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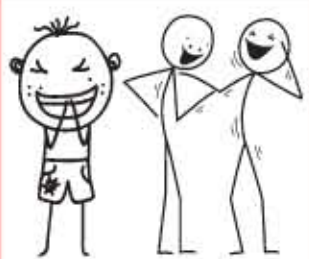
"Swachh Bharat is people's movement due to the commitment of the 'Swachhagrahis'. But a handful of leaders cannot realise the dreams of a Clean India, it needs the participation of 125 crore Indians."

Prime Minister  
Narendra Modi

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## The makeover drive

Standing at the midway of five year Clean India mission, we bring to you the glittering examples that reflect the makeover India is going through each day to shine brighter

Saumya Kalia

AIS Vasundhara 6, Alumnus

When Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched Swachh Bharat (Clean India) mission in 2014 — his first year in office, the whole India rejoiced with the thought that finally, someone addressed the issue. However, what most of the 1.3 billion population did was sit back and relax, waiting for some sort of magic to happen. But, there is no magic wand for cleanliness. Persistent and collective effort from individuals and the state can bring in some change. Don't believe us? Well, small and sporadic efforts are being made across the country to make India cleaner. Read on...

### Cleanest city

Three cities namely Indore, Bhopal and Vizag have been ranked amongst the cleanest city 2017 from amongst 500 cities in India, according to the Swachh Survekshan 2017, based on urban sanitation.

**Mission achieved:** Tracing the stories of these three cities, a thread of commonality runs through their endeavours which is an amalgamation of state-infused efforts and greater participation by the citizens. The success formulae is to go beyond the construction of lavatories and offer equal weightage to waste management, reciprocated with efficient mechanisms.

### Plastic-free district

We all know that there are 'no-plastic' zones in the country, but Kannur in Kerala has become first district in India, free of plastic on a whole.

**Mission achieved:** This happened after several bodies like district administration and district panchayats coming together and launched a

campaign in November last year with the slogan, 'Nalla Nadu, Nalla Mannu', that means a good village with good soil. The prime objective was to phase out plastics completely. Volunteers encouraged people

to start using handloom bags. And within five months, it was a plastic-free district.

### Beach clean-up

Versova beach, Mumbai was declared as one of the filthiest beaches. Lawyer & environmentalist, Afroze Shah decided to take up the matter in his own hands and clean up the beach. The end result? United Nations Environment Programme in 2016 described his initiative as 'the world's largest beach clean-up' in history!

**Mission achieved:** In October, 2015, the plastic waste on the beach had reached close to 5.5 feet, so he, along with his neighbour started the cleanliness drive. A few more volunteers joined and they collected around 50 kgs of waste. Seeing their

enthusiasm and dedication, more volunteers joined and the Versova Resident Volunteers (VRV) group was formed. Together, they have cleared 5 million kilograms waste from Versova beach alone.

### Carbon neutral

Four months ago, a small village named Meenangadi in Wayanad District in Kerala became the first carbon neutral village in India, means the village has managed to achieve zero carbon emissions.

**Mission achieved:** The project was initiated in 2016 and with strategic planning, help of panchayat they achieved this feat. They encouraged people to take up organic farming in and around houses and on the forest land, various kinds of trees were grown and to achieve 100 percent success an electric crematorium was also set up.

### Solid waste management

Mysore city in Karnataka sets the best example of solid waste management. As a result there has been a great reduction in the solid waste generated every day with minimal waste being sent to the landfills.

**Mission achieved:** A few years ago, the city began a major drive to educate its citizens on the segregation of dry and wet waste. It ensured 100% door-to-door waste collection in each of the 65 municipal wards. Wet waste is then turned into compost and dry waste is segregated into 24 categories like bottles, tin containers, etc. which is sold to recyclers.


And, by now you know how individuals and states are coming together, putting collective efforts to maintain cleanliness. Still the progress is little. It's time to start-off a makeover drive in your own city, volunteer for it and make it as beautiful as you can. 



Illustration: Nishita Gusain, ASFA, AUUP

## Tenets of journalism

With over two decades of experience in journalism, Akhilesh Sharma, Political Editor, NDTV India, talks about various facets of journalism, the challenges and more in an interview with GT

Siddhant Verma

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Akhilesh Sharma, a Chevening Scholar, and Political Editor, NDTV India has covered an array of issues. He is an active voice on Twitter and has also worked with BBC World Service at London. He was present as chief guest during GT Awards 2016-17 and interacted with GT reporter. We bring you excerpts...

### Digitisation

#### A new future

In the past decade, a major shift has been seen towards digitisation. Today, we are at an accelerating speed where everything from infotainment to entertainment is delivered to you by your phone. When I go back

home, I don't watch television because everything is there on my phone. And with this many news portals have changed their style of working by introducing websites. In the near future, it would grow more and more as it gives updated opinions and views effectively within seconds.

### Newspapers

#### Hunger for information

It is interesting to see the recent trend in foreign countries where newspaper subscriptions are coming down. But in a country like ours, the number is going up. And you may ask why? India is still a developing country and literacy rates are on the rise, so people have a hunger for information. This hunger is being satisfied by newspapers in rural areas. Another factor which pays pivotal role is the 'question

of credibility'-newspapers still remain the most reliable source of information.

### Social media

#### Empowerment tool

Social media is necessary to express your opinion and vital in a budding democracy. If you are aggrieved about something, you can tweet to the ruling government and someone will surely notice that. However, if you write a traditional letter to the editor, the chances of it being noticed are very slim. At the same time, it keeps a check on biased reporting. There are people who watch very closely and give an instant feedback. So, you have to be careful about what to share and what not to. It's a different trend but indeed is a platform which gives voice to people.

### Neutrality

#### Difficult to maintain

As a journalist, it is very difficult to remain objective. One of the reasons is, you are a citizen and a voter. So, it is obvious to have a liking and disliking for somebody. People want facts and not your opinion. So, there has to be a 'lakshman rekha' between opinion and facts. Every day we hear, allegations being raised against journalists for their Left and Right leanings. It's alright to have those leanings as an 'individual', but the moment, it interferes with you as a 'journalist', it is bound to impact and compromise your reporting. Getting a balanced story, keeping all the perspectives together is the biggest challenge.

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# World at a glance

GT keeps the newswire ticking by bringing you news from around the globe

## Ireland

### Tears can generate electricity



Irish scientists from University of Limerick discovered a new way to generate electricity from tears. A special protein 'lysozyme' is present in tears, saliva, milk, mucus, and egg whites that generate electricity when put under pressure. The technique is known as piezoelectricity. The electric charge generated from this protein could become a new fuel source for various implanted devices.

## Sweden



### Trio wins Nobel Prize

Three pioneer scientists- Jacques Dubochet, Joachim Frank and Richard Henderson won the Nobel Prize for Chemistry.

They devised 'cryo-electron microscopy' for determining the structure of biochemicals by creating 3D images. Royal Swedish Academy described the invention as 'decisive for both the basic understanding of life's chemistry and for the development'.

## China

### Toll free expressway to be built



A 409 kms new toll free expressway costing about \$5.8 billion is to be built in Tibet. The expressway links Tibet's provincial capital Lhasa and Nyingchi, which is close to Arunachal Pradesh border. It would cut the travel time between the two cities from eight to five hours at a speed of 80km/hr.

## Japan

### Author wins Nobel Prize in literature



Japan-born British author, Kazuo Ishiguro won Nobel Prize in literature for his

novel 'The Remains of the Day' The Swedish Academy shared, "The novel uncovers the abyss beneath our illusory sense of connection with the world and are of great emotional force," and awarded a prize of 9 million kronor (\$1.1 million).

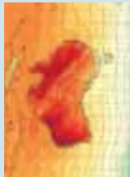
## India

### MoU signed with Myanmar



To upgrade police training centre for women in Yamethin, Myanmar, an MoU was signed between the countries. 'India would help in boosting as well as building police force with technical and final assistance', as mentioned in the MoU. It was signed during the Prime Minister's visit to Myanmar.

## Australia



### Warned for extreme heat waves

Australia's two biggest cities, Sydney and Melbourne could reach to 50 C (122 F) by 2040, a study has found. The scientists proclaimed that even if the Paris Agreement Act to limit the global temperature rise to below 2 C is met, the cities would be hit by extreme heat waves. And the only way it could be avoided is by limiting global warming to 1.5 C.

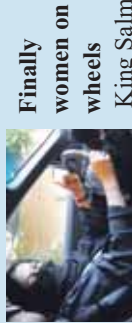
## Iran



### Iranian chess player joins US Chess Federation

Dorsa Derakhshani, a leading chess champion was banned from playing for her homeland as she refused to wear hijab during an international championship in Gibraltar. The 19 year old chess champion officially joined the US Chess Federation not as a member of US National Chess team but just changed her federation from Iran to US.

## Saudi Arabia



### Finally women on wheels

King Salman, officially announced that women would be allowed to drive from June 2018. The country would use the year long gap as 'preparatory period' to set up license facilities for the new drivers.

## Ghana

### Engineer travels 4900 miles by car



Nicholas Afedi Donkoh, a 29 year old mechanical engineer drove all the way from Paris to Accra, capital of Ghana. It took him nine days to cover a distance of 7885 kms which otherwise by air takes six hours and 20 minutes. The Ghanaian claimed to bankroll the trip himself and denied any sponsorship received for the same. He said, "I just wanted the world to know that it's not only white people who can go on such trips, but we blacks, too, can do that as well."

## USA



### Scientists awarded with Nobel prize in Physics

American scientists, Rainer Weiss, Kip Thorne and Barry Barish share nine million kronor (£831,000) prize by winning Nobel prize in Physics 2017. The scientist detected gravitational waves, ripples in the fabric of spacetime, known as Ligo experiment. A century ago, the ripples were predicted by Albert Einstein as a fundamental consequence of the Theory of Relativity.





In 1842, British paleontologist Richard Owen coined the word ‘dinosaur’.

# Do it the right way

Writing is an art, we all know that. But do you know that different types of professions require different types of writing skills. Discover what is your strength

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Writing, perhaps the most dreadful for some and most breathtaking for others, comes in various shades. While some careers require a formal tone, others require a creative outlet for expressions. So, if you plan to take a plunge into the world of writing, first understand the kind of writing careers that are waiting for you to be explored.

### Academic Writing

As the very name suggests, academic writing encompasses any kind of writing for an educational institution or purpose. In some cases, you will also be writing well-researched articles for journals or papers to be presented at conferences.

**Writes:** Books, translations, essays, research papers, conference papers and academic journals

**Is this for you?** Academic writing primarily requires tons of research and then putting the same research together in an objective manner. This type of writing requires an academic tone and if you are heavily into sms lingo then this one is certainly not your cup of tea.



### Copy Writing

Remember the advertisement you came across just yesterday, that compelled you to buy that insanely expensive leather jacket? That, was the product of a copywriter’s creativity. Copywriting involves writing for advertising promotional material. That’s why a copywriter is often referred to as ‘a salesman in print’.

**Writes:** Brochures, billboards, websites, emails, advertisements, catalogs, jingles, marketing com-

munications, television or radio commercial scripts and more

**Is this for you?** Can you come up with a wacky tag line which induces people to buy a product that they’re not even interested in? Is the jingle you made capable of playing in the heads of your target audience on loop? If yes, copywriting is certainly the place where you need to be.

### Content Writing

Content writing is a form of on-

line writing which is closely connected to web marketing campaigns. With an aim to increase web traffic and spawn higher revenues, content writers write everything ranging from articles to podcasts. They’re net-savvy individuals who create and work on network material. However, since you are mainly writing for social platforms, your content must have relevant words or phrases that a user is likely to Google when he/she is looking

for similar products or services.

**Writes:** Sales copy, e-books, podcasts, and text for graphics

**Is this for you?** If you are a straightforward writer with no fancies attached, then this one is for you. Knowledge of web-designing, blogging and technical writing serves as an extra bonus.

### News Writing

News writing is the writing style used for news reporting in media such as newspapers, television and the radio. News ranges from feature stories to crime, politics sports and business. A news writer is commonly known as a journalist.

**Writes:** On every news happening. Starting from finance, agriculture, social sector, performing arts, railways, wars, accidents and crime.

**Is this for you?** This job involves utmost attention, precision and objectivity. If these work out for you, news writing is a wonderful catch. News writers need to be extremely careful about each minute detail. News reporting requires a person to go out in the field, deal in facts and be inquisitive. One has to be on his toes all the times. But if you are the lazy types then this job isn’t for you.

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Brainleaks-221  
FOR CLASS IX-X

When was Goods and  
Service Tax (GST)  
implemented in India?

- (a) June 1, 2017  
(b) July 1, 2017  
(c) April 1, 2017  
(d) March 31, 2017

Last Date:  
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3 correct entries win  
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2. Chirag Jain, III-B, AIS Noida  
3. Hritik Kaushik, VIII-AFYCP, AIS PV

Name:.....

Class:.....

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Send your answers to The Global Times,  
E-26, Defence Colony, New Delhi - 24 or e-mail  
your answers at brainleaks@theglobaltimes.in



The winning speaker receives an award from the dignitaries

# Mock PC 2017

To provide hands on experience, a mock press conference was organised for the bright minds

AUMP

Medha Bhagwat

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**When:** September 22, 2017

**Where:** Amity University, Madhya Pradesh

**Organised by:** ASCO

**No of participants:** 10

The conference was graced by Lt Gen VK Sharma, AVSM (retd), Vice Chancellor, AUMP, Prof Dr MP Kaushik, Pro Vice Chancellor, AUMP and Dr Sumit Narula, Director, ASCO, AUMP. The jury for the event was Dr Iti Roy Chaudhary, Director, Amity School of Languages, along with Brig. Rajesh Ghangele.

### Categories

Participants were supposed to pick any one topic under different categories and speak on the same. The topic in each category were as follows...

**Politics:** Presstitution: a safer substitute for press freedom

**Law:** Right to privacy vs. Aadhar

**Sports:** Gender bias in sports: media attention, endorsements and hypnotised audience

**Business:** Disinvestment by the state: The fall of public sector

**Entertainment:** Sex, violence and item songs: the ultimate solution to the scarcity of good original scripts?

### Rounds

The competition was held in two categories where the speakers put forth their views and opinions

and answered the questions.

**Round 1:** Elocution, where the participants had to put forth their views on the selected topic within 2 minutes.

**Round 2:** Questionnaire, where, the jury members as well as the audience asked questions to the participants.

### Winners

Nehal Singh bagged first position, Kamna Chopra won second position and the third position saw a tie between Mayur Talreja and Siddharth Singh Tomar.

The event culminated with enlightening words of wisdom by Vice Chancellor, expressing his views and opinions on all the topics and the importance of being informed in the age of social media.

# Waves of change

TEDx Amity University saw change makers sharing ideas and stories to motivate the youth

AUUP

Amity University, Noida witnessed a brilliant mix of inspirational talks by achievers and high octane artistic performances during the event, TEDx Amity University. The independently produced event-TEDx Amity University, operated under a license from TED and aimed at providing a unique platform for speakers to transfer their energy and experience. The theme of the event was ‘Waves of Change’. Welcoming the distinguished speakers and performers, Dr Balvinder Shukla, VC, AUUP expressed her hope that the speakers and performers, with unique experiences and styles, will inspire waves of change in the audience.

Change-makers from across the country gathered at TEDx Amity University to share their ideas and stories:

**Speaker:** Nidhi Goyal, Disability Rights & Gender Justice Activist, India’s first disabled standup comedian

**Shared:** “Disability is not contagious and disabled people are not ‘others’. Women with disability are not considered enough to get married or become mothers since they are always seen as seekers of care and never as nurturers.”

**Speaker:** Meera Shankar, Former Indian Ambassador to USA



Meera Shankar felicitated by Dr Balvinder Shukla

& Non-Exec Dir., ITC Ltd

**Shared:** “The entire world is in a flux and all the certainties are being re-shaped. Changes are happening at various levels across the world which not only hold the promise of a better future but also the risk of many future catastrophes.”

**Speaker:** Jagdish Chaturvedi, Director, Clinical Innovations & Partnerships, Innacel Technologies.

**Shared:** “Failure keeps a person grounded and it is important to realise that no matter how prepared a person is, mistakes are inevitable in life. It also helps build self-esteem as the person learns to overcome the consequences of failing. Failure and success are not end results; they both are a part of the journey

that brings you closer to the goal”.

**Speaker:** Rohit Kumar, speed artist

**Shared:** “Self-learning is the best learning and one can follow his /her passion through self-learning which further facilitates in achieving his/her dreams.”

The other speakers and performers for the event included Ayesha Aziz, youngest Indian pilot; Parshwanath Upadhye, Indian classical dancer and Natya Mayura awardee; Sachin Bahmba, CMD, Space group; Yashmeen Chauhan, champion woman bodybuilder, entrepreneur; Jhankar Gadkari, founder, Metahumin Consultancy (Emotional Intelligence) and Ujjawal Dubey, fashion designer, Antar-Agni, among others.



Our planet, Earth was dominated by dinosaurs for around 165 million years.



In the race of population explosion, India is all set to overtake China to earn the first rank. This undoubtedly is worrisome. The threat is looming and we are all aware. But how did we get here?

Population plays a pivotal role in the development of a country. It's the workforce that makes or breaks a nation. The chances of a country shining depends heavily on its men and women. So, shouldn't one celebrate the arrival of more men and women? After all, 'the more, the

merrier'. Having more hands to work can only lead to more work being done, eventually marking progress of the country. But with this we forgot to look at the other side of the coin.

There is another adage that goes like this, 'too much of everything is bad'. While the number of people in the

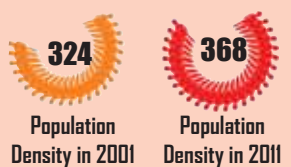
country increase, the natural resources they feed on continues to remain constant. This means that the same slice of cake now needs to be shared by more people. Also, while we continue to grow in various sectors, the population growth far supersedes any of them, resulting in problems like un-

employment, hunger, poverty et al. As India stands poised at an extraordinary moment in time, with its 1.31 billion population — making it the second most populous country after China, we are left wondering what led to a spike in numbers. By the time you finish reading this introduction,

four more people would have been born in this country, now that's presuming that you took only about a minute to read this.

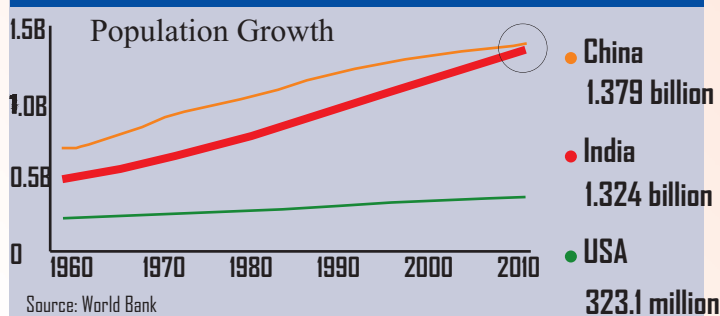
Read on as we bring you a thorough analysis of the road that led us here and where we are headed to from our humongous 1.3 billion.

### Density of Population

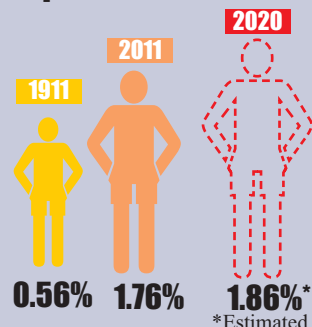


Population density is defined as number of people per square kilometer. There has been a huge rise in the population density in metro cities, primarily because of better job opportunities. This internal migration from smaller cities to metropolitans has increased city's population. It isn't really a surprise that Delhi is the most densely populated state in India.

### Growth Rate

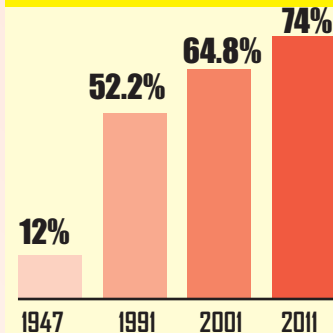


### Population Growth rate



The implication of this growth in population is enormous. By 2030, about 68% of India's citizens will comprise men and women of working age (15-64 years). This means, unlike ageing countries like Japan, which has to install robots for vacant jobs, India has a robust young and dynamic workforce.

### Literacy Rate



India has the largest number of newspapers and a growing readership. This is all because of rising literacy rates in the country. However, ironically, India has the largest population of illiterate adults in the world with 287 million. This is 37 per cent of the global total of ill-

### Top 5 states with higher literacy rate

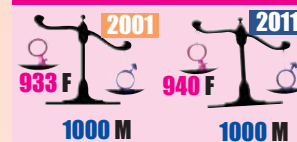
1	Kerala	93.91
2	Lakshadweep	92.28
3	Mizoram	91.58
4	Tripura	87.75
5	Goa	87.40

### Top 5 states with lower literacy rate

1	Bihar	63.82
2	Telangana	66.5
3	Arunachal Pradesh	66.95
4	Rajasthan	67.06
5	Andhra Pradesh	67.4

erates. Thus, government has launched several schemes to improve these dismal figures.

### Sex Ratio



Research on sex ratio have shown that gender equality, particularly in education and employment, fuel the economic growth. It is an important trend that helps the policy makers to understand the steps required to make changes according to the needs of the gender. Therefore, it can be assumed that higher literacy rates in India would eventually lead to their better employability and higher professional growth.

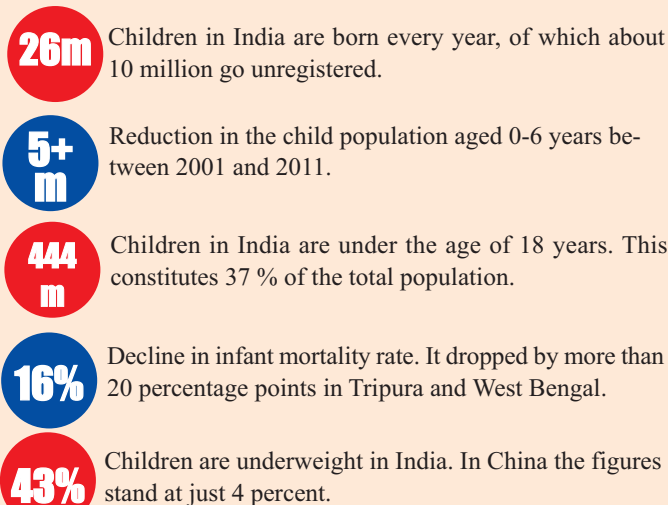
### Urbanisation

Urbanisation is taking place at a relatively greater speed in India. In 2011, three major cities of India — Mumbai, Delhi and Kolkata — each attained the status of mega cities with a population of over 10 million. This has taken a toll on natural resources. These urban centers are facing problems such as

growth of slums, poor drainage systems, woeful traffic and a decline in standard of living. So, while Mumbai struggles with drinking water, Bengaluru deals with decreasing groundwater. In fact, some researchers have even pointed out that Bengaluru will become an unlivable city in a few years.



### Children Statistics



### Increase in Ageing

If studies are to go by, a rapid increase in ageing has been witnessed in emerging economies. According to Population Census 2011, there are nearly 104 million elderly persons (aged 60 years or above) in India; 53 million females and 51 million males. Both the share and size of elderly population is increasing over time. From 5.6 percent in 1996, the proportion has increased to 8.6 percent in 2011. This rapid rise in ageing will put pressure on the government to improve the current infra-

structure and social security systems to deal with the needs of ageing dependency. Population ageing also has profound social, economic and political implications for a country. The increasing number of older persons put a strain on health care and social care systems in the country. Old age comes with lot of ailment and diseases. In case of a large number of elderly persons in the population, the country needs more health and medical services.



# The explosion called

# POPULATION





Like birds, the dinosaurs also build nests, lay eggs and protected their babies.

# PAINTING A CLEAN INDIA

Exhorted by our Prime Minister Narendra Modi, students of AIS Vasundhara 6 pay tribute to Mahatma Gandhi’s vision of Clean India, with their artistic strokes on his 148th birth anniversary



First prize

## Clean to lead

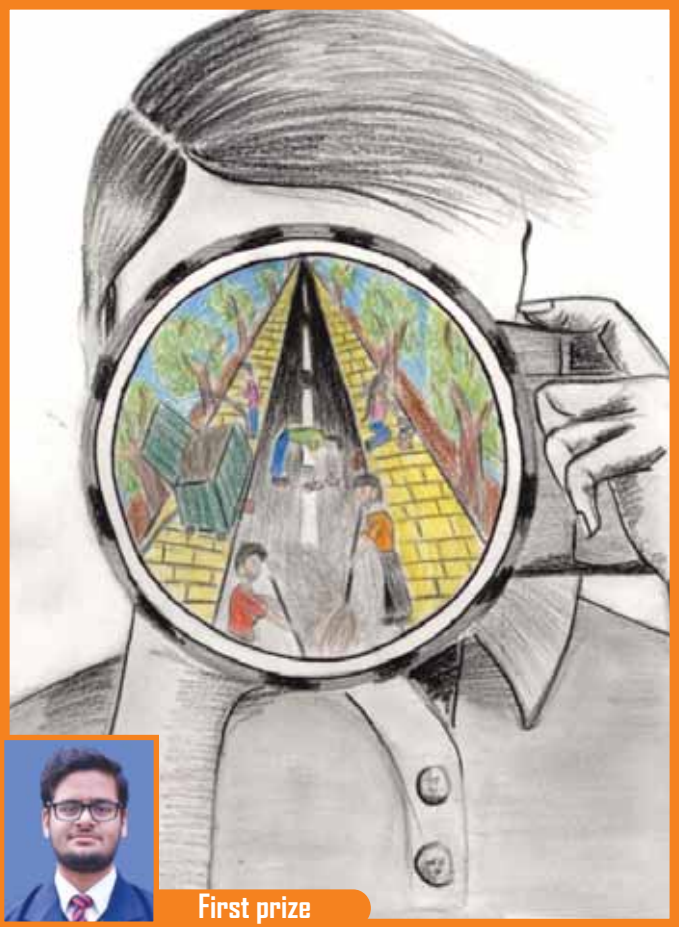
Vasavi Sridhar, AIS Vas 6, XII B

Mahatma Gandhi said, “Sanitation is more important than independence.” And with this, Bapu dreamt of ‘Quit India, Clean India’. Although India gained freedom, but Bapu’s dream remained unfulfilled. During his struggle for freedom of India, he made cleanliness and sanitation an integral part of the Gandhian way of living and propagated the same throughout the campaign.

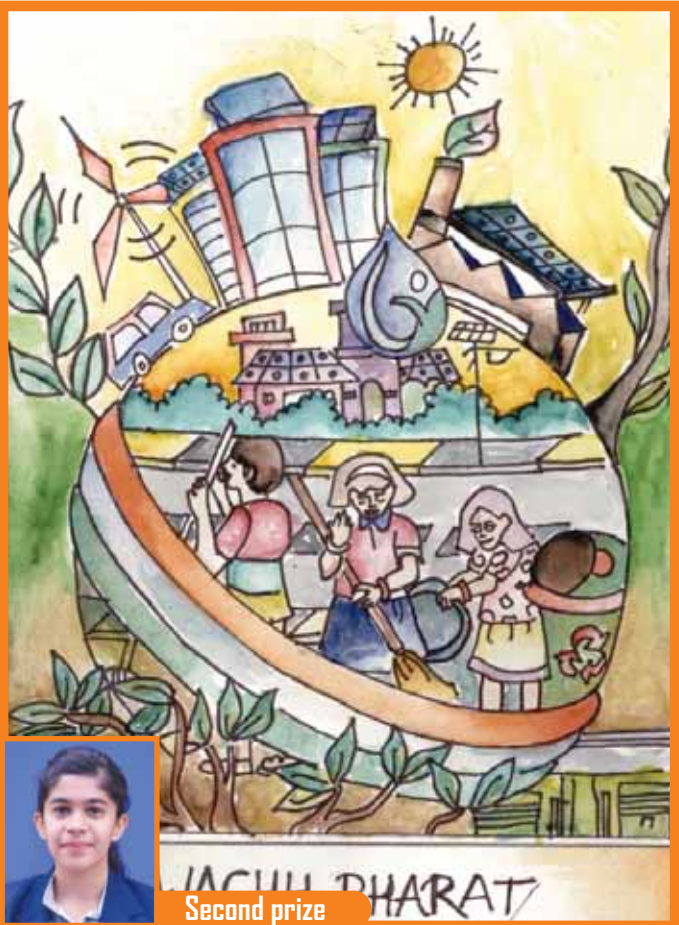
## Only a clean India will click

Ojasvi Sharma, AIS Vas 6, XII C

Gandhiji said, “So, as long as you do not take the broom and the bucket in your hands, you cannot make your towns and cities clean.” Only a clean and a healthy environment can contribute towards the absolute national development. Cleanliness does not just imply keeping the streets and houses clean. It also means keeping the environment clean i.e air, water and land. Imagine, the ‘click’ would be so beautiful with no garbage and dirt around!



First prize



Second prize

## Swachh Bharat

Khushi Bhalla  
AIS Vas 6, XI E

With the tagline ‘Swachh Bharat, Ek kadam swachhta ki aur’, the mission is to honour India’s independence leader, Mahatma Gandhi on his 148th birth anniversary

by fulfilling his dream of ‘Clean India’. As he once shared, “I will not let anyone walk through with their dirty feet on my mind.” Cleaning India is a job of 125 crore people and not just the sweepers alone. ‘One step’ by each one of us can fulfill this dream.



Second prize

## Save mother nature

Vikramaditya Singh, AIS Vas 6, XI E

“Earth has enough to satisfy every man’s needs, but not every man’s greed,” believed Bapu. ‘Earth, our blessed ‘home’ has everything possible to cater to our needs. However, we, in our greed have used it to such an extent, that today all our natural resources are depleting. Have we ever thought as to what will happen if they are finished? It is about time that we rise to save and preserve our natural resources, before its too late.

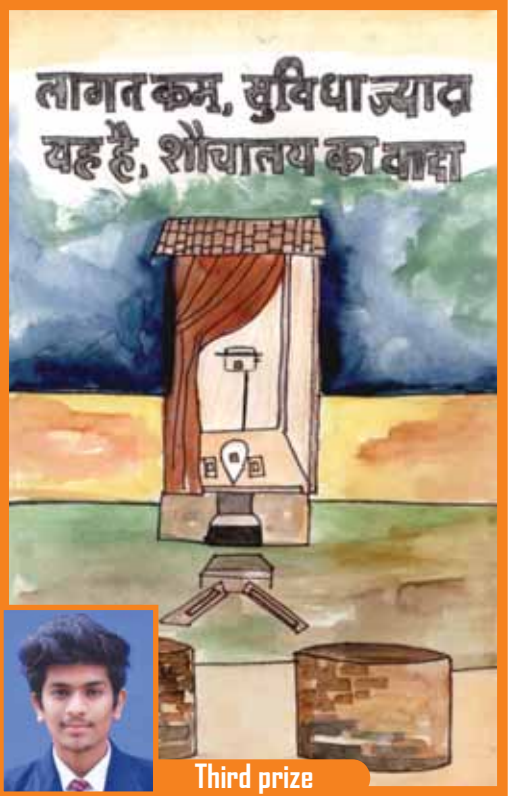
## Clean India, Green India

Anshuman Jha, AIS Vas 6, XI D

How can we turn ‘Clean India, Green India’ into reality? For this we need to educate people to adopt a lifestyle that includes the 3 R’s - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. Reduce means using natural resources judiciously and thereby reducing its waste. Reuse implies that we must reuse all items as much as possible and then pass it on to someone who can use it. Recycling ensures that everything we use is not wasted and put to some new purpose as much as possible.



Second prize



Third prize

## Eliminate open defecation

Abhishek Jain, AIS Vas 6, XII D

Narendra Modi, launched ‘Swachh Bharat Abhiyan’ in 2014 with an emphasis on ‘Open defecation’, a habit where one in two people defecate in open in India. The reason behind it was Bapu’s thought, “The cause of many of our diseases is the condition of our lavatories and our bad habit of defecating excreta anywhere and everywhere.” Today, after 2.5 years of the launch, lavatory availability has improved from 41.93% to 63.98%.

## Ride a bike

Priyaanshie Raathore, AIS Vas 6, XII B

Clean India is a vision where environment as a whole should be clean. So, when you choose to walk or cycle instead of driving, you help to reduce pollution in the environment. This directly helps in decreasing greenhouse gases. So, opting to ride a bicycle for shorter distance not just reduces traffic, but also cuts down 6% of household emissions. It’s time to strap on your helmet and save the environment - one pedal at a time.



Third prize

All the posters displayed above are winning entries of an on the spot painting competition organised by AIS Vasundhara 6 on the theme ‘Swachh Bharat Mission’ launched by Narendra Modi. The competition saw students from Class XI-XII display their artistic expertise to bring out the strong message of cleanliness through their masterpieces.



Hadrosaurs were the toothiest dinosaurs as they could have over 1,000 teeth.



## Catch them young



Dr. Amita Chauhan  
Chairperson

We all know that old habits die hard, yet we become complacent about our shortcomings and continue living life the old way. And when we are compelled to incorporate that habit in our everyday life, we struggle. For something as simple as developing clean habits and maintaining cleanliness, our Prime Minister Narendra Modi had to launch Swachh Bharat mission. This is why from the beginning, I have laid emphasis on sensitising children about the importance of cleanliness in everyday life. Since children are influenced by their surroundings, it is important to start young when teaching them habits. So, taking advantage of a child's formative years is essential to inculcate good habits in him/her. And once they recognise the importance of good habits, they will continue following them during their lifetimes. To achieve this, we have environment clubs in all our schools and children can generate awareness about the need to keep our environment clean. Similarly, creative or scientific projects are assigned to students wherein they are encouraged by their teachers to use eco-friendly products only. And, last but not the last, through our Youth Power programme, students have taken up topics like 'Scrap Crap' and 'Plas Untick', to spread awareness within and outside school about the importance of keeping our surroundings clean. There has been a conscious effort from all of us to sensitise them young to see a tangible footprint on our immediate surroundings. 🇮🇳

## Way of life

*"Patriotism does not only mean going on the warfront and fighting against the enemies on the border. Keeping your surroundings, neighbourhoods, villages and slums clean is also a form of patriotism."*

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India



Vira Sharma  
Managing Editor

This short video message from our PM during the launch of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan marked the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. It struck a chord with me when I visited the Attari Border recently to view the spectacular Wagah Border Ceremony of the 'lowering of the national flag.' A daily practice by the Border Security Forces and Pakistani Rangers, this is an electrifying patriotic experience characterized by a blustering parade by soldiers, chest-thumping slogans of "Bharat Mata ki Jai," Indian flags swaying in the wind, and people dancing to popular nationalistic numbers. It is a moment that all of us civilians must experience at least once in our lifetimes. And yet, what I saw immediately after the ceremony left me saddened. Whilst walking down the lanes after the ceremony where we heard thousands of Indians raising patriotic slogans, we were treated to a view of empty plastic bottles strewn all over. Young BSF jawans could be seen hurriedly picking up the bottles and cleaning up the place before dusk. I felt ashamed. There were proper dustbins, but no one had cared. Just minutes ago, we were declaring our solidarity with the nation and the jawans. Within seconds, we forgot all about it. Is this our patriotism? If you love your country, you need to back your words with your actions. Clean India is not a one-time event or mission – it is a form of patriotism. Patriotism is a way of life. Live it. 🇮🇳

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# Read, learn and grow

*Education is the very premise of progress - for any individual, any family, any society. While we keep hearing 'each one, teach one', rarely do we realise the change that education can usher in 'one'.*  
**Saniya Sethi, AIS Saket, IX A, highlights the factors that make education the 'It' tool for success.**

### Financial security

A word like 'career' will always have 'education' as the precursor. It is only the ability to read and write that can give one the hope of finding a job, ensuring financial security in turn. One cannot help but agree that financial security is a must in today's era.

### Boosts confidence

The skill to read and write instills confidence in people. Hence, the act of

being able to understand the written words and express oneself through writing is empowering in larger ways, both socially and psychologically.

### Morally correct

By instilling in a greater sense of awareness, education empowers an individual with the ability to distinguish between right and wrong. While social evils like dowry and sati may seem legit, chances of an educated person being able to see the problems with the same are far higher. Education teaches you to question, to understand the rationale of situations or traditions that have come to be accepted as norms. It is for this very reason that a society can move forward only when it is educated.

### Opens the mind

Education can open one's horizons like nothing else. It helps one discover new worlds, ideas, stories and philosophies, which expands one's viewpoint towards their surroundings and makes him/her appreciate the incredible diversity of thoughts and culture from all over the world.

### Nation-building

Educated individuals can help in augmenting the output of a nation. It is only education that can teach one to differentiate between the right and wrong. Education is the biggest instrument for ushering responsibility. Responsible, morally conscientious, productive individuals...can a nation ask for more if it wants to move forward? Perhaps not. 🇮🇳

### Learning numbers

- The male literacy rate (7 years and above) was marked at **83%**. Whereas female literacy rate stood at **62%**
- **99%** households have access to primary schools within 22 kms.
- Adult literacy rate (15 years and above) in India was around **71%**
- Adult literacy rate is **64%** in rural India as compared to **84%** in urban India

(Source: NSSO, 2014)



# Twitter: Fastest growing newspaper

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### Journalism As a profession

If you have the passion and desire to do something for your country and bring about a change, then this is the right profession for you. Though, journalism demands a lot of hard work and leaves you with very little time for your ownself, it also gives you a lot of work satisfaction and commands immense respect. There are few people who float negative images of this profession, but it is definitely not that bad. There are still many good people in this field who are doing commendable work. I am confident that with the kind of exposure you all are getting with The Global Times, it will make you all great journalists of tomorrow.

### Secrets Successful journalist

The secret of being a successful journalist is to consider each day as a new challenge. Every time you go into the field, you should have butterflies in your stomach, the curiosity that you don't know what you are going to experience, see or hear that day. Also, one must read the newspaper (both English and Hindi) and be active on social media, especially Twitter, which



Akhilesh Sharma shares his views with GT reporter

is the fastest growing newspaper today. Besides, good observation skills is a must. And if you master it, then good stories are there.

### Important Photographer or Reporter

It is difficult to say whose role is more important in journalism – a photographer's or a reporter's. In fact, today everyone who is moving with a mobile can be a photo journalist. NDTV is the first media house to do an experiment

with 'mojo' i.e., mobile journalism. It requires one to shoot the entire story on mobile for television and website. But yes, you need to be an expert cameraperson and photographer to be a good journalist.

### Battle Social media vs Traditional media

Both have their strengths and weaknesses. Social media has expanded at a faster rate than traditional media. It is

plagued with challenges of 'credibility' and 'authenticity'. We cannot blindly believe or accept anything put up on social media. For instance, Whatsapp today is being dubbed as the 'rumour spreading society'. But then on the other hand there are platforms like Twitter that have created a lot of pressure on mainstream media, where there is always the possibility of journalist's bias, being felt in his writings. In such situations, social media serves as a check and balance on every update where people can give their own comments. In fact, be it any media, we need to take in the news by using our own wisdom and sensibilities.

### My inspiration Storytelling

I have a fond memory of my childhood. Everyday, after my brother and I returned from school, we would pen down what we did the whole day on a piece of paper and give it to our parents to read once they were back from work. The art of storytelling that I learnt then, somehow trained me in the process. This is what inspired me to take up journalism. I am happy to see how The Global Times is teaching you the same while you all are still in school. And it indeed is a source of inspiration for all of you to become journalists. 🇮🇳

### Little pearls of wisdom

# The ultimate sacrifice

Anjani Midha, AIS PV, VIII

**W**hy should I do it? A question that crosses our mind whenever we are asked to or are supposed to do something for others. The simple answer we have to this question is "if we are not benefiting, then why to put so much of effort and time." With this faculty of reasoning, we justify our thoughts. But if we look around, we shall find numerous examples of sacrifice that others have made for us without thinking of their own benefits.

For instance, Jesus sacrificed his life to save mankind. Soldiers sacrifice their lives, families and friends to protect and fight for the nation so that we can sleep peacefully at our homes. Nature itself has sacrificed everything to fulfill our needs. Sacrifice is conspicuous all around us. It manifests in different forms and for different reasons. Sometimes, a sacrifice is made in order to honour duty. Laxmana lived in exile for 14 years with his brother, Lord Rama and Sita to perform his unconditional duties towards his brother. It was his duty that made him sacrifice

14 years of his life, which he could have otherwise enjoyed by living in the kingdom. Sometimes, sacrifice is made out of compassion. Mother Teresa sacrificed her life for the well-being of sick, poor and hungry. The people abandoned by society were adopted by her and she served such people. In the words of Napoleon, "Great achievement is born of great sacrifice, and is never the result of selfishness." Sometimes it's important to make a sacrifice to step ahead. So, the next time you are asked to make a sacrifice, keep selfishness at bay.







Ornithomimus is known as the fastest dinosaur with a speed of about 70 km/h.

# Straight from the heart

Owning up to our mistakes is perhaps the most difficult task and that is why making a confession is never easy. We bring to you the stories of some bravehearts who mustered the courage to do so

## I confess, I cheated

It was a pleasant morning. I was representing my school in Roller Skates championship trophy. I was confident of winning this trophy as I was moving ahead in the race. However, all of a sudden, in the final round, another player overtook me. I couldn't see myself as a loser. So, I pushed the player and moved forward. He fell off and I won the trophy. Days passed by, but the feeling that I had done something wrong didn't go. On the occasion of Annual Day, Chairperson ma'am in her speech emphasised the need to own up to our mistakes. So, I went to Chairperson ma'am, gathering all the courage I had, I confessed my mistake. To my surprise, she didn't scold me. Ah! What a relief! I realised I was carrying a 100 kg burden on my head. And, now, I am a free bird, with lots of strength to explore new horizons.

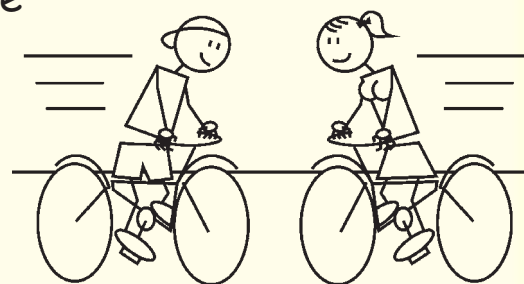
Rhythm, AIS Gurugram 46, V



## I confess, I didn't share

Cycling is my favourite sport. I go for cycling every day with my friends in the evening. Usually we exchange cycles and ride together. One evening while we were riding, a boy called Rohan who lives in my society came up to me and asked me for my bicycle. I was not even friends with Rohan, so, I refused and asked him to get his own. He looked sad but didn't say anything. A few days later, while playing cricket, my friend Adi hit the ball so hard that it was lost in bushes.

So, when I requested my friends to help me, they refused, as it was getting dark and they had to go home. All of them went back. I was left alone, looking for my favourite ball. I was in tears, when suddenly



Rohan came and offered his help. After sometime, we found the ball. He smiled and ran away, bidding goodbye. I felt bad thinking that I had been a selfish girl. Despite my bad behaviour, Rohan helped me. I realised my mistake and decided to always share things with him.

Kavya Bassi, AIS Pushp Vihar, V

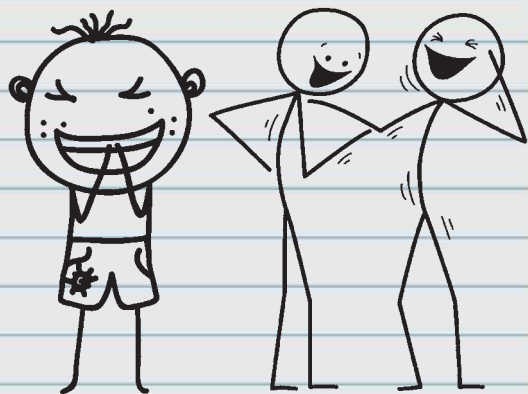
## I confess, I hurt my friend

It was one of those regular days at school. It was lunch break. My friend and I were making fun of our other classmate. He was mad at us, but kept ignoring us and our remarks. Since we didn't stop, he got up and walked out of the class, then he suddenly fell and started crying. Instead of helping him get up, I first started laughing at him and then ran away.

At the time of dispersal, while I was waiting for my car, I saw him again. He had blood stains all over his shirt. It was then that I realised that he had been badly injured when he fell. I was ashamed of my behaviour and the insensitivity I had exhibited towards my classmate. I realised that my classmate had been brave to bear all the pain strongly, and wise as well to deal with my foolishness, calmly.

The incident hit me and I felt terrible about my insensitive behaviour. From that day onwards, I have made it a point to never be mean to anyone.

Aarav Sabharwal  
AIS Saket, V



## I confess, I stole

I am extremely fond of stationery. So, when this friend of mine got a special Doraemon eraser. I could not wait to get my hands on it. It was such a nice eraser, with an imprint of my favourite cartoon character, Doraemon. It was so pretty that I took it with me, without her consent.

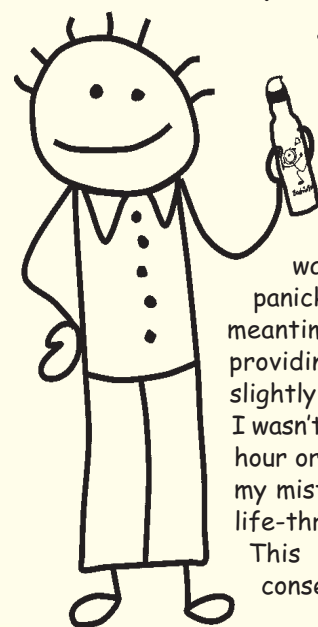
I brought it home and hid it from everyone. On the same day, my cousin sister came to my house. I showed the eraser to her and told her how I got that. She didn't scold me but asked me to return it and told me to never steal anything. I realised I had made a mistake. I apologised to God, admitted my mistake and requested him to forgive me.

The next day, I returned it to my friend and apologised. Since that day, I haven't stolen anything or done anything wrong.

Sadhvi Tandon  
AIS Saket, V



## I confess, I played a prank



While I was playing with my classmate, I hid her water bottle for momentary fun and ran away in the field for playing. When I came back to the class, I got to know that my classmate needed water. She kept on searching for her water bottle but was unable to find it. After frantically looking for it everywhere, she started feeling dizzy.

Eventually, she collapsed on her desk because of lack of water and became unconscious. The teacher in the class panicked and ran towards medical room to call the doctor. In the meantime, one of the students present in the class helped her by providing water from his bottle. She took her medicine and felt slightly better after doing so.

I wasn't aware that she was under medication and needed water every hour or so. I really felt ashamed of my mischievousness. I admitted my mistake in front of everyone, and decided not to repeat such a life-threatening act ever in my life.

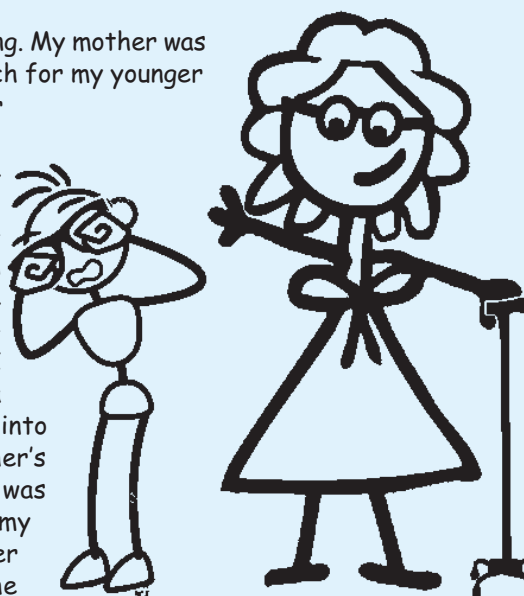
This incident taught me how trivial fun can result in dire consequences. I vowed to never repeat the same.

Ishita Gupta, AIS Noida, V

## I confess, I put the blame on him

It was a bright Sunday morning. My mother was in the kitchen preparing lunch for my younger brother and I, while my father was having bath. Both of us were playing with a ball in the living room. My mother asked us to go out and play. But, we didn't want to break the momentum and chose to ignore what she was saying and continued playing. After a few minutes, I kicked the ball hard. It hit a vase, which fell and broke into pieces. It was my mother's favourite vase. My mother was angry so I put the blame on my younger brother. My mother scolded him so much that he started crying. Initially, I was happy but later I felt really bad for him. Today, by writing this confession, I want to say whatever I did was wrong, and promise not to repeat it again. With this, I also promise to be courageous enough to admit my mistakes and not to put the blame on others.

Vibhushi Agarwal, AIS Vasundhara 6, V





# Stolen childhood

## Storywala

Sunidhi Gupta  
AIS Saket, X C

That day, the sun never rose. Darkness invaded every corner, gloominess lurked everywhere around him. Light couldn't find a way to enter, because the light was long gone. As he approached near, his worst fear came alive. Agony ripped his heart into two as he saw her lying on the cold, hard ground, smeared in her own blood. He bent down to close her eyes, letting her soul rest in peace. He sulked, wished he had known, wished he would have been there in her place. The sight knocked him off his feet and took his breath away. Now, every breath he took felt agonising. His mother, the only woman he had learned to love since he opened his eyes in this universe was lying on the middle of the road. It was right before his eye when a car hit her and vanished in thin air. Everything came back to him in flashing memories. He remem-



bered how she struggled to raise the two brothers. They had a faint memory of their father, who was a drunkard and would always fight and beat their mother. She worked at a factory, where she

would stitch clothes to feed her world back at home. As he touched his mother's hand, he realised it would never give him a tap on shoulder, nor would they make those perfectly round

“He sulked, wished he had known, wish he would have been their in her place. it knocked him off his feet and took his breath away. ”

chapatis. Or he could no longer sit in her lap and ramble about his day at school. He would never be able to hear her sweet voice singing a song to him. He would never feel the warmth of her. His home will not be same again because she was gone. A muffled noise reached his ears. He turned around only to see his younger brother clinging to his arm, and tears rolling down his face. With his red nose and puffy eyes, the little boy whispered “Mummy!!” With that, he felt his heart being crushed into a million pieces. Later that night after coming back from the cremation, he realised that his childhood was long gone, as he was not alone but he had his little brother to look after. He had to put himself back together, it was time for him to get a grip on himself, to secure the little boy's future. One fateful day had stolen everything from him. 🇮🇳



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## Globe chalk-board

**Materials required**

Globe ..... 1 unit  
Masking tape ..... 1 unit  
Chalkboard spray paint 1 bottle  
White chalk ..... 1 box  
Hand towel ..... 1

**Procedure**

- Take an old globe, and cover the rim and the base with masking tape.
- Once rim and base is covered in masking tape, spray paint the globe with the chalk-board paint.
- Check whether the paint has dried or not.
- Once the paint has dried up, cover the globe in white chalk. (Refer image)
- Now wipe off all the white chalk with a hand towel.
- Your DIY globe chalkboard is ready to use.

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**Q:** What is the name of the paleontologist who coined the word 'dinosaur'?

**Ans:**

**Q:** Name the student who has been featured in IT's ME column on p9.

**Ans:**

**Q:** In which university, a mock press conference was organised?

**Ans:**

**Q:** Who is the author of the article 'One more chapter' on p12?

**Ans:**

**Q:** Which school paid a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi by making posters?

**Ans:**

**Q:** What is the headline of the article written by Saniya Sethi, AIS Saket, IX A?

**Ans:**

**Q:** Which school celebrated Grandparents Day on September 8, 2017?

**Ans:**

**Q:** Who has been interviewed on p1?

**Ans:**

**Q:** Name the DIY activity mentioned on p8.

**Ans:**

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

Results of Read Play & Win-38: **Vibhor Aggarwal**, AIS Noida, IX G; **Shreya Garg**, AIS Vas 6, VIII B; **Hemang Mathur**, AIS PV, VII C

## WORDS VERSE



### Sneak thief

**Chhavi Sharma**, AIS Vas 6, IX D

Sound cut the window  
And enters my room  
Seeing the shadow  
I looked for the broom

The night was ghostly  
And someone was there  
To steal the goods so costly  
And to create a sense of fear

My heart beat grew rapidly  
Hearing the sound of clash

To look at the thief clearly  
I tried to lit up the flash

But the battery was dead  
On that lightless night  
I sat on the bed  
As no one was there in sight

I could hear the steps  
And it neared me  
And then on me something leapt  
I wondered who it can be

Suddenly the light filled the space  
I felt relieved  
And looked at the face  
Oh! It's my cat, the sneak thief. 🇮🇳

### The fight

**Tanvi Vijn**, AIS Noida, X A

Wounded with shackles on hand  
Because it's not their land  
No they don't belong anywhere  
That's how God has made it


Said the whites, with disgust  
For the people who they owned  
But all I could see was their plight  
Their eyes filled with pure despair

Made them work at such a pace  
Sun scorched their arms and face  
Those marks on their naked backs  
Walking through the rusty tracks


Looked down by the rulers  
Canes in hand, heartless they stand  
But louder than the sobbing cries  
Of men, their children, their wives

Beat their hearts so full of pain  
They stand one, in the face of pain  
Made sure they didn't die in vain  
Fought hard for what came 🇮🇳







Fruitilicious



The art is in the eyes



Blossoming aura of flora



Blissful and bright

## BRUSH 'N' EASEL

Shreeya Baral, AIS Noida, VIII H



# Grandma and her bird

## Wisdom tale



Roshni Debaja, AIS Noida, VI

Long ago in a beautiful vil-  
lage atop a mountain,  
lived an old woman.  
Everyone in the village called her  
‘Grandma’. Although she lived  
alone in her small little house,  
she was always surrounded by  
children. They would always  
come to play with her and listen  
to her stories.

It so happened that one day a bird  
flew inside grandma’s house  
through a window. The little bird

was injured and lay in pain help-  
lessly on the ground. Grandma  
picked up the bird delicately and  
nursed the bird until it was fine.  
Since then the little bird lived  
with grandma. She was a beauti-  
ful little bird. The children loved  
playing with her. The bird too en-  
joyed the company of the kids  
and grandma. They even named  
her ‘Niya’. The bird enjoyed her  
new name, and would respond to  
the name with delight.

It was just another evening and  
the children were playing with

Niya at Grandma’s home. The  
kids had been playing for a long  
while. Grandma, thinking that  
the kids might be hungry, de-  
cided to whip up a sandwich for  
everyone. She left the kids and  
Niya to play and went to kitchen.

Suddenly, grandma heard Niya’s  
shrieks. She ran from the kitchen  
to see what was wrong. She was  
horrified to see that Sid was  
pinching Niya. Now Sid was al-  
ways a mischievous kid, but this  
time he had crossed the line.  
Grandma took away Niya and

Since then the bird lived  
with Grandma. She was a  
beautiful little bird. The  
children loved playing  
with her.

asked the kids to go back home.  
But in her heart she decided to  
teach Sid a lesson.

The kids were playing as usual  
with Grandma. While they were  
playing, Grandma pinched Sid.  
Sid was surprised but did not  
say anything. After every few  
minutes, grandma would pinch  
Sid here and there.

The third time around Grandma  
pinched Sid a little hard. Sid let  
out a squeal and screamed in  
anger “What do you think you  
are doing Grandma? You are  
hurting me!” “I am thinking ex-  
actly what you did when you  
hurt Niya,” grandma replied  
with a smile.

She did not say anything further,  
but from that day, Sid was more  
sensitive to everyone around, in-  
cluding Niya.

What did you learn?  
Treat others exactly the way  
you would want to be treated.



Navya (left) with her Berry twister

## Berry twister

Navya Chhabra  
AIS Vas 1, III

### Ingredients

7 Up .....500 ml  
Raspberry jam .....1 tbsp  
Lemon juice.....1tsp  
Raspberries.....1 cup  
Lemon slices..... for garnish  
Mint leaves .....for garnish  
Ice cubes.....1 cup  
Tall glass .....1

### Method

- In a bowl take raspberries and smash them using a spoon.
- Now add raspberry jam, one glass of 7 Up. Stir well.
- Take 3 tbsp of the mix and put it in a tall glass.
- Now top it with 7 Up and fresh lemon juice.
- Garnish with lemon slices and mint leaves.

## Jokey Pokey

Prithish Damani

AIS Vasundhara 6, II

Teacher: Correct the sentence,  
“A bull and a cow is grazing in  
the field.”

Student: A cow and a bull is  
grazing in the field.

Teacher: How...??

Student: Ladies first!

Teacher: Tomorrow there will  
be a lecture on Pluto and Nep-  
tune. Everyone must attend it.

Student: Sorry teacher my  
mom wouldn’t let me go so  
far!!

Teacher: Give me an example

of a creature which can live on  
water as well as on land.

Student: Frog

Teacher: Another example?

Student: Another frog

Teacher: Vicky, your composi-  
tion on ‘My Dog’ is exactly the  
same as your brother’s. Did you  
copy this?

Vicky: No, teacher, it’s the  
same dog.

Teacher: Sam, What is the out-  
side of a tree called?

Sam: I don’t know.

Teacher: Bark, Sam bark.

Sam: Bow, wow, wow....

## Thank you sister

Dhruv Chhabra, AIS Noida, VII F

Sisters come in packages  
Some cute and little  
Few annoying and elder  
And some motherly and older

Our bond is really special  
You are the angel and I am the devil  
It is a mix of love, anger, care and cries  
Basically, sugar, spice and everything nice

You are always looking out for me  
Regardless of any fights  
Forgetting how much I ever annoyed you  
You stand by me through and through

There are times I make mistake  
Dealing with me, I agree, is no slice of cake

You always give, and do not take  
My trust, you never break

In ways my childhood belongs to you  
Reason you may ask  
Because loving someone more than yourself  
Is after all a herculean task



Thank you for being my friend  
For me, you are literally godsend  
You are there for me in joy and sorrow  
From you, anything I can borrow

The fights will go on and on  
But the love will grow  
Thank you, my dear sister  
You will always have me to tow.

Match it

Samridhya Pant  
AIS Vas 6, III

PMs/Presidents	Countries
1	A  India
2	B  New Zealand
3	C  Congo
4	D  Germany
5	E  Canada
6	F  United States of America
7	G  Japan

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

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It's Me

My name: Dhairya Agarwal  
My school: AIS Gur 43  
My Class: I  
My birthday: May 19  
I like: Watching TV and playing with friends  
I dislike: Sitting idle  
My hobby: Colouring and learning new things  
My role model: Soldiers  
My best friend: Yash & Parth  
My favourite book: Jungle book  
My favourite game: Video games  
My favourite mall: Metropolis mall  
My favourite food: Pasta  
My favourite teacher: Meena Ma'am & Neetu Ma'am  
My favourite subject: Mathematics  
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Roy Chapman Andrews, an explorer found the first dinosaur nest in the Gobi Desert of Mongolia.



Students take part in the German exchange programme



## German Exchange Programme

The exchange programme aimed at sharing knowledge about various cultures & familiarising students with new teaching techniques

### AERC

Ten students from different branches of Amity Group of Schools accompanied by teachers in-charge, Chanchal Dhingra & Priyanka Jain, teachers from AIS Gur 46, visited the reputed Gymnasium School in Olching, Germany as part of the Indo- German Exchange Programme from September 18- 22,

2017. The programme initiated by Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF, under the aegis of Amity Educational Resource Centre (AERC), aims at providing Amitians an insight into life in a foreign country, learn a new language and absorb new cultures and traditions from around the globe. The programme commenced

with a warm welcome of Indian delegates by German delegates who were warmly received by their host families with whom they stayed throughout their visit. The exchange allowed students experience and understand each other's cultures and traditions. During the visit, students also had the opportunity to visit Indian embassy in Germany and interacted with the officials to gain

insights about the foreign land. They also visited various popular places of the city such as Technical University of Munich, Nymphenburg Palace, Castle Neuschwanstein, BMW plant and various museums including Deutsches Museum.

Overall, it was a great learning experience for the students and a great medium to experience different cultures and traditions. [GFI](#)

## Inter- Amity table tennis competition



Students try their hands at table tennis

### AIS Vasundhara 1

AIS Vas 1 hosted the 6th inter- Amity table tennis competition in its state-of-the-art auditorium from May 9-12, 2017. The event was graced by the presence of (Retd) Col BS Ahluwalia, Senior Consultant, Sports, Amity Group of Schools.

Students enthusiastically participated in the competition. The three days of invigorating action concluded with felicitation of the winners. In Boys category, the

school bagged the gold medal, AIS MV and AIS Vas 6 bagged the silver and bronze medals, respectively.

In Girls category, AIS Gur 46 won the gold medal while the silver and bronze medals were bagged by AIS Noida and AIS MV, respectively.

Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF, congratulated the champions. School Principal Valambal Balachandran applauded coach Arun and all the PET teachers. [GFI](#)

## Cleanliness drive

### AIS VYC Lucknow

The school launched a clean and green city campaign from September 1-15, 2017. Under the guidance of school Principal Sakshi Gautam Mishra, the school management, staff members and students participated enthusiastically in the cleanliness drive.

Children made beautiful dustbins with green and blue colours. Parents, teachers and students displayed their talents in the art competition. School Principal took a workshop on the impor-



Joining hands in the 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan'

tance of 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan'. Students took the initiative of cleaning the surroundings and went for a cleanliness drive inside and outside the school. All the garbage was collected and dumped in the bins.

The drive made everyone realise the importance of community cleanliness, health and hygiene. School Principal motivated everyone to keep the drive up in the future and maintain hygienic conditions all around. [GFI](#)

## A cultural feast

### AIS Vasundhara 1

The school hosted Odissi dance recital by Padmashree Ranjana Gauhar under the aegis of spic macay on October 6, 2017. The programme conducted under the guidance of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF aimed at promoting Indian classical heritage and culture amongst students.

The artists were accorded a warm welcome, followed by a traditional lamp lighting ceremony amidst the chanting of shlokas. School Principal introduced the eminent guest who is also a recipient of National Sangeet



Eminent artist Ranjana Gauhar along with school Principal

Natak Academy Award, Indira Gandhi Priyadarshini Award and many other accolades.

The exponent, Ranjana Gauhar, is a dancer par excellence. Her talent in blending the tradition with the contemporary has made her performances all the more

appealing to the audience at home and abroad. The students also had an interactive session with the eminent artist where she answered queries from students. School Principal felicitated the dancer and the guests for enlightening the students. [GFI](#)

## Grandparent's Day celebrations

### AIS Gwalior

The school celebrated Grandparent's Day on September 8, 2017 to honour grandparents for their love and services. The little students came dressed in colourful dresses and performed excitedly before their grandparents. They tapped their feet on 'Dadi amma kehti he' and danced to various tunes like 'Dadi amma Dadi amma maan Jao'. A skit titled 'Hamid Ka Chimta' unfolded the little ones love for their grandparents. The grandparents also engaged themselves in different kinds of games exclusively planned for



Grandparent's become kids again

them. School Principal Seema Thakur shared her views on the occasion, insisting little ones to give respect and love to their

grandparents. The assembly concluded with vote of thanks proposed by Major General SC Jain. [GFI](#)



Reliving childhood

### AIS Noida

The Nursery children of school invited their grandparents to their classrooms on September 12-13, 2017. School Principal Renu Singh and Vice Principal Soma Mukherjee visited each section and interacted with grandparents and the children.

The celebrations commenced with traditional tilak ceremony

along with recitation of prayers by children. Each class conducted their own creative interactive session comprising quizzes, games, storytelling session, etc. The grandparents participated in the activities like snack making, etc. with great enthusiasm and also sang songs with their grandchildren. The children also presented them with handmade cards on the occasion. [GFI](#)

### AIS Gurugram 46

## Quiz championship

The school team participated in the Dorling Kindersley (DK) Quiz conducted in the school campus for the students of Class VII to IX on August 24, 2017. Over 144 students from school participated in the quiz, out of which 12 students got shortlisted for the final round and won books as a reward along with the certificate of merit.

The school champions team will now represent the school at the inter- school grand finale to be



Winners display their medals and certificates

held on October 12, 2017. School Principal, Arti Chopra appreciated the efforts made by partici-

pants and motivated them to work harder and bring laurels to their school. [GFI](#)

## Award in *nukkad natak*

The school team bagged the second prize in junior and senior categories of nukkad natak competition hosted by Bluebells Public School on August 23, 2017. The theme for junior and senior were 'Road safety' and 'Drug abuse', respectively. The participants left the audience spellbound with great conviction in their performances. School Principal Arti Chopra ap-



Students with their trophies along with school Principal

plauded students for their performances in the competition and

further motivated them to achieve greater heights. [GFI](#)



Dinosaurs lived on all continents including Antarctica.

All top quotes composed by Aarav Puri, AIS Saket, IV



Dino world

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# Superpowers! Really?

What if you were granted the superpower to turn invisible? Or what if you could fly in the clouds like your favourite superhero? Sounds fabulous? Not to science

Kreetik Thakur  
AIS Noida, VIII J

We've all had our fair share of fantasising a world where we are superheroes; whether it's the power of flight, regeneration, super strength, super speed or just the good old invisibility. But please excuse me as I am going to ruin few superpowers for you.

## Fly-Fly

Wouldn't it be awesome to be able to slide through the clouds, just like Superman and feel the rush of cool wind against your face? The only person not cribbing about traffic jams would be you. But the thing is, you will have to let this dream fly away for it might be a bit too cold for you up there, near the clouds. Now, there are a few things that could happen to you. First, you could freeze because of the low air pressure and temperature; or you could just faint. Again, due to low air pressure and even both if you're really unlucky.

## Healing factor

Being Wolverine or Deadpool

sure sounds awesome. But think about this, if you actually had super healing powers, you might become the dummy for experiments by scientists. You think you will be able to handle the pain, for your healing superpowers will ensure that the misery does not last long. But, picture this: you are sleeping and you find your hand growing. Now that would be the creepiest thing ever. Ever wondered why Wolverine is so paranoid all the time? Why wouldn't he be? After all, your body parts growing every now and then can only result in a certain stress disorder.

## Super speed

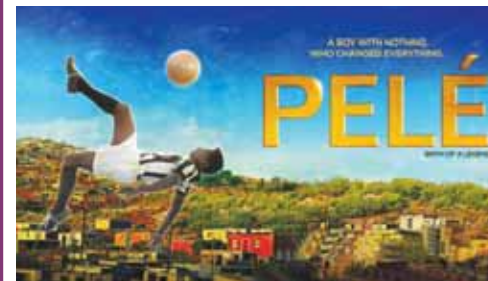
Too many of you will agree that the The Flash's power of gliding through in super speed is one of the coolest superpowers. Just to remind you, 'super-speed' doesn't necessarily mean 'superstamina'. Besides, running even a hundred meters at 2 decadeillion into the speed of light will basically cause the air molecules in front of you to fuse. This will result in something similar that happens in an atom bomb, only much worse, since there will be more particles fusing.

## Invisible

Ironically, one of the visible members of the Fantastic Four, Sue Storm's ability to get into invisibility mode has earned her a huge fan base. Face it we all have wanted to be invisible at some point in time (especially the times when we forgot to do our homework). But science has a different story to share. So what happens is, what you see around you is because the light bounces off objects which hits your eyes. But if you're invisible, the light is either moving around you or through you. Either way, it's not reaching your eyes; which means other people might not see one person (you). And that's not the end of story. You too will not be able to see anything at all. In other words, you will be blind. This also means that you will be bumping into and knocking off a lot of stuff, getting hurt. Ergo, there will be more visits to the doctor, who won't be able to see you and hence your wounds.

So, now when you dream of becoming a Wonder Woman or God Loki, try to feel little empathetic towards their pain. After all, *No pain - No gain!*

## MOVIE REVIEW



### Pelé: the birth of a legend

**Released:** May, 2016

**Director:** Jeff Zimbalist

**Starring:** Kevin de Paula, Vincent D'Onofrio, Rodrigo Santoro, Diego Boneta, Colm Meaney

**Rating:** ★★★★★

**Genre:** Biography/Drama/Sports

**Narrative:** *Pelé: the birth of a legend* is an American biographical film, which explores the early life of Brazilian footballer Pelé. The film puts the spotlight on the relationship between 9 year old Pelé (Leonardo Lima Carvalho) and his father, before he became famous as a 15 year old sports legend (Kevin de Paula Rosa), carrying the hopes and dreams of a country on his back as a national hero. He was brought up in the slums of São Paulo, Brazil, and was so poor that he couldn't afford a real soccer ball.

**Analysis and inspirations:** An uninspiring and ultra traditional narrative kill the movie that could have otherwise mesmerised the audiences with several layers of human emotions. That said, the movie does capture the early years of struggle of a sports legend rather well. Skillful editing is another high point of the movie. Add to it is the rousing rhythmic score by AR Rahman, which will keep you glued. Nonetheless, with a plot as strong as this, the movie sure could have done a whole lot better in terms of capturing the audience. But this one is a must watch for anyone who loves soccer.

**Best dialogue:** "Winners are not those who never fail but those who never quit."

**Review by:** Arnab Mullick, AIS Vas 6, VIII

# ONE MORE CHAPTER

For most of us, Friday night is either time to party or watch movies. But for some, it's time to grab a book, and indulge in it the entire night. These are the people we call 'bookworms'. Ever wondered what they are made of? Pratul Gupta, AIS Saket, VI C brings the answer.

## Definition

Bookworm is a creature who loves any and every kind of book. Such creatures go through the pages of books at very high speed, like a bullet train. They have a knack to grasp every possible information in the book.

## Occurrence

It is too difficult to find these creatures in open spaces but they can be seen easily sitting either at the front desk of a classroom, or

in the most secluded corner of the house or in a library. These creatures have a very strange power of recording the teacher's speech in their minds. They hate games period and keep their eyes open for library period.

## Preparation

- 1 A bookworm is prepared by reaction of a child with a few grams of magic book powder solution.
- 2 During the reaction, ions are exchanged where the child shares

positive ions with the magic book powder.

3 The solubility of the child increases and hence the product of the reaction turns out to be a 'bookworm'.

## Chemical Properties

- 1 They are highly reactive towards element known as 'books'.
- 2 They are odourless, tasteless and noiseless.
- 3 They begin to buzz like a bee as soon as they see a book.
- 4 Particles like 'memory' form in their minds especially with characters of a book.

5 Doesn't react with any other chemical element.

## Physical Properties

- 1 A bookworm can easily be identified by his cute thick framed glasses.
- 2 These creatures are found easily in the libraries going through various books, for hours.
- 3 They are always silent and good listeners.
- 4 They are very calm till the time they have books in their hands, otherwise can create havoc (you know what withdrawal symptoms does to you)!

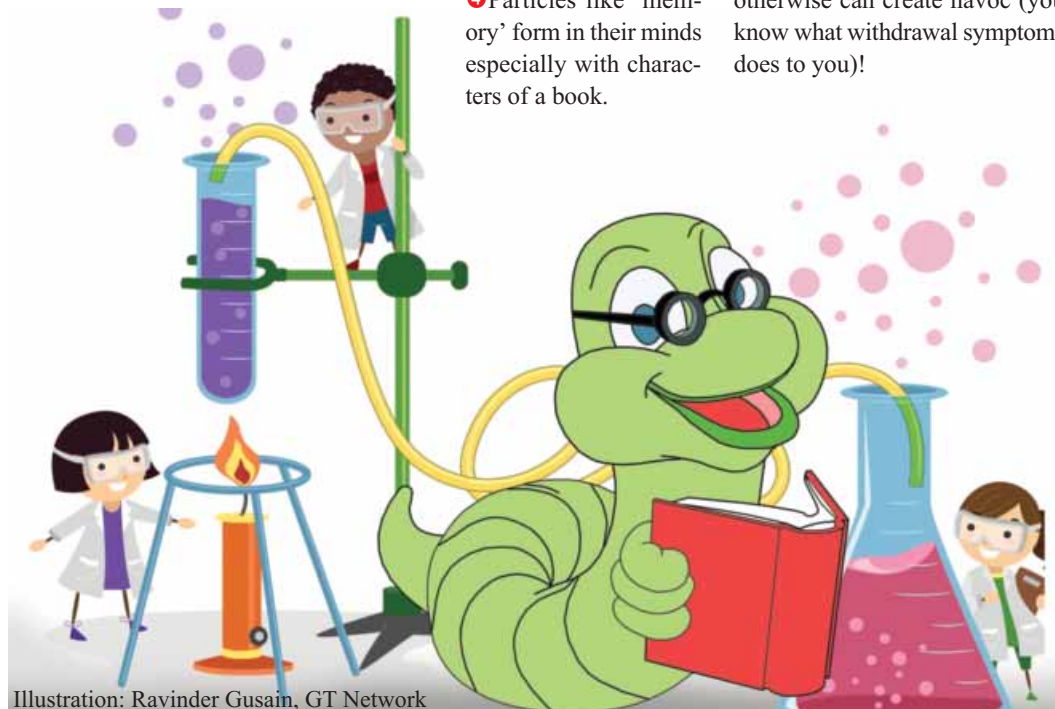


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## GT Travels to Uttarakhand



Samaira Jain, AIS PV, I D, poses with her copy of The Global Times in front of the The Forest Research Institute (FRI) located at Dehradun, Uttarakhand. FRI is an institute of the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education.

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## Uses

- 1 They often bring honour to their school in various quiz competitions.
- 2 They don't have to work hard for good grades. And if you have a bookworm as a sibling then chances are that your parents might be busy boasting her/him.
- 3 They are the 'house of knowledge', where shortage of knowledge never happens.

4 They are useful for other classmates during exams, and usually they are picked up by teachers for competitions for which no one raises hands to participate.

A bookworm enjoys being cocooned in their reading bubble and no one is allowed inside. Hence, it is always beneficial to be friends with the clan of bookworms and join their club! 📖