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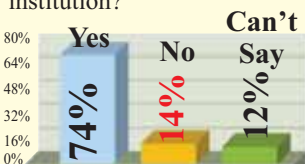
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On Route 26

69th Republic Day Was Hallmark Of Indian Pride

Stuti Kalra, GT Network

As India still reels in the fervour of its 69th Republic Day celebrations, the whiff of patriotism still lingers in the air. Here's going down the memory lane on Route 26.

Rainy Republic

The relationship of rains and Republic Day is an everlasting one. It rained cats and dogs on Jan 26, 1950, the day the constitution was adopted. And it has rained on numerous Republic Day celebrations ever since, but it has never hampered the celebrations of largest democracy in the world.

Path to Rajpath

The very first Republic Day was celebrated at Irwin Stadium (Major Dhyani Chand Stadium). The first and then President Dr Rajendra Prasad had arrived in a royal horse carriage for the grand celebrations. For the period between 1950-54 the celebrations took place across different venues like Kingsway camp, Red Fort and Ramlila grounds. Rajpath was chosen as the venue for Republic Day celebration on January 26, 1955 and since then Rajpath has been a witness to number of heads of states, choicest of the tableaux, might of our defense forces and the prowess of the citizenry of India.

Diplomacy- the way to democracy

The heads of states we have hosted as chief guests on various Republic Days is a testimony of our tolerant and cooperative approach towards the world. While President Sukarno, the first president of Indonesia was the chief guest at the first Republic Day celebration on January 26, 1950, Governor General Malik Ghulam Muhammad of Pakistan was the first chief guest of our first Republic Day celebration on Rajpath in 1955. This, in spite of the rising tensions between India and Pakistan back then. In a historic first, the ten state heads of ASEAN graced our Republic Day celebrations this year.

Marching towards glory

The parade at Rajpath is more than just a display of defense, arts and culture. It is the showcase of our military might. A message to the world that in spite of being a tolerant and amicable state, we have our indigenous, world class Agni, Arjun, Tejas, Brahmos and Rudra to protect our borders and the nation. It is the display of our cultural roots which have nurtured this democracy with the virtues of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam and Satyameva Jayate. It is the march of the young India towards world engagement and empowerment. It is the march of the common man of India towards being inclusive and forward. 🇮🇳

The legacy of musical genius

Upholding A Musical Legacy That Spans Centuries Does Not Come Easy

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With numerous awards to his credit, Abhay Rustum Sopori is a musician beyond compare. Upholding the legacy of a family that has been playing santoor for seven generations, he has vowed everyone every time he has strummed the santoor. GT Reporters get up close and personal with this musical genius.

Music in my blood

My family has been producing great musicians for three centuries now. My first mentor was my *dada ji*. He was the guiding force who played an important role in my journey of music. It's because of his disciplined and affectionate leadership that I've achieved so much in life. I consider myself lucky to have been born into this family of maverick musicians. It has taught me the discipline, patience and inquisitiveness to explore melody in the world.

Music is my aim

I always wanted to be a musician, but in my initial years I dreaded becoming



Abhay Sopori with GT reporters

a shadow of my father. I had the responsibility of upholding a legacy. The pressure of expectations was immense. But the teachings of my *dada ji* and consistent training and support of my *papa ji* ensured that I didn't budge or lose heart ever. In fact, now when I look back, I find that all those expectations made me strong and powerful from within. It motivated me to work harder for my aim.

Music knows no boundaries

Music is food for the soul, no matter what kind you listen to. I listen to Michael Jackson and Adele as well as Ghulam Ali and Beethoven. Music world over has 7 notes and these 7 notes can weave infinite number of sounds ranging from fast to slow, sweet to loud, velvety to electric and much more. It's a whole beautiful musical world sans boundaries out there. Genres and gha-

ranas have been made not to create differences, but to carry forward and experiment with certain styles and legacies of music for creating new while practicing the old.

Music comes (a)live

There is nothing that can come close to the experience of a live performance. Nothing can match the pleasure of being able to create musical reverberations in synchrony with the nature when the whole universe seems to come alive. It's great to see so many people want to attend live concerts and performances.

Music lies in balance

It's a myth that academics and music cannot be pursued simultaneously. Musicians in fact are a very highly educated and erudite people. These days there are many exemplary artists who have managed their academics and passion for music with an equal adeptness. The idea is to strike a balance.

Award galore

Kalawant Samman (2004)
Ustaad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puruskar (2006)
Sangeet Bhushan Award (2007)
National Dogri Award (2009)
Bharat Shiromani Award (2009)
Ma Sharika Samman (2009)
Jammu and Kashmir State Award (2011)

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Malik Ghulam Mohammad the first Governor General of Pakistan was the chief guest at first republic day parade held on January 26, 1950.



Canada

Hat Trick in being 'The Best'
According to The US News and World Report on the best country list, Canada is listed second best country, next only to Switzerland for the third time. The rankings are based on the parameters like adventure, cultural influence, openness to business, etc.



Switzerland

World gathers to discuss economic remedies
48th annual meeting of World Economic Forum was held at Daaivos from January 23-26, 2018. 70 heads of states, 38 heads of international organisations like World Bank, WTO and IMF and around 2000 CEOs from world over participated in the meeting. They shared their views on 'Creating a shared future in a fractured world'.



South Korea

Olympic Flame Crosses 'The Unification Bridge'
The torch of 2018 Winter Olympic which is to be held in Pyeongchang County, South Korea from Feb 9-25, 2018 crossed the Unification bridge between North Korea and South Korea on January 19, 2018. The bridge borders the demilitarized zone between North Korea and South Korea. 600 bicyclists accompanied the torch.



France

'Pope of French cuisine' Paul Bocuse no more
One of the greatest French Chef Paul Bocuse popularly known as 'Monsieur Paul', and named 'chef of the century' by the Gault-Millau in 1989, and The Culinary Institute of America in 2011 died on January 20 at the age of 91, due to Parkinson's disease. Bocuse is best known for his Nouvelle Cuisine revolution in 1970s. He was the only chef in France who held the coveted 3 star Michelin ratings for more than four decades.



Brazil

Yellow fever alert
Brazil is on high alert due to yellow fever crisis spread across its major cities. All the city gardens and zoos have been closed in Sao Paulo. The crisis has worsened due to Southern hemisphere rainy season. Around 70 people have lost their lives and 150 confirmed cases have been reported.



Greece

Face of a teenager who lived 9000 years ago reconstructed
A teenager named Dawn who lived 9000 years ago has got her face reconstructed by scientists. The face represents how people looked during the Mesolithic period around 7000 BC. Her remains were discovered from Theopetra cave, in Thessaly region in 1993. The reconstructed face is on display at Acropolis museum in Athens.



USA

Minnie Mouse gets a place in Hollywood alk of fame star
On January 22, 2018, the much adored Disney icon Minnie Mouse joined her other friends, Mickey Mouse, Donald duck, Winnie the Pooh and Snowwhite on Hollywood 'Walk of fame star'. Now there is a star in her name too. Hers is the 2,627th bronze star shaped plaque to adorn the legendary Hollywood strip.



India

69 years of Unity in Diversity
The world's largest democracy celebrated its 69th Republic Day on January 26, 2018. As a historical first, India invited 10 chief guests, leaders of ASEAN nations for the celebrations. Over 700 students from different schools and colleges of these ten nations also performed.



Japan

Avalanche and Volcano almost together
On Jan 23, 2018 an avalanche occurred shortly after the volcano Kusatsu-Shirane, a 2,160-metre (7,090 ft) active volcano erupted. Skiers were hit by black volcanic rocks which came out during the volcanic eruption. Around 15 people were injured by the volcanic rocks. Three people caught in the avalanche were also rescued.





Right to Privacy was declared as a fundamental right by the Supreme court on August 24, 2017.

Work from home. T&C applied

Afterall Everything Is Better In Your Pajamas

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One are the days of preparing nervously for interviews and enduring hours of traffic to reach your workplace. You no longer need to rush through morning chores and stay up late working in that same old boring job. Now, you can earn as much as any corporate employee doing off-beat interesting things and working from a place you are most comfortable in your home.

Sommelier

Working hours: Depends on your alcohol tolerance.

What you earn: Free wine, funny stories to tell, and about 46 lakhs a year. Wow!

What to do: Sommelier is basically just a fancy name for wine tasting. If you are a connoisseur of wine, then companies will employ you to taste and rate their wines. You must also suggest the areas of improvement so that the company can profit from their new product.

T&C*: You might end up spending all your hard earned money on anti-hangover medicines. But that's just an occupational hazard.

Multilevel marketing

Working hours: Totally your



choice. Anywhere between five minutes to five hours.

What you earn: Brownie points for being social, and a minimum of Rs 1,56,000 per annum.

What to do: Socialise. Yes. You heard it right. Earn a heavy commission by putting that large social circle to use and promoting your employer's products and enrolling more and more new people in the multilevel chain to further sell products. It goes on and on, and you can benefit from

it. Several international companies like Tupperware, Oriflame, Avon and Amway work on this scheme, and it is perfect for housewives and stay-at-home people to opt for this work.

T&C*: You must be strong willed to not get side tracked as you socialise and start talking about Sharona's terrible new haircut or the new movie of Prabhas. After all, you might not be in an office, but you are still a working person!

Food guide

Working Hours: 4-5 hours a day. (Any day)

What you earn: Laughter, stories, food, friends and memories with people from all cultures. Oh, and over 24 lakhs per annum.

What to do: Buy some aesthetic looking crockery, watch a few *ghar ka khana* videos and get ready with a camera and a laptop. You just have to try some new recipes and post them online for the sake of the masses and voila!

Your career as a food guide is set. So take inspiration from Sanjeev Kapoor and start working. Oh! And don't forget to click pictures of your guests while they try the 'Tadka dal'.



T&C*: You must be ready to sacrifice the peace of your home to become a food guide, because many guests at home are sure to cause a ruckus.

Personal shopper

Working hours: Depends on the size of the order, but usually 2-3 hours.

What you earn: The opportunity to do what you love the most and earn from it too. One can make around Rs 28 lakh per annum easily.

What to do: Yes, that one dream you always had has finally came true. You can get paid to shop! For someone else though (unfortunately). Rich people with busy lives and no time often hire personal shoppers who have a great sense of style and trends to buy their clothes for weddings, parties, functions, etc.

T&C*: If you wish to pursue this job, then you must accept the fact that the happiness of buying things is only short lived. The pain of separation soon follows. And of course you will have to sacrifice air conditioned malls for Chandni Chowk and allies.  

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The value of acceleration
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- is more than that at the equator
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Women gather together to celebrate women empowerment

Jashn-e-India

Empowering Woman With A Voice

ASCO, AUUP



Jai Raj Singh Shaktawat
BJMC, 1st Year

Radio Amity* 107.8 FM brought alive the achievements and power of women through its annual programme 'Jashn-e-India' organized by Radio Amity on the occasion of Republic Day on January 23, 2018 in Raipur Village sector 125, Noida. The event organised by the Radio Amity Club volunteers and the local women had nearly 300 women and children take part. It was heartening to see women participate in all activities, with many of them coming out in the open for the first time. As they played *antakshri*, it was difficult to say that they were actually singing in front of the radio for the first time. It was indeed a satisfying feeling when some women came forward and even thanked Radio Amity for providing them courage and a stage to sing their life's first song in public. The spirit of patriotism

was brought alive by a spectacular performance by students of Amity University. Joining the show were special guests Ms Anu Sachdev and Ms Pallavi Jain, co-founders of Change Designers who talked about how changes in the society can be brought about by telling inspirational stories.

The event turned out to be a great success with the efforts of local community members and initiatives taken by Radio Amity 107.8 FM Community Volunteer Mrs. Kavita Chauhan, wife of Dharmendra Chauhan (President, Gram Vikas Samiti, Raipur) and Mr Anand (community member)

An empowered woman is powerful beyond measure and beautiful beyond description, Radio Amity 107.8 FM did its bit in empowering women.

**Radio Amity is a community radio station situated in Amity University Noida. It works actively for the community and runs a lot of shows for their development. It is a student run radio station.*  

Nonviolent win win

Winsome Classrooms The Gandhian Way

Amity Institute of Education

A two day orientation programme on the theme 'In-service teachers/would be teachers on nonviolent conflict resolution and communication' sponsored by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, New Delhi was held on November 21 - 22, 2017 at Amity Institute Of Education, New Delhi. Dr Ranjana Bhatia, Principal cum Director, AIE teed off the programme with the lighting of the lamp and felicitation of the esteemed guests and resource persons.

Gandhi the way forward

Ms Mohina Dar, Director, Academics, Amity Group of Schools, during the inaugural session shared her experiences of handling conflicts and challenges faced in dealing with volatile situations as the Principal of a leading school. She gave some practical tips for teachers to follow in classrooms. She further stressed upon the necessity of cultivating an environment of love, respect and mutual connect between teachers and students in a classroom.

Building bridges of hearts

Day one of the program commenced with Prof T K Thomas, communication expert and visiting faculty at Delhi University, highlighting the need for 'emotional bridge building' through an interactive presentation session. He conducted a number of activities and sought answers to them inviting views from participants on communication and violence. Participants were also asked to



Participants involved in the activities conducted by Professor T K Thomas

make acronym of the word 'TEACHER' reflecting and relating the characteristics of a teacher to Gandhian principles of non violence.



The session after lunch break was conducted by Dr Vedabhyas Kundu, program officer, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti. He shared an anecdotal conversation between teacher and students with the message, 'I have nothing to lose but my temper'. The day concluded on a very successful note with everyone having a better insight on how to be more calm, empathetic and resolve classroom conflicts in a non-violent way, leading to a win-win situation for all.

Smart class, smarter win

On the second day, Prof T K Thomas conducted a session on 'Integration of Gandhian ideals of non-violence' into classroom teaching & learning with students being central to classrooms. He presented the idea of having 5 basic SMART (student-centric, motivation,

activity, reinforcement, transformational) elements in a classroom for non-violent communication between students and teachers.

Post break, he conducted a critical thinking session on everyday school situations wherein people often act/react impulsively leading to undesirable and at times unpleasant consequences. Situations like disagreement with teacher's viewpoint, maintaining silence on being asked a question by teacher, arguments between students and teachers, etc., were deliberated upon in detail. The exercise yielded a myriad non violent, compassionate and empathetic solutions for developing a culture of love and peace to resolve conflicts in a calm and amicable way.

Dr. Ranjana Bhatia, in her valedictory note expressed her gratitude for helping the would-be teachers understand the methods of peaceful resolution of classroom conflicts through the insightful program.  

Before independence, January 26, 1930 was celebrated as Purna Swarajya Day because it was on this day that India decided to fight for complete freedom.



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The gyrating giant

Gobbling Up All That Crosses Its Way A Windy Monster Colours All Grey

Wind more than breeze...

Large swirling storm, producing winds of 119 km per hour or 74 mph or higher is known as hurricane. It is also called a tropical cyclone, which forms over tropical or subtropical waters whose temperature must be above 26 degree Celsius.

Trivia: It has got its name from the Mayan God 'Hurakan'.

Wind with a name...

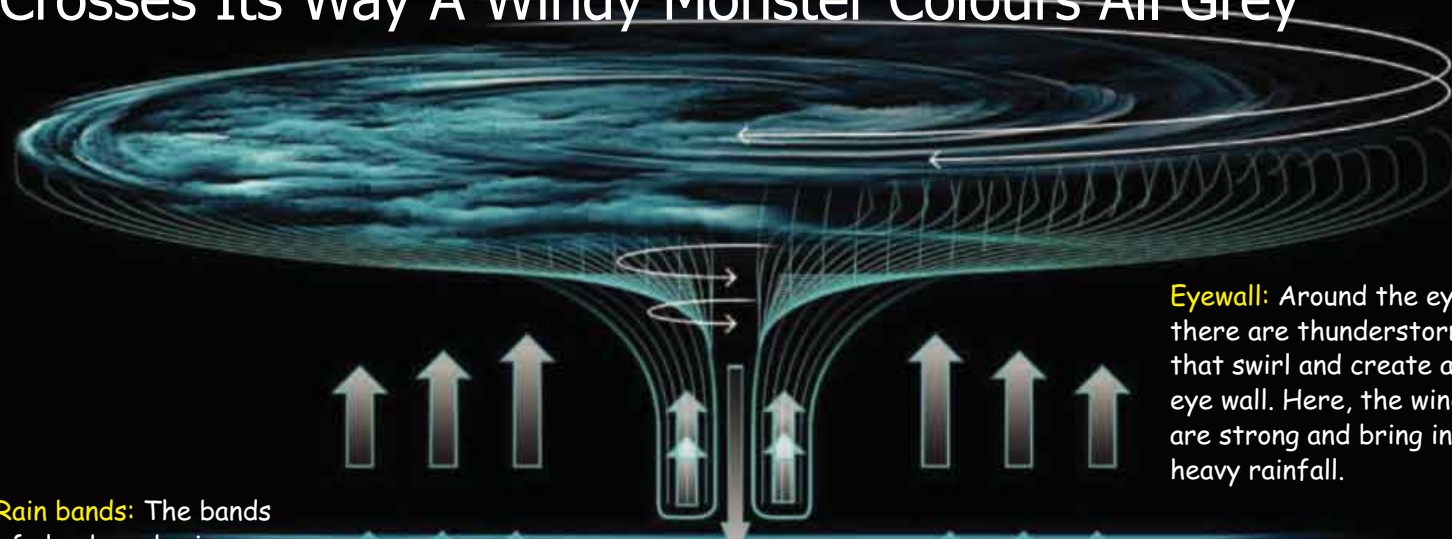
All the hurricanes are given a name. They have been named from lists made by the National Hurricane Center since 1953. The lists are updated by World Meteorological Organization. There are a total of six lists used in rotation

Trivia: The lists are recycled every 6 years. So the list of 2018 will be used again in 2024.

Wind on scale...

Herbet Saffir, a civil engineer and Robert Simpson, Director of US National Hurricane Center devised a scale to measure intensity of wind to categorise types of hurricanes. The scale is called Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale.

Trivia: The fastest recorded hurricane wind speed is 200 mph (approx).



Rain bands: The bands of clouds and rains are known as rain bands. The bands remain on the outside periphery of the storm and stretches for miles and miles.

Eye: This is a roughly circular area and is a region of mostly calm weather at the centre of strong cyclones.

Trivia: The eye is the calmest part of the storm.

Eyewall: Around the eye, there are thunderstorms that swirl and create an eye wall. Here, the winds are strong and bring in heavy rainfall.



Category 1: Minimal wind 119-153 km/hr (74-95 mph)

Category 2: Moderate wind 154-177 km/hr (96-110 mph)

Category 3: Extensive wind 178-208 km/hr (111-129 mph)

Category 4: Extreme wind 209-251 km/hr (130-156 mph)

Category 5: Catastrophic wind more than 252 km/hr (157 mph)

Sports

Howzatt!?!

Superheroic sportsmen

These Athletes And Sportsmen Define What The Superheroes Are

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For some of us, athletes and sportsmen are superheroes. We have grown up idolizing them because they can do seemingly impossible things on the playing field. How can Lebron James jump so high? There's no way anyone can match Virat Kohli's consistency. Sports is a great melting pot, with different skills and athletes who are worshipped by their fans, much like the Marvel and DC Comics heroes. Perhaps it is here that we find real superheroes and the people who inspire us to do great things. For now, though we will have to make do with comparing them to their closest fictional counterparts.

Superman Sachin

It's a bird. It's a plane. No, it's Sachin's sixer. Sachin Tendulkar is perhaps the only cricketer in the world who can be compared to Superman. His clean, sober and sophisticated image makes him the perfect choice for being one. As rightly said by Ravi Shastri, he is the 'Superman from India'.

A 'bolt' of thunder and a 'flash' of light

Usain Bolt is undoubtedly one of the greatest Olympians alive who holds the current 100mts world record. This standard human experiment for speed makes the Jamaican sprinter a superhuman as compared to the rest of us. He may not be able to run around the planet in seconds like Barry Allen's Flash can, but he is the closest we've got.

Tennis smash

You won't like him when he is angry. John McEnroe, he is just like Hulk! The American tennis legend is one of the greatest living players, but unfortunately for him, he is perhaps best known for his incredible outburst at poor umpire Edward James during the 1981 Wimbledon Championships. Back then, everyone waited with bated breath for his anger to turn him green.

Waves of Silver

Surfing may be an alternative sport but everyone in the world has heard of Kelly Slater, such is his transcendence on a board. He has certainly mastered the waves, so now he just needs to master flying and we will have our very own Silver Surfer!

A bat of steel

Aggressive, emotional, passionate and born to be a leader, the current captain of Indian cricket team exhibits all the qualities of a Wolverine. His never say die attitude and hot headedness makes him fit to be the Wolverine. Luckily for us, Kohli doesn't have inbuilt metal claws so far!

Teething similarity

Isn't it obvious? The teeth are a massive giveaway. Sabretooth is a beast. He has superhuman reflexes and agility and is one of the deadliest mutants around. The Uruguayan Luis Suarez likewise, is one of the deadliest strikers in the world and can rip open defences, not just with his strikes but with his teeth too. The for-

mer Liverpool star has bitten no less than 3 players in his career and needed counselling to help him deal with his 'cannibalistic desires'.





Prem Behari Narain Raizada was the calligrapher of the original constitution of India in Hindi and English.

A visit to the real India

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As the holiday excitement began to grow in our hearts in the last period of the last day in school before summer holidays, I couldn't wait to see my mother, as she had promised some real excitement for me during the summer holiday. It came to me as a surprise (rather shock!) when I heard that Mom had planned to take me to 'Begumganj' via Bhopal. "Beeeeeegu-uuumgaanj! Belgium would have sounded better!" I thought! Come whatever may, after 16 hours of an extremely tiring journey by train and bus, we reached this place called Begumganj. Suspiciously, I stepped out of the bus, but, my eyes widened to see the well structured, cemented road. Well, my Mom's village had cemented roads (unlike our tarred roads) and electricity, too. The width of the road was smaller and had a mixed traffic of bullock carts, tractors and of course, autos. I had kept lots of handkerchiefs in my purse, thinking it would smell

horrible. But the weather was pleasant. I could actually take deep breaths of fresh air. It was then that I realized the difference between the unpolluted environment there and the polluted one I had got used to. My great grandmother's 'haveli' was really huge. It was like three big bungalows clubbed together with a big temple. In front of the temple, there was a huge well. I wondered how women draped in long 'ghunghats' could draw from the well without wasting a drop! Within minutes, I reached the gate, tons of my cousins came out to greet me. My grand aunt sprinkled holy water to purify me. No sooner had I reached than I started playing with my cousins as if I had known them for years, whereas I had met them for first time. I could sense the deep intimacy in relations, something I was deprived of all these years. In just an hour, I discovered all creeps and corners of the place. The big Haveli had an old look. It had large rooms with very high ceilings and an open verandah. The ground floor was used for storing grains and the other side had huge cowsheds and parking

Gramin Darshan

space for tractors and bullock carts. The upper floors had big bedrooms, but a modern kitchen. I guess the kitchen was given a modern outlook recently. But I could still get the sniff of 'chulha' made 'chapattis'. Mind it, my cousins had a TV, video games and a computer, too. But of course, they weren't a common sight. There was a usual electricity shutdown and to my surprise, rather than turning on generator, everybody moved to 'Bunda Kotha.' Some of the rooms still had old construction and

remained very cool in peak summers and did not even need fans. I went to visit a nearby farm house where I saw tractors running over huge fields, scarecrows (some were really scary) and rode bumpy bullock carts. As the night enveloped the sky, I could see thousands of tiny little stars shining in the sky. For the first time I slept under the sky studded with beautiful stars. The marriage was loads of

fun too. Along with 'mehandi' and make up, I learnt many folk songs. Some thousand of villagers had come for the wedding; some of them even had face masked with long ghunghat. I thoroughly enjoyed 'juta-churai' and relished 'garam jalebis' and 'chulha cooked chapattis.' My heart sank when I realised that the days have just slipped by and I needed to

go back to my city to complete my homework and project work! All this while, my impression of villages and villagers was totally changed. The real India has a treasure of warm hearts, glowing farms and budding development. Someday I want to go back to our villages, our real India and work for the welfare of our country. ●

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Tales And Travails Of An Air Conditioner

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Love turning on the AC? You do, don't you? But, have you ever wondered how your beloved, absolutely phenomenal air conditioner feels? Well it's not good that's for sure. Let's read a letter from the AC.

Dear humans, I'd love to begin with thanking you for creating me. I really would. Except, you've brought me into existence just to make my life difficult, so I don't really see the point of it. Offended? Well, that's how I feel all the time. Join the club and you'll hate it. This is my official letter of complaint to you. I'll list my grievances for you to rectify (it's not hard to make life simpler for someone.) Trust me!

"The compressor is too noisy"
I spend sweltering summer days running for hours to keep you warm and you expect me to stay silent? What does that make me, a woman in 18th century Europe? You start huffing and puffing after walking up a flight of stairs. Cut me some slack, please.

"It causes too much pollution"
I come from a generation of CFC producing machines. It's a part of my heritage, just like cutting down forests seems to be a part of yours. If you hate the notion of pollution so much, why don't you stop using me all the time? Maybe you'll fall ill less often.

"The temperature isn't right, please change it"
I, from experience, would like to tell you that being an AC is the

worst thing you could subject a machine to. Though, watching grown adults fighting over the temperature is rather hilarious at first, it gets annoying really fast. I implore your species to reach a consensus before turning my temperature up and down all the time, in rotation, just to spite each other. Aren't you all making unnecessary use of democracy? Your species has since time immemorial called itself the most intelligent race on this earth but fight over petty issues. You keep exploring and innovating new things to meet your needs. You come up with 'revolutionary ideas' and destroy your habitat in the process. It's not my fault you made me the way I am. If you have a problem with me, do something about it instead of cribbing constantly. 🇮🇳

Endorsed by bollywood

Of Brands And Branded Ambassadors

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For we the *aam janta*, who are obsessed with celebrities, there's no arguing the impact they have on us. No matter what a celebrity does, it's instantly emulated by millions. Being a celebrity is a full time job. When our favourite celebrities aren't entertaining us, they're selling products to us through all mediums. And they sell everything from cars to diapers. Maybe you have bought a brand of lipstick only because your favourite actor expressed in a commercial that it made her lips look plumper. Just look at the array of products any celebrity is able to sell at a given time. Stick to the thought while we give you some slapstick iconic celebrity endorsements.

Andaa apna apna!

In the noughties, the NECC made eggsperienced actor, Dharmendra, the ambassador for their ad campaign to educate people of our country about the importance of eating eggs. This campaign received good ratings by the viewers and the phrase, "Sunday ho ya Monday, Roz khao ande" still echoes in our hearts.

Namak ka haq!

Life is filled with questions. But, the most important question one industry is curious about is, "Kya aapke toothpaste mein namak hai?" This ad campaign for Colgate Active Salt was done by none other than Kareena Kapoor and Sonakshi Sinha, leaving us wonder if the ad was for the toothpaste or for the cheap availability of salt? Nevertheless, the ad still rings the bells with us.

Fear me!

Now if you're the adventurous type and need a drink, all you need is Mountain Dew. Hrithik Roshan as the brand ambassador gave us the motto to live by, "Darr ke aage jeet hai." After all, Mountain Dew and Hanuman Chalisa are the only two things you need to face your fears with.

The all rounder!

How can we forget, Fair & Lovely. Not only does this brand promise spotless fair (beautiful skin) but also brings us to the realisation that a lighter skin tone will solve all our problems! From aching a job interview to finding a perfect groom, Fair & Lovely does it all. Investing in this cream promises a fair future, and it is now a favourite *upay* of any astrologer'. Why? Because Yami Gautam said so! 🇮🇳





The term ‘Socialist’ was added in the Preamble of India in 1976 through 42nd Amendment Act.

Soaring democracy



Dr Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

69 years of becoming republic and already the world is talking about us. At the beginning of the year we launched our 100th satellite in the orbit and became the pioneers of space satellite programs. Our projected growth rate of 7.8 % at the World Economic Forum 2018, has the world looking at us with hope and bewilderment both. We hosted 10 esteemed leaders of ASEAN nations at our Republic Day celebrations to commemorate the 50 years of ASEAN and 25 years of India’s association with it. It’s an achievement beyond compare and a matter of huge pride for us that we are the only democracy in the world which has survived the test of times. Our democratic fabric has remained intact when democracies the world over have fallen apart owing to their internal and external conflicts. Our ‘Unity in Diversity’ is exemplary, especially when we look at the fact that inspire of thousands of diversities in language, literature, religion, cultures, customs, tradition and lifestyles, we have successfully survived, 1 emergency, 5 wars, 2 major global economic recessions and multiple trade sanctions. Not only survived, but we have also emerged as leaders in such difficult times. We still elect our representatives, we make our world class defense weaponry indigenously and our accelerated development is the talk of the town. The world now calls us a nation which can turn adversities into opportunities. We have shown the world what it takes to lead and succeed with innovations and revolutions at the core. As we stand on the threshold of becoming a superpower by 2030 now, we need to be more mature and grown up and live true to the character of sovereign and democratic. More than the fundamental rights, now we need to talk and act about our fundamental duties as the citizens of India. It’s time now that each one of us embrace nationalism as the way of living and start thinking and acting for nation above self. 🇮🇳

Dutiful nation



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

India is a sovereign, socialist republic which means that the very nature of our constitution is such that the enjoyment of rights is conditional on satisfactory fulfilment of duties. We are a lenient democracy and the fact that our fundamental duties are not enforceable by law unlike many nations proves this. Yet, lot of protests keep happening with people asking for various rights. With many of them turning violent, it is now mandatory for us to ask ourselves if we have done our duties towards the nation well enough to lay our claim to rights. Before we protest about right to free speech being suppressed, we need to do our duty of ensuring that our speech and language promotes harmony and brotherhood. Prior to asking for the right to practice religion we must remember that it is our corresponding duty that our religious practices do not pollute our environment especially the water bodies and natural resources, and that it protects the flora and fauna our country is blessed with. The constitution of India has accorded many benefits to its citizens since past 70 years. Now is the time that we finally wake up to the reality that all individual rights flow from one’s duties. After all, as the citizens of the largest democracy our composite efforts only will build a nation which leads the world. 🇮🇳

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A visionary virologist

Prof Anupam Varma Supports Incentivising Scientific Research

Nandini Sukhija, AIS MV, XI G

Prof Anupam Varma, INSA Emeritus Scientist, Advance Centre for Plant Virology, Indian Agricultural Research Institute awarded the Honorary Professorship at Amity Institute of Virology and Immunology speaks to GT reporter.

How do you see research in Biotechnology & Life Sciences, in India shaping up in the next ten years?
Biotechnology worldwide has accelerated at the speed of light. India as a young nation with inquisitive minds and incredibly genius scientists stands on the threshold of being a Biotech superpower within a span of next 5 years. We have the best labs, scientists and acclaimed researchers in the world. What is required is the political will. With that, Biotech in India can develop and reach a stage where all our current findings, inventions, knowledge and experience can be applied at industrial and economic scale.



Prof Anupam Varma with GT reporter Nandini Sukhija

Though there has been a spurt in the number of students studying life sciences, very few of them pursue research. Why?
This is because of the lack of funding for research and technology. The amount of funds available to research scholars world over, are far more than what we pay to our researchers. We need to be more pragmatic and realise

that scientific research is a time taking process and without external incentives like fellowships and monetary rewards, it will be difficult to retain our scientific talent pool. We also need to increase the funding for technology upgradation. Many good institutes and colleges are still using old instruments and they have to collaborate with other institutes when-

ever they need to use new upgraded instruments. This leads to the loss of precious time and energy, causing unexpected delays in research.

Why did you choose plant virology as a field of study?
Not plant virology, but virology as a broader field. Virology is a subject quite unheard of. Even when I started, I did not know the ‘V’ of virology, but it is quite intriguing to get into something about which nothing is known. That makes you more inquisitive and inspires you to observe and explore, two basic tenets of being a scientist.

Your message for Amitians.
You should aim to excel in whichever field of study you choose. Strive for knowledge and not just marks. Choose a career that matches your interest and aptitude. If you study sincerely to gain knowledge at every step of your life, you will surely be successful and be able to steer your life and your country towards growth and prosperity. 🇮🇳

Ayushi Singh, AIS Saket, XI F

Dear Sapiens,
I wish to address my letter to all those epitomes of wisdom and knowledge, whom the theory of biological evolution has ever seen. Yet ideologically, the evidence of their own evolution remains weak. While at one point we praise the government for supporting the triple talaq issue, we seemingly fail to embrace the term divorce holistically. There was once a time when my parents showered me with love and gifts, and suddenly all of that just vanished in a heartbeat. Fear, confusion and loneliness penetrated in my vitality. ‘Broken Home’, I remember when a child taunted me of being from one. Too young to understand the intricacy of this new doublet added in my vocabulary, I rubbed it on the good side. There was nothing wrong about my home. The walls were intact, no signs of breakage and my mother and grandparents loved me exceptionally. Yet, with growing years, I soon began to realise what it meant. I wasn’t going to enjoy any ‘daddy-daughter’ days, but that didn’t affect me much. Battling archaic popular notions like

Heart to heart

The Call Of A Single Parent Child

‘Broken home children send negative vibes’, ‘They are very aggressive’ was the difficult part. While some discriminated, others pitied and sympathized with me. It made me feel small and incapable of doing anything.

One day, I came across another child who had suffered the same

fate as mine. She wept listening to my story and I, hers. I supposed I wasn’t the only one and maybe in a better position than many others. When everybody is complaining about convincing both parents for a movie with friends, or a camping trip from school, I just have to persuade one. The initial phase was tough, but eventually I got the opportunity to do the things that adults do, and that instilled in me the confidence to speak up. So eventually, it is not just normal to have a single parent rather it is for the better as I have seen. When it dawned that my life had changed for the better, free from parental discord, the thought of living with a single parent hardly mattered. Down the years, I have accepted the harsh reality of the world and its people. And

now I don’t want to lie anymore, as my conscience prevents me from doing so. My mother is my mentor, my inspiration, my saviour. She has been through unfathomable situations, yet she has come out strong, and teaches me to be the same. Working tirelessly for six days a week, raising a child single handedly, and making a home for us to live and love takes incredible courage on her part. Being with her, I have learnt to fight my own battles and never quit even when all odds are against me. I have learnt to appreciate even the small things in life because optimism is the way of survival. Most importantly, I know what it means to love and be loved; and if not for my mom I would simply cease to exist. On behalf of all the troubled children of single parent families, I have a humble request for you: “Don’t sympathize, for we are proud Of the family which provides and takes care of us Don’t be suspicious, for we all Are the children of God. Don’t push us away, when our dreams Are just beginning to take flight. Don’t be intrusive, rather be inclusive. Listen for the time is ripe Break all the walls of contention. And embrace us with open hearts”. Yours affectionately,
—A longing heart 🇮🇳

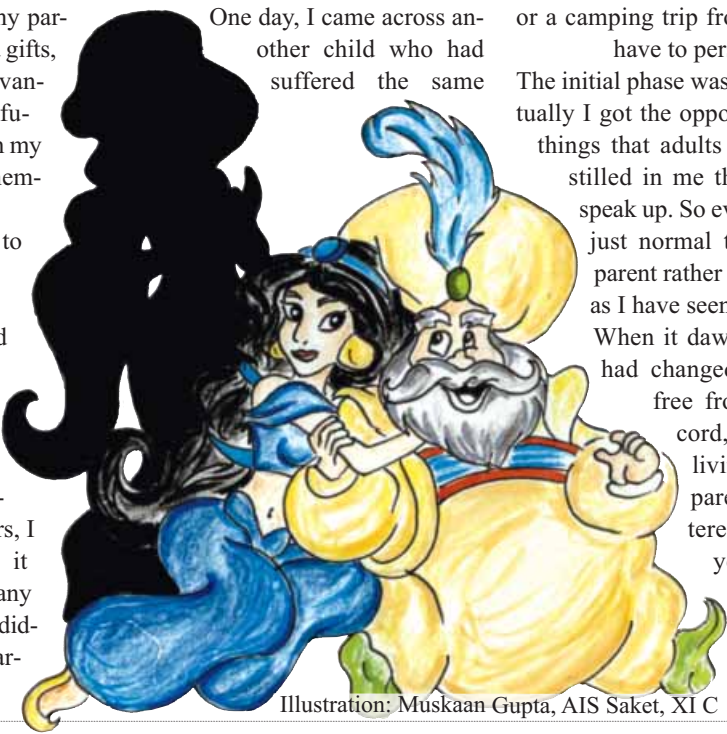


Illustration: Muskaan Gupta, AIS Saket, XI C

Little pearls of wisdom

The three wishes

Aryaman Garg
AIS Vas 1, VI

Once upon a time there lived a couple who always wanted more than what they had. One cold night, as they sat by the fire-place warming themselves, a beautiful little fairy came in, smiled at them and said, “Hi, I am a mountain fairy and I live in the crystal castle up the hills. Don’t be afraid, I am your friend and have come here to grant you three wishes. From now on, if you wish for anything it will be granted immediately. But remember, you have only three wishes which you can make and that too only within one week

from now. So think carefully before you make a wish and don’t do it in a haste”. The little fairy disappeared leaving the couple mesmerised and excited. They started pondering hard about what to wish for but couldn’t decide what they really wanted. Thinking that they have a whole week to make a wish, they went off to sleep. Next day, while making supper, the wife kept thinking of the three wishes and the happiness that it would bring. As the lovely waft of boiling potatoes rose to her nose she said, “I wish we had a nice big sausage to eat with these potatoes”. That very moment there appeared a big fat sausage on top of the potatoes! Their first wish

had come true! Her husband got quite angry at her carelessness and shouted, “What a stupid thing you have done”? “I wish the same sausage had grown on your nose, you silly woman”! Now that was also a very careless thing to say. It was the second wish, that was granted immediately. The big fat sausage got stuck on his wife’s nose. Though they tried their best to pull it off, it just wouldn’t come off. Now there was only one wish left and they had no choice but to use it. “I wish the sausage would disappear”, said his wife and it vanished! Now the couple sat down looking at each other, sad and full of remorse for all their wishes were now over and so were their future plans. They hoped that the mountain fairy would come



back one day and grant three wishes again, but she never did. That’s why there goes an old adage, ‘Open your mind before you open your mouth’.



The constitution of India has undergone a total of 123 amendments since its adoption.

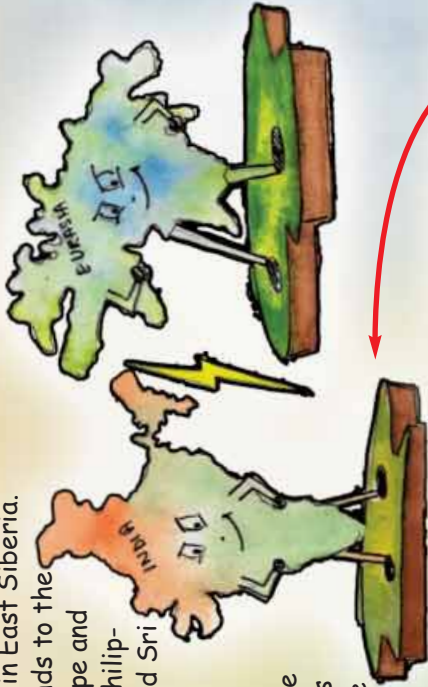
Tectonic plates are thick large pieces of Earth's crust and uppermost mantle layer, both of which make the lithosphere. These gigantic segments of rock are in constant motion, responsible for shaping various features on Earth's surface

TECTONIC TALK

Text by Soumya Sharma, XI J
Illustration by Simranh Kakkar, XII C, AIS Noida

Eurasian Plate

- The Eurasian plate is estimated to be 67,80,00 square kilometers.
- This plate is spread across most of Eurasia, with the exception of the Indian subcontinent, the Arabian peninsula and eastern side of the Chersky Range in East Siberia.
- It also extends to the islands of Europe and Asia, e.g. UK, Philippines, Japan and Sri Lanka.
- Collision of Eurasian plate and Indian plate 50 million years ago formed the Himalayas.



Pacific Plate

- The Pacific plate is estimated to be 103, 300, 000 square kilometers.
- The Pacific plate is an oceanic tectonic plate that lies beneath the Pacific Ocean.
- It is the only major tectonic plate whose large portion mainly lies underwater.
- The Pacific plate is responsible for 90% of the earthquakes and is associated with continuous series of oceanic trenches, volcanic arcs and volcanic belts.



North American Plates

- The African plate is estimated to be 75,90,000 square kilometers.
- The North American plate covers most of North America, Greenland, Cuba, the Bahamas, extreme northeastern Asia, and parts of Iceland and the Azores. Eastward, it extends upto the Mid-Atlantic Ridge and westward it spreads to the Chersky Range in eastern Siberia.
- It is in contact with large number of plates, that's why it has high tectonic activity.
- Movement of this plate caused 'The Northern California Earthquake' on April 18, 1906.



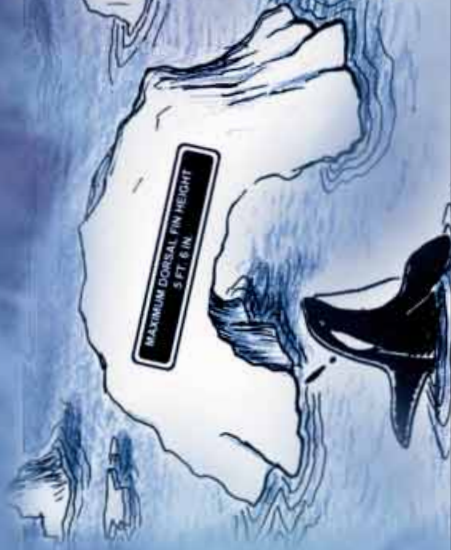
Indo-Australian Plate

- The Indo-Australian plate is estimated to be 58,00,000 square kilometers.
- The Indo-Australian plate is a major tectonic plate which spans Australian continent. In northwest it extends to the Indian subcontinent.
- It is responsible for seismic events like Indian Ocean earthquakes of 2012.
- After those massive earthquakes of 2012 on the seafloor of Indian ocean, geologists found, that this plate is now breaking up into two.



African Plate

- The African plate is estimated to be 61,300,000 square kilometers.
- It spans most of the continent of Africa, as well as the oceanic crust which lies between the continent and various surrounding ocean ridges.
- It sprawls through the equator and the Prime Meridian.
- A strong earthquake rattled East Africa on December 5, 2005 because of the movement of this plate. Measuring 6.8 on the Richter scale, the epicenter of the earthquake was under Lake Tanganyika, the oldest and deepest of the Rift Valley lakes. The tremors were felt upto Nairobi, Kenya which is some 975 kilometers (600 miles) away from the epicenter.



South American Plate

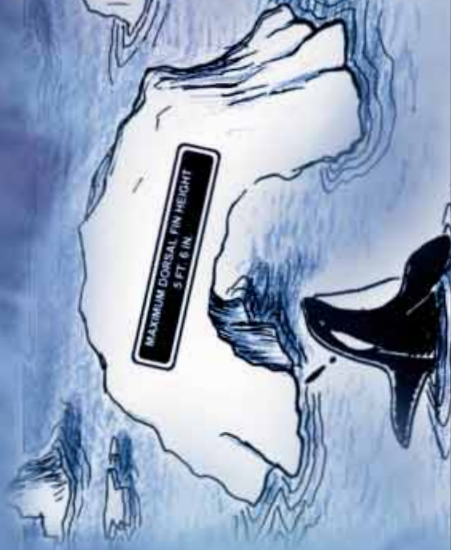
- The South American plate is estimated to be 43,600,000 square kilometers.
- The South American plate is a large size plate beneath the continent of South America.
- Its collision with Nazca plate has formed the Andes mountains and collision with African plate led to the formation of the Mid Atlantic Ridge.
- Great Chile earthquake of May 22, 1960 and the Christmas Sumatra earthquake of Dec 2004 (also called Christmas Tsunami) occurred as the result of the movement of this plate.

Plate of scoops

- The German scientist, Alfred Wegener is called 'The Father of tectonic plates'.
- Scientists can now track the movement of tectonic plates using GPS.
- The Red Sea was formed when African and Arabian plates were pulled apart.

Antarctic Plate

- The Antarctic plate is estimated to be 58,000,000 square kilometers.
- The continental crust of the Antarctic plate forms Antarctica and its continental shelf.
- Its oceanic crust lies beneath the seas which surround Antarctica.
- This plate is separated into two distinct components, the West Antarctic and the East Antarctic.



Scars reach for stars



Storywala

Arushi Bhardwaj
AGS Noida, XII

She curled up her bare toes against the rug that was lying beside her bath tub, trying to control her agony, sadness, but most of all her urge. Her urge to take the shining knife resting on top of the wash basin and start drawing art on the pale skin of her wrists. Today was different, today she wasn't trying to count her scars or understand their meanings. Today she was

trying to finally let her anti depressants do their job. Today, she was trying to move past the demons of her dark and abandoned childhood. The memories of lonely nights filled with screaming, cursing and crying were as clear as a crystal in her mind. Those memories were the inspirations for the art she drew on her skin. The art that made her a beautiful mess. What she couldn't understand was how were her parents so engrossed in themselves that they

couldn't see what their little girl was going through? How could they not be with her when she was depressed and visiting different doctors? Bitterness filled her heart and all she wanted was to draw a masterpiece. An art which would speak for her, an expression which would make the world listen to the screams of her lonely heart. She picked up the knife and was about to draw her final masterpiece, a deep cut, when a voice spoke to her. Her 'inner voice'. Is this final

“So what if she had a troubled childhood, she still had a family. After all, she also hadn’t spoken to her parents yet.”

masterpiece really worth a life? So what if she had a troubled childhood, she still had a family. After all, she also hadn't spoken to her parents yet. Why not ask her parents directly, the questions that had been ringing in her mind? She listened to the voice and stopped. Finally, with teary eyes but strong diligence to overcome her obsession she got up. She got up to fight back her monsters and stood in front of the mirror. Looking at herself in the mirror had never been easy for her, but today she gathered all her courage to let go. Let go of not only her past but also her fears. She took one last glance at her battle scars recalling those innumerable pills and the lonely nights spent on the washroom floor. Taking a deep breath, she rolled down her sleeves and let out a small precious smile repeating the words she had been teaching herself for the past eight months, "I will not draw art from my blood tonight. I will make a beautiful art out of my life".



Glove reindeer

Materials required

Old gloves.....1
Wiggle eyes.....2
Brown pipe cleaner.....2
Red pompom.....½ inch
Glue / Glue stick1
Hempsmall amount

Buttons.....5-8
Black marker.....1
Blusher.....1
Cotton.....1 small bundle
Scissors1
FabricHandkerchief size

Process

- Stuff glove with cotton and push the filling up into the index finger and ring finger.
- Tuck the middle finger down inside the glove and stitch it.
- Fold the wrist portion outward twice and stitch.
- Fold and stitch the thumb and little finger to make ears.
- Paste the red pompom in the middle of the palm section to make a nose.
- Make a running stitch all around the palm and pull tight the cotton stuffing.
- Cut hemp into pieces and stick between index and ring finger for making hair.
- Stick wiggle eyes and draw a smiling lips with sketch pen.
- Cut pipe cleaners into half and twist and wrap around fingers to make antlers.
- Wrap the scarf around the base of glove.
- Blush the cheeks with brush and stick four buttons on antlers and one on scarf.
- Wrap fabric at bottom like a scarf. (Refer images)

Read Play and Win

Reading your favourite GT can fetch you a prize too. Complete all the boxes below. Click a picture and send it to editor@theglobaltimes.in or submit it to your GT Teacher Coordinator. 3 lucky winners will win a prize every week!

Q: What is the headline of the Canada news on Page 2?

Ans:

Q: Name the Littlechef recipe mentioned on Page 9.

Ans:

Q: What is the headline of the article authored by Sarthak Narain?

Ans:

Q: Name two cricketers mentioned in the article 'Superheroic sportsmen' on Page 4.

Ans:

Q: What is the headline of the article written by Jai Raj Singh Shaktawat, BJMC, I year?

Ans:

Q: What is the tagline of the article 'Heart to heart' on Page 6?

Ans:

Q: Who is the author of the poem 'Ruins of river'?

Ans:

Q: Name three plates mentioned in the poster 'Tectonic talk'.

Ans:

Q: On which page is the article 'Debunking urban legends' featured?

Ans:

Name:.....Class:.....School:.....

Results of Read Play & Win-46: Aman Gupta, AIS Noida, II G; Kanak Verma, AIS Noida, II G; Annanya Iyer, AIS Noida, II B

BRUSH 'n' EASEL

Saisha Bahl
AIS Noida, IX L

WORDS VERSE

Ruins of river

Khushi Saxena
AIS Noida, X L

With pain that was endless!

Founding blocks of races calls
Say, flowers needs to be around
Not the cemented walls!
It tells us a story
Of its world coming to an end
Reminds of exploitation to fend!

My crown broke
And my soul shook sore
Suddenly I felt like
I couldn't spread my wings!
My kingdom of water crashed
In front of my eyes

Nothing left to bend or end
And now, the time is too less
And there is a lot to mend!
I will tell you my journey
From wearing a crown
I was a princess

Today I stand here
Facing who destroyed me
Oh you will all have to pay
You crumpled me
Crunched me, rumbled me
In your own filthy ways!

Of my rheumy town
Oh those were the day
I babbled chanting hymns
Across the paths crossing rivers!
And on my way appreciating all
The joy and merriment

You ruined my kingdom
Into a dumping zone
It's time that you realize
And put an end to your lies
Wake up and shake up
From all that you're crushing

But the good times are no more
And suddenly I found myself
In a world with only dark skies
I cried for help
In all directions nevertheless

Realise what you are losing!
Don't wait for an apocalypse
It won't happen
Now will be an eclipse
For there will be no Noah's Park
Sailing life through the oceans!

Best entries for colouring fun

Saanvi Tiwari
AIS Vas 6, II C

Pragya Rathal
AIS Noida, VI K

Sohini Chattopadhyay
AIS Noida, II G

Strange things



Short Story

Akshat Gupta
AIS Vas 1, VII A

Maggie woke up in the night hearing a low ‘swoosh’. She came out of her room and went downstairs, from where the sound came. She stopped in her tracks and asked, “Who’s there?” with fear in her voice. But no answer came. “I have to see what’s going on around here,” she thought to herself and went closer. On reaching down there she heard the sound ‘Swoosh’ again. It now emanated at specific intervals. Maggie listened more carefully.

She could now fathom that the sound was coming from outside. She looked outside the window and saw that the garden was spoiled. She quickly rushed out and saw a trail of destruction leading to their backyard. “Nooo!” she screamed because all her favourite plants had been destroyed. She cautiously treaded towards the sound and was horrified at what she saw. There was a meteorite emitting blue light. She went closer and touched it. The door opened slowly. Horror and wonder gripped her together as she realised that it was not a meteorite but a spaceship! Stupe-

fied by its beauty, she stepped inside the spaceship just to see how it looked. As soon as she had stepped inside, the door of the spaceship closed behind her with a ‘bang’. Startled, Maggie turned back and ran only to find that she couldn’t go out. After trying in vain for the door to open, Maggie decided to go inside and explore the spaceship instead. She went ahead and came across two hallways. Confused, she decided to go left & ended up in the control room of the spaceship. Curiosity got the better of her. She decided to try her hands at controls. She pulled a lever on which

There was a table in the middle of the room with some buttons on it. Maggie went near the table and pushed the red button.

was written ‘start’. The spaceship began to buzz Maggie panicked and pulled the lever down. She ran into the second hallway where she saw a glass cabin with digital screens floating all around. She opened the door and entered the cabin. There was a table in middle of the room with some buttons on it. Maggie went near the table and pushed the red button. A voice asked, “Hello Captain, what should I do for you?” Maggie in her most commanding voice said, “Open the door of the spaceship and let me out safely.” The voice obeyed her and the door opened. Maggie rushed out into the garden and ran as fast as she could until she fell down on ground with a loud ‘thud’. She stood up & rubbed her eyes to find herself fallen down on the bed. Oh! again, just another dream of visiting the spaceship.

So what did you learn today?
A new word: Emanated
Meaning: to come out from a source



Semolina cake

Hriday Gupta
AIS Vas 1, III

Ingredients
Semolina.....1 cup
Milk1 cup
Sugar.....1 cup
Whole wheat flour½ cup
Yogurt½ cup
Baking powder½ tsp
Saffron1-4 strings
Cardamom.....3-4 pieces
Cashew & pine nuts.½ cup
Oil 200 ml
Butter paper2 sheets

Method
■ Mix yogurt, oil and sugar in a bowl, beat till dissolved.

■ Add semolina, saffron, cardamom, baking powder, wheat flour and milk to the mixture. Mix well with an egg beater.
■ Beat the mixture to a smooth consistency with beater at medium speed for 5 minutes.
■ And line the baking tray with butter paper. Brush some oil onto the tray.
■ Pour the batter into the baking tray and bake the cake in an oven at 180 degree celsius for 35-40 minutes.
■ Take out the cake and decorate it with cashew nuts and pine nuts for serving.

It's Me

My name: Vanya Tyagi
My school: AIS Vas 1
My Class: KG
My birthday: September 24
I like: Colours
I dislike: Fighting
My hobby: Drawing
My role model: Papa
My best friend: Vaishnavi
My favourite book: ABCD / Alphabet book
My favourite game: Football
My favourite mall: Mahagun

Mall
My favourite food: Dal chawal
My favourite teacher: Shruti Ma'am
My favourite subject: English
I want to become: A teacher
I want to feature in GT because: I want to make my teachers and parents feel proud

POEM

Tiny drops of life

Anugya Sinha, AIS Gur 43, VI D

Water travels a way too long
It faces many difficulties but stays too strong
Don't waste it, don't pollute it
Find the ways not to dilute it
Just think about the fresh water
From mountains and glaciers high

Dancing ahead through the bed of rocks
It is the lifeline of all livestock
The fields go lush green and pristine
Touched when they are by holy riverine!
Arise, awake now rise and shine
To protect the water from further slaying!

Many a civilisations have flourished
On the banks of rivers happy and cherished
Such is the power of water maverick
Create the life it can so quick
Birth of the life happened in water
Moment the rain dropped pitter patter

But hey now stop and wait
We have left rivers all dead and ravaged
We built the dams and did all chores
And so for a good living we closed the doors
Water is free of cost but most of it is now lost
Water is the key to life we need to survive!

Riddle Fiddle

Paavani Dhingra
AIS Gur 43, II

1. I am vegetable orange and long. Rabbits like me. I make you strong. Who am I?

2. I have a face but have no eyes. I have two hands but no

arms. Who am I ?

3. I have a thumb and four fingers. I am not alive but still love winters. Who am I ?

4. I am red but I can also be green. At times golden yellow I can be seen. Who am I?

Ans : 1 Carrot 2: Clock 3: A pair of gloves 4: Apple

Colouring fun with artwork

Colour the above sketch made by Muskaan Shahi, AIS Noida, VII C and send us your entries at the address given below:

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IRIS 2017

Winning Innovation For Specially Abled



Students with their certificates and trophies

AIS Pushp Vihar

The students from various Amity schools participated in the national round of Initiative for Research and Innovation in Science (IRIS) competition held in New Delhi from November 16-18, 2017. The opportunity extended by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF, aims to provide children with various platforms to hone their scientific acumen. Two students Akshat Gupta and Tanya Talwar from AIS PV won the prestigious Grand Award in the senior category in the nationals for their project titled 'Creating self-designed mazes for autistic people to map their analytical skills' under the category Behavioral and Social Sciences. Their project has been selected amongst the top 20 projects out of 70, to represent India at the world's largest Science & Research Fair, Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (IISEF) 2018 to be held in the USA. The competition saw over 1000 projects from different schools all over India, wherein students presented numerous ideas for research & innovation. Out of a total of 39 projects presented by Amity Group of Schools, 6 projects were finally selected for the national level.



Sharing the cheerful spirit of the carnival

Winter carnival

AIS Noida

To promote family bonding and togetherness, the school held a winter carnival amongst great fanfare on December 16, 2017. School Principal Renu Singh inaugurated the event accompanied by Vice Principals and Headmistresses of the school. It was a day that marked the childhood spirit, enthusiasm and delight. The staff, students, family and friends basked in the sun, enjoyed delicious food at stalls,

rode on a bunch of fun rides such as Giant Wheel, Christopher Columbus, etc., and purchased numerous items like handicrafts, apparels, potted plants and other household and consumer goods at rock bottom prices in the carnival. A live DJ, fun filled games like Tambola, song requests and pulsating music reverberated all through the day in the carnival and kept the crowd busy. The lucky draw at the end of the day saw numerous winners taking home various prizes. The day was enjoyed by all.

Quiz masters

AIS Vas 6

Two students from school Aditya Singh and Arishta Chhabra brought home the laurels by bagging bronze medal at the highly competitive All India Quiz Competition on Water Resources organized by the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and



Students with school Principal

Ganga Rejuvenation on January 10, 2018 at New Delhi. The competition saw over 2000 schools participate in the preliminary written round wherein the Amity school team qualified for the finals and won the medal.

AIS Jagdishpur

An All India Quiz on Water Resources was organised for school students in Lucknow by The Central Water Commission (CWC), Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation on January 5, 2018. Aditya Mishra & Arpita Singh (Class VIII) participated in the preliminary round which was organised in the regional office of the CWC. The students secured second rank & qualified for the quiz round in Lucknow region.



Winners with their certificates

Inter house cricket tournament 2017

AIS Jagdishpur

The school conducted an interhouse cricket tournament for the students on December 29, 2017, wherein they participated with a lot of enthusiasm and sportsmanship. The tournament was inaugurated by school Principal Purnima Ghoshal. The first match was held between

Mandakini and Pawani houses in which Mandakini house stood first. The second match of the tournament was played between Alaknanda and Bhagirathi houses which was won by Alaknanda house. The final match played between Mandakini and Alaknanda houses witnessed a lot of excitement and zeal with Alaknanda being declared as the final winner.



Cricket champions



Students of Class II display their acting skills



Children depict famous Indian personalities

Class presentation

AIS Pushp Vihar

The students of Class I and II participated in an impressive presentation organised in the school on the theme 'Inspiring India' on December 27, 2017. Children depicted the lives and contributions made by some of the important personalities and scientists of India who brought innovations in various fields and are remembered as great pioneers of success. The occasion was

graced by the presence of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF along with special guest Divya Chauhan, Chairperson, ASFT, ASFA, ASPA. Children presented small skits based on motivational instances from the lives of scientists which were appreciated by everyone. Children of Class I enacted the inspirational stories from the lives of famous personalities like Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, CV

Raman, Baba Amte, Acharya Vinoba Bhave and Sardar Vallabhai Patel which further inspired the lives of many present in the auditorium. Class II students enacted skits based the lives of famous scientists like Homi Jehangir Bhabha, Tessy Thomas, Vikram Sarabai, Jagdish Chandra Bose and Ramanujan, etc. Through this activity, children gained a lot of knowledge about the scientists and their major inventions in the world.

AIS Saket

The students of Class VI-VIII had the opportunity to witness a live performance in the school auditorium by Mr Matej Kolenic, a Fujara and Shamisen player from Slovakia on January 10, 2018. The per-

formance was organised under the aegis of AERC.

School Principal Divya Bhatia extended a warm welcome to the musician and everyone else present on the occasion. She further gave a detailed introduction of the renowned musician and highlighted his achievements. Later,

Mr Matej Kolenic enlightened the children about three different musical instruments like Fujara, Koncovka and Shamisen. Fujara and Koncovka are traditional Slovakian musical instruments whereas Shamisen is a three-stringed traditional Japanese musical instrument.

He also explained the importance of music and melody which signifies the ideology of a particular culture. He shared about his experiences, performances and meetings with various artists all around the world. Later on, he performed for the students with each of the three musical instruments. The performance included his solo performance and a duet performance wherein he was accompanied by school's Tabla teacher Mr. Tansen Shrivastava. This was followed by an interaction between the students and Mr Matej Kolenic wherein children asked a lot of questions about his life, his love for music and inspiration behind it. The programme concluded with the vote of thanks from school Principal, teachers and students for the fantastic performance displayed by both the artists. Overall, it was a great learning experience for the students.



Little kids dressed as fairies

AIS Noida

The school organised a class presentation for the little ones of Nursery on the theme 'Stay magical with fairyland' on November 29-30, 2017. Rich dialogues, rhymes, songs, dances and a finale round were presented in beautifully decorated classrooms. The presentation turned into a musical extravaganza showcasing

ing fantasy characters such as dwarves, giants, fairies, elves, gnomes, goblins, talking animals and mermaids. The children listened to various informative and creative stories and learnt the moral behind each fairytale. Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF witnessed some of the most beautiful presentations and applauded the zealous efforts of the little children.

Live performance



On the first Republic Day in the year 1950, a 31-gun salute was given to the first President.



DEBUNKING URBAN LEGENDS

How Did These Characters Become Urban Legends?

Sanya Grover

AIS Noida, XII I

Who doesn't like a good scare or creepy story? Goosebumps rising, adrenaline coursing through your veins when you try to step outside your *razai* during satan's hour, we're all fans for good horror stories. Popular horror urban myths have had their fair share of admiration, and their influence has bewildered us for ages with the same question, How much and what exactly is true? Well take your magnifying glasses out and put on your doctor gloves. Carry a trench coat for the cold, and as the new and improved Sherlock Holmes, don't forget your hat, be-

cause its time for yet another investigation into the deep dark place called lies.

Slender man

Honestly, how slender can a man be? A blank face. Two long tentacle-like arms. Well slender man answers that question for you. 8 feet tall and with tentacles for hands, slender man is the monster every kid is scared to death by. Meet the most mysterious serial killer on the internet. Guess what? He can teleport too! And don't worry, he's the creepier one when it comes to comparing whose-the-creepiest-of-them-all from your Facebook friend list because, apparently he's a major stalker too.

Disclaimer: Slender man does not exist. He is an invented character, created for an online photoshop competition in 2004. Enthusiasts have been adding to this 'mythos' ever since!

Alligators in sewer

Legend says, baby alligators were flown in from Florida to be kept as house pets (umm, what about dogs?) and somehow they got flushed down the

toilet (umm, how?) Though not many of them survived, some made the cut and are still living in the sewers of the hustling New York City.

Disclaimer: There are a million gazillion reasons why this is not possible. Alligators are native to the warm, tropical climate of places like Florida, and New York winters are freezing (and keep in mind that underground the temperatures get lower than the average). Not only that, without the sun, which aids in the generation of vitamin D that an alligators skin need, they wouldn't be able to utilize calcium, and their bones would also become soft. So even if there were any that survived, they are most definitely dead. Therefore, New Yorkers, next time, please, stick to dogs.

The hook man

So, ladies and gentlemen, there's a hook man in the streets now. A man with his right hand replaced with a hook. To make things more interesting, he's also a murderer. So as the legend goes, a few teenagers were chilling out late in the dark, and bam, suddenly they were killed by a serial killer on the loose, who had a hook for the hand. (Yeah, we too wonder why).

Disclaimer: Turns out this story has been around for ages, and it was started off as a way to prevent kids from going out alone, especially in

the night. (*cue music* parents dancing to *aaj jaane ki zidd na karo*).

Sleep experiment

This legend takes it up a notch. As it goes, the soviets in 1940, performed an experiment on some of their prison inmates, and forced them to stay awake for 30 days without sleep. As with every urban legend, this one too has its own creepy factor to it. According to the tale, after 15 days, the inmates went insane and turned onto each other, screaming non stop for hours at a stretch and apparently started pulling themselves apart.

Disclaimer: In all reality, no such experiment took place. And as per research and observation, the record for the longest duration without any sleep is 11 days with the worse symptoms being hallucinations and slurred speech. So no, you don't become *Manjulika* if you don't sleep for 15 days. But kids, get your 8 hours of shut eyes because early to bed and early to rise makes one happy, healthy and wise.

These urban legends are the modern world's answer to old fairy tales. Both tales tell of dark and mysterious forces, always inexplicable, lurking out of sight and vanishing into thin air. But these stories persist because they appear to have some percent of truth or logic to them.

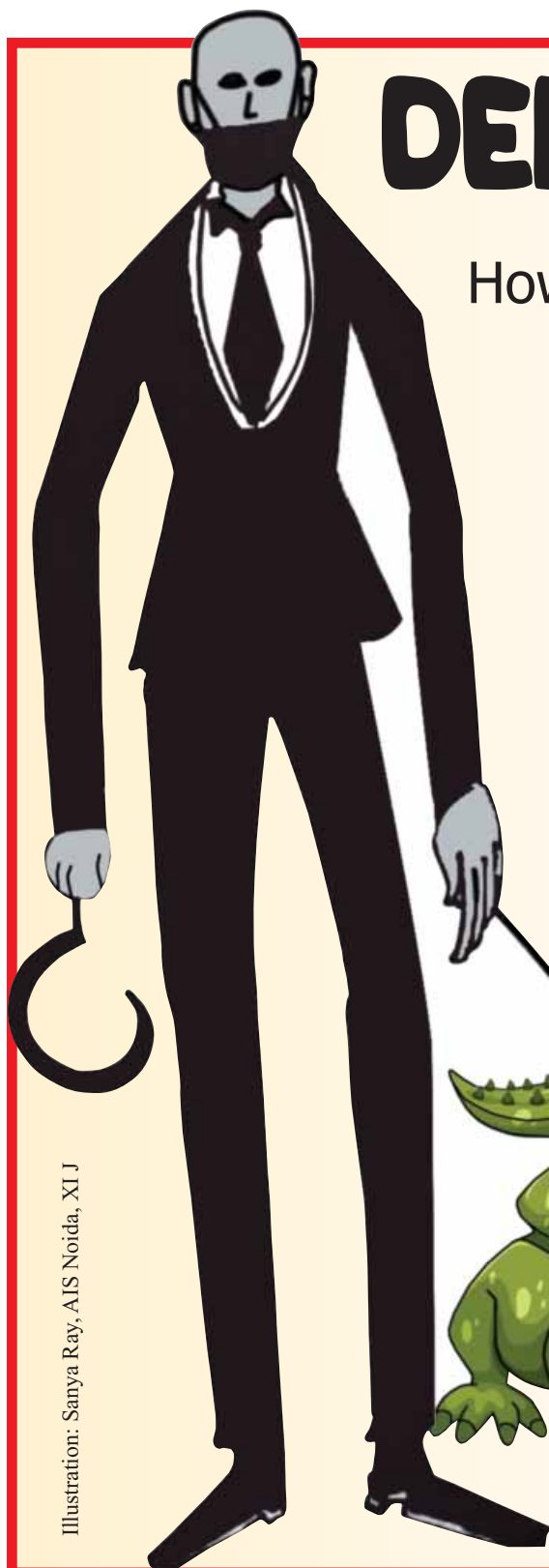


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Every cricket advice ever

Kyunki, Uncleji Ne Ek Dum Sahi Bola Tha...

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“Aarre Dhoni! Dive maar ke catch karna chahiye tha na! I swear, who put these people in the team? They should have used brain,” Sounds famil-

iar? Of course, it does. This is the very *uncleji* in your neighbourhood, sitting with his pot-belly and peanuts, telling the team how to play. After all, he has the experience of instructing the gully kids from his balcony, thus is totally qualified to become the Indian team's coach.

Ashwin ko offside pe rakha hota toh chauka bach jaata... When a middle aged man, who has never been to a cricket field, tells the team to place a fielder off-side. He is not just saying to impress the neighbourhood kids but he's making a strategy that will make the team win the match.

Short pitch bowler bowl karne ko kisne kaha tha? Yahi se maari hoti to pakka out ho jaata... Oooh, *Uncleji* has brought out the big guns and words. He's letting everyone know that he means business, and that he knows cricket's *chappa chappa*. (What he's not letting everyone know is that he

knows that he means business, and that he knows cricket's *chappa chappa*. (What he's not letting everyone know is that he

just copied the commentator to look important, and that he really does not know what a short pitch bouncer is.)

Mai Kohli ki jagah pe hota to wo second run bhi le leta... *Uncleji*, who has never run more than two steps without getting tired, truly believes that if he was on the field, he would've run the 20m long pitch twice and led India to glory. After all, who better than the former captain of Safdurjung Surfers (his old cricket team with other *unclejis*) to lead the team?

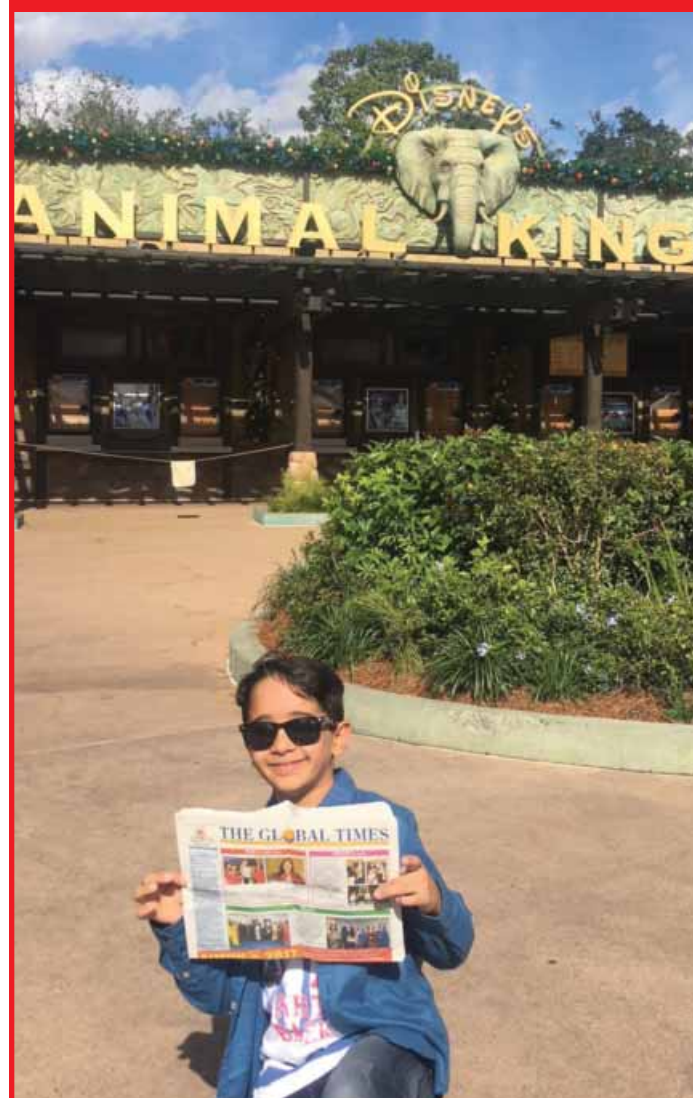
Oh ho, itni aasaan ball pe to aaram se chakka maar deta... When *Uncleji* says this, he purposefully ignores the gully match he played the day before, where he got catch-out in his first ball while trying to hit a sixer. But that doesn't matter, past is past, and he will hit any kid who tries to mention it in public. At present, he's as flawless as Yuvraj, and dare anyone say otherwise.

At long last, the match ends, with India losing against its opponent. *Uncleji* makes sure that everyone knows that Indian team would've won, had it listened to his experiential advice before the match began. 🇮🇳



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GT Travels to Florida



Veer Bhalla, AIS Noida, III L, poses with his copy of The Global Times in front of the Disney's Animal Kingdom at the Walt Disney World Resort in Bay Lake, Florida, near Orlando. The zoological theme park is home to 1700 animals of 250 different species from all over the world. The icon of the park is the 'Tree of life' which is 145-foot-tall and 50-foot-wide.

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