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If you don't build your dream,  
someone will hire you to build theirs.

Shivank Badyal  
AIS Gurgaon 43, X

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AMITe<sup>1</sup>poll

What does the colour 'Red' mean to you?

(a) Love  
(b) Danger  
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POLL RESULT  
for GT issue January 28, 2013

Is Rahul Gandhi the right choice as the Congress Vice President?

50%  
40%  
30%  
20%  
10%  
0%

38% Yes  
47% No  
15% Can't Say

Results as on Feb 02, 2013

Coming Next

Watch out for the Contest Edition of AIS Saket!

# Borderline

Sometimes, it is a landmark; sometimes, a division of humanity; and at times it is just another line, without a purpose. It stands still, witnessing both the good and the bad



Aashna Agarwal, XI D & Saksham Agarwal, XI B, AIS Gurgaon 43

Akbar drew a line and demanded it to be shortened without erasing or cutting it. Birbal took a pencil and drew a longer line alongside; Akbar smiled and rewarded Birbal. Over time, the story changed in characters; this time Akbar and Birbal being diplomats, cutting and erasing lines, shuttling between war and peace; competition of drawing the longer line gets intense with each passing day...

*A child: I watch my cricket ball soar across the border and I fight my disappointment at hitting the magnificent six. I know my ball is now lost forever.*  
*A soldier: The sun is unbearably hot. I gaze out towards The Line with an unsmiling face, into a different set of eyes. I see the similarity...the same aim, the unsmiling mouth, the thoughts and even the hostility in the eyes. The only thing that separates us is the unending Line...*

The soldiers march in. The atmosphere

## THE LINE COULDN'T SEPARATE

### THE GOOD

**Aman ki Asha:** A joint peace initiative by ToI to foster Indo-Pak ties.  
**Surkshetra:** Music reality show comprising singers from India and Pakistan.  
**Earthdance:** The world's largest synchronized music & dance festival for peace.  
**World game:** It is a simulation to provide solution to world problems.


### THE BAD

**There are wars...** and nothing after them.

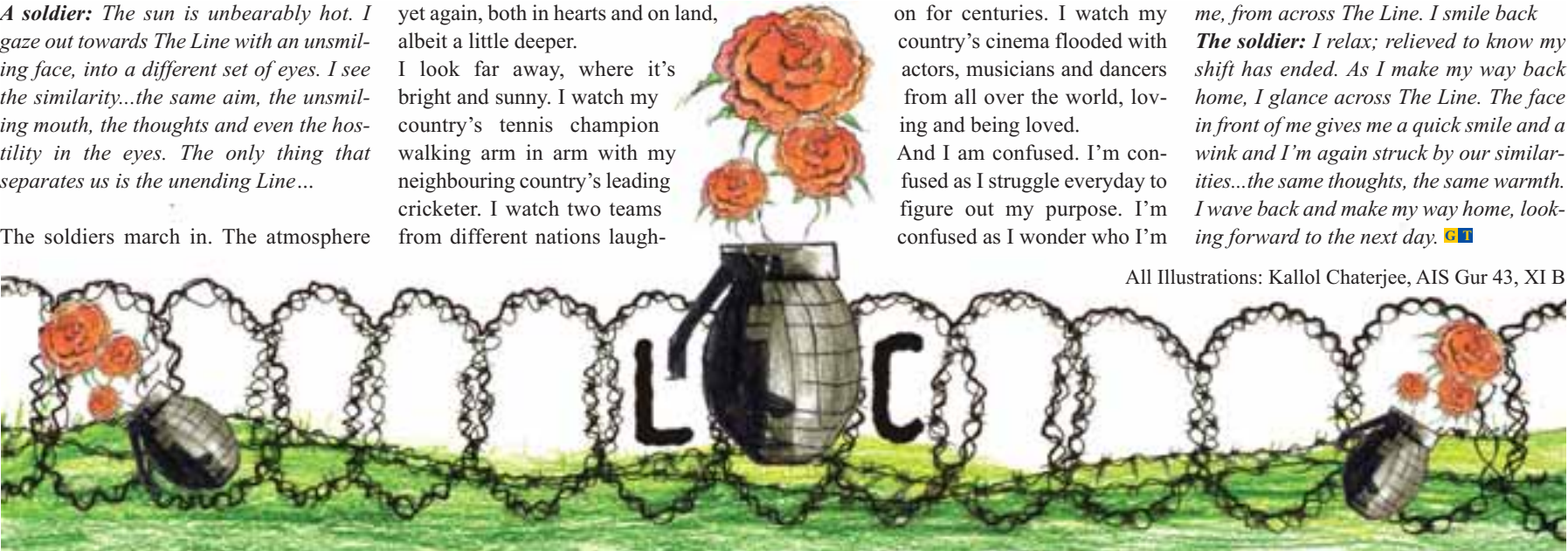
rings with the hostility in their boots. I can feel the sudden cold. I stretch from their hearts and flow to the land. I am neither the border nor the boundary. I stand helpless as my eyes witness the gory act of humanity being beheaded; and I am etched yet again, both in hearts and on land, albeit a little deeper. I look far away, where it's bright and sunny. I watch my country's tennis champion walking arm in arm with my neighbouring country's leading cricketer. I watch two teams from different nations laugh-

ing as they practice together. I watch confused as I see Chinese lights used to call upon Indian Gods at Diwali. I watch a British and an Indian, arguing over which one of them invented, the world famous, butter chicken; an argument going on for centuries. I watch my country's cinema flooded with actors, musicians and dancers from all over the world, loving and being loved. And I am confused. I'm confused as I struggle everyday to figure out my purpose. I'm confused as I wonder who I'm

meant to divide. I'm confused as I stretch out endlessly, defeated. I am the LINE OF CONTROL. I exist, meaninglessly, waiting for someone to see the futility of my existence and to relieve me from my impossible task of dividing. But I am not without hope, because I believe, that the love without will someday creep into this small world within. I know that one day, I will exist just on the land, and not in the hearts.

*The child: I turn around to make my way back home, when I see something flying over my head. It is my cricket ball. Surprised, I turn around to see a kid smiling at me, from across The Line. I smile back*  
*The soldier: I relax; relieved to know my shift has ended. As I make my way back home, I glance across The Line. The face in front of me gives me a quick smile and a wink and I'm again struck by our similarities...the same thoughts, the same warmth. I wave back and make my way home, looking forward to the next day.* 

All Illustrations: Kallol Chatterjee, AIS Gur 43, XI B



# Journalism is intellectually challenging

...says Arnab Goswami, Editor-in-Chief and News anchor, Times Now. One of the best known faces on the Indian news scene, he is known for his strong debating skills. Join in as he talks about his journalistic journey and more in a candid chat with Saumya Mittal, X D & Eesha Tripathy, X C, AIS Gur 43

**Did you always want to be a journalist?**  
I wasn't sure of what I wanted to do till I was 24. I wanted to simply gain independence and respect, and journalism was an opportunity to do that. I looked around for jobs in Delhi but it was difficult. So, I went to Calcutta, and I joined a newspaper called 'The Telegraph' in 1994. I spent a year there, doing the editorial page and that is where I started as a journalist. In 1995, I came to Delhi, and joined NDTV as a reporter. I always thought I'll do a few years of journalism, save some money, and go back and study in UK or US, but something about the thrill of reporting brought me here. The fact that we were doing something new that nobody was doing then and the thrill of putting questions across to powerful people, of influencing thoughts, became an infectious thing. So, a simple

answer to your question is, that I never planned to be a journalist, it just happened. By the time I was 25, I was sure that I wanted to be a journalist for the rest of my life.

**What drove you into journalism: sheer interest or money?**  
Money was never a factor. If I wanted to earn money, I would have got into the corporate arena. The thrill was basically the intellectual challenge in journalism, which attracted me.

**What is your take on the current status of journalism in India?**  
Journalism is a hyped profile business. Journalism must entail reporting with speed and integrity. At the same time, one should never back down from giving an honest opinion.



**You are said to be too aggressive in your debates. What is your opinion?**  
Some people like you. Some people dislike you. I do not bother as I have only one goal in mind ie to change the face of TV Journalism in India. I see no point in interviewing with plastic smiles and folded hands to make the other person at ease. We are here for an interview. And for that, there is no need to be obliging. If compared to that I'm aggressive, so be it. It's always like that; when you are direct, they call you aggressive.

**Living in a country like ours, how challenging is journalism for women?**  
Television journalism in the future, I believe, will be dominated by women. More and more women are opting for electronic media and joining mass communication institutes, which was not the

case in my time. I think women are brighter, better communicators and also very ambitious. They just need the right amount of family support.

**How fair is the term 'Trial by media'?**  
When you are detailed, they call it trial by media. The term is often used by people at the receiving end. They say "Are you the court? Are you the judge?" We are none. The people are the jury and the execution is in terms of credibility.

**Your most risky career move so far?**  
It would be the shift from NDTV to Times Now. Times Now was a new channel then, and I was a reporter. I lacked the experience of being an editor. My entire decision was based on a "what-if" as I didn't know whether this channel would do well or not.

Pic: Kushagra Sachdeva, AIS Gur 43, X C

## Rapid Fire

### Best compliment

Nobody can question your integrity

### Dream interview personality

Rahul Gandhi

### Best de-stresser

Hindi Movies

### TV debut

Surkhiyan at Doordarshan

### Most overrated TV show

The Oprah Winfrey show

### Highest Point of your life

Getting the first interview with Sonia Gandhi in 1998

### Lowest point of your life

After the launch of Times Now, when people said we would be a failure

### Favourite opening line of any show

Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to the news hour

### Last line of your autobiography

And the story was never the same again



Working for GT has been the most wonderful experience...again!  
Each time, GT has taught me something new. This year it has  
taught me to work on something new and spontaneous.

Pallavi Vemuganti, AIS Gur 43, XI B, Page Editor



# New(s) year calendar

The onset of 2013 has marked the beginning of new events, new developments and new news. **Pallavi Vemuganti, AIS Gurgaon 43, XI B**, takes you on a whirlwind tour of 2013; bringing news feed for each month

## JANUARY



At the recently concluded International Consumer Electronic Show, Las Vegas (Jan 8-11), parents looked back on the days of their child's potty training with a sigh of relief, thanks to the new iPotty. Your date at the toilet museum awaits you **on page 5...**

## FEBRUARY

### DoraeBond



The India Automation Technology Fair (Feb 1-3) will have you running to check out the latest gadgets and robots from the best Indian minds. Meanwhile, discover new gadgets reported by our fellow students **on page 5...**

## MARCH

### A FOND FAREWELL TO CCE



Had it not been for CCE, this month would have been a woe-ful one for Class X. But the ordeal begins as the CCE era comes to an end in Class XI. More in detail **on page 3...**

## APRIL

Hello makeup addicts! The first ever International Makeup Artist Trade Show (April 6-7) is up in New York to fulfill all your makeup demands. But BEWARE! All that makes pretty is not safe. Check out **page 4** for details...



## MAY



A mother is an essential part of any child's life. She teaches the child to be confident and imbibes in him/her a never-say-die attitude. Let us celebrate Mother's Day on May 12 with an I CAN attitude and make our mothers proud! **More on page 6...**

## JUNE



How about learning to blend teas, blind tasting from across the world and acquainting yourself with the unique aromas and leaves of the mighty TEA? Welcome to the World Tea Expo, Las Vegas (June 7-9). Your cuppa is waiting **on page 5...**

## JULY



July 14 is celebrated as Bastille Day in France. Very similar to our own Republic Day celebrations, this day is marked by a grand military parade and pardoning of petty crimes. The country is much better scrutinised **on page 12...**

## AUGUST



The Believe world tour is ending soon. Grab your tickets soon as the last concert is in Atlanta this month. Beliebers your shrine **on page 12...**

## SEPTEMBER



With the Indian Champions League, and India-Australia cricket match around the corner, cricket is in its full fervour. Sports enthusiasts, translate that enthusiasm into education **on page 3...**

## OCTOBER

Does your body groove every time you hear the music play? If yes, then the Dubai International Dance Festival (October 24-26) is your abode. This multi arts event attracts some of the best dance academies, youth orchestras and music ensembles from around world. Meanwhile, see our own home borne *Kathputlis* do a jig **on page 6...**

## NOVEMBER



Thor: The Dark Woods releases worldwide on November 8. It continues the exploits of the mighty Thor to save the world. However, if parodies are your calling, then **visit page 12...**

## DECEMBER



The Nobel Prize ceremony will be held on December 10 in Stockholm, Sweden to award the best in various fields. As of now, celebrate Tagore's 100th anniversary of winning his Nobel **on page 7...**

## News Room Hulchul

### Colour me up Young artists



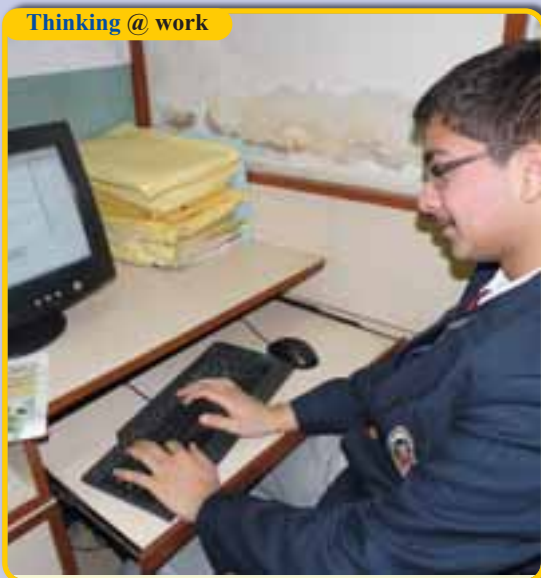
### Picture perfect Team AIS Gur 43



### Creative lines It's a top story!



### Thinking @ work



### Sketch, design, create The AIS Gur 43 Design team







Working as a page editor has been one of the greatest learning experiences of my life. It has always been a lot of fun and as I am about to finish school, I will certainly miss it.

Shivangi Mittal, AIS Gur 43, XII C, Page Editor

# A FOND FAREWELL TO CCE

*“We miss you so much, it hurts,” is what Class eleven students seem to be saying as they bid their beloved CCE a sad goodbye*

Harshita Narsimhan, AIS Gur 43, XI

Dear CCE,

Regardless of the umpteen number of times we’ve treated you with indifference that often bordered on loathing, we miss you. Today, as we’re confronted with crushing workload and inexorable tests, your absence is felt more conspicuously, dear CCE. You were certainly annoying, but your discreet benevolence was something that ungrateful students like us perpetually overlooked, and today, we deeply repent it.

CCE projects, essays and reports made our report cards look respectable, so that the annoyingly curious aunty could contend herself with a satisfied grunt- one of the many perks of CCE! Continuous project-work helped salvage the dignity of each and every student, which also boosted the morale of even the mediocre students, besides keeping us abreast with

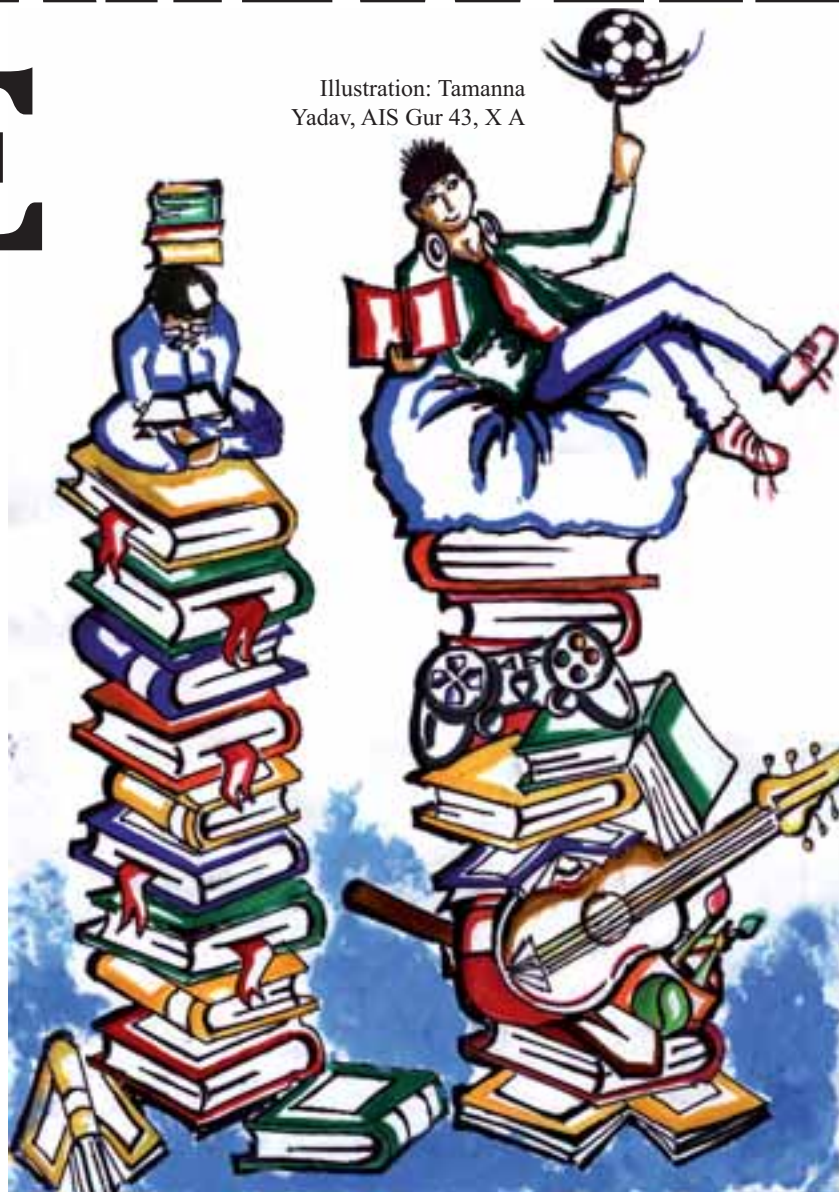
the happenings around us.

It is quite disheartening to know that the colouring on our files and the pretty pictures we so painstakingly draw, aren’t going to fetch us any extra marks in Class XI, as it’s the answer sheets which matter the most. The chilled out attitude that all of us (all thanks to our CCE grades) assumed in Class X has come to a screeching halt in XI, because it simply doesn’t work that way anymore. Gripping and clutching our hair and moaning about the unpleasant and immense syllabus that has suddenly welcomed us in XI, has become a daily affair.

Beloved CCE, regardless of the fact that you lulled us into a false sense of security, you gave us a welcome respite from the paranoia-inducing syllabi and heavy duty text books, besides adding on to our grades, for which we’re all grateful!

Lovingly yours, Stirred and shaken  
Class Eleven

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## Amity Institute for Competitive Examinations

Presents 

### Brainleaks-66

FOR CLASS XI-XII

The value of  $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\tan 2A}\right) + \tan^{-1}(\cot A) + \tan^{-1}(\cot^3 A)$   
if  $0 < A < \pi/4$  is  
(a)  $\pi/2$  (b)  $\pi$   
(c)  $2\pi$  (d)  $2\pi$

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# Balla Bowl

We’ve heard of Bachelors and Masters degrees in Economics, English and Science. How about a Bachelors in Badminton, Cricket or Hockey?

Sakshi Goel, XI A & Shreya Bansal, X C  
AIS Gurgaon 43

**The Good:** 19-year old Unmukt Chand leads India to victory at the U-19 Cricket World Cup 2012 final with a crucial 111 not out.

**The Bad:** He comes home and is denied permission to sit in the second semester examinations in his college due to low attendance.

**The Ugly:** A hassled Unmukt runs from pillar to post for around four months before the college finally gives in, with several conditions applied.

If that can happen to a cricketer of his stature, who brought international glory to the country, imagine the plight of other aspiring sportspersons! In India, most sportspersons end up creating chaos in their lives because it becomes impossible for them to cope with the dual pressure of training for a successful sports career and also attaining the stipulated attendance as well as respectable marks in academic courses to obtain a college degree.

Wouldn’t it be more practical if a



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person aiming for cricket or hockey didn’t have to take a geography exam? Every sport has its own theory and inter-disciplinary academic content, dealing with biomechanics, fitness, philosophy, sociology, etc. So, why aren’t there any colleges dedicated exclusively to sports?

There are several exclusive sports institutions abroad like University of Michigan (USA) and Beijing Sports University (China) which offer sports education. These countries grab an impressive number of medals at international events. It is time India took a cue. Apart from the already established institutes, India needs to set up more sports institutions for aspiring sportspersons.

India is brimming with remarkable talent, let’s not let it go to waste and capitalise on the tremendous resources that we have.

### Sports Institutes in India

- National Cricket Academy, Bangalore
- Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports Education University, Chennai
- Gopi Chand Badminton Academy, Hyderabad
- Lakshmi Bai National Institute of Physical Education, Gwalior & Guwahati

# Science=IIT?

55 out of every 100 students choose the Science stream. The question is, do all roads lead to IIT?

Akshat Jindal, AIS Gurgaon 43, X C

IIT is the mecca for all Science students. There seems to be some great force of attraction that induces students to follow their daily pilgrimage to IIT coaching centres, from as early as Class IX. The majority of population seems to limit science to IIT, believing that every student who pursues Science must naturally pursue IIT. As soon as a student opts for Science in Class XI, it is assumed that s/he’s aiming for IIT. Taking the ISEET exam seems to be the national pastime. “Many students take the IIT entrance exam, knowing fully well that they will not qualify. They take the test just because everyone else is,” believes Shalini Sood, Chemistry teacher, AIS Gur 43. But why is it so? IIT is justly renowned for the quality of its engineering courses and the sheer excellence of its alumni. However, more than a fair share of students aim for IIT simply because of the hype that surrounds it, not just for the quality education that the institute offers.

Parents and well wishers simply fail to acknowledge the fact that sometimes students may opt for science for reasons other than engineering.

Some young people might want to pursue architecture or design. Some even opt for Science because they’re not sure of what to do and want to keep their options open. “I’m good at Arts and want to pursue design, thus hoping to bring the best of Science and Art. However, there is a lot of pressure from my family to aim for IIT, as they believe that there is no future for non-IITians,” avers Kallol Chatterjee, a Class XI Science student of AIS Gur 43.

Today, there are many interesting and lucrative options available for Science students which have immense future prospects such as biotechnology, food technology, forensic science, hydrology, computer graphics, etc. Why limit ourselves when there are so many options waiting for us? It’s time for us to rethink about our careers and challenge the age old dogma that keeps IIT on a pedestal as the lone king of Science in India. Let’s look for greener pastures, let’s do the new!



Graphic: Saksham Gupta, AIS Gur 43, IX D



Exploring the creative side of science was wonderful. Working on this page helped me learn about various scientists and grasp several various facts along the way.  
Saksham Agarwal, AIS Gur 43, XI B, Page Editor



Pic: Sana Srivastava, AIS Gur 43, X B

# Why so serious?

Scientists are not always the boring people you think them to be. Their lives often come packed with interesting anecdotes that can make you smile



Eesha Tripathy, AIS Gur 43, X C

**Redefining Relativity:** Albert Einstein was and is...well, everyone knows him, so, let's just skip the introduction part! Upon being questioned as to what exactly the relativity theory is, he once replied, "Put your hand on a hot stove for a minute, and it seems like an hour. Sit with a pretty girl for one hour, it seems like a minute. That's relativity."

**Turtle Tale:** Stephen Hawking is a British theoretical physicist, cosmologist, and author- in short, mostly, a man who has achieved almost everything. He was once delivering a lecture on as-

tronomy to describe the orbits of planets. When it ended, an old lady blatantly defied his concepts and accused him of speaking rubbish, because for her, "The world seems to be a flat plate supported by the back of a giant turtle." Stephen Hawking smiled and asked her, "And what is the turtle standing on?"

**Marry Me (Not):** Charles Darwin lost his girlfriend. The botanist who used to jot down daily notes on animal breeding, also scrawled notes in confusion on two scraps of paper with columns headed "Marry" and "Not marry". The thoughts on the former read "constant companion and a friend in old age- better than a dog anyhow", and points in the latter column read- "less money for books" and "terrible loss of time". And that, coming from

someone who gave the survival of the fittest theory!

## Raman's Rhapsody:

C.V. Raman was a self-made Indian physicist. When offered a toast during the Nobel Prize function, the teetotaler responded, "Sir, you have seen the Raman effect on alcohol; please don't try to see the alcohol effect on Raman."

**Driver's Dilemma:** Who would have thought that being a scientist's driver could turn you into one! While Einstein explained his theories in universities, his driver sat quietly, listening to him. It happened one day that his driver remarked, "Sir, I have learned your lecture by heart and bet I could give it myself." Einstein asked his driver to address an institute where nobody had seen him before. While Einstein sat at the back, the driver delivered the lecture wonderfully. When he finished, a professor asked him a difficult question. The driver replied, "The answer to the question is so simple that my driver sitting at the back can answer it!" 🇮🇳



# Lips don't lie!

Did you know that the coloured pigment called lipstick packs a threat? Read on

Neev Modgil, AIS Gurgaon 43, X B

## Lipstick Test

Here's a test you can do yourself next time to check whether your lipstick is safe or not:

1. Put some lipstick on your hand.
2. Use a gold ring to scratch the lipstick.
3. If the colour changes to black, you know it contains lead!

The trend of flaunting lipsticks can be traced to Cleopatra whose lipstick was made from crushed cochineal insects, which gave a deep red pigment. However, during the French Revolution, wearing lipstick could get one killed, as it meant that one is a supporter of aristocracy. But today, who could have thought that the cosmetic, stamped with the words 'natural' or 'herbal', is enough to plunge us into a bath of chemicals. However, you can surely escape it by choosing a harmless product by reading the fine print. A few key words to look out for are Methylparaben, Propylparaben and Retinyl Palmitate; these are ingredients which have been linked to cancer. So, STAY AWAY from them. Most long stay lippers contain lead which helps them stay on longer. Lead is a cancer inducing agent; the longer the

lipstick stays on the lips, the greater are its chances to cause cancer. An average user who applies such lipsticks three times everyday and has been doing so for the last twenty years may have been exposed to lead 21600 times. However, a few lipsticks from Avon, Revlon, Dior and Clinique have been tested to be lead free. So, don't sink your money into just any product labeled 'natural' or 'organic', no matter which brand they are from; always check the ingredients. 🇮🇳

# Jab tak hai Science!

We don't always realise how much science we have around us and how easily it slips into the most plain and simple things! Let's explore some...



Illustration: Shashank Rai, AIS Gur 43, X A

Shreya Bansal, AIS Gurgaon 43, X C

**Jai-Veeru Science:** Have you been in one of those situations where you are walking with a friend and suddenly after a while, you start walking in a synchronized manner together?

**THEORY:** Well, English zoologist and human sociobiologist Desmond Morris suggests that we have a subconscious tendency to fit in with our companions. Ironically, two people walking out of step would bump shoulders at every second step.

**Tic-tac-tickle:** Ever wondered why you can't tickle your own self?

**THEORY:** Tickling is actually a state wherein you

inside the microwave?

**THEORY:** In a conventional microwave, the waves are spaced some distance apart. The ants are so small in size that they can actually dodge the rays!

**Smelly bin:** Why is that, no matter what they contain, dustbins always smell the same?

**THEORY:** It may not always be exactly the same, but more often than not, the smell is almost the same. It is actually the smell of the bacteria and the fungi feeding on the waste.

**Up in the sky:** Have you ever wondered why sky is blue but space is black?

**THEORY:** The colour blue has a short wavelength ,

which makes its scattering stronger. Hence, it is because of this scattering that we see the sky's colour as blue as it spreads the most out of all colours. This is called Rayleigh's Scattering. In space, there's no scattering, hence it is black.

**Cake or bacteria-shake:** Does blowing out candles contaminate birthday cakes?

**THEORY:** Yes, blowing candles on your birthday cake does contaminate your cake as when you blow, the microbes in your mouth spread on the cake. The cake remains unharmed only if the mouth of the blower is clean. So next time, rinse your mouth well before blowing out the candles! 🇮🇳

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Another year, another page and fingers crossed for yet another success story!  
Aashna Agarwal, AIS Gur 43, XI D, Page Editor

# Ssup with the Cup

Buddha's Tears, Arctic's Fire, Crime of Passion- names of exquisite flowers? No! Welcome to the world of exotic teas!

Saksham Agarwal, AIS Gur 43, XI B

What started off as an accidental discovery in one part of the world, is perhaps the wake-up call for almost every person on Earth... 'Tea'. But there's more to tea than just the hot *masala chai* found in every *thela*, every house. So, here's telling you about some unique stories, some unique flavours, some unique *masala* from this amazing world of 'the cup of tea'.

## Kashmiri Tea

One of its kind in the world, the Kashmiri tea, popularly known as the 'Kahva' reflects the true beauty of the valley in its very aroma, texture and taste. Tradition has it, that it must be prepared in a special utensil, called the 'Samovar'. A special type of tea leaves called 'Bambay chai' and saffron are used for making this

tea. Spices like cardamom, cinnamon, almonds are 'wholly-bruised' (and, not powdered) in the 'samovar'. The overly sweet 'Kahva' is served without milk! Another unique type of Kashmiri tea is the 'Salt Tea', and yes, it's a tea that contains not sugar, but salt! Kashmiri folk says that salt is refreshing in the heat. What's more, in Mongolia and Tibet, the tea is salted to resist the cold!

## The Moroccan Tea Ritual

Who would have thought that drinking tea could ever be a ritual? Originating in the land of Ibn Batutta, Morocco, the tea ritual is the heart of any social gathering and is prepared by the head of family. According to the ritual, a minimum of two cups need to be drunk so as to not offend the host! Traditionally, the tea (usually, mint tea or green tea) is served three times. Each time the tea is steeped



Collage: Vidhi Gupta, AIS Gur 43, X B

a little longer, each of the three glasses of tea get a unique flavour, described in this famous proverb- 'The first glass is as bitter as life, the second glass is as strong as love, the third glass is as gentle as death.'

## Genmaicha Popcorn Tea

Ever thought of blending green tea with fire roasted rice? Well, this is exactly what this Japanese specialty tea does. The roasted rice lends a nice nutty aroma and flavour to the fresh vegetal character

of 'sencha' green tea leaves. During the roasting of the rice, it is common for the rice to "pop" just like popcorn, which is why it is often referred to as 'popcorn tea'. This tea is like a light brownish yellow liquor.

## Pingshui (Pinhead) Gunpowder Tea

Warning: Contains explosives! Drink

with caution! Scary as it may sound, but the Pinhead Gunpowder Tea is a form of green Chinese tea, also known as "pearl tea" in the Chinese language. The name of this tea comes from the ability of its grey-green leaf, tightly rolled into a tiny pellet (resembling actual gunpowder!) to "explode" into a long leaf, upon being steeped in hot water. This tea has a grassy flavour and smoky aroma, best savoured with a touch of lemongrass. PS: It does not contain any pinhead or gunpowder. 🇨🇳

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# Doraebond



Imaging: Saksham Gupta, AIS Gur 43, IX D

The name is Bond... Doraebond. Behold! Here's the alliance of the Kings of Gadgetwood

small light instead! It would shrink him to one third the size he is, so all he would need is to perfect the skill of pointing the small light towards himself and voila! He can now get into rooms through a keyhole and then do the job.

**Anywhere door:** Global Warming will worsen if Bond has to use his Aston Martin all the time. Oh and with the prices of *bhindi*, *kaandha* and *aloo* going up, Bond really needs to think of cutting costs. Let's present him with the "Anywhere door!" He can walk in anywhere, anytime and kill his enemies even when they are in the harmless process of taking a bath.

**The clothes camera:** Bond found an interesting advertisement about this gadget called changing camera! It read, "the camera uses a picture of clothing instead of film, and changes the clothes of the person in the viewfinder to the clothing in the picture!" He found it useful as all he would need is a Polaroid of all the possible disguises that he would require and take some good photos of himself. Or maybe he could take Polaroid of Lady Gaga dresses, shoot the pictures of the villains and watch as they die of shame. He made a mental note to keep it from the women. The Versace dresses would prevent them from doing the mission. 🇮🇳

over heels in love with him, along with frequent calls and visits from the villains that Bond hopes to slay. They would readily want to die and hand over whatever Bond fancies. You know what they say, all's fair in love and war. And the pockets? Surely lighter without the guns!

**Small Light:** He walks down the corridors packed with spies employed by the villain. He walks with stealth and pace, decks the blows and fights them off, complete with his bunch of ingenious weapons; Interesting? Yes! But let's spare him the pain and use Doraemon's

Souparnika Krishnan, XI D & Eesha Tripathy, X C, AIS Gur 43

Haven't we all seen the goofy and teary eyed Nobita trying out Doraemon's 22<sup>nd</sup> century gadgets to make his life better and fail hopelessly every time? How about replacing the boy with Bond? Here's taking a look at few of Doraemon's gizmos that would benefit Bond (now Doraebond) the most.

**Love Potion:** Imagine Bond sedating his enemies with the love potion. Ladies in high heels and Little Black Dresses would queue up, falling head



# Down the drain

Get set to walk through a museum entirely dedicated to the humble lavatories

Saumya Mittal, AIS Gur 43, X D

Museums with boring paintings, artifacts and giant scary sculptures with a potential of causing neck sprains are passé. Here's taking you on a guided tour to a toilet museum (a concept so interesting and quirky) known to bring loos to life.

**What:** Sulabh International Museums of Toilet  
**Where:** Mahavir Enclave, New Delhi  
**Entry:** Free  
**Timings:** 10:00am-5:00pm (Mon-Sat)

**USP:** This one of its kind, largest toilet museum of India is known to be a host to a rare collection of facts, pictures and widespread display of more than 300 objects like privies, chamber pots, toilet furniture, bidgets etc detailing the evolution of toilets from 2500 BC to the present day. It tracks the chronological development of technology, social customs, etiquettes related to toilets and the sanitary conditions of the previous eras. **Amusing sights:** One of its most popular items on display is a replica of the throne of Louis the XIII (see picture). As per the legend, King Louis XIII and Louis the



XIV attended court sessions while using the toilet. Other popular displays include disguised toilets- a French one which looks like a stack of books and an English one which resembles a treasure chest! The museum's photo section illustrates interesting information like the most expensive toilet of the world (19 million dollars) installed in the space station by NASA, configured to work in weightless conditions etc. 🇮🇳





## Vasudhaiiv Kutumbakam



Dr. Amita Chauhan  
Chairperson

The recent ceasefire violation at the border by Pakistan might have sown the seed of suspicion and derailed the peace talks between the ministers of the two estranged nations; but, it has failed to terminate the seed of love and compassion sown in the heart of common people between the two nations. The front page story titled ‘Borderline’ brings out this disparity in the words of LoC that stands witness to this every day.

Today, we are living in times when the geographical and cultural boundaries are getting blurred to give peace a chance. India has always believed in the philosophy of *Vasudhaiiv Kutumbakam* (world is one single family) and has been the purveyor of peace and friendship. The developed world has also woken up to this reality that they cannot ignore their less privileged brethren as sense of alienation only breeds or proves to be a fertile ground for terrorism and other upsurges. For the world to be one united family, we don’t need to dismantle the earlier structure or system in place, rather, we need to realign it.

Efforts to open doors for trade and cross cultural exchange between nations end differences and helps in reaching out to each other. The success of ‘Aman ki Asha’, a peace initiative by India’s leading newspaper and the cricket series between India and Pakistan speaks volumes about how the two neighbours are ready to bury their violent history and move ahead.

Let us wipe away all deprivations, sense of alienation between nations, introduce educational reforms, ban religion from entering politics and ensure that fruits of economic reforms reach out to everyone. With all this, the world would surely become one happy family. 🇮🇳

## Dear Amitians



Sandhya Awasthi  
Principal, AIS G 43

At Amity, we believe that you, the youth, is the country’s best asset and that in your individual and collective growth lies the growth of our nation, world order and mankind. We wish you to excel academically, have wide interests, be adorned with physical and spiritual fitness and have a doer’s zeal to build the country. We require all the energy, wisdom, dedication and talent to ensure that the country progresses to its best. I firmly believe that the best nation builders - the best doctors, engineers, musicians, artists, thinkers and leaders of the future will be Amitians.

Since the task is onerous, you must live life with zeal. Acting consistently and with a right purpose is important. Work out your vision. Work out your purpose. Be clear about what you want in life.

Once you do that, it becomes easy to say no to things that will not add value to you. It becomes easier to say no to distractions and you will then know what knowledge you need to acquire and concentrate on in order to achieve your goal.

If I have to give you one piece of advice it would be to READ. Doing that one thing regularly will put you way above the rest. Read books that challenge you and that make you think. Read this contest edition by AIS Gurgaon 43 as it brings you a wide variety of subjects on a platform and some food for thought.

You must say to yourself: “I know that I have an abundance of potential within me and I will bring it out to fruition. Why? Because...I’M DIFFERENT. I’M AN AMITIAN!” 🇮🇳

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# No Strings Attached

Kathputlis- a symbol of our rich cultural heritage? A memoir of our tradition or just a dying art? Entangled in modernisation, it reminisces the era gone by

Pic: Kushagra Sachdeva, AIS Gur 43, X C

Saumya Mittal, AIS Gur 43, X D

When I was a little child, I remember sitting amongst my friends and remarking with great pride, “My grandfather? Yes, he’s a puppeteer.” I remember accompanying my grandfather as he presented his art before kings & queens, merchants and landlords. His job not only gave him money, but a lot of respect too. I remember spending hours, staring at those *kathputlis*, so beautiful and full of life. We had so many people coming to our house, wanting to master this art.

Back then, I never imagined that we could possibly be in a state we are in right now. My grandfather died ten years ago. Since we had no money, we had to sell our house, and the puppets. No one actually cared much about them and sadly I saw the art also fade away little by little.

We live in a small one room tenement now and manage to eat one meal a day, by the money I get from performing in



parties of rich kids. It is sad to see how the children in urban areas don’t even know about our traditions and culture. I still haven’t thrown away most of my grandfather’s *kathputlis*, it gave us money, food, shelter and respect in those days. I worship it and the fact

that I have to see it decaying like that, breaks my heart.

This holds true for all those involved in this beautiful art form. The puppets stare at us with questioning eyes demanding our attention. It’s time that we reiterate our belief in India that

used to be a potpourri of different traditions and culture and not let it fade into oblivion. Let us be proud of our heritage instead of being insensitive and indifferent. We need to protect our art forms rather than watch them die a silent and anonymous death. 🇮🇳

Graphic: Aashna Agarwal, XI D & Saksham Gupta, IX D, AIS Gur 43

## Yes, you can

Impossible says I am possible. You perhaps just need to realise the same and get going

Eesha Tripathy, AIS Gurgaon 43, X C

Statistics say that it’s either possible or just plain ridiculous. What I don’t comprehend is how one can fail to understand how relative the term “impossible” is! Making a telephone was possible for Alexander Graham Bell unlike the civilizations that lived million years before him. Then why do we still say, “I can’t?” Wrapped up in my own thoughts, I entered my class. I sat down next to a boy whom I had never spoken to before, rather, never heard speaking before. We had a debate that day and I was participating. I was leading my team and we were winning, until my opponent posed a question to which I was speechless. I racked my brain, thought hard, yet – nothing; when suddenly a meek voice mumbled out the best possible defending answer.

It was him. I urged him to say it himself. He said he just couldn’t. I looked at him and said in the firmest tone I could, “Yes, you can.” For the next 20 minutes, he spoke more than he had ever spoken in his entire life.

I looked out of my window at the tree where I spotted a young bird who was trying to fly. The other birds in the nest chirped along in a chant which seemed to translate into, “Yes, you can.” And then I saw it soar into the sky with imperfect flapping of its wings, leaving behind a message. I now know a little more than I knew before writing this article.

At times, when doubts cloud our mind, I admit that we do come up with silly excuses to avoid doing tasks that we are apprehensive about. We are unsure, apprehensive and confused. I was too, before writing this, guessing my abilities, until someone said to me, “Yes, you can.” 🇮🇳



Perspective

## Enjoyable endeavours

The exhilaration of bringing out the contest issue, the joy and satisfaction of seeing your endless efforts turn into beautiful twelve pages, is something that can perhaps be only felt and never described. As our page editors took charge to guide, dispute and express their opinions forcefully, I was humbled and impressed by their creativity and originality.

The months gone by saw some tremendous and soul shattering events take place in the country. Needless to say, our students were influenced by the turn of events and wished to raise their voice too. We felt tremendous pride when we saw them write about the momen-



Shalini Agarwal  
GT Coordinator  
AIS Gurgaon 43

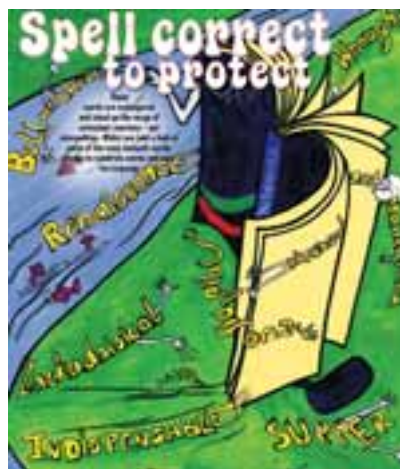
tous issue with clarity & objectivity, expressing the desire for world peace ever so earnestly.

While they were swayed by emotions of patriotism and love for the nation, rationality prevailed. The young writers took the challenge of bringing out a paper that was witty, contemporary and which provided food for thought. And kudos to them for having succeeded so magnificently in their endeavours.

Making this contest edition was indeed an enjoyable endeavour for all of us at AIS Gurgaon 43. Here’s hoping that reading this issue of The Global Times turns out to be the same for you as well. Happy reading! 🇮🇳



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Dear Editor,

Everyone has hobbies of their own. Well, so do I! Reading GT regularly is one my hobbies. The AIS Vas 1 contest

edition was one of the best issues I have read till now. The thing I liked the most in their edition was the poster on the words which are most oftenly misspelt. We misspell a lot of words on a regular basis, unknowingly. I think the poster was a good idea to make the children aware about the words they spell wrongly very often.

Puru Pratap Singh  
AIS Gurgaon 43, VII B

We’ve always read about an animal’s loyalty, their love and caring nature. The article in the issue dated January 21, ‘Can animals predict natural disasters?’ intrigued me and made me want to know more about their instinct or so called sixth sense. While commendable reasoning for both the possibilities were given, both my heart and the article concluded that these creations of God do have something in them. Such articles make for an interesting read. 🇮🇳

Shivank Badyal  
AIS Gurgaon 43, X C





My experience with The Global Times was fabulous. I went through a plethora of emotions while making this page.  
Kallol Chatterjee, AIS Gur 43, XI B, Page Editor

*1913 saw some important events take place. As these landmarks complete a century, we bring to you a historic flashback of the same. Read on and revel in the magic of 100*

## Gandhi arrested

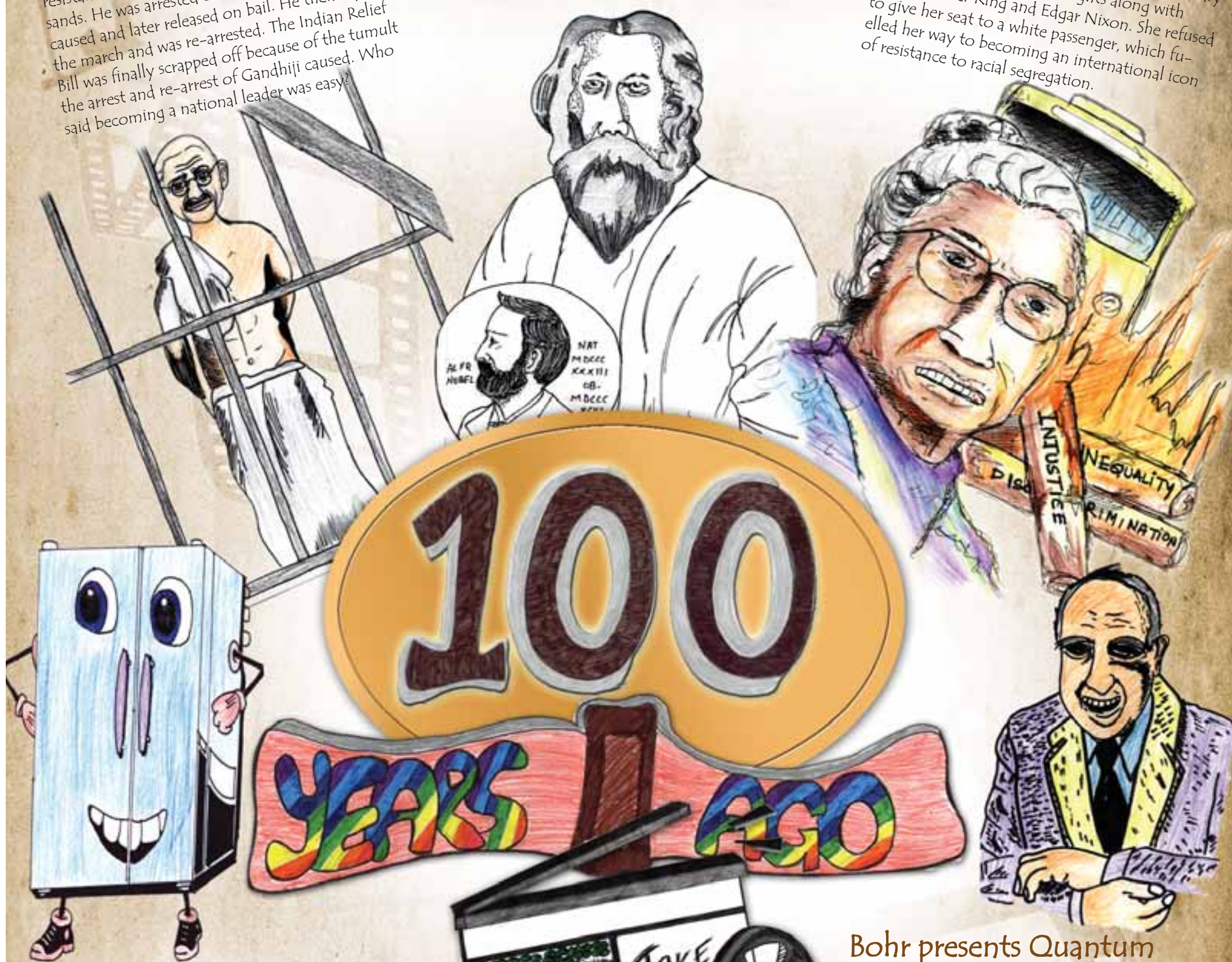
In 1913, a tax called the Indian Relief Bill was imposed on all former indentured labourers. Gandhiji led the protest and launched a passive resistance campaign, gaining support of thousands. He was arrested on Nov 6 due to the furor caused and later released on bail. He then rejoined the march and was re-arrested. The Indian Relief Bill was finally scrapped off because of the tumult the arrest and re-arrest of Gandhiji caused. Who said becoming a national leader was easy!

## Gurudev wins Nobel

Poet and Indian nationalist Rabindranath Tagore won the Nobel Prize in 1913 for his collection 'Gitanjali' published in London in 1912. This prize was conferred upon an Indian for the first time and hence, marked the homecoming of the Nobel for India.

## Rosa Parks born

Rosa Parks, popularly known as 'The first lady of civil rights' and 'The mother of the freedom movement' descended on the planet on February 4, 1913. She fought for civil rights along with Martin Luther King and Edgar Nixon. She refused to give her seat to a white passenger, which fuelled her way to becoming an international icon of resistance to racial segregation.



## First electric refrigerator

Getting up in the middle of the night to dig into your favourite ice cream, residing in your refrigerator? The midnight luxury we enjoy today saw its way coming through in 1913, when the first home electric refrigerator was launched in the market. It was then known as "Domelre" and was put on sale in Chicago for \$900.

## Mona Lisa found

The smug smile was wiped right off her face when she was stolen, for the first and the very last time in 1911. This intricate, highly controversial piece of art and the masterpiece by Leonardo da Vinci was later found in 1913, in the possession of an Italian man named Leonardo Vincenzo.

## Raja Harishchandra released

India's first silent movie Raja Harishchandra was released in 1913. The film was a full length Marathi feature film and was directed and produced by Dadasaheb Phalke. Revolving around the story of king Harishchandra and his legends, the film marked the onset of a movie culture in India. As Bollywood would say, *picture abhi baki hai...*

## Bohr presents Quantum

It was in this year when Niels Bohr presented the theory of the Atomic structure that we now follow. Yes, he is the same man who complicated chemistry further. Jokes apart, his theory was built on the principle that electrons orbit the nucleus and when the electrons change orbits, they do so in quantum leap.

## King George murdered

The longest serving king of Greece, King George I was assassinated in Macedonia on March 18, 1913. Greece flourished and experienced many territorial gains during his reign. He was killed by Alexandros Schinas who apparently killed him because the king refused to give him money. Why Schinas? Greece could have flourished a little more.

## Post office begins to parcel post deliveries

A year before 1913, the tradition was that the sisters got angry with their brothers for not sending presents...until came the winds of change, and the postal service began delivering parcels. From that year onwards, the postal service delivered parcels along with regular mails, and post office monopoly was introduced.



# Carnival of Chaos

Aashna Agarwal, AIS Gur 43, XI D

As an assistant with confidence, I left bright eyed to assist my boss in launching a new product. I entered the hall and the doors shut ominously behind me. The grand plan of launching the product from within an oyster with flashing lights, pretty streamers was revealed. And then it began. The aforementioned oyster was now posing a problem, and I caught my boss resembling a dying sheep while conversing with the organiser of the grand oyster. The oyster manager who didn’t believe in mincing words, briefed us in a sentence, “Sorry. Not possible.” Always keep it short and crisp, I always say. That said, the man clearly saw no reason to prolong the happy meeting and walked off.

We now had a new puzzle to crack. Our manager began talking silently to himself. He first thought of a solution, and weighed the pros and cons. He frowned, perplexed, as he struggled to fight back the negative points and nodded in approval of the good ones. We maintained pin drop silence awaiting his decision: A beautiful glass bowl hidden by a curtain. We had neither the bowl, nor the curtains, but that wouldn’t stand in our way. The hotel manager jumped at the opportunity to add to the confusion. He was caught in the act of busily arranging the “frosted glass bowl” aka “dirty ice cream bowl” on the table. Close enough?

Anyway, “Ours not to reason why. Ours is to do or die.”

By now we had hit upon the fight for the curtains. The battle was between the flimsy orange wire and the curtain. The



And so, the party began!  
No oyster. Check.  
Destruction of curtains.  
Check. A furious chairman. Check.  
We were doing a good job of things.

wire put up a strong front for the first 5 seconds. The curtains, being a match and more, strengthened their attack. The wire’s defence began to waver. However, it refused to accept defeat and continued to waver, like the never dying villains of Indian cinema. The curtains, aided by the wind, overpowered the mighty wire, and the ensemble came crashing down. And so, the party began! No oyster. Check.  
Destruction of curtains. Check.  
A furious chairman. Check.

Illustration: Shashank Rai, AIS Gur 43, X A

We were doing a good job of things. The line of inconspicuous streamers which were supposed to burst and shower pretty ribbons on the crowds, was definitely the icing on the cake. It all started with the first one. A deafening bang and smoke filled the room. Watching the chaos that reigned over the room, I observed that the streamers were sulphide fire crackers. The optimist in me felt how lucky we were to not have it as bad as it could get. That’s when the 14 remaining crackers started going off. With people scurrying around the room, the hotel, seizing its one last chance to cast misery on our event, someone turned on the fire alarm and proceeded to douse all the guests with water with great fervour. I splashed my way out and invested my little all in a pocket planner. 🇧🇩



Prachi Singhvi,  
AIS Gur 43, X D

## Lava Cake

Prachi Singhvi, AIS Gur 43, X D

### Ingredients

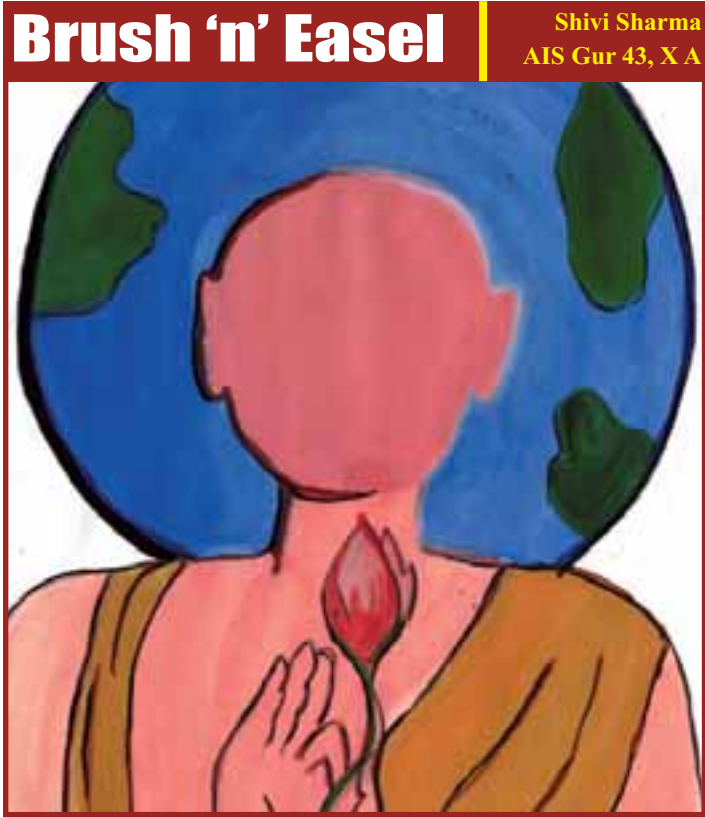
Unsalted butter.....4 tsp  
Granulated sugar .....1/3 cup  
Eggs (large) .....3  
All-purpose flour .....1/3 cup  
Salt .....1/4 tsp  
Molten chocolate .....200 gms (semisweet or bittersweet)

### Method

- Preheat oven to 200 degrees celsius. Now butter 6 cups of a standard muffin tin. Dust with granulated sugar, and tap out excess. Set aside.
- Take the butter and sugar in a separate bowl. Beat and cream the but-

ter and granulated sugar using a blender until fluffy. Add eggs one at a time. Make sure that you beat well after every addition.

- Beat in flour and salt while blending continuously until just combined. Beat in chocolate till mixed well. Divide batter evenly among the prepared muffin cups.
- Place muffin tin in the oven and let it bake for approximately 8 to 10 minutes until tops of the cakes no longer jiggle when the muffin tin is lightly shaken. Remove from oven; let it stand for 10 minutes.
- To serve, turn out cupcakes, and place on serving plates. Enjoy the delightful dessert. 🇧🇩



Brush ‘n’ Easel  
Shivi Sharma  
AIS Gur 43, X A

## If there was an Almighty?

### POEM

Ridhima Chatterjee, AIS Gur 43, X A

I am hurt, but you never let me die,  
to not believe in you, is my try.  
Never saw you in a loving way,  
nailed you to death, how could they?  
Still you seem to be so alive,  
saving me and all of them,  
at least tell me what’s your name ?  
Power to hold the universe,  
the good you bless, the bad you curse.  
Why is it that they love to pray,  
no good deeds but hope for a good day.  
Why is it that you have ultimate fame?  
Everyone gives you a different name.  
You save some, let a million die,  
why don't you appear upfront, aren't you too shy?  
What is it that gives them peace to pray,  
who are you, and what is that you want to say?  
Don't you see robbers, murderers, terrorists and

rapists all around?  
Lord! why do you let the bad invade?  
Then why is it that half of the world  
still refuses to believe,  
or is it true that you aren't there?  
They’re your creations, man and earth,  
so why won't your glimpse you'd share?  
Almighty, I am not sure of what to think,  
to believe or to not, what more questions  
could life bring?  
More than flowers, birds and all  
the other beautiful things,  
and the farmer’s daughter in  
the fields every morning who sings,  
different cultures, religions  
and all the people you have made,  
they’re beautiful but aren't you afraid,  
what if one day it'll all just fade?  
Will you help us, come down to the earth and  
give us shade? 🇧🇩

## Fun with Pun

He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends.

Oscar Wilde

☺ ☺ ☺  
A lady wrote to Shaw, “You have the greatest brain and I have the most beautiful body; so we ought to produce the most perfect child.” Shaw answered, “What if the child inherits my body and your brains?”

George Bernard Shaw

☺ ☺ ☺  
I’m astounded by people who want to know the universe when it’s hard to find your way around Chinatown.

Woody Allen

☺ ☺ ☺  
Aim high, and you won’t shoot your foot off.

Phyllis Diller

Compiled by Saumya Mittal  
AIS Gurgaon 43, X D 🇧🇩

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Kushagra Sachdeva, AIS Gur 43, X C

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Showing the way





It was fun working with GT. Editing something as important as my school’s newspaper was a great experience.  
Puru Pratap Singh, AIS Gur 43, VII B, Page Editor

# The tale of respect

Illustration: Puru Pratap Singh, AIS Gur 43, VII B

### Wisdom Tale



Pranav Bhasin, AIS Gurgaon 43, VIII B

Once upon a time, there lived a lord’s horse and a peasant’s horse, who were the best of friends. Whenever they would meet, they would talk endlessly. But one day, the lord’s horse made a derogatory statement. He said, “Unlike me, you are of a low breed.” He added, “I am always harnessed to a coach mounted on springs, and you, to a wagon. I enjoy all those luxuries you can never dream of. Moreover, you are so slow you cannot even outrun a snail.” The peasant’s horse replied, “That indeed is true. I could easily outrun you.” The lord’s horse agitatedly fired back, “Very well then! We’ll see about that very soon.” Then, it was decided that they would race, circling a meadow and not stop until one of them gave up. The lord’s horse started off with a gallop. He outdistanced the peasant’s horse by an entire lap and said, “Give up, you will not win.” The lord’s horse outran him in the second lap too and repeated, “Give up, you will not win.” This continued to happen for about 5 rounds and then the lord’s horse began to break down and urged the peasant’s horse to stop for dinner. The peasant’s horse replied, “I am in no hurry, your lordship. I am used to working without food.” The lord’s horse, now tried, said, “I am tired, I give up!” From that day on, the lord’s horse never called the peasant’s horse a low being.

So what did you learn today? Never look down upon others.

### POEM

## Seasons

Prodipta Sen, AIS Gur 43, VII A

The leaves of trees are falling,  
the breeze around is singing.  
Autumn has arrived no doubt,  
leaving behind rains and cloud.  
The pansy and daisy,  
are looking so lazy.  
Falling leaves sing their mournful song,  
the mighty wind blowing them along.

Next is winter, I can tell,  
the wind has cast a spell!  
The days are short and night is long,  
I can see the moon shining so strong.  
Reading a book near a bonfire,  
has always been my desire.  
Wearing layers of sweaters and coats,  
as the snow falls in loads.

Spring is neither hot nor cold,  
everything looks bright and bold,  
glimmering like gold!



Illustration: Mansi Bansal, AIS Gur 43, X A

It is the season of blooming flowers,  
I can stare at them for hours.

Here, comes summer with its sun rays,  
spreading a smile for as long as it stays.  
Mangoes and litchis are my favourite,  
summer gives me a chance to devour it.  
This season is my favourite and I think it  
is yours too,  
ice creams I eat, but not less than two.

Then, comes the rainy season,  
rain falls with gay abandon.  
Dancing in the rain is fun,  
with hot chocolate, *masti* has just begun.  
The flowers become rejuvenated,  
rain and life can be co-related.

So, welcome all the seasons of the year,  
as they spread happiness, joy and so  
much cheer.



Manasvi serves you the sandwich

## Pizza Sandwich

Manasvi Azad, AIS Gur 43, V C

### Ingredients

Whole wheat bread.....8 slices  
Capsicum.....1  
Carrot .....1  
Sweet corn.....50 gm  
Mushroom .....50 gm  
Olives .....50 gm  
Pizza or Pasta sauce.....as per taste  
Cream cheese.....as per taste  
Salt, pepper, oregano .....as per taste

### Method

- Finely chop the capsicum and carrot and thinly slice the mushroom as well as olives.
- Mix all the vegetables and sweet corn together with the cream cheese.
- Spread pizza or pasta sauce on each bread slice.
- Now top the slices with the cheese cream and vegetable mixture.
- Sprinkle salt, pepper, oregano as per taste. Seal sandwich and grill.

## It's Me

**My Name:** Jasbardhan Nayak  
**My School:** AIS Gur 43  
**My Class:** KG A  
**My Birthday:** December 24  
**I Hate:** Fighting  
**My Hobby:** Reading  
**My Role Model:** My Father  
**My Best Friend:** Shorat  
**My Favourite Game:** Cricket  
**My Favourite Teacher:** Abha Ma'am  
**My Favourite Poem:** Humpty Dumpty  
**My Favourite Book:** Jack and the Beanstalk  
**My Favourite Subject:** Math  
**I want to become a:** Doctor  
**I want to feature in GT because:**  
It will make my school proud



## Crossword

n	r	a	d	i	o	b	s	d
h	l	i	g	h	t	e	r	i
c	d	a	x	t	c	m	q	s
n	i	i	p	o	d	i	c	h
e	l	c	y	k	n	c	f	w
b	g	o	r	o	c	r	e	a
h	o	m	b	s	t	o	o	s
c	w	p	l	l	i	w	k	h
u	d	u	l	y	s	a	s	e
o	e	t	p	l	f	v	o	r
c	b	e	p	g	u	e	f	w
h	f	r	r	h	z	n	a	s

Find the names of devices and gadgets with the help of clues given below

### Across

- A pocket size device that plays music
- A device that ignites your stove
- This device has various stations

### Down

- An electric device that cleans utensils
- It heats your food for you
- A machine with a mouse

Made by: Manan Azad  
AIS Gurgaon 43, VII B

Answers: Across 1) iPod 2) Lighter 3) Radio  
Down 4) Dishwasher 5) Microwave 6) Computer

## Painting Corner

Anika Bali  
AIS Gurgaon 43, II B





# Learning the play way

The Extended Day Enrichment program indulges Amies in a plethora of activities after school hours

**Amiown Pushp Vihar**

**Gagan Thukral, Teacher**

To tap the talent and enhance the learning capacities of Amies, Amiown initiated the 'Amiown Extended Day Enrichment Program' that is proving to be immensely beneficial for the little ones.

The unique program comprising diverse activities designed by experienced faculties helps to build self-esteem of the children and makes them more self-reliant. The children learn and grow in an environment that provides them a variety of age appropriate activities including; supervised free-play, art, drama,





**Health is wealth**



crafts, music, sports and organised games. The parents feel secure about their child as they know that their child is in good hands and spending his/her time in purposeful activities.

The learning and recreational activities beyond the school hours help enhance a child's social, physical and educational growth. The individual need of each child is kept in mind before designing activities and themes are chosen in a

way that it enables children to explore the world around them. Activities related to numeracy and literacy are also conducted. The children are encouraged to participate in activities like skating, taekwondo and dance, which help them have better control over their body movements. The programme reiterates Amiown's belief in giving children a varied and holistic exposure to become competent individuals.  



**Catching the early bird**



**A fishy tale**



## In harmony with nature

**Amiown Vasundhara**

**Nishtha Gupta, Teacher**

Amiown Vasundhara introduced the little Amies to their winged friends and aquatic animals through varied activities.

As a part of the activity, the little ones watched videos of various aquatic animals and enjoyed the story of "Rainbow fish" by Marcus Pfister. The interesting facts about the animals left the little ones awestruck and happy as they made new

discoveries. The children also indulged in art and craft activities based on the aquatic theme. It was a sight to see them create an octopus with hand print or a sea horse by sprinkling saw dust. These activities not only unleashed their creativity but also honed their fine motor skills. The children also learnt about the food habits, habitat and physical features of some common birds. They participated in two races related to the theme too. However it was the stories narrated during the 'circle time' which caught their imagination and attention.  





**A confident speaker**

## Show & Tell

**Amiown Gurgaon**

**Shilpi Mukherjee Ghosh, Teacher**

The Show and Tell Presentation at Amiown Gurgaon helped Amies to hone their communication skills and express their thoughts with clarity. The topic for the 'Show and Tell' presentation was 'My favourite toy/transport/animal/fruit' and required Amies to speak a few lines on the same. The concept and technique was integrated into the week's lesson plan to provide a known platform to them. A small stage was prepared in the classroom itself, where each student had to introduce himself/herself and speak a few lines. The exercise prepared the children for the 'Graduation Day'. The presentation conducted over three days helped the children to recapitulate their lessons. The day concluded with the children being heartily appreciated for their efforts.

The enthusiastic performance of the little ones proved that right technique and methodology can lead to development of independent and confident children.  

# Sowing seeds of creativity

The Saturday Club, an integral part of parent participation programme, prepares students to deal with real life situations while engaging them in creative pursuits

**Amiown Gurgaon**

**Shilpa Tandon, Teacher**

As a part of the special Saturday club activity, a short play was organised at Amiown Gurgaon on January 19. The play was based on a real life situation and showcased how two siblings spent their time alone when their mother left for an urgent work.

What made the play more enthralling and captivating for the little Amies was the various rhymes that made it very musical. The little ones were free to break into a small dance or song during the play. The 'tear and tell' activity inspired by Dr Jean had the Amies totally engrossed and they watched with total concentration the conduct of the two characters. The activity taught the chil-



**Young ones preparing goodies**



**Little chefs in a row**



dren how to cope when elders are not around and how to utilise their time constructively by indulging in creative activities like reading stories, making paper masks or even cooking a small meal for themselves without using any gas stove.

The children loved the part of the play

where the mother applauded and appreciated the efforts put in by the two kids in the story in her absence.

As a prelude to the cooking activity, the parents and children engaged in making a chef's cap. It was a pure delight to see them both prepare corn salad and canapés snack together. The activity was

aimed at enhancing the fine motor, language, vocabulary, social and emotional skills of the children.

The Saturday club activity was successful in emphasising the importance of self-reliance, creativity and imagination in everyday life as it instilled confidence and responsibility in the Amies.  

# Up, up in the sky...

**Amiown Noida**



**Sunila Kaul, Teacher**

Keeping up with the Amity philosophy of unleashing the creativity in children at a young age, a 'Kite making and flying' workshop was organised at Amiown Noida.

The workshop began with the children being shown a PPT on when and how two famous Chinese philosophers Mozi and Lu Ban invented paper kites. Joining the children in their small adventure were their parents who were briefed about how kites are a popular form of entertainment world over and especially India.

After watching the history of kite, the children sang Jolly phonic rhyme 'Kites are flying in the sky /k/-/k/-/k/'. They also enjoyed the story 'The Bright Red Kite' by Wendy Hargreaves.

Then it was time to don the creative hat and prepare their own masterpiece using different material like cellophane paper, kite paper, glaze paper, fluorescent sheet, wrapping paper and straws.

It was a visual pleasure to see them create different types of butterfly, elephant, lion, ladybird glider and message kites. This exercise instilled in them a sense of pride. The kite flying session also proved to be an enjoyable experience for the little ones and their parents alike.  



**Ready to soar high**



**Little Amies engrossed in kite making**





This is my last year with The Global Times and it still feels like I will be with the GT family next year too. I will miss working with GT dearly as those were one of the most cherished moments of my life.

Gurkiran Kaur, AIS Gur 43, XII, Page Editor

# Mapping global friendship

A six member delegation from Luxembourg visited AIS Pushp Vihar. Impressed by the hospitality of the host school, Luxembourg Embassy organised a lavish reception



AIS PV students pose with the delegates



His Excellency(L) with AERC Head (C), Vice Principal and Principal, AIS PV

## AIS Pushp Vihar

A special reception was hosted by Luxembourg Ambassador His Excellency Mr Gaston Stronck to commemorate the new bond of friendship struck between the visiting Luxembourg delegation and the host families of students from AIS Pushp Vihar on December 3, 2012. The six member delegation that was in India to participate in Amity Model United Nations, 2012 (AIMUN) organised by Amity Educational Resource

Centre (AERC) was touched by the hospitality, warmth and affection bestowed by the host families. The reception dinner saw the delegation from Luxembourg and their faculty advisors Dumont Jeanne and N G Cheung enjoying the evening along with the young students from AIS Pushp Vihar. The students were accompanied by school principal Ameeta Mohan, vice principal Divya Bhatia and AERC Head Jyoti Arora. The delegates shared their experiences with His Excellency who praised the hosts and their alma mater for the won-

derful hospitality extended by them. Meanwhile, the students on behalf of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools presented a bouquet and sculpture of Indian Nobel Laureate, Shri Rabindranath Tagore, especially made by Amity students for the Luxembourg ambassador. The students from Amity could not contain their excitement on being given the honour to be a part of the evening. They enjoyed the wonderful dinner and expressed their gratitude to the ambassador for their hospitality. [G T](#)



AIS Lucknow students celebrate Republic Day with fervour

## Celebrating democracy

### AIS Lucknow

Amity International School, Lucknow held a special assembly on Jan 24, 2013 to mark the Republic Day celebrations in their school. The students displayed endless zeal and enthusiasm during the celebrations. The event began with the tiny tots from Classes Nursery and KG dancing to the song 'I love my India'. The performance was enjoyed by everyone. Students from Classes II to V took the stage by storm with an enthralling

dance-drama performance. The drama, based on the life of brave soldiers of the country, struck an immediate chord with the audience and left them feeling poignant and awestruck. A dance performance on the song *Kandhon se milte hain kandhe* aroused patriotic feelings in the hearts of one and all present. The celebrations came to an end with an exciting inter-house patriotic song competition. School headmistress Mukta Ghoshal congratulated the students for putting up a brilliant cultural program. [G T](#)

### Amity Educational Resource Centre



Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools took an overview of the projects conducted under the aegis of Amity-Swiss Club in collaboration with Swiss embassy in a meeting with the Swiss Ambassador to India, His Excellency Mr Linus von Castelmur. The meeting held on January 8, 2013 saw Dr Chauhan extending an invite to His Excellency for AIMUN conference, 2013.

## Scholastic Alerts



**Institution:** Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University (GGSIU)  
**Examination:** Common Entrance Test  
**Course:** B.Tech, B. Tech (Bio Tech), MBBS, BDS, B. Arch, BCA, BBA-LLB / BA -LLB, BJMC  
**Eligibility:** Refer to [www.ipu.ac.in](http://www.ipu.ac.in)  
**Application Forms:** Application forms available at designated bank branches & online  
**Last Date:** B.Arch Programmes: Application forms to be submitted with NATA scores from Jun 3- Jul 1, 2013. For other courses: April 9, 2013  
**Examination Date:** Proposed dates-  
**B Tech:** May 19, 2013 **MBBS:** May 11, 2013 **BDS:** May 12, 2013  
**B.Arch:** Date for NATA yet to be announced **B. Tech (Bio Tech):** June 9, 2013 **BBA-LLB / BA -LLB:** May 26, 2013 **BJMC:** May 12, 2013  
**Website:** [www.ipu.ac.in](http://www.ipu.ac.in)

**Institution:** UP Unaided Medical Colleges Welfare Association  
**Examination:** UP Combined Medical Entrance Test (UPCMET) 2013  
**Eligibility:** 10+2 or equivalent with English as a subject and an average of 50% marks in PCB + UPCMET  
**Course:** MBBS

**Application Forms:** Sale of application offline/online from Dec 10, 2012  
**Last Date:** April 30, 2013  
**Examination Date:** May 30, 2013  
**Website:** [www.upumcwa.org](http://www.upumcwa.org)

**Institution:** Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Wardha  
**Examination:** PMT conducted by MGIMS  
**Eligibility:** 10+2 or equivalent with English as a subject and an average of 50% marks in PCB + Entrance Exam  
**Course:** MBBS  
**Application Forms:** Available from Dec 21, 2012-Mar 5, 2013  
**Last Date:** March 15, 2013  
**Examination Date:** April 21, 2013  
**Website:** [www.mgims.ac.in](http://www.mgims.ac.in)

**Institution:** National Council for Hotel Management and Catering Technology  
**Examination:** National Council for Hotel Management and Catering Technology Joint Entrance Test – 2013 (NCHMCT JEE 2013)  
**Eligibility:** 10+2 or its equivalent with English as one of the subjects + NCHMCT JEE 2013  
**Course:** B.Sc (Hospitality and Hotel Administration)  
**Application Forms:** Available online from December 15, 2012  
**Last Date:** April 15, 2013  
**Examination Date:** April 27, 2013  
**Website:** <http://applyadmission.net/nchmjee2013> [G T](#)

Taruna Barthwal, Career Counsellor & Resource Coordinator, Amity Career Counselling and Guidance Cell (ACCGC)

# Make way for new karate champs!

### AIS Saket

Amity International School, Saket defeated over 200 participants from six states to lift the winner's trophy at the second North India Seigo-kai Karate Tournament 2012 held at Bikaner (Rajasthan) on December 29-30, 2012. The school bagged 28 medals in all including; 9 Gold, 9 Silver and 10 Bronze and emerged victorious in the prestigious championship. Principal Dr Rekha Ranade congratulated the winners on their achievement.

### AIS Mayur Vihar

Amity has always laid emphasis on developing the physical and mental fitness of its students and encouraged them to take part in sports activities. In keeping with the philosophy, Amity International School, Mayur Vihar organised the 'Traditional karate seminar and belt promotion examination' from December 26-28, 2012. About 80 students from different classes benefited from the training imparted by well known Karate professor Sensei Rajeev Sinha (black belt 7th Dan) from ITKF. Principal Sarita Aggarwal welcomed the guest sensei and urged the students to learn the art from the great master with dedication. The seminar was coordinated by the karate teacher, Sensei Jitesh Kumar. Stu-

NAME	KATA	KUMITE
Anuva Bajpai	Gold	Bronze
Aakshi Sharma	Silver	Bronze
Aditya Mohan Sharma	Silver	Gold
Tarini Sharma	Silver	Silver
Sanjana Singh	Gold	Gold
Aranshu Modi	Gold	Gold
Himadri Seth	Bronze	Bronze

NAME	KATA	KUMITE
Karanveer Choudhary	Silver	Silver
Triyan Pratibimb	--	Bronze
Tanya Mahalwal	Silver	Bronze
Saumya Sharma	Gold	Bronze
Sifat Singh Khalsa	Gold	Bronze
Nimisha Gupta	Gold	Silver
Ananya Gautam	--	Silver
Annika Khullar	Bronze	Bronze



Karate champs from AIS Mayur Vihar pose with the renowned sensei

dents not only learnt various karate techniques, but the deserving students were also selected for the upcoming national

championship scheduled to be held in Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi later in the year. [G T](#)



# ‘Country’cature

India = Jugaad. China = Made in China. US = Giant burgers. Checking out the scenic locales of different countries is passé, it’s time to check out the locals

Souparnika Krishnan, AIS Gurgaon 43, XI D

## Fantastic, Fabulous, France

France is simply perfection personified. It can pronounce all the wines on the menu (having contributed largely to the list); display cognition with cheese (which it loses in its dialogues) and is never outdated, if not a day ahead, in fashion. With eyes that look like little pieces of the sky and a pride that

Illustration: Suramyaa Singh, AIS Gur 43, X B



bruises like a peach, France is the person in the party everybody wants to know and be seen with. A great connoisseur of art, it is rumoured that if France ever got arrested, it’s profile photo would be a splendid oil on canvas fit enough to be hung in the Louvre Museum as a souvenir of the scandal.

## Incredible India

India might not have the requisite parts to assemble the machine it wants, but with its proficiency in Jugaad Technology, it’ll have that machine up and running in no time. It might not have many shiny pennies in its pocket, but it doesn’t matter because it values Maa ka aashirwaad above any other currency. Food from the Four Seasons and Five Michelin Stars is all well in order, but India always comes back to it’s mother’s kitchen. Considerate

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Ummm....???  
@\*% roarr..



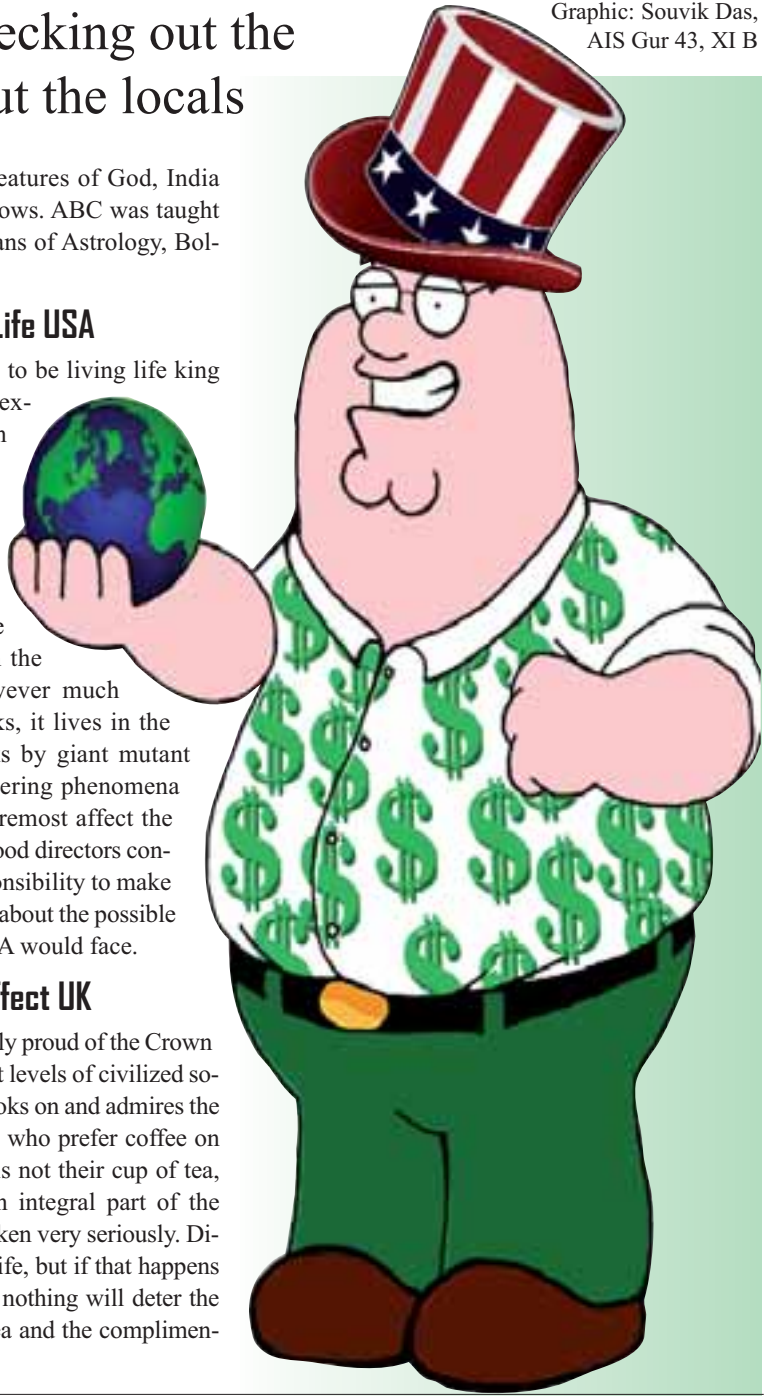
and sensitive towards all creatures of God, India shares its many roads with cows. ABC was taught to this diverse nation by means of Astrology, Bollywood and Cricket.

## Larger than Life USA

If it’s USA, the mantra has to be living life king size. How else can you explain the obesity prevalent in the population. (courtesy - giant cokes and huge burgers)? Run into recession (read again- the biggest/largest of all till date) and still keep up the image of the coolest kid on the block? Yes, they can! However much tough USA sounds and looks, it lives in the fear of alien attacks, attacks by giant mutant lizards and other earth shattering phenomena which would first and foremost affect the big apple. Many Hollywood directors consider it their moral responsibility to make films and sensitise the world about the possible and/or impending perils USA would face.

## The English Effect UK

United Kingdom is fiercely proud of the Crown and displays the highest levels of civilized sophistication as the world looks on and admires the British accent. For people who prefer coffee on the run to office, Britain is not their cup of tea, since sipping coffee is an integral part of the British society, where it is taken very seriously. Dinosaurs could come back to life, but if that happens at 4’o clock by the Big Ben, nothing will deter the British from enjoying their tea and the complimentary muffins and scones. 🇬🇧



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# Love to Hate you?

Kamayani & Eesha Kaul  
AIS Gurgaon 43, X D

Take a trip down the Bieber Boulevard; one side is flanked by a million teenage girls screaming and cheering with love and adulation, and on the other side, there’s a crowd which is critical of his very existence in the music industry. Take a look at his life and decide for yourself: do you love him or love to hate him?

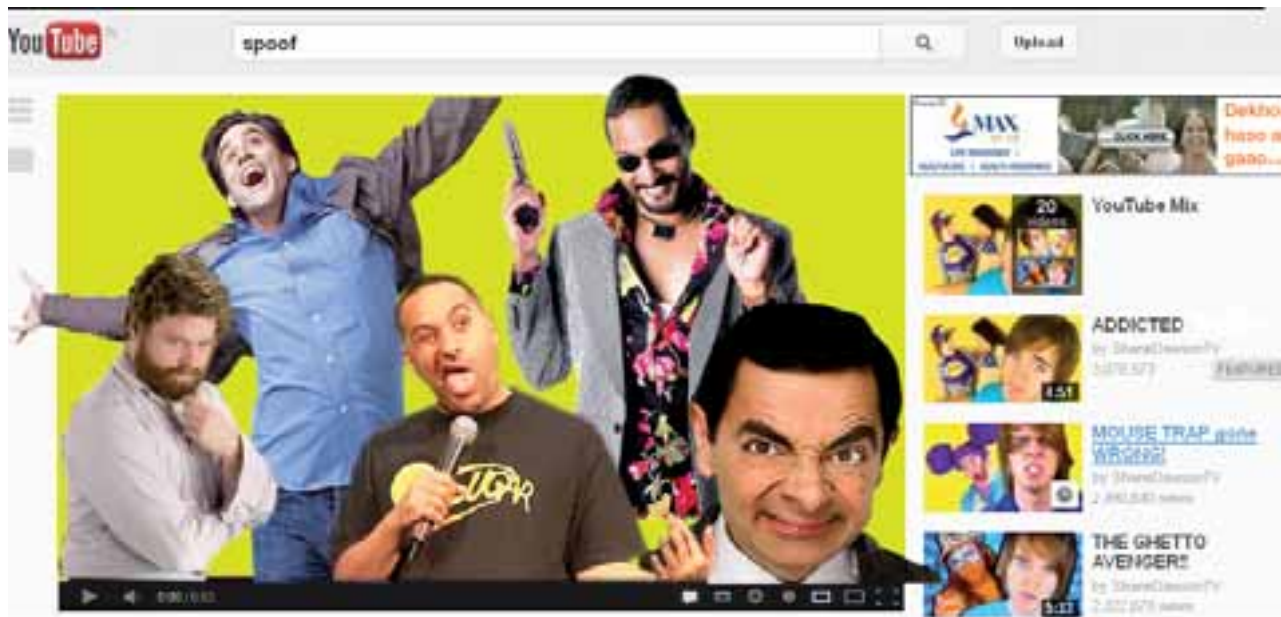
**Dare to dream:** Justin faced frequent financial instability and was raised single handedly by a mother who was struggling to make both ends meet. This did not deter him from pursuing his passion. Today, Justin Bieber is the highest earning teenager with a sprawling 10,000 square-feet mansion.

**Rooted:** He released his single ‘Turn to you’ on Mother’s Day for his mom. The money raised was donated as an aid to single mothers. Besides, he has faced bitter criticism and still stood tall and stayed dedicated to his believers; making him one of the rare grounded celebs.

**Music- yay or nay:** A few naysayers strike a particular sour note about his appearance, girl-like voice, teen pop songs, lack of innovation in music etc. But the honesty of his talent and simple lyrics has struck a chord with millions of fans worldwide. His debut album, ‘My World’, went platinum in the US and gave him seven singles in the Billboard Hot 100 chart.

Take a look at both sides and figure out whether it is public’s venomous hatred or fanatical love for Justin Bieber 🇬🇧

# The Parody Party



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## Top spoof movies

- Robin Hood: Men in Tights
- Meet the Spartans
- Golmaal

## Worst Spoof Movies

- Disaster Movie
- Vampires Suck
- Tashan
- Spy Hard

## Top Music Video Spoofs

- Mitt-Romney Style
- We’re NASA and We Know It
- Gaane wala Song

## Popular Spoof ads

- Pepsi Vs Thumbs up: Akshay Kumar’s lookalike being told to drink Pepsi as it’s available easily and everywhere.
- Jet Airways Vs Kingfisher Vs GoAir: Jet hoarding: We’ve changed. Kingfisher: We’ve made them change. GoAir: We’ve not changed. We’re still the smartest way to fly.
- McDonalds Vs Burger King: A tall man with red hair, red boots, wearing a trench coat was seen ordering for a burger from Burger King.

## How to make your own spoof

- Watch/listen to a movie/video/ song and praise it like Russell Peter would.
- Get a character that very remotely resembles the original one. For example, if the original movie has a werewolf, get a Chihuahua to act its part. You can also make ugly puppets with socks, old mittens etc and hold a puppet show.
- Upload the video on YouTube. Voila! You are done! 🇬🇧

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