

As Dhoni stepped down from captaincy, it dawned the dusk of an era. An era of leadership that was a rare mix of gut instincts and calculated moves, self-belief and faith in the team, calmness laced with aggression. Romika Chakraborty, GT Network enumerates what makes it so hard to say...

A good leader sets benchmarks; a great one makes them insurmountable. Dhoni is the only player to have captained a team in 331 matches; the only captain to win all three major ICC limited-over tournaments; the only captain to have scored 1,112 runs in T20Is; the only player to have hit 126 sixes in ODIs and the only captain who can lead, inspire and motivate with sheer brilliance. And that was, Dhoni, the captain, who set the bar so high, that the team had no option, but to up their game.

A good leader is calm; a great one retains the calmness even in the midst of a storm. Buddha-like calmness in the midst of victories, losses, setbacks, triumphs, made Dhoni ‘Captain Cool’ and not just any ordinary captain. For the team to get a de-stressing captain instead of a distressed one, meant going out and play, quite literally. Even in the most tense bowl outs, the men in blue didn’t seem blue, but rather trying to give their best shot while enjoying the game. Losing was never a catastrophe, and winning never a celebration. And that was the hallmark of Dhoni, the captain.

A good leader possesses numerous qualities; a great one is a lethal amalgamation of the rarest of traits. One of the greatest limited-overs batsmen. The finest wicketkeeper in the history of the game. A calm finisher. And the man had more -the ‘Dhoni factor’: a rare mix of calmness, courage, self belief and gambler’s instincts; traits that

Bye Bye Captain!

have been spotted in individual captains but never as an amalgamation in one single man. He metamorphosed tense situations into relaxed ones. A trademark creativity was seen in every game. Hunch was married with belief. And that made Dhoni, the captain, a kind that we had never seen.

A good leader leads from the front; a great one makes warriors out of his men. Rohit Sharma feels that Dhoni’s ‘decision’ to make him open the batting in 50-over format was a ‘career-changing move’. Kohli revealed that the skipper prevented his ouster from the team many a times. He changed Joginder Sharma’s fate when he handed him the ball in the nerve wrecking final over in World T20 finals. With such firm belief in his men, he pulled out a despondent indian cricket team from the depths of an embarrassing 2011-12 season, and dragged it to the semi-finals of the 2015 World Cup, establishing India’s domi-

nation in the game. And that was Dhoni, the captain, the one who chose his faith over victory.

A good leader is fearless; a great one conquers fear. Promoting himself above an in-form Yuvraj Singh in 2011 World Cup final. Handing the ball to Ishant Sharma in the death overs against England in the 2013 Champions Trophy final. That was Dhoni – bold, brave and fearless. His decisions left some stunned in disbelief, others murmuring criticism. But Dhoni didn’t care. And that makes Dhoni, the captain, who was willing to flirt with defeat, to embrace victory.

Dhoni is the last remnant of a golden era, the bridge between a calm Tendulkar and an aggressive Kohli, the link between a glorious past and an expectant future. His decision to quit captaincy is not just the end of an era. It is the end of a style of leadership that we may perhaps never see again. [G](#) [I](#)



Ai Ai Captain!
Amity applauds Dhoni, Amity’s brand ambassador for three year, for showing us what leaders are made of.

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The man behind the wheel

Onkar Kanwar, Chairman and CEO, Apollo Tyres has come a long way from a small company to a global giant. An exclusive interview with the tyre tycoon



Akshaya Singh, AIS Noida, XI I

O nkar Kanwar - a name synonymous with success in business. With a farsighted vision, he has managed to make Apollo Tyres a global entity. He is also the former president of FICCI and a board member of IIM(Kozhikode) and IITDM. A philanthropist at heart, he promotes Artemis Health Sciences which focusses on cutting edge medical care. GT reporters catch up with the tycoon at Amity University, Noida where he was conferred an honorary degree during Convocation 2016.

A long journey

Apollo Tyres, today stands as the world’s 17th largest tyre manufacturer. It has come a long way from being small enterprise, whose foundation stone was laid by my father Raunaq Singh. He began his career as a humble trader of steel pipes.

Modest beginnings

In 1963, considering the heavy imports, business players in US were eyeing India for lucrative opportunities. It was around the same time I had taken up the job in US, after my graduation. My boss, one day expressed his desire to meet my father for exploring business



Onkar Kanwar with GT Reporter

Pic: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network

ventures in India. When my boss met my father, he was enamoured by my father’s vision. My boss then suggested setting up of a joint factory with my father. I immediately said yes. So in May 1964, we began the construction of our company. Thus began our journey.

Role models of steel

My father is my biggest role model and my biggest strength. He came to India as a refugee from Pakistan and had nothing to call his own. He started from scratch. He was constantly working in challenging situations. I had the luxury of education, while he didn’t.

The time is now

Not all of us have the privilege of working in conducive environments. When I started working, the work scenario was full of challenges and obstacles. But things are different now. The present day environment is favourable for risk taking and entrepreneurship. The youth must capitalise on the present time.

Take stock and challenge

In order to grow, one must keep a tab on his day to day activities to see where one is headed to. Every night I take a pen and paper and ask myself ‘Am I doing something good?’ ‘Am I adding some values?’ Once you are certain, throw challenges at yourself for only challenges can help your grow.

Discipline: A must

It is very important to maintain a disciplined lifestyle for it can help you multi-task and achieve your goals. I wake up at 5:30am and sleep at 1:00am everyday. It is also important to physically take care of oneself. Therefore, I go to the gym for an hour at least, every day. .

Follow your passion

Budding entrepreneurs should follow their passion, with perseverance. Also one should not worry too much about what people think. And definitely don’t get clouded. Patience and hard work always goes a long way. [G](#) [I](#)

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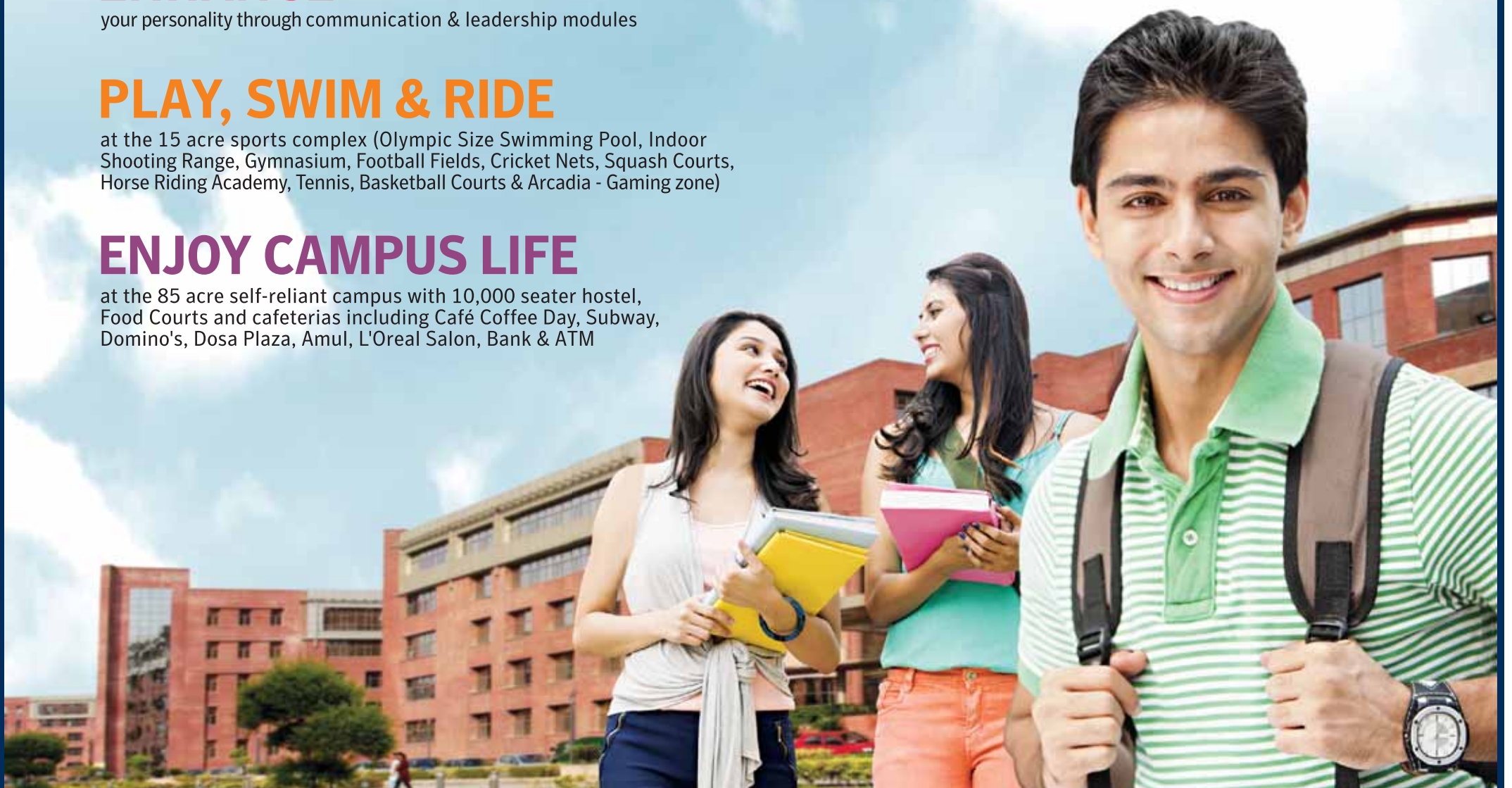
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Boards blues

What has more drama, emotions and plots than a Bollywood movie? Has to be the Board exams period when students juggle between exams and ...exams

Rishika Arya, AIS Gur 43, XII D

For a student, the most dreaded word in this universe is 'Exams'. And when it comes with a prefix namely 'Board', it becomes a nightmare. An otherwise chirpy being, a student, is seen panicking like never before because life seems to have turned upside down. But that's not all there is to it. Read on to find more on how the enigma called 'Exams' affects a child.

Before exams

With just three hours of sleep, countless hours of mugging up, long hours in the tuitions and lack of any kind of entertainment, life just does not remain life. The only thought that still has the kid going is the satisfaction of parents (Sharmajee kya kahenge?) and college life (if one manages to get into one).

When exams get over

This one's the most enjoyable and yet the shortest phase. While some hibernate for the period owing to a month full of sleeplessness, some eat like they've never before. Some venture to unexplored territories. Joining a hobby class or catching up with movies and popular sitcoms also tops the list.



Anything to do with studies is forbidden and "Abhi toh boards khatam hue hai" is the perpetual reply to almost everything. They do all this to forget the dreading episode, but a finale brings it all back.

When the result 'may be announced'

There can't be a phase in the life of a student more uncertain than this one. It is as close as it gets to doomsday. While all possible Gods and Goddesses are

sought after, mom suddenly becomes best friend and her counselling is no more preachy. Endless hours are spent over phone calls, with sympathies running to and fro from both ends and even the mention of the word 'results' creates pandemonium.

When the D-day arrives

The day of the result creates a new hierarchy among the students. Now

instead of the scared, singular clan, there are two. One comprises those who reach the pinnacle of the 'mark sheet' and score a 99% and the other with people floating in between, the 70% to 90% scorers. Their reactions vary and so does that of their parents.*A moment of silence for both the groups*

The aftermath: 99% version

They receive all the blessings in the world from parents, relatives neighbours, *doodhwala*, strangers and others. Being the center of attraction and the subject of media headlines, one might find them singing 'Aaj main uppar aasman neeche'. And once again, they are set as a benchmark for their lesser scoring counterparts.

The aftermath: 70% - 90% version

The nightmares of getting no seat in the top colleges haunts them. The only solace they find is in the 'Your marks don't matter' videos. They try hard to prevent their parents from getting the name of the CBSE topper to avoid taunts for the rest of their lives. In some cases, they might also regret watching the World Cup or not disconnecting the cable during the exam time. 🇮🇳

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Brainleaks-195

FOR CLASS VI-VIII

Boojho has learnt that some substance on beating with hammer are generally broken into pieces.

Identify the substances -

- (a) Iron nail
- (b) Aluminium wire
- (c) Copper plate
- (d) Piece of coal

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**Taruna Barthwal, Manager
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A 'stream'ing battle

Humanities, Commerce and Science sat on a wall. They started pulling each other's leg, and then all had a great fall



Ravisha Nautiyal, AIS Noida, XI I

On one fine sunny Sunday afternoon in a school's 11th grade staff room lay three different books. One was a guide to physics, the second was an accounts ledger and the third was a history text book. On weekends like these, they often chatted in the absence of teachers. But unlike other days, a perfectly normal conversation soon turned into a heated debate!

Humanities: It's an awfully hot day, courtesy the great god Apollo. I can literally feel my pages drying up in this stifling room. Ah...curse the heat!

Science: It's so typical of you to blame the weather on myths and stories. For starters, it's not hot, it's humid and that is because at the moment there is too much moisture in the atmosphere. God!

You are so imaginative! How about being a little logical like me? Even Commerce uses more logic than you.

Commerce: I'm furious! You cannot speak to me like that! Well you must appreciate that at least my students work hard and put in their own effort. They are not taking the help of others or going for tuitions!

Humanities: Both of you are being funny...my students are the best. They not only study theory but also learn the difference between right and wrong. And moreover, my students become emotionally intelligent rather than mechanical robots, you see Science.

Science: But my students study the most. They study all day, pull all-nighters, mastering all those theories by Einstein, Newton or Darwin, just to pass! They are perfectionists. One numerical wrong, and there drops a zero.

We don't get marks for stretching answers into pages!

Commerce: Yet it is my students who pass with flying colours. I cannot blame them for I am an extremely interesting subject *simpers*. Plus they are also extraordinarily smart, they can do both theory and practical.

Humanities: Bah! Both of you are wrong. One has to apply logic with you party poppers around. I, however, have fostered some of the greatest thinkers in human history...Aristotle, Da Vinci...you name them, I influenced them.

Commerce: I am the best...

Science: I am better than you..

Humanities: Puhleas...

The conversation saw no dusk. And so on the same Sunday afternoon the three streams made peace by resorting to absolute silence and closed the topic permanently...for a month. 🇮🇳

The worst nightmare

You can’t move, but you can see what’s happening around you. As you try to move you feel the presence of an unwanted spirit. No, that’s not the plot of a horror movie but sleep paralysis

Suraj Chawla, AIS Gur 43, XII C

06:17 AM

The mundane schedule to go to school on time awaited Ajay as his alarm prepared to go off at 6:30 am. However, dreams rather nightmares were to come to reality that morning. Ajay was lying in his bed, mentally awake and yet his limbs felt paralysed. No matter what he did, he could not move! Frozen, without any idea about what was happening, he stared in helplessness at the ceiling. A minute passed; for Ajay, an eternity. Ajay laid there, waiting, hoping, praying for it to end. Like Ajay many suffer from a phenomenon called ‘Sleep Paralysis’, wherein one is unable to move or speak for a few minutes as they are about to wake up or about to fall asleep. When we fall asleep, we move through 5 distinct stages of sleep. In the last stage called REM (Rapid Eye Movement) sleep, all physical activities of the body shut down. The inability to move our muscles during this stage prevents us from acting out our dreams. However, a loud sound or a bright light can disrupt this stage leading to sleep paralysis, when the mind is aware but the muscles are immobilised.



Pic: Kavish Sahni, AIS Gur 43, XII|Model: Kavya Sharma, AIS Gur 43, XII

06:19 AM

Ajay laid stiff with his eyes taking in every detail of his dark room, the vision completely different to the bedroom he so vividly remembered. Everything seemed a few shades

darker and a sinister vibe permeated across the room. That’s when Ajay noticed the hand on the door. Powerless, he waited while the hand reached up to his neck, robbing him of precious air. Ajay had lost control.

No one knows why, but one of the most common visions experienced during sleep paralysis is ‘The Intruder’, wherein one feels a demonic presence which is capable of inflicting harm near them. The threat detection system gets

activated during paralysis. The amygdala, or the fear centre of the brain, involuntarily takes over, triggering the release of adrenaline and causes the person to be in a hyper-vigilant state. This intensifies the threat response.

06:20 AM

Next thing Ajay knew, he was awake. He laid in his bed, safe and sound, with no evidence of injuries, just a throbbing heart and heavy breathing. He looked over at the clock and saw the time. It was 6:20 am, and he was glad to know that it was all over.

The moment the brain realises that it has forgotten to send the essential signals for awakening the voluntary muscles, the episode ends. Even for a human brain, this process can take up to dreadfully long five minutes. Ajay was lucky his paralysis got over within four minutes, some people are not. Sleep paralysis has been documented in some patients to go over thirty minutes to one hour. Scientists believe that the most common reasons for sleep paralysis are erratic sleep schedule and stress. Sleeping on time and cutting down on the junk food may help. So take a deep breath, calm yourself and sleep well. 🇮🇳

Sports

Howzatt!

Living on the edge

Extreme sports have a way of pumping adrenaline in everyone. But this rush is also accompanied with an unsurpassed danger

Shaivya, AIS Gur 46, XI F

Ever wondered why the sports ground excites us a lot? The thrill, the excitement and the encounter with danger that sports provide us cannot be negotiated with anything else. But there exist some sports that go beyond the safe measures and raises the bar for the danger involved. These are the ones that we call ‘Extreme Sports’ and rightly so for these sports bring along an adrenaline rush and danger, both in extreme amounts.

Base jumping

Base jumping is essentially parachuting. The base part is actually an acronym for Building, Antenna, Span and Earth, meaning cliff. These are the fixed structures from which individuals hurl themselves. Exciting as it sounds, speeding through the air with the wind running through the hair, it is lethal. Apart from the obvious risk of jumping from hundreds of feet above, there’s a chance

of being thrashed by the wind. It is illegal in many countries, including US, where it is legal at organised events only.

Heli-skiing

It is not too hard to pick out from the name of the sport itself that heli-skiing has something to do with helicopters. Well, it is off-trail, downhill snowboarding or skiing, accessed by a helicopter. Passionate patrons of the sport even book a year in advance to leap onto snow on peaks far away from human inhabitation, and then ski down. They ignore completely the possibility of being stranded by weather change, or being killed by avalanche. The helicopter rides, too, are perilous.

Cave diving

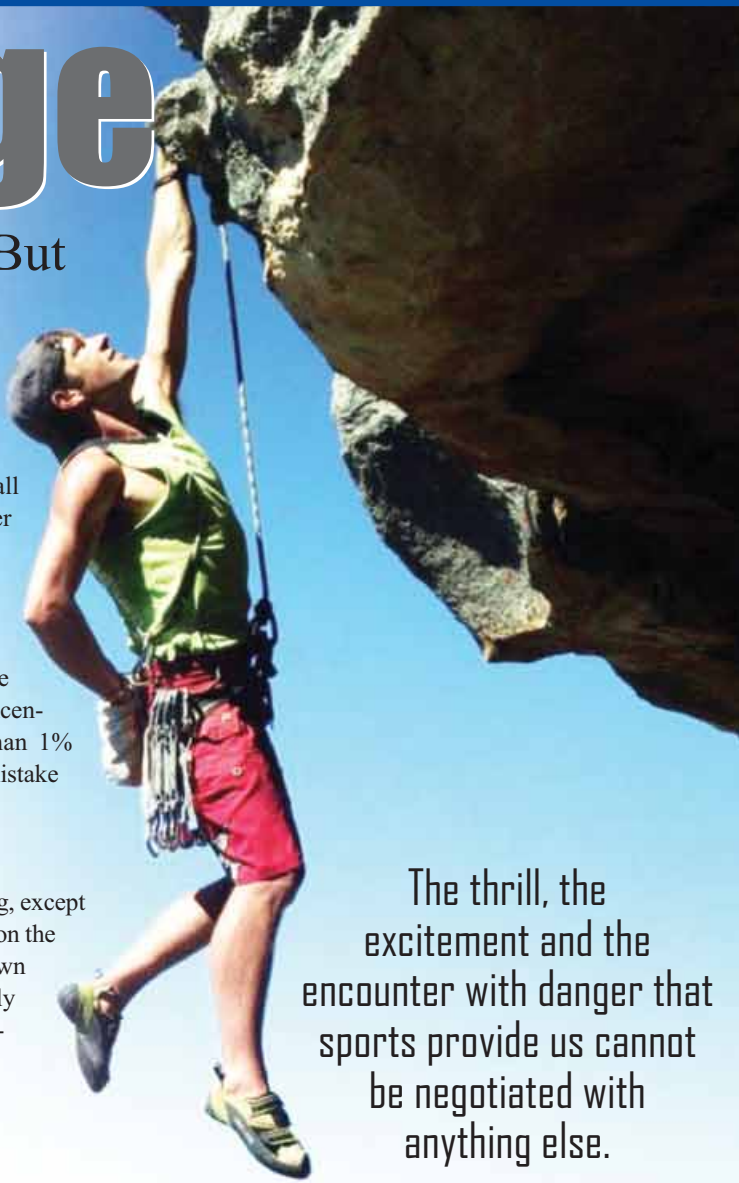
Cave diving is a notoriously dangerous (even experienced divers have lost their lives) sport, which involves underwater diving in caves with at least partial water content. Besides the use of regular scuba equipment in specialised configurations, it uses a varied range of equipment, depending on the circumstances. Major hazards of this sport are caused by lighting failure and low visibility, which can lead to separation from the partner. Air loss is another peril, especially because one can’t just rise to the surface to catch air, or he might smash his head.

Free soloing

Rock climbing in itself is already a difficult sport. Imagine removing all the safety ropes, harnesses and other equipment that can aid you in case you slip up. That is what free soloing is all about. They need to be able to support their entire weight using just their fingertips and toe tips, while maintaining intense concentration, lest they fall off. Less than 1% mountaineers attempt it. One tiny mistake and that’s it.

Street luge

Street luge is a lot like skateboarding, except that the rider is in a supine position on the luge board or sled, as he dashes down a paved road or course at extremely high speed. The legality of this extreme gravity-powered activity is a shady issue. Participants are required to put on protective leathers and helmets, or the chances of getting smashed by vehicles that will most likely not notice the riders, will go higher. The chances of collision on road are high, short of which, only the feet work as brakes.



The thrill, the excitement and the encounter with danger that sports provide us cannot be negotiated with anything else.



Pythons are excellent swimmers.

YRoNS Conference 2016

An international platform that offers young researchers an opportunity to showcase research in the field of natural science, while helping the students share views, culture and tradition across the globe

AERC

The 9th session of YRoNS (Young Researchers in Natural Science) was held at Amity University, Dubai, UAE from December 16 -20, 2016. The opportunity extended by Chairperson, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF under the aegis of Amity Educational Resource Centre (AERC) aims to develop a sense of curiosity amongst students and encourages them to move beyond their comfort zones to explore the unknown. In 2009, Amity Group of Schools had the privilege to host the conference at AIS Noida.

The inaugural ceremony

The YRoNS conference was inaugurated by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF in the presence of Dr Atul Chauhan, Chancellor of Amity University, Dubai; Mrs Pooja Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amity Humanity Foundation; Ms Sapna Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amiown & ACERT; Istvan Sandor, Hungarian teacher and Founder of YRoNS; Jyoti Arora, Director AERC, students and faculty of different schools. 32 students comprising 14 students from India, 7 students from Nikolaus-von-Kues- Gymnasium School in Germany, 7 students from Jozsef Eotvos Secondary School in Hungary and 4 students from Gimnazija Jurija Vege Idrija School in Slovenia participated in the conference.



Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Dr Atul Chauhan, Mrs Pooja Chauhan, Ms Sapna Chauhan, Istvan Sandor along with other dignitaries of Amity family

The conference saw participants being felicitated for their amazing work and efforts. On the occasion, Dr Atul Chauhan, Chancellor, Amity University, Dubai was felicitated with a trophy by the Chairperson. She also presented mementoes to YRoNS faculty members and medals to all the students who participated in the conference. The conference also witnessed the launch of YRoNS international magazine by the esteemed dignitaries of Amity family.

Science projects

The theme for this year’s conference

was ‘Innovations in Science and Technology’. A total of 15 Science projects on diverse topics were presented by different schools at the conference. Saumya Chauhan, a student of AIS PV, was the youngest participant in the conference. She designed a website and created an App named ‘3 way solution’ connecting the less privileged to the privileged ones and NGO’s in society to provide articles like clothes, toys, books, blankets to the needy people. Students got the opportunity to ask questions related to the presentations and discuss some critical points about them.

Three days of learning and experience

The students got the opportunity to tour the state of art Amity University, Dubai campus, play football and participate actively in Forensic Science workshops. Students were also taken for Dhow cruise, desert safari and city museum of

Dubai. A visit to AIS Abu Dhabi was a historic and a memorable experience. It was the first time that Amity India has visited Amity Abu Dhabi. All the students toured the campus of AIS Abu Dhabi and were then taken to the famous mosque. The students also gave presentations on their schools and countries and presented a cultural program to showcase their traditional music and dance. The Indian delegation put up a wonderful cultural program starting with the chanting of auspicious mantras, a glimpse of Amity Universe and the unique aspects of their school. They ended with the school song and the National Anthem. Amitians also put up an exhibition on art and crafts and diverse cuisines of India. Thereafter, on December 20, 2016, Istvan Sandor, Founder, YRoNS, closed the ceremony. Overall, the conference was an enriching experience to inculcate scientific temperament in students, build

friendships, experience different cultures and cities, and meet Amity sister institutions too.

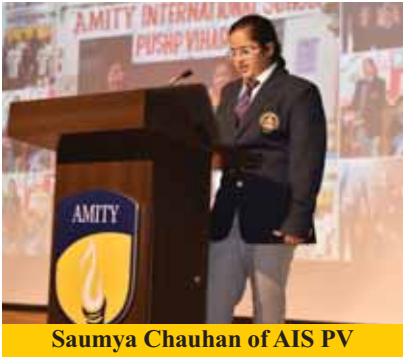
About YRoNS

YRoNS is a scientific student programme that was initiated by Istvan Sandor, a science teacher from Hungary. It offers students an opportunity to showcase natural science researching projects. It was started in 2007 in Budapest and the venue of the conference always changes from 2009 depending on the organiser partner school. Under this initiative students form different countries, exchange experiences between students interested in science and improve student’s language skills. This programme also helps strengthening bonds between young people from various countries by giving them the chance to know the culture, history and traditions of countries other than their own.

Country	School	Project Title
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	AIS Vasundhara I	Novel method to harness electricity from rail-way tracks
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Chairperson presents a memento



Saumya Chauhan of AIS PV



Chairperson with Director AERC



Indian students with esteemed dignitaries of Amity family at AIS Abu Dhabi



Hungarian Delegation



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Living free

"Merciless criticism and independent thinking are the two necessary traits of a revolutionary thinking"

-Bhagat Singh



Dr Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

The Republic Day parade evokes strong patriotic feelings among all of us. This year will be no different as we will get to see different hues of our motherland in the Republic Day parade. But as we revel in the joy of being a democratic nation, it is important that we remember certain paramount necessities of any democracy: criticism and logical reasoning. While the former is always viewed in a negative light, it sometimes may help in bringing several malpractices to forefront. The latter is something we must inculcate in ourselves. Before you take any step, question its logic. Look around and ask. Is this right? Is this right for my family? Neighbours and friends? For India? Be inquisitive. Sensitise yourself. You are a vibrant generation. Use social media for the greater good. Use your courage. Another important aspect of any progressive society is the thirst for independent thinking. A look at the different artistic floats in the Republic Day parade, and you will realise the beauty of individuality. Each state presents a unique culture and tradition. No two floats are same. It is this diversity, this individuality of every state that makes India a beautiful country. It is for the same reason that, it becomes imperative to foster independent thinking. Try not to follow the herd or believe hearsay. Try to see another perspective, make an effort to step out of your comfort zone and you will surely gain a wider perspective. Be a part of the revolution called India. It will surely change your life.

Well deserved



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

In the past one month, I had the privilege of visiting different branches of AIS for the selection of the Student Council. Interacting with the students, scanning their long list of credentials, one thing was clear – every student who finally gets inducted (after rigorous round of selection) is well deserving. While quizzing them about their credentials, I realised each one of them had so much to their credit. The plethora of activities offered at Amity ensured that they had participated in something or the other. If a candidate impressed me with his or her oratory skills, s/he turned out to be an active MUNer. The writers had a pool of bylines. Those involved in sports donned numerous medals, while many were all-rounders well deserving to take over leadership roles. I also realised that children today were very clear about what they wanted. Some of the choices filled in read as... 1st choice- Editor-in-Chief; 2nd choice- Editor-in-Chief and 3rd choice- Editor-in-Chief. No confusion. As I scanned through the resumes, met the prospective candidates, one thing became clear to me. The vision and mission of Founder President and Chairperson ma'am had come true in these bright Amitians. The zest to serve their country and make India a superpower was conspicuous in each of the applicants. The vast plethora of programmes run at Amity had nurtured the leader in all of them, who will take on the mantle of tomorrow. Being an Amitian is no cake walk. For every child who joins the school, traverses a long journey where s/he are modelled and remodeled at every stage. And tomorrow, when they walk out of Amity portals, facing challenges and conquering them, will be a cake walk.

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The path of YRoNS'16...

..was a journey indeed for the Amitian who was enthused with the experience of learning and giving back to the society, living by the ethos of Amity

Saumya Chauhan, AIS PV, VI A

Young Researchers of Natural Sciences (YRoNS)' is an international forum that aims to find scientific solutions to environmental and developmental challenges faced globally through research projects. It is also a wonderful platform for social research and cultural exchange. I felt privileged to be a part of such a magnanimous event where there were delegates from all over the world. There were 32 delegates from Germany, Slovenia, Hungary and India. The delegates presented various ideas that ranged from making artificial eyes for the blind to using holograms in school. My project idea was to develop a website that can be used for donating old things to the underprivileged. To see participants visiting from different parts of the world and getting to know their ideas was surely an enriching experience for me. The programme helped capacitate students to find scientific and logical solutions to problems and develop different personality traits. The international forum helped me, an enthusiastic young researcher to exchange my ideas with the world for the betterment of the society. It helped me hone my skills and gain more experience in the field. I am very thankful to Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan,



Saumya Chauhan presents her project at the conference

Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, who has given her students ample opportunities to develop skills to harness existing technologies for sustainable development and develop newer eco-

friendly ones. I am also grateful to my Principal Ameeta Mohan, AIS PV, for being a great support in nurturing my talent and bringing it to the fore.

(Read more about YRoNS on Page 5)

Look, that's happiness!

Happiness isn't that celebrity you idolise and seek to meet. It is that friend, always beside you, waiting to be embraced. You need to look at it more often

Namrata Bhattacharjee
AIS PV, XII

In the eloquent words of Viktor Frankl, "It is the very pursuit of happiness that thwarts happiness." Pavia, a 16-year old girl with presumably everything she could want, was not happy. There was a constant turmoil in her mind and a restlessness in her heart that she could not explain. Pavia was unable to identify the reason for her unhappiness, the reason that kept her from feeling fulfilled. On her quest to find happiness, Pavia one day came across a frowning man walking along the road. "What's wrong?" she asked. The man held up a tattered bag and moaned, "All that I own in this wide world barely fills this miserable, wretched sack." As if on cue, as soon as those words left the dejected man's mouth, someone snatched the bag from his weak hands and ran down the road with it. Having lost it, the man burst into tears, more miserable than before, as he continued walking.



Meanwhile, Pavia quickly ran around the bend and procured the sack from the boy who had run away with it. When the man saw Pavia returning with his bag, he laughed with joy and exclaimed, "My sack! I thought I'd lost you!" The man's reaction made Pavia curious. She wondered why the

man was so delighted to get back the sack that had left him so disheartened before. With this thought in mind, Pavia realised why she couldn't find happiness. It was simple, she was looking way too hard. The attainment of happiness is rudimentary and intrinsic to all humans. It

is the underlying objective of every action and the most basic expectation of every outcome. No one questions the value of feeling good. In fact, it seems that everyone has been on a relentless quest for a blue-sky state of mind, in pursuit of a permanent residence on the spectrum between contentment and ecstasy. But now, this chase has become futile.

Happiness, turns out, exists no matter what. It is already here, in your best times and in your very worst. It can co-exist with even the strongest feelings of sadness, numbness or elation. It is not a fleeting feeling, it is not something that you must 'catch' or chase and it is not something that wavers. It comes in its own time.

As Pavia sat quietly on the dinner table that night, she found happiness, sitting right next to her. She realised that she was simply looking at the wrong places. She also found that the food that seemed so unappetising last night, tasted a lot better today. And with that Pavia realised that happiness is not an achievement, it is a state of being.

The ethos of Annadurai

Little pearls of wisdom

Lakshmi T, AIS Gur 43, VIII



There are many politicians in India who inspire and motivate us. One such politician was CN Annadurai or 'Anna', who was the CM of Tamil Nadu (1967-69.) Revered even now in many South Indian homes, with his pictures adorning the walls of many, Annadurai was a leader who rose against challenges and strived to construct a

just society. He was born to a middle class family, who earned their bread and butter from weaving. In all his positions, from being a journalist to joining the 'Justice Party', he advocated the philosophy of religion as 'One race, one god' and considered himself secular. He was a man of principles, so much so that he left the party he had worked so hard for, due to ideological differences and launched his own party 'Dravida Munnetra Kaxhagam' or the DMK. Even though Annadurai rose to the

highest echelons of power, he never forgot his ethos and values. He never tried to make money. Once he visited one of his relative's place for a function. The family had borrowed furniture especially for him, for they wanted to give him a decent reception. But Annadurai was a simple man. He sat on the floor mattress instead. He then explained that he was a simple man and was used to sitting with the common folk. This gesture was an inspiration for many, of how a man can retain humility irrespective of his societal status. No wonder, his funeral in 1969 was attended by the largest number of people in history.



Pythons locate their prey with the help of heat sensing organs in their body.

Rags to Riches

Not every king is born an emperor. Not every beggar dies a poor death. There are some who with their sheer will, dedication and perseverance, steer their lives through numerous struggles; making 'rags to riches' a reality. This special **eight-part series** is an ode to such bravehearts, who with their fairytale endings, have given us the will to dream and the inspiration to turn those dreams into a wonderful reality.

Narendra Modi

A man who captivated Vadnagar to the USA, with his words, vision and pragmatism. Behind the PM of today, was a little man of yester years, determined to change his fate and that of his country

Aditya Sagar
AIS Noida, XI

A man with modest beginnings, Narendra Modi was born on September 17, 1950 to Heeraben and Damodardas Mulchand Modi. With a steel like conviction and far sighted vision, he rewrote his story. He took each day, every life event as an opportunity and when it didn't come knocking, he built a door.

Opportunity: Selling tea at the railway stations

Not every man would see that as an opportunity. But for Narendra Damodardas Modi, it was more than a frivolous job. It meant bread and butter for

the family and education for him. He completed his schooling in Vadnagar, a small city in Mehsana district of Gujarat. It was during these years that he began polishing his oratory skills, the quality he is best known for. His school teachers recount him as a mediocre student, but a speaker who would stir the audience with his words. But more than anything else, the early years of his life sowed in him the seed of 'service'. Whether it was earning for his family, donating food to flood victims or selling tea to soldiers during the Indo-Pak war on the Mehsana Railway Station, a young Modi never let go off an opportunity to serve.

Opportunity: Promoter (Pracharak) of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh

Narendar Modi joined RSS at the young age of eight. While the speaker in him won hearts of the party leadership, his active participation in the anti-Emergency movement during 1977 proved his undaunted dedication. Proving his mettle in every task that came his way, he was soon made in charge of the student wing of Akhil Bharatiya Vid-yarthi Parishad in Gujarat and was moved to the Bhartiya Janata Party in 1987. He was entrusted with several important projects and he proved that he deserved these opportunities more than any other party member. The result - he was appointed the Organising Secretary of BJP's Gujarat wing. The 1995 BJP victory in Gujarat state assembly election was largely credited to his electoral strategy, making him indispensable to the party. He was, thereafter, transferred to New Delhi as the National Secretary of BJP in 1995.

Opportunity: Taking up the role of the Chief Minister of Gujarat

In 2001, when Keshubhai Patel, the then Chief Minister of Gujarat stepped aside, the senior lead-

ers in BJP chose Modi as their Chief Ministerial candidate. Before this, Modi was given an option of becoming the Deputy CM of Patel, which he point blankly refused, telling Atal Bihari Vajpayee that he would either be completely responsible for Gujarat or not at all.

And so he became the Chief Minister of Gujarat in 2001, and made way for a legacy of four consecutive terms. During his tenure, Gujarat flourished like no other state and Modi shone like no other political leader. Many challenges came his way - he was accused of fanning violence during the communal riots in Gujarat; many within the party tried to bring him down fearing his rising popularity, but Narendra Modi surpassed every challenge with courage and grace. His unquestionable political ability and charisma made him the obvious choice for the Prime Ministerial candidate of the party in the 2014 elections.

Opportunity: Lok Sabha elections 2014

He used Twitter, Facebook and every other medium at hand to communicate with the people. He traveled miles, visited the remotest villages and reached out to the urban populace. He became the beacon of hope for a country done with corruption, dynastical power and fake promises. With a political campaign that struck just the right chords through an amalgamation of modernity and tradition, Modi swept an unparalleled victory by achieving an absolute majority in the house. And so the tea seller from Vadnagar became the Prime Minister of the largest democracy in the world. It is a story of a man with a single minded purpose. And how this purpose led him to make the best of every opportunity at hand. So take back from the story, perhaps it's an inspiring opportunity to realise your dreams, and go beyond.

Richness of ...

...Talent

Narendra Modi has authored a number of books like 'Aankh Aa Dhanya Chhe' and 'Jyotipunj'. He hosts a radio show 'Mann ki baat' to reach out to the masses and also partook in theatre, early in life.

...Emotions

Time and again, the man has proved that emotions are an important virtue, even for the greatest of the leaders. Be it his oath taking ceremony or a candid interview, his expressive emotions provide him the perfect humane touch that touches lives, highlighting his humble origins.

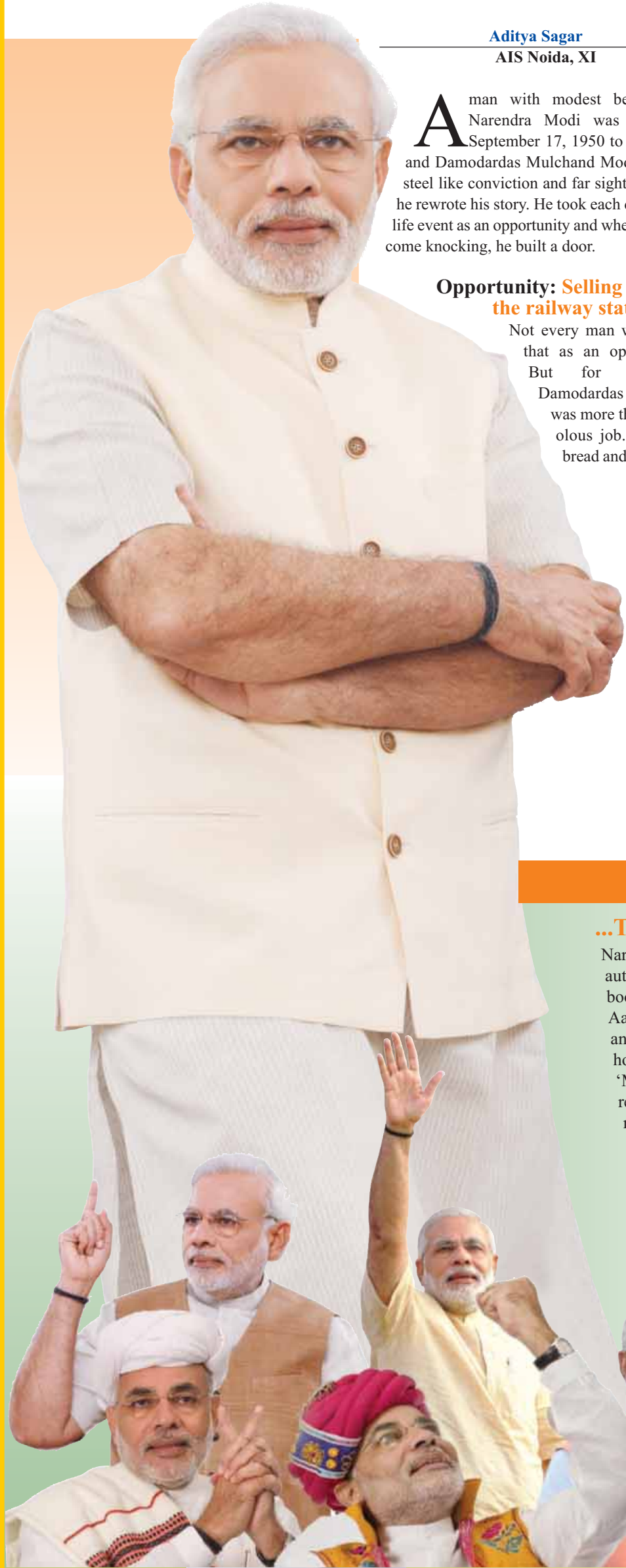
...Lifestyle

Sure, he began from a 40X12 ft house. Today his official abode is a 12 acre residence at 7, Lok Kalyan Marg and travels with world class facilities. A disciplinarian, he wakes up everyday at 4 am and diligently does yoga. He is said to work 16-18 hours a day.

...Hardwork

During his election campaign, he conducted 5,827 public meetings, reaching out to 100 million people, creating a record by traveling 300,000 km for the same. Everyday after 9 pm dinner, he completes his pending file work and goes through the routine of the next day.

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Elisa, my sister



Yashaswini Sharma, AGS Noida, XI

“Margaret?” my sister, Elisa, whispered as she lay in the bed next to me. I didn’t reply, but I believe she knew I was listening. “I don’t want to die yet.” It was the simplest statement I had ever heard her make. Margaret woke up to this dream for the sixth time in a week; she had lost her only sister this year. Last week, she found the report she had been looking for ages. She felt the report would give her the final closure about what was the matter with Elisa. As she read the doctor’s report, Margaret turned

cold and questions started running through her mind. She murmured to herself, “How could this happen? This must be a dream!” She remembered the time when Elisa was coughing blood. When Margaret had enquired, Elisa assured it to be regular cough. How could she be so stupid to not connect all the dots that would have given away the answer she needed? Margaret regretted not grabbing Elisa and looking at her; deep into her soul, and telling her how much she admired her bravery. How she was a warrior, an inspiration and a beautiful human being. She wanted to hug Elisa and tell her how

How could she be so stupid to not connect all the dots that would have given away the answer she needed?

much she loved her. She hated herself for not understanding Elisa’s struggle. Margaret assumed that Elisa always wanted to make a life of her own, so she didn’t want to marry. But, now it was all clear. She could now better understand Elisa’s odd behaviour. Elisa mostly remained alone and always looked tired. She had drastically lost weight and had developed yellow spots on her face. This left people around her with questions. People distanced themselves from Elisa, they wouldn’t let her come near them. Elisa suffered from Sepsis, a disease often misunderstood by the public and misdiagnosed by physicians. If it wasn’t for discouraging people and the lack of doctors in this small part of town, Elisa might have been alive. What haunted Margaret, more than anything, even more than Elisa not being there anymore, was the thought of the fear she faced alone. She looked death in the eye and never gave up. 🇮🇳



Chocmellow cake

Anannya R Debnath
AIS Gur 46, IX

Ingredients

Flour/Maida1 cup
Cocoa Powder1/3 cup
Caster Sugar1 cup
Butter80 gms
Milk1/2 cup
Eggs.....3
Baking Soda1/2 tsp
Baking Powder1/2 tsp
Salt1 tsp
Vanilla essence1 tsp
Marshmallows.....2 cups

Method

■ Use butter paper to line the base of a baking tin, or grease the base and

dust with maida till well coated.

■ Now sift flour/maida, cocoa, baking soda and baking powder, in a mixing bowl.

■ Add sugar, salt, butter, milk and vanilla essence into the mix. Beat the mixture with a wooden spoon or a beater, till the batter is smooth.

■ Add eggs to the batter, one at a time. Beat well. The batter should look glossy.

■ Now pour the batter into the greased or lined dish.

■ Bake the cake for 5-6 minutes in a microwave at 180°C.

■ Let it stand for 5 minutes and then turn the cake out of the tin.

■ Garnish with colourful marshmallows and serve.

Read Play and Win

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

Q: How many eggs can Burmese pythons lay at a time?

Ans:

Q: What is the full form of YRoNS?

Ans:

Q: Define pollination.

Ans:

Q: Who was the chief guest at Amity Saket’s annual day?

Ans:

Q: Where is Lord’s Cricket Ground situated?

Ans:

Q: Which disease was Elisa suffering from ?

Ans:

Q: In which year, was PM Modi elected as the CM of Gujarat for the first time?

Ans:

Q: Who is Onkar Kanwar?

Ans:

Q: What is the meaning of the word revered?

Ans:

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

Results of Read Play and Win-17: Devansu Pant, AIS Noida, V M; Shivam Aditya Singh, AIS Vas 6, VI D (Prizes will reach you in 15 days)

Words Verse

Some have flower, some have fruit
But every tree offers so much
Without them, we would be in a lurch

The purity of water
Beautifies the admirable scene
The duck and swan flutter
In the river so clean

Natural melodies

Tanisha Karmakar
AIS Noida, VIII B

The place of melody
Along with picturesque sight
Has the utmost beauty
Where imagination takes flight

The vast sky
Stretched in blue
Where each wants to fly
With wings of various hue

There are trees all around

Being Yourself

Jasmine Kaur, AIS PV, XI B

Being yourself is an art
That will make you look smart
If you have many woes
Do not think about your foes

Oh! Do not try to fake it up
By applying too much make up
Cause then you might have a pimple

So just keep it simple

Feel comfortable be beautiful
Being yourself is the new cool
Have a strong character
For that would really matter

Alpha, Beta, Gamma
All are rays
Each has its own identity
Nothing emulates the other for praise

This is all you require
To inspire
Start a new trend
And you will never need to pretend 🇮🇳

CAMERA CAPERS

Shubhankar Shandilya, AIS Gur 43, IX C

Set free

Spots of hope

Play on

Send in your entries to cameracap@theglobaltimes.in



The presence of tiny bones towards the tail suggest its evolution from lizards.

Picture courtesy: Avani Tomar, AIS Gur 46, V A

The respectable one

Short Story



Dhruv Sharda, AIS Vas 1, III B

Once upon a time, there lived a man named Shambu. Shambu always wanted to work under the most respected man in the village. He tried to think of the most respectable person he knew, but could not zero down on any. So, he decided to get up early the next morning and search for the most **revered** person in the village. He looked everywhere, but he could not find anyone who would meet his criterion of

Illustration: Anju Rawat, GT Network
being the 'most respectable'. Finally, he met the Pradhan of the village and noticed that everyone bowed down in front of him. He'd found the most respectable one and decided to work for him.

A few months passed by. Shambu was happy with his master. After a few months, the Pradhan visited the king's palace for Durga Puja celebrations. Shambu accompanied the Pradhan to the palace. As soon as the Pradhan entered the palace, he bowed his head out of respect in front of the king. Shambu could

So, he decided to get up early the next morning and search for the most revered person in the village.

not believe what he saw. "How can the most respectable person bow his head in front of anyone?" Shambu thought to himself. He decided to quit working for the Pradhan and work for the king instead for he thought that the king was more respectable than the Pradhan. Now, Shambu was happy and fully satisfied with his work. After a couple of years on the auspicious occasion of Janamashtami, the king decided to visit the most popular temple of his kingdom. When he entered the temple, he bowed and leaned down before God. He was surprised by the king's gesture and realised that there was nobody more revered than God. He noticed that every person who he thought was respectable bowed in front of God. That day, Shambu decided to spend the rest of his life serving God. **GT**

So what did you learn today?

A new word: Revered

Meaning: To feel deep respect

POEMS



When I am feeling down
And putting a smile on my face
When I am wearing a frown

Thanks for being there
And helping me grow
You are my angel
I love you more! **GT**

Winter is mine

Joyal Patel
AIS VKC Lko, VI

Some people don't like Winter
Some people think it's just too cold
I think they just like to complain
Or maybe they are just too old

I like bundling up in a warm furry coat
With a cap and with boots on my feet
I like to see my breathe fog up



In the rain, or snow, or sleet

I like breaking off icicles
And break them for a drink
In the winter the world goes quiet
I like to listen and think

Some people don't like winter
I say they just don't get it
You might want sunshine all day
But I say you have to forget it. **GT**

My angel

Kashvi Srivastava, AIS Vas 1, IV A

Oh what a joy it is
To have a mom like you
For giving me strength
The way you do

For lifting up my spirits



Avani Tomar with her colourful egg carton flowers

Egg carton flowers

Avani Tomar, AIS Gur 46, V A

Material required

- Canvas, any size
- Acrylic paint in colours of your choice
- Egg carton
- Colourful buttons
- 12 inches of ribbon
- Green pipe cleaners
- Scissors
- Paintbrushes
- Craft glue or hot glue gun



Method

- Paint the canvas in the colour of your choice, until fully covered and let it dry for some time.
- Cut the egg carton into individual carton cups. Each portion that holds an egg will become a flower.

- Cut each individual carton cup into a floral shape using scissors. The way the carton is made, it will naturally have four "petals". All you need to do is shape them. Use your scissors for shaping. Keep going until all of your 'flowers' are complete and in proper shape.
- Paint each egg carton "flower" with the colour of your choice and let them dry.
- Take a bundle of green pipe cleaners and tie them with a ribbon. Cut off the ends so that they fit the canvas as stems and glue them.
- Now stick the flowers on the canvas above the stem.
- Glue buttons on the center of each of the flowers.
- You're done! Wasn't that easy? Now flaunt those beautiful flowers!

Jokey Pokey

Soumya Sukhani, AIS Gur 46, V C

Gaurav: I have lost my dog!

Saurav: Have you tried putting a message on the internet?

Gaurav: Don't be silly! My dog never reads e-mails.

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Teacher: Donald, what is the chemical formula of water?

Donald: H I J K L M N O

Teacher: This is not what I taught you.

Donald: No teacher. Yesterday you said it's H to O!

● ● ●

Akhil: Which object is considered as

the king of the classroom?

Sahil: The ruler!

● ● ●

Math teacher: If you have twelve chocolates and you give five to Priya, three to Sonia and two to Neha, then what will you get in return to those chocolates?

Susie: Three new friend's ma'am!

● ● ●

Teacher: Tell me, how old is your father?

Kid: He is 6.

Teacher: What? How is this possible?

Kid: He became a father only when I was born.

It's Me



My name: Vaanya Mahey
My school: AIS Noida
My Class: KG
My birthday: July 27
I like: Cycling
I dislike: Overcrowded places
My hobby: Colouring
My role model: My mom
My best friend: Nikita
My favourite book: Panchtantra

My favourite game: Ludo
My favourite mall: GIP Noida
My favourite food: Idli and Pizza
My favourite teacher: Deepti ma'am
My favourite poem: Finger Family
My favourite subject: English
I want to become: A supergirl
I want to feature in GT because: It is very informative and interesting to read. I like reading stories and poems.

Painting Corner

Anaya Vatsal
AIS Noida, VI E



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Students present ‘Dilli- Itihaas ke pannon se’ dance

A celebration to mark years of togetherness, love & warmth

AIS Saket

Under the dynamic leadership of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF, AIS Saket celebrated its silver jubilee Annual Day on December 23, 2016. Dr MC Misra, Director, AIIMS, an eminent personality in the field of medical science, graced the occasion as chief guest.

In his encouraging address, Dr Misra congratulated Dr Ashok K. Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe and Chairperson on AIS Saket completing twenty five years of educational distinction. Dr Ashok K. Chauhan was all praises and congratulated the entire Amity family on completing 25 years of excellence in the field of education. Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan highlighted the efforts and hardwork of the entire school

team led by School Principal Divya Bhatia towards setting up high benchmarks. The highlight of the evening was dance drama performance ‘Dilli- Itihaas ke pannon se’ that aptly presented the history of the cosmopolitan capital which was indeed electrifying and captivating. The day also marked the release of Amity Chronicles that traced the school’s journey since its inception. [G I](#)



Judges taste the innovative dishes made by students

Chefs for a cause

Recreating vegetarian dishes from non vegetarian ones for the love of animals

AIS VKC Lucknow

The Youth Power team of the school organised a cookery competition ‘Masterchef’ for Class VII-XI on Dec 21, 2016. The competition required the students to recreate non-vegetarian dishes into a vegetarian ones. The judges on the panel were Tanuja Singh, Rani Dwivedi and Bivas Sarkar. Students were segregated into three groups- Group I for the students of Class VII-VIII, Group II for the students of Class IX and X and Group III for Class XI. The competition was judged on four parameters: innovation, taste, presentation and title of the dish. While judging the dishes,

judges as interacted with students and learnt about their innovations in cooking. The effort of students in preparing dishes like veg shami kebabs, veg biryani, chilly paneer, club sandwich in a tortilla, cottage cheese cutlets with coating of lotus stem, etc, was praiseworthy. The innovative titles for the dishes became the talk of the town viz, ‘Katil-e-Kebab’, ‘Makhmali Paneer Tikka’, ‘Soya Khaaye aur Jaag Jaaye’. Tanuja Singh, School Principal applauded the efforts of the students .

**Youth Power is a social leadership programme organised by The Global Times where students of all Amity schools work on a social cause through the year.* [G I](#)

Group	First prize	Second prize	Third prize
I	Araav Chandra (VII)	Pranjal (VII)	Uttkarsh and Ananya (VII)
II	Nischal Dayal (XI)	Aryan Sharma (X)	Anushka Gupta (IX)
III	Avish and Neelansh (XI)	Shreyansh (XI)	Pragya and Shifa (XI)

Chess champion

AIS PV

Aarnav De, a student of Class V made the school proud in the CBSE National U-11 Mixed Chess Tournament 2016-17, held in Varanasi from December 15-20, 2016. He brought laurels to the school by bagging 8th position, whereas the overall ranking of the school in the tournament was 6th. Arnav secured 5.5 points out of 6, with one draw, 5 wins and no loss. He further stated that he wants to become a great chess player like Vishwanathan Anand. He thanked Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan for providing opportunities where he could showcase his talent. [G I](#)



Children play chess like champs

Winter wonderland

AIS Noida

A class presentation titled ‘A walk through the winter wonderland’ was organised for junior students at AIS Noida from November 28-29, 2016, to welcome winter season. The presentation included action songs, skit, and a dance which was appreciated by the parents. Children performed a skit depicting the winter season dressing up as winter angels and wind monsters in colourful attires such as caps, mufflers and jackets .The tiny tots looked ready to



Students participate in an activity

Ramanujan Interschool Math Competition

AIS Noida

The 16th Ramanujan Interschool Math Competition was held in AIS Noida from December 22-23, 2016. The competition, conducted under the aegis of Amity Centre for Excellence in Mathematics, aimed at awakening curiosity in students for both logical and structural nature of the subject. The national level competition saw participation from over 30 schools from NCR. The event consisted of diverse mathematical activities ranging from problem solving, fun activity to math quiz and project presentation for Class IV-XII students. Students participated at both individual and

team level. The ‘Fun Activity’ based on exploring Math in our environment and culture was the unique feature of the competition. Expert mathematicians such as Nimish Kapoor, Scientist, Vigyan Prasar, Department of S&T, GOI; Dr Girish Kumar, HOD Math, Modern School Noida and Mukesh Kumar Goel, Senior Math teacher, VBPS, Noida were eminent judges on the occasion. During the valedictory function, winners were felicitated for their achievements by School Principal Renu Singh. AIS Noida bagged the second position, AIS Saket secured third position and the winning trophy was bagged by DPS Faridabad.



Young leaders take an oath of affirmation

Mock Parliament session

AIS Gur 43

Keeping in sync with the vision of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF to equip students to tread on the ‘untrodden’ path and emerge as winners, AIS Gur 43, organised a Mock Parliament session for the students of Class VII on December 23, 2016. The programme commenced with lighting of lamp and invoking the blessings of the almighty. School Principal Dr Anshu Arora, motivated the students to put up their best as young parliamentarians and find solutions to the problems through positive

discussions and debates. The session started with an oath of affirmation. A two minute silence was observed to pay tribute to Jayalalitha Jayaram, former CM of Tamil Nadu and the martyrs of terrorist attacks in Jammu and Kashmir. This was followed by ‘Question hour’ where the issue of demonetisation was discussed. A bill was introduced on tax reforms. The session came to an end with ‘Calling attention’ motion on the burning issue of cross border terrorism. Headmistress Madhu Gulia, congratulated the young parliamentarians and proposed a vote of thanks. She expressed her happiness on successful completion of the enlightening simulation.



Little kids welcome winters with warmth and colourful costumes

embrace the winter season. The angels fought against the wind monsters with hot soup and hot chocolate milk. The theme of the event was ‘Cold hands and warm hearts’, depicted through

decorations done by the kids. The event was applauded by School Principal Renu Singh, Vice Principal Soma Mukherjee and Coordinator Neelu Khanna. [G I](#)

There are 41 different species of pythons within the family Pythonidae.

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'Law' by chance, don't dance

Law in India has 'lambe haath' and 'tareekh pe tareekh', but that's not an end to its eccentricity. Here's hoping that you don't land in jail for wearing a cape or flying a kite

Mannat Bhalla, AIS Noida, XII

Imagine you're at a wedding, emotions running high and the music even louder. People run towards the dance floor at a speed relative to kids going for desserts. And thus begins the bust-a-move party, putting Farah Khan and Shiamak Davar to shame, one *thumka* at a time. Next thing you know, they are arrested by the police. Their crime, you may ask. No, it was not their

awful dancing skills, but something far more heinous. There were more than 11 couples on the floor! How dare they break the Licensing and Controlling Places of Amusement, 1960? Weird, isn't it? Here are some rather redundant Indian laws, with quirky restrictions.

Indian Motor Vehicles Act, 1914

Do you know someone in Andhra Pradesh who wants to become a vehicle inspector? Well, give them all the toothpaste in the world because

this 1914 law states "well-brushed teeth" as one of the criteria. We all need some *namak* in our lives...err...toothpastes anyway.

The Aircraft Act, 1934

Under this act, any machine which derives support from the atmosphere is an aircraft including balloons and kites and only the government can regulate the possession of these "vehicles". That superman cape is illegal!

India Treasure Trove Act, 1878

The law defines treasure specifically as anything of any value hidden in the soil and worth a grand total of, wait for it, 10 rupees or more! The finder of such treasure, according to this law, needs to inform the most senior local officer. Fail to furnish it to an official and it "shall vest in Her Majesty". Yes, they mean the Queen of England. But first, can we have our Kohinoor back, ma'am?

Indian Post Office Act, 1898

According to this archaic article, only the federal government is allowed to send letters and post articles. Excuse me? What about my unicorn rainbow printed pyjamas? They're only available online and I need them.

"The minute you read something that you can't understand, you can almost be sure that it was drawn up by a lawyer." Will Rogers, we couldn't agree more.



Little Spidey

Romika Chakraborty, GT Network

As kids, we have all tied our mom's *dupattas* around our necks to create make-do capes, ran around the house, pretending to fly, with a desire to save the world. **Anirudh Jain, a student of Class IV A, AIS Vasundhara 1**, brings back all those memories, along with a smile on the face. "The first word I learnt to scribble and spell was Spider-man," shares Anirudh. It comes as no surprise that he won the first prize for being dressed as super hero Spider-man in Maruti Suzuki Alto K 10 ramp walk organised at 6th Annual Delhi Comic Con.

Slipping into Spider-Man's shoes (read: donning his cape) comes as second nature to the little boy who has been role playing his favourite hero from the tender age of two years. He set afoot on stage for the first time at Inorbit Mall, Mumbai with Spider-Sense Spider-man show organised by Disney XD channel in 2009. The admiration for his super-

hero doesn't end at just role play. Anirudh loves to paint Spider-man's figures, collects spider-man posters, miniature toys and is eagerly waiting to watch the initial release of 'Spider-Man: Homecoming' on July 7, 2017. Someone rightly said, love is where you seek it.

Ask him if he likes any other superhero, and you are greeted with a vehement no. "Spider Man has more powers than any other super hero," he quips. But he doesn't mind sharing space with other superheroes. "Visiting Delhi Comic Con was a dream come true as I shared stage with so many superheroes. The cosplayers of all the characters were amazing and the costumes designed by them were incredible," he says. So bring on those capes. It's time to save the world. [G I](#)



Anirudh (centre) dressed as Spider-man with the other contestants

GT Travels to London



Prakshaal Jain, AIS Vas 6, VIII E, poses with his copy of The Global Times at Lord's Cricket Ground, England in St. John's Wood, London. Named after Thomas Lord, the stadium is referred as 'Home of Cricket' and houses the world's oldest sporting museum. The first match in Lord's was played on July 21, 1884 between Marylebone and Hertfordshire. Glenn McGrath took the most Test Wickets (26) at the venue. It has a seating capacity of 28,000.

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