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Who do you want to see as the Delhi CM?

- a) Arvind Kejriwal
- b) Kiran Bedi
- c) Ajay Maken

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Will any party win a clear majority in the upcoming Delhi elections?



Results as on February 5, 2015

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And the nominees for the Nobel Peace Prize are: Cricket, Bollywood, TV and Tea. Surprised? Don't be.

Achieving peace may not be all that difficult for it rests in simplest things

Mrinal Wahal, XI A, Saumya Kalia, XI D & Pallavi Ratna, XII A, AIS Vas 6

Nothing could be better than watching a group of boys running madly after a ball, completely ignorant of the materialistic world. It brings back happy memories of childhood. To just watch the game itself is so joyous; to get involved and play is a feeling to behold. Thanks to the spirit of the game, football was once nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. So if the bringing together factor of football can make it eligible for a Nobel Prize, we Indians, in our everyday lives, encounter many things that could be credited for 'unity in diversity'. From your morning *chai* to the mythological show telecasts, peace inhabits even the most mundane engagements of your daily life. Here's an easy channel to peace.

CRICKET

The religion shared by all

The young and old alike reel in the cricket fever. Indian cynosures like Sachin Tendulkar are worshipped by the cricket fandom from Kashmir to Kanyakumari. And when it comes to an India-Pakistan match, our 'Indianness' reaches an all new height. Despite the

caste, creed and religion, everyone steps forward to cheer for India. Even the next door neighbour, possibly your nemesis, shares your enthusiasm to cheer for India. And as the country gears up for the next World Cup, a billion people can be heard screaming 'We Won't give it back'; a sight too rare in a country, where disagreement resulting from diversity is a norm. This all-binding enthusiasm certainly deserves a Nobel Peace Prize.

BOLLYWOOD

When we dance together

Bollywood is the 'super-fevicol-ka-jod' which unites the length and breadth of the Indian realm and even beyond. The superhit chartbusters drive the dissolution of language barriers between the provincial states of India. Haven't we all seen the Bengali aunty tapping her foot on the Punjabi number? But the Bollywood peace party does not just end within the

peripheries of the nation. It transcends borders as the NRIs fall for the Karan Johar romances as much as their 'residential' counterparts. The movie 'My Name is Khan', that focused on stereotypes about Muslims and Islamophobia, was the masterpiece of a Hindu director, a Bengali actress and a Muslim actor which reflects the secular nature of Bollywood. And how can we forget those 'awww' moments when our favourite Kapoor and Khan tied the knot! Bollywood unites us in amazing ways and warrants a prize for its nobility.



Noble thoughts

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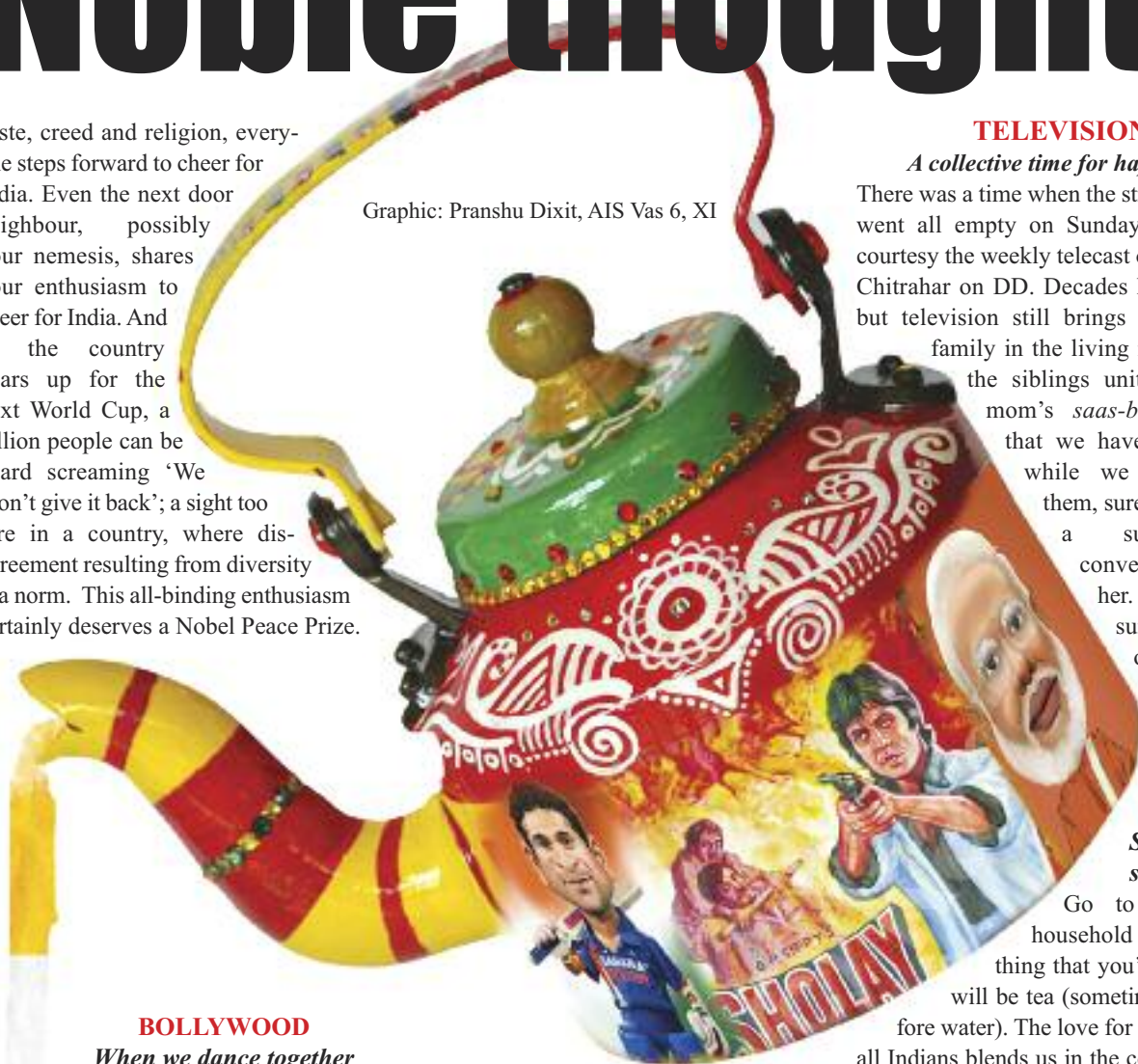
A collective time for happiness

There was a time when the streets of India went all empty on Sunday afternoons, courtesy the weekly telecast of shows like Chitrahar on DD. Decades have passed, but television still brings together the family in the living room. While the siblings unite for VH1, mom's *saas-bahu* serials, that we have to tolerate while we crib about them, surely gives us a subject of conversation with her. This nobility sure brings all of us the much needed peace.

TEA

Sharing the same cup

Go to an Indian household and the first thing that you'll be offered will be tea (sometimes even before water). The love for tea shared by all Indians blends us in the colour of oneness just like the tea leaves blend to colour all the ingredients uniformly. The Indian 'chai ki dukan' often becomes a place for strangers to interact, mostly about politics (politics is our Parle-G with tea). And don't we have that one tea buddy who became friends with us because of the tea factor. This staple beverage of India brings us an extraordinary sense of belongingness. Don't we relate to the commercial where a Muslim lady invites an old couple for a cup of tea? So the next time you ask someone "ek chai aur milegi", just remind yourself of the power of oneness of the tea.



Graphic: Pranshu Dixit, AIS Vas 6, XI

Media The voice of public

Pic: Naman Sharma, AIS Vas 6, X C



With a silvery voice that accentuates his gift of the gab, he is the voice of the youth. A media scion, he has the power to make people's voice heard. **Nishant Chaturvedi**, deputy editor, Aaj Tak, in a candid tête-à-tête with students from AIS Vasundhara 6, talks about the importance of sports, sensationalism in media and other burning issues.

What is the best thing about your profession?

The fact that it is exciting and ever changing in nature. It may not be a 9-5 job, but the sense of purpose makes up for the irregular hours. It feels great to be able to bring about a difference to the society by reaching out to the masses.

You have been an amateur sportsman. How has sports helped you in life?

Being a sportsman has helped me a lot. Sports gives you an edge. It makes you more competitive and teaches you not to lose hope. Playing a sport



makes it easy to cope with a sense of loss, because you know there is always a next time. Besides, sports helps you keep fit which is extremely important in present day scenario, keeping in mind that these days everyone leads a busy and hectic lifestyle.

How free is media in the Indian democracy?

Media is free to an extent as when the media decides to do something or take a stand on an issue, nobody can stop it. Though it does depend on when and how they decide to take up an issue. However, it is important that we do not misuse this freedom.

Does media play a role in forming public opinion?

Media plays a very important role after the public has formed an opinion. The media then takes it forward. It

Quick six

1. **Favourite dessert:** Nariyal ki barfi made by mom
2. **Favourite place to hang out:** A silent corner in a coffee shop
3. **Favourite movies:** Hollywood- Shawshank Redemption; Bollywood- Agneepath & Golmaal (the old one though!)
4. **One lesson life has taught you:** To do good for others
5. **Challenging moment on camera:** Making a victim's plight look as real as possible
6. **Qualities you wish you had:** Patience & not being judgemental

plays a significant role in being the voice of the public and making it heard by the decision makers and those who can make a difference.

After 68 years of independence, where do you think is India still lacking?

Interesting question. There is only one field where we are lacking, which is, always wanting the other person to take initiative. We should come up with the philosophy of 'Why not me' instead of 'Why me?' Take the initiative and do something for your country. It does not matter how small or big it is.

The interview was conducted by **Akshara, XII D; Nishant Srinivas, X B; Dipanshi Bansal, X D & Naman Sharma, X C, AIS Vas 6**



Write, edit, write, edit, sleep.
The I-am-tired page editor
Yoshita Jeswal, X A & Mrinal Wahal, XI A
AIS Vas 6, Page Editors



Make way for Superman

We all are familiar with the Superman who fights the villains. Amity & Amitians, be alarmed, for we apprise you of a superman who delivers everything, from forgotten passports to your favourite food

Akriti Dhasmana & Praachi Ratna
AIS Vasundhara 6, IX B

Next time you see a guy in a white t-shirt with the Superman logo, cycling hard with a package in his hand, remember to give him way, for he might be busy saving the

day for someone. So here comes.

****Drumroll** SUPERMAN DELIVERS**, a one of its kind messenger and errand service delivering anything, anytime, anywhere.

At your service

Want to have Starbucks' Frappuccino or Subway's healthy sandwich? Forgot your lunch box at home? Don't worry; the Superman is to your rescue. From forgotten school assignments, legal documents to late night gifts, they really can deliver ANYTHING and that too at a very nominal cost.

All one has to do is tell them what has to be picked up, from where it has to be picked up and the place where it needs to be delivered and voilà, all the problems are solved in no time! "While most people order cakes and flowers, some customers have

slightly unusual requests," says Jattin Aggarwal, CEO, Superman Delivers. "We once had to rush to

the airport with a little girl's holiday homework that she had to complete while on her vacation," he recalls.

People love him

This seven month old service, operating currently in Delhi and Hyderabad, has found many admirers already. Dr Khushboo Garg, CEO & founder, Care n Smile says, "It is a wonderful service which helps me get things from the lab faster and complete my work easily. I love the concept." Rishi Purohit, a student, is all praises too "It is an amazing service that helps you save a lot of time. You can get in touch with them for all your errand services."

For the society

But customers are not the only ones appeased by Superman Delivers. Nature also finds a soft spot for this delivery service; courtesy—preference for public and eco friendly transport like bicycle. It has also been in news for its tie up with the Clothes Box Foundation, an initiative to provide clean and good clothes to the needy. In Hyderabad, the joint efforts of Superman Delivers and Clothes Box Foundation helped them collect more than 1,000 unused clothes!

Superman's villain

But all superheroes have to face the wrath of the villains. From late night brawls with drunken men to confusion



GT reporters with Jattin Aggarwal, CEO, SD

in the address provided by the customer, the journey hasn't been all smooth. Also, employing women in the job isn't safe due to security concerns.

The Superbrain

Superman Delivers is the brainchild of Jattin Aggarwal, a mechanical engineer and a self-taught graphic designer who stepped into the world of entrepreneurs with this young and innovative idea and his pocket money as the only investment. An extremely creative person, he plans on bringing his many different business concepts to reality.

Better than the rest

While most of the delivery services in Delhi-NCR are joint-ventures of big companies, Superman Delivers is a one-man venture. Grofers, another local delivery firm that operates in Delhi, NCR and Mumbai aims at providing similar service, but the expertise of Superman Delivers lies in the fact that it can deliver food from high end restaurants and shopping malls, while others are restrained to local stores & pharmacies. So to call 'Superman' for your rescue, just give them a missed call on 08008009192 or visit them at www.supermandelivers.co

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Editor-in-Chief In Action





They often said, 'Pen is mightier than the sword.' Now I believe it. *The this-is-so-amazing page editor*

Kavya Aggarwal, AIS Vas 6, IX D, Page Editor

Mahaul in an exam hall

Illustration: Amogha GS, AIS Vas 6, X C

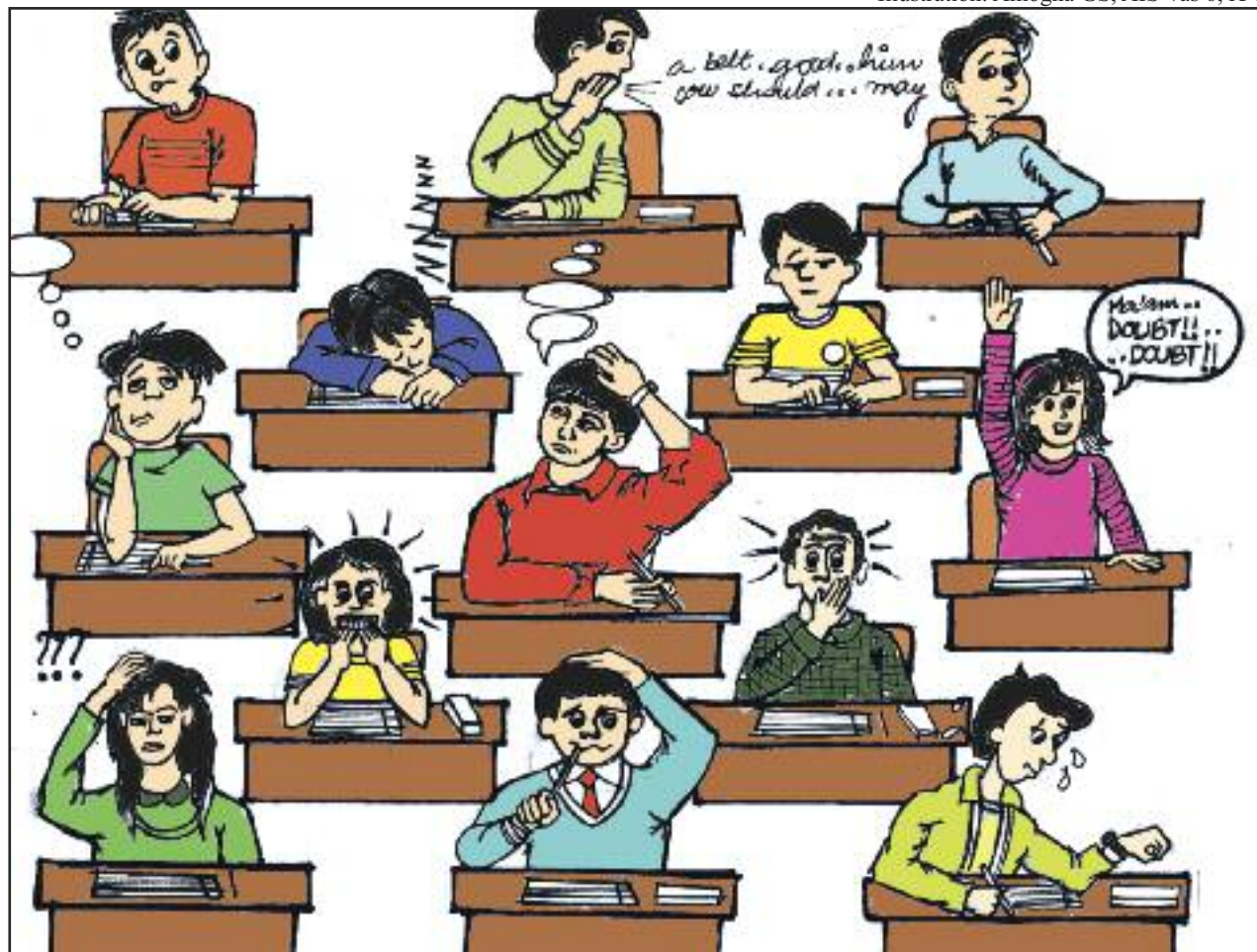
“Tick tock, mind block, pen stop” Different students, different reactions, an exam hall is full of action!

Kavya Aggarwal, AIS Vas 6, IX B

An exam hall, for most of us, is like a battlefield. You’ve done your preparations (some of us, at least) and are ready for the showdown. But no exam hall is complete without the usual exclamation or confidential whisps that grip the battling warriors.

Ma’am, sheet! How can the snails be motivated without hearing this divine utterance! That zealous student who asked for the very first supplementary sheet gets responses ranging from a blank gaze (translating to “kya pad kar aaya hain, yaar?”) to longing looks pleading to say “hamaari bhi help kar de!”

How much time is left? Time is the key to success. Sure, indeed. Not five minutes into the exam and somebody is sure to pester the invigilator with this question. Every passing minute they are sure to question their desk mate about the ticking clock! This race against time gives them frequent anxiety attacks.



Excuse me ma’am, I have a doubt! Not even a single word escapes the sharp scrutiny of their steady gaze, including the missing full stop. And lo! the moment they come across something alien, something they cannot process, the invigilator is bombarded with all kinds of anxious questions.

Yaar, zara answer toh bataana: An exam room can never be complete without that bosom buddy who hangs onto every word (ahem...whisper) you dare muster! He continues to badger you till you come forward to save his day. So now you know the meaning of “A friend in need, is a friend indeed!”

OMG! I am dead: “5 minutes before I collect the papers,” announces the teacher. A string of gasps echo in the hall. Many can be seen accelerating to their maximum speed, racing through the sheets. Urgent prayers are offered to the almighty. God only knows whether He pays attention to these calls! 🙏🙏

Pic: Asad Eijaz, AIS Vas 6, X C



Angels out of sight

Akriti Dhasmana, AIS Vas 6, IX B

A teacher is no doubt an angel, laying down the foundation of our life. But where are these angels now? According to reports, India has a shortage of about about 12 lakh government school teachers. And if the new PTR norm is anything to go by, then the government will need an additional 5.1 lakh more teachers. So despite teaching being a noble profession, why don’t today’s youth take it as a career?

Foreign demand

Countries in Africa, West Asia and Europe have a huge demand for Indian teachers for English, Mathematics and Science. Recently, Vietnam also expressed an interest in hiring Indian teachers. A teacher who’s paid around Rs 35,000 a month in India could be paid around Rs 1.5 lakh in Britain! With some of the best teachers leaving for greener pastures, it’s not surprising that even private schools find it hard to retain teachers.

Not competitive

Unlike India, teaching is a competitive career in countries like Finland, Belgium, Singapore, South Korea and Japan. These countries select only the cream of graduates for Teacher Training Programmes. The result is teaching is considered a high status profession and a desirable one too.

Poor training

Lack of training institutes is another challenge. There are only 1,178 government-run institutions and 12,689 self-financed affiliated colleges running teacher education programmes. Most of these offer poor training which further thwarts growth of teaching as a career.

Low remuneration

The remuneration offered to teachers is low as compared to many other jobs. This deters many people from taking up teaching as a career. While the sixth pay commission has considerably upgraded the salary of teachers, many schools still do not adhere to the same. 🙏🙏

Diary of a Procrastinator

What happens when you give a procrastinator a good idea? Nothing! The habit of putting off everything until later has its consequences. **Saumya Kalia, AIS Vas 6, XI D brings you the first person account of someone who had to bear the brunt.**

January 4, 2015

Dear Diary,

Hi friend! Are you angry? Meeting you after a long time. Actually I forgot where I had kept you. You got lost in all the mess kept in my room. “Mess” is what my mom calls it but I call it my treasure. I think my history project should be in there too, which reminds me I had to submit it next week! But, I think that can wait. Then there is the Math assignment, but that has an even longer deadline. Ten days is way too much for it! Right now, it’s shopping time! Cousin’s wedding, you see.

January 7, 2015

Dear Diary,

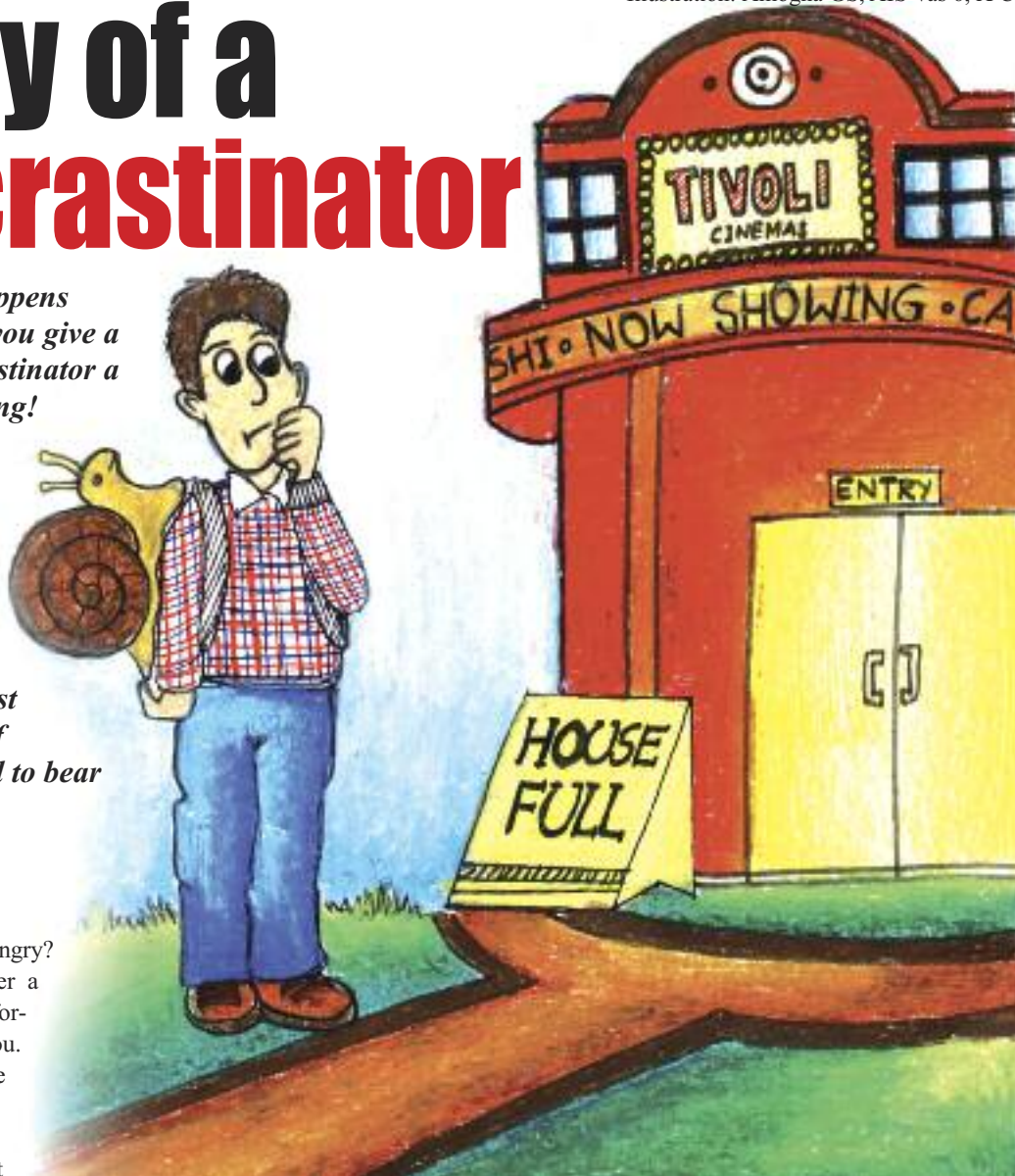
Life’s the same, with my history and Math assignment still due. But, I

don’t think I am working on it now. There is still time! I have my English exam in two days, so I think I will study for that first. But on second thoughts, I think I will study for my exam some other day; there is hardly any syllabus. Right now it’s the Big Bang Theory.

January 10, 2015

It’s 3.00 am in the night and I am freaking out. My syllabus is barely complete and the English final is tomorrow!!

Illustration: Amogha GS, AIS Vas 6, X C



What am I going to do?!

January 11, 2015

The English exam was a disaster. I wish I had studied earlier. My assignments are still due but I am too tired to write any of it now. Later maybe.

January 12, 2015

Oh no! I missed the deadline for my history assignment. I am dead! Life is such a HUGE mess... 🙏🙏

The VOICE in the arena

Ever tried to watch a cricket match on mute? Even when Dhoni hits a six and the crowds scream, the magic is amiss. Or maybe it’s the sports commentator’s voice you are missing

Praachi Ratra, AIS Vasundhara 6, IX B

“And there goes the ball, spinning to the batsman... and it’s a six!”, screams the sports commentator. It maybe the sportsperson who sets the ball rolling, but what doubles the enthusiasm and the spirit of the match? It is the voice that echoes in the stadium, the voice that can be heard above the cheering of the crowd, the voice that announces the victor. It is the voice of a commentator. So, if you wish to grow up to be THE VOICE, here’s what you need to know.

The opening: The basics

Sports commentators are employed by sports organisations and networks to cover the live action play-by-play of sports events. A sports commentator may also have to recount sporting events for the news and hold interviews off the field.

Playing the match: The requisites

Although knowledge of sports is the foremost requirement, a bachelor’s degree in journalism, broadcasting or communications can aid the job prospects. “The prerequisites include a clear understanding of the game and its terminologies. That said, if one has passion for the sport and clarity on technicalities, the background hardly makes a difference,” says Kartikaye Sinha, cricket commentator, Elan Communications.

And it’s a six: The Perks

The average salary of a well-established sports commentator is around INR 14 lakhs a year. However, top sports commentators on major networks would earn far more than this. Besides, there are many facilities and perks associated with the job like free travelling, stay at luxury hotels, fancy cars and many more. A good working environment, well-lit studios, the constant updates about games and free tickets, sounds interesting, doesn’t it? And the best part is that one is paid to watch

a match and keep commenting alongside, something that most of us love to do while we are watching our favourite game!

Clean-bowled: The challenges

Working late into the night and tight schedules is one drawback. Also, there is a certain level of pressure because the individual is usually live on TV, radio, or on the field, so there is no room for error. “Radio com-

mentary is more demanding, where one needs to create an image for the listeners with his words as there are no visuals,” says Kartikaye Sinha. “Also, match timings can make the job challenging. This could basically mean working at odd hours, late night shifts etc,” he adds. While the voice that booms through your TV screen as you watch your favourite match may sound appealing, it’s quite a tight rope walk till there are only the top guns find that spot. These things can make one skeptic about the profession. But then doesn’t every job have its share of struggles? 🇮🇳

The neutral

No, they couldn’t be less affected by any sort of major football tournament or cricket match. “Eh? There’s a match today? Whatever...”
Shrugs

The fangirl

Girls and high-pitched, extremely excited voices go hand in hand. They see something cool and you might just need to get a hearing aid!
“OMG! OMG! Did you see how that ball went flying out of the stadium!? DID YOU SEE THAT!”
Keeps screaming in CAPS LOCK while jumping up and down

The sportsperson

They find their passion, their dedication, all together in that field. .
“We need to win this one.”
Goes for another round of training

The foodie

They are excited, for sure. But their source of dedication comes from a completely different area. It can be a national event or a county match, they have only one question: ‘Where’s the popcorn?’
“Who cares about the match? There’s a discount at Dominos thanks to this match!”
Dials 68886888

The student fan

This is our story. We face the ultimate struggle to convince our parents to leave that wretched homework and let us have this one night of fun!
“Mom, I promise, I’ll finish my homework later on. Let me watch this one time, please.”
Puppy Eyes

The housewife

You may go crazy about the World Cup finals, but they just dont seem to get what the fuss is all about.
“I just don’t know what is so fun about watching someone hitting a ball with a huge stick! I am missing all my saas-bahu serial. Sniff!!”
Goes off to sulk in a corner

The GT Reporter

For them, a crucial match can be compared to hitting a huge jackpot.
“Finally! Article writing material for The Global Times!”
Runs to get her laptop🇮🇳

The salary-man fan

This kind worships sports as their second religion. Their major problem is when a match is scheduled for a weekday. Oh! The tragedy!
“Oh no! I can’t miss the finals!”
Goes off to think of an excuse to skip office

The clueless

They either watch because they have nothing better to do, or out of obligation for their friends. But they are as lost as one could be!
“An LBW? What the heck is that?” “Why would he get out for a duck?” “I DON’T UNDERSTAND!”
Starts pulling out hair in frustration



All for the game?

One sports event. Many viewers. And even more reactions. However, not all of them scream excitement. The people who crowd around a cricket match telecast are multifarious. Here’s a sneak-peek...

Kanchan Joshi, AIS Vas 6, X A

It’s the cricket World Cup. You have postponed an important assignment until later. After all, a great sporting event like this does not come by everyday. And just as you sit down to watch the much anticipated match, you hear your mom screaming, “Arey, this is the time for my saas-bahu serial.” To add to the agony, your pot bellied cousin comes along to ask, “Where is the popcorn!” for food is more important than the match any given day. You want to pull your hair out and scream “It’s about the game,” only to be met with an answer that echoes in chorus “Or is it?”



As for the alpha shot, it was an exhilarating experience. *The I'm-too-lazy-to-work page editor*

Pranshu Dixit, AIS Vas 6, XI A, Page Editor

Though J.K. Rowling has retired /semi-retired (if you consider her Tweets as work), the Potter devotees v/s Potter non-believers tussle still persists. Have you too been mocked for not knowing the classic spell - Wingardium leviosa? If yes, here's your cmoment of retribution. You answer them word by word and spell by spell. **Tishya Roy Choudhury, AIS Vas 6, XI A**, brings you the story from both sides...



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To
The Hogwarts School of Whatever
Subject: Pottermania much?

Dear Potterheads,

So Hi, or in whichever way you guys greet each other. It's an established fact that you guys are the most popular fandom in the world. My question is-WHY? I tried to put myself in your shoes, you know, but I just don't get it. Everybody keeps dying. You like a character, and he/she dies. KABOOOM! And this guy 'You

Know Who', why is he after only one kid? The bigger question is: WHY MUST HE NOT BE NAMED? And yeah, what's wrong with his nose? Did he, smash his head against the wrong wall (considering you guys have a knack for bumping into solid walls). Do you guys realise it's the 21st century and there are more than a hundred ways of communicating rather than using those messed up owls (do some bite?).

Sincerely never-yours
The normal ones

PS Find a 'good' fandom. Invest in something which actually makes sense.

To,
The muggles aka non-magical world
Subject: You will not get it

Dear Non-Potterheads,

Nitwit! Blubber! Oddment! Tweak! We're sure you don't know what that means, but we assure that's not Parseltongue. Just because you haven't gone to the depths of the HP world, doesn't mean it's 'lame' fandom. The fact is: you would never get our world. Or us, perhaps. The whiff of Hogsmeade, the extravagance of the castle, the sight of 9 ¾. It's all a question mark for you guys,

right? Well, HP is in our blood. It's not an obsession. It's a PASSION. We do realise that it's been 7 years since the legend bequeathed us with its last riches. The thing is- the one who loves us never really leaves us. You can always find them; in here (heart). One thing you muggles should ponder upon is, if HP is a waste of time, then why do you hanker after the cloak of invisibility?

Couldn't care less

Hogwarts School of Witchcraft And Wizardry
PS You can't be strong enough to rip us apart and create Horcruxes. Please refer to a HP novel for more information. (The owls are coming!)



Pic: Pranav Bawiskar, XII B
Model: Akriti Dhasmana, IX B; AIS Vas 6

Pretentious People review

FB pages, know-it-all attitude, overdoing antics...they have it all, except the 'skill'

Akriti Dhasmana, AIS Vas 6, IX B

Calling yourself a photographer when you don't even know what shutter speed is. Holding on to the guitar as if you strum it like no other. The world would have been oh-so-bland had it not been for their overdoing antics. A look at some of the specimens of this world.

DSLR Dudes: Fact 101: owning a DSLR = being a professional photographer. Or so they believe. This category of people is usually found looking for a 'shot' in pretty much everything that surrounds them. So, don't be surprised if they click just another leaf on the tree and tell you that they clicked the best picture ever. Photoshop is their best friend.

Devdas Guitarist: When you look at their profile picture, you feel as if you just got acquainted to one of those burdened artistic souls who've got very little to live for. And suddenly 'sun raha hai na tu' starts playing in the background. But the real deal is that the only thing they know about a guitar is how to strike a pose with it.

Queen Bee: Oh! So you must be the Disney princess in 11th grade. No? Then why do you own a tiara? According to some unreliable sources, 28,567 tiara selfies were taken by the 1,456 wannabe princesses in the past

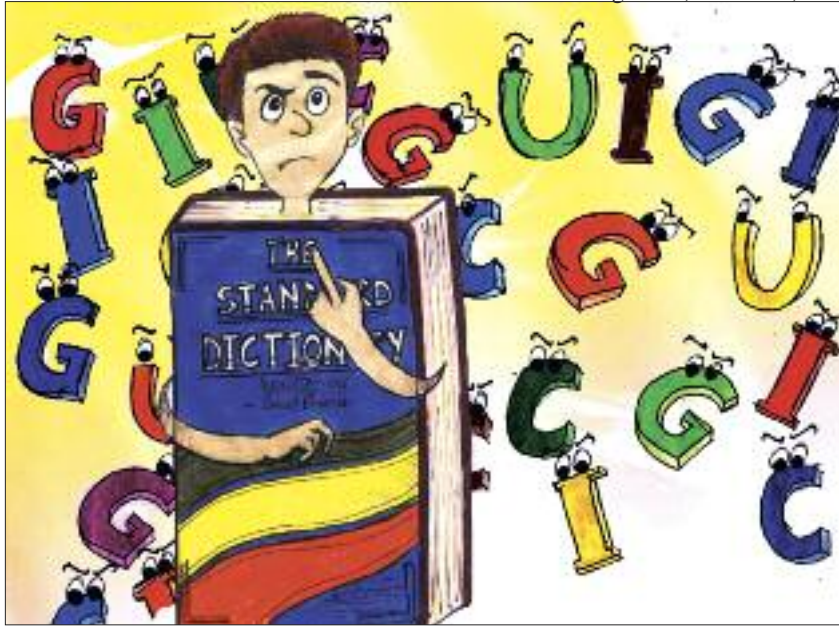
two months. Grow up! You ain't no Snow White! Period.

Green Goblins: It doesn't matter if you retreat to the deep and dark recesses of the Amazon, you'd still find people quoting John Green. But the Green Goblins take it to a whole new level. The only possible conversation that you can have with them starts with you asking them how they are and they replying, "I'm riding a rollercoaster that only goes up my friend." And even though you may think that they have read every word penned by Green a million times, the truth is, they have smartly picked up and mugged the most quotable lines.

Budding Tendulkar: These are the extreme cricket enthusiasts. The only time they attended the history class was when the history of cricket was being taught. From the latest cricket statistics to the age old cricket history, they are the living sports encyclopedias. And even though their bulging bellies make it hard for you to imagine them as a batsman, their one and only dream is to become a cricketer.

Classroom Tansen: These people are ALWAYS singing, be it science period or a math period, they can turn it into a live concert in seconds. They have successfully ruined great hits like 'Rolling in the Deep' and 'Human' without even a tinge of guilt. They can make you doubt your faith in humanity and stir the inner monster in you! 🇮🇳

Illustration: Amogha GS, AIS Vas 6, X C



Say it right!

The nightmare of wrong pronunciation isn't new. Especially when it comes to brand names, we feel tongue twisters are easier. **Sneha Kalia, AIS Vas 6, XI D**, shares some brand names which you have been probably pronouncing wrong, until yet.

Chanel

Often pronounced as: Cha-nnel

What makes us chuckle: The chic who points to her sophisticated, glittery bag and then in a model like pose says, "It's a Chaa-nnel". How we wish to take away her prized possession.

Say it correctly: Shuh-nel

Versace

Often pronounced as: Ver-sai-ce

What makes us chuckle: The local aunty from Hauz Khas who flaunts, "Arey mera ghar to ekdum Ver-ses ke

showroom ke paas hai!"

Say it correctly: Ver-saa-che

Christian Louboutin

Often pronounced as: Low-bow-tans, Chris-tan Luu-Buuu-tins

What makes us chuckle: "Arey bhaiya, those red sole wale shoes! samajh gaye?"

Say it correctly: Christian loo-boo-tan

Givenchy

Often pronounced as: Gee-ven-chii

What makes us chuckle: "Khushboo achhi hai na! Gee-ven-chi ka scent hai," goes the aunty at a wedding.

Say it correctly: zjee-von-shee

Yves Saint Laurent

Often pronounced as: Y-vees-saint-laurent

What makes us chuckle: Do not appreciate the show-off uncle's attire and he will bombard you with, "Veesaant-lorant se liya hai naya naya teen-piece suit."

Say it correctly: eve san lau-ron 🇫🇷

The simple joys of life

“To find the universal elements enough; to find the air and the water exhilarating; to be refreshed by a morning walk or an evening saunter... to be thrilled by the stars at night; to be elated over a bird’s nest or a wildflower in spring - these are some of the rewards of the simple life.”


- John Burroughs



Dr. Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

When happiness meant sharing the swing, life was simple. When excitement spelled opening an orange candy, life was simple. When caring meant giving the last piece of bread to a needy soul, life was simple. When friendship spelled bonding over a cup of tea, life was simple.

There is no truth, no joy greater than simplicity. Great leaders to the likes of Swami Vivekananda, Mother Teresa, Abraham Lincoln and numerous others, have shown the path of simple living and high thinking. They wore ordinary clothes, ate frugal meals, lived a minimalist life and yet, followed the call of their heart to achieve the greatest of feats. They went on to live in the hearts of millions of people worldwide with the power of their simple and uncluttered thought process.

It has been proven time and again that even the toughest of most problems can be solved by the simplest of solutions. What one needs, is simplicity of thought and clarity of mind. Whenever life throws upon you a tough situation, just introspect it from the perspective of a child. Children are the most uncomplicated souls, and for them, the most simple things can bring the most happiness. It is not tough to be simple. Just keep the innocent child in you, alive. 

The Joyride



Sumila Athley
Principal, AIS V-6

Amity enterprises to map academic excellence along with instilling human values in its students. Such a culture is ingrained in all the noble institutions of Amity, where modernity and tradition blend into each other effortlessly.

At the same time, through this column, I express my deepest gratitude to respected Chairperson Ma’am for having given us this wonderful opportunity to express our creativity on a springboard such as The Global Times that fosters the creative streak of designers, writers and illustrators all alike. It brilliantly stokes imagination. The student newspaper is not just a means for us to communicate our thoughts, but also a platform to highlight the success and achievement of our pursuits made possible through the endeavour of our students. I would like to congratulate the members of the Editorial Board, who have worked day and night to churn out another edition of The GT which is a delight. Whether it is the speaking tree which grows into various languages or the guide to saying no or a story about the most expensive food items; the newspaper is an interesting mixed bag that will make you ponder and leave you amazed at the same time.

It is refreshing and heartening to finally enjoy the fruit of one’s labour, so cherish it, value it and appreciate it, my dear students for these pages bear testimony to your dedication of whipping up a delicious newspaper.

As for the readers, we hope you have a great time exploring the twelve pages of the newspaper which reflect hard work, honesty, sincerity and of course, limitless team effort by the students of AIS Vasundhara 6.

I wish you all a joyful journey of reading! 

Perks of Pessimism

Are excessively upbeat people a nightmare to you? If yes, then you are definitely in the right place! A little pessimism does might just do you good

Illustration: Amogha GS, AIS Vas 6, X C



Nikita Madan, AIS Vas 6, XI C

You don't want to be told “Things will work out just fine!” or “It'll all be okay in the end!” when things are so bad in the first place! Complaining about the hitches in your life might not be such a bad thing after all. The much

cursed ‘pessimism’ does have a silver lining to it.

Insurance policy for happiness: Being optimistic implies that only the best will happen and if it doesn't, it feels even more awful! You go around thinking, 'How could this happen?' So, if you are thinking ‘what if that does not happen’, it’s alright.

The many tunes of music

Music is your companion in times of need, friend in times of sorrow and teacher when you need motivation

Tishya Roy Choudhury

AIS Vas 6, XI A

Since time immemorial, music has been an integral part of human life- lending its arms in times of joy & sorrow; love & loneliness; determination & disappointment alike. It stands by you like a companion in times of need; motivates you like a mentor when you are low and is your chilled-out friend when you are happy and simply want to party.

Intense Joy

Meeting your loved ones after a long time? Won a competition? Stood first in the class? Play the music.

The happiness acts as a stimulant for the brain and increases the adrenaline rush. As a result, the person craves for beats, drums and catchy lyrics. The groovy feel taps into the brain, making the person want to dance. So, when you are happy and you want to raise the ‘happiness’ quotient

further, tune into some good music.

Music, here, is the true friend who will be happier than you in your moments of joy and celebration.

Determination

Trying to prove your worth to others? Fell sick but determined to get back to work? Want to make it happen? Play the music.

Sylvester Stallone listened to the song 'Eye of The Tiger' during the days he was injured, in order to recover and take his mind off the pain. Whether you are fighting against odds or desperately trying to make something happen, music will help you. Strong, inspirational lyrics coupled with drums raise your conviction levels.


Music, here, is the tough teacher who inspires you to never give up; asking you to run another mile and make it happen.

Melancholy

Feeling misunderstood? Lamenting over lost relationships? Could not match up to expectations? Play the music.

Disappointment, feeling let down, depressed, sad...no matter what term describes your ‘not-so-happy’ state, you can find a companion in music. In times when you are down and low, simply listening to some music can make you feel better within minutes. It is known to release dopamine that gives you the adrenaline rush, making you feel slightly upbeat.

Music, here, is the companion that will never give up on you even when others have.

One music, many tunes. One thing, many roles. Simple tunes and lyrics when put together can play numerous roles, all at once. Only if we could take a lesson or two from music, we could be there for our loved ones in more ways than we do. Ponder. 



Graphic:Pranshu Dixit
AIS Vas 6, XI A

A sojourn



Rachna Rai
GT Teacher Coordinator

“What's in a name? That which we call a rose. By any other name would smell as

sweet." This endeavour of ours could well be called 1001 ways to get things done. Our story is nothing less than a Greek hero’s adventure. A seemingly difficult task at hand, numerous rites of passage and the final culmination sums it up.

Last year’s achievement had set up an atmosphere of huge expectations. And so we began our journey with a new team testing and tasting each experience with all its nuances. The biggest impediment was to relate to the generation who has grown up on the staple diet of Harry Potter and Twilight and has Barney and Sheldon for their role models. But we don’t live in a utopia. These are not really the best of times to live in. Our team has attempted to reflect this ambivalent world with a dry wit.

We present to you our invigorating ride in the land of news and views.



Dear Editor

I have been working with GT throughout school and today as I stand on the threshold of leaving school, I realise what GT means to me. It was just last year, when I was trying to churn out the best edition with my team. And as I looked at a new lot trying to match the set benchmarks, countless memories came rushing to my mind. Hope we meet the standards this year too.

Pallavi Ratra, AIS Vas 6, XII

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Enjoyed this fruitful platform. Enhanced my creativity. *The I-have-learnt-so-much page editor*
Amogha GS, X C & Manshita Aggarwal, XI A
Page Editors

50% of world's population speaks only 13 languages

7,106 languages spoken around the world



The speaking tree brought to you by Amogha GS, AIS Vas 6, X C traces the origin of commonly spoken languages across the world, with its genealogy from 3 basic language families

The magic of goodness

Illustration: Amogha GS, AIS Vas 6, X C



A few minutes later, he was relieved to see the old man with half open eyes.

that had turned icy white began to regain its natural colour, exposing the wrinkles which were otherwise overshadowed by the snow. With the man's head in his lap, the young boy treated him for about an hour. He lifted the man's head, parted his lips and helped him drink water. In what seemed like an eternity, the old man began to show signs of life. The boy was startled to find two men rushing towards him. They were the sons of the frail man. The father was led astray while trekking on a hiking trip with his sons. They had searched for him the whole night with no hope when they at last bumped into him. As the two men prepared to carry their father, the old man smiled and put his hand on the head of the boy to bless him. They parted ways and the boy went back home as the warm sun aided him and the clouds parted away. "Sir, but what was your first trick?" The reporter asked the old magician. "Bringing a smile on a stranger's face," replied the magician as he finished sharing the story of having saved the old man. The crowd bowed in reverence.

Tishya Roy Choudhury
AIS Vas 6, XI A

The bone chilling cold and darkness spread over the entire town, reflected an eerie loneliness. Suddenly, a lone frail figure stumbled upon the snow, gasping for help. Thud! He fell on the ground. The crash would have been good enough to break his brittle bones if not for the soft, snowy ground. The only sound that could be heard was of the old man desperately trying to stay alive. A silhouette was fast approaching the panting man. The 13 year old boy, now breathless, reached the spot where the old man was lying on the verge of uncon-

sciousness. He was stuttering, his face a ghastly white with freezing numbness. The frost bite did not bog down the young boy, who immediately got down to act, not wasting even a precious second. He was carrying a bunch of wood, a blanket and a thermos flask in a satchel. The wish to incite life back into the lost coupled with the old eyes of the man and his skinny frame made him more determined than ever to save his life. It became colder by the second, but did little to dampen the boy's spirit. The young boy began to rub the palms of the man, who now lay unconscious. A few minutes later, he was relieved to see the old man with half open eyes. The boy cast a blanket over him. The boy smiled as the man's complexion



Trifle pudding

Dhwani Bhargava, AIS Vas 6, IX B

Ingredients

- Sponge cake1
- Oreo biscuits1 packet
- Vanilla ice cream1 brick
- Canned pineapple1 tin
- Pineapple syrup.....1 tin
- Cherries1 tin
- Strawberry crush As required
- Mangoes Few cubes

Method

- Place a pineapple ring in a small circular mould, pour strawberry crush over it and refrigerate for half an hour.
- Cut the sponge cake horizontally, dividing it into two halves. Place one half in a pudding dish.

- Now take out the pineapple slices from the tin and keep aside. Do not throw away the syrup in the tin.
- Pour half the syrup in the tin over the sponge cake. This will not just add flavour but also ensure that the cake is not dry.
- Crush Oreo biscuits and mix in the vanilla ice cream. Add small pineapple pieces to it. Now, spread it all over the sponge cake.
- Top this with other half of the sponge cake and evenly pour the other half of the syrup in the pineapple tin over it.
- Now spread the remaining ice cream mixture on top of it.
- Place the refrigerated pineapple ring in the centre of the pudding.
- Garnish it with cherries, mangoes, pineapples and strawberry crush.

Crossword

Shourya Raj Singh
AIS Vas 6, XI B

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Across

2) Leaves Of Grass is a poem by _____.

4) What is the name of the bestselling novel by Gillian Flynn?

6) What is the name of the Harvard professor who is the protagonist in Dan Brown novels?

Down

1) What was the name of Peter Van Houten's assistant in the book, The Fault in Our Stars?

3) What is the name of the author of The Immortals Of Meluha?

5) What was the name of the director of Camp Half Blood in the Percy Jackson Series?

Answers Across 2) Walt Whitman 4) Gone Girl

Down 1) Lidewij 3) Amish Tripathi 5) Dionysus

POEM

The dead tree

Vaibhav Mittal, AIS Vas 6, XI A

In an arc of flamboyance, it dropped in a saddened nostalgia. The swift movement of the leaves crafted almighty's ambrosia. Its silenced scream magnified the painful suffering, the cacophony of its helpless protest slowly buffering. Grandiloquent celebration of its legacy is now suppressed, it just can't express itself just like a damsel in distress. Its fury for vengeance is going through inflation, crafting its lustrous weapons for its own abrasion. The nectar of its emotions is sweet and viscous, how to re-evolve the dampened spirit is what we discuss.




Illustration: Amogha G.S., AIS Vas 6, XC

Times when it catered to the appealing requests of people, its domed canopy was the shelter, to see the stretched dimple. Its war won't be any defined gore, simply its dissolution at the deepest core. Like the divine elixir it will vanish on its own, till it leaves wither in a deafening tone.

Jumble Bumble

Ramsha Matin, AIS Vas 6, VII A

Unjumble the words with the help of the clues given.

1) Suoitpmurcs
Hint: Extremely appetising.

2) Pathyem
Hint: The ability to understand and share the feelings of another.

3) Redmue
Hint: Reserved, modest

4) Taliens
Hint: Most noticeable.

5) Hopnycoca
Hint: A harsh discordant mixture of sounds.


Answers

1) Scrumpious 2) Empathy 3) Demure 4) Sallient 5) Cacophony


CAMERA CAPERS

Asad Ejaz, AIS Vasundhara 6, X C


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Winged family



Ant walk



Pretty wings



Awaiting next year, desperately. *The oh-so-excited page editor*

Akriti Dhasmana, AIS Vas 6, IX B, Page Editor

Busty has a new friend

Illustration: Manshita Aggarwal, AIS Vas 6, XI A

Short Story



Aditya Kaul, AIS Vas 6, V A

The storm had destroyed the forest. Bunny the rabbit, Sly the fox and Tudor the frog- everyone was extremely **distressed**. Busty the bear, lonely as he was, looked out of the small window of his treehouse. Even during bad times such as these, no one had approached him for any kind of help. For years, he had maintained his reputation as a grumpy, selfish fellow who had never extended his big hairy hand for friendship to anyone. Now, with his weak body and

wrinkled face, he didn't have any strength left to leave the treehouse to make new friends. He was alone in the big jungle. Shampy, the monkey and his small son, Jumpy noticed the beautiful treehouse perched on the topmost branch of the tallest tree in the jungle. Shampy had heard rumours about the old grumpy bear who owned the house and knew it would be useless to ask him for any help. But Jumpy, who had got his jumpiness from his father, insisted on jumping upon the branches of the tall tree. The little one jumped and reached the

Shampy the monkey and his small son Jumpy noticed the beautiful treehouse perched on the topmost branch.

top in less than 3 minutes. "Heya, old fellow!" said Jumpy in his shrill voice. Busty looked at the monkey, surprised by his friendliness towards him. Gently, Busty picked up the small monkey in his giant palms very carefully, and asked him lovingly, "So, what are you doing up here, young fella?" He asked in his coarse voice which had softened a little towards the little one. "I'm hungry," said Jumpy gloomily. Busty tossed him bananas and milk. By the time Jumpy finished his food, Shampy reached the treehouse. Jumpy asked his father, "Daddy, let's live here with Busty forever!" Shampy looked at Busty, who nodded his head happily. **GT**

So, what did you learn today?
A new word: Distressed
Meaning: Great anxiety or sorrow



Hot chocolate

Chanakya Gaur, AIS Vas 6, II C

Preparation time: 10 minutes
Serves: 4

Ingredients

Vanilla essence¼ tsp
Milk4 cups
Water1/3 cup
Cocoa¼ cup
Miniature marshmallows.....5-6
Sugar.....1/2 cup

Method

■ Pour sugar, cocoa and salt in a medium sized saucepan and stir in

water consistently.

- Cook over medium heat, while stirring constantly, until the mixture comes to a boil.
- After boiling, keep stirring for 2 minutes.
- Add milk in the pan while continuously stirring.
- Remove from heat.
- Add vanilla essence and whisk until foamy.
- Once the hot chocolate is ready, top it with marshmallows. For flavour, you may add a dash of cinnamon and nutmeg.
- Enjoy your hot chocolate drink!

POEMS

A true friend

Shainsha Ahuja, AIS Vas 6, V A

Thanks for teaching me how to live,
for telling me how to give.
For consoling me when I was sad,
for bearing with me when I was mad.
For encouraging me to always try,
for being by my side,
when I needed a shoulder to cry.
For never letting me be proud,
keeping my head high
and feet firmly on the ground.

Illustration: Amogha GS, AIS Vas 6, X C.



For keeping my secrets to yourself,
for being a good listener
when I needed to yell.
For scolding me when I went too far,
for doing your best to make me laugh.
For telling me when I went wrong,
for always singing along!
Thanks for colouring my life,

with new colours everyday.
Please don't ever go away,
by my side, do forever stay.

I'll be there!

Navya Kohli, AIS Vas 6, IV B

If you ever feel let down,
dry your eyes my friend.
Look to your right and I'll be there.
Through thick and thin,
through good and bad,
I'll be there.

Always remember,
the memories we've shared,
think of the laughs we've had.
And the troubles we've faced,

Pic: Asad Ejaz, X C
Models: Saumya Kalia, XI D &
Pranshu Dixit, XI A, AIS Vas 6



smile my friend,
for I'll always be there. **GT**

Riddle Fiddle

Manya Aggarwal

AIS Vasundhara 6, I B

- 1) If you have me, you want to share me. If you share me, you haven't got me. Who am I?
- 2) Forward I am heavy, but backward I am not. Who am I?
- 3) Take off my skin, I won't cry, but you will! Who am I?
- 4) I become shorter when you add two letters to it. Who am I?

Answers

1) A secret 2) Ton 3) Onion 4) short

It's Me



My name: Avni Dobriyal
My school: AIS Vasundhara 6
My Class: I A
My birthday: December 20, 2008
I like: Dancing, playing PSP and eating pizza
I dislike: Telling lies
My hobbies: Cycling, dancing, drawing and painting
My role model: My mother
My best friend: Evana and Siya
My favourite book: Thea Stilton and the Star Cast Aways (written by Geronimo Stilton)
My favourite game: International Business
My favourite place: Water Park
My favourite food: *Rajma* rice
My favourite teacher: Barbara ma'am
My favourite poem: Flying Popcorn
My favourite subject: Math
I want to become: A doctor
I want to feature in GT because: I will reach out to all the Amitians who will get to know me better.



Krish Jeswal, AIS Vas 6, IX B

Little Johnny: Daddy, please help me with my Math homework. I can't get the sum right.
Daddy: I can, but it will not be right, will it?
Little Johnny: Maybe not, but you could always try. *******

Sunny: Remember that lovely vase in the dining room that's been passing on from generation to generation...
Mommy: Yes. What about it?
Sunny: Well, the last generation just dropped it. *******

Father: Why did you score so low in the exam?
Son: Absence!
Father: You were absent on the exam?
Son: The boy who sits next to me was! *******

Teacher: Why have you brought a ladder to school?
Jimmy: I want to go to high school.

Painting Corner

Shubhashree Rana
AIS Vas 6, VII D



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Lazy, smart, cool, awesome. Hmm... what else? Oh!
Yeah, GT Editor. *The captain of the ship*
Saumya Kalia, AIS Vas 6, XI D, Page Editor

Jenesys programme

The programme, which packed a generous dose of international culture, sports and fun, was a great learning experience



Prabhav with Japanese students



The JENESYS team

AIS Pushp Vihar

Two students of AIS Pushp Vihar, Shraddha Agarwal (XII D) and Prabhav Aggarwal (IX D) visited Japan as a part of the 'Sports Youth Exchange JENESYS Programme 2.0', held from December 8-16, 2014. They were selected by the HRD Ministry for the Jenesys Programme (Japan East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths), a project advanced by the Japanese government and encouraged by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools. The programme aims to foster cultural exchange between Japan and Asian countries on a large scale. 80 students from different sports, namely basketball, volleyball and tennis were selected from all over India. The programme allowed students to interact with the Japanese and learn about their culture, advanced technology and gregarious society. They also made

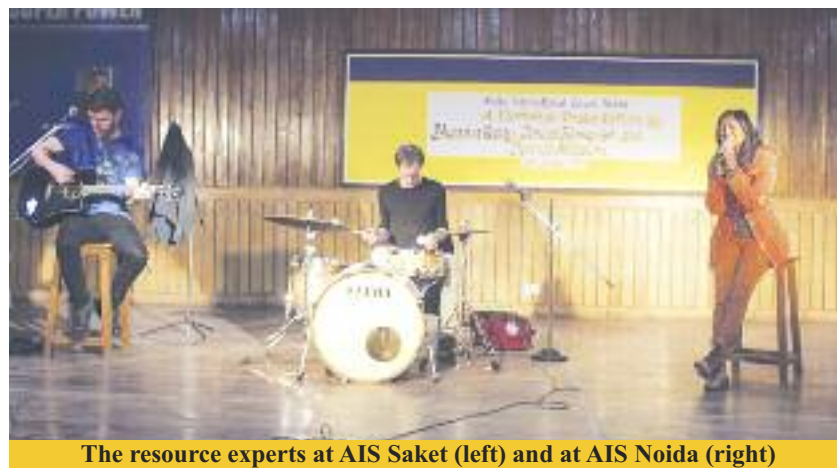
friends with students from Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei and different parts of India.

The students were first taken to Tokyo, where they stayed at Sheraton Hotel. The basketball and the volleyball team went to Aomori (North Japan) and the tennis group moved to Miyazaki (South Japan). Shraddha, along with other members of the basketball group, visited Hachinohe Nishi High School and Nagawa Minami Elementary School. She taught the Japanese students Bhangra, learnt Japanese style dance, made Japanese sweets, did calligraphy, played universal hockey, basketball and local Japanese games like koma, kendama etc. She also visited famous places like Tokyo Tower, Imperial Palace, Miraikan Museum (home to the most advanced robot of the world- Asimo) and boarded the popular Shinkansen Bullet Train to reach Aomori (North Japan). She enjoyed a two-day homestay with a

Japanese family and closely observed the Japanese lifestyle, relished Japanese meals like sushi, sashimi, teriyaki etc. and cooked 'mocha' (rice cakes).

Prabhav, along with other members of the tennis group, went to Miyazaki located on the island of Kyushu. He visited an eco clean Japanese garbage disposable system, Miyazaki University, Japanese castle and the Aoshima jingo (shrine on a beach). He stayed with a Japanese family that included two sons and a daughter. He learnt many new things from them and gave them souvenirs from India as return gift. After the homestay, a farewell party was organised where Indian students performed Indian dance forms and presented patriotic songs. Finally, all the students gathered at Radisson Hotel before they departed to their respective places.

The students expressed gratitude to the school and Chairperson for providing such a great platform for learning. 🇮🇳



The resource experts at AIS Saket (left) and at AIS Noida (right)

Song writing workshop

A song writing workshop and performance was held at AIS Pushp Vihar, Saket and Noida on January 21, 22 and 23, 2015, respectively. The workshop was presented by an award winning international song-writing team comprising Bhavana Reddy, Kuchipudi dancer and singer-songwriter; Jonas Blomqvist, Swedish guitarist and Donnis Nilsson, Swedish drummer. Bhavana Reddy, daughter of Raja and Kaushalya Reddy (Kuchipudi dancers) was declared a dancing prodigy at age 7, performing for audiences around the globe. She was awarded 'International Achievement Award 2009' by International Women of Congress (IWC). While addressing the students, she spoke about her passion for singing and dancing. She said that students should vent their emotions and let creativity and art flow towards positivity. The students were asked to recite poems



Opening ceremony

and come up with words and phrases. The famous Kuchipudi dancer weaved a song from those words and phrases, inventing a melody and beat to make a complete musical composition. She briefed the students about song writing skills. The students made on the spot lyrics of songs based on Odelle's famous melody 'Rolling in the Deep'. All in all, it was an educative as well as an entertaining experience for Amitians. 🇮🇳

Scholastic Alerts



- IIT-JEE-Main (appearing in 2015)
 - IIT-JEE-Advanced appearing in 2015
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Institute: Bharati Vidyapeeth Deemed University, Pune (India)

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Taruna Barthwal,
Manager, Amity Career
Counselling & Guidance Cell

Institute: Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore

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Last date for submission of online applications: April 30, 2015

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- KVPY Fellows selected through the Empowerment Initiative for SC/ST candidates

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Science Exhibition

AIS Pushp Vihar

The science project on transport management titled 'Automatically shifting road dividers: A real time traffic management' of Class X students Unnat Ramjiyani and Surina Jaidka of AIS Pushp Vihar, got selected for the annual National Level CBSE Science Exhibition organised by the CBSE. The activity aims at providing a common platform to schools, teachers and students to give shape to their innovate ideas and learn from each other's experiences. The team qualified for the nationals after having cleared the regional level CBSE Science Exhibition held from January 27-29, 2015 from among 110 projects exhibited. 🇮🇳



Students display their science model



Little ones geared up for folk dance

The little stars

AIS Saket

Little ones from KG participated in the finals of the folk dance competition held on January 21, 2015. Prior to the finals, a preliminary round was conducted in respective classrooms where five finalists were short-listed from each section. The tiny tots were judged on the basis of their costumes, expression and choreography. Vandita Sharma of KG A bagged the first position while Kshrija Gupta of KG C, was adjudged the second best. The third position was jointly bagged by Adya Awasthi of KG B and Yug of KG C. Adwita Biswas, (KG B), Meera Sehgal (KG B) and Shubh Gupta (KG A), received consolation prizes. 🇮🇳

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Edutainment

The school organised an informative excursion for the students of Class IX to the prestigious National Museum, National Crafts Museum and The National Museum of Natural History. The students saw rich exhibits of the preserved specimens of flora and fauna, old and rare handicraft, excavations of Harappan civilisation, manuscripts, miniatures, Tanjore paintings etc. The one-day excursion gave them the experience of exploring the vivid hues of Indian heritage.



An educational day out



Blood donation

The interact club of the school organised a blood donation camp in the school. The camp was organised in line with the school motto "Service Before Self" in tune with the vision of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools to reach out to the needy in times of emergency. Over 45 volunteers participated in the noble mission. Arrangements were made within the school premises to facilitate donors and ensure proper storage and preservation of the donated blood. Doctors monitoring the donation advised the donors on precautions to be taken. Many first time donors also turned up to be a part of the cause. 🇮🇳

Papa ki kamai khaoge kya?

So you had a lavish three course meal today? And your dad hyperventilated at the glimpse of the bill? Wait till he reads about these exorbitant food items that will ‘bite’ his pocket, literally!

Saumya Kalia, AIS Vas 6, XI D

Ice cream adorned with gold leaves. A burger held together by a solid gold, diamond encrusted toothpick. Handcrafted chocolates made from fermented cocoa beans. Sounds like the fictitious menu for a luncheon with Richie Rich? Well, here's a surprise: these too-good-to-be-true dishes are for real. Read on to sample some of these exorbitantly priced delicacies.

Most Expensive Pizza Bellissima Pizza

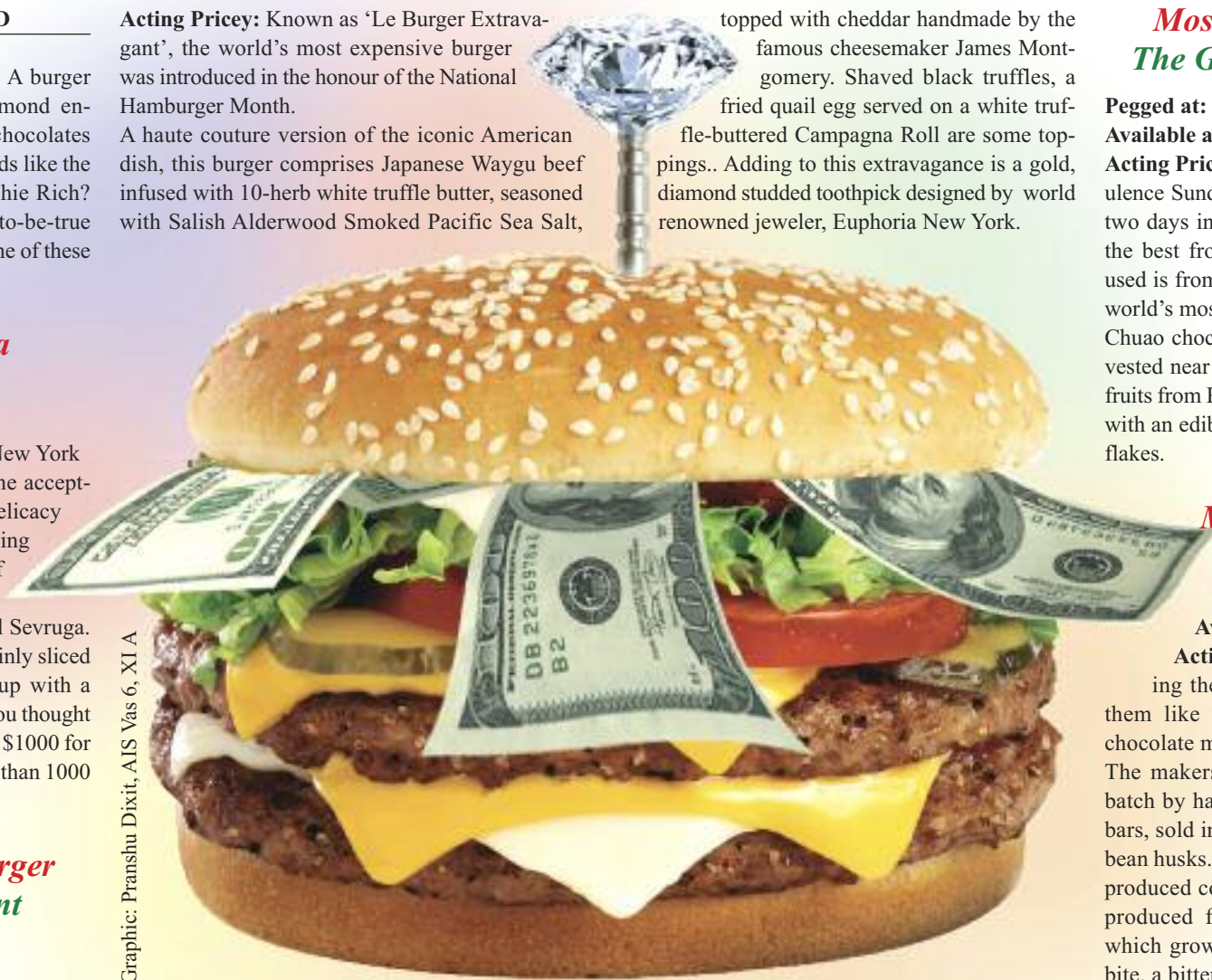
Pegged at: \$1000
Available at: Nino's Bellissima Pizza, New York
Acting Pricey: This pizza left behind the acceptable pizza norms of a margarita. This delicacy owes its exorbitant pricing to a hefty serving of caviar. And not just any caviar; two of the world's top caviars, Beluga, and the intensely-flavoured Black Russian Royal Sevruga. The fish flavour is further enhanced by thinly sliced lobster and creme fraiche and topped up with a salmon roll, chives and wasabi paste. If you thought that nobody would really care to shell out \$1000 for a slice of heaven, then here's news: more than 1000 people have bought this pizza.

Most Expensive Hamburger Le Burger Extravagant

Pegged at: \$295
Available at: Serendipity 3, New York

Acting Pricey: Known as 'Le Burger Extravagant', the world's most expensive burger was introduced in the honour of the National Hamburger Month. A haute couture version of the iconic American dish, this burger comprises Japanese Waygu beef infused with 10-herb white truffle butter, seasoned with Salish Alderwood Smoked Pacific Sea Salt,

topped with cheddar handmade by the famous cheesemaker James Montgomery. Shaved black truffles, a fried quail egg served on a white truffle-buttered Campagna Roll are some toppings.. Adding to this extravagance is a gold, diamond studded toothpick designed by world renowned jeweler, Euphoria New York.



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Most Expensive Ice Cream The Golden Opulence Sundae

Pegged at: \$1000
Available at: Serendipity 3, New York
Acting Pricey: If you want to enjoy the 'Gold Opulence Sundae', you will have to place your order two days in advance. This gourmet delicacy uses the best from across the world: chocolate syrup used is from melted Amedei Porcelana, one of the world's most expensive chocolates; chunks of rare Chuao chocolate, which is from cocoa beans harvested near the Caribbean Sea and exotic candied fruits from Paris. Excellence is topped to perfection with an edible gold leaf, sprinkled with small gold flakes.

Most Expensive Chocolate To'ak chocolate

Pegged at: \$260
Available at: Ecuador and online!
Acting Pricey: The journey begins by taking the most coveted seeds and fermenting them like you ferment wine, something most chocolate makers miss to save time. The makers dry, roast, de-shell and grind each batch by hand. It took them 2 years to make 574 bars, sold in individual wooden boxes with cocoa bean husks. 95% of the chocolate consists of mass produced cocoa beans while the remaining 5% is produced from rare 'fino y de aroma cocoa', which grows only in Ecuador, making the sweet bite, a bitter one for the pocket.

Let the truth be told

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Brands spend millions of dollars trying to tell us why they deserve to be a part of our lives. If for once, they just stated the truth, then how different will the brands sound? Have a look at some of the not-so-smart lines, showing what these brands would say if they were brutally honest with their consumers.

iPhone: A Little Bigger In Size. A lot bigger on price.
Apps- check. Texting- check. Calling - check. Ladies and gentlemen, this is the amazing iPhone which offers you the added advantage of Siri and well, just the same features you see in other

popular Smartphones.

WhatsApp: What happens on WhatsApp, doesn't stay on WhatsApp.
Forwards, excessive use of emoticons, blue ticks, last seen. WhatsApp is the biggest gossipmonger you can find.

YouTube: The home for cats.
Depressed? No worries! Go to YouTube and start searching for those upbeat videos of cats doing ridiculously funny things. Just type funny videos and go "awwwww!"

Diet Coke: Ha Ha! Fooled You.
Our love for coke knows no bounds. The only thing which seems to cause a hindrance to this affection is the amount of calories in it. But worry not; we have the 'Diet' Coke, calorie free. LOL!

Facebook: When was the last time you stalked someone?
Mark Zuckerberg has not only created a worldwide social platform to make different cultures meet, he has also given you the most convenient stalking site. Trust us, Twitter is not that efficient.

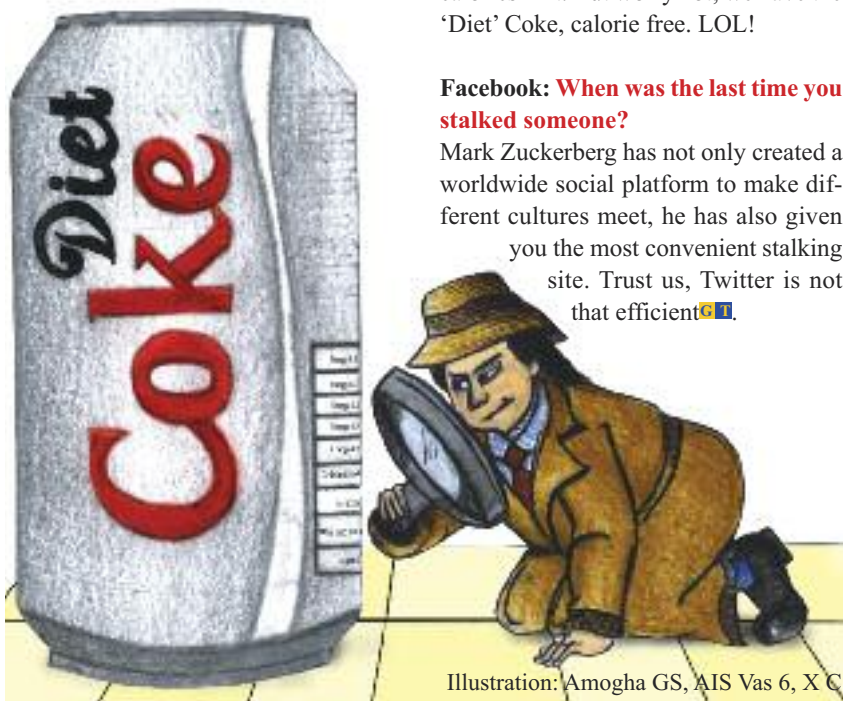


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How about 'No'

Half of our troubles in life can be traced back to saying 'yes' too quickly, even when we had a choice. Saying no tactfully wouldn't hurt anyone much

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One trap that a lot of 'Nice Hordes' fall into is always saying 'Yes!' But just in case you are tired of being the nice guy, we present you some ready-made excuses, to be used with minimal tailoring and a pinch of politeness!

No mood for a party?

Instead of making it seem like you're saying no because you don't like the person or their parties are boring, use something like, "I can't come to the Continuation on Sunday night because Sunday night is always family night for us."

No time for a favour?

You can take some of the sting out of your 'no' by showing the person that having you on board wouldn't have worked out anyway. "Your Global Times is always so top-notch. Even if I could have found the time to edit some articles for you, they wouldn't have met your standard of quality." Family is always the saviour, till the end.

No re-consideration?

Don't make the situation seem hopeless if it's not. This is probably for the teachers. Or, maybe not. "I can't give you an A on this paper. But you're almost there. Next time, include a stronger thesis statement, research more and your grade will definitely improve."

No for shopping?

You have an exam the next day and this friend keeps asking you to go shopping. You'd love to but these are the times when you have to let your brain rule. "I would love to come shopping with you, but the exam! Can we postpone the shopping and go tomorrow, maybe?"



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