting with the former president comprises the fondest memories of Kartikeya Ojha, AIS Gurgaon 43, XII C, "The moment I met him, I felt such warmth and passion! He was so down to earth and his childlike innocence was

Always a scientist

"He was plain and simple, yet so dynamic and empowering. Right from plucking oranges for me in the Mughal Garden to his morning walks with us, he always made me feel special." Manav Sehgal, AIS Noida, XII feels fortunate to have shaken hands with him! "I was impressed by his bubbly nature. He was truly a people's president." A no-nonsense person, yet he charmed everyone with his beguiling smile; that was Dr Kalam.

REVISITED  
 Dr Kalam visited AIS Noida as chief guest on the valedictory ceremony of Vasudha in 2008. His interaction with the students on the occasion was captured by GT in the form of an exclusive interview, issue dated October 2008. As the nation mourns the loss of this revered President who left for his heavenly abode on July 27, 2015, GT pays a tribute with a re-run of the same interview.

# Dr Kalam's Classroom

The GT Crown goes to our most prized visitor Dr APJ Abdul Kalam for enlightening the Amitians with his visionary words.

**Exemplary President, luminous scientist, excellent writer and awe inspiring orator. The Missile Man of India has won innumerable hearts with his earthy approach and humane attitude. His natural leanings towards children, have made him an unprecedented hero among the little ones. If there is anyone who can take the place of Chacha Nehru in the lives of children today, it has to be former President of India, Dr APJ Abdul Kalam. The students of Amity schools had the rare opportunity of a face-to-face interface with him, captured in the excerpts below...**

**Priyanka Rani, Amitasha Noida:** *Which is the most memorable incident of your childhood?*

When I was ten years old, I had a teacher. To teach us how birds fly, he took us to the seashore. There we saw hundreds of seagulls flying together. It was magical! I realised one day I must fly too, and that is where I developed the seeds of my education in aeronautical engineering. That teacher gave me a dream.

**Manoj, AIS Saket:** *What, according to you, is the most revolutionary scientific discovery?*

Electricity. It has brought about a revolution in our life.

**Amol Chauhan, AIS Saket:** *In the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) experiment, will the presence of Indian scientists enhance the image of Indian scientific talent?*

The LHC experiment is a very safe and clear test. I was there at Geneva when the

Indian scientists were working. Six Indian groups are participating in this experiment in development of software, experimental runs and analysis of data. The presence of Indian scientists is definitely a feather in our achievement beret.

**Kaveri Modiya, AIS PV:** *What is the best way in which we can bring sustainability to the environment?*

If you want to bring about sustainability, begin with your homes. So, plant trees in

your school, home and neighbourhood. Keep your home and neighbourhood clean. Conserve energy in your home. Minimise the use of fossil fuel. Work towards using solar energy.

**Jayant Dalmia, AIS Noida:** *Amity University is offering different courses in B. Tech. Which one has the biggest scope?*

Certainly these courses have a great potential in their respective areas in the country. But, remember that what you love is the most important. Whatever profession you pursue, it's imperative to enjoy it.

**Apoorva, AIS Gur 43:** *How can our country create more Nobel Laureates?*

Nations do not make Nobel Prize winners. Nobel laureates are generally those people who have a vision for the nation, acquire knowledge, and work hard persistently.

**Ritika Sharma, AIS ED:** *What did you enjoy most - being a full time scientist or being the President of India?*

Every job has its own challenges. When I was a teacher, I was very happy in that role. When I was asked to be the President, I held the office with utmost sincerity. We have to like the job in which we are involved, only then we will succeed in life.

**Chirag Agarwal, AIS Gur 46:** *How can we, as children, contribute in your mission to make India a developed nation by 2020?*

Go to villages, teach people to read and write. Plant at least five trees and take care of them. Visit hospitals and ask about the patients' well being, bring a smile on their faces. Have an ambition in life and work hard for it.●



Dr APJ Abdul Kalam had never been a brilliant student or class topper in his entire school life. However, he was a very hardworking student.



# Hijab ban: a cover up?

Vaishali Soni, GT Network

**Reported:** A Kerala nun was barred from taking the AIPMT exam after she refused to remove her habit (headscarf) and the cross. Another girl was denied the examination as she did not remove her hijab - a violation of CBSE's strict dress code. How effective is this rule in preventing fraudulent practices very prevalent in exams? Or is this rule simply putting the career of students at stake? We ask future aspirants and teachers for their opinion.

**Yes:** It will be effective and it aims to secure the future of the students.

"Considering the advancements in technology, cheating in exams has become very easy. Implementing a strict dress code may not be the absolute solution to the problem, but it will definitely help curtail it to some extent."

Reema Gupta, AIS Gurgaon 46, Teacher

"Imposing a strict dress code can help ensure that the students are not carrying reference material with them to the examination hall, which they might use for cheating. Even though a strict dress code isn't the only measure, it is definitely a step in the direction of ensuring 'cheating-free exams' and is also fair to those students who use hard work as the only tool to crack these exams."

Anmol Gupta, AIS Noida, XII G

**No:** It won't be effective and is meddling with the future of students.

"One needs to understand that the students are tensed as it is, when appearing for these entrance examinations. Imposing a strict dress code and adding to the list of do's and don'ts further adds to their confusion. So, instead of helping the stu-



dress code, CBSE should focus on strengthening the security system."

Kirti Wadhwa, AIS PV, XI E

**Doesn't matter:** The violators will still find another way to breach the law.

"CBSE has introduced various rules time and again to check the problem of cheating in exams. However, most of these rules remain etched on paper, as their implementation remains a major issue. Besides, it isn't just the students but also the teachers who are party to leaking of various examination papers and changing the dress code is a move that addresses only students."

Hina Mukherjee, AIS Vas 6, Teacher

"These bans don't really help because today, the technology is so advanced that those who want to cheat, will cheat no matter what. Such codes will only create confusion, nothing else."

Maanavi Kashyap, AIS Vas 1, XI A GT



dents, this move might just have an opposite effect."

Archana Upadhyaya, AIS MV, Teacher

"Do you think that imposing a stricter dress code alone can help curb cheating in exams? Instead of asking the students to follow a



## HAPPY NEWS

### The next Tiger Woods

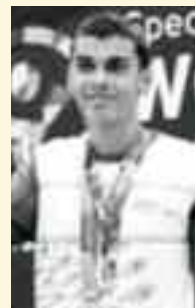
Ten-year old golfer Shubham Jaglan wins two junior titles



Shubham Jaglan, a ten year old gifted junior golfer, could be India's answer to Tiger Woods. He won two international golf tournaments within a span of two weeks. Shubham, a milkman's son from Israna village, Haryana, won International Junior Golf Academy World Stars (Las Vegas) and IMG Junior World Championship (San Diego). Watch out for the child prodigy who learnt to play golf from YouTube.

### Special Olympics

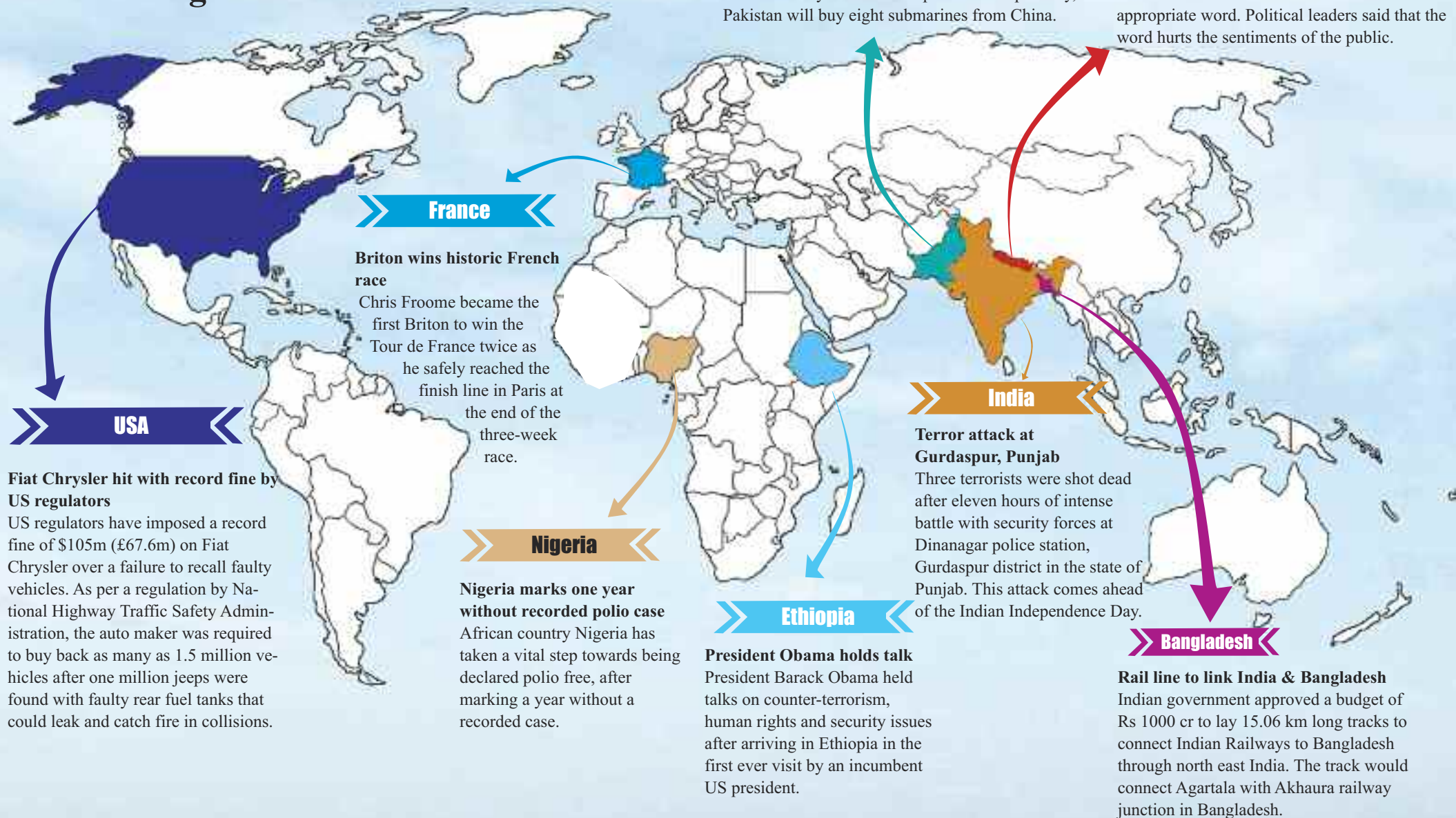
Yash Singh, a special athlete, wins an Olympic bronze



Delhi boy Yash Singh brought home India's first medal at the Special Olympics World Summer Games 2015 in Los Angeles. The 13 year-old autistic boy won bronze in the 25-metre backstroke swimming event. In his first international event, Yash stood apart among a team of 241 members. While the gold and silver medalists took 16.85 and 19.13 seconds respectively, Yash finished in 19.23 seconds to win bronze. After him, 3 more Indian athletes - Parveen Nailwal, Rajan Jha and Shrey Kadian - queue up at the Special Olympics Summer Games. With these special talents lined up, India hopes to aim high in the Summer Games.

## World at a glance

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







Dr APJ Abdul Kalam wanted to be a fighter pilot but he failed to realise his dream by a whisker, as he bagged the ninth position when only eight slots were available in the IAF.

# Passion Vs competition

There are some who succumb to the fierce competition surrounding them. And then, there are some, who do not care much about the society. They simply follow what their heart says.

Samagya Darshi, AIS MV, XI

**R**abindranath Tagore, Dhirubhai Ambani, Shahrukh Khan, Farah Khan....what do all these names have in common? Yes, they are famous Indians but they are also school/college dropouts! Renowned author Amrita Pritam was a college dropout, yet many of her books are prescribed for college level courses. AR Rahman thought it better to leave school, and pursue his passion for music. We reason why it is better to pursue passion over competition.

**Convention v/s passion:** Were these personalities not pressurised by their family and well wishers to follow conventional career choices? Perhaps yes, but they decided to go against the current and follow their passion anyway and succeed.

**Marks v/s knowledge:** Competition envelopes us from the time we are born. We are expected to get good marks, secure a rank, clear every entrance exam and build up a good career. We are asked to chase after marks, not knowledge. In an era of Google and instant information, have libraries not lost their charm?



**The big chase:** The level of competition in Indian colleges is skyrocketing. The IITs have an acceptance rate of less than 2% whereas Harvard's stands at 8-20%. Anxiety and depression are on a steady rise due to unending competition. A 2014 survey of college students found that 57% girls and 40% boys reported experiencing 'overwhelming anxiety'. Studies have reported that 9.4% of Indians appearing for board exams have considered suicide at least once. What we fail to understand is that not making it to a cut-off doesn't mean you are not competent enough.

**Identify your passion:** While the world is struggling to keep up with the 'who-gets-the-highest-marks-wins' race, you have to decide whether or not you want to be in the race! Introspect and identify where your true passions lie. Build on your strengths, and seek help if you need. Enroll for special classes to hone your unique talents. Seek career counselling, if you find it tough to figure out your area of interest. While you seek out the best in you, let's all together work towards creating a future in which the system rewards us for thinking out-of-the-box and truly follow what our heart wants.

## Amity Institute for Competitive Examinations

Presents



### Brainleaks-142 FOR CLASS XI-XII

*Libraries of genetic material are made by cloning fragments of DNA, isolated using restriction enzymes. What represents a genomic library?*

- (a) All of the coding and non-coding DNA of a single species  
(b) DNA of the expressed genes in a cell  
(c) DNA of the genes of a single chromosome  
(d) DNA of the genes that may be used in genetic engineering

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# Stepping for success



## Scholar's Diary

**A**n alumnus of Amity School of Engineering, **Deeksha Macchral**, waved the Amity flag high at Prudential Foundation Global Citizens programme (spring semester), a coveted scholarship programme at Washington DC. The Amitian shone bright as she broke all records by scoring A+ in all the assessments, internship and overall programme. Here, she shares her experience...

### When I got selected

The programme had an intense selection process that lasted 7 rounds! The first round of interview was the University Talent Filter, where I was interviewed by a prestigious panel at Amity University. The subsequent process included personal interviews via Skype with the executives from The Prudential Foundation and The Washington Center. In the end, 20 bright students were selected for the programme.

### Gearing up post selection

Securing a position among the top twenty was no cake walk. However, I really enjoyed the process. One month after my selection in the programme, I started giving interviews to the organisations I always wanted to work with. After much thought and effort, I decided to work with the Washington DC government.

### What I took home from the programme

The programme helped me to realise how I wanted to establish myself, as a professional and responsible citizen. From working full time with the DC government to preparing presentations for the management meetings to academic class presentations, each day was a learning process. I had to multi-task a full time job, an academic course, professional and personal development modules and various civic engagement projects.

### It wasn't all roses

The biggest challenge was striking a work life balance. I was working eight hours a day, followed by a three

hour class and then, I would cook and do the laundry. But I could not deny the fact that I was in the States, the most powerful country of the world. People back home thought I was having the time of my life.

### Yet, it was all worth it

Planning the day well, staying disciplined and organised, finally paid off. I could steal some time to go around the city and explore, and live the life many only dream of! I have really come back more enriched.

### A big thank you!

In every element of the programme, I had outstanding people who guided and supported me. My supervisor at office, Barry Margeson, gave me the most comfortable environment. My professor, Dr Keaton is a knowledgeable, experienced and a humble gentleman. He welcomed my opinion and appreciated it. My programme advisor, Jaclyn Sheridan, was more like a friend I could reach out to any time. She was a part of all my important moments. I am grateful to my mentors at Amity, especially Prof (Dr) Ajay Rana, Dr Vinod Shokeen and Ritu Bhatnagar, who guided me. Amity University has given me a plethora of opportunities. It has always supported me in all my endeavours, among them, an award and a trip to Italy for my research paper last spring. I am glad to have been able to represent my college at various global platforms including Enactus. This scholarship programme was yet again a golden opportunity to bring laurels to my university. I am proud to have lived up to the expectations of my alma mater. Above all, I attribute my success in the programme, to my parents. I was motivated to make them proud of their daughter. In these four months of training and hard work, if there is one thing that I have come back with, it is this feeling of gratitude and joy to have made my near and dear ones proud of me.

## About the Prudential Foundation Scholarship programme

Prudential Foundation brings together 20 students from China, Japan, Taiwan, South Korea, Brazil and India under the scholarship programme, called Global Citizens. The organisation, in association with The Washington Center, believes in honing the potential of selected students. The Prudential Foundation offers a scholarship of over \$15000 to students, covering housing, course fees and travel. The programme provides an opportunity to grow their professional networks, be civically engaged and establish themselves as global citizens.

Deeksha Macchral



# When ‘Reel’ becomes ‘Real’

Imagination is the mother of invention. Let’s discover some things that first stoked the human imagination and then led to stupendous inventions...

Akshat Jain, AIS MV, XI

You are lying comfortably in your cozy bed, watching Star Trek on TV, enjoying Captain Kirk guide the enterprise through a universe of galaxies. And then, one of the gadgets catches your fancy and you wonder if you could own one of them. Well, that’s exactly how some of the coolest hi-tech gizmos were invented—all through a flight of fantasy. Here’s exploring some of these super fab gizmos that were born when the human mind wondered.

### The flip phone

Most of us grew up in an age when phones were an everyday affair. But in 1970, when Star Trek featured a flip phone, it inspired Motorola to come up with the StarTAC cell phone, a smart new alternative to those bulky sets. Martin Cooper, Motorola’s director of research and development, said that the objective of creating the first mobile phone released in 1970s, was to create a design similar to the phones on Star Trek.

### Universal translator

Today, anyone can bring out their cell phones, open a translator and have a conversation with a stranger in any language. In 1945, Murray Leinster’s novella ‘First Contact’ was among the first stories to boast of an instant universal translator. Even Douglas Adams included a universal translator, the babel fish, in ‘The



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Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy’. In 2014, Microsoft CEO, Satya Nadella, announced the Skype Translator, which helps transcend geographical boundaries between people and offers near real-time audio translation.

### Holographic communicators

Star Wars inspired groundbreaking research on many things, including holographic communicators. Ostendo Technologies Inc. has developed a chip

that can be placed in TVs, mobiles and smart watches, and allow people to see 3D images without 3D glasses. Though they have managed to create an image of a rolling dice, who knows, what lies in the future!


### Atomic power

In 1914, HG Wells published a novel, ‘The World set free’, imagining an ‘artificial’ atomic power. Physicist Leo Slizard was inspired by the book to solve the problem of a nuclear chain reaction-

in 1933. This led to the discovery of atomic power notoriously known for its effects on the people of the world, both positive and negative. Well, especially for Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

### Cyborgs

Terminator, Doctor Who, Iron Man. These fictional televised series and movies inspired the US Military to develop TALOS, or Tactical Assault Light Operator Suit designed to help US Special Ops in combat, lift heavy weights,

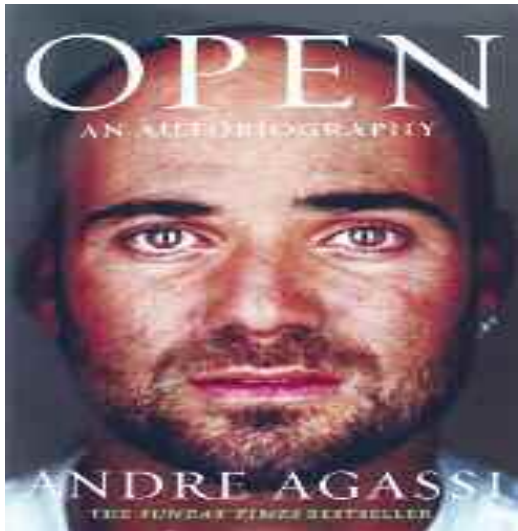
protect them from bullets, give them access to extensive information, advanced displays and capacity to seal wounds. Currently being developed by MIT and other research institutes, US Special Ops hope to have it in warfare along with their troops latest by the year 2018. The magnanimous inventions are indicative of two facts. One, movies hold the potential to inspire future inventions. Two, everything you watch on your television screens isn’t destined to remain there forever. 

Sports

Howzat!?!

# A glimpse into glory

Revered among fans, respected among sportspersons, these athletes enthrall and continue to inspire their fans, often acquiring a demigod status among mere mortals. But what made them who they are? It’s easy to figure out the answer to the question; all you need to do is, flip through their autobiographies, where they’ve shared their life story. **Kavya Aggarwal, AIS Vasundhara 6, X B**, picks out some for you...

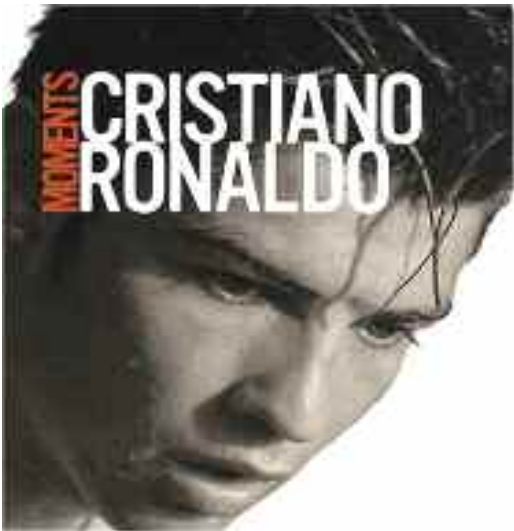


#### Open by Andre Agassi

The book takes one on the journey of the life and times of former tennis veteran. From having struggled with drug abuse to completing a successful career in Grand Slam, Andre Agassi provides his fans a refreshing and starkly honest tale of his life. Worth a read!

#### Price (paperback) on various websites

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| Flipkart         | Rs 369 |
| Amazon.in        | Rs 275 |
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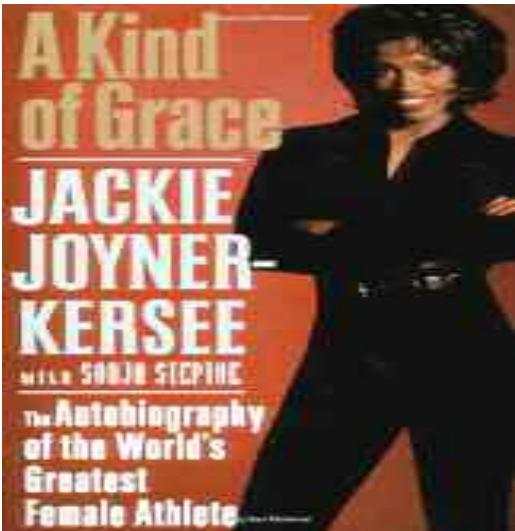


#### Moments by Cristiano Ronaldo

It is a poignant tale which leads us to a into the world of Ronaldo, mostly notoriously private. With the veneer of fame and glory removed, the reader is provided an insight into his hardships in the pursuit of his passion as well his family that struggled to make both ends meet.

#### Price (paperback) on various websites

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| Infibeam  | Rs 3559 |
| Amazon.in | Rs 9300 |



#### A Kind of Grace by Jackie Joyner-Kersey

The author is regarded by many as one of the greatest female athletes of all times. Her autobiography, ‘A Kind of Grace’ is an international bestseller. Her journey from poverty and helplessness in East St. Louis to participating in the Olympics is an inspiring story. A three-time gold medalist in Heptathlon, the book traces her journey to international acclaim and her fight against all odds with sheer grit and determination. Since it is currently unavailable online in India, head to the nearest library.



#### Goal by Major Dhyani Chand

‘The Wizard of hockey’, ‘The Magician on the field’, these are a few of the many sobriquets Major Dhyani Chand, an Olympic Hockey player is known by. For him, the field was his stage and the stick, his magic wand. His account covers his rise from the city of Allahabad and his impeccable performance in the international arena. In a cricket obsessed nation, Dhyani Chand showed why no game is small. You might find this book in the Sunday Daryaganj market or head to your nearest library.



# The priceless one rupee coin

Once upon a time, it shone like a diamond and was valued as much. Though it is always priceless, nowadays it is easily replaced with a toffee. The story of one such coin in its own words...

Autobiography

Sanjana Dutta, AIS Gur 43, VIII

As I rolled out of the Alipur mint in Kolkata on October 10, 1982, little did I know that I was on my way to stardom. I vividly remember that day. Fresh like a daisy and shining like a diamond, my heart swelled with pride as I looked at the image of Gandhiji emblazoned on me. My journey began as I was packed inside a box and loaded in a van. I eventually landed in the vault of State Bank of India at New Delhi. The very next day, an old man came to the bank. The cashier, after giving him some rupees, handed me over to the man. I could sense the old man's excitement as he tenderly examined me with his fingertips and carefully kept me inside his bag - safe and secure. The old man would take me out of the bag everyday but would never use me to buy anything. This irritated me, after all, I was losing out on friends that I could have made otherwise. One day, when I was alone in the bag, the man took me to the grocery store. After buying some food products, he reluctantly handed me over to the shopkeeper. I could see the remorse on the old man's face upon losing me. The shopkeeper did not pay any heed to me and hurriedly threw me into his drawer. I felt suffocated in a sea of coins, some old and worn out, others dirty. My ego was hurt as no one




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appreciated my sheen and neither did they think of me as a prized possession. Fortunately, my stay in the drawer was short lived; a young lady came to the shop and I was handed over to her as change. She kept me carefully inside her purse. After rolling in a couple of hands, I landed in a bank. It was the same dark vault all over again. Tired of boredom, I

went off to sleep. Suddenly, there was brightness all around. I opened my eyes only to realise that I was in the hands of a cricket umpire who was officiating an important match between India and Australia at Eden Gardens. I felt elated amidst two great captains Sourav Ganguly and Ricky Ponting. After the umpire tossed

me up, Ganguly called heads and to his delight, I landed on my head. The Indian captain had won the toss. The thrilling match was won by India and I was in the umpire's pocket throughout the match. As the match ended and the umpire was leaving, he handed me over to the officials who kept me at a special place, in a decorated glass box. The box was

shifted to a small museum in the stadium. Many have visited the museum since. I feel lucky to be a token memory of a great match and to be a part of history. Over the years, my shine and glamour has diminished, but my value has increased exponentially. So, even though I am a mere one rupee coin, I continue to feel priceless. 



## What's in a name?

We all know cyclones are given a name. But have we wondered why?

Reeya Gupta


AIS Mayur Vihar, IX

**Naming cyclones? Ridiculous!**  
No, it isn't. Naming cyclones is a scientific method which began during World War II when forecasters began to identify storms with names to make things simpler. Imagine the weather guy getting all muddled up with those longitudes and latitudes! And it isn't just the weather forecasters who benefit from this simple nomenclature, the layman too finds it easier to memorise these names.

**How is the name decided?**  
The region of occurrence of the cyclone acts as an important factor in deciding its name. So, it's no surprise that 'Hud Hud' was named in Oman, 'Pawan' in Sri Lanka, 'Pyarr' in Myanmar, 'Onil' in

Bangladesh, and 'Agni' in India.

**But why use feminine names?**  
In 1953, the idea of using common women's names like- 'Rashmi', 'Nisha', 'Helen' - to tag cyclones was adopted. It was perhaps the women's liberation which helped change the naming of storms to include male names as well, such as- 'Akash', 'Sagar', 'Pawan' and many more.

**What about the next cyclone name?**  
There are tropical Cyclone Regional Bodies who meet and make long lists of the names of cyclones for years to come. This means that the next cyclone which is going to occur is already named and it is 'Priya'. But that should not stop you from suggesting some names. How about 'Chhota Bheem'? or 'Cyclone Jalebi'? 

# Ek baar aur

Bollywood has often been accused of taking off ideas, storylines and even entire movies from its western counterparts. But, the truth is, Hollywood isn't far behind either in this race of inspiration. **Aakriti Dhasmana**, AIS Vasundhara 6, X B brings a round up...



**Common Man & A Wednesday**



**The Artist & Kaagaz ke phool**



**Fear & Darr**



**Leap Year & Jab We Met**



**Kill Bill & Abhay**



**Abhay**





# The perfect teacher

“Educationists should build the capacities of the spirit of enquiry, creativity, entrepreneurial and moral leadership among students and become their role model.”



Dr APJ Abdul Kalam



Dr Kalam, the country’s most loved former president, was known by names like ‘People’s President’ and the ‘Missile Man’. However, I personally looked up to him as the perfect teacher. Dr Kalam himself shared with a close aide once that he wanted to be remembered in this world for being a teacher more than any of his other facets. There is little doubt about the fact that Dr Kalam left an indelible mark as a teacher or a humanist everywhere he went; Switzerland commemorates his visit to their country as Science Day. The eternal mentor continues to inspire the philosophy of Amity to guide students on the path of *sanskars* and creativity, through his soul-stirring quote cited above. Dr Kalam’s lifespan taught us a lesson or two about hardships, hard work, sincerity, selflessness and compassion. He rose from an extremely humble background and went on to become the cynosure of all eyes. Yes, he enthused while he lived, but he left behind a wealthy legacy of inspiration when he left for his heavenly abode: “Don’t declare holiday on my death, instead work an extra day if you love me.” Our most beloved teacher breathed his last when he was at work, busy playing the role he plays best. The day of August 8, 2008 will forever be etched in the minds of every Amitian when their mentor addressed them at AIS Noida, while a few had the opportunity to interact with him.  

## A historic date



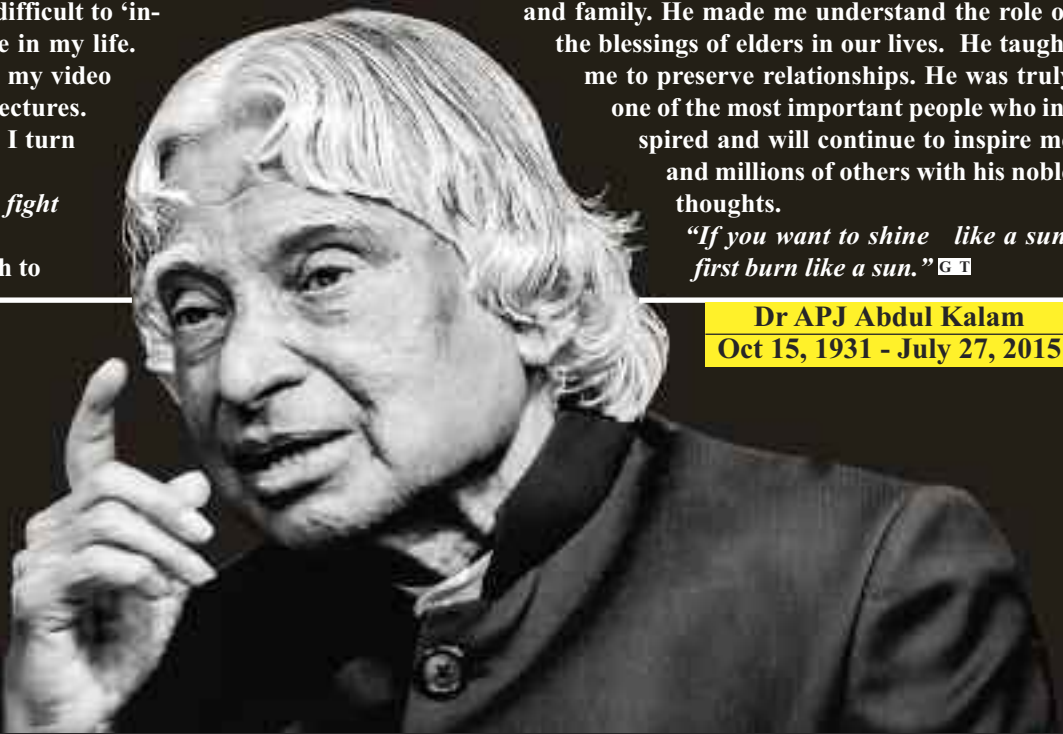
The date July 27, 2015, has been etched in history as the day when India lost its most revered President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam. In this edition of GT, Amitians who met him and even those who didn’t, share their memories with the President. A true leader of the masses, he inspired everyone, for he lived for what he preached and died while still in command of his duty - his love for children. On July 27, 2015, another person died while still in command of his duty, whom many of us didn’t know. He was Baljit, the SP (detective) at Dinanagar, Gurdaspur district of Punjab. He was shot dead by militants in the fierce encounter that left 3 militants dead, thus saving the lives of 75 bus passengers targeted by them. Coincidentally, his father Achhar Singh, an Assistant Sub Inspector with the Punjab Police had also died at the hands of terrorists 31 years ago, during the height of militancy in Punjab. And on July 27, 2015, Yakub Menon was executed for conspiring to trigger the 1993 Mumbai blast. His execution was the biggest solace for the mother of Baljit and wife of Achhar Singh, who lost both her son and husband to terrorism. The solace it brought to all the people who have lost their loved ones to terror attacks sent a strong message to all militants, that we will fight militancy till our last breath. While all the three events may seem disconnected from one another, they certainly affected every Indian. They also bring forth the challenges faced by the Indian democracy, as people look out for another inspirational leader to guide them.  

# Inspired by Kalam’s kalam

When he spoke, wisdom poured. When he wrote, stimulation flowed. **Vansh Saluja**, AIS Saket, alumnus, shares his journey of pure inspiration

## First person

Have you ever come across an individual whom you never met but felt deeply connected and attached to? Dr APJ Abdul Kalam was one of those individuals in my life. I’ve never met him personally, yet I feel a part of me passed away when Dr Kalam left for his heavenly abode. It’s fairly easy to ‘get inspired’ but extremely difficult to ‘inspire others’. Dr Kalam enjoys a special place in my life. My bookshelf is brimming with his books and my video gallery is overflowing with his speeches and lectures. Whenever I feel let down and have no answer, I turn to his words for inspiration. “For achieving greatest heights, you’ll have to fight the toughest human battles.” I was just 12 when I told my parents that I wish to



Dr APJ Abdul Kalam  
Oct 15, 1931 - July 27, 2015

## Once a teacher, always a teacher

He lived for the company of students, he went away in the company of students. Some he taught, many he didn’t. Yet he taught a lesson to each one of them - to be the best they can be. Amitians share some of these lessons on Facebook

Thank you for being yourself. Thank you for all your struggles and the fights you won. Thank you for proving that India still has hope, till the time people like you are here. Thank you for your humble, soft-spoken persona bereft of any artificial disguise. Thank you for being the role model, every Indian deserves. I’ll remain, your eternal student.

**Ojaswini Gul**, AIS MV, Alumnus

Seldom comes a man who touches millions of hearts. I really admired Dr Kalam and miss him deeply. But I’m contented that such a man walked this nation; for, his love for

children, science and the nation always inspires me. I am grateful that once I got the opportunity to be with him and get his signature too!

**Saksham Aggarwal**, AIS Gur 43, Alumnus

You ignited our souls; you ignited our minds. Sir, the nation will remember your empowering contributions and you as the greatest humanitarian, as the ‘People’s President’.

**Kritika Dhawan**, AIS Pushp Vihar, Alumnus

A great mind, a great soul. RIP to one of the greatest leaders our country has witnessed.

**Saumya Kalia**, AIS Vasundhara 6, XII

The only good thing that ever happened to Indian politics. Thank you for inspiring the entire nation and igniting several young minds. May your soul rest in peace, Dr Kalam.

**Sana Sawhney**, AIS Noida, Alumnus

The presence of some people is so vibrant that they stir a motivation inside you simply by their words and gestures. There were innumerable times when an inspiration was etched in my heart simply by your speeches,

quotes and books. RIP Dr Abdul Kalam. You are one of India’s most loved people and will be, always.

**Megha Jha**, AIS Gur 46, XI

My mind goes back to my 11-year-old self when I was lucky enough to meet the former president of India. Sir, you dazzled one and all with your inspiring words and even greater actions. There has never been a man so humble yet so strong, a true visionary and above all, a benevolent person who connected with the masses. A humble salute.

**Pragati Priya**, AIS Saket, Alumnus

The countless posts on Facebook show how much everyone respected and loved him. RIP Kalam Sir.

**Bhavya Mehta**, AIS MV, Alumnus

RIP sir. Your contributions for India will long be in our hearts. Our country wouldn’t have been the same without you.

**Aksh Gupta**, AIS MV, X

An inspiration for all Indians. Rest In Peace, Dr Kalam.

**Simran Gulati**, AIS Saket, XII 

Pic courtesy : AIS Gur 46

## Kalam’s pearls of wisdom Quote Unquote

He said what he meant, he meant what he said. Today, when he is no more, his words ring true a thousand times over, and will continue to...ever after

“I am not handsome but I can give my hand-to-someone who needs help. Because beauty is required in heart, not in face.”

“Confidence and hard work are the best medicines to kill the disease

called failure.”

“Don’t read success stories. You will get only message. Read failure stories...you will get some ideas to get success.”

“When our signature turns into autograph, it marks success.”

“My message, especially to young people is to have courage to think differently, courage to invent, to travel the unexplored path, courage to discover the impossible and to conquer



the problems and succeed. These are great qualities that they must work towards. This is my message to the young people.”

“We are all born with a divine fire in us. Our efforts should be to give wings to this fire and fill the world

with the glow of its goodness.”

“If a country is to be corruption free and become a nation of beautiful minds, I strongly feel there are three key societal members who can make a difference. They are the father, the mother and the teacher.”





Dr APJ Abdul Kalam was known to write personalised ‘Thank You’ cards.

# Jean-etics of the. Blue Denim

It is one of the world’s oldest fabrics, yet it remains eternally young. That’s the charisma of the jeans. Live-in or live-out of them, you certainly can’t live without them!

Contributed by: Ojaswi Gupta, Diksha Gupta, Ruchir Shangle, Sarthak Bansal & Tanishq Bandhu, AIS Mayur Vihar, X



**50%**  
of denim is produced in Asia, specifically China, India and Bangladesh.

**20,000**  
tons of indigo are produced annually for dyeing. A few drops are added for colouring jeans

**37**  
separate sewing operations are required for making one pair of Levi’s jeans

**225**  
pairs of jeans (approximately) can be made from one bale of BT or pure cotton.

**1997**  
was the year when the oldest pair of jeans was found and sold to the highest bidder

**\$250,000**  
Dussault Apparel Trashed Denim, adorned with gold and diamonds are the most expensive jeans in the world

Think denims, think style. The classic blue jeans, one of the most adaptable and stylish fabrics the world has known, began as sturdy work wear. For the longest time, they were known as ‘overalls’ as they were more like dungarees, before being modified to look like pants, and christened as ‘jeans’. From rough-and-tough mining wear to a diva’s wardrobe staple, today, jeans, in varied forms are the most versatile of all outfits.

### Birth of jeans

May 20, 1873 was a historic day: it marked the birth of the blue jeans. It was on that very day that two people, Levi Strauss and Jacob Davis, joined hands to obtain a US patent on the process of putting rivets in men’s work pants for the very first time. In short, they patented what the modern world would call jeans, years later.

### The jeans’ story

Levi Strauss landed in San Francisco in 1853, at

a young age of 24 years, with a huge blank canvas roll, and a plan to open a branch of his brothers’ New York wholesale dry goods business. A miner accosted him and asked, “What will you do with that tent canvas?” Strauss replied, “Sell it in the gold fields.” The miner wasn’t happy with the response. “You should have brought durable pants. Mine don’t last long.” Strauss immediately had an idea. He took the miner to a tailor nearby (called Jacob) and soon, the canvas had turned into a pair of durable pants. The happy miner showed off his new pants everywhere, “Look at my sturdy Levi’s!” Soon, Strauss had miners queuing up for his Levi’s. He hired as many tailors and seamstresses he could find, and his business began to expand like never before. So much so, he called over his brothers to help him. Over the next two decades, Strauss built a very successful business empire, making denim overalls which were to gain worldwide popularity as jeans.

### Rivet-ting breakthrough

One day, the wife of a local labourer asked Jacob, the tailor, to make a pair of pants for her husband that wouldn’t fall apart. Jacob came up with the idea to put metal rivets at points of strain, and those rivetted pants were an instant hit. Jacob decided to get the process patented. He immediately broke the idea to Levi Strauss, for whom he had made the first canvas pants. Levi recognised the potential in the idea, and the two men received the riveted patent from the US Patent and Trademark Office in 1873. Levi invited Jacob to San Francisco to supervise the manufacture of the riveted pants for the company. Davis and family moved in and the rest, as they say, is history.

### Levi’s legends

Unwavering quality standards and sturdy manufacturing process, gave Levi’s a great reputation for strength and durability. Legends regarding how those pants were used as ropes to

tow vehicles abound historical archives. One of them is uniquely incredulous. In Los Angeles of 1899, an old locomotive was carrying seven cars piled with logs. Ahead of Arizona, one of the cars snapped creating a panic situation. One of the engineers wearing Levis, dunked it in the water tank, twisted it like a rope, tied one end to the car and the other end to the engine, and that’s how they went the rest of the way!










### Strauss, the philanthropist

Levi Strauss was a contributor to the Pacific Hebrew Orphan Asylum and Home, the Eureka Benevolent Society and the Hebrew Board of Relief. Levi Strauss Foundation continues to take the legacy forward by supporting progressive leaders and organisations

### Global acclaim

In 2013, the Levi Strauss Foundation was honoured with the inaugural NCRP Impact Award in the corporate foundation category.

## Timeline of jeans

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|  <b>1853</b> |  <b>1873</b> |  <b>1890</b> |  <b>1902</b> |  <b>1906</b> |  <b>1915</b> |  <b>1960</b> |  <b>1966</b> |  <b>2003</b> |
| Levi Strauss opens a wholesale dry goods business in Sans Francisco                            | Levi Strauss & Jacob Davis are granted a patent on the process of riveting pants                | The rivet patent goes into public domain, Levis and Co. is no longer exclusive                  | Levi Strauss dies at 73. His nephews take over and Levi’s is run by his descendants             | The San Francisco earthquake destroys the factories of Levi Strauss & Co                         | The ‘jeans’ win the ‘highest award’ at the Panama-Pacific Int. Exposition                         | The word ‘overalls’ is replaced by the word ‘jeans’ in advertising and packaging                  | The first television commercial for Levi’s jeans is aired   | LS & Co celebrates the 130th anniversary of the blue jeans  |



# This isn't another story

Illustration: Deepak Sharma, GT, Network



As we reached there, everything looked the same, except that the mansion was now a garden!

an hour, we became good friends. After I reached home, I found my mother staring at me furiously. “Mr Brown called me to say that he didn’t receive the order,” she said. “But I am just returning from his mansion. In fact, we even had a long talk,” I protested. I told her about Mr Brown’s appearance, our meeting and all that had happened. “The picture I handed you was recent. The reason it looked old was that it was kept in a dirty corner of the house,” she declared sternly. I decided to take her to the mansion. As we reached there, everything looked the same, except that the mansion was now a garden! We found an old lady there. She knew exactly what had happened for she said, “In the mansion, there lived an old, unmarried man. He loved talking to children. Unfortunately, he died two decades ago and the mansion he used to live in was demolished to build a park.” I wanted to tell my mom it wasn’t just another story. 🇮🇳🇮🇳

Shivangi Nayak, AIS Vas 6, IX C

It was just a few weeks ago when my mother asked me to deliver a cake and biscuits to Mr Brown. I had never seen Mr Brown before, so she handed me a photograph of him which looked quite old. He was a black-haired young man with blue eyes. After asking different people for the address, I finally reached the place. It was a huge, old and dirty abandoned mansion. I knocked the door once. No response. Twice. No response. I pushed the door slightly. It opened. As soon as I

entered, the lights were switched on. Though the house was beautifully designed, all I could see was dust and spider webs. I called out for Mr Brown. Suddenly, I saw an odd looking man coming towards me. He bore almost no resemblance to the man in the photograph. Thinking the photograph was old, I ignored the fact. “Hello, sir. Here’s your order. I am Jennifer, Mrs Rosette’s daughter. Nice to meet you,” I said. “Hello dear. Nice to meet you too. Please have a seat,” he said. He offered me a cup of coffee and we started talking. Within the next half

## WORDS VERSE



# A tribute to Dr Kalam

Ramsha Matin, AIS Vasundhara 6, VIII A

An eminent and affectionate personality, and indeed learned too immensely, rewarded not just for his knowledge, but his kindness too was often acknowledged.

Such an aura Dr Kalam always had, that could generate interest for learning, in every lass and lad.

Though not among us anymore physically, but he will always be remembered so dearly. His expertise brought the nation too many glories, a scientist, an educationist and an adorable man, was perhaps none other than the ‘Missile man’. 🇮🇳🇮🇳

# Answer to everything



Nalin Bhatt, AIS Gurgaon 43, XI B

Sometimes I sit and wonder why is this world filled with sorrow. Pain lingers here and there, and everyone dreams for a better tomorrow. Why does evil lurk in the shadows, and hate in the dark? Why is cruelty called wrong or stark?

I began the search for the answer to my question, to bring some clarity to my confusion. I read every book, I ransacked every library. Until there came a realisation, the answer to my question, lies neither in some corner and nook, neither in the question, nor in the book. Neither the Gods nor the rites I seek, but the answer to my pursuit lies astonishingly in me. Within me kindness resides, to eclipse the cruelty and bring back the light. Within me love survives, to heal the pain and the plight. It is this power that is keeping me alive! 🇮🇳🇮🇳



# Bread halwa

Naman Bareja  
AIS Pushp Vihar, IX

## Ingredients

White or brown bread.....8-10 slices  
Milk.....3 cup  
Ghee .....3-4 tbsp  
Sugar .....1/2 cup  
Powdered cardamom .....1 tsp  
Almonds (finely chopped).. to garnish  
Walnuts (finely chopped)....to garnish  
Cashews (chopped) ..... 10-12  
Raisins .....to garnish

## Method

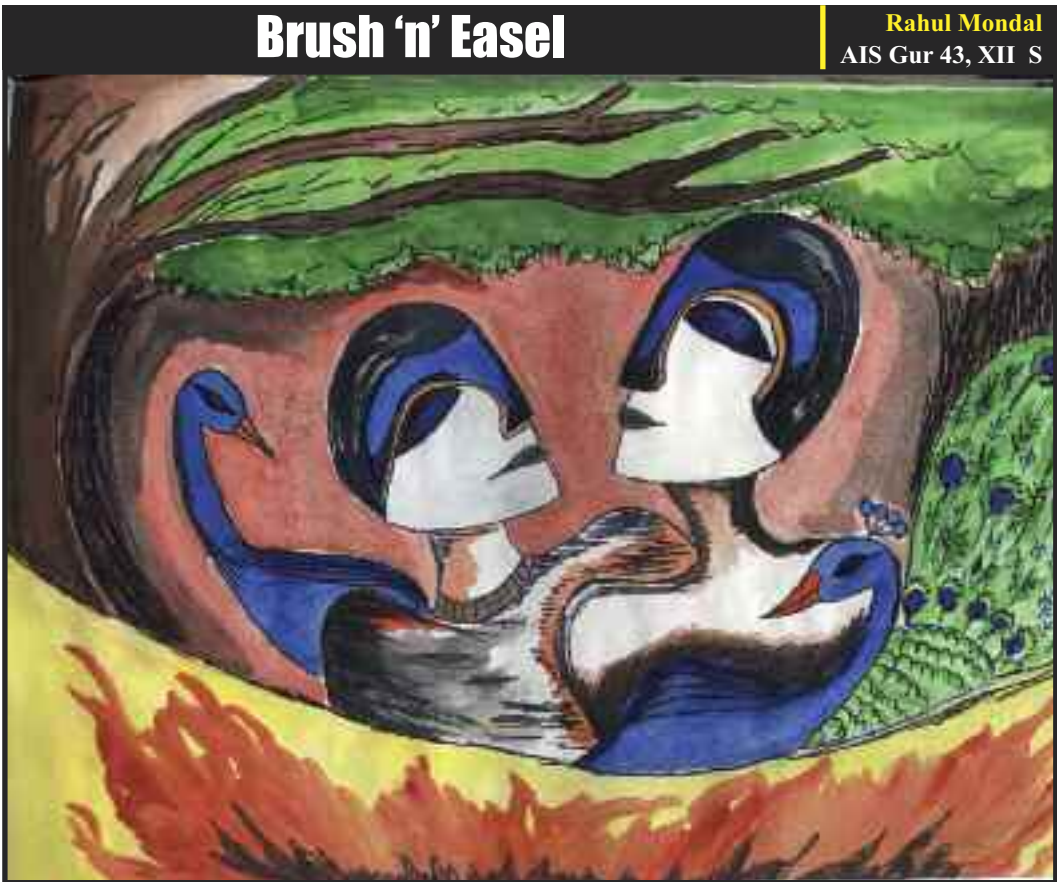
- Cut the bread into small pieces.
- Heat 2 tbsp ghee and roast the bread pieces on medium flame.
- After roasting, add milk and sugar.
- Stir continuously and press the bread pieces with a ladle to break them into tiny pieces.
- Pour 1 tbsp ghee into the pan and cook the halwa.
- Mix some cashews, almonds and cardamom into the halwa and stir.
- Garnish with raisins and walnuts.

## word DETECTIVE

Can you spot 7 words related to summer?

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**WORDS:** 1. HOT 2. HUMIDITY 3. ICE CREAM 4. MANGOES 5. PERSPIRE 6. SUNSHINE 7. VACATIONS







Once during an event, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam refused to sit on a chair that was designated for him. Because, it was larger in size than the other chairs!

# Ravi’s birthday adventure



## Short Story

Aryaman Sen, AIS Vas 6, VI

Once upon a time, there was a young boy Ravi, who always dreamt of visiting a beach. So, his father planned a trip to Goa on his birthday as a special treat. On reaching Goa, Ravi was super excited as he was visiting a beach for the first time in his life. He spent an entire day at the beach. The next morning, when he was standing in the balcony of his hotel, he no-

Illustration: Pankaj Mallik, GT Network  
ticed a tiny island, not far from the shore. He requested his father to take him there. His father agreed and hired a boat. Ravi’s mother quickly packed some sandwiches while Ravi and his sister grabbed some toys. But before they could reach the island, the sky became overcast, and it started raining. The harsh winds tilted the boat dangerously. Fortunately, there were life jackets in the boat, so they managed to swim and reach the island. Everything had been swept away – their food, Ravi’s ball,

Ravi always dreamt of visiting a beach. So, his father planned a trip to Goa on his birthday as a special treat.

even his mother’s hand bag. They could not find anyone on the island. Suddenly, his father spotted a small cave near a big rock. “Let’s take shelter there, from the rain,” he said. All four of them huddled together in the small cave to keep themselves warm. Even though they were alone on the desolate island, they had a great time. The next morning, Ravi heard a noise and came out of the cave to see where it came from. To his utter joy, he saw a boat coming towards the island. A man jumped out of it to help them. As they were sailing back, Ravi told his father, “This was the most exciting and adventurous birthday I’ve ever had.”

**So, what did you learn today?**  
**A new word: Desolate**  
**Meaning: A deserted place**



# Fruit cherry custard

Pranav Gupta  
AIS Mayur Vihar, IX

## Ingredients

Vanilla custard powder.....2 tsp  
Milk .....500 ml  
Sugar .....50 gm  
Red and green fruit cherries .....a few

## Method

■ Add vanilla custard powder to 3 tsp of warm milk.

■ Stir with a spoon to make a smooth paste without any lumps.  
■ Boil the remaining milk. Add sugar.  
■ Add custard paste into the boiling milk, while stirring continuously until it reaches a thick consistency.  
■ Keep the custard at room temperature to settle, before refrigerating it for two hours.  
■ Before serving, add the fruit cherries and mix lightly.  
■ Serve chilled.

## It’s Me



**My name:** Parnika Khanna  
**My school:** AIS Saket  
**My class:** I  
**My birthday:** August 24  
**I like:** Painting  
**I dislike:** Going to the market  
**My hobby:** Drawing, art and craft  
**My role model:** My father  
**My best friend:** Harshul  
**My favourite book:** Pepper Series

**My favourite game:** Playing with soft toys  
**My favourite food:** *Rajma chawal*  
**My favourite teacher(s):** Ritu Ma’am and Juhi Ma’am  
**My favourite subject:** English  
**I want to become:** A teacher  
**I want to feature in GT because:** It is the best place to share ideas and thoughts.

## POEM

# My dear friend

Jaidev Mehta, AIS Saket, VI

My friend is the best,  
he likes to give tests.  
Whenever there is a guest,  
he always takes rest.

One day he went to a tailor,  
to stitch a shirt like that of a sailor.  
And then he decided to go to a salon,  
instead of buying a big balloon.

One day there was a test,  
and he did not know how to draw the picture of a nest.  
Then he looked outside the window  
and saw a nest,  
so, he decided to make his picture the best.

One day he saw a cartoon,  
in which there was a moon.  
One day in the market  
he saw a big spoon,  
which was kept beside a lagoon.



When he and I had met,  
he asked me to bet.  
He told me to fly like a jet,  
and I had to regret.



Avishi Saxena, AIS Vas 1, I

**Sardar:** Madam, what is the name of your car?  
**Girl:** I don’t remember but it starts with ‘T’  
**Sardar:** What? Your car starts with Tea, I thought every car starts with petrol!

Once Santa and Banta had two bombs.  
**Santa:** Let’s give these two bombs to the police.  
**Banta:** But what if one of the bombs explodes. Then?  
**Santa:** No problem, we will say that we have got only one!  
**Teacher:** Rohan tell me the formula of water.  
**Rohan:** HIJKLMNO  
**Teacher:** What are you saying? This is not the formula.  
**Rohan:** Ma’am, you only told us that the formula is H 2 (to) O!

## Painting Corner

Zoya Khan  
AIS Gur 46, I



# 5 tips to remove tough stains

Ekansh Gupta  
AIS Mayur Vihar, IV

**1 Butter:** Apply a small amount of kerosene on the stain, dip in detergent solution and wash it.  
**2 Turmeric:** Wash the cloth in any mild detergent and rub it. Hang the cloth in direct sunlight. The stain will disappear after some time.

**3 Ketchup:** Add glycerin over the stain and rub the spot. Leave it for half an hour and rinse in warm water.  
**4 Grease:** Pour plain soda on the stain and rub it. Let it settle for 10 to 15 minutes, and wash.  
**5 Ball point ink:** Dab the stain with a clean cloth and rub alcohol on it. Wash and the stain will disappear.



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Even as a child, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam had a great fascination for Vedic mantras. He used to listen to the chanting for hours.

# The gravity of Geomaty

A generous mix of creativity, science and talent of school students was on display at the annual social science festival

## AIS Noida

**A**IS Noida organised Geomaty 2015, the annual social science festival on July 4, 2015 for the 7th year in succession. The festival envisaged by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, aims at generating interest in subjects as geography and history through a display of creative skills such as dramatisation, dance, web designing, face-painting, cuisine, poster making and other activities.

This year, the theme of the festival revolved around regional geography, his-

tory of Asia and the cultural heritage of the Indian state of Chhattisgarh. Students of Class IV - XII, from 25 prestigious schools of Delhi/NCR took part in various competitions which were divided into eight categories according to different levels. In the category of 'Folk Dances of Asia', Class IV & V showcased pulsating beats and musical presentations which left the audience spellbound. Class VI and VII were involved in poster making on the theme - 'Monumental Heritage' and a dance drama on 'Festival of any Asian Country'. Students of Class VIII, participated in face painting on the theme 'Rare ani-

mal species' and showcased the cuisine of the chosen Asian country. Class IX and X participated in a quiz involving map marking, map reading and web designing. Class XI and XII partook in an extempore on 'Globalisation of Asia', wherein they expressed themselves eloquently. Adding colour to the fest were several stalls put up by students depicting different art forms.

The event was judged by experts from respective fields. The all rounder trophy was bagged by AIS Gurgaon 43. Renu Singh, principal, AIS Noida congratulated everyone on the success of the social science fest. [GFI](#)



Students showcasing their talent in Geomaty



Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan interacts at the festival



AFS Intercultural Meet at Daly College, Indore

## Principal's meet

Amity educators had the golden opportunity to participate in a meet organised by AFS

## AERC

**A**FS Intercultural Programmes India organised the first Principal's meet for schools conducting global exchange through AFS. The meet was held at Daly College, Indore on July 10 & 11, 2015. 21 chairpersons, principals, directors and co-ordinators from all over the country participated in the meet. Jyoti Arora, director, AERC and Divya Bhatia, principal, AIS Saket took part in the mega event. The meet was organised with the aim to celebrate the association of Indian schools with AFS. This year, AFS commemorates 100 years of AFS International and 10 years of AFS Intercultural Programmes. On the first day, an ice breaking session took place,

followed by introduction of the participating schools and principals through a presentation which highlighted the role of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, in bringing globalisation to Amity. The second day of the meet started with a panel discussion with Jyoti Arora, director, AERC as one of the panelists. She laid emphasis on proper orientation for parents and students, and the role of the school in helping children to cope with cross cultural exchange programmes. Angela Roy, AFS chairperson and Dr Sumer Singh, principal, Daly College, proposed the vote of thanks. The conference was a learning experience as well as an invaluable opportunity to share experiences with other educators. [GFI](#)

# Dancing star

## AIS VKC, Lucknow

**A** student of Class IX A, AIS VKC, Lucknow, Harsh Singh won laurels for the school by winning the All India Dance Championship-2015. To win the prestigious championship, Harsh competed with thousands of children selected from all over India in country wide auditions, running over several months. The grand finale was organised on April 24, 2015 at Sun City Ground, Vasai (W), Maharashtra. Harsh was ranked amongst the top 10 dancers in the under 14-category. On the finale, he performed in front of renowned Bollywood personalities like choreographer Remo D' Souza, actor Varun Dhawan, actress Shraddha Kapoor and the entire cast of ABCD-2. The mega event was organised by India's Got Talent Season



Harsh Singh, winner of AIDC

3 winners and ABCD -2 fame Fictitious Dance Crew. Harsh impressed the judges with his fabulous dance performance.

# Felicitation ceremony

## AIS Vasundhara 1

**C**BSE toppers of the school were honoured on the momentous occasion of felicitation ceremony. The meritorious students of Class X who scored 10 CGPA and school toppers of Class XII, were felicitated on July 13, 2015. The prestigious ceremony was graced by the presence of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF. The programme commenced with the lighting of the lamp accompanied by the rendition of *shlokas*. In her welcome address, school principal Valambal Balachandran expressed happiness over the sincere and dedicated efforts of the students and teachers.

School topper Arushi Verma of Class XII, was felicitated for scoring 95% marks overall, besides securing the highest marks in english, mathematics, ac-



The ceremony in progress



Celebrating the toppers' achievement

countancy, business studies and economics. Nikhil Kanyal was awarded for being the science topper with 93%, and getting the highest marks in chemistry, mathematics and physics.

Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan appreciated the efforts of the students in bringing laurels to the school and encouraged

them to achieve greater heights in the future. It was a red letter day for the teachers as well, as they were awarded letters of appreciation as an acknowledgement of their perseverance and dedication. The students thanked their alma mater for enabling them to achieve such remarkable results. [GFI](#)

## Karate champ

## AIS Noida

**C**lass VII student Anandi Ganguly, bagged the bronze medal in the 40- 45 kg individual in the 14th UP State Level Karate Championship held at Noida stadium on April 18 - 19, 2015. The event, organised by Shito-Ryu Sports Karate -Do Association UP, is affiliated to National Karate Federation Of India and recognised by the India Olympic Association. [GFI](#)



Karate champ Anandi Ganguly



# Career talk on IAF



Wg Cdr Pooja Thakur

## ACCGC

**W**ith the aim to empower Amities by helping them make informed career choices, Amity Career Counselling and Guidance Cell (ACCGC) organised a motivational talk on 'Career in Indian Air Force' on July 14, 2015 at AIS Vasundhara 1. The talk was conducted by none other than

Wg Cdr Pooja Thakur, the first lady officer in the country to have led the Guard of Honour for US president Barack Obama on Republic Day. She is currently appointed as administration officer at publicity cell, DISHA of the Delhi Air Headquarters. The interactive session was attended by the students of Class X to XII of AIS Vasundhara 1 and AIS Vasundhara 6.

The talk was highly inspiring and motivated the students by taking them through the history of Indian Air Force. Wg Cdr Thakur further explained the different entry levels, the various branches of IAF and the benefits of joining it. She instigated the curiosity of the young minds when she shared the fact that she is a parajumper. The children were excited to receive caps and T-shirts as rewards for answering the questions raised by her. The session ended with a vote of thanks proposed by the head boy of the host school. [GFI](#)



Creative skit performed by students

## Special assembly on 'hope'

## AIS VVC, Lucknow

**A** special assembly was conducted on July 15, 2015 by the students of Class Nursery - IV at AIS Vrindavan Yojana Campus, Lucknow. The assembly highlighted the power of 'Hope'- the belief that there is light at the end of the tunnel. The little ones captivated the audience with their mellifluous rendition of the song 'I Have a Dream'. This was fol-

lowed by a creative skit by the students of Classes I - IV. Students dressed up as candles symbolised the flicker of love, peace, compassion and hope. Little ones from Class Nursery, KG, I and II were the cynosure of all eyes as they danced to the song 'Dil Hai Chhota Sa'. A touching video on the magical power of optimism concluded the event. School coordinator, Tanuja Singh lauded the efforts of the children and teachers.



Dr APJ Abdul Kalam had a great liking for Carnatic music. He mastered the Rudra Veena, a rare type of veena and used to go to a Tamil family in Hyderabad for years to learn the instrument.



# Lost cartoons-our childhood buddies

*"If there ever comes a time when we are not together, keep me in your heart we'll stay there forever."- Winnie the Pooh*

Shelfali Riyal, AIS Mayur Vihar, XI

True, things that are close to our hearts can never be forgotten. They'll always stay there like imprints engraved in our memories. One such memory is of the cartoons we grew up with. They made us laugh, cry, awakened all the super powers in us (at least we thought so!) and what not. Many of them helped shape our life and personality. To some extent, they tried to fill the gap, created by the absence of grandmothers' stories in a nuclear family set-up. Let us take a trip down memory lane to relive those years that made our childhood the most memorable time of our life. Let's recall our best loved cartoons and what is it that we miss about them the most! Here's a quick flashback of our bygone childhood...

## Popeye The Sailor Man



**Channel** – Cartoon Network  
**Genre** – Humour & Adventure  
**Protagonists** – Popeye, Olive (lady love) and the villain Bluto  
**X-Factor**– Super strong biceps in two minutes just by gulping spinach  
**What we miss:** The action sequences between Popeye and Bluto

## Scooby-Doo, where are you?



**Channel** – Cartoon Network  
**Genre** – Detective thriller  
**Protagonists** – Fred, Daphne, Velma, Shaggy & Scooby-Doo (dog)  
**X-Factor** – Uncovering ghostly decoys  
**What we miss:** The funny chasing scenes and the great monsters

## The Powerpuff Girls



**Channel**– Cartoon Network  
**Genre**– Superhero fiction  
**Protagonists**– Buttercup, Bubbles & Blossom  
**X-Factor**– Girl versions of Superman, Batman & Power Rangers  
**What we miss:** Mojo Jojo and Miss Bellum. (though we never got to see her face)



## Winx Club

**Channel** – Nickelodeon  
**Genre** – Magic & Adventure  
**Protagonists** – Bloom & Kiko  
**X-Factor** – Glitter, beauty & super powers  
**What we miss:** The lovely dresses and the magic

## Strawberry Shortcake



**Channel** – Cartoon Network  
**Genre** – Drama & Adventure  
**Protagonists** – Strawberry Shortcake  
**X-Factor** – Popular amongst little girls of 4 to 10 years of age  
**What we miss:** Colourful shakes and tasty treats



## Courage the Cowardly Dog

**Channel** – Cartoon Network  
**Genre** – Horror Comedy, Black Comedy, Supernatural  
**Protagonists** – Courage (dog), Eustace and Muriel  
**X-Factor** – The easily scared but extremely loyal dog will do anything to save his owners  
**What we miss:** The terrifically funny and weird story plots



## Johnny Bravo

**Channel** – Cartoon Network  
**Genre** – Comedy  
**Protagonists** – Johnny Bravo  
**X-Factor** – A self-obsessed brawny guy who just can't get a girlfriend!  
**What we miss:** Johnny's mom and all the lovely ladies who rejected him

## Dexter's Laboratory



**Channel**– Cartoon Network  
**Genre**– Comic Science Fiction  
**Protagonists**– Dexter & Dee Dee (sister)  
**X-Factor**– The moron sister would inadvertently ruin the greatest of the inventions of the child prodigy.  
**What we miss:** Dee Dee's mischievous acts and Dexter's super inventions

## Samurai Jack



**Channel** – Cartoon Network  
**Genre** – Sorcery & Science Fantasy  
**Protagonists** – Jack and the shape shifting demon Aku  
**X-Factor** – A samurai warrior is sent to the future by demon, he now attempts to return back  
**What we miss:** Jack's bravery and valour

## Foster's Home for Imaginary Friends



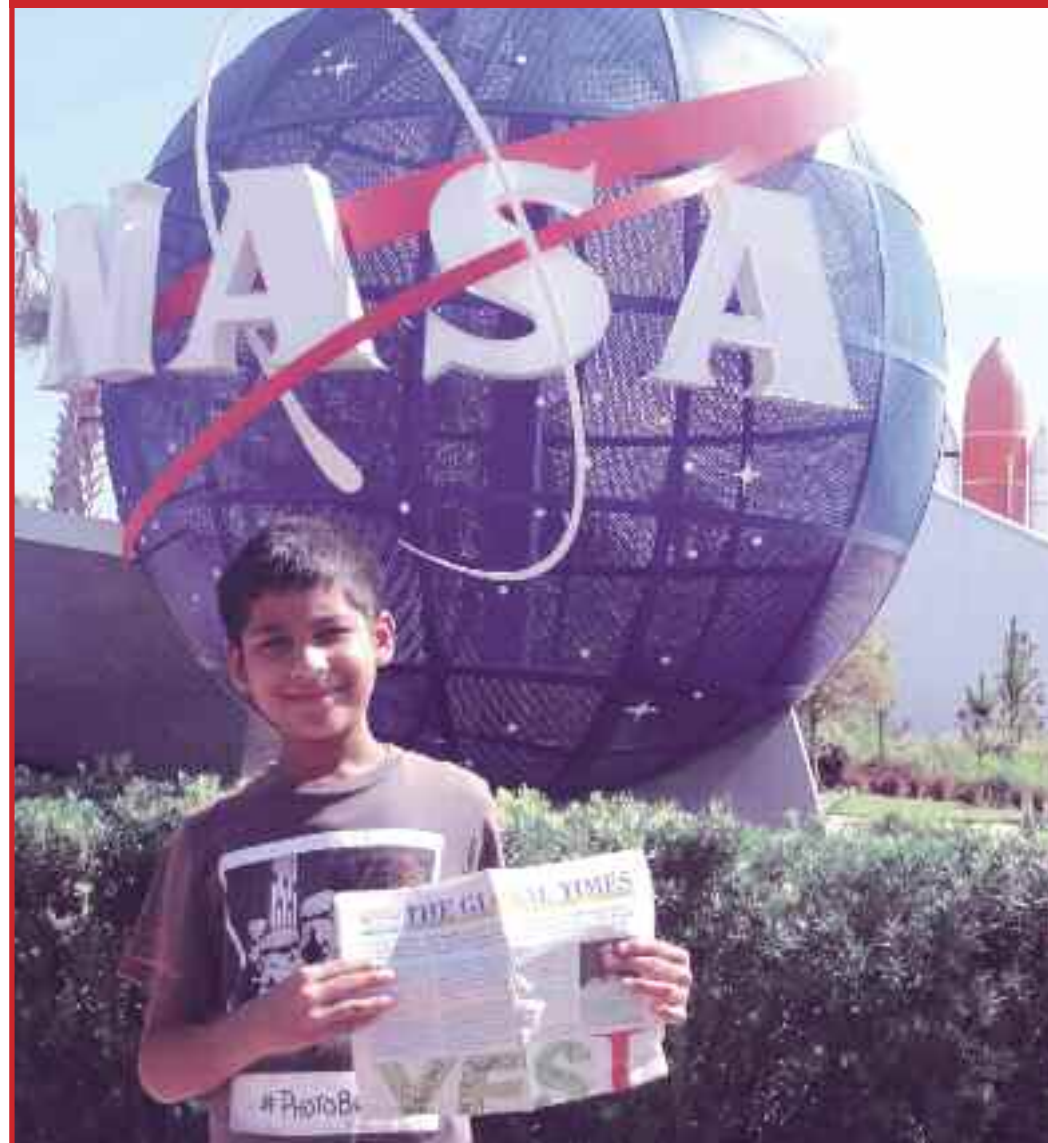
**Channel**– Cartoon Network  
**Genre**– Fantasy, Dramedy  
**Protagonists**– Mac & Bloo, Wilt and other imaginary characters  
**X-Factor**– Friendship and togetherness  
**What we miss:** The friendship that Mac shares with the imaginary characters

## The Grim Adventures of Billy & Mandy



**Channel**– Cartoon Network  
**Genre**– Fantasy, Dramedy  
**Protagonists**– Billy, Mandy and Grim the reaper  
**X-Factor**– The weird magic spells.  
**What we miss:** Billy's silly acts and Grim's miserable servitude

## GT Travels to NASA, Orlando



**Parv Agarwal**, AIS Noida, VI poses with his copy of The Global Times at NASA, Orlando. Based in Kennedy Space Centre in Port Cape Carnival, Orlando, Florida, its visitor's complex is the world's most authentic space attraction. NASA is the United States government agency which deals with civilian space program, aeronautics and aerospace research.

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