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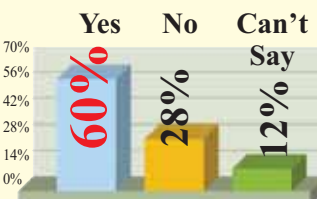
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Coming Next

Convocation 2017

Exposure to globalized world and changing social profiles has made kids 'The monarchs of consumerism'. This Children's Day, **Stuti Kalra, GT Network** tries to find reasons for 21st century 'Kids' emerging as key consumers for brands.

Back in 90s, Parzan Dastur enticed us all with his sweet ranting, "Sab gussa karte hain main ghar chod ke ja raha hoon," only to be mollified at the mention of jalebis being cooked especially for him, that made Dhara refined oil a household name. Speak of Rasna and we instantly break into, "I love you Rasna" jingle. Action ka school time was the shoe every child wanted to have and all the candies and snacks came with some famous celebrity toy figurine drawing the attention of kids. Circa 2017: A seven year old is reading the map on GPS and guiding his father through maze of dense forests successfully navigating them out of the tribal trouble, in their Volkswagen Tiguan SUV, with child becoming the champ. In another ad a daughter innocently asks her father, "Hamara apna ghar kyon nahi hai", immediately prompting her doting dad to apply for India Bulls home loan and buy 'Apna Ghar'. With kids being the main protagonists in all these ads, on the face of it nothing seems to have changed. Look deeper, and we see the change - the ability to influence, the decision to buy



MODERN 'KIDSUMERS'

now lies with 'The Kids'.

Move over candies and toys, kids these days call the shots from choosing home décor (remember Amazon's ad "Amaira ka room kahan hai") to smart phones, SUVs, and even home itself. 21st century clearly belongs to teenagers who are connected to the world through internet, and have a huge media access. 'Inquisitive' and 'Informed', the current generation is always looking for greater engagement and personalized buying experiences. Last 5 years have registered a spurt in the sale of smartphones mainly attributed to kids being digitally more savvy and attentive about the features their phones should have. As of 2012, 41% of all 12 to 27 years olds had a smart phone and two out of three has some type of mobile device, such as a tablet or an ipad.

Children these days shape the buying pattern of their families. They are now more vocal about what their parents should buy. From vacation choices to car purchase, to meal selections, they exert a tremendous power over the family pocket book. Kids now have more 'Pester Power'. They watch advertisements and exclusive brand deals, offers, coupons and discounts displayed on school buses, tablets, smartphones, PCs, and force their parents to buy, the brands or commodities which attract them. Parents also are increasingly buying products that make the kids happy. This behaviour reflects the confidence they have about the product awareness of their children. Opinions of kids are sought even in purchasing products not directly related to them such as cars and home appliances because they have better

knowledge of brands, models and the latest trends.

Most of the kids now also have more discretionary income (pocket money) as a result of which they purchase for self-gratification and self-sufficiently. As per one of the statistics based on studies conducted in urban Indian cities, 85% parents favoured giving pocket money to children with 15% not agreeing to that. Modern parents strongly desire to make their kids develop good money management skills and become aware customers soon. Children are therefore deliberately turned into consumers at a very early age because of encouragement by parents, who happily provide the youngsters with necessary finances to learn these skills early in life. New Mantra is: 'Influence the child and you will influence the whole family'.



Renowned Classical Singer, Sunanda Sharma

The queen of melodies

To have a good mentor is the foremost thing in art. One should be able to retain what the guru has taught because that would reflect how keen you are to learn

Aradhana Sai, XII C & Karan Dhall, XI D, AIS Gurugram 43

She has learnt under the mentorship of classical vocalist doyen late Girija Devi and has carried forward the legacy of Benares Gharana. Classical singer **Sunanda Sharma** tells why youth will always feel connected to this genre.

A gifted singer

I was born in an environment where classical music was everywhere. I come from a family with rich musical background. I first started training under the guidance of my father, Pt. Sudarshan Sharma at the age of five. He is my first guru as I grasped the nuances of music from him. Initially, I used to think that every child learns and knows music, but soon I realised that it was a very special gift given to me by God and, I felt blessed.

Values of Artist

One needs to have the

urge, thirst and passion for any art form that one wishes to pursue. I was lucky to have all these qualities and worked dedicatedly towards reaching my goal with a single-minded focus. I was lucky to have good gurus under whose guidance and tutelage I learnt a lot. First from my father and after that I was blessed to have learnt Benares style of singing under the guidance of late Girija Devi ji. They both have helped me perfect my craft and hone my skills.

Good mentorship

To have a good mentor is the foremost thing in any field of art. The one who can see the hidden talent in you, be strict and firm with you and make sure that you stay grounded. He will shower all his love, blessings and wisdom on you only if you are willing to learn. One should also be able to retain what the guru has taught because that would reflect how keen you are to learn. Practice regularly because learning any creative work is like a sadhana and you have to strive hard and practice dedicatedly.

Endless melody

People often ask me whether classic music has any limits because the en-



GT reporters interviewing Sunanda Sharma



tire symphony is based on the notes of ragas like Bhairavi and Yaman. My answer to this question is 'No'. Classical music has no limits. In fact, ragas have outlived generations. Every artist brings in a special touch to the ragas and tals.



Meticulous teacher

I teach what I have been taught by my mentors. My experiences play a pivotal role when I share my knowledge. This kind of teaching works out very well and brings out an eclectic mix of holistic learning. I add my own touch to any raga that my mentors have taught me. This way, there is improvisation in my learning and understanding of the ragas as well.

Rapid Fire Round

Favourite place: Himachal
Favourite cuisine: Indian
Favourite Hobby: Writing
Favourite artist: Pandit Ravi Shankar

Young brigade

Contrary to the popular belief, I can tell you from my experience that both at national and international levels, the interest of youngsters in classical music is growing. This is why I encourage programmes like Spic Macay which propagate classical music and sensitise the youth to the nuances of Indian classical music. The more we reach out the younger audience, the more they would be engaged.  

The formation of milk teeth or baby teeth starts happening inside the mother's womb. And the first teeth appears when newborn is about 6 months old.



Recalling the DeMon

November 8, 2016. On this day, the nation felt the tremors not of an earthquake but the biggest reformative move 'Demonitisation'. From standing in long queues to creating new Paytm accounts, people faced it all. Some cursed the move, while some praised it. And the only respite amongst this hullabaloo were the jokes and memes bombarded on the phone and Facebook. We bring you, a flashback of the predictions done by economists on the move that was initiated a year ago.

"I was asked by the government in February 2016 for my view on demonetisation, which I gave orally. Although there might be long-term benefits, I felt the likely short-term economic costs would outweigh them."

-Raghuram Rajan

"The demonetisation of currency was a despotic act as the government broke the promise of compensation that comes with a promissory note. It goes against trust. It undermines the trust of entire economy."

-Amartya Sen

"Demonetisation was ostensibly implemented to combat corruption, terrorism financing and inflation. But it was poorly designed, with scant attention paid to the laws of the market, and it is likely to fail. So far its effects have been disastrous for the middle- and lower-middle classes, as well as the poor. And the worst may be yet to come."

- Kaushik Basu

"If successful, this will go down as the biggest reform in India,

bigger than the GST (though the two are related) and bigger than the industrial policy reform of 1991. But, and there is a but, while the policy is very effective in its attack on past black money, it's silent on creation of money."

- Surjit Bhalla

"The manner in which it was implemented is not surprising - such actions are always secret till announced, so that insiders don't take advantage of the information at the cost of the outsiders."

- Arvind Virmani

"However, it is a corrective step. I consider demonetisation as Demonetisation and the Income Disclosure Scheme should have been done together. Despite this slip, with the technological advancement and digital payments, it is easy to track payments."

-S Gurumurthy

"It is not about how much we gained. The objective was formalisation of the economy, attack on black money, making the system less dependent on cash, blow to terrorism...Each of these areas

have received extremely positive effect due to demonetisation."

-Arun Jaitley

"The economy has slowed down as I had projected a few months ago as a result of demonetisation and also the fact that demonetisation has been accompanied by the GST, which is a good thing that we have done in the long term. But in the short term, there are glitches to be resolved. Therefore, the economy has experienced a downhill path."

-Manmohan Singh

"Demonetisation imposed in 2016 probably had no more than a temporary effect on Asia's third-largest economy, as lending continued to flow."

- Urjit Patel

Laughing DeMon

You can deposit your 500/1000 notes in the following banks even after 31st December without fine and limit:
Banks of Kaveri
Banks of Tungabhadra
Banks of Krishna & Godavari
Banks of Ganga and Yamuna
Without waiting in Q.....

Man jumps red light. Cop catches him. Man gives him Rs 1000 as bribe. Police says, "100 ka note hi de do"

Please lock your doors tonight. Not because someone will steal your money but because someone might come and keep his money inside your home.

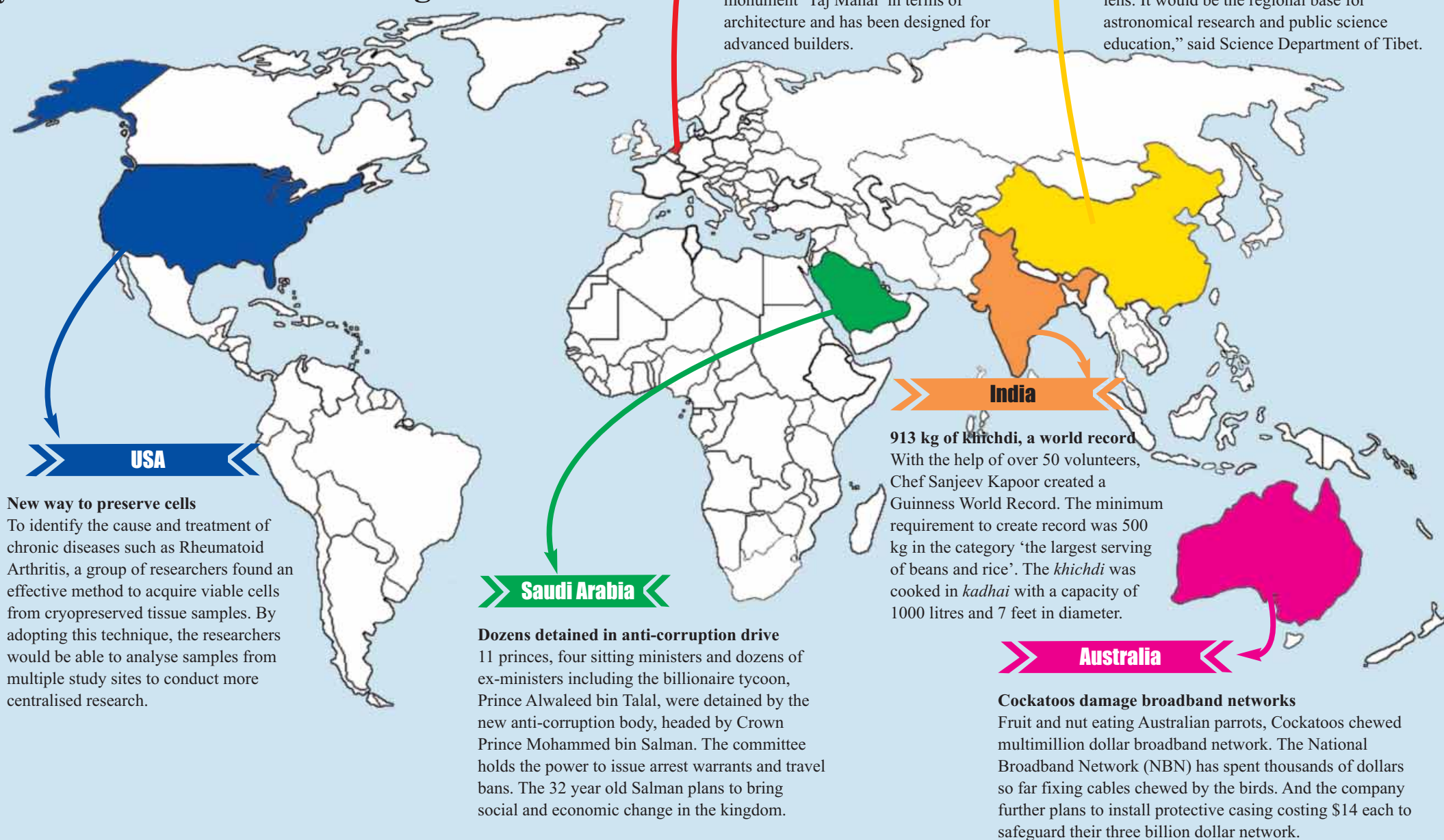
Client asks his CA: I have deposited Rs 5 lakh in my wife's account. Are you sure IT people will arrest my wife or should I deposit more?



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World at a glance

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Most kids start losing their baby teeth when they're about six years old.

Building an enterprise

Big things often have small beginnings. It is beginnings like these which make young business minds become entrepreneurs in future and give rise to an enterprise

Yavnika Garg, AIS Gur 46, XI

School conveys the idea of basic education. But at Amity, the students move beyond classroom and believe in hands-on experience and therefore come up with distinct ideas. Keeping this in mind, students from AIS Gurugram 46 took up the challenge of running a business in the school by forming an enterprise. Take a look at the journey of entrepreneurs...

Beyond the ordinary...

Juggling between academics and co-curricular activities, a group of students from AIS Gur 46 took one step forward by accepting a three month long project 'The School Enterprise Challenge'. It is a global business start-up Awards Programme for schools around the world. The students get chance to gain hands-on experience of running a real business and generate real profits to support their school or a social cause of their choice.

Reviving the lost art...

Under this project, the students represented themselves as 'Team Maati'. It was their passion to reach out to the masses and rein-



A product crafted by Team Maati (L) & Demonstration of business project inside the school (R)

vigorate the dying art of pottery. Taking up this as their business model, they went on promoting and producing production of clay products alongside. 'Maati-The soil of India' came to be identified as social group rather than a business one, making it distinct from other business projects.

The unique amalgamation...

During the three month business

project, the team faced various challenges to match up with the level of the established business firms. In addition to it, the task to keep up with the production and the demand was another milestone to be achieved. But Team Maati blend values and business ethics to formulate business.

And the journey goes on...

Within three months, Team Maati

earned a profit of more than 200 USD. With the earned profit, the team attempts to light up the lives in 'Amitasha', an NGO for less privileged girl child run by Amity Humanity Foundation. Time flew and three months passed by and result for the best business enterprise is still awaited. But, Team Maati plans to continue with project by establishing a Commerce Society, 'CommUnity'.

Meet the challengers from 'Team Maati'

Executive Head: Yajur Lath
Head of Marketing and Sales: Nimisha Khanna
Head of Production: Tanvi Anand
Head of Finance: Pranjul Aggarwal
Head of Design: Navyaa Gaekwad
Head of PR: Pranay Sharma

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Solve the above rebus?

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(b) Silver spoon
(c) Gold spoon
(d) only (a) and (b)

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Nov 17, 2017

3 correct entries win attractive prizes

Ans. Brainleaks 224: (C)

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2. Diti Sharma, VII-AFYCP, AIS Noida
3. Anushka Gautam, VIII-AFYCP, AIS PV

Name:.....

Class:.....

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The winners felicitated by dignitaries during the fashion show

Paridhan 2017

With panache in their walk, the young fashionistas stepped up the stage reflecting cultural roots of MP

ASFDT, AUMP

Amity School of Fashion Design and Technology, AUMP held a fashion show 'PARIDHAN -2017' on October 13, 2017. The theme of the fashion show was 'MP Ajab hai, sabse gazab hai'. The participants were asked to create designs on the given theme. The fashionists displayed their designs reflecting varying sub theme such as 'chanderi choga', 'bagh chapai' and 'bandhej'. Meenakshi Mathur (Mrs Universe Famous, Mrs Asia Pacific Universe and Mrs India MIQS 2016) graced the fashion show as chief guest for the occasion. The jury members for the show were Mitendra Darshan Singh, Winner of Ruburo Mr India



A child walks on the ramp

United Continents title for the year 2017 and Dr Sarika Chauhan, Alumnus Howard University and a motivational

speaker. Marvelous designs created by the students were showcased during the fashion show. Around 42 models walked the ramp showcasing their designs to large audience. The audience was left awestruck when the children aged between 3-10 years walked the ramp with panache. The fashion show was big hit amongst the youngsters and the winners under different categories were felicitated. The winner announced for the evening were Abhishek Arjariya, under the category - Best Model, Bagh Chapai round. Nidhi Ahuja, under the category - Best Model, Chanderi Choga round; and Shick Shavey & Mansa Singh, under the category - Best couple, Bandhej Kari round.

Career highs

A steady step towards bright future, students of ASCO establish their first step in media industry

ASCO AUMP

Amity School of Communication, Gwalior designed a placement process to assist the students in establishing their first step in media industry. About 84% students of the 2015-18 batch (as of October 2017) were placed with leading media companies. With the ambitions to grow, learn and succeed professionally, the students were guided by ASCO faculty, preparing them to excel in their careers. Renowned company 'Prime Focus World,' that came to the campus for the first time hired ten students to work for their multinational animation. World's second largest content viral company 'Wittyfeed' not just offered placements but also internships to five students. Apart from these, companies like, Dainik Bhaskar, Gwalior; My FM 94.3 and WAT Consult also participated in the placement process. The students participated wholeheartedly in the opportunity extended by the university that proved to be a catalyst for boosting their levels of confidence and self-esteem. Students recruited during their placement process share their views...

"Studying for three years in ASCO has been a wonderful



Students who got placed during the placement process

journey. I am feeling so proud to have been placed with a good company, through the campus placement opportunity provided by the university.

*Aditi Sharma,
Placed as Production Coordinator, with Prime Focus World*

"I'm grateful for this generous opportunity which will be helpful for my future and career."

-Dushyant Chauhan, recruited as Video Editor, Wittyfeed

"I feel extremely privileged to get an opportunity to work with an esteemed organisation while still pursuing my course. It will enable me to enhance my skills and steer my career ahead."

*- Aditi Khare,
Intern, Wittyfeed*

"I am thankful to AUMP to have given me a chance begin my career with such a big organization, as soon as I step out of the college."

*Jigyasa Saxena
Placed as Production Coordinator with Prime Focus World*

Speaking on the placement process, Dr Sumit Narula, Director, ASCO expressed, "I joined the university in 2013 and visualised bringing the best industry pioneers for placement. I planned getting the students placement while they were in their fifth semester in India's top Media and Entertainment. And we have did it. My faculties are my pillars." He further thanked Honourable VC, Pro VC and Director CRC for showing their faith.

Kids in prehistoric times were likely not to suffer from tooth decay. Studies suggest, it was because sugar was not a part of their diet.



Online or Offline?

Living without them is next to impossible. More than oxygen, we breathe their UV rays. Read on, the struggle stories of young Amitians, who tried to spend a single day without gadgets

One day this summer, my mother challenged me to spend a whole day without gadgets and I readily accepted. I thought, after all, how difficult would it be to spend a day by not using any of the gadgets? Having accepted the challenge, I was very keen on winning it too. My day started on a good note. I finished my usual morning tasks and went to my study room. I picked up my science book to study. While reading the chapter 'Materials and reactions', I came across many formulas, equations and complex elements. My mind was blown, and I was about to turn on the computer, to search online for the easier methods to understand those when it struck my mind, that it was a 'No Gadget Day' for me. "Alas! my bad luck," I mumbled. Sad and sullen, I went to my cupboard to refer to some books, I had once bought from one of the book fairs. While looking for books, a thick, hard bound, glossy encyclopedia caught my attention. It was brand new, untouched all these days! Curious and enchanted, I started going through the pages of the knowledge bank. Hours passed by and I kept on reading it. At last, not only could I understand my chapter, but I also gained more insights into various topics of my interest. I felt happy and excited because finally, I had won the challenge too.

Riya Dogra, AIS Gur 46, VIII

It happened a few days ago. My mother took away all my gadgets as a punishment for my careless attitude. At that moment, I was shocked that my life would be so boring and stifling. What will I do for entertainment? How will I solve those complex calculations? How will I get in touch with my friends? What about my profile update on Facebook? While I was muttering all this sitting alone in my room, my granny came in. She asked me to spend a day with her and since I had nothing to do I agreed. She insisted me to go for a walk with her. As I walked out of my house I felt very different. The guards of my apartment were astonished to see me without earphones and for the first time, I wished them. After a long walk with my granny, we both went to her favourite restaurant, where I recalled some of the beautiful memories of fun-filled joyous meals I had with her, three years ago. Lost in my virtual world all these years, I suddenly realised that I enjoyed more with my granny. Being attracted to gadgets I had neglected her completely. I felt guilty and hugged her tightly. Tears of joy rolled down my cheeks. A day without gadgets got me my relationship with my granny back. If relationships are the rewards, I would love to get more punishments like this!

Khushi Soni, AIS Vas 6, VIII

Suddenly I saw a tornado approaching me at unimaginable speed and it drew me in the vortex. All my gadgets -my phone, my laptop, my fridge were swirling with me. They all had minion faces, giggling and tickling me. I tried getting hold of them but they all laughed and floated away. 'Poof... and gone,' I couldn't find my mobile phone. Where is my computer, laptop, television, kitchen-appliances? Where did all of them vanish? How will my mother make food without microwave? Where would we store our food without fridge? Oh God! What a grave problem I have stumbled upon? How will I man-

age? Without my gadgets and internet my life will be doomed. How will I complete my project report on Kerala? Final exams are round the corner. How will I submit my assignments and assessments to my teacher? My God, how do I contact my friends in Kerala? Should I write letters to them? How will I watch my favourite shows and movies? Oh! What do I do? "Come back! I have my exams, I have to submit my project," I screamed and woke up with a sudden startle. Turned out that it was a nightmare. But imagine if all of this comes true one day, a day without gadgets, how would we survive?

Kamayani Richhariya

AIS Vas 1, VIII

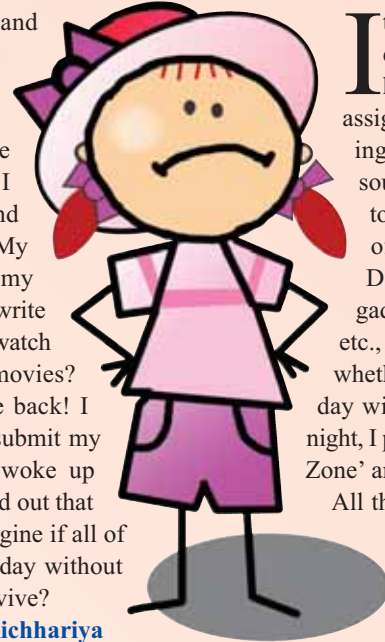
It was my summer vacation and like every year, I had to do my holiday homework. While going through the assignments, I came across an interesting one, 'A day without gadgets'. It sounded a fun idea to implement. So I told my family that next Sunday, all of us would observe 'Gadget Free Day', where none of us would use gadgets like mobile, laptop, television, etc., for the whole day. I wanted to see whether in reality we could manage one day without gadgets or not. On Saturday night, I prepared big posters of 'Gadget Free Zone' and pasted them in the entire house.

All the mobiles, laptops, smart watches, etc., were collected and kept in a cupboard. Came Sunday and all of us got up and started the day with chit chat over the tea and breakfast, sharing our dreams over the brunch, resting a bit, laughing and talking with each other. It seemed that we would successfully manage our Sunday without gadgets. My happiness was however shortlived as in the evening my father picked up the laptop and started checking his office mails. I cried, "Papa, why did you use laptop?" He glanced at me and said, "I am sorry, but I had an urgent report to be sent to my client." I had no reply to that. Nevertheless, we lost the challenge of managing 'A day without gadgets'. Sadly, I retired to the bed with a hope to take up the challenge again next Sunday.

Utkarsh Tomar,
AIS Noida, VIII

A couple of months ago, my father gifted latest playstation (PSP) to me and my elder sister. Our happiness knew no bounds. We would play for hours on PSP, then pick up our tablets to do some assessments and internet surfing, and in the remaining time we would be glued to TV. We never went out to play and had few friends. When our grandparents visited our place they were startled to see us engaged with our gadgets the whole day. They seemed concerned about our health. The idea of us staying indoors with air conditioners and no fresh air scared them. So one day, our grandfather challenged us to try leaving gadgets and go out to play. It sounded strange at first, but we accepted the challenge. Next day, we just didn't play on PSP, rather we went out to play badminton. We didn't surf internet rather we read some books and enjoyed the storytelling session by my grandfather. We sang and danced. We watered the plants and frolicked around. To our surprise, at the end of the day we didn't feel drained which otherwise happened when we used gadgets. We were refreshed. We wanted to play more, read more and laugh more. I looked at my grandfather smiling bright and I immediately understood the message he wanted to give us, 'Befriend your gadgets but don't be slave to them'.

Anish Pahuja, AIS PV, VIII



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The outside of the teeth is covered with enamel, which is hard in nature.

Power of a child



Dr. Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

People often ask me how I manage to work so much. My answer is very simple - I love children. Children are the teachers of today, leaders of tomorrow and thinkers for the life. They teach us adults to smile and enjoy small moments of life, be simple and think high beyond the horizons. They believe the magic they read and see in stories and fables. It is this untiring belief in the magic which makes them visualize and ideate a world of fairness, justice, positivity and happiness. Children, I have come to understand are also very powerful. Their influential minds and dynamic perspectives have changed the whole society and the vistas. All they need is the opportunity and right direction. History is replete with examples where the sheer strength, passion and ideas of children have created landmark reforms and woken up the civilisations from the years of slumber. Malala Yousufzai the youngest ever Nobel laureate was all of 12 when she took upon the dictatorial regime of Taliban through her Blog for BBC. Almost killed by Taliban at the age of 15 she rose like a phoenix and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in the year 2014. She continues to work for the education and empowerment of children all over the world tirelessly. When I see my Amitians, zealous and engaged with passion & creativity in every task they take up, it gives me happiness. It gives me the satisfaction because I know that their minds are always open and inquiring, making them the thinkers who change the world and move the nations. 🇮🇳

Listen to your inner child



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

I am one of those privileged people who has the pleasure of associating with children due to my profession. During my years as Editor of this youth newspaper, children have repeatedly surprised and inspired me with their ideas, beliefs, and opinions. As parents and teachers, we must guide and motivate our charges at every stage, teaching them the difference between right and wrong. But do we really have all the answers? Perhaps next time a child stands before you with a plea, a pause might be in order. Listen, and you may realize that they have a valid point. As adults leading hectic lives, we sometimes forget – or are too exhausted – to discriminate between what is wrong and what is merely different. We also need to remember that the world looks different from every viewpoint. Someone shared a video of a rich father who takes his child to a poor man's farm in a village to demonstrate that he should value his privileged upbringing. Satisfied with the trip, he asks his child what he learned that day. The child replies "I realized that we have one dog, they have many dogs. We have a swimming pool, they have a river. We buy food, they grow their own. We have lights, they have stars. We have television, they spend time with their family. Thank you so much for showing me how rich they are and how poor we are." The father was speechless. There are things we no longer see which are obvious to a child. This child resides in all of us. This Children's Day, reconnect with the child within you for a more wholesome perspective. 🇮🇳

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Ironically, we are ready

With the advent of technology we have smartphones, high rise buildings, luxurious cars and 4G networks. But wait, do we have a healthy future?

Perspective

Leroy Mathias, AIS Saket, III B

Few decades ago, the thought of having a tiny hand-held phone to switch on air conditioners at home miles away from the work place would have landed the person in a doctor's chamber for hallucinations. Today in the present world, this is a perfectly normal thing to do because now it is a reality. Now we have numerous groundbreaking and superb technological inventions which have made the day-to-day tasks digital & lightning fast. Communication happens in seconds, food is cooked in minutes and virtual reality brings the world to us anywhere, anytime. The hazards of pollution, radiations and lifestyle diseases have also increased manifolds. Ironically, we seem to be ready to pay



to buy so called health, but we surely will not leave our gadgets and luxuries.

While our ancestors braved it in houses made from thatched roofs and mud walls, we live in the high rise buildings & concrete houses with air conditioners and room heaters but no

fresh air. Ironically, we are ready to spend a fortune on the so called nature retreat vacations in expensive resorts, with lavish greenery and fresh air, but we surely want the luxuries of our refrigerators and ACs.

The invention of wheel and evolution of steam engines, high end cars and jet

planes has been noteworthy. But we don't walk anymore. We now travel with a zoom but pollutants emitted from the vehicles means our lives are doomed. Ironically, we are ready to pay any amount to keep fit by walking miles on stationary treadmills, exercising on immobile cycles, hiring fitness trainers. We like to believe we are fit when we are really not. But we definitely prefer our cars and machines over real walks and runs.

Now all our gadgets, phones, laptops, PCs, printers are in sync. We can bank and shop at a click and even study on the go. We live under the stress of data theft and radiation hazards both. Ironically, we are ready to pay to doctors to cure us from radiation hazards and stress but we want our bank, school and everything on our fingertips.

We are actually addicted to our gadgets and gizmos. Ironically, we are ready to get addicted while paying for thinking and pretending healthy. 🇮🇳

Empowerment begins at HOME

In the Indian society, a girl child is usually considered as a curse. Living in 21st century one is left shocked to know that a human life can be a curse only for being a girl. Sahaj Kaur AIS Saket, VII A, talks about how 'Home' is the breeding ground for such discriminations and also suggests ideas for heralding the change.

Skills are gender neutral

The manner in which we treat our girls at home is a key to their real empowerment. It is a strong ground lesson for the boys about how to treat girls. Usually, we see daily household chores being gender stereotyped like kitchen for the girls and electronics for the boys. It needs to change. Allocation of daily chores should be bias free and serve as a primer to empower-

ment. Doing daily chores needs basic skills and acquiring a skill that is not gender based. After all, celebrity Chef Vikas Khanna is a man and Dr. Seetha Somasundaram, the program director of ISRO who led the 'Mangalyaan' mission, an eminent woman scientist.

Empower 'The mothers'

Usually, the societies do not believe in educating mothers and home makers. Many of them are less educated or

couldn't continue education because of obvious social pressures of marriage and family. Educating and empowering such women to make choices about their lives and families will impact the whole society positively. Such women can be the inspiration for everyone. They will instil the same courage and confidence in their daughters also for taking decisions of lives instead of their fathers and brothers taking those for them.

Stop dowry

'Stree Dhan' has percolated into the modern societies as an obligatory duty of the girl's parents. Ironically, more educated and well employed a groom is, more is the money that exchanges hands. Expensive items are given to the groom's family in the name of gifts and presents. This tradition is also the genesis of female foeticide as parents consider the birth of a girl child an additional economic burden for which they have to slog, save & spend. We need to stop treating our girls like a trade commodity and marriage a marketplace.

Child not parayadhan

Considering girls as burden stems from the belief that the girl will be eventually married off into another family. So a girl is stereotyped as 'Paraya Dhan' and any investment on her education & skill building is considered to be a waste because the apparent returns would be savoured only by the family she finally marries into. This mentality needs to be changed. Families should realise that a child born in a family belongs to that family forever no matter the gender. 🇮🇳



Little pearls of wisdom

Lend a helping hand



Aniket, AIS Vas 6, VI

One day a man was walking on an isolated road when he accidentally stepped on an empty purse. Suddenly, he heard a woman from behind, yelling "Thief! Thief,"

She approached him along with two policemen and accused him of stealing her purse. Even before, he could understand what was happening, the policeman arrested him. The woman asked for the money missing from her purse. She had been saving the money for a long time to pay the school fee of her daughter. Looking at the state of the woman, the man felt empathetic and lent her all the money he had with him. The woman left the man with policeman for further investigation. On reaching home, when the woman counted the amount, she

realised it was double the amount she had kept in her purse before it got stolen. Nonetheless, she decided to keep quiet and kept it in her cupboard. The day arrived when she had to deposit the school fee. She left home and while walking, she saw the same man following her. Guilty of having extracted more money from him, she started walking fast. She stopped near a police van and approached the policeman for help. As soon as policeman caught hold of the man, the man fell down unconscious. He was admitted to the hospital. On investigat-

ing, the police informed the woman that the man hadn't stolen money from her purse. He was a critically ill patient and the other day, when he had lent the money to her, he was actually going to the hospital for his treatment. With no money left, he had to give up his treatment. The woman realised her mistake and felt very guilty. She realised that there are people in the world who are willing to help you without any reason. We should take lessons from them and not be greedy as she did by keeping quiet about the extra money.

Tooth enamel is the strongest substance in the human body; because of its durability.



It is tooth enamel which protects teeth from cavity-causing oral bacteria.

World War II: Clash Of The Giants



World War II became the most horrific war on humanity fought for 6 years claiming 66 million precious lives and witnessing the murder of 6 million Jews during holocaust. Here's a retelling of the tale that we wish is never retold.

The Prelude

Crack on the surface was apparent yet many nations overlooked. Disillusionment and political biases led to repression and transformed into aggression

Trouble was brewing...After the World War I, 1920s proved to be an era of international stability and economic prosperity, but very serious diplomatic, political, trade and economic issues of global level remained unresolved. 1920s was prosperous and optimistic era, but soon it all proved to be illusionary. Overextension of credit and increase in purchasing power of the workers created an unstable trade market and finally The Great Depression happened in 1930. It also brought the underlying problems to the fore and set the stage for military invasions and authoritarian governments.

Failure followed by aggression...The League of Nations established in 1920 failed miserably. On the other hand, Adolf Hitler rose to power in Germany and withdrew from the treaty of Versailles. Adding to this distress and disillusionment was the failure of other major international political and trade agreements like: The Washington Conference (1921–22), The Locarno Pact (1925) and Kellogg-Briand Pact (1928). The dissatisfied nations started seeking expansionism, and major democracies turned inward and became preoccupied with reviving their economies.

Hunger for power...Germany had harboured deep resentment due to the harsh terms imposed on her by the Versailles Treaty. Adolf Hitler, who was very ambitious and wanted to rule the world, rose to power and flourished immediately after the War. He and his National Socialist (Nazi Party) rearmcd the nation and signed strategic treaties with

Italy and Japan to further his ambitions of world domination. Japanese too were largely dissatisfied with their country's international status, and wanted to dominate East Asia. Due to internal disorder and diplomatic frustration, the parliamentary system of Italy was uprooted and its people favoured the Fascist movement of Benito Mussolini.

Slew of complaints...Leaders of Germany, Italy and Japan complained that their nations did not have fair access to raw materials, markets and capital investment areas and cried foul over being the victims of economic warfare after WW I. They made it clear that they would resort to fighting if necessary to gain better economic status.

The final nail...The world was already on a threshold of clashes. So the major democracies tried to avert war in different ways. The United States de-

THE FURY BUILDS UP

There were several important events that added fuel to the fire, making World War II inevitable.

- Manchurian Crisis, an event engineered by Japanese military as a pretext for the Japanese of north-eastern China (1931)
- Germany withdraws from the Treaty of Versailles, 1933
- Conquest of Ethiopia, 1935–36
- Spanish Civil War, 1936
- Renewal of Japanese Aggression, 1937
- Anschluss with Austria ie annexation of Austria with Nazi Germany, 1938
- 10 year Nazi-Soviet Pact of nonaggression 1939 (between Hitler & Stalin)
- End of Appeasement, 1939
- The Tripartite Act, an agreement between Germany, Japan & Italy, 1940

cided to keep neutral and the British sought to appease the dictatorial regimes, while the French tried to secure themselves behind a network of alliances and fortresses of the Maginot Line. On the Eastern side Japan wanted to control Asia and the Pacific. In 1937 Japan attacked China. Hitler in his pursuit to rule made German troops invade Poland on September 1, 1939. After Hitler refused to stop the invasion, Britain and France declared war on Germany and the World War II began.



The War

Adolf Hitler strategically planned every step of the war to overcome his opponents while ensuring that Germany never fell short of food and supplies

Power of A's...World War II witnessed the formation of two major power groups: 'The Axis' and 'The Allies'. Authoritarian and anti-democratic regimes like Germany, Italy and Japan formed the Axis and the pro-democratic nations like The Great Britain, France, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, India, the USSR, China and the USA made 'The Allies'. Countries like Sweden, Spain, Ireland & Switzerland maintained a neutral stance although Irish people did help the Allies.

The late entrants...The US didn't join the war but in 1941, when Japan attacked the US— at their Naval Base at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, on 8 December, 1941 (the very next day), the US declared war on Japan and, in turn, its German allies.

Struggle in the Atlantic...From the very beginning of WW II, as in World War I, control of the seas was to be a critical factor in its outcome. Upon the declaration of war, the British Royal Navy took control of the seas and within a few weeks drove German merchant ships off the oceans into neutral ports. As in World War I the Germans replied with a methodical and destructive submarine campaign. The war was scarcely under way when a Ger-



man U-boat sank on September 3, 1939. However, the defeat of France was a great boost for German sea power as French ports became bases for the U-boats. The effectiveness of U-boats increased during the autumn of 1940 as they began to move in wolf packs, long lines of submarines acting in concert to overwhelm enemy convoys. In addition, the Germans made use of long-range bombers. As a result, British shipping losses increased dramatically during the last half of 1940.

Capturing Denmark & Norway...After Hitler's speedy triumph in Poland, he proposed a peace conference, but the proposal was immediately rejected, and the 6-month lull was occupied with strategic planning. Hitler turned his attention to the Scandinavian Peninsula, control of which would give him air bases for later attacks on Britain as well as harbours from which his rapidly increasing submarine fleet could operate in

Atlantic waters. Moreover, control of Denmark and Norway ensured the Germans got a valuable source of food such as fish and dairy products, while depriving the British of these food products. Most important of all, Norwegian routes gave Hitler access to Swedish iron ore, critical for Germany's war effort. Early on the morning of April 9, 1940, German troops swept across the Danish border. Overwhelmed and unable to resist effectively, the Danes soon capitulated. While Denmark was being overrun, a German task force left Baltic ports, steamed up the Kattegat into the Skagerrak, and entered Oslofjord. At the same time, the Luftwaffe struck at Oslo's airport, while air transports dropped troops and guns to the ground. The German conquest of Norway was completed when the Allies withdrew on June 9, 1940.

The Low Countries

Next on Hitler's timetable were the Nether-

NUMBING NUMBERS

- People killed in world war 2: 66 million people
- Civilians killed in the war: 45 million
- Homes destroyed by bombings : Over 2 million homes by 1941
- Official evacuees by 1940-1941 : 1.3 million
- Number of change of addresses due to movement of people : 60 million
- Indian Army Personnel who served in World War 2 : 2 million
- Number of Europeans left homeless by war: 12 million
- Number of Americans who joined the armed forces: 12 million
- Number of Americans who moved to take on war jobs: 15 million
- Number of B-17 'Flying Fortress' bombers built: 13 thousand
- Amount of post-war aid given by U.S. to Western Europe: \$17 billion
- Reparations paid by Italy after war: \$36 million

lands, Belgium, and Luxembourg. Possession of the Low Countries gave Nazi Germany not only vast industrial resources but, more important, advance bases for coming assaults on France and Britain. On May 10, 1940, German troops moved into the Low Countries. Luxembourg, with no defensive forces, was occupied without any resistance. Both the Dutch and Belgians fought back. The Belgians lasted only 2 weeks longer.

Collapse of France

The fall of France was an extraordinary victory for Hitler. The supposedly unbeatable French army had melted away before the onslaught of his mobile units, with their convincing display of mechanised power.

On May 13, 1940, a bridgehead was established at Sedan, considered the gateway to France, and then suddenly, on May 16, a day after the Dutch capitulation, the German blitzkrieg was released on northern France. On June 5, the Germans launched another offensive southward from the Somme. They entered Paris unopposed on June 14 and forced France to sign an armistice on June 22, 1940. Germany then occupied most of France and established a friendly government at Vichy, in central France on the Allier River.

Battle of Britain

The Battle of Britain was the first great air battle in history. Hitler, on his victory sojourn, hoped that Britain would accept German control of Europe and surrender but it did not. In August 1940, Germany began an all-out attack on British ports, airfields, and industrial centers and, finally, on London. Its ultimate goal being the invasion of Britain through operation sea lion. For 57 nights, London was attacked by an average force of 160 bombers. However, RAF used the effective Spitfire fighters and aided by radar, destroyed 1,733 German aircrafts while losing 915 fighters.

Waves of antisemitism

While the world was already getting involved in the War and people were running for life and safety, the anti-Jew climate in Germany was rising. This primarily was because after Germany's defeat in WWI, Hitler started believing that there some races were superior to others. A systematic plan was laid and Jews, whom he considered inferior, gypsies and people with physical and mental disabilities were sent as interns in concentration camps in Germany. Millions of Germans who did not fit the bill of being 'Perfect German' too were imprisoned and killed. Six million Jews were murdered in Nazi concentration camps as part of Hitler's diabolical 'Final solution' now known as the Holocaust.

End to insanity

Germany's loss in the battle of Britain, death of Hitler, growing ideological differences and global frustration over mindless violence saw the war to its end

WWII ended with the unconditional surrender of the Axis forces. September 2, 1945, the formal date on which the WW II ended. In the East, however, the war ended when Japan surrendered unconditionally on August 14 and formally signed the surrender documents on September 2, 1945.

The Allies were winning the war by 1943. This was mainly attributed to the facts that most of the factories in allied countries were engaged in building ships, tanks and planes. Even the metal scraps were used by these countries to build weapons and armaments. In 1944, a huge army of the Allied powers crossed from Britain and entered France to set it free from Nazi rule. A year later in 1945 they marched over to Germany and invaded it.

Admiral Donitz, was in the command of the German forces at that time. He soon realised the need for an unconditional surrender. He sent out the peace feelers and the Germans first surrendered on 29 April, 1945 in Italy after Hitler's death. But by that time some fault lines had developed between the Western Allies and Soviets. While the Western Allies agreed for German surrender to take place on May 8, 1945, the Soviets insisted on their own surrender ceremony and process, which took place on May 9, 1945. This is the reason that both these dates have been marked as Victory in Europe Day.

The Pacific war however went on until August 1945. It was a very fierce fight which happened on Pacific islands with big naval battles being fought at sea. Finally, the terrible nuclear attacks happened on the two major Japanese cities: Hiroshima and Nagasaki on 6th and 9th of August. The damage from atomic bombings was so grave and horrific that Japan surrendered to the Allied forces in August 1945 itself. The date of the Japanese surrender is now known as Victory over Japan Day. In 1945, the Allied forces set free mil-

lions of Jews and other hungry, sick and feeble prisoners were also set free from the Nazi Concentration camps. WW II goes down in history with gruesome and horrific event which shook the humanity, civilisations and nations. The world witnessed the terrible effects of not just one but two nuclear bombings. Scientific community, leader of the nations, the generals of the armies and the people of the world went into a state of complete shock over the gory aftermath of the Holocaust and the nuclear bombings both. The war also witnessed the emergence of the USA and USSR as the global superpowers.

In order to prevent such grave, horrible humanitarian crisis from crippling the world in future 'The United Nations' formally came into existence on October 24, 1945. In 1945, representatives of 50 countries met in San Francisco at the United Nations Conference on International Organisation to draw up the United Nations Charter. Discussions and negotiations were done on the basis of proposals made by the representatives of China, the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom, the United States and a majority of other signatories at Dumbarton Oaks, United States in August-October 1944. The UN Charter was signed on 26 June, 1945 by the representatives of the 50 countries. Poland, signed the charter later. There are six principal organs of the United Nations each of them have their domains charted out and work towards ensuring world peace, fair trade, justice, health, education and empowerment for countries world over. At present there are 193 sovereign states which are the members of the UN.

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Humans develop two sets of teeth during the course of their lives.



Musings by moon

Storywala

Nashra Sehar

AIS Noida, X H

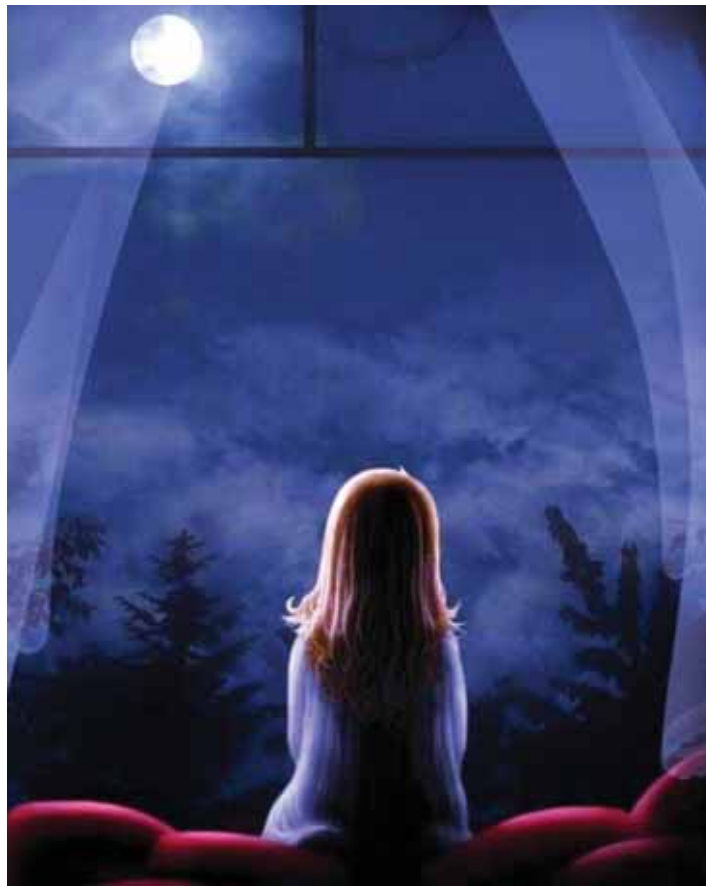
On a pale moonlit night my eyes open to find the fan swirling right above me. I sway back and forth, pushing myself out of the bed, another night conquered by my insomnia. Rather than trying to sleep I look up to the divine midnight blue sky where lies a magnificent universe of stars above and high. The night sky digs a hole of curiosity in me. I sit by the window sill, while the only source of light creeps through the hill.

My love for the pale moon with greyish blemishes pours out of my eyes, in ways that I definitely can't express in words. But as I look up, some words of admiration escape from my lips, "To the moon who always sleeps by my side,

And makes me warm inside.

When I look at you all night,
All these stars suddenly seem to collide.

For our love is so strong with sweet whiff,



Even the jealousy itself jumps off the cliff!"

The cold and breezy wind flushes me with paleness and shivers flood around my ears, but despite

all of that, looking at my beloved moon far away from my window sill makes everything worth it. The moon eases my pain, its hypnotising appearance cures my

"The only vacant part left of my heart is now stolen by moon. What the moon said will always remain a suspense."

eyes of the affliction residing in my heart since eternities. Suddenly, out of the blue, the stars start moving vigorously in the sky, I pinch my flesh hard enough, and squint my eyes, just to reassure that it isn't another forlorn dream.

The stars seem to be moving and binding together, as if they are writing something in the sky. After what seems like decades to me, they finally stop, and what I read, makes me fall in love with the moon even more.

The only vacant part left of my heart is now stolen by moon. What the moon said will always remain a suspense, and a fragment forever stitched to my heart.

My insomnia is overthrown by the immense love my moon has for me. I thank the Gods above for creating a saviour for me on these sleepless, wakeful nights to return to my world of dreams.



Semolina veggilet

Rakshan Saini, AIS PV, IX

Ingredients

Semolina..... 2 cups
Whisked yoghurt 1 cup
Green chillies1 tsp
Coriander leaves.....2 tsp
Chopped tomatoes1
Chopped onions½ cup
Butter.....¾ tsp
Black pepper powder½ tsp
Red chili powder¾ tsp
Salt..... to taste
Ketchupto garnish

Method

■ In a bowl whisk semolina, yoghurt, and salt to make a

smooth and consistent batter.

- Preheat the frying pan on a medium flame.
- Put some butter on the frying pan and let it melt.
- Spread a ladleful of batter on the pan in round shape.
- Top it up with chopped vegetables and cover with lid for 2 minutes.
- Add some salt, chili powder and black pepper.
- Cover and cook for another 2 minutes.
- Once cooked serve veggilet on a plate garnished with ketchup and coriander.

Read Play and Win

Reading your favourite GT can fetch you a prize too. Complete all the boxes below.

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Q: Name the DIY activity mentioned on Page 9.

Ans:

Q: Which country would build the highest planetarium?

Ans:

Q: On which day, Rashtriya Ekta Diwas was celebrated?

Ans:

Q: Which department held fashion show 'Paridhan 2017'?

Ans:

Q: Name the authors of the article 'Lifeless yet alive'.

Ans:

Q: What is the outer covering of the tooth?

Ans:

Q: Who is the author of the poem 'Nothing' on Page 8?

Ans:

Q: On which page the article 'Ironically, we are ready' is published?

Ans:

Q: Name the classical singer interviewed on Page 1.

Ans:

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

Results of Read Play & Win-41: **Vani Singh**, AIS Noida, VIII J; **Shourya Dixit**, AIS Vas 1, VI C; **Tavishee**, AIS Noida, IV A

WORDS VERSE

Today's Princesses

Dalaisha Aggarwal

AIS Noida, IX K

'Once upon a time';
The rest we all know.
What about today?
Who'll write about tomorrow?

Far away lands;
With pretty sights.
Cinderella in her glass slippers;
As bright as a starry night.

No glass slippers;
For princesses of today.
They work, rise, shine and play;
Confidently paving their way.

Believing in herself;
She leaves her mark.
Her courage unbound and stark;
She soars the sky like a lark.

Every girl now is a princess;
No more a damsel in distress.
Poor or rich;
The universe she conquers.



Nothing

Yash Verma , AIS Gur 43, XI A

Years back, I was a first-grader, curious and tame;
A friend came and asked, "What's your name?"
Tim, I replied and he touched his nose;
"Which organ?" he asked as he posed.

"Nose", I said all sane;
"What is in your hands?" he asked again.
"Nothing", I said all in vain;
"Tim nose nothing!" He spoke again.

A joke that now sounds so lame;
It all means 'Nothing' with no aim.
It is the reason I write this verse;
Of times and tides when 'Nothing' is universe.

We came in this world, our hands having nothing;
With dreams of a utopia, we grow and ponder.

Amidst all order and chaos of life we wonder;
Is our beautiful world all about 'Nothing'?

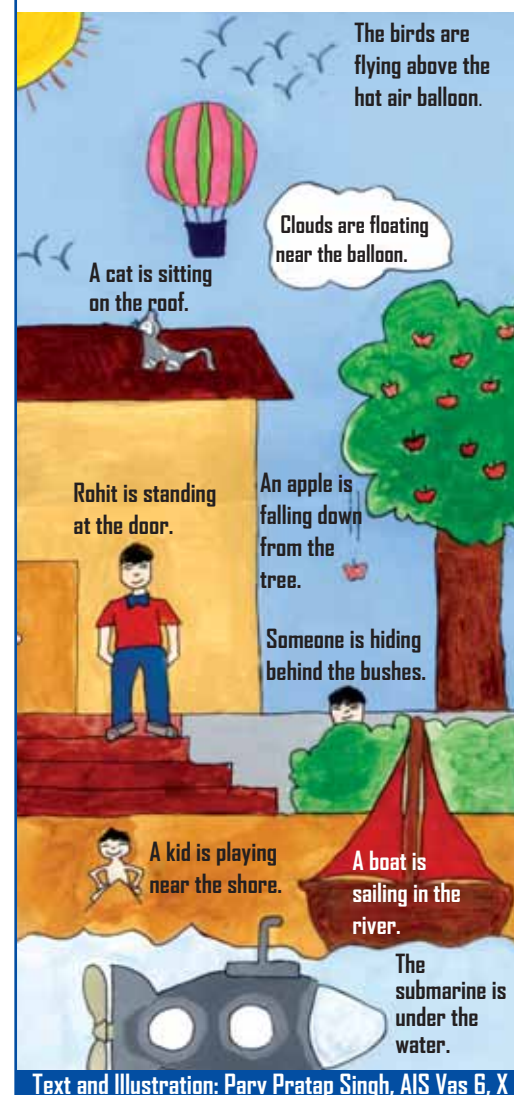
What do the poor have but the rich require?
What does a contented man desire?
What does a soldier get from war when he expires?
'Nothing' friend, the answer hurts like raging fire.

What does man love more than life?
What does he fear more than death and strife?
The contexts are many good, bad and rife;
Our world is a riddle where nothing is nothing!

Know Prepositions

Ques: What are prepositions?

Ans: Prepositions are the words that are used with a noun, or a pronoun to show their place, position, time or method.



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Best Entries for Colouring fun



Rishi Kumar
Atulasha, IV A



Nirjala
Amitasha, AIS Noida, V A

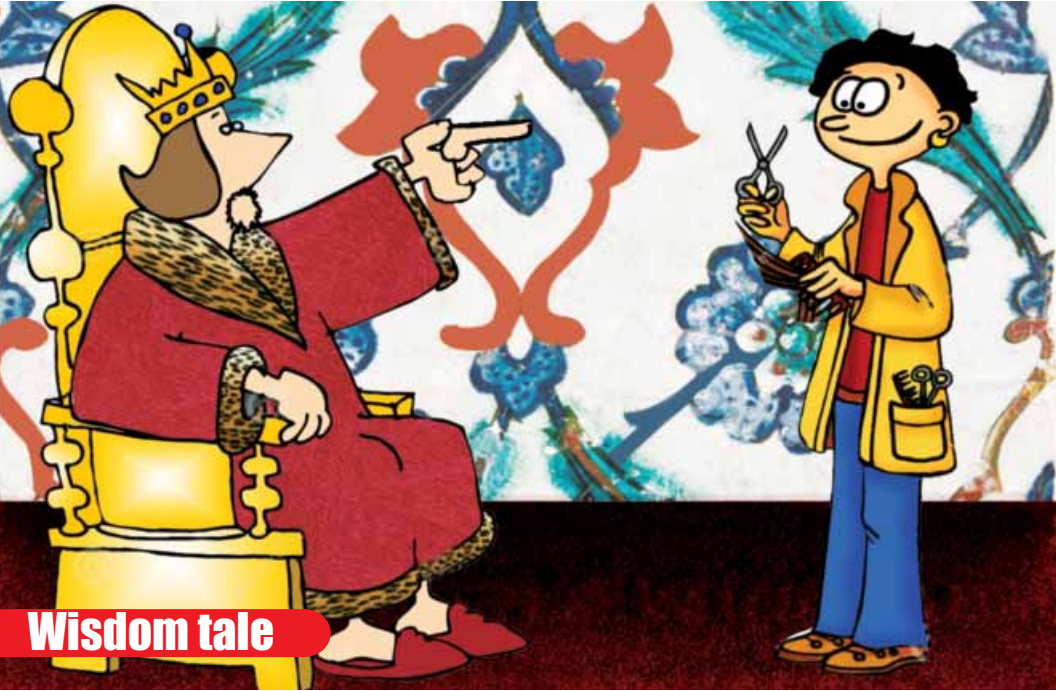


Rudra Tyagi
AIS Gur 46, I F



The first set is of 20 teeth and the second features a set of 32 teeth.

The king’s secret



Wisdom tale

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Ayushi Nandan
AIS Noida, VI

Once there lived a King who had floppy ears shaped just like the ears of a donkey. The King was very embarrassed about his ears and always hid them up whenever he would go in public, so that the people of the village could never discover his secret. The only person who had ever seen the king’s ears was his hairdresser. The King asked the hairdresser to promise him that he would never tell anyone that he has ears shaped like a donkey. And, if he ever comes to know that his secret has been told to someone, he would immediately order the guards to arrest the hairdresser and put him away in the prison

for the rest of his life. However, the hairdresser found it very hard to keep the secret and he desperately wanted to tell everyone about the King’s ears, but he also remembered the king’s warning and so kept the secret to himself for many years. But one day, the hairdresser woke up, got dressed, left his house and walked towards the outskirts of the village where he was sure , that he would be all alone and nobody would be able to hear him. There he found a patch of flat grass and began to dig with his hands. Finally, when the hole was deep enough, the satisfied hairdresser shouted at the top of his voice, “The King has ears shaped like a donkey! The king has ears shaped like a donkey!” He felt much better and

covered the hole with mud and grass and went back to his home, reassuring himself that he had not really betrayed the King’s trust. Few years later, a school was built next to the hole, and a playground built around the hole where the children would often come to play. One day, a young boy discovered the hole hidden beneath the grass and he quickly dug it up. All of a sudden, a loud voice came out from the hole for all the children to hear, “The King has ears shaped like a donkey! The King has ears shaped like a donkey!” Hearing the hairdresser’s voice they giggled and laughed about the secret of the King’s ears which was out for all. The children told everyone in the village about the secret and everyone

The King asked the hairdresser to promise him that he would never tell anyone that he has ears shaped like a donkey.

laughed. Very soon the entire village knew the King’s secret. The King realised, that everybody has come to know his secret and became furious as well as embarrassed. He was sure that since only one man, the hairdresser knew about his donkey shaped ears, so he only could have spilled the beans. He immediately sent his guards to the hairdresser’s house. The guards caught hold of him and dragged him to the palace where the King punished him to spend the rest of his life locked up in the prison. A sobbing hairdresser pleaded the King to forgive him and let him go, but the King said, “You promised me that you will never share my secret with anyone. But you failed to keep it to yourself. I trusted you and you broke my trust. Hence, you will spend the rest of your life in prison. This will make you realise, that it is always important to keep your promises made to others and never break them.” The hairdresser remained in prison for the rest of his life. He regretted sharing the King’s secret which he had promised to guard all his life.

What did you learn today?
Your words are your bond, so take them seriously.



Twisty Crabs

Material required

- Sea Shells
- Acrylic colour
- Googly eyes
- Pom poms
- Pipe cleaners
- PVA Glue/ Silicon glue

Procedure

- Clean and dry the sea shells.
- Now choose a colour of your choice and paint the top of the shells. Leave it to dry.
- Cut three pipe cleaners into half. Twist five halves together at the center in the shape of claws and legs of

- the crab.
- Glue the twisted pipe cleaners to the inside of the shell using silicon/pva glue and let it dry.
- Once dried spread out the pipe cleaners so that each side has five legs.
- Now cut the remaining half pipe cleaner into two. Attach the same to the front leg and twist it to form a claw as shown in the image.
- Stick the googly eyes on two pom-poms and stick them to the top of the broader side of the shell.
- Leave it to dry and your crabs are ready.

My dream world

Yati Sharma
AIS Vas 1, V A

Nobody will be needy
Nobody will be greedy

All will be equal
All will be together

Love and faith will shine
World will be free of crime

Children will study and play
Not a day will be grey

Roads will be smooth with sheen
Streets will be all spotless clean

Every child and adult educated
Every citizen empowered & dedicated

Food for all and clean water to drink
Glowing smiles with the faces pink

Whole country will be lush green
With plants and trees smartly preened

This is the world I dream of
India being a super -power on top.



Match it

Sportsman		Sports	
1	Virat Kohli	A	Tennis
2	Lionel Messi	B	Chess
3	Saina Nehwal	C	Table Tennis
4	Abhinav Bindra	D	Football
5	Michael Jordan	E	Boxing
6	V. Anand	F	Badminton
7	Vijendra Singh	G	Basketball

Answers: 1. C 2. D 3. A 4. F 5. G 6. B 7. E

Riddle Fiddle

Ayesha Khan
AIS Gur 43, III

- 1: Where do fish keep their money?
- 2: My best friend always makes mistakes. But I can easily get rid of the mistakes. Tell me who am I?
- 3: I am an odd number. Take away my first letter and I become even. Which number am I?
- 4: How many months have 28 days?
- 5: What is in seasons, seconds, centuries and minutes but not in decades, years or days?

Answers: 1. In the river bank. 2. An eraser 3. Seven 4. All months 5. Letter 'N'

It's Me

My name: Aryan Nagpal
My school: AIS Noida
My Class: I
My birthday: June 27
I like: When people smile and I am the reason for that.
I dislike: Being scolded when I’m caught being naughty.
My hobby: Enacting my favourite super heroes.
My role model: My father
My best friend: Tanishk and Aakash
My favourite book: The 3D Pop-Up Farm book
My favourite game: Football and cricket
My favourite mall: GIP, Noida
My favourite food: Malai soya tikka
My favourite teachers: Poonam Ma’am, Pallavi Ma’am & Tanu Ma’am
My favourite poem: A rainbow
My favourite subject: Computer
I want to become: Fighter pilot
I want to feature in GT because: It is a wonderful platform to showcase your talent and express your ideas, thoughts and opinions.



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Humans have a variety of teeth – molars, premolars, canines and incisors.

Rashtriya Ekta Diwas

Marking the birthday of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the school celebrated Rashtriya Ekta Diwas and spoke about his contribution to the nation

AIS Vasundhara 6

Class II students of the school conducted an assembly on the occasion of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas celebrated to mark the birthday of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on October 25, 2017. The assembly commenced with prayers followed by the thought of the day and the news. Students spoke about the importance of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, it's inception and celebration.

The celebrations began with the song sung by Usha Utthup (My name is Madhavi), which covered all the Indian states as they came dressed in traditional attires of the Indian states. Students spoke about the contribution of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel as the first Home Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister of India.



Students display the power of unity

They highlighted the contributions made by Sardar Patel in Indian history and how he worked to restore peace and unity across the nation. His commitment to national integration in the newly in-

dependent country earned him the sobriquet 'Iron Man of India' title. He is also affectionately remembered as the 'Unifier of India'. He was bestowed with the Bharat Ratna in 1991. A commemoration

of Sardar Patel held annually on his birthday, October 31, known as the 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas' was introduced by the government of India in the year 2014.

On the occasion, children performed a nukkad natak in which they conveyed the message of national unity. They also spoke about the statue of unity which is taking shape in Kevadia, Gujarat whose foundation stone was laid by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on October 31, 2013. It will be the tallest statue of the world measuring the height of 182 meters. The assembly concluded with a dance performance. School Principal Sunila Athley appreciated the efforts put in by students and encouraged them to learn the message of national integration and principles of 'United India' as stated by Sardar Patel. [G](#)[I](#)



The winners along with school Principal Renu Singh

CBSE Chess Tournament

AIS Noida

The school participated in the CBSE North Zone Chess Tournament held from October 4-7, 2017. The tournament held in three categories: under-17, under-14 and under-11 saw an enthusiastic participation of exceptional chess players from over 53 schools in India from the north zone. The participant did the school

proud by winning the Championship trophy in CBSE North Zone Chess Tournament Under-11 girls category. The school also bagged first runner-up position in under-17 by winning 5 rounds out of a total of 6. In the under-14 girls category, the school secured the second runners-up position. School Principal Renu Singh congratulated the participants for their astounding performances in the tournament.

Spic Macay 2017



School Principal Arti Chopra with the eminent artists

AIS Gurugram 46

Amity has always endeavoured to acquaint its students with India's rich cultural heritage and familiarise them to its traditional past. Bearing this in mind, the school hosted an instrumental presentation by Mr Abhay Rustam* Sopori, a renowned artist and Santoor player, under the aegis of Spic Macay on October 27, 2017. The programme commenced with lighting of the ceremonial lamp by school Principal Arti Chopra. Mr Sopori began his presentation with the introduction of the in-

strument Santoor, explaining about its origin and history. The artist demonstrated many *bandish* and *raags* to students with the accompanists Shri Rishi Upadhyay on Pakhawaj and Shri Zakhir Hussain on Tabla. The students also had the opportunity to have a conversation session with the artists wherein Mr Sopori asked them to develop interest in classical music & promote Indian culture and traditions. He encouraged students to follow their hearts and do what they are interested in. The programme concluded with the felicitation of the artist and his

troupe of musicians for putting up a great show. [G](#)[I](#)

Abhay Sopori is the youngest Santoor maestro and the youngest classical musician to compose and conduct orchestras, folk & Sufi ensembles. He has also been the youngest recipient of all the awards that he has received including the prestigious Sangeet Natak Akademi's first 'Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar', 2006 and 'J&K State Award' (the highest civilian award of the state of Jammu & Kashmir, 2011) in recognition for his outstanding contribution and achievements in the field of music.



The little ones honour their grandparents on the occasion and perform for them

Grandparents Day

AIS VKC Lucknow

To instil love, care and respect for the extended families and the grandparents in children, the primary section of the school celebrated Grandparents Day on November 3, 2017. The celebrations commenced with traditional lamp lighting followed by holy prayers. The children sang delightful songs for their grandparents. School Principal Mrs Mukta welcomed the grandparents with

a heart touching words.

Students of Class I presented a skit highlighting the importance of the effects of grandparents on children as well as a scintillating dance performance. Nursery children enthralled the grandparents with their Ball room dance - Gender Bender.

Several games especially organised for grandparents bonded them with their grandchildren. 'Let's do it first' wherein the grandparents were allotted the task of folding shirts and saris

and see who would do it first, 'I know this' where grandparents had to smartly guess the jumbled idioms and dialogues from films in a jiffy or a simple game of ball where grandpa threw balls and grandma had to catch them in a bin, were enjoyed by all.

As a token of love, children then presented small handmade gifts to their grandparents which made them extremely emotional. The day ended with grandparents leaving teary eyes and memories in the hearts. [G](#)[I](#)

Guru Nanak Jayanti celebrations

AIS VVC Lucknow

A special assembly was organised by the students on November 3, 2017, to mark the birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Devji. The assembly commenced with morning prayers. Thereafter, students enlightened everyone about the significance of Gurburab and various rituals associated with it. They also talked about teachings of Guru Nanak Dev and shared his idea of a caste-free society that transpired in His concepts of *Sangat* and *Pangat*. The concept of *Karsewa*, introduced by him that means voluntary labour per-



Students talk about the teachings of Guru Nanak Dev

formed by people from all stratas of the society was also discussed. Students learnt that one has to follow the right path of *Sewa* and *Simran* to seek the blessings of

the Almighty. Children also visited the Gurudwara Sahib to seek the blessings of the Almighty in the form of *Karah Prashad*. [G](#)[I](#)



Children participate in the rally with enthusiasm

AIS VKC Lucknow

The school organised a road safety rally along with teams from Honda, Maruti Training Centre, 1090 Women Power Line and Civil Defence on November 6, 2017. The rally was graced by the presence of Prem Sahi, CO Traffic Police.

The rally was flagged off from school. Students along with teachers continued till the finishing point at 1090 crossing. Children highlighted the importance of road safety using placards. They also used pamphlets and distributed them among people to create awareness. The students were also informed about the basic road rules like walking on

the road, cycling, taking the bus, riding two wheelers and four wheelers, following the regulatory signs, cautionary signs, informatory signs, importance of wearing helmets, etc.

The students were also quizzed about the safety rules by RJ Aftab Alam and Bhomik from Radio Mirchi, the official media partners of the event. [G](#)[I](#)

Teeth are surrounded by gums, and unlike bones, teeth are incapable of self-repair.

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Lifeless yet alive

Illustration: Anju Rawat, GT Network



Our lives cannot be fathomed without these light screens we carry everywhere. The smart phones would compel anyone to envision a world where brands embody life. **Aditi Suresh, XI F & Anvi Mahajan, IX C, AIS PV** bring you stirring conversations about their cup of coffee, if they (read: phone brands) came together for a cup of coffee in a cafe.

iPhone: The nonchalant braggart

The one who would spend the entire evening ordering the most extravagant 'Roasted Marshmallow Frappuccino'. Perhaps, so extravagant, that it tastes everything, but coffee. He's the prodigal king of aristocracy, the populace on the coffee table that one would crave (read: despise). Funnily enough, you can spot him mumbling "Siri, what's the time?" while standing in front of the biggest clock tower in town. He's the kind who would spend the entire summer hyperbolizing about his robust built; only to trip over some microscopic obstruction, eventually looking like a decrepit wreck wrapped in gauge.

Samsung: The confused squirrel

Next in line, is this guy, who maintains his space with others and would

inhale one deep breath before placing their choice of beverage, behold, 'the iced shaken hibiscus & passion lemonade.' Sounds more like the hierarchy of the Mughals, eh? Well, that's just another inherent part of spendthrift persona. Yet, he is the ones on the coffee table who'd remain uncomfortably mute in discussions of flight journeys, lamenting silently at their inability to comment. All his boasting comes to standstill when he faces an iOS counterpart. Indeed, he becomes a confused squirrel.

Nokia: The hysterical friend

Sipping the cheapest black coffee on the menu, and playing safe on his finances, he is the first to occupy the table, wishing to kindle an interesting conversation and yet would be the one making his presence conspicuous.

Trying to forcefully join in discussions by abruptly nodding in agreement to a point, everyone unanimously disagreed to. Pretty much like a person who would prefer using stereos when you can play uninterrupted music on your ipod. Oblivious to the fact that he would sure be kicked out of track if he chooses to drape himself with windows, when, alas, android is the new trend in town.

Blackberry: The lonely wanderer

He is the one who'll rush to the cash counter and reserve the last 'blackberry' coffee with whipped cream, while choosing the corner seat for himself. Now, if you put blackberries in a plate of luscious caramel custard, they'd obviously feel like a misfit. Funnily, that's exactly how blackber-

ries would feel as humans. He is of the kind who would politely be escorted towards the 'BBM' section while being gently forced out of the 'WhatsApp group chat.' Aloof from the world, he is relishing his (not so) esoteric peace of mind.

Oppo & Vivo: The gate crasher

He is the uninvited gentry who'd squirm his way onto the coffee table, displacing others as they grimace. For his coffee, he'll request the others for a sip and alas gulp down the entire cold coffee. He is like those exasperating fellows we all have in our group projects, who don't really do anything yet seamlessly pretend to have done it all. Merely cameras fit in seamlessly to look like phones, thus, the camera phone! Not that they need to function like an actual one. 🇮🇳

Book Review

Jonathan Livingston Seagull



Author: Richard Bach

Release date: 1970

Genre: Spirituality, Self-help, Novella

I will tell you about: What is passion? How can one pursue passion? And this fable is all about the quest for perfection by a seagull, Jonathan Livingston. Most of the seagulls aspire to fly for food but that was not the case with rare seagull, Jonathan. He aspired to fly high and with a simple thought of what all he can do in the air. Jonathan spends most of his time practicing speed in order to achieve excellent velocity. His pursuit to fly high was against the customs so he gets banished from his flock. The lonely seagull, Jonathan creates his own paradise and dreams of perfect flight. But one day, two seagulls take Jonathan for a higher flight- a flight closer to Heaven. There he finds many seagulls who are like him, all wanting to experiment with different ways to fly. Jonathan stays there and learns the nuances of flying with speed. Finally, the day comes when Jonathan could fly from one place to another at the speed of thought. Soon, after his first perfect fast flight, he faces the dilemma of whether to continue with his pursuit or go back to his flock and help them discover 'Jonathan Livingston Seagull' in each one of them. He chooses to go back to the banished flock and attempts to teach other seagulls about speed and flight. Slowly, his hard work is paid off when seagulls in the flock start looking to learn from him and through each of these gulls Jonathan Livingston's quest for high flight continues.

You should read me, because: The novella inspires you to be yourself and create a distinctive path for yourself rather than follow others. **The best line:** "You have the freedom to be yourself, your true self, here and now, and nothing can stand in your way."

Reviewed by: **Suhani Taneja, AIS PV, VIII**

Straight from the heart

Not everyone realised their mistakes and even if they do, very few have the courage to confess before others. Read on...

I confess, I cheated

One day before leaving for office, my father asked me to write tables from 15 to 20 and show him in the evening. I spent the whole day roaming around in the apartment and when I was back home, my mother reminded me of the assignment given early morning by my father. I ran towards my room and didn't know what to do. But, my genius mind came up with the idea of copying the tables from the school notebook and I did that. I showed him my work that evening and he was very happy. I somehow felt relaxed, but the next moment he asked me to recall the table of 19 and I couldn't answer him. I was caught. My father didn't say anything and left the room. I felt ashamed of myself for cheating my parents and myself too. I promised my father to never lie and cheat again.

Agamya Garg, AIS Gurugram 46, V

I confess, I hurt you

Dear Aarav,
I had hurt you terribly and miss you so badly. I just want to say that I am sincerely sorry for my mistake. I hate fighting, especially with you. I admit, that because of my mistake our friendship has been ruined and I don't know how to make things right between the two of us. I am really upset that our friendship is over and it has made me miserable. In my bad times, you have always been there to make me feel better and strong. I didn't extend the kind of affection, love and care you have showered on me. I don't want to lose you because I think you are worth holding on to. I don't want one mistake to ruin our friendship. All I wish for is that you give me a second chance. You genuinely mean the world to me and I can't tell how much I miss you.
Your best friend.

Ronith, AIS Gurugram 46, V

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Aarav Batra, AIS Vas 6, III C, poses with his copy of The Global Times in front of Kunzum Pass of Spiti Valley, Himachal Pradesh. Situated at an altitude of 4551 meters above the sea level, the pass witnesses a large number of visits by bikers. Apart from bikers, trekkers and adventurers take a 12 kms trek to Chandratat, another popular spot in Lahaul and Spiti Valley.

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