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In 2014, the crisis of displacement confronting the world escalated to an all-new level, compelling many out of their homes. The vast majority of refugees are either forced to abandon their homes due to natural disasters or flee from the political strife and violence that plagues their countries, often trading their national identities for their lives. **Vinayak Shrote, AIS Vas 1, X A, sheds light on the issue...**

Facts on displacement

- There are several other factors behind displacement, such as caste disputes or industrial land acquisition for projects.
- The number of displaced people in the world stands at approx 5 crore.
- About 1 crore displaced persons are 'Stateless' i.e they are not recognised as citizens of any country.
- Nearly 55 per cent of the world's refugees come from just five war-affected

countries: Afghanistan, Somalia, Iraq, Syria and Sudan.

- About two thirds of the world's forcibly uprooted people are displaced within their own country.
- Sub-Saharan African region has the largest number of Internally Displaced People (IDP) whereas Colombia is the country with the highest number of IDPs, estimated at 50 to 55 people.

ing conflict in South Sudan between the government and opposition. The conflict in Sudan has induced internal displacement in Darfur. According to UN, 69 lakh people were affected in South Sudan following the conflict that broke out last year. Over 10 lakh people have fled their homes and 4 lakh people fled to neighbouring countries.

Syria, that once hosted refugees from all over the region, is experiencing a major displacement and protection crisis. The war that broke out in Syria in 2014 forced 25 lakh people to become refugees while 65 lakh people, a third of the country's population, were internally displaced.

Silver lining: UNHCR is working day and night on rescue operations to help im-

prove the situation of these countries.

Displacer: Natural disasters

Headline that made news: Jammu and Kashmir witnesses the worst floods in six decades, 160 feared killed: (dated September 7, 2014)

Kashmir and various districts of Pakistan faced heavy rainfall starting from September 2, 2014 during the last stage of monsoon, triggering floods and landslides in the entire region. The PM declared it a 'national level disaster'.

Numbing numbers: More than 50,000 houses were damaged in Srinagar alone, and nearly a million people were displaced. Over 2,600 villages were affected in J&K, with 390 villages in Kashmir getting submerged. Over 50,000 people survived in relief centres run by the community, mosques and Sikh temples.

Silver lining: India and Pakistan joined hands to work for rehabilitation of those who got displaced in the calamity. 🇮🇳 🇵🇰

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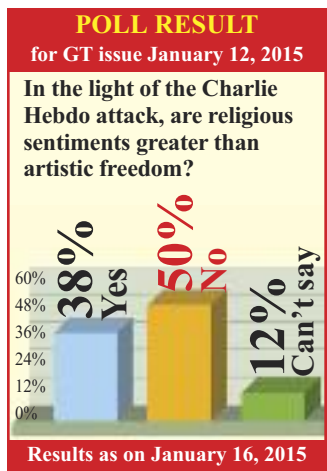
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Coming Next

The joy of graduating in AUVP Convocation ceremony 2014.

Prevention is better than cure

Dr PK Dave, Padma Shri, former director of AIIMS, presently chairman of Rockland Hospital, editor Indian Journal of Orthopedics and VP Delhi Medical Council, gets candid in an interview with Shreya Tayal, X A, Shubham Ghoshal, IX A, Surudhip Raam, XI A and Agneev Das, XI A of AIS Vasundhara 1.

Did you always want to be a doctor?

As a student, I had an extraordinary liking for science and chose the same for my higher secondary studies. I was always inclined towards the study of medicine; which I think was natural considering I come from a family of doctors. Moreover, my mother wanted me to be a doctor. Surgery fascinated me during childhood days, though I was not fond of its theoretical aspect.

What according to you has been the most significant development in the field of orthopedics?

The most prominent progress has been evident in two areas: joint replacement surgery and spine surgery.



Dr P K Dave with GT Reporters

New surgical procedures and methods have made these surgeries easy, effective and accessible to people.

Tell us about your most challenging surgery.

My most challenging assignment was the one that I took up just after completing my training in spine surgery. The surgery required me to straighten the spine of a patient. It was a great success.

A vast majority of the Indian population is deprived of medical facilities. How can we deal with this problem?

We need to follow the principle of 'prevention is better than cure'. Before focusing on providing medical facilities, we need to spread awareness about the pre-

vention of diseases, basic hygiene and a balanced diet. This will help even those without medical facilities to stay fit.

How did you feel when awarded with the prestigious Padma Shri?

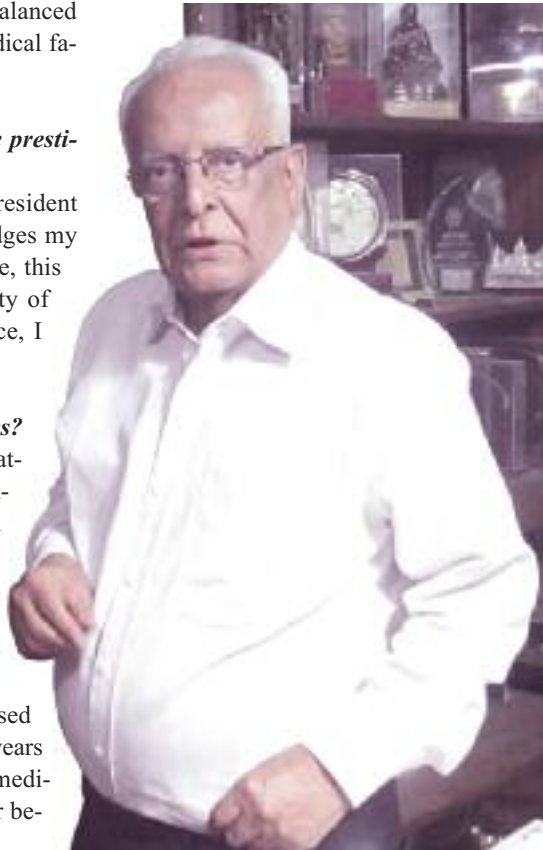
The award bestowed upon me by President Narayanan was encouraging. It acknowledges my contribution in medicine. At the same time, this honour comes with a serious responsibility of providing the best medical services. Hence, I always strive to deliver to my best caliber.

How do you handle so many different roles?

While I do have several responsibilities, I categorise them into two broad categories ie editorial responsibilities and my clinical career. This makes it easy for me to streamline things.

Any advice for students who want to pursue medical science as a career?

Pursuing medicine and becoming a specialised doctor involves devoting eleven and a half years for the same. If you have an aptitude for medicine, and a very good brain, then the rigour becomes much more easier. 🇮🇳



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Working till late nights, editing till you drop, interviews- all of it was exhilarating!

Shreya Tayal, AIS Vasundhara 1, X A, Page Editor



The robbed river-Hindon

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As the chants of *Swachh Bharat Abhiyan* resound, the constant contamination of River Hindon, a tributary of Yamuna river, originating from the Shivalik Range, has a different story to narrate. *Shreya Tayal, AIS Vas1, X B, brings you the tale of this dying lifeline.*



As River Hindon lies shattered and neglected, here is a sincere attempt to get down to the alarming facts about the state of the river. The process was facilitated by a visit to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) in Karkardooma and speaking to those who could provide an insight into the subject.

The crying river

Our Observation: There was a huge stretch of garbage lying adjacent to the river. The reason for this waste accumulation was the unofficial cleanliness drive organised by the Civil Defence Organisation. However, the CDO had left the garbage on the river bank, creating a mosquito breeding site and leaving behind a pungent smell. As for the river, it was almost dry, frothy and green in colour. **Research says:** A research carried out by the National Institute of Hydrology revealed that the primary pollutants of the river include untreated wastes from municipal corporations and also from industrial units.

Activists say: In December 2014, environmentalists voiced their concern over River Hindon, a part of which had turned red in colour. The red tinge, they said, could be attributed to stone crushing and stone washing units, who use river water and dis-

pose the waste back into the river.

Expert opinion: Dr Bharadwaj, senior scientist at CPCB says, "The green colour of the river is caused by the increased levels of phosphorus and nitrogen which indicate alarming level of pollution. We are still working on old industries that require a good deal of time to change their ways of waste management and manufacturing processes.

As for new ones, the green signal is given only after they receive the No Objection Certificate. The government checks industrial plants regularly but closes down only the faulty section of the unit that does not comply to the measures prescribed by CPCB, and not the whole factory itself. CPCB permits about 30 mg per litre for Biochemical Oxygen Demand, 100 mg/l for suspended solids and 250 mg/l for Chemical Oxygen Demands."

Population explosion

Our observation: The river is lined with human settlements. There are a number of colonies and apartments (many still under construction) next to the river, which suggest the presence of urban population. There are rural settlements in the vicinity of the river too. "The excessive domestic garbage thrown into the river has almost turned it into a

sewage drain. One can hardly see any life in it. The colour of the water is so dark," shares a resident living in a nearby colony.

Research says: There has been a rapid rise in the number of human settlements around the river, especially rural settlements. This booming rural population uses the water mostly for washing livestock. Also, the volume of domestic litter has gone up.

Expert opinion: "The population has increased by 1.7% since the last decade and 2.7% since the last two decades, while the urban population has increased by 2.5-3% and the rural population has grown by about 2% in the same time period.

The rise in pollution is directly proportional to the increase in population. Since there has been rapid increase in the population over the last few years, the contamination of the river has also increased by several notches."

Impact on biodiversity

Our observation: No fishes or marine life could be spotted in the river. White foam was floating on the river surface and the entire river was dry or covered with plants, leaving no oxygen for any life forms to survive. "We do not see fishes anymore,

since there's hardly any oxygen for them to survive on. Once in a blue moon, if we do manage to catch a fish, it makes us sick instead of making us healthy," shares a fisherman.

Research says: The river has only one water treatment plant and this plant is not adequate in volume or capacity to sanitize the entire river which is home to faecal pathogens, mosquitoes and metal discharges.

Expert opinion: The effluents of industrial waste floating in the river, have a deep impact on the quantity and quality of river water. When the water level depletes, so does the oxygen level, thereby affecting the marine life horrendously.

Towards a cleaner Hindon

Our observation: If industries adopt effective waste management techniques and stay within the CPCB limits, we could get a clean Hindon. Citizens should pledge to never dump waste in or around the river.

The rural population must be educated about water pollution and encouraged to not wash their livestock in the river water or defecate around river banks. People must become more conscious of their duties towards a cleaner Hindon. 🇮🇳

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Gunjan Sharma, AIS Vas 1, X B, Page Editor

Is IIT the “it” thing?

Once you have IIT stamped on your degree, you know success will be at your feet, or will it?

Vishrut Shukla, AIS Vas 1, X A, tries to find answers to the tricky question to help you decide

Every story has two sides. And being an alumnus of Indian Institute of Technology aka IIT is no different. It comes with its own pros and cons. Let's debate and find out if the idea of being an IITian is overhyped.

The good

News-making placements: Most IITians are placed before they're out of college. Recently, there was news about students of IIT Bombay being placed by the end of the first week of this year's placement season! Another news doing the rounds was about IIT alumnus Aastha Agarwal, who became the youngest undergrad to have been offered a 2 Cr package and a job with Facebook. **You're a brand:** Once you're an IITian, you automatically become a talked-about brand and your biggest identity is the IIT tag.

Fee: IITs aren't as costly as private institutions, with the annual fee structure ranging from Rs 65,000 to Rs 70,000.



Illustration: Anubhav Pandey, AIS Vas 1, VII B

Popularity: If you write a book and are an IITian, your book will be noticed, even if writing has never been your forte. Freshers are more likely to grab eyeballs if they're IITians.

The not-so-good

Maybe you're a machine: After having cracked JEE, you may have learnt to answer questions in a certain way, leaving no room for creativity. Perhaps, you're a product of a coaching factory.

Costing: Thanks to expensive coaching institutes that can charge you as high as 2 lakh, you're ultimately paying as much as you will for studying in a private institute.

High expectations: “Papa kehte hain bada naam karega.” Papa also thinks of you as a genius just because you were able to crack IIT. With the IIT tag attached to you, you're already expected to be overachievers and over performers. **Perhaps IIT was never your thing:** It might just dawn on you that IIT was never really your cup of tea. Perhaps the hype around IIT and parental pressure forced you to join it, only to realise it some time later.

You slogged it through: While others were busy exploring the fun part of school and making friends, coaching classes became your hideout.

You matter more than your

college: If you have it in you, you will make it big, no matter which college you go to. What matters most is your personality, your willingness to learn and dedication. The CEO of Microsoft, Satya Nadella, by the way isn't from IIT. **Because even the bigwigs agree:** In 2013, UGC Chairman, Dr Ved Prakash made a bold statement saying IITs are no more than “glorified engineering colleges” and universities are more important than IITs because universities have a higher intake of students. **And so do IITians themselves:** Mangu Singh, MD, DMRC and alumnus, IIT-Roorkee was asked about the prestige of being an IITian, to which he

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replied that that degrees are a minimum requirement in a profession. He added that at the end of the day, IITians and non IITians face the same challenges in the corporate world; we buy that statement.

Get the job done

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Designing a career

Education
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Sample
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Strength
Work & IM with output
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Before you say anything to the recruiter, your resume will! So make sure you pick out the right one that actually gets you the job

Vishrut Shukla, X A & Gunjan Sharma, X B, AIS Vas 1

There are many resumes doing the rounds in a workplace. Some breathe their last on the receptionist's desk and never see the light of the day, while some become paper planes. Here's how you can pick from a variety of resumes that will help you land where your CV matters.

Chronological Resume

Features: A chronological resume is basically your work history all summed up. The most recent positions are listed first, followed by the oldest one. This one will include your key achievements and job profiles in various jobs. This is the most

common format for resumes, and the most preferred one too.

The fitting employee- Mr Number Crazy: If you can bore people around you for endless hours talking about your years of work experience, salary packages and still not make out that they're bored enough, this one's for you.

The fitting employer- Mr Nitty-Gritty: This resume is sure to appease Mr Nitty-Gritty who has an OCD for details. Yes, you're right, he is the one who will adjust his spectacles, nod his head every now and then while going through your CV.

Combination Resume

Features: This one will first list out your skills and experience. Next, it gives out the details of your work history. This resume also allows you to accentuate your skills according to the job you're applying for. Besides, you can provide the chronological work history, quite preferable to employees these days.

The fitting employee- Mr Smart: If you want the job, and are good enough with your editing skills, you could try out this one.

The fitting employer- Mr Inquisitive: With this resume in place, you're quite likely to be able to handle the questions fired at you by an inquisitive employer for the format is comprehensive, clear, concise, and of course, tailored to fit the requirements of the job.

Functional Resume

Features: What's the opposite of a chronological resume? It's the functional resume. This one's short, but (let's just be honest) not-too-sweet. It is done in no particular order of the various jobs and positions held, but just provides a quick snapshot of your work history, educational qualifications etc.

The fitting employee- Mr Short Story: If you don't like talking too much, a functional resume could represent you well. If you prefer short stories over long novels, you have found your match, however, we do not guarantee you the job.

The fitting employer- Mr Lazy: You're sure to sail through an employer who is lazy and is just concerned about finishing the task at hand ASAP. His favourite phrase could well be, 'cut to the chase' or 'long story short'.

Creative Resume

Features: This resume believes in exhibiting one's creative skills. An illustrator's resume will be accompanied by his illustrations; a designer's resume will hold his graphics and designs.

The fitting employee- Mr Creative: If you're talented and you know it, the creative resume is your stop for it will let you flaunt your creative skills amply before the employer.

The fitting employer- Mr Appreciator: This employer likes unconventional and creative, so let your resume talk!

The matter of antimatter

Despite several theories being propounded on antimatter, the subject continues to be shrouded in mystery. Read on for a better understanding...

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In 1928, English physicist Sir P.A.M Dirac, was working on a research paper on the relativistic formulation of equation. His calculations led him to believe in the possibility of the existence of a strange type of electron having the same mass as electron, but with a positive charge. He realised that he had stumbled upon what could be called an antielectron. After the physicist left a legacy behind him, researchers found out that every particle has an anti particle. For instance, proton- antiproton; neutron- antineutron; electron-positron and so on.

Matter and antimatter

Everything around us is made of atoms composed of electrons, protons and neutrons and anything made out of the combination of these is known as matter. In the same way, anything that is made of positrons, antiprotons and antineutrons is thereby called Antimatter. Antimatter is nothing but an exact replica of matter. It has the same features as matter, except for the opposite charge and the spin. Some theories also point out to the possibility that antimatter is nothing but matter particles moving backwards in time. It has often been debated whether antimatter has the same features as matter in every aspect. When matter and antimatter combine, it annihilates itself to form pure energy. Take it this way. If you (made of matter) and your replica, anti-you (made of antimatter) were to shake hands, you both will disappear in a flash of light and energy !

Anomaly

In the nascent stage of the universe, the amount of matter and antimatter was the same, but for some reason, the amount of matter outdid antimatter in quantity as the universe evolved. This slight anomaly has led to the creation of our present day universe which has abundance of matter, but no antimatter. Albert Einstein explains this as, “For every one billion particles of antimatter, there were one billion and one particles of matter. And when the mutual annihilation was complete, one billionth remained- and that’s our present universe”. Antimatter till today continues to amaze scientists as well as Hollywood filmmakers. 🇮🇳

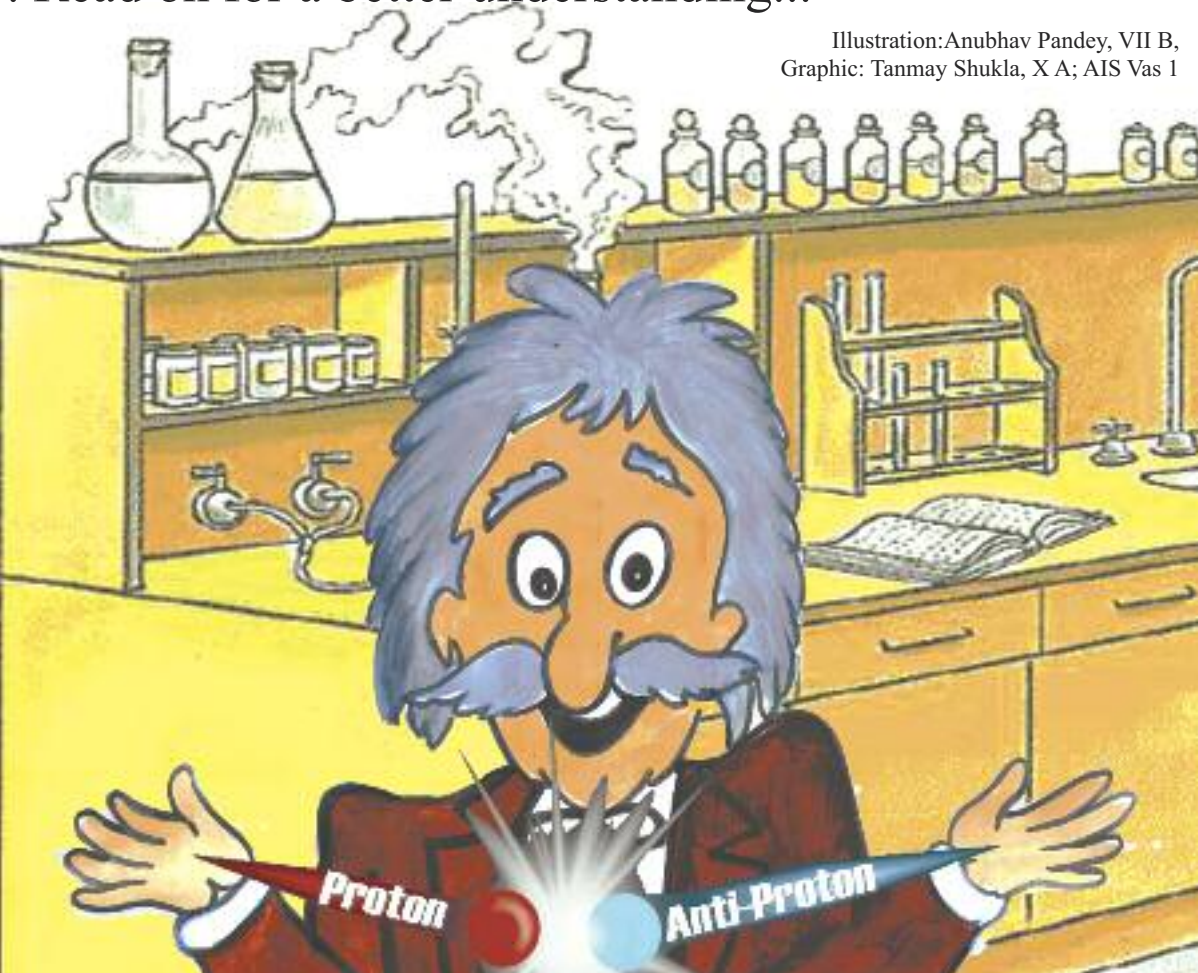


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Did you know?

- Only about 0.1*10-9 Joules of the invested energy is returned during the production of antimatter.
- In theory, it’s possible for the existence of antimatter galaxies.
- It costs about one hundred billion dollars to make just one milligram of antimatter!
- One gram of antimatter produces an amount of energy that would have twice the impact caused by the Hiroshima bomb.
- NASA is currently working on antimatter powered spaceships which would be capable of landing astronauts on Mars in about 6 months.
- The sun makes antimatter every-day. According to a theory, a solar flare in 2002 produced enough anti matter that could generate power for the entire USA for two days.
- The creation of antimatter is so difficult that we get only a handful of antiparticles from research laboratories based at CERN and Fermilab and now Large Hadron Collider.

	Matter	Antimatter
Definition	Matter is a substance that occupies space and has mass and is made of normal particles.	Antimatter is a substance which is made of antiparticles. They may have the same mass as the ordinary matter particles but they have different particle properties and opposite charges.
Properties of charge	Matter has two main fundamental properties of mass and inertia and common electrical properties.	Antimatter has opposite electrical properties. It has a positron with positive charge, antiproton with a negative charge and an antineutron which is neutral though it has a magnetic moment (quantity that will determine the torque in an external magnetic field) opposite to the sign of neutron's magnetic moment.
Form	Matter can be in either three phases; solid, liquid or gases. It has ordinary structural forms of crystals.	Antimatter looks similar to normal matter.
Theory	Matter completely overpowers antimatter in real world theory.	Dirac's theory states that antiparticles and particles are formed in equal numbers.

Spin swing ‘n’ win

Some cricketers are known for their batting, some for their bowling, but some are more famous for their grooves

S.Surudhip Raam, AIS Vas 1, XI

We all have our own ways of celebrating victory. It could be through dance, song, or as in the case of most women- a shopping spree. But how would you celebrate when the win is not just for you, but for a nation that thrives on cricket? This article is a dedication to the cricket heroes who not only made India proud with their victory, but also made the win a memorable one with their impromptu celebration style.

Dada’s spintastic show

Sourav Ganguly stunned everyone, including the paparazzi when he spun his shirt in the air at Lord’s after India won the One Day NatWest Series in 2002. Though he did regret his doings later, but he had India admiring his passion.

Sreesanth- the angry dancer

Just when the audience was getting used to watch-

ing Sreesanth getting angry on the field, the spinner unveiled his rather fun side at the test match of India vs South Africa in 2006. Andre Nel’s taunting at Sreesanth led the Indian batsman to hit a six and dance around him as an answer. Shortly after, Sreesanth joined Jhalak Dikhla Jaa.

Oppa Kohli style

Virat Kohli was invincible as he broke into a dance after India won over England in Champion’s Trophy finals. Though Gangnam style was inaugurated by many Indian players, we got to admit it- Virat’s did shake the audiences up!

Bhangra Bhajji

The bhangra performed by Bhajji mesmerised everyone in the ICC World Cup 20-20 in India’s semi-final match. India was just a ball away from winning the match when Bhajji couldn’t control his urge to dance. The crowd which was watching with bated breath, joined in to celebrate. 🇮🇳

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It had always been my dream to work for GT as an editor. I am very thankful to my teachers for entrusting me with a platform where I could air my views.

Aakriti Dubey, AIS Vas 1, X A, Page Editor

Disney Couture

Glimmering up for a party is great, and doing that in Disney fashion is double the fun! Watch out for flowing gowns, glass heels and glittering capes next time you go for a party

Adithyaa Sunder, X B & Shubham Ghosal, IX A, AIS Vas 1

If you're a girl, there's more than a chance that you've imagined dressing up like your favourite Disney princess. Well, here's good news. Your dreams turn to reality as dressing up like your favourite Disney princess is no longer unachievable. And no you do not need an exclusive Disney store to look like a character straight out of Disney movie/book. Whether you are looking for a Rapunzel knit hat, tutu skirt or any other Disney costume; all the Disney bling is very much available in your mall in the neighbourhood. A look at some trends that can transport you to the Disney world...

Tiaras: From Cinderella to Snow White, Aurora to Belle and a whole lot of other 'princesses', those not wearing tiaras were few and far between. Tiaras were here, there and everywhere in 'once upon a times'. The tiaras, in their current (oft flowery) avatar Tiaras are worn by brides on the wedding day, or a slumber party or simply just to look cool. The female members of the royal families of the British, Spanish, Dutch and Danish ones, can be seen flaunting their tiaras. It seems women have similar fashion choices!

Glass heels: Who hasn't grown up on Cinderella stories! And who in the world hasn't been fascinated by her famous glass stilettos, which helped the lovestruck Prince Charming find her! Well, the



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transparent stilettos, which are a perfect imitation of the glass slippers, are all over the place now and big, especially on ramps.

Gowns: The Disney world spells classy and royal. Fairy tales and Disney movies are replete with examples of their women protagonists wearing long, flowy gowns every now and then, especially to the ball. Gowns have never gone out of fashion. They were in then, they are in now.

Tutu dress: The frilly dress has the fairer sex going gaga over them and seems to be a favourite with young girls and teenagers alike.

Harem pants: That little blouse and harem pants that Jasmine is so famous for, continues to catch the fancy of all alike- the funky, the fashion conscious, the comfort dresser. One of the biggest advantages of this cool costume is that it's unisex.

The bow ties: Be it the trendy bow ties for men in multiple hues worn on shirts with collar or bows of various sizes on feminine hairbands, the pretty thing is one of the many spectacular gifts to the world by Disney.

Disney couture for men: There's enough Disney couture for men too. Remember the colourful waistcoats flaunted by Aladdin? They are available in all type- casual, semi casual and formal. Or the capes. Or the trailing overcoats; they are often experimented with on the fashion scene.

Your kitchen kit

Who knew food could do so much more than just satiating your appetite! Take a look at some ingredients in your kitchen that can have multiple uses

Aakriti Dubey, AIS Vas 1, X A

Did you know that food can double up as cosmetics or even as a quick fix solution? So line up these food items and they could serve multiple purposes, including your beauty and home needs...

My, my mayonnaise!

Want long, luscious hair? Well, reach out to your refrigerator and look out for mayonnaise which can act as the perfect hair conditioner to deal with hair woes. In fact, it'll also help your hair grow faster. Besides, with mayonnaise by your side, you do not have to head to the beauty parlour for that facial with mayonnaise is rich in antioxidants and can make your skin glow.

The secret: Egg, amino acid and antioxidants are good for skin & hair.

The edgy eggshells

Eggshells can help your garden thrive. You can simply crush eggshells into tiny pieces and use them as compost. You may even fortify your pet's diet by drying eggshells, crushing them into a fine powder and putting them into your dog's food.

The secret: Calcium & minerals found in eggs are the best ingredients to have in a compost.

Some other ways food can help you

Rice: Cleans up slender and unusually shaped vases; store a few grains of rice in your salt shaker to prevent clumping.

Milk: Fix your porcelain cups by putting cups with hairline cracks into a pot or pan covered with milk and bring to a boil. As soon as it boils, reduce heat and simmer for 45 minutes. You can also remove ink stains from your cloth by soaking it overnight in milk and then washing it.

Breaking bread

Next time, you have to pick up broken glass pieces, use bread. Also, if you're cutting an onion, keep a cold piece of bread in your mouth and your tear glands will not jerk. The coldness of the bread prevents tears flowing out of heat.

The secret: It absorbs smelly odours and is cold enough to absorb the heat of onion.

Onto the onion!

Say goodbye to windshield frost by rubbing an onion against the windshield of your car at night. The onion also keeps the kitchen clean by keeping ants at bay.

The secret: It is warm in nature and its pungent smell drives away the ants.

The wonder fruit

Store bakery fresh goods in airtight containers with half an apple to keep them fresh.

The secret: The moisture in apple does not make refrigeration necessary.

Deodrant with a twist

Want an eco friendly deodrant that is skin-friendly and cheap. Just mix some coconut oil with shea butter and make your own antiperspirant deo which works just perfect.

The secret: Shea butter is as good as your regular deo to absorb wetness.

Spring clean

Some drops of vinegar and bicarbonate soda mixed together will easily unclog the dirt stuck in sinks and bathtubs. Use the mixture overnight for best results.

The secret: The explosive reaction between vinegar and bicarbonate soda blasts away the dirt.

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Be the best you

The ultimate victory in competition is derived from the inner satisfaction of knowing that you have done your best and that you have gotten the most out of what you had to give.

- Howard Cosell



Dr Amita Chauhan
Chairperson



As each school rolls out their fruit of labour, ie, their own contest edition with utmost dedication and love, the excitement is palpable. The ones who have created the newspaper with ingenuous hard work and pursued it from a mere thought to give it the final shape of 12 pages worth everyone's attention, are the most joyous. Undoubtedly, it is a little victory for them as they can see the result of their persistent grind, in print. They can flaunt their creative writings and innovative illustrations, basking in the glory of newfound satisfaction. While the others, are on the constant lookout if anyone else has managed to surpass their own efforts, in their own eyes. The feeling of healthy competition each new contest edition generates, gives me an emotional high. As every competition is an opportunity to become the best you can be. The anticipation of someone else outshining your own caliber, urges you to bring out your innate potential, sometimes surprising your own self. I'm proud that with each contest edition, my Amitians outclass my expectations and churn out an even finer edition than before. With each passing year, they exceed their own creative geniuses and stretch their imaginative boundaries. I'm glad that these 12 pages of fine print, give Amitians enough opportunity to innovate their ideas and improve their ability to express their views concisely, yet precisely. I'm content that it gives my Amitians, another chance to triumph over themselves.  

A lively connect

Accept no one's definition of your life, but define yourself.



V. Balachandran
Principal, AIS VAS I

2014 proved to be an exciting year as we pledged to accomplish a renewed mission, 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan'. We contributed our bit by undertaking research on the monster of pollution haunting river Hindon. The students of AIS Vas 1 put on their thinking caps to come up with all possible ways to prevent it, in correspondence to Mahatma Gandhi's vision of keeping India clean. The ground reporting undertaken by GT reporters, should serve as a wake-up call to those who are causing distress to the mighty river. We, at Amity, recognise that the school years are a time for challenges and growth where the teachers play a pivotal role in encouraging and preparing students to participate fully to take risks and advocate a cause. Our Chairperson ma'am also believes that social development is as essential to students' success as academics and that can be achieved only when we all work together as a team. We are of the conviction that education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one, full of ethics and values. And that's what the students of the school have achieved with this edition. I, as the head of the AIS Vas 1 family, appreciate the efforts put in by the editorial team that tried to remind us of our social obligation towards society. Hope you enjoy reading it.  

He(Art) of giving

You can give without loving, but you can never love without giving. The bank of giving is never bankrupt. Live like a tree, giving, forgiving and free

Pic: Gauri Mudgal, AIS Vas 1, XI C

Shreya Tayal, AIS Vasundhara 1, X A

Ever wondered what it would feel like to be in Santa's shoes? To be able to give what someone else needs, to be able to bring a smile on someone's face? Must be a million dollar feeling, isn't it? But one doesn't need to necessarily wait for Christmas to be a giver. If we look closely enough, we would find innumerable Santas all around, doing and giving so much under the garb of charity. The immense self satisfaction and peace one experiences when one gives, can never be compared to anything else. Charity not only benefits the person who receives, but also the one who gives. It makes them into a more empathetic person and leaves them with a feeling of participation in making the world a happier place. A look at the kind deed of charity...



Corporate charity: Nowadays, charity has almost become a part of corporate life. Multinational companies have their own CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) wings that work for the underprivileged. Some companies have 'Make a Wish' programmes as a part of their CSR initiatives, in which they sponsor the desire of a terminally ill child. Other companies choose to organise trips, parties and workshops for these children as well. Bill Gates has donated almost 48% of his net income since 2007 to charitable causes. Facebook founder, Mark Zuckerberg posted on Facebook (where else?) that he and his wife would be donating \$25 million to Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to help fight against Ebola.

Charity model redefined: Many say that it's not charity if it doesn't hurt the giver. However, it may not be true in all cases. Charity is when we give



something that's a little extra or something that someone needs more than us. It's about caring and sharing. It's about giving away that apple you were going to eat, to a hungry child you met on the road. You don't need to be a multimillionaire to donate; just a person with a heart. Charity can be fun too, it isn't always about work! Car washes, jog-a-thons, bake sales and fetes are all ways to entertain our selves while the proceeds go to the charity. Other than that, some services can be charitable too, like teaching underprivileged children, or working for a few hours at the orphanage. In the end we all know that 'where there's a will, there's a way.

Charity - the 'celeb way': A few stars shine so bright that they light up a path of hope. Some well

known personalities have taken an honest initiative to help the needy. The most beautiful woman in the world, Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, has donated her eyes to the Eye Bank Association of India. Also, not many know that Shilpa Shetty donated her Big Brother winning amount to AIDS awareness campaigns in India. Salman Khan, who runs his own charity 'Being Human', continues to help those in need. Recently, Priyanka Chopra was appointed as the national UNICEF ambassador to support Indian children and their right to go to school. If being stylish and famous is good for a cause, so be it. There are million ways to make yourself a better person, but there's nothing better than, helping another. There's a Santa in all of us; if only we bring him out, the world can be a happier place to live in.  



Soup for the soul

Shubham Ghoshal, AIS Vas 1, IX A

At some point of time or the other, most of you must have experienced that down-in-the-dumps feeling, when no one seems to love you, or you feel guilty for every wrong thing in your life! Sometimes your priorities are so skewed up that you cannot focus on anything. That is the time, when you need to really help yourself.

For tweens and teens to feel forlorn, the cause could be anything. The passing away of a dear one or losing that pet of yours who was the apple of your eye, can leave you feeling bereft and gloomy. Getting low marks or a dissension with your parents or teachers can lead to another downfall. Many a times peer pressure and traumas of growing up, result in low self esteem, making us anti-social and depressed. That is the time to call for help. And sometimes the best helper is you, yourself.

We have all heard of the saying 'God helps those who help themselves.' But most of

us do not know what this self help is supposed to mean? The first step towards helping yourself is asking for it. Be it advice from our parents or close friends or seeking professional help from psychologists, they can all form our aid to self help. Spending time with your friend could also be of great help in times of distress. Sometimes, a funny comment from our BFF can help us realise that the problem is much simpler than we make it to be. Self help books such as, 'The Secret Series' or 'The Last Lecture', can also help us overcome our despair. These books focus on the power of positive thinking. Barnali Sen Gupta, librarian, AIS Vasundhara 1 believes, "Self help books are a reliever. First believe in the written word and then apply it to your life." Having said all, books or any piece of advice will help you only when you accept the problem and deal with it calmly. Armed with the right attitude and self help, you can rise and shine above every negative situation.  



Pearls of Wisdom

From the Holy books

Geeta says...

No one should abandon duties because he sees defects in them. Every action, every activity, is surrounded by defects as a fire is surrounded by smoke....On this path, effort never goes to waste, and there is no failure.

Bible says....

For I know the plans I have for you,

declares the Lord, plans to prosper you, and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.

Quran says....

Kind words and forgiveness are better than charity followed by injury.

Guru Granth Sahib says...

Dwell in peace in the home of your own being, and the Messenger of

Death will not be able to touch you. Have faith in yourself. Do not under-rate yourself. Without a humble but reasonable confidence in your own powers, you cannot be successful or happy. Pride in your own abilities will never allow anyone to harm you or bring you down. You'll always be a winner.

Compiled by: Vritika Chandwani, AIS Vas 1, X A

A delicious platter





Debosmita Mukherjee
GT Teacher Coordinator

It was a delightful feeling to delve into the world of words. What appeared to be a mammoth task at the beginning turned out to be the most stimulating experience for me and my editorial team. Students geared up to weave each page with utmost dexterity. Beginning with the GT meetings in school till the edit meet, the editorial team displayed enthusiasm and team spirit to churn out a great edition. Students proved themselves as true journoes by meeting stringent deadlines, editing and re-editing, adding colour to the drawings, focusing the camera with precision and working as professional graphic designers. They have not left any stone unturned to prove their mettle. This edition has been served with love and dedication.



Dear Editor,

The edition dated January 12, began on an extremely hopeful note, by bringing out all the good work done by Modi for India. The part on biotechnology was extremely stimulating, while the DIY activities are a must try for those with a creative streak. This edition was a comprehensive one, offering something for every reader.  

Shubham Ghoshal, AIS Vas 1, IX A

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The noteworthy note

It changes hands everyday and is the second largest denomination of the Indian Rupee. We see it almost everyday, but do we know how to distinguish a real note from the fake ones? **Aayushi Shakya**, AIS Vas 1, X B, sketches the note with 8 pointers which will help identify the 'real' note

1 FLUORESCENCE

The number panels and the optical fibres can be seen when bank notes are exposed to UV lamp.



2 WATERMARK

The white field contains a watermark of Mahatma Gandhi which is the mirror image of the main portrait.



3 SECURITY THREAD

It reads "Bharat" and "RBI" alternately. It flickers between blue and green when observed from different angles.



4 IDENTIFICATION MARK

It is the intaglio feature which helps the visually impaired to identify the denomination.



5 INTAGLIO PRINTING

Portrait of Gandhi, Reserve Bank Seal, Guarantee & Promise Clause, Ashoka Pillar Emblem and RBI Gov's signature are printed in Intaglio.



6 HIDDEN MARKS

An outline of a flower showing the denomination (vertically written on the blank space on left) is visible. Hold it against the light to observe.



7 DANDI MARCH

Gandhi undertaking the revolutionary Dandi March is posturised on the back of the note.



8 PAANCH SAU RUPAY

The value of the note ie Rs 500 is very clearly written in 15 different Indian languages.



GT has been a great platform for me to showcase my talent. Working for it has been an amazing and memorable experience!

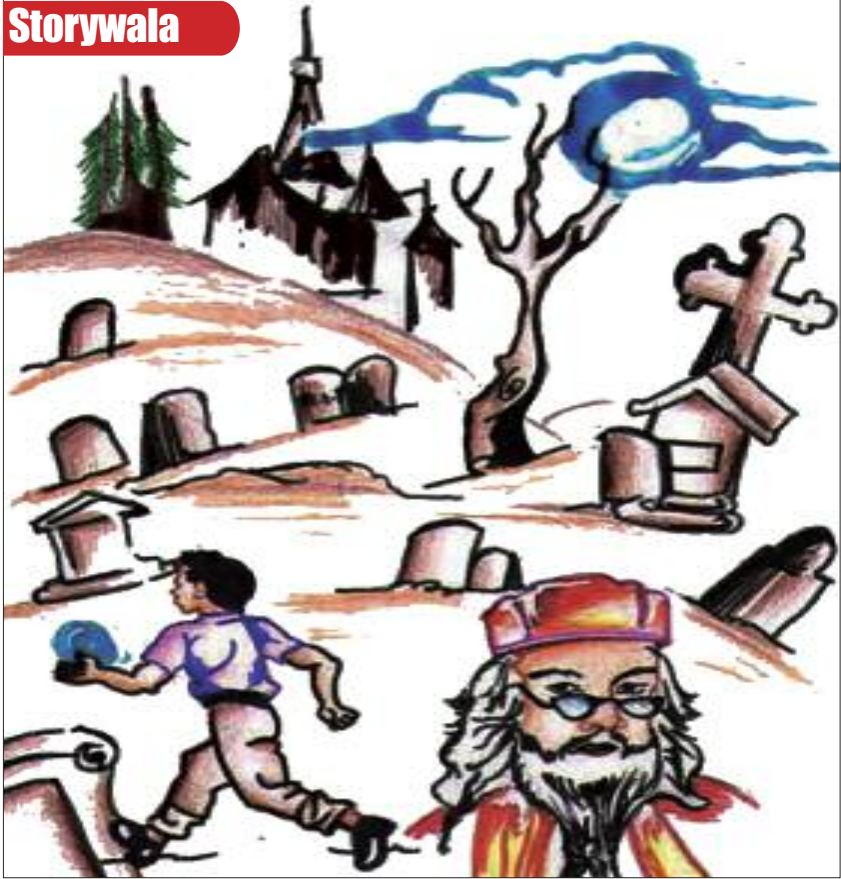
Vritika Chandwani, AIS Vas 1, X A, Page Editor



Magic in Paris

Illustration: Ishaan Aryan, AIS Vas 1, VII D

Storywala



Halfway back, I felt a sudden push and I fell on the ground. Towering over me, stood a man in a dark cloak which hid half his face.

walking towards the graveyard. Just as he reached the entrance, he stopped and asked me to go inside, search for a red gravestone and get the orb which was lying on it. I did as I was told. I found the red gravestone on the other end of the graveyard. I jogged towards it and saw the red orb that the old man was talking about. I picked it up and started walking back. Halfway back, I felt a sudden push and fell on the ground. Towering over me, stood a man in a dark cloak who hid half his face. He bent over and picked up the orb, which had slipped through my hand. He then said, “Forget you ever had this,” and ran towards the entrance. I stood up and ran after the thief hoping to catch him.

Just as the thief reached the entrance, the old man blocked his way and said, “No, you cannot!” The man raised his hand and emitted a blue jet of light that hit the thief. The thief went flying in the air, the orb slipping from his hand. I ran and picked it up. Then I gave the orb to the old man. He smiled and said, “Thank you, you’ve done me great service.” “Who are you?” I asked the mysterious and strange old man as I stood awestruck. “I am,” he grinned, “Wizard Dumbledore.” Saying that, he disappeared. 🇧🇩

Satyam Ambast, AIS Vas 1, X A

Paris is truly a strange city. Everything looked familiar and yet a newbie like me can get lost easily. “Marx.” I was surprised as someone called out to me. Nobody really knew me here. I turned to see an old man with long flowing beard and crescent-shaped spectacles standing behind me. “Hello, Marx.” The old man murmured, just loud enough for me to hear.

I was stumped. “How do you know my name?” I asked him. He just smiled in return. “It seems that you’re lost,” he said with a mysterious smile. “Yes, I am.” “Come, walk with me.” And with that, he turned around and started walking. Hesitantly, I started following him. I followed him through identical roads and alleys and was surprised to find him heading towards a graveyard. “Why are we going there?” I asked. He replied, “I need to get something,” and continued



Pratha with her Royal Falooda

Pic: Jusvin Phull, AIS Vas1, X B

Royal falooda

Pratha Bhatt, AIS Vas 1, X B

Ingredients

Falooda.....1/4 cup
Milk.....1 cup
Sugar syrup.....4 tsp
Almonds (chopped).....1 tsp
Bananas (sliced).....2
Raisinshandful
Basil seeds (soaked).....3 tsp
Rose petalsa few drops
Pine essencea few drops
Rose syrup1 tsp
Kesar.....a pinch
Kewda.....few drops
Almond syrup.....2 tsp
Petha (grated)2

Kesar ice cream..... 2 scoops
Almond ice cream2 scoops

Method

- Heat milk in a pan. Add *falooda*, sugar, raisins, almonds and stir.
- Stir while the milk boils for 15-20 minutes. Allow it to cool.
- Add *kewda*. *Falooda* mix is ready.
- In a tall glass, arrange in the following sequence; banana slices, *petha*, ice, cream, rose syrup, basil seeds, *kesar* & almond syrup, *falooda* mix. Repeat the same till the glass is full.
- Garnish with *petha*, rose petals & a dash of *kesar* & almond syrup.

Merry Metaphors

A bank is a place where they lend you an umbrella in fair weather and ask for it back when it begins to rain.

Robert Frost

True friends stab you in the front.

Oscar Wilde

Experience is a comb that life gives you after you lose your hair.

George Orwell

An optimist is a person who believes a housefly is looking for a way to get out.

George Jean Nathan

Electricity is just organized lightning.

George Carlin

Compiled by Shubham Ghoshal,
AIS Vas 1, IX A

Burnt Innocence

Paridhi Rath, AIS Vas 1, X B

Little feet on the road,
tiny hands with blisters sore.
Is this fate?
Here we are in king size beds,
as they wander without proper homes.
We dream fairies & gnomes,
all they dream is love and care.
Such simple things we cannot provide,
they feel so lost, they wish they could hide.
Little hands living terrible ways,
as we live in luxurious ways.
I wonder about their fate,
why do joys reach them so late.
Don't they deserve joys as much as we do.
They work for food and to be free,
and we get it all even when carefree.
They too have the right to study and

Illustration: Ishaan Aryan, VII D, AIS Vas 1



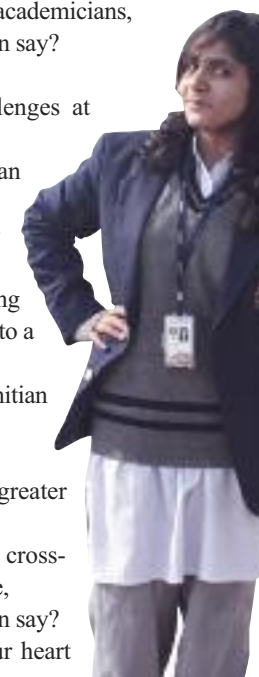
grow,
do we not know?
Why are they shoved aside,
when they deserve a future bright?
They suffer from pain,
yet end up in vain.
For all the time spent in dread,
all they get is dry bread,
when with love they should be fed! 🇧🇩

POEMS

What would the Amitian say?

Vinayak Shrote, AIS Vas 1, X A

In the melee of young academicians,
what would the Amitian say?
“We are Amitians!”
When they face challenges at every step,
what would the Amitian say?
“It is only for our prep.”
They may be boiling under pressure, thanks to a bunch of exam sheets,
but what would the Amitian say?
“Fear not the pressure, you will achieve greater feats!”
Finding themselves at cross-roads, unable to choose,
what would the Amitian say?
“Fear not. Just let your heart



cruise.”
They may despair when failure meets fate,
what would the Amitian say?
“Keep on trying, as it is never too late.”
They embody the qualities a student should have,
what would the Amitian say?
“BHAAG is what we have!”
Love for their school, they would always display
What would the Amitian say?
“Three cheers for Amity! Hip hip hurray!”
Whenever they know they've won the test,
what would the Amitian say?
We Amitians are the best! 🇧🇩

CAMERA CAPERS

Jusvin Phull, AIS Vas 1, X B

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The traffic signal is my home!



Smiles worth millions!



Majestic beauty!



Working with GT as an editor has been a great opportunity. It was my first time with the newspaper and I got to learn so much. What an amazing experience it has been!
Archit Bansal, AIS Vas 1, IX B, Page Editor

The tale of the magical jungle

Illustration: Shiwang Aryan, AIS Vas 1, V A



Wisdom tale

Anika Joshi, AIS Vas 1, V B

Once upon a time, there was a girl named Minnie. She lived in a polluted, modern town. One day, she fell very sick. Her parents consulted all the doctors of the town. But none could cure the little girl. Minnie’s mother was now tired of visiting the doctors. She had lost all hope, so she visited a sage for a solution. The sage asked Minnie, “My child, how did you spend your day before falling

sick?” Minnie thought hard and replied, “That morning, I had waited for my school bus for fifteen minutes.” The sage now closed his eyes and asked her, “What did you eat for lunch that day?” “I skipped lunch. I ate a pack of potato chips as I sipped on a cold drink.” The sage smiled. Minnie and her mother were surprised to see him smile. “I would like to take your daughter to a magical place. May I?” asked the sage. The mother agreed. It was late evening now. Minnie returned

The sage told her warmly, “Don’t thank me, thank the Nature Gods.”

home with a wide smile on her face, the sage following her. Minnie’s mother hugged her happily. “Which magic potion did you give her that she is fit and fine like never before!” Minnie’s mother asked the sage, looking puzzled. Before the sage could say anything, Minnie replied, “Mummy, I went to a magical place, where I could see the stars. They were finally not hiding behind clouds of smoke. Mummy, I listened to the stream. I even drank water from it. I ate fresh fruits from the trees and even spoke to the birds.” Mummy couldn’t help but smile. She hugged her daughter again and said to the sage, “Thank you for everything that you have done. How can I pay you back?” The sage told her warmly, “Don’t thank me, thank the Nature Gods. As for my fee, do me a simple favour, every once in a while, take Minnie to a place where nature smiles.”

So, what did you learn today?
It is important to enjoy the gifts of nature.



Ananta with her aloo cheese croquettes



Pic: Tavish Tayal, AIS Vas 1, V B

Aloo cheese croquettes

Ananta Taneja, AIS Vas 1, V A

Preparation Time: 10 mins
Quantity: 6

Ingredients

Mozzarella cheese (grated)2 tbsp
Chilli garlic sauce.....3 tbsp
Potatoes (boiled & mashed)4 cups
Saltto taste
Black pepper (grounded).....1/2 tsp
Maida1/2 cup
Bread crumbs for rolling3/4 cup
Oilfor deep-frying

Method

Put the potatoes, salt and pepper in a bowl and mix well.

- Divide the mixture into 6 equal portions and shape each portion into a small sphere.
- Make a small depression in the center of each sphere and fill it with 1 tsp of cheese. Then shape them into cylindrical croquettes.
- Combine *maida* with 3/4 cup water and mix well, till no lumps remain.
- Dip each croquette in the *maida*-water mixture and roll in the bread crumbs.
- Heat the oil in a wok on medium flame, and deep fry the croquettes. till they are golden brown in colour.
- Drain on an absorbent paper and serve hot with chilli garlic sauce. Enjoy with friends and family!

It’s Me

My name : Suhani Bansal
My school: AIS Vas 1
My Class : I B
My birthday: September 28
I like: Catching butterflies
I dislike: Wet clothes, wet shoes
My hobby: Dancing
My best friend: Aavishi
My favourite book: Barbie as ballerina
My favourite mall: Select Citywalk
My favourite food: *rajma* rice
My favourite teacher: Vimple ma’am
My favourite poem: Peter Pater
My favourite subject: Computers
I want to become: A teacher
I want to be featured in GT because: I want to make new friends.



POEM

Down in the jungle

Shreya Tuli, AIS Vas 1, V B

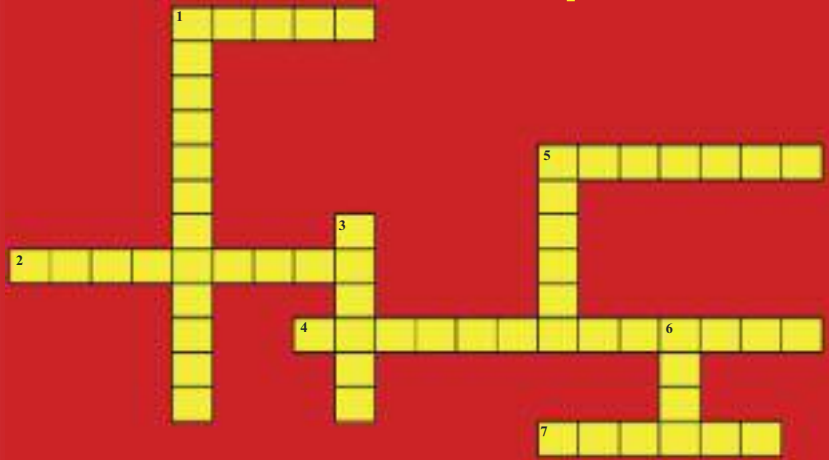
Down in the jungle with a beat on my feet,
thinking which animal should I meet
and greet!
“A monkey?”
“No, they can be easily seen.”
“What about a gorilla?”
“No, no, no what if it turns mean ?”
“Or should I spot a tiger or a lion ?”
“No! It is too risky.”



Illustration: Shilpi Singh, AIS Vas 1, V D
all by itself.
Then a cat walked away just in front of me,
and I was as happy as could be!

CROSSWORD

Naman Gupta
AIS Vas 1, V A



Across:

- They nest in trees, feed on seeds and use nests for protection
- National reptile of India
- National animal of Zimbabwe
- They live in forests
- The base of the food web in a forest

Down:

- These folks find pleasure in observing and documenting birds
- Monkeys love this fruit
- Largest tropical rainforest in the world
- King of the jungle

SOLUTIONS: Across: 1. Birds 2. King Cobra 4. Sable Antelope 5. Animals 7. Plants Down: 1. Birdwatchers 3. Banana 5. Amazon 6. Lion

Painting Corner

Sajal Jaggi
AIS Vas 1, V B





Bending and bonding; melding and moulding; creating and cancelling...GT taught me all of that through the pleasures of writing.

Vinayak Shrote, AIS Vas 1, X A, Page Editor

Sports fiesta

Perfect coordination, enthusiasm, sportsmanship and camaraderie marked the remarkable day

AIS VYC Lucknow

Amity Udaan, the annual sports day, was held at AIS VYC, LKO on December 20, 2014. School vice principal, Mukta, welcomed the chief guest RD Palival, IAS, staff officer to chief secretary, Uttar Pradesh government; Maj Gen KK Ohri, pro vice chancellor, Amity University and other dignitaries. The programme commenced with lighting of



AIS Pushp Vihar

AIS Pushp Vihar hosted its senior sports day on December 11, 2014 for students of Class V to X. The theme of the sports day was 'B-H-A-A-G' wherein 'B' stands for Behaviour, 'H' stands for Hard work, 'A' stands for Attitude, another 'A' for Ambition and 'G' stands for Faith in God. Chief guest Satpal Singh aka Mahabali Satpal, former



Marching ahead with a waving flag



Chief guest felicitates the winners

the ceremonial lamp, followed by shloka prayer, welcome song and a melodious theme song 'Life is a game' by the school choir. This was followed by march-past and lighting of the torch, led by school head girl, Shachika Singh. The chief guest released the balloons and teed off the sports meet. The tiny tots of Nursery and KG participated in the 'Cycle race', 'Grab your favourite toy race' and 'Bursting the balloon race'. Class I students participated in the 'Get ready for the job race' and 'Hunt for food race'. Class II and III students presented a drill 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' showcasing the culture of Spain, Saudi Arabia, Japan and South Africa. The programme presented by students of Class IX and X was a cultural fusion, of east and west, thereby showcasing modernity and tradition. This was followed by yoga asanas, pyramid formation, short put, discus throw etc. The event culminated with the award ceremony and the grand finale based on the theme Amity is Unity. 🇮🇳

wrestler (India), graced the occasion. The event began with welcome speech by school principal, Ameeta Mohan, followed by the annual school report, highlighting the achievements of the students in the academic year and scholarship distribution. Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF along with the school principal, felicitated the chief guest. The event commenced with a musical rendition of 'Jashn-e-Watan' by the school choir followed by a march-past. This was followed by the lighting of the torch by marching squad cadets along with senior sports advisor, Col Ahluwalia, followed by the oath taking ceremony. The sports day comprised events like drop ball, balance race, tank and ladder race, yoga, martial arts, aerobics and dance. The event culminated with vote of thanks by Mrs Pooja Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amity Humanity Foundation, followed by the school song and national anthem. 🇮🇳

Students at Old age home



Old age home visit

AIS Gurgaon 46

The Interact Club of AIS Gur 46 visited Epoch Elder Care Centre on November 29, 2014, located in sector-29, Gurgaon. Besides spending some precious moments, they also took gift hampers for their epoch grandparents. The students fondly remembered each and every moment spent, including their tight hugs while parting with them. The visit was organised to inculcate in the students a sense of compassion and responsibility as envisaged by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson Amity Group of Schools & RBEF. 🇮🇳

First aid workshop

Students attend the workshop



AIS Gur 46

Students of Class IX to XI of AIS Gur 46 participated in a workshop organised by VIVO health care on November 27 & 28, 2014, in the school premises. The workshop equipped the students with the skill to take care of their loved ones and others who may require medical intervention. They were made aware of maintaining their calm and assessing life threatening situations so that they could handle small casualties. A number of situations were discussed, demonstrated and action steps were explained to the students for various medical emergencies as fracture, burn, nose bleeding, heart attack etc. Emphasis was laid on the do's and don'ts of first aid during the workshop because improper administration of first aid can aggravate the situation further. Students thanked Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, and school principal Arti Chopra for organising the informative workshop. 🇮🇳

Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan (L) felicitates Simar Singh Negi



AIS Noida

Class I and II students of Amity International School, Noida, participated in the annual day event held on November 28, 2014, in the school premises. Chief guest Simar Singh Negi, chief commissioner, Income Tax department, New Delhi, graced the occasion and lit the ceremonial lamp along with Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, amidst the chanting of the gayatri mantra. This was followed by annual report presentation by school principal

Renu Singh, who enumerated the numerous achievements made by the school at both national and international level. School vice principal, Soma Mukherjee in her address introduced the theme of the evening, presented by more than a thousand children. Subsequently, the children presented the them with a dance-drama titled "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" showcasing the spiritual concept of universal brotherhood. The event concluded with Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan praising the efforts made by the children and guiding them to become responsible global citizens with exemplary values. 🇮🇳



Winners lift the trophy

Copa Euphoria Cup

AIS Vasundhara 6

The junior boys football team of AIS Vasundhara 6 won the Copa Euphoria cup organised by Delhi Public School, Vasundhara from December 9-12, 2014, at their school premises. Teams from 12 schools competed in the tournament. The tournament was graced by PC Kashyap, director, Sports

Authority of India & SC Joshi, director, district sports, Ghaziabad. The team of AIS Vas 6 competed with the team of DPS Indirapuram in the finals and defeated them to claim the winner's trophy. Team striker Kshitij Kumar of Class V B became the top scorer by scoring 15 goals to win the player of the tournament award and was gifted a Hercules cycle for his remarkable performance. 🇮🇳

Award for cognizance



Srishti with her mentors

AIS Lucknow

Srishti Misra, a Class X student of Amity International School, Lucknow, participated in an online writing series conducted by CBSE from August 5-11, 2014. Her entry was selected amidst the 68 best entries, for which she received a certificate of merit

and prize money. Entries were invited from students on the inspirational life of Sri Pingali Venkayya, creator of the tricolour (Indian flag), in English, Hindi or Telugu. A practice round was conducted on Aug 4, 2014 to acquaint the participants with the process. Winners were announced on Aug 12, 2014 and felicitated on Aug 14, 2014 at Delhi. 🇮🇳

Crossword champs



Pramay Rai (L) and Shubham Ghoshal

AIS Vasundhara 1

Crossword prodigies Pramay Rai, XII B and Shubham Ghoshal, IX A, from AIS Vasundhara 1 participated in the national round of CBSE CRYPTIC CROSSWORD contest organised by Extra-C (a civil society initiative) on Dec 12 & 13, 2014. Earlier this year, they won the city round held on September 19, 2014, to secure their place in the national round. They were among the six finalists out of the 34 teams across the country and were the only team from Delhi/NCR who could decode the cryptic clues and get the solutions, to reach the final round. It was a proud moment for them as well as the school to have reached the final round of the much acclaimed contest. Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF and school principal Valambal Balachandran applauded the students and blessed them for their future encore. 🇮🇳



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Books and Stationery	
Electronics	
Newborns	
Apparels, Footwear	

Vritika Chandwani, AIS Vas 1, X A

Driving to the mall, checking out store after store, carrying heavy bags...too tiring, right? Well, haven't you tried online shopping, yet? Just browse, pay and buy! With so many online stores and portals offering a huge variety of products, one is literally spoilt for choice! Myntra, Jabong, Flipkart, Amazon...each of them offers bundles of goods at jaw-dropping prices. **Spoilt for choice:** Online shopping portals allow you to filter your choice to your chosen price range, colour code, brand and style. You name it and they have it. With so many varieties, these portals expose you to the trends that people from every corner of the world follow.

Shop in a snap: Online shopping is as quick and easy as 1, 2, 3. All you need to do is log on to your favourite website, select your product and place your order. And you're done. With most sites offering 30-day exchange and replacement guarantees, it's easy to exchange too, just in case the product is not per your liking. **Compare wise:** These websites let you compare the prices of your favourite brands without having to hop from shop to shop. It's very easy to conduct price comparisons online. This gives you the freedom to determine which online store offers the best prices. **Happy earth, happy you:** What's more, online shopping is eco friendly too! You don't need to waste petrol on driving or waste your energy in waiting

in long queues, carrying heavy bags and finding a space to park your car or pay parking charges! "I prefer online shopping because I don't need to visit the retailers individually. Doing that involves burning fuel, staying calm in the perpetual bumper to bumper traffic and finally, searching for parking space!" Veena Mishra, coordinator, AIS Vasundhara 1, says. **Shop from home:** You don't need to worry about how you're dressed and you can shop till you drop just sitting under your quilt, sipping a hot cup of coffee. "I enjoy shopping online because I can do so in the comfort and privacy of my home. I can shop in my pyjamas and no one knows the difference," shares Ansh Singh, a student of AIS Vas 1.

Earn while you shop: One of the best parts about online shopping is you can earn reward points with every purchase you make and redeem those points on your next purchase. With regular sales and festive discounts, you can earn while you shop and grab super exciting deals. **It's on sale:** That is not all. Offers and schemes introduced by the sites are the real reasons why people are attracted so much to online shopping. The special festive sales further draw the customers to these sites. Besides, online shopping is entirely stress-free and hassle-free since there is no physical work involved such as moving around in crowded malls or queueing up outside of changing rooms etc. 🇮🇳🇮🇳🇮🇳

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9 patriotic clicks



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OMG! Oh My Gov: Time to show your support to the government. You can sign up with the PM's website mygov.in and volunteer your time or resources for the field you are passionate about.

Discuss, Comment, Suggest: Launch a website where everyone can display their passion for India by discussing the country's burning issues and providing solutions to resolve them.

Conduct, Compete, Celebrate: You may conduct an online competition, say poster or video making and keep a reward for it so that more people participate. After all, the more the merrier.

IQ-Indianism Quotient: Test the IQ of your friends by conducting an online quiz on India's history. Educating a little doesn't harm anyone now.

JAM-Just About Movies: You can watch movies online to acknowledge the legends who have sacrificed their lives for country's independence. Get the patriotic fervour with 'Border', 'Shaheed', 'LOC Kargil'.

Tweet Tribute: Pay a patriotic tribute to your country by tweeting your patriotic feelings and by following patriotic Twitter handles. 🇮🇳🇮🇳🇮🇳

With Republic Day close on the heels of this edition, spread the patriotic spirit online with these tips. **Ojasvi Sharma, AIS Vas 1, IX B, brings you 9 ways to get patriotic on the web. Read on and unfurl the Indian in you**

State Your Status: Get the patriotic mood going by updating your FB/Whatsapp status with a patriotic slogan and posting patriotic pictures.

DP- Display Patriotism: Post your profile picture holding the tricolour or with your face painted in tricolour.

Post A Song, Get Likes Along: Nothing spells patriotism fervour more than a song drenched in nationalistic emotions and spirit. Think 'Rang De Basanti' or even 'India wale' from HNY. Post a song and spread love for the country.



Power in style

Politicians are not known for their fiery speeches alone, but also for their style statements. A look at some of these

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Modi jacket: Ages after the Nehru jacket made its way into the common man's wardrobe, came the Modi Jacket. While the Nehru jacket was a high collared full sleeve coat worn with slim fit churidaars, its Modi cousin is more of a bandhgala waistcoat worn over khadi-linen kurtas. India's latest political sensation is known for his sharp sense of dressing- a short-sleeved tunic in cotton khadi or a linen blend, fitted to perfection. What's more, it's wrinkle free and thus, fuss free!

Do it the Gandhi way: On the other end is Bengal's universal sister. With her non-fussy, bordering-on-plain fashion

sense, she has claimed the Gandhian space in fashion with a starch-white cotton sari and rubber slippers. Her sari, instead of the usual 5.5 metre, is customised at 6 metres and is sourced from weavers in Hooghly.

Indian love: Cotton salwar kameez. Check. Handloom sari with a thin border. Check. Ponytail. Check. She is often spotted sporting chanderis and silks. She relies heavily on Karol Bagh Saree House. Check out Katrina Kaif's style quotient in Rajneeti in the second half.

If-you-got-it-flaunt-it: This seems to be the fashion philosophy of this short haired leader of the Dalits, who has ostentatious written all over her. You can spot her in a roomful of people, thanks to

her oversized handbag and bling.

Glam diva: Perfect sari and shoes, clear diamonds, designer glasses, make up in place and jewellery, hidden under the collar. This ex actress and politician finds her Kollywood in the political arena.

Rocking the urbane look: A style statement that screams DU. This mamma's boy is known for his khadi kurtas adorned by khadi jackets, with sneakers.

I'm a simpleton: That's what this leader is trying to prove through his so-called style statement, that is, well, highly lacking in style. He also functions as a weatherman who signals the arrival of cold by bringing out his ordinary shawls or Nehru caps. 🇮🇳🇮🇳🇮🇳