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Benjamin Netanyahu,
Prime Minister, Israel

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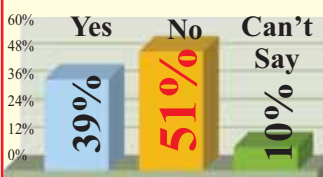
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New Year. New Beginnings. Here's What 2018 Holds In Store For Us

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Three things start off an Indian's normal day- chai, newspaper and horoscopes. So why should the new year be any different. A look at what 2018 might have in store for us.

Going Back

2018 will be the year of introspection of the past self as the time capsule of The Helium Centennial Time Columns Monument will be opened. The monument has four time-capsule columns that holds books, artifacts, and documents to tell the upcoming generations about how life was like in 1968. The first time capsule was opened in May 1993 and the second one is expected to be opened in 2018. The experts recommend using this opportunity to learn from the past.

Paisa, Paisa...

Improvement in financial state is foreseen as India is expected to become world's fifth largest economy in dollar terms, surpassing both France and Britain. The

Centre for Economics and Business Research consultancy's 2018 World Economic League Table painted an upbeat view of the global economy, boosted by cheap energy and technology prices.

Power To You

A shift in power is predicted by Baba Vanga. According to the predictions of the blind Bulgarian mystic who predicted Brexit and 9/11 attacks, 2018 will be the

year when USA will be overthrown by China as the superpower. Whether the balance of powers in the world changes or not, it is important to keep in mind that no power can remain concentrated in one hand for long.

Moon Vacays

Increase in travel is in the cards. Two space tourists are scheduled to fly around the Moon in a Falcon Heavy rocket. SpaceX will use the same launch pad used for Apollo missions, near Cape Canaveral. This would be the first

time humans travelled past the low Earth orbit since 1972. The company hopes that it won't be a one-time mission. Moon could very well become the next trending vacation spot. The pundits advice to utilize this free time to free yourself of the chains that bind you and relax.

Piece of Peace

Relationships will improve in 2018. All 10 ASEAN leaders are expected to attend India's Republic Day Parade as chief guests. This will be the first time that so many leaders will be chief guests at the event. This is a significant step in India's 'Act East' policy.

Play On

An improvement in physical health is predicted as naps are replaced with sports. February 9, 2018 marks the beginning of the Winter Olympics. It will be held at Pyeongchang, South Korea. The Commonwealth games will be held

from April 4-15, 2018 at Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia. The doctors advice continuing with this active streak to prevent health complications.

Free You

2018 will be the year of independence. Saudi Arabia has declared that it will allow its women to drive. This change will take effect in June 2018, ending a long standing policy that acted as the symbol of oppression of women in the Kingdom. Leaders hope this will improve the economy by increasing women's participation in the workforce.

For Real

This year will be profitable for real estate investment. 'World One' a supertall skyscraper in Mumbai is expected to be completed by 2018. The 117-storey building will become the tallest residential building in the world. The interior are expected to be designed by Giorgio Armani. Just as well, feng shui experts want us to remember that the beauty of a house remains in how it becomes a home.

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Young guns firing change

The Youngest DC In Haryana In An Exclusive Interview

Yavnika Garg, AIS Gur 46, XI D

Vinay Pratap Singh, Deputy Commissioner of Gurugram(IAS), one of the youngest DC of Haryana, believes in harnessing the power of technology and engagement of citizenry in running the administration and bringing in accelerating changes. He talks about being the change and the road to it in an exclusive interview.

Being young & top rung

Age is just a number. The willingness to

learn with an open mind from simple things around us makes one successful. When I was appointed as the DC, I realised that the job entailed numerous responsibilities. Each day, I would critically analyse areas that required amends and my efforts in the same direction. This constant self-analysis and instant action to set things right was the catalyst of my journey. Dedication and consistency towards our work can help one overcome all barriers including age.

Commanding the millennium city

Gurugram is at the pinnacle of transformation. Every day, we have some new infrastructure development project coming up. New projects mean new challenges. The aim is to address these issues at hand. We have framed a strategy to address all major issues ranging from the drainage system to power cuts. We are determined to power the entire city through solar energy. With efforts from administration and citizenry both, we seek to combat all the challenges our millennium city is facing. Our ultimate aim is to put Gurugram on a faster road to development.

Social media

Social media has reached every nook and corner of society. Administration involves extensive planning, organisation and execution. And for all the aforementioned, I strongly feel that social media can help us to reach out to the general public who are directly or indirectly linked to the administration. Communication and sharing of opinions is essential for a good administration and social media is a platform for exchange of ideas and information. In a progressive city like Gurugram, social media is actually a chalice for change.

Pic: Ritik Sapra, AIS Gur 46, IX



Vinay Pratap Singh with GT reporter

Cracking the exam code

The civil services exam is one of the most prestigious exams in the nation. One must prepare for it rigorously. It demands strong concept building and application. Constant motivation and zeal within self keeps you going. I wish all the aspirants luck and hope they succeed. Remember hard work pays off.

Power of the people

Democracy is the essence of India. Elections are the beauty of the entire system. When I was posted as the returning officer of the Lok Sabha Elections in 2014, I gained first-hand and in-depth knowledge pertaining to the functioning of the democratic system. Despite few malpractices, what drives us to still accept democracy is the confidence that we have in the government reflected through the increasing turnout rates in the elections.

Words of wisdom for Amitians

Strive for excellence and absorb knowledge from around you. Knowledge isn't bound by any parameter. Be a life-long learner and learn from everyone. The amalgamation of dreams, passion and knowledge lead to success. Be determined to achieve your goal and make sure that it's your own interest and inclination. 🇮🇳

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

Built in the memory of Shahjahan's third and most favourite wife Mumtaz Mahal, the Taj Mahal took 17 years to be completed.



Wah Taj

South Korea



Diplomatic ties revived

On January 3, 2018 North Korean diplomats spoke to South Korean

diplomats after which the border hotline was reopened. This hotline had beendormant for last 2 years. This major diplomatic move signaled out a possible ice-breaker between both the countries after years of tension.

Russia



Coming of mini ice age

A record big freeze happened in Yakutia, 3300 miles east of Moscow on January 14, 2018. Temperature

dropped to near-record lows of minus 50 degrees Celsius, plunging to minus 67 degrees Celsius. Schools were closed down and the life came to a standstill as speculations of mini ice age shot up across the scientific communities.

Czech Republic

Hebrew grammar book comes home

16th century Hebrew grammar book 'Mikne Avram - Peculium Abrae' belonging to Prague's Jewish community has been brought back to the library in Czech Republic. The book was written by Abraham ben Meir de Balnes, an Italian Jew, and published in Italy. It is the recovered volume grammar book which was published in both Hebrew and Latin in 1523. The book was last found at the library of Prague's Jewish community prior to the world war 2.



Saudi Arabia

First woman only car show

The first ever women only car show was held on January 11, 2018 at the Le Mall of Jeddah, Saudi Arabia continuing the progressive reforms for women empowerment taken under the regime of King Salman. The move was warmly welcomed by the women in Jeddah.



Iran

Conflagrant Sanchi finally sinks

The Iranian tanker Sanchi which caught fire last week in East China sea sank on Jan 16, 2018, apparently with no survivors. The tanker was carrying 136,000 tonnes of ultra-light crude condensate that was toxic and more explosive than normal crude. However, no major oil slicks have been reported thus far. The vessel was on its way to South Korea from Iran.



Australia

All turtles born girls

Marine biologist have found that due to climate change and rising temperatures of Raine island, 99.8% eggs of the green sea turtle which nests along beaches near Australia's great barrier reef have hatched as females. The gender of turtles is not controlled by genetics but by the temperatures during hatching period. High temperatures due to global warming have led to almost all eggs being hatched as females.



Singapore



Swanbots to test water quality

Robot swans or swanbots are deployed

to test the quality of drinking water of its reservoirs. The project is called SWAN (Smart Water Assessment Network). Five robots designed like real swans have been gracefully drifting at the reservoirs. These robots operate autonomously and can be controlled by remote in case of any mechanical failure or the need for repairs.

USA

The new biggest prime number

51-year-old Jonathan Pace, an electrical engineer from Germantown, Tennessee who had been searching for big primes for 14 years, discovered the new biggest prime number. It is named M77232917 and takes up 23 megabytes of space on the computer. The prime number cannot be divided without using fractions. It does not break into integers and its only factors are 1 and itself. This Mersenne prime number is 23,249,425 digits long.





The full height of Taj Mahal is 171 metres (561 feet)

Student Premier League

A Narrative On The Clan Of Academic Hits And Misses

Khwaish Gupta

AIS Gur 46, XI I

If IPL was a bunch of students, these are the cliques that they would click with.

Delhi Daredevils

What we see is the climax, it is the last over of the match and everyone has their hopes pinned against Delhi for a win. And once again to the audience's displeasure, Delhi loses out. Just like the student whom everyone wished had worked hard enough on his game instead of his fame!

Kings XI Punjab

He is the kid who runs errands in the school, chips during the co-curriculars, engages in class conferences but fails to put up a good show at the end of the semester. At the PTM, his pretty sister is baffled to see the report card which comes as a huge blow to her smug.

Rajasthan Royals

The unfeigned decent girl who sits meekly in one corner of the class had her name falsely dragged as a troublemaker because of her dad's villainy, and was eventually suspended. But

all this time, she has still managed to stage a satisfactory academic performance.

Rising Pune Supergiant

This new admission is steadily mounting in the good books of the famous five of the batch because he dealt with a lot of fame in his previous school. And with a mind blowing scholastic superiority right in check, he retains the essence of a worthy leader and a sincere student.

Kolkata Knight Riders

Born with a silver bat in his hand, he manages to make his

way to the top 5 of the students scoreboard, year after year. Owing his popularity and credit of a wide fan base to his dad, he makes him proud with his consistency in the game.

Sunrisers Hyderabad

The teacher expected the least out of him, only to be flabbergasted by his scores. The kids too stood in sheer surprise when they met this stud boy a couple of years ago.

R C Bangalore

He comes to school in a Merc, has his hair all gelled and walks

in with a swagger like none other. Despite paying the home-tutor with a free hand and making him attend the most expensive coaching in the town, he fails to make it to the top.

Mumbai Indians

Flunking in most of the unit tests throughout the semester and then bagging a position in the finals, is how he surprises the faculty every year. It is probably because of the charity his mom did. The most deserving candidate for being a head boy, he epitomises the true irony of a student's life.



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Amity Institute for Competitive Examinations

Presents



Brainleaks-232
FOR CLASS VI-VIII

You are served a hot cup of coffee and room-temperature cream at restaurants. You want to wait a few minutes before you drink the coffee, and you want it to be as hot as possible when you drink it. Should you pour the cream in coffee.....?

- (a) Immediately
(b) Just before you start drinking it
(c) After having the first sip
(d) Not at all, as it does not matter

Last Date:
Jan 26, 2018

3 correct entries win attractive prizes

Ans. Brainleaks 231: (a)

Winner for Brainleaks 231

1. Hardik Kohli, VII A, AIS Gur-43
2. Sheetal Goswami, VI D, Vas-I
3. Arhaan Khan, VI, AIS Noida

Name:.....

Class:.....

School:.....

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Scholastic Alert



Institute: Indian Institute of Space Science & Technology (IIST)

Course:

- B. Tech (Aerospace Engineering) 4 Years
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- B. Tech (B. Tech + Master of Science/ Master of Technology) 5 Year dual degree

The 5-year Dual Degree programme leads to B. Tech. degree in Engineering Physics and Post-graduate degree in any of the following specialisations:

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- (ii) Master of Technology (Earth System Science)
- (iii) Master of Science (Solid State Physics)
- (iv) Master of Technology (Optical Engineering)

(Pl. refer to website for eligibility criteria & other details.)
Application Process:
Online Registration: May 22, 2018

Last date: June 5, 2018

Entrance Test: JEE (Main) 2018

IIST Admission Rank list will be generated only for those candidates who register online for admission to IIST and satisfy all the eligibility criteria. Please note that IIST Admission Rank list will be prepared based on their aggregate marks scored in JEE (Advanced) - 2018.

Website: <https://www.iist.ac.in/>

Institute: National Aptitude Test in Architecture (NATA) 2018

Examination: NATA measures the aptitude of the applicants for the specific field of study, i.e. Architecture. The test measures mathematical skills, general aptitude, drawing and observation skills, and sense of proportion, aesthetic sensitivity and critical thinking ability that have been acquired over their school days. NATA is also aimed at ensuring that the eligibility criteria for admission to the 5 Year Bachelor of Architecture (B. Arch.) degree course, as prescribed by CoA and duly approved by the Central Government is strictly adhered to and followed all over the country in Architectural Institutions.

(Pl. refer to website for eligibility criteria & other details.)

Application Process:

Online Registration: January 16, 2018

Last date: March 2, 2018

Entrance Exam: NATA – April 29, 2018

Website: <http://www.nata.in/>

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Revered dignitaries and felicitated delegates with team ATPC

8th Industry Excellence Awards

Bonding The Industry And Academia

ATPC, AUUP

Event: Industry Excellence awards, 2018

Organised by: Amity Technical Placement Centre (ATPC)

Date: January 11, 2018

Venue: Amity University, Noida
The real life heroes and leaders from top notch companies were conferred with Industry Excellence Awards 2018. Dr Ajay Rana (Advisor) welcomed the august gathering of delegates comprising 75 company leaders and over 700 university students.

Around more than 30 dignitaries

from companies like QA InfoTech, Studenting Era Pvt Ltd, L&T Infotech, ITCONS e Solutions, Tikona Infinet, QorQI, Acezd consultancy, Ennoble IP, Samsung R&D, Nippon Audiophonix, AIMA, First Naukri, Moser Baer Photovoltaic, NCR Corporation, Fastbooking, Relaxo, Fidelity, Hafele, Nucleus software, Hyundai, Paytm, NM Tronics and Grapecity developer solutions, etc., were felicitated. An interactive session on 'Bridging the gap between industry and academia' was also held which saw the participation from all the leading dignitaries present.

The objective of this session was to create a platform for sharing of knowledge and exchanging ideas between the industry leaders and students, enabling them to rise higher on the learning curve and grow as per requirements of the modern industry and businesses. It also aimed at strengthening of 'Industry-Academia' relationship, by creating strong networking opportunities for like-minded people from various institutions and industries across the globe. The event concluded with the formation of industry association of Amity with almost all the top notch companies. 🇮🇳

Estimated 22000 people including labourers, painters, stonecutters, embroidery artists, etc., were involved in building this wonder.



Game of drones

After all Drones Can Be Fun too...Let's Unfold The Power Of Drones

Arpit Gupta, AIS Saket, X

Growing up, we've seen drones as heroes in movies attacking enemy camps, destroying cities and rescuing people with great efficiency. But come to think of it, the best use of these marvels of technology isn't in the frivolous spy work, but the challenging world of a classroom.

Delivering homework

Let's be honest, deadlines have a way of sneaking up on us all, hidden behind new video games and interesting TV shows till the day before submission is due. After staying up all night, completing what was supposed to have been done a week ago, and dragging ourselves away from the tempting comfort of our beds, we make it to school, only to realise that we've forgotten the notebook at home. Alas! we get scolded even after meeting the deadline. Behold, the friendly drone is here for all our last minute homework delivery needs.

Photography

Arguably, student photographers have the toughest job during a school event, lugging around heavy equipment, holding up cameras for hours and contorting themselves into the most impossible of positions for the perfect shot. A handy drone would no doubt make their lives easier, letting them focus on the delicious refreshments instead of lying on the ground, clicking ten year olds jumping around.

Announcements

Classroom speakers have a way of breaking down minutes before important announcements, leaving students scrambling around, trying to decipher the few words they managed to hear. A drone in school would surely help, and it would be amusing to watch it go from class to class, declaring the latest PTM date or school event. Also, the free periods!

Helping teachers

By the end of their careers, most of the teachers surely boast of an impressive arm muscles, borne

after the years of carrying around heavy notebooks and bags filled with answer sheets and munchies.

A drone that follows around teachers as they go from class to class would definitely help matters, with little bot effortlessly holding up the stacks of papers and books.

Deliverywala

Nothing can be worse than cold lunch, and especially the hot *aloo parathas* with *makhan*. A drone would easily solve this grave injustice, conveniently delivering warm food right from our home stove to our classroom. No more dry rotis for us!

These are just some ways in which drones could make our classroom life better, free from the tyrannies of cold food and aching backs. Surely, now the army could spare a few drones for our cause. 🇮🇳



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Deep in the snow

Lies The Mystery Of Snow Monster 'Avalanche'

What is an avalanche?

You must have seen that when we try to stack books or stones one above the another they start falling down after a certain limit. Avalanche is no different. Mountains have slopes on which snow keeps getting piled up. To keep the piled up snow on mountain slopes from falling apart, there are snowpacks. It is when these snowpacks become weak that, an 'Avalanche' occurs.

Earthquakes



Snowfall



Snowmobiles



Explosions



What causes an avalanche?

■Natural

- Earthquakes and even the smallest of tremors can cause fracture in snowpacks and trigger avalanche.
- Whenever there is heavy snowfall, the snow starts depositing on the slopes and also in areas where snowpacks are less which in turn increases pressure on the existing snowpacks causing an avalanche.
- After a heavy snowstorm, wind blows from one side of the mountain to another side and carries the snow off from the surface, overhanging the other side of the mountain.

■Man made

- The movement of a skier can cause vibrations which in turn sets off a snow slide.
- Vehicles such as snowmobiles create vibration that snowpacks cannot withstand.
- The explosions which happen during construction work in mountains weaken the snowpacks on the slopes and their vibrations cause the snow slide.

What are the types of avalanche?

■**Loose snow avalanche:** Soon after the fresh snowfall, the snow is not settled and hence, the snowpacks are not solid. So, the loose snow falls from a single point and widens as it travels down the slope.

■**Slab avalanche:** This type of avalanche is formed by accumulation of loose snow avalanches piling over a long time and forming slabs. The slabs could be thick and thin depending on the amount of snow that has become damp.

■**Power snow avalanche:** It is a mixed version of loose snow and slab avalanche. The lower part of this avalanche consists of a slab and the upper one is powdered snow. This type of avalanche can cross the speed of 190 miles per hour.

■**Wet snow avalanche:** This is considered as a dangerous one because it travels slowly and engulfs all the debris on the way. It is a mixture of water and snow but once it catches speed it becomes very deadly.

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Taj Mahal is about five feet taller than the Qutub Minar.

Let go & Let's go



Dr Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

The wheel of time turns again and I wish everyone a very happy New Year with the power to let go and glide. Long time ago, a close aide of Gandhiji came across a few letters, full of hatred and offensive remarks. As per the instructions he was asked to give all those to the Mahatma. To his great surprise, he didn't see Babu getting perturbed even a bit. When asked, Mahatma replied that he had gone through all the letters, retained what was constructive and positive, and filtered out the unnecessary and negative. He further said that, in life, not everyone will be fair to you nor will they be kind. We need to let go off the negative and destructive viewpoints so that we do not clutter our mind with shattering thoughts. One needs to move forward in life. The burden of past is the negative friction on our road to success and happiness.

There is a lot to imbibe from this incident. We are all a part of Amity family that is expanding and we all are surging ahead towards larger goals, greater roles and higher responsibilities. Together, this New Year, we need to reflect on what has been good, imbibe the better, practice the best, be grateful for the support and cooperation we received from everyone and take responsibility for our actions.

In the same way, in our day-to-day living, we need to drop the viscous drag of past, learn from our mistakes and kindle our inner selves to retain the best, the positive and the constructive, to generate the forward drift of achievements beneath our wings to airlift ourselves higher and farther than we ever dreamt. Let go and Let's go. 🇮🇳

True leaders



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

Last fortnight, I had the privilege of visiting all branches of AIS, interacting with the students for the selection of the next lot of Amity leaders who with be a part of the school student council. With excellent grooming over the years, they were indeed a lot of amazing thinkers, visionaries, philosophers and change makers. Unique and pragmatic. I felt exhilarated at their far reaching novel visions for their school, society, nation and the world. Not only were these young czars-in-making savvy about the world they live in, they also had a whole systematic plan for how they would reign when they get the reins. They already knew their roles as leaders. But what amazed and impressed me the most was their viewpoint about the qualities of a good leader. Almost every one of them felt that, a good leader must possess humility and respect for others. They were convinced that one must become a good human being before becoming a good leader. They valued the virtues of love and selfless care for the world as the prime qualities of leaders who rule to change and empower.

In their evolved outlooks, I could see the mission and vision of our chairperson who has always believed in developing critical global thinkers and responsible citizens, taking shape. In a world, mushrooming with centers which claim to teach leadership skills at hefty costs, Amity is joyfully nurturing world leaders every minute and every second with its plethora of academic and extracurricular activities for holistic learning. With much elation, I congratulate everyone selected to don the mantle of the leadership and take forward the vision and mission of Chairperson, of giving the world leaders who lead and follow both with equal panache. 🇮🇳

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Law, kar lo baat

Loosening The Stifling Noose Of Archaic Triple Talaq

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Iddat, no criterion for alimony

In 1978, 62 years old Shah Bano filed a petition in the court under Section 123 of the Code of Criminal Proceedings, demanding maintenance from her husband, who had divorced her. Whereas, her ex-husband claimed to have already paid the maintenance entitled for the period of iddat, i.e three months as per the law of *Sharia* (Muslim law). The court however ruled that human rights are above any religion & caste. The law of India cannot be overruled by religious or personal laws and Shah Bano, like every other Indian woman, should be provided maintenance by her former husband. The decision invited a huge uproar from the muslim clergy who said that it was against the laws of *Sharia* and interferes with religion.

**Iddat is the waiting period a muslim woman must observe after the death of her husband or divorce before she remarries. The length of waiting period can vary and is circumstantial. Usually it is three months.*

Alimony only within iddat

After much heated debates and deliberations 'The Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Divorce) Act, 1986' was enacted, which nullified the secular ruling of the SC. As per the Act, a



divorced Muslim woman is entitled to a reasonable and fair provision of maintenance from her former husband and this should be paid within the period of iddat. If the divorced woman is unable to support herself after the iddat period, the responsibility of maintenance passes on to the woman's relatives, or if necessary, the State Waqf Board, thereby restricting the husband's 'liability' only for the

period of iddat.

Alimony after iddat, within iddat

Shamim Bano left her husband's house soon after her marriage in 1993, alleging cruelty. On being denied maintenance, she took her case to court. In 2014, the SC held that she is entitled to maintenance even after the divorce. As per the amendment, a muslim husband is liable to make a

reasonable provision for the future of his divorced wife. But this would not be confined to iddat period only. However, the provision for maintenance in must be decided during iddat period. Indian law is slowly learning to execute its powers which have laid dormant since long. The latest move to make 'Triple talaq' illegal is a step forward in breaking the shackles of many archaic and discriminatory laws. 🇮🇳

Quest for quality

Hansika Chopra & Shagun Arora
AIS Saket

If it is 'Made in India', it must be fake. We have surely come a long way from the days when people had a blind faith in this myth. Today, India is the leading manufacturer of many leading global brands. The best quality raw material and skills are available in abundance here. What factors brought about such a change in this 'Made in USA' besotted nation? Are we already on the path of globalising the economy? India is now the second fastest growing economy of the world next only to China.

Globalisation, laden with the mocking mindset of the people, brings to us, a boastful, status-conscious world. It has been a growing trend among global

brands to set base, establish their factories here and produce goods which are then exported to various countries and distributed in India as well. Dubai, which is known for its extravagant shopping festivals and world famous quality of goods, holds a stock of not less than 40% Indian made goods. Another myth that still exists in the 21st century is that for an Indian brand to be successful globally, it should be asso-

Globalisation, laden with the mocking mindset of the people, brings to us a status conscious civilisation.



ciated with a foreign entity. The most pertinent example would be of one of the hottest mail websites, hotmail.com. It is a widely held notion that the tag of Microsoft gave it due respect, which is a total falsification theory, because hotmail was the widest used social networking site without being associated with Microsoft. How many of us know that the very soul of GAP resides in the threads of India?

The open sale of Yoga in foreign markets fetched it billions of followers and big bucks; however, one would have doubted its prestige had it remained within the physical confines of the country's domestic boundaries. It is not a rarity to find people boasting of their pick as a catch from the streets of LA than a pick from Indian markets. The value of such a good would shoot up as

soon as it is tagged as a foreign brand. Curse globalisation or praise the rising Indian exports, it's high time that the whole scenario is overhauled.

For India to be truly global, Indians need to appreciate the rapidly growing economy of the country as the first stepping stone towards this goal. Next, Indian entrepreneurs need to discard the old myths of being unsuccessful if they are not associated with the western economy. The very lives and achievements of Indian businessmen like L.N. Mittal and the Ambani scions should be epitomised for Indian generations to take example from. As the Reliance catch line states, 'Karlo duniya muthhi mein'. 🇮🇳

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Little pearls of wisdom

Be alive & kicking

Radhika Kapoor, AIS Vas 6, IX C

Look at yourself in the mirror everyday and smile at yourself, because smiling makes you beautiful inside out. Start your day with a morning walk, light exercise, or yoga and eat a healthy breakfast. All these will keep you happy and active throughout the day. Spread more smiles as you wish everyone around a good morning or happy day. Your life is a marvel, an eclectic blend of happiness and sorrows. We all have our struggles and claim to fame. Stay positive and work with perseverance.

Celebrate your victories and accept your defeats with open mind. Always keep your spirits high. Be alive! Just discover and rediscover yourself. Do not think too much. Simply explore the world around you. Focus on your strengths and keep doing what you do the best. This will automatically enrich your skills and make you better. Stop complaining and cringing about school, teachers and exams. Remember there are millions around the world who have never been to school. Count your blessings and be grateful for what you have.



Make good friends, connect with people around you and be emotionally independent. Talk to your parents, family, friends or teachers in case you

are feeling low or stressful. Real, face-to-face conversations connects hearts and minds and resolves many things in a jiffy. Maintain a healthy mind by meditating for at least 10 minutes every day or do simple breathing exercises because air is life, the prana. The way we breathe affects the way we think and our thoughts are what we become.

Keep calm and don't take too much pressure of any task or deadlines. Keep dreaming, keep ideating and have a larger vision in life. Remember the saying by Tom Kuris, "Champions aren't made in the gym. Champions are made from something they have deep inside them, a desire, a dream, a vision".

Breaking barriers- creating a ‘Domino’ effect

Call Them Thinkers, Doers, Idea-generators. Be It, They Are What They Speak. These TED Talkers Can Change Your Life After All TEDx Is All About 'Ideas Worth Spreading'.

You are confined only by the walls you build yourself. So came the message from the mavens of various fields who spoke about their persistent endeavours for ‘Breaking barriers & creating a Domino Effect’ the theme of this year’s TedX event, organised by the students of **Amity International School, Gurugram 46**, on November 11, 2017. The objective of the talk was to learn from the lives of many a well known change makers, who broke the stereotypes to

Fire of feminism

Thinker: Meenu Vadera
Known for: Women on wheels & founder Azad Foundation
The Spirit: Feminism means a broad range of ideas with unique approaches, but my theory is simple. For me, feminism simply means a world which is equal for women. Women are half of the world’s total population who performs every role flawlessly. She is the one who suffers the most in the times of war and peace both but always stays strong. Yet, she is the only one who is subject to maximum violence, discrimination and brutality both inside and outside home. It is such discriminations and ruthlessness that I aspire to fight out and remove from the society.
Inspired to: Overcome challenges and conquer new heights. Face your fears, that’s what I believe into. I draw inspiration from small things in life. The zeal and strength I see in youngsters of India keeps me going.



Break the barriers: Of fear, within and outside both. Be passionate, free and dedicated towards your aim. Always have

Learn at every step

Thinker: Debashish Chatterjee
Known as: Director General, IIT, New Delhi
The spirit: Every job is important, I say so because I have learnt something from every job that I have taken up. Being a management guru is not different from being an executive. Every task demands equal amount of fidelity and deliberation inspite of the varying number of hours and perks. You have to be enthusiastic about what you do and it’s not that difficult. When I started teaching, I had very high expectations from my students. At times I was let down by them, but then, there were students who worked wonders and did much better than my expectations. Gradually, I realised that every person is unique. Now I know, that all my students are capable of doing things beyond anyone’s imagination. We just need to guide them right.
Inspired to: Work hard, focus on strengths and never stop dreaming. I always tell my students to concentrate on the things that matter to them the most and turn them into their inspiration. Be your own inspiration.
Break the barriers: Of stereotypes. Have your own vision and explore. Be whatever you want to be. Even if you want to do something that is offbeat, put your heart into it and work hard. Be the next change maker and move the world.



live their dreams and change the world for the good, the better and the best. The spirit of TED’s mission is, ‘ideas worth spreading’. Thus, the TEDx Program has been designed to help the individuals, communities and organisations connect through local TED-like experiences and herald constructive changes in the society through the integration of plural efforts on a singular platform. Here are excerpts from the ‘Ted’ talks of experts and professionals with the GT reporters.

Magic called mind

Parul Munjal, AIS Gur 46, X J
Thinker: Saurabh Kaushik
Known as: Leadership advisor & Business strategist
The Spirit: I always wanted to do something big, but the very first barrier that I had to face was my inability to sit in the class for long hours. I was very active in co-curricular activities but regular classrooms were so boring. I wasn’t sure of what I wanted to do, but I knew I wanted to make it big. I quit my first job inspite of being paid handsomely because there was no growth in it. In due course of my career I realised that ‘Mind’ is the biggest asset I have.
Inspired to: Use my mind the most maverick tool to its full potential and not let my emotions overpower me. When I became an advisor and got an insight into careers of other people, I realized that we become better when we try to solve the problems of others. It improves our own abilities



and makes our personality better.
Break the barriers: Of emotions and channelise them positively. Involve yourself in new and better things. The more you give to people, the more value you get; and that’s what creates a domino effect.

Fear kills dreams

Yavnika Garg, AIS Gur 46, XI D
Thinker: Arunoday Mukharji
Known as: Senior News Editor, CNN NEWS 18
The Spirit: I was one of the most timid guys in my class, sitting silently and giving in quietly to everyone’s demands. I was teased and bullied bitterly by my classmates for my shy nature. Gradually, I opened up and chose journalism as a career so that I can speak, express my opinions freely and stand up for other people. Today, I am surprised to see myself as a senior news reporter.
Inspired to: Be a truthful and neutral journalist. The beauty of journalism lies in the stories behind the scene, interacting with people, exchanging views, and forming new bonds.
Break the barriers: Of wrong and negative reporting. A journalist’s job is to find a story and report it correctly. But today, vague and false information is being presented by the media which is impacting the society negatively.



Live your art

Omakshi Arora, AIS Gur 46, X C
Thinker: Fakhroddin Ghaffri
Known as: Persian Kurdish Tombak Percussionist
The spirit: Music never occurred to me as a career choice, I just kept enjoying it. I’ve been playing music since the age of seven or eight, and have always loved it. I remember performing in my school programmes. It is these small performances that built my passion for music, which is now my livelihood also. I have no specific definition of success. I just keep on going. Success isn’t something anybody gets overnight.
Inspired to: To follow passion and never forget our roots, after all we have to pay back to our roots. I respect classical music as much as I rever the contemporary tunes. Though classical music and contemporary music are very different yet, equal amount of hard work and sincerity is required for learning both the forms.
Break the barriers: Of typical career choices to eke out a living. Do not leave your hobbies for your career. There is nothing better than having your hobby as your career also. You have one life, give it to your passion. Live the life of your dreams. Aim for the best and give your best.

During World War II, the Archaeological Survey of India concealed Taj Mahal by constructing a huge scaffold around it.



Pics: Shantanu Aggarwal, XI F & Utkarsh Tyagi, XI J, AIS Gur 46



Peace and love



Khushi Juneja, AIS Gur 46, X I
Thinker: Ravi Kalra
Known for: Founder Earth Saviours Foundation
The Spirit: I have travelled extensively across 47 nations and have seen the war breaking out right in front of my eyes. Moved by the deplorable condition of the war victims, I decided to work for them, to heal their pain and rehabilitate them. Right now, I am determined to provide shelter to at least a thousand abandoned and disabled war victims. I believe in creating a positive impact on every human life around me.
Inspired to: Work more towards making world a better place. Money is immaterial. Happiness and comfort of people, are my real rewards. In the end it is not about how much money we have earned, but how much love and happiness we have given to people.
Break the barriers: Of self. Look beyond yourself and contribute to change the world for good. After all, we cannot be true human if we ignore the sufferings of our fellow humans.



Don't cry

Parul Munjal, AIS Gur 46, X J
Thinker: Ritu Saini
Known for: Acid Attack Survivor
The spirit: My story is sad yet inspiring. I was a bubbly and carefree girl, or ‘zindaadil’, as I was called. But life, had some other plans and I became a victim of an acid attack by my cousin brother. It was a turning point of my life and for months, I sat crying and cribbing, till I realized that weeping and complaining will only make me weak and fulfil the evil purpose of my cousin who wanted me to suffer. I decided to undergo the treatment. In the due course I also decided start my own organi-

sation to help acid attack victims and bring about a tangible change in their lives.
Inspired to: Create a wave of change and empower the women suffering from the perils of acid attacks. Our organisation wants the government to impose a strict ban on open sale of acid to everyone. We have rallied for the cause and done many campaigns for creating awareness. Sadly, acid is sold openly due to lack of ground breaking action.
Break the barriers: Of fear, hurt and hatred. It is important to draw strength from your tears, win over your fears and be the change you want to see around you.



Act unique

Ishika Chauhan, AIS Gur 46, X E
Thinker: Shovana Narayan
Known as: Kathak Maestro
The Spirit: Maintaining balance in life is an art. It is all about interest and passion for your work. Passion is what drives one to conquer the world. If you have a zeal for your work and the drive to excel in whatever you do, you will surely be able to strike a perfect balance between various things in life. My guru Pandit Birju Maharaj taught me to be aesthetic and have a different view point from the crowd. The world pays attention to you when you dare to have a different view point and are able to convince the world about your idea.
Inspired to: Have an idea, a vision and a mission which has greater understanding and appeal within the general public. I wish to make today’s world aware, sensitive towards art and music.
Break the barriers: Of herd mentality and encourage more Indians around the globe to take more initiatives for spreading awareness about Indian culture and arts.

Talk to live

Yavnika Garg, AIS Gur 46, XI D
Thinker: KG Suresh
Known as: Director General, Indian Institute of Mass Communication
The Spirit : Life is evolving at a fast pace. In today’s life, there is a paucity of time and active communication is missing big time. People are writing without reading and speaking without listening. Research papers have been replaced by search engines and active communication has been taken over by facebook and whatsapp chats. The result is that we all are now stereotyped in our own cocoons of knowledge and try to paint the world with the same brush. We need to talk live and exchange ideas to bring in more creativity in the world around us.
Inspired to: Motivate people to communicate live and actively. Drive them to talk and listen to different and unique tales of different and unique people around the world.
Break the barriers: Of communication. Active, meaningful and creative communication is the mantra to achieve excellence and harmony in today’s world. Every human being is a painter on the canvas of the world and should create various hues of life.





The four sides of Taj Mahal are perfectly identical creating an astonishing mirror image on each side.

Vanish into the forest

Short story

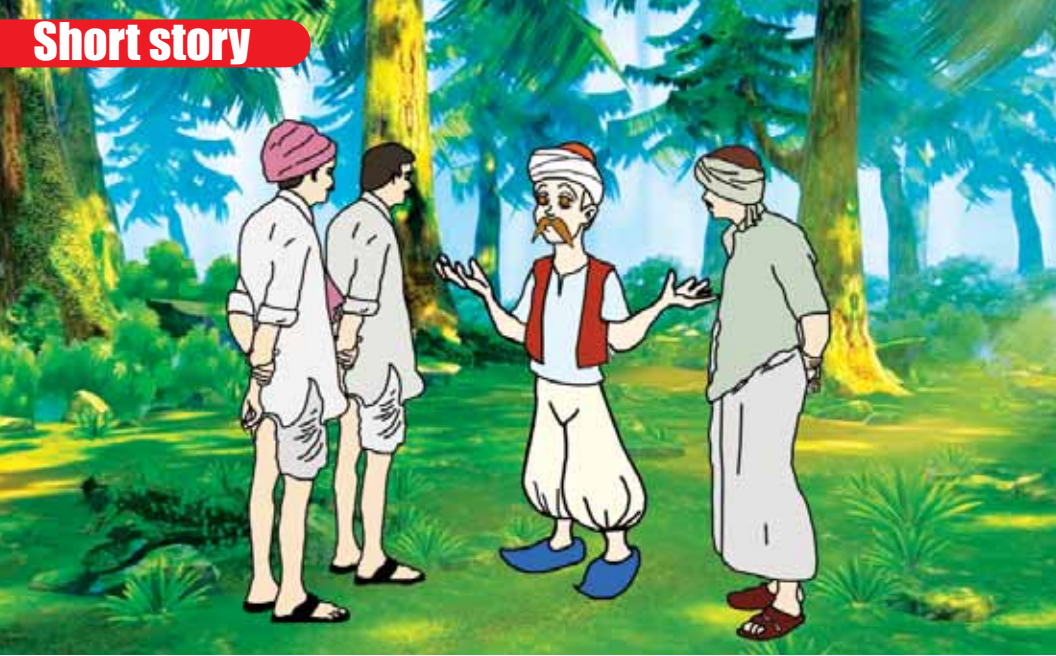


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Avni Munjal
AIS Gur 43, VI

From a village Kanhai, one day few people left for a nearby forest. Days passed by, but they did not return from the forest. The villagers at Kanhai started getting worried about their whereabouts. Soon a panchayat was called. Everyone decided that few people from the village will go to the forest and find out what had really happened to them.

While trekking through the patchy forest, the horde of men who had set out on search, got caught in a net. They started to panic and shouted for help, “Anybody there..please help. We are stuck here in the pitch. Help!” Out of the dark, a bandit along with his gang appeared, loaded with arms and fire torches. He was none other than Mangal Singh, a known dacoit of the region. He asked his men to free the hostages from the net and bring them to his cave behind the

mountain. Back in the village everyone became even more worried about vanishing of the second group of men. They feared about some foul play going on in the dark forest. When everyone was panicking, Arjun, a young boy, walked in front of the panchayat and requested them to let him go into the forest and investigate. Next day, Arjun along with his friends entered the forest. One of his friends, Ravi’s foot got stuck into a hole and he slipped into a

"They did as planned but Mangal Singh started firing randomly. Arjun grabbed Mangal Singh from behind and struck him hard on his head"

canal. In a bid to save him, everybody followed Ravi through the hole, and ended up in front of an entrance to a cave. Arjun alerted his friends of the danger and silently crawled through the cave. From a distance, he spotted the lost villagers and the bandits at the other end of the cave.

Arjun asked one of his friends to **ambush** the bandits to distract them, while he and his other friends sneak out the villagers from the other side of the cave. They did as planned but Mangal Singh started firing randomly. Arjun grabbed Mangal Singh from behind and struck him hard on his head. Rest of his friends ambushed the gang and managed to set free all the villagers from the cave safely. [G T](#)

So what did we learn today?
A new word: Ambush
Meaning: Hiding and attacking someone suddenly.



Macroni pasta

Ashini Negi, AIS Vas 1, III

Ingredients

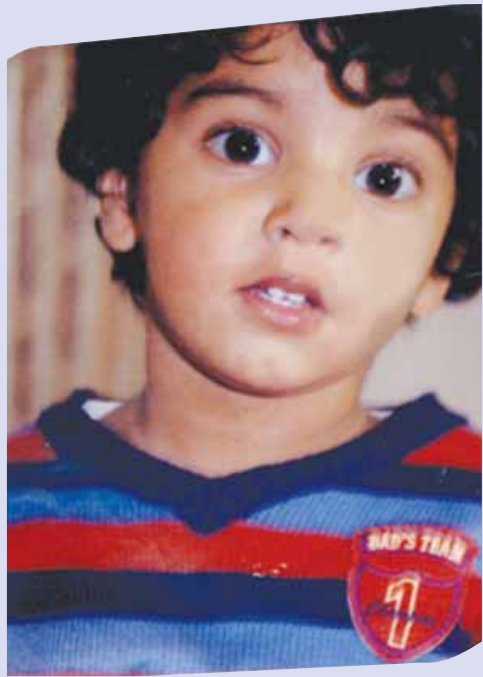
Boiled Pasta2 cup
Sandwich Bread4 slices
Olive oil2 tbsp
Chopped onions1 cup
Grated garlic1 tsp
Pureed tomatoes.....1 cup
Red chilli powder1 tsp
Pepper powder1 tsp
Saltto taste
Cheese2 slices

Method

■ Bring three cups of water with a pinch of salt in a saucepan to boil, and cook the pasta until done.

■ Now heat a pan, add some olive oil and heat it.
■ Fry some onion and garlic for few seconds.
■ Add red chilly powder, tomato puree, pepper powder, and salt. Mix well and cook for few minutes.
■ Time to add boiled macaroni. Mix well and cook for another 5 minutes.
■ Now spread a thick layer of butter on bread slices.
■ Layer a slice with macaroni and place a cheese slice on top and cover it with another slice of bread.
■ Grill till the cheese melts and the bread becomes crisp.

It's Me



ABOUT ME

My name: Abhaydeep Kumar
My school: AIS Noida
My Class: I
My birthday: February 17
My best friend: Roselle
My role models: Mumma and Papa
I want to be: An administrator

FAVOURITES

Subject: Drawing
Hobby: Football
Book: Lion and Mouse Story
Shopping mall: The Great India Place
Poem: Tall Giraffe

LIKES AND DISLIKES

I like: Playing with my fire-truck
I dislike: Sharing my toys

I want to feature in GT because: I am a very truthful and focused child, in school as well as at home.



POEMS



To run fast

Anugya Sinha, AIS Gur 43, VI D

I'll never forget my emotional past
Earlier I couldn't run fast
A boy helped increase my speed
He was a good runner indeed

But one day it happened so
His dreams he was forced to let go
He met with a car accident
And died due to this terrible incident

I wish he could come back
Once again dash along the tracks
I'll never forget my emotional past
Of the boy who used to run fast. [G T](#)

Riddle Fiddle

Nakul Bahl
AIS PV, II

1. I am a month
From which the spring begins
I make flowers sing
My name has five letters
What am I?

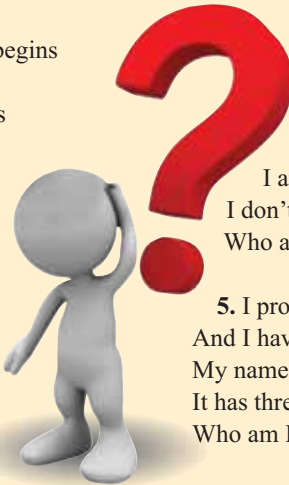
2. I am a plant.
I have three leaves.
People say I am lucky
Leprechauns like me
What am I?

3. My name is something

That's used in an instrument
That determines how hot you are
I'm also the name of a planet
Who am I?

4. I don't have lungs or a chest
But I need air
I am not alive but I grow
I don't like water
Who am I?

5. I protect you from the rain
And I have a handle
My name begins with a vowel
It has three syllables.
Who am I?



Answer: 1. March, 2. Shamrock, 3. Mercury, 4. Fire, 5. Umbrella

Tiger

Shivansh Arora
AIS Vas 1, IV D

Who is the one with bright eyes
Body covered in lovely stripes

He is the one who glows bright
In the dungeon of the night

No one can see him stately style
This is the tiger moving miles

Our national animal our pride
Hunted for his beautiful hide



Of the jungle he is the king
When they see him animals sing

He is mighty and has all power
Seeing a man he runs for cover

Save him, our treasure so rare
All he needs is love and care. [G T](#)

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Annual day celebrations

Celebrating Harmony, Excellence And The Essence Of 'BHAAG'



Students celebrate annual day along with dignitaries of Amity family



AIS Mayur Vihar

The school organised its annual day titled 'BHAAG- the essence of Amity' on December 22, 2017. It showcased the significance of values & ethics in building the edifice of life through a glittering symphony of rhythm and talent. The event commenced with auspicious lamp lighting amidst the chanting of holy shlokas.

School Principal Dr Priyanka Mehta welcomed the guests from diverse fields. She highlighted the glorious achievements of school at various forums and enumerated the philosophy of Amity. Chief guest Dr Kulanand Joshi, DM, East



Students present a scintillating dance performance

AGS Noida

AGS Noida celebrated its annual function with much excitement and glory on November 20, 2017. The event was graced by (Retd)

SK Gadeok, Lieutenant General, AVSM; Dr Rajiv Sharma, Secretary, Science and Engineering Research Board & Dr Amber Habib, Director for Innovations with Mathematics & IT (IIIMT). Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chair-

person, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF along with other eminent guests and parents also graced the occasion. The theme of the play 'Harmony' struck a chord in every heart as students gave colourful performances. [G.T](#)

Delhi along with other guests of honour graced the occasion.

The theme 'BHAAG' that stands for Behavioural sciences, Attitude, Ambition and faith in God was accentuated through a cultural razzmatazz and exceptional

performances which left the audience mesmerised. Chairperson Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, applauded the students for their electrifying performances. The event concluded with school song & the National Anthem. [G.T](#)

Fancy dress competition

AIS VKC Lucknow

The school organised a fancy dress competition titled 'The Elves and the Fairies' for the students of Class Nursery to I on the occasion of Christmas on December 22, 2017. Students presented a grand show on the occasion by dressing in vibrant costumes as elves and fairies, they came one by one on stage and spoke with confidence. The beautiful bright wings of the fairies and colourful dresses of the elves made the atmosphere joyful. The judges appreciated the performance of the children and gave away prizes for the best dressed fairy and the best dressed elf. It was a fun filled show enjoyed by all. [G.T](#)



Dressed in fancy clothes



Students pose with their certificates

Rhythmic Raaga

AIS Gurugram 46

In an effort to provide students with diverse avenues to expand knowledge and excel in various skills, the school organised 'Rhythmic Raaga'- an interschool music and dance fest on December 19, 2017. The fest aims to let students innovate, create, explore and express themselves through a plethora of zestful competitions in both Indian and Western music categories.

A total of seventeen teams from Delhi/NCR participated in six different musical competitions such as Acapella, Euphony, Brahma Naad, Dhvani, Jugal-

bandi and Taal Tarang.

The event commenced with lighting of the lamp by eminent judges such as Narhari Banger, HCS who inspired students with his words of wisdom. The performance of the students were appreciated by all the judges and guests on the occasion and the winners were awarded by school Principal Arti Chopra. The school bagged first position in Dhvani and Jugalbandi, whereas secured second and third positions in Brahma Naad and Euphony, respectively. The competition Taal Tarang saw AIS Gur 46 and AIS Gur 43 securing second and third positions, respectively. [G.T](#)

Junior Sports Day 2017

AIS Pushp Vihar

The school organised an In-house Sports Day for the junior students of Class KG- IV on December 18, 2017. Children excitedly took part in numerous activities organised for them such as sprint, relay races, flat races, backward throw ball, etc and unleashed the hidden sportsperson in them. The highlight of the cele-

brations was the March Past performed by the students of Class III and IV.

The school ground reverberated with infectious energy and was decorated with colourful banners as the preparations took place. Eminent judges like Pooja Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amity Humanity Foundation (AHF); Divya Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity School of Fashion Technology (ASFT),

Anita Satia, Senior Consultant, Human Resource & Training and Col BS Ahluwalia, Senior Consultant, Sports, Amity Schools, graced the occasion with their divine presence.

The celebrations concluded with the winners being awarded with medals and certificates for their brilliant performances. It was indeed an exciting day for the junior school students.



Little ones beam with the pride of winning

Trip to Hero MotoCorp

AIS VKC Lucknow

Prithish Bhattacharya, VII

The students of Class VII from school were taken to the Hero MotoCorp RideSafe Traffic Training Centre in Alambagh, Lucknow on December 14, 2017. Pankaj Sharma of Hero MotoCorp RideSafe Program told the students about the center and the positive motive of Hero MotoCorp to start a road awareness drive in order to spread awareness about the road safety rules.

This drive aims at helping citizens and the Government of India by reducing the number of automobile related accidents. The main motive of this drive is



Students learn about road safety rules

to aware people about different types of road signs placed at the sides of the streets and follow them while driving and crossing the roads and also obey them in their daily lives.

Students were also shown a Power Point Presentation about road safety and its rules. The presentation featured different aspects of road mishaps and how to prevent them from taking

place by taking precautions and following the traffic rules. The students also got to know about three different types of road signs- Informatory, Mandatory, and Warning. They were asked to learn, remember and follow them as they step out on the streets. They also walked in the centre on a path with every road sign placed. It was a very informative field trip for the students. [G.T](#)

AIS Vasundhara 1

Class presentation

Students of Class II showcased their talent as well as paid tribute to women through a presentation on December 16, 2017. The presentation commenced after a warm welcome by school Principal. The presentation on theme 'Women Empowerment- Women with vision and dreams' began with students introducing all the enigmatic women in fields like showbiz, sports, politics, business, etc. who made a striking mark in their respective fields. Various dances performances were exhibited in the form of a flamboyant presentation giving a befitting tribute to these women. The presentation culminated with a vote of thanks.

Grandparent's Day

AIS VYC Lucknow

The school celebrated Grandparent's Day to show love and gratitude towards the grandparents on December 16, 2017. Children prepared mesmerizing performances for their beloved grandparents on the occasion. The event commenced with recitation of Gayatri Mantra and lighting of the lamp by chief guest Major VK Khare, who has been awarded with the title of Golden Age Yugpurush award by the Governor of Bengal. The occasion was also graced by the presence of Nirmala Ohri, wife of VK Ohri, Vice Chancellor, Amity University, Uttar Pradesh.

Children presented ramp walk show, vibrant dances and arranged for exciting games for the grandparents who excitedly



Children celebrate with joy

took part in them and unleashed their hidden talent. Children also presented them with handmade gifts which made them happy and emotional. School Principal Sakshi Gautam Mishra expressed her affection and gratitude towards the grandparents and reiterated about their importance in our lives. [G.T](#)

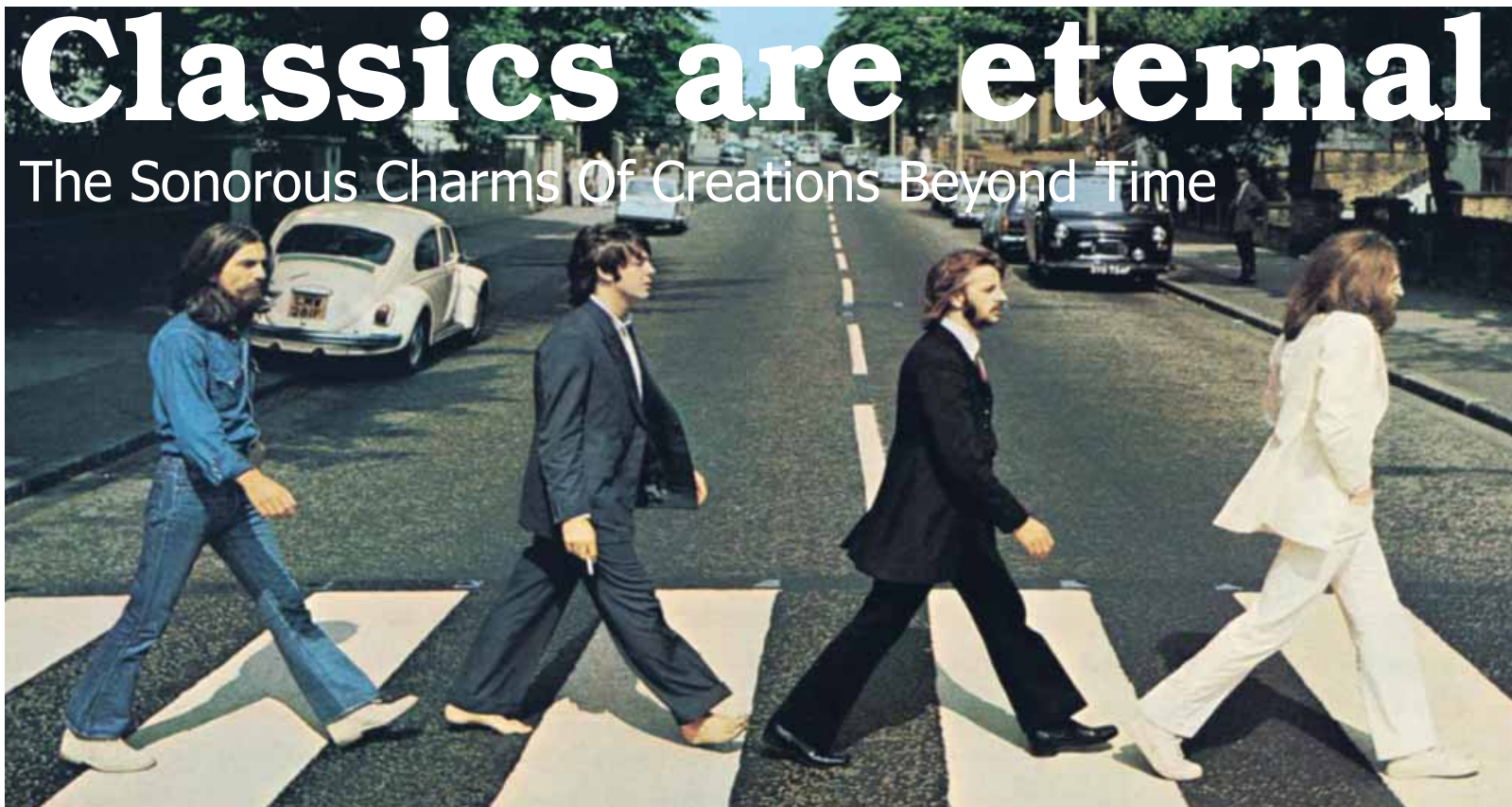
Many precious stones were ripped off from its walls by the British during the Indian rebellion of 1857.

All top quotes compiled by **Nimisha Rastogi**
AIS Vas 1, IV



Classics are eternal

The Sonorous Charms Of Creations Beyond Time



Imaging: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network

Ahlaam Rafiq
AIS Noida, XI D

There are some things that transcend the boundaries of time; some things that connect with people of every generation; some things that carve their mark in every era. These some things go on to earn the title of 'Classics'. We bring you some classics that are devoured with the same love even today as they were yesterday.

The Beatles: In 1964, the Beatles appeared on 'The Ed Sullivan Show' which marked the official start of the Beatlemania not just in the US but across the world. Even today, the legendary band has everyone singing its tunes. At a time, when generation gap has become the most commonly used term, the songs of this band come as a respite. After all, it is not every day that you find your father and yourself singing and loving the same song.

Thank you notes: Writing 'Thank you' notes originated long before email or facebook arrived. Try it, nothing goes farther than a hand written 'Thank you' note. Even though it is easier to shoot off a text message or email to express gratitude, nothing can replace the charm of simple and meaningful handwritten note. A single note conveys feelings worth millions, no matter what the era and time.

Red lipstick: It's a major throwback to red lips once again! From Marilyn Monroe and Jerry Hall to Scarlett Johansson, there is something about red lipstick on a woman's lips that transcends time. This fashion trend teamed with anything and everything always works wonders. So, whether you are wearing a saree or taking the LBD route, the red lipstick will give your overall appearance an extra edge. Red is the colour which has adorned the lips of ladies from ancient civilisation to Elizabethan England.

Harry Potter: Millennials grew up with the movie characters in Harry Potter. But then there is a generation which had the first and second book read to them by their parents. This is the generation which waited in line for the books at midnight, and cried inconsolably when Dumbledore died. Harry Potter thus, continues to live on.

Denim: 1873 is the year when the first pair of jeans was patented. In the 30s, cowboys wore jeans and in the 40s, Rosie the Riveter embraced them. The 50s brought James Dean looking sharp in denim for 'Rebel without a cause' and in the 60s, the bell-bottoms craze hit the stores. We now of course, are not giving up our perfect pair of skinny, rugged jeans anytime soon.

Mystery novels: Our parents grew up reading Agatha Christie and will forever be a fan of Hercule Poirot. Then their is our generation which read

Nancy Drew, Hardy Boys, Cam Jansen and Amelia Bones. The craze for mystery never ends as we all know and we're ready for the modern-day Mata Hari.

Wearing all black: Black cuts across eras and ages. Images of Audrey Hepburn and Twiggy in all black are still etched in our minds. The latest member of black club, is the lady in black veil, Taylor Swift.

Karaoke. As long as music lovers exist, Karaoke will remain an inevitable part of our lives. After all anyone in the mood for celebrations likes to sing and tap to their favourite lyrics, right?

They say time changes everything. But then, there are things that survive the test of time and continue mesmerising people across generations. So, go ahead and soak in these classics and they won't disappoint. 🇧🇪

Book Review

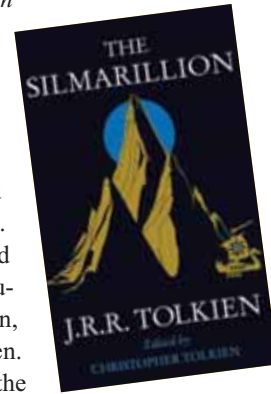
THE SILMARILLION

Author: J R R Tolkien

Rating: 5/5

I will tell you

about: The Silmarillion was the first book Tolkien started writing and the last he finished. It was edited and published posthumously by his son, Christopher Tolkien. The Silmarillion is the mythopoeic prequel to



the 'Lord of the Rings' trilogy. But don't let that lead you astray, though. The Silmarillion has as much of a plot line as a history book and that isn't just an analogy. The Silmarillion is a legitimate history book, with dates, places, and names whizzing by you which was one of the main reasons it received negative reviews from a few critics.

You should read me because: The book mainly follows the 'First age' of the Middle Earth ie (for those unfamiliar with LOTR) the time period before Sauron came to power and the events of the Hobbit unfolded. This book is for the adventurous. It requires reading each page multiple times to understand who did what, when, where, why, and how. The Silmarillion ends with Dagor Dagorath (Sindarin for battle of battles). In this battle, the forces of the Valar (heavenly beings) fight against a former Valar who committed the first evil deed and in doing so, became the 'First Dark lord' Morgoth. His loss leads to his loyal servant taking on the mantle of primary antagonist Sauron and the LOTR series start hence. The book is a must read for those who wish to travel into the mystical world of LOTR.

The best line: "Many are the strange chances of the world," said Mithrandir, "and help oft shall come from the hands of the weak when the wise falter."

Reviewed by : **Caitanya Singh Jaswal**
AIS Noida, X B

You guessed me wrong

All Veggies Are Fruits But All Fruits Are Not Veggies

Parul Munjal
AIS Gur 46, X J

When asked the difference between fruits and vegetables, don't say "kya farak padta hai?" any more now!

*IMPORTANT

Fruits are basically the matured form of the ovaries of plants which bear seeds within, whereas vegetables are the edible entities of the plant.

Bell pepper- Never rang the bell

From serving as a topping on that margarita to being sizzled in your

daily bowl of Maggie, this fruit's individuality gets lost in the process. Our forever hated *shimla mirch* gives us yet another reason to dislike it by claiming to belong to the vegetable clan when its tribe is fruit.

Corn- The scorn of corn

Geography books, grocery stores and local vendors, all have given maize a special status of grain. However, it belongs to the sect of fruits. So next time when you're saying "bhैया bhutta dena", remember it was born a fruit.

Tomato- Et tu, Brute?

Being a routine part of salads, this ketchup element is commonly called a vegetable when it

is a pure fruit. So, the next time, when you enjoy your mix-veg soup know that there's a fruit juice in it too!

Pumpkin-Mute about fruit

This trick-or-treat fruit is thought of as a vegetable, when it comes to the culinary sector. Even after being all the rage in the fall season, being used for flavoring pumpkin spice lattes and making pumpkin scented candles, very

few people are aware of it being a fruit and not a veggie.

Ladyfinger-Edgy veggie

Even our good old *bhindi* also known as *okra* in some areas is not what maa tells it to be. The fact that it grows on a bush and bears seeds, technically makes it a fruit. Now don't let your family deceive you about it being a vegetable; only because we have it with chapatti. 🇧🇪

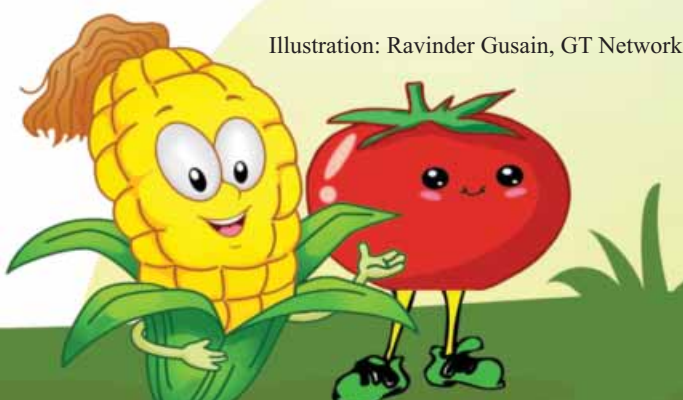
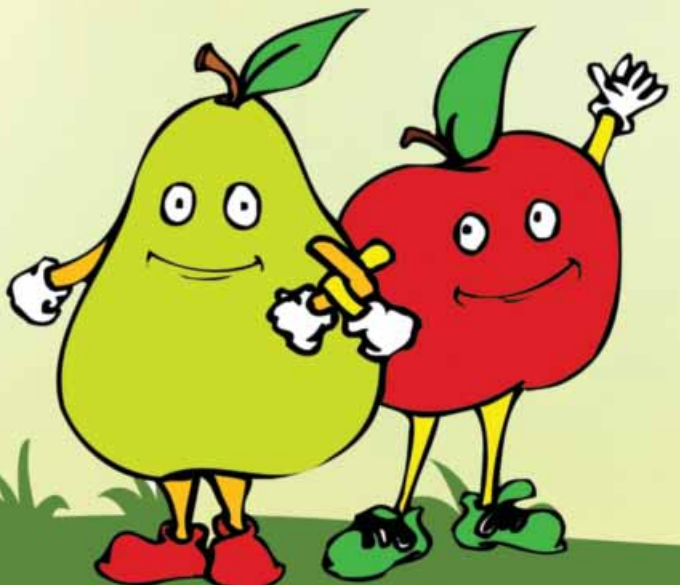


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