

All our lives, we are either involved in conversations, or are simply listening to one. A lot of times, these leave an impression on us. GT understands the value of these conversations, which is why we have tried to behold the beauty of these conversations in this special 'Interview edition'. Encapsulating interviews with eminent journalists, environmentalists, educators, scientists and so many more who touch our lives with their words; this edition moves, inspires and motivates. Flip through the pages and you will be surprised to see how much a conversation can mean.

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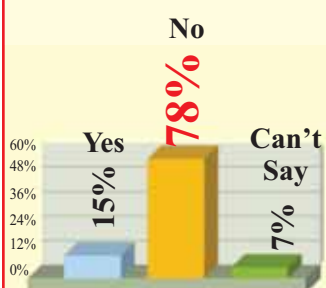
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Coming Next

Ni hao AIMUN!

It's just an interview...

...Or Is It? An Exchange Of Question Answer Can Bring A Lot More

Arun Prakash, GT Network

What you are holding in your hand right now is the interview special edition of The Global Times. So, it is only fair that the cover story is about 'interviews'. Why interviews, you ask? Because they let you delve into the lives of celebrities? No, we aren't the ones to sip 'Koffee'. Interviews - because they enable you to come out with something more on the other side information you weren't acquainted with earlier, a perspective you lost, or passion that had evaporated. Here is hoping that this top story which captures some of the most iconic interviews leave you with a little more.

The short of it...

Say interview and lengthy conversations come to mind. But then not everyone abides by the given protocols. Case in point - Narendra Modi/Karan Thapar. The interview began amidst a slew of Godhra accusations, only getting terse by the minute. And pre-

cisely at 3 minutes 25 seconds, the then CM of Gujarat called it a day, making it perhaps the shortest interview of all times. "Hum toh yahan dosti karne aaye the..." were Modi's last words as he walked away. He said a lot without saying a word - that you don't really have to get to the end of it all, especially if it is a mud slinging battle.

The long of it...

While some cut it short, there are others who go the long way, nine hours to be precise. Just few days before he died, John Lennon gave an interview to Rolling Stones that went on for nine hours straight. In this, bare-it-all interview he slammed the feel-good perception of the band, pointing out "I'm not John Beatles. I'm John Lennon." With those words, he said it all, saying that you sometimes need to come out and get rid of the fabricated realities, because noth-

ing ever has and nothing ever will strike a chord better than honesty.

The one where she was silent...

"How was it in jail?" "Did you imagine this would happen to you?" "What did you do?" "Do you even know what you did?" With these blunt, or even borderline harsh personal questions David Letterman kept coming at Paris Hilton, while the latter was invited as a guest on his show. A visibly embarrassed Hilton mumbled, "...I've moved on with life, so I don't really want to talk about it." But Letterman wasn't willing to let go, "See this is where you and I are different because that's all I want to talk about." With that, truth revealed to us that it has its way of finding you and sometimes it will chase you right till the end of the road.

The one where he silenced...

Not one to mince words, Shashi Tharoor in an exclusive British interview underlined every atrocity that the British empire had brought down on India. Highlighting the 'historical amnesia' afflicting the British, he said, "You don't really teach colonial history in your schools...there is no awareness of the atrocities...Britain became one of the richest countries in the 18th century and reduced after 200 years of plunder to one of the poorest," he added. Now, this is a fact we all have grown up reading but only few have the courage to speak out aloud, especially when sitting on their side of the border. That is one interview which taught us to stand up for what's right.

This is how we learn that interviews can be more than caffeine shots, serenading on white backdrops or giggling on the couch. They tell you to be honest, passionate and informed and a lot more. But that's only if you are listening. 🇮🇳

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In between the lines

Two Decades. Several Stories. A Journalist Still Reads Between The Lines

Anandi Sen
AIS Mayur Vihar, XII G

Bhavna Vij Aurora, Political Editor, Outlook, a name that has carved its niche in journalism. In her 30-year long career, she has worked with leading media houses like TOI, Indian Express, Telegraph and others. As the chief guest for GT Awards 2017-18, she apprised audience with what we miss in between the hullabaloo.

In between the challenges

Being a journalist isn't easy. It is not a 9 to 5 desk job. It comes with a great deal of responsibility. To be a journalist is to lose sleep and sacrifice a lot. The journey gets tougher if you are a woman, for you need to maintain a certain decorum to be taken seriously. But, if you are determined and have a strong support system, you will find your way. I am thankful, I never had any pressures from my family. They were rather supportive of my career choices. You have to have someone to catch your fall when going gets tough.

In between the borders

Back when I was working with Indian Express, I got to travel to Lahore in Samjhauta Express. There were speculations that

the train was used for smuggling. My editor sent me with a Muslim photographer to do a first-hand story, hoping a better chance of fitting in. What touched me the most was how Punjabi speaking people connected with me given my Punjabi background and my photographer felt rather out of place being a Muslim in a Muslim country. I could not help but notice the love that stemmed from similarity even in a foreign land, in between the tensions at the border.

In between print & digital

The current generation has submerged itself in digital media. But I don't blame them. It's a platform that visualizes news, breaking the monotony of text. Digital media has a long way to go and there is no denying that. Nonetheless, in a country like India it is hard to foresee a future with digital media alone. Economically speaking, the print industry is not dying anytime soon. It will always be a primary source of news and I'm sure it will find ways to be as innovative as digital media someday. Here's hoping that future

journalism strikes a fine balance between print and digital.

In between the politics

As a political journalist, you have to act like an outsider, even when you are being addressed one-on-one. You have to do your job impartially and report the facts as they are. Politics is something that Indians take very personally. So, it is important to keep that in mind and carry on with your work sensitively. You can't jump right into critical journalism because if you do, you will find yourself in between a gamut of politics.

In between the job

Investigative journalism isn't an easy call. Mostly because it questions your ethics. It requires you to capture and record someone's personal moments and defies the right to privacy of an individual. Also, giving up in the midst of an assignment should never be an option. Whatever story you're working on, stick to it and dig deeper until you find all the pieces of the puzzle. That is the trick to standing strong as a journalist.

Monkeys are classified on the basis of their location - Old World (Asia and Africa) and New World (America) monkeys.



Flowing passion for Ganga

Fighting For A Cleaner And Safer Ganga With Unadulterated Passion And Grit

Anushka Pandey & Angkuran Dey, ASCO, AUUP

Sanjay Chaturvedi, Senior Consultant, National Mission for Clean Ganga, is one of the very few fighting the uphill battle of saving river Ganga. Set up in October 2016, the campaign aims to clean Ganga and its tributaries in a comprehensive manner. As he works hard to bring about the change, he shares keywords which act as ultimate mantras and keep driving him to do good on the crucial mission.

बदलाव: The aim to change No matter what is said, the fact remains that rivers have been overexploited, all to satisfy human greed. And that is rather unfortunate. Ganga has met similar fate, despite the fact that it holds great significance in our culture. To see the ill treatment of the very same river that's worshipped in our culture is extremely distressing. It is high

time that we should realise the mistakes we have been committing. We should pledge to bring a change, because unless and until we call for a change, we won't be able to change the reality.

जागरूकता: The dire need for utmost awareness

We are so entangled in our own lives and problems that we don't pay attention to the world around us. It was when I visited river Ganga and saw the poor condition of the river and of the people living around it, that I realised how exploitation has left a deep wound in the national waterways. Unfortunately, not many people are aware about the actual condition of the river and it is our goal to educate them. So, together we can all work towards helping the river. This river is our lifeline and if we do not pay attention to its suffering, then we will never be able to change things for the better future for our children.

सेवा धर्म: The duty to serve

It is only after becoming aware of the problems that are plaguing the river that we can truly start working towards bringing about a change. There will be a lot of challenges and problems that will



Sanjay Chaturvedi with GT reporters

Pic: Mayank Singh, ASCO, AUUP

“Not many people are aware about the actual condition of the river and it is our goal to educate them. So, together we can all work towards helping our beloved river.”

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come in our path but it should only make our determination stronger. Every hurdle should remind us that as responsible citizens of this country, it is our duty to help and bring a change. One of our biggest assets is our youth, so we need to provide the younger generation with a vision and tell them why this river matters.

उर्जा शक्ति: The renewed strength

One of the biggest achievements of our plan has been the launch of the Namami Ganga plan, which is a completely centrally financed plan. Justice Giridhar

Malviya's judgment on Ganga has brought about a major change in influencing the policy of rejuvenating the Ganga. We are finally taking steps towards cleaning our beloved holy river. We are working towards getting a public private partnership so that the joint venture can promote great innovations and bring in cutting-edge technology. I think it is extremely necessary that we use modern technology as well as sustainable techniques to achieve desired water purity

level. It's only technology that can provide our project a new strength, so that we can reach our goal of making our Ganga clean.

संरक्षण: The passion to preserve Ganga is not just a river; it is an eminent part of our tradition and culture, which is why it is very important that we preserve it. To do that, we need to act and we need to act now because if we don't, our country and culture will suffer a great loss. It is still not too late, and if we all work together, we can rejuvenate river Ganga and bring her back to her former glory.

World at a glance

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





The American howler monkeys, a special species, are known to be the loudest terrestrial animals.



Founder President Dr Ashok K Chauhan felicitates Major General VD Dogra

Unmatched spirit

The Iron Man's Visit To Amity Universe

AIMC

Major General VD Dogra, who won the coveted title of 'Iron-man', was invited to deliver a guest lecture to the students of Amity at a special function held on August 16, 2018 at Amity University, Noida. An exemplary achiever, he is the first serving Indian Army Officer and the only military personnel of General rank across the world to have completed the gruelling *Iron-man competition held in Austria in July 2018. The event was held under guidance of Dr Ashok K Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe, who has always motivated Amitians for achieving success in life. Colonel R C Patial, SM (Retd), Head Master, Amity In-

dian Military College (AIMC) and Colonel Ravinder Singh (Retd), Administrative Officer (AIMC) were also present. After the traditional lamp lighting ceremony, Major General V D Dogra was felicitated by Founder President for his unparalleled achievement. It was followed by an interactive session attended by students of Amity University, Noida and the young cadets of AIMC, Manesar. Major General VD Dogra inspired everyone present on the occasion by sharing his experiences and learning as a soldier. He said, "It is our strong willpower that gives strength to our commitment in the pursuit of a goal. We can succeed at any age if we have strong determination and self discipline." The young AIMC cadets were im-

pressed and motivated after listening to him. One of the cadets summed up his experience as he said, "We had until now only seen the fictional Iron Man in movies, but meeting the real 'Iron Man' was enriching. Every heart was filled with a resolve to achieve such great feats."

** Ironman competition is an International Triathlon, one of the toughest individual sports competitions. It requires tremendous willpower and discipline to complete the Triathlon comprising three consecutive events, which are: 3.8 km swimming, 180 km cycling and 42.2 km marathon, all to be completed within 17 hours. Major General VD Dogra, on the other hand, completed it within 14 hours and 21 minutes. We salute his strength and spirit.*

Pedagogy: A new approach

Lecture On New Reforms

AIBAS & AIE

A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops, said Henry Adams, an American historian. To emphasise on the same, Amity Institute of Behavioral and Allied Sciences (AIBAS) and Amity Institute of Education (AIE) organised a guest lecture on 'Envisioning teacher education over a period of 50 years: A Pedagogical Analysis' on August 30, 2018 at AUUP, Noida. The session began with lamp lighting and 'Saraswati Vandana'. Following it, the guest speaker of the day, Prof Mohammad Miyan, Former Vice Chancellor, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad was welcomed by Dr Harish Kumar, Head, AIBAS by with a gift of tulsi sapling and memento. The lecture began with Prof Mohammad Miyan discussing his-

tory of pedagogical courses, the current status of teacher education programmes and the significant changes and developments in this field. He said, "Education is an all-round development of the body, mind and soul." Adding to it, he explained the three stages of education in a school set up i.e., primary, elementary, secondary and how a teacher should be prepared according to the comprehension level and background of the students. A teacher should adopt the method of teaching according to how much a student can grasp. Therefore, a teacher's role is not just limited to teaching but also understanding the students. The final leg of the lecture drew to a close with a question-answer session. The deliberations helped in clearing doubts of the audience present in the event. The lecture concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr Alka Muddgal, Head, AIE.



Lighting of the lamp by dignitaries on the occasion

Amity Institute for Competitive Examinations

Presents



Brainleaks-254 FOR CLASS IX-X

The least value of whole number N, with $N > 10$, so that the expression $3N - 5$ is both a perfect square and a perfect cube

- (a) 23
- (b) 25
- (c) 19
- (d) 17

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Name:.....

Class:.....

School:.....

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Dr Sadhana Relia with GT Reporter

INSPIRE to lead

The Expert Defines The True Meaning of Inspiration

Sarrah S., AIS Saket, XI C

Dr Sadhana Relia, Advisor & Head, International Cooperation, Ministry of Science and Technology is an inspiration for many. Her accomplishments include India's trans-continental footprints, attracting allied disciplines for advanced research, and leveraging foreign alliances. Here are a few excerpts from her interaction with GT reporter during AICE Valedictory Ceremony 2018.

I for Initiative

With initiatives like INSPIRE programme, Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana and MANAK programme, we encourage students to opt for science. We groom them from middle school level to conduct

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experiments on new ideas.

N for Nobel

Indians are ahead in every single field, even when it comes to being brilliant and winning Nobel Prizes. We Indians are very noble and hardworking and that makes us different. We have aspirations and we ensure that all of our hard work produces great results.

S for Science

There is a dire need to promote science and the very first step should be to change the curriculum. We are in need of more practical courses beginning right from primary level. Only 30% of the syllabus should be theory and the rest should be practicals, games and different activities.

P for Patience

The worst things we do to our students is not being patient with them which kills their aptitude. We are living in a world where everyone operates on herd mentality. We must let every student figure out the subjects they are interested in. It is only then that they will take their education seriously.

I for Innovation

I think time has arrived when we mix innovation with education and present a new set of study material. If we force children to mug up all the formulas and theories, they might pass their exams but they will never excel in life. We need a significant change in order to make the students curious so that their knowledge is not limited to books but goes beyond it.

R for Resilience

Indians are very resilient, which is why when it comes to the outside world, I know our students can easily compete. We know what we want and we go for it, which is something others can learn from us. We follow our heart and mind. We want to touch new heights of success every single time we embark on a journey.

E for Equality

A significant number of women scientists face the problem of balancing home and work life which is the reason why they prefer to go into teaching. To promote science amongst women, we are helping women pursue specialised fields like science journalism, patent examination and high-end research. This is only a small step in the right direction, but at least it is something.

Chimpanzees are the only living species which share 98% of their genes with humans.



Monkey Mania

Six degrees of psyche

Understanding The Nuances And Complexities Of Human Brain

Kyna Khanna, AIS Gur 46, IX

Dr K Ramchandran, Director, Defence Institute of Psychological Research presided as chief guest at AICE's valedictory ceremony. This is Psychology 101 session, where Dr Ramchandran shares wise anecdotes for you all to learn and pursue psychology.

Hypothesis: How to deal with everyday mental problems?

Response: I wanted to help people cope with their mental problems. So in my masters, I specialised in 'abnormal psychology', a field to study the unusual patterns of behaviour, emotions and thoughts. It does not mean that they are suffering from a mental disorder. Let's understand this with an example. You may own a sophisticated gadget, but if you cannot use it, then it's useless for you. The same goes for grasping human psychology.

Hypothesis: How to adapt with sudden change in environment?

Response: If you send a person to an unfamiliar location, s/he would initially feel isolated. If people from North are suddenly sent down South, they would



Dr K Ramchandran shares views with Kyna



take a lot of time to adapt themselves in the new environment, new culture and weather conditions. That was my advent of environmental psychology.

Hypothesis: How to survive in adverse conditions?

Response: I have worked in extreme climatic conditions - on a glacier with minus 60 degrees Celsius and a submarine. The boredom of seeing snow all around or sitting underwater, looking at the sea and same people can change a person's mind. So, even if you have all the comfort in a confined space, you will not be able to survive without human contact.

Hypothesis: How to develop a skill set with aptitude?

Response: During my time in aviation industry, I studied psychology of pilots. For every job, one requires a certain set of skills and to recognise these skills, we need to define our aptitude. Everyone has a certain natural inclination towards developing a certain skill set which would take them ahead. An engineer has a different aptitude than an artist, both the jobs require diverse skill sets. Aptitude of a person is their potential to grow and showcase it in a particular field of work.

Hypothesis: How to analyse the critical human mind?

Response: We all are psychologists. We analyse the people around us constantly. A vegetable vendor tries to understand his customer's mindset. He will give you extra attention and lure you into buying more. This is marketing psychology. Similarly, there are various other disciplines in psychology which psychologists apply and help people by interacting via educational, career or clinical counseling.

Hypothesis: How to change the world?

Response: Amitians have been provided with the best facilities. They can use those resources to recognise their true potential, work towards their aptitude, become better global citizens and make their institution and country proud.

Egg in a glass bottle



Up And Down Goes The Pressure, Will The Egg Go Down Too?

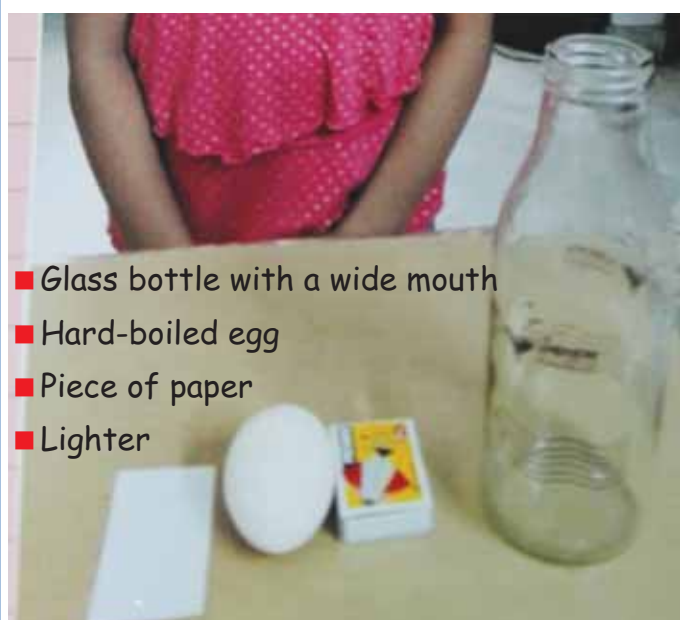
Aim

To study the effect of heat and pressure in different environments.

Principle

Difference in 'air pressure' inside and outside the glass makes hot air rise.

Material required



- Glass bottle with a wide mouth
- Hard-boiled egg
- Piece of paper
- Lighter

Procedure



Step 1: Light the piece of paper using lighter.

Step 2: Drop burning paper into the glass bottle carefully.



Step 3: Take boiled egg and place it on the mouth of the bottle.

Step 4: Now observe the boiled egg going down into the bottle.



Observation



The boiled egg, when placed on the mouth of the bottle which has been heated because of the burning paper, falls inside the glass bottle.

What science says?

The burning paper heats the air inside the bottle. This causes air to expand inside. When the boiled egg is placed at the open mouth of the glass bottle, it blocks the hot air from escaping. The fire eventually dies out and the air inside cools down, and contracts. This changes the air pressure level inside, as it becomes lower than the outside environment. This leads to the egg falling inside because of the difference in pressure levels.

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Monkeys have many human-like characteristics, like unique fingerprints.

Connecting the dots

You Just Need To Join The Dots To Connect And Save Millions Of Special Lives



Muskaan S, AIS Noida, XI

Utkarsh Kawatra, Co-Founder, BloodConnect shared his wise wisdom during Youth Power 2017-18, where he graced the event as a jury member.

“We always think that the biggest things brings us together, but it is the smallest of things that draw people in the same boat. This struck me when I was trying to organise a blood donation camp in college. I realised blood donation is the easiest way to bring



Utkarsh Kawatra shares life lessons with GT reporters

people together and we formed BloodConnect. Today, the initiative has become huge and we’re reaching out to as many people as possible. It was when my co-founder Nitin’s relative needed blood that we realised that many people are willing to donate,

they just do not have access to the correct platforms. BloodConnect gave them the platform. We are not even an NGO and yet we are able to contribute, all thanks to the people who come forward. We have a team of more than 300+ volunteers present in 10+



cities. But even with support, one is bound to encounter problems. One of them being the scarcity of blood donation in India followed by lack of transparency and proper infrastructure in healthcare industry. But with educational reforms, we can usher towards a brighter future. And my faith in a brighter future has been reinstated with programmes like Youth Power. With Youth Power students are not only learning but also acting on the issues that really matter. I am glad the future is in safe hands.”

The atrocious ones

Commandments To Avoid First World Sins

Deeksha Puri & Aman Singh, AIS PV, XI

“**U**nder the light of the seven (First World Problem) Gods, thou shalt not, under any circumstances, commit the following crimes, for doing that paints the privileged human soul in ungodliness,” boomed a loud voice in the room as echoes of real problems plaguing the world stood silently at the doorstep. As the list started, so did our monologue.

Cereal killing: “*Thou shalt not put thine milk first before thine cereal in the bowl*”

To refer to the trusted source Urban Dictionary, “If a person doesn’t pour their cereal the right way, they are among the most morally suspicious people.” Lie detectors can be faulty, but this rule stands without any exceptions. If you ever want to catch a thief, just ask them to pour you a bowl of cereal and see the results yourself.

Miscommunications, *Miscommunications: “*Thou shalt not let typos occur*”

“Among the four horsemen of the Apocalypse, the people who commit these crimes shall have their phones taken away,” stated the voice. “It shows how inconsiderate they are during their text conversations.” Clearly, being inconsiderate is more of a problem than being illiterate.

Main apni favourite hoon?

“*Thou shalt not like thine own photographs*”

This is where true narcissism manifests itself, not in the thousand pictures of yourself you have posted, but when you started liking the said photos. Of course!

Grave conversations: “*Thou shalt not indulge in dead minuscule small talk*”

“We’re gathered here today, to mourn the death of a possibly interesting conversation.” Said no one ever. The only thing bigger than that conversational funeral

these people are mourning at, is their sense of whining and ungratefulness.

Emotican’ys: “*Thou shalt not avoid usage of useless emojis*”

Because the need to have ten crying while laughing emojis after every sentence is important to elaborate how extremely hilarious the situation is. And someone who doesn’t use these many emojis is clearly inhuman.

Not in a pizza your heart? “*Thou shalt not hate pizza*”

There’s never been worse humans than those who hate pizzas. Nope. Never in the course of human history. *cough* We have never even heard of xenophobic and bigots. *cough*

A lot’s in a name: “*Thou shalt not misspell someone’s name*”

Because all hell will break loose if someone misspells your name even if it is by just one letter. This just means the onset of one thing i.e. World War III.



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Through looking glass

Struggles And Juggles Of Wearing Glasses

Sanya Goel & Samriddhi Agarwal, AIS Gur 43, XII

Remember the first time you felt that you couldn’t really see the blackboard properly and accidentally let it slip from your mouth? And, then your vision was suddenly obscured by three fingers that your friend was holding up and asking you “yeh kitne hain?” You tried to ignore it. But you could hide it only till the point your mother asked you to put the thread in the needle or the routine eye check-up date that comes around. So begins the great ordeal.

Suffering begins

As the news of your newly assigned bespectacled journey is confirmed, the first thing you hear from your mother is “Aur dekh TV!” She points at every TV series you’ve watched and every single second you’ve spent in front of your laptop.

Before you can defend yourself, comes a barrage of suggestions ranging from Patanjali Drishti Eye Drop to drinking the infamous *karela* juice.

‘Suffering’, take two

Eventually all becomes well and everyone makes peace with your fate. But soon you have to embark on another long journey ie finding the right frame. As a first timer, you juggle between cat-eye and nerdy frames. Each leaving you more bewildered than you were before. And then the shopkeeper puts the cherry on the top of the cake with a simple sentence, “Beta abhi specs hi decide nahi kar paa rahe... zindagi mein toh kayi decisions lene hote hain.” This fuels fury to find the perfect frame and finally you pick one. The next day, you wear it confidently but soon hear your classmates tagging you as new ‘chashmish’ of the class. *Cue* Embarrassment!

Zindagi ek ‘suffer’ hai suhana

And then when you start thinking that the hard part is almost over, you realise that the hardships of life have just begun. You suddenly experience the inability to drink anything hot without your glasses fogging up. Nor can you ever take a stroll in peaceful rain anymore without having to wipe your glasses every 3 seconds. After all these encounters you lie down to read a book apparently you can’t do that without your glasses going askew. But at least, now people can start guessing what you are doing on your phone because your glasses broadcast it to the whole world. But the worst happens when you lose your glasses and people tell you to look for them- ‘with what-eyes?’ No matter how much struggle glasses puts one through, they still make our life go from 144p to HD as soon as we put it on.



A monkey's brain is much like that of a human; two cerebral hemispheres of which one part controls the body and the other controls the tail.



When great men talk



Dr Amrita Chauhan
Chairperson

When Eleanor Roosevelt said, “Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people,” she said it all. Great men with their words of wisdom indeed inspire because they are the role models who have made it big with their passion, vision and hard work. At Amity, we are lucky to meet these great humans on numerous occasions. My GT reporters always make sure to catch hold of any golden opportunity for an exclusive interview with them, which are then published in The Global Times. Indeed, the string of interviews of the visionary leaders, stalwart entrepreneurs, expressive artists, thoughtful authors, change makers and many more have over the time emerged as great learning platforms. Reading their interviews have also been an insightful experience. For each interview demystifies the persons as to who s/he is, how s/he made it big, the challenges they faced, leaving behind tips for the young minds to learn and grow at every step, holistically.

While taking ‘interviews’ is just one way of hearing great men talk, at Amity we have a lot more forums and events where young minds benefit from the experiences of the great men. Anubhav series and Ted Talks popularly held in schools are forums where young minds are encouraged to talk and interact with each other. Talking resolves many things and is a vent for many of us. These are the real forums where great men talk about their lives, times and walks. Their shared mantras and wise anecdotes continue to encourage young minds to tread the walks never treaded before. 🇮🇳

‘Mentoring’ times



Vira Sharma
Managing Editor

As I perused through the pages of this interview special edition, nostalgia wrapped up my heart. It occurred to me that right from the first interview, the collection of visionary thoughts, life altering experiences and exemplary achievements has assumed the proportion of one huge library.

What excites me the most is to watch the interview section gradually evolve into a ‘Mentoring Programme’. For the students who conduct the interview, develop abundance of skills and imbibe some of the most memorable lessons. The whole excitement of meeting your ideals or coming face to face with the geniuses can be very overwhelming and can make even the seasoned professionals develop cold feet for a second. But not our Amitians, as they are very confident and makes me feel proud of them. From taking appointments to chasing them to get their relevant byte and to attending a press conference, the varied experiences akin to professional journalists groom them to be more confident. They have also evolved in ‘What, When, Where, Why and How’ aspects of questions and seeking relevant answers. Over the years, our students have interviewed people from all walks of life. You name them and our students have met them, spoken to them, have had insightful heart-to-heart talk with them and some even started working with them in the later stages of their lives. Every persona they have met has inspired them to dream and achieve. Being in an impressionable age, the imprints of the personas they meet plays a great role in shaping their personality. Every persona inspires them to dream, dare and achieve. 🇮🇳

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Quoting the expert herself

Some Valuable Life Lessons Straight From The Horse's Mouth

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Anuradha Prasad (Centre) with GT reporters, school Principal and teachers

Karan Dhall, XII D, Aadya Punj, XI D & Eshaan Ramaul, VII A, AIS Gurugram 43

Anuradha Prasad, Member Of Indian Defence Accounts, has a lot of credits to her name. As the Director (Budget) of Ministry of Finance, she has spearheaded various assignments for Indian govt. She has also contributed in national development. GT reporters caught up with her for an exclusive interview during school's annual day. We bring you some quotable lines from the expert.

“The foundation of ‘interest’ is the strongest when laid at a young age.”

Abundant memories flash past as I talk of my childhood. I had a friend whom I used to play with. In those days, we used to get books on rent and relish them together. It was this liking for reading that developed into a passion as I grew up. The foundation of ‘interest’ is the strongest when laid at a young age. The habit, I picked up as a child stays with me to date, helping me learn new things every day.

“It is not just sheer intelligence, but hard work that leads one to the top.”
As a student, I was not intelligent in the ideal sense, but I was extremely sincere towards my studies which is why I always performed well in my exams. My determination to do well provided me enough gales to sail my boat through school. In my opinion, intelligence is overrated for often it is not just sheer



intelligence but hard work that leads one to the top.

“All of us need a role model to inspire us in tough times.”

It is my father who has always guided me through the rights and wrongs. He was a doctor with a lot of patients and patience! All of us need a role model who can inspire us even in tough times. My father's untiring demeanors and commitment makes him an inspiring figure for me. I never gave up on my passion because of his guidance.

“Instead of teaching our daughters, it is time we teach our sons.”

The society is running on age-old male-centric conditions. We live in a patriarchal society. This scenario can be changed if

Rapid fire

- **Yoursell in three words**
Sincere, kind and a little bit strict
- **Favourite hobbies**
Reading
- **Favourite subject at school**
History
- **Favourite author**
Jane Austen
- **Favourite book**
Pride and Prejudice
- **Favourite character**
Veronica Lodge from Archie comics

we encourage gender sensitisation from an early age. This is where upbringing plays a major role. A change in perception can be brought about from home. Instead of teaching our daughters, it is time we teach our sons.

“I took the road less travelled and that makes all the difference!”

My family has been in the field of medicine since the very beginning. I also tried following their footsteps but I wasn't really cut for it. I realised that my interest lay in Social Science when I was in grade six. This interest later blossomed into my passion to pursue civil services. I am very fortunate that my parents let me follow my dreams. Hence, I took the road less travelled and that made all the difference. Remember, you should always follow the path you have set for yourself.

Little pearls of wisdom

A solution of miracles

Anugraha, AIS Mayur Vihar, VI

Once upon a time, there was a farmer called Kishan, who worked day and night on his farms. Every morning he would wake up before the crack of dawn and toil on his fields, but to no avail. His farms still would not yield enough crop to make any profits. But working hard, Kishan managed to make ends meet, sustain himself and his family. Kishan had a son named Ram. Ram was a dutiful son. His respect for his father multiplied each day as he saw him work hard for the family. Ram wanted to help his father in every way. As time flew by, Ram finished school and was ready to go to college. Kishan, who was poor throughout his life did not have enough funds to send his son to college. But he took a loan so that Ram wouldn't have to give up on his dreams. Besides, he knew Ram was a bright student and would do wonders if given the right opportunity. Ram, who had full realisation of his father's sacrifices promised himself to make his dream come true. He studied agriculture, and even pursued a job simultaneously. Whenever he found time, he would read books on agriculture to help overcome the problem of low crop yield. After a long time, Ram suddenly found a solution to boost crop yield without infesting the crop with artificial fertilizers. He shared this with his father, who then used it to reap a bumper crop that year. This solution then translated into great profits.



Ram did not stop here. He then helped other farmers in the village too with his miracle solution and also began to educate them on better and appropriate farming practices. The story of Ram teaches us many things. On one hand, it teaches us to value our parents, take care of them for all that they do for us. On the other hand, it teaches us the value of determination and hardwork. Through his persistent efforts, Ram was able to come up with a miraculous solution that not just helped his own father but others too. Likewise, we should always value others' efforts and try our best to do good to others.

GT M@il

Dear Editor,

This is with reference to the article ‘Umpteen Reasons Why’ published on page 3 in September 17, 2018 issue of this newspaper. This article raises a topic which generally gets snuffed out by the taboo culture in our society. Written in awareness of Suicide Prevention Week, it provides a new perspective on life for those who feel that there's nothing more to it.

It mentions the story of Kevin Hines, who, after surviving his suicide attempt at the Golden Gate bridge decides to become a motivational speaker. I particularly found this story inspiring since it tells how there is light at the end of

the tunnel and that we just have to keep moving. It mentions how entertainment industry takes a toll on people through the story of Drew Barrymore and how she struggled with mental illnesses at the age of 14. If she would've surrendered to her thoughts, we would have never seen her rise to superstardom. The article in a very compelling manner also brings into spotlight how students give in to the pressure of studying thrust upon them and how there are always loved ones who you can talk to. It brings to us the umpteen reasons why we need to keep going. To quote Project Semicolon, “Your story is not over.”

Deeksha Puri, AIS Pushp Vihar, XI F 🇮🇳

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Gorillas are the only species of monkeys who sleep in nests prepared by them either on the ground or on the trees.

A Throwback To The Best Interviews From Our Exciting Journey Of Ten Years

“Aspiring for a Nobel Prize won’t lead you towards discoveries, but aspiring for discoveries will. Focus more on your research than the results...As students, you should always try to seek new and interesting things. Always ask questions and be open to new ideas and thoughts.”

Sir Richard John Roberts
Physiologist & Nobel Laureate



“Nations do not make Nobel Prize winners. Nobel Laureates are generally those people who have a vision for the nation, acquire knowledge, and work hard persistently.”

Dr APJ Abdul Kalam
Former President & Eminent Scientist



“Every growth story is scripted through innovations, so was ours. India has a large pool of talented individuals who can herald change and infuse a new lease of life into a well established business.”

Adi Godrej
Chairman, Godrej Group



Questioning for 10 years

“All it takes to be a politician is a desire to serve India and better the lives of our citizens.

My vision for 2024 is Sakshar Bharat.”
Smriti Irani
Former HRD Minister in her first ever interview after holding office



“I always try to keep the child inside me alive and I like to keep things really simple. As we grow, we become more artificial and complicate ourselves. I like to avoid unnecessary complications.”

Kailash Satyarthi
Nobel Laureate & Founder of Bachpan Bachao Andolan



“Soft power refers to those things in a country that makes it attractive in the eyes of the world. In our case, culture is the biggest attraction. Our political values and foreign policies are also admired. We are respected internationally for this combination.”

Dr Shashi Tharoor
Elected Lok Sabha MP, renowned Columnist & distinguished Author



“We have a skewed idea of ‘development’ which measures progress as more hospitals rather than less sickness. We don’t need concerts and slogans proclaiming consciousness; we need action.”

Maneka Gandhi
Union Cabinet Minister & Environmentalist



“Preservation is needed to save the earth. Innovation is required to ensure the implementation of the same.”

Dr Rajendra K Pachauri
Padma Bhushan & Former Chairman of TERI



“My parents always told me that studies are important because they make you a knowledgeable person, which is why I owe my success to my upbringing; it’s a combination of good parenting and great education.”

John Abraham
Actor & Model



“If you have a child with cerebral palsy in the class along with the normal children, it would only sensitize the other child and does not defeat the system. Treat the school as a family.”

Amole Gupte
Director, Screenwriter & Actor

Match box living spoils the natural instinct of children



The first monkey to go in space was Albert II. He went 83 miles above the Earth in 1949.



“It’s you, always”

Adeela Hameed, AIES, AUUP

Ren was born blind. Her parents had separated before her birth leaving her abandoned in the neonatal ICU. She didn’t have anyone. Every single person in hospital was familiar with her tragic story. Few months after her birth, a homeless man was admitted to the hospital due to severe malnutrition. He was treated as a charity case and recovered soon enough. While he stuck around, he heard about Ren; a blind baby who was in temporary care by the nurses in NICU. Although, he was homeless, he decided to adopt Ren and give her a home. The hospital was initially reluctant to give away the baby but they agreed on it since nobody was offering any help for a long time and the man also pleaded persistently. The man took her to his shelter; a tent located at outskirts of the city. It didn’t have much furniture, just an old car backseat with holes poked into it. He tied up a corner to put the bassinet. He made space not only in his home, but also in his heart for Ren. He was lost and alone in his life. He had been a successful manager at a stock exchange but when the firm went bank-

Storywala



rupt, he lost everything. Now he was too depressed to even try. However, when he heard of Ren, human compassion buried inside him surfaced and made him ask for her. Now, that he finally had Ren, he strove to do well again. And he did. He found himself a stable

job. He worked hard, endlessly sacrificing his own interests. He found ways of communicating with Ren. Through his voice and the feel of his fingers, he taught her how to speak. He groomed her beautiful brown hair and washed her smooth baby face, sung her lullabies

until they both fell asleep.

Things were not easy. At times, he could see desperation on her face when she couldn’t understand his signals. Also, at times, there was a disheartened sigh when she could not acknowledge how colourful the world around her was.

However, when he heard of Ren, human compassion buried inside him surfaced and made him ask for her. Now, that he finally had Ren, he strove to do well again.

Undeterred in his aim, he made Ren see through her heart. Their bond was something beyond sight.

Gradually, Ren began to grow and when she turned ten years, a gift approached her. She was taken to an eye centre where the doctors gave a hope to regain her sight. She could not believe this. After surgery, when her eyes were uncovered, she slowly opened them and realised she could see from one eye only. But she was happy nonetheless. Ren took in everything, every colour, every prism around her. She immediately asked for her guardian. The doctor pointed to the bed on her left. She turned and saw an old figure with a patch on the right eye and understood everything. This complete stranger had now even given her the gift of sight.

He lovingly asked her, “Now that you can see, which is your favourite colour, Ren?” Holding back tears, lips quivering, she declared, “It’s you, always.”

Read Play and Win

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



Q: Who conducted the interview with Mr Sanjay Chaturvedi?

Ans:

Q: Which Inter-school event was organised by AIS Gur 46?

Ans:

Q: Who is Divya Puri’s hero?

Ans:

Q: What is the moral of this edition’s ‘little pearls of wisdom’?

Ans:

Q: Which Amity event did Ms Bhavna Vij attend as the chief guest?

Ans:

Q: Which school is Mahak Sara Kahar from?

Ans:

Q: What is the name of the article written by Deeksha Puri & Aman Singh, AIS PV?

Ans:

Q: Whose interview is titled ‘Six degrees of psyche’?

Ans:

Q: Who was the speaker at the guest lecture organised by AIBAS & AIE?

Ans:

Name: Class: School:

Results of 62: Akshit Chauhan, IX, AIMC; Anirudh V. Kamath, IV C, AIS Vas 6; Kartik Thapa, IX, AIMC

WORDS VERSE

Water on fire



Dhairya C., AIS PV, XII

“O human, my brother!
A tempest has arrived”
Bawled the fishy fisherman
His ringed eyes sleep-deprived

“For what was blue turned grey
This tributary started to decay
When I cast my line, I dread
I haul out to kill what’s dead”

But his wail went unheard
Like a bomb ticking down
The man was labelled a lunatic
Again with a sarcastic frown

To the girl residing on the banks
The river always smells stale
Till midlife she’s meant to recall
The rancid odour, of water pale

“O child, don’t drink it

Don’t gulp the bank side air
No mornings, no late evenings
Aren’t mother’s rules unfair?”

It’s more unfair to those
Who spent youth on the bank
Much like the lone feeder
Of the filthy forgotten swans

He sighs and puffs
With memories to endure
It certainly wasn’t this dreary
Twenty years prior for sure

She who is incapacitated
Rendered incapable of love
Through the veins sprint poison
And rise to the heavens above

She’s shy to all mirrors
As her surface reflects
Destruction and disintegration
When sunlight itself deflects

The movement of her waves
Have slowed to a crawl
Her splashing and splashing
Is now a desperate drawl

This river weeps day in and out
Yet help never does come about
It seems disaster has truly struck
She flows without any luck!



Dear cousin

Mahak Sara Kahar
AIS Noida, XI H

Not nurtured in the same womb
Yet never fails to seek my gloom
With jokes only she finds funny
The smile makes my days sunny

Always capturing my wardrobe
Stealing all my pretty clothes
Never to be found again by me
Always in for a shopping spree!

Binge-eating is our common trait
Sadness never finds its bait
As every time we scare it away
Clinging together as we slay

Only months apart, taking turns
Being the elder, as sisters sworn
We laugh, cry, do it all together
My cousin, more of a sister!



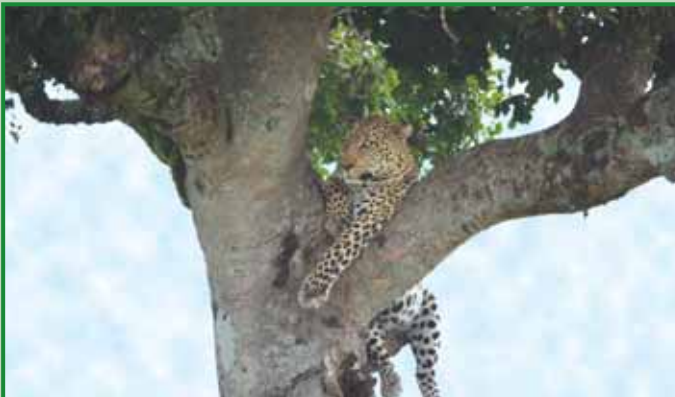
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Virat Raj Mishra, AIS Noida, X

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Let the prophecy be true



The prey can come from anywhere



There is only one ‘king’ in the kingdom



The Pygmy Marmoset is the world’s smallest monkey. It weighs 85 to 140 grams and measures 117-159 millimeters.

Charm of inner beauty

Illustration: Pankaj Mallik, GT Network



Wisdom Tale

Alina Ahmad, AIS MV, VIII C

Maira was playing with dolls in her room when she heard a melodious chirping. With each passing moment, the tune got sweeter. She rushed to her garden assuming that the sound came from a beautiful bird, but there was only a dull, black bird sitting on her porch. She thought to herself, “There is no way that an ugly bird could sing such a pretty song.” Disappointed, she

went back inside her room. This went on for a couple of more days. Then one day, she saw a beautiful parrot. She figured that it must be the parrot chirping so melodiously, but when she tried getting close, it made a terrible noise and flew away. Shocked, Maira went back only to hear the melody again. She turned and ran to the garden. It was the same black bird. Maira was speechless. She couldn’t fathom that an ugly bird could have such a melodious voice.

She blurted out in disappointment, “I was searching for the pretty bird who sings so melodiously, but now it’s you, a bird who is so ugly and dull!” To her surprise, the bird replied! It said, “Well, you are being just like me then.” “How?” Maira said, scratching her head in confusion. “I was once a fairy with a lot of power,” the bird said. “I failed a test and that is how I got turned into a cuckoo.” “A test?” Maira was now interested in the bird’s story.

“I was searching for the pretty bird who sings so melodiously, but now it’s you, a bird who is so ugly and dull!” To her surprise, the bird talked back!

“Yes. As you take your exams to graduate a class, we fairies have to go through the same to learn better. I was waiting for my mentor, when an old lady approached me asking for directions. I told her that she disgusted me and I shooed her away. In reality, it was my mentor in a disguise. She cursed me and I turned into an ugly black bird. After asking for forgiveness, she told me that my voice would be as sweet as sugar and that it will cause mangoes to ripe, but I could never go back to being my beautiful self.” Maira looked at the bird in utter awe. “I understood that judging people on their looks was a stupid mistake, something I should’ve learned ages back,” the bird confessed as tears rolled down her face. Maira felt sorry for all the amazing people whom she let down just because they didn’t meet her beauty standards.

So what did you learn today?
Never judge a book by its cover.



Eggless vanilla cake

Danish Goyal
AIS Gur 46, III

Ingredients

Plain flour.....1 cup
Sugar½ cup
Milk.....½ cup
White butter½ cup
Vanilla essence.....1 tsp
Apple cider vinegar.....1 tbsp

Method

- Pour the sugar and butter in a large bowl and beat the mixture until it turns creamy and pale.
- Add vanilla essence to the mixture and stir thoroughly.
- Blend milk and vinegar in a small bowl. Set it aside.
- Add some flour to the butter-sugar mixture and mix them well.

- Now add milk to the same mixture and keep stirring.
- Repeat the process by adding flour and milk alternatively and mix well each time. Make sure that no lumps are formed in the batter.
- Grease your baking tin and pour the batter inside it, filling three-fourth of the tin.
- Preheat oven to 180° C and bake for 20 - 25 minutes, or until a skewer comes out clean when poked in the center.
- Take the cake out from the oven and allow it to cool.
- You can decorate the cake with chocolate sauce, gems or rainbow sprinkles, or enjoy it as it is.

Riddle Fiddle

Mudit Chug, AIS Vas 1, II

- 1.What flies without wings and cries without tears?
2. What has a thumb and four fingers, but is not alive?
3. You buy it to eat, but you don’t eat it. What is it?
4. What has a face and two hands, but no legs?
5. What has holes but holds water?
6. What runs around a field, but never moves?

Answers: 1. Cloud 2. Glove 3. Plate 4. Clock 5. Sponge 6. A fence

POEMS

My friend chocolate

Om Nair
AIS Saket, IV A

They ask me, why chocolate?
I can’t disrespect God’s apology
For making me eat broccoli.
The taste of chocolate is godly!

They say chocolate is unhealthy
That it can cause tooth decay
It can brighten my days too
If only you’d let me go my way!

They say that I am an addict
A victim of the tasteful cocoa
But I wish, you’d care to know
Chocolates also improve blood flow!

They say I should quit chocolates



But I wasn’t taught to accept defeat
Chocolates are what I live for
They are better than you think!

So, if you’re ever lost
And can’t find your way back
Reach out for some chocolate
Forget about whatever you lack!



Magic of books

Samarth Dagar, AIS Vas 1, V B

Books are gateways in our little hands
They take us to magical lands

Books are my closest friends
And they make me smile to no end

They teach me a million things
Stories and poems with a zing

I’ve learnt about the world around
And things about art and sound

Best entries for colouring fun



Arohi, Nursery Browsers
Amiown Gurugram, Sector 27



Kairav Jain, IV E
AIS Vasundhara 6

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Arav Verma
AIS Noida, II



It’s Me

ABOUT ME

My name: Sharanya Tarafdar
Class: I
School: AIS Noida
My birthday: August 17
I like: Dancing
I dislike: Loud noises
My hobby: Painting & solving puzzles
My role model: My mother
My best friend: Akshita

MY FAVOURITES

Book: Pepper Series
Game: Badminton and Carrom
Place to shop: DLF Mall of India
Dish: Chicken
Teacher: Pooja ma’am and Arpita ma’am
Poem: Gayatri Mantra

I want to feature in GT because: I’m a happy-go-lucky girl and want everyone to know me.





Warm and cheery
Arjunveer loves to
learn and play with
his little sister.

Caring Amies

Part-1

to be continued...



Doting brother
Yuvam Gahlot loves
his little sister a lot
and sings melodious
rhymes for her.

Amies Care for Friends, Family & Community



Humble Sadhil
always folds mats
and aprons properly
to help his Class didi.



Compassionate Tavishi
has collected clothes
and drawn her deep
and compassion for the
victims of Kerala
floods.



Loving Riaansh
Kukreja likes to
accompany his
grandmother on her
daily walk.



Adoring Samaira
is concerned for
her dadi's health, so
she always gives her
medicine ontime.

Caring is the essence of nurturing. A simple act of benevolence creates an endless stream of love, joy and happiness which nourishes life. This is the simplest and greatest human value which Amiown strives to instill in its Amies. Every small moment of gratitude, every small expression of love towards elders, family, friends and helpers, is founding step for fostering sensible and sensitive young adults who make this world a loving and happy place to live in. In the first part of 'Caring Amies' series, GT brings you some candid moments shared by parents about love and care that little Amies harbour in their hearts for their families, friends and community.



Grateful Shrestha
says 'Thank you' to
guard bhaiya for
looking after her
safety and security.



Benevolent Kushank
likes to help
sabjiwala bhaiya
weigh fruits and
vegetables for him.



Tender Attharv
cares for his friend's
health, that's why,
he always helps her
finish her fruits.



Warm and charming
Aaira Chauhan loves to
pick up the grocery
basket to help her
mummy at the
supermarket.



The largest monkey is the male Mandrill which weighs almost 35 kilograms and is 1 meter long.

Science memorabilia

All About 15th Dhananjay Mohan Science Symposium



Overall champions from AIS PV all smiles with their winning trophy



A student displays his project on water filtration

AIS Noida

Under the visionary guidance of revered Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF, Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, the 15th edition of Dhananjay Mohan Inter School Science Symposium-2018*, was organised by AIS Noida on August 3, 2018. It is a mega event for promoting innovation in science and technology and to give young minds ample opportunities to explore and experiment the world of innovation and provide sustainable solutions for environment, communication, mobility, etc. It was an event

Winners Tally			
Competition	First	Second	Third
E-Paper presentation	Japtoj Singh and Simran Swaika (XI) AIS Gurugram 43	Utkarsh Jain and Karish Grover (XII) AIS Pushp Vihar	Pulkit Goyal and Yojasvadeep Chauhan (XII) AIS Gurugram 46
Project Display	Stuti Lohani and Kushagra Verma (XI) AIS Noida	Ashwath Chadha and Swetabh Changkakoti (XI) AIS Saket	Aditya Chandra Varma and Ananya Gupta (XI) AIS Pushp Vihar

where students showcased their innovative scientific mindset and concern for the world around them by coming up with solutions for co-existing with technology. The theme for the symposium was, 'Mind vs Machine - Connect To Win'. The symposium had two differ-

ent competitions viz e-paper presentation and science project display. Teams from 18 different schools of Delhi /NCR participated in the competition, presented their papers, and displayed their science models and projects in the symposium. The overall rolling trophy was

lifted by AIS Pushp Vihar as their students won prizes in both the categories of the competition. **This is an annual competition of Applied Science and Technology, a unique stimulating platform for exchange of latest developments and ideas in science and technology.*



School principal Arti Chopra with winners of MI Fest 2018

MI Fest 2018

Celebration Of Intelligence

AIS Gurugram 46

Human mind is a home to multiple thoughts and skills arising out of the eight unique intelligences. To test the same, '6th Multiple Intelligence Fest' was organised by the school on August 31, 2018.

The inter school competition saw the participation of students from 20 Gurugram schools showcasing their inherent talent and intelligence in the intricately woven competitions designed to challenge, recognise and reward abilities across the eight intelligences.

Different competitions namely 'Rhyming zone', 'Think Tac Toe', 'Merging tales Communique', 'Digisp@ce#', 'Green weenies', 'Spy Fukuwarai' and

'Mystical Steps' were organised for the students.

The event witnessed presence of various eminent judges and ACP (traffic) Usha Kundu attended as the chief guest.

They applauded the efforts of teachers and students to make this one of a kind event, a successful one.

The results of the competitions were declared in a colourful closing ceremony where students were congratulated for their effort and performances. AIS Gur 46 won a total of seven prizes (three first, two second and two third positions) in different categories. On the other hand, AIS Gur 43 bagged one first prize and two third positions respectively. The fest gave the students an experience of a different kind of education, which is beyond the classroom.



Students participate in the competition

PCRA competitions

Save Oil, For Better World

AIS VYC LKO

To create awareness among students for fuel conservation, the school conducted a series of competitions under the aegis of PCRA (Petroleum Conservation Research Association). The competition aimed at teaching students the importance of fossil fuels, renewable and non renewable resources of energy and its conservation. The first series comprised a painting competition, held in two categories on September 14, 2018. In the junior category held for Classes V to VII, Ashutosh Verma (VI), Ayushi Singh (V) and Anushka Singh (VII) bagged the first, second and third prizes respectively. In the senior category, held for Classes VIII to X, Anushree Do-

hary (IX) bagged the first position, Atul Dev (VIII) and Kushagra Rai (VIII) secured the second and third position respectively. The next in the series was an essay competition on the topic 'Why do we need to save fuels?' held on September 11, 2018. The winners were, Anushree Doharey (IX) who stood first, followed by Akshat Gurnani (IX) and Atul Dev (VIII) at the second and third position respectively. The final leg under the competition series was an online GK quiz held from September 3-5, 2018 for Class VIII-X. The topic for the quiz was the same as that of the essay competition. Srijan Srivastava & Harshit Gupta of Class IX and Shreya Singh & Kushagra Rai of Class VIII were selected for the district level of the competition.

Oceanic odyssey

The Ocean Is Calling Out In Waves, Loud And Deep

AIS Vasundhara 6

A class presentation titled 'Oceanic Odyssey' was held for the children of class I on July 31, 2018 on the theme 'Save our Ocean, we have only one'. Students performed a song, a dance and a skit where they dressed as scuba divers. The tiny tots took the audience on a mesmerizing journey into the world of oceans and seas to meet the scuba divers of Havelock islands through their enchanting dance.



Children dressed as little mermaids make a call to save ocean

From there they took the audience to the marvellous world

of the sea with myriad creatures like octopus, whales, Jelly-fish,

corals, etc. It was replete with beautiful creatures of all shapes and sizes.

The highlight was a panoramic 'Mermaid Court' that drew everyone's attention to the increasing water contamination and oil spills on seas that are a threat to the beautiful plants and animals beneath.

Aim of the presentation was to sensitise students about the world of sea and the pollution it faces. The students understood their duties as future citizens and vowed to take action.

Interact club installation

Alone We Can Do So Little, Together We Can Do A Lot

AIS Mayur Vihar

Installation ceremony of the Interact Club for the session 2018-2019 was held on August 29, 2018. The event started with a rendition of the national anthem followed by lighting of the lamp to invoke blessings of the Almighty. Esteemed members of the Rotary Club graced the occasion as the chief guests. They were accorded a formal welcome by presenting them with a token of gratitude. The school choir performed a heart warming symphony fol-

lowed by a power-packed enthralling performance by the young dancers of the school. It was followed by an address of the Rotary Club members where they congratulated the new members of school Interact Club. They also helped them to understand and imbibe the noble principles of the club.

Newly appointed council of the Interact Club were handed over their badges by the esteemed guests. The new members were then administered the oath to the office and the baton was passed over to Sudiksha Gupta (XI),



Newly elected members of the Interact club

who was elected as the new President of Interact Club.

Rotary Club members also shared few words of wisdom with the students that encouraged

Amitians to engage themselves in acts of kindness; not because they want to be rewarded, but because it is always a better feeling to share and care.



What if it ended...

Alternate Endings That Almost Made It, To Leave You Shell-Shocked...Again!

Aayushi Arora, AIS Noida, XII

Every literature geek knows the perennial struggle of reading a book that they have invested their time and emotions in, only for it to leave them with a frustrating and dissatisfied end. Authors love the pain they instill in us and our heartbreak and tears only fuel them for the sequel, which turns out to be an even greater emotional roller coaster. If you have ever read a book religiously, you know the struggle of wanting to question the author, for the hell they make you go through. But what you might not know is how some of our beloved authors had different climaxes in mind for their renowned works.

Great Expectations

Charles Dickens did not want his protagonists, Pip and Estella to end up together and thus created an end where Estella had already remarried and Pip had to live with the knowledge that their love would never be fulfilled. Dickens's friend complained that this ending was too bleak, and hence convinced him to change it into what we today know as the climax.

The Fault in Our Stars

No, there is no alternative universe in

which Augustus Waters is alive, but in the first draft of the novel, John Green had included a scene after Augustus's death where Hazel Grace and Van Houten challenge a drug lord in order to honour their deceased friend, knowing well that this ordeal would mean their deaths as well.

Matilda

In the very first draft, Roald Dahl did not write Matilda as the bibliophilic adorable protagonist that we all love, but rather as an extremely naughty girl who played pranks on everyone and teased them. He wanted to present the book as a cautionary tale and planned to kill her off in the end.

Harry Potter series

Rowling, before writing the final draft in stone, played around with the idea of Voldemort's dead parents showing up during the final battle between Harry and Voldemort in the Forbidden Forest. This sudden appearance mixed with the curse rebounding off of Harry's scar causes Voldemort to grow younger and finally turned into a statue.

A Farewell to Arms

Ernest Hemingway originally wrote more than 40 different endings for the novel. And amongst them, one was not

as bleak as the final one. In it, Fred-eric's lover doesn't die and the novel ends on a happy note with these lines: "When I woke the sun was coming in the open window and I smelled the spring morning after the rain and saw the sun on the trees in the courtyard and for that moment it was all the way it had been."

Imagine, if all these endings had made their way past the first drafts and were the original plots that we received in our beloved copies. How different our preception of our favourite novels would have been?



An interview is ... One That leaves You Pondering, Like This One

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Parakhat Durdyev, honorable Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Turkmenistan to the Republic of India, who also holds the position of Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, defines some essential pre-requisites of life in an exclusive interview with GT reporter.



GT reporter with Ambassador of Turkmenistan



Success is... not easy to define. For some, success has materialistic connotations; for some it might be self-actualisation. Either way, what matters more is what you do after you have achieved your definition of success. One should not stop and there must be a thirst to know more. It's a dynamic process which never stops. Just like the saying- 'Change is the only constant in life', this constant evolution of oneself is the ultimate success.

Idol is... someone you look up to and wish to be like. You need

to be very cautious about who you idolise, for it affects your way of looking at life and the world. During childhood years, inspiration comes from your parents, grandparents and ancestors. As you grow in life, you explore and meet more people and discover new facets of life. History has witnessed personalities who have inspired many people. And, in my country too, I have seen personalities inspiring thousands of people.

Change is... something that first comes from within and

then stems from the family one grows up in. You can be inspired for change through the traditions and community. It may seem ironic but if you look at it differently you will see that if you do not know where you come from you wouldn't know where you need to go. The aim is to make the community, societies and families look forward for a better tomorrow.

Message is... children are the driving force of our society. At times, the weakest ideas harnessed in their mind is better than ours. They are capable of becoming global leaders and take our society to its pinnacle of development, justice and ideals, which I'm sure it will.

GT Travels to Hyderabad



Krishiv Narula, AIS Gwalior, II B, poses with his copy of The Global Times in front of Charminar, Hyderabad. The Charminar (Four Minarets), constructed in 1591, is situated on the east bank of Musi river, surrounded on the west by Laad Bazaar and on the southwest by Makkan Masjid. It indeed is a global icon listed among the most recognised structures of India.

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