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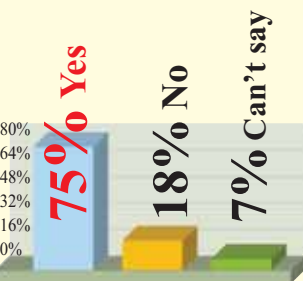
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Should UN take a stand on the recent Pakistan terror attacks?



Results as on January 10, 2015

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Welcome to the year 2020, also being heralded by many developmentalists as the modi-fied era. The past five years have seen the reign of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, infiltrating every nook and cranny of the country. The result is the same old country, albeit with the ‘modi’fications of development and progress. Continue reading to breathe in the scent of the ‘modi’fied land that we so proudly call India...

Anushka Barthwal & Shobhit Ranjan
AIS Saket, X

My laptop does my work

Modi announced: E-governance for everything; right from filing complaints to applying for passport.

“I got my driver’s license in three days!” can be commonly heard. Long queues, heaps of files all over the place and delayed services had to take the back door out. Now we have the perfect excuse for spending time on the internet. Everything’s digitalized, from booking tickets to issuing complaints.

No more of “Tu sarkari office jayega toh 60 saal mein bhi file clear nahi hogi.”

Those men on the streets

Modi announced: Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan for a cleaner India!

For a change, we see green bushes and flowers instead of packets and bottles strewn on the road; also cities sans defecations. All thanks to ‘Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan’, another one of the PM’s great initiatives. What’s more, actual functional dustbins at every few meters in place!

No more of “Chandni Chowk nahi jaunga. Waha bahut gandagi hai. Mujhse bhi kachre ki smell aane lagegi.”

My bag, pure Kaanjivaram

Modi announced: “Make in India” aiming to create more employment opportunities for Indian entrepreneurs.

Khaadi replaces Gucci, Dilli Haat is the new Select Citywalk. Thanks to the PM’s economic reforms and revamped foreign relations, manufacturing inputs are strong as ever. Economy has touched new heights with an influx of investments and in-

creased exports. Indian youth don’t have to suffer from the pangs of unemployment. “Made in China” finds replacement with “Made in India”.

No more of “Chinese maal sasta hota hai. 6 mahine ke baad kharab ho jayega toh change kar lenge.”

AIIMS at your doorstep

Modi announced: Introducing 3 year B.Sc course in community health and more AIIMS-like hospitals.

Want to go down the medical line? With new medical colleges and hospitals open in every district, you don’t have to face the daunting challenge of rejection. Besides, it means better medical facilities for the common populace. There is an upsurge in experienced doctors and community health inspectors ensuring a strong and healthy nation.

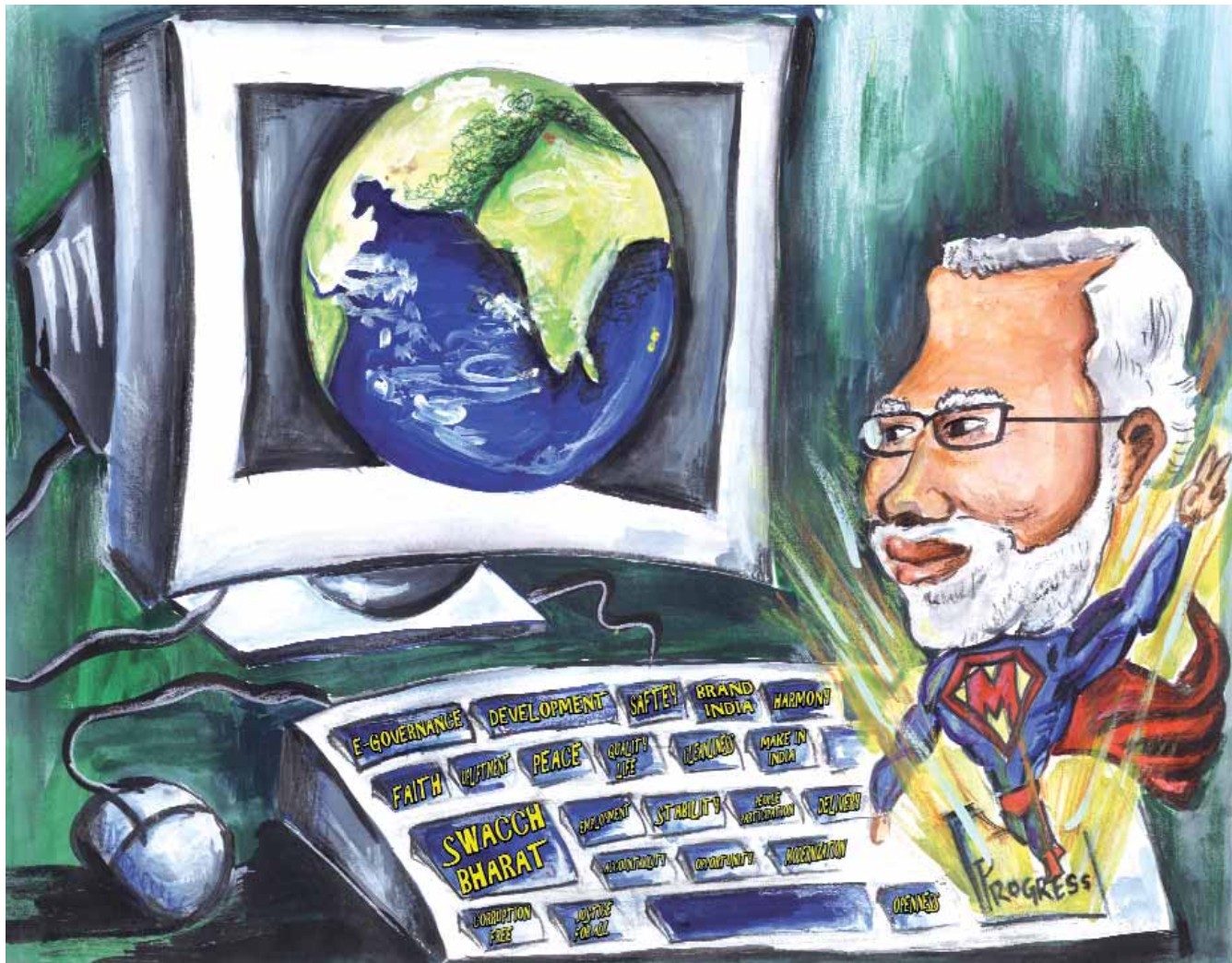


Illustration: Arsh Bedi, AIS Saket, XI

No more of “Doctor ko dikhaane ke liye Dilli le jaana padega.”

Padhega India, badhega India

Modi announced: Improved access to education and quality of delivery.

More quality schools have sprung up in every neighbourhood, within the reach of all. People do not have to travel long distances or shift to other town/states in search of better schools. Study abroad is no longer the ‘in’ thing. India is the new educational hub.

No more of “Mere beta to London hi padhne jayega.”

Thus, more of “Gujarat ka model, desh ka model.”

India is headed into the future with its hand on the gear-shift, changing its course. Watch out for the next few years! **GT**

New metro man

Himanshu Poswal

Amity School of Engineering & Technology

Mangu Singh, managing director, Delhi Metro envisions Delhi Metro as the largest public transit network in the world. Read on as he talks about filling large shoes, new initiatives and the road ahead.

Did you feel pressurised succeeding E Sreedharan, who himself is a great visionary?

I never felt any additional pressure. I have been a part of DMRC right from the beginning. In November ’97, I joined DMRC under Mr Sreedharan. So I have always been an integral part and parcel of this system.

What is your vision for the Delhi metro?

Currently, we have about 190 km of network and we carry about 27 lakh passengers daily. Another 140 km is under construction and will be completed by 2016. We have planned phase IV encompassing another 110 km, which will be taken up the moment phase III is completed by 2021. By then, the net-



Mangu Singh interacts with GT Reporter

work will be around 420 km which will be larger than London Underground. It will be the biggest network in the world then.

Tell us about the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) project taken up by the Delhi Metro.

A CDM project provides for emission reduction projects. In order to qualify as a CDM project, there are certain requirements and having documentary proof is most important. In commutation projects, it’s very difficult to provide documentary proof of emission reduction. Thus we proposed very innovative techniques which were originally unacceptable to UNFCCC. But after persuasion, it was agreed

upon. Once we established the reduction, we were the first to get the project registered with UNFCCC. And now this mechanism is available to everybody. All the metros can follow it.

Did having an IIT degree give you an edge?

I believe that degrees are only a minimum requirement for a profession. A graduate or civil engineer from IIT faces the same corporate challenges. He needs to equip himself to face them and makes himself competent enough.

You have worked with Kolkata Metro as the deputy chief engineer. How was the experience?

One must appreciate the environment in which the Kolkata metro was constructed. The economy was closed and foreign exchange very scarce. It wasn’t easy for project managers to access international technology and expertise. These were achieved indigenously. Cooperation was lacking between the centre and state. The experience was a big learning and we didn’t allow those failures in Delhi Metro.

What is DMRC doing for women security?

The security of the Delhi metros lies with CISF and Delhi police. We provide the necessary infrastructure support, like X ray machines, scanners etc. Our area is covered with video cameras and is being regularly analysed by those assigned this duty. **GT**





Exploring genetic modification

The world of biotechnology is a world of innovation, yet its fullest potential has not been exploited due to various reasons

Tushar Jain, Amity Instt of Biotechnology

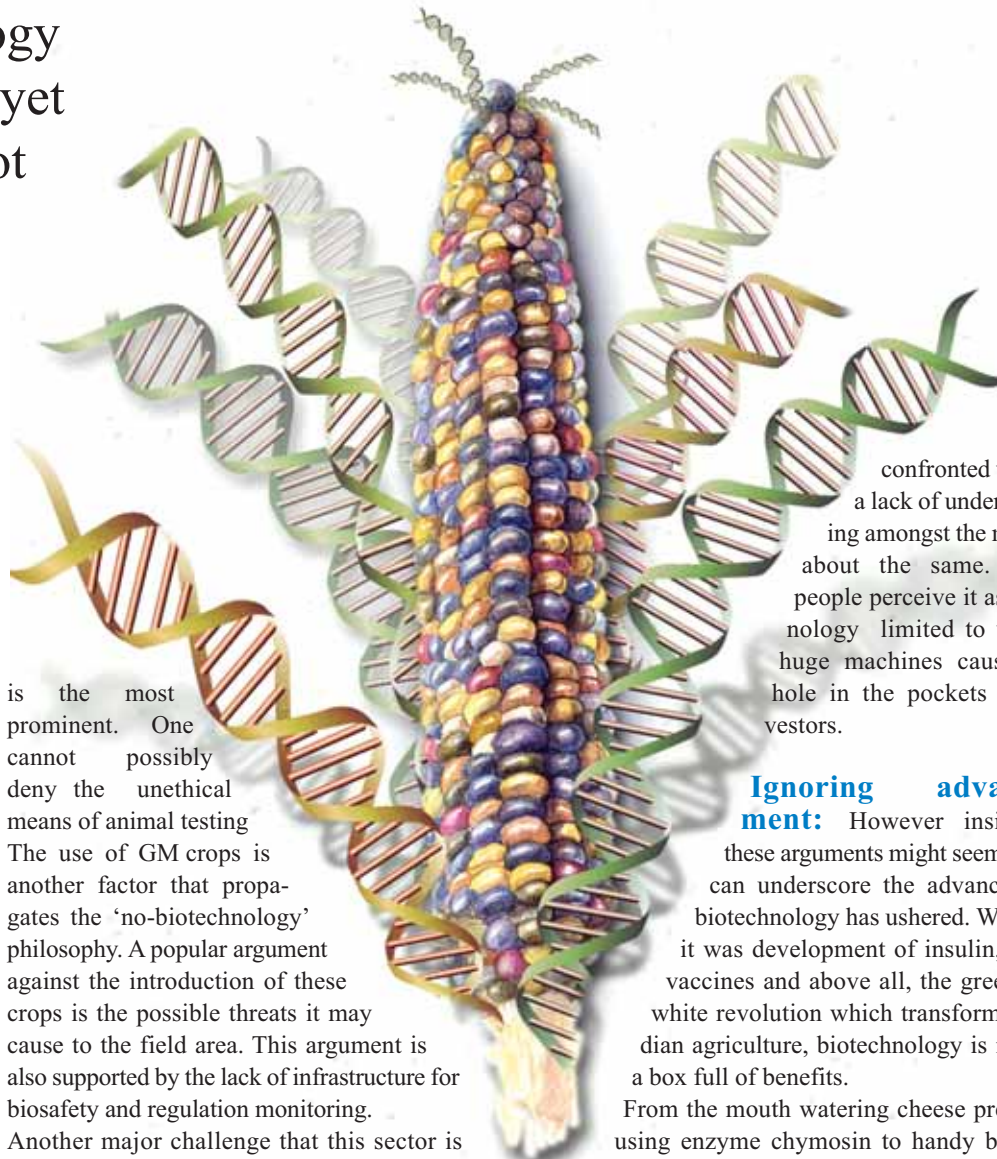
Biotechnology is a world full of possibilities and innovation and possesses the ability to change the world. However, several arguments against this field has resulted in its impediment. The principle foundation of biotechnology is utilising the natural resources for human aid, has invited quite some opposition.

Biotechnology on the slide: A series of protests spurring across the nation against several techniques involved in biotechnology including animal testing for vaccine development or GM crops has prompted the public to catechize the relevance of the field of biotechnology.

Other than the aforementioned arguments, the sector has also dwindled in our nation majorly because of the myth of exorbitant cost involved in its set up. However, the start up story of the most successful biotech company, Biocon completely contradicts this axiom.

No to Biotech: Amidst several factors that stand against the use of biotechnology, animal test

is the most prominent. One cannot possibly deny the unethical means of animal testing. The use of GM crops is another factor that propagates the ‘no-biotechnology’ philosophy. A popular argument against the introduction of these crops is the possible threats it may cause to the field area. This argument is also supported by the lack of infrastructure for biosafety and regulation monitoring. Another major challenge that this sector is



confronted with is a lack of understanding amongst the masses about the same. Most people perceive it as technology limited to use of huge machines causing a hole in the pockets of investors.

Ignoring advancement: However insightful these arguments might seem, none can underscore the advancement biotechnology has ushered. Whether it was development of insulin, polio vaccines and above all, the green and white revolution which transformed Indian agriculture, biotechnology is indeed a box full of benefits.

From the mouth watering cheese prepared using enzyme chymosin to handy blood

Biotechnology isn't limited to use of huge machines causing a hole in the pockets of investors, rather it is a one-time investment with well known benefits

sugar counters, or genetically developed cosmetics, specifically fairness creams; to the corn flakes prepared using herbicide free corns and herbal mosquito spray and room refreshers and toiletries, this field has painted a huge canvas of long lasting and miraculous offers.

Further on, biotechnology has also propelled the use of cell cultures and cell lines. It has brought to light the use of plants for several diseases and also reduced the cost of medicines by developing indigenous medicines. With all these benefits, saying no to biotechnology would certainly mean ignoring advancement.

Looking ahead: The need of the hour is to not rationalise rather liberalise our mentality about this field. The government needs to recognise the potential of biotechnology in India and raise funds for its development. NGOs need to make farmers aware about the benefits of this field of science and provide them training in bio-safety management. Industrialists must invest more so that we can build a more sustainable and greener economy.

About time, we welcome this field and tap its numerous benefits. 🇮🇳

Just imagine

The animal world is fascinating. What if we could enjoy the nature's gifts bestowed upon them!



Rohini Singh, AIB

Looking at our adorable pet dog curled lazily under the couch, we have all sometimes wished to be like him. But the carefree nature of your dog isn't all that you could ask from the animal kingdom. There's a lot more the animal planet has in store. If only they could pass on their coveted traits to us.

Bye bye prosthetics: Humans with amputated limbs could do so much more if we could be successful in incorporating the genes in lizards responsible for its limb regeneration. Who wouldn't be happily bidding farewell to prosthetics after all!

Stay younger for longer: Turtles

can live for hundreds of years and still rock the party. The characteristics responsible for their elongated life can boost human youth and can delay the aging of grandparents. Also, how awesome would it be to have all the ageing products finally off the market for an alternative that's safer and cheaper.

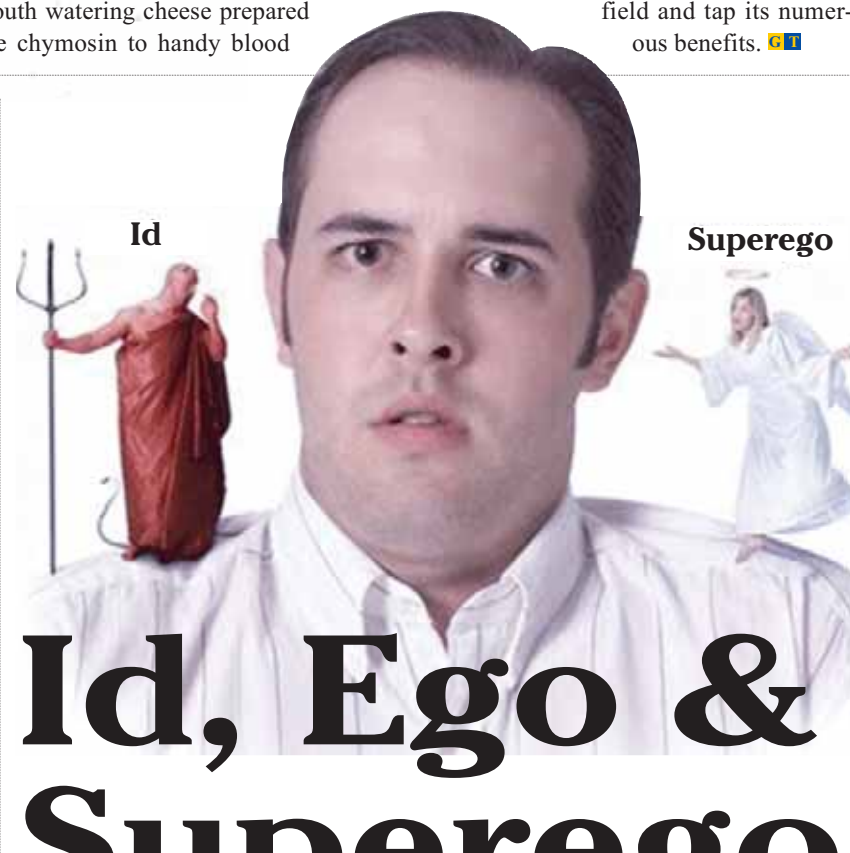
Silky spidey: Genetic changes could enable us to transform spiders to produce silk threads like a silkworm instead of the web that it spins. That would definitely make abundant and also better quality silk.

Twin sight: The abilities of a chameleon to see two different views, the front and back, could definitely render rear view mirrors useless and help reduce accidents.

Let there be light: Glow worm enzyme luciferase or the Green Fluorescent Protein (GFP gene) can be used to make luminous plants. Think lumos, and all the electricity bill it could cut down. Our pockets would certainly thank us!

Dark knights: Think of the only mammal with wings, bats. Now think if you had the genetic information to grow the same patagiums and the echolocation technique to travel in the dark. That would mean, we could simply travel in air, although that could cause air traffic to go out of control!

Birds of a feather: Just imagine the fun people could have if a simple gene therapy could give them the desired coloured hair, almost like those of tropical birds. Wow! 🇮🇳



Id, Ego & Superego

Poorna Kannan, AIB

Are we really as complicated as famous psychologist Sigmund Freud makes us out to be? Well, here is an attempt at answering the question...

Here's the story of three friends: Id, Ego and Superego. Id, is extremely childish always seeking for his wants and desires. Ego, is morally upright and always questioning wrong deeds and the Superego is always trying to balance them both, rationalising and arguing for the sake of sanity. Now imagine these three friends as one person and you have got yourself a human, as per Freud.

Mental states: Freud suggested that our mental states are influenced by two competing forces: Joey-Sane called

Cathexis and Joey-Saint called Anti-Cathexis. Cathexis is the investment of mental energy in a person, an idea or an object. If you are hungry, for example, you may create a mental image of a meal that you have been craving. Anti-Cathexis involves the ego blocking the socially unacceptable needs of the Id which also involves a significant investment of energy, like stopping all the dreams about those french fries!

The master mind: The conscious mind includes all the things we are aware of or can easily bring into awareness. The unconscious mind, on the other hand, includes all of the things outside our awareness – all the wishes, desires, hopes, urges and memories that lie outside of awareness yet continue to influence behaviour. 🇮🇳

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The sentence "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter in the English language.

9 Hottest career options

Choosing the right career can be a daunting task; and countless options further increase the complexities involved in this task. Don't worry as help is at hand. GT brings you 9 hot career options that assure you a successful life. Read on to know what makes these careers the best picks

Chartered Accountancy: Rapid growth in economy has resulted in tremendous opportunities in finance and accounts related careers. The emergence of numerous industries and opening of many business ventures has made CA today as one of the most in-demand professions with huge financial rewards.

Software Development: Software developers are currently in high demand and the reason for the same is simple. Tech start-ups and giants like Facebook and Google can't recruit enough top in-house engineering talent fast enough to keep pace with rivals. Hence, they are always looking for more people. This means that software developers will never be out of job.

Teaching: For anyone with an academic orientation, this is the best choice, for this profession allows one to pursue his/her studies along with a job. Even though the pay check is not attractive, other added benefits as job security, 8 hours jobs (a relief from corporate jobs that have extended work hours) and many more, make up for the same.

Journalism: Indian media industry has witnessed an upsurge in the past few years, resulting in the coming up of many newspapers, TV channels and radio frequencies. This basically implies ample opportunities for journalists. A journalist is also given preference in related fields like digital, advertising and PR.



Foreign Languages: As many multinational companies opened their branches in India, employment openings for those who are proficient in foreign languages witnessed a steady rise. Translator, interpreter, linguist, language teacher are some other career options available to those with expertise in foreign languages.

Besides, foreign language proficiency can help one pursue a career in other sectors as tourism, entertainment, diplomatic services, public relations and embassies too. Amidst several foreign languages, French, German, Spanish and Mandarin are the most popular.

Design: The design industry is fast gaining prominence in India. The demand for innovation and customised services along with a flourishing market for exclusive products, has resulted in several opportunities for designers.

Fine Arts: As the opportunities range from painting, sculpture, applied art & art education to the newly

emerged design, graphics and commercial art, the demand for Fine Arts and Visual Arts students has spiralled up to great levels. The increased number of art studios, multimedia computer firms, newspapers, magazines, book publishing and fashion houses, further enhance the prospects of creative art.

Visual Communication: As a profession, this field registered after digital media and infographics made inroads in communication studies which include art, signs, photography, typography, drawings, colour and electronic resources, web design and graphics. Great emphasis on marketing and branding in Indian markets has propelled this field, making it one of the most in-demand career options.

Social Work: If you're eager to assist others and serve those in need, a career in social work could be a great choice. With CSR becoming mandatory for all companies and NGOs mushrooming everywhere, the demand for social work is on a high.

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Scholastic Alerts

Institute: National Defence Academy and Naval Academy

UPSC will hold NDA & Naval Academy Examination (I), 2015 for admission to Army, Navy & Air Force wings of NDA for 135th Course and for the 97th Indian Naval Academy course (INAC) commencing from Jan 2, 2016.

Course: The candidates joining Indian Naval Academy would undergo 4 years B. Tech course and would be given an opportunity to join Executive and Technical branches of the Navy subject to availability of vacancies.

Eligibility: For Army wing of NDA: Class XII pass of the 10+2 pattern of school education or equivalent examination conducted by a State Education Board or a University; **For Air Force and Naval Wings of NDA and for the 10+2 Cadet Entry Scheme at the Indian Naval Academy:** Class XII pass with physics and maths. Candidates appearing in Class XII under the 10+2 pattern of school education or equivalent can also apply.

Application form: Candidates are required to apply online

Last date for receiving completed application forms: January 23, 2015 till 11:59 pm

Entrance Examination: April 19, 2015

Website: www.upsc.gov.in

Institute: Birla Institute of Technology & Science

Courses: (i) BITS, Pilani- Pilani campus- B.E.(Hons.): Chemical,

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Eligibility: (i) **For all programmes except B.Pharm.(Hons.):** Candidates should have passed Class XII examination of 10+2 system from a recognized Central or State board or its equivalent with PCM and proficiency in English. (ii) **B.Pharm.(Hons.):** Candidates should have passed the Class XII examination of 10+2 system from a recognized Central or State board or equivalent with PCB or PCM and adequate proficiency in English. (iii) **BITSAT-2015:** Students who are appearing for XII examination in 2015 are eligible to appear in BITSAT 2015.

Last date: February 20, 2015

Entrance Examination: BITSAT May 14 - 29, 2015

Website: <http://www.bitsadmission.com>

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Prof (Dr) Balvinder Shukla addresses the gathering

English meet

Amity University in association with International Association for World Englishes (IAWE), organised a three-day international conference on 'World Englishes' on the theme 'Asian/African Contexts and World Englishes' at AUUP. The conference aimed at discussing different aspects of English language including research, learning pedagogy and functional usage of English. The event saw the presence of over 150 delegates, researchers, academicians and scholars from 37 countries. The conference received over 200 abstracts worldwide. Prof Ravinder Gargesh, conference chairperson; Prof (Dr) Balvinder Shukla, vice chancellor, Amity University; Prof Cecil Nelson, vice president, IAWE and Capt HA Arfi, advisor, AIESR and AICC, inaugurated the conference. Prof Anamika Sharma of AUUP, welcomed the gathering, and stressed on the fact that India is a land known for its usage of various types of English, and expressed hope that the conference would enlighten the gathering about it.

Prof Ravinder Gargesh urged the participants to deliberate upon new research topics in English. In most countries, English has become the first language, stated Dr Balvinder Shukla. She further reiterated that the conference is a platform for researchers, scholars and academicians to study forms and functions of the varieties of English in cultural and sociolinguistic contexts.

Tej K Bhatia, professor of linguistics and director, South Asian Languages, Syracuse University, presented a paper on 'Targeting multilingual consumers: a global advertising perspective' wherein he touched upon the intricate mechanism of language and modality selection followed by advertisers in targeting multilingual consumers.

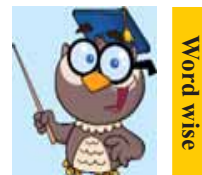
Topics such as Teacher Education & World Englishes; Impact of World Englishes on Educational/language policy Chair; Challenges in Asian/African classrooms, Social Identity of World Englishes, were also discussed in detail at the meet.

MoU with MICA

ASCO, MP

Amity School of Communication, AMP signed an MoU on 'Research Collaboration on National Facebook Study' with MICA Ahmedabad, a premier institute in strategic management and communication studies. The research aims to study the behaviour of social networking site users in India on Facebook. Dr Sumit Narula, deputy director, ASCO, will be heading the research to conduct the study in MP, to collect data from the region for the nationwide project. The areas of joint activity for ASCO and MICA shall include joint research, data collection and analysis; joint research paper writings, joint publications of research papers and books and exchange of publications. While ASCO, MP will collect citywide data, MICA will provide the technical support for sampling, online data collection and analysis. Both the institutions will share human resources to ease research and writing research papers and book chapters, at all levels. Since both MICA and Amity University are premier institutes, the pact will open doors of opportunities for future researches, and both faculty and students will be able to explore more avenues in academics and research.

Report by: Dr Sumit Narula, ASCO MP, Dy Director



Together we learn

Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success. Taking cue from this, Amitians of AIS Saket indulged in myriad activities that kept them together in the year 2014. Join **Madhav Sharma**, AIS Saket, IV C as he recounts six such things

1

Listening Together

The Modi magic made its way to AIS Saket as the students enrolled in his *pathshala* on Teacher's Day. In the first of its kind interaction via satellite link, the students had their first interface with the PM. His address illuminated the young minds, as they listened to him together. It was the first time a national leader was addressing them and it made them feel really special. The students were later given a questionnaire based on the interaction which became a part of their GK assessment.



3

Learning Together

In support to CBSE's initiative of innovation in learning, the school introduced the concept of PBL - Project Based Learning. Students are being encouraged to integrate Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in the learning process. Students have been using PBL methodology in all subjects and have found it to be really useful. This methodology promises to empower the students to face the challenges of the ever changing world.



2

Cleaning Together

The students indulged in a clean up act when they partnered in the Swachh Bharat campaign, a national level campaign launched by the PM on October 2, 2014. The children not only ensured cleanliness in the school but also in the adjoining areas, thus proving nothing is impossible if one really wants to do something good for the environment.



4

Celebrating Together

In a heartwarming twist to the Grandparents' Day celebrations, the grandparents of Class Nursery and KG were invited to the classrooms and briefed on the learning routine of the students. This was a special experience for them as it is not everyday that the parents get the opportunity to witness the day-to-day learning process of their children at school. The grandparents were elated to know of the



plethora of activities that the children engage in, apart from studies. They were also given the opportunity to showcase their talent in the 'Talent Show' held on the occasion.

5

Running Together

Flagging off the 'Run for Unity' on the occasion of Sardar Patel Jayanti, the *mantra* of 'Ek Bharat' given by Sardar Patel, was recalled. Taking cue from the *mantra*, the entire school staff along with the principal, participated in the symbolic race.



6

Inspiring Together

While the students did many things together through the year, the annual day was an occasion to learn together. Woven around the theme 'Mujh mein hai vishwas', it showcased seven short stories of determination based on the inspiring lives of personalities from various fields including Milkha Singh, Mary Kom, Chanakya, Messi, etc. It was an educative presentation for the students.



Gyan Vigyan

Science & Technology

Thank your stars, astronomy is here!

Think planets and stars are only good for predicting your daily horoscope? Think again, for astronomy has changed the way the modern world moves

Aditya Khuller, AIS PV, XII B

Mention the word 'astronomy' and one automatically begins to conjure images of the moon, stars and planets. Some even confuse it with its sibling science 'astrology'. Whatever the case may be, many are not aware of the true importance of astronomy in the modern world and think of it as a hermit's pursuit, picturing a loner on a hill at 3 am peering through a tube at the heavens. Astronomy has been known, in one form or another, to most civilizations throughout history. In many cases, it was used to predict events on earth, be it crop yields, weather forecasting or the number of storms in a year. Even the Hindu calendar, which is used to refer to festival dates like Diwali and Holi, depends on ancient calculations based on star movements millennia ago.

Many believed that the separation of 'astronomy' and 'astrology' happened during the Renaissance.

Great inventors such as Leonardo da Vinci and Galileo Galilei paved the way towards a more logical use of the sciences. As the 20th century dawned, astronomy began to be seen as a science like never before. October 4, 1957 completely changed how people perceived the celestial bodies. On that day, the Soviet Union launched Sputnik 1, the first artificial satellite of the Earth, signalling a new era in communications never before imagined possible. With satellites being launched, worldwide communications through world wide web became a new concept, something without which life is unimaginable today. Our satellite infrastructure wouldn't have been possible without the background knowledge of astronomy. The mathematics required to place a satellite into orbit were initially developed by astronomers such as Nicolaus Copernicus, Galileo Galilei and Isaac Newton. The basics of celestial mechanics required for all of our technological advances, developed over 300 years ago. Even mathematical concepts such as geometry, algebra, trigonometry and calculus were primarily developed for use in astronomy. The modern world has come full circle. Today, we depend on celestial objects in our everyday lives, the only difference being that we have constructed some of them to serve our needs. However, we still depend on the ancient science of astronomy to determine the positions of the man-made celestial objects which directly influence our day to day lives. Be it satellite communications, mobile usage or the basic internet, through our own design astronomy has become one of the most relevant sciences in the 21st century.



There are only two words in the English language that have all five vowels in order 'Abstemious' & 'Facetious'.

The best of DIY

If you are the kinds who loves to create new and interesting things out of waste materials, then this is your one-stop-destination for some creative DIY (do-it-yourself). The tiny tots from the primary wing of AIS Gurgaon 43 have come up with some great knick knacks that will fire your imagination and let your creative juices flow. Just arm yourself with fevicol, some scotch tape, felt pens and a pair of scissors and you are good to go!

Flowerpot decor

You will need

- 1/2 litre Pepsi pet bottle
- Coloured thermocol balls
- Paper flowers & leaves
- Golden/silver decor balls
- Coloured ribbons

Method

- Chop off the neck of the bottle with a sharp scissor/knife.
- Measuring 4" from the bottom, tie a scotch tape around the bottle to mark out the flowerpot. Tie a coloured ribbon to cover the tape.
- Cut thin strips from the top portion of the bottle, just stopping before the point where the ribbon is tied. Cut the top of the strips in a triangular shape and spread them out carefully, as shown in the picture alongside.
- Fill the bottom of the flowerpot with thermocol balls.
- Arrange the paper flowers and leaves in the pot.



Butterfly pencil holder

You will need

- Coloured A4 sheets
- Cardboard from old notebook cover
- Pencil shavings

Method

- Cut out a 6"X12" strip from a light coloured A4 sheet.
- Fold it six times horizontally.
- Open the folds and stick the ends to make a hexagonal pencil holder.
- To decorate, cut thin strips from

coloured paper and stick them on the pencil holder. (see pic)

- Cut out a cute butterfly from an A4 sheet in your favourite colour and stick it on the holder.

■ Arrange the pencil shavings in round shapes to look like flowers and stick them on the bottom edge of the holder.

- Stick the pencil holder on the cardboard, decorate it the way you like and you're done!

CD Ganesha



You will need

- Old CDs
- Glitter glue
- Pencil shavings
- Aluminium foil
- Old buttons
- Ice cream stick

Method

- Take 2 CDs and stick them one below the other to form the head and body of Ganesha.
- Cut 3 CDs in half. Stick them on the body as shown in the picture, for arms, legs and ears.
- Make eyes by sticking old buttons and eyebrows with pencil shavings.
- Make the trunk with rolled aluminium foil.
- Similarly, make the weapon by folding a small foil and pasting it on the ice cream stick.
- Stick a folded ribbon on the back of the figure to be able to hang it at your favourite spot.
- Decorate with red glitter glue and your Ganesha is ready. You can hang it in your *mandir* or gift it to your grandparents!



3D jungle poster

You will need

- Paper cups
- A4 sheets in blue, green, yellow, brown, black & grey
- Cardboard from old notebook cover

Method

- Cut out 2-3 tree shapes from brown and green sheets. Fold the trunk a bit and stick on the cardboard.
- For elephant: Paint a paper cup grey. Cut out big ears and trunk from grey A4 sheet and stick on the

inverted paper cup.

- For tiger: Paint a paper cup yellow. Cut out the tiger's face and whiskers from yellow and black A4 sheets and stick them on the painted paper cup. Just make sure the cup is inverted. Similarly, you can make many more animals of your choice.
- Stick all the animals on the cardboard to give it a jungle look.
- Decorate the 3D poster with slogans and you are ready to impress your teachers and friends.

Paper basket

You will need

- Old newspapers
- Acrylic paint
- Old CD

Method

- Take a sheet of newspaper and roll it tightly to make a thin long pipe. Stick the ends tightly with fevicol. Make several such strips.
- Make the base of the basket by arranging the strips into tightly coiled concentric rings and stick them together with fevicol. Place a CD at the bottom to give it a sturdy base.
- Follow the picture to give the bas-

ket shape, fastening each end with fevicol.

- After the basket has taken shape, let it dry.

■ Once completely dry, paint it with your favourite acrylic colour. You can use the basket to store your knick knacks. You may even use it to hold paper flowers.



Cute doll

You will need

- Old plastic doll
- 200 ml empty soft drink bottle-cleaned and dried
- Kite paper
- Coloured ribbons

Method

- Unfasten the face of the doll and fit it into the neck of the bottle. You may use a bit of fevicol to position it perfectly in the bottle.
- Cut the kite paper in the size of the

doll and fold it into thin strips just the way you make a paper fan. Unfold and stick it around the neck of the doll like a frock.

- Tie colourful ribbons around the neck of the doll to give the impression of a stole/scarf.
- Cut coloured paper in the shape of mittens and stick them on the doll.
- Now you have your own doll to rock n' roll!

New goals, new progress

The new year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written. We can help write that story by setting goals.

-Melody Beattie





Dr Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

As you walk into the new year with new hopes in your eyes and new expectations in your heart, the blank expanse of the new year calendar beckons you. Yes, it is not entirely blank; it has your past achievements to bask on, your past regrets to move on, your past failures to learn from.

Each new year is like a vast canvas to fill with resplendent colours of your choice. Each new year throws open the gates of 365 days of unexplored opportunities, 52 weeks of exciting challenges and 12 months of uncharted terrains. It is like an unwritten chapter in a book which promises to take shape as you take each step forward, every day. The challenge to make that chapter a memorable one full of satisfaction and pride, lies in establishing new goals and pursuing them with zealous passion.

If you want to be a better artist, paint something you have never painted before; try new mediums on an unusual canvas. If you want to be a better sportsperson, push your energies to attain new levels of physical prowess. If you want to be a better writer, explore styles of writings you haven't tried before. For, in order to write a better chapter in your life's book, you ought to give yourself higher and more challenging goals. Unless you chart on a newer and better path, there is no progress.

No one else can write your life's story, you are the only and best author of your life. Write a good one!  

Good Beginnings





Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

Welcome to New Year 2015. All instant messaging services instantly get active jamming the mail box with uninterrupted messages, “Wishing you & your family a wonderful 2015! May this year bring immense happiness, peace & prosperity in everyone's

lives.” And suddenly, you don't seem to mind. While you reply to some and simply smile reading others, there is a sudden sense of happiness and freshness. That is the beauty of the New Year. It brings with it the rejuvenating experience of leaving behind all unfilled desires and walking ahead with new dreams and aspirations. There is a positive energy that drowns old sorrows as everyone prepares to soak in the blissful New Year, embracing it with with open arms. Suddenly, one is equipped with a surge to take up new challenges with a fresh mind and make a new beginning that is charged with oodles of promises. The New Year thus heralds a fresh start.

The top story of this edition, which marks the first issue of this New Year on Modi-fying India sets the mood of a new India we all dream about. The dream of a progressive, prosperous and peaceful nation sown by a prime minister whom the nation chose with thumping majority. Find a handy guide to enjoy the chilly Delhi winter in ‘Must see, must do’ (page 12). With so much to do and so much to look forward, the New Year sure holds a promise for all things beautiful.

Remember December 31 was last year. It's over. January is not just another month. It's a new month. It's the first month of the New Year. It's the time to make a new beginning. A good beginning.  

Courtroom ethics

A renowned name in the courtrooms of India, Rajan Karanjawala, lawyer and founder, Karanjawala & Co., has many high profile cases to his credit. In a conversation with **Lohit Maurya**, Amity Global Business School, he affirms how the most important thing in the profession, is being ethical



Which has been the most challenging case to come your way?

A lot of challenging cases have come our way. I think one of the biggest cases in recent times was the one we did for the telecom industry. It was called the WLL case, where I was representing the entire cellular industry. It was a challenging case because it went back and forth, also it was against the government; that made it quite challenging.

What is the difference between handling the high profile case of a celebrity and that of a commoner?

In case of a high profile case, you must be prepared for a fair amount of media attention. Sometimes, after the case is over, the media calls you for your comments. You are expected to advocate the case. That is the fundamental difference.

How did Karanjawala & Co. come about?



Karanjawala & Co. started out as a one room office with just two people - me and my wife. After our marriage, both of us started our independent practice, and we thought

what better way to do it than the awning of our company. Back then, it was a very small company. My wife, who also happens to be a lawyer, played a crucial role in setting it up.

What would you do if you were caught in a situation where you have to choose between ethics and winning a case?

There's no question about it. As lawyers, we are not just mouthpieces of our clients, we are essentially offices of the court. Our first duty lies towards the court. Each and every lawyer in the profession would give you the same answer ie you have to do your duty to the court first, over and above everything. The case is not important. Cases come and go, clients come and go. But when you are standing in the court, what is important is how the court perceives you. What do people think of you. It is all about being ethical.

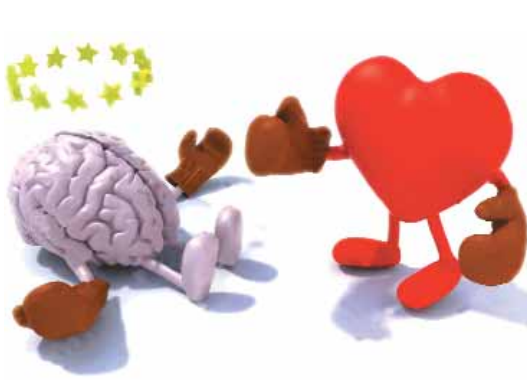
According to you, which was the most landmark judgement in the recent times ?

In my opinion, the judgement on LGBT rights was a significant landmark judgement in the history of Indian law. Personally, I was quite happy to hear that judgement.  

Emotionless-ly yours



Can the brain function without giving due credit to the heart? **Ayushi Ahuja**, AIS Mayur Vihar, XI C pops the oft-debated and perennially confusing question

What-parents-want or what-you-want; a fat paycheque or passion; job security or creative satisfaction; which one weighs heavier when it comes to taking a career decision? Most of you would vote for the former, probably caving under pressure from various sources. Sometimes, your own mind tricks you to think so too! In a world, where street smartness has crooked its way to triumph over passion and hard work, it is not uncommon to be preached about leaving emotions out of practical decisions. Today, almost everyone will tell you it's more about facts than feelings. Whether it is an educational stream or any other important area of our lives, our decisions are to be based on pragmatism that somehow gives scarce consideration to emotions. But, the fundamental question that remains unanswered is- why does the society perpetuate the ideology that one can only be



realistic by leaving emotions out of the picture?

This ideology, quite contrary to what it propagates, is totally impractical. How can one be human and have no emotions? How does one leave the 'heart' out of decisions that are apparently taken by the

'head'? One has to have some amount of satisfaction in doing what is supposedly pragmatic. Without this little bit of heaven, one may end up being frustrated despite achieving one's goals. One might regret not following one's heart and end up in a black hole with no escape; except the Utopian fantasy world where things are perfect. Sadly, that perfect world is just a figment of one's imagination. The only logical reason for this illogical approach, is fear. The society lives in fear of change because 'change' may not always be good. Everyone is urged to follow the tried and tested 'safe' approach, even if feelings juxtapose it. But fear is not good for anything. It only induces lack of confidence and courage. If one really wants to lead a happy life, one needs to cast away all kinds of fear. Put up a brave front and be bold to follow your passion. Don't let the fear of striking out keep you away from playing!  

Ex-army man to serve tea to cops on duty on New Year eve

Noida
■ **GUJARATI** As many residents are planning to throw parties and bars to celebrate the New Year eve on Wednesday, Rajesh Sharma, a retired army officer, will spend the day on roads serving tea and coffee to the policemen on duty. Sharma, a resident of Sector 47, Subant Lek 4, says, thanking the policemen who are on duty to ensure the safety of people is the best way to start a new year and he has been following the same ritual every year on December 31 since 2011. "I have worked with the army and I understand that the police and traffic officials lead a tough life. This is our way of thanking them for keeping us safe, especially during the harsh winter. Last year, we had distributed more than 1,200 cups of tea and coffee but this year we aim to serve around 2,000 cups and cover all the roads in the city including the MG Road and expressway," said Sharma. Sharma has already sought permission from police commissioner Navdeep Singh Virk. Sharma along with his friends Varun Vasishth, Rajesh Sharma and Sarabjot and their families

to thank the cops who are away from their families to ensure the safety of others. The distribution of tea begins at 10 pm and goes on till 1 am. According to Sharma and other group members, the celebrations become extra special with the affection they get from the policemen. He said that people from Bangalore and Pune have also approached him in enquire about it.

Members of the group carry canisters of tea and coffee in cars and offer the beverages to every policeman.

carry canisters of tea and coffee in cars and offer the beverages to every policeman they spot. The youngest member of the group is



A cup of compassion

As the world parties the night out, the Sharmas enter in the New Year, serving tea to the cops on duty on the streets of Gurgaon. Kaarti Singh, XI B & Nikita Soodhi, XII A, AIS Gur 43, spoke to the noble couple.



GT M@il

Dear Editor,

I have been a regular reader of The Global Times for quite some time now. Occasionally, I receive similar publications from other institutions, too. However, I find your newspaper to be of much higher standard, that maintains quality with a professional touch. It can be easily called the best! It is evident from the quality and variety of articles that the students are taking due interest in the paper. Heartiest congratulations to your dynamic Chairperson, whose able guidance is behind the stupendous success of the paper. I congratulate all of you for the grand success of the newspaper.

PC Bose
Member, School Managing Committee, AIS Saket



The shortest English word that contains the letters A, B, C, D, E & F is 'Feedback'.

They might have been swallowed by unplanned vegetation, devastated by earthquakes or submerged under the vast oceans forever, but the legends surrounding them have kept them alive in people's memory. Archaeologists from around the world are busy exploring some lost cities of the world, once considered an architectural splendour. GT Network takes you on a tour of some of the most spectacular and strangest places of the world.

Lost cities of the world

Ad-dayr tomb, Petra, Jordan

History bears an account of beautiful cities, that once bustled with life. Today, they have been reduced to shambles. Whether it was nature's fury or abandonment at the time of war that caused their wipeout is yet to be ascertained. Here are some cities that were rediscovered by archaeologists several years later.

■ **Lord Dwarka:** Situated in Saurashtra in western India, Dwarka, also referred to as Swarnapuri is Lord Krishna's legendary city. The city, which finds mention in holy scriptures such as 'Mahabharata' and 'Puranas', gives credence to the fact that 'Mahabharata' is not a myth. The architect of this wonderful city was none other than Lord Krishna himself.

According to a popular legend, after leaving Mathura, Sri Krishna and Yadavas decided to build their capital at the coast of Saurashtra. They invoked Vishwakarma, the deity of construction. He, however, said that the task could only be accomplished when Samudradeva provided them some land. Pleased by Lord Krishna's *bhakti*, Samudradeva gave him land measuring 12 yojans. It was then that Dwarka, the city of gold, came into being. It is said that after Lord Krishna's death near Somnath, Dwarka was submerged in the sea. Marine explorations and oceanographic studies have led to the discovery of many artifacts and inscriptions as old as 12,000 years.

■ **Heroic city of Troy:** Before it was swallowed by the sea 1,500 years ago, the legendary city of Troy was known for its extraordinary wealth and the beauty of Helen. The love tale of Helen and Paris is one of the most popular tales that surround the city. With the submergence of the city, the myth, folklore surrounding the city got buried until 1871, when a German adventurer Heinrich Schilemann undertook digging at Turkey to uncover the treasures of the fabled city. The excavation revealed that nine ancient cities were built on top

of one other.

According to historians the Trojan capital, which was once the main customs hub through which traders from Greece and elsewhere in the Mediterranean entered Egypt, also lies within the site. Gold coins and weights of bronze and stone found at the site indicate that trading was rampant. Archaeologists have also found slabs of stone carrying in-

triguing past. This half built and half carved into the rock city, surrounded by mountains riddled with passes and gorges, billed among the '28 places to be seen before you die.'

■ **Machu Picchu, Lost city of Incas:** An architectural wonder, the city of Machu Picchu was built using stones without any help of wheels or iron

ered and forgotten for many centuries.

■ **Frozen in time, Pompeii, Italy:** Buried in Campanina plains in western Italy, lie the remains of the long lost city of Pompeii. It was 79 AD, when Mt Vesuvius erupted, burying the vacation town of Pompeii under the thick layer of lava. The blistering ash killed over 1,000 people and buried the



City of Pompeii, Italy



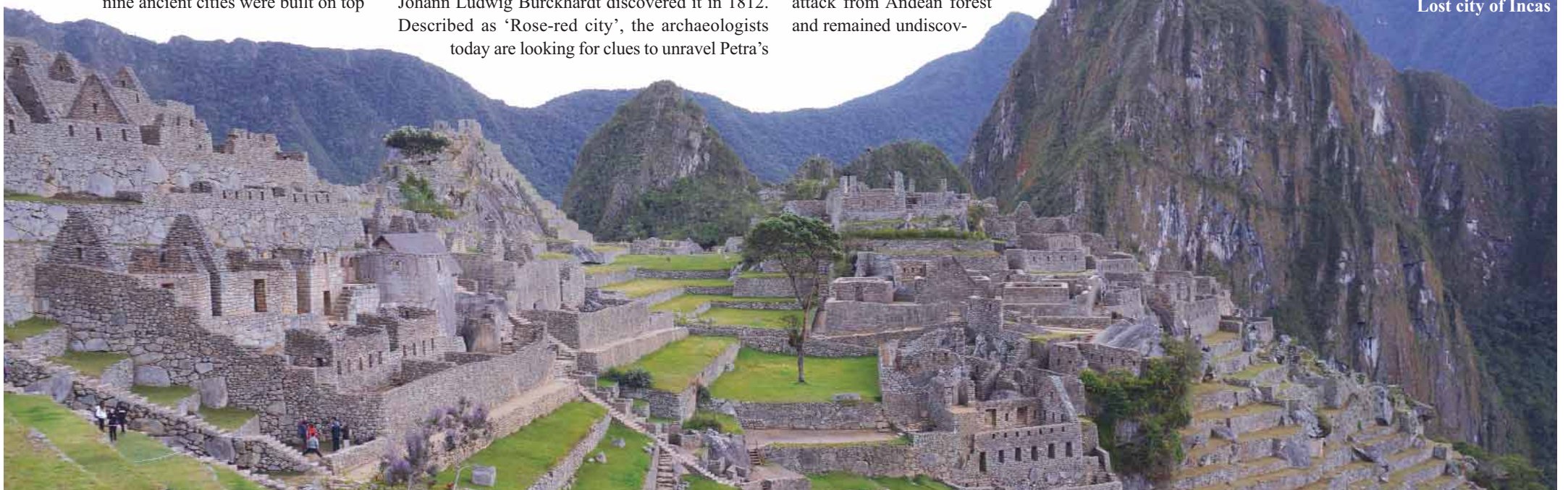
Gupta temple, Sanchi, Lord Dwarka

scription in ancient Greek and Egyptian along with statues of a minor God as tall as 16 feet.

■ **UNESCO World Heritage site, Petra, Jordan:** Petra, which now lies buried in deserts of Jordan was once an epicenter of trade. Caravans loaded with spices, textiles and incense passed through this city. Flourishing trade ensured that Nabataeans, the inhabitants of the glorious city prospered too. However, when political power traded hands, the city fell silent forever. The city remained unknown to the world until Swiss explorer Johann Ludwig Burckhardt discovered it in 1812. Described as 'Rose-red city', the archaeologists today are looking for clues to unravel Petra's

tools. One of the best examples of Inca engineering, the city had over 600 terraces to prevent the city from rolling down the mountain. What drove the Incans to build the city amidst snow covered Andean peaks, inaccessible to the rest of the world, is still unknown. The intriguing building, especially temples, are a testimony to Incan architectural skills. No written records have been found at the city, making them wonder whether the city held any geographical or astronomical significance. The city was deserted in the 16th century after it came under attack from Andean forest and remained undiscovered.

town. The city of Pompeii was discovered by archaeologists some 1,800 years later. It is strange that beneath layers of ash lay buried the glimpses of everyday Roman life. The most striking feature of the ruins is the plaster casts of the victims. Lava flowed down and killed people instantly. As the bodies decomposed, they left behind hollow casts that were filled with plasters.



Machu Picchu
Lost city of Incas

Night Beauty



Storywala

Ahlaam Rafiq, AIS Noida, VIII H

It was late in the evening and a few lonely stars dotted the heavens. I returned to the park to get the ball I was playing with. After looking for a while, I found the ball and decided to play for some more time before leaving. It was already dark and the night was tranquil and forlorn with a gust of occasional wind knocking the trees. The thought of all those ghost stories featuring stormy nights started haunting

my mind. Suddenly, my eyes fell on the girl, who sat silently on the swing. I picked up my ball and decided to leave, unable to withstand the flow of emotions, as I looked at her. She didn't look like a ghost, no white hair or blowing dress, no creepy smile or wicked giggles. She was a real girl of flesh and blood, probably six years old, poor, unkempt, with wide disconcerting eyes, disheveled hair and tattered clothes. She sat silently on the swing, with a faint, sad smile on her grim face,

That girl was destitute, but she had something I had not: happiness. And that something changed my life.

but a smile nevertheless. She struck a rather impressive figure against the dark background, brave and content, as if she was commanding the night, not afraid of it, unlike me. Her presence gave me confidence and I walked on. I became impervious to the world around and her courage pushed away my unhappy thoughts. I looked at her again before leaving the park. Earlier, she had not noticed me, but now she was looking at me, with a mysterious smile on her face, which made me realise that I was looking at true beauty. I never saw her again, yet the glimpse of her face that I had, for a fleeting second, will remain in my memory forever. That unknown girl taught me something I can never explain. Perhaps she struck my mind because I had forgotten to smile even while leading a comfortable life. That girl was destitute, but she had something I had not: happiness. And that something changed my life. 🇧🇩



Creamy pasta

Vridhi Gupta
AIS Saket, VIII A

Ingredients

Pasta200 gm (2 cups)
Cabbage (chopped)1 cup
Carrot (chopped)1 cup
Capsicum (chopped)1 cup
Fresh green peas ½ cup
Butter2 tbsp
Cream100 gm (1/2 cup)
Saltas per taste
Oil.....1 tsp
Black pepper..... ¼ tsp
Coriander leaves.....1 tsp
Oregano.....a sprinkle

Method

- Take a pan and add 6 cups of water in it. Now add pasta and boil until cooked. While boiling, add 1-2 teaspoon oil and salt.
- Drain all the water from the pasta and gently wash it with cold water.
- Now take a pan, add butter and then put all the vegetables into it and cook for 2 minutes.
- Once the vegetables get tender, add cream, salt and black pepper, mix well and cook for 2 minutes.
- Now add boiled pasta to it, stir well for 1 minute.
- Your creamy pasta is ready.



AIS Vasundhara 6

Unjumble the given words using the clues provided. Recognise the words and spell them correctly.

1. Dealing with the nature of art, beauty and taste.
ETHEICSTSA

2. Voluntary and involuntary termination, retirement leading to reduction of workforce.
TNOITRIAT

3. Comparing business performance with others, with a set standard.
NHCEBRAKMGIN

4. An athletic contest for women, comprising seven different events.
TLHPEONAHT

5. A statutory combination of two or more corporations.
RGRMEE

ANSWERS 1. Aesthetics
2. Attrition, 3. Benchmarking
4. Heptathlon 5. Merger

POEMS

Grandfather's chronicle



Nandika Mogha, AIS Noida, VIII B

I'm all that the little girl, has ever had, I pretend to be her brother, and her loving dad; though I'm 80, that's kind of old, she says I'm handsome, sturdy and bold. She looks up to me, with the prettiest eyes, grown with stories, made of lies; stories of her parents, and their horrible fights, and whatever happened on that fateful night. She was five when it happened, so little, so chaste, what will she do, in this world of haste; I will bring her up, an oath I swore,

but she wanted her mother, and yearned for more. Years went by, she's fifteen and sad, she spends all her hours, with her old grandad; she's kind and pretty, like fire in coal, but there's a void in her, like a deep dark hole. All these years, I've raised her myself, when I peep outside window, and the clock strikes twelve; she's out in the orchard, taking a stroll, it seems to me that we've switched our role. She looks after me now, and she hardly sleeps, she cooks and washes, and tucks and sweeps; I know she wants a caring and protective dad, and also a strong brother, that she has never had. I pretended like your brother, and acted like your dad, but deep within my heart, I feel really sad; I'm sorry my dear, I'm only youthful by heart, forgive me my love, I play your old grandpa's part. 🇧🇩



Contented

Erica Gulati, AIS MV, XI C

Seen the filthy rich elites, and the paupers on road, the tranquil and heavenly Kashmir, and the robust Delhi. Have had tears roll down, and dimples dig my face, the bruises and injuries that have come after the long race, met my affinity, given birth. Seen the brutality of nature, and the heavens rejoice, fought for my nation and thus here I lie, but with no regrets, I dedicate my last words to my fellow mates, ready to die. A soldier I am, contented I will die, for I held my nation on a pedestal very high. 🇧🇩

Tee quotes



T-shirts are like mobile billboards that turn the street into world's biggest art gallery! So go grab one and flaunt some witty and head-turning one liners.



CAMERA CAPERS

Paridhi Chawla, AIS Noida, VIII E

Send in your entries at cameracapers@theglobaltimes.in



Earth laughs with them



Rather have a rose than a diamond necklace



Sweetest thing God ever made

Chocolaty fantasy

Imaging: Deepak Sharma, GT network

Short story




Vandan Sharma, AIS Vas 6, VI B

One Sunday evening, I went to a mall with my friends. While we were heading towards the gaming zone, we noticed a hole at the bottom of a pillar. One of my friends tried peeping inside, but suddenly slipped into the hole! I tried to catch his hand, but I slipped in with him too! We kept sliding inside, till we landed on a tree. It wasn't an ordinary tree, but one full of chocolates! Near the tree, there was a billboard which read, "Chocolate

world-1 km ahead". We ran towards the chocolate world immediately. Oh! what a beautiful place it was! Everything was made of chocolates- the houses, the trees, the parks and even the people were made of chocolate! Our excitement soon vanished when a knight of chocolate arrested us, as he thought we were aliens. He took us to the king who asked us how we got there. When we told them everything, no one believed us and we were sent to chocolate jail! At night, we licked off the chocolate bars and escaped from the

The houses, the trees, the parks, and even the people were made of chocolate!

prison. As we made our way back home, we saw a huge monster gobbling up the chocolate world. He was creating havoc everywhere and the chocolate people were unable to stop him. I remembered that chocolate melts in heat. So I took out the match box from my bag and we lit up a few matchsticks and threw them towards the monster. He started melting and turned into a chocolate pool. The chocolate people started to clap. Soon, the king arrived and he thanked us. He granted us a wish for saving the kingdom. We had only one wish: to be sent back to earth! The king opened a secret door that led us to earth. Before we could reach home, I felt a sudden splash of water on my face and my mother screaming at me. I woke up with a smile, thinking about my chocolaty dream. 

So what did you learn today?
A new word: Havoc
Meaning: To cause destruction



Methi cutlets

Uday

AIS Mayur Vihar, VIII E

Ingredients

Fenugreek/Methi (chopped)3 cup
Rice (cooked)1 cup
Green chilli (chopped)1
Onion (chopped)1 medium size
Saltas per taste
Red chilli powder½ tsp
Asafetidaa pinch
Gram flour (besan)3 tbsp
Oilfor frying

Method

- Combine together fenugreek leaves, rice, green chilli, onion, salt, red chilli powder, asafetida and besan in a bowl.
- Mash slightly and then make small balls from the mixture.
- Heat sufficient oil in a wok
- Deep fry till the pakodas become crisp and golden.
- Take them out on an absorbent paper.
- Serve hot with tomato sauce.

It's Me



My name: Hargun Sodhi
My birthday: October 26
My school: AIS Noida
My Class: V G
I like: Dancing and sports
I dislike: Breaking friendship
My favourite mall: Spice Mall, Noida
My best friends: Ananya S, Rishita, Mira, Nandini, Mitali & Khushi
My favourite teacher: Sabahath ma'am
My favourite food: Pizza
I want to become: A doctor
I want to feature in GT because: I want to make more friends and be popular.

POEM

I love you, grandma

Resham Talwar
AIS Saket, VI B

Your blessings stay with us the whole day and night, years and years spent with you are treasured delights.

Hope to be your little angel, wearing in my hand, your bangle. You always tied us with a bond of togetherness, you have been the one, who has taught us about forgiveness.

I am indebted to you, for all you have done and what you

will do. Even if we did something wrong, you would always be the one who is strong.

Reciting poems and telling stories, you give me happiness with glories! Preparing food, doing household and taking care, picking me from bus stop is a difficult affair.


You are the one I look up to, for you helped me through and through. You are the best grandma, I love you. 

Illustration: Arsh Bedi, AIS Saket, XI



Riddle Fiddle

Sara Sinha
AIS Noida, VII I

1. What is so delicate that saying its

- name breaks it?
2. Poor people have it. Rich people need it. If you eat it you die. What is it?
3. What travels around the world but

- stays in one spot?
4. What occurs once in a minute, twice in a moment and never in one thousand years?

Answers

1. Silence 2. Nothing 3. A stamp 4. Letter M

Jokey Pokey

Kritika Singha
AIS Noida, VIII D

Ramu: Sir, my stomach is paining awfully.
Teacher: It is because your stomach contains nothing.
Teacher (after some time): Ah! I am having a severe headache.
Ramu: It is because your head contains nothing.

Uncle: How did you find the weather at Mahabaleshwar?
Vinit: I went outside and there it was.

One day, Dinesh went for an interview in traffic police department.
Authority: What will you do in case you see a crowd on the road?
Dinesh: I will start asking for donation and the crowd will immediately start disappearing.

Ramesh: Umesh stay here tonight, as it is raining heavily.
Umesh: I will just go home and bring my night suit.

Painting Corner

Devik Nangia, AIS Saket, III C



Shades of life

Shubham Kulkarni, AIS MV, III C



Hypnotic beats

Suhani Gupta, AIS Vasundhara 6, VII A



Musical trio

TRAVELLING | TALKING | MAGICAL

Across places

To children, sharing stories

Amiown Kahaani Tree

Amiown Kahaani Tree draws hundreds of eager storybook lovers at Bookaroo Literature Fest and Krackerjack Carnival. In keeping with the vision of Ms Sapna Chauhan, vice chairperson, Amiown Preschools, to promote reading and the love of books amongst children, the Amiown Kahaani Tree was planted and nurtured with immense love and care. The travelling talking Kahaani tree made pit stops at the Bookaroo Children's Literature Festival held at Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts, on November 29-30, 2014 as well as the 4th Krackerjack carnival at Jawaharlal Nehru stadium on December 13-14, 2014.

Kahaani Tree entertained hundreds of visitors with its capturing storytelling sessions conducted by experts and Amiown teachers, interaction with national/international authors and fun activities. Scores of enthusiastic children, some even in their school uniforms, tagged along with their parents to the captivating story sessions during both the events. Past and current Amiown students were also in attendance. With zero entry fee for interested visitors, a fascinatingly enrapturing world of stories beckoned children and adults alike beneath the travelling talking magical Amiown Kahaani Tree.

Magic of classics

While new authors brought in freshness and charm to the Amiown Kahaani Tree, the undoubted magic of classics won the undivided attention of loyal fans. When Andrew Hoffland brought alive famous characters from Dr Seuss books in his session 'Get Loose with Dr Seuss', it was a runaway hit with the children. With classic stories like 'Guess How much I love you', 'Goldilocks and the three bears', 'Lion Roars', 'Henny Penny- the sky is falling' and many more, being told in the most animated ways by Amiown teachers, there was bound to be a rapt audience of besotted children. Along with a steady dose of more interesting storytellers like Sagari Chhabra (Save the talking tree) and Chitra Soundar who explored the relationship of shapes with stories during her session titled 'Story Shapes', the Amiown Kahaani Tree entertained children aged 4 to 14 years with deft storytelling.

Laughter junction

Doses of laughter tickled the little ones' funny bones as storyteller Valentina Trivedi regaled the audience with her animated 'Spinning tops and turvy tales' and 'Splash of stories'. Children rolled in laughter as Arunava Sinha retold his 'Laughter Riot' revolving around two blundering blokes, Harshabardhan and Gobardhan, and their dash through a crazy escapade. Ritu-parna Ghosh and her 'The Peacock's Tale' was a sure shot winner with the audience. Ameen Haque from the Storywallahs, weaved some musical story telling sessions and had the audience in splits with his funny antics and harmonica.

Toddler zone

It is believed that a child begins to respond and react to words even before birth. The earlier babies are introduced to the power of stories, the better is their language and cognitive development. Keeping this in view, two zones Amicot and Amitots made their maiden entry at the Amiown Kahaani Tree in the Krackerjack Carnival. In-house experts Bindu Selot and Sharda Dudani undertook short workshops on effective parenting during the event.

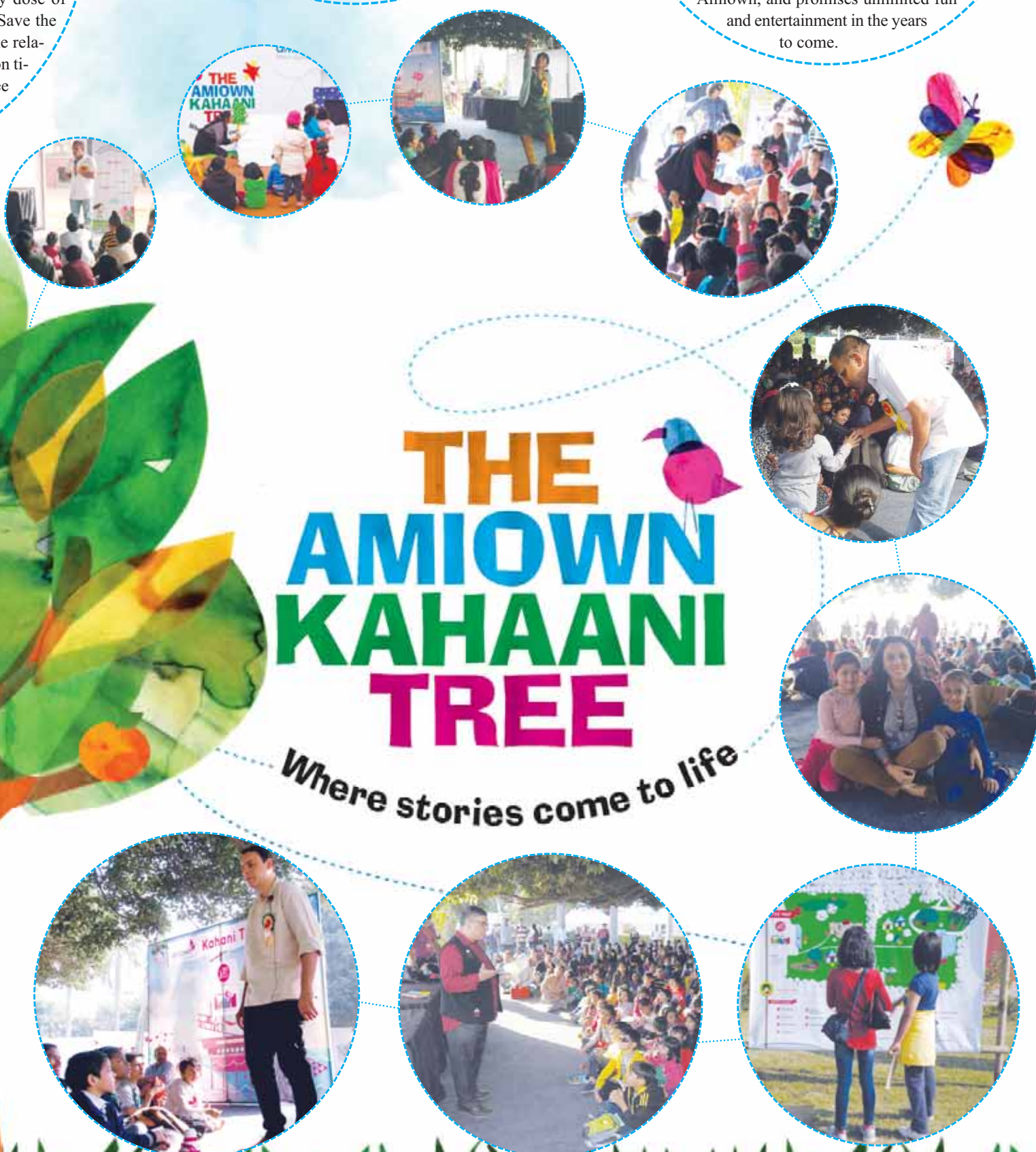
The thriving Amiown Kahaani Tree continues to grow in the loving and nurturing care of Amiown, and promises unlimited fun and entertainment in the years to come.

THE AMIOWN KAHAANI TREE

Where stories come to life

Ghoomti jhoomti kahaniyaan

An exciting visual world unfolded at the Amiown Kahaani Tree with an entertaining Hindi session conducted by Tripurari Sharma. His session 'Dekhein Kahaani' explored the visual aspect of stories from the animal world. The Storywallahs from Bangalore, with their 'Ghoomti Jhoomti Kahaniyan' set the tempo for the day as children conjured imaginative images with their mind's eye.





'Rhythm' is the longest English word without a vowel.

World Scholar's Cup at a glance

The two day event provided global exposure, character building and aptitude enhancing prospects



Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan along with other dignitaries

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The regional round of the World Scholar's Cup, a two day event, with the theme 'The World Unbound' was jointly hosted by AIS Noida, AIS Pushp Vihar and Amity University on Dec 16 & 17, 2014. The event was organised in line with the vision of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools to nurture global leaders, under the guidance of Jyoti Arora, Head, Amity Educational Resource Centre. Chief guest Daniel Berdichevsky, founder, WSC along with Jeremy Chumley, managing direc-

tor; Burch Wang, director, Social Stuff and Nathan Levin, associate programme director, WSC, graced the opening ceremony. The event witnessed participation of over 380 students from Delhi/NCR and Maldives. The participants were asked to form teams, which were divided into junior and senior categories. Each team comprised of three members. The event consisted of four parts i.e, the Scholar's Challenge, collaborative writing, the team debate and the Scholar's Bowl. Chief guest Ms Sapna Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amity, graced the closing ceremony. The top 20 teams in junior and senior category which included teams from AIS Noida, Saket, Gurgaon 46 & Gurgaon 43, qualified for the 2016 global round to be held in Malaysia, that will witness participation of 2,000 students from over 30 countries.

Annual sports meet

AIS Noida

AIS Noida held its annual sports meet on December 12, 2014. The sports meet was inaugurated by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, who was given the guard of honour by the captains of the four houses. School principal Renu Singh, welcomed the gathering and presented the annual report, highlighting the achievements of students during the academic year. This was followed by march-past and a brilliant performance by Scottish band.

The students presented yoga, free hand exercises, aerobics, karate, dumble drill, umbrella drill, hoopla drill, pyramid formation (gymnastics) and also participated in athletic events like 200m race. Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan appreciated the efforts made by the school and also emphasised the role of sports in the overall personality development of students. School sports captain, Parth Sawhney administered the oath to all the participants, thus instilling a feeling of camaraderie among all. The event culminated with an awards ceremony where the winners were



Students display pyramid formation

awarded trophies and medals. The event came to an end with the finale song, school song and National Anthem.

Bazinga Science Quiz



Quiz winners pose with the dignitaries

Amity Group of schools organised Bazinga – an inter Amity science quiz conceived by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, in an effort to inculcate scientific temper in school students. The event organised by B N Bajpai, advisor R&D, Amity International Schools for Class IX to XI was held at AIS Saket, AIS Pushp Vihar & AIS Noida on December 8, 9 & 10, 2014, respectively. Chief guests Dr Vijay Kumar, scientist F/Director, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Govt of India; Dr CK Ghosh, director, IGNOU & RP Sharma, academic consultant, CBSE graced the event at AIS Saket, AIS PV & AIS Noida respectively. There were two semifinals followed by a final, consisting of six rounds each. The rounds included questions from physics, chemistry, biology, latest innovations, scientists and audio-visuals. AIS Noida bagged the first position in Class IX & XI while AIS Saket bagged the first position in Class X.



The committee at work

Debut MUN

AIS Lucknow

Amity International School, Lucknow organised its first ever Model United Nations (MUN) conference on November 28 & 29, 2014, in the school premises. The event aimed to promote awareness about international relations and global concerns amongst youth. Students of Classes VI to X participated and shared their views on the agenda 'Equal access of education for

women'. The committee comprised Sangeeta, chairperson, PRT social studies; Shachika Singh (X), director; Sara Shahid (IX A), reporter and Shreya Sahi (IX B), rapporteur. Delegate of New Zealand, Nimesh Singh (IX A) was adjudged the best speaker followed by delegate of Costa Rica, Mohammed Ahmed (VIII A) & Italy, Soumya Rai (VII A), at second place. Delegates of Gautemala, Pranjali Mishra (VI) & Samarth Asthana (VI) shared the third place.

Ad jingle competition

AIS Lucknow

AIS Lucknow organised an inter house ad making competition on November 24, 2014. Five students from each house, namely Mandakini, Bhagirathi, Alaknanda and Pawani of Class II-V participated in this competition. The topics were given prior to the competition and participants had to advertise their product through enactment, props and jingle during the competition. The winner was adjudged on the basis of creativity & originality, props used, jingle & punch lines, relevance and overall presentation. Mandakini house won the first place followed by Bhagirathi, Alaknanda and Pawani securing second, third and fourth place respectively.



Mandakini house zealots pose

Annual day



AIS Vasundhara 6 students present the silken trail

AIS Vasundhara 6

AIS Vasundhara 6 held its tenth annual day on December 10, 2014. The event that witnessed participation of 1100 students, left the audience comprising approx. 3000 people mesmerised. Chief guest His Excellency Sanjaasuren Bayaraa, the ambassador of Mongolia, graced the occasion. The event started with lamp lighting ceremony followed by welcome address by school principal Sunila Athley. The prefect council presented the school annual report, highlighting its

achievements. The highlights of the event included a dance-drama on the Silk Route titled, 'The silken trail', reiterating the multi-directional trade of silk, jade, porcelain and spices from the East to the West along with the passage of faiths, religions, culture and intellectual flow. The dance drama was appreciated by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, who in her address underlined the need to revive the exchange through the 'Silk Route' in the present times. The music fusion by 100 musicians made the evening more remarkable.

'Underground' is the only word in the English language that begins and ends with the letters u, n and d.

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The Cousin Comparison

You adore them for all the fun times you have in their company, but despise them when parents bombard you with their achievements. This love-and-hate bond is what makes this relation special

Tanmay Goel, AIS PV, XII

Whether we live in a joint family or meet up with them on family reunions, our cousins are always around (normally by the masses). They come with a variety of personalities and energy levels, but the interesting thing is that, there are some conventional stereotypes that are commonly found in a typical Indian family. So, who is your favourite cousin?

The Overachiever

This special breed of cousins are the ones who are always bragging about their academic or co-curricular laurels. Everybody in the family compares you to them. It also doesn't help, that your parents chime in with the clichéd "Beta 'Overachieving cousin so-and-so' ko dekho, why can't you be more like them?", which leads to us staying silent at that time but secretly hoping that the cousin would stop being so good at everything!

The Shy One

Remember those times when you and all your cousins are chilling out in one room, playing, talking and doing everything cousins normally do? This cousin will be in that room too, but you won't ever notice him. They are the silent brooding ones, who just roam around and prefer to stay

silent, while everyone else does their own thing. They are not used to so much company, and it takes them some time to open up, but once they do, they join the party, and are the most fun to be around.

The Hyperactive One

This one was probably made to equalize the shy cousin, because this cousin will not settle down for even one moment. From running around the house, to

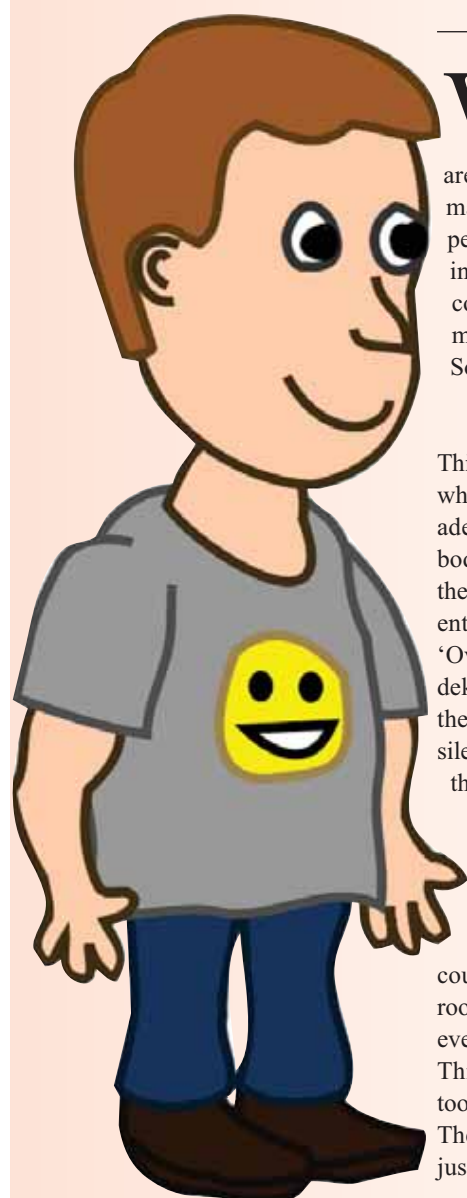
shouting random things, to getting excited at every small notion of something exciting. You love spending time with them, but you probably fight the most with them as well, as they are always generating new methods to give you a headache.

The Little Cutie

These cousins are normally found in the age group of 3-7 years. They are the cutest soft toys you have come across in your life, and cannot believe you have a ticket for infinite cheek pulls that comes free with them. Every word that comes out of their mouth just makes you go 'Awwwww'. You secretly wish your real sibling was as cute as them.

The Elder/Cooler One

They are the cool ones you look up to. You follow them around, and talk to them about anything and everything. You value their advice like gold. You love listening to their fun and remarkable stories, and wish yourself to be older soon, so you can do those types of fun things like them. Well, if you don't have an elder cousin, then congratulations, YOU are the elder cousin, and you have the privilege to inspire all your little cousins! 🇮🇳



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Must do, must see

Relishing piping hot gajar ka halwa or going on a nature trail, there's a lot you can do in Dilli ki sardi

Anushka Barthwal, AIS Saket, X

When cars turn on the flash-lights in the morning, and that extra cup of coffee feels just right, you know winter's here. Here are five things to absolutely indulge yourself in these chilly Delhi winters!



in the sun! For once, the cells in your body will thank you for being out in the sun.

The path to my heart

How can one forget the scrumptious delights you can savour during this season? From kebabs to kheer, from gajar ka halwa to Daulat ki Chaat, these dishes will make your mouth water.

Shout encore

If you too are tired of watching movies, look no more. Delhi has a vast array of theatre productions on show. Quench your thirst of quality art forms, and soak yourself in dance, art and music in the theatre fests that take place during this time.

Light 'em up, up, up!

Bonfires are the most incredible occasions to catch up with family and friends. Organise a small get-together and light up that stack! Birthday, lohri or just-for-no-reason-at-all, bonfires give you the much needed warmth in this chilly weather. 🇮🇳

Those monuments you neglected

Remember that monument which you visited when you were a thumb-sucking kid, too scared and small to understand anything? Well, this is the perfect time to revisit that monument and refresh some fond childhood memories. Several groups organise heritage walks which take you on a guided tour all across the city.

Fun in the sun

If there is nothing much to do, put on your headphones and head off to a park. Just take a walk in the natural beauty and let your mind relax. If you are an avid reader, grab a book and read as you soak

GT Travels to Ramoji



Anjali Gupta, AIS Noida, I G, flaunts her copy of GT at Ramoji Filmcity, Hyderabad. Built across 1666 acres, Ramoji is the world's largest film city. Built in the year 1996, it is a popular tourism and recreation centre and houses an amusement park as well.

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