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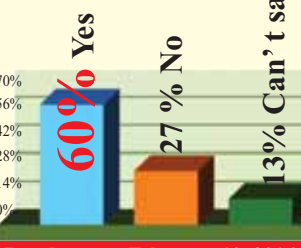
Should women drivers be exempted in the second leg of Odd-Even scheme?
 a) Yes b) No c) Can't say

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The men in blue bleed saffron like no other. Cricket in India has gone from stumps to souls, wickets to winning over, from matters of the game to matters of the heart

Unmuktman Singh, AIS MV, XI

When the batsman hit a six, it gave every Indian the hope that he too could hit it off towards his dreams. The team changed the game in the recent ODI series against Australia and so did the common man. The eleven were clean bowled but they knew that they would bounce back akin to the Indian spirit of resurfacing after the storm. The ‘Gentleman’s game’ has been played ever so reverentially, that it has gradually impinged upon the Indian mentality. Indian cricket speaks a language that is more than bats and balls; for it is the language of a billion people and things that define the true Indian spirit.

‘Bowled’ yet bold

They were beaten, smashed and thrashed. The team’s ignominious loss of 4-1 in the ODI series against Australia earlier this year, screamed ‘game over’. But the team bounced back, quite literally. It displayed a whole new level of cricketing in the T20 Series against the same team, creating history by beating the hosts one-sided on their own soil. Victory also lifted India to No1 in the ICC T20 rankings; they were eighth before the series began. *Dhirubhai Ambani made a fortune despite being indigent in his early days. Nawazuddin Siddiqui waded through unfortunate years to carve a niche for himself in Bollywood. So many Indians have shown us the art of stepping on failures to pave way for success.*

‘Carrying your bat’ & the batsman

As the men in blue rose to grandeur, never did they forget to bow down to their gurus. When Tendulkar basked in the glory of a historic world cup win, doing rounds of the Wankhede Stadium perched upon the shoulders of die-hard fans Yusuf Pathan and Virat



Kohli, a thousand eyes saw tears of exhilaration. Every time Tendulkar pointed his bat towards the sky, a father in the crowd was reassured of his value system. *Respect, for us Indians, is not an emotion, it’s a way of life. We were taught to regard our parents and teachers only next to the almighty. We touch feet and souls, at the same time.*


No ‘duck’ing under

The team has learnt to take brick-bats along with roses; and to wield them to their own advantage. Rahane’s inability to rotate strike was noticed and brought to light by Dhoni in June. He said nothing other than that his observation has been noted. Rahane scored a fantastic 89 off 80 in the second ODI against Australia, running 59 of them. *Everyone makes mistakes, but a few have the courage to accept it and even fewer, the sincerity to rectify it. Indians are a part of that handful. Yes, we made Delhi the most polluted city in the world and now we are back to making things right with the Odd Even scheme.*

‘Dead ball’ can come alive

Never say die, even if it is the last ball. Our last ball heroics have amazed many a cricketing stalwarts; the latest in cue being Raina’s boundary in the recently concluded T20 series against Australia. 3 runs off one ball seemed a tough chase with Andrew Tye on the prowl. But Suresh Raina hit a confident 4 off the last delivery, sealing a historic win for the country. *The Indian Border Security Force’s motto, translated into English, means, ‘Duty unto death’, a spirit that reigns free in the country. Our freedom fighters fought valiantly till the end and so did the middle class man; trying to make ends meet for his family.*

Save yourself from cyber crime



Ishaan Sinha, founder, BlakTronics Investigation Cybercrime Lab, is an ethical hacker by profession. Having worked with prestigious intelligence agencies, he has assisted the police in uncovering criminals, thus, solving various cases. An award winning cyber specialist, he feels his profession helps him give back to the society. Read on as he gives an interesting insight into the world of crime in virtual space and more.

Anoushka Raj, AIS MV, X C

The beginning

I was working in Singapore earlier with a handsome salary. However, once I came back to India, I realised ethical hacking was an emerging field and decided to give it a shot. A job in cyber surveillance was not just my way of giving back to my country, but also to make my hobby my profession.

First steps


When I initially went to police officers claiming to be an ethical hacker and cyber specialist, I was shunned by many. I would wait for hours just to meet officers, who turned out to be reluctant to hire me. However, the scenario has changed now. I get a lot of respect wherever I go, and have closely worked with many intelligence agencies. In case you are considering pursuing a career in this field, remember that until and unless you prove yourself, there are a very few officers who would be willing to give you a chance.

Cyber surveillance fights crime

Cyber surveillance can play a crucial role in fighting crime in the country. In fact, these days, it has become an integral part of various law enforcement agencies in the country. Cyber surveillance not just helps in solving, but also preventing crimes. Cyber crime is a crime committed by the common man to the common man. Hence, there is a need to sensitise the masses; especially considering the increasing rate of cyber.

For instance, not many people know that there are certain software that detect spy cameras and drones.

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Ishaan Sinha with GT reporters

Once we have these downloaded on our phones, we can walk around safe and secure.


E-policing: Need of the hour

We want to establish e-police stations across the country. They help keep a track of cyber crime and criminals through databases and are the primary method of busting robberies in the USA. Once e-police stations are established, even FIRs can be registered online. As of now, the members of the BlakTronics lab are teaching police officers even the minutest details of hacking and cyber policing.

Ethical vs illegal hacking

One is a criminal, the other a police officer. Both sit on opposite sides of the computer. Criminals are smarter than the force, always. They have already committed the crime that we are trying to track it. Of course, there are times when even ethical hackers are tempted to cross the fine line separating legal and illegal hacking, but with self-control, nothing is impossible. Also, working with intelligence agencies increases your sense of patriotism.

Message for Amitians

You should be known for your work. Do your job with earnestness. Don’t be distracted from your goal. On the stage of life, play your part so well that even when the curtain has fallen, the sounds of encore resonate in the theatre. 



A mouthful of hope

Ground Reporting

Freshly chopped vegetables frying in the pan, the aroma of bliss, that is what makes everyone look forward to home after a bone-breaking day. But really, everyone?



Filled stomachs, happy faces



A hunger hero feeds serves hot food to hungry kids

Ishani Ghoshal & Mini Jain, AIS MV, XI A

While you chose to throw away a plate full of *paneer tikka* that 'did not have the correct balance of spices', a mother tried to put her hungry kid to sleep. Another day was spent without eating food. Another party got over with hoards of delicacies going to the dustbin. This gap, between the scarcity and the abundance results in innumerable deaths and malnourished lives across the country, every year.

Am I the bad egg?

"Throwing away the leftover food seems like the easiest option available. We seem to ignore the fact that the wasted food thrown in the bins, ultimately reaches landfills only to get converted to methane and boom! We know that it's a vicious cycle and yet we go ahead and do it anyway," says Ankit Kawatra, founder of the social enterprise, Feeding India, who decided to quit his management job to

come up with a venture that allows the leftover to reach those in need. What started with five people now has over thousands of volunteers in more than twenty cities all over India.

The big cheese, our saviours!

"Khana zyada ho par kam nahin padhna chahiye" goes the Indian host's mentality. Feeding India, is trying to tap this attitude to ensure that the extra food reaches the needy. Feeding over 500-600 people pan India on a regular basis, the organisation mainly targets orphanages, handicapped people, old age homes and shelter homes. A 24*7 helpline ensures that anyone willing to donate food can get it picked up anytime. Also, the organisation has tie up with catering companies that inform them of gatherings well in advance to facilitate the process.

Forking the issue

Opt for a cause and there are bound to be challenges; the scenario being no different here. One

such challenge is verifying the quality of food. "A team of food technologists perform quality check on the donated food. The donor is also made to sign a declaration confirming the quality of food," says Srishti Jain, one of the core members of the organisation. Making the food reach the target groups the very same day and serving it hot is another challenge, which is overcome by the 'Hunger Heroes', the 30-40 volunteers working diligently to feed empty stomachs, every day. However, the transportation of food and logistics remains an obstacle. The organisation is also hopeful on seeking support from the government in the years to come.


Be a Hunger Hero!
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Gathering steam

"We faced resistance initially as people were not willing to give away so much of food for free. However, the general thought over the same seems to have changed for better. The number of people who reached us this wedding season was four times more than the previous year," informs Srishti.

Doing your crumbs, oops bit!

Celebrity chefs like Sanjeev Kapoor and Ritu Dalmia have also come forward for the cause and have helped the organisation with events and campaign shoots. Feeding India, along with other NGOs working for the cause such as Samarpan Foundation and Mera Parivar, Gurgaon has emerged as a beacon of hope.

Right to food is as important as the right to live or the right to education. If you ever want to taste happiness, feed a hungry soul. Let the *panner tikka* not go to the bin, for it is capable of more. 

News Room Hulchul

Every hue Every shade



We the team



Entering My mind palace



Editor in chief Making a point



A focussed approach To edit





Parde ke peeche



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Advertisements can be deceiving and so goes with the world of advertising. Swanky offices, well dressed professionals, oh-so-creative work – what’s not to enter the ad paradise? Well, wait till you enter the doors of an ad agency. **Agrima Gupta & Anushree Murali, AIS MV, XI H**, bring to you the hidden aspects of advertising, and their unhidden sides.

Jo dikhta hai, vo bikta hai
To get a job in advertising, the conventional 2-page word resumes won’t make the cut; and more so when the selector does not spend more than 6 seconds on a resume. Advertising is full of creativity and you need to show some on your resume unless you want the HR to fly paper planes! Applying for the designing team? How about a 3D resume? And if copywriting happens to be your thing, then how about a resume with the title ‘Shakespeare’.

Brought to you by
As soon as one thinks of the advertising industry, it is the copywriter’s or the de-

signer’s face that dawns upon us. However, the industry is full of hidden career opportunities, some of which could even fetch you enough money to fly to Vegas. Don’t believe us? Try ‘hand modelling’! Another lucrative career is that of a ‘professional namer’, who basically looks at different shades of lipsticks and give them names like Raspberry Bite (Yes, something your parents did for free). Client service managers, advertising media planners, voice overs...the list of money magnets goes on!

Happy ending?
Did that fab punch line of the latest chocolate ad leave you impressed? Good

for the copywriter, for that was his millionth idea. The other 9,99,999 were rejected. So, if advertising is your calling be ready for making a zillion changes to your original idea only to realise that the client somehow, after all the changes made and pain taken, likes the original one. Nevertheless, nothing beats the feeling of accomplishment when your idea is accepted.

Client devo bhava
Satisfying the client is the rule of thumb. Clients can come anytime, anywhere and for anything, setting everyone in motion and the office in commotion. The cut throat competition requires you to make the client feel good about himself every second. So if you end up designing their children’s birthday invites or a thank you video for them; don’t be surprised. After all, renewed contracts is where the agency’s moolah comes from.

I’m not lovin’ it!
If you are in the advertising industry, you will end up working more hours than you thought was humanly possible. The only friend you are left with is coffee to get rid of your long-lost enemy, sleep. Also, don’t think much about the earning, as most of it will be consciously lost to coffee shops and pizza houses to pull an all-nighter.

A wise man once said, “Life is not a bed of roses.” A wiser man (who happens to be a copywriter) replaced the word ‘life’ with ‘advertising’. But just as life has its ups and downs, advertising has its ‘oops and downs’. It may drive you crazy but it will satisfy your lust for creativity; so go ahead and give it a shot!

Amity Institute for Competitive Examinations



Brainleaks-164 FOR CLASS IX-X

The total number of real factors (polynomial having more than or equal to degree 1) for the polynomial : $x^6 + 5x^3 + 8$

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| (a) | 0 | (b) | 2 |
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| (e) | 1 | | |

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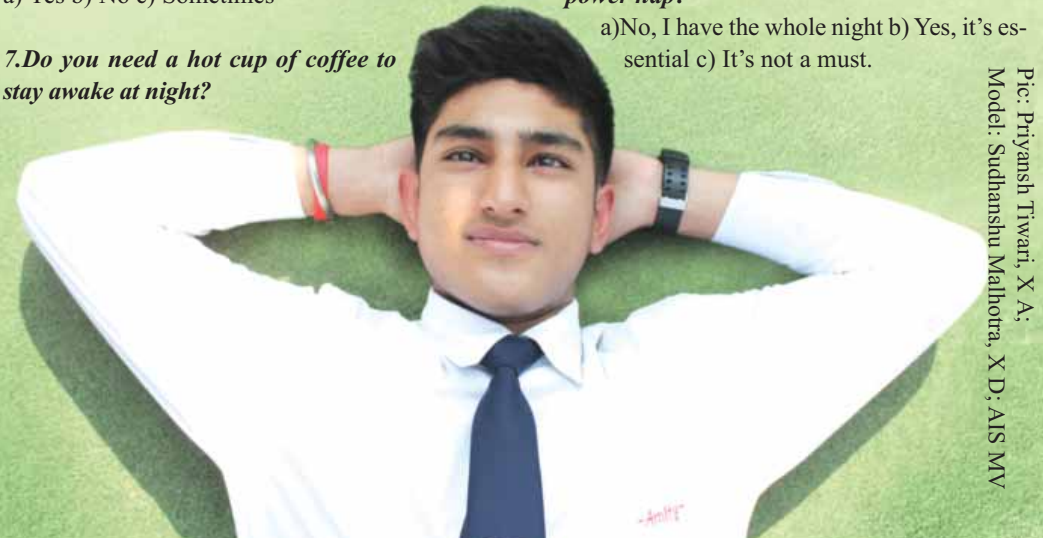
Early Bird or Night Owl?

Everyone has a different time when they can concentrate. When do you concentrate best – morning or night? Take this quiz and find out which clan do you belong to!

1. Do you start feeling sleepy right after 10 pm?
a) Yes b) No c) Sometimes
2. When can you learn well?
a) Early morning b) At Night c) All time’s mine
3. Are you in the habit of getting up early even on holidays?
a) Yes b) No c) Sometimes
7. Do you need a hot cup of coffee to stay awake at night?

- a) Yeah (*what would I do without coffee*)
b) I can stay up any way c) Coffee doesn’t work!
4. What distracts you more, the chirping of birds or the sound of nocturnal insects?
a) Birds b) Insects, any day!
c) None can deter me
5. Do you like your surroundings to be bright or a little toned down?
a) Bright b) Subtle, it’s my thing c) I’m comfortable with anything
6. At what time do you feel the need to leave for work more often?
a) Morning time b) Night c) Never
8. Is afternoon mostly the time for your power nap?
a) No, I have the whole night b) Yes, it’s essential c) It’s not a must.

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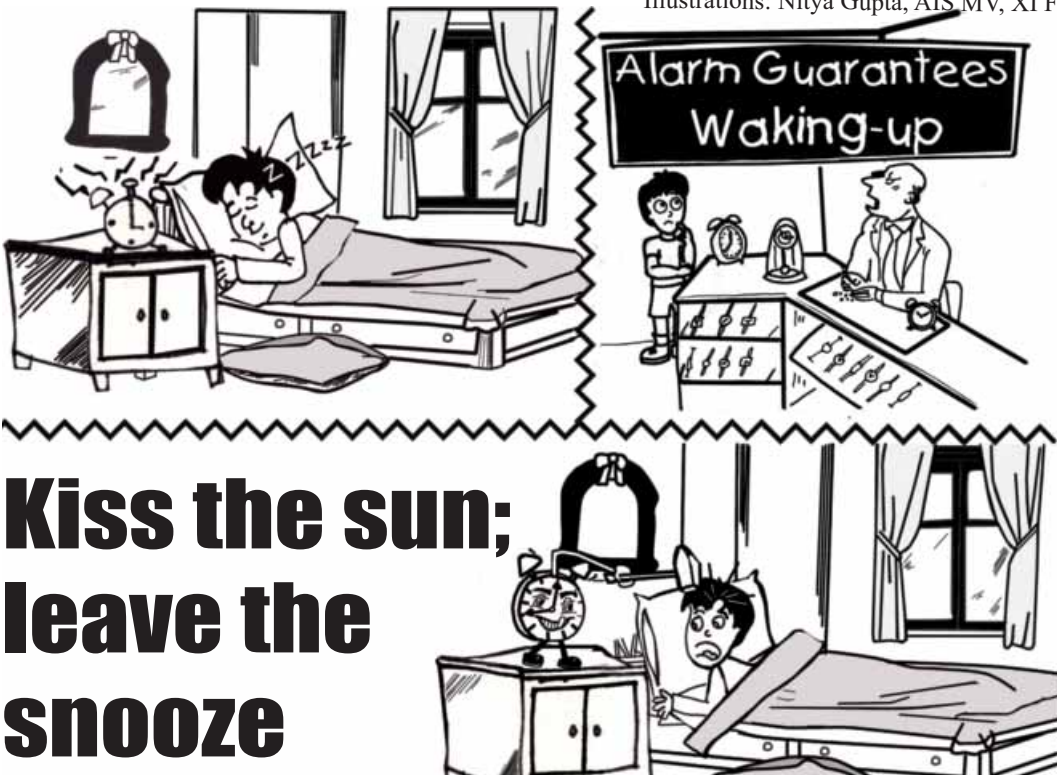


Analysis

Most of them are As : Morning is your time, start getting up early and use early morning for studies because that is the time when you’ll be able to concentrate the best.
Most of them are Bs: You are the night bird. The time

beneath the starry skies is all yours, stay up late and study. See how it works wonders for you!
Most of them are Cs: Night and day don’t make any difference, when you have set your mind to it. You’ll do the task that you want to do, no matter what the time is.

This quiz is brought to you by **Anushree Murali, AIS MV, XI H**



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Kiss the sun; leave the snooze

Ever stayed up the entire night just to wake up at 5.00 am? If only someone had told you these tips & tricks...

Gunika Grover, AIS MV, XI G

Tring Tring. Snooze. Tring Tring. Snooze. Oh God! I am late again! Sounds familiar? Well, you are not the only one. The dread of waking up late is a familiar one and more so when your exams are just around the corner. But just like every other problem, GT has an article on this one too. Read it and get set to walk on sunshine.
Label urgency: Label your alarm something that would make you rush out from your bed and shake off your laziness. Some labels can include words that grab your attention such as, ‘You’ve got an exam today!’
Let the game begin! Lock your alarm device in a box. Keep the box close to your ears but the key in a distant, inaccessible corner of the room. This way the alarm will play hard to get and you will ultimately have to wake up from your bed and

switch it off. Play for the win!
Break into a wake-up dance: Set up an alarm to a playlist which has a mix of all the dance numbers. From Jailhouse Rock to Happy to Eye of the Tiger; wake up to your gig to jiggle on.
Wake up in a foreign land: Try listening to songs that are not in your native language. Yes, this may give some a confused start to a day, but it is this confusion that will shake up those sleepy brain cells from slumber. Unravel from Tokyo Ghoul, We Speak No Americano by Yolanda Be Cool.
Step out: That warm cosy bed can be alluring. Kicking the blanket is the only way to be up and about. But how? Download ‘Step Out of Bed’. This app ensures that your alarm does not shut off till you take your phone and walk for 30 seconds.
Let the sun sink in: Keep the curtains of your room open, so that the beauty of the bright sun will make you stand up on your feet and kiss the sky.



The world is in a state of chaos. An age-old dilemma has brought about this conflict. Neither party is willing to take a step down! The battle commences yet again. Today, we might find an answer to the question that has bamboozled the top brains in the world, "Who came first -the chicken or the egg?" Read on as **Shreya Kaushal, AIS MV, XI B** tries to settle the age-old debate!



A Theological debate

Chickens: Well, day five of Creation Week was the one where God created 'every winged bird according to its kind'. We came first, and we made you!

Eggs: Sorry to burst your bubble, but the Bible does not even talk about species! If you go and read it, you'll find that you simply traced the Galliformes Order that included every ground feeding bird; not necessarily chickens! Mutation came in between and they laid us. We came first!

An Evolutionary debate

Chickens: Every child has a parent, and we're the parents that gave birth to you!

Eggs: Well, Stephen Hawking hinted at us being the first. Reptiles laid millions of eggs which were not chicken until something that wasn't a chicken laid an egg that was genetically a chicken. Hence, it has to be us!

A Deadlock

Chicken: The mystery has finally been solved! This millennia will witness the glorious victory of chickens! The protein ovocledidin-17 that controls the eggshell crystallisation process, can only come from a chicken's body and without it, the shell couldn't form at all. So the chicken had to come first!

Eggs: Well, allow me to retort! It was believed that there was a 'chicken-like bird', please notice - only a proto-chicken. Fertilisation took place but the egg underwent mutation and became the progenitor of chickens. So in that case, the eggs were the ones to come first.

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(K)now you see me

Vanishing pigeons and rabbits appearing out of nowhere ; magic has given us all, and taken it all from one single point source - science

Shantanu Chandra, AIS MV, XI G

Abracadabra! And the rabbit vanished. Wow, gasped the audience. The magician smirked; science had done it yet again. Flip over the book of magic and you will find 'science' written all over its epilogue.

Art of Misdirection

The trick: The magician picks the top card from the deck and asks the audience to identify the number on the card. He then puts it back and picks it up again, but it's a different card.

How does it happen: Our visual systems have evolved to detect motion. Grand and pronounced motion is inherently interesting to the brain, and automatically engages our attention in a reflex manner. Magicians use a technique called 'covering the motion' to distract the audience from the actual working of the trick. A large, highly noticeable maneuver covers a smaller, less critical manipulation. The magician redirects the attention of the audience upon the card by asking them a question. He uses this distraction of the audience to put a card, which is already up his sleeve, in the other hand. He puts down the first card in a grand manner to mask himself putting the second card on top of the first in one fluid motion.

Art of Multitasking

The trick: The magician hides a ball under three cups and shuffles them swiftly. The ball vanishes. He repeats the trick and it reappears.

How does it happen: Splitting the audience's focus

without diverting their gaze makes its effectiveness one-third of the original value. They focus on all three positions at once. The brain suppresses activity in surrounding visual areas when concentrating on a specific task. Thus preoccupied, the brain may not consciously register actions witnessed by the eyes. Therefore, the focus is weakened, allowing the magician to remove and insert the ball at ease.

Art of Emotion

The trick: The magician tells the audience a funny story and suddenly pulls out a rabbit from his hat.

How does it happen: It takes longer for humans to code unexpected stimuli over expected stimuli. Hilarity in a magic show hampers the spectators' ability to concentrate on the magician, because humour is often unexpected by the audience in a magic show. Hence, during the time the audience is battling these cognitive processes, in this case the funny story, the sleight is already performed and the rabbit is ready to be sprung. 🐰



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Popular magic tricks that use science

- Burning Money Trick
- Water into Wine Trick
- Egg in a Bottle
- Handheld Fireballs
- Invisible Ink
- Fire breathing Trick
- Disappearing Ink
- Fire Writing
- Edible Candle Magic Trick
- Hot Ice
- Bending Water



Hi, I'm Vidisha. I write articles when I'm uncomfortable.
Vidisha, AIS MV, XI D, Page Editor

Decrypting the Bro Code

Living in a different world, speaking a different language; they follow a code that leaves everyone intrigued. What happens when a girl sets out on a mission to decode this universal yet unknown code

Pragati Ganotra, AIS MV, XI H

My feminine existence has always wondered how boys exchange a whole bunch of conversations, just by a mere eye contact. These bros silently share their secrets and jokes which will not be revealed to you for a million Gandhi-notes. As I peeped into the mysterious world of *bhai-giri*, this is how the bro-code was revealed to me.

#Rule no 1 Shh...the secret name!

Bros always have nicknames between themselves and are never going to reveal the mysteries behind them to you. Well, not if you're a girl. What's funny in calling Suresh 'Popey'? And the disturbing part is that they'll scream that name across the class so that everyone knows it, only to keep us wondering what they could mean!

#Rule no 2 Bhai ki seat

Even if there are a hundred vacant seats in the classroom or bus, there will be that one seat that one *bhai* reserves for the other *bhai*. In the absence of one *bhai*, the seat may remain vacant but will not be replaced by anyone. "Bhai ki seat pe nahi baithne ka" is how they go.

#Rule no 3 Loyal liars

[Scene: Call from your bro's dad] [Time: Midnight]
Bhai's dad: *Beta*, is Rajeev at your place?
Bhai no.1: *Haanji* uncle. We're completing a group project.



(Dad not convinced)

Bhai's dad: *Beta*, is Rajeev there with you?
Bhai no.2: *Haanji* uncle, he's in the washroom. (Stubborn dad, not yet convinced.)
Dad: *Beta*, do you know where Rajeev is?
Bhai no.3: Dad, it's me, Rajeev.

#Rule no 4 Exam Saviour

True 'bros' have a moral obligation to help the other bro in the middle of an exam, even if you are unable to finish your own exam. Loyal bros will not only study together, but flunk together as well.

#Rule no 5 Beware of pickpockets!

Hungry bros are worse than TV serial *saasu-maas*. She will only rob your mental peace, but a hungry bro can rob your peace, *paisa* and food. True bros do not split bills. Instead, they make one particular bro pay for all the expensive items on the canteen menu. And how can you forget their usual dialogue, "Aaj teri treat bhai, kal mai de doonga" with the promise of a tomorrow that never comes.

#Rule no 6 Street food chronicles

Bros will always find time to visit *Ramu Samose-wala* and *Chaurasiya chai*-stall no matter how busy life gets. Savouring *nukkad*-ke-cuisines without your bro is strictly prohibited.

In the end, ladies, you have to accept the universal bromance phenomenon. We all know what *bhai-chara* is, but who's heard the *behan-chara*? And no matter how hard you try to change things, boys will always be boys.

Har logo kuch kehta hai

A brand logo is never made with a mere design idea. Sometimes, it has its own 'once upon a time', which eventually culminates in a visually appealing 'ending'. **Shreya Kaushal, AIS MV, XI B** lifts the lid off unknown backstories behind some of the most popular logos which we often see and admire.

Mercedes: The icon of luxury

Even if you are one of those who cannot tell one car from another, you'd know how to spot a Mercedes; courtesy – the proud silver three point star logo that screams luxury. But did you know that three point star was not born in a design studio but a postcard? Gottlieb Daimler who owned the original Mercedes brand, sent his wife a postcard in the 1870s. He marked his residence on the postcard with a three-point star. In there he wrote, "One day, this star will shine over our triumphant factories." His sons Paul and Adolf Daimler who liked the star, eventually decided to use it as the company logo.

Starbucks: The coffee loving mermaid

The first ever Starbucks opened its gates in Seattle (US). To capture and imbibe the nautical vibe of this port city, Siren, a sea creature from Greek mythology was chosen by its founders. Interestingly, just like Sirens who were irresistible to the sailors in sea, coffee has the same addictive affect. So, the next time you step into Starbucks, remember it's probably the call of the sirens!

Adidas: The symbol of sportsmanship

Adidas has always been a prominent name when it comes to sports. Earlier known as Dassler shoes, the company was initially owned by brothers Rudolf and Adi Dassler. After a messy split between the two, Rudolf went on to form a new firm PUMA and Adi registered the company with the name ADIDAS from ADI DASsler. Let's put that myth that ADIDAS stands for 'All Day I Dream About Sports' to rest, it's just a backronym!

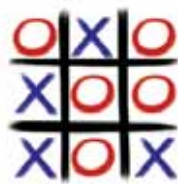
Google: The GO to search engine

The most popular search engine was a result of 'BackRub'; a search engine research project headed by Larry Page (one of the owners) at Stanford. The project was later renamed Google which was a misspelt version of GOOGOL (which stands for one followed by 100 zeroes). This was done to convey the message that Google was capable of dealing with massive amounts of data. However, Google retained the misspelling and went on to become one of the most popular search engines in the world. 🇮🇳

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#Letsplay

These tiny toddlers see hashtag as nothing but the basic requirement for playing tic-tac-toe. #OXOXOX



#IamModern

They see their kids overusing hashtag and hence imitate them by crowding their tweets with it, and feel #modern.



#Phonebalance

For people stuck between the gaps of two contrasting generations, hashtag is a key on the phone they use when they have to call the customer care to know their current balance. *130#

I am



#Ilostmybrain

Using hashtags out of context is the new cool for teenagers. Just because everyone around them is using it, they use it too! #icecream #random #nonsense

#Useless

Not even aware of the presence of Hashtag, the Oldies go like "What is Hashtag?" if you ever ask them about it.



#Unite

The youth of the nation understand the power of a symbol, which can unite the masses for a cause, #pathankotterrorattac k #nirbhaya.



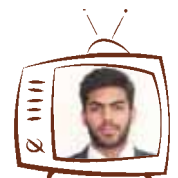
#Nohashtag

This breed totally detest the hashtag, for they believe that it has completely ruined the exquisite English language with senseless and often annoying #nospaces #nopunctuation #nogrammar #everywhere.

#Thenationwantsto know

The celeb-struck, the only purpose of hashtag for them is to communicate to their star. #ilovesrk





Cleanse thy soul



Dr. Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

This edition marks the end of the contest edition journey... a journey of hard work, creativity, team spirit and learning. A voyage that saw all my Amitians pitch in their best, creating beautiful editions, and filling me with immense pride and awe, with their extraordinary creative acumen. With each edition, my conviction in my children's ability expanded. At Amity, we have full faith in the power of the prehistoric ritual of *hawan*, as depicted in the beautifully created educational poster (page 7) by AIS Mayur Vihar. In ancient days, *yagnas* were performed to invoke the Almighty. Today, *hawans* are performed for ritualistic purposes. We earnestly believe that in the holy fire, lies the solution to all the problems of the world. It is a scientifically proven fact that *hawans* can cure pollution, heal nature, bring harmony and peace, and lead humans to a heightened sense of consciousness. The pious flame can bring forth a greater degree of self-awareness, consequently leading to a better understanding of the human mind and the ability to guide it on the right path. This is the very reason that *hawans* are a regular feature at Amity. Be it the first day of the academic session, citation, farewell of students or national and religious festivals, *hawans* lend a virtuous beginning to everything. Soaking in the cosmic energy emitted by the holy smoke, Amitians are better equipped to deal with the rigours of school life, and face the challenges of the world. It empowers them by cleansing their souls of negative thoughts, and fills them with abundant positive energy... energy that will always guide them on the path of happiness and success. 🇮🇳

Dare to dream



Dr. Priyanka Mehta
Principal, AIS MV

अद्वैतं वसुधा कृत्या जलधिः स्वर्गो व पातलम्।
वर्त्मनश्च सुमेरुः कृतप्रतिज्ञस्य धीरस्य ॥

History is replete with examples of people who dared to dream differently amidst all criticism and challenges. With firm conviction, indomitable will and 'I can make it happen' attitude, one can transform vision into beautiful realities and gift something unique to this world. Talent is not enough; it needs to be perfected through perseverance. Goals become accessible if we have faith in our abilities and the will to withstand the hurdles that come our way. Amity, under the leadership of Chairperson, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, aspires to inculcate this indefatigable spirit and steadfastness of purpose in its students so as to make them confident and competent torchbearers of tomorrow. Youth today is fortunate that everything is within their reach at the click of a button but this does not guarantee success. One of the favourite maxims that guided Napoleon was, 'The truest wisdom is a resolute determination.' If you dare to dream and have faith, no power can stop you from success. The making of the contest edition is the best example of this spirit. Amidst numerous opportunities provided at Amity, The Global Times is an amazing platform that lets children unravel their hidden potential. It makes them realise the power of words, the freedom of expression and a sense of responsibility. This issue is not just a storehouse of information and thought provoking ideas but a saga of creative prowess and exemplary efforts made by the budding reporters. We hope you enjoy reading it. 🇮🇳

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Jab they met

Does happiness lead to success or vice versa? The two find the answer over coffee

Pakhi Roy, X A & Vidisha, XI D
AIS Mayur Vihar

After eying each other for a long time now, the happy-go-lucky happiness finally asks success for a date, which success seems to reluctantly agree to (though she secretly is in the seventh heaven). After a lot of bickering on which place to go, success takes happiness to a posh cafe.

Happiness (looking at the menu): So what are you feeling like today?

Success: What do you mean? Oh you mean what should we order? Well... something that tastes expensive.

Happiness (confused): Umm...

Success (proudly): Ever tasted success? It tastes the best!

Happiness: Oh okay. Why don't you place the order. By the way, I just got a raise of 1000 rupees today. I'm on top of the world! And my team was a large part of it. Punctuality was always on time, Focus kept our eyes on the goal, and of course how can I forget Hard work? He practically made day and night

one to work. Not bragging, but I was the leader and without me, they would have never achieved it, and I would have never met you. So, the treat is mine.

Success: You know what? I'm behind what you are today. If you had never been told by your boss, Inspiration, to chase me, you would never have got that salary incre-

ment. But sorry, how much did you say was the raise? 1000 rupees! Seriously you should aim higher. You don't deserve me yet, but well, I'm here. Talking about the bill, I'll pay it. I think it will be better if you save that money to buy that expensive car you like.

Happiness: I don't agree with many things you said, but since you have contributed a lot to me, I must say you just added to what I already was. I was happy

before I met you and I'm happy after I met you. And, about that expensive car, I decided not to buy it. I like my present car better, as it was a gift from my father. And by the way, if I had not been the happy person I am, I could have never attracted you.

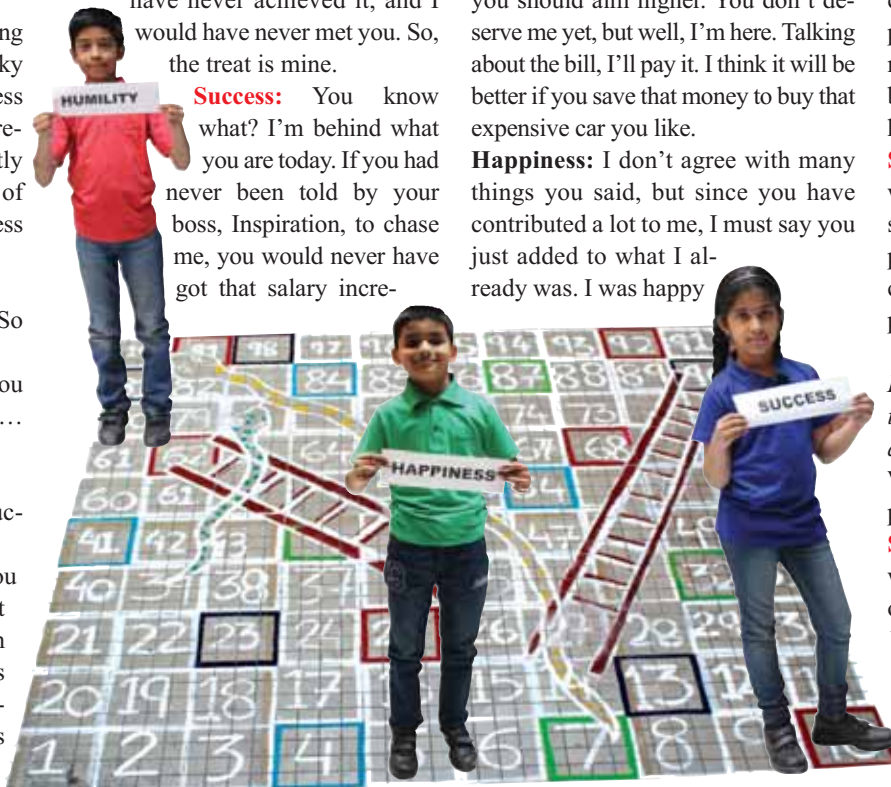
Success: Oh common, you are the one who keeps stalking me! Have you ever seen an unsuccessful person happy? A person is first successful and then becomes happy. The ladies first rule applies here as well!

Listening to their debate for a while, the waiter couldn't take it any longer and decided to intervene.

Waiter: Sir, madam, would you like to place an order?

Success: Yeah we'll get back to you, we just need to come to a conclusion of our debate.

Waiter: Sir your so-called debate will never come to an end. Both of you are required, in order to make the whole experience complete. I recommend you to taste some humility, believe me it's the best dish here. Now, if you'll excuse me. 🇮🇳



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Every dash counts

Moody Hyphen got muddled in school due to his small size and has again shut himself in his room. **Jyoti Nagpal, AIS MV, XI I** writes a motivating letter to boost his morale.

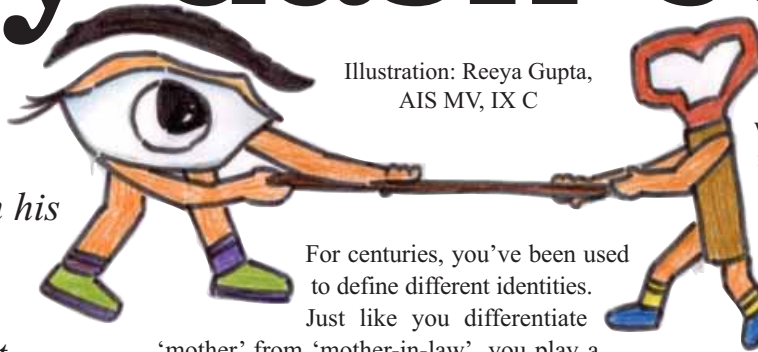


Illustration: Reeya Gupta,
AIS MV, IX C

Dear Hyphen,

I hope this letter finds you hale and hearty. It's been days since we've spoken but whenever I call, it's just your answering machine. So, I decided to write to you. I have been hearing that you're feeling down-in-the-mouth. So, you've rebounded to your cyst, shutting all life out of that little door of yours. But just let me reassure you of your importance.

For centuries, you've been used to define different identities. Just like you differentiate 'mother' from 'mother-in-law', you play a major role in distinguishing an Indian from an Indian-American. You're the little line which separates two cultures and identities embodied by the same person, while representing an amalgamation of both. That, my friend, is surely a quality unique to you. You are used to join two words or parts of words together while avoiding confusion or ambiguity. Is this not noble work? To bring words together and make them all the more notable. Hyphen, dear, if I were to define you, I'd say you're akin to a poem. A poem is small, composed of a few

lines and sometimes a few words, yet it conveys the deepest ruminations of the person who has penned it. Similarly, you too may seem insignificant. But, you represent the entire life of a person as you stand between their birth and death date. When a person dies and their eulogy is being read, all people talk about is how their loved one spent the dash, which is you. They even penned a quote in your honour, "Make your dash count." You are so meaningful, I wish I could be you. *sobs*

You might not realise your significance when you're alone but your unison with others brings change in meanings and perspectives. Well, that's what life's about, isn't it? About living selflessly and bringing meaning to your surroundings. Don't you ever feel bad about yourself, okay?

And, if you're still not convinced, please think about my life once. It'll definitely make you feel better.

Yours lovingly,
Underscore. 🇮🇳

Little pearls of wisdom

The perks of being wallflower

Kaveri Mathur, AIS MV, VIII

"You were like a mystery to me," said my new friend. Some found me arrogant at first while some thought that I was simply a loner. And this wasn't really surprising for me for we, introverts are labelled different names by different people; the latest being 'wallflower'. Apparently, we are as quiet as the flower on the wallpaper. I like the name; just the way I like being an introvert. It's not all that bad, you see. My social status is somewhere between minus 1000 and minus 100000; which explains why my friend counts stops at three. Yeah, the ones with '987 friends' on Facebook think I am a loser, but then I have heard them rant about how none of those 987 turned up when they were sad. That doesn't happen to me.

Yes, I am quiet and contrary to popular belief not everyone finds it irritating. In fact, there are many who appreciate my silence. I think that has to do with the fact that in a world where everybody wants to be heard, people seek an ear. Since I don't have much to talk about, I actually listen closely to what others have to say. I can hear people out and understand them better; they like that. "You are missing out on all the action," they say. No, I



Graphic: Isha Gupta, AIS MV, X C

am not. I am just watching it from a distance and if somebody asked me I would have been able to explain better why X and Y fought in the first place. I see everything from a bird's eye view and hence can give a rational, unbiased opinion.

So, you see being an introvert is not such a down-in-the-dumps thing. Perhaps, in this world of extroversion, we should celebrate introversion. No, let's not celebrate it, that will only make us introverts uncomfortable. Let's just acknowledge it and accept it, just the way it is.

The GT journey



Archana Upadhyaya
GT Teacher Coordinator

The Global Times, the newspaper of the students, for the students and by the students is akin to a laboratory of life, equipping the students with skills that would make them worthy nation builders of tomorrow. The contest edition, is not just ideation, reporting and editing but it also facilitates team work, decision making, spontaneity and solution oriented approach.

It would not be an exaggeration to say that millions of ideas take shape till the paper finally goes for print. While the veterans churn out stories with panache, the amateurs pen down ideas with great enthusiasm. It's an awe inspiring journey that culminates into amazing reality. This edition is packed with a variety of innovative stories, humorous accounts and vibrant illustrations. We wish you happy reading.



The word 'hawan' has its origin in the Sanskrit term 'yajna' found in the vedas, meaning 'a rite to offer prayers, devotion and sacrifice'. Also known as 'agnihotra', the ancient purification ritual has acclaimed global cult status today. **Nitya Gupta, AIS MV, XI F** conjures the science behind 'hawans'

सर्वे भवन्तु सुखिनः



Brings calm

The heat effect: The sacred fire activates the 'chakras' or energy centres of our body by reviving cosmic energy, thereby enhancing our level of consciousness.

The sound effect: The vibration of the earth synchronises with the vibration produced by the chanting of Gayatri and other Vedic mantras, which helps bring calm in nature.

Balances nature

Vapour cycle: The gases produced during hawan are highly insecticide and pesticide in nature, and also have antiseptic properties, thus purifying air.

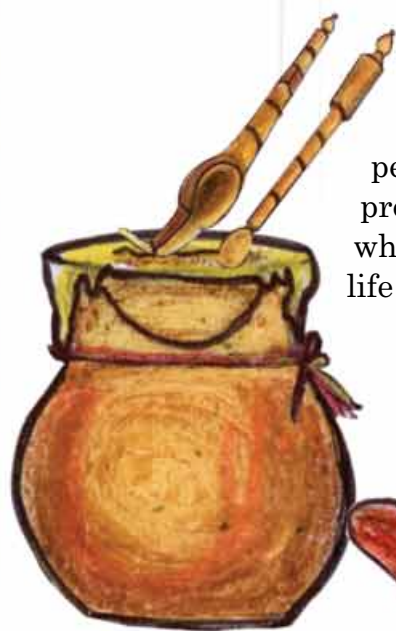
Water cycle: The released vapour leads to cloud formation thus balancing and boosting the water cycle, leading to rain.



Emits oxygen

Constituent components: The hawan samagri comprises a fine mix of ingredients like dry sticks, umbar, jambhul, chandan, limbu, etc that help purify the atmosphere.

Gaseous exponents: The chemical reaction - $\text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} + 112,000 \text{ cal} \rightarrow \text{Aformaldehyde} + \text{O}_2$ depicts the release of oxygen and breakdown of CO_2 during hawan. It is perhaps one of the rare processes of combustion which emit oxygen, the life giving gas.



Controls pollution

Wood used: Hawan wood when burnt, releases formic aldehyde, a gas which kills harmful bacteria thus purifying the atmosphere.

Pollution reduced: Various experiments have proved that there is a considerable reduction in the level of SO_2 , NO_2 and PM 10 (particulate matter) up to 33% by burning wood meant for yagna.



Colour therapy

Red: Enhances blood circulation and eyesight

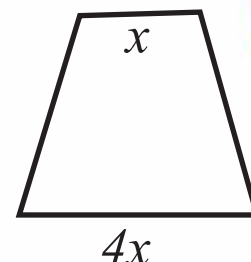
Yellow: Enhances brain function and cures depression

Orange: Beneficial for the functioning of spleen and pancreas

Blue: Energises thyroid gland and purifies blood

Antibacterial effect

The shape benefit: The 'inverted pyramid' shaped hawan kund (the ratio of the upper part to its bottom is 1: 4) made of copper, generates and stores cosmic energy which acts as a bacteriostatic and antimicrobial reactor.



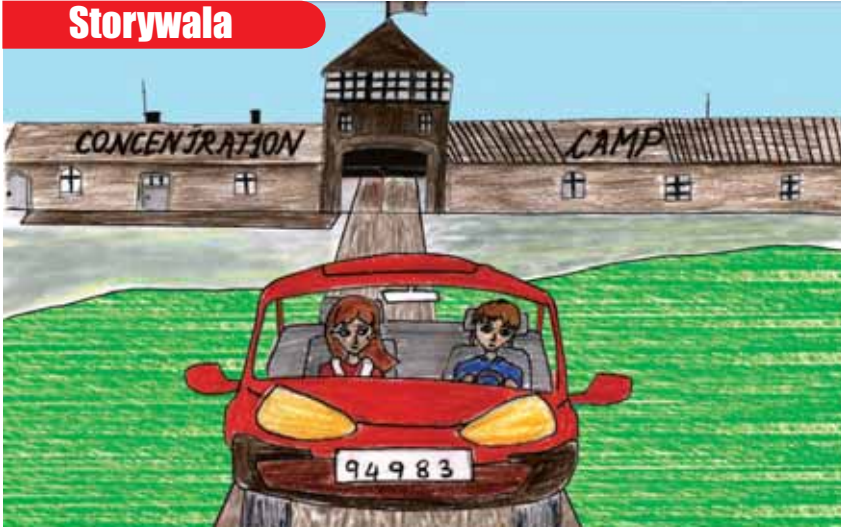
The ash benefit: The agnihotra ash contains inorganic phosphate, which can serve as an inexpensive alternative for toxic fertilizers. It also has medicinal values.



Reminiscence of past

Illustration: Mridu Pant, AIS MV, VIII D

Storywala



Anoushka Raj, AIS MV, X C

Being honoured as an alive female holocaust survivor has its perks. Today, I got to be the first one to use the newly invented time machine that took me back to the year 1942. As the president gave a speech about my bravery, my thoughts wandered back to what kind of memories I would want to visit in the past. I struggled for it was tough to find happiness in my past.

As the force in my abdomen subsided, I slowly dared to look down. My small feet were enclosed in blue ballets, and I was dressed in my best frock. The 12 year old hands of mine gripped a ripe red apple. I made my way through the brambles and got near the barbed fence of the Buchenwald concentration camp. Something no one in Poland would have dared or liked to do. But I couldn't control my emotions. I had to see him again. "Jabłko," I called out softly. He looked up, his gaunt eyes staring into mine. Here I was, a Polish Jew whose father had got Aryan documents to hide our identity, but not before I had lost my brother who

was made to dig a grave, shot and buried in the same pit. The picture still torments me, his scream of terror, the SS man's brutal laughter. But at least now, I was safe. And there he was, a boy not much older, whose expressions showed that he had seen the devil of torture at instances much more horrific than mine. As I gave him the apple, I knew that today was the day I would tell him my name. We had never even introduced ourselves. By a glance at his pale hands, I knew that the id no given to him by the Nazis was 94983, but other than that, who was he? I never dared to ask, neither did he. Perhaps he thought that it was enough that I risked my life to give him food, and if he showed recognition then we would both be caught. But I couldn't let him starve, could I? He was the angel who gave me hope that even we could survive if we supported each other unconditionally. However, before I could say anything, I heard his voice, whisper "Don't return. We're leaving." And with that, he walked towards the barracks, not looking back even once.

His ungratefulness broke my heart. Here was I, who risked my life, escaping each

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day in order to give him food. And he, who accepted all my favours, didn't even look back when he was leaving. "Good Bye, 94983," I whispered. A whirring in my stomach told me it was time to go back to the present. My eyes moist, I knew seeking the past wasn't a good idea.

After years, I found my 94983 in a restaurant. Russian troops had liberated him while I came out after the fall of the Nazis. On recognising each other, we were in seventh heaven. Today, 50 years later, me and 94983 are happily married. It was only later in my life that I came to know why 94983 said nothing to me at the fence on our last day. He couldn't face the ordeal of our separation, the anguish and the angst, and he didn't know what to say, because 'Thank you' seemed too small. Sitting in the time machine, I could have gone back to my happier days, playing with my brother, long before we had gone into hiding. But tears and grief have a power that nothing else does. They draw out the courage in you and make you strong and face the reality. Despite our grave circumstances, we became each other's seraphs and in the face of the cruelty that clawed us day in and out, we survived and found love amidst all the darkness. Because we loved and supported each other, not even the Nazis could separate us.

As I and 94983 sat in the car on the way back home, I took his hand, and knew, at that very instant, that love makes life worth living.

Pics: Rishik Sood, AIS MV, X D



Rishik with his strawberry smoothie

Fruitlicious smoothies

Rishik Sood

AIS MV, X D

Ingredients

For Banana smoothie

Butter2 tsp
Banana (sliced)2 cups
Pineapple juice1 cup
Honey1 tsp
Milk1/2 cup
Ice cubes3 to 4

For Strawberry smoothie

Strawberries10
Milk1/2 cup
Sugar1 tsp
Ice cubes5

For Apple smoothie

Apple juice1/2 cup
Apple (sliced).....3/4 cup
Low-fat vanilla yoghurt3/4 cup
Banana (sliced)1/2
Cinnamonto taste

Method

For Banana smoothie

- In a blender, add sliced bananas and blend.

- Add pineapple juice, milk and butter into the blender and blend.
- Add ice cubes in it.
- Blend until liquified.
- Put honey and blend for a few more seconds.
- Your banana smoothie is ready to serve!

For Strawberry smoothie

- Cut strawberries into pieces.
- Churn it in a blender.
- Add milk to pureed strawberries.
- Add ice cubes in it.
- Blend until liquified.
- Put sugar and blend for a few more seconds.
- Pour the delicious smoothie into a glass and is ready to serve.

For apple smoothie

- Add sliced apples in a blender.
- Now, add yoghurt and sliced banana into the blender.
- Blend the ingredients well until liquified.
- Put apple juice and blend for a few more seconds.
- Pour smoothie into a glass, add a pinch of cinnamon and enjoy it!

WORDS VERSE

Our demons

Saumya Verma

AIS Mayur Vihar, XI I



Illustration: Kaveri Mathur, AIS MV, VIII A

Does the truth haunt you too?
Does your shadows kill you too?
When the night falls and every-
one's asleep
Does your pillows get wet too?

Does it fascinate you too
how frequently people lie?
Does it make you mourn too
how untimely teenagers die?
Does it make you shiver too
How everyone is constantly
fighting?

Does it interest you too
How people love without liking?

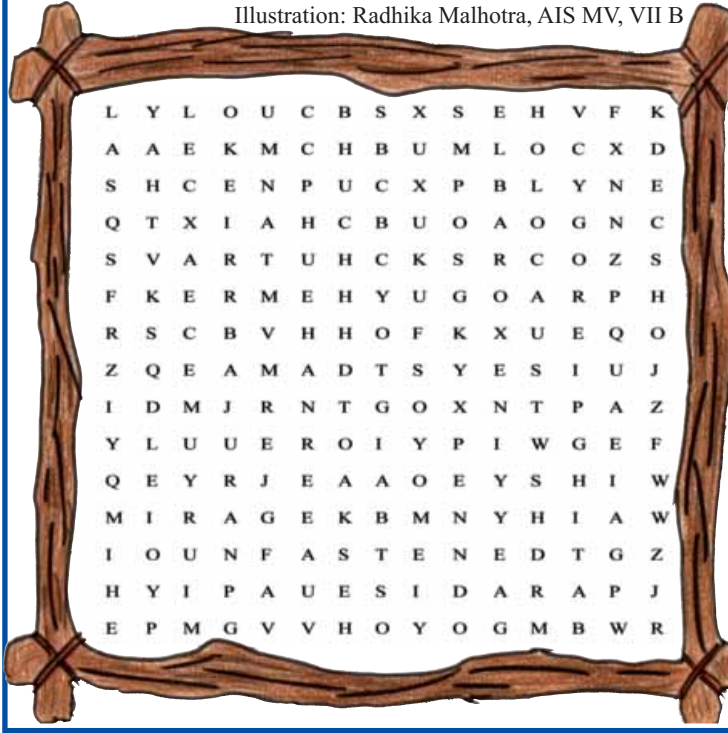
Look at the positive side, they
say everytime
But does it feel okay for you too
To let your demons win some-
time?
And if you feel the same

Come at my place anytime
We'll talk about our fears
and we'll drown in our own tears
And then maybe over a cup of
coffee and fries
I'll tell you about my hypotheti-
cal paradise!

Word Search

Daksh Puri, AIS MV, X E

Illustration: Radhika Malhotra, AIS MV, VII B



Barracks
Hypothetical
Paradise
Starvation
Holocaust
Inexorable
Pierogy
Succumbed
Horrendous
Mirage
Seraphs
Unfastened

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Ridhima Tyagi, AIS MV, XI I



Snuggling swan



Paradigm of majesticity



Epitome of patriotism

A strange friendship

Short Story

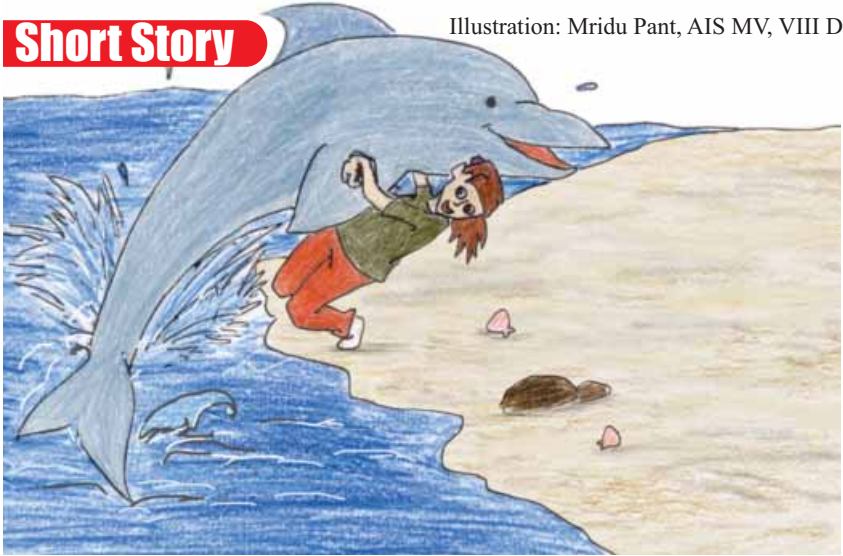


Illustration: Mridu Pant, AIS MV, VIII D

She was caught in a rip current. “This is the end of me,” Anna thought. Then, she felt a hard tug on her back.

the sea. Days passed by, one day Anna took the bus and stopped at the beach. She remembered the scene at the Blue Oceans aquarium and recalled how Marina was so happy to lose her ‘friend’. She kicked hard at the sand. She suddenly lost her balance and fell into the sea! Anna gave **frantic** cries of help, but no one heard her. She was caught in a rip current. “This is the end of me,” Anna thought. Then, she felt a hard tug on her back. Someone pushed her and lifted her up. “Marina!” Anna cried aloud, happy. They were soon at the shore. “I thought you were angry at me, too,” Anna said. Marina let out a squeal. Anna hugged Marina and thanked her for saving her life. She realised her friend never went away and was always there for her. Their friendship became stronger, and the two became inseparable from thereon.

So what did you learn today?
A new word: Frantic
Meaning: Distracted with fear, anxiety or other emotion

Lavanya Senthil, AIS MV, V C

Once upon a time, there was a girl called Anna. She used to work at the Blue Ocean aquarium. She was really good with all kinds of water creatures. Today like any other day, Anna got ready and took the bus which dropped her at the aquarium. Anna got down from the bus and went to the ‘Dolphin section’. She worked in this section as her best friend, Marina, a rescued dolphin, lived here. Marina, a lovable creature would do backflips and perform loops with joy, the moment she saw Anna coming inside the section. They both understood each other’s language. Anna was feeding Marina when the door flew open and the aquarium’s manager came in.

“Anna, there’s something I need to tell you,” the manager said nervously. “It’s time for Marina to go. She actually belongs to sea,” the manager told Anna. Though she accepted her senior’s words, Anna felt nostalgic and remembered the day when Marina was brought injured by the rescue crew. Later, when she was treated, she performed awesome stunts that made Anna fond of her. But, now it was time for her to return to her home, the wild, the sea. Anna was shocked and depressed. She was going to lose her friend forever. But, Marina on the other hand, was delighted! Anna was surprised, “Oh! Marina, you are so happy to leave me, right! I guess this was a fake friendship after all,” Anna said in anger. Marina didn’t mean that, she was just happy to go home. She was released into



Ananya with her cheesy chapati tortillas

Leftover recipes

Ananya Khera, AIS MV, VII B

Ingredients

For chapati noodles

Left over *chapatis*6
Onion (sliced)1
Tomatoes (chopped)3
Carrot (chopped)1
Green chili (chopped)2
Oil.....1tbsp
Soy sauce1tbsp
Coriander powder1tbsp
Chili powder1tbsp
Turmeric powder1/2 tbsp
Saltto taste
Coriander leavesfor garnishing

For chapati nachos

Left over *chapatis*2-5
Onion (sliced)2
Tomatoes (chopped)2
Green chili (chopped)..... 2
Mint (chopped).....1 cup
Red chili (chopped).....1
Oil1tbsp
Ground black pepperto taste
Lemonto taste
Saltto taste

For cheesy chapati tortillas

Left over *chapatis*6
Red bell peppers (chopped)1 cup
Yellow bell peppers (chopped)...1 cup
Capsicum (chopped).....1 cup
Pasta sauce.....2 tbsp
Cheese2 tbsp

Method

For chapati noodles

■ Take a pan and add oil, onions and green chilies. Fry the ingredients for two minutes.
■ Add carrots in the pan and cook till

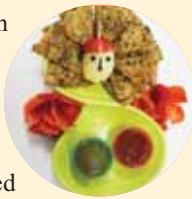
they’re half cooked.

■ Now, add tomatoes, salt, turmeric powder, chili powder and coriander powder.
■ Add soy sauce and left over *chapatis* sliced into thin strips. Cook for five minutes.
■ Garnish with coriander leaves.



For chapati nachos

■ Take leftover *chapatis* and cut out triangular pieces from them.
■ Take onions, tomatoes, mint, green chilies, salt, red chili and ground black pepper and lemon juice in a bowl.
■ Now, take a pan and fry the triangular pieces in oil till they become crisp.
■ Garnish the fried nachos with mixed ingredients.
■ Serve with any dip of your choice.



For cheesy chapati tortillas

■ In a bowl, add cheese, red bell peppers, yellow bell peppers, capsicum. Mix them well.
■ Apply pasta sauce on each side of *chapati*.
■ Put cheese and veggies mix in between two *chapatis*.
■ Repeat the same with other *chapatis* and bake them for three minutes.
■ Cool them and cut in triangle shapes and serve hot.



It's Me

My name: Saina Narang
My school: AIS Mayur Vihar
My Class: I B
My birthday: May 8
I like: Dolls and pens
I dislike: Hurting people
My best friend: Mannat
My role model: My mother
My favourite food: Noodles
My favourite poem: *Titli Rani*
My favourite teacher: Neha and Aparna ma'am
My favourite subject: Math and English
My favourite book: Any story book
My favourite mall: Pacific mall
My hobbies: Colouring and dancing
I want to be: A fashion model
I want to feature in GT because: I want my friends to see me in newspaper and become famous in my school.



POEM

My dreamland

Ekansh Gupta, AIS MV, IV B

A place where all of us are friends
A place where fun never ends
Can move fearlessly hand in hand
That is my dreamland

Where there is no barrier of religion,
caste or creed
Where creative ideas can freely
breed
Where we can make castles in sand
That is my dreamland

There where every child goes to school
Where we can enjoy making our
friends ‘April fool’
Where every child has a magic wand
That is my dreamland

Where there are green gardens every-
where to go



Illustration: Nitya Gupta, AIS MV, XI F

Where there is a lot of time to stand
and stare
Where every child gets a helping hand
That is my dreamland

Let’s come together and work to build
such an atmosphere
Where we can bring quarrels and worry
to a pause
Come, be a part of my effort to main-
tain peace everywhere
Please help me create a dreamland.

Spot 6 differences!

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Math fun @ Ramanujan

The 15th run of the unique national level mathematics competition spurred the students' interest in the subject



The winners of the inter school competition flanked by Renu Singh, principal, AIS Noida (L) and vice principal

AIS Noida

The 15th edition of Ramanujan, inter school math competition, was held at AIS Noida on December 21 – 22, 2015. Conducted under the aegis of Amity Centre for Excellence in Mathematics, the competition aims at awakening the curiosity of students in the logical and structural nature of the subject. An initiative of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, the competition endeavours to promote ex-

ceptional standards in math.

The national level competition saw the participation of 610 students from 22 schools. The various rounds in the competition comprised diverse mathematical activities, ranging from 'Problem-Solving' and 'Math Fun' to 'Math Quiz' and 'Project Presentation' for students of Class IV - XII. A special round, 'Amity Fun Activity', based on exploring maths in our immediate environment and culture, was a unique feature of the competition. Eminent experts from the field were roped in to judge the event, viz, Dr

Nimish Kapoor, principal scientific officer, Vigyan Prasara, department of science and technology (GOI) and Amit Bajaj, state teacher awardee and passionate mathematics teacher.

In the valedictory function held on December 21, 2015, the prize winners were felicitated for their achievements by school principal Renu Singh. She reiterated that, as mathematics is the very basis of life, it should be made enjoyable for the students. The event was a great learning experience for the students and brought them closer to the subject. [G](#)[T](#)



The participants with school principal and other dignitaries

Towards road safety

AIS Gurgaon 43

To address the issue of road safety, AIS Gurgaon 43 celebrated the Road Safety Week from January 10-16, 2016, in association with AAUI (Automobile Association of Upper India). The occasion saw the launch of United Nation's campaign 'Save Kids Lives'. To commemorate the occasion, the school organised an on-the-spot painting competition on January 16, 2016. Students of Class VIII and IX participated in the event.

Chief Guest TK Malhotra, President of AAUI, addressed the students and explained the importance of road safety in children's lives. Advocate Navin Kumar Jaggi, who was also present on the occasion, spoke about UN's '10 Golden Rules of Road Safety'. Yatayatri, the Youth Power group of the school initiated the event under their mentor teacher Vidushi Gupta. School principal Dr Anshu Arora, applauded the enterprising team and appreciated the paintings made by the students on the occasion. [G](#)[T](#)



Special assembly on Nagaland

AIS VYC Lucknow

A special assembly on the state of Nagaland was held on December 21, 2015 at AIS VYC, Lucknow. The assembly provided a glimpse into the culture, cuisine and customs of the picturesque state. Aviral Yadav of Class VI A gave an introduction about the history and origin of the state. It was

Naga beats

followed by a traditional Naga dance of the womenfolk; the audience watched in rapt attention as the girls swayed to the rhythmic drum beats. A war dance depicted the coordinated moves of the Boro tribe. The students showcased handcrafted art and craft items of the state like flower pots, tribal paintings and bamboo baskets. An informative video on the 'Hornbill Festival' was also shown to the children on the occasion. The assembly concluded with the much awaited 'Bamboo Dance' performed with remarkable skill and grace by the young children of the school. [G](#)[T](#)

Systematic systems

AIS Vasundhara 6

The human body is unique. Its various systems and organs work in perfect synergy. 150 students of Class IV discussed four major body systems, viz, digestive, circulatory, skeletal and respiratory along with their organs, uses, how they can be protected and what diseases can affect them, in a class presentation titled 'The Systematic Systems' held on January 22, 2016. On the occasion, the students presented their findings through discussions, hands-on activities, surveys, PPTs and live demonstrations. Parents were also involved in the presentations through a quiz, MCQs, exercises and question answer sessions. This unique endeavour was undertaken to make learning enjoyable, meaningful and student centric. The presentation helped students learn how to work in a team, research on a concept, conduct surveys, interpret the collected data and arrive at logical conclusions. School principal Sunila Athley lauded the efforts of the students and apprised the parents about the achievements of the school in various arenas.



A presentation in progress



Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan and esteemed guest present trophy to the winner

Sports saga

Spectacular performances and diverse sporting events made the sports meet a memorable one

AIS Saket

Excited cheer leaders, edge-to-edge competition, a volley of races and a shower of prizes marked the annual sports meet of AIS Saket, on December 19, 2015. Chief guest Brig KP Singh Deo, AVSM, vice president, Indian Olympics Association, special guest Chetan Pratap Singh Chauhan, former Indian cricketer and vice president, DDCA, graced the event. Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, was also present on the occasion. The meet began with a melodious rendition by the school orchestra. School principal Divya Bhatia presented the annual report, listing the achievements of Amitians in diverse fields. The sporting gala was declared open with the release

of balloons and pigeons by Chairperson and chief guest.

Students participated enthusiastically in diverse races, displaying their sportsmanship. The highlight of the show was a spectacular presentation of the first Olympic Games held in Greece, performed by the students of Class IX - X. Students of Class II and III presented a 'Fan Drill' while the rhythmic movements of 'Calisthenics' by Class VII and VIII enthralled the audience. Class IV and V added a healthy dimension to the day by presenting yoga, whereas Class VI put up a martial art show. The programme concluded with a spectacular show of aerobics by the girls of Class VI and VII. In her vote of thanks, Chairperson appreciated the sincere efforts of Amitians and stressed the importance of sports in everyone's lives. [G](#)[T](#)



An enthralling performance at the musical extravaganza

Rhythmic Razzmatazz

AIS Pushp Vihar

In keeping with the vision of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, that music is imperative for the holistic development of students, AIS Pushp Vihar hosted their annual western music fest, 'Razzmatazz', on January 25, 2016, with great aplomb. The much sought after event was adjudged by artists from the popular band, Rittam, comprising bass guitarist Gary, rhythm guitarist and vocalist Anubhav, composer and lead guitarist Alfred, drummer Albert and vocalist Vivek.

The annual musical fiesta commenced with the customary lamp lighting ceremony. Thereafter, the judges were welcomed with saplings. Several teams from all over Delhi participated in the mega event. The high octane musical extravaganza saw the convergence of various genres of music.

In the duet category, the first position was bagged by AIS Gurgaon 43. In the band category, AIS Saket won the second position. The best vocalist was also won by AIS Saket. The day ended with a rocking performance by the band 'Rittam' who regaled the audience with their musical prowess. [G](#)[T](#)

Football glory

AIS VKC Lucknow

The students of AIS VKC, Lucknow, participated in the inter school football tournament 'VIVA' held at Chowk stadium on November 30, 2015, in which 18 teams from all over Lucknow were invited. The school bagged the third position by defeating St Francis School, Lucknow by 5-4. The remarkable win was the result of rigorous practice by the students under the guidance of their sports teacher Amarpreet Singh. The school



Soccer stars of Amity

team comprised students Samarth Pratap Singh, Abhinandan Pathak, Siddharth, Ashutosh, Satyam, Ayush, Sagar, Kapil, Mridul and Siddharth Singh. The competition was tough as all the participating teams were equally good, which made victory even sweeter. [G](#)[T](#)



Life sans Facebook

A rare specie breathe among us, the people who are able to survive easily outside the virtual world! These people do not believe in sharing the word or putting their life story in a timeline!

Mudit Aggarwal, AIS MV, IX B

With a population of 1.44 billion, Facebook could have been the third most populous country, but what about the diverse country of non-Facebook users? Let's discover their diverse reasons for not being on FB.

The busy ones

These are the ones who might be on Facebook, but they are just too 'busy' (or, at least, they think they are) to come online. They are the ones who denounce the virtual world within a short period of joining it and it's possible that they don't even remember having an account on Facebook. All of this is sort

of equivalent to not being on Facebook. *Is that really my account? *deactivated**

The stressed ones

This particular variety cannot stand the stress that stems from the commitment of liking a friend's picture because he obligated you with a like when you uploaded yours. The cut-throat competition of fetching more likes for their status as compared to their rivals leaves them baffled.

*Oh wait did I just forget to comment on the "friends with xyz on facebook for four years"? *Shoots self and deactivates**

The sick-of-requests ones

Once upon a time, their favourite pizza was served and as they were ready to dive headlong into the delicacy, began the per-

sistent rant of their phone that went *ping* *ping* *ping*. While every eyes on the dinner table accused them of spoiling the meal, they sat there with their eyes lowered and silently cursed the candy crush addict friend. These are the people who were previously on Facebook, but multiple game requests and countless notifications later, they left for their rather peaceful non-Fb abode.

*After clicking the 'clear notifications' myriad times, these people are left with no choice. *deactivated**

The real ones

These people only care for the close ones, and are not really interested in fostering distant and virtual relationships. Besides they follow the motto "Why meet online, when you can meet in real?" They feel that spending time with their friends at Bercos is more important than updating their

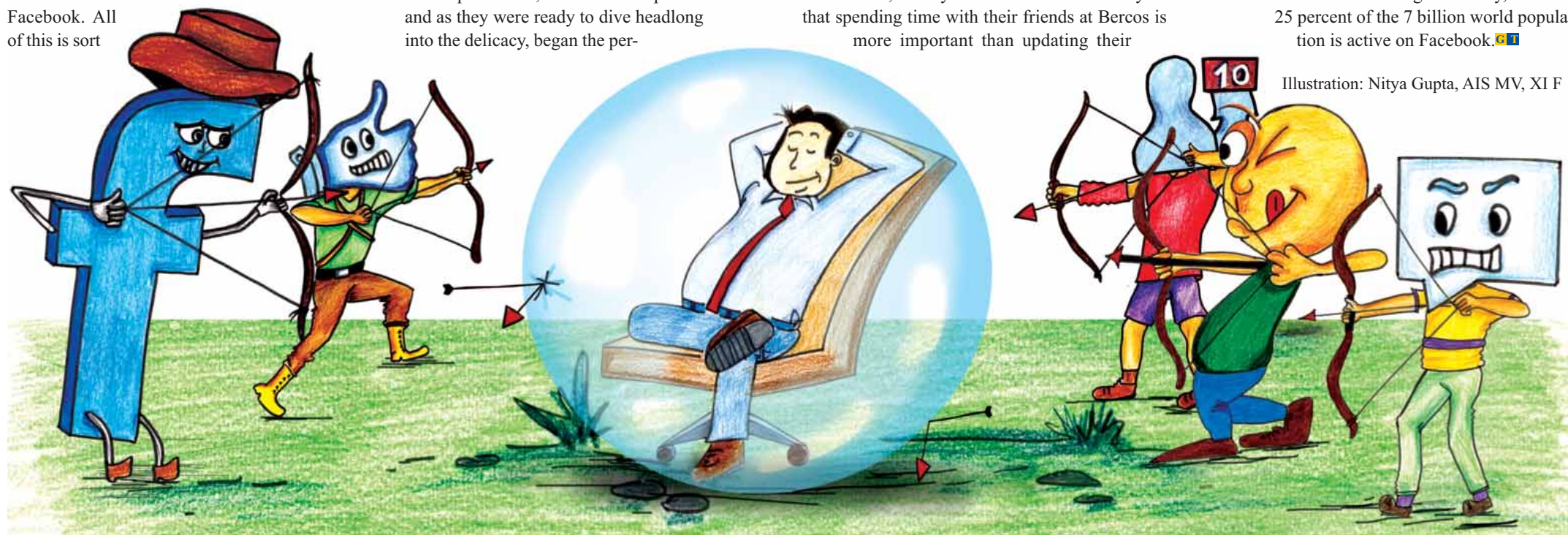
status to - Just checked in at Bercos. Feeling Hungry with "random friend(s)". *Bleh! *deactivated**

The distracted ones

Their making often starts with them deactivating their accounts during exams, in order to eliminate 'distractions' and help them study better, and then reactivating them after the exams. After repeating the deactivation and reactivation process, they finally give up by deleting their FB accounts and eliminating the 'distractions' in life for good. *Now, I am going to score a 90%. *deactivated**

And the list is never ending because even though, Facebook can be the third largest country, not even 25 percent of the 7 billion world population is active on Facebook. 🇮🇳

Illustration: Nitya Gupta, AIS MV, XI F



Dabba Express

Nanhe munhe bache, tere dabbe me kya hai? My khana and my attitude! We bond over it, fight over it, share it, hide it. It is one of the most crucial elements that define one's school life. The oh-so-coveted lunchbox! Anoushka Raj, AIS MV, X C, brings you different lunchboxes and the attitudes they carry.

Gimme 2

In the tiffin: The only thing these kids get in their tiffin boxes is Maggi. They reject the pizza, *parantha*, pasta and a million other dishes that their mother offered for lunch for their fixated love. No, they don't mind a big yellow lump in the shape of their lunchbox.

In the real world: The I-want-this-only attitude goes beyond food. So, if these *ziddi* kids want a hot pink coloured school bag; nothing else will appease them - baby pink, salmon pink, rose pink...just nothing.

Roll-ing in the deep

In the tiffin: Everything, right from *bhindi* and *aloo* to even noodles is wrapped in a *roti*. No matter what the ingredients are, they live by the philosophy that 'ketchup and cheese make everything edible'.

In the real world: Breaking the *chapati*,

dipping it in the *sabzi* and then adding the *achaar*...these kids are too busy for all the fuss. They have absolutely no patience, and no time for detail. This perhaps explains why they don't write their questions with a black pen and never draw a finishing line at the end of every assignment.

Chappan Bhog

In the tiffin: The sound of the bell means taking out the dining mat, sanitizer and the 'multiple compartments' tiffin box for these kids. Lunch starts with fruits, followed by *parantha*, *achaar*, followed by *dahi*, followed by *laddu* and ends with juice.

In the real world: Their penchant for organisation goes beyond food. These are the ones who clean their bedrooms, pack their bags every night, colour-code their wardrobes and also, keep the pencil in the holder at the front of their desk.

Feeling exotic

In the tiffin: Rosca de Reyes, Bouillabaisse, Congou and others dishes you can't even pronounce make headways to their lunchboxes. Offer them a *parantha* and you're sure to get a 'say whaaattt?'

In the real world: Coupled with the food comes a great

story about their dolphin ride in Bangkok. They are like the alter egos of Regina George, pampered beyond your imagination. Their border-line snootiness can be annoying, but admit it or not, they are the cause of envy everywhere.

Tiffin box? What is it, 2005?

In the tiffin: Error 404, no tiffins found. These kids ensure the smooth running of the canteen. Carrying a lunch to school is not their thing, for it does not go with their 'cool' image.

In the real world: Their hunger for disobedience just doesn't end at lunchboxes. These are the too-cool-for-school kids often found outside the principal's office. Posters of Katniss Everdeen, Rachel Green and Barney replete with rebellious quotes adorn the walls of their room. So they rebel in their own version of the 'Hunger Games'!

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