

What's your Stereotype?

Wherever one goes, the world seems to be full of stereotypes; some new, some centuries old. It is easy to brand a stereotype; but how easy is it to wriggle out of it?

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Status of the week
Imagine if you called a wrong number, and the person you called was a celebrity.
"Hello? Mom?"
"No. This is Lady Gaga."
Esha Gopinath Nair
XI D, AIS Gurgaon 46

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Who should decide the punishment in the school?

- (a) Teacher (b) Student
(c) Both

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Should rehabilitation form the core of prison reforms?



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Girls can't read maps and boys don't play badminton. Girls can't park cars well and boys can't knit. Is it true? Or are they some stereotypical beliefs that have been running around since centuries? Well, the Oxford Dictionary says, "Stereotype is conformity to the set norms of the society." Every other person, without realising it, is stereotyped in some way or the other. It is drummed into a male child that boys don't cry. Whereas, if you're a girl, you can't break the home-by-dusk stereotype without thinking twice, right?

Santa: Ah! Times are changing.
Banta: Yeah, I can knit without anyone staring at me!

People these days are more than willing to take the road less traveled.

It isn't rare to find female petrol pump attendants. If you saw a father changing nappies, you wouldn't even be stirred by it! Remember Master Chef Pankaj Bhadouria, a female in a male dominated profession? She made heads turn!

Banta: Is this change good or bad?

Oh, no! Am I stereotyped?

Adolescent stereotypes: Teens are irresponsible, lazy and only interested in having a good time. (Not at all nice!)

Fashion stereotypes: Mickey Mouse socks, polka dotted jackets ... are fashionistas copy cats? But we like that, don't we? (Comfortably nice.)

Race/Country stereotypes: Indians are

late (Indian Stretchable Time-IST!); Americans are ambitious; all Africans are black. (Not so nice.)

Gender stereotypes: Men are independent and competitive... women are de-

pendent and meek. (Not nice at all again! This just does not work!)

Religion stereotypes: All Muslims are terrorists. Hindus only pray. Are we even serious? (This is getting out of hand!)

Santa: Obviously good! But we do think twice about opening our 'pagdis' and letting our hair loose like girls!

Today, most parents allow their children to choose their career, instead of forcing their own choices down their necks. However, pathbreakers, don't always have it easy. Vipul Pathak, dancer and alumnus, Amity University, reminisces, "When I announced my interest in classical dance to my family, they did not approve. But my love for dance pushed me into challenging gender stereotypes."

Banta: I got a contract to advertise in Fair & Handsome!

Santa: So what? I don't think that'll make you look cool!

Banta: Yes, but everyone else will!

What do we usually see in the media? Beauty products are mostly advertised with women prancing around in skimpy dresses colour coordinated with the product. Thankfully, this is changing now. Shahrukh Khan doing a 'Lux beauty soap' commercial might have changed a few mindsets.

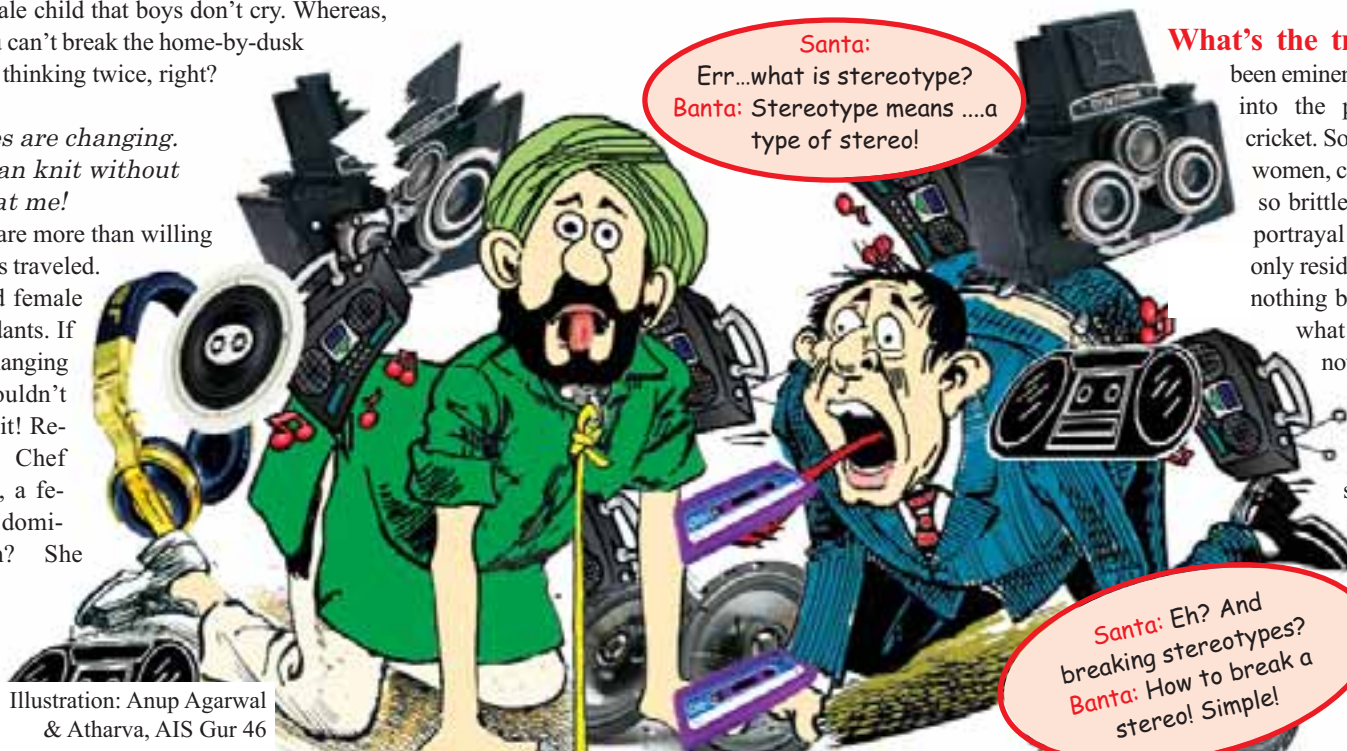


Illustration: Anup Agarwal & Atharva, AIS Gur 46

What's the truth? Stereotypes have been eminent since forever. Look back into the past. Men, they played cricket. So tough, such strength. And women, croquet, of course! So frail, so brittle! Isn't this such a typical portrayal of how physical power only resides in men, and women are nothing but fragile bodies? Is this what we really want? Can we not break this mindset? Yes, of course! With the ever changing times, girls may no longer be restricted to playing badminton and men can change nappies (sorry boys!). By the way, why is the Sec Gen of AIMUN always a guy? Girls, what are you thinking? ☺

Sakha: A friend in-deed

Who do you call a true friend? Someone who is with you through ups and downs, and lends a helping hand come what may. A true friend is what Sakha has been, to innumerable underprivileged women. An organization set up to provide "Safe and Alternative transport for women", Sakha, is Delhi's first service that provides trained women drivers as chauffeurs. In an inspiring interaction with Sakha Founder Ms Meenu Vadera, AIS Gur 46 students Mandovi Rajan & Sukhda Monga, X B, learn how real life stereotypes are shattered

What gave birth to Sakha?

Sex ratios in India have always been skewed. But the 2001 Census brought it out very loudly, more so in developed states like Punjab, Haryana and Delhi. I realized, this was largely a result of male dominance, crimes against women and the large group of resource-poor women. The skilled and high paying jobs are mostly taken by men; women being confined to domestic work. You'll find ample women labourers, but very few women masons or plumbers. Our idea was to break this stereotype and bring underprivileged women into a field which can give them better income and a life of dignity.



On the go (L-R) Mandovi & Sukhda with Ms Meenu Vadera (sitting) and her power puff girls

How easy or difficult has it been to find willing women drivers?

It was very tough and it continues to be, as there are some stereotypical thoughts about driving which exist. It is quite a task to get these women to drive when most of them haven't even been inside cars, let alone drive them! Our counseling team gives them constant guidance to help them retain their job.

What is Sakha's USP?

Sakha works on three levels: breaking the social, mental and financial barriers. Our USP is that we provide driving solutions by women, for women.

What training is given to these women?

We give them driving lessons (in tie-up with Maruti School of Driving and Training Research), as well

Women on wheels

Shanno, 32- Initially, I learnt driving in the day and worked as a nurse at night. But now, I'm able to meet my requirements as a cab driver alone.

Seema, 19- Sakha's counseling changed the mindset of my family who were against me becoming a chauffeur. I have a new identity now.

Visit www.sakhaconsultingwings.com to hire female chauffeurs or cabs driven by women

as train them on personal growth and communication. Besides driving and road sense, these women are taught basic courtesies, English speaking and self defence, and are armed with pepper sprays!

Delhi has a reputation for road rage. How do you see female drivers coping up?

Look at the statistics of road rage. In most cases, women are not the culprits, which breaks the myth that women are incompetent drivers. What has stopped these women from coming out on roads is not the violence that takes place on the roads but the one that takes place at home.

Your current challenge...

If every second car, bus, metro was being driven by a female, women will not feel so unsafe. Our biggest challenge is to change the face of public transport. ☺

It has always been my dream to work for The Global Times. Becoming a page editor was amazing. Thank you GT.

Asavri Misra, IX C, AIS Gur 46, Page Editor



India Ranking

Indians 6th most innovative in world: India was ranked the sixth most 'innovative' country in the world in multinational conglomerate GE's Annual Global Innovation Barometer released recently. About 65 per cent of the global respondents identified US, followed by Germany (48%), Japan (45%), China (38%), Korea (13%) and India (12%) as the new found 'Innovation Champions'.

Indian students rank 2nd last in global test: Seen as an education powerhouse, India ranked second last among the 73 countries that participated in the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA). Fifteen-year-old Indians stood 2nd last on a global stage; only beating Kyrgyzstan when tested on their reading, maths and science abilities.

Business

Kodak files for bankruptcy: Eastman Kodak Co, which invented the hand-held camera and helped bring the world the first pictures from the moon, has filed for bankruptcy. The 130-year-old photographic film pioneer has obtained a \$950 million, 18-month credit facility from Citigroup to keep it going.



WORLD NEWS

Sarthak Parashar, IX C & Neelakshi Khanna, IX E, AIS Gur 46 go globe trotting to bring to you news and views to whet your appetite for infotainment



Politics

Anna in electoral fray: After a brief lull, Team Anna is back with renewed energy and vigour for an inning at the hustings. In a volte-face, Team Anna has decided not to target any political party in the ensuing elections to legislative assemblies in Uttar Pradesh and four other states. They would campaign on three broad-based issues: differences between the Jan Lokpal proposal and the Lokpal Bill introduced in Parliament, the silence of most political parties on the setting up of a strong Lokayukta and the need to increase people's participation in the current democratic setup.

Sports

Brand Cricket battered: Team India's disastrous performance at Australia has left brand cricket with severe burns as companies turn to non-cricketer brand ambassadors, pull cricketer ads off-air and negotiate a cut in advertising rates. The cricket sponsors are unable to hide their disappointment as Indian TV viewers surf away from cricket, plummeting their fortunes.

Lifestyle

Political Fashion is in: The stylish 'Nehru jacket' popularized by India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru has been listed among the top global political fashion statements. Nehru's attire has found place in the list that includes the tracksuit of Cuba's Fidel Castro and former Chinese leader Mao Zedong's safari suit. The gear is quite a rage with Bollywood stars too.



Science & tech



A formula for humour: The formula $h = m \times s$ may seem a simple mathematical formula, but it is actually a formula to calculate humour.

The pleasure we get (h) is calculated by multiplying the degree of misinformation perceived (m) with the extent to which the individual is susceptible to taking it seriously (s).

Weathering Storms: In South Africa, independent forecasters have been told they could be imprisoned for up to ten years – or fined up to £800,000 – if they issue incorrect severe weather warnings without official permission. The law would require state sanctioning for any forecast outside the government's South African Weather Service (SAWS).

Education



Rejecting Oxford: Receiving a rejection letter from the University of Oxford is common, but one applicant has turned the tables by sending a 'rejection letter' to the prestigious varsity saying it is not up to the mark. Elly Nowell, 19, in his letter to the university wrote, "...I regret to inform you that I will be withdrawing my application. I realize you may be disappointed by this decision, but you were in competition with many fantastic universities and following your interview I am afraid you do not quite meet the standard of the universities, I will be considering."



News Room

Hulchul

Pic courtesy: AIS Gur 46

Ready for the shutterbug



Live from the news room



Food for thought



Brilliant minds at work



All pics: Deepak Sharma



I have been with GT for 3 years but this was my first time as a page editor. The experience was memorable and I have learnt a lot from it.
Sheffi Tiwari, IX B, AIS Gur 46, Page Editor

School @ home?

Personalized attention of home schooling or personality development of regular schooling; which one is better? **Sheffi Tiwari, IX B, AIS Gur 46** finds out

HOME SCHOOLING

Sitting in a class of 40 students never gets you personal attention, does it? But in home schooling it certainly does. The child has full attention of the teacher and the teacher teaches as per the potential of the child. The familiarity with the mentor makes it easier for the child to feel safe, confident and eager to learn. It gives the weaker students a chance to clear their doubts without hesitation.

Rahul Yadav, IX E, AIS Gur 46

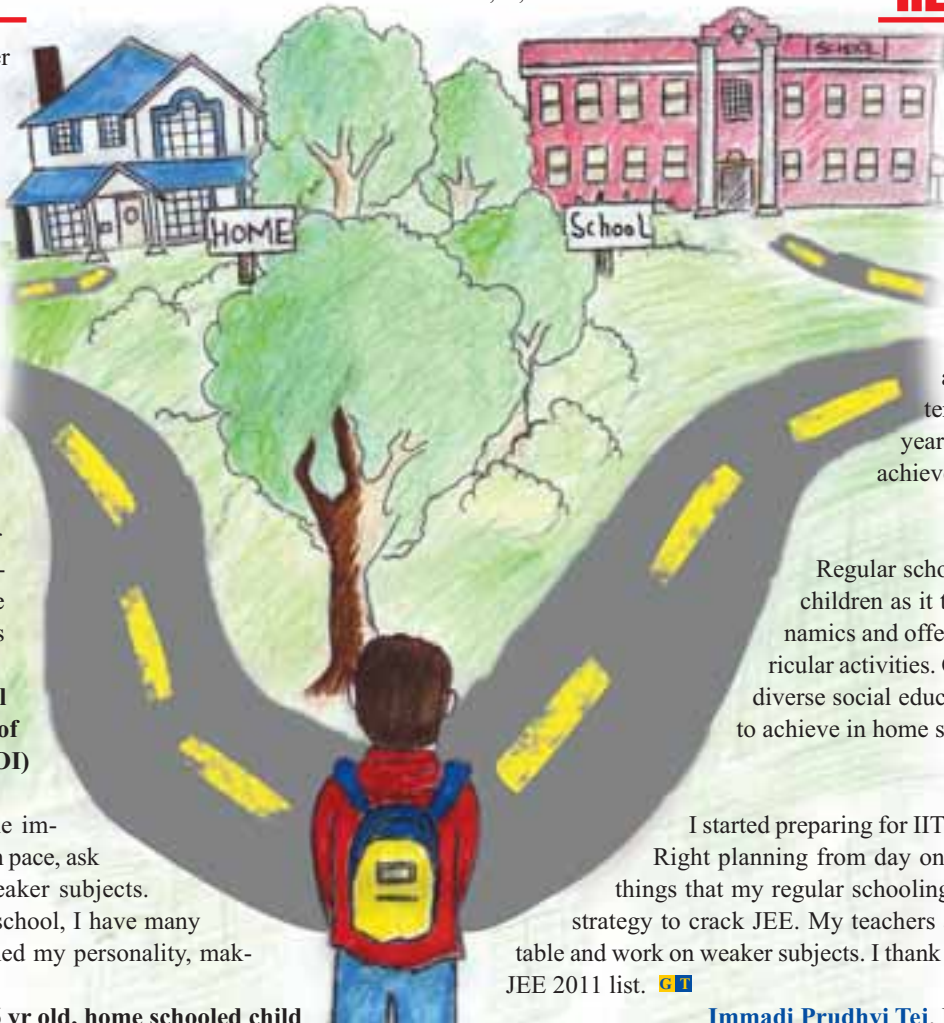
I realised very early that my child was different and for him, regular schooling wouldn't suffice. My decision to quit my practice and home school him myself 12 years ago has paid off.

Ruchi Kaushik, Mother of Sahil Kaushik, 14 yr old Delhi topper of IIT JEE (Source- TOI)

Home schooling has worked for me immensely. It helps me move at my own pace, ask doubts openly and give time to weaker subjects. Even though I don't attend regular school, I have many friends. Home schooling has groomed my personality, making me very social and amiable.

Abhishek Sharma, 16 yr old, home schooled child

Illustration: Siddhant Misra, X, AIS Gur 46



REGULAR SCHOOLING

Someone correctly said, "School days are the golden days of life." School is a place where you get to interact with so many friends, learn and imbibe values like leadership, team work, discipline and unity. In regular schooling, there are proper assessment in terms of tests, assignments, etc which keep students updated about where they stand. Studying alone is so boring, it can make even interesting subjects bland. The fun that 14 years of regular school life gives, can't be achieved elsewhere.

S. Siddharth, X D, AIS Gur 46

Regular schooling shapes the overall personality of children as it teaches them to work within group dynamics and offers immense opportunities for extra-curricular activities. Children have more opportunities to get diverse social education in a regular school which is hard to achieve in home schooling.

Stuti Joshi, Counselor, AIS Gur 46

I started preparing for IIT JEE 2011 from when I was in class XI. Right planning from day one and time management were the few things that my regular schooling had taught me and the same was my strategy to crack JEE. My teachers at school helped me in making a timetable and work on weaker subjects. I thank my High school, for helping me top the JEE 2011 list.

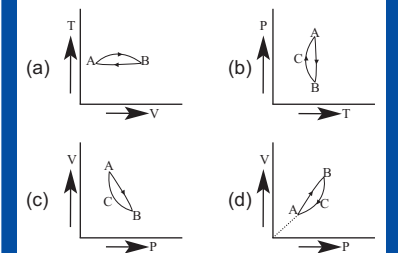
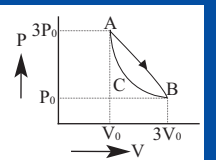
Immadi Prudhvi Tej, IIT JEE 2011 Topper (Source - TOI)

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Presents 

Brainleaks-32 FOR CLASS XI-XII

In the P-V diagram shown, BCA represent isothermal process. Which of the following is the correct corresponding graph?



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Ans: Brainleaks-30

(c) amide and nitrile, respectively

Name:.....

Class:.....

School:.....

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Headboy Heads



I am a class VII student. I also aspire to become Headboy in future. How should I go about the same?

Retul Roshan, Headboy, AIS G-46

It is commendable that you have such an aim. Be respectful towards elders and peers. Try to be the best that you can, academically and socially. Never let competition dampen your endeavour. Look up the phrase 'self-actualisation' and work by it. If you start sincerely at such a young age, it is most probable that you'll be head boy one day. Do call me then.

I am a class VIII student. How do you juggle academics and other activities effectively?

Focusing on one thing at a time and giving it the best shot is the key. Another important thing is not shying away in the face of situations that calls for commitment and hard work. When one is honest and motivated to work hard things start materialising.

I am a 14 year old. My parents pressurise me as my sibling is a topper, but I have other interests like dance. What would you have done in my situation?

Talking about it openly to the parents is the best solution. It is essential to make sure that disinterest in studies does not translate into academic failure. Working hard to establish oneself is equally important. Society favours talent and competence.

Market it, digital style

Be it movies, products, services or sales, promoting them digitally is the name of the game. The buzz for digital marketing is here to stay

Graphic: Anup Agarwal, IX B, AIS Gur-46

Siddhant Misra, X & Sheffi Tiwari, IX, AIS Gur 46

In a world, where marketing needs to cater to a global audience, digital marketing is the need of the hour. No wonder, it has become one of the most promising career choices today.

What is Digital Marketing?

Digital marketing, in simple words, means marketing via the internet. The medium of internet serves a dual purpose of 'push' and 'pull'. While it can be used to 'push' a message to a potential consumer via email, IM, RSS or voice broadcast, it can also 'pull' content serving a banner ad and 'Pay per click' advertising. It also includes marketing via mobile and IPTV.

Qualification and skill set

Considering digital marketing is a relatively new professional discipline, there are a very few specialization courses available in this field. However, many business schools are coming up with courses for Digital Marketing. In recent years, most business schools have included e-marketing in their curriculum if one takes marketing as a specialization. If one is aware of social media and online marketing techniques, this field shouldn't be a challenge.

Future prospects

Digital marketing is a growing industry with numerous career opportunities. It continues to evolve and mature as



new technologies are developed and new digital channels emerge. It offers several lucrative career avenues in fields like digital strategy, website development, online advertising, search engine optimization (technical and link building), email marketing, mobile marketing, online public relations, viral marketing, e-commerce and emerging media such as RSS, podcasting, advergaming and digital television.

Quick Bytes

Saurab Uttam, Digital Marketer & Strategist, Genesis Burson-Marsteller

USP of Digital Marketing: It is one of the most promising career choices today. It's different from the run of the mill, 9-5 marketing jobs. With so many things to do in this field, one gets to innovate so much.

Journey so far: It has been 6 years now. I started with a blog on BLOGSPOT, made websites for clients, came up with new digital marketing concepts and since then, there has been no looking back.
Winning Mantra: I believe in what I do. I

keep myself updated about the fast changing trends in the field of digital marketing and innovate them accordingly.

Advice to students: Whosoever enjoys making an online playground and computing should take up Digital Marketing. It can help you earn enough to live a luxurious life plus it's fun and a memorable experience.

APTITUDE TEST

Think you have the aptitude for digital marketing? Find out with this assessment test.

- Are you a computer savvy? (YES/NO)
- Do you keep a tab on the latest products? (Y/N)
- Can you detect an opportunity for digital marketing? (Y/N)
- Can you design an interactive website? (Y/N)
- Do you socialize and are capable of networking for making 'contacts'? (Y/N)
- Can you sit on the internet for more than 8 hours? (Y/N)
- Can you redo your work innumerable times to please your client? (Y/N)

If answers are mostly 'Yes', digital marketing is the thing for you.

(DISCLAIMER: This is not an authentic aptitude test, but it can be a pointer for your career)

Working with GT was quite a good experience. It was a lot of work, but I guess that's fine because success can't be achieved without hard work.

Sarthak Parashar, IX C, AIS Gur 46, Page Editor



GAME ON TO THE FUTURE

Sreeraj Bhattacharya, AIS Gur 46, X

Gaming has evolved over the decades. From helping Mario and Luigi rescue Pauline or Princess Peach to guiding Soap MacTavish through the Russian intelligence office, gaming has come a long way; and there is still a very long way to go. A lot has been speculated on the future of gaming as we know it. Most of them are far-fetched. However, there are many predictions which seem very plausible.

LIVING A DREAM

Gaming will probably no longer be on television or computer screens, or on any screen, for that matter. A skull device may be developed in the coming decade or two, which allows the user, on wearing it, to be transported into a virtual world, where they control their character using their own body motion. Siddhant Misra, X A, AIS Gur 46 feels, "This device will heighten our gaming experience. We'll be able to control the game in the true sense of the term. I definitely look forward to such technology."

'AD'DING UP

Advertising in video games will be taken to the next level. For instance, if you buy a product belonging to one of the sponsors, you get extra points, which help

you in the course of the game considerably. These purchases would be recognized using a code written somewhere inside the product, which can be entered into the game. This will, in all probability, replace the system of cheat codes. The advanced advertising by the sponsors might leave a lot of scope for swindling of unsuspecting costumers by hackers to steal their codes, as well as companies to earn profits.

PLAY AND TEACH

Educational games, where you can test your own skills, may have the ability to detect your IQ and work systematically to increase it. The skull device might be utilized by the user to solve questions. Ms. Pooja Bhatia, Teacher, AIS Gur 46, says, "An invention like the skull device could become an interesting media for integrating IQ related games into education. This will not only provide accurate feedback, but also generate a high level of involvement and interest."

BAD TO WORSE

Grand Theft Auto- gamers' paradise, has gained universal notoriety for its violent nature. Within the next 20 years, violence in such games will definitely take a turn for the worse, and its graphic nature would increase tenfold. Ms. Richa Bhatnagar, Counselor, AIS Gur 46, says,

"Violent games cause violent behaviour in teens, if played for an extended period of time. This will not only cause disruptive behaviour but also cause them to get into more physical fights." ❗

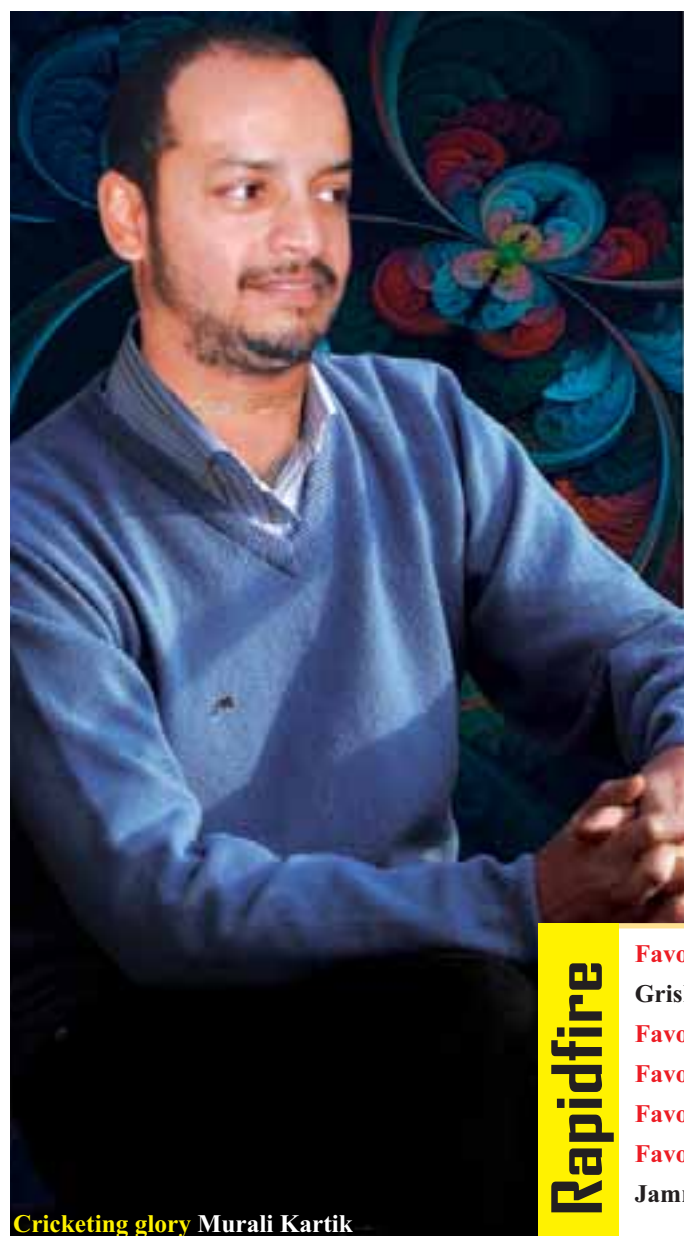


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From helping Mario rescue Pauline to guiding Soap MacTavish through the Russian intelligence office, gaming has come a long way; and it still has a long way to go.

A gateway to the virtual world? A teacher's pet? Or a marketer's tool? What will the future of gaming be like? It's time to speculate!

Koffee with Kartik



Cricketer Murali Kartik opens up in a tete-a-tete about the game and much more

Sarthak Rajpal, AIS Gur 46, VI D

Meeting an international cricketer in person is a dream for many. And what happens when this dream comes true and that too with Murali Kartik? Some candid and interesting conversations take place!

The cricketer is a slow left arm orthodox bowler and left hand batsman. He has been representing the National Cricket Team since 2000 and is known for his loopy trajectory and his ability to spin and bounce the ball. Join in as he gets talking about the game and more.

So, what are you doing these days?

I have just completed the Champions league and now I am playing for the Ranji Trophy and have already completed some matches. I plan to continue playing some good cricket in the times ahead.

Rapidfire

Favourite book: The confession, John Grisham

Favourite Food: Rajma Chawal

Favourite Cars: Audi Q7, BMW X6

Favourite timepass: Sleeping

Favourite tourist spots: Caribbean islands, Jammu and Kashmir

What was the main reason for choosing cricket as your career?

I actually wanted to be a genetic engineer but at the same time I liked cricket too. So, I continued playing and I soon got a chance to play professionally. And there has been no looking back since then.

Who is your role model?

I personally look up to Bishen Singh Bedi and Maninder Singh. Both of them are fabulous cricketers and represent the real spirit of the game.

You have represented several teams in county cricket, namely Lanchashire, Middlesex and Somerset. Which was your favourite team?

All of them were equally good. I enjoyed playing for all the teams, though I had a successful time in Somerset.

What about Pune Warriors or Kolkata Knight Riders?

Now, that is a really tricky question! I think I would want to skip this one.

Though all your fellow cricketers are your friends, who is your best friend?

Most of my fellow cricketers are good friends and I like hanging around with them. As far as the concept of best friend is concerned, it would have to be VVS Laxman and Kulmani Parida. I am equally fond of both of them. ❗

SPORTS Quiz

Sarthak Parashar, AIS Gur 46, IX C

Kartik, Koffee, Cricket...it just doesn't get any better. Enjoyed knowing the cricketer? Time to check your Kartik IQ!

(1) Kartik was born on...

- a) 11th Nov, 1976 b) 28th Feb, 1979
c) 18th Aug, 1973 d) 11th Sept, 1976

(2) Murali Kartik was born in

- a) Andhra Pradesh b) Tamil Nadu
c) Punjab d) Kerala

(3) What is the name of Murali Kartik's wife?

- a) Dona Ganguly b) Shweta
c) Aarti d) Chethana

(4) What is Murali Kartik's bowling style?

- a) Left arm medium b) Right arm fast
c) Slow left arm orthodox d) Left arm medium fast

(5) Which team did Murali Kartik represent in IPL 3?

- a) Kolkata Knight Riders b) Kings XI Punjab
c) Deccan Chargers d) Mumbai Indians

(6) Which team did Murali Kartik debut against?

- a) West Indies b) South Africa
c) Zimbabwe d) New Zealand

Answers

(1) 11th Sep, 1976 (2) Tamil Nadu (3) Shweta (4) Slow left arm orthodox (5) Kolkata Knight Riders (6) South Africa



It was one of the happiest moments of my life when my senior announced my name and told me that I'm the Page Editor for The Global Times. Thank you GT!
Neelakshi Khanna, IX E, AIS Gur 46, Page Editor

School...Fraandship

A bit of best friends forever, teeny weeny squabbles, certain chutzpah, school life 'dosti' has varied hues

Sheffi Tiwari, AIS Gur 46, IX B

Cute bonding, sharing notes, getting into silly fights... school life is all about some meethi-mirchi friendships. Sample this:

A coin life: Friends in school seem to be set on a spinning mode, just like a coin. While they are 'heads' in front of a popular group, they spin to being 'tails' for another group. They don the role of mini *netas* who are different for the *janta* and different for fellow *netas*.

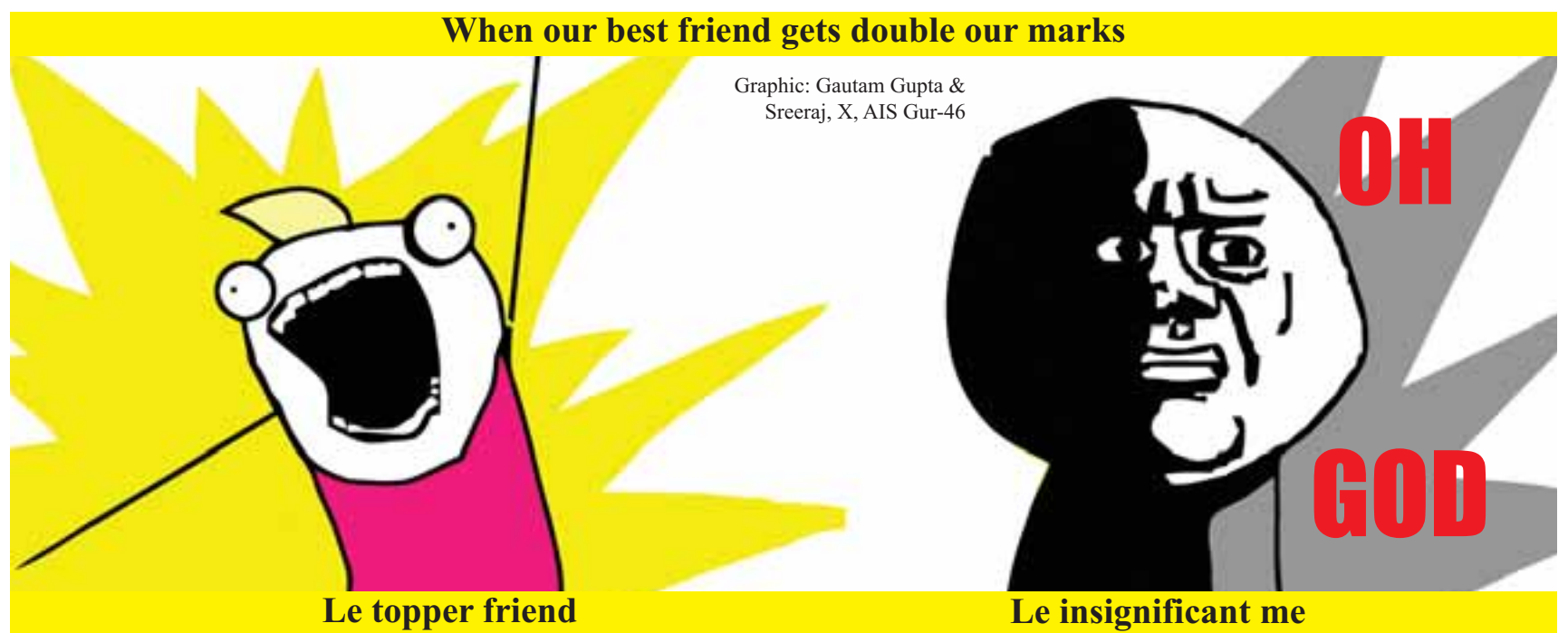
I'm completely someone else when I am with people who are popular but in front of my close friends, I be myself.

Abhaya Roshan, IX B, AIS Gur 46

Party changers: Why does a politician change his party from ABC to KBC? Popularity is the word. One becomes friends with those people who have earned the 'popular' status. No wonder everyone craves to create a popular group and be its leader.

In order to look cool and hep, it's common for many to switch from a close knit group to a popular group.

Vivekina Kaul, XA, AIS Gur 46



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Karara Jawab Milega: This dialogue from the movie *Rajneeti* is often synonymous with school life. What happens when directly or indirectly a friend makes fun of you? Do you let it go because s/he happens to be a friend or wait for an-eye-for-an-eye chance?

Friends often take a small fight or a silly remark to heart. They do not let the matter go just as a joke even if it is their best friend.

Ishita, IX B, AIS Gur 46

I first, then everyone else: *Yaar*, we are best friends! But what happens to this BFF when you are in trouble along with your friend? Don't be surprised if prompt comes the reply, "Ma'am, uski galti hai." Often, during tricky situations like a punishment, friends change and

When our best friend fails



Le Best Friend Le me

prioritize themselves over others. However, the true ones would prefer getting out of trouble with you or rather stay with you to face the trouble.

It's strange the way friends change when you fall in trouble. Ma'am asks who did this and they go like 'Ma'am, I didn't do

it, she did.' Still there is one true friend who is always there for you.

Yeshika, VIII C, AIS Gur 46

Stung by the 'J' bug: If a friend fails, it is sad, but when s/he tops, it's sadder... so says the *Gyan Guru* in the movie *3 Idiots*! How does it feel when you nearly pass and your friend scores a centum in Math? While you get all jumpy and shower him/her with congratulations galore, do you actually feel the happiness within?

I passed marginally in Maths, whereas my friend scored 79/80. I appreciate his hard work, but what is the need of blabbering it to me every other moment? As if I am not sad enough already!

Shubham Sharma, IX C, AIS Gur 46

My friend, my savior: Missed out on class notes while you were absent? Didn't do homework because of last night's birthday party? Exams around the corner and you can't make ABCD of the Chemistry lecture in class? No worries, your best friend in school will pitch in more than willingly to help you out by taking notes for you, giving his/her own notebook and burning the midnight oil to explain the chapter to you.

It's not said without reason that a friend in need is a friend indeed. Those life saving moments when your friend lends you the homework are just so touching. Sometimes, I am unable to understand the writing and what my friend says is, "Dude! Forget the words, copy the design." I love my friend more than Superman at that moment.

Ishaan Yadav, XII E, AIS Gur 46

With love to my sister

They spy on you, refuse to share chocolate, ask many questions; love them or hate them, life's incomplete without the little angels called younger siblings

Shrishti Kalaria, AIS Gur 46, IX E

What's life without siblings and when the case in point is younger siblings, there's never a dull moment. Love them or hate them, you just can't ignore them. Talk of younger siblings and you are reminded of how they always tend to copy the elder siblings – especially their 'cool' style. However, they are not carbon copies of elder siblings either. These little munchkins exhibit common characteristics like they are never tired of watching *Doraemon*, they have to pick a fight every now and then without any reason, they do not study for hours and neither do they leave a chance to embarrass the elder siblings. But having them around is sheer delight too. Their antics, silly talks and unconditional love makes our day. If they act like spies and ask you umpteen questions about anything to everything, that is out of simple curiosity. "A child is the first scientist," said Former President Dr Kalam. They want to explore. They are little souls filled with wonder yet to taste the world.

I call my younger sister an absolute pain but now, when she gets busy with her friends, my life seems to be pale without her. As she turned 8 this year, I realised that she is an integral part of my life. She follows every single action of mine. She wants to dress in a similar fashion, do

Sibling love Shrishti (R) with Shipriya



what I do and walk with a gait like mine. But if she happens to commit any mistake, out comes the rejoinder, "Mamma, Didi does that too!" One day my sister came to me while I was on the phone and asked if I wanted a little part of her chocolate. When I hung up and asked for my part, she told me that she had already eaten it as it took me very long. Phew! During one of the rare occasions when I

was spending some leisure time with her, she suddenly blurted, "I hate you." That night when I asked her why, she replied, "You always ignore me and you don't play with me." These words pinched me hard and made me wonder how little children understand only explicit care, affection and feelings. Now I realise her importance in my life. There are so many things that we want to

undo from our past, things that we don't want our little angels to go through. A strong sibling bond can be built by pure, unadulterated show of love and affection. They need us and we need them. If we behave well, they will follow. This takes time. My angel cast a spell on me and changed my perspective of life by simple words. Their magical wand may touch you too.

URBAN DICTIONARY

Vasundhara Kaul
AIS Gur 46, IX D

Meme: An idea that spreads like a virus by word of mouth, email, etc.
Sentence: Rajnikanth jokes are memes.

Bro code: A set of rules which 'Brothers' or even guy friends are supposed to abide by.
Sentence: Two men should never share an umbrella. That's a bro code.

Cot Potato: A very young child who spends a lot of time watching television.
Sentence: My brother just can't get enough of television, he is such a cot potato.

Greycation: Going on a holiday or vacation with grandparents in order to reduce the cost.
Sentence: For the coming summer holidays, I'm planning greycation.

Vook: A combination of video, text, images and social stream in an electronic book.
Sentence: The vook of Mein Kampf (Hitler's biography) is a rage amidst the youth these days.



Gandhian microcosm





Dr. Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

January 30, 1948, is a day that will forever be etched in the memory of India. Grief enveloped the nation as countrymen mourned Mahatma Gandhi's death and pondered over the country's future. Gandhi, also popularly known as *Bapu* united the nation in his death, as in the 'walk to freedom' that he led without fear.

At a time when India was on the verge of a breakdown from numerous social divides, the Father of the Nation stepped in and started afresh. Up until the 20th century, when draconian practices were stacked upon women and a rigid caste system governed the Indian society, *Bapu* ushered a radical era with subtlety, that stood for emancipation and unity. In the long drawn battle against British Raj, India stood in unison, brushing aside all differences.

The Gandhian era that emerged from the walk to freedom firmly believed in unity in diversity, women empowerment, *ahimsa* and equality. Amity Institutions have embraced these Gandhian values as a way of life. A plethora of extra-curricular activities ensure that each Amitian gets an opportunity to grow and learn. The celebration of festivals and competitions held here allow students to think, participate and rejoice over achievements and discuss pitfalls together as a team, irrespective of any differences.

Amitasha, on the other hand, is another vision that has set out to empower the girl child through education.

Amity, in itself, has come to be a microcosm of sorts, where Gandhism prevails.  

Against all Odds



Anuradha Handa
Principal, AIS Gur 46

Challenges in life come in three broad categories: easy, difficult and impossible. Those who take on the easy ones have a safe life. Those who take on the difficult have a tough, but gratifying one. But those who take on the impossible challenges



are celebrated.

We have heard about a lot of people, from different parts of the world, who have stepped out of the confines of four walls, and raised a voice against stereotypes, thus going against thousands to challenge the established mindsets. Such acts have been real acts of bravery.

The likes of E Sreedharan and Sudha Chandran, who went against all odds to build a better future are true fighters. My message to all you dear students would be to consider the two as your role models and unleash the true spirit in yourselves. We need to usher in a change to make a difference. Who else than youth can do it better? We must not worry about the consequences. All we need to do is focus on our *karma* and the results will follow. So, seek an opportunity to crystallize your opinion and seize it.

Though, individual efforts can make a difference, but, together, we stand a better chance. Thus, we must nurture a feeling of unity and brotherhood amongst us.

It would be the proudest moment of my life to see my students raise the bar, set a new benchmark and inspire their juniors to follow the trend with their heads held high..

I want them to have a strong faith in their abilities as they possess all it takes to be winners.  

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Awake. Arise. Act.

Albeit a secular country, India has forever been confronted with the challenges her diversity holds. We've had enough of talking, it's time to awake now

Sarthak Parashar, AIS Gur 46, IX

India has traversed a great economic and social distance since post-independence era. However, petty boundaries of caste, creed, religion and language continue to haunt its people and threaten the ideal of secularism, the very foundation of a united country.

Our activists and leaders are constantly working towards building a secular nation, but their efforts are yet to make inroads deep into the society. Writing articles and letters, conducting debates, protests, holding stimulating discussions on talk shows and waging protests may look like an ideal route to creating harmony among the 'diverse' citizens of India.

However, this diversity, sometimes, has a drastic bearing on democracy. The process of fair and free elections gets hampered if we allow the evil forces operational in the country to use these differences to their advantage. Such forces should not be allowed to tarnish the image of our beloved country.

We should rather firm our resolve to take on these forces with full might and not allow them to paralyze the smooth functioning of the world's

greatest democracy, known as an ardent follower of secularism.

Though, the hype created by media does a lot of good by sensitizing the general public and instating the much-needed dialogue between the warring factions. However, the impact of such moves can only be felt when each one of us joins the movement, irrespective of caste, religion, regional, linguistic and other barriers.

If everyone gives up fighting for their own personal interests willingly, India is bound to register its presence as a global superpower. Everyone acknowledges that a perfect nation cannot be created overnight, but we can always start afresh!



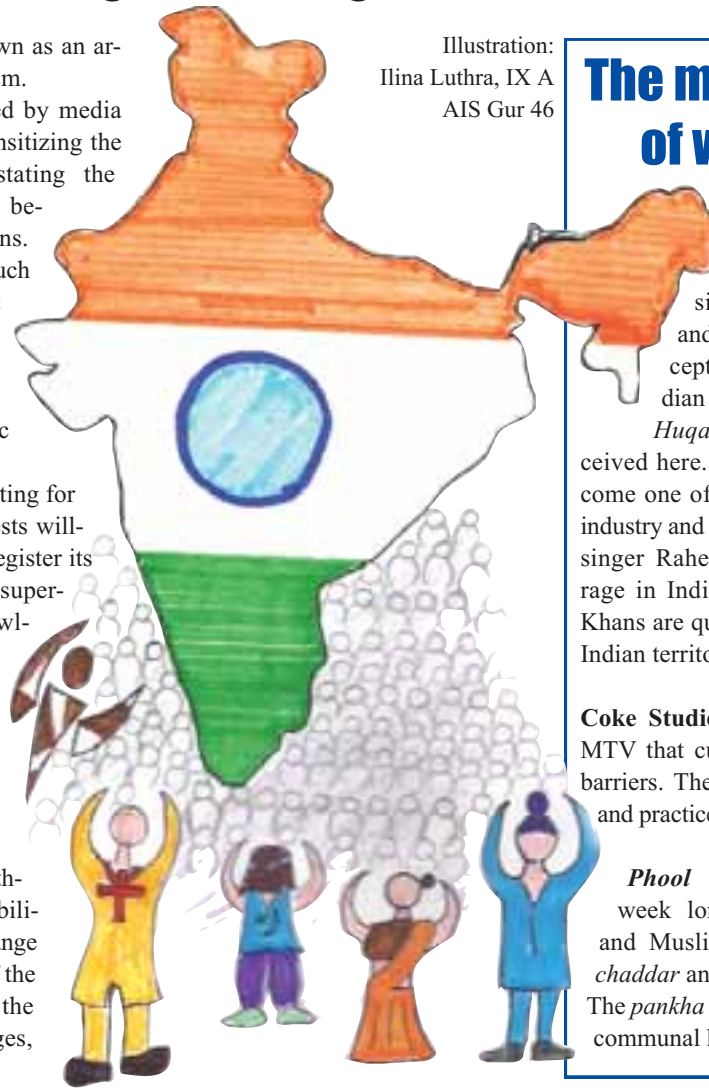
If an egalitarian society has to be built, each one of us has to promise to do our bit for the society, without shirking our responsibilities. We can usher in a change only when all sections of the society join hands. As the Tata Tea commercial urges, "Jaago re!"  

Illustration:
Irina Luthra, IX A
AIS Gur 46



The myriad hues of warmth...

Entertainment beyond borders:

Ali Zafar, a Pakistani singer, music composer and now actor has been accepted very well in the Indian society. His first album, *Huqa Pani*, was well received here. Ali Zafar has now become one of the heartthrobs of our industry and is here to stay. Pakistani singer Rahet Fateh Ali Khan is a rage in India. Even our very own Khans are quite popular beyond the Indian territory.

Coke Studio: A popular show on MTV that cuts across all linguistic barriers. The only language known and practiced on the show is music.

Phool Wallon ki Sair: The week long festival sees Hindus and Muslims offering the floral *chaddar* and *pankha* at the dargah. The *pankha* has become a symbol of communal harmony.

Little Teacher

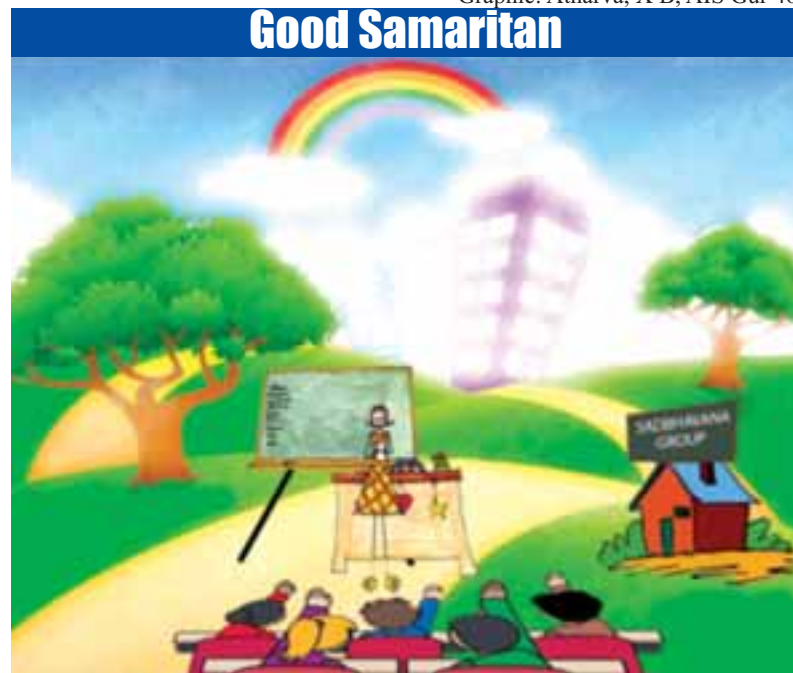
Khwaish Gupta, AIS Gur 46, V

Hope you all have heard the story of the king who turned everything that he touched into gold. My parents too narrated the



story to me, but unlike many other stories that I have heard, this one has really left some hard-to-erase impressions on my mind.

I had always felt that I was living a selfish life, but the story has instilled

Graphic: Atharva, X B, AIS Gur 46



a desire in me to possess the midas touch and transform everything I touch into gold. I have always wanted to do something for the underprivileged children. I shared my feelings with my mother and social activist Aasha *didi* who are working passionately for improving the lives of the downtrodden children under the aegis of *Sadbhavna* Group. Blessed with a midas touch, they both are working for the enlightenment of the poor and needy who are deprived of education. *Sadbhavna* Group is run in the premises of a government school, whose teachers are actively involved in the initiative. The group aims to educate the underprivileged while providing them food, clothing and training in music and dance.

When my mother first told me to teach the poor and illiterate children, I felt doubtful. But when I finally started teaching them, I never looked back. I now feel that God has given me the midas touch as I have brought about a small change in the lives of these children of a lesser God.  

Mentor Musings





Padmini Das
Teacher Coordinator

E-mails, frantic phone calls, hunting for children in school corridors, punctuated with teaching marked

the making of this issue. I have learnt a lot in the course of making a newspaper. What amazes me is the fertile imagination of children and how quickly they provide alternate solutions in sticky situations. Learning is a never ending experience, and GT has made us realise that!



Deepthi Sharma
Teacher Coordinator

Unbound enthusiasm and requests to write for GT, really had me floored. I enjoyed the opportunity to spur the children to refine their written expression, add colour to their drawings or lace their poems with humour. Thank you GT!  

Pearls of Wisdom

- As we look ahead into the next century, leaders will be those who empower others. **Steve Jobs**
- Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower. **John F. Kennedy**
- Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail. **Oscar Wild**
- Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other. **Aristotle**
- Those who try to lead the people can only do so by following the mob. **Woodrow Wilson**
- Leadership does not always wear the harness of compromise. **Compiled by Malvika Bhardwaj, AIS G-46, X**
- Leadership is the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it. **Dwight D. Eisenhower**
- He who has never learnt to obey cannot be a good commander.

GT M@il



Dear Editor,
Reading The Global Times is so much fun. I am not even a part of this school, but every time my friend comes home with a new issue of GT, I am the first to grab it. My favourite is page 5, as it is related to teens. I always await the next edition eagerly!

Mohini Narayanaswamy
Scottish High School, Gurgaon

Dear Editor,
The articles in The Global Times are getting better with each issue. I feel proud to have been a part of a school with talented writers. Even at a young

age of 10, I remember how much fun it was to read the issue when my sister brought it home. I was very happy to hear that GT had become a weekly. Page 7 is my favourite because the stories are really interesting. I can't wait for the next issue!

Vallari Bhardwaj,
Alumnus, AIS Gur 46

Dear Editor,
Reading GT is always a pleasure and that is so because it is peppy, informative and awesome. I am really in awe of the Editorial team at GT for doing their work so... perfectly, everytime. Hats off to them.  

Trisha Puri,
VIII E, AIS Gur 46



I've been a part of GT for four years now. Every year brings along new ideas, new learnings, new experiences. GT is awesome. I love GT!

Tanvi Sethi, XA, AIS Gur 46, Page Editor

I can do it!

"I am strong. I know no limits. I defy gravity. I shatter the stereotypes. My curves are earned. My weakness is shed."

-Anonymous

Remember the nursery book which embedded some images in our minds? The letter 'N' with a LADY dressed in white (Nurse)...and 'G' with a tall MAN with a gun (Guard)? Such typical roles have been around from forever! **Tanvi Sethi, XA, AIS Gur 46** accosts some people who've chosen the path untaken



One litre petrol please, Ma'am Vasundhra(L) and Tanvi with Sheetal (centre)

Fueling in a new trend

Sheetal Kashyap, Petrol Pump Attendant

Age: Mid 30s

Profession: Petrol pump attendant; was a commercial driver earlier (has also worked during the Commonwealth Games 2010).

Works at: Bharat Petroleum Corporation Petrol Pump, Sector-43, Gurgaon

Working hours: 8 am to 4 pm

Experience: Approx. 5 months

Challenge: As she has a son aged 16 and daughter aged 14 residing in Delhi, she couldn't afford to have erratic working hours, which was the case

with her driving job.

Challenge conquered: Joined as a petrol pump attendant.

Perception challenged: She has never faced any discrimination/harassment and enjoys the job.

Message: "Girls must not worry about choosing so-called male jobs. Rather, they should try to be trend-setters by doing something different."

FACT: More and more women are taking up this profession as they feel comfortable with the working hours, and the not-so-strenuous chores they have to perform. 🇮🇳

Rhythmic prodigies

Pic: Vasundhra Kaul, IX D, AIS Gur 46



Taal Se Taal Mila Apoorva (L) & Tulika

Apoorva, 16 & Tulika, 14

Tabla maestros

Profession: Students

Hobby: Playing Tabla

Experience: Apoorva – approx. 6 years;

Tulika – approx. 8 years

Qualifications: Well versed with classical beats such as *Teen Taal*, *Jhap Taal* and *Rupak Taal*.

Challenge: The physical effort required.

Challenge conquered: Dedication, patience and perseverance sidelined all kinds of barriers.

Perception challenged: Gender is not a criterion for playing Tabla.

Message: "While playing Table, if your hands become rough, try hand creams!"

FACT: Tabla soloist Anuradha Pal was trained by Ustad Alla Rakha and Ustad Zakir Hussain 🇮🇳

Nursing with a man's touch...

Deependra, Male Nurse

Age: Late 20s

Profession: Nursing Supervisor

Works at: ICU (Paediatrician Ward), Paras Hospital, Gurgaon

Experience: Approx 9 years

Challenge: Wished to be a doctor with a vision to serve the world and contribute to a healthy society. However, he couldn't make it due to certain unfortunate circumstances.



Nurturing lives Deependra

Challenge conquered: Took up the next best

thing – nursing.

Perception challenged: Mrs Gladys, HoD, Nursing Dept., Paras Hospital informs, "Male nurses are preferred because they take less leaves. Also, they are well suited for strenuous physical routines like the CPR as well as handling emergencies.

Message: "Take up the medical stream as a career option if you think you can connect with traumatic conditions and give emotional support to the patient."

FACT: Paras Hospital has 320 nurses in total, out of which 120 are male. 🇮🇳

The School Bag Mom



Present Ma'am Mrs Uma Shashi Misra

Asavri Misra

AIS Gurgaon 46, IX C

What happens when you run out of options and there seems no way out? This is exactly what **Uma Shashi Misra** went through when her husband became too ill to work, landing the family in a financial crunch. It was then that she decided to study again and support her family. Unfolding her story, in her own words...

The Dilemma – "What would my kids say?"

I came to the conclusion that I would go back to college, finish my studies and improve our condition. But, what would my kids say? The nagging thought didn't let me sleep.

Breaking The News – "Those few seconds of silence were killing."

Mustering courage, I broke the

news. "You know, we aren't really doing well. So, I have decided to get my PhD in Education. It's just what we need," I said and waited. Those few seconds of silence were killing. Then, one of my daughters asked, "Does that mean you'll walk with us to college every morning?" The other one quipped, "Will we finally get to spend some time together?" With tears in my eyes, I replied, "We most definitely will."

The Challenges – "I had lost my ability to think and write as fast as was needed."

Time flew and soon it was time for me to write my exam. It suddenly hit me that I had lost my ability to think and write as fast as was needed. With sheer luck, I scored well and was called for the interview. I was asked what I had been doing all these years. My son was waiting outside. I pointed towards him and said, "That's what I had been doing."

I started attending college. I was very nervous during the first few weeks as I knew I no longer had a quick absorbent brain. But as it was my second chance at a good education, I had to give it my all. And I did just that.

Support System – "I was truly blessed."

My teachers made fun of me but helped me too. Most of them were younger than me; so criticism was hard to handle but I got through it. Through all this, my children took care of me instead of it being the other way around. It was then that I realized, I was truly blessed.

Tasting Success – "Little did I know that my journey had just started."

The day I got my degree, I felt on top of the world! I knew that from then on, there would be only highs and no lows. Little did I know that my journey had just started. 🇮🇳

Pic: Vasundhra Kaul, IX D, AIS Gur 46



On guard Rekha (L) and Geeta

Guard-ians on duty

Rekha, 32 & Geeta, 27

Female Security Guards

Work at: AIS Gurgaon 46

Experience: Rekha- Approx 7 months

Geeta - Over 2 years

Challenge: Females are not really the first choice as guards.

Challenge conquered: Joined Amity!

Perception challenged: These women can handle arms as competently as their male counterparts.

Message: "Being safe is not being 'sissy'. Be brave and alert at all times."

FACT: Today, increasing number of women in uniform, loaded with arms, can be seen at most public places. 🇮🇳



Circle of life

STORY WALA



Illustration: Abhavya Roshan, VIII C, AIS Gur 46,

Abhavya Roshan, AIS Gur 46, VIII

A woman walked up to a man sitting on the ground. This was a woman, clearly accustomed to the finer things of life. She asked him, "Are you hungry?" The man growled, "Leave me alone!" The woman insisted, "Come with me for a coffee." After some resistance, the old man, Jack, accompanied the woman to a coffee shop. The manager strode across the cafeteria and stood by his table. "What's going on

here?" he asked. "I brought him for a coffee," said the woman. The manager replied angrily, "Having a person like that here is bad for business." Old Jack grinned, "See, lady, I didn't want to come here!" The woman turned to the manager, "Are you familiar with Eddy and Associates, the banking firm?" "Of course, they hold their weekly meetings in one of my banquet rooms," the manager answered impatiently. "I, sir, am Penelope Eddy, CEO of the company. I thought that might make a difference to

Jack smiled. "Yes, I was behind the serving counter. You asked me if you could work for something to eat. I said it was against company policy."

your opinion," she said.

The woman turned to Jack, "Do you remember me? In my younger days when you worked here, I came through that very door, hungry and jobless. I was down to my last few cents and had been kicked out of my apartment. I walked into this place to get something to eat." Jack smiled. "Yes, I was behind the serving counter. You asked me if you could work for something to eat. I said it was against company policy."

The woman continued, "Then you made me the biggest sandwich, gave me a cup of coffee. I was afraid you'd get into trouble. Then, when I looked over and saw you put the price of my food in the cash register, I knew everything would be okay. I got a job that afternoon. Eventually, I started my own business." She pulled out a business card, "When you are done, visit the personnel director of my company. If you ever need anything at all, my door is always open." There were tears in the old man's eyes. "How can I thank you?" he said. "Thank God who led me to you." 🇮🇳

Sooji Uttpam



Ayushi Agarwal, AIS Gur 46, IX A

Ingredients

Sooji ½ cup
Fresh curd ½ cup
Baking soda 1 tsp
Vegetables (Chopped) 1 cup
(Carrot, beans, onion, capsicums)
Curry leaves (Chopped) A few
Red chilly powder ½ tsp
Salt To taste
Oil For frying

Method

- Mix sooji, fresh curd, baking powder and keep aside for 15 minutes.
- Add chopped vegetables, red chilly powder, salt, chopped curry leaves and mix well.
- Heat oil in a pan and put some amount of the mixture on it. Now heat it till the mixture turns golden brown.
- Decorate with mint leaves and serve hot with mint chutney. 🇮🇳



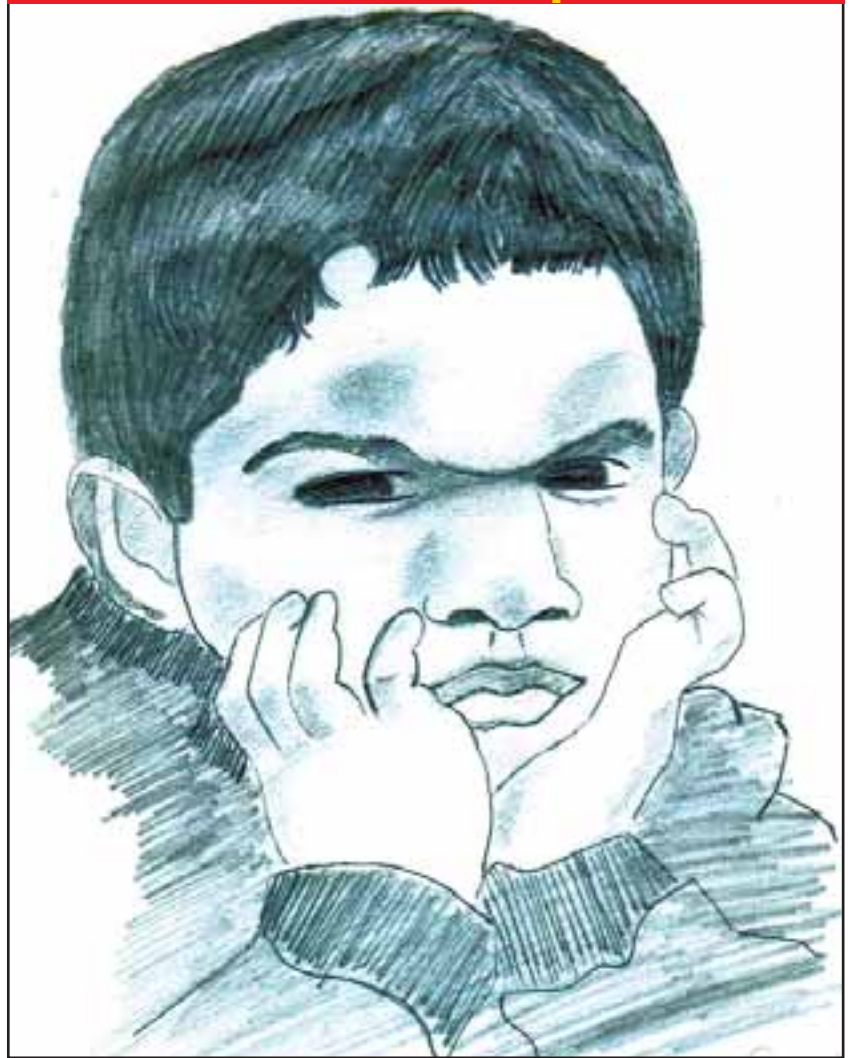
Dusk of imagination

Agrima Agarwal, AIS Gur 46, VII D

The power of thinking the right is the blinking of a bulb in our mind. A curse is there with the the sight, but a cheerful blessing might change my way of thinking, while a ray of sun is sinking in the water, decreasing its shine. The sun is going to hide, but the darkness is going to stay Till the sun appears again, and a heavenly breeze will blow, while the darkness will become low. Then I will find my way to the garden of imagination and faith. 🇮🇳

Brush 'n' Easel

Siddhant Misra
X A, AIS Gur 46



POEMS

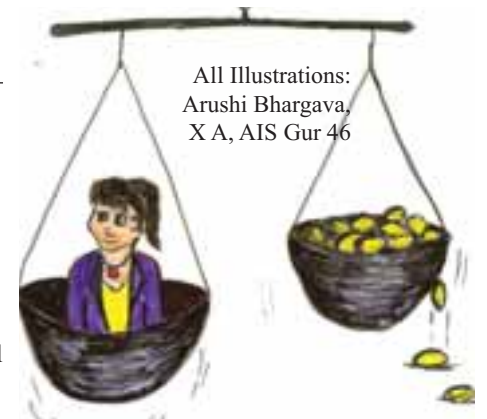
Born a burden

Tanvi Chaturvedi
AIS Gur 46, X A

There was happiness all around, as a new member was to join the fold. The house was full of relatives, everybody was in a festive mood. But all the happiness was gone, when they came to know that a girl was born.

She was a burden on the land, without a single sympathetic hand. She was not given proper care, and she didn't even dare to ask. As she entered teenage, she lived as if in a cage. She was still considered a burden, her parents used to call her the flower of someone else's garden.

The day finally came when she got married, and went to her husband's place, hoping of it being a wonderland. After a few happy days,



All Illustrations:
Arushi Bhargava,
X A, AIS Gur 46

the near and dear ones called her a burden. Now during the last days of her life, she is a burden for her own beloved children. From whom life was born, is now considered a burden on earth.

They are always inhumanly treated, they are discouraged even if they are talented. Will she be always considered a burden? When will she become an owner of her own garden? 🇮🇳

CAMERA CAPERS

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"Adopt the pace of nature: her secret is patience." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Send in your entries to cameracapers@theglobaltimes.in

Crazy facts

Sheffi Tiwari, AIS Gur 46, IX B

- A Rubik's cube has 43,252,003,274,489,856,000 possible combinations.
- The second most popular search item on yahoo is "Google".
- There are only 18 countries richer than Bill Gates.
- An average person lies 3 times per ten minutes of conversation.
- 90% people at some point in their lives have tried to close the fridge slowly to see when the light goes out.
- Genghis Khan, Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini, Napoleon Bonaparte and LaToya Jackson all share a common fear of cats.
- An average person spends 30 years being angry at a family member. 🇮🇳



It was an amazing and fulfilling experience contributing to the GT issue in my own little way.
Sreeraj Bhattacharya, X A, AIS Gur 46, Illustrator

Jack's magical smile

Illustration: Jayita Malik, V A, AIS Gur-46

Short Story



As the princess opened her eyes, John smiled at her and she sprang to her feet.

to give his powers to someone else as heaven needed more angels like him. After telling the truth to Victoria and blessing her with eternal happiness, Davis returned to heaven smilingly. A happy Victoria gave birth to a boy named John, who went on to become a doctor. One night, John saw his father in his dream, saying, "Son, I am giving you the power to cure any illness, just with a smile." John woke up with a start, but realized it was a dream and went back to sleep peacefully. The next day, it was announced in the market that the king's daughter was very ill. John immediately went to the palace where the princess lay unconscious. As she opened her eyes, John smiled at her and the princess sprang to her feet. The surprised king told John, "My son you are now the king of this palace and have the hand of my daughter for marriage." King John and the princess lived happily ever after. 🇮🇳

Sanchit Sethi, AIS Gur 46, IV

After a few years, the couple started running out of money. Upon this, Davis took up a job and started serving as a doctor. While Victoria would go out for daily chores, Davis put his super powers into pills to cure people. Soon, Davis was called back to heaven. He was asked

Once there was an angel called Davis. One day, he saw a beautiful girl, Victoria, on earth and fell in love with her. So, he came to earth and married her in human form.



Mango Cheese Cake

Ingredients

Bran or digestive biscuits	..... 8-10
Butter	..... 2 tbsp
Skimmed milk	..... 1 cup
Cornflour	..... 1 tsp
Gelatin	..... 1½ tbsps
Sugar	..... 1 cup
Sliced mango	..... 1
Skimmed milk chees	..... 2½ cups
Mango pulp	..... 2 cups
Hung yogurt	..... 1½ cups
Mango essence	..... 1 tsp

Method

■ Crush biscuits and add butter. Put this mixture in a pan lined with greaseproof paper. Press the mixture lightly and place it in the re-

frigerator to make the crust.
■ Heat milk in a pan. Mix cornflour in a little milk and add it to the hot milk. Cook, stirring continuously till the mixture thickens.
■ Mix gelatin in a little water and heat it in the microwave for one minute.
■ Take hung yogurt, paneer, mango pulp, mango essence, milk and sugar in a bowl and mix with a hand blender. Add the dissolved gelatin and blend. Pour this mixture into the prepared tin over the biscuit layer.
■ Refrigerate for two to three hours, decorate with mango slices and serve chilled. 🇮🇳

Brush 'n' Easel

Aditya Aggarwal
II H, AIS Gur 46



NO SMOKING

One day Nobita asked his mom

Nobita asked his mother again

His mom replied...

Mom, what are you doing?

I am lighting a fire.

Mom, what should I do to extinguish fire if it's burning in a park or somewhere else?

You should always throw water on it.

Once Nobita saw a man smoking

He took a glass of water and threw it on the man's cigarette.

Man- Why did you throw water on my cigarette?

Nobita- Because my mother told me to throw water whenever I see a fire. 🇮🇳

Made by: Harshit Chauhan, IV C & Aparajita Bhaskarm, IV A, AIS G-46

Childhood Bollywood

Flex your imagination as Jayita Malik, V A, AIS Gur-46, challenges you to identify these famous bollywood stars.



Answers: 1) Shahrukh Khan 2) Kareena Kapoor 3) Amrit Khan 4) Ranbir Kapoor

My visit to a wild wedding

Poem

Padam Chopra, AIS Gur 46, V A

Once I went to a marriage,
in a beautiful carriage.
The bride and groom were on the stage,
and they were getting engaged.
The groom said that marriage is a circus of three rings,
engaging, marrying and suffering.
The audience laughed,
and the groom felt like a daft.
Then they both went to cut the cake
kept on a decorated stake.
I went to fill up my tummy,
I must say
the food was really yummy.

The *pujari* was a bit modern,
and the marriage had to be shortened.
The *pujari* asked the couple, "Have you



ever quarried,
and ready to change your Facebook
status to married?"
They both said yes,
without a mess.
People threw flowers all over,
Pujari said that the ritual is over.

The bride with tears headed to the limo.
The groom started crying
without much ado.
Everybody asked why,
the groom stopped to cry.
And said to the crowd, "The bride's just
crying today,
but I will now cry every day with dismay.
I wonder why all people get married,
because love is not the emotion that can always be carried,
other emotions of life like horror and terror
should also be handled without any error." 🇮🇳



Riddle Fiddle

Nandiinii Singh, AIS Gur 46, V D

1. What would you call a sleeping bull?
2. Why do cows have bells?
3. Which pie can fly?
4. What do you serve that you can't eat?
5. What do birds need when they are sick?
6. When I am closed, I am a triangle; when I am open I am a circle. What am I?
7. A sport named on an insect?
8. A board that is made of cups?
9. Which is the darkest sea? 🇮🇳

Answers

1) Bulldozer 2) Their horns don't work 3) Magpie 4) A Tennis ball 5) A Twentment 6) Pepsi 7) Cricket 8) Cupboard 9) Peps

Saturday Story Time

Amiown revives and improves upon the age old method of Story Telling to involve the kids and parents to widen their knowledge horizon in a playway fashion during the Saturday Story Club

Best Practice

*Tell me a fact and I'll learn it,
tell me a truth and I'll believe it
But tell me a story,
and it will lie in my heart forever.*

Story telling has been around since time immemorial. It has been the way through which people passed on the legends and history to the next generation, before we started writing and recording things. Stories from 'Panchatantra', and sharing of ones own experiences help to widen the horizon of our knowledge and understanding of the world around us. Realizing the potential of Story Telling, Ms Sapna Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amiown Schools/ACERT introduced the concept of 'Saturday Story Club' as a part of the Parent Participation Program, so as to give an overview to the parents of how stories open the doors of knowledge and wisdom and also help bond with them.

A new beginning: To give an apt start to this initiative, the teachers presented a skit to depict the importance of books; as they rightly say "books are man's best friends."

Learning Moral lessons: Reading out stories not only helps de-



velop imagination but also teaches us the moral values like nurturing of emotions of sharing and friendship as shared in the story 'The rainbow fish,' read out in class. Amies learnt how on sharing her coloured fins with her friends the rainbow fish could win so many friends.

Learning culture, rituals and customs: Stories are the best way to learn about the different cultures, rituals and customs. Keeping this in mind a special depiction of 'The Ramayana' was organized, wherein the story was showcased with the help of stick puppets of characters from the epic.

The presentation supported by multimedia effects was enjoyed by all.

Spin a story: The children learnt the art of spinning a story around the characters with the help of a story revolving around clay moulding. They first witnessed how to mould different characters and then spin a story around it. Parents also learnt how simple ingredients from their kitchen can help them make non toxic clay at home.

Decoding mental faculties: Reading requires optimum utilization of mental faculties as the mind



I can make my own play dough



Lost in the Puppet shadow

needs to decode the print material. Hence, to collaborate story telling with creativity, the story club made presentation involving stories wherein children learnt to thread a story with the help of simple drawings of the characters.

From book to reality: Narrating a story to children using puppets is always fascinating. When the story narrated using shadow puppets is followed with a personal interaction with the story characters, the impact is everlasting. Both the children and parents witnessed this impact as they took on an adventurous journey to the jungle

safari via shadow puppets. Children created a mini puppet theatre using empty cartons to get a hands on experience of shadow puppet story telling method. They also made shadows of various animals using hands and torch.

Musical Stories: Music is one of the most beautiful creations of God which helps us to distress ourselves. Keeping this in mind the story club titled 'Shaka laka boom boom' was organized wherein children made musical instruments like guitar, rattle, shakers, drum etc from waste materials. Parents also had a gala time seeing the little ones performing with these instruments. 🎵

Fun Time



What do penguins order for lunch?
Icebergers!

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Imbuing National Pride



Leaving a patriotic mark

Amiown Vasundhara held a Special Assembly on January 25, 2012 to educate children on Republic Day, celebrated every year on Jan 26, when the constitution of India came into force and India became a truly Sovereign, Democratic Country in the year 1950. The little ones enjoyed singing 'Nanha Munha Rahi hun' and stood in attention when the National Anthem was played. On this special day, children were told about their national bird peacock, national animal tiger, national game hockey, national emblem and the national flag with the Ashoka Chakra. The children were also apprised with the names of the Indian freedom fighters as well as explained the significance of

each color in the National Flag. The colours of Indian flag were reinforced by collaboratively making a wreath with their little hand prints. The children were told that every year on Jan 26, the President of India hoists the national flag at Rajpath and salute the Republic Day Parade. This year it shall be done by the current President Ms Pratibha Patil. As a part of the Parent Partnership Programme, The parents were suggested to take out time to watch the parade live/TV with their children to witness the 'Amar Jawan Jyoti' at India Gate. This celebration radiated the social message of togetherness, love, patriotism and integrity for the country and also to celebrate the day with zeal and pride. 🇮🇳



There have been many changes in my life in the last year but one of the things that remained the same was my bonding with GT. I hope I continue to be a part of this extended family of mine - the GT team.

Shweta Ahluwalia, AIS Gur 46, GT Teacher Co-ordinator

AIS Pushp Vihar

Lights Camera Action!

'Ignited Spirit' brings the best of creative theatrical talents of Delhi schools on one platform

Creativity is a great motivator as it makes people interested in what they are doing, gives hope that there can be a worthwhile idea, gives the possibility of some sort of achievement to everyone and at the same time makes life fun and more interesting. 'Ignited Spirit' - Amity Pushp Vihar's Annual Inter-School Theatre Fest, born with this seed of thought, provided the creative young minds, the fodder for channelizing their boundless energy in an innovative way. The two day fest held on Dec 20-21, 2011 witnessed 10 renowned Delhi schools set the stage on fire with their stupendous

energy and exhilarating spirit. The first day saw the juniors (V-VII) putting up their magical performances on the theme 'Spoof of a fairy tale' or a 'Folklore with

a comic touch'. The second day was witness to the clash of the titans with the seniors (VIII-X) proving their mettle on 'Spoof of a Shakespearean play with a

comic touch.' There was no camera and no re-takes in the performance, the actors performed to the hilt and left the audience asking for more. The fest was judged by experts Dr Mani Bhushan, Ashish Garg and Mona Chawla who just couldn't stop raving about the actors and their impressive acting skills.

This theatre fest programme as conceived by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools aims to polish creativity of students. School Principal Ameeta Mohan presented the vote of thanks and congratulated all the winners for their wonderful performance. [G](#) [U](#)



Awards Abode

Rolling Trophy: AIS Saket

Junior Category

1st: AIS Saket

2nd: AIS Vas-I

Best Actor: AIS Saket

Senior Category

1st: Birla Vidya Niketan

2nd: AIS Mayur Vihar

Best Actor: AIS Vasundhara Sec-6

Sporting a cultural zeal

Amity International School, Noida held its Primary Annual Day -Fitness Fiesta-'Amity Goes Global' on Dec 3, 2011 for the students of Classes I & II. Chief Guest Anant Deo, SP, Provincial Police Service, UP and Guest of Honour Surinder Khanna, Former Indian Cricketer, lit the ceremonial lamp, along with Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, Ammaji (Smt Leelawati Shastri), Renu Singh (School Principal) and Roopma Singh (Primary Consultant).

Sports Captain Saideep Ganesh lit the ceremonial torch, which was followed by an array of sporty performances reflecting cultures from around the globe. Hornpipes, jigs and reels of the piping 'Scottish Country Dance' transported one to the highlands. The



AIS Noida

'Camel Riders' mesmerised the spectators to the tune of musical flutes on the sandy banks. 'The Samurai of Japan' was the karate display as the 'Wind Warriors' with streaks of their swirling swords danced the 'dance of self-sacrifice'. 'African Drummers' hummed about ebony and ivory, culture and people. The cycle race

winners received new cycles from Atlas Cycles. Finally, 'Once an Amitian, Always an Amitian' was put forth in form of an intense display of yoga and Bharatanatyam. The skills of football, lawn tennis, cricket and hockey along with callanetics reflected the essence of global citizenship. [G](#) [U](#)

Tele-Toddlers Team-up

Tele Matches - 'Tiddlers and Toddlers' hosted by AIS Vasundhara Sector-6 teed off with the lighting of 'Amity Jyoti', a symbol of belief and confidence by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools. The tele-matches declared open by School Principal Sunila Athley aimed at instilling team spirit in the hearts of the tender Amitians with various rounds of relays and races. The event held on December 16, 2011 saw over 500 children from Nursery to Class III participate in races, relay and drills with zest and were cheered by their respective houses. [G](#) [U](#)



AIS Vasundhara-6

Clean India. Shine India.

Ministry of tourism campaigns for Clean India to rebuild the image of India and revive foreign tourism

Ananya Rajpoot
AIS Noida, X A

The lack of environmental cleanliness has negatively affected the country's image; the worst hit being the tourism sector. Therefore, the ministry of tourism decided to take a proactive step, which lead to the genesis of the concept of 'Campaign Clean India.' This campaign will be a part of the Government's Five Year Plan for improving the quality services and environs in and around tourist destinations across India. In this background, a one day workshop was organised on December 20, 2011 at Hotel Ashok. The approach of the workshop was comprehensive and inclusive. It involved every strata of the society-schools, colleges, NGOs and government. I was fortunate to be a part of this workshop along with my batchmate Ayan Pandey. The opening ceremony was graced by

distinguished personalities from all walks of life. This included respected Former President Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, Tourism Minister Subodh Kant Sahay, Railway Minister Dinesh Trivedi, Railway Board Chairman Vinay Mittal, Union Minister of State

AIS Noida

"Cleanliness is next to Godliness."

RH Khwaja

Union Tourism Secretary

for Tourism Sultan Ahmed, Dr Naresh Trehan, Members of the Parliament Shatrughan Sinha and Chiranjeevi and many others. Union tourism secretary RH Khwaja delivered the key note address, where he aptly stated a Kashmiri quote to convey that 'cleanliness is next to godliness.' After the inaugural, the participants

were divided into five groups namely - educational group, media group, NGO group, travel & trade group and corporate group. Each group indulged in an intense meeting to culminate concrete recommendations to carry the campaign forward.

We, as part of the educational group, experienced a grand opening to the discussion with an oath taken along with Dr APJ Abdul Kalam. His encouraging words boosted our confidence. He left us with great gusto to advance the discussion, which was coordinated by Deputy Secretary MoT, Sanjay Kothari. During the discussion, we crystallized short term and long term methods to take the campaign forward. The day concluded with a session, which saw Delhi CM Sheila Dikshit, Kumari Selja and Ravi Kishan as the guests. The session concluded with a presentation on the recommendations of each group that were forwarded to the ministry for action. [G](#) [U](#)

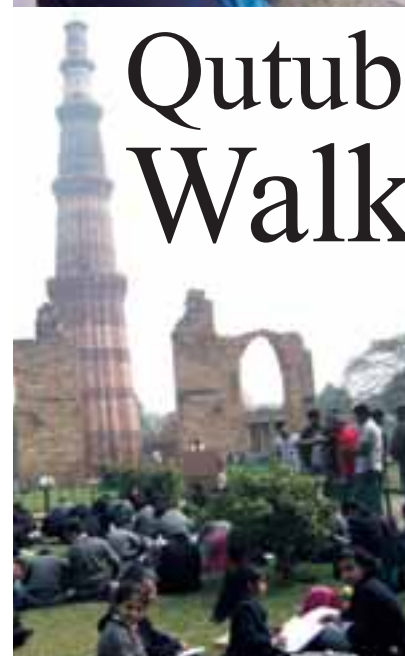


AIS Pushp Vihar

Qutub Walk

Aneeta Sharma, Teacher, AIS PV

Class IV students of Amity International School, Pushp Vihar visited Qutub Minar, listed on World Heritage Sites to commemorate 100 years of Delhi. The children arrived at the historic venue to honour the greatest treasure of Delhi's history with colours and camera. They participated in a painting competition organized at the venue. They also interacted with the foreign tourists apprising them with the history of Qutub Minar and making them aware of the completion of 100 years of Delhi. The memorable visit not only educated the children on India's rich historic heritage but also boosted their confidence to interact with visitors and feel proud of their country. [G](#) [U](#)





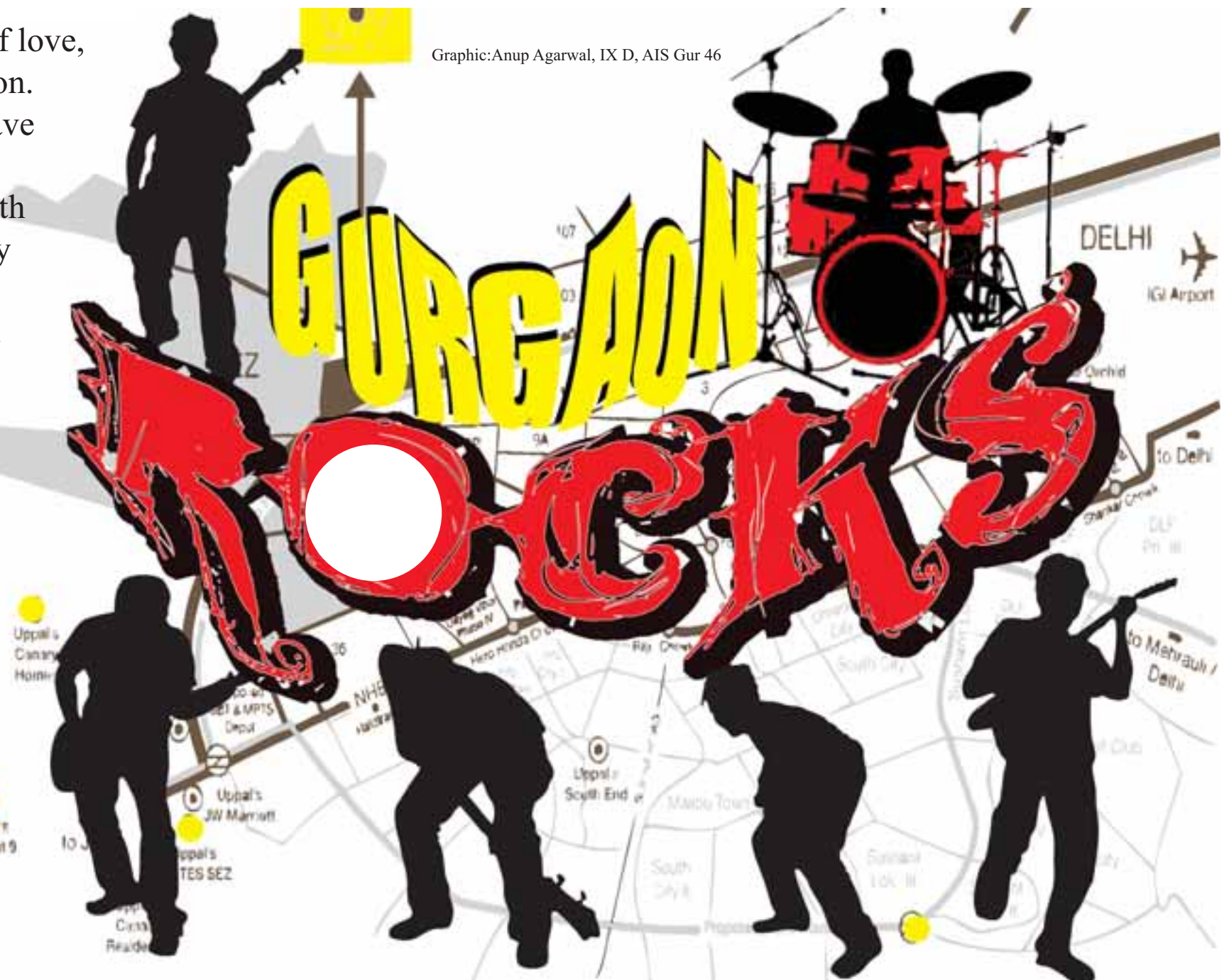
If music be the food of love, play on...and on and on. Shakespeare would have been crying out loud, headbanging along with these young and peppy bands, had he been alive today, living and singing in the musical bylanes of Gurgaon

Esha Gopinath Nair, XI A & Vasundhra Kaul, IX D, AIS Gur 46

Gurgaon is an urban and fast growing city full of hip youngsters who are passionate about their music. They certainly support and encourage it by all means - from attending concerts to buying CDs and merchandise of their favourite rockers. The music crazy people of Gurgaon draw famous bands to the NCR and the vicious musical cycle continues, sometimes giving birth to new musical groups and bands. Time to meet some of the offshoots of Gurgaon's musical love!

Mutiny in March

GENRE: The new wave or progressive wave of hardcore/metal core, using different time signatures and technological riffing. They compose their own songs. "Every band loves to play an original set live, and we are no exception," said Jatin Chhabra, the bass guitarist.
INSPIRATION: Parkway Drive, August Burns Red and For the Fallen Dreams.
ACHIEVEMENTS: "We have begun to get into competitions and pub gigs, recently," said Jatin. They recently per-



Graphic: Anup Agarwal, IX D, AIS Gur 46

formed at the IIT Kanpur music festival and at a couple of college fests.
USP: One of the few bands who play hardcore metal.

Inertia

GENRE: Contrary to their name, Inertia is an alternative cum progressive rock band with a slight blues rock feel to it.

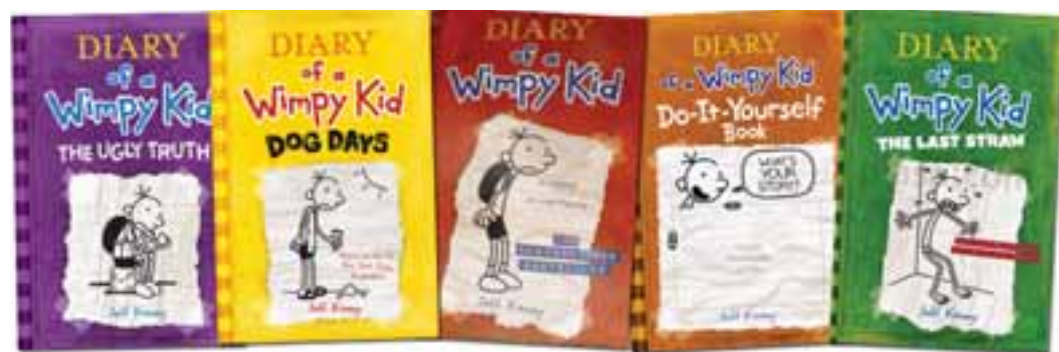
"For teens, we play the Porcupine tree, or Red Hot Chilli Peppers and for older age groups, we cover The Beatles and Eric Clapton, so it's balanced," explains Rishaal Rajaan, a member.
INSPIRATION: Porcupine Tree, Maroon 5, Oasis, The Beatles and Red Hot Chilli Peppers.
ACHIEVEMENTS: Their gigs have been wildly successful in Gurgaon and

they also have a partnership with 'Then and now', another popular band.
USP: They address the angst of the youth.

Mihir Raina

GENRE: Combination of Blues and Classical Rock.
INSPIRATION: The Beatles, The

Doors, Pink Floyd and Led Zeppelin.
ACHIEVEMENTS: He and his group 'Area 231' earlier won the prelims round of 'Launchpad' (Channel V) and reached the regional round final of the 'Yamaha Asian Beats' competition. The group has also played at the 'Kingfisher Pubrock-fest', a prestigious musical gathering.
USP: He has a clear and unique guitar repertoire.



Diary of a Wimpy kid

Book Review
Tanvi Sethi, AIS Gur 46, X A

Diary of a Wimpy Kid is a series of books that takes you through the challenges and the ups and downs in the life of a middle-school boy. The twists and turns that the writer goes through makes the book an interesting teen ride.

Youthful entertainment

"The book strikes a chord with the young minds as they can relate to the experiences of the characters and the situations. The funny and sarcastic cartoons make the book even more inter-

esting. It makes for an easy yet absolutely engaging read."
Asavri Misra, IX C, AIS Gur 46
 Entertainment rating ★★★★★

Easy linguistics
 "The good part about the book is that there are no full blown swear words, which is a much needed respite. While there is nothing to learn from the book in terms of vocabulary, it is not too light either to be categorised as a coffee table book. The language is simple and crisp, which goes well

Book : Diary of a Wimpy kid
Author : Jeff Kinney
Recommended for : 13-16 years
Overall rating : 3/5

with the overall theme."
Shweta Ahluwalia
Teacher, AIS Gur 46
 Language rating ★★★★★

Teen lessons
 "There is a lot to learn from the book vis-à-vis what a teenager should not be doing. While the book does put trouble-making in a humorous light, it at the same time comes with an undertone of positive learning. The character remains positive throughout the story, which can be an inspiration. The book will be a great learning experience for the kids as they get to learn from the mistakes of the character."
Priti Sethi, Parent of Tanvi Sethi, X A, AIS Gur 46
 Learning rating ★★★★★

Fielding from the border

Join Kapil Dev in his journey from Cricket to Army

Sreeraj Bhattacharya, AIS Gur 46, X



Who has not heard of Kapil Dev? We all know him as the stalwart who captained the Indian Cricket Team towards the first World Cup win and as a record breaking all rounder. But how many of us know that the star cricketer is also the Ambassador of the Indian Armed Forces?
 Kapil Dev is one of the best all rounders of the game. On asking whether he misses cricket, now that he plays golf, he replied, "Not really! Golf is a gentler game and it keeps me occupied as well as active. It suits my age. I quite like the high energy levels of today's cricket players and would stick to watching the game than playing."

An earnest sportsman, Kapil Dev joined the Territorial Army in 2008. When asked the reasons for joining the army, he replied, "I like their discipline, their sense of camaraderie and the way they carry themselves; always well groomed and erect. I also felt that I had to do something for the soldier standing on the border. So, when this opportunity came by, I grabbed it and I must say that I am much more satisfied than what I was 5 years ago." He also added that the youth can contribute their bit to the nation by "Being what you are and practicing integrity, camaraderie, grooming and discipline."



Kapil Dev with Sreeraj