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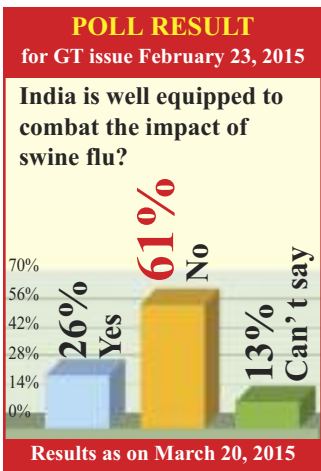
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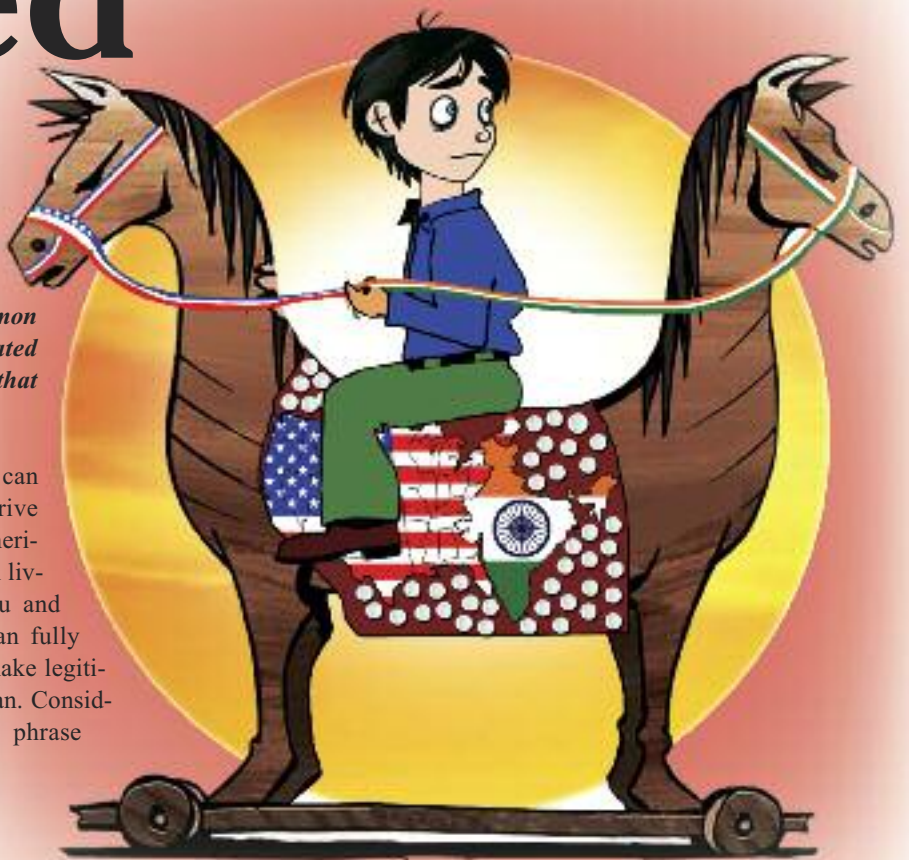
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Hyphenated identities

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Sometimes, we feel we belong somewhere else. Sometimes, we don't wish to follow the faith we have to follow. At other times, we want to accept a new nationality altogether. Sometimes we have the freedom to choose our own identity. Or do we? **Dhvanii Chawla, AIS MV, X B**, explores...

Case study 1

"I am just an American, not an Indian-American," said Bobby Jindal. Louisiana governor Bobby Jindal, son to Indian parents, refused to be called an Indian anymore. Having lived and worked in the United States for most of his life, he has never rejected the idea of being connected to one's roots, yet he wishes to do away with the uninvited tag. In North America, he has surely proven his governance, but there is nothing he has done for India. Neither has he lived here nor worked here. Then why is he still called an Indian? Is this hyphenated identity even an identity?

Case study 2

The other side of the coin shows a striking contrast. Sonia Gandhi has served as the president of the Indian National Congress since 1998. She probably swapped her Italian passport for an Indian one long before most Indians criticising her were even born. After living and working on the Indian soil for so long, people in her field and many elsewhere still regard her as the 'foreigner politician'. Does calling her an Italian born politician do justice to her service and time spent in India? Why have people like her not earned the right to be called an Indian? How is this justified?

Two case studies, one common case in point- hyphenated identities. Some thoughts that follow...

The Identity Phase: You can be an Indian when you arrive in America; an Indian-American as you settle and begin living there. Eventually, you and certainly your children can fully think of themselves and make legitimate claims to be American. Considering the identity phrase Indian-American, it represents a step away from a purely 'country of origins' identity: "I'm an Indian." Or another identity statement such as "I'm an American." When the two poles are conjoined, the final identity is commonly misunderstood and misinterpreted.

The white and black of hyphenation: The term 'hyphenated identity' implies a dual identity. It evokes questions regarding the side of the hyphen a person belongs to, often giving the impression that the person is oscillating between two cultures. Sometimes, the term helps new immigrants make the transition, over time, from identities as nationals of their countries of origin to a new identity. But these identities also lead to racial, cultural and even religious discriminations. The fact that the term "hyphenated American" was a slang in use in the late nineteenth century and that such an identity came to be looked upon with suspicion, especially during the two world wars, conveys the prejudices correlated with the term.

Global citizens: "I am not an Athenian or a Greek but a citizen of the world." The solution to the 'hyphenated identity crisis' lies in these words of Socrates. In the pres-

ent world of globalisation and multiculturalism, it is only fair that people with a mixed cultural background be called global citizens, citizens who have a transnational sense of belongingness. So an Indian-American would not be less of an Indian or more of an American one, but a global citizen, who has transcended communities and has found a broader identity- one that's beyond white and black, English and Irish, pasta- eaters and *parantha*- eaters and most of all, indigenous and immigrant.

Hyphenating in everyday life: Hyphenated identities are not only about nationalities. There are many hyphenations that have become commonly used terms. Does the Delhi-born-Bihari ring a bell? We often use hyphenations without understanding the implication of the word. In a country that is already divided on linguistic, regional, religious and caste-based lines, these hyphenations divide us further. Every hyphenation brings with it a set of preconceived notions. Can we, as 21st century citizens, not have a broader perspective on culture, religion or identity? 🇮🇳

Woman power

Shobhana Bhartia, chairperson and editorial director of the Hindustan Times Group opens up in an invigorating interaction with GT

Amlaan Kumar, AIS Noida, XII J

Shobhana Bhartia, chairperson and editorial director of the Hindustan Times Group, one of India's leading media houses, is also the prochancellor of Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani. Besides, she has also served as a member of the Rajya Sabha. She was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Philosophy by Amity University on the occasion of Convocation 2014. She flips chapters of history as she talks about the brand that is Hindustan Times...

You took over Hindustan Times at a very young age. You have also been listed in Forbes Top 50 Influential Women. What inspired you to reach this pinnacle of success?

The inspiration obviously came from the historic start of the Hindustan Times which began in the midst of India's freedom struggle. During those times in history, HT became an unofficial recorder of sorts of our society. Mahatma Gandhi's son was the first editor of the newspaper. With the expectations and standards set by my grandfather, who began the paper, it was very important to maintain the integrity and trust that people had invested in HT during all these years while trying to reinvent it as a more contemporary product with the changing times.



Shobhana Bhartia with GT Reporter

What is your vision for HT in the near future?

My future vision for Hindustan Times is that it should emerge as a multimedia platform because technology is changing the world. The conservative role of media has undergone a major change. Presently, the whole challenge lies in the fact that young people like you are constantly updating your mobiles, getting news at your fingertips. Students are now constantly glued to their Smartphones checking for news updates. Therefore, it is important that a news

company always comes up with up-to-date facts and figures. I would like HT to emerge as a global media company which is able to connect well with all its readers across multiple platforms, keeping in mind their interests and preferences. Hindustan Times is evolving by the day in this regard. We have taken steps to create India's first 24/7 dynamic news room, which is underway. The future of HT lies not only as a newspaper brand, but as a global multimedia enterprise and we need to work towards achieving this goal.

Awards and Achievements

*Global Leader of Tomorrow Award by the World Economic Forum

*Outstanding Business Woman of the Year, 2001, by PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry

*National Press India Award, 1992

*Named one of Forbes Asia's 50 Women in the Mix

What is your message for Amitians?

Always remember that success is temporary. What is important is to have focus and commitment. Every profession has its own ups and downs, highs and lows, so you need to be prepared for it all. Focus and commitment, on the other hand, are permanent. If you have the will and passion to succeed, then nothing can stop you. 🇮🇳





Examining expression

A panel discussion organised by ALSN in the aftermath of the attacks in France reflected on freedom of expression

Mokshda Bhushan, Asst Prof & Mallika Verma, student, ALSN

In the light of the recent horrifying attacks in France on the journalists and cartoonists of the satirical magazine 'Charlie Hebdo' by Al Qaeda and the rally which took place in its aftermath, supporting freedom of expression, Amity Law School, Noida held a panel discussion on 'Challenges to Freedom of Expression by Radicals'. The event was organised by the ALSN Human Values Committee, under the umbrella of Human Values, by Mokshda Bhushan, faculty coordinator and the student team led by Mehaq Rao and Bharat Bagga.

Blow to freedom of expression

The session was initiated by a welcome address by director Maj General Nilendra Kumar, wherein he emphasised the need for the discussion in current times where there is a constant conflict between expression and religion. He stated that the attack on 'Charlie Hebdo' in Paris was a big blow to the Freedom of Speech and Expression. He shed light on the legal aspect of freedom of expression in India when contrasted to France.

Unity for a cause

The first speaker was Sebastien Farcis, South Asian correspondent for Radio France International. He opened the session by paying homage to the victims of the attack in Paris. He went on to explain the meaning of the word secularism. He said that the French satirical magazine had been uncompromising in its 'irreverence' and faced many trials in court for charges of libel made by religious and political organisations. However, the magazine has always been undeterred in expressing its views. He added that 'Charlie Hebdo' makes fun not of the religion, but of radical elements. He added that Freedom of Expression for the French is sacred; the massive rally held in France following the terrorist attacks is testimony to the unity demonstrated by the masses of France over the grave yet sensitive issue.

Media's role

The second speaker, Madhav Chaturvedi, senior journalist, PTI spoke of the Indian perspective on the freedom of expression as well as media's role. He said that media earns its credibility

through qualities such as truth, trust, fearlessness and dedication. He also said that the Indian media was responsible for catering to the needs of Indian audience, keeping in mind the diverse nature of the Indian society. He also pointed out that the freedom of speech and expression and right to practice any religion in India are fundamental rights, but often stand against each other. However, one of the major challenges lies in interpreting the religious tenets. He spoke of the Charlie Hebdo case and about Islamic fundamentalism and how creativity should not be bound by bigotry. He ended on a light note by sharing an anecdote about cartoonist Shankar, who through his illustrations showed that freedom of expression cannot be curbed.

Faith vs art

Professor Dr Ashok Kantroo, former professor, ALS, began his speech by addressing the theme from a constitutional point of view. He expressed his dissenting views from the other panelists. He pointed out that the issue has been raised time and again in the history of media. He mentioned that many might not like the art that



Senior journalist, PTI, shares his views on freedom of expression

prompted the carnage and may even consider it obscene and an attack on their faith. But whatever one's religion, or country, there is no excuse or justification for responding to art with murder. He concluded that the media must strive to achieve a balance between

religious sentiments and freedom of expression for which a mechanism has to be created. He emphasised on the need of introspection to place the blame. The session was made interactive by thought provoking questions posed by the student audience. [G](#) [U](#)

Stop emotional abuse of children

The little ones are the most vulnerable section of the society and yet law fails to give them the protective cover they need



Ritika Behl

Amity Law School Noida, Faculty

Children are the future of a country. Hence, it becomes imperative that we provide them a safe and happy environment where the child can grow into a healthy and responsible citizen. Preventing emotional abuse is the first and perhaps one of the most important prerequisites for a healthy and happy childhood. Read on to know more about this abuse, known for its devastating impact.

What is emotional abuse?

Emotional abuse can be defined as a be-

havioural pattern which distorts the child's emotional development and self worth because of parent/s, caretaker or guardian. It includes belittling, discriminating, calling the child names etc. Generally, this type of child is attention deprived. Unfortunately, India is the only country which does not have a universal definition of child abuse adapted to our society.

Factors of emotional abuse

Emotional abuse of children is even more predominant in households where conditions such as domestic violence, drug/alcohol abuse prevail. The situation

becomes more complicated when the mother is a working mother, who keeps juggling between her duty towards her career and motherhood.

Legislation on child abuse

Various countries like Singapore, Sri Lanka, UK, USA, Rwanda and other countries have a legislation dedicated to the prevention of emotional abuse of children. The legal systems of these countries take into account the protective system which includes various agents of society, parents, alternate caregivers, academicians, pediatrics to take preventive steps and identify emotional abuse. Though India has ratified UN Convention on Rights of Child, our society is still not aware enough about the emotional abuse of children inspite of the fact that these forms of abuse of children, irrespective of the types of societies or country, have been dominantly haunting the world.

Dealing with emotional abuse

The Indian society needs to be made more aware of the pattern of parental practices that can lead to lower self esteem and mental development in children. Every child needs a supportive environment and it is important that parents be educated in this regard. Educating parents is also important because children often perceive themselves in the same light as adults. [G](#) [U](#)

Think before you speak

A look at what defines hate speeches and the Indian legislation surrounding them



Mokshda Bhushan

Amity Law School Noida, Asst Prof

What the law says

Freedom of speech and expression is a Fundamental Right guaranteed by the Indian Constitution and Section 66 A of Information Technology Act 2000 which touches upon the kind of speech that is prohibited online or is likely to invite legal trouble. The challenge between courts is to carry out a balancing act between two conflicting interests: Freedom of Speech and Expression (a Fundamental, Constitutional and human right by Article 19 of the Indian Constitution) as opposed to the reasonable restrictions imposed for preserving public decency and morality amongst others (Article 19(2) of the Indian Constitution).

Laws on hate speeches

The Supreme Court on March 3, 2014, dismissed a PIL by Advocate M L Sharma seeking intervention by the court in directing the Election Commission to curb hate speeches since it could not curb the Fundamental Right of Expression. "We cannot curtail Fundamental Rights of people. It is a precious right guar-

anteed by the Constitution," a bench headed by Justice RM Lodha said, further adding "We are a mature democracy and it is for the public to decide. We are 1280 million people and there would be 1280 million views. One is free not to accept the view of others". The court said that it is a matter of perception and a statement objectionable to a person might be normal to another person. As for Section 66A, it is criticised and rightly so as it is too widely drafted and too vague, without sufficient guidelines or parameters, leaving it to the discretion of the police to decide and arrest on the basis of complaints made against hate speeches. The balance is tilted too much in favour of authorities who can stifle Freedom of Speech and Expression of the individual on a mere comment passed. Besides, before criticising the government or voicing out opinion against an important political person online, a person must think twice for fear of being reported and arrested under Section 66A IT(A)A 2000. There is a dire need for further clarification and definition of terms under Section 66A, as to what constitutes 'grossly offensive' and 'threat to India or communal harmony or national sovereignty'. [G](#) [U](#)

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Global Identity

“Never forget what you are, for surely the world will not. Make it your strength. Then it can never be your weakness. Armour yourself in it, and it will never be used to hurt you.”
— George R.R. Martin



I, me, myself. No matter how much we feel we are not mired in thoughts about ourselves, we are; in fact, more often than we would want ourselves to believe. Our identity is what makes us the person we are. Whether we choose to let our individuality give us wings, or leave us confused, is upon us. Learning to accept our uniqueness and transcend its best virtues upon our identity, reveals the strength of our character. Today, as we progress towards a global existence, the concept of global citizenship is more pronounced than ever before. It manifests in the languages we speak that necessitate the knowledge of dialects other than our own, to enable us to connect better with the world. It is distinctive in the acceptance for a multicultural existence, for it is part and parcel of our daily lives, both educational and professional. It is crucial for survival in the intercontinental ethos that modern life calls for. However, all across the multiple dimensions of cross cultural identity, there are certain factors which are common to all. They are human values. Virtues of love for each other, caring for the weak and needy, sharing one's gifts, humanity and tolerance for each other's individuality, are omnipresent across world cultures. As we celebrate our congruencies while accepting our disparities, we become true global citizens. For our identity doesn't only reveal who we are, but who we become when we are with others.

A new pull



GT welcomes you all to the new academic session that brings with it a new verve and vivacity. I am sure you must be looking forward to a lot of new things as you enter your new class with new teachers, new classmates and new friends. So when everything looks up new and refreshing, why not GT. Therefore, keeping the spirit of ‘new’ soaring and upbeat, The Global Times too brings with it something new. Lookout for the new ‘Pullout’ every edition beginning with this new academic session. A refreshing change with a variety to read, this four page Pullout shall dwell on a variety of themes ranging from academic to non-academic. The GT Pullout, created on special demand is your own baby newspaper to keep for records or simply file-in for later read and share. The very first Pullout in this issue of The Global Times brings you inspirational biographies of four leaders from different fields who created a niche for themselves against all odds to become role models for the rest of the world. These biographies are a compilation of a series of classroom based discussion organised by GT as envisioned by our revered Chairperson Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan to draw inspiration from the lives of great leaders. The recipe for the secret of success in life lies in the priceless lessons offered through the lives lived by these great leaders. If you wish to excel in life and change your life for the better, pullout the ‘Pullout on leaders special’ for an inspirational read on the lives of the people who changed the world.

Take pride in being an Amitian

...says Her Highness Raja Al Gurg, a woman entrepreneur whose valuable insights have contributed immensely to the growth of ESAG in an exclusive interview

Pic: Mayank Mrinal, ASET

Kritika Khanna
Amity School of Engg & Tech

Raja Al Gurg is a powerful business woman from Dubai, who is also the managing director of Easa Saleh Al Gurg Group as well as a board member of the Dubai Chamber of Commerce and Industry. She has been honoured with several eminent awards and titles such as the ‘Fifth most powerful Arab woman’. She opens up in an exclusive interview with GT during her visit to AUUP...

What kind of educational ties are you anticipating with India?

We have founded the Al Jalila Foundation, which is similar to Amity University in many ways. Both the institutions take keen interest in research and education. Thus, I am anticipating a long-term reciprocal relationship between the two institutions. We are predominantly looking at the research sector because we are building one of the biggest research centres in the Middle East. Amity and Al Jalila have been sharing ideas and quotes in this direction. We are looking at a fruitful alliance.

What do you find most striking about Indian schools and universities?

One thing that stands out about Indian



GT Reporter presenting GT to Her Highness Raja Al Gurg, along with Ms Sapna Chauhan and other dignitaries

schools is that they really prepare their students to fit into any university across the world. I believe that Amity Schools too strive towards the same goal.

What are the similarities between the education system in India and UAE?

In UAE, we offer subjects such as science, mathematics, history etc with a similar course content. Only the Arabic language, religion and the history of the Middle East countries are completely different. The education standards are

almost the same.

What educational opportunities does Dubai offer for higher education?

Dubai offers scholarships for both undergraduates and postgraduates. We are also concentrating on the field of research for postgraduates.

Please tell us about the Sheikh Mohammad Curriculum.

Sheikh Mohammad University is a university for medicine that we are

planning to introduce soon. The university will have its own Sheikh Mohammad's curriculum. In the coming future, we shall be proud of having our very own curriculum. Perhaps then consultants all over the world will consult us for such a curriculum!

Your message to Amitians.

Be proud that you are studying in a splendid institute. You will be finest students to serve the community. I wish you all the best for your future.

A tribute to Amity and GT...



It's rather hard to know where to start from when things are coming to an end. A lot of people when writing for the GT must have heard the GT team, telling them to separate their article under headings, so I'll follow their advice to the end.

Creating and tickling the funny bone:

I always considered myself a serious kind of a writer. So when the page ‘U Me & Hum’ (page 5) was given to me and that too in the GT Contest edition, I was rather uncomfortable. Humour was never ever my genre until I had a rather punny and humorous self-discovery while writing for it. The Global Times made me a versatile writer in the very short span of time I spent as a part of it and in its office. Today, I'm known for ‘the humour’.



Shubhangi with school editorial team during an edit meet @AKC House

Rejection: Yes, I've been overconfident. And when my serious ideas were rejected by the ‘Perspective page’ (Page 6), I realised that having an idea isn't enough. I must also know how to win the reader with it. I must know how to write it for the reader. Since being a writer is my dream, this reality check was the healthiest criticism I received and I promised myself to get back to where I was rejected from.

Folder-Global Times; Draft-5: Churning perfection; the GT team was never less than Aamir Khan when it was about perfecting. There were drafts over drafts with only the best selected. For every article I wrote, I ensured a separate folder to save all of them.

It's about people: Last but definitely not the least, being in the newspaper gives you an enormous ethical respon-

sibility. I can sum the power with the responsibility in one question I often asked myself before writing, “What I write will get an opportunity to be read by thousands of young minds and the potential future, what should I write?” And it's not just GT where I grew up with all of this. In this school, I grew in every aspect. I found teachers in friends and friends in teachers and I am ever grateful for that. So here's a shoutout to the wonderful GT team of my school and some teachers I'd like to specially mention, who have contributed to my writing-Indu, Shalini Narang & Shalini Agarwal ma'am and the inspiring GT team at AKC house; my best friends Angad & Pragya, and beautiful souls Akshay and Arsh I met in this school. And most of all our Chairperson Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan for having given me the opportunity to be a part of this wonderful Amity family.

Shubhangi Kumari, AIS Gur 46, X E
(This is her last article as Associate Editor of GT Editorial Board as she prepares to leave the school)

Little Pearls of Wisdom

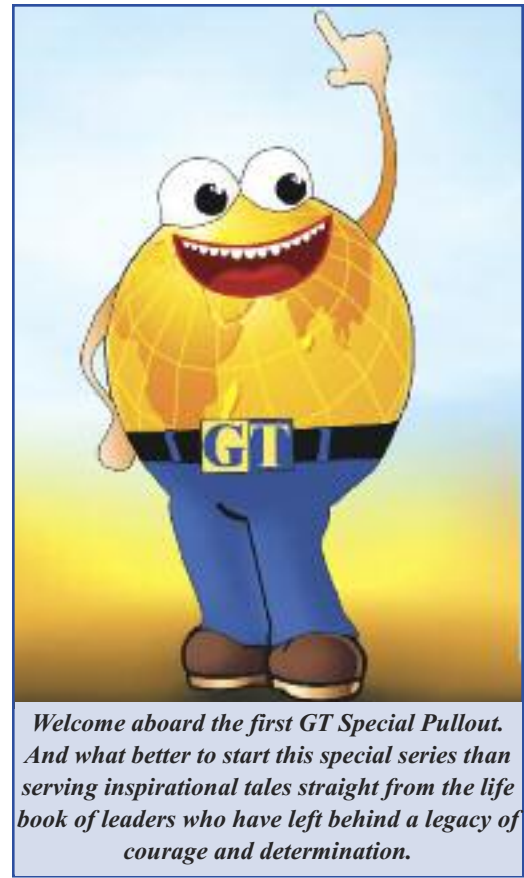
Success is a journey

Vidhi Batra
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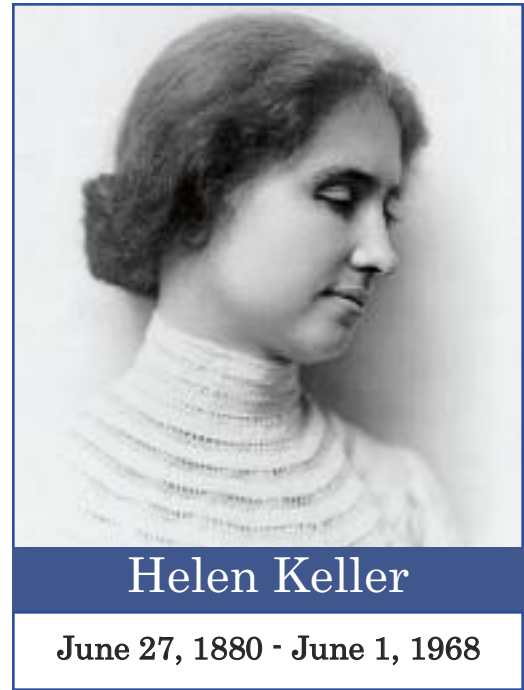
If one can think of yesterday without regret and tomorrow without fear, then that person is on the path of success. However, being successful is not a piece of cake as one needs to have immense dedication and determination to meander his way through rough tides and tough terrain. Success is not a destination, it is a journey and it is indeed a tough one with numerous challenges strewn on our way. However, if you want to reach the sun, be prepared to get



some blisters. To reach a certain level of success that we sought to achieve, we must anticipate a rough stage where inspiration is a helping hand and willpower is our biggest support. These ignite the fire to look into our souls and find the key to the door of joy and success. Genuine success comes only to those who are ready for it. The path to success is replete with difficulties, tests, curiosities and anxieties, finally leading to happiness. Difficulties let us down, but the challenge is to not let regret flood you, but to try harder. With each obstacle, one must be ready to find out ways to conquer it with a positive attitude. Even in the face of the worst failure, one must be ready to start all over again. For, success is not the end of a journey; it is the journey itself.



Welcome aboard the first GT Special Pullout. And what better to start this special series than serving inspirational tales straight from the life book of leaders who have left behind a legacy of courage and determination.



Helen Keller

June 27, 1880 - June 1, 1968

Helen Keller, who was visually challenged as well as hearing impaired is a fine example of human will. She lost her sight and hearing power from an illness when she was merely 18 months old. Keller’s parents sought the help of Anne Sullivan to tutor their daughter. Sullivan, herself blind, taught Keller with the aid of motions and by making her feel objects. Her first breakthrough came in 1887, when Keller learnt the word ‘water’. In 1904, at the age of 24, Keller graduated from Radcliffe College, becoming the first disabled person to earn a Bachelors of Arts degree. Her unique and powerful story continues to be an inspiration for generations to come.

The woman beyond words

The first deaf and blind person to earn a degree in Bachelor of Arts, Helen Keller was an American author, political activist and a lecturer

For many, Helen Keller was a physically challenged woman who went on to accomplish a great deal. However, her story goes way beyond as is evident in the multiple roles she essayed with ease through her illustrious life.

Helen: The writer

She has several books to her credit, most of which are about her own life and views on various issues. During her junior year at college, she wrote ‘The Story of My Life’. Several decades later, she wrote a sequel to the same book titled ‘Midstream’. She penned ‘Teacher, Anne Sullivan Macy’ after the death of her teacher, Anne Sullivan. Other sought-after writings and books authored by her include ‘My Future as I See It’ and ‘Optimism: An Essay’. She went on to publish many more articles.

Helen: The orator

You do not expect a mute person to be adept at public speaking, but Keller shattered the glass ceiling as she spoke publicly for about the last fifty years of her life. She spoke loudly in a conscious attempt to prove the capabilities of the disabled. Since only her close friends and family could understand what she was saying, she used an interpreter.

Helen: The typist

Helen was an excellent typist. She could use a standard typewriter as well as a



Braille writer. As a matter of fact, she was better at typing than her own teacher, Anne Sullivan.

Helen: The philanthropist

Keller is known for her humanitarian efforts and propagating several social causes. She championed the cause of the blind and the deaf-blind. She would also collect funds for The American Foundation for the Blind. She donated several Braille

books to the Perkins Library, where she had studied herself. She established the Perkins Kindergarten for the blind with an aim to raise funds for the education of a poor deaf-blind boy, Tommy Stringer.

Helen: The Actor

In 1955, Helen received an Academy Award for the documentary about her life, ‘Helen Keller in Her Story’ (originally, ‘The Unconquered’) that starred her.

The song of the soul

While Helen Keller is an inspiration to all, her own inspiration lay in Anne Sullivan; her life long guide

Anne Sullivan came into Keller’s life on March 3, 1887. Keller later referred to this day as her ‘soul’s birthday’. Sullivan was chosen as the teacher for Keller by the director of Perkins School for the Blind, Michael Anagnos because of her perseverance. Keller hit, pinched, kicked her teacher and even knocked out one of her teeth, yet Sullivan still did not give in. Through patience and firm consistency, Sullivan finally won the child’s heart and trust. Keller, who was



uncontrollable once upon a time, flourished under her guidance. Sullivan started teaching Keller by fingerspelling the names of familiar objects into her hand. To make teaching more effective, she would incorporate enjoyable activities into lessons. Keller could not spell ‘water’ until the famous moment when Sullivan pumped it over her hand. It was Sullivan’s training that laid the foundation for Keller’s strong writing and public speaking skills.



Awards & recognitions

Given her determination, it is no surprise that Keller was felicitated with several awards

- Keller was awarded the ‘Presidential Medal of Freedom’, the highest American honour, in the year 1964.
- She was bestowed the ‘Alumnae Achievement Award’ by Radcliffe College on the 50th anniversary of her graduation.
- The ‘Helen Keller Garden’ was made in her honour by Radcliffe College.
- Keller was the first woman to be awarded an honorary degree by Harvard University.
- She also has to her credit honorary degrees from Temple University and the Universities of Glasgow, Scotland; Delhi, India; Berlin, Germany; and Witwaters and Johannesburg, South Africa.
- Listed in ‘Most important people of the 20th Century’ by Life Magazine.

Time line								
March 1887	May 1888	1900	1903	1904	1915	1936	1964	1968
Anne Sullivan arrives at the Keller household to teach Helen	Helen attends the Perkins Institute for the Blind	Helen is admitted to Radcliffe College despite being disabled	Helen publishes autobiography, ‘The Story of My Life’	Helen graduates from Radcliffe, becoming the first deaf and blind graduate	Helen & George Kessler lay foundation of Helen Keller Intl Organisation	Anne Sullivan, Helen’s lifelong companion dies in a coma	President Johnson awards her Presidential Medal of Freedom	After suffering from a series of strokes, Helen Keller dies in her sleep



Indra K. Nooyi

October 28, 1955
Chennai, India

Indra Krishnamurthy Nooyi is the first woman to lead the food and beverage giant, PepsiCo. She is the only woman of Indian origin to make it to the ‘The Most Powerful Woman in Business 2014’ list by Fortune. Nooyi began her career in India and soon earned a spot in the Yale School of Management. She worked in a multitude of companies before joining PepsiCo and assumed the role of president and CFO in 2001. She was instrumental in introducing several business ventures at PepsiCo that propelled the company to success. Nooyi has received many top honours including the Padma Bhushan. She broke the glass ceiling and proved to the world that women can achieve anything they want.

Unconventional

It takes a lot to break the glass ceiling. Challenging norms is just one of them!

- At a time when girls in India were supposed to be coy and demure, Indra joined an all-girls cricket team.
- She played guitar in an all-female rock band while studying at Madras Christian College, defying the norms of a traditional Brahmin household.
- Nooyi went on to study at Yale, an unconventional step at that time. "It was unheard of for a good, conservative, south Indian Brahmin girl to do this. It would make her an absolutely unmarriageable commodity after that," she said.
- Each year, Nooyi writes a letter to her employees' parents thanking them so that they can take pride in their children, another unusual move for a CEO.

The most powerful woman in business

CEO of PepsiCo, Indra K. Nooyi has been consistently listed among the Time Magazine’s 100 most influential people in the world

Indra Nooyi redefined ambition for all Indian women when she was named the CEO of PepsiCo in 2006. Known to be a master strategist and an acute planner, Nooyi spearheaded many initiatives, often taking risks which eventually paid off. PepsiCo eclipsed its longtime rival in the early 2000s under her aegis. Nooyi began her journey with the soft drink maker as chief strategist. Upon stepping foot into the organisation, she facilitated restructuring of the brand, which included the famous 1997 divestiture of its restaurants into Tricon, now known as Yum! Brands. Two of PepsiCo’s biggest acquisitions, Tropicana and Quaker Oats are credited to her. She put the two deals together making it one of the biggest food deals in corporate history. She also added a wide range of cereals and snack food products to the PepsiCo empire. She proved her business acumen when PepsiCo posted growth in revenues and profits in 2000 and Nooyi got promoted to the CFO in the same year. PepsiCo posted strong

growth in the early 2000s, even as Coke sales were stagnant. According to Businessweek, since she started as CFO in 2001, the company's annual revenues increased by 72%. Consequently, she was elevated to the top post of the new chief executive on August 14, 2006. She was named the 3rd Most Powerful Woman in Business by Fortune Magazine in 2014. Even as the consumption of sugary drinks decreased globally, her company’s shares increased by 3.1%. In 2013, PepsiCo products accounted for nine of the top 50 new food and beverage introductions in the US. In the same year, 50 bestselling new food and beverage products in the US included nine from PepsiCo’s product lines. Even today, Nooyi continues to steer PepsiCo towards huge profit margins with her vision.



The powerful cool mom

Smart planning is all it takes to be a good CEO and mom simultaneously. Nooyi explains in her own words

Every Wednesday morning, in my daughter’s school, they had class coffee with the mothers. Class coffee for a working woman—how’s it going to work? So I missed most class coffees. My daughter would come home and she would list off all the mothers that were there and say, "You were not there, mom." The first few times I would die with guilt. I called the school and I said, "Give me a list of mothers that are not there." So when she came home in the evening she said, "You were not there." And I said, "Mrs Redd wasn't there, Mrs So & So wasn't there. So I'm not the only bad mother.



Everybody knows if somebody says ‘Can I speak to mommy?’ it’s my daughter.

We had strict rules on playing Nintendo. My daughter would call the office, the receptionist would pick up the phone, "Can I speak to my mommy?" Everybody knows if somebody says, 'Can I speak to mommy?' it's my daughter. She'd say, "Yes, Tyra, what can I do for you?" "I want to play Nintendo." So she has a set of questions. "Have you finished your HW?" etc. She goes through the questions and she says, "Okay, you can play for half an hour." Then she leaves me a message. "Tyra called at 5. These are the questions I went through. I've given her permission." So it's seamless parenting.

The NUMBER game

Nooyi has been on top of the game and the numbers

- Fortune ranked her the #1 Most Powerful Woman in Business in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010. She was pushed to the second spot in the year 2011 by Kraft’s CEO, Irene Rosenfeld
- Forbes magazine ranked Nooyi #4 in The World’s 100 Most Powerful Women in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014
- Listed in Wall Street Journal's list of #50 women to watch out for in years 2007 and 2008.
- Named in Time magazine’s #100 Most Influential People in The World in 2007 & 2008.

Trivia

- She watches championship game replays of the Chicago Bulls to study teamwork concepts.
- She maintains a puja ghar at home.
- Indra Nooyi is also an admirer of Carnatic music and imagines herself in the temple of Tirupati while listening to the music.
- Upon completing her studies at Yale, Nooyi went in a sari for her job interview since she did not have money to afford a suit. Of course, she got the job.
- Once PepsiCo was struggling to hire a candidate she wanted badly. Nooyi decided to call the candidate’s mom on the phone and told her why PepsiCo was the right choice. She landed the candidate.
- Every quarter, she sends a hand-written letter to the spouses of all 27 of her top executives, thanking them for their support despite the long hours of work and travel.
- She strategises 24*7. Sometimes, she wakes up in the middle of the night and writes different versions of PepsiCo on a sheet of paper.



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Timeline

1976	1978	1980	1994	2001	2006	2007	2008	2014
Graduates with a PG Diploma in management (MBA) from IIM, Calcutta	Indra Nooyi joins Yale School of Management	Joins the Boston Consulting Group (BCG)	Joins PepsiCo as Sr VP of strategic planning	PepsiCo purchases Quaker under Nooyi; largest deal in history	Indra Nooyi becomes the fifth CEO in PepsiCo's 44-year history	Indra Nooyi awarded the Padma Bhushan by the President of India	Ranked by Forbes among World’s Most Powerful Women	Ranked third in to ‘The Most Powerful Woman in Business’ list

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Stephen Hawking

January 8, 1942
Oxford, England

Stephen Hawking is a shining example of fighting spirit. He never made his weakness his enemy. Instead, he went ahead and became a hero, for the disabled and scientists worldwide. Despite being crippled with ALS, he shot to international fame and made science cool when he propounded the theory of the black hole of the universe, which sheds light on how the universe came into existence. Currently, he is the director of research at the Centre of Theoretical Cosmology at the University of Cambridge and travels across the world giving lectures and speeches. His work on the origins and structure of the universe from the Big Bang to black holes, has revolutionised the field. Widely considered as one of the greatest scientists alive; he continues to inspire many - scientists with his intellect and the common populace with his never-say-die spirit.

An Ode To Hawking

In this world few extraordinary mortals we see,
but thine deeds make immortal thee.
A great mind always at work,
your friends called you Einstein.
Schooling for you was fun,
in college you decided to rise and shine.
When you explained the Black Hole theory,
the whole world saw your shining glory.
Every action has an equal and opposite reaction,
how could you be excused?
Quantum Gravity took you to great heights,
but from ALS you couldn't be rescued.
At 21, you were still too young,
but, the wheelchair to your body was clung.
Thine determination was a lifesaver,
your faith in life never did waiver.
Cosmology is your favourite endeavour,
with several awards you have been revered.
You are the epitome of courage and perseverance,
having set forth a precedent with brilliance🇮🇳

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36 facts you must know about Stephen Hawking

A world renowned theoretical physicist, cosmologist and author; Hawking shot to fame with his theory on black holes and several science books

Family and early life

- 1 Stephen Hawking was born exactly 300 years after the death of Galileo.
- 2 He was born in a family of thinkers. Both his parents were Oxford graduates.
- 3 The Hawkings, as one close family friend described them, were an "eccentric" bunch. They housed bees in the basement and produced fireworks in the greenhouse.
- 4 In the Hawking household, dinner was eaten in absolute silence as the family resorted to reading books while eating.
- 5 Stephen Hawking went to St Albans School. He stood third from the bottom of his class.
- 6 As a child, Hawking devised his own board games. His favourite game was a medieval war game. The game was so complex that it could take half an evening to work out the consequences of a throw of the dice.
- 7 He also made a computer by using recycled parts which could solve rudimentary mathematical equations.

Early Years

- 8 Stephen Hawking went to study at Oxford, where he studied Physics. Initially, he wanted to study Mathematics, but since the subject was not available at Oxford, he settled for the next closest subject- Physics.
- 9 During his stint at Oxford, he admitted to being quite lazy. He studied for a mere one and half hours per day on an average.

- 10 While at Oxford, he joined the rowing team and became a coxswain. His role in the team made him very popular.
- 11 Later, he went on to study at Cambridge, where he completed his PhD in cosmology.

Illness

- 12 Stephen Hawking was diagnosed with ALS (Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) at 21. ALS is a disorder of the nervous system that inhibits the working of voluntary muscles in the body.
- 13 Doctors told him that he would not be able to live for more than two years.
- 14 At the age of 73, Hawking has left medical practitioners amused.
- 15 In a way, it was Hawking's illness that brought his brilliance to the fore. His disease made him realise that he may not live long enough to earn his PhD.
- 16 Before his illness, Hawking would barely focus on his studies. But after the diagnosis, he poured himself into his work and research.
- 17 Hawking, however, remains confined to a wheelchair and communicates using a computer system, which he operates with his cheek.

Claim to fame

- 18 Hawking became a celebrity with his research on black holes in 1974. He showed that black holes are not information vacuums that they were thought to be. He propounded the theory that black holes emit radiation. This radiation is known as Hawking radiation.
- 19 He shot to fame with his book 'A Brief

- History of Time'. The book aimed at helping non-scientists understand the fundamentals of physics and our existence.
- 20 The book became a bestseller and sold 10 million copies in 20 years.
- 21 It was featured on the British Sunday Times bestseller list for a record breaking 237 weeks.
- 22 The book was followed by a sequel 'A briefer history of time'.
- 23 Some other novels written by Hawking include 'On the shoulders of Giants' and 'The universe in a nutshell'.
- 24 His research, papers and books put together give a single unifying theory that can combine cosmology (the study of the big) with quantum mechanics (the study of the small) to explain how the universe began.
- 25 Hawking claims he can think in 11 dimensions.and is convinced that time travel is possible and has given several theories on it.
- 26 Hawking has appeared as himself in 'The Big Bang Theory' and 'The Simpsons'.
- 27 He also appeared as a holographic simulation of himself in the popular Star Trek series, the only person to play himself in a Star Trek film.
- 28 Along with his daughter Lucy Hawking, he co-authored several children's books that combine cosmology and adventure.
- 29 He has held the prestigious academic title of the 'Lucasian Professor of Mathematics' for a record 30 years from 1979 to 2009. The title was held by Isaac Newton in 1663.
- 30 Professor Hawking has twelve honorary degrees to his credit.
- 31 He was awarded the CBE in 1982 and was made a Companion of Honour in 1989.
- 32 He is also the recipient of many awards, medals and prizes; a Fellow of The Royal Society and a Member of the US National Academy of Sciences.

Know him better

- 33 There are several movies based on his life; the most recent and popular one being 'The Theory of Everything'. The movie showcased his relationship with his wife Jane Hawking.
- 34 Another popular movie that captures his life is 'Hawking'. The movie starring the scientist himself is a biographical documentary.
- 35 'My Brief History' documents his days of yore in London to international acclaim.

In the end

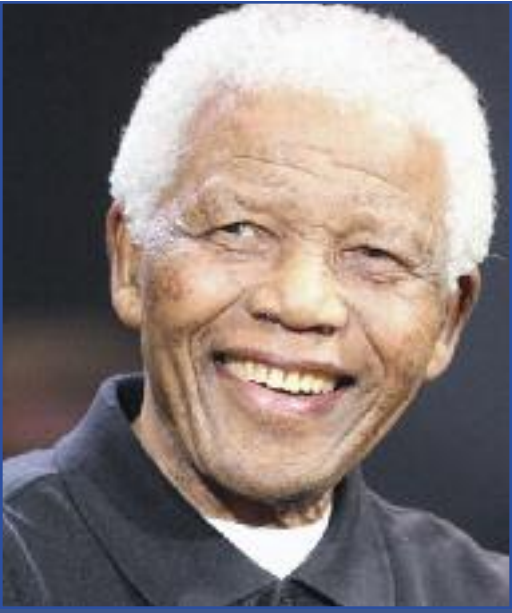
- 36 Going by the version of medical practitioner across the world, Hawking should not be able to hold lectures on existence of God. He should not be worrying about the consequences of artificial intelligence. He should not be able to attend award shows. And yet, Hawking does all of this and much more.🇮🇳

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Time line

1959	1962	1963	1970	1974	1977	1982	1988	2004
Hawking enrolls in the University of Oxford with specialisation in Physics	He begins his graduate work at Trinity Hall, Cambridge	Hawking is diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)	Hawking postulates the second law of black hole dynamics	His breakthrough discovery is published in a paper entitled 'Black hole explosion?'	Appointed professor of gravitational physics at Cambridge	Awarded a CBE by the Queen for his contributions and achievements	'A Brief History of Time' is published, Recorded as an all-time bestseller	Announces solving the black hole paradox, a long puzzling problem for scientists



Nelson Mandela

July 18, 1918 – December 5, 2013

Nelson ‘Mandiba’ Mandela was a beacon of hope for the racially torn South Africa. He fought against injustice to help the blacks stand shoulder to shoulder with the whites. He is the only non-Indian other than Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan to be conferred the Bharat Ratna. A symbol of hope for many, Mandela was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993.

Honour & Awards	
Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding	1979
International Simón Bolívar Prize	1983
Lenin Peace Prize	1990
Bharat Ratna	1990
Nishan-e-Pakistan	1992
Person of the Year by Time magazine	1993
Awarded Nobel Peace Prize Oslo, Norway	1993
The Ahimsa Award by the Institute of Jainology	1996
Gandhi-King Award	1999
The Nelson Mandela National Museum opens	2000
International Gandhi Peace Prize	2001
Listed under 100 most influential people in Time	2005
Ambassador of Conscience Award	2006
Arthur Ashe Courage Award	2009

Global Peacemaker

Instrumental in abolishing apartheid; Nelson Mandela was S. Africa’s first ever black president. Here’s going back in time to know the leader

ANC Reformed

1949, South Africa
The African National Congress has been undergoing a slow but steady transformation. At the ANC annual conference, older, more conservative leaders were replaced. The ANC officially made non-violence disobedience its policy. This comes as a victory for the ANC Youth League that has been advocating a more radical approach to reform. The group had condemned ANC’s initial policy of polite petitioning and tagged it as ineffective. ANCYL is said to be spearheaded by a group of radical leaders; the primary ones including Nelson Mandela, Sisulu and Tambo.

Mandela leads Defiance campaign

22 June, 1952, South Africa
Nelson Mandela, a black lawyer, anti-apartheid activist and a member of the ANC addressed a crowd of 10,000 people in Durban. The address kickstarts the party’s Defiance Campaign, a movement that encompasses volunteers defying apartheid laws by deliberately entering ‘Whites-only’ areas and getting themselves arrested. This campaign spearheaded by Mandela, as the national

volunteer-in-chief is seen by many to be a large-scale, political mobilisation against apartheid laws. Mandela who has played a key role in organising the campaign has been travelling across the country, meeting potential volunteers. He has recruited, trained and organised volunteers for this campaign. Nelson Mandela rose to prominence when he and friend Oliver Tambo opened the first black law firm.

Mandela sent to prison

June 12, 1964, South Africa
Nelson Mandela, ANC Youth League president has been arrested and sent to Robben Island for 18 years for sabotage and treason. Mandela, one of the prominent faces of the Defiance Movement, has been

arrested along with 10 other ANC activists. Mandela has already served prison sentences before. His arrest has sparked widespread condemnation from the international community and South Africa that saw large scale protests for his release. Mandela, like other black prisoners, will face tough conditions as the prison is known to be the toughest in South Africa.



A new dawn in South Africa

May 10, 1994, South Africa

South Africa witnessed history being created when ANC and anti-apartheid leader Nelson Mandela was sworn in as the country’s president. The country which has been divided over apartheid and has witnessed violent struggles between the black and white, participated in its first non-racial democratic election on April 27. President Mandela, in his speech to the nation, watched by millions around the world spoke of “shared patriotism that summons South Africans’ communal exhilaration in their land and their relief at being freed from the world’s disapproval.” The President himself, like many other black citizens, voted for the first time. The president however, has a tough road ahead, as he inherits a fractured economy, aggravated by international bans and a hostile international community.

Era of change

President Mandela wears the Springbok emblem



1995, South Africa
The nation erupted in joy and cheers when president Nelson Mandela strode into the Rugby World Cup final in Johannesburg wearing South African colours and bringing the overwhelmingly White crowd of more than 60,000 people to its feet. His historic decision to wear the Springbok emblem, the symbol that once was the symbol of oppression, conveyed the message that Rugby, which was for so long shunned by the black population, was now for all South Africans. The crowd at the stadium chanted "Nelson! Nelson! Nelson!" as the president congratulated the victorious home team in a moment that symbolised racial integration and harmony.

Nation in mourning

December 5, 2013, South Africa
South Africa today mourned the death of former President Nelson Mandela. The beloved revolutionary, lovingly termed the ‘Mandiba’ was a lawyer and anti-apartheid leader and has been instrumental in abolishing of apartheid laws. His message of reconciliation inspired the world after he negotiated a peaceful end to discrimination against the blacks in the country. Nelson Mandela was born in Mveso, Transkei, South Africa in 1918. Mandela’s father served as a counselor to tribal chiefs for several years. He was baptized in the Methodist Church and he went on to become the first in his family to attend school. One of his teachers gave him the name ‘Nelson’; keeping in sync with the tradition of giving the child a Christian name. Nelson Mandela continued higher

education and became actively involved in the anti-apartheid movement, joining the African National Congress in 1942 and for next 20 years campaigned against apartheid. After his retirement, he was actively involved in many charities for the betterment and upliftment of marginalised blacks and advocated an equal society. He founded the Nelson Mandela Foundation to focus on rural development, school construction, and combating HIV/AIDS. He advocated for several social and human rights organisations including the ONE Campaign and SOS Children’s Villages. Nelson Mandela will forever be remembered as the freedom fighter, who emerged from prison after 27 years to lead his country out of oppressive decades of apartheid.

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Timeline								
1925	1940	1941	1942	1944	1952	1963	1994	1995
Nelson Mandela attends primary school near Qunu, SA	Mandela is expelled for joining a student protest	Escapes an arranged marriage; becomes a mine security officer	Completes BA from the University of South Africa (UNISA)	Mandela attends African National Congress (ANC) meetings	Defiance Campaign begins; a political mobilisation against apartheid laws	Sent to the infamous Robben Island as a prisoner for the first time	Elected as South Africa’s first ever black president	Launches his autobiography ‘Long Walk to Freedom’



Don't daydream or drift away from the class. Ask questions every now and then to be more involved.

A strange friendship

Short Story



Aditya Pathak
AIS Gurgaon 46, VII

May 11, 2014, Monday 9:55 PM
Dear Diary,

Today was a day full of excitement and surprises. I turned 11 today and along with all the presents, I was also gifted a friend- an alien! I found him near the abandoned community center. I am not sure if anyone saw him, but I think I was the first to spot him, thanks to my new bicycle. He came from the sky at the speed of lightning. I brought him home and plan to keep it a secret as his life was in **peril**.

May 12, 2014, Tuesday 9:01 PM
Dear Diary,

I am amazed at the learning capacity of Ruzu (that's what I have started calling him)! He learnt the alphabet, numbers from 1-100 and I even taught him a few words. Well, I tried my best to hide him from my family but he was caught playing with my brother's toys (Ruzu loves his toys and cannot resist playing with them). I just hope my parents do not inform the authorities because if scientists get to know about him, they will kill him like they killed Laika, the dog. He's too young to die. I'll have to keep him safe.

May 14, 2014, Thursday 11:30 PM
Dear Diary,

Disaster struck! My neighbours heard the alien and uploaded a picture of my brother, Ruzu and me on FB. The media can come any time, probably with a bunch of scientists and soldiers. I feel bad. It was the beginning of the strangest friendship. But if I am a good friend, I can't keep him here. So today, I asked Ruzu to go back. I took him back to the same spot where I had found him. The intelligent alien gave me a piece of sand and wrote the words 'My friend, Aditya' and made the sand solid. My Ruzu was giving me a farewell gift. I accepted it and bid him farewell. It was heartbreaking and back home my brother was all tears too.

May 15, Friday 9:30 PM
Dear Diary,

The officials apologised when they did not find anything. My neighbours were fined for providing false information. I miss Ruzu. He proved that aliens have a heart just like us. I just hope that he is happy wherever he is. 🇮🇳🇮🇳

So, what did you learn today?
A new word: Peril
Meaning: Grave risk/danger



Chocolate Brownie

Himsi Tanwani
AIS Gurgaon 46, VI

Ingredients

Baking powder1/2 tsp
Salt1/4 tsp
Cocoa powder1/3 cup
All purpose flour1/2 cup
Vanilla essence1 tsp.
Powdered sugar1 cup
Eggs.....2
Vegetable oil1/3 cup

Method

- Preheat oven to 175 degree Celsius. Now grease and flour a rectangular cake tin.
- Combine all the ingredients in the electric mixer. Mix thoroughly.
- Pour the batter in the cake tin. Bake for 30 minutes.
- Once the brownies have cooled down and loosened from the sides. Bring it out from the cake tin. Slice the brownies and serve hot.

It's Me



My name: Parth Agnihotri
My school: AIS, Viraj Khand (VKC) Lucknow
My Class: III
My birthday: March 21
I like: Playing basketball and badminton
I dislike: Teasing animals
My role model: My elder brother
My best friend: Mishiti
My favourite book: Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul

My favourite game: Badminton
My favourite mall: Fun Mall
My favourite food: Cheese pizza
My favourite teacher: Garima ma'am
My favourite poem: The camel's hump
My favourite subject: Mathematics
I want to become: A singer
I want to feature in GT because: It makes me feel proud to be a part of The Global Times.

POEM

The spring season

Pearl Dhingra
AIS Pushp Vihar, VI

In spring season,
we have a lot of fun
under the bright yellow sun.
Chirping birds and blooming flowers,
sometimes, a splash of showers.

Spring comes in the month
of February and March,

a time when plants make starch.
The cool and lovely wind blows,
our skin glows,
fresh and blue water flows.

The leaves of trees swing,
with flowers yellow, red and white,
a season so joyful and bright!
Spring is the best season,
for our happiness and joy,
it is a reason. 🇮🇳🇮🇳



Riddle Fiddle

Jasleen Kaur Bijlani
AIS Gurgaon 46, VI

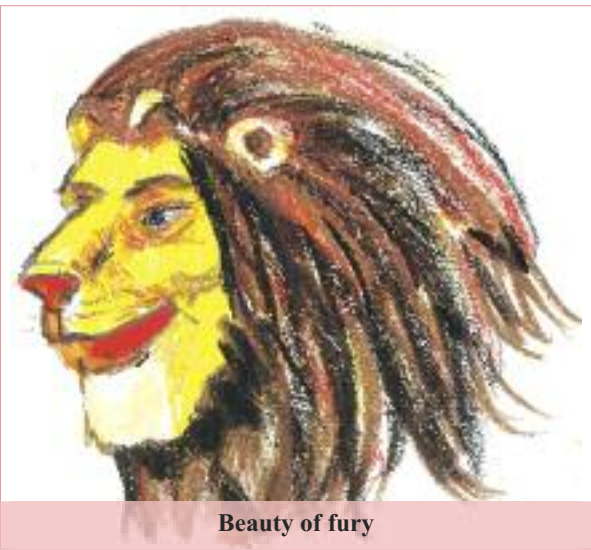
- 1) What can you catch but not throw?
- 2) The more you have of me the less you see. Who am I?
- 3) What has a thumb and four fingers but is not alive?
- 4) What has many holes but can hold a lot of water?
- 5) Big as a biscuit, deep as a cup, even a river can't fill it up. What is it?
- 6) It's been around for a million years. But it is not more than one month old. What is it?
- 7) What gets wetter as it dries up?

Answers

ANSWERS: 1) Cold 2) Darkness
3) A glove 4) A sponge
5) A tea strainer 6) Moon 7) A towel

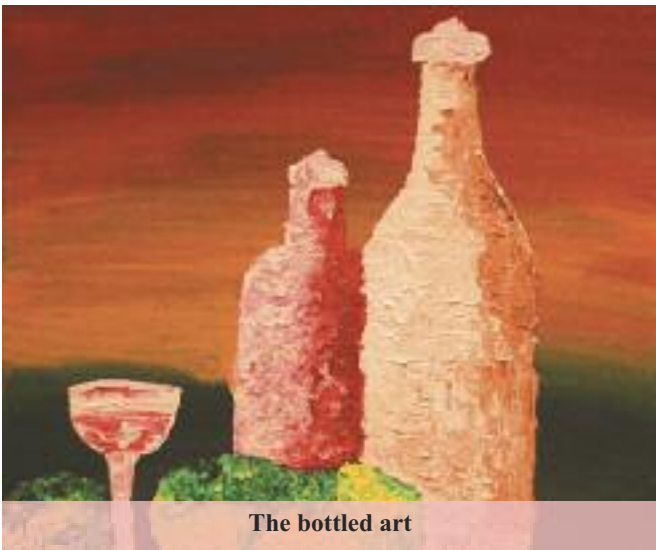
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Beauty of fury

Chhavi Chawla, AIS Saket, VI



The bottled art

Saumya Sharma, AIS Vasundhara 6, VIII



A friendly conversation

Annual Production

Amies from Pre-Nursery and Nursery turned into little messengers on their Annual Production while the tiny tots from KG celebrated the festivals of India with much enthusiasm



Portrait Amiown family with Dr Ashok K. Chauhan & Ms Sapna Chauhan



Beaming Happy faces



Amiown Gurgaon
Rimmi Mehrotra & Vandana Mathur
Amiown Gurgaon, Teacher

The annual day of Pre-Nursery and Nursery on March 14, saw the presence of Vice Chairperson, Amiown, Ms Sapna Chauhan; Founder President, Amity Universe, Dr Ashok K. Chauhan; Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan; Mr Ajit Chauhan; Mr Abhay Chauhan; Mr Amol Chauhan and Ammaji. The gems from Pre-Nursery danced to “A gift for you” on the theme of ‘mother nature’. The tiny tots from Nursery staged their progression through brilliant oratory skills and a performance on ‘Amitales’, inspired by Amiown

Kahaani Tree. They also sang ‘Save the World’. The Amies of KG held their annual production ‘Kaleidoscope’, a musical dance drama dedicated to Indian festivals on February 28. The occasion was graced by Ms Sapna Chauhan; Chairperson, ASFT & ASPA, Ms Divya Chauhan and Ms Jaishree Chauhan. The event commenced with the lighting of the lamp, amidst the chanting of *shlokas* by the little Amies. The little ones also exhibited their ballet and skating skills. They also presented a well articulated school report. Coordinators Anu Bhasin and Komal Girdhar shared the schools academic achievements. Amies enlivened Indian culture through costumes and a dance. The little ones crooned ‘Mile sur mera tumhara’ and ‘I have a dream’. The departing Class KG was shown their three years of journey from Pre-Nursery to KG.



Sharing Token of love



Hip Hop Let's move together!



Diversity Ode to the spirit of India



Animal Kingdom Jungle book



Togetherness All set to win hearts

The graduation day at Amiown was sprinkled with a wide variety of exciting performances presented by little Amies

Amiown Noida & Vasundhara
Monika Sharda
Amiown Noida, Teacher

On March 10, Amiown celebrated the graduation day of Amies. The day was graced by the benign presence of Vice Chairperson, Amiown, Ms Sapna Chauhan; Founder President, Amity Universe, Dr Ashok K. Chauhan; Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan and Chairperson, ASPA & ASFT, Ms Divya Chauhan; Vice Chairperson, AHF, Ms Pooja Chauhan, parents and grandparents. The theme for the day was ‘Anant Katha Amrit’, the narration of tales and stories as part of Amiown Kahaani Tree, an initiative of Ms Sapna Chauhan. The day began with the lighting of the lamp and chanting of the Gayatri Mantra by Amies. Ms Sapna Chauhan proudly shared with parents the commendable achievements of Amiown. Neelam Choudhry, centre head and coordinator,

Amiown Noida and Vasundhara, shared proud moments of Amies in their journey of learning. Amies from Amiown Vasundhara, Class Mulberry depicted the story of Krishna, while Class Cranberry presented a story from the ‘Panchatantra’. The children of Class Gooseberry enacted the story that stressed the importance of giving. Class Blueberry presented a comic story on ants. A skit on ‘Who’s my mumma’ was performed by Class Raspberry. ‘Elmer the elephant’ enacted by Class Strawberry won many hearts. The day concluded with the Amies dancing to the song, ‘It’s a beautiful day’. Founder President was all praises for the patience of a teacher who made an Amie speak his lines on the stage. Renu Singh, principal and Soma Mukherjee, vice principal, primary wing, AIS Noida heartily appreciated the young talent of Amiown. The progress reports and portfolios were shared with parents by Ms Sapna Chauhan herself.



My Inspiration My father

The class presentation of little Amies saw their progress reports being shared with parents



My pride Amies



Inside the jungle Jingle time

Amiown Pushp Vihar
Jenifer Anthony
Amiown Pushp Vihar, Teacher

The academic year concluded at Amiown PV on March 10 by handing out the progress reports of Amies to parents during class presentation. The programme began with little Amies participating in outdoor sports and races. The parents were thrilled to see the Amies from Nursery lined up on the tracks to exhibit their Taekwondo punches and yoga *asanas*. The field echoed with cheers as Amies from Pre-Nursery confidently participated in various races such as ‘grab the cone’ race, ‘bonding together’ race, et al. Each race was unique in itself as they taught the little gems, values of togetherness on one hand and eye-hand coordination &

balancing skills on the other. After the outdoor activities, parents were escorted into the respective classes where each class had planned a show with different themes like ‘Jungle Jingle’, ‘Snowy Region’, ‘A walk in the jungle’, etc. Amies spoke their lines and showcased their dancing talent before the parents with much enthusiasm. They also dramatised the stories of ‘Brownie Bear, what do you see?’ and ‘Bear feels ill’. In other classes, the tiny tots shared amazing facts on farm and wild animals and the endangered and extinct animals. During the class presentation, Amies shared with their parents the things they had learnt so far at Amiown. The parents beamed when their little ones shared value based stories, drawings and paintings with them. Later, parents excitedly participated in sharing the journey of their offspring at Amiown.



Cheering All the way



Progressive Performance



Have a nourishing breakfast.
Eat healthy, but not heavy.

Testing Mental Math





The AIS PV winners of Inter Amity Mental Math Quiz

Around 200 avid students participated and proved their mental prowess

Inter Amity Mental Math Quiz

With an aim to nurture young mathematicians, the Inter Amity Mental Math Quiz for Class I-X was organised from February 10-12, 2015. All the eight branches of Amity International School participated in the event organised by BN Bajpai, advisor R&D, Amity International Schools. The competition initiated by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, was held at AIS Pushp Vihar, AIS Mayur Vihar, AIS Saket, AIS Gurgaon 46 and AIS Noida. The Inter Amity Mental Math Quiz is an annual programme that began in 2010 to help students conquer their math phobia,

enhance their proficiency, rekindle interest in mathematical tables, enable calculation without paper and pen as well as develop better reasoning and logical skills. A class-wise quiz competition was held from Jan 20-22, 2015 in all Amity schools. Three students from each class were shortlisted for the competition. The event began with the lighting of the lamp followed by a 'Math Song.' The teams were divided into two groups- Group A and B comprising four schools each. Two teams from each group qualified for the final round. The quiz comprised various rounds like Visual, Solve a Problem, Mental Math and Rapid Fire etc. Eminent educationists from IIT, Delhi; University of Delhi and NCERT, judged the event.  

Results

Class I

Host School: AIS Mayur Vihar
1st position: AIS Noida
2nd position: AIS Pushp Vihar
3rd position: AIS Vasundhara 1

Class II

Host School: AIS Pushp Vihar
1st position: AIS Pushp Vihar
2nd position: AIS Vasundhara 1
3rd position: AIS Vasundhara 6

Class III

Host School: AIS Pushp Vihar
1st position: AIS Pushp Vihar
2nd position: AIS Gurgaon 46
3rd position: AIS Noida

Class IV

Host School: AIS Mayur Vihar
1st position: AIS Noida
2nd position: AIS Vasundhara 6
3rd position: AIS Gurgaon 46

Class V

Host School: AIS Gurgaon 46
1st position: AIS Saket
2nd position: AIS Gurgaon 46
3rd position: AIS Noida & MV

Class VI

Host School: AIS Noida
1st position: AIS Noida
2nd position: AIS Vasundhara 1
3rd position: AIS Gurgaon-43

Class VII

Host School: AIS Saket
1st position: AIS Saket
2nd position: AIS Gurgaon 46
3rd position: AIS Noida

Class VIII

Host School: AIS Saket
1st position: AIS Saket
2nd position: AIS Pushp Vihar
3rd position: AIS Vas 6 & Vas 1

Class IX

Host School: AIS Gurgaon 46
1st position: AIS Saket
2nd position: AIS Noida
3rd position: AIS Gurgaon 46

Class X

Host School: AIS Noida
1st position: AIS Noida
2nd position: AIS Vasundhara 6
3rd position: AIS Gurgaon 46





Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan with the head girl and head boy

Junior Investiture

AIS Pushp Vihar

Amity International School, Pushp Vihar held its junior investiture ceremony for the academic year 2014-2015 on Feb 6, 2015. The event was graced by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools along with other dignitaries including Mr Atul Chauhan, Chancellor, AUUP; Ms Pooja Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amity Humanity Foundation; Ms Sapna Chauhan, Vice Chairperson, Amiown Schools and Col BS Ahluwalia, sports counsellor, Amity International Schools.

The event began with ceremonial lamp lighting followed by march-past and a motivational song by the school choir. Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan congratulated the newly appointed student council members and entrusted them with the school flag and the badges. The newly appointed head boy, Gunek Singh and head girl, Saumya Chauhan along with other council members, took an oath to perform their duties with utmost integrity and sincerity. The programme concluded with the rendition of the school song followed by the national anthem.  



Heritage assembly

AIS VKC LKO

The beauty and grandeur of Kashmir was exhibited through a special assembly held at AIS VKC, Lucknow on February 16, 2015. The special assembly acquainted the children with the culture and traditions of Jammu & Kashmir. An informative presentation provided information regarding the area, location, climate, history and tourist attractions of Jammu and Kashmir. Girls of Classes II to IV presented folk dance



Students in Kashmiri attire

of Kashmir, Rauf. A song glorifying the beauty of Kashmir won many hearts. The enriching assembly concluded with a quiz based on Jammu and Kashmir.  





Students of AIS Lucknow cheer during the match

Hero HIL

AIS Lucknow

Students of AIS Lucknow visited the Dhyani Chand Astro turf Stadium to watch the 15th match of Hero Hockey India League, played between Uttar Pradesh Wizards and Jaypee Punjab Warriors on February 4, 2015. The students had the honour of partici-

pating in the opening ceremony as they accompanied the players to the ground. Students not only watched the entire match but also cheered and supported their team Uttar Pradesh Wizards, who recorded a 2-1 victory. It was a memorable day for students as they watched the match live and also got the chance to be on the television as the match was aired worldwide. Students thanked school vice principal Mukta Banerjee, for giving them the golden opportunity.  

Scholastic Alerts

Institute: Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education & Research (JIPMER)
Course: MBBS
Eligibility: Must have passed/ appeared for 10+2 examination with Physics, Chemistry, Biology / Biotechnology & English/ Equivalent
Online applications available: Online registration from: March 02, 2015
Last date for submission of online applications: Online registration closes on: May 04, 15
Entrance Examination: June 07, 2015 10:00 am – 12:30pm
Website: www.jipmer.edu.in

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Courses: •MBBS•BDS•BCA• BA LLB / BBA LLB • BHMS/ BAMS/ BPT • BBA • BJMC • B.Tech (Bio Tech) • B. Tech • BCA-MCA Dual • BHMCT • B. Com (Hons.) • B. Sc (Yoga Science) • B. Arch.
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• A separate application form has to be filled-in for each programme (s)



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Website: <http://ipu.ac.in>
Taruna Barthwal, Manager, Amity Career Counselling & Guidance Cell

If there's something that's distracting you from concentrating in class, figure out a solution. If it's a talkative classmate, change seats.

Compiled by **Anirudh Singh**, AIS Noida, V K



A cool DJ, a cooler VJ



Nikhil Chinapa is a trend-setter and a style icon in more ways than one. He is credited with making veejaying a sought-after profession and EDM a popular form of music in India. He made an unforgettable appearance on 'Colours of Youth 2015', a talent show held at AUUP. Here's a quick Q&A with the popular VJ and DJ...

Deepika Agarwal & Kritika Khanna
Amity School of Engg & Tech

Nikhil is not your real name. So, how did the name come about?

Many people do not know that Nikhil is not actually my real name! In my family and community, the official names are so long and complicated that everybody is given a pet name when they are born. To simplify things, my family name is Kalengada Bhemaiah Chinapa and my pet name is Nikhil, which was given to me when I was born. Soon, half of my friends were calling me Chinapa and to half of them, I was Nikhil.

Your father was a paratrooper in the Indian army and you studied architecture. So how on earth did you end up becoming a VJ?

I didn't really get inspired by what I was already doing. As a student, I used to work with AIESEC, an important part of which was a fundraising event. The fundraiser had put up a



GT Reporters and Amity dignitaries with Nikhil Chinapa

request stall where one could pay Rs 5 and get a song played. Out there, I was the only one who knew a little about music, so I volunteered to run the request stall. While making announcements at the stall, I turned it into a fake radio station. Someone heard me and asked me to emcee a show, and then, somebody heard me emcee that show and asked me to emcee another show! This was back in 1991, so there were no real emcees as such. We just made up the rules as we went along and created our own template.

And who inspired you to start deejaying?

When I first met Pearl (wife), she was already playing music and then we fell in love. When I watched her DJing, it looked like fun, so I thought that I would like to DJ as well. I had also stood next to many DJs and watched them play for many years. Soon, Pearl taught me how to play and a friend asked me to play at his club. All of it went off well. I played once again at his club after two weeks. That too went off well and after that there was no looking back

So, is music your first love or your wife?

Pearl is my first love, music is my second love. They inter-change places every once in a while!

Pearl and I, have a really large Vinyl Record Collection. In fact, we are both very, very proud of this possession of ours.

Tell us about your various ventures - your firm Submerge; being a festival director of Vh1 Supersonic and your show 'Together' on Radio One 94.3.

Submerge is something that Pearl, my best friend Harmeet and I set up about 11 years ago to promote trance music in India when trance music wasn't that popular. We started doing parties all across India. Soon, it became this really large movement and a community on the online forum as well. Sunburn is a festival that I started in 2007. I started 'Vh1 Supersonic' with Viacom, which is growing fast and becoming a really popular festival now. The show which I started with Radio One is something I don't do anymore on the radio, but I do it online now. It's on a website called tgtr.in. The show is called 'Together'. It's available on Mixcloud as well as the website.

Your message to Amitians?

Never ever stop listening to any kind of music or any form of music. Listen to music, even if they are bhajans. Music keeps you going. [G](#) [T](#)

Jugaadin- one stop shop

Jugaadin is a creative brainchild of a few students of ASET to provide quick answers to everyday, diverse problems

Shishant Sharma
Amity School of Engg & Tech

Jugaadin, founded by Manmohan Singhla, Deepak Joshi, Shishant Sharma and Himanshu Goyal, students of Amity School of Engineering & Technology is a one stop solution to almost all of your woes, whether marketing, technical or academic. You name the problem, and Team Jugaadin can solve it for you since they have skilled professionals in each domain. Says Manmohan, "We

began by freelancing, creating websites etc. Soon, we had built a good deal of contacts and clients through various tie ups. So, one day, we brainstormed together on how to take it to the next level. And Jugaadin happened." He further explains the unique concept that Jugaadin.com is running on, "Working with us is simple. Anyone who has talent is invited to collaborate with us. For example, a budding photographer may approach us and we will provide a platform to

showcase his or her skills through an event that a client may approach us for." What's more, the team does not believe in charging for its services, the mode of payment, as Manmohan puts it, is always "in kind."

No wonder then that Team Jugaadin is doing wonders by setting up a cell in not just Amity University, but many other colleges. In the technical domain, for instance, Jugaadin.com offers support on the latest technology, gaming, internet etc. Besides, it has an elaborate Web Corner which provides assistance in hot favourite tools such as SEO, web designing and development and social media marketing. Jugaadin's Web Solutions, creates designs that are unique and can provide one an edge over competitors. At Jugaadin's Service Corner, you can browse the best restaurants, lounges, bakeries, designers, web developers, while the Academic Corner can suffice your needs by giving you quick notes or e-books or even the much sought-after previous year's question papers. The Creative Corner is a space that encourages the talent of writers and bloggers. "Valuable advice can come from unexpected sources and small opportunities can sometimes open big doors. Jugaadin does both," says Manmohan. [G](#) [T](#)



GT Travels to Florida



Anugrah Redhu, AIS PV, IV A flaunts his GT with style at Legoland, Florida. The theme park in Winter Haven Florida is the second largest Legoland, next only to Legoland Windsor in the UK. The sprawling park encompasses 145 acres of land and boasts of more than 50 rides, shows and attractions.

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